

# UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ABOUT UDPD

Established in 1906, the Upper Darby Township Police Department currently has 133 officers serving a Township of roughly 87,000 residents. Upper Darby Township is 7 square miles and located on the border of west and southwest Philadelphia. The diversity of its residents is so rich that the township made its slogan “The World in One Place”.

UDPD is led by Superintendent Timothy M. Bernhardt who has filled the position since 2019.

## SUPERINTENDENT TIMOTHY BERNHARDT



# VISION & MISSION

## VISION

Superintendent Bernhardt's vision is to expand community affairs thereby creating a better relationship with the community. Dr. Everette Penn, a criminologist from the University of Houston, created the Teens and Police Service Center in Houston, Texas (2011) from a Department of Justice grant. His vision was to reduce the social distance between law enforcement and youth after a critical incident of social unrest occurred. This program aligned with Superintendent Bernhardt's goals of creating a better relationship with the community we serve.

## MISSION

In 2021 Upper Darby Police Department joined the TAPS family with the help of Dr. Penn. We have been able to engage with over 250 youth in ways we never have before. The goal of TAPS to reduce the social distance between youth and law enforcement in Upper Darby is thriving.

# 2021 UDPD TAPS

In 2021, UDPD gained partnerships for the TAPS program in the community: Upper Darby library system and Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School. We ran an 11 week TAPS Academy at the high school and once a month TAPS Summit at the library. In December 2021, we graduated 32 students from the program.



# 2022-2023 UDPD TAPS

Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School invited UDPD to return for the 2022–2023 school year but with one big change – stay the entire year and do two classes a day. We also continued our TAPS Summits at the library. This partnership with the library allowed us to reach home-schooled youth and Upper Darby public schooled youth.

The Upper Darby School District began to take notice. In April 2023 we were invited to present the TAPS program to the Upper Darby School Board.

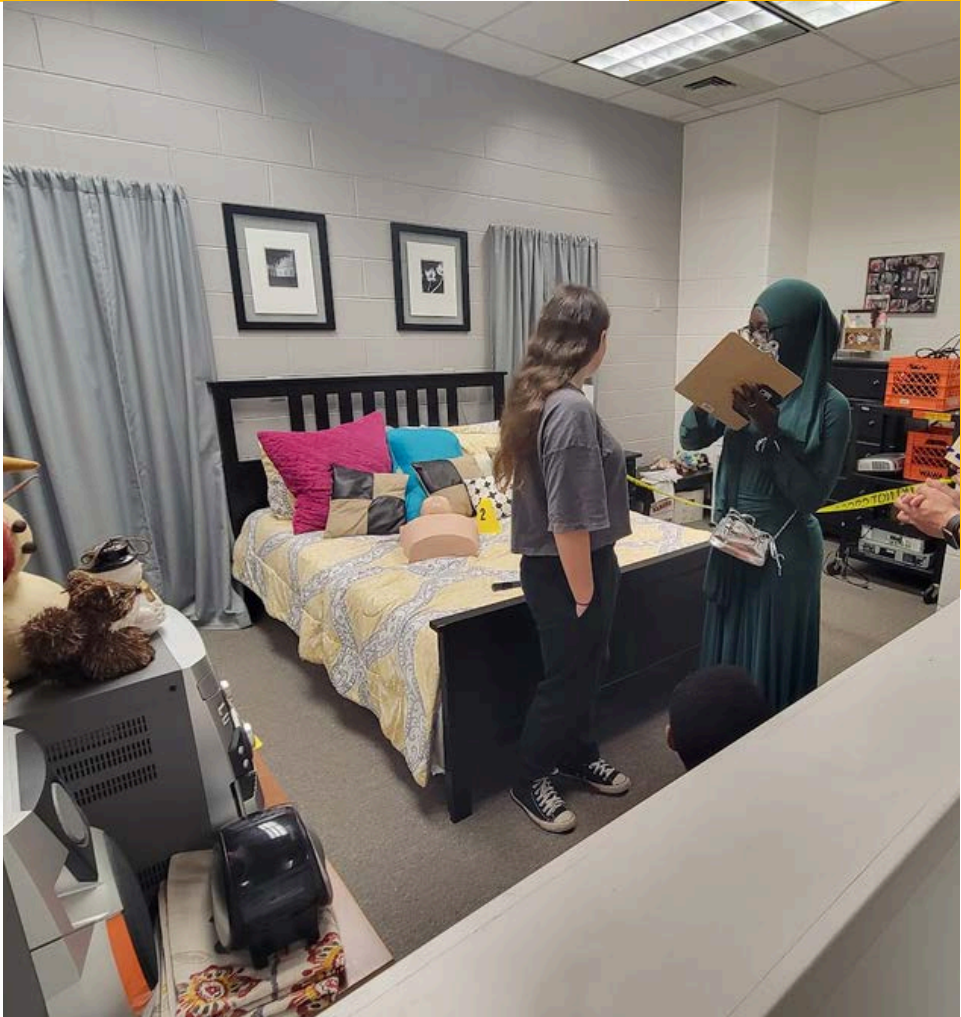


# 2023 UPPER DARBY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



# 2023-2024 UDPD TAPS

We the People  
United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union,  
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence,  
promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty  
s and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution  
for the United States of America.

A group of approximately 20 young people, members of the TAPS organization, are posed on a stage with blue LED lighting. Some are standing in the back row, while others are sitting on the steps in front. They are dressed in a mix of casual and semi-formal attire.

# SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

- Grant writing to help community – \$1000 awesome project idea
- Care packages for homeless
- Inspirational letters to homeless
- Coat drive for homeless
- Food drive and giveaway
- Stocking shelves and organizing clothes at local non-profit





# SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS



Advocacy to State Representatives with trip to Pennsylvania capitol of Harrisburg



# MEET OUR TAPS TEAM

**LT. LAINA STEVENS**



**OFC. ANTHONY BATEMAN**



# GRADUATIONS



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - UPPER DARBY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



**DR. JEAN KOSHA**



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - MONSIGNOR BONNER & ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST HIGH SCHOOL

**ANDREA CILIBERTI**



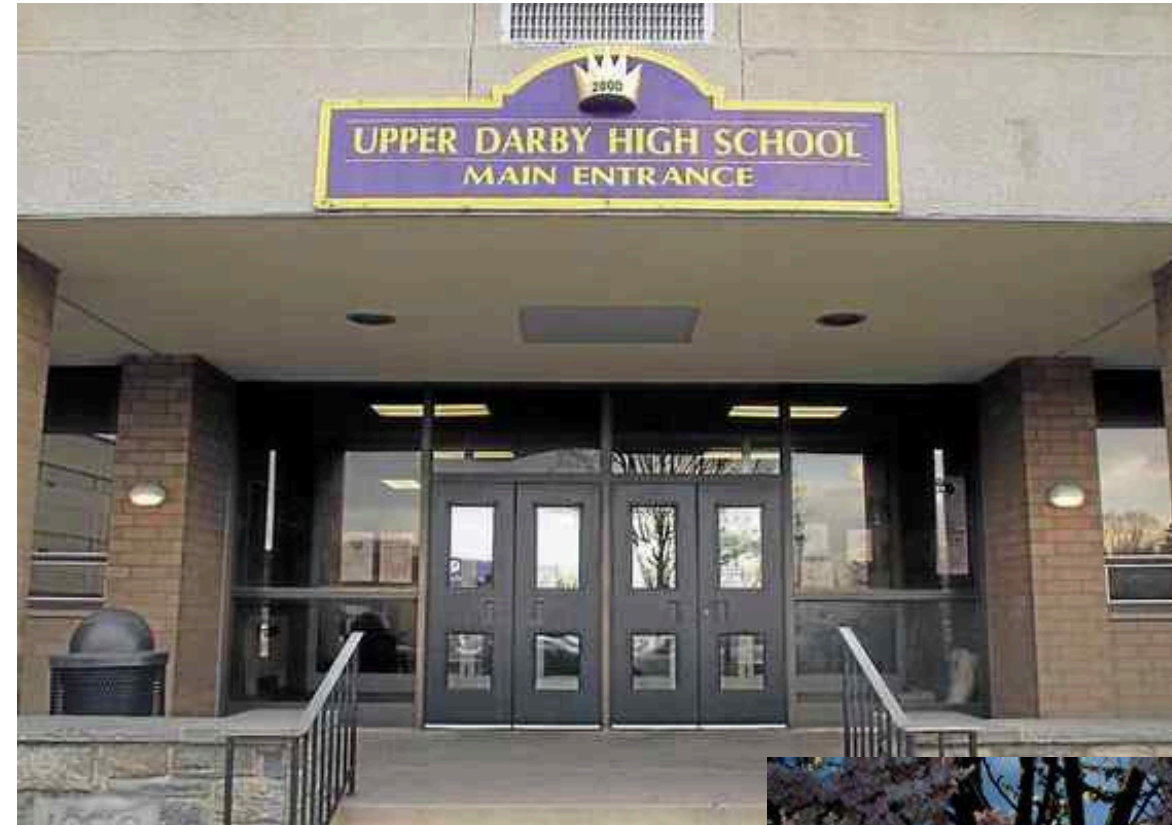
**DR. JOHN COOKE**



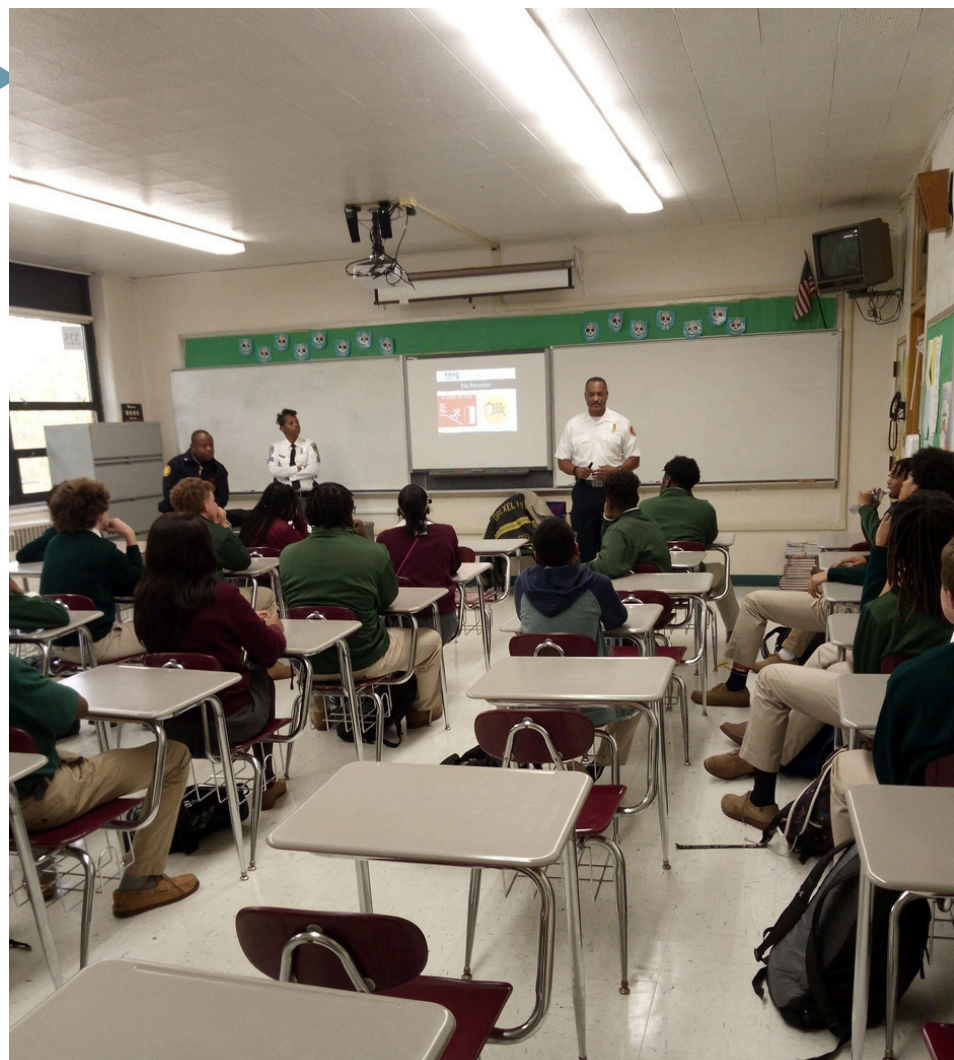
# MEET OUR VILLAGE - UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL

**SUPERINTENDENT  
DANIEL MCGARRY**

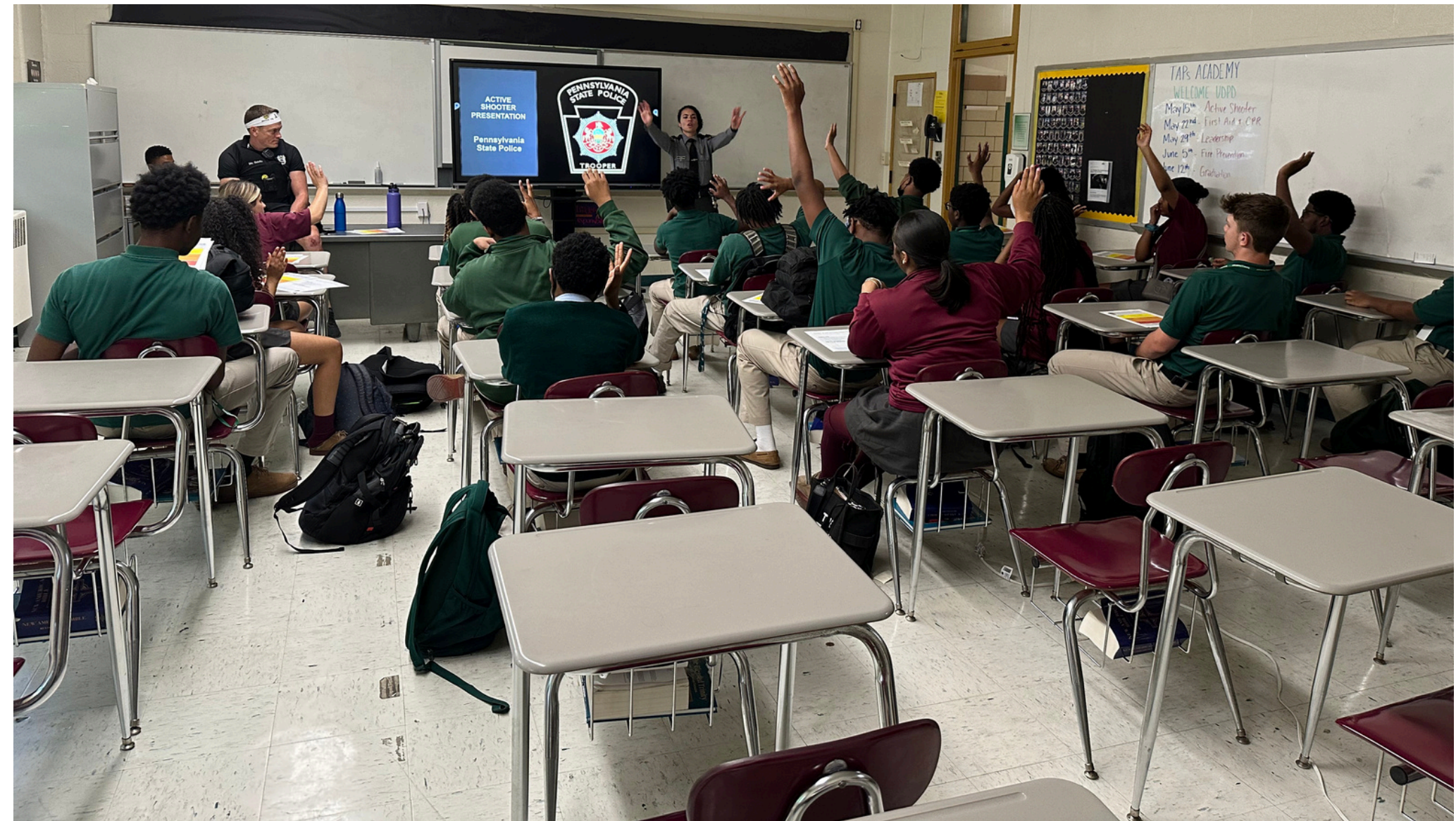
**JOSEPH KADISH**



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - UPPER DARBY FIRE DEPARTMENT



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE





# MEET OUR VILLAGE - DOMESTIC ABUSE PROJECT OF DELAWARE COUNTY



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



# MEET OUR VILLAGE - DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



# UDPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2020, Superintendent Bernhardt held a meeting with all supervisors to lay out his vision for the department. In short, he wanted to bring the department into the modern era of policing. This meant more community partnerships and expansion of the programs we were already doing. Eventually he would like the community affairs unit to be self-sustaining and separate from the department.



# THE TAPS TOUCH

Since we started TAPS in 2021, we have been able to touch the lives of 200+ young people.

Parents have signed their kids up for our class and allowed them to travel with us on field trips.

Community partners have stated that the program needs to be in the middle schools as well.



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