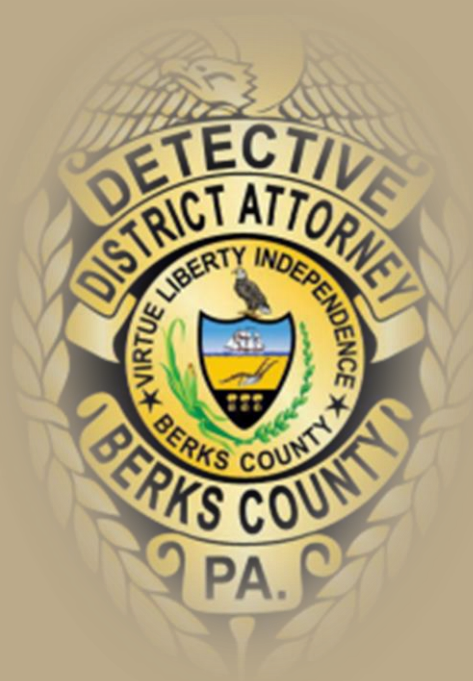


BERKS COUNTY DETECTIVES



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BERKS COUNTY DETECTIVES

MISSION

The mission of the Berks County District Attorney's Detective Unit is to investigate crimes, enforce the law, assist local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and support quality public safety by delivering respectful, professional and dependable investigative services.

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CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE: MICHAEL J. GOMBAR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: AMY L.
SUNDSTROM

CRIME LIEUTENANT: TODD E. TRUPP
NARCOTIC LIEUTENANT: NELSON ORTIZ

DETECTIVES: 33

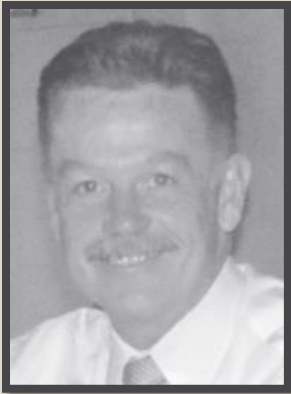
COMPUTER FORENSIC ANALYSTS: 2
SUPPORT STAFF: 4

FROM THE CHIEF



MICHAEL J. GOMBAR

CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE



I am proud and honored as the Chief County Detective of Berks County to present the 2017 Annual Report for the Berks County District Attorney's Detective Unit. This report will provide a snapshot of the hard work and achievements of the men and women of our detective unit.

The Berks County Detectives are all experienced investigators. Many of our detectives were recruited as the "best of the best" from other municipal and state law enforcement agencies. Our detective unit is comprised of thirty-three detectives, each with an average of over twenty years of law enforcement experience. In addition, we are supported by six highly trained civilians with distinct areas of experience. Our civilian staff are an essential part in our daily operations.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of our detective unit, both sworn and civilian, who strive every day, often under difficult and stressful circumstances, for serving the people of Berks County.

I invite you to review our report and I welcome any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Gombar

Chief County Detective

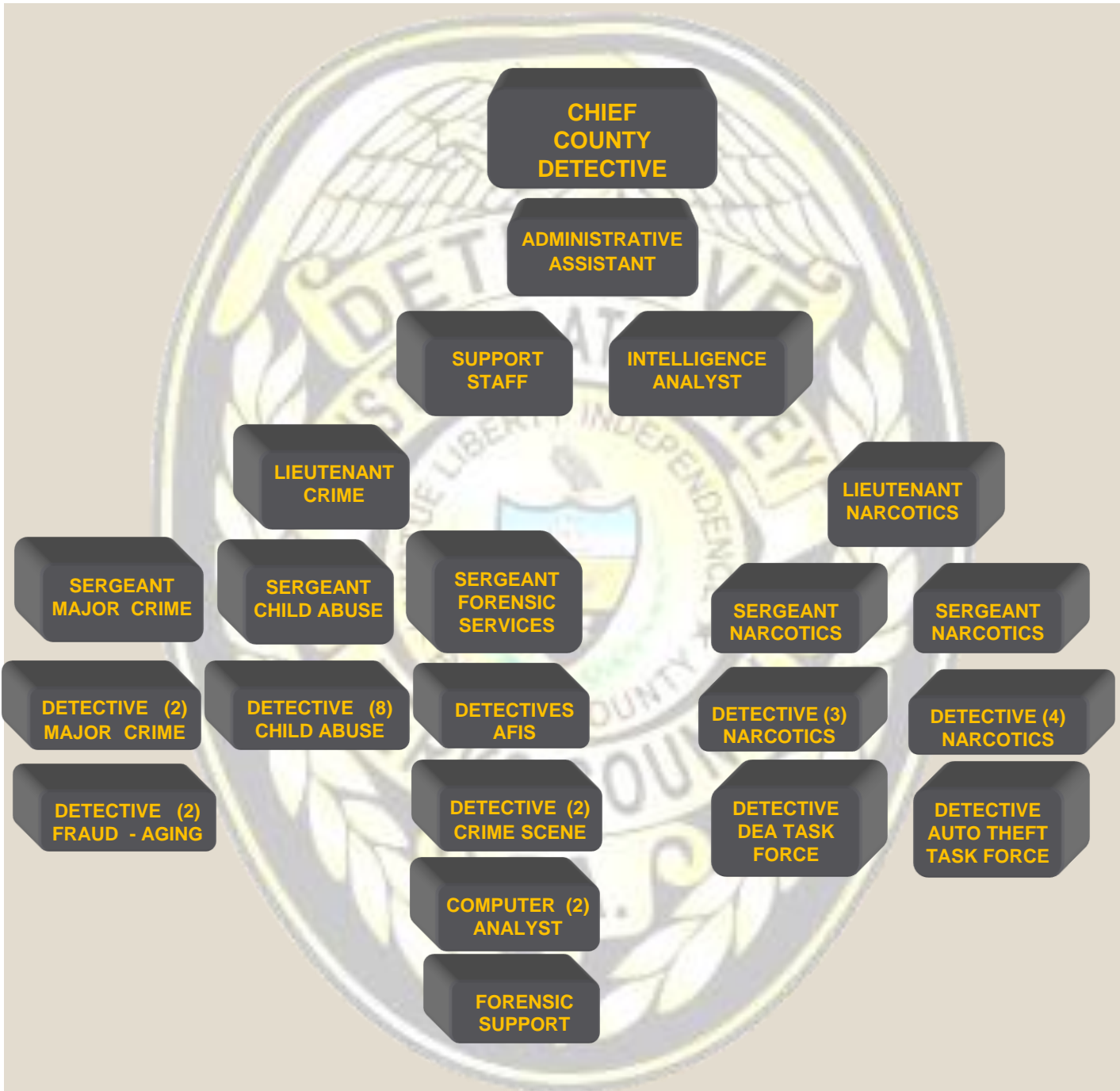


TABLE OF ORGANIZATION





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The Criminal Investigation Section is comprised of two distinct entities, Forensic Services and Criminal Investigations. Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Section work closely with police officers from over forty local Berks County police departments, 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. The Criminal Investigation Section is led by Lieutenant Todd Trupp. Sgt. Gerardo Vega and Sgt. Harold Shenk are the first line supervisors for the Criminal Investigations Section, which is responsible for the following:

- Bad Check Restitution Program
- Bingo Enforcement
- Child Abuse
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Financial Crimes
- Elderly Abuse (physical and financial)
- Major Crime
- Megan's Law Enforcement
- Precious Metals Unit

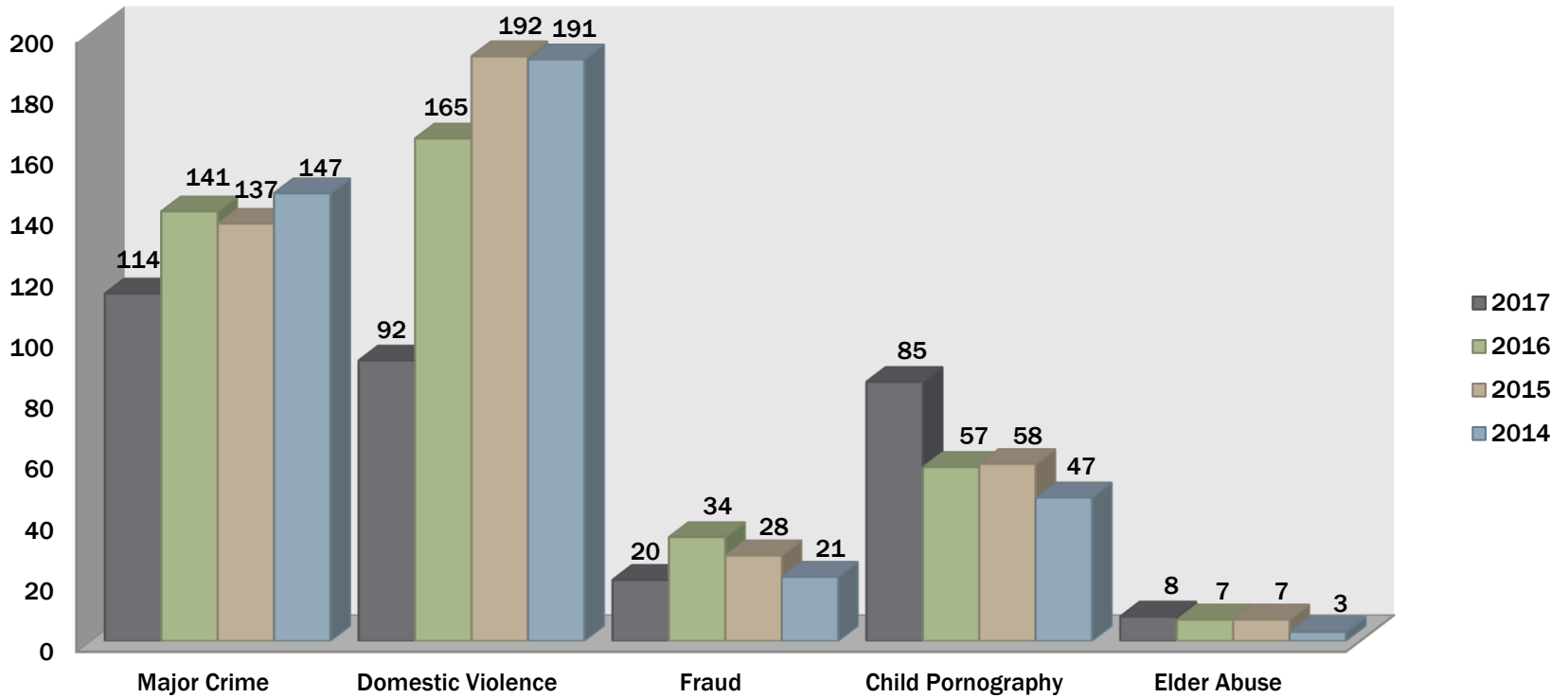




CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

NUMBER OF CASES

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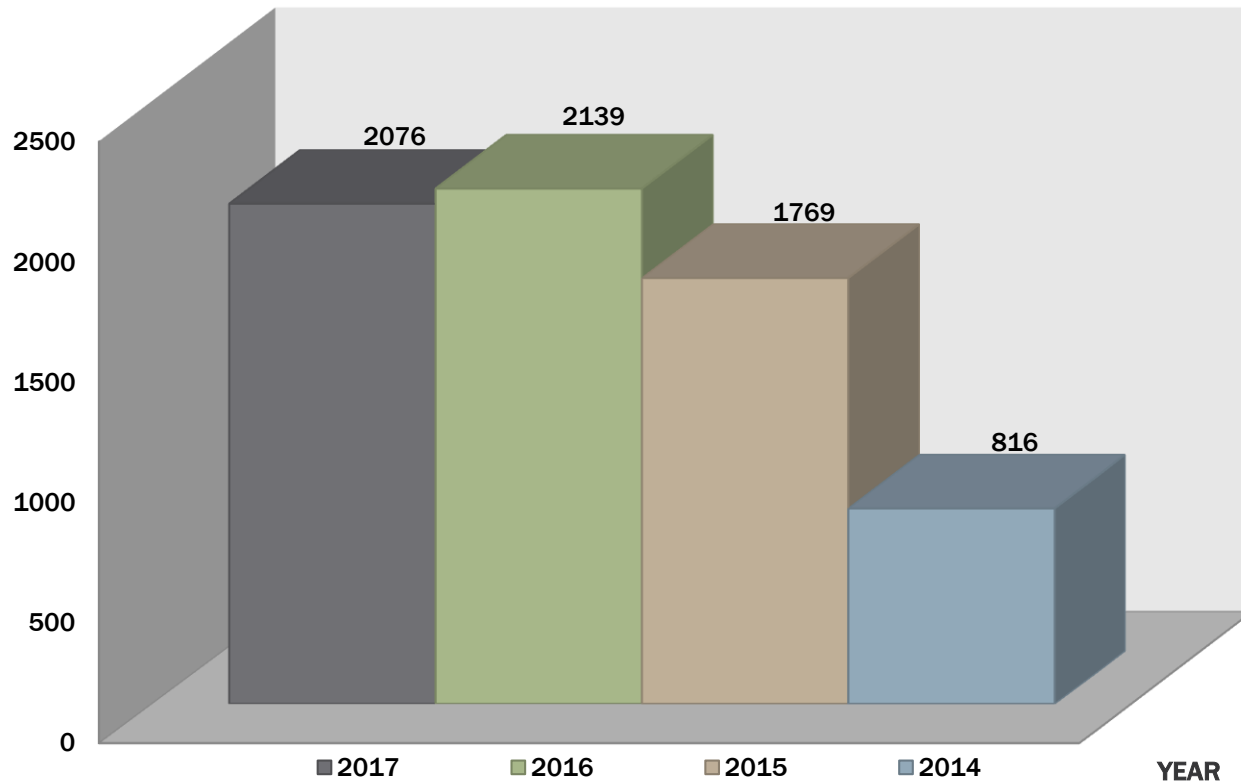




CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

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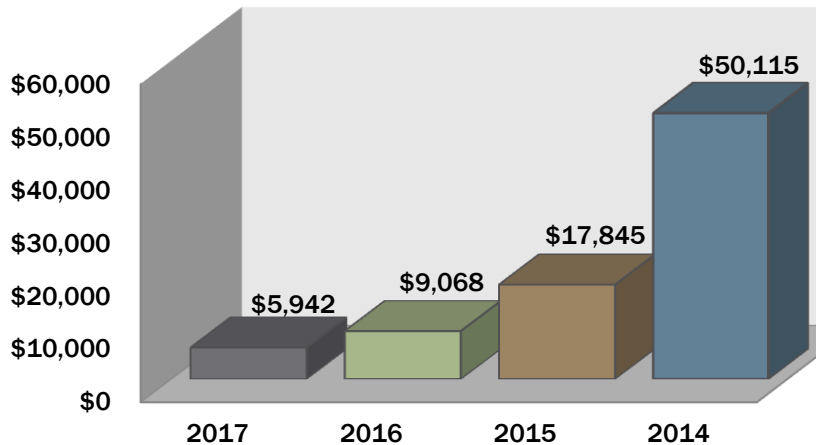




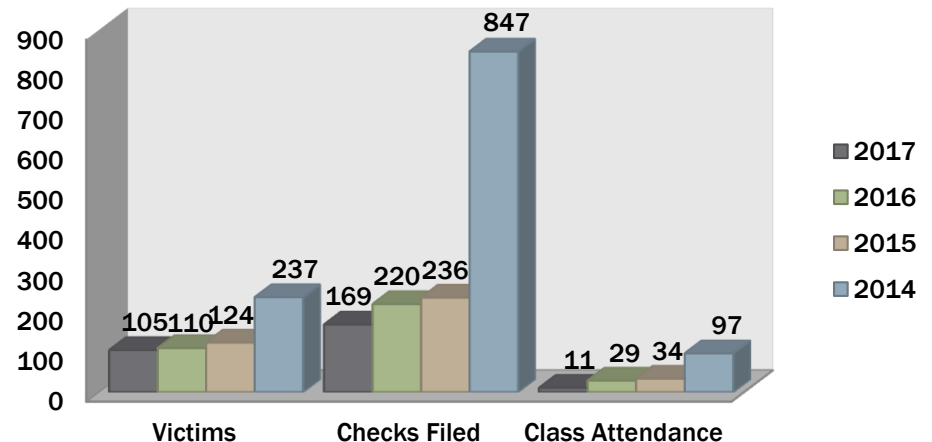
BAD CHECK RESTITUTION PROGRAM

The Bad Check Restitution Program was developed 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.

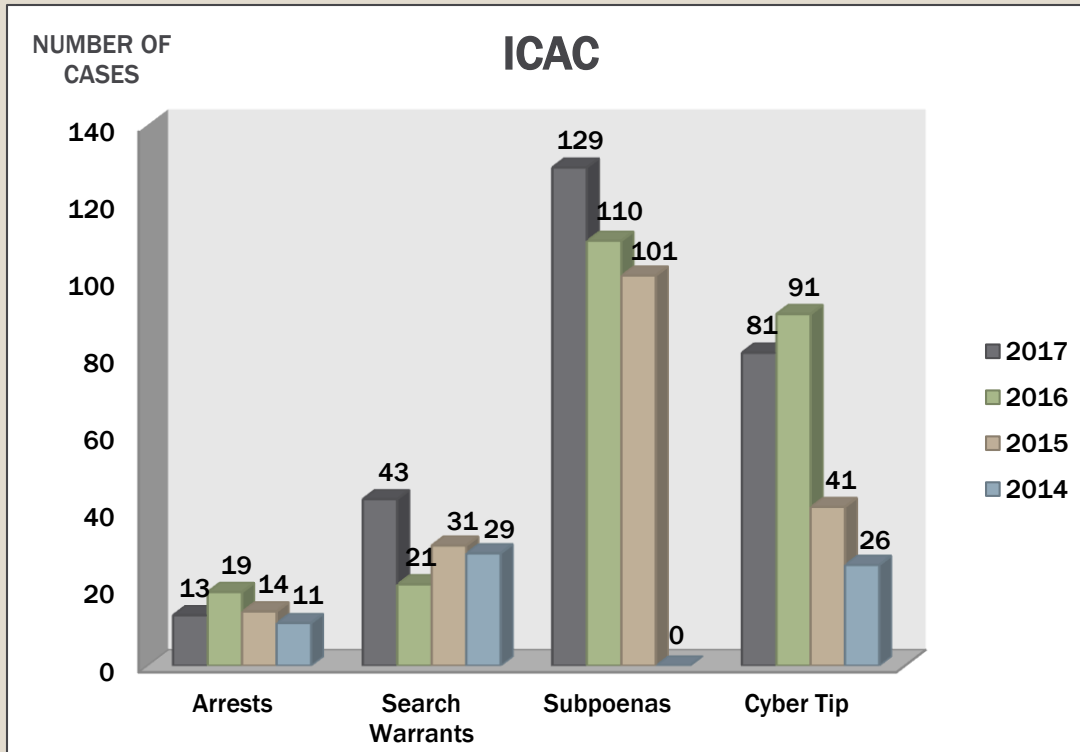
Restitution Returned



Bad Check Restitution Program



INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN



The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 3,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet. The Berks County Detectives has two detectives who are cross-designated members of the FBI's Task Force Against Child Pornography.

The Forensic Services Unit is led by Lieutenant Todd Trupp. Sergeant Robert Johnson and Corporal Justin Morrow are the first line supervisors for this unit.

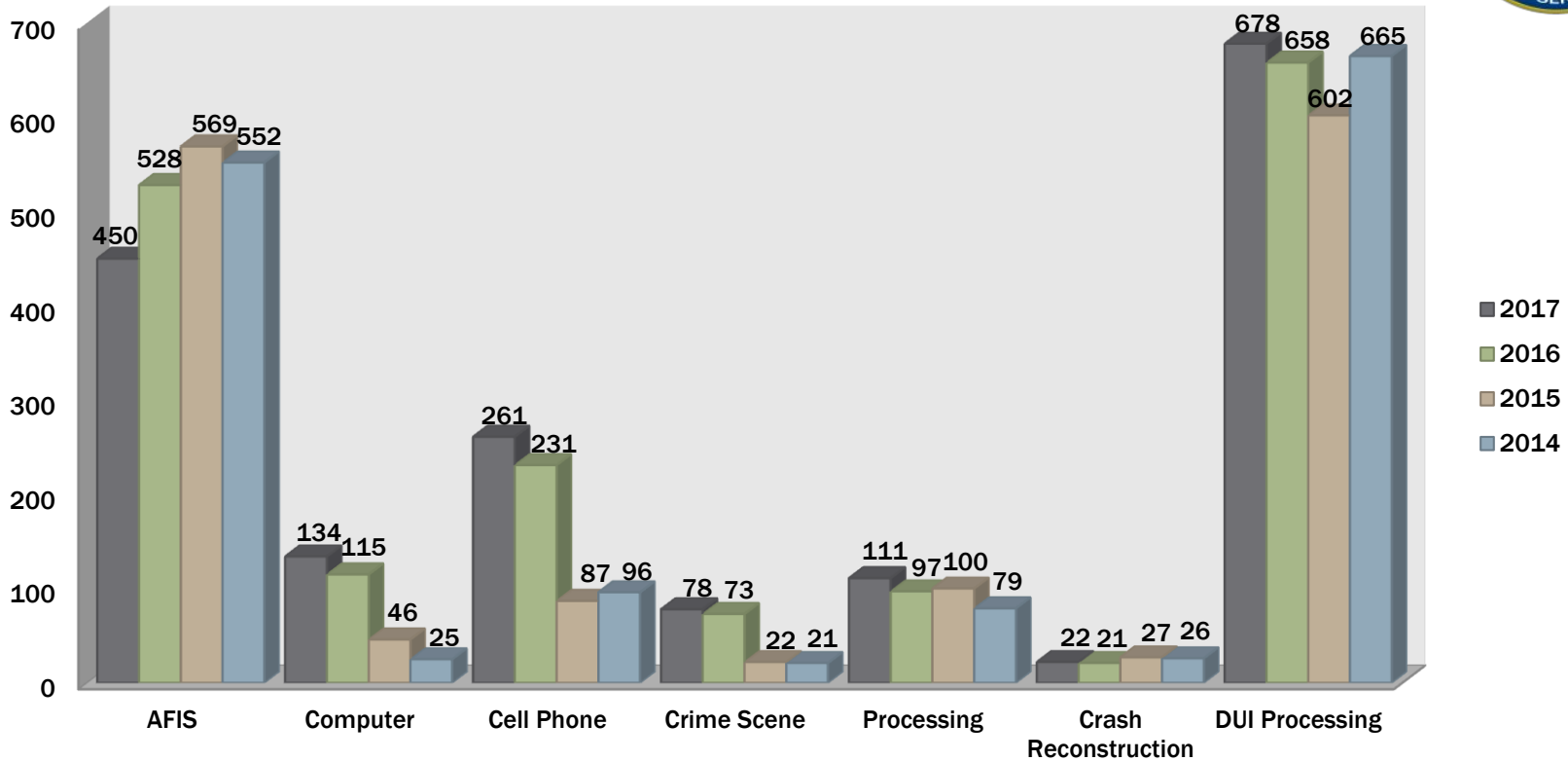
Three detectives, two civilian computer analysts and one civilian support staff are assigned to this unit, which is responsible for the following: Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), Crime Scene Processing, Computer and Cellular Telephone Forensics, Crash Reconstruction, DUI Processing Center and Pharmaceutical Drop Box Program.

FORENSIC SERVICES



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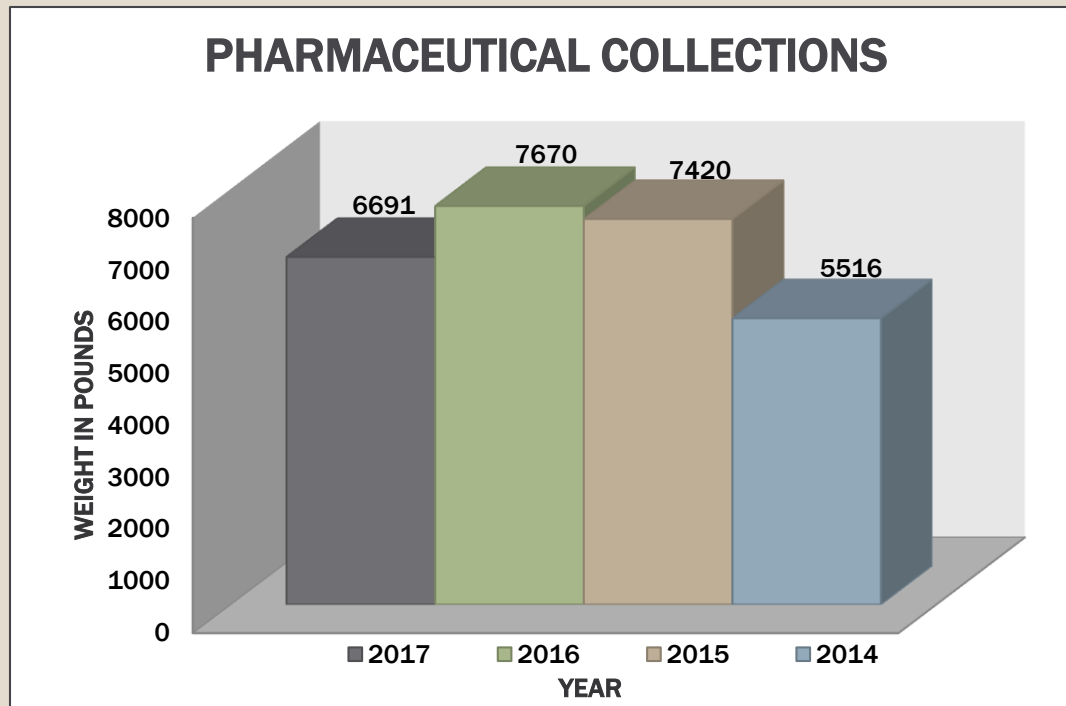
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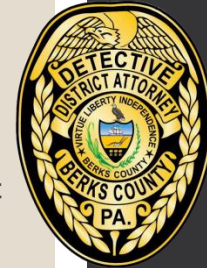
PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTIONS

The Pharmaceutical Drop Box Program is a cooperative effort between the District Attorney's Office, the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA), and the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. This program allows Berks County Residents to discard unused or unwanted medication year-round at secure locations. Medications are collected in many forms including: tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder or patch.

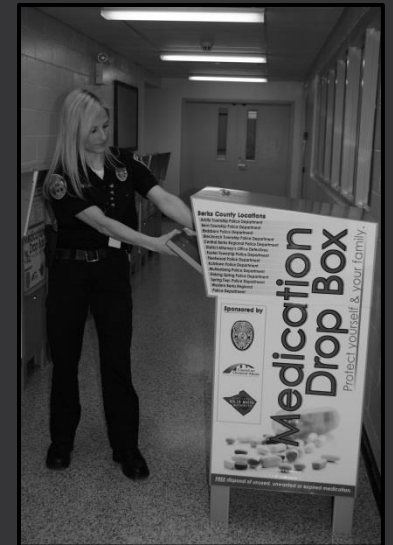


BERKS COUNTY DROPBOX LOCATIONS

- Amity Township Police Department – 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville
- Bally Police Department – 425 Chestnut Street, Bally
- Berks County Agricultural Center – 1st Fl. Lobby, 1328 Welfare Road, Leesport
- Berks County Coroner's Office – 1047 MacArthur Road, Suite 200, Reading
- Bern Township Police Department – 1069 Old Bernville Road, Reading
- Birdsboro Police Department – 200 E. Main Street, Birdsboro
- Boyertown Police Department – 100 S. Washington Street, Boyertown
- Brecknock Township Police Department – 889 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton
- Caernarvon Township Police Department – 3307 Main Street, Morgantown
- Central Berks Regional Police Department – 2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading
- Cumru Township Police Department – 1775 Welsh Road, Mohnton
- Douglass Township Police Department – 1068 Douglass Drive, Boyertown,
- Exeter Township Police Department – 4975 Demoss Road, Reading
- Fleetwood Police Department – 110 W. Arch Street, Fleetwood
- Hamburg Police Department – 61. N. Third Street, Hamburg
- Kutztown Police Department – 45 Railroad Street, Kutztown
- Laureldale Police Department – 3406 Kutztown Road, Reading
- Muhlenberg Township Police Department – 210 George Street, Reading
- Penn State Berks Police – Perkins Student Center, 2080 Tulpehocken Road, Reading
- Reading Police Department– City Hall 815 Washington Street, Reading
- Robesonia Borough Hall – 75 S. Brooke Street, Robesonia
- Shillington Police Department – 999 E. Broad Street, Shillington
- Sinking Spring Police Department – 3940 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring
- Spring Township Police Department – 2800 Shillington Road, Reading
- Tilden Township Police Department – 870 Hex Highway, Hamburg
- Tulpehocken Township Police Department – 22 Rehrersburg Road, Rehrersburg
- West Reading Police Department – 500 Chestnut Street, West Reading
- Western Berks Regional Police Department – 100 N. Reber Street, Wernersville
- Wyomissing Police Department – 22 Reading Boulevard, Wyomissing



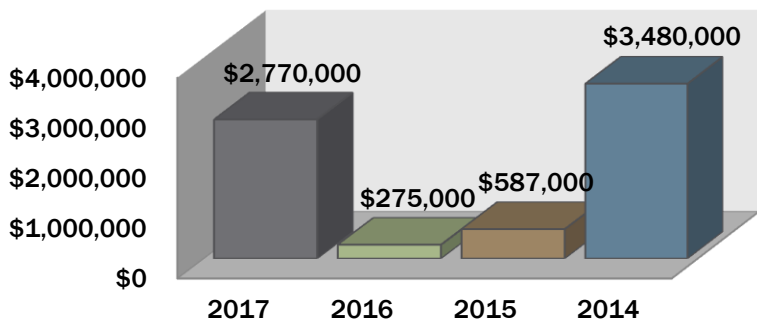
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NARCOTIC INVESTIGATION

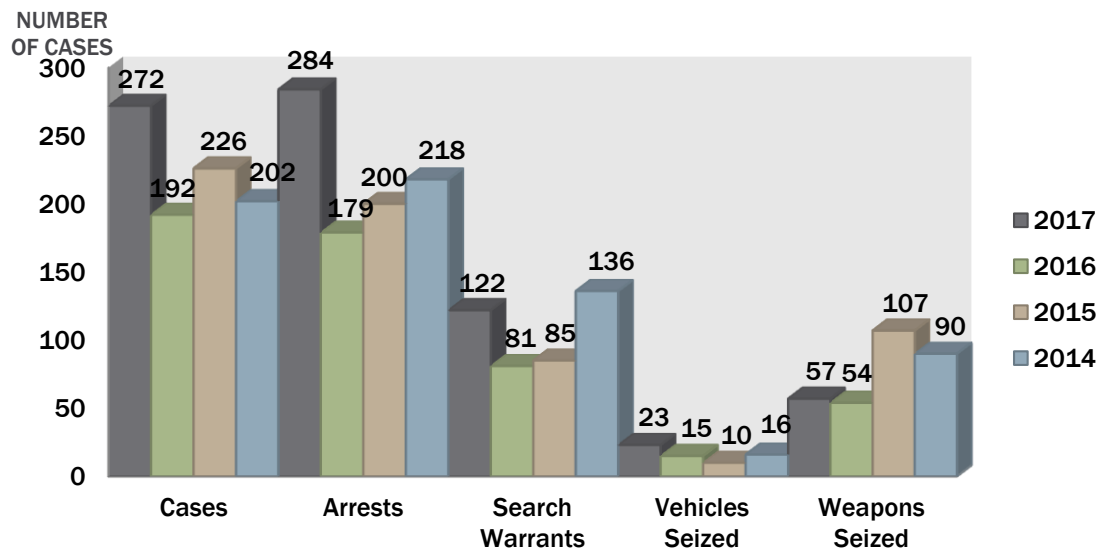
US Currency Seized



The Narcotics Unit is led by Lieutenant Nelson Ortiz. Sergeants Todd Harris and Pasquale Leporace are the first line supervisors for this unit.

The eleven detectives and one civilian Intelligence Analyst are responsible for investigating drug and narcotic trafficking operations, violations of firearms laws, prostitution and human trafficking activities and illegal gambling investigations existing within the County of Berks.

Narcotic Investigations

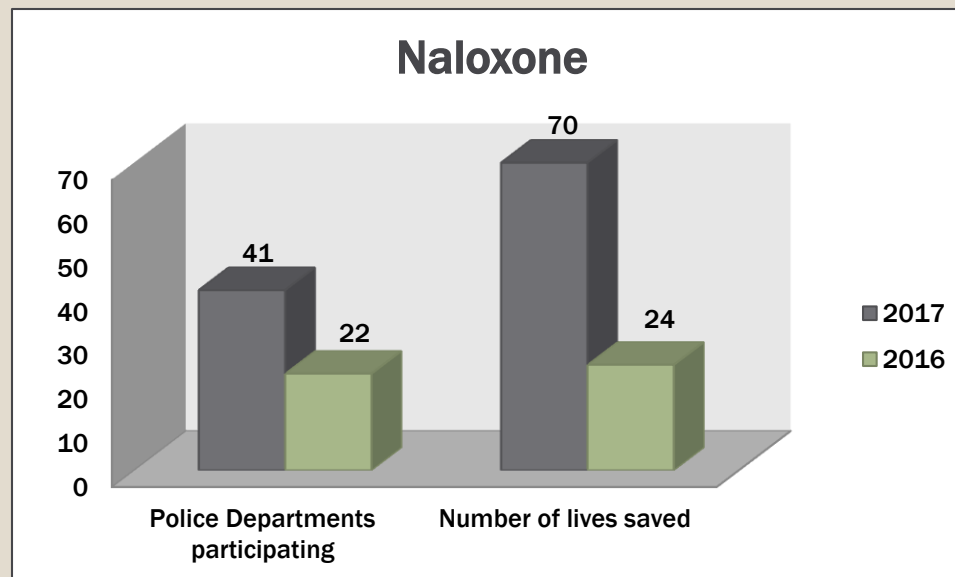




NALOXONE PROGRAM

In July 2015, due to the alarming heroin overdose epidemic, District Attorney John T. Adams, initiated the “Naloxone Program” for any police departments that were willing to participate, The program gives police officers the legal right, under “David’s Law” Act 139, to administer the drug Naloxone to any victim of heroin and/or opioid overdose.

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by any opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing to the individual within two to eight minutes.





OPERATION NIGHTLIGHT

Operation Nightlight is a joint operation between the Berks County District Attorney's Office, Adult Probation Office, Juvenile Probation Office, Reading Police Department and the Berks County Sheriff's Department. This program pairs probation officers with police officers who work together to make unannounced visits to the homes, schools and workplaces of high-risk probationers during non-traditional hours.

