



Pequea Township Police Department

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Police Report – October 2019

Statistics

There were 394 total incidents in October which includes 13 crashes and 10 reported crimes. 72 traffic citations were issued and 44 warnings were given. There were 10 criminal arrests. 3,553 miles were traveled in October. 112 hrs. of Vacation time, and 10 hrs. of Sick time were utilized.

Arrests and incidents of note:

10/4/19 – Officer Muir conducted a traffic stop on Route 272 South, the driver, a 28 year old male from Lititz was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

10/9/19 – Sgt. Burger and Chief Michener responded to a domestic disturbance on Utley Place. The incident was verbal in nature and no charges were filed.

10/12/19 – Officer Blank was dispatched to a residence on Stoney Lane for a suicidal male in possession of a firearm. Officer Blank arrived and was told the male was currently in the home holding a handgun to his head. They attempted to contact the male by phone without success. They then entered the home and eventually talked the man into a peaceful surrender. Officer Blank was assisted by Officers from the Millersville Borough PD.

10/12/19 – Officer Blank responded to a vehicle accident reported serious with a vehicle rolled over and persons possibly trapped in the 2200 Blk. of New Danville Pike. The driver, a 40 year old male from Gap, was the only occupant; he was injured and transported by EMS to the hospital. The driver was later found to have had a BAC of .34 (over 4 times the legal limit) when he was driving the vehicle.

10/13/19 – At approx. 3:45 AM Officer Blank responded to an address on Deerfield Rd. for a missing person. An 8 year old female with down syndrome ran out of the house and could not be located. After a brief search by neighbors she was located in a parked vehicle on the property.

10/14/19 – A theft of a road sign was reported on Sprecher Rd. at Lynndale Rd.

10/16/19 – Sgt. Burger arrested a 21 year old male from Essex Maryland for Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse (victim less than 15), Unlawful Contact With a Minor, Statutory Sexual Assault, Corruption of Minors and Indecent Assault (victim less than 15). The incidents occurred early this summer at the Circle M Campground on Millersville Rd. The victim was 14 years of age.

10/19/19 – Sgt. Burger responded to a domestic on Hamels Ct. The incident was between mother and daughter. No charges were filed.

10/22/19 – Chief Michener responded to Church Rd. for a dog being struck by a vehicle. A young puppy was struck by a passing vehicle. The driver had stopped and wrapped the dog, which was still alive but injured, in a blanket and placed it in a box. Chief Michener transported the dog to River Hills Vet Hospital to be evaluated. Dr. Deluca evaluated the puppy and found no life threatening injuries. The dog was later found to have escaped from a home in the 300 Blk. of Marticville Rd.

10/25/19 – A burglary of a residence in the 200 Blk. of Skyline Dr. was reported. Approx. \$700 worth of random household items were allegedly removed from the home.

10/25/19 – A theft of a decorative bench was reported in the 3000 Blk. of Willow Street Pike. It was later found that the bench was accidentally backed into by a subject who had then taken the bench to have it repaired and returned.

10/26/19 – Officer Blank responded to a noise complaint of a loud party on Hamels Ct.

10/27/19 – Officer Blank conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 100 Blk. of Long Ln. 3 passengers (a 16 year old male from Denver, 19 year old female from New Holland, and 19 year old male from Ephrata were found to be intoxicated and under the age of 21.

10/27/19 – A 45 year old male from the 2000 Blk. of New Danville Pike was observed exposing his genitals and urinating in front of two juvenile neighbors. The incident occurred at approx. 3:45PM and the male was charged with Indecent Exposure.

10/29/19 – A mower belonging to PennDOT was vandalized while it was parked in the 3000 Blk. of Willow Street Pike. Unknown subjects damaged the door frame and plexiglass window of the tractor.

10/29/19 – Officers Muir and Vital responded to a domestic assault incident which had occurred in the 900 Blk. of West Penn Grant Rd. A 21 year old resident reported that she was in an argument with her 30 year old boyfriend. During the argument he pushed her on to her bed and placed his hands on her throat restricting her breathing and causing her to pass out. He then allegedly punched her in the face twice. The subject fled the scene prior to police arrival but returned while police were on scene and was taken into custody as he attempted to flee. He was charged with Strangulation, Simple Assault and Resisting Arrest.

10/31/19 – Sgt. Burger conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 272 north. The driver, a 41 year old male from Providence Twp. was found to have had two active arrest warrants through the Lancaster County Sheriffs Dept. He was taken into custody without incident.

10/31/19 – Chief Michener charged a 71 year old male from Martic Township with Home Improvement Fraud and Theft by Deception after being paid to complete a home improvement job in the 100 Blk. of Charleston Dr. and never completing the job or refunding the money to the victim a 66 year old male.

* - all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

Crashes:

10/03/19 – West Penn Grant / Millwood – 2 vehicle / minor injury, stop sign violation

10/12/19 – 2200 Blk. New Danville Pike – 1 vehicle / injury, DUI related

10/14/19 – West Penn Grant / Nolt – 2 vehicle / no injury, following too closely

10/18/19 – 1000 Blk. Millwood Rd. – 1 veh. Vs. deer, no injuries

10/21/19 – West Penn Grant / Millwood – hit and run, vehicle struck stop sign

10/23/19 – 900 Blk. West Penn Grant Rd. – 1 vehicle Vs. utility pole, no injuries, distracted driving

10/24/19 – West Penn Grant / Millwood – 2 vehicles / no injuries / stop sign violation

10/24/19 – West Kendig Rd/ Millwood - hit and run, vehicle truck stop sign

10/25/19 – Millwood / Baumgardner – 2 vehicles, no injuries / stop sign violation

10/27/19 – New Danville / Stoney Ln – 2 vehicles, no injuries / stop sign violation

10/27/19 – 800 Blk. West Penn Grant - hit and run, vehicle vs. mailbox

10/30/19 – Willow Street Pike N. / Shiprock Rd. – vehicle Vs deer – 6:30 PM

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Other Information:

Officer Lori Vital will be resigning her position as police officer effective later in November. She was slated to be laid off at the end of 2019 and fortunately has located full time employment with another police department in Lancaster County. We recognize and thank Lori for her years of dedicated service to the residents of Pequea Township and wish her the best as she moves on in her law enforcement career.

Tis the season for porch piracy, if you are having packages shipped consider having them shipped to your place of employment or a relative's house where someone will be there to receive them. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please report it right away.

In cooperation with the local detachment of the Marine Corp Reserve League we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the less fortunate. Toys For Tots collection boxes are located at E.M. Herr's, CPRS Physical Therapy as well as the Township Office. Please donate today.

Please report suspicious activity right away. You can call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch line at 717-664-1180. Anonymous tips of any suspicious or criminal behavior can be left on our webpage although in progress incidents should be called in to the above numbers. We also remind you to lock your vehicles and keep valuable items out of sight.

Visit our website at www.pequeatownshipd.org and sign up for email updates to receive press releases on warrants, arrests and other incidents. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date with your police department.

Respectfully Submitted,

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