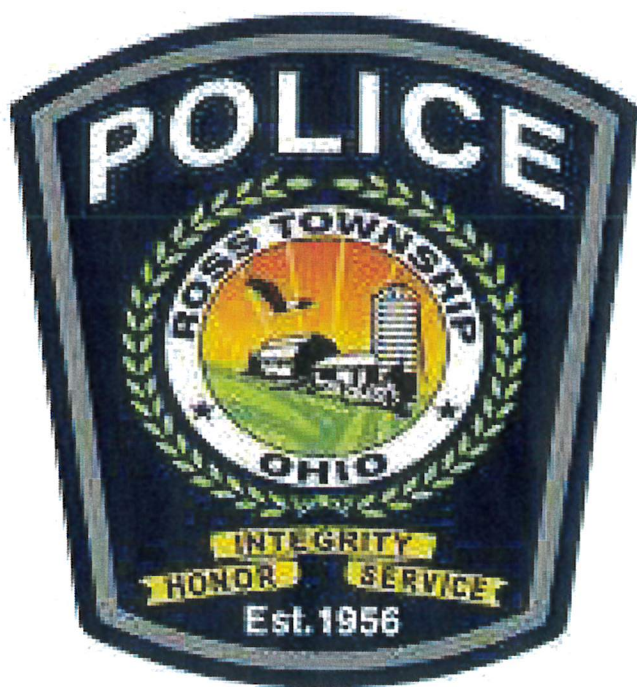


ROSS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2020



The year 2020 has been a year to remember not only for the citizens of Ross Township but also for the Ross Township Police Department itself. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the political environment surrounding law enforcement our department has made several accomplishments this year.

We implemented Sundance, which is a new records management system. Sundance will allow us to track vital statistics our police department compiles on a daily, monthly, or yearly basis which is vital in assisting us in meeting the requirements for the Ohio Collaborative agreement. Another accomplishment for the department was to have our own traffic and criminal citations specifically printed for the Ross Township Police Department. By having our own citations, we no longer rely on the Hamilton Municipal Courts to provide us citations. We received in car printers for all our police cruisers from the Ohio Department of Public Safety at no cost. Having the printers in the car will allow us to print out citations in the field. The police department was instrumental in getting the prosecutor's office approval and the other police chiefs in Butler County to have all the agencies to recite for one another. Previously we would have to wait for a deputy or take the prisoner to the Butler County jail to be recited.

We continue to have a positive working relationship with the Ross School District. Officer David Liddil is assigned to the Ross Middle School where he plays a vital role in providing educational programs and enhancing school safety.

Due to the restructuring of the police department we have decided currently we do not need a full-time detective. The cases we do have which need further investigation will be assigned to Officer Tom Brill. Captain Carr and Officer Brill conducted an audit on all the open case files and have been able to close several cases which had never been followed up on. They were also able to close and prosecute several other cases.

Having a well-trained agency equates to lower liability and higher employee satisfaction. Our training for the department in areas such as de-escalation, use of force, search and seizure and Crisis Intervention Training has greatly increased. Sgt Bryan Rogers has spearheaded this endeavor and has done a fabulous job ensuring our officers receive the most current training available. In 2020, Ross Township hosted advanced training for other law enforcement agencies at no

cost. In 2021, we will be teaming up with another agency in Butler County to host additional advanced training for law enforcement.

The Ross Township Police Department continues to strengthen our partnership with Federal, State, County and Local Organizations. We participate in the Butler County OVI Task Force, Butler County SWAT team and Butler County Serious Traffic Accident Response Team. Ross Township hosted a Trump Rally in 2020, and we assisted with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies in providing a secure environment for the event.

The Core Values for the Ross Township Police Department are Integrity, Professionalism, Diversity and Accountability. These core values guide us in delivering professional service which this community has come to expect from its' police department. We will continue to improve every day not only as officers but as an agency.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

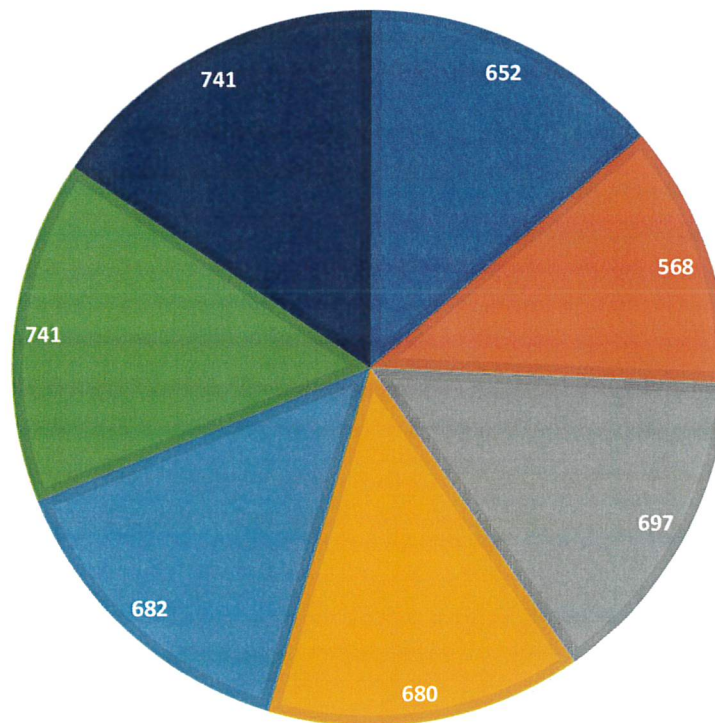
Andrew Carnegie



Calls by Day of the Week

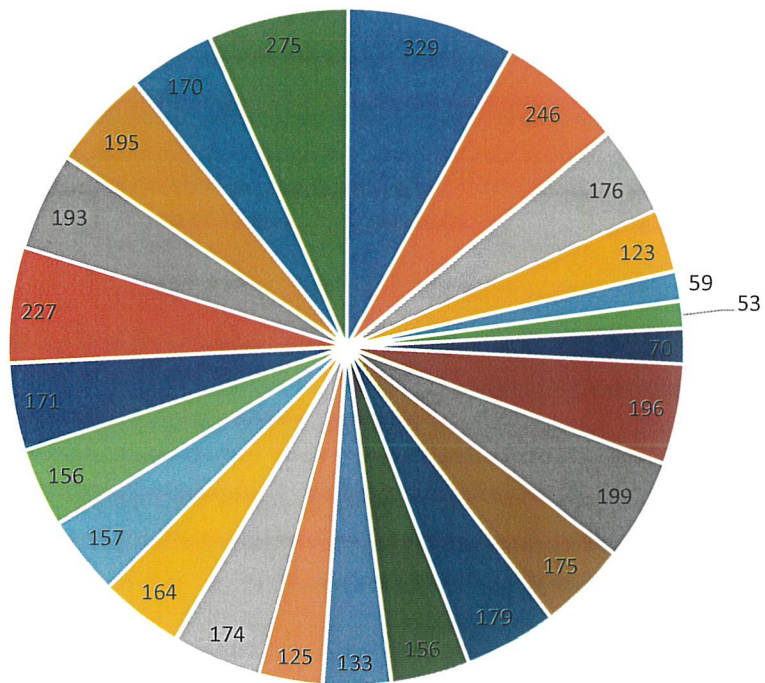
DAYS OF THE WEEK

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Calls by Time of Day

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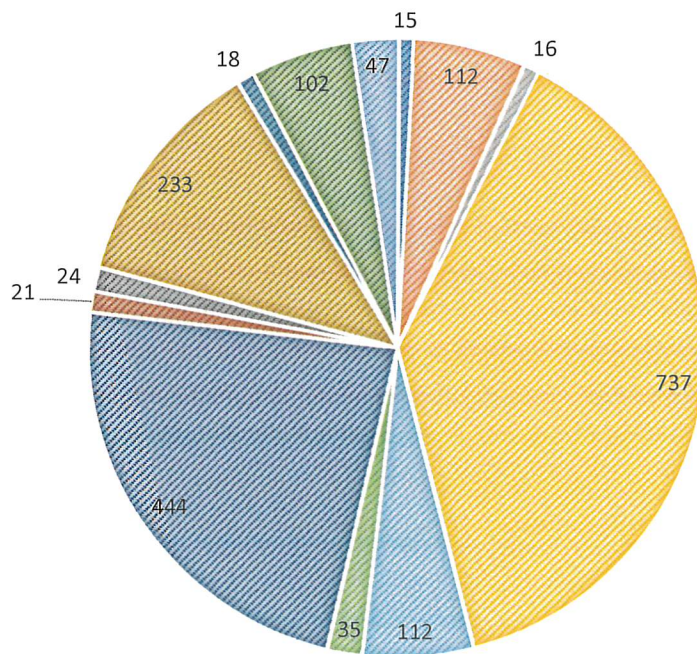


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Types of Calls for Service

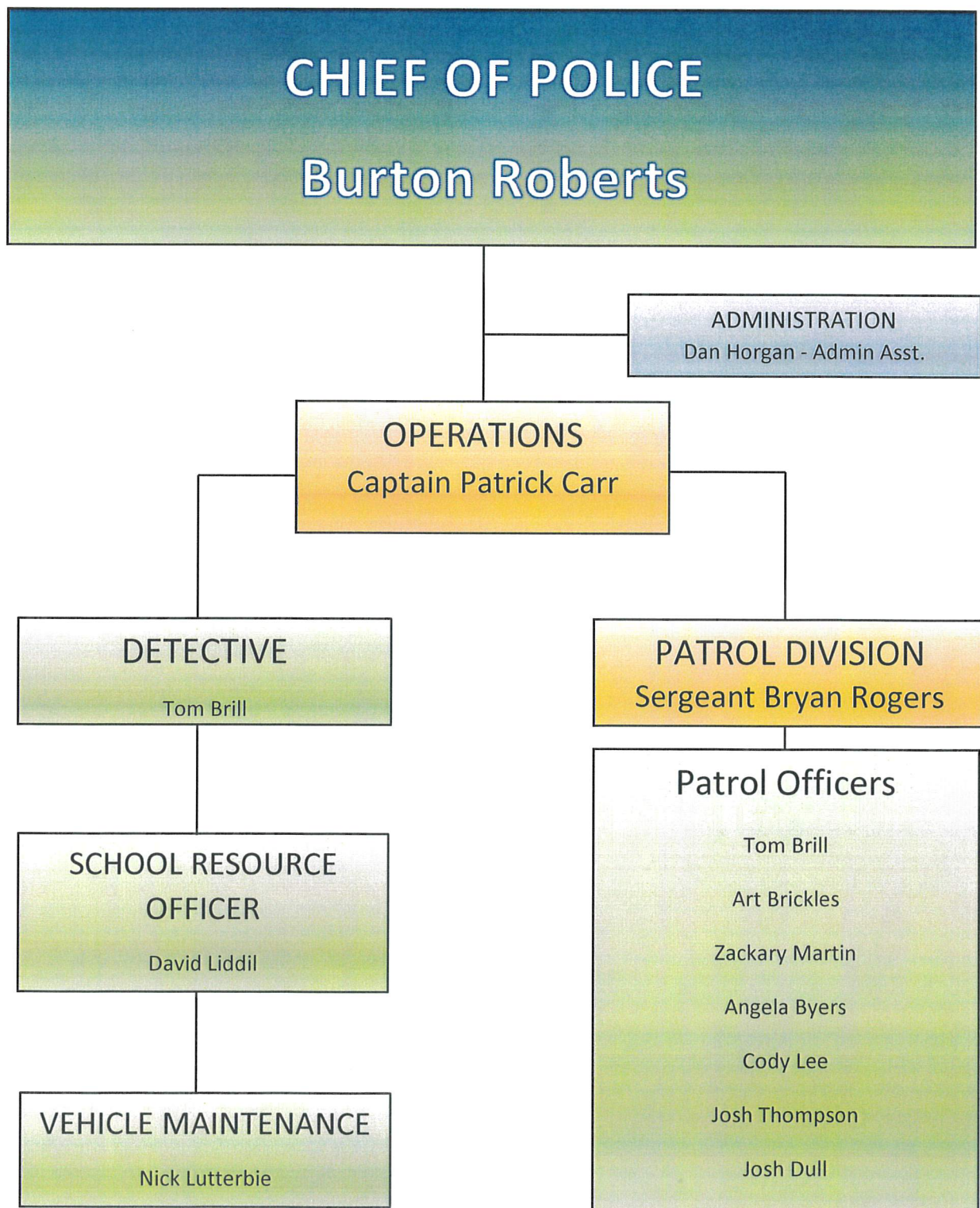
TYPE OF CALL

- 911 Hang up
- Alarms
- Assault
- Bus. Checks
- auto accidents
- Dom. Viol.
- Extra Patrol
- Harassment
- Juv. Compl
- Squad Run
- Stand by Assist
- Susp Per/Veh
- Theft



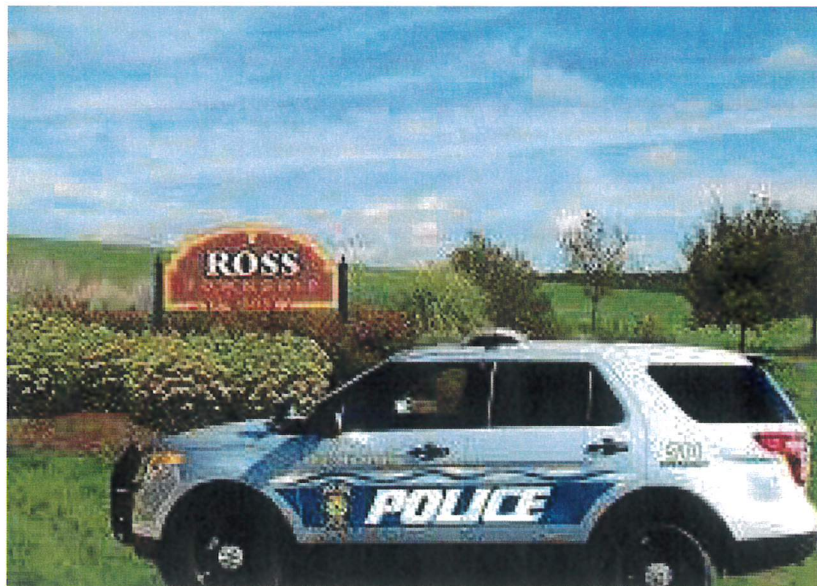


Ross Township Police Department





The patrol officers are responsible for the initial investigation of all crimes that occur within Ross Township. Investigations that required additional manpower saw teamwork and commitment to professionalism. Ross Township Police Department is extremely lucky to have experience, dedication, and dependability within its ranks. Our department is made up of highly skilled and committed professionals who take pride in serving our richly diverse community.





2020

The Ross Township Police Department is a community-oriented department. The department currently consist of 10 officers who are committed to serving an area of approximately 36 square miles. The patrol division is responsible for answering calls for service for crashes, domestics, theft, sex offenses, assaults, drug offenses, and assistance with medic and fire calls within the community.

In 2020, Ross Township Police Department responded to a total of 13,251 calls for service. Examples of calls for service that were handled in 2020 are:

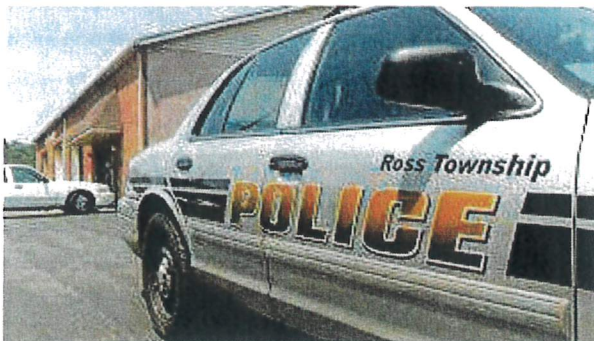
Theft - 84 calls for service

Traffic stops - 966 call for service

Vacation checks - 636 calls for service

911 hang-ups -174 calls for service

Business alarms - 204 calls for service



Business checks - 1640 calls for service

Crash without injury - 288 calls for service

Crash with injury- 75 calls for service

Extra patrol - 2502 calls for service

Disputes - 82 calls for service

Domestics - 62 calls for service

EMS assistance - 531 calls for service

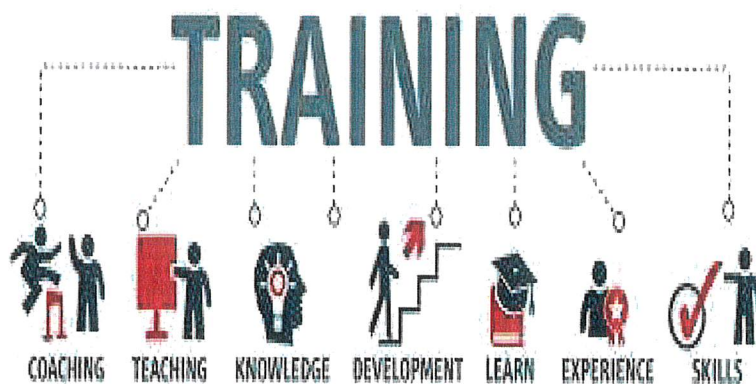
Reckless operation - 108 calls for service

Training Division

Every action taken by police officers today is viewed under a microscope by the communities they serve. Public perception can determine your success or failure, and training for officers is more important than ever. Simply doing the minimum required is not enough. The greatest resource within the Ross Township Police Department is the men and women that put on the uniform every day and proudly represent this department. These men and women are husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles. They all belong to a brotherhood that is like no other.

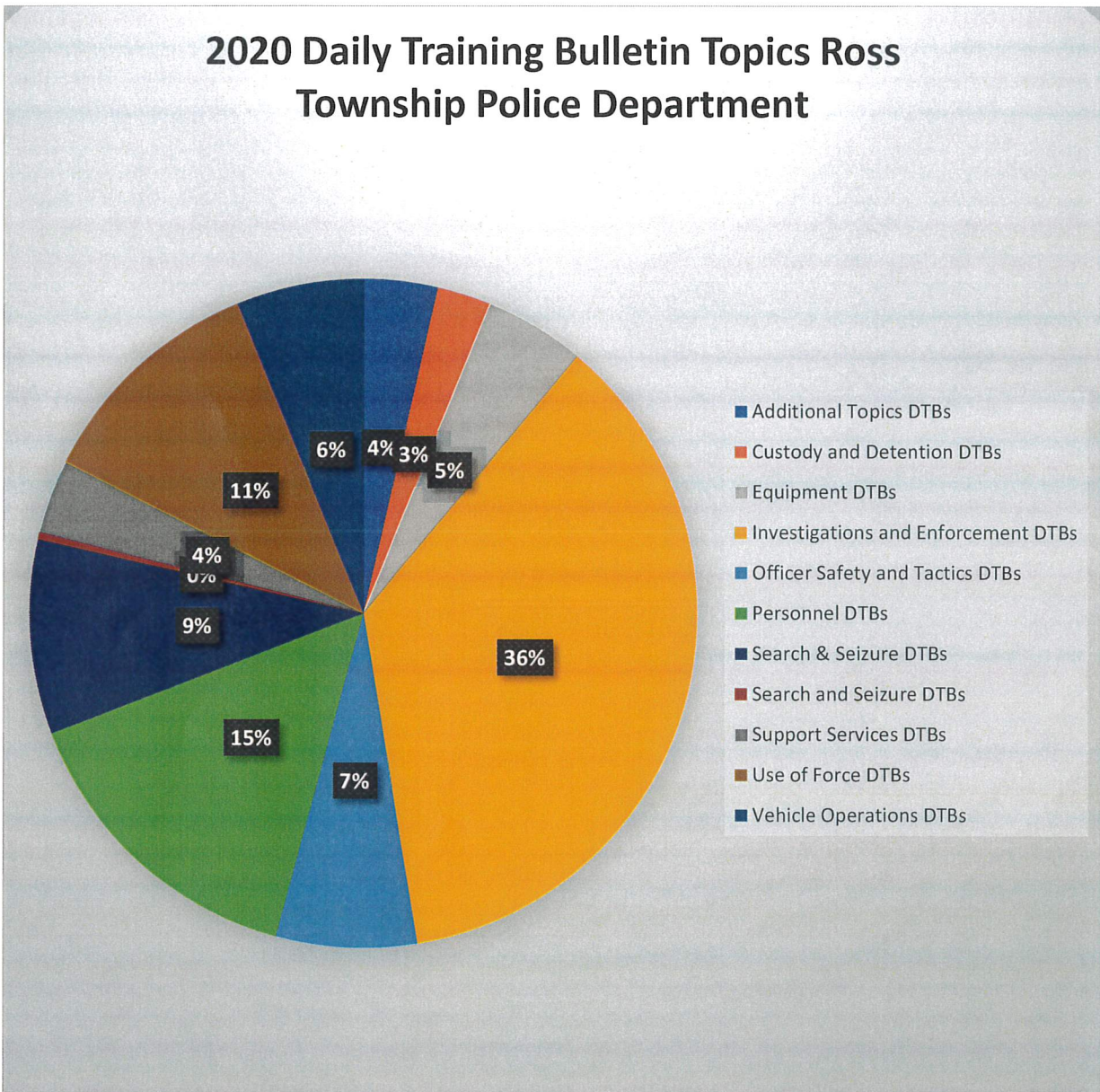
Training effects the way officers think on the job. Officers must prepare for the daily rigors and must prepare and recognize situations that require split second decision making. They must have patience and a mindset that allows the officer to think, feel, and react in a way that makes a positive impact on the community. Well trained officers are better able to recognize situations that require patience, control, or a different approach to resolve. Good training will push the level of service delivered to new heights and provide a foundation for a successful and professional department.

In 2020, Ross Township Police Department officers attended 559 hours of training. Officers continue seeking training that enhances their abilities and skills, as well as giving credibility to the department's commitment to excellence and professionalism. Officers will continue to be provided opportunities to seek training in areas that will enhance their skills and knowledge. The department will remain committed to providing a professional and well-trained department to the citizens of Ross Township.



Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins

Lexipol is America's leading provider of risk management policies and resources for police departments, delivering services through a unique, web-based system. Lexipol offers departments state specific policy manuals that have scenario-based platform for training officers on high-risk, low-frequency situations.



Lexipol has spent years developing the smartest, most responsive public safety policy management platform. The online Knowledge Management System (**KMS**) provides electronic policy acknowledgment tracking, automatic archiving of policy versions and efficient distribution of policies and training to the officers of Ross Township Police Department.

Ross Township Police Department 2020 Training Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<u>Admin/ Supervisor</u>	
Chief Burton Roberts	126.5
Capt Pat Carr	15
Sergeant Bryan Rogers	292
	(144 hrs SWAT training days)
<u>Patrol</u>	
Tom Brill	46.5
Art Brickles	13
David Liddil	34
Zack Martin	14
Cody Lee	7
Angela Byers	11
Josh Thompson	FTO Training
Josh Dull	FTO Training
Total training hours 2020	<u>559</u>

Operations

Captain Patrick Carr currently serves as my assistant and is solely responsible and supervises the School Resource Officer, David Liddil, and Officer Tom Brill when he serves in the investigative capacity. When the time does arrive where a full-time investigator is needed, Captain Carr will also be that person's first line supervisor.

Captain Carr's role is such that he serves as operations supervisor for the agency and will continue to do so as we grow. He is responsible managing for the aforementioned assignments, and he oversees and supervises Sgt Bryan Rogers in the patrol division.

In completing his assignment, in 2020, Captain Carr directly managed and / or participated in several investigations. The drowning of a toddler, the five-month-old with a fractured femur, the drowning in the Miami River and the death of a motorcyclist on US 27 which required additional follow up to name a few. As we transitioned away from a full-time detective in our rank structure, Captain Carr would assign reports to patrol officers for additional investigation if needed. He would discuss, demonstrate, and coach officers to be able to complete their investigations in a professional and competent manner. The cases we investigated included various theft offenses such as Identity Theft, Auto Theft and the Breaking and Entering of the Angelo's Pizza over the summer. Officer Liddil was the responding officer, so he was assigned the case. Information was obtained that lead to Officer Liddil writing his first search warrant. The search yielded valuable evidence and the suspect was ultimately convicted.

Through all the cases assigned and investigative work completed by various members of the department, we were able to improve our reputation and standing with Butler County Children's Services, the Butler County Prosecutor's Office, and the Butler County Coroner's Office. Over the past year we have received several compliments from these entities based on a quality work product. This is in large part to the efforts displayed by all involved and the team concept of completing tasks which we will continue to utilize into the foreseeable future. This concept will not only improve the quality of our officers but also improve the quality of life for the residents of Ross Township.

Please review the attached illustrations for further information.





School Resource Officer

The presence of a school resource officer on the campus of the Ross School District is an integral part of the operational plan for the Ross Township Police Department for the foreseeable future. The School Resource Officer (SRO) program has become a vital collaborative effort between Ross Police and Ross School District educators. Not only does the officer work very closely with administration and educators, but also with the students and parents as well. The position, with its general-sounding name, is an unusual hybrid of counselor, educator, and police officer.

When the 2020-2021 school year started, the staff, administration and officers returned faced new challenges no one has quite encountered before. Returning with COVID 19 mandates and policies created a new and difficult environment to navigate. But through hard work, perseverance and the natural commitment of the Ross Community, Ross School District and the Ross Township Police Department, students and teachers were able to return to school five days a week.

With the current safety staff comprising only one full time School Resource Officer and three full time School Safety Officers, Officer Liddil's role as the sole sworn officer became more vital. Officer Liddil is stationed full time at the Ross Middle School where he continues to strengthen the relationships with students, staff, and parents. During the school day he helps maintain a safe environment for the students and staff, starting with traffic enforcement in the school zones, which is new to the SRO assignment, under Chief Roberts. Officer Liddil also directs traffic during student drop offs and pick-ups to help to provide safety for the students. Officer Liddil now handles all calls of service involving students, staff, and property. New to

Officer Liddil's role is him being the primary officer responsible for any call for service or investigating any offense or incident that originated on or encompassed the school district or campuses in Ross Township. As the year progresses, Officer Liddil and the school safety officers will continue to keep moving forward in an ongoing effort to increase the safety and physical security of the school campuses.

Overview of programs that have been implemented this school year:

- Active Shooter Safety Program has continued to improve by leaps and bounds. This year we have been able to run the Ross High School Students and Staff through numerous drills. This has allowed us identify and address areas we can continue to improve. We have continued to work with the Ross High School, Middle School and Elda Elementary.
- Attended Staff and Safety Meetings
- Risk assessment Team- meetings and safety improvements to schools, we have added the room numbers to the outside of classrooms on the exterior of the buildings.
- Self-Defense Class with the high school physical education classes pending COVID 19 requirements.
- Attendance and Truancy Team
- Multiple Welfare Checks on students
- Active Assailant presentation to:
 - Bus Drivers
 - Secretarial Staff
 - Cafeteria Staff
- Weekly address the 5th grade student body about multiple issues and help build a rapport.
- The advantages of being Bilingual in the Public Service presentation to the 6th grade.
- 2nd and 4th amendment presentation to the 8th grade
- Armed assailant presentation to the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- Internet Safety presentation to the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades
- "Stop the Bleed" and CPR/AED class was held for the Freshmen Health class both in person and virtual
- Risk Assessment and Safety Council Committees and Meetings
- Multiple Fire Drills

- Lock Down Drills
- Barricade in place drills
- Help with cafeteria and class changes due to COVID 19 mandates.
- Christmas for Kids – December 2020 due to COVID 19 mandates, unfortunately the gifts were picked up by the parents and pictures were not obtained.
- K-4th Alice Training – “I’m not scared, I’m Prepared” book readings to individual classes
- Attended all Ross High School football and basketball games.

Officer Liddil has helped the FCCLA member’s research and prepare for their Rural Driver Safety presentation and he also provided input for the “Perfect Passenger Program” research.

Officer Liddil is currently SRO and DARE Certified, and continues to attend numerous Trainings. Some of those trainings include.

- De-escalation Techniques for the SRO
- Detecting Misleading Behaviors
- ALICE Instructor
- RAIDER Solo Engagement Instructor Training
- Customizing an Active Shooter Response for your School
- SRO Bus Driver Safety Workshop Train the Trainer
- DARE Program
- Hostage Negotiator
- Public Information Officer
- Stop The Bleed Instructor
- Civilian Casualty Care Certified
- Over 30 hours of FEMA Training
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- The Dangers Of Social Networking
- Risk management For After School Activities
- Ohio Threat Assessment Program
- OPOTA Mandates and Updates

With his current skill set and experience, Officer Liddil can provide a unique perspective on school safety that will carry both the Ross School District and Ross Police Department well into the upcoming years.



SRO David Liddil

Investigations

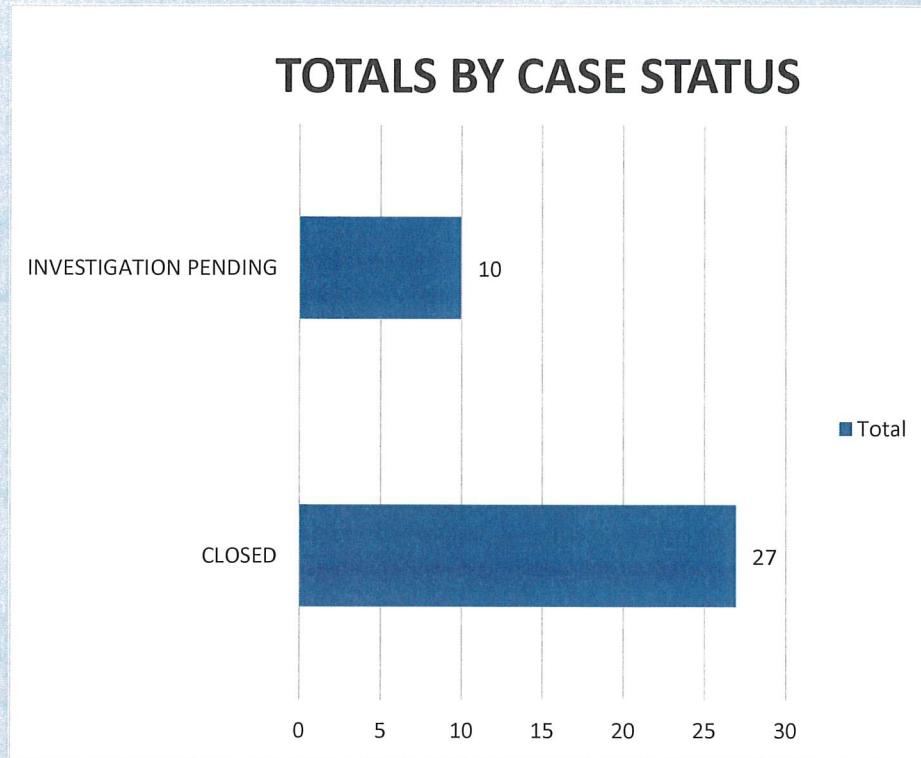
2021, saw many changes in the operations of the police department. Scheduling was completely changed to full time officers working Monday through Friday with weekends off and part time officers scheduled around the full-time officers. In doing so, payroll was cut, and the department saw an overall reduction in expenses, completing the year seven percent under budget. Officers were given more latitude and responsibility to fulfill previously prohibited aspects of their job. This was done out of a need to train and support patrol personnel to complete more than the original offense report and turn it in. Officers were now required to do interviews, process scenes, write warrants and subpoenas and complete and sign their own criminal complaints, which had never been allowed before.



With the departure of our full-time detective, those additional duties and responsibilities were granted to patrol officers and they graciously accepted the challenge, in part because they had not been entrusted with such since they were hired. Patrol officers were provided training and direction to accomplish significant tasks in situations where our police department previously would have called another agency to assist or to completely handle the situation. In taking control of our own investigations, when they did arise, we assigned officers to basic follow up and the number of low-level cases that would have been assigned to an investigator was significantly reduced, as supported by the attached illustrations. Currently, when the need does arise, we now have capable and competent personnel on the department that most any type of investigation can be handled in house. Furthermore, when we hire an officer to replace the vacant full time slot, we will move Officer Tom Brill to a 'late split' assignment, and he will

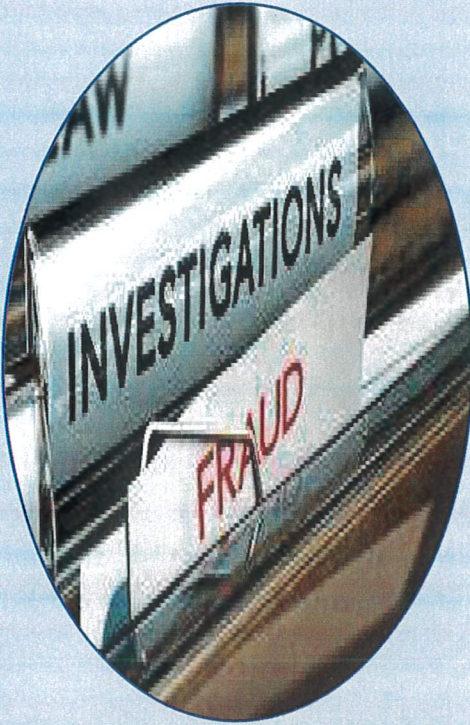
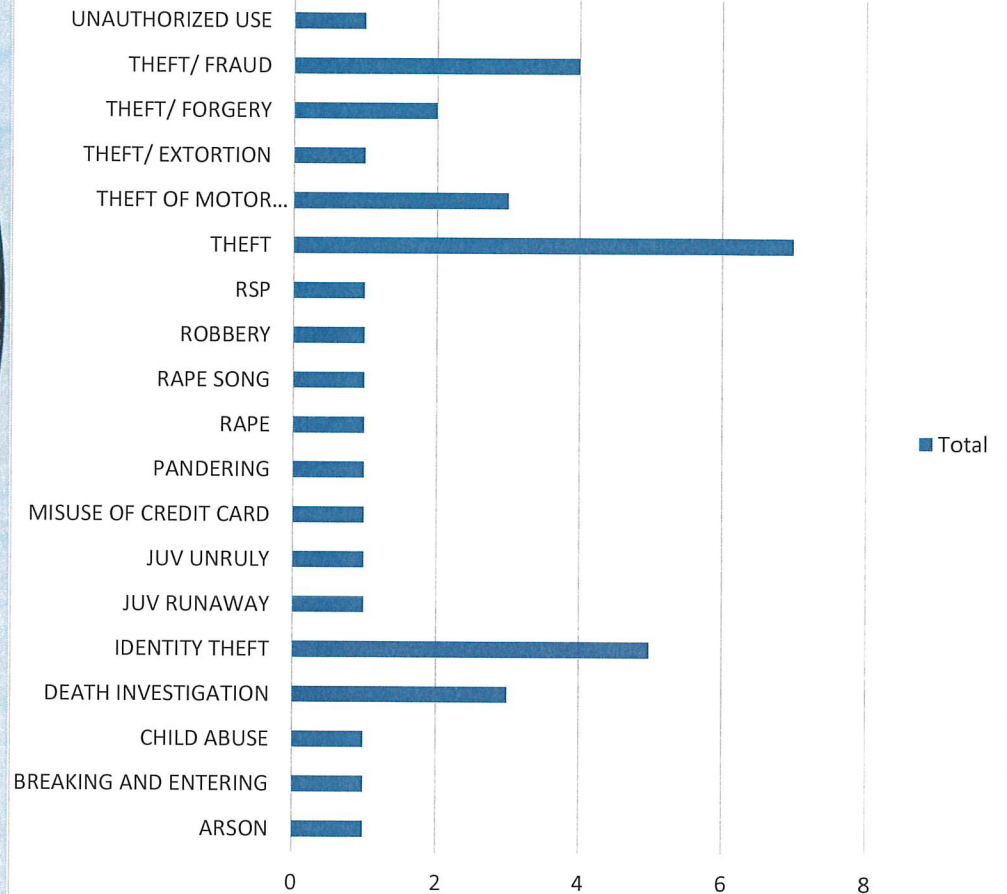
work primarily from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM. This restructuring will bolster our patrol division and when the need does arise for regular investigations, that Officer Tom Brill will fill the role as our primary investigator. Officer Brill has previous experience as an investigator for the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Ohio Bureau of Workman's Compensation. His experience in those jobs has shown tremendous value and will serve us well moving forward. However, organizationally speaking, while the township is growing and will grow significantly in the next few years, statistical information clearly showed our police department is not in need of a full-time detective at this time. In years of growth to come, we will reevaluate our organizational structure as needed to best provide for the residents of Ross Township.

2020 INVESTIGATIONS



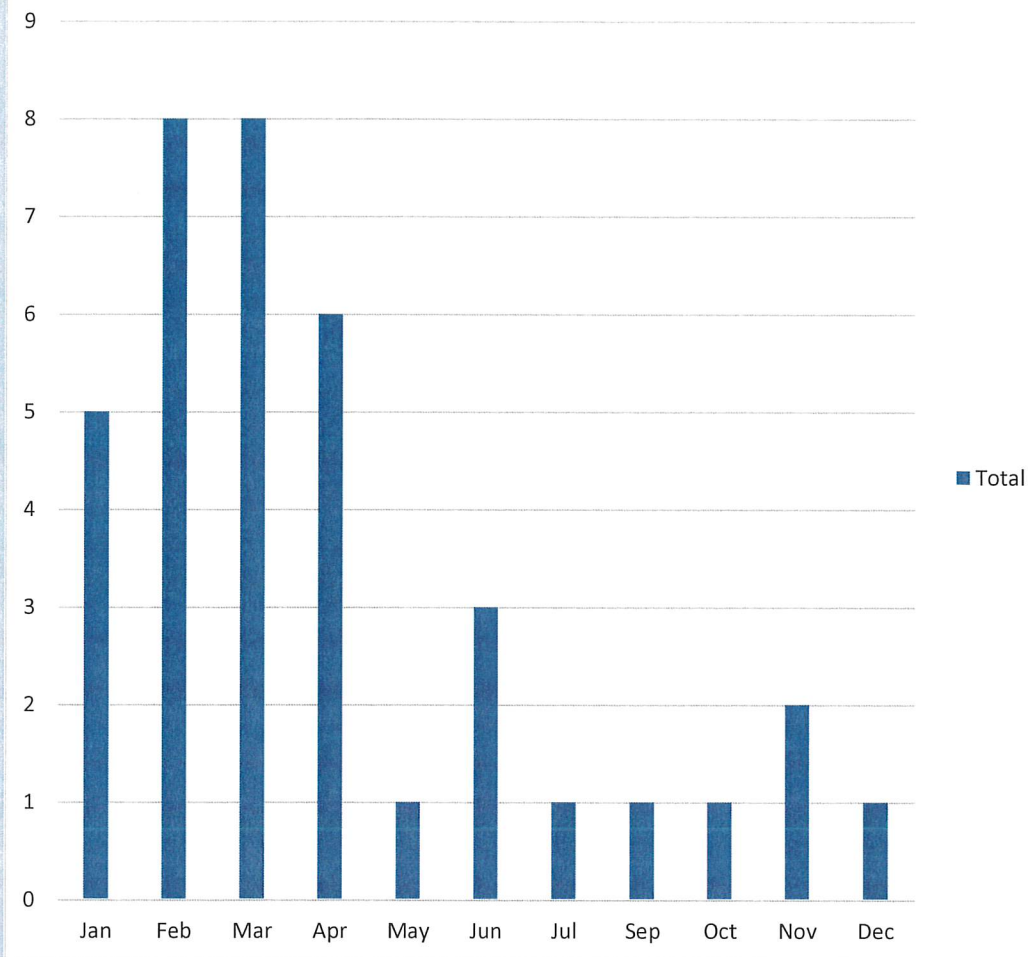
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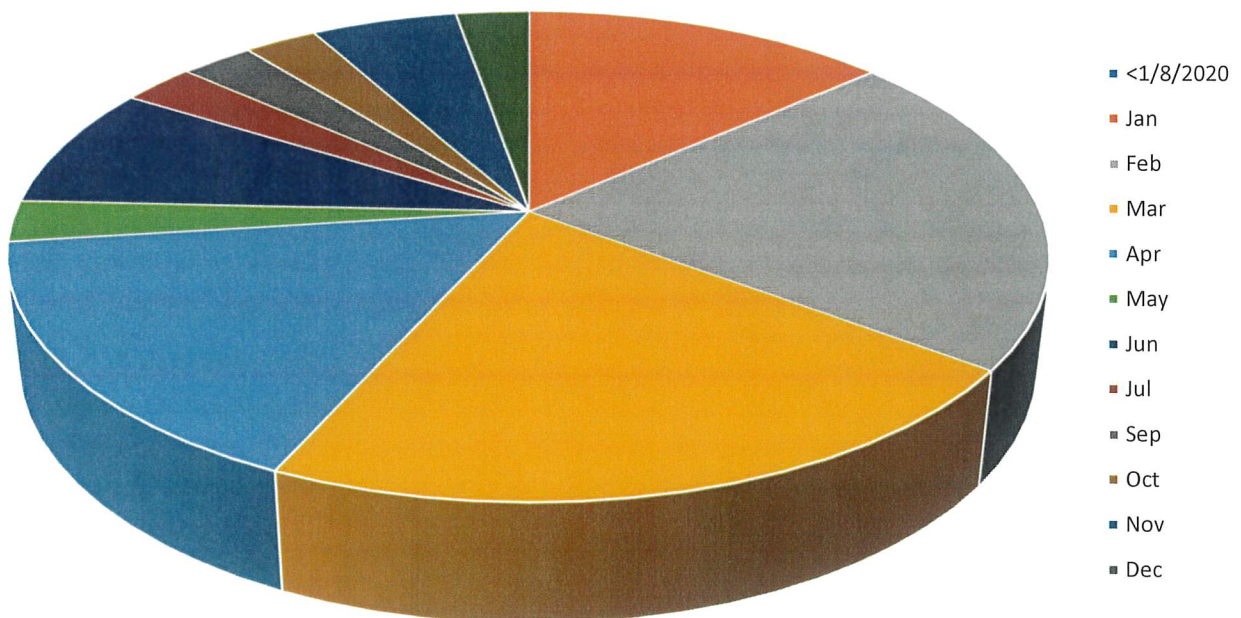


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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

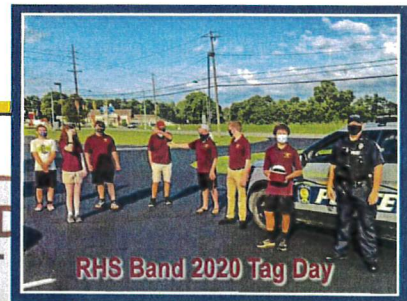
Saturday, October 24
10AM to 2PM

Ross Township Police
4055 Hamilton Cleves Rd.
Hamilton, Oh 45014

Turn in your unused, unwanted or expired medication for safe disposal. Please no liquids or syringes!

DRIVERS

Please Slow Down In Our Neighborhoods!



**Ross Township Police
Held it's first
Cones witha Cop
on 6/12/20.**

**Over 200 residents
attended.**



CONES WITH A COP



BUTLER COUNTY

Republican Fundraiser For President Trump

Held on September 14, 2020

