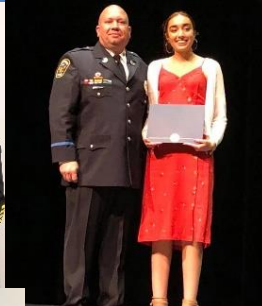




STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



2019 ANNUAL REPORT by Chief Darin Powers

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As we look back on 2019, we saw changes in staffing, equipment and community involvement. But most importantly, we saw acts of courage and bravery from members of the Streetsboro Police Department that remind us of why we do what we do and should make the residents of our community proud.



Our staffing changes started with the retirement of 25-year veteran, Officer Joe Smolic. Joe started his career with the Streetsboro Police Department in 1994 and went on to serve as a long-time training officer and property room manager. As a senior patrol officer, his knowledge and experience were key in training new patrol officers and he will be missed. We were fortunate to fill the vacancy with Ofc Torey Frame. She is the first full time female officer hired by our department in over twenty years. We also had two full time dispatchers leave in 2019.



We were able to replace one of them at the end of the year with a new hire, Jodi Meyer and we plan to fill the other vacancy in early 2020.

In the first quarter of 2019, Lt. Patricia Wain attended the prestigious FBI National Academy leadership program in Quantico VA. The National Academy brings law enforcement leaders from around the world together for a ten-week extensive training program that involves both classwork and physical fitness. The physical fitness portion culminates with a 6.1 mile run and obstacle course called the Yellow Brick Road. Lt. Wain becomes only the third member in the history the Streetsboro Police Department to attend and graduate the FBINA.



We also reached another milestone with the twenty-year anniversary of moving into the current police station, however, with that age comes needed upgrades. In 2019, we were able to replace much of our aging and troublesome HVAC system with a new modern system that uses environmentally safe refrigerant. The new system is more energy efficient and should last for many years. We were also able to replace the twenty-year-old Uninterruptible Power Supply (or UPS) system with a smaller, more efficient modular system. The UPS supplies uninterrupted power to our vital systems such as our servers, dispatch computers and others in the event of a power loss and is critical to our operations. Our goal is to continue updating our systems moving into 2020 by replacing the air conditioning unit for our server room and dispatch center.

We continue to provide our officers and dispatchers with the best possible equipment in order to do their jobs as efficiently and safely as possible. The large upgrade we made in 2019 was to replace all of our aging in-car video systems with new systems provided by Getac. The new systems are cloud based and integrate with our current body cameras. The new system provides many new features such as web access, live video feeds, redaction and the ability to send links to videos. The systems provide our officers with a much more efficient way of gathering and maintaining evidentiary video. In 2020, we plan to install Getac video systems in our booking and interview rooms as well so that all of our evidentiary video is maintained in the same system.



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In 2017, we created a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) program which is coordinated by Officer Scott Hermon. We have four pilots and they have used the UAV for documenting crash scenes and for looking for individuals. We started to work with an upstart company on a new idea for deploying UAVs; however, the program did not get off the ground, so to speak. Near the end of the year, we added a new UAV called a Mavic Mini. It is a very small UAV that is much easier to deploy and is easier to use indoors should we need to clear or search a building, rather than putting officers or K9s in jeopardy. As the technology continues to get better, we plan to move this program forward.



In law enforcement, it is vital that we work well with our public safety partners. Here are some examples of how we were able to do that in 2019. As a member of the Portage County Safe Communities Coalition, each year we team up

with public safety agencies from around the county to keep our road safe. As part of the coalition, we participated in: “None for Under 21”; the “Click in or Ticket” campaign and the kickoff event; the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign and its kickoff event. We participated in a criminal interdiction detail and a TRIAD detail with the Ohio State Patrol. Thanks to Ofc Siedlecki, we now work closely with ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) to bring child predators to justice. Ofc Siedlecki participated in two (2) ICAC stings which resulted in multiple arrests. We have also maintained our participation in the Portage County Drug Task Force, the Metro SWAT team and the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. Finally, Ofc Mike Cipriano has taken on the role as a speaker at the Project Detour classes which are done through Townhall II. These classes are given for those convicted of a first offense OVI.

Our department experienced two high profile incidents in 2019. First, in July, our officers responded to a robbery in progress at our Verizon store located in the plaza in front of Walmart. On arrival, our officers found that the suspects were still inside the store. Officers used great teamwork and tactics to eventually arrest four (4) subjects inside the store and found that one of the subjects had a loaded firearm. It was later found that they had tied up the sole employee and assaulted him prior to officers arriving on scene. This story was picked up by all of our local media and our officers received high praise from the community, the owners of the store and from other members of law enforcement.



The other high-profile incident occurred in August when officers responded to a report of a vehicle that had driven into the lake at Liberty Park with the female driver inside. Officers Matt Plesz and Jason Sackett arrived on scene and found the vehicle floating in the lake. Both officers swam out to the vehicle and found the female inside and she did not want to be rescued. With the help of a civilian, the officers were able to remove the female from the car and swim her back to shore where she received medical attention. Again, this story was aired on local media and the officers received high praise and awards for their heroic actions. Officer Plesz is scheduled to appear on a national television show to be interviewed about the incident.



As always, we try to stay very involved with our community. We continued our involvement with long standing programs such as Safety Land, DARE, Neighborhood Watch, Fill-a-Cruiser, National Prescription Drug Take Back, CIT, Family Days, Trunk or Treat and, of course, Shop-with-a-Cop. Ofc Fogleman is always an integral part of Safety Land and is vital to our relationship with our children and schools through our DARE and SRO programs. Ofc Siedlecki organized the Fill-a-Cruiser this year as he does every year. Our Bicycle Patrol program continues to be a big hit with our residents and over the past couple of years, we have teamed up with Parks and Recs for a program called “Bike Around Town” where our officers ride through neighborhoods with our residents. As we have for the past several years, we teamed up with AAA for the bike helmet program where our officers handled out “citations” to kids wearing bike helmets. The kids were then able to get a free pizza at Gionino’s with that citation. This year, one of our residents won a bicycle through the program. The bike was presented to him by Officer Josh Bartholomew and Lt Troy Beaver. The police SPA teamed up with our elementary school to provide pizzas once a month for the students of the month. Officers would help serve the pizza and talk to the students. These are just a few examples of all our officers do to support the members of our community.



It is always important to recognize our employees for their efforts throughout the year. For 2019, Ofc. Luke Nelson was chosen as the Employee of the Year after being nominated by his peers. Ofc Nelson is a very proactive officer that was at or near the top in all of the department’s self-initiated activity categories. Ofc Jason Sackett and Ofc Matthew Plesz were awarded the department’s Meritorious Service Award for their efforts to save the female that drove into the lake at Liberty Park. All the officers involved in responding to the armed robbery in progress at Verizon and arresting the four suspects were given the department’s Exceptional Duty Award. Ofc Chris Petro was, again, the department’s MADD Award winner for the most arrests of impaired drivers. Sgt. Rich Polivka and Det Mike Graham earned their five-year safe driving award. We also had several employees earn commendations for their various efforts of outstanding work. All of our awards are listed on page twelve (12) of this report. Finally, our

department was issued a prestigious award by the Employee Support of Guard and Reserves for our ongoing support of Sgt Justin Leidel, a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. Sgt Leidel is currently deployed and is serving his nation in the middle east.

Although much of the work our employees do is intangible and cannot be quantified, we still have to keep statistics on crime rates, traffic crashes, traffic cites and more. In 2019, we saw a very slight increase in our serious criminal incidents, our general criminal incidents and our total incidents over the previous year. However, compared to the three years prior to that, our overall criminal incidents are still much lower. We also saw a slight increase in our service calls this year compared to last. Over the past five years, our service calls have trended near the same. We did see another large decrease in the total number of traffic crashes in 2019. Unfortunately, even though our total crashes and injury crashes are down, we had three fatal crashes in 2019. Overall, I think we are seeing positive trends over the past five years and beyond in our crime and traffic statistics and we hope to see that trend continue in the future.

With another year and another decade behind us, we plan to move forward into the next decade by continuing to serve our community with pride, integrity and professionalism.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darin W. Powers".

Darin W. Powers
Chief of Police

MISSION AND VALUES

OUR MISSION

The members of the Streetsboro Police Department are committed to protecting life and property, ensuring safety, and engaging with our community to promote positive community relations and to solve problems.

OUR VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY: We are responsible and dependable people who are accountable for everything we do, to each other as well as to the citizens of Streetsboro.

CITIZENSHIP: We pledge ourselves to preserving the public trust, obeying the law, and enforcing the law while respecting and protecting the rights of all citizens.

COMMUNICATION: We are committed to open and honest communication among ourselves and with the community. We respect and speak positively of our fellow employees.

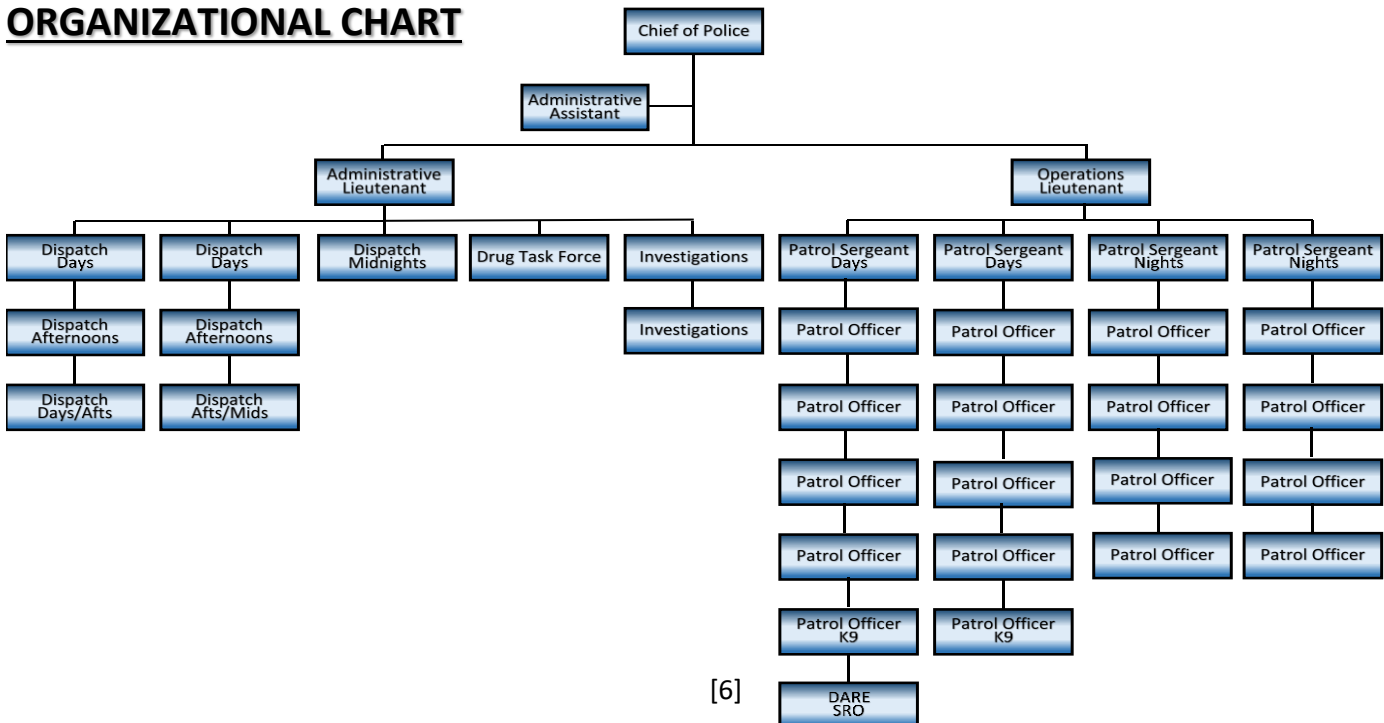
COOPERATION: We recognize the importance of cooperation and teamwork within our department as well as with other departments and our community; cooperation will enable us to achieve common goals.

COURTESY: We are courteous and respectful in official dealings with the public, fellow employees, superiors and subordinates.

INTEGRITY: Our success depends on the trust and confidence of the citizens that we serve; we are honest and exhibit behavior that is beyond reproach and reflects the integrity of police professionals.

PROFESSIONALISM: We recognize that our community is entitled to professional, effective and efficient law enforcement services; we strive for excellence in our agency to make it more effective and responsive to the needs of the community.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PERSONNEL

This list of employees was current on December 31, 2019.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Years at SPD</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Darin Powers | Chief of Police | 21 |
| Troy Beaver | Operations Lieutenant | 27 |
| Patricia Wain | Administrative Lieutenant | 24 |
| Andrew Suvada | Sergeant | 25 |
| Richard Polivka | Sergeant | 24 |
| Jon Hurley | Sergeant | 15 |
| Justin Leidel | Sergeant | 17 |
| Brian Shaffer | Investigator | 29 |
| James Wagner | Investigator | 25 |
| Michael Graham | Investigator | 7 |
| Jason Fogleman | SRO/DARE/Juvenile Investigator | 19 |
| Christopher Petro | Patrol | 24 |
| Aaron Coates | Patrol | 19 |
| Jason Sackett | Patrol | 20 |
| James Curby | Patrol | 17 |
| Scott Hermon | Patrol | 17 |
| Michael Cipriano | Patrol | 12 |
| Jason Hall | Patrol | 12 |
| Ryan Wolf | Patrol | 10 |
| Joshua Bartholomew | Patrol | 9 |
| Stanley Siedlecki | Patrol | 9 |
| Matthew Plesz | Patrol | 8 |
| Thomas Ondecker | Patrol | 8 |
| Daniel Mulcahy | Patrol | 8 |
| John Milner | Patrol | 7 |
| Gene Larson | Patrol | 7 |
| Kyle French | Patrol | 3 |
| Luke Nelson | Patrol | 1 |
| Torey Frame | Patrol | 0 |
| Sharon Gumm | Administrative Assistant | 20 |
| Linda Leanza | Dispatch | 27 |
| Linda Garner | Dispatch | 15 |
| Josee Acklin | Dispatch | 12 |
| Alexsander Melomed | Dispatch | 11 |
| Haley Otto | Dispatch | 5 |
| Jodi Meyer | Dispatch | 0 |

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest Division of the Streetsboro Police Department and is the backbone of our agency. Its primary responsibilities are responding to calls for service from the community, keeping our roadways safe and locating and arresting violators of the law. Each year, officers responded to a wide variety of calls ranging from vehicle lockouts to violent felonies.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has been committed, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers of the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, conducting business and property checks, and initiating contacts within our community to further enhance the department's interaction and partnership with the community.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are assigned to one of four (4) platoons, two (2) on nights and two (2) on days while working twelve (12) hour shifts. With these shifts, the police department provides our residents with round the clock coverage all year.

Field Training Officers (FTO) / Communication Training Officers (CTO):

All police officers hired by the Streetsboro Police Department must have attended and successfully completed a State of Ohio certified peace officer training academy. Officers hired by our department must have a current peace officer certificate in hand at the time of hire in order to be eligible for employment.

The FTO program is an additional eight (8) weeks of intensive training and evaluation where the probationary officer is paired up with an experienced officer. The FTO officer has been carefully selected and trained/certified as a Field Training Officer (FTO) through certification training provided by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The goal of the FTO program is to prepare and develop probationary officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity.

We also provide an eight (8) week training program for all new dispatchers. As with the officers, we have selected experienced dispatchers to get certified as Communication Training Officers (CTOs). The program is designed to develop the dispatcher to act efficiently and effectively as an emergency police and fire dispatcher.

The following SPD officers and dispatchers are certified as FTO's / CTO's:

Lt. Troy Beaver (FTO Coordinator)

Lt. Tricia Wain

Sgt. Andrew Suvada

Sgt. Jon Hurley

Sgt. Richard Polivka

Ofc. Ryan Wolf

Ofc. Art Milner

Ofc. Jason Sackett

Ofc. Michael Cipriano

Ofc. Scott Hermon

Ofc. Stanley Siedlecki

Ofc. Gene Larson

Disp Linda Leanza

Disp Linda Garner

Disp Alex Melomed

Disp Josee Acklin

SPECIAL UNITS

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a collaborative effort with the Streetsboro School District. The Streetsboro Police Department presently has one (1) officer assigned as a School Resource Officer. The SRO is primarily assigned to Streetsboro High School, but will assist elsewhere in the district as needed. Operationally, the SRO reports to the day shift Patrol Sergeant. He is currently assigned in our schools on a full-time basis during the school year.

The School Resource Officer Program has two main components. The first is designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers/administrators and the Streetsboro Police Department. The daily communication between police and school officials prevents many problems and mitigates existing problems for both the school and the police. The second component is to provide training and instruction in the school as needed, and informal counseling to students, staff and parents.

School security/action plans have been completed for the schools in Streetsboro, and the SRO participates in that process in conjunction with the Streetsboro school staff/administration. All plans are required to be reviewed annually.

DARE Program

The Streetsboro Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Program in the Streetsboro Schools since 1992. Officer Mark Pennington (Ret.) was the original DARE Officer for the Streetsboro Police Department. In 2001, Officer James Wagner took over as the DARE Officer, and served in that capacity until 2011. Ptl. Jason Fogleman is the current DARE Officer. This a dual role, as the DARE Officer also serves as our School Resource Officer when not involved in DARE curriculum instruction.

To date, over 3,000 Streetsboro students have gone through the Streetsboro DARE Program, which is presently taught to 5th grade students at Defer Intermediate School.

The program is approximately twelve (12) weeks long. Ofc Fogleman visits assigned classes each week and teaches a prescribed course curriculum regarding drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.

Ofc Fogleman received the State of Ohio DARE Officer of the Year Award in 2018 by DARE Ohio.



Detective Bureau

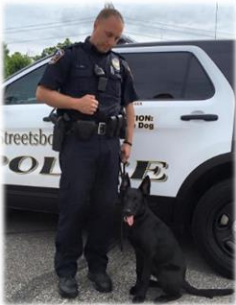
The Streetsboro Police Department currently has two investigators assigned to the detective bureau. The investigators are responsible for investigating any crimes or incidents that are beyond the scope of normal patrol investigations. Some examples of incidents that the detective bureau investigates are: suspicious deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, fraud, financial crimes, child abuse, cyber-crime, and miscellaneous thefts just to name a few. In addition to investigating cases, the detectives are also responsible for all background investigations on prospective employees. Our SRO also serves as an investigator for juvenile related cases.

K9 Teams

Our department currently has two (2) K9 teams: Ofc Aaron Coates and K9 Reno began working together in January 2018 and Ofc Hall and K9 Kaya have been working together since June 2016.

As part of the assignment as a K-9 Handler, the teams must train at least twice a month to keep both the officer and the animal proficient in several areas. Both K9 teams train weekly with a cooperative regional K-9 training group consisting of several northeast Ohio police agencies known as B.A.R.K (Buckeye Area Regional K-9).

Both K9 teams participate in multiple community relations events throughout the year such as K9 demonstrations and Meet and Greets. Both teams are also trained in multiple disciplines such as Narcotics, Criminal Apprehension and Tracking and they utilize their training throughout the year in various situations while on patrol.



Officer Jason Hall
K9 Kaya



Officer Aaron Coates
K9 Reno



Portage County Drug Task Force

Under the direction of the Portage County Sheriff, this multi-jurisdictional agency investigates and apprehends offenders involved in the trafficking, distribution, and possession of illegal drugs within the communities of participating agencies. Partnership includes the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Portage County Prosecutor's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security, Kent Police Department, Ravenna Police Department, and the Streetsboro Police Department. Thanks to the continued success of the Task Force, there is no cost to our agency to participate other than the full-time assignment of one investigator.



Metro SWAT

This highly trained, professional, multi-jurisdictional, special weapons team responds to incidents within the jurisdictions of participating communities that require specialized weapons and tactics to deal with riotous activity, large crowd control, barricaded suspects, execution of high risk warrants, arrest of dangerous felons, the rescue of hostages or endangered persons, and other functions as appropriate. This regional organization is comprised of Summit and Portage County law enforcement agencies. There are presently three (3) Streetsboro Officers assigned to this regional team in the capacity of tactical operators and/or hostage negotiators.

Summit Metro Crash Response Team

The crash team is composed primarily of agencies in Summit County and is designed to provide members with professionally trained crash investigators to document, analyze and reconstruct serious injury and fatal crashes for both criminal and civil purposes. It gives our department access to experienced and trained crash investigators along with specialized equipment and it gives our officers assigned to the team ongoing training and experience. We currently have three (3) officers assigned to the team.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team

The UAV program was developed to add capabilities to the department in situations such as Search and Rescue, Criminal Apprehension, Crime/Crash Scene Documentation, Suspicious Packages, Fire Situations, and more. The UAV is typically deployed to document crash scenes or to look for missing or wanted persons. In order to operate a UAV for law enforcement purposes, we must comply with all FAA regulations including the certification of pilots and currently have four certified pilots. We have two UAVs, one of which has infrared capabilities. We understand the public concerns over privacy and will continually work with our citizens to address these concerns.



Bike Patrol Team

The patrol bikes are typically ridden in the warmer months through the neighborhoods and the business parking lots and during special events such as Family Days and parades. They provide a great opportunity for our officers to interact directly with the public. Each of the officers continue to say that the feedback from the public is very positive and they love seeing us out on the bikes. We currently have seven (7) certified bike officers and six (6) bikes.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

ICAC is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 4,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet. We have worked with ICAC for a few years but became more involved in 2017 when we started a program that specifically targets child sex predators. Ofc Stan Sieldlicki, who works closely with ICAC, participated in two child predator sting with ICAC in Cuyahoga County and Franklin County in 2019.



Portage County Safe Communities

Safe Communities was introduced to Ohio in December, 1996, as a conceptual strategy for comprehensive traffic injury control at the local level. The goal is to reduce preventable crashes by increasing seat belt usage, increase motorcycle safety awareness, reducing distracted and impaired driving. Safe Communities is funded through Ohio Department of Public Safety and based on a three-year average of fatal crashes. Portage County Safe Communities coalition is comprised of safety advocates including local, county, state law enforcement, ODOT, UH Portage Medical Center, MADD, Portage County Health Department, Portage County Coroner's Office, Mental Health & Recovery Board, AAA, and local businesses.



Communications and Records

The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by Communications Operators, better known as Dispatchers. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police and fire services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective services to our community and their dedication and importance cannot be overlooked. Often times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and the police officer or firefighter responding to an emergency.

Since we do not employ any personnel that would be primarily responsible for records functions, our Communications personnel are trained to maintain our records as well. This entails pulling reports for release to the public, filing documents and reports, processing paperwork, and compiling statistics.

The Streetsboro Police Department employs seven (7) full time Communication Operators and our goal would be to add one (1) full time position and some part-time positions in the near future.

2019 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Employee of the Year:

Ofc Luke Nelson

Nominated by his peers for his proactive police work

Exceptional Duty Awards:

Ofc Scott Hermon

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Ofc Jason Hall

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Ofc Ryan Wolf

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Ofc Michael Cipriano

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Ofc Stanley Siedlecki

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Det Brian Shaffer

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Det James Wagner

Arrest of four (4) robbery suspects (one armed) in progress

Meritorious Service Award:

Ofc Jason Sackett

Swimming into a lake and rescuing a female who drove her car into the water

Ofc Matthew Plesz

Swimming into a lake and rescuing a female who drove her car into the water

OVI/MADD Award

Ofc Christopher Petro

Most impaired driving arrests. He has won this award 18 times.

Safe Driving

Sgt Richard Polivka

Five-year award

Ofc Michael Graham

Five-year award

Commendation

Ofc Aaron Coates

Located a female in her home that required medical attention

Ofc Ryan Wolf

Located a female in her home that required medical attention

Det Michael Graham

Identified a homicide suspect for a Cleveland PD investigation

Ofc Jason Sackett

Taking on the additional role of property management officer

Ofc Michael Cipriano

Taking on the additional role of property management officer

Disp Linda Leanza

Handling the additional call load during an exceptionally bad storm

AA Sharon Gumm

Assisting dispatch during the exceptionally bad storm

Sgt Jon Hurley

Investigation and arrest of an armed robbery suspect

Ofc Thomas Ondecker

Investigation and arrest of an armed robbery suspect

Ofc Daniel Mulcahy

Investigation and arrest of an armed robbery suspect

Ofc Kyle French

Investigation and arrest of an armed robbery suspect

Perfect Attendance (0 days of sick time used):

Ofc Aaron Coates

Ofc Jason Fogleman

Sgt Jon Hurley

Chief Darin Powers

Disp Linda Leanza

Det Brian Shaffer

Ofc Christopher Petro

Sgt Justin Leidel

Ofc Stanley Siedlecki

Ofc Michael Cipriano

Ofc Scott Hermon

Ofc Gene Larson

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

The Streetsboro Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, members are held to high standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officer adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the objective of this agency. The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon approval and acceptance of police authority.

Citizen Complaints Against Personnel

The department must be responsive to the community by providing transparent formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual member performance. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of transparent complaint procedures.

In 2019, we investigated four (4) citizen's complaints against our employees. Two of the complaints were found to be Unfounded and two of the complaints were Sustained. In the two Sustained cases, disciplinary action was issued to those employees.

Use of Force

Uses of Force by department personnel are taken very seriously by this department. Improper use of force can result in injury or death to civilians and officers and can lead to civil liability. It is considered a use of force when an officer uses physical techniques, chemical agents or weapons against another person. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that any use of force must be "objectionably reasonable" which means we have to ask the question, "Would any police officer in a similar situation feel that the force used was reasonable?" With all this in mind, our department reviews each and every use of force situation to determine if the officers were compliant with SPD policy and to determine if there are any training needs based on the situation.

In 2019, SPD officers were involved in eight (8) incidents which involved a Use of Force. Of those, all were found to be compliant with SPD Use of Force policy. All eight (8) of the incidents were hands only where no weapons were involved.

Pursuits

Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. Vehicle pursuits require officers to exhibit a high degree of common sense and sound judgment. Officers must not forget that the immediate apprehension of a suspect is generally not more important than the safety of the public and pursuing officers. Due to the high risk involved, all pursuits are reviewed for compliance to policy and training needs.

In 2019, our officers were involved in six (6) pursuits and the reviews found that the officers were in compliance with policy in three (3) of those pursuits. The review found that the other three (3) pursuits did not comply with our policy. In those situations, disciplinary action was issued to those employees. In late 2019, we changed our pursuit policy from a discretionary policy to a more restrictive policy to minimize the danger of these pursuits to the motorists on our roadways.

TRAINING

Training is an integral part of establishing high professional standards within all organizations, and the community expects its police department to provide quality training in carrying out its service. The Streetsboro Police Department strives to provide quality training within financial constraints for all components of the organization. This is accomplished through internal (in-service) and external training resources to provide advanced training and career development opportunities, as well as specialized training.

In-Service Training

In-service training is provided to members of the department throughout the year. Much of this consists of informal training at the shift/roll call level. Areas of review include: Review of department policies, procedure, changes in state law, court rulings, community policing, officer survival & tactics, and other job-related subjects.

In-service training included Active Threat training and Tactical Medical training through FLETC (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center), new Medical Dispatch training through APCO, firearms training, TASER training and many shift level trainings coordinated by the shift supervisors. In-service training also includes online training through sites such as EOPOTA.

External Training

Outside training needs are met by sending personnel to specialized training workshops through many different training providers. Training needs are reviewed and determined for all components of the organization. As technology, law enforcement best practices, tactics and case law continually evolve, providing current training to staff is critical. We send officers all across the state of Ohio and occasionally to other states to receive training. 2019 was no exception as officers attended training programs for CIT, Firearms, Active Threat, Records Management, Traffic Crash Investigation, and many, many more.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Streetsboro Police Department recognizes that engagement, communication, and partnership with our community are vital to the law enforcement mission. Following is a summary of the community policing and engagement events members of the Streetsboro Police Department participated in during 2019:

- DRE presentation at Wingate Hotel
- Super Bowl NHTSA Driver Sober campaign with Portage Safe Communities
- Donation to Chrissy Motz for Polar Plunge
- Multiple pizza parties at elementary school – pizzas provided by the Streetsboro Police Association
- **DARE** Graduation
- Assist Streetsboro Schools, daycares, and other local businesses with ALICE drills
- AAA and SPD **Helmet Smart** program where Gioninos supplied pizza for kids wearing helmets
- **Fill-a-Cruiser** event where food and cash were donated to food pantries
- Two (2) **National Prescription Drug Take Back** Days sponsored by the DEA
- Safe Communities **“None for Under 21”** event at Hiram College
- National **“Click it or Ticket”** campaign and kickoff event at Aurora Farms
- Provided “Drive Slow” yard signs to our residents
- SPA Scholarship awarded to a high school senior
- Ofc Fogleman presented at the ‘What’s Trending’ conference at James A. Garfield HS
- Officers assisted with the annual Memorial Day Parade
- Ofc Siedlecki participated in two ICAC Task Force child predator stings
- Ofc Fogleman, Wolf, Bartholomew, French and Coates participated at **Safety Land** for a week.
- Ofc Fogleman reviewed bank alarm procedures with all banks
- Det Wagner was featured on Fox 8 with a young girl who survived as a “shaken baby”
- SPD hosted **“CIT for Educators”** training and the **“CIT for Law Enforcement”** training
- Ofc Fogleman teamed with the fire department for active threat training at City Hall, the Library, and Gardens of Liberty Park
- SPD Bike Patrol officers teamed up with Parks and Recs for multiple Bike Around Town events
- SPD officers attended the Woodside Lake Park block party
- Officers attended an Ice Cream Social at Faith Baptist Church
- Child was presented with a new bike by Ofc Bartholomew and AAA for Helmet Smart
- Chief Powers served as MC for the **Family Days** opening ceremony
- SPD officers had a strong presence for all four days of **Family Days** including the SPA booth
- Participation in the national **“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”** campaign
- Ofc Fogleman, Ondecker, Wain and Bartholomew participated in Touch a Truck and Bounce in the Park
- Conducted a traffic interdiction detail and TRIADD Initiative with OSP
- Ofc Fogleman worked the Safe Communities booth at the county fair
- Tailgate event for the SHS football home opener
- Participated in **9-11** Ceremony at City Hall and Chamber Event where Chief Powers spoke
- UH Streetsboro Health Fair
- **Trunk or Treat** at Walmart hosted by Parks and Recs
- Officers handing out candy and glow sticks during the city **Trick or Treat**
- Ofc French spoke to preschool classes about 911
- **Shop with a Cop** event at Target where nearly 40 children received gifts thanks to donations from local businesses and individuals.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB PRESENCE

The Streetsboro Police Department is always looking for ways to communicate with our residents and to keep the community informed. Social media and other forms of electronic communications have become increasingly popular over the past few years and our department has attempted to leverage these means of communications to get information out to the public. As we have seen time and time again, our community is an amazing resource when it comes to our crime solving efforts. It is also important that the public be made aware when roads are closed or there are other incidents of public concern. Here are some of the ways in which we attempt to get that information out to our residents:

Website www.streetsboropolice.org

We have maintained a department website for several years. We use our website to post information about any department programs and any forms the public may need. We also post information about our personnel and any training classes we are hosting. The information on this site is not meant to be up to the minute updates but more static information that can be used over a period of time. Please visit our website at:

Facebook www.facebook.com/streetsboropd

Facebook is our primary means of disseminating information to the public quickly when we need to get information out that may concern the public or when we are asking our community for assistance. Each year, we post photos and other information regarding unsolved cases and in many of these instances our investigators and officers have been able to solve cases thanks to the tips of our followers. By the end of 2019, we have exceeded 12,000 followers. Visit us on Facebook at:

Twitter www.twitter.com/streetsboropd or [@streetsboropd](https://twitter.com/streetsboropd)

Twitter is another method of quickly disseminating information quickly; however, with Twitter, the information is sent out in short messages. Twitter has been used by some departments to inform the public of information during critical incidents such as the Boston Marathon bombing. We currently have nearly 6,000 followers on Twitter. Check us out at:

Nixle www.nixle.com or **Text your zip code to 888777**

Nixle is a text alert system that we currently use to send out text and/or email alerts to anyone registered with Nixle for immediate public concerns such as: road closures, traffic crashes, dangerous subjects, missing persons and more. Our Nixle alerts also automatically get posted on our Facebook page. We currently have over 2,700 contacts receiving our Nixle alerts. In order to receive our alerts go to:

Instagram [@streetsboropolice](https://www.instagram.com/streetsboropolice)

We started an Instagram account in 2019 to add an additional location where community members can find information. It is very new and at this point has about 300 followers.

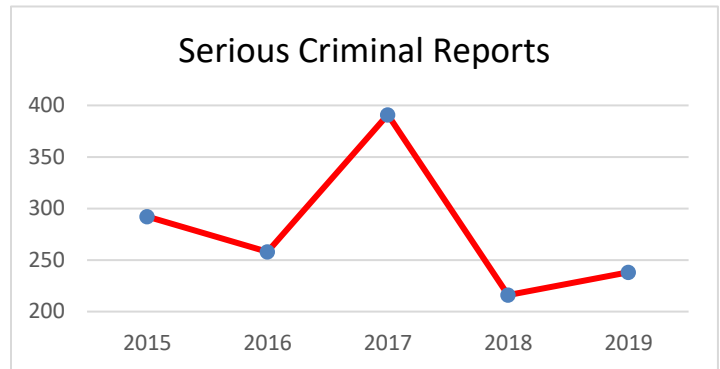
Neighbors by Ring

We are in the process of starting a partnership with Neighbors by Ring to leverage the video technology of Ring to help solve crimes and keep our neighborhoods safe.

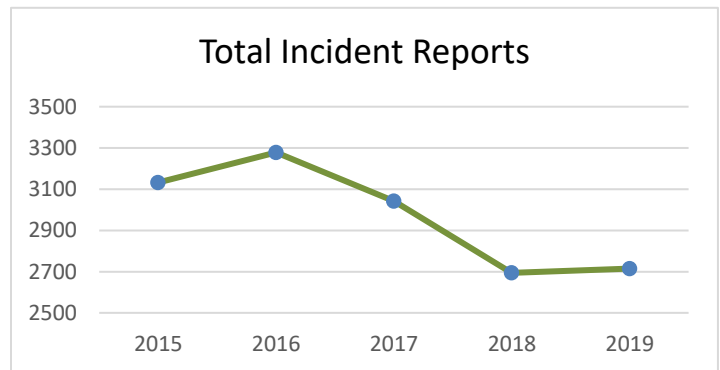
STATISTICS

Much of what we do in law enforcement is not quantifiable in numbers and statistics, specifically in the aspects of the job that involve community relations. Quality of work is vitally important in our line of work and many officers have those intangibles that cannot be measured by numbers alone. However, with that said, numbers and statistics are still the primary means of measuring crime rates and traffic crash data over a period of time. This section will attempt to show some of the numbers of what we have accomplished in 2019 and how that compares to previous years. Some of these numbers can vary greatly based on how procedures within the department change from year to year and how those statistics are generated from year to year.

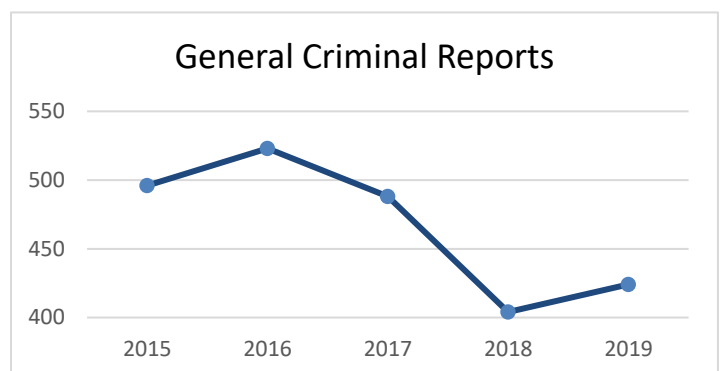
| Serious Criminal Incidents | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Criminal Homicide | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Robbery | 8 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Felonious Assault | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated Assault | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Burglary | 5 | 13 | 21 | 15 | 25 |
| General Theft | 129 | 129 | 215 | 177 | 180 |
| Shoplifting | 71 | 58 | 134 | 53 | 74 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 20 | 14 | 13 | 9 | 8 |
| Total Serious Incidents | 238 | 216 | 391 | 258 | 292 |



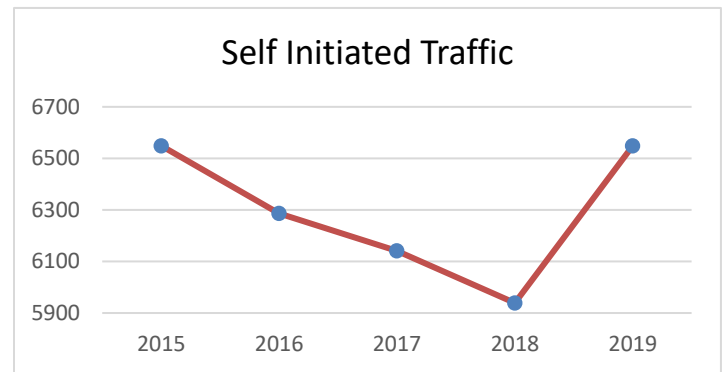
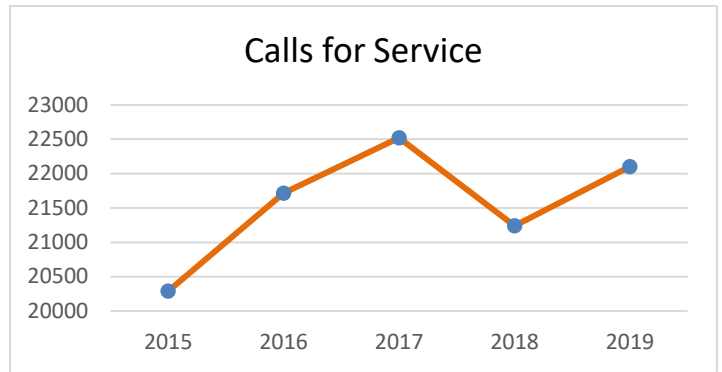
| Total Incident Reports | 2714 | 2694 | 3043 | 3278 | 3133 |
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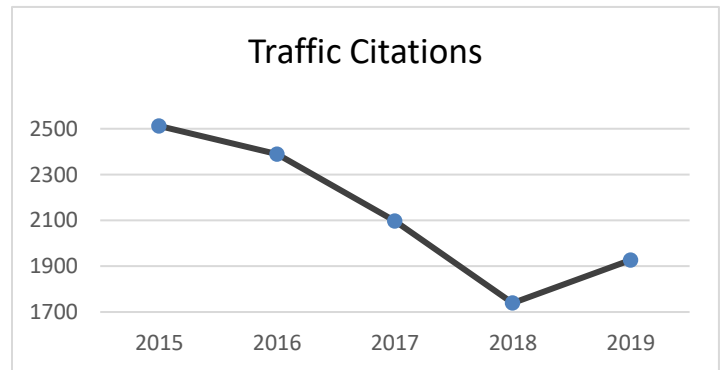
| General Criminal Incidents | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sex Offense | 16 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 6 |
| Simple Assault | 14 | 16 | 23 | 17 | 29 |
| Domestic Violence | 43 | 44 | 50 | 44 | 60 |
| Forgery | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Counterfeiting | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| Fraud | 31 | 43 | 39 | 56 | 28 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Receiving Stolen Property | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Breaking and Entering | 9 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| Vandalism | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Criminal Damaging | 52 | 35 | 64 | 73 | 57 |
| Criminal Mischief | 14 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 16 |
| Trespassing | 16 | 15 | 23 | 25 | 16 |
| Drug Related | 136 | 128 | 148 | 150 | 134 |
| Telecom Harrasment | 34 | 36 | 53 | 51 | 58 |
| Identity Theft | 10 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 24 |
| Menacing | 14 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Gambling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Liquor Law | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| CCW | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 17 | 14 | 16 | 26 | 20 |
| Total General Criminal Incidents | 424 | 404 | 488 | 523 | 496 |



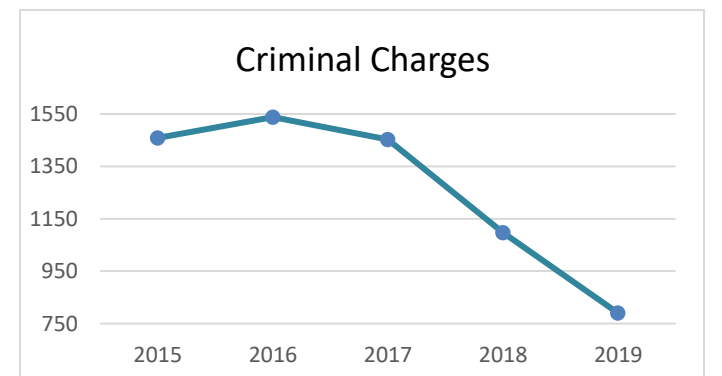
| Calls for Service | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Domestic Dispute | 151 | 140 | 124 | 118 | 112 |
| Psychiatric Situation | 98 | 106 | 116 | 96 | 74 |
| Suicide | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Attempted Suicide | 4 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 19 |
| Welfare Check | 326 | 284 | 304 | 291 | 194 |
| Animal Related | 278 | 223 | 222 | 233 | 222 |
| Vehicle Lockouts | 501 | 508 | 602 | 531 | 545 |
| Drug Overdose | 14 | 23 | 50 | | |
| Juvenile Related | 266 | 233 | 304 | 285 | 213 |
| Alarm Drops | 744 | 787 | 896 | 834 | 762 |
| Disturbance | 333 | 330 | 372 | 357 | 232 |
| Noise | 129 | 97 | 118 | 103 | 92 |
| Suspicious Behavior | 937 | 840 | 888 | 889 | 703 |
| Community Policing | 1697 | 1446 | 1300 | 1500 | 1557 |
| Fire Related | 559 | 512 | 499 | 418 | 369 |
| EMS | 1559 | 1719 | 1643 | 1605 | 1435 |
| Traffic Related | 1148 | 999 | 1001 | 970 | 828 |
| Disabled Vehicles | 481 | 489 | 427 | 527 | 571 |
| Mutual Aid | 385 | 384 | 375 | 356 | 326 |
| Other Service Calls | 12744 | 12368 | 13522 | 12721 | 12158 |
| Total Calls for Service | 22101 | 21242 | 22521 | 21714 | 20288 |



| Traffic Enforcement | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Self-Initiated Traffic | 6548 | 5939 | 6141 | 6287 | 6549 |
| Total Traffic Cites | 1927 | 1739 | 2097 | 2389 | 2512 |
| OVI Arrests | 118 | 116 | 178 | 216 | 194 |
| Parking Cites | 61 | 61 | 93 | 47 | 77 |



| Traffic Crashes | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hit Skip Crashes | 28 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 27 |
| Property Damage Only | 319 | 343 | 361 | 354 | 400 |
| Injury Crashes | 135 | 153 | 132 | 136 | 149 |
| Fatal Crashes | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Deer Crashes | 31 | 28 | 22 | 29 | 26 |
| Private Property Crash | 170 | 135 | 131 | 172 | 156 |
| Total Reportable Crashes (P+I+F) | 457 | 497 | 493 | 490 | 527 |



| Arrests/Charges | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Arrests | 528 | 711 | 927 | 962 | 893 |
| Total Charges Filed | 790 | 1097 | 1452 | 1538 | 1458 |