



## Juvenile Investigations Unit

**The Haverford Township Police Department** Community Policing Unit and the Juvenile Investigator were responsible for the majority of the education and investigation of juvenile matters. The unit is under the Detective Division Commander Lt Moore. The Unit is staffed by Police Officer Michael Flynn. Detective Sergeant Daniel Wallower oversees and assists with Juvenile Investigations as a secondary assignment.

**The Juvenile Unit** is tasked with investigating criminal activity that substantially involves juveniles as either suspects or victims. During 2017, 56 juveniles were petitioned to Juvenile Court with charges including Robbery, aggravated and simple assault, theft, weapons violations and drug violations.



An additional responsibility of the Juvenile Unit is overseeing the referral of juveniles to the Youth Aid Panel program. This program is designed to divert first time juvenile offenders away from the formal juvenile court system. The program is applicable to any first time offender who has committed a relatively minor offense such as a curfew violation, retail theft, underage drinking, disorderly conduct etc. This past year 104 different offenders were reviewed for our diversionary programs. The office reviewed 93 juvenile cases for eligibility in the Youth Aid Panel and there were 11 background investigations conducted by the Juvenile Detective for eligibility in the County Task Force diversionary program. Those background checks led to 19 findings of ineligibility for the applicants out of the 104 cases.

**In 2017** Officer Michael Flynn continued to assist the Youth Aid Panel program both in Haverford Township and in support of the Center for Resolutions center in Media, PA. The Center for Resolutions conducts all of the training in Delaware County for new Youth Aid Panel panelists and Officer Flynn is a presenter for that training.