

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY for 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

I am very pleased to present this report which reflects not only the statistical accomplishments of the men and women of the Evesham Police Department, but also the continuing efforts put forth by members of this agency to engage the community in new and innovative ways.

The men and women of the Evesham Police Department strive for organizational excellence. Community outreach and technological innovation represent two of the major drivers of that pursuit of excellence in this past year. In 2012, the department broke new ground on a number of initiatives focusing on community outreach. In addition to the inaugural session of the Citizen's Police Academy, officers also conducted several Coffee With A Cop events hosted by area restaurants. The success of these events was very encouraging and plans are being made to continue both in 2013. On the technology front, the department acquired a number of new or improved technologies in 2012, to include:

- A second Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) was added to the fleet for use by patrol officers.
- The transition to a new digital in-car camera and audio recording system has been completed.
- Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) technology was also installed in conjunction with vehicle mounted computer modems that replaced the computer air cards. The new modems have provided improved mobile computing capabilities for officers in the field.
- Two infrared camera systems were installed on patrol vehicles to test this effectiveness of the technology in allowing officers to locate individuals that may otherwise be difficult to detect with the naked eye.

Going forward, the Evesham Police Department is well positioned to harness the capabilities that innovation and technology have brought to the forefront. Intelligence Led Policing initiatives and Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) are but two of the programs that have proven very successful in the past year in terms of crime suppression and reduced victimization. The comparative analysis following one year of DDACTS deployments revealed significant reductions in MV crashes (48%), burglaries (50%) and shoplifting incidents (40%) in the DDACTS zone. Complementing these reductions was a 21% increase in DWI arrest within the DDACTS zone. Calls for service have also increased for the second consecutive year.

To be certain, there are unforeseen challenges on the horizon that will continue to require careful analysis and prudent decision-making on the part of department leaders, but overall, based on the information contained in this report, I am very optimistic concerning the Evesham Police Department's ability to continue to deliver the highest quality of police services in Evesham Township.