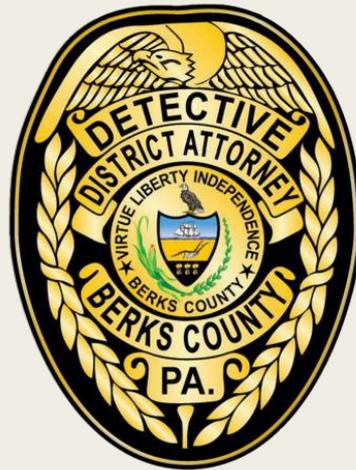


# BERKS COUNTY DETECTIVES 2018 ANNUAL REPORT





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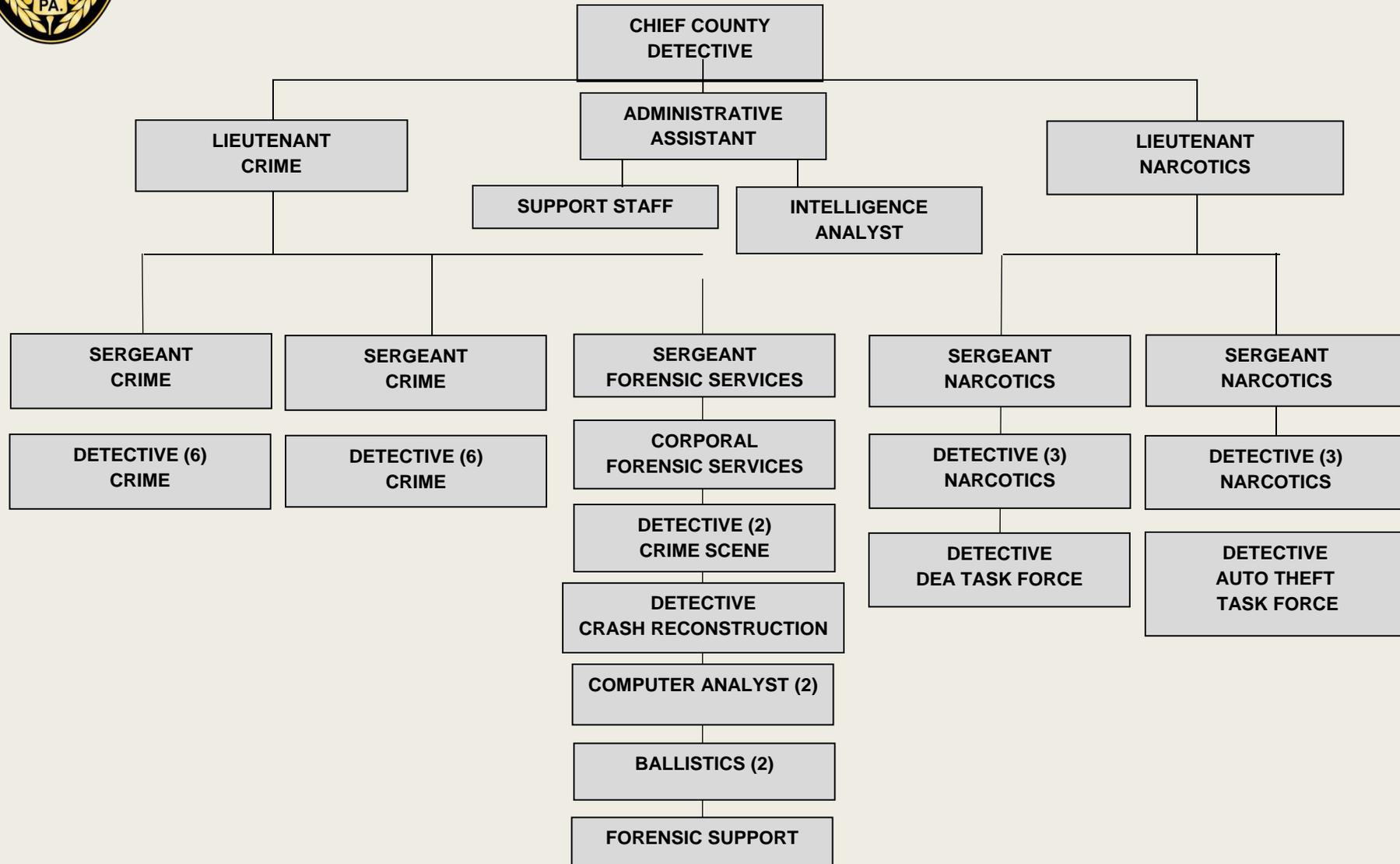
The mission of the Berks County District Attorney's Detective Unit is to investigate crimes, enforce the law, assist local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and support quality public safety by delivering respectful, professional and dependable investigative services.

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CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE: MICHAEL J. GOMBAR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: AMY L. SUNDSTROM  
CRIME LIEUTENANT: HAROLD SHENK  
NARCOTIC LIEUTENANT: NELSON ORTIZ  
DETECTIVES: 33  
COMPUTER FORENSIC ANALYSTS: 2  
SUPPORT STAFF: 4**



# TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

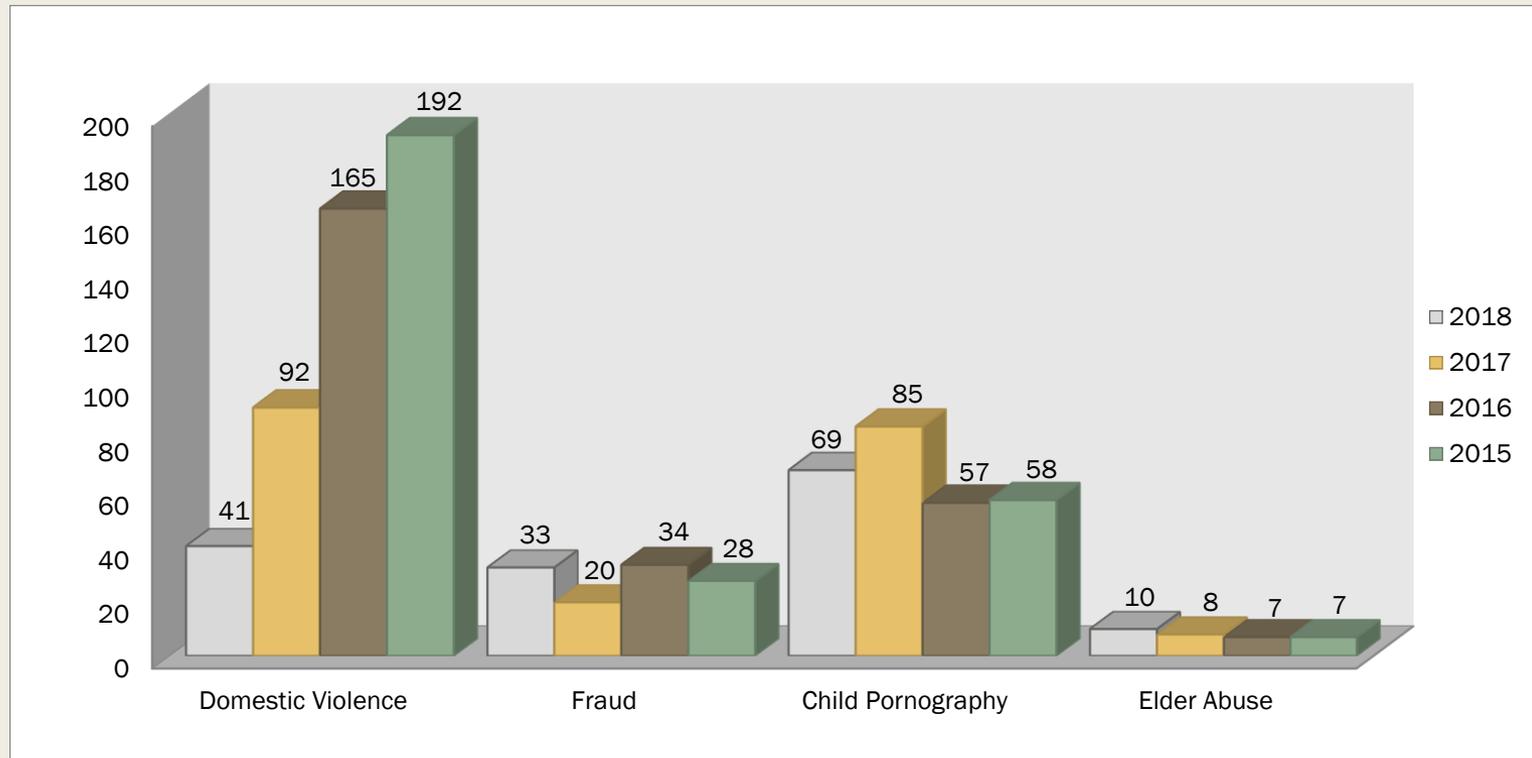




# Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Section is comprised of two distinct entities, Criminal Investigations and Forensic Services.

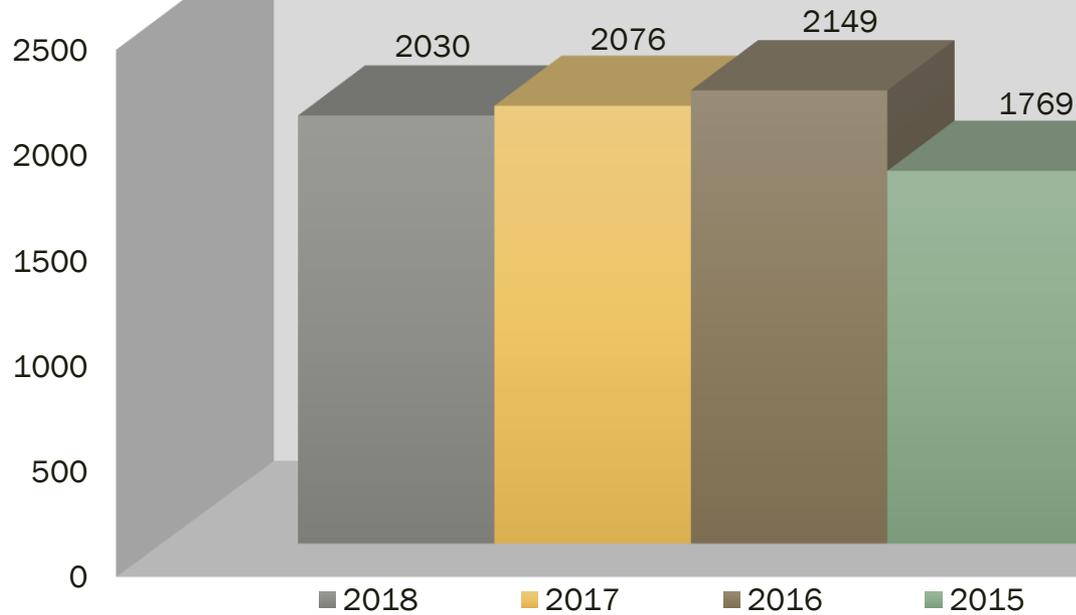
The Berks County Detectives offer their specialized services to those departments that do not have the resources and/or expertise to successfully investigate a specific crime.





# Child Abuse Investigations

Number of cases

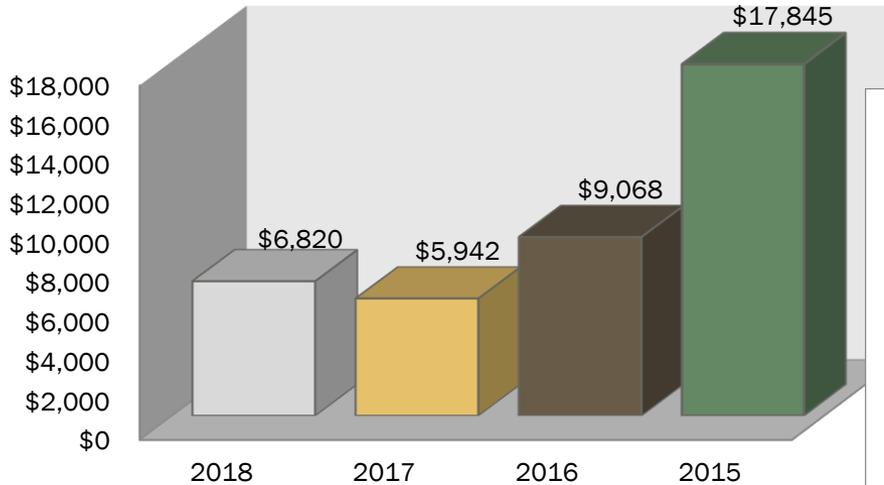




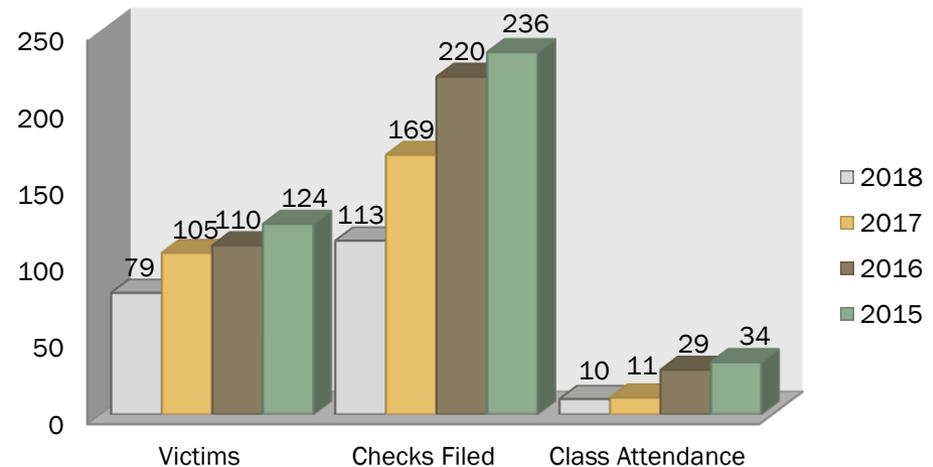
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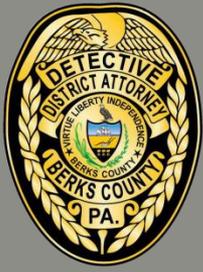
The Bad Check Restitution Program was developed to assist local merchants with bad check losses. The primary goal of the program is to obtain full restitution for the victim, without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice system. First time bad check offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory intervention class, in addition to paying restitution. All of this is accomplished without any cost to the taxpayer.

## Restitution Returned



## Bad Check Restitution Program



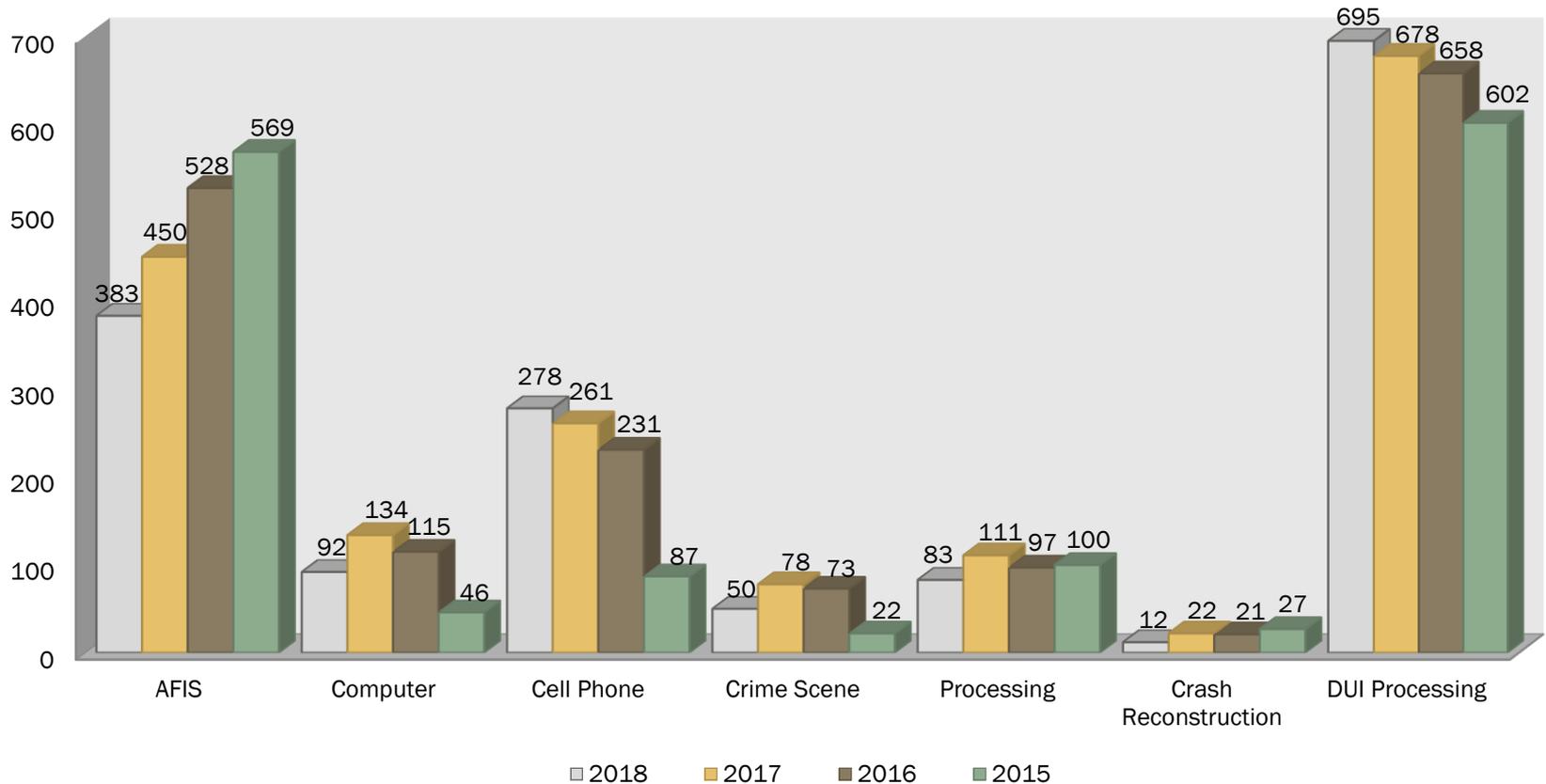


The Forensic Services Unit is led by Lieutenant Harold Shenk.

Sergeants 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

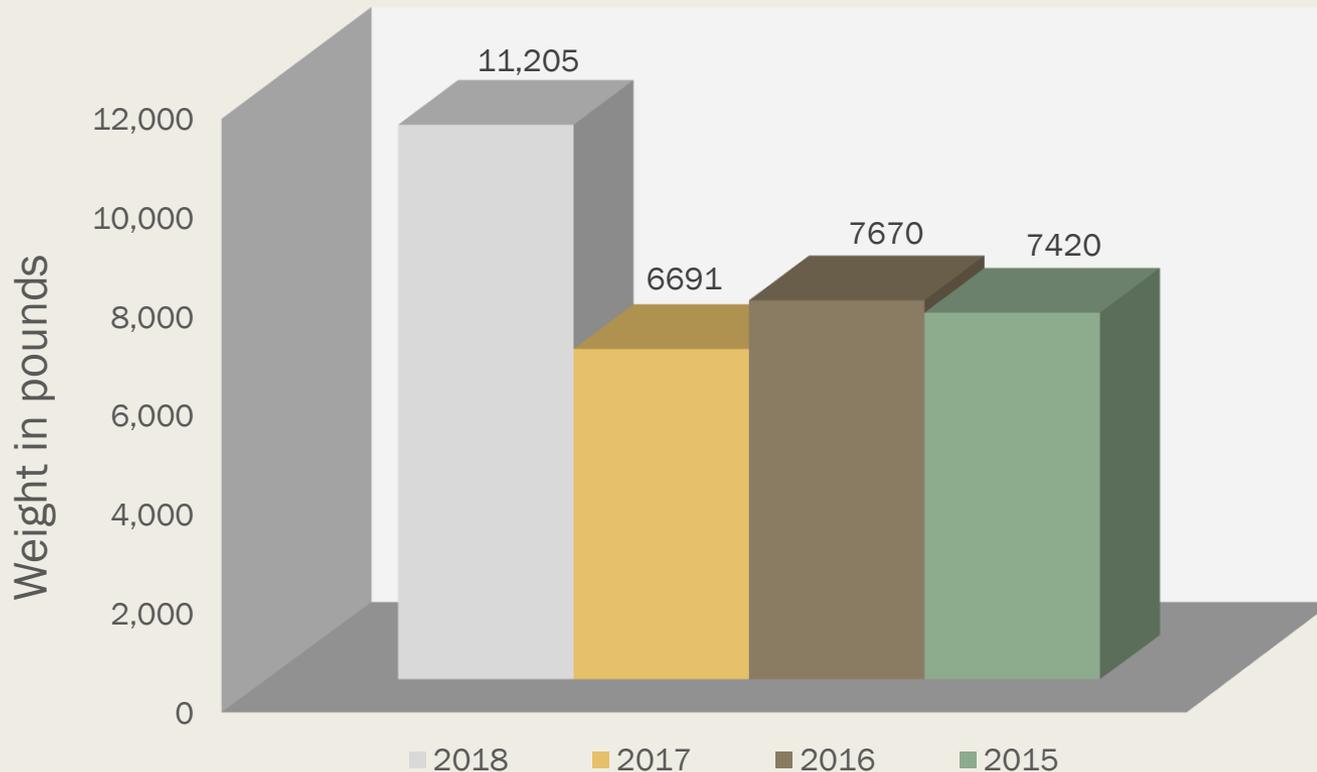
Forensic Services





# 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.





# Pharmaceutical Collections

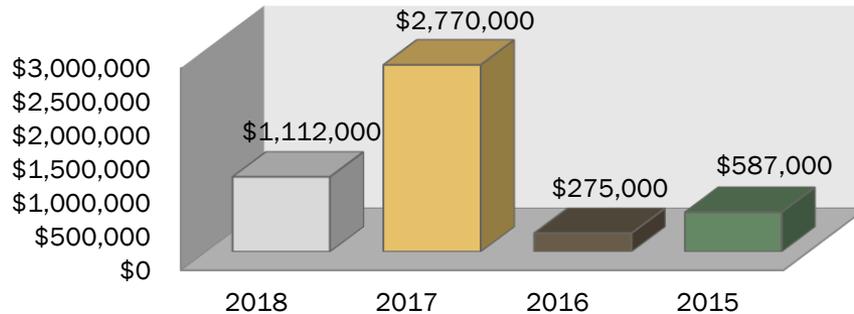
## BERKS COUNTY DROPBOX LOCATIONS

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



# Narcotic Investigations

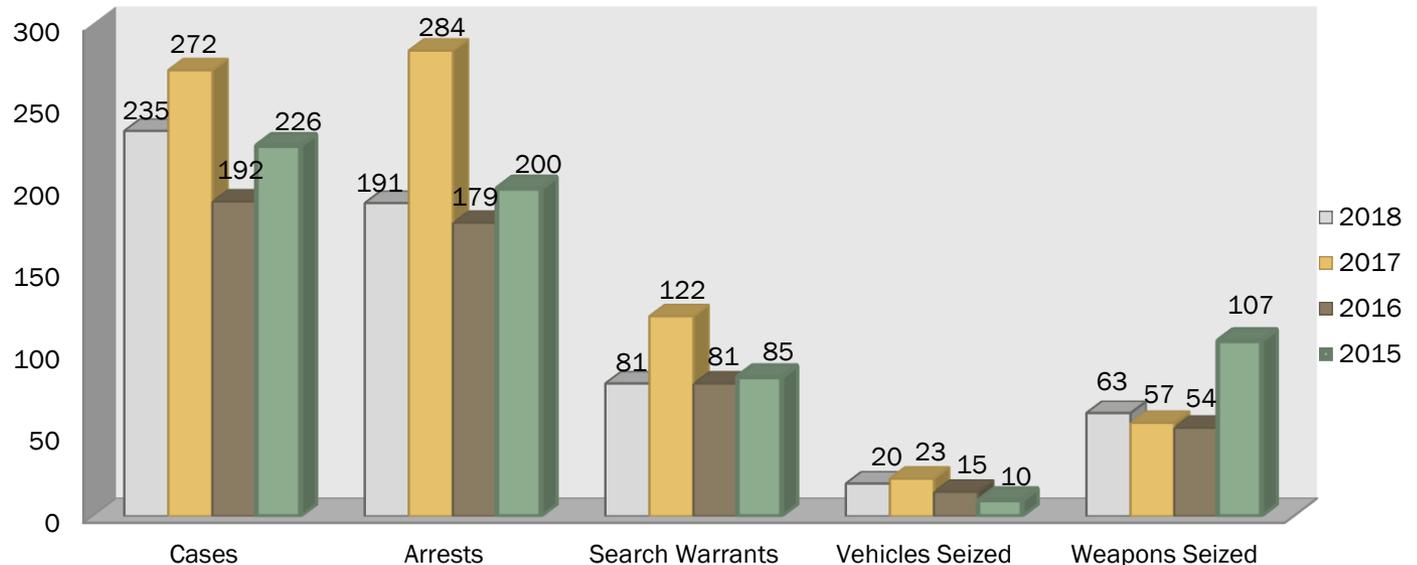
## US Currency Seized



This unit is 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. One detective is assigned to the Pennsylvania State Police Auto Theft Task Force. Another detectives is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

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

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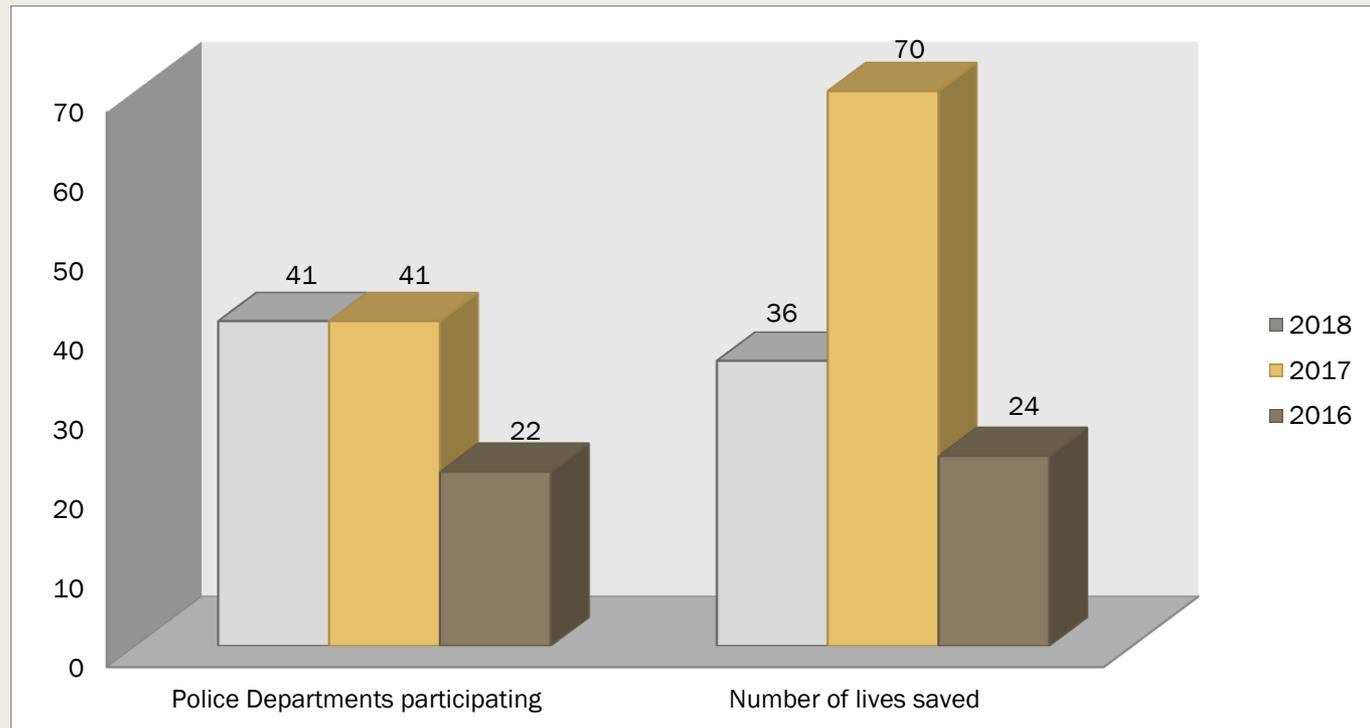




# Naloxone Program

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.

