

Columbus, Ohio
Division of Police
2018 Annual Report
Chief of Police Kim Jacobs



Columbus, Ohio Division of Police

Year organized 1816

Personnel (As of 12/31/2018)

Sworn

Chief 1
 Deputy Chief 6
 Commander 17
 Lieutenant 57
 Sergeant 226
 Officer 1548
 TOTAL 1855

Civilian

Managers 3
 Supervisors 36
 Civilians 339
 Recruits 93
 TOTAL 471

Estimated Population (per MORPC) 880,828
 (per Census) 879,170

Percentage of sworn assigned to:

Patrol 60%
 Investigative 24%
 Support 7%
 Administrative 9%

Assets

Boats 3
 Bicycles 172
 Canines 8
 Facilities 27
 Helicopters 5
 Horses 10
 Marked vehicles 559
 Motorcycles 31
 Unmarked vehicles 426

Specialized Teams

BAC Operators 82
 Bicycle-certified Officers 355
 Crisis Intervention Team Officers 405
 Community Response Team Officers 54
 DICE/DRE Officers 51/9
 Dive Team Members 11
 Field Training Officers 195
 Hostage Negotiators 10
 Honor Guard Members 52
 SWAT 25

Emergency 911 Calls 623,002
 Non-Emergency Calls 568,509
 Total Calls for Service 1,191,511

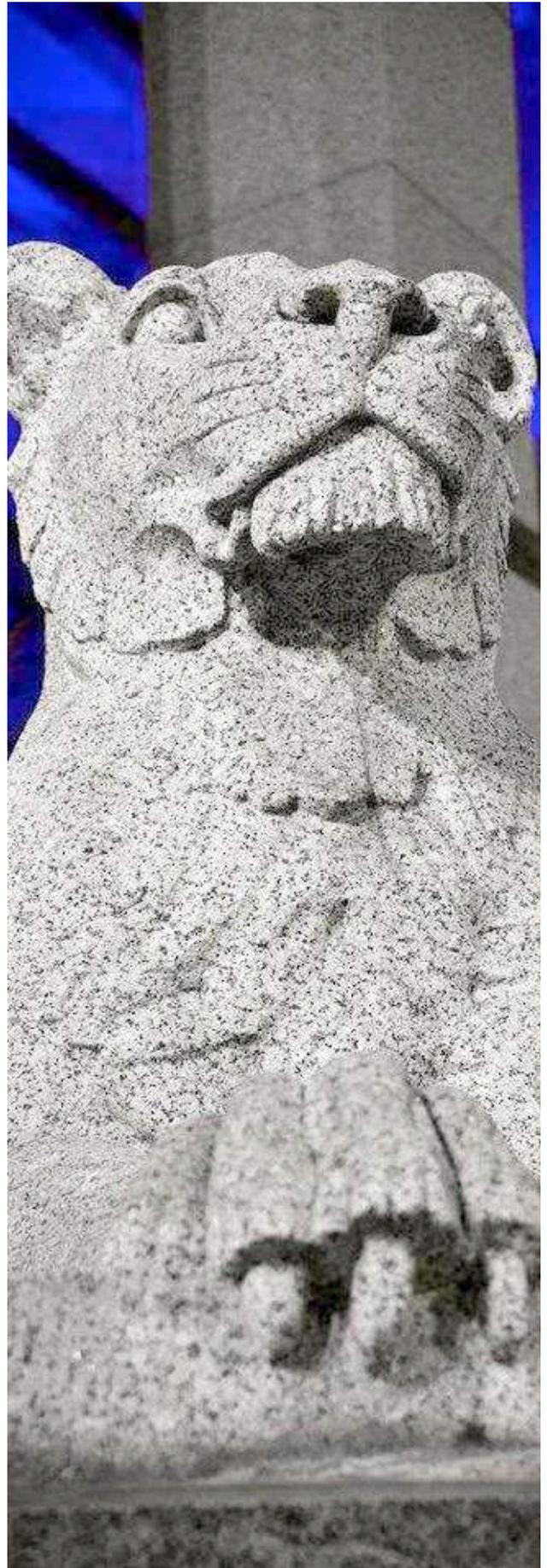


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Director's Message



Ned Pettus, Jr. PhD.
Director of Public Safety

Looking back on the past 12 months as Director of Public Safety, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Columbus Division of Police. I commend the men and women who wear the uniform for the work they do every hour - of every day - of every month, no matter what the circumstances. This Division could not flourish without them, and it's their dedication that makes the Columbus Division of Police the world-class organization for which it has been honored.

In June of 2018, the Division completed the 3 year roll-out of body worn cameras - ahead of schedule and under budget. This has been a cooperative effort between my office, the Division of Police and the Department of Technology. I want to thank the members of the Division for embracing this initiative and enduring the growing pains that occur with the rollout of new technology. As was predicted, the transparency this new technology provides has helped both the public and our officers as they perform their duties.

The Division of Police implemented many of the initiatives of Mayor Ginther's Community Neighborhood Safety Strategy.

- The Safe Streets program, which puts officers on bicycles, creating a closer dialogue with residents, was expanded in Linden and implemented in two more neighborhoods. Added this year were the Hilltop and the Southside neighborhoods. We look to expand this initiative in 2019.
- Additional officers received Crisis Intervention Training, working toward a goal of 50% of the Division's forward-facing officers being trained by 2020.
- The Division paired with Columbus Public Health and other departments on the Violent Crime Review Group to review and respond to violent crime, reviewing homicides for needed deterrent resources.
- The Community, Action, Resilience and Empowerment (CARE) Coalition followed up, providing direct services to address the trauma that families and neighbors experienced due to violent crime, empowering them to recover in their neighborhoods.
- Representatives of the Division are involved in the cross-departmental Neighborhood Crisis Response, to strengthen neighborhoods by coordinating resources to create physical deterrents of crime.
- The Mayor's Community Safety Advisory Commission was appointed and continues to meet on an aggressive timeline reviewing policies, procedures and a myriad of other topics related to the Division. We look forward to feedback, sometime in the first half of 2019, from the committee and the consultant (Matrix) tasked with doing a top-to-bottom review of the Division.

The Department also broke ground on new Police Substation #1, located at 8118 Sancus Boulevard. When completed, the new location will move the officers closer to the center of the precinct that they patrol – and the residents they serve. It will also save valuable time and provide needed resources such as a breathalyzer instrument and community meeting space. We all look forward to the dedication of this new building in late 2019 or early 2020.

Again, I salute the personnel of the Columbus Division of Police as they continue to be flexible, detail-oriented and responsive to the community we serve.

I am excited to see what 2019 brings!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Pettus Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "P".

Chief's Message

For the last time as the Chief of Police, I am proud to present the Columbus Division of Police 2018 Annual Report. I think of each annual report as if it is another chapter in the history book of this great organization. We write these stories and record the facts, numbers, and key events that happened so our readers, and our historians, will know what we accomplished and how we did it.

The 2018 chapter was full of some very notable achievements that will make a difference for many years to come. Please read about the Mobile Crisis Response Teams and their impact on our community members who need a new manner of assistance from public safety personnel. It is just one of the ways that the Division of Police has adapted to the needs of our community and been effective in the deployment of our limited resources. Our history shows that we have a never-changing mission to protect our community, but are also committed to ensuring that our strategies, methods, and policies are up-to-date, progressive, and relevant for the times. Other examples of such innovation are the Safe Streets program, the Domestic Violence Conference, AEDs in backpacks and cruisers, and a new tech/texting system to provide follow-up information to our callers.



Kimberley K. Jacobs
Chief of Police



Learning from history is the essence of our two trips to Washington D.C. in 2018. Touring the U.S. Holocaust Museum and attending its “Society and Law Enforcement-Lessons from the Holocaust” course, and also visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture has been a powerful and informative experience for those attending and gives everyone a chance to appreciate how far policing has come in regards to protecting human and civil rights. Sponsored by the Columbus Police Foundation since 2015, these trips have now given more than 200 Division personnel the opportunity to participate and be a part of a great team building and educational effort.

We were fortunate to be the host city and safety force for the exciting Women’s Final Four basketball tournament in March. Fans and visitors were all impressed with the beautiful city we serve, and Division personnel received many compliments for their courtesy and helpfulness.

2018 had its share of tremendous sadness though when Westerville Officers Morelli and Joering were killed in the line of duty on a domestic violence call. Our Division mourned along with so many others and we were again reminded of the bravery and dedication of all law enforcement officers who despite such tragedies put their health and safety at risk each and every day of their career. My respect, for all who face these dangers and demonstrate professionalism in doing so, is immeasurable.

I encourage you, our employees, our community members, and our partners in law enforcement to read this chapter of the history of the Division of Police and visit our website at www.columbus.gov/police to learn how the Division of Police is proudly serving to protect our city, persevere in the fight against crime, and perform our duties with the utmost pride.

Sincerely,


Kimberley K. Jacobs
Chief of Police

Office of the Chief of Police



Commander
Gregory Bodker
Internal Affairs



Lieutenant
Howard Pettengill
Organizational
Accountability
Aide



Sergeant
Charles Waldenga
Aide to
the Chief



Sergeant
Chantay Boxill



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Denise Alex-Bouzounis

Public Information Unit

Administrative
Subdivision

Homeland
Security
Subdivision

Investigative
Subdivision

Patrol North
Subdivision

Patrol South
Subdivision

Support
Operations
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Michael A. Woods
Administrative Subdivision



Commander Kelly Weiner
Professional Standards



Commander Robert Meader
Training



Manager Mitchell Clay
Fiscal Operations



Manager
Human Resources



Deputy Chief Kenneth J. Kuebler
Homeland Security Subdivision



Commander Christopher Bowling
Communications



Commander Joseph Schrader
Special Services



Commander Michael Springer
Traffic



Deputy Chief Timothy A. Becker
Investigative Subdivision



Commander Michael Gray
Crimes Against Persons



Commander Terry Moore
Narcotics



Commander Mark Lang
Property Crimes



Commander Alex Behnen
Special Victims



Deputy Chief Thomas A. Quinlan
Patrol North Subdivision



Commander Gary Cameron
Zone One



Commander Jennifer Knight
Zone Four



Commander Suzanne Curmode
Strategic Response



Deputy Chief Richard A. Bash
Patrol South Subdivision



Commander Rhonda Grizzell
Zone Two



Commander Scott Hyland
Zone Three



Commander Robert Strausbaugh
Zone Five



Deputy Chief Gary A. Dunlap
Support Operations Subdivision



Commander Mark Gardner
Support Operations



Manager Angela Farrington
Crime Laboratory



Manager Susan Deskins
Records Management



Manager
Technical Services

2018 Year in Review

JANUARY

Graduation

The 128th Recruit Class graduated from the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy on January 5, 2018, after completing 29 grueling weeks of classroom, firearms, scenarios, and defensive tactics training. The class was comprised of 44 officers from the Columbus (33), Dublin (4), Hilliard (3), Newark (2), Grove City (1), and The Ohio State University (1) Police Departments and had the highest ever scoring average on the state certification exam. The Columbus recruits then were assigned to four different Field Training Officers (FTOs) to complete a total of 15 weeks of on-the-job training before being given their first assignment.



New Training

From January through May, the Defensive Tactics Unit conducted Lifesaving Tactics Training for all of the Division's sworn personnel. The

training was a two-day course with the first day being held at the academy and the second day at the DSW warehouse on E. 5th Avenue. The training helped prepare Division personnel for an active shooter event by reinforcing the new tactics that officers had learned. The training involved multiple lesson plans and force-on-force scenario training. The Defensive Tactics Unit then followed up with training from September through December involving annual re-certifications, de-escalation, ambush, weapon transitions, and active shooter scenarios.



Close the Call

Since the beginning of the year, Patrol officers used a new texting system called "Notify" which was created by the Division's PoliceNet personnel. "Notify" works via the MDC and allows officers to contact callers via text message to advise them of the resolution of their incident. Officers regularly provide information to bystanders and others who may not be involved but who nonetheless care about what was happening in their neighborhood. "Notify" gives officers an easy way to communicate with callers.

Use of the "Notify" system is voluntary, but it is believed this technology can become a superb method of communication and will provide numerous benefits including a higher satisfaction level for our citizens/callers, more callers reporting suspicious activity (because they get feedback and a feeling of being "heard"), a reduction in the number of citizen complaints and more compliments for our personnel.

Facts Matter

On January 20, 2018, at 4:50 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a North High Street location on a call of an individual who was suicidal and armed with a knife. A bystander took a picture of the scene because the officer had his gun drawn but concealed behind his leg as he conversed with the distraught male. The picture went viral on social



media with negative comments until the Division quickly put out the facts in order to educate the public that reality and perception can be vastly different. The officer's actions were done to defend and protect him and the public from a potentially violent situation. The distraught male was ultimately safely taken into custody without injury and transported for treatment.

In March, the Division was recognized with the first-ever “#FactsMatter” award certificate and plaque from the Officer Involved Project. The accompanying letter stated in part, “Having seen varying levels of response to divisive public issues, your own response inspired us to initiate an award to recognize police departments who take charge of an issue, committing to honesty in the face of popular opinion.

The first ever “Officer Involved Project #FactsMatter” award is proudly presented to the Columbus Division of Police.

While your response in defense of an objectively reasonable action by your officers may not always get a ‘like’ online, in this case, you’ve gotten one in the real world from us.”



Recruiting Unit Expansion

During 2018, Chief Kim Jacobs revamped and expanded the Recruiting Unit, which now includes two Columbus Police Explorer Program advisors who proactively engage with high school students and maintain that interaction throughout their high school years. The Recruiting Unit's main focus is to increase the Division's diversity while continuing to hire those individuals who are interested in law enforcement and who incorporate the values, pride and passion of the Columbus Division of Police.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusOhioPolice.Recruiting/>

FEBRUARY

Westerville Police Shooting

On February 10, 2018, Westerville Police Officers Eric Joering and Anthony Morelli were shot and killed while responding to a domestic violence call. Their deaths were a reminder of the dangers that all first responders face every day to keep their community safe -- and of the stark reality that the ultimate sacrifice is paid not just by those we lose, but by their families and friends. The Columbus Divisions of Police and Fire stepped in to ease the burden on the City of Westerville's safety forces by taking calls for service within the city and providing time for the Westerville officers and citizens to gather and grieve together. The Division of Police provided guard duty at the fallen officers' residences and the funeral homes, and Division personnel offered lodging for out-of-town officers attending the funeral. The Division of Fire covered shifts at Westerville fire stations the day of the shooting so members could attend briefings and participate in the procession from the coroner's office. The Division of Fire also covered shifts the day of the funeral. This display of unity, professionalism and compassion is the highest example of public service.

During the candlelight vigil on February 14, Officer James Parsons, from the Columbus Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, was joined by a 10-year-old named Brody who was seen bagpiping "Amazing Grace" in front of Westerville Police Headquarters after the shooting. The two of them provided a touching tribute to Officers Joering and Morelli during the vigil.



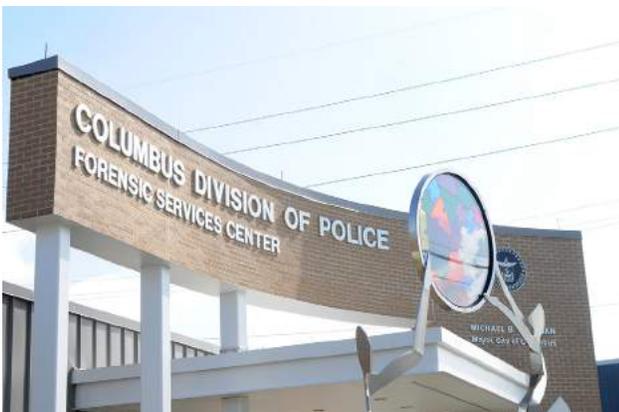
Crime Lab Accreditation

The Columbus Police Crime Laboratory has been accredited since 1999. The ANSI (American National Standards Institute) National Accreditation Board (ANAB) completed a full on-site assessment of the Division's Crime Laboratory in late February. Five non-conformance issues were identified during the assessment. Corrective action requests were

generated for each of the non-conformance issues and were remediated to the satisfaction of the ANAB lead assessor. The laboratory received notification from ANAB regarding the successful completion of the assessment process, with the Crime Laboratory's accreditation being renewed to June 30, 2022. The Crime Laboratory is accredited to the following standards:

- ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Requirements for Testing Laboratories
- ANAB 3028 Forensic Accreditation Requirements

Accreditation is a voluntary, continuous process based on the assessment of the Division's Forensic Services Bureau's (aka Crime Lab) technical qualifications and competence for conducting specific testing activities. The assessment evaluation reviews the Crime Lab's conformance, competence, and effectiveness using a variety of assessment techniques, to



include witnessing of activities; interviewing personnel; and reviewing documents and records, such as the management system, quality assurance program, technical procedures, training programs, evidence handling, proficiency testing, competency testing, technical records, reports, validations, audits, equipment, calibrations, and quality controls.

The full on-site assessment occurs every four years with a surveillance visit occurring on the second year of the accreditation cycle. The assessment team includes technical assessors from laboratories outside of Ohio to review each type of work performed under the scope of accreditation. The function of the assessment team is to fairly and objectively evaluate the Crime Lab's conformance, competence, and effectiveness related to all accreditation requirements.

The DNA Section enacted a new team approach to working cases, which was designed to increase productivity and efficiency by streamlining processes, and resulted in reducing the backlog of cases by 85%. Forensic Services Bureau supervisors met with the Investigative Subdivision Commanders to discuss the prioritization of DNA casework and also with a reporter who was working on a story regarding the backlog. An audit of the DNA Section was conducted at the end of February, and per the FBI's National DNA Index System (NDIS) Custodian, the section was found to be in compliance with the external audit

Crime Laboratory Manager Angela Farrington

Crime Lab Mgr. Farrington is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, and the Forensic Science Institute of Ohio. Prior to receiving her Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science from Eastern Kentucky University, Ms. Farrington completed an internship at the Columbus Police Crime Laboratory and Franklin County Morgue. During this internship, she realized her passion for forensic science would be best suited in the Drug Identification Section. She was hired as a Forensic Scientist I in the Drug Identification Section of the Columbus Police Crime Lab in 1999. Ms. Farrington was then promoted to Forensic Scientist II, and in 2005 became a Forensic Scientist III and made the supervisor of the Drug Identification Section.

In 2017, Crime Lab Mgr. Angela Farrington was honored as the Columbus Division of Police Civilian of the Quarter and also received the Mayor's Award of Excellence in Community Service for establishing a snack area at the Forensic Services Bureau which to date has resulted in the donation of over \$7000 to local charities.

requirements and the FBI Director's Quality Assurance Standards. A new Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) server was installed and upgraded to the newest version provided by the FBI, which is utilized by the DNA Section personnel to aid in the investigation of crimes. In 2018, there were 639 matches linking suspects to crimes, as well as linking together serial crimes.

The Forensic Services Bureau was awarded three grants in 2018 that will be used to fund improvements to the Crime Laboratory in 2019, to include:

- A \$430,000 grant from the federal government for the DNA Section, which was a competitive grant and the funds are slated to be used to purchase two expanded extraction instruments, three quantification instruments, two amplification instruments, an automated liquid handling robot, validation services, and a state-of-the-art screening system.
- The DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Act award of \$265,033, which will allow the Crime Laboratory to purchase the supplies and DNA amplification and quantitation kits that are necessary for DNA analysis. Several training opportunities for DNA Section personnel will be funded by this grant.
- The Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act award of \$30,851.47, which will be used to fund training for the Division's Quality Assurance, Drug Identification, and Firearms Sections of the Forensic Services Bureau. An additional Coverdell award of \$29,420.26 that is specified for laboratories to use in the opioid abuse crisis will be used to partially fund the purchase of LabX software for the Drug Identification Section.





MARCH

Ohio State University Sustained Dialogue

On March 22, 2018, hundreds of students at The Ohio State University joined dozens of law enforcement personnel for dinner at the Ohio Union to discuss any and all police-related topics and open the lines of communication. Discussions included how the media portrays police situations, community interaction, race relations and recruiting. While some officers came in uniform, others wore plain clothes in an attempt to show students the person behind the badge.

#voicetheyours

#policedialogue

#TogetherIsBetter

#CPD

#The Ohio State University Police Division

APRIL

Retirement

Commander Suzanne Curmode retired on April 6, 2018, after a 33-year career. Commander Curmode joined the Division on November 18, 1984, as a member of the 64th Recruit Class and started her career as an officer on 11 precinct. After being promoted to sergeant in 1990, she held assignments in Patrol and the Communications Bureau. She was promoted to lieutenant in 1997 and to commander in 2001.

As a commander, she held assignments in the Narcotics Bureau, Patrol, and the Strategic Response Bureau. Officer Joe Curmode III, the son of Commander Curmode and Sergeant Joe Curmode joined the Division in July 2015 to carry on the family tradition of public service.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The second week of April is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and is a time to recognize and thank all of the individuals who work in Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) centers aka Radio Rooms.

"We want to THANK YOU for what you do! Our professions go hand in hand. Law enforcement is able to serve the city because of dispatchers who are as dedicated to their craft as we are to ours.

We thank you for translating the chaotic situations and calls you get into useful information allowing us to do our job. Thank you for making sense of 15-20 officers talking at once and getting each one the information/help they need.

Most of all thank you for keeping us safe out there and being the one voice we know will get us what we need when we need it most!

10 B Company appreciates each and every one on the other end of the radio! Have a great week!"

- Officer Joshua Rhoads



Social Media Interaction

Social media interaction occurs using the Division's social media channels and at times, using the Twitter feed of the bureau commander. In October 2017, a PSA video titled "**When NOT to Call 911**" was created and posted to the Division's YouTube channel. The video was about how non-emergency calls to 911 can tie up the emergency lines and prevent those who need emergency assistance from getting through and was also designed to provide education about the Division's non-emergency telephone number. At the time of publishing the 2017 Annual Report, the video had over 4.8 million views on YouTube....now the video has had over **18.9 million views** and the number continues to climb showing that it continues to serve as a source of education about the proper use of 911. www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWZM1WgwWVI

Radio Quiet Room

The Division's dispatchers and call takers have to be alert, attentive, and accurate to assist citizens during emergencies or serious situations. The community and officers rely on them to obtain the necessary information and dispatch it promptly and correctly. The Division's Industrial Hygienist, Iris Velasco, assisted the Communications Bureau personnel in redoing their Quiet Room, which provides the dispatchers and call takers a place to get away during their down time to regroup, relax and revitalize for a few minutes, especially since they often have to work longer shifts of up to 16 hours.



Here are the other changes Iris made:

- Repaired walls and painted light blue
- Added coloring meditation poster (left wall) and markers
- Added heat/massage cushion (left chair)
- Added noise machine with sounds like ocean, rain, etc.
- Added flickering fireplace lightbulb (back)

MAY

DWAVE Communication Placard

The Sexual Assault Section reached out to Training Bureau personnel to assist with a project to improve the Division's interaction with the deaf community, specifically DWAVE (Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere). The concept was to create a communication placard for the deaf community to utilize when engaging with law enforcement. Officer Melissa Pagnanelli was assigned the project and began working with DWAVE to produce a placard for citizens to carry above the visor in their vehicles or on their person. The placard was submitted for approval and received the endorsement of the Franklin County Chiefs' Association.

Somali Community Outreach

On May 16, 2018, Officers Josh Wright, Ed Reichenbach, Khaled Bahgat and Eric Jones took part in a town hall meeting at the Heritage Apartments in northwest Columbus to further open the lines of communication with the Somali community. The officers spoke on topics ranging from residential and personal safety to police procedures and recruiting.



A New Tradition

The longest-serving current retiree, Lt. Karl Barth, presented badge set #1816 (the year the Columbus Police began) to the most junior officer, Angela Barney, attending the Annual Recognition Dinner, and passed along a few words of wisdom.



JUNE

OSU Football Players Ride with Officers

As part of the ride-along program, a few football players from The Ohio State University tagged along to experience a day in the life of Columbus Police officers. Ride-alongs are open to the public and many people participate in ride-alongs to see if law enforcement could be their future career. It's an eye-opening experience!



Community Impact—Shutting Down a Drug House



After receiving information from residents at a Linden community meeting about a suspected drug house, the Linden Safe Streets officers immediately prioritized the location as a problem and went to work to address the residents' concerns. Working with the Safe Streets officers, Narcotics Bureau In-Tac officers obtained probable cause for a search warrant. On the day of the raid, 11 occupants were inside the home and one was arrested for felony charges and a misdemeanor warrant. Officers seized one handgun, one stolen shotgun, drugs (cocaine, heroin, and marijuana) and \$204 in cash. Code Enforcement officers responded to the scene and targeted the house for abatement in an effort to ensure criminal activity does not return.

The most interesting part of this success is that after In-Tac officers entered the home and made the arrest, and while neighbors watched as the officers closed down the drug house, Safe Streets officers passed out candy to all the children who were on the street watching the activity. The officers even allowed the kids to look inside the In-Tac van used for these kinds of entries.

Mobile Crisis Response Teams

The Division partnered with Netcare to have four licensed mental health clinicians ride with four officers during a six-month pilot project involving Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) Teams. The two-person teams responded to certain calls for service involving individuals experiencing mental health issues and later followed up with the individuals. The teams operated seven days a week between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. The primary focus was on Zones 2 and 3 but, if available, the teams responded to any part of the city. Additionally, Patrol officers emailed the MCR Teams about individuals they believed would benefit from follow-up. The pilot project was a success as the MCR Teams had over 2,000 contacts during the original six-month timeframe.



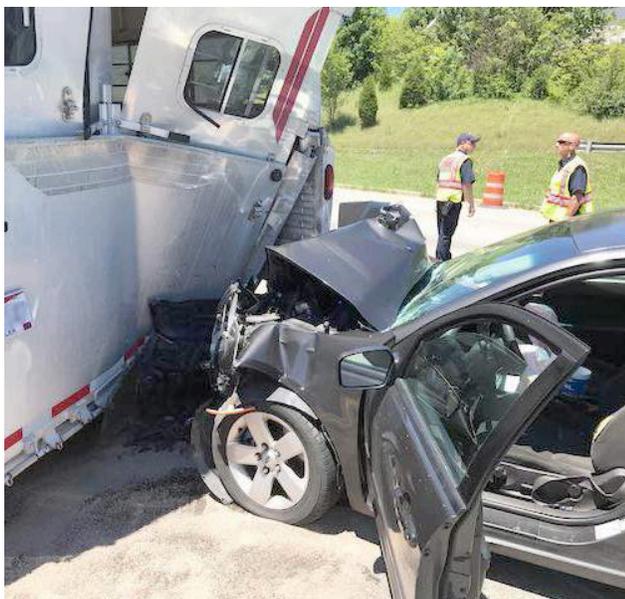
JULY



AEDs and Backpacks

The First Responder Face-Off Foundation donated portable AEDs and backpacks to the Division, and they were deployed during the city's Red, White & Boom celebration. The devices are stored in the Emergency Operations Center and are available during large events where it may be difficult to get a medic to a victim quickly.

An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.



Patriotism

After a Franklinton citizen saw a neighbor raising a rather worn American Flag, the citizen used social media to ask if anyone could provide a new flag. Community Liaison Officer Kelly Shay shared the post, and Officers Todd Meyers and Nathan Fenton took action. Officer Meyers procured a new flag and he and Officer Fenton delivered it and replaced the old flag. It appears an unknown citizen familiar with the story took a photo while the officers were there. Simple acts of kindness go a long way!



Helping Hand/Hoof

Mounted Unit Officers Jon Shoopman and Sandy Silva responded to assist officers at the scene of an injury accident on I-70 at 18th Street. The accident involved a horse trailer, loaded with several horses, that sustained disabling damage. The officers brought the Mounted Unit's trailer to the accident scene so the owners could offload their horses from the damaged trailer into the Division's trailer. The officers then took the horses to the Mounted Unit facility until the owners could arrive with another trailer and take custody of them.



Summer Camp

Every year, the Columbus Divisions of Police and Fire partner with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to put on a Summer Camp so kids can learn about policing and fighting fires. Also, as part of the camp, there is a session on anti-bullying, which gives kids and parents something to talk about.

Working Together
 After a series of shootings in South Linden, Criminal Intelligence Unit Officer Lowell Smittle assisted Patrol officers who were working the Summer Safety Initiative by helping them process felony arrests of violent offenders. During June and July, Detective Smittle processed the arrests of subjects out of 52 separate incidents. Both state and federal charges were filed against some of the suspects. In addition to various types of drugs, 53 guns and over \$27,000 in cash were recovered.

AUGUST

Grenadier Program

The Division held several classes to train officers to become grenadiers. The grenadiers are taught how to handle various munitions and respond to civil disorders. The Division plans to have at least three dozen officers from various assignments who are active grenadiers and available to respond promptly.

Pelotonia

Pelotonia is an annual event that raises money to fight cancer in central Ohio. Deputy Chief Rich Bash allowed the Division's bicycle officers who wanted to participate in the event to make it their assignment for the day. The officers picked up their bikes and reported to 8/16 Substation in uniform. They rode to provide support and assistance along the 25-mile route from Central Police Headquarters to Pickerington North High School.





SEPTEMBER

Holocaust and Civil Rights Training

The Columbus Police Foundation sponsored two more training trips to Washington, D.C. in June and September for Division personnel to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Museum of African American History & Culture. The participants were selected from across the ranks and years of seniority and both sworn and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending, submitted their name and a short narrative explaining why.

The participants travelled via charter bus and made a brief stop at the United 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania en route to Washington. Participants were provided an article about the Holocaust to read prior to the trip, and "Night" by Elie Wiesel was recommended if personnel wanted additional reading matter on the subject. During the bus ride, Division personnel watched documentaries on the Holocaust and the United 93 crash, as well as a film titled "Race" about Jesse Owens and the 1936 Berlin Olympics.



To view a video of our Washington D.C. trip, click [here](#).

While in Washington, the Division personnel were given guided tours at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and participated in a training program entitled, "Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust." This program was established in 1999 and more than 100,000 law enforcement officers have completed this program. The next day, participants visited the National Museum of African American History & Culture. These tours enable Division personnel to examine their profession in a new light by exploring the history of the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement and better understanding the implications for law enforcement today. Program discussions focus on choice, human rights, individual responsibility, and maintaining core values.

Zone 4 Distracted Driving Enforcement Project

During the month of September, Zone 4 personnel promoted September's Safe Driving Awareness Month through concentrated enforcement of the Distracted Driving law. The focus was on improving public safety, and through enforcement actions, the goal was to educate public motorists on the dangers of distracted driving and to reduce the number of distracted driving-related accidents. One sergeant and seven officers were assigned to the project. The team of officers made 576 traffic stops and issued 245 verbal warnings and 331 traffic citations. This successful project was a great opportunity to educate the public on the dangers of distracted driving and the law.

Tourniquets Save Lives

On September 15, Officer Mary Panaggio was on her way home in her personal vehicle when she came upon a serious accident on Winchester Pike on the bridge over 33. Officer Panaggio aired she needed a medic for a serious injury. Officer Thomas Pezzott, who was also on his way home, stopped to assist Officer Panaggio.

The victim has been operating a motorcycle when another vehicle traveling the opposite direction went left of center and struck the motorcycle. Before the medics arrived, the officers put a tourniquet on the victim's leg that was barely attached. The victim was transported to the hospital in critical condition. Two weeks after the traffic crash, the victim contacted the Division and was able to meet the officers who saved his life.

The Division sincerely thanks the Columbus Police Foundation for their generous donations of tourniquets, which have helped officers save many lives.



OCTOBER

6th Annual Memorial Run

On October 6, Columbus Division of Police Honor Guard hosted the 6th Annual Memorial Run and the 2018 honorees were Officer Dwayne Little and Officer Jason Jackson, both of whom are battling Stage 4 cancer.

**Photos and amazing artwork by Marc Thomas*



New Police Substation

On October 10, the City of Columbus broke ground on the Far North Neighborhood Policing Center. This facility will become home to the officers who work on 1 Precinct and Zone 1 midwatch patrol. Moving these two units into this shared location will improve the Division's response times for patrol coverage north of I-270, one of the fastest developing areas of Columbus.

Retired Chief James G. Jackson

On October 30th, Chief James G. Jackson was inducted into the City of Columbus Hall of Fame.

Chief James G. Jackson served the Columbus Division of Police for 51 years, and was the City's first African-American police chief when he was appointed in 1990. Chief Jackson was an active proponent of equal opportunity and had a long and remarkable career with the Division. The James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy was renamed as a tribute to Chief Jackson who dedicated his life to the Division of Police and the residents of Columbus.



Domestic Violence Awareness and Conference



Division officers respond to domestic violence and dispute calls 47 times a day (more than 17,000 times a year) and these calls result in about 10 homicides in the City of Columbus each year. Domestic Violence arrests account for the largest percentage of arrests made by officers. This is a crime that affects thousands of children each year and often the victims live with their abusers.

The Division uses a Lethality Assessment to help the victims understand how much danger they are in. Officers take photographs to document evidence of injuries that may later be minimized by the scared victim in court. They take reports and make arrests because sometimes that is the only time that the victim may be able to escape. Domestic Violence occurs across all races and income levels.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness month was observed; domestic violence and intimate partner violence is still a serious problem 31 years later, and Awareness month is designed to:

- Mourn those who have died because of domestic violence
- Celebrate those who have survived
- Connect those who work to end violence

This year Division personnel participated in Domestic Violence Awareness month by wearing a purple ribbon on their uniform as a visible symbol of their efforts to end domestic violence and for the community members who have been victims. The ribbons provided officers with an opportunity to educate citizens on the effects of DV when asked what they represented.

On October 24, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Division hosted its third annual Domestic Violence Conference at the Columbus Police Training Academy. The conference brings together all of the professional disciplines that are involved with preventing and stopping domestic violence, and prosecuting those suspects committing domestic violence. The Division's Domestic Violence Unit and Training Bureau personnel coordinated the all-day conference. The 2018 conference theme was "Trauma Informed Response," and the Center for Family Safety and Healing and the Watch Guard Video Company supported the event, as part of their focus is to break the cycle of family violence, restore hope, and hold all abusers responsible. As part of the conference, there was also a one-hour civilian self-defense demonstration and training.



NOVEMBER

What a Win! What a Day!

Chief Kim Jacobs was recognized during halftime of the OSU vs University of Michigan football game at the Ohio Stadium. Chief Jacobs was an OSU track and field athlete during her college days before becoming a police officer in 1979 and beginning her 39-year career with the Division.

OSU defeated rival UM 62-39 to make the day that much more exciting for her! The Ohio State University recognized local law enforcement personnel during halftime at each of their home games during 2018, and for that we are honored.



DECEMBER

Gang Investigation

From May through December, the Division's Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) conducted another joint investigation with the Wheeling (WV) Police Department's Task Force to address a narcotic problem in which the Wheeling personnel believed that Columbus residents were transporting drugs and setting up drug houses in their area. The Wheeling detectives only had street names for the suspects, so they reached out to the CIU personnel who participated in Operation Grand Torino earlier in the year for help with identifying targets. CIU detectives developed a Confidential Informant and identified several of the suspects for Wheeling PD. The CIU detectives installed GPS devices on the suspects' vehicles to track their movement and used surveillance to establish the locations of where the suspects conducted business. Out of the investigation, 12 suspects were charged with eight of them from the Columbus area. During this investigation the Columbus suspects were found out to be associated with the Poindexter Thug Life (PTL) and Trevitt & Atcheson (T&A) street gangs.



Wall Dedication

On December 10, 2018, Zone 4 was honored to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of Officer Chris Clites with his family and friends. The officers who report to the 5 Precinct Substation, to include those working the Day and Evening Midwatch Units, rallied together and created a Memorial Wall in the roll call room of the substation to commemorate the officers who worked on 5 Precinct and gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Wall was dedicated in front of a gathering of over one hundred guests who were there to celebrate the life of Officer Clites.

Division Highlights

Softer Side of CPD

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Sally Fisher and Collins Kane collaborated to propose a softer, less institutional, interview room. Sergeant Kane extrapolated his training on the “PEACE” interview model as it relates to methods of building rapport and engaging an interviewee, while Sergeant Fisher employed her off-duty pursuit of interior design to update an interview room. Sergeants Fisher and Kane maintained that a room’s environment is an important factor which contributes to the success of an interview.



Their goal was to create a room that is aesthetically pleasing, comfortable, and free from duress or coercion, but that still portrays a professional and welcoming image so that investigators are able to build rapport with those with whom they come in contact. Upon receiving approval, the sergeants replaced the traditional sterile, metal chairs and fixed table with a couch made of durable vinyl with a center writing surface, two chairs in a coordinating stain resistant fabric, and a computer shelf. The furniture they selected is armless to accommodate physical impairments. The existing TV monitor will be mounted on the wall for body worn camera video viewing. The walls were painted in a soft gray with the accent wall in a warm teal with a canvas botanical print. IAB is hopeful this room will improve rapport and cooperation with the public at the beginning of the complaint process.

Zone 3 Directed Patrol

Zone 3’s Evening Midwatch (EMW) Unit routinely deployed directed patrols to address on-going crime issues. The directed patrol normally consisted of one or two officers working plain clothes in a plain car. Personnel assigned to the unit have continued to be invaluable in combatting crime and gathering valuable intelligence. Strategies continue to emphasize utilizing plain clothes personnel primarily for surveillance purposes with the preferred course to summons uniformed personnel when citizen/offender contacts are necessary. During the year-end summation of efforts, it was reported that the EMW Directed Patrol had its best year since inception from an enforcement statistics perspective.

ACTIVITY	2016	2017	2018
On-view Felony Arrests	22	53	92
Felony Arrests by Warrant	43	63	81
On-view Misdemeanor Arrests	5	27	43
Misdemeanor Arrests by Warrant	21	28	30
Reports/Citations/FIs	29	32	57

Highlights of the officers’ 2018 efforts:

- Thwarting a planned attempted homicide via arson by intercepting the suspect before he could follow through
- Arrests of multiple serial armed robbery suspects including recovery of firearms
- Arrests of multiple aggravated burglary suspects
- Rescue of an abduction victim taken at gunpoint and the apprehension of the offender

Marine Park

Over the last four years, the Marine Park Unit personnel have made numerous improvements to update equipment, procedures, and facilities to help carry out the unit's mission. The following are some of the improvements made during 2018:

- Updated the Marine Park Unit S.O.P.
- Completion of the state-of-the-art boathouse was just in time to accommodate the Division's new Marine Park watercraft
- The Division replaced an aging fleet with new jet-propelled boats that are capable of operating in significantly shallower water and have better operational capabilities
- The Division dedicated one of the new boats in honor of a fallen hero, Columbus SWAT Officer Steven M. Smith. An emotional ceremonial christening the formal deployment of the new boats was held at the Griggs Reservoir Boathouse in April.
- All public docks that were broken were repaired and functional for season use
- The Marine Park Substation received new carpeting in December

In March, ODNR reported that the Division of Police had once again been awarded a Marine Patrol Assistance grant for the 41st straight year. The grant award, totaling \$26,142.86, was used to pay for extra watercraft patrol time. During 2018, the unit functioned with two full-time officers for the entire season and two temp officers for part of the season, covering approximately 16 hours a day, seven days a week. With this coverage, the officers provided a visible presence in the park and on the waterways. There were no reported injuries or boating accidents on the waterways this season.



The following are some examples of the activities the Marine Park Unit dealt with at Griggs Reservoir during 2018:

- Recovered four boats that had broken away from their moorings, three of which were stuck at the top of the dam and one which had gone completely over the dam
- Recovered and impounded one boat from O'Shaughnessy Reservoir at the request of the Recreation & Parks Department's Water Division
- Prevented three suicides by stopping three bridge jumpers on Fishinger and Hayden Run Roads
- Assisted 52 vessels on the waterway during season
- Took three reports for thefts from parked motor vehicles during the season
- Assisted with three 5K runs in the park
- Assisted with seven rowing regattas



Narcotics Bureau

Narcotics Bureau personnel worked with other Division units to address complaints of drug activity and investigate drug offenders involved in violent crimes. They also worked closely with other federal, state, and local area law enforcement partners, such as the DEA, ATF, BCI&I, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Dayton Police Department, various County Sheriff's Offices, and other Central Ohio law enforcement agencies. In addition, they fostered partnerships with non-law enforcement organizations, such as the Ohio State Medical Board and OhioHealth Protective Services. These partnerships are a way to share information, efforts, and expertise and have proven successful in combating drug trafficking that crosses all jurisdictions. Together we are working to reverse the opioid crisis, address addiction issues, shut down nuisance properties and conduct interdictions to prevent the drugs from entering Columbus.

Narcotics Bureau personnel seized over \$2.4 million in cash drug proceeds. Illegal drugs seizures of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and marijuana had an estimated street value of over \$59 million. In addition, our Vice and Human Trafficking Task force members rescued over 3 dozen women and linked social services to dozens more to help those who are most vulnerable and victimized by the sex trade industry.

The Columbus Police Vice Section is responsible for maintaining a (NAG) Nuisance Abatement Group, which has become a growing tool within policing, through the cooperation from various city and state departments. All of the locations were considered a public nuisance due to the number liquor and/or drug violations that had occurred there. The following locations were shut down by the NAG:

- A to Z Market – 1015 E Hudson St.
- Boot Joint – 1662 W Mound St.
- 924 E Town St.
- Family Market – 290 E Long St.
- United Foodland – 2218 Summit St.
- Boot Joint – 583 Trevitt St.
- Boot Joint – 1348 Parsons Ave.
- High Five Carry Out – 1178 N High St.
- Beechwood Market – 3796 E Livingston Ave.



Nuisance Abatement Group (NAG)

The Nuisance Abatement Group, which included Community Liaison Officer Alesia Zacher, officers working the Linden Safe Streets program, Code Enforcement Supervisor Deb Van Dyke and members of her staff, Solid Waste Inspector Brian Valentine, Zone 4's assigned City Attorney Kat Karac and members of her staff and legal aide, and Land Bank Manager Marty Micah began a collaboration in June.

The members of this group met to inspect properties and go door to door introducing themselves and distributing information about trash collection, assistance for the disabled and elderly, and information about resolving code violations. The community response was overwhelming and Linden Safe Streets officers were thanked for "cleaning up" their streets. Trash collections were scheduled any time the NAG members or officers observed illegal dumping or large amounts of trash. In addition, trash bags were distributed to residents to help clear up their properties. Multiple health violations were issued to two business establishments in the designated area.

The following statistics were recorded as part of this Safe Streets initiative to collaborate with the NAG:

- 272 Parcels of land inspected
- 124 Miscellaneous code violation citations issued
- 34 Junk Vehicle citations
- 41 Placarded Structures
- 4 Structures Demolished

The group inspected the following properties and areas in the Linden area:

- All properties between Hamilton Avenue and Cleveland Avenue from East 15th Avenue to East 19th Avenue
- All properties and businesses on the west side of Cleveland Avenue between East 13th Avenue and East 19th Avenue
- 3207 Karl Road
- 2350 Joyce Avenue
- All properties and businesses on the east and west sides of Cleveland Avenue between East Weber Road and Myrtle Avenue

Human Trafficking Task Force	2016	2017	2018
Victims Rescued	63	51	46
Arrests	51	39	27
Search Warrants		46	85
Victim Services Referrals	81	81	141
Tips Received	258	281	324
Convictions	11	15	19

**State Data Reporting Guidelines change from year-to-year*

Drug Seizure

In response to a rash of overdoses, including five fatal overdoses on the City’s west and south sides, the Narcotics Bureau and Patrol officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the 300 block of South Wayne Avenue. The officers seized 1 kilo of fentanyl, made four arrests, and confiscated three guns and \$10,000 in cash.



Aviation Section



All Helicopter Unit personnel are Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licensed pilots who are scheduled to fly two-hour patrol flights. Because flight safety is our first priority, an error-free performance by our pilots is recognized through the presentation of the Safe Flying Award. The first award is presented after 2,000 consecutive hours of error-free flight with the next award presented after an additional 1,500 qualifying hours. In 2018, four members of our unit were recognized for their safe flying.

- Sergeant James Shivers, who supervises day-shift operations, received his second award.
- Officer David Eubanks, who serves as the unit maintenance officer, received his second award.
- Officer Isaac Moore, who is the most-tenured patrol pilot in the unit, received his second award.
- Officer Roger Howard, who is one of the unit’s flight instructors, earned his first award.

The Helicopter Units’ safety records remain solid, and there were no aviation-related incidents or accidents during 2018, which is quite an accomplishment for the aircrew members, considering the given mission and the number of flight hours conducted. All five of the Division’s MD530FF helicopters are operational and the Helicopter Units have continued their normal flight schedule of 16 hours per day, seven days per week since the fleet transition was completed during late 2017. All of the Aviation Section’s pilots have completed required training through the FAA and are certified UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems...aka “Drone”) Remote Pilots. In addition, both Officer Steve Kinsey and Officer Matt Rittenhouse completed their Commercial Pilot training and successfully passed their Commercial Pilot written examinations and check-rides! Congratulations to them both!



Safe Streets Initiative

The Safe Streets Community/Police Initiative began as a 2017 program specific to the Linden area which was designed to re-engage the community, reduce violent crime, and address a variety of issues that were prioritized by the citizens living in the Linden neighborhood. The Safe Streets Initiative utilized uniformed bike officers to focus specifically on improving community-police relations while addressing community concerns and violent crime trends in each area. The goal of the program was to provide a visible uniformed presence for both enforcement and problem-solving in areas where an increase in violence and criminal activity had been occurring. Officers served as the first line of communication for citizens needing city services, and they were tasked with engaging other city departments to resolve non-law enforcement related problems.



The 2018 program was expanded into three neighborhoods across the City as an extension of the successful Linden Safe Streets Initiative that was started in 2017. The Community/Police Safe Streets program was implemented on May 1, 2018, and continued until September 1, 2018. One goal of this project was to reduce the amount of violent crime, primarily incidents involving gun violence, occurring in the identified neighborhoods. The categories analyzed are those categories of violent crimes that typically spike during the summer

months and have a significant impact on the residents in the identified neighborhoods. These categories include discharged firearms into an occupied structure, felony assaults, homicides, and robberies on individuals. These are also the same categories that we analyzed on a weekly basis in order to make adjustments on the deployment of Safe Streets personnel.

Linden

At the end of the 2018 program, statistics indicated that violent crime and gun-related violent crime was significantly reduced when compared to 2016. While the Safe Streets program was operating, the Linden area experienced an increase in incidents of firing into a habitation. Intelligence indicated it was



related to gang activity and incidents were occurring outside of the hours Safe Streets officers were deployed.

A third shift enforcement project, the Linden Area Violent Crime Initiative, which ran from June 13th to August 2nd, was designed to target the same area during the overnight hours and support the Safe Streets program. Within just seven days of implementation, the number of gun-related crimes fell noticeably.

Violent Crime Initiative Statistics

- 31 Felony Warrants Served
- 25 Felony Charges Filed (not including firearms)
- 53 Misdemeanor Warrants Served
- 39 Misdemeanor Charges Filed
- 5 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 51 Firearms Recovered

Parsons Avenue

The Parsons Avenue Safe Streets initiative required a markedly different deployment strategy than that for the West Side and Linden areas. The initial boundaries defined for the Parsons Ave. project proved too confining, limiting enforcement and engagement activities to a smaller area. Additionally, violent crime hot spots on Zone 2 moved on a weekly basis to several different neighborhoods on both 9 Precinct and 13 Precinct. To combat the shifting violent crime patterns, Commander Rhonda Grizzell analyzed the emerging trends and redeployed the Zone 2 Safe Streets team to several different areas over the course of the summer. Consequently, the team was limited in their ability to develop community relationships in a single area. Lastly, as a result of their frequent redeployment, crime statistics had to encompass both 9 and 13 Precincts; thereby making those statistics less reflective of the enforcement activity accomplished by the Parsons Ave. team.



West Side

The West Side Safe Streets program was initiated in 2018. Violent crimes increased slightly from the 2017 levels, but the numbers remained 22% lower than 2016 levels. This indicates initiatives to reduce violent crime in the Hilltop area, including the Safe Streets initiative, have been effective in reducing violent crimes well below the levels experienced in 2016. Gun-related violent crime was reduced 30% from the 2016 levels. Homicides are similar to 2017 levels where the city experienced higher levels throughout the city.

Impact

The Safe Streets Initiative produced measureable results and reduced crime, but what cannot be overlooked is how the program improved police-community relations. Officers and supervisors were able to build relationships with the citizens that they serve. Due to the officers being on bicycles, the citizens were able to easily talk to and become familiar with the officers assigned to the program and would provide information to them on criminal activity and areas of concern. Working with the City Attorney's office, several nuisance properties that were attracting criminal activity and negatively affecting the neighborhood were boarded up. The partnership between all of the participants was what made this a successful program.

Activity	Zone 2 Parsons Ave.	Zone 3 Hilltop	Zone 4 Linden	Totals
Citizen Contacts	3,265	559	4,527	8,351
Community Meetings/Events Attended	27	15	109	151
Property Abatements/Placarded	7	0	41	48
Felony Arrests	83	69	127	279
Misdemeanor Arrests	62	104	121	287
Firearm Arrests	12	9	26	47
Firearms Seized	25	9	69	103
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	17	7	14	38
Crack/Cocaine Seized (grams)	377	154	394	925
Heroin Seized (grams)	27	160	28	215
Pills Seized (unit doses)	198	157	828	1,183
Other Drugs Seized (grams)	308	177	1,182	1,667
Marijuana Seized (grams)	1,839	370	2,816	5,025
Currency Seized	\$7,240	\$16,580	\$129,213	\$153,033

Law Enforcement Police Explorer Program

The 2017/2018 calendar year was an exciting year for the Division's Law Enforcement Explorer Youth Program. Starting in October 2017, the Columbus Division of Police formally merged the Explorer program with the Division's Recruiting Unit. The first event held was the Explorer Program Open House, which is an event encouraged and supported by the Boy Scouts of America Exploring Office as an opportunity to show the youth of the community what each agency's program has to offer.

Golden Explorer

Columbus Police Explorer Dillon Evans took the gold in the field of Criminal Justice at the National Skills USA competition. *Congratulations Dillon!*



The Division's Explorer Open House was held at the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy, and was attended by nearly 60 youth of differing backgrounds along with their families. Deputy Chief Thomas Quinlan spoke about the Division's desire to focus on the early recruitment of youth from throughout central Ohio and the Division's commitment to the continued development of the program. Several officers who were former Explorers were present and shared with the attendees their experiences in the program and what the program meant to them. There was an overview presentation about the Explorer Program, its training, events, competitions, and recreational activities. A tour of the Academy was offered to the participants after the presentation along with individualized question and answer opportunities with Explorer Advisors, police personnel, and former and current program members.

Horsing Around

The Columbus Police Mounted Unit is recognized as one of the leaders among mounted units throughout the state of Ohio and has provided several other mounted units with training in crowd and riot control procedures. The Mounted Unit regularly conducts training with other jurisdictions, to include the Franklin, Delaware, Licking, and Allen County Sheriffs Offices, the Ohio State University Police Department, the New Albany Police Department, and the Athens (OH) Police Department.

2018 Highlights:

- Worked every OSU home game
- Attended training in Mobile Alabama and worked the Mardi Gras Parades.
- Several Members of the Unit attended a Police Colloquium held in Lexington Kentucky
- Participated in the National Police Officer Memorial held in Washington DC
- Made appearances at 12 National Night Out events
- Acquired and trained one new horse for the street, LaRue (Lou).
- Assisted Athens PD with two festivals, Mill Fest and Palmer Fest
- Trained with Mounted Units from other agencies for large scale events



Community Liaison Unit Activities

The Community Liaison Unit currently serves 326 community and block watch groups.

Each Community Liaison Officer (CLO) is assigned to a specific precinct to address quality of life issues, attend monthly community meetings and events, and is the designated “go to person” for any community issues. The CLOs actively patrol their precincts, often through bicycle and foot patrols, and provide support and assistance to the patrol officers assigned to the precinct. CLO initiatives involving nuisance abatement on problematic properties and working on hotel licensing requirements continued during 2018. The CLOs are clearly an integral part of the success of the community policing effort of our Division, demonstrated by their energy, dedication, involvement, and achievements well beyond standard expectations.

In 2018, the Community Liaison Unit personnel participated in numerous community engagement activities that foster a positive relationship within the community and with the citizens, and worked with various city, county and state agencies to resolve a variety of community concerns that impact quality of life issues. Liaison officers also interacted with the local schools to foster safety education through presentations and other joint activities. A list of highlights follows:

- Resolved 1,054 “311” citizen requests for service
- Gave over 1,244 presentations and attended 2,205 meetings
- Attended and presented at the Arnold Kids Classic at the Fairgrounds
- Attended and presented at the COSI Safety Day



- Participated in the Brice East Columbus Business Association Cleanup
- Attended and presented Kids Day at Columbus Commons
- Attended and presented at four Neighborhood PRIDE events



- Presented at the New American Leadership Academy
- Assisted Narcotics Bureau personnel with the National Drug Take Back event
- Presented multiple Stranger Danger presentations
- Attended and presented at multiple National Night Out events
- Participated in multiple Safe Routes to School events
- Held the 2018 Heroes and Helpers event giving 40 children a better Christmas
- Attended St. Mary's Annual Holiday Police/ Fire Appreciation Luncheon



National Night Out

The City of Columbus placed 6th in cities with a population of over 300,000 in the 2018 National Night Out rankings, and the Division was proud to be involved in the event that supports community policing and crime prevention awareness. The main event was held on August 7, 2018, throughout Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. The National Night Out festivities started off with bad weather when black clouds and a torrential rainstorm hit the City at about 5:00 p.m. when many of the organizers were setting up. Luckily, this storm only lasted twenty to thirty minutes and then the skies quickly cleared up, the sun broke through, and the remainder of the evening was very pleasant.

There were 118 recognized events during the 2018 National Night Out. Each block watch or civic association added individualized elements to their event, including cook outs, ice cream socials, and neighborhood dog walks. The Columbus Police and Fire Academy recruits participated by making a 3.5 mile formation run past several of the National Night Out parties as the recruits sang cadence.



For the ninth consecutive year, on December 19, 2018, the Division's CLOs partnered with the Target Corporation for the Heroes and Helpers program (formerly known as Shop with a Cop). This event is the highlight of the CLOs' year. This year, due to corporate donations from the Target Corporation, Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and CME Credit Union, the CLOs were able to host 40 children. The children were chosen from throughout the Columbus Public School district to participate in a holiday shopping spree accompanied and assisted by a Columbus police officer. This year's event was held at the Target in the Graceland Shopping Center. The Heroes and Helpers event continues to be a heartwarming holiday tradition for these families and our officers.



Personnel Accomplishments



Promotions

	Date
Sergeant Kyle Andrews	1/14/18
Sergeant John Hawkins	2/11/18
Sergeant Paul Szabo	3/11/18
Commander Joseph Echenrode	4/22/18
Lieutenant Jason Garner	4/22/18
Sergeant Matthew Serror	4/22/18
Sergeant Jennifer Alicea	4/22/18
Sergeant Mark Hockman	4/22/18
Sergeant Shea Higgins	5/20/18
911 ECS Lindsay Dolfi	6/3/18
Lieutenant Nicholas Konves	7/15/18
Lieutenant Matthew Bobo	7/15/18
Lieutenant Mark Denner	7/15/18
Sergeant David Gitlitz	7/15/18
Sergeant Nathan Wilson	7/15/18
Sergeant Mark SeEVERS	7/15/18
Sergeant April Redick	7/15/18
Sergeant Kenneth Kropp	10/7/18
Sergeant Robert Beeson	10/7/18
Sergeant Joshua Jennings	10/7/18
Sergeant Charles Albers	11/4/18
Lieutenant Ryan Chrysler	12/2/18
Sergeant Kelly Yeager	12/2/18
Sergeant Jeremy Goldstein	12/2/18
PRTS Marsha Meyer	12/30/18

Sworn Retirements

	Rank	Entered	Retired	Years
Steven Shinaver	SGT	12/18/94	12/5/17	23
Quoc Nguyen*	PO	7/17/06	1/12/18	11
Frank Wasko	SGT	12/18/94	1/26/18	23
David Ramey	PO	10/21/79	1/27/18	38
Enoch "Skip" White	PO	6/16/85	1/20/18	32
William Wolfert	PO	12/3/78	2/3/18	39
Robert Edwards	PO	12/24/89	2/10/18	28
Walter Miller	PO	10/4/87	3/2/18	30
Kevin Sherman	PO	12/17/95	3/3/18	22
William Hairston	PO	5/13/79	3/30/18	38
Suzanne Curmode	CMDR	11/18/84	4/6/18	33
Jack King	SGT	11/18/84	4/12/18	33
Gregory DeRosier	SGT	10/28/90	4/13/18	27
Christopher McIntosh	PO	8/24/86	4/21/18	31
Ronald Lanning	PO	8/24/86	4/21/18	31
Gregory Bernard	PO	10/16/88	4/13/18	29
Brian Lee*	PO	6/1/97	5/2/18	20
Gary Mayle, Jr.	PO	12/29/89	5/4/18	28
Richard Griggs	PO	12/23/90	5/4/18	27
Denise Reffitt	SGT	6/16/85	5/4/18	32
Wayne Goss	PO	12/23/90	5/9/18	27
Patrick Harrington	SGT	6/13/85	5/19/18	32
Thomas Clark	PO	12/23/90	6/1/18	27
Ronald Branham	PO	6/16/85	6/1/18	32
Donna Welch	PO	6/16/85	6/1/18	32
Dale Neitman	PO	9/15/91	6/1/18	26
Steven Beine	SGT	6/16/85	6/16/18	33
Timothy Windon	PO	12/18/94	6/16/18	23
Vincent Houpe	PO	4/10/94	7/4/18	24
Patrick Shrodes*	PO	10/6/985	7/1/18	32
David Davidson	LT	6/29/93	7/13/18	25
Michael Chapman	PO	6/16/85	7/20/18	33
Mark Jameson	PO	11/22/92	8/4/18	25
Patricia Clark	PO	9/3/89	8/25/18	29
David Sicilian	SGT	12/13/87	9/8/18	30
Robert Moledor	PO	9/3/89	9/3/18	29
Michael D. Johnson	PO	9/3/89	10/2/18	29
Mark Gargaro	PO	9/26/93	9/27/18	25
Douglas Follmer	SGT	10/6/85	10/6/18	33
Ronald Reese	PO	10/6/85	10/6/18	33
Michael Fleming	PO	11/6/94	11/1/18	24
Paul Callahan	PO	10/4/87	11/3/18	31
Judy Lawrence	PO	10/6/85	10/24/18	33
Leah Davidson	PO	5/21/95	12/1/18	23
Steven Knotts	SGT	2/28/93	12/7/18	25
George Bragalone	PO	12/29/96	12/17/18	22

*Disability

Civilian Retirements

	Classification	Entered	Retired	Years
Dennis Curry	Police Evidence Tech	6/21/81	1/4/18	36
Karen Kellar	Storekeeper II	3/27/94	4/30/18	24
Rhonda Cadwallader	Latent Print Examiner	4/1/88	5/1/18	30
Melodie Haynes	Office Assistant I	6/1/80	5/31/18	38
Lynne Mitchell-Heaggans	Police Records Tech Sup	2/11/96	7/11/18	22
Karen Young	Office Support Clerk	6/17/84	8/24/18	34
Lester Gloege	Polygraphist	8/27/07	9/4/18	11
Robert Lawson	Latent Print Supervisor	9/16/90	9/7/18	28
Tina Hundley	Administrative Secretary	9/7/86	11/29/18	32



Medal of Valor

Nicholas Mason



Patrick Shrodes



Silver Cross

Christopher Farrington
Jason Grunkemeyer
Jeffrey Kracht
Chase Pinkerman
Phillip Stevens
Ty Stoneking
Trent Taylor
Matthew Wilson

Purple Heart

Robert Lagore
Nicholas Mason
Patrick Shrodes

Distinguished Service Medal

Jack Adkins
Matthew Baughman
Thomas Baughn
Charles Bishop IV
Samantha Brigner
Joshua Buck
Joseph Burkey
Adam Callander
Sean Connair
David Copeland
Adam Coy
Adam Dague

Eric David
Ryan Dingfelder (2)
Joel Dobney
Ryan Erney
Eric Everhart
Brian Feldhaus
David Gitlitz
Jay Graham
Erica Gutierrez
Kevin Halbur
Tyler Hicks
Adam Hicks
Thomas Hunter
Wesley Hurley
Phillip Jackson
Peter Jacobs
John Johnson
Garrett Kennedy
Kenneth Kropp
Matthew Lausch
Benjamin Leppla
Randall Lyons
Rachel Martin (2)
Kelly Melvin
Keith Moore
Alex Mottinger
James Murawski
Patrick Nance
Brian Newsome
Gary Orahood
Samuel Peck
Jason Penhorwood
Jared Randall
April Redick
Robert Reffitt (2)
Edward Reichenbach
Tyler Roberts
Melvin Romans
Cassie Rosser
Joseph Salsgiver
Nicholas Sands
Justin Santiago
Richard Schirtzinger
Anthony Sebastiano
James Sheehan
Aaron Slomovitz
Phillip Stevens
Kevin Stewart
Zackary Townsley
Travis Turner
Robert Vass
Nikolaos Velalis

Jeffrey Ward
James Watkins
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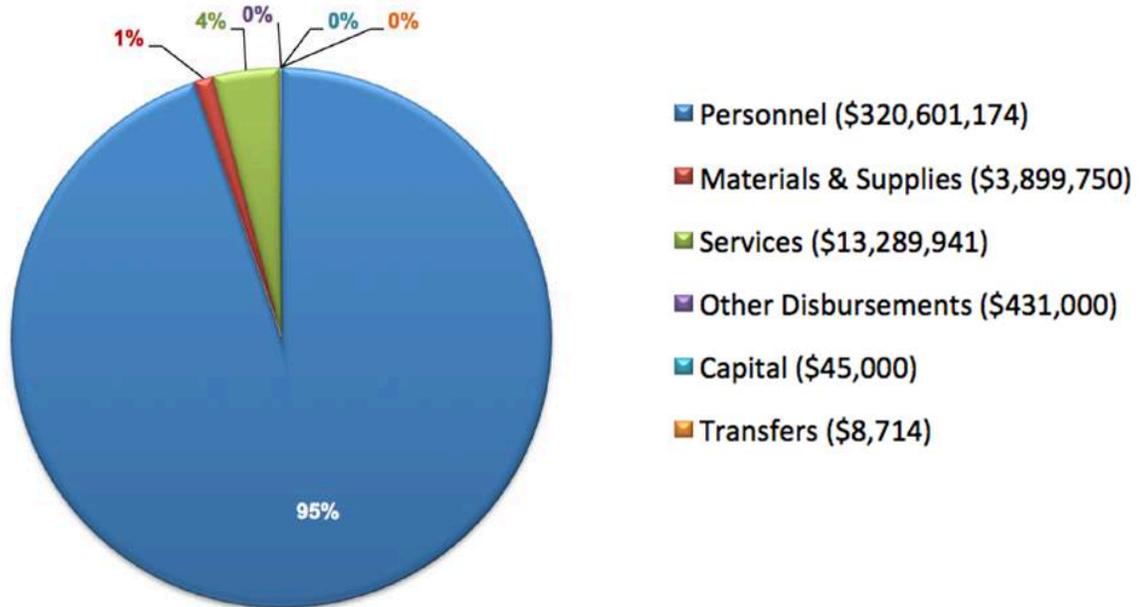
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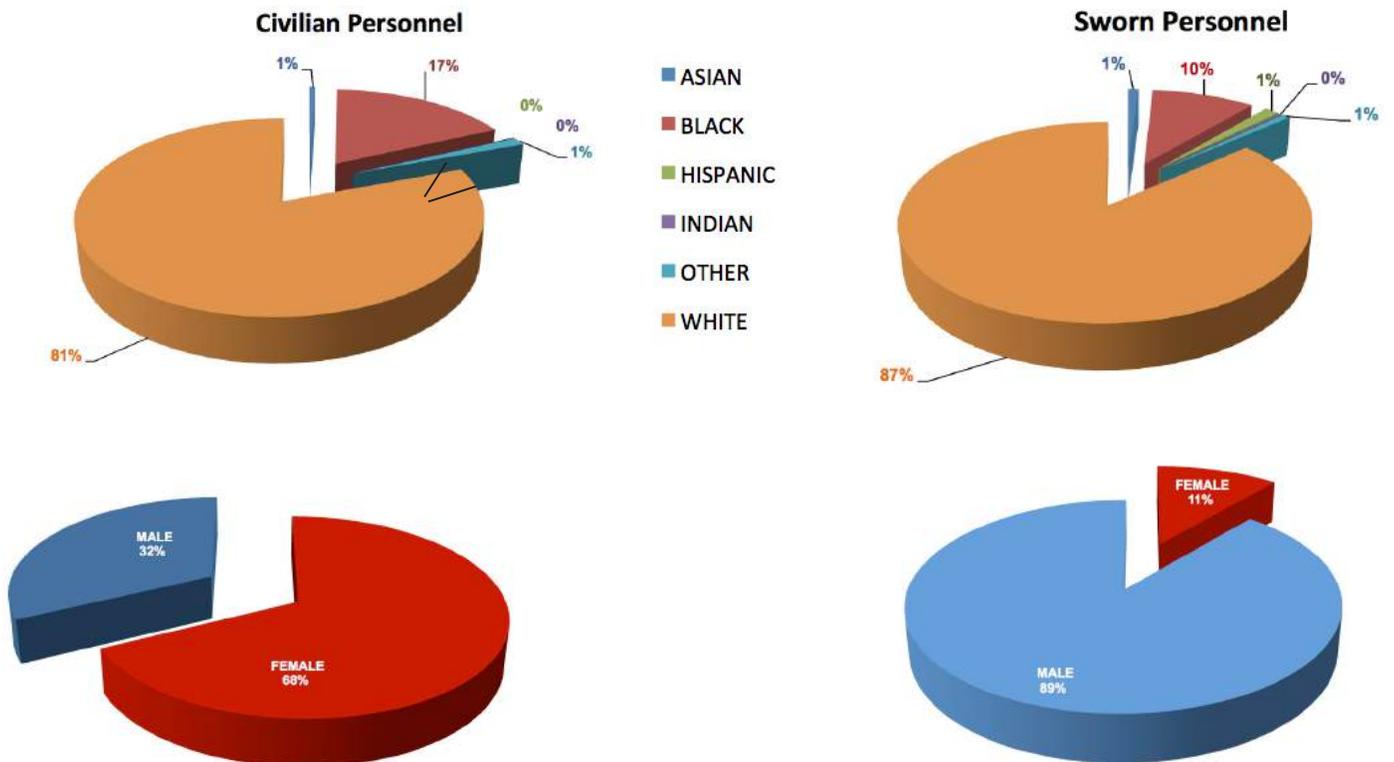
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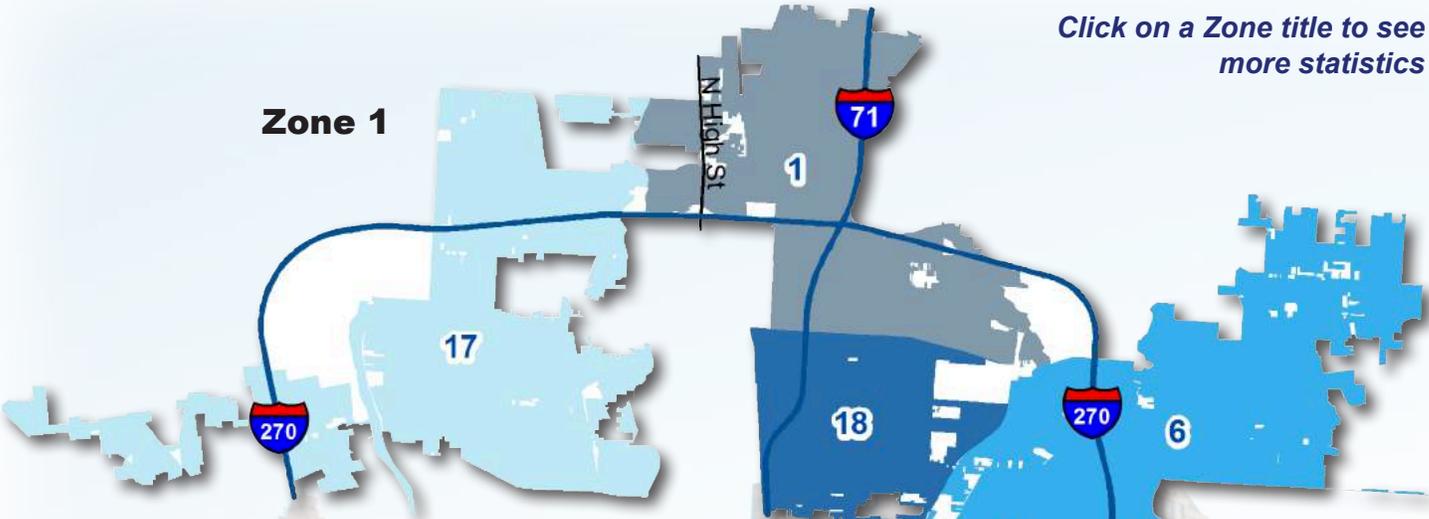


Division Demographics



Click on a Zone title to see more statistics

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Zone 4



Zone 5



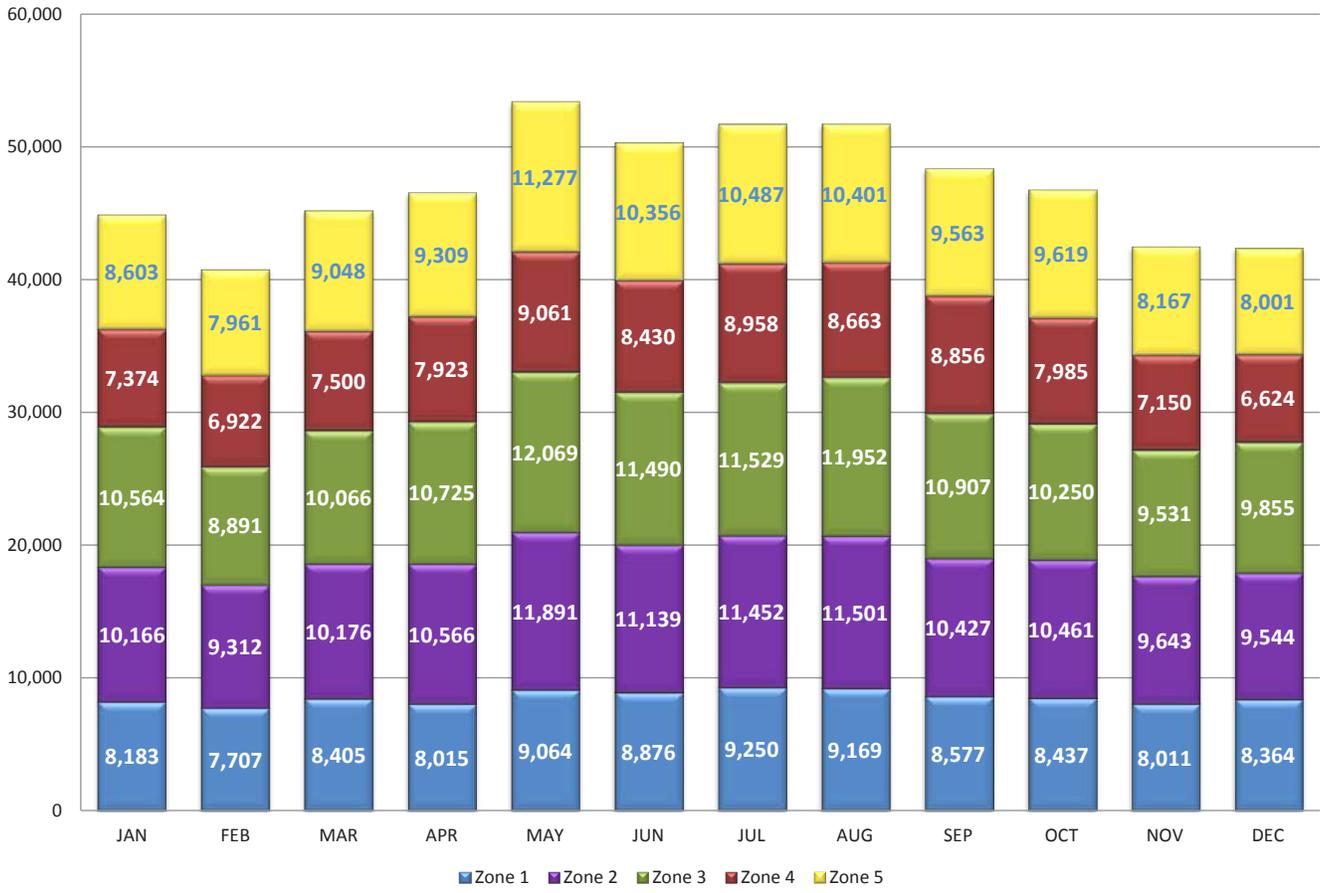
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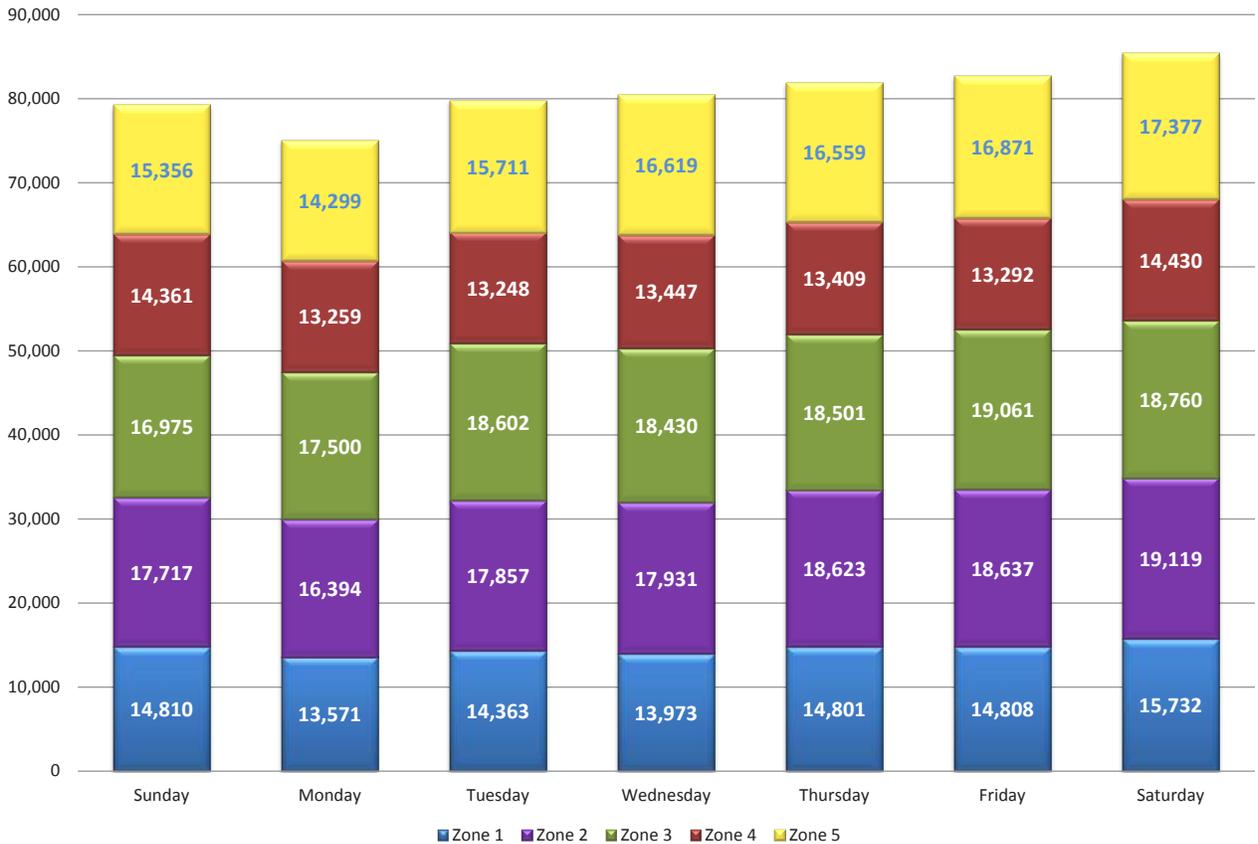
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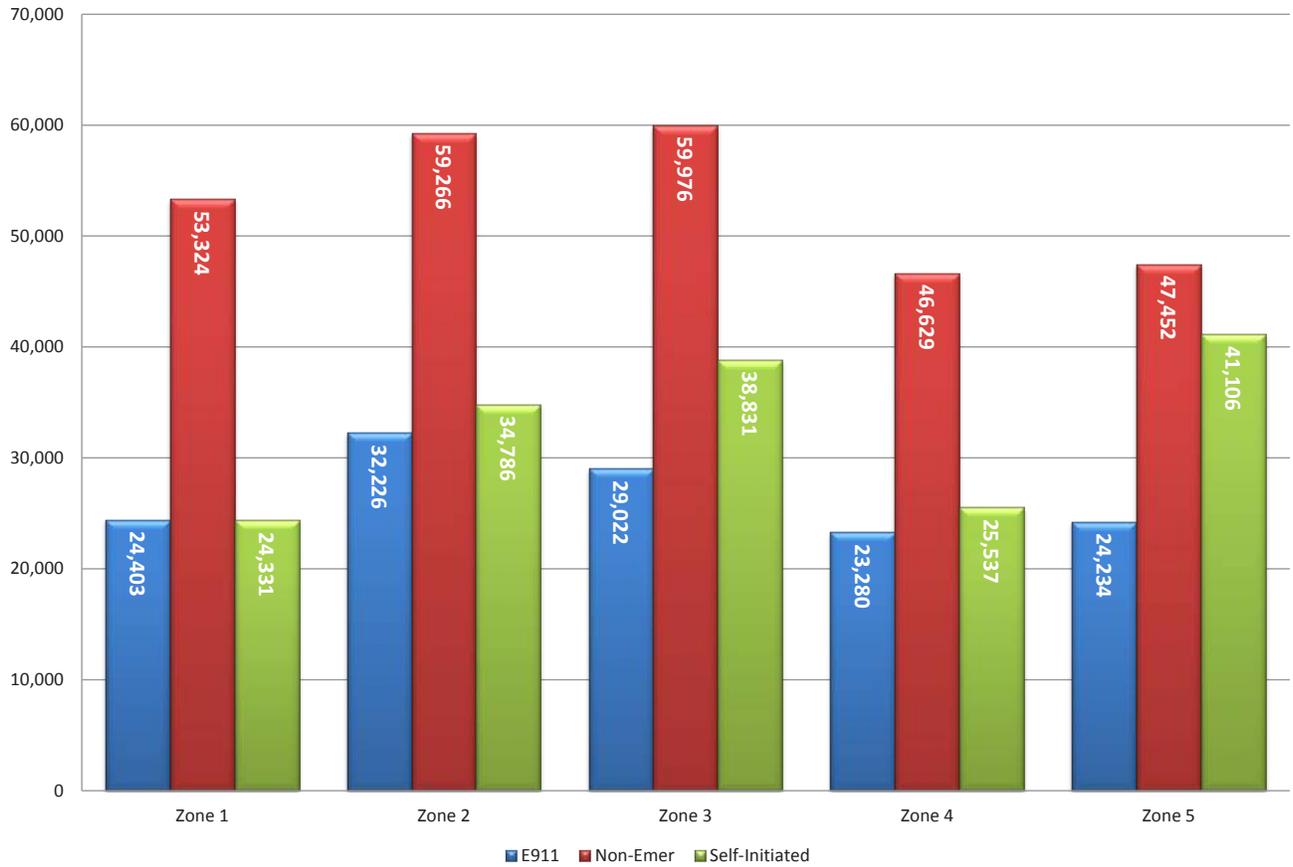
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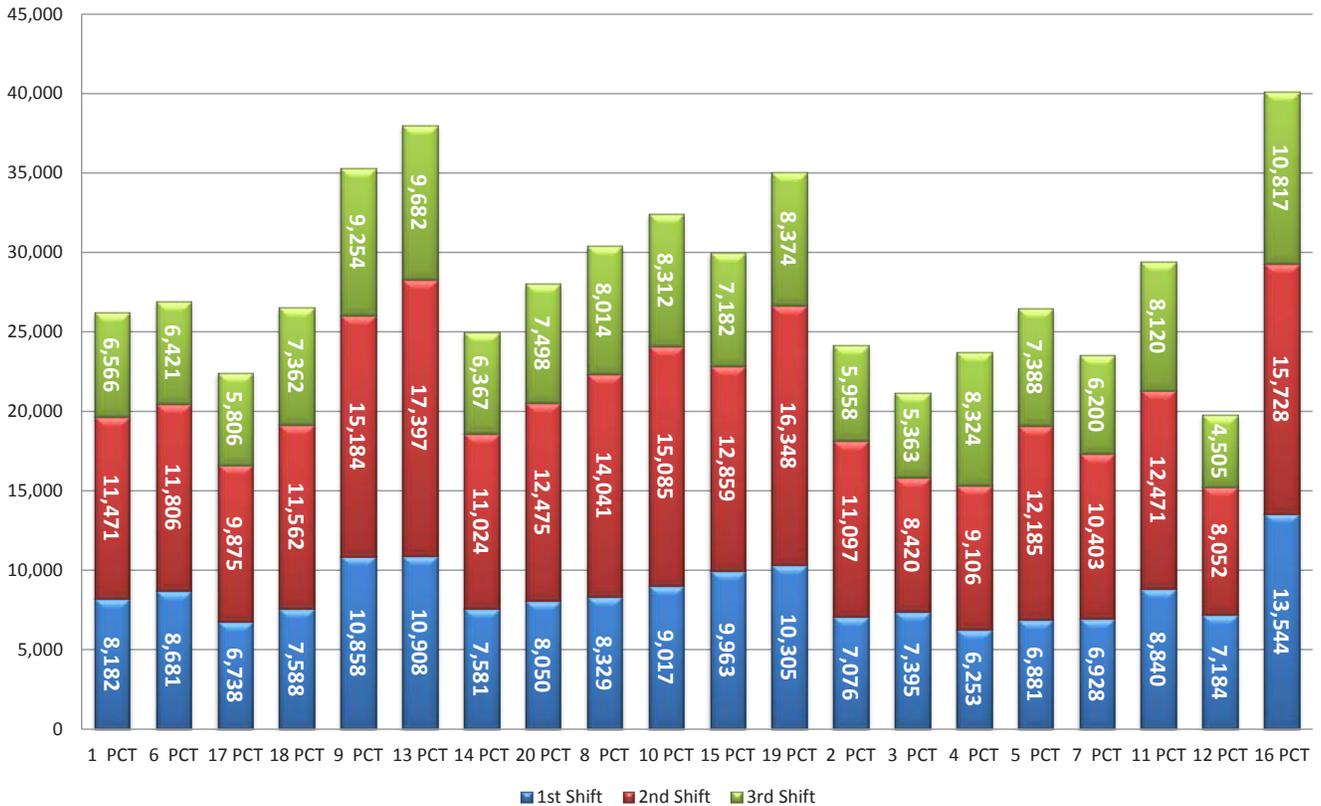
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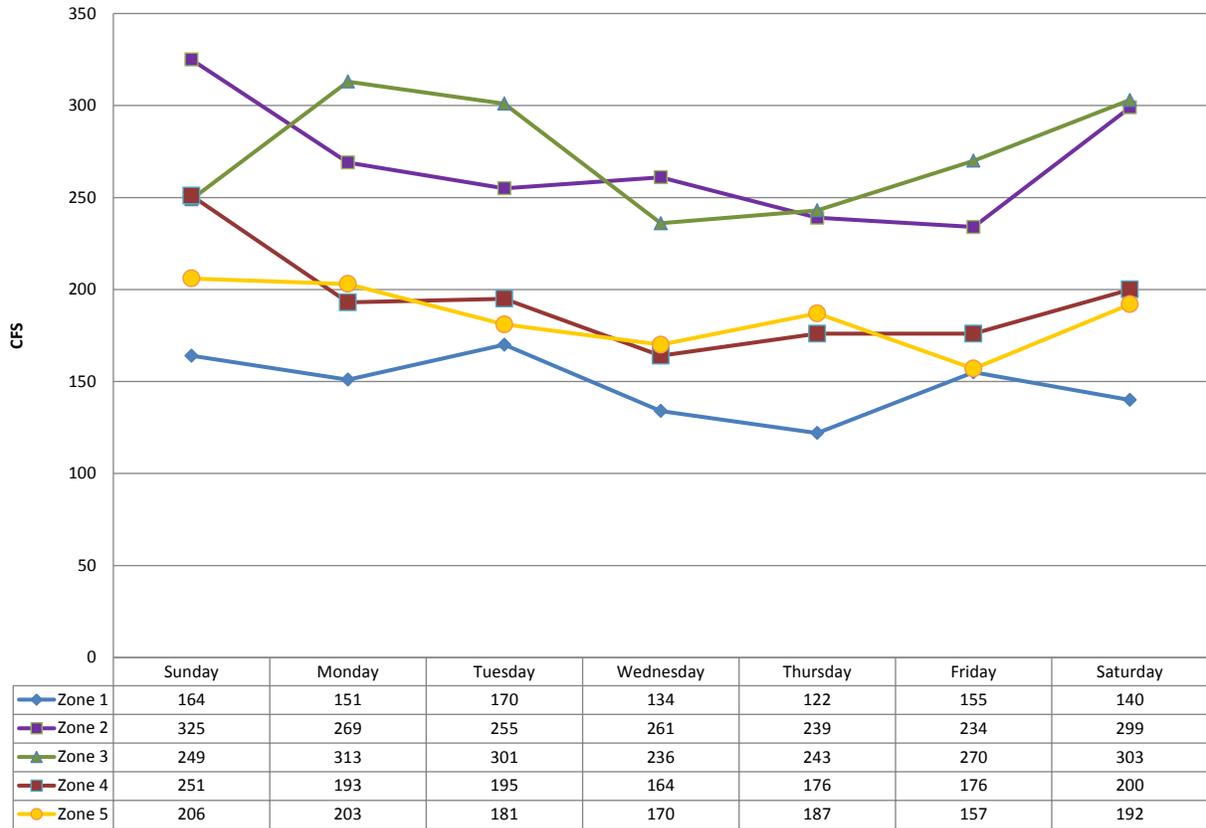
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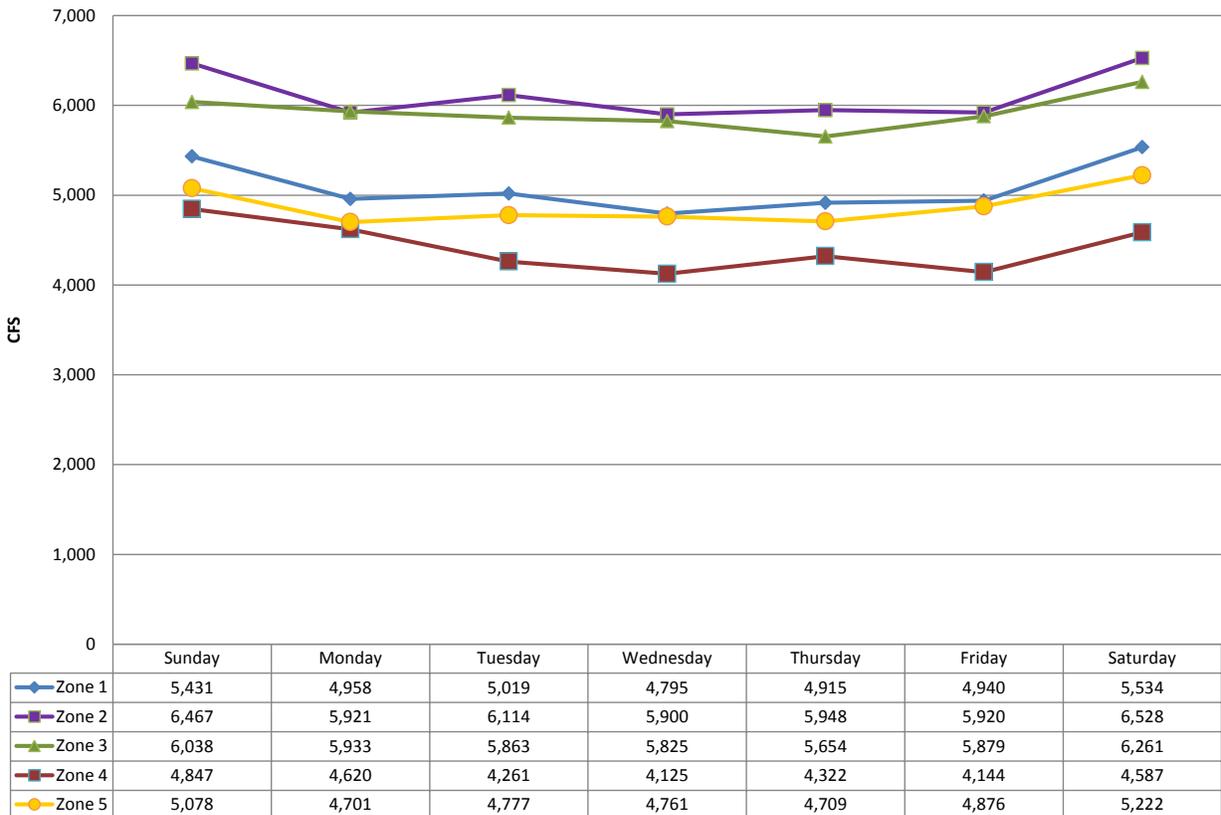
Total Calls for Service by Precinct by Shift (Priority 1-5)



Number of Priority 1 Calls for Service (CFS) by Zone by Day



Number of Priority 2 Calls for Service (CFS) by Zone by Day



Body-Worn Camera Program

Disposition of IAB Investigations with BWC only

Unfounded	Exonerated	Withdrawn	Cancelled	Sustained	Not Sustained	Total Allegations
14	1	5	1	0	0	21
67%	5%	24%	5%	0%	0%	100%

Disposition of IAB Investigations with BWC & Other Video

Unfounded	Exonerated	Withdrawn	Cancelled	Sustained	Not Sustained	Total Allegations
45	13	0	4	3	3	68
66%	19%	0%	6%	4%	4%	100%

1,249 cameras deployed total

Classification	Active/Purged	Count
Evidence	Active	110,112
Non-Evidence	Purged	18,957
Non-Evidence	Active	65
Permanent	Active	96
Unknown	Purged	2,137
Unknown	Active	42

Terabyte Storage

Month	Size
January	15.32
February	15.7
March	19.78
April	19.89
May	22.82
June	22.46
July	23.99
August	24.07
September	21.96
October	22.18
November	20.22
December	20.48
TOTAL	248.87

Video Count by Month and Bureau

Month	Patrol	Traffic	Unknown
January	33,149	1,945	0
February	36,038	1,614	0
March	48,866	1,614	47
April	54,361	1,563	2
May	66,002	2,283	0
June	65,733	2,087	13
July	71,230	2,082	0
August	72,578	2,129	0
September	66,218	2,125	0
October	63,387	1,965	0
November	59,603	1,553	1
December	60,141	1,867	0
TOTALS	697,306	22,827	63



Aviation Section

TYPE	2017	2018
Total Flight Hours	5,250.1	3,817.90
Lost Flight Hours	963.8	1,994.40
Training Flight Hours	247.6	86.1
Total Calls for Service	11,060	13,347
<i>Dispatched</i>	4,457	5,336
<i>Pick-up</i>	3,283	4,003
<i>Monitored</i>	2,929	3,512
<i>Requested</i>	391	496
First on Scene	3,417	4,210
Average Response Time (minutes)	1.16	1.22
Outside Agency Assists	160	242
Felony Arrests	161	169
Misdemeanor Arrests	57	69
Foot Pursuits	39	72
Missing Persons Recovered	26	24

Canine Unit

ACTIVITY	2017	2018
Non-accident citations	80	73
Misdemeanor arrests	56	78
Misdemeanor citations	12	12
Felony arrests	173	235
Arrest assists	155	102
K-9 related arrests	127	194
F.I. Cards	225	150
Dispatched runs	4,374	3874
Pick-up runs	1,856	1843
K-9 related runs	2,720	2751
K-9 demonstrations	27	57
Special Attention Checks	137	22
SEARCHES		
Buildings	150	140
Evidence	49	58
Areas	152	125
Narcotics (structures)	41	34
Narcotics (autos)	485	546
Narcotics (parcels)	63	108
RECOVERY/SEIZURE		
Stolen cars	9	17
Handguns	32	26
Drugs (estimated street value)	\$1.2 million	\$5.8 million
Cash	\$1.4 million	\$407K

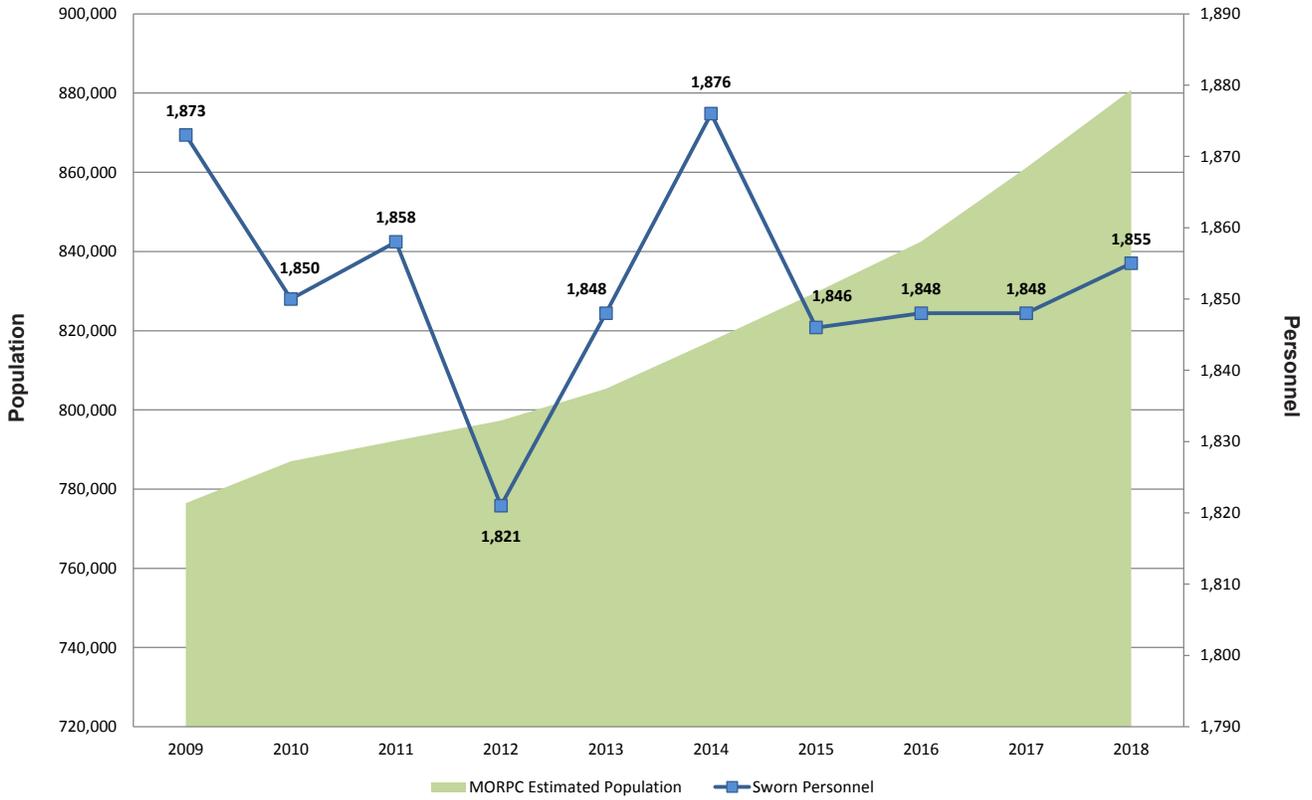
Gun Crimes Unit

TYPE	2015	2016	2017	2018
Revolvers	295	319	341	292
Auto Pistols	1,580	1,716	1,937	1,844
Rifles	61	67	77	113
Shotguns	69	78	113	107
Derringers	31	29	26	35
Assault Rifles	76	89	123	115
Assault Shotguns	41	48	59	46
Assault Pistols	16	34	46	28
Other	39	38	28	48
TOTAL	2,208	2,418	2,750	2,628

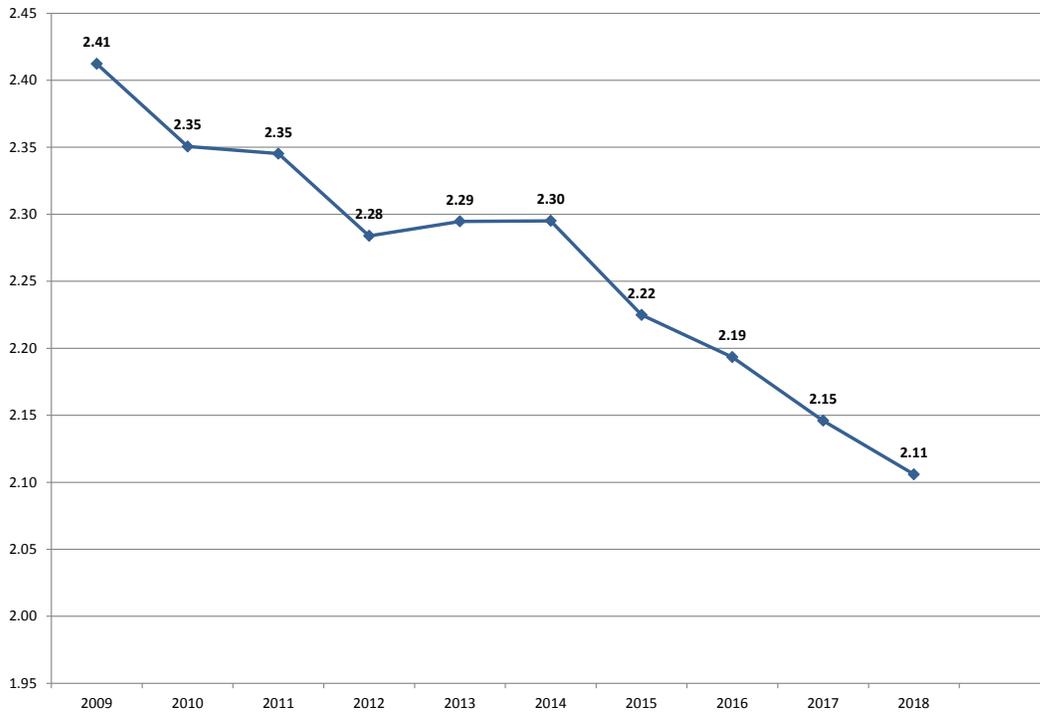
Guns submitted to the Property Room per the Gun Crimes Unit

REASON	2015	2016	2017	2018
Found Evidence	205	279	254	256
Voluntary Evidence	233	141	194	247
Safekeeping	111	136	64	94
Evidence Search Warrant	506	549	770	741
Evidence Misdemeanor	107	141	124	137
Evidence Felony	1,046	1,172	1,344	1,153
TOTAL	2,208	2,418	2,750	2,628

10-Year Comparison of Population to Sworn Strength

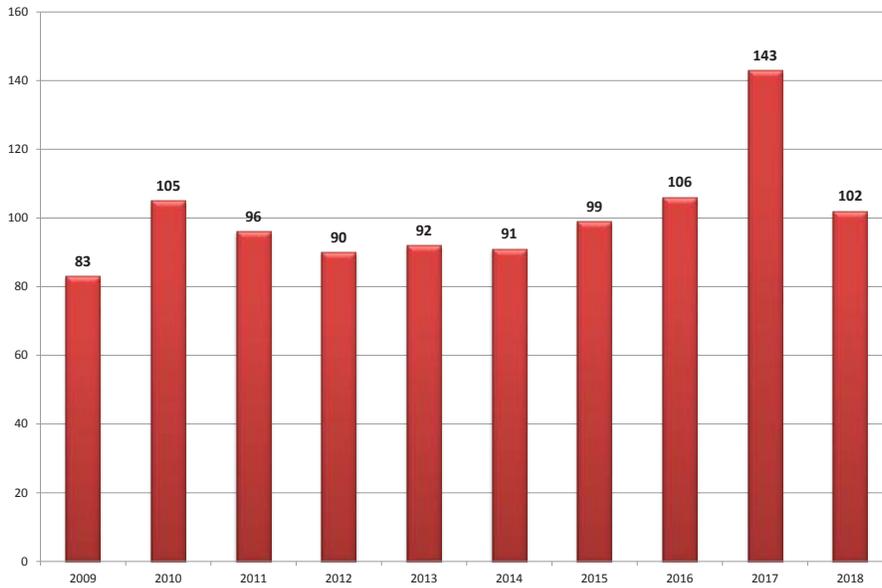


Sworn per 1000 Population



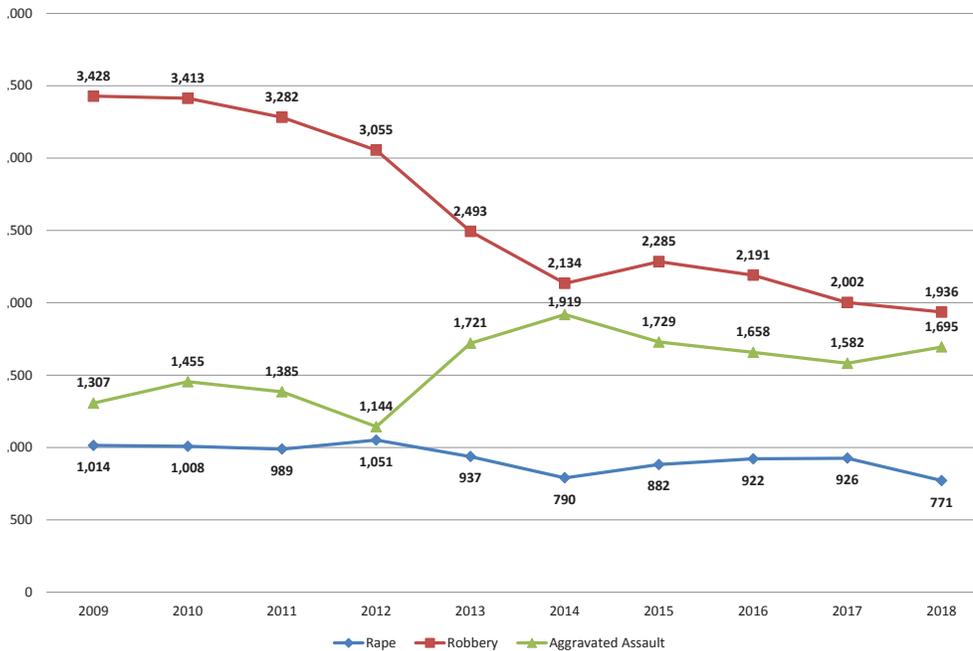
10-Year Comparison of Homicides

Numbers from the Assault/Homicide Section



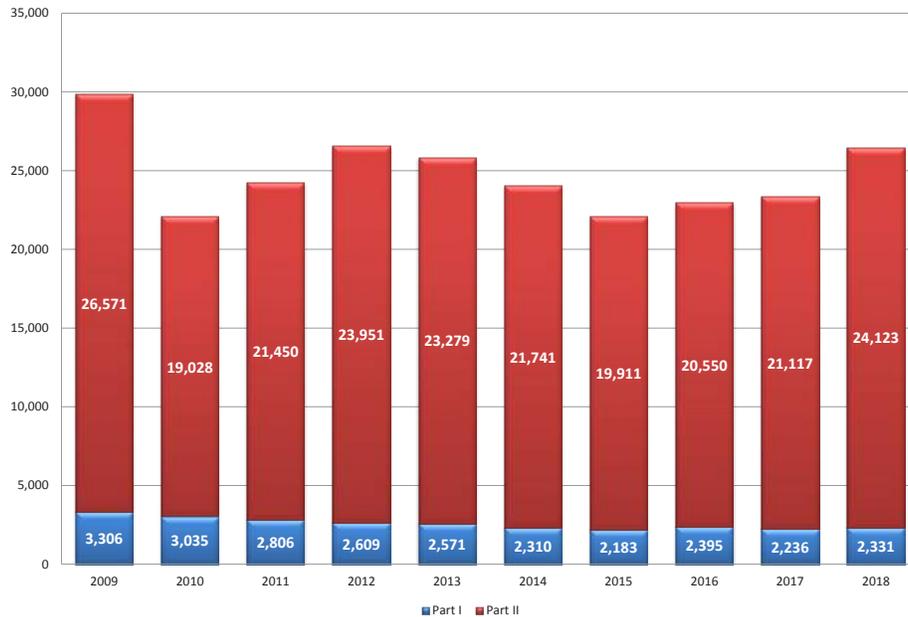
10-Year Comparison of Part I Violent Crimes

NIBRS data from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services



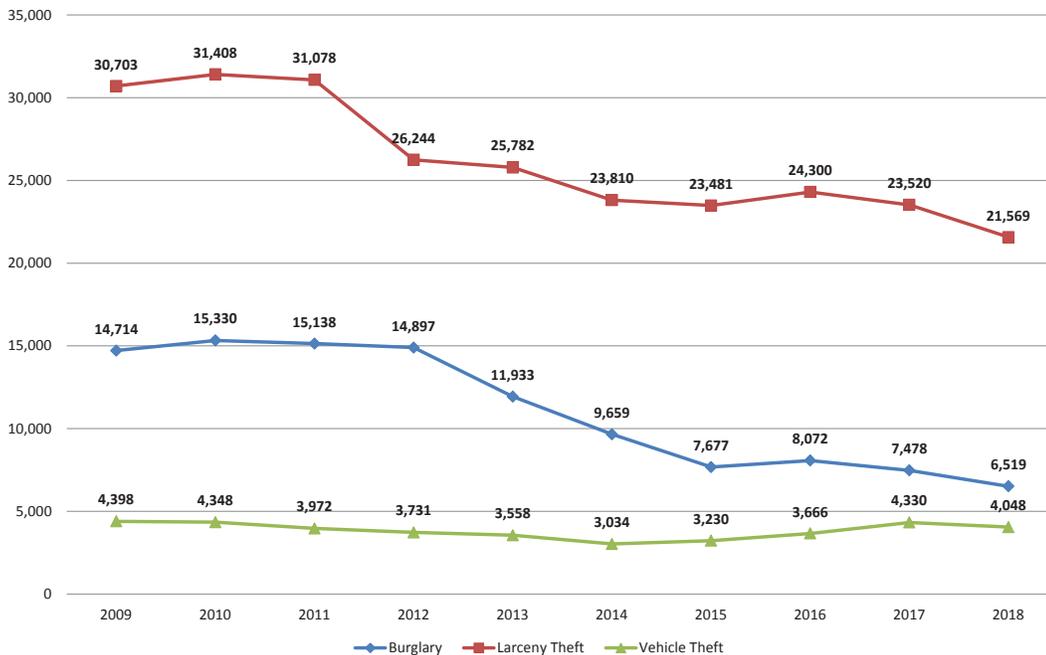
10-Year Comparison of Part I Violent Crime Rates per 1,000 Population										
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
7.51	7.60	7.26	6.70	6.51	6.04	6.02	5.79	5.40	5.11	

Total Number of Part I and Part II Arrests per Year



10-Year Comparison of Part I Property Crimes

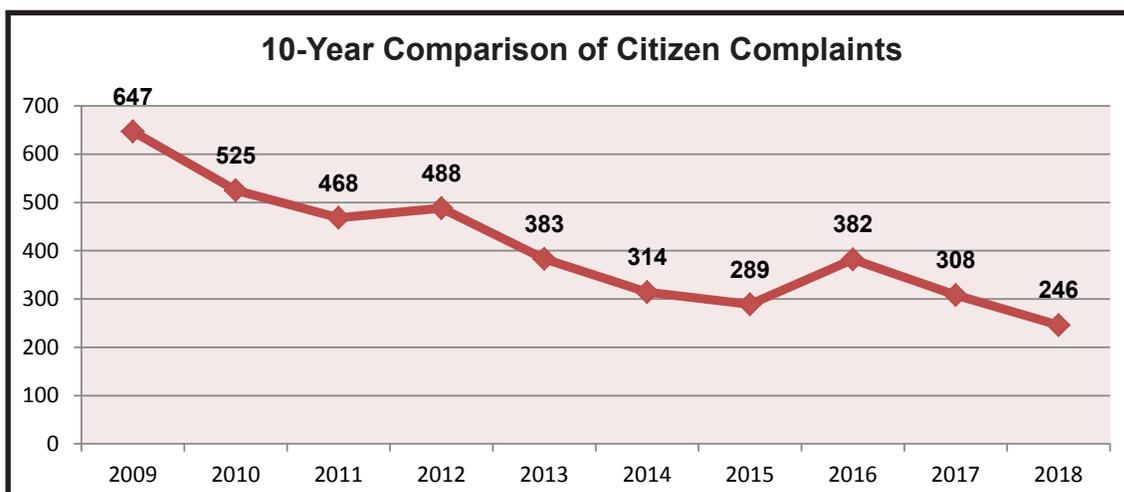
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10-Year Comparison of Part I Property Crime Rates per 1,000 Population

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
64.16	64.91	63.35	56.28	51.25	44.66	41.45	42.77	41.02	36.48

Complaints & Uses of Force



Citizen Complaints	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Contacts Received	2,877	2798	2774	2673	2,464
Citizen Complaints Received	314	297	382	308	246
Citizen Complaints Cancelled	1	9	9	55	26
Total Allegations in All Complaints	579	641	784	701	501
Bias-based Profiling Complaints	1	17	24	11	13

Citizen Complaints

Most Frequent Type or Nature	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Actions Taken/Not Taken	133	115	176	159	100
Investigative Actions	20	68	99	83	85
Rude/Discourteous Language/Actions	135	103	116	81	68
Force	76	77	70	75	48
Search/Seizure	40	57	89	53	52
<i>% of all complaint allegations for the year</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>70%</i>

Uses of Force

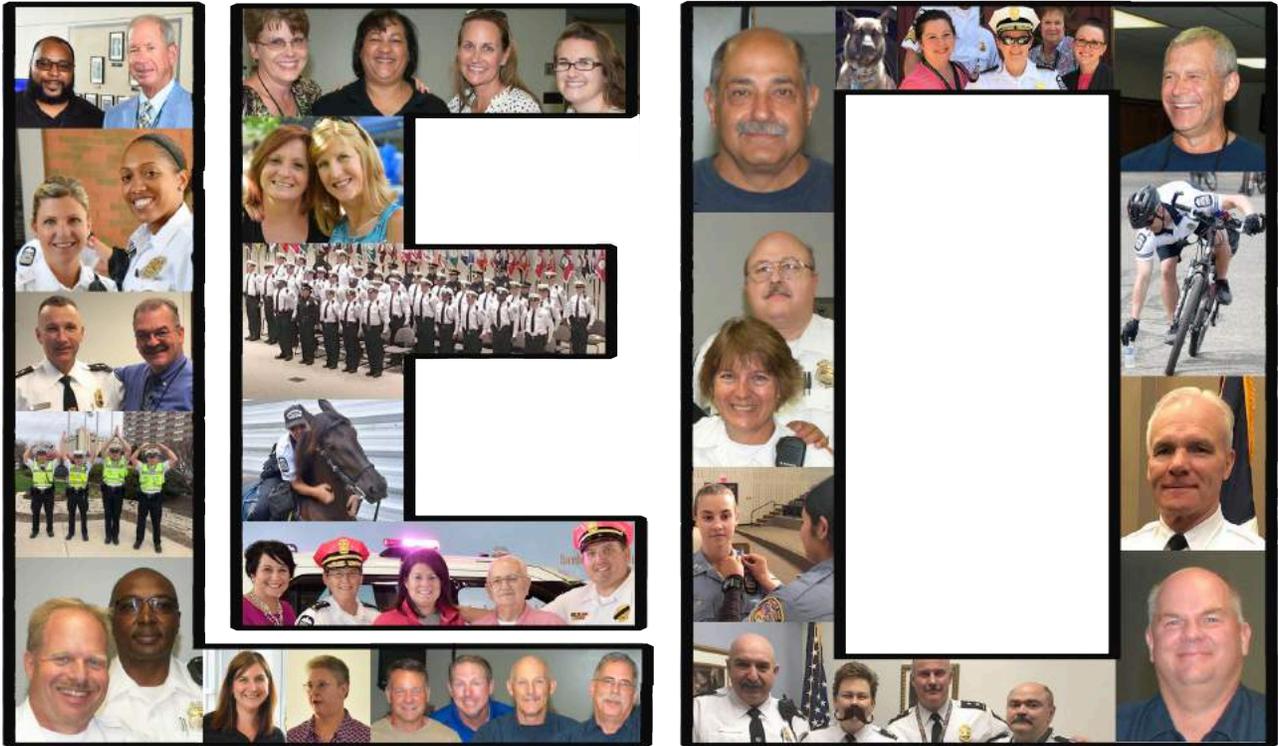
Level	Type of Response	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	Pushing/Causing Collision	3	7	5	2	6
2	Use of Mace	207	184	177	164	148
3	Use of TASER	138	155	143	162	169
4	Striking with Hands or Feet	110	109	89	103	70
5	Striking with a Weapon	5	6	5	6	2
6	Canine Bite	4	2	1	2	0
7	Less Lethal Weapons*	0	0	0	0	0
8	Use of Firearm [#]	9	16	15	13	16
	TOTALS	476	479	435	452	411

Information provided by PO Catherine Kirk who completes the Use of Force Analysis Report.

*Zero incidents when used as control. As a distraction device it is a Level 0 and not tracked as a UoF.

[#] Figures from the Firearms Review Board Recording Secretary

Law Enforcement Officers & Others



Chief Kim Jacobs Challenge Coin Symbolism *(featured on the front & back covers)*

The coin's shape, that of a shield, represents the CPD badge and is a reminder of the dangers our guardians face each day. Like the Knights of old earned their shields through honorable living and training, we earn our badges and keep them based on our integrity and ethical behavior. The Knight theme originates in my father's surname being Knight. My mother's father's nickname was Noble. I believe Police Officers and Knights share a worthy cause, serving and protecting others. The "N" on the left sword handle and the "K" on the right sword handle stand for our modern-day Noble Knights, those people that I work with and for.

I attended The Ohio State University so the Knight's armor is gray and the plume is scarlet. The standing lion on the Knight's shield brings in the symbolism of valor, strength and wisdom, but also represents the fact that I am a LEO, both as a law enforcement officer and in my zodiac sign. The crossed swords pointing down stand for my hope for peace and the end of conflict in our community.

The banner includes the three main words from the new Mission Statement I wrote and implemented after my promotion to chief; Purpose, Passion and Pride.

They are surrounded by the four stars I wear as chief. On the badge side of the coin, the lower banner has 1st and 32nd; I am the 1st female chief of the 32 chiefs in the history of CPD. The blue line on both sides represents the fraction of our country's population who make a difference in society through policing and who are united in that purpose.



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