



Mission

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Meet your KTPD



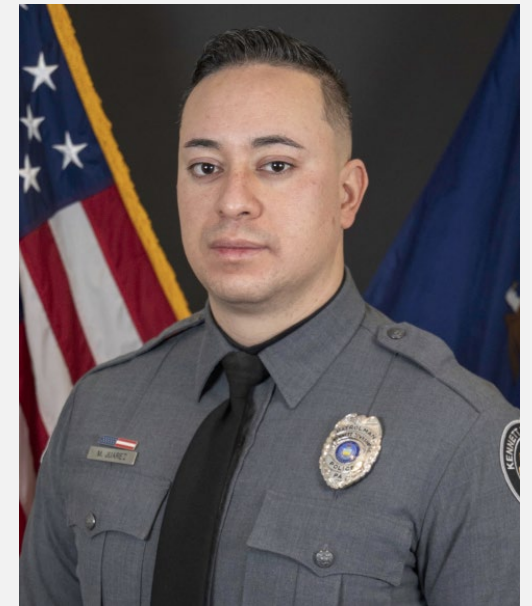
Chief Matthew Gordon
FTO, Firearms Instructor,
Low Light, Laser, and
Baton Instructor



Cpl Jeffrey Call
FTO
UCR



Cpl Amanda Wenrich
FTO
MDTF
Fl certified



Det Miguel Juarez
Bilingual
MDTF
CCRERT Negotiator

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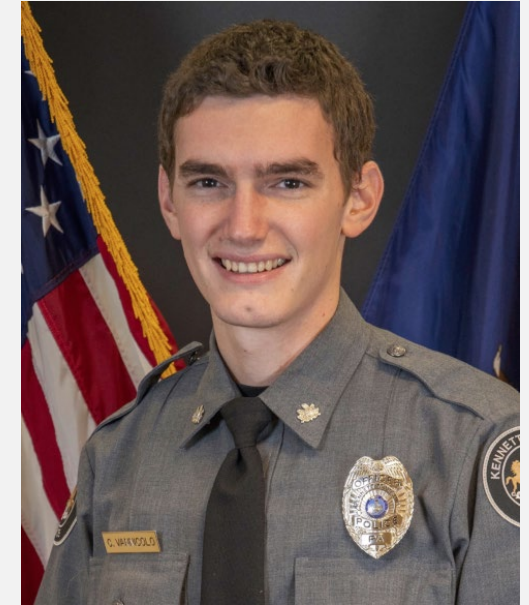
Ofc Pedro Melendez
Bilingual
MDTF, SRO



Ofc Elysia Simmons
FTO, Community
Relations Officer



Ofc Robert Dowd
Quartermaster,
Firearms Instructor,
CCRERT

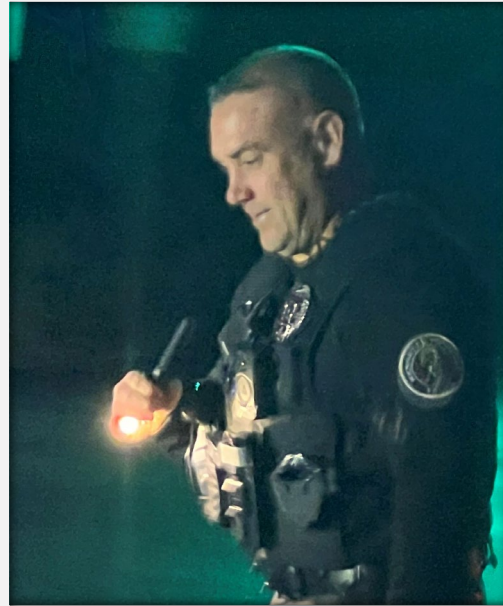


Ofc Colin Vannicolo
Defensive Tactics and
Taser Instructor

Meet your KTPD



Ofc Benjamin Thomas



Ofc David Ford
HSI First Aid,
CPR/AED Trainer



Ofc Brian Bolt
Firearms Instructor
MDTF, K-9 Handler
K-9 Instructor



K-9 Broc
Patrol, Narcotics,
MDTF

Meet your KTPD



Administrative Manager Gretchen Porterfield

Accreditation Manager

JTAC and TAC Officer

UCR

Factors in Demand for Police Services in KT

Major roadways

- Routes 1, 41, 52, 82, and Baltimore Pike
- By way of example, Route 1 carries over 38,000 cars daily on average

Proximity to major metropolitan areas

- Philadelphia
- Wilmington, DE
- Baltimore, MD
- This leads to transient criminal activity associated with travel between these areas

Large transient labor population due to “Mushroom Capital of the World”

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Longwood Gardens

- 1,077 acres that saw 1.6 million visitors in 2022
- Likely to increase in excess of 2 million visitors
- No armed security, multiple entry points, with no security options

Retiree communities and assisted living facilities

- Brandywine Assisted Living
- Kendal at Longwood

Schools

- Greenwood Elementary & Friends Meeting House

Marijuana dispensary

Incident Call Data

While many will agree that there is not a lot of crime in Kennett Township, our Police Officers are ALWAYS busy working hard in your community.

What is not usually highlighted, are the non-criminal incident calls. These are the calls that make up the backbone of our service, that go straight to the heart of our Mission and Objective:

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The objective of the Kennett Township Police Department is to improve the quality of life and enhance the community through professional law enforcement services that promote community policing...



INCIDENT CALLS		2024 (Jan-Aug)	2025 (Jan-Aug)
NON-CRIMINAL CALLS		2,396	2,611
	Alarms	134	165
	Suspicious Vehicles/Persons/Conditions	89	98
	Disturbances	76	70
	Calls to assist other agencies	714	760
	Public Service/Community Policing	147	220
	Mental Health	99	80
	Warrant Services	13	15
	Traffic Calls	290	310
	Child Abuse Allegations	12	9
	Information	447	569
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Breaking Down the Non-Criminal Calls

Community Policing: A National Model, A Local Commitment






How the Kennett Township Police Department Builds Safety, Trust & Partnership



What is Community Policing?

- Officers working with the community, not just for them
- Proactive problem-solving and prevention
- Shared responsibility between residents and police
- Transparency, accountability, and trust-building

National Advantages

-  Stronger Trust & Legitimacy
-  Improved Safety & Crime Prevention
-  Stronger Communities
-  Efficient Use of Resources
-  Resilient & Inclusive Communities

Kennett Township Police Department in Action

- Public Relations Officer – Dedicated to outreach & connection
- Community Events – Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, Trunk Or Treats, Family Fun Day...
- Partnerships – with residents, schools, and businesses
- Transparency & Accountability – Public updates, responsiveness



Thank You!