



JULY 2008 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Jurisdiction	July 2008	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Annual	2006 Annual
East Fallowfield Township	299	2018	2137	3846	3192
Modena Borough	35	208	58*	253*	N/A

* Coverage began 06/07.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

In late June and throughout July we experienced numerous incidents involving the theft of cash, coins, consumer electronics and credit cards from unlocked vehicles. Over fourteen incidents were reported and there were probably several more that were unreported. Investigation revealed that there were three suspect(s) or groups that appear to have been operating independently throughout Western Chester County.

On Saturday, July 5, 2008, a suspect well known to police in Chester County was involved in a near fatal crash in the 2300 block of West Chester Road at 5:30 am. The suspect was observed by a South Coatesville police officer to be driving e/b on West Chester Road from the Borough at a high rate of speed in a pick-up truck. He lost control on the pick up truck and struck a utility pole. The driver sustained serious injuries and was entrapped in the vehicle. Firefighters extricated him and EMS transported him to the Lancaster General Hospital where he underwent several surgeries and appears to be recovering. Investigation revealed that he was under the influence of some combination of alcoholic beverage and/or controlled substance, was driving a pick up truck stolen from the Borough of West Chester and had been involved in the theft of items from vehicles. A large amount of coins was recovered from the vehicle. Investigation is ongoing and charges are likely by our PD, West Chester Borough police and the State Police at Embreeville.

On Friday, July 18, 2008, Ofc. Bruchstein, Coatesville City police advised that he stopped a vehicle that was occupied by an adult male, and two juvenile females. Ofc. Bruchstein observed several items in the car that appeared to have been stolen from vehicles. A subsequent investigation revealed that the suspects had been involved in thefts from our township and surrounding areas. Investigation is ongoing and charges are pending.

On Friday, July 25, 2008, during the investigation of a series of theft from vehicle incidents that occurred overnight, Thursday, July 10, 2008, to Friday, July 11, 2008, another well-known career criminal was identified as a suspect. He had been released from the PA Department of Corrections on or about June 6, 2008, according to DOC records. The suspect stole two credit cards from a car belonging to a resident of Branford Village and used them early that morning at stores in Caln Township and in Downingtown Borough. He was positively identified through security video and by the clerks viewing photo arrays. Later that evening Ofc. Matt Herkner of the West Whiteland Township police located him in possession of a stolen vehicle that had been taken from the Borough of South Coatesville. The suspect was charged in that case and additional charges were filed by our PD for the theft from vehicle/access device fraud. He is also facing charges by the State Police



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in Lancaster and is suspected to have been involved in numerous thefts throughout the two counties.

The Chester County Detectives forensic unit assisted in these investigations.

TRAINING:

07/24/08: Ofc. McAllister attended the monthly Western Chester County ERT training and tactical exercises at the Downingtown Range.

August 9, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

**Peter J. Mango
Chief of Police**