COUNTYWIDE POLICE STUDY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
COUNTY OF BERKS

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Preface

In general, the police departments in Berks County are staffed by twenty-five or fewer sworn officers. The majority of these officers are assigned to routine patrol duties and have limited specialized training. These small departments must balance their resources, manpower and finances with the concerns and demands of the community. Often it becomes difficult to stretch their available resources and address community issues.

In recent years, Berks County has experienced a population growth in its rural and small town areas, which growth is expected to continue in the future. Much of this growth can be attributed to the population migration out of big cities and into the rural communities. Rising crime rates are a common correlation to this migration into our suburban and rural communities, which places a great strain on the smaller police departments.

The Berks County Detectives work closely with police officers from over forty local Berks County police departments and state and federal law enforcement agencies. The majority of the Berks County Detectives are seasoned veterans with a vast amount of police experience and expertise, which they acquired from specialized schools and training. The Berks County Detectives offer their specialized services to those departments that do not have the expertise and or resources to successfully investigate a specific crime.

District Attorney John T. Adams is committed to supplement the needs of the local law enforcement community with trained and experienced detectives from the Berks County Detective Bureau. Also, the District Attorney has pledged financial support from the drug forfeiture account to provide those departments with the equipment and training needed to combat the war on crime, which plagues our community.

Accordingly, District Attorney John T. Adams recognizes the needs of law enforcement in Berks County and is committed to providing the support, which will ensure a safer community.

The contents of this report will explain the mission of the Berks County Detectives and the specialized services, which they offer.
Criminal Investigations Overview

The Berks County District Attorney's Office, Berks County Detectives, consists of two units, the Criminal Investigations Section, and the Narcotics Section. The Criminal Investigations Section is supervised by Lieutenant Todd Trupp, who reports directly to Chief County Detective Michael Gombar. The Criminal Investigations Section’s primary function is to assist local law enforcement agencies in Berks County investigate crimes committed in their respective jurisdictions, where expertise and specialized equipment may be necessary. In addition, the Criminal Investigations Section routinely assists state and federal agencies with investigations in the County of Berks.

The Criminal Investigations Section has two additional supervisors, Sergeant James Derr and Corporal Geraldo Vega. In addition to his supervisory role, Sergeant Derr also is a certified Computer Forensics Examiner, and carries an investigative case load in this field. Corporal Vega is a certified Child Abuse Forensic Investigator, and carries an investigative case load in this field.

The Criminal Investigations Section has fourteen additional county detectives, which specialize in the following fields:
Forensic Services / AFIS
Computer Forensics
Traffic Collision Reconstruction
DUI Processing Center
Homeland Security
Child Abuse
Financial Crimes and Elderly Abuse
Auto Theft Task Force
Bad Check Restitution Program
Forfeiture
Tobacco Enforcement
Bingo Enforcement
**Narcotics Investigations Overview**  

D.A.N.E.T. (District Attorney’s Narcotics Enforcement Team)

The Narcotics Enforcement Team is the drug enforcement arm of the District Attorney’s Office. This unit’s mission is to investigate narcotics trafficking operations, prostitution activities and gambling investigations existing within the City of Reading and the County of Berks. The Berks County Narcotics Unit also assists the City of Reading Police Department Vice Section, the Pennsylvania State Police Vice Unit and local County Police Departments with the investigations of drug crimes. The unit is supervised by Lieutenant Leon Domsic, who reports directly to Chief County Detective Michael Gombar. The ten (10) detectives are divided into two groups with Sergeant John Snyder and Corporal Scott Errington each responsible for four (4) detectives.

The Berks County Narcotics Unit also has personnel assigned with the Drug Enforcement Administration Office (DEA) located in Allentown, Pennsylvania and also with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) under Homeland Security, whose office is located in the City of Reading, Pennsylvania. The Berks County Detectives are trained not only in the investigations of drug offenses but also in the use of electronic surveillance equipment, photography, video and physical surveillance techniques. Six (6) Detectives are Class “A” certified and one (1) Detective is Class “B” certified to utilize electronic surveillance, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 57, of Title 18, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Six (6) Detectives are also qualified as experts in the field of Drug Identification and Investigations with the Berks County Court System and two (2) Detectives are qualified as experts with the Federal Court System.
Victim Witness Supervisor

This position performs the duties of supervisor for the Victim/Witness Unit and Administrative Assistant to the Chief County Detective of the District Attorney’s Detective Division. This employee performs a variety of tasks, including:

- Direct supervision of five Victim/Witness Coordinators;
- Provides administrative support for the Chief County Detective of the District Attorneys Detective Division;
- Overall supervision of entire Administrative Support Staff of District Attorney’s Office in absence of Court Liaison and Office Supervisor.
Forensic Services and AFIS

In April of 2006 the Forensic Services Unit of the District Attorney’s Office was created to assist law enforcement agencies in Berks County in several specialized areas. The primary function of the Forensic Services Unit is to assist police agencies manage and process crime scenes.

The majority of the larger police departments in Berks County possess trained evidence technicians, which are usually patrol officers covering a certain patrol district or area. Patrol is the primary function of these police officers. When called upon, these officers respond to manage and process the crime scene, while their patrol district or area remains unpatrolled.

The types of crime scenes handled by these officers include: minor property crimes (a category of crime that includes burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and vandalism). In addition, these officers will handle assault cases, where minor physical injury has occurred. While many of these patrol officers have been trained to handle major assaults and homicide crime scenes, most departmental procedures state that the Berks County Detectives or Pennsylvania State Police should be called for assistance in processing the scene.

The Forensic Services Unit acquired the majority of equipment through state and federal grants. In 2006 a grant application was made through the Paul Coverdell grant, a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant that is administered by Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The grant is designated for the improvement of Forensic Services. The grant application was well received because of our multi-jurisdictional status and the guarantee that we would serve all that asked for assistance. The amount received the first year was approximately $17,000.00. Another application was made in 2007 for additional equipment with an award of approximately $67,000.00. That grant was used for the purchase of additional equipment. The equipment purchased is used in the AFIS Lab, Crime Scene Unit, Traffic Collision Reconstruction, and Computer Forensics. The unit recently expanded the AFIS Lab, Computer Forensic Lab, and Processing Lab to accommodate the expanding caseload experienced by the department.
The Forensic Services Unit also operates Berks AFIS, which is headed by Detective Robert Johnson. AFIS stands for Automated Fingerprint Identification System. Automated fingerprint identification is the process of matching one or many unknown fingerprints against a database of known and unknown prints. Automated fingerprint identification systems are primarily used by law enforcement agencies for criminal identification initiatives, the most important of which include identifying a person suspected of committing a crime or linking a suspect to other unsolved crimes. Detective Johnson is a member of the IAI, (International Association of Identification). By the end of 2008, Berks AFIS should have an additional AFIS operator, with the recent hiring of Detective Marc Creary. Detective Creary also is a member of the IAI.

Berks AFIS carries the largest county run case load of any AFIS operation in Pennsylvania. Berks AFIS also carries a larger case load than several Pennsylvania State Police AFIS labs.

Every police department in Berks County, including the Reading Police Department, submits fingerprints taken from crime scenes to Berks AFIS for identification. The Pennsylvania State Police do operate their own out-of-county AFIS labs, but submissions have been made through Berks AFIS to expedite their identification process.

The Forensic Services Unit consists of three county detectives. The detectives have in excess of 90 years combined expertise in the forensics field. The detectives work a 40 hour work week, during normal business hours. To cover the county after hours, the detectives are on-call. The detectives rotate on a weekly basis.

The Forensic Services Unit also provides year round training for county police officers in a variety of disciplines. Yearly training is provided is in the form of a 40 hour Evidence Technician course that is taught by Det. Robert Johnson. The supplies for the course are paid for by the Berks County Chiefs Association and are offered free to the departments. The course has been held for the last 7 years and has trained over 80 officers. We currently have a trained technician in almost every department in the county. The course was created in an attempt to establish a certain level of quality of evidence work within the county.
Unit Capabilities

- Fingerprint comparisons
  - AFIS (Pa Database)
  - IAFIS (Federal Database)
  - Suspect comparisons (Latent to known suspect card)
  - Provide Expert Testimony regarding individualizations as well as the absence of fingerprint evidence

- Forensic Photography
  - Micro and Macro Photography
  - Impression Photography (i.e., documentation of shoe prints on brake pedals to determine the operator in a fatality, matching parts photography, indented writing, documentation of “cold shock” on the tail light bulbs in fatal accidents)
  - Latent fingerprint photography
  - UV and IR spectrum photography (used in the documentation of altered writing, bruising and blood evidence)
  - Crime Scene photography to include the documentation of fatal vehicle accidents
  - Comparison presentation (charts for fingerprints as well as wound vs. weapon documentation)
  - Enhancement of digital images
  - Downloading of latent fingerprint images from submitting agencies directly into AFIS
  - Photography of latent prints on surfaces that are not conducive to the lifting of the print or difficult photographs of latent evidence that is beyond the capability of the submitting agency

- Crime Scene and Forensic Processing
  - Documentation and processing of crime scenes for departments without such a capability
  - Processing of physical evidence for latent print impressions for departments without such a capability
Assisting departments with specialized equipment (Alternative Light Source and Bullet Trajectory) that have a crime scene unit but do not have the specialized equipment

- Bullet Trajectory Documentation and Reconstruction
- Crime Scene Diagramming of large outside scenes using the Total Station Unit
- Shallow grave excavation and recovery of human remains
- Impression Evidence Documentation and the lifting of static dust prints (Footwear)
- Use of the RUVIS (Reflected Ultraviolet Imaging System) in the examination of digital media for latent print evidence
- Locating trace blood and collecting those samples for DNA analysis

**Forensic Services Statistics**

Since the inception of the service the Forensic Service Unit (Crime Scene and Evidence Processing) have logged the following:

2006 – 43 Assignments
2007 – 91 Assignments
2008 – 54 Assignments to date
Projected – 108 Assignments

**AFIS Statistics**

2006 – 325 Assignments
2007 – 363 Assignments
2008 – 167 Assignments to date
Projected – 401 Assignments

We expect these numbers to continue to increase for a variety of reasons. First, agencies have become accustomed to asking for assistance from our unit. The quality of work and the capability of our unit have become apparent to county agencies and they feel confident in the quality of the finished product that they
receive. One advantage that we have over PSP services is the time it takes for case turnaround. Both in AFIS and Forensic Processing we complete the task in a fraction of the time. Our unit has always responded when requested and it has never exceeded an hour for a unit to arrive at the scene. We can prioritize cases on a local level unlike the PSP network that has to operate on a first come first serve basis regardless of the incident.

**Computer Forensics**

Computer forensics is a branch of forensic science pertaining to legal evidence found in computers and digital storage mediums. Computer forensics adheres to standards of evidence admissible in a court of law. Computer forensics experts investigate data storage devices (such as hard drives, USB Drives, CD-ROMs, floppy disks, tape drives, etc.), identifying, preserving, and then analyzing sources of documentary or other digital evidence.

The District Attorney's Office has been providing Computer Forensic services since 1999. The unit currently consists of two officers, Sgt James Derr and Detective Donald Stewart, that are certified Computer Forensic Examiners. In the last 4 years collectively, the detectives have both logged well over 2500 hours performing forensic examinations on not only computers, but removable media, hard drives not in computers, and cameras.

In the past the unit has assisted the PSP, FBI, NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service), USPIS (United States Postal Inspection Service), County Police departments, Reading Police, Delaware County Detectives, and out of state police departments.

**Computer Forensics Statistics**

- 2006 – 8 Assignments
- 2007 – 13 Assignments
- 2008 – 10 Assignments to date
- Projected -19 Assignments
**Traffic Collision Reconstruction**

The purpose of the Traffic Collision Reconstruction Unit is to increase findings of accident causes through enhanced investigative resources for accident investigators throughout Berks County. This is accomplished by providing the means and personnel for successful In-Depth accident investigations as related to the scene and vehicle examinations, witness interviews, collection, preservation, packaging, transportation, documentation and analysis of physical evidence left at an accident scene. The unit is currently manned by Detective Bolognese, who has over thirty years investigating crashes in Berks County.

The unit is supplemented by approximately ten cross sworn county detectives. These county detectives work for various county police departments in Berks, and respond to calls for service out of their primary jurisdiction when needed.

These officers train together several times a year, and participate in mock crash scenes using state of the art equipment to photograph, document, and diagram the scene for use in potential criminal prosecutions.
**DUI Processing Center**

The DUI Processing Center exists to process and video tape persons suspected of DUI in a safe and efficient manner, under existing law, which enables municipal and state police officers to expeditiously return to patrol duties. The DUI Processing Center is open on Friday and Saturday nights, from 2100 to 0500 hrs. The center is manned by two cross designated part time County Detectives, used for processing suspects, one civilian employee for record keeping purposes, and one Phlebotomist, supplied and paid for by Saint Joseph’s hospital.

**DUI Processing Center Statistics**

- 2006 – 382 Assignments
- 2007 – 572 Assignments
- 2008 – 282 Assignments to date
- Projected – 582 Assignments

**Sobriety Checkpoints**

The Berks County District Attorney’s Office assists local law enforcement agencies by providing support for Sobriety Checkpoints several times a year. The locations of the checkpoints are determined by crash data and DUI enforcement data provided by local law enforcement and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. All equipment necessary to run a sobriety checkpoint is provided by the District Attorney’s Office. In addition, the checkpoint is supervised by detectives from this office, with additional detectives supplied as support.

**Sobriety Checkpoint Statistics**

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Homeland Security

The Berks County District Attorney’s Office currently has one Detective assigned as a federally sworn member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) attached to the Allentown Resident Agency. Detective Michael Kurtz is assigned in this capacity. He possesses Top Secret (TS) and Sensitive Compartmental Information (SCI) clearances. He works in conjunction with the FBI and other federal agencies involved in national security. Detective Kurtz’s duties include the following:

- Berks County representative on the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC), Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Conduct follow up investigations on FBI “Guardian Leads” (initial terrorist and possible terrorism related tips and complaints filed with the FBI)
- Open federal case if the Guardian Lead warrants such
- Cultivate and handle human intelligence sources
- Identify and evaluate potential local terrorism targets
- Locate and interview subjects (witnesses, sources and suspects)
- Surveillance activities on persons or locations
- Assist any federal, state or local agencies with homeland security related investigations
- Attempt to meet and develop a relationship and network with leaders and various persons involved in the local Islamic Community
- Maintain a homeland security email list comprised of local law enforcement officers interested in receiving homeland security intelligence updates and training fliers
- Educate local Law Enforcement Officers, Probation Officers, Correctional Officers, Prosecutors, etc. on what to look for and questions to ask, if they suspect someone may have radical connections
Child Abuse

The Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) requires that all incidents of child abuse, sexual and physical, must be reported to their respective District Attorney’s Office for investigation. The Berks County District Attorney’s Office currently has four detectives assigned to the Child Abuse Unit. This unit is led by Corporal Gerardo Vega, who is a Certified Forensic Interviewer. Corporal Vega leads a core group of detectives who investigate child abuse incidents, both sexual and physical in nature. The unit works closely with other county agencies, which includes the Berks County Children and Youth Services and the Children’s Alliance Center.

Detectives assigned to the Child Abuse Unit are required to attend training at the Children’s Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama, which serves as a model for the National Children’s Alliance Center. The National Children's Alliance is a nationwide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse.

Child Abuse Statistics

(Reported to Berks County District Attorney’s Office)

2006 – 316 Assignments
2007 – 340 Assignments
2008 – 203 Assignments to date
Projected – 406 Assignments
Financial Crimes

The Berks County District Attorney’s Office has two detectives assigned to the Financial Crimes and Elderly Abuse Units. The Financial Crimes Unit assists local law enforcement agencies with in depth investigations into fraud, theft, and additional crimes where large amounts of money were involved. The Elderly Abuse Unit assists local law enforcement agencies with investigations that involve both financial and physical abuse to the elderly. The units are very specialized, where training and experience are needed for a successful prosecution. In addition, most investigations are very lengthy, requiring months to complete.

Auto Theft Task Force

The Auto Theft Task Force is the newest addition to the duties performed by detectives in the Berks County District Attorney’s Office. Auto theft is one of the largest property crimes committed in Berks County. Detective McQuate is assigned to this unit. Detective McQuate joins officers from the Reading Police Department and the Muhlenberg Township Police Department, who are assigned to assist Troopers from the Pennsylvania State Police, to investigate auto theft in and around Berks County.
Bad Check Restitution Program

The District Attorney’s Bad Check Restitution Program was initiated in the spring of 2008, due to the negative impact of bad checks passed to local businesses. Millions of dollars are lost every year by merchants as a result of this ongoing problem. Bad checks affect everyone in terms of higher consumer costs that must be passed on to offset losses, and increased taxes to cover the additional costs for law enforcement and prosecution.

In an effort to combat this problem, the Bad Check Restitution Program has been organized to assist local merchants with bad check losses. The primary goal of the program is to obtain full restitution for the victim without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice system.

First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory intervention class, in addition to paying restitution. All of this is accomplished without any cost to the taxpayers.

There are approximately 380 cases that have been sent to the Bad Check Restitution Program to date. These cases normally would have been filed at a local district justice by the merchant or local police department, adding to the current court backlog experienced by the Berks County Courts.
Forfeiture

The Berks County District Attorney's Office has one detective assigned to the Forfeiture Unit. This detective is responsible for the coordination of all forfeiture activities, from the initial intake, storage, and records management, through the dissemination of the proceeds upon completion of the case. This detective also coordinates all forfeiture activities for all local law enforcement agencies, including the Reading Police Department.

Tobacco Enforcement

The District Attorney's Office has teamed with the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse to curb tobacco sales to minors. Undercover operations are conducted at various locations throughout Berks County in an attempt to identify merchants selling tobacco products to underage consumers. The employees selling tobacco products are cited for this offense, in addition to the store owners.

Bingo Enforcement

The District Attorney's Office monitors licensed bingo establishments in Berks County, to ensure they are complying with existing laws. In addition, the District Attorney's Office verifies all criminal history information on all bingo employees.
Operation Nightlight

Operation Nightlight is a joint operation with the Berks County Adult Probation Office, Juvenile Probation Office, Reading Police Department and the Berks County Sheriff’s Office in conducting routine home visits during non-traditional hours with individuals currently on probation in the City of Reading and Berks County. The responsibility of the Operation Nightlight scheduling, stats and budget is with the Berks County Detectives Narcotics Lieutenant. Patrols are scheduled at least twice a week throughout the year varying in shifts of 5pm-11pm and 9pm to 3am.

Saturation Patrols

Saturation Patrols are conducted in conjunction with the Operation Nightlight Patrols. These patrols consists mainly of Reading Police Officers who investigate quality of life crimes, assist the Operation Nightlight Patrols and assist the Reading Police Officers working on their daily shift in the City of Reading. The responsibility of scheduling, stats and budget is also with the Berks County Detectives Narcotics Lieutenant. Patrols are conducted during the same time as Operation Nightlight Patrols.
### 2003-2007 REPORT ON POLICE ACTIVITIES FOR OPERATION NIGHTLIGHT/TRIGGERLOCK PATROLS

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Community Relations

The District Attorney’s Office is committed to keeping Berks County safe, and working with the community to ensure its safety. As such, we have worked with local law enforcement officials and developed various training programs designed to educate and protect our citizens. The programs are presented by Berks County Detectives, and include training on identity theft prevention, internet safety, elder abuse, and drug abuse. They are presented free of charge, and are generally available throughout the year. Programs specially designed to teach children about internet safety, drug abuse, and related issues are also available.

Detective Jack Killian is currently on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania State DARE Officers Association, and is the acting treasurer. Each and every year, the P.D.O.A. conducts an annual In-Service Training / Conference for all state D.A.R.E. officers, along with other police Officers and educators. During the training, valuable learning tools and information are provided to all attendees for the enhancement and delivery of the D.A.R.E. program. The training can include updates on the D.A.R.E. curriculum along with other related topics, which convey current and timely information aimed not only to increase the continued success of the D.A.R.E. program, but also to help the Officers with other issues that may arise within their respective schools.

Detectives from the District Attorney’s Office also attend many community related activities that promote awareness of law enforcement and safety in the community. These activities include the annual National Night Out, Penn State Berks Forensic Camp, Kid’s Safety Awareness Day, Annual Safe Kids Day, Western Berks Ambulance Association’s Annual Safe Kids Day and others.
TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE
MICHAEL GOMBAR

LIEUTENANT - CRIME
TODD TRUPP

LIEUTENANT - NARCOTICS
LEON DOMSIC

SERGEANT - CRIME
JAMES DERR

CORPORAL - CRIME
CPL GERARDO VEGA

SERGEANT - NARCOTICS
JOHN SNYDER

CORPORAL - NARCOTICS
SCOTT ERRINGTON

FORENSIC SERVICES
ROBERT JOHNSON
DAVID WRIGHT
MARC CREARY

SERGEANT

COMPUTER FORENSICS
SGT, JAMES DERR *
DONALD STEWART

CRASH RECONSTRUCT
NICHOLAS BOLOGNESE

FINANCIAL CRIMES / ELDERLY ABUSE
JOSEPH ELIA
JAMES KELLETT

*Carries caseload in
specialized field

LIEUTENANT - CRIME
TODD TRUPP

CORPORAL - CRIME
CPL GERARDO VEGA

CHILD ABUSE
CPL GERARDO VEGA *
THOMAS YEICH
DONNA TOTHERO
RONALD LINDERMAN

NARCOTICS INVEST
CAMILLA KARNS
TREVOR RITTER
JOSEPH WALSH
JAMES GRESH

AUTO THEFT / MAJOR
CRIME
DAVID MCQUATE

HOMELAND SECURITY / MAJOR CRIME
MICHAEL KURTZ

FORFEITURE – BINGO – TOBACCO
ENFORCEMENT
JACK KILLIAN

PROPERTY / BAD CHECK
PROGRAM
RICHARD STEFFIE

NARCOTICS INVEST
ANTHONY DEFAZIO
EDWIN SANTIAGO
DOUGLAS WEAVER
NELSON ORTIZ
Cross Designated County Detectives

The Berks County District Attorney’s Office has cross designated 48 police officers from various police departments within the County of Berks. These officers may, with the approval of the chief county detective, investigate crime outside of their respective jurisdiction. If that investigation leads to an arrest, the cross designated police officer may prosecute a crime that occurred out of their primary jurisdiction. This allows the cross designated county detective to fully investigate a crime that extends their traditional borders. In addition, 14 additional cross designated county detectives work in the DUI Processing Center during the hours of operation. These detectives are paid for work performed in the DUI Center.

Police Departments

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Reading Con't
C.I. Edward Heim
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C.I. Pasquale Leporace
C.I. Christopher A. Mayer
Ptlm. Christopher J. Mayer
Ptlm. Keith Merkel
C.I. Michael Mullen
C.I. Barry Rambo
C.I. Michael Rowe
C.I. Andrew Shearer
C.I. Judith Wise
Det. Michael Fick
Det. Robert Long
Det. Dennis Reigel
Det. Jarrod Schappell
Lt. Ritchey Troutman
Chief Dennis Schwoyer
C.I. Joseph Brown
C.I. George Bell
C.I. Courtney Garipoli
C.I. David Yoch

Shillington
Spring

Tilden
West Reading
Wyomissing

DUI Processing Detectives
Matthew Beighley
Michael Cardell
Louis Fronina
Brett Hivner
Charles Hobart
Michael Leach
Edward Makosch
John Masciotti
Christopher Schott
Peter Scornavacchi
Jose Vasquez
Vehicles and Specialized Equipment

The Berks County District Attorney’s Office possesses a wide variety of specialized vehicles and equipment to assist local law enforcement agencies in various types of criminal investigations. This list is in addition to equipment explained earlier. Below is a listing of these vehicles and equipment:

Forensic Services Vehicle – Contains all the equipment necessary to process any type of crime scene, from a theft from auto to a multiple homicide.

Accident Reconstruction Vehicle - Contains all the equipment necessary to properly document the location of all items of evidence during a major crash investigation. The vehicle possesses a Total Station Unit, described below.

DUI Enforcement Vehicle- Contains all the necessary equipment to support a sobriety checkpoint at any location within Berks County.

Surveillance Vehicle- Contains electronic and video graphic equipment necessary to perform surveillance operations for a variety of law enforcement operations.

Electronic Surveillance Equipment – Numerous types of audio and visual electronic surveillance equipment, including wiretap equipment, body wires, tracking devices, night vision systems, etc.

Photographic and Video Graphic equipment – analog and digital cameras and video cameras for a variety of support functions.

Total Station - An optical instrument used by police, crime scene investigators, accident Reconstructionist and to take measurements of scenes. It is a combination of an electronic transit, an electronic distance meter (EDM) and software running on an external computer known as a data collector

Pending- We anticipate receiving by the end of 2008, a trailer containing all items necessary to investigate and document crimes scenes of suspected acts of terrorism. The trailer is being awarded to our department by the Department of Homeland Security.
### Detectives Statistics
(Not including Domestic Relations Statistics)

#### Non Narcotic Investigations

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