



## MAY 2008 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Jurisdiction	May 2008	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Annual	2006 Annual
East Fallowfield Township	247	1430	1450	3846	3192
Modena Borough	34	152	N/A	253	N/A

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

On *May 1, 2008*, at 10:00 a.m. Coatesville PD detectives reported that they were in a vehicle pursuit of a gray Hyundai from the city, into South Coatesville Borough and finally into our twp. The pursuit was terminated because it was getting too dangerous. The occupants of the vehicle were wanted for suspicious activity in an area known for drug sales, and while fleeing the suspect(s) allegedly threw a stolen Glock handgun and other items on to a road in the Borough. Those items were recovered. Ofcs. responded to the area and conducted a search but the vehicle was GOA. This is possibly related to an overnight pursuit Downingtown PD had recently where they lost the suspect vehicle in the same area of our twp. Investigation is ongoing by CPD detectives.

At 2:13 p.m., the same suspects and vehicle were involved in an incident at the Bert Reel Park in Sadsbury Township. The Sadsbury Twp. road crew reported that four suspects in a silver car were attempting to break-in to the snack bar at the park. The suspect vehicle was last seen headed n/b on Wilmington Road. Ofcs. responded and checked the area but the suspects were GOA. Police throughout Western Chester County continued to search for the vehicle throughout the afternoon. It was located later that afternoon by park rangers at the Hibernia Park in West Caln Township and all four suspects were taken into custody without incident.

On *May 2, 2008* at approximately 9:21 p.m., an officer assisted the Borough of South Coatesville police with an incident where the caller reported that he had a gun and was threatening to shoot another person. Officers staged in the area and then made a tactical approach. The residence was cleared and several subjects were detained. Subsequent investigation revealed that no one was armed. The suspect was the victim's ex-boyfriend and he reportedly has been stalking the victim. Investigation is ongoing by SCPD.

On *May 8, 2008* at 7:45 p.m. a Coatesville PD officer was attempting to stop a vehicle and pursued it through the city, into South Coatesville Borough and finally into Modena Borough. The driver was driving erratically and committed several traffic violations. The driver abandoned his vehicle behind the row homes on South Brandywine Avenue and fled on foot toward the Brandywine Creek. He was last seen headed in to the creek. Our ofc. responded and checked the area, but was unable to locate the male subject. The two passengers in the vehicle were identified and did provide information on the male driver. Ofc. stood by on location until the vehicle was towed. Investigation is ongoing by Coatesville PD. The suspect has a history of resisting arrest and is known to be armed. Later in June, troopers apprehended him hiding at a hotel in Lancaster County.

On *May 18, 2008*, at 1:48 a.m. officers assisted the Coatesville police and other departments with a disturbance involving a shooting on Merchant Street with a large crowd gathering. While on location ofcs. heard gunshots from an assault rifle nearby and responded to Lincoln Highway. A suspicious vehicle was stopped but no weapons were found. A few minutes later, it was reported that a suspect walked into a restaurant on Strode Avenue and he was armed with a shotgun. Ofc. responded and a Caln ofc. engaged in vehicle pursuit from that area to north of the city. The suspect eventually abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot after dumping a gun. The suspect was apprehended and a gun was recovered. Investigation is ongoing by Coatesville PD detectives. See incident dated May 29, 2008 below.

On *May 18, 2008*, at 3:51 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle parked in the intersection of Modena Road and Union Street in the Borough of Modena. The vehicle was reported to be unoccupied and blocking traffic. Ofcs. responded and found that it had been involved in a hit & run in the City of Coatesville. The vehicle was towed and investigation is ongoing by Coatesville PD.

On *May 19, 2008*, a resident reported finding that township property at the park had damaged. Trees, signs, bridges and other property had been defaced with graffiti. Investigation is ongoing.

On *May 22, 2008*, at 9:35 a.m. ofcs. responded to a report of a female caller who said that her ex-boyfriend cut her telephone lines and was attempting to force entry to her home. This was related to an

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ongoing stalking investigation. Ofcs. responded, detained and identified the suspect. The information was turned over to the investigating officer and later multiple charges were filed on the suspect to include attempted burglary, identity theft, stalking and harassment. He was arrested in Ocean City NJ and extradited to Pa. On June 12, 2008, after a preliminary hearing before MDJ Gill the defendant was bound over on all charges to the Court of Common Pleas.

On *May 27, 2008*, at 5:12 p.m. members of the road crew reported finding a vehicle abandoned on Newlinville Road. All four tires/wheels had been removed and it was sitting on cinder blocks. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from New Castle County, Delaware. Investigation TOT NCCPD.

On *May 29, 2008*, pursuant to an investigation initiated by Coatesville PD related to a series of shootings in the City, we executed a search warrant in the 400 block of Hephzibah Hill Road along with the Western Chester County ERT and City detectives in an attempt to locate suspect(s) wanted on related charges and for firearms violations. Confidential informants reported that two suspects were seen in the house and both were armed with handguns. There also was a ballistic vest observed and crack cocaine. The SWAT team arrived on location, set containment and began to evacuate nearby residences. Several subjects were detained and interviewed by investigators. However, the two suspects named in the warrant were not found. During subsequent searches a loaded .380 semi-auto pistol that had been stolen from a house in our township as well as 7.62 mm magazines and ammunition (for an AK-47 type assault rifle), .45 cal. ammunition, marijuana, digital scales, packaging material and small amounts of crack cocaine were recovered. Charges are pending and investigation is ongoing. Modena firefighters provided EMS support, traffic control, transportation and shelter of the residents evacuated by the ERT from the row homes. The primary suspect was apprehended this weekend by the Coatesville City PD after another shooting.

### TRAINING:

05/02/08: All police officers participated in firearms training at the Downingtown Range under the supervision of the department firearms instructor Chris Porter.

05/06/08: Ofc. Kevin Simmons attended the monthly Western Chester County ERT crisis negotiator's training.

05/13/08: Ofc. Kevin Simmons and Ofc. Harper participated in mandatory training for the Chester County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) at the PECO EOF. The training consisted of a class on the Prevention & Deterrence of Terrorist Acts presented by the Phila. PD and Louisiana State University.

05/14/08: Ofc. Kevin Simmons and Ofc. Harper participated in mandatory training for the Chester County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) at Hibernia Park. The training consisted of a series of crowd control field exercises and an open area search for dangerous materials

05/22/08: Ofc. McAllister attended the monthly Western Chester County ERT training and tactical exercises at the Downingtown Range.

June 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,  
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