

Edgewood Police Department

2012 Annual Report



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EDGEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to work as a team with other departments, government agencies and our community; and to provide innovative, effective and efficient service which will improve the quality of life in the Borough of Edgewood.

VALUE STATEMENT

We are committed to:

SERVICE

We will provide quality service and protection to all people in an efficient, effective and innovative manner.

INTEGRITY

We will uphold the public trust through honest, consistent and forthright interactions with all people, fostering and maintaining the highest ethical standards.

RESPECT

We will treat all persons with courtesy, dignity and respect, while upholding the constitutional rights of all people; we will temper our actions with compassion and understanding.

Edgewood Borough POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robert C. Payne
Chief of Police



"A Community With Pride"

Message from the Chief

On behalf of the staff and employees of the Edgewood Police Department, I am pleased to submit this Annual Report for the year 2012.

Another year has passed us by and it makes me proud to say our community remains as safe as it's ever been. We have continued to make great strides in our efforts to maintain a progressive and professional police department. Our commitment, as always, is to provide the highest level of service as possible to our residents here in Edgewood.

As always, I would like to thank the Mayor, Edgewood Borough Council members, Borough Manager Warren Cecconi, the members of the department, and those of you who live here in Edgewood. The support we receive from all of you is genuinely appreciated. That support is the key to our success and is what makes policing here in Edgewood special.

In going forward into 2013 I am looking for our agency to maintain a strong presence on the roadways here in town. I believe this not only improves the driving habits of motorists in our community, but it also aids in our efforts to reduce crime through high visibility.

Our crime here in Edgewood continues to stay well below the national averages. Property crimes and burglaries remain low. I just ask that our residents continue to take the appropriate steps to limit their chances of being victims of crime. The seemingly small things, like locking your doors, and not leaving a running car unattended, go a long way in preventing opportunities for criminals.

In closing, I am excited as we go forward into a new year. 2013 will undoubtedly bring us new challenges as we work to keep Edgewood the peaceful and pleasant community it is known to be. With your continued support and vigilance, I believe we will succeed in meeting our goals, and in meeting your expectations. I believe that in working together we exemplify the motto on the patches we wear every day. I believe we are "A Community with Pride."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Payne
Chief of Police





Borough Government



Mayor

- J. Edward Cook

Borough Managers

- Warren Cecconi
- Julie Bastianini, Assistant Borough Manager

Members of Council

- Patricia Schaefer, President
- Jennifer Gleba, President Pro Tem
- John F. Bright
- Dr. Marc A. Wallace
- George Fuller, Vice President
- Jack Wilson
- John L. Wainwright





Overview

Edgewood at a Glance

Edgewood is an inner-ring suburb just east of Pittsburgh with a population of approximately 3,118 people. The community is roughly 1.0 square mile and has an annual budget of nearly three million dollars. The largest retail space in the community is the Edgewood Towne Centre. Residential neighborhoods constitute the largest area in the Borough of Edgewood.

Departmental Allocation

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| ➤ Allocated Strength Sworn | 12 Officers* |
| ➤ Total Allocated Sworn | 12 Officers* – 8 Full-time & 4 Part-time officers |
| ➤ Current Strength Sworn | 12 Officers* – 7 Full-time & 5 Part-time officers |

* Not including the Chief of Police

Officer Injury Time Lost

- 2012 - 0 hours – No officers were off due to work-related injuries.
- 2011 - 0 hours - No officers were off due to work-related injuries.
- 2010 - 352 hours - One officer was off due to a work-related injury.
- 2009 - 96 hours - Two officers were off due to work-related injuries.
- 2008 - 264 hours - Two officers were off due to work-related injuries.
- 2007 - 0 hours - No officers were off due to work-related injuries.
- 2006 - 224 hours - One officer missed 28 days following a motor vehicle accident.
- 2005 - 0 hours - No officers were off due to work-related injuries.

Police Department Roster

Police Chief:



Robert C. Payne

Police Sergeant:



Susan Kaskie

Full-Time Patrol Officers:



Frederick Livingston



Michael Libell



Adam Lawrence



Brian Wyke



Michael Ferguson



Eugene Chrise

Part-Time Patrol Officers:



Brian Markus



Michael Crow



Richard Susalla



Joseph Tomko

Christopher Burns*



**This officer was unavailable during the photo session*

Support Staff

Emergency Services Department

Since December 2005, the dispatching of all police and fire calls has been handled by the Allegheny County 911 Center. Today, the recently created Emergency Services Department is staffed by seven part-time employees. These members are all trained firefighters who can respond quickly to any fire department emergency. They also perform many daily tasks for the police department. The Emergency Services Department is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 AM until midnight.



L to R, Justin Naranjo, Doug Greer and Paul Nye

** Not pictured are Garrett Wagner, Steven Halle, Richard Nye and Jared Amos*

Crossing Guards

Edgewood employs the use of school crossing guards during the morning and after school hours at busy locations. The crossing guards maintain the safety of the children on their way to and from school each day, as well as aid pedestrians crossing.



Pictured above is Edgewood Crossing Guard Captain Leigh Sciulli. Captain Sciulli has been serving the borough in this capacity for more than forty years!

Awards



The Edgewood Police Department was awarded its *seventh* straight Platinum Award for outstanding leadership in traffic safety by AAA. Our agency was one of the very few in Pennsylvania to receive their highest award for seven consecutive years. Throughout the year our officers remain vigilant in proactive traffic enforcement, in an effort to keep the roadways safe for all who travel them.



Officer Achievements

Congratulations to Officer Michael Ferguson for achieving a milestone in his career with the Edgewood Police Department. Officer Ferguson has been a member of our department for over five years now.



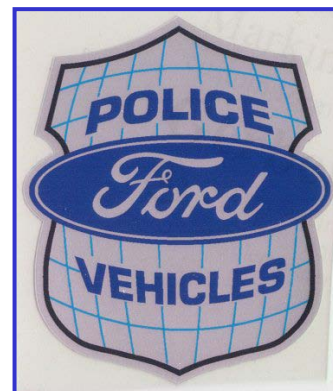
Police Vehicle Fleet



The Edgewood Police Department currently maintains a fleet of Ford police vehicles. The department has several fully marked Crown Victoria Police Interceptors and a fully marked 2012 Expedition for patrol operations. As of this year Ford Motor Company has discontinued production of the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. The department will be phasing out these vehicles in the future with the Dodge Charger police package.



The police vehicles are equipped with highly visible striping, mobile data terminals (MDT) with computer aided dispatching capabilities, video recording equipment, police radios and other safety related equipment.



Crime Prevention Efforts

Edgewood has two schools in town. The Edgewood Primary School is part of the Woodland Hills School District and has over 500 students attending grades K-6. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) serves more than 250 deaf and hearing impaired children from birth through twelfth grade. The students are from more than 100 school districts across Pennsylvania. WPSD is the largest comprehensive center for deaf education in Pennsylvania.

Officers spend time at each institution and provide safety talks to the students. Topics include anti-bullying tips, the proper way to call 911, and general crime prevention strategies.



School Zone Safety

Officers assist our crossing guards during the school year by monitoring pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the arrival and dismissal of students each day. Officers also monitor the heavily traveled area of the Regent Square business district in the mornings.



Community Day



On Saturday, August 25, 2012, the Police Department joined in on the Edgewood Community Day celebration. The Edgewood Police Department hosted the Allegheny County Mobile Training Unit and their 911 van. Forest Hills Police Officer Brian Armstrong and his K-9 partner, Loki, provided a demonstration of K-9 obedience and other techniques. Our police booth was supplied with giveaways and officers were on hand all day to provide information and assistance to the residents and visitors of our borough. There were drawings in the evening and many donated gifts were given to the children who attended the festivities and registered at our booth, including a brand new bicycle.



Halloween Parade

2012's Halloween Parade was another success. Edgewood officers passed out bags of candy and spoke to the children about child safety issues. The children dressed up in their favorite costumes and were escorted along the parade route with their parents.



HALLOWEEN!
SAFE NIGHT



DUI Checkpoint

On May 13, 2012 the Edgewood Police Department, along with the Swissvale Police Department, hosted a DUI checkpoint on South Braddock Avenue in front of the Edgewood Towne Centre. The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office sponsored the checkpoint.



53. According to Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD), this number represents the average number of minutes in which someone is killed by a drunk driver. MADD reports that over 350,000 people were killed or injured in alcohol related crashes in 2011. The Edgewood Police Department's mission is to do the best that we can to prevent our residents and motorists from being a part of these figures.

Checkpoint Highlights



- A few hundred vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- Five (5) arrests were made for driving under the influence
- Three (3) arrests for other violations were made, including two firearms arrests and an arrest following a police pursuit
- More than twenty vehicles were towed for traffic violations, including lack of car insurance
- Officers wrote close to sixty state traffic citations to motorists: most for driving under suspension



Notable Events

Throughout the course of each year our officers occasionally become involved in incidents of greater significance than the average call for service. These incidents range from high priority calls in which arrests are made, to individual acts of heroism, and sometimes to cases that highlight good proactive police work. Here are some examples of the incidents that caught our attention in 2012.

On the evening of March 26, 2012 officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at the Edgewood Express. Edgewood Police received assistance from Wilkinsburg, Swissvale and Forest Hills Police Departments, and quickly set up a perimeter in the area. The suspect was later apprehended after a K-9 unit was deployed. Once in custody, Edgewood Police received additional information that the suspect was wanted for homicide in Erie, Pennsylvania. The suspect also was involved in a robbery of the Sheetz in Wilkins Township and another robbery in the City of Pittsburgh.

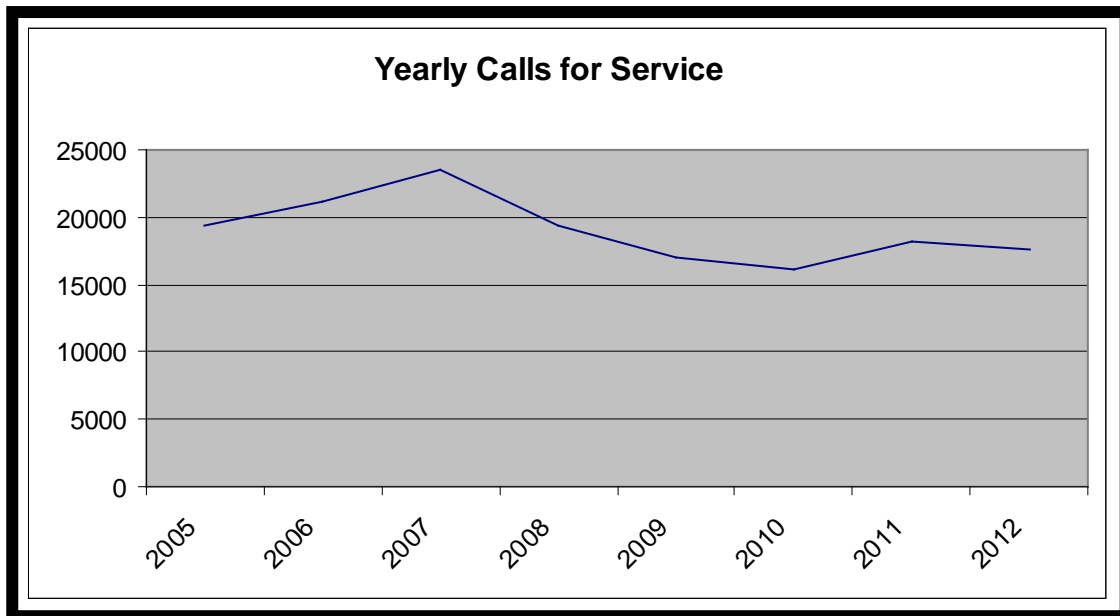


On May 13, 2012 the Edgewood and Swissvale Police Departments conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 1600 block of South Braddock Avenue near the Edgewood Towne Centre. Several hundred vehicles passed through the checkpoint in a period of four hours. Five people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, making the roadways safer for the traveling public.

On December 20, 2012 officers responded to a burglary in progress on East Hutchinson Avenue. Upon arrival, officers observed a broken window in the rear of the residence and detected movement inside the structure. Officers entered the residence, and one male suspect jumped out of a second story window and was apprehended by officers on scene. Upon an interior search of the residence, a second suspect was found hiding in a closet on the third floor and was placed into custody.

Departmental Statistics

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Robberies	11	12	5	6	7	5	5	5
Burglaries	28	27	16	9	19	15	13	13
Assaults	12	15	7	9	11	8	10	14
Retail Theft	180	168	175	199	212	116	55	110
Theft-Motor Vehicle	18	10	3	7	3	3	3	13
Assists to Other Agencies	199	225	201	170	165	264	334	344
Criminal Mischief	53	47	31	22	36	30	27	42
Accident Reports	117	120	127	107	98	129	137	135
Animal Complaints	62	40	54	43	30	25	24	40
Disorderly Conduct	82	74	45	32	40	41	33	44
Domestic Disputes	45	41	34	36	28	48	32	40
Juvenile Complaints	70	70	79	30	26	24	20	20
Traffic Citations	762	1132	1371	1109	688	599	659	571
Arrests	194	172	174	184	170	137	170	182
Police Reports Filed	2144	3297	3272	2961	2287	2069	2227	2131
Total Calls for Service	19386	21086	23559	19430	17023	16167	18159	17540



Federal Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Statistical Analysis

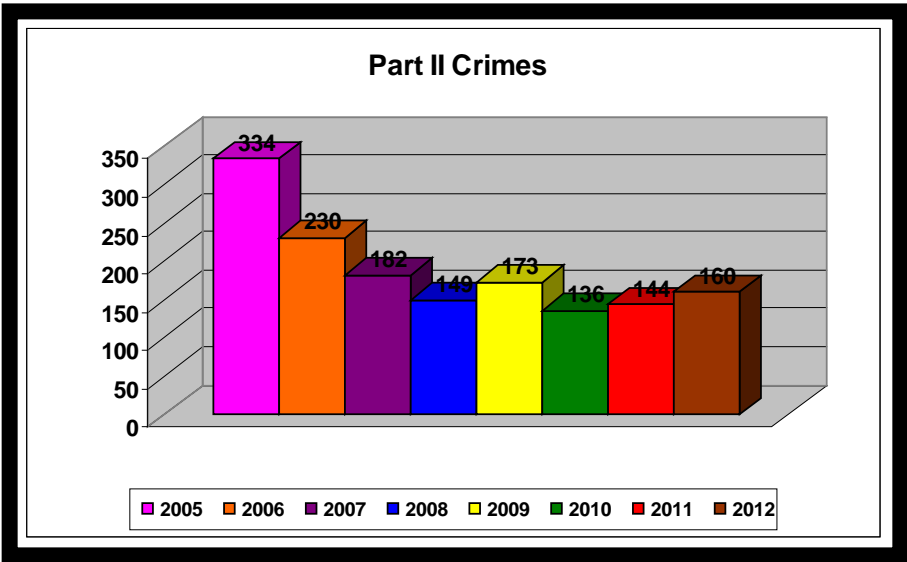
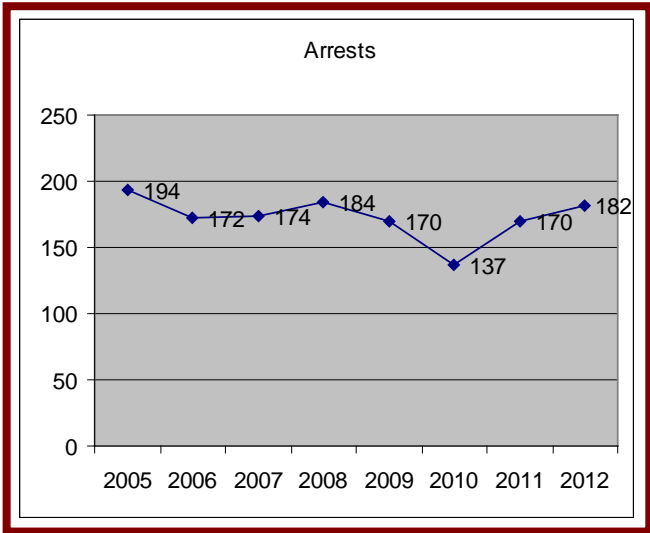
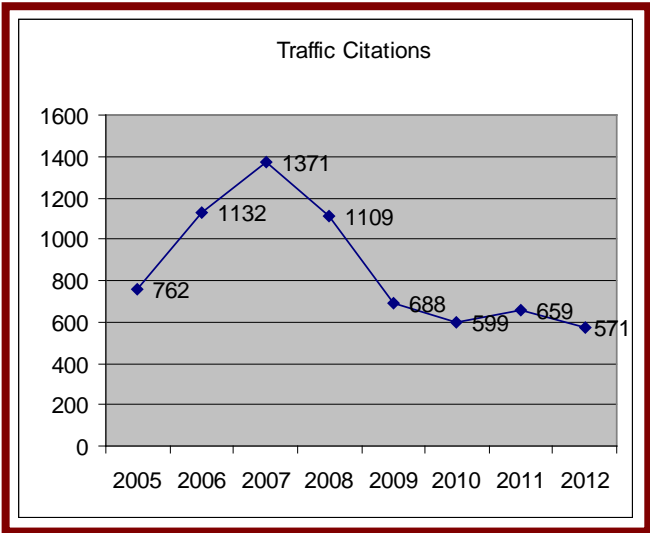
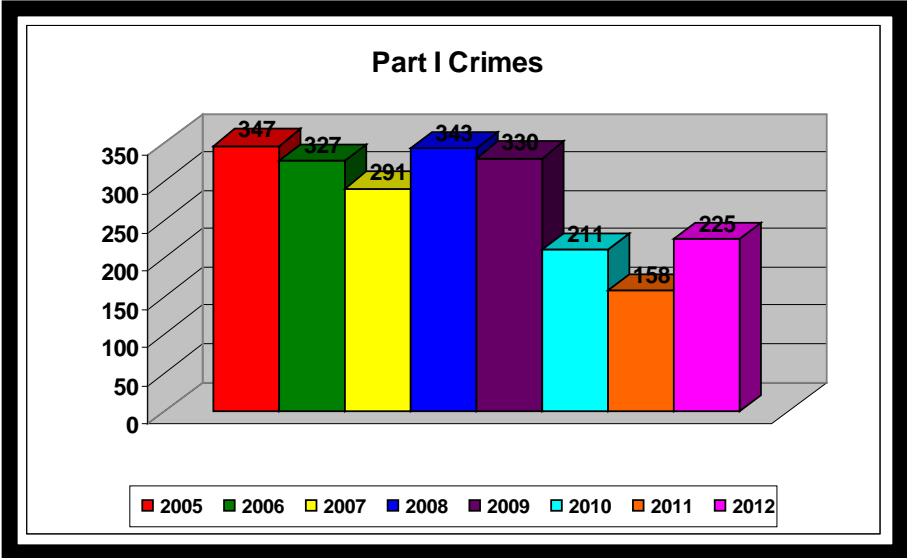


Every year the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) collects and maintains statistical crime data from every police agency in the United States. This information is then made available to the public in the form of a report.

This practice is known as Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). In Pennsylvania, police agencies across the Commonwealth submit their UCR data to the Pennsylvania State Police on a monthly basis. The state police then submit all UCR data occurring in Pennsylvania to the FBI.

The most common data is broken down into two categories, Part I and Part II crimes. Part I crimes are more serious offenses such as homicide, rape and robbery. Part II crimes consist of less serious offenses such as vandalism, disorderly conduct and driving under the influence. The Edgewood Police Department is proud to report that our Part I and Part II crimes occurring in the Borough of Edgewood are generally well below the national averages.

OFFENSE	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
PART I CRIMES								
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	11	12	5	6	7	5	5	5
ASSAULTS	5	10	6	7	11	8	10	14
BURGLARY	28	27	16	9	19	15	13	13
LARCENY/THEFT								
SHOPLIFTING	180	168	175	199	212	116	55	110
ALL OTHER TYPES	105	97	85	114	78	64	72	69
VEHICLE THEFTS	18	10	3	7	3	3	3	13
ARSON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL PART I	347	327	291	343	330	211	158	225
PART II CRIMES								
OTHER ASSAULTS	7	5	1	2	1	0	0	2
VANDALISM	53	47	31	22	36	30	27	42
WEAPONS OFFENSES	9	2	5	4	2	1	2	1
SEX OFFENSES	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2
DRUG OFFENSES	27	18	11	11	13	8	11	13
DUI	15	15	24	42	30	16	31	18
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	82	74	45	32	40	41	33	44
ALL OTHER	140	68	64	35	48	38	39	38
TOTAL PART II	334	230	182	149	173	136	144	160
GRAND TOTAL (PI & PII)	681	557	473	492	507	347	302	385



2012 Training

Each year our police officers participate in many law enforcement training updates and classes. All police officers are required by the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to attend annual legal updates, as well as perform an annual firearms qualification, in order to maintain their police officer certifications.

The Edgewood Police Department goes above and beyond the mandatory training requirements established by MPOETC. We are committed to providing our officers with the proper training to carry out their duties, effectively and safely. Our commitment to training goes hand in hand with our dedication to provide a professional approach to law enforcement in the Borough of Edgewood.

Course Title	Officer(s) Attending	Course Hours	Total Hours
Legal Updates	All Officers	16	192
Firearms Qualification	All Officers	4	48
Rifle qualification	All Officers	2	24
MDT Recertification	All Officers	2	24
TASER Instructor Recertification	Ofc. Crow	16	16
Colt Armorers Course	Ofc. Crow	24	24
NRA Patrol Rifle Instructor	Ofc. Crow	40	40
BAC Datamaster (DUI Breath Test Operator)	Ofc. Susalla	32	32
Incident Command & Active Shooter Training	Sgt. Kaskie, Ofcs. Libell, Wyke, Ferguson, Chrise, Crow, Markus, Susalla	16	128
IALEFI Master Instructor Development School	Ofc. Crow	24	24
Interviewing I - IV	Ofc. Ferguson	32	32
Advance Patrol Rifle	Ofc. Markus	16	16
Search & Seizure	Ofc. Markus	8	8
Patrol Statistics	Ofc. Markus	8	8
Life Flight Class	Ofc. Markus	4	4
Responding to Highway Emergencies	Ofc. Markus	4	4
Patrol Tactics	Ofc. Markus	8	8
		TOTAL	632



- 2011 Training Hours - 724
- 2010 Training Hours - 452
- 2009 Training Hours - 532
- 2008 Training Hours - 330
- 2007 Training Hours - 723
- 2006 Training Hours - 364
- 2005 Training Hours - 590

Pittsburgh Pirates Tribute



During the 2012 Major League Baseball season the Pittsburgh Pirates paid tribute to local area police departments through their "Hometown Heroes" salute. Sergeant Kaskie and Officers Livingston and Markus were seen pictured together on the PNC Park scoreboard just prior to the game. We would like to take a moment to thank the Pirates organization for their support of our police department.



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