



## MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

November 2007

## **SUMMARY:**

As of November 30, 2007, there were 3,569 incidents dispatched. In 2006 during the same period, there were 2,950 incidents, and in 2005, there were 2,839 incidents. So far this year there has been an increase of 619 incidents over the same period last year.

In addition, we began coverage in the Borough of Modena on June 1, 2007 and handled 239 incidents there from June 1, 2007 through November.

In November 2007, our police officers handled 367 incidents in East Fallowfield Township and 31 incidents in the Borough of Modena for a total of 398 incidents.

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

11/04/07 to 11/15/07

Police throughout Western Chester County investigated a series of criminal acts including strong-arm robberies, residential burglaries, thefts and stolen vehicles that appeared to have been linked to one primary suspect, Mr. David Price. On Sunday, 11/04/07 we assisted the Coatesville police with the pursuit of vehicle stolen during a burglary in South Coatesville. The suspects abandoned the stolen vehicle on Laurel Road in Newlin Township and fled on foot into the woods. One suspect was apprehended and the second who was later identified as Mr. Price was GOA.

Officers later that day assisted the State Police when Mr. Price was observed on foot in Newlin Township. He was again gone upon our arrival.

On Monday, November 12, 2007, a resident of Juniata Drive reported that she returned home at lunchtime and found that her home had been burglarized. Cash in the amount of \$900 was taken. Our officers were assisted by the State Police Forensic unit in this investigation.

On Tuesday, November 13, 2007, a resident of Mortonville Road reported being awakened at 4:00 a.m. by noises and found that a suspect entered his kitchen through an unlocked door and was then scared off by his dog. Nothing was taken.

Later that day we had three residents of Fairview Road, and one on Strasburg Road report that while they were asleep overnight suspect(s) attempted to enter their home or did enter and took purse(s) and wallets. The victims' credits cards were used within hours at businesses in West Sadsbury Township and Parkesburg Borough.



A joint investigation by multiple municipal police departments, the State Police at Embreeville and Avondale, and the County Detectives took place and Mr. Price was identified as the primary suspect.

All agencies joined together with supervision by the State Police to conduct overnight stakeouts of several businesses known to be frequented by Mr. Price and his associates. On Thursday night, November 15, 2007, the Parkesburg police took Mr. Price and his girlfriend into custody after they were found near a stolen vehicle.

We are working with the District Attorney, State Police and other municipal police departments to conclude this investigation and in the prosecution of Mr. Price and his associates.

On Wednesday evening, November 21, 2007, two suspicious fires were reported. See the PA Crime Stoppers bulletin on our website for additional information.

Also throughout the month, we assisted local police departments with the investigation of several shootings.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Mango Chief of Police