



## Community Policing

**The Community Policing Unit** continued to educate the public in 2017 by conducting safety and awareness classes for local groups. One such talk was given to the parents of students at the Haverford Middle School and Chestnutwold Elementary School. The educational program provided the group with information about cyber safety, sexting and other new laws that affect both them and their children in the digital environment. Officers also highlighted the need to always be conscious of their personal safety and how to report crime to the police department. Any group that has an interest in an educational program offered by the police department please contact Patrolman Michael Flynn at 610 853 1298 ext 1225 or [mflynn@havpd.org](mailto:mflynn@havpd.org).

**The Officers of the CPU** continued the effort to reduce underage drinking and dangerous behavior by conducting park checks and saturation patrol of problem areas throughout the township. The CPU Officers conducted seventeen (17) Law Enforcement Details over the grant period. These details targeted known areas for underage and problematic drinking. The department also conducted sixty (64) elementary school classes through our R.E.A.C.H. program that targets the concerns of alcohol abuse, underage and problematic drinking. These classes were given in the parochial elementary schools within the township. These classes included 15 one hour classes at each school with approximately 25 students per class. This accounted for 1500 total student contacts last year. The Department also created and distributed underage and problematic drinking pamphlets in conjunction with this grant throughout the community.



The department utilized geographical mapping and a review of departmental records to determine problematic areas and behaviors. A review of statistical data found officers actions resulted in 51 underage drinking arrests. Officers also found a secondary problematic behavior, public drunkenness, that resulted in 54 arrests for that violation. These concerns about underage and problematic drinking were further supported by the number of medical emergencies from alcohol overdoses, thirty-three (33), within the community. As a result of the increased efforts of the department to combat underage and dangerous drinking in public areas we have noticed a decrease in the behavior in those public areas. This effort was funded by a grant received from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.



## Juvenile Investigations Unit

**The Haverford Township Police Department** Community Policing Unit and the Juvenile Investigator were responsible for the majority of the education and investigation of juvenile matters. The unit is under the Detective Division Commander Lt Moore. The Unit is staffed by Police Officer Michael Flynn. Detective Sergeant Daniel Wallower oversees and assists with Juvenile Investigations as a secondary assignment.

**The Juvenile Unit** is tasked with investigating criminal activity that substantially involves juveniles as either suspects or victims. During 2017, 56 juveniles were petitioned to Juvenile Court with charges including Robbery, aggravated and simple assault, theft, weapons violations and drug violations.



An additional responsibility of the Juvenile Unit is overseeing the referral of juveniles to the Youth Aid Panel program. This program is designed to divert first time juvenile offenders away from the formal juvenile court system. The program is applicable to any first time offender who has committed a relatively minor offense such as a curfew violation, retail theft, underage drinking, disorderly conduct etc. This past year 104 different offenders were reviewed for our diversionary programs. The office reviewed 93 juvenile cases for eligibility in the Youth Aid Panel and there were 11 background investigations conducted by the Juvenile Detective for eligibility in the County Task Force diversionary program. Those background checks led to 19 findings of ineligibility for the applicants out of the 104 cases.

**In 2017** Officer Michael Flynn continued to assist the Youth Aid Panel program both in Haverford Township and in support of the Center for Resolutions center in Media, PA. The Center for Resolutions conducts all of the training in Delaware County for new Youth Aid Panel panelists and Officer Flynn is a presenter for that training.