

Streetsboro Police Department

STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report

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Chief of Police





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



2016 was an exciting year for the Streetsboro Police Department. We reached full staffing levels for the first time in several years and faced a couple unusual challenges in which our personnel stepped up and handled in a way that should make our community proud. We kicked off the new year by starting a new dispatcher, Melissa Falzini and a new officer, Kyle French. In February, Justin Leidel was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. We also added our second K9 team with K9 Kaya, a Belgian Malinois, who was born in January and started training in March. Ofc Jason Hall was chosen as Kaya's K9 handler. Ofc Hall had been our investigator in the Portage County Drug Task Force, so we then had to replace him with another officer. We accomplished all of the above staffing moves within the first three months of the year and maintained these levels for the remainder of the year.



In May, the administration and the patrol officers agreed to change the patrol schedule from an eight (8) hour shift schedule to a twelve (12) hour shift schedule. With this new schedule, we have four (4) patrol shifts, two (2) on days and two (2) on nights. There are pros and cons to both types of schedules but the largest benefit for our officers is the ability to work with the same team every day. This creates cohesiveness in the teams and allows for more in-service training at the shift level. After eight (8) months, the new schedule has worked out well.

2016 also brought the Republican National Convention to Cleveland in July. The speculation was that the RNC would bring protestors, terrorism, and other concerns to northeast Ohio. In preparation for the RNC, we provided crowd control gear for our officers and crowd control training. Streetsboro also had many participants for the RNC staying at local hotels. Our officers provided extra patrol for these areas during that time. Fortunately for everyone, we experienced no problems during that week.

Another exciting moment for the department in 2016 was the attainment of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification. In 2014, Governor Kasich created a board which in turn set forth some standards for Ohio law enforcement agencies to comply with. These standards are in the area of Use of Force and Hiring and Recruiting. After a lengthy process of submitting documentation and an on-site assessment, we obtained our certification in November. We were the first agency in Portage County to receive the certification.



We also faced some difficult moments in 2016. Nationally, we saw police officers being ambushed and gunned down at a pace never before seen such as the incidents in Dallas and Baton Rouge. Locally, in April, an Aurora PD officer, known to many of our officers, took his own life. Our officers and dispatchers stepped up and covered all patrol and dispatch duties for the City of Aurora for two (2) days giving their employees an opportunity to mourn. Then, only a couple weeks later, on May 12th, retired SPD dispatcher, Kathy Smith, passed away after her long battle with breast cancer. Our officers participated in her memorial service on May 14th.



As we do each year, we continue to upgrade and add to the equipment our officers use to perform their duties. In 2016, we started our Bicycle Patrol program by purchasing four (4) bikes and sending four (4) officers to bike patrol training. The bikes were debuted at the Memorial Day parade and were used throughout the neighborhoods all summer with great feedback from our residents. The patrol officers all began wearing body worn cameras in May. These cameras are to be used in all interactions with the public on calls for service and other times as needed. The purpose of the cameras is for the accountability of the public and our officers. We also started using a live streaming



service for the cameras in our cars. Supervisors and dispatchers can now log in and view the patrol cars' cameras live. This capability is to add an extra layer of security for our officers while they are out performing their duties.



Working with our community is still a top priority for our department. In 2016, we continued the tradition of involvement in programs such as: Safety Land, National Night Out, DARE, Neighborhood Watch, Fill-A-Cruiser, National Prescription Drug Take Back, Safe Communities, CIT, Family Days, Trunk or Treat and our biggest event of the year, Shop-with-a-Cop. We also continued our bike helmet safety program by teaming up with AAA and McDonalds to provide ice cream cones to kids that were found wearing their helmets. We continue to use our ALICE instructors to provide instruction and guidance to the schools, daycares and other businesses that would like to participate.



We also value our partnerships with outside organizations and agencies. This year we participated with Portage County Safe Communities and area law enforcement in the following events: Super Bowl drive sober campaign, None 4 Under 21, Click it or Ticket, and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. We also worked with OSP to conduct a sobriety checkpoint. We continue to participate in Metro SWAT, the Portage County Drug Task Force, and the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force. In 2016, we also joined the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. Being a member of this team gives our department access to experienced crash investigators and equipment to investigate all serious injury and fatal crashes that occur in our city. And as always, we work closely with the Streetsboro City Schools with our SRO and DARE programs. Finally, in August, we took on another challenge of dispatching for an outside agency. We now provide dispatching services for the Windham Police Department. This has been a learning process but is going very well for both agencies. We ended up handling 864 calls for Windham PD in 2016 and during that same time period, we handled 8,391 calls for our department. So, as expected, Windham provides about 10% of the call volume we handle.



At the end of 2016, we had 29 full time officers and 7 full time dispatchers. They all do a great job, but at times, some stand out and deserve to be recognized. We recognized Art Milner, Sara Newpher, Scott



Hermon and Aaron Coates at a February 2016 City Council meeting for their efforts in 2015. Ofc Mike Graham received a letter of commendation for his efforts during an investigation and Ofc Jason Hall and Ofc Ryan Wolf received letters of commendation for their efforts to save an individual's life with an AED and CPR. They will both be give the Life Saving Award as well. Ofc Chris Petro received the MADD Award for his efforts at arresting impaired drivers. This was his 14th MADD Award in his 20 years of service at SPD. Ofc Justin Leidel and Ofc Tom Ondecker both received the Annual Fitness Award with the Metro SWAT Team. The 2016 Officer of the Year is Ofc Michael Graham and the



Dispatcher of the Year is Haley Otto. Ofc Jason Fogleman and Disp Linda Leanza will receive the Chief's Achievement Award.

Although we are involved in many community programs and social efforts, our primary purpose is to keep the community safe. We do this through crime prevention and criminal investigation. Our crime prevention efforts focus on community involvement through programs like Neighborhood Watch. Our officers have worked with residents in several neighborhoods in order to decrease crime through preventative efforts and directed patrols. However, once crimes are committed, it takes hard work and determination to solve many of these crimes. Our patrol officers and detectives spend much of their time investigating crimes and arresting the offenders. Although there were many investigations throughout 2016, one arrest stands out. In August, SPD officers along with investigators with the drug task force



stopped a male and found one (1) kilo of high quality crystal meth in his vehicle with a street value of nearly \$100,000.

We still quantify much of what we do into statistics which provide us with the ability to look at trends and how we are performing from year to year. The last section of this report (pg. 20) shows all the statistics that we compiled for our incidents, calls, arrests, traffic, and crashes over the past five (5) years. In most categories, the trends are fairly consistent over that time. There are three areas, however, that stand out. First, our OVI (Operating a Vehicle while Impaired) arrests are at their highest number over the past five (5) years. What is interesting about this number is that we are seeing a much higher percentage of drug related OVI's now, compared to previous years. About one-third of our OVI arrests are "drugged" OVI's which is a trend we are seeing statewide. All our officers have attended the latest training in recognizing drug related impairment and we have two DRE's (Drug Recognition Experts) on the department. Second, our Serious Incidents, which include homicide, rape, arson, theft, etc, are at their lowest number in the past five (5) years. This is mostly due to a decrease in general thefts and shoplifting reports.

The last statistical category that has seen a significant decrease is our number of crashes per year. One of the department goals for 2016 was to decrease the number of crashes we are seeing in the city. On average over the past five (5) years, we have taken about 525 crash reports each year. In 2016, we saw that number drop to **490** crash reports. This is the first time in the past thirty (30) years of department statistics that we have seen less than 500 crashes in one year. Although we are proud of this accomplishment, we would like to continue seeing that number decrease with each year.



One of the largest issues facing our country right now is the growing opioid epidemic and Streetsboro and Portage County are not immune to this problem. In late 2015, we teamed up with the Portage County Department of Health to join Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone). As part of this program, all of our officers were provided with two doses of Narcan or Naloxone which counteracts the effects of Heroin and other opioids. Since our officers are often first on scene of an OD, they now have the tools to possibly prevent an OD death. In 2016, Streetsboro had two (2) accidental overdose deaths attributed to opioid usage; however, our officers responded to thirteen (13) overdose incidents in which they used a total of twenty four (24) doses of Narcan saving many other lives.

This is just an overview of some of the police department's achievements and accomplishments in 2016. The men and women of the Streetsboro Police Department look forward to what 2017 will bring and we will continue to serve our community with pride, integrity and professionalism.

Thank You,
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.

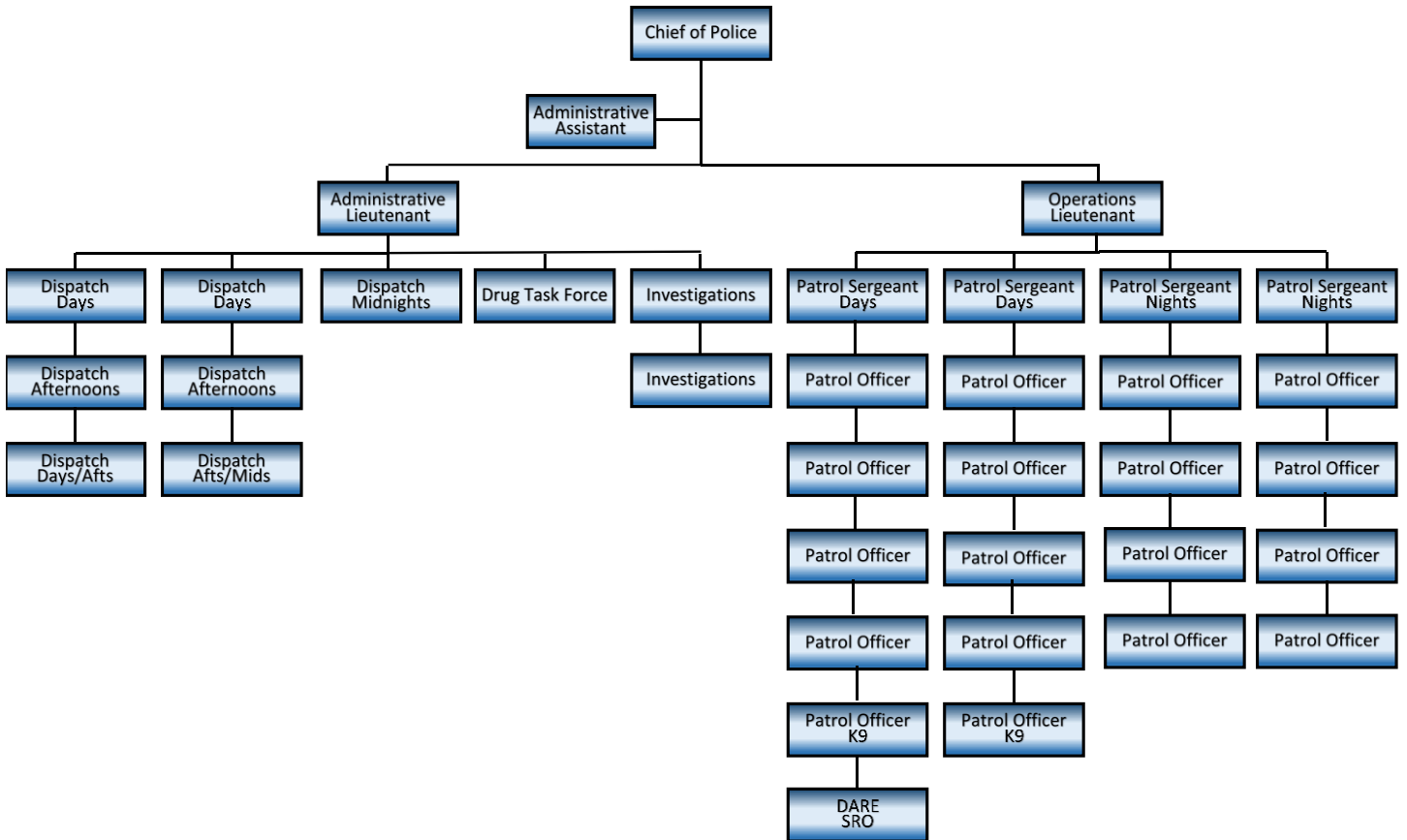
COURTESY: We are courteous and respectful in official dealings with the public, fellow employees, superiors and subordinates.

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, 2016.

Chief of Police

Darin Powers

Administrative Assistant

Sharon Gumm

Lieutenants

Troy Beaver
Patricia Wain

Investigations

Brian Shaffer
James Wagner
Michael Graham

Sergeants

Andrew Suvada
Richard Polivka
Jon Hurley
Justin Leidel

Communications

Linda Leanza
Linda Garner
Josee Acklin
Alexander Melomed
Sara Newpher
Haley Otto
Melissa Falzini

Patrol

Joseph Smolic
Christopher Petro
Aaron Coates (K9 Bo)
Jason Sackett
James Curby
Scott Hermon
Michael Cipriano
Jason Hall (K9 Kaya)
Ryan Wolf
Stanley Siedlecki
Joshua Bartholomew
Matthew Plesz
Thomas Ondecker
Daniel Mulcahy
John Milner
Gene Larson
Maxwell Zugay
Kyle French

DARE/SRO

Jason Fogleman



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. In 2016, 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. They work twelve (12) hour shifts which started in 2016. With these shifts, the police department provides our residents with round the clock coverage all year.

Field Training Officers (FTO's) / 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 were certified as FTO's / CTO's for 2015:

Lt. Troy Beaver (FTO Coordinator)

Lt. Tricia Wain

Sgt. Andrew Suvada

Ofc. Joseph Smolic

Sgt. Richard Polivka

Ofc. Ryan Wolf

Ofc. Art Milner

Ofc. Jason Sackett

Ofc. Michael Cipriano

Sgt. Jon Hurley

Ofc. Scott Hermon

Ofc. Stanley Siedlecki

Ofc. Gene Larson

Disp Linda Leanza

Disp Linda Garner

Disp Josee Acklin

Disp Alex Melomed

Disp Sara Newpher



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 Elementary School.

This program is approximately twelve (12) weeks long. A trained officer visits assigned classes each week and teaches a prescribed course curriculum regarding drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.

In 2016 approximately 158 5th grade students at Defer Elementary School graduated our DARE Program.



K9 Team

2016 was a significant year for our K9 program. For eight (8) years, our department has deployed one K9 team. In 2016 we added another K9 team for a total of two (2) K9 teams. Officer Jason Hall was selected as our second K9 handler and has been assigned to our newest K9, Kaya, a Belgian Malinois. Kaya was born in January 2016 and received all his certifications by July 2016.

Officer Aaron Coates is the other K-9 Handler for the Streetsboro Police Department. Officer Coates was selected for this assignment in 2009 and works with his partner Bo, also a Belgian Malinois.

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).

2016 K9 Team Activities and Events



**Officer Jason Hall
K9 Kaya**

Kaya puppy walk through at schools
 Bark in the Park Demo in Summit County
 Safety Town at City Hall
 UH Touch a Truck Health Fair
 Family Days K9 Demo and walk through
 National Night Out at Target
 L'Oréal Kids Family Day
 Paws and Claws Fundraiser
 Portage County Fair Demo
 Brimfield K9 Memorial Dog Park Opening
 Heritage Park Dog Party
 Fill-a-Cruiser Events
 K9 Sweeps in various schools
 Roses Rescue Adopt-a-Thon
 Boy Scout Car Wash



**Officer Aaron Coates
K9 Bo**



2016 K9 Activity Summary

Category	Bo	Kaya
Apprehensions	0	1
Off duty call outs to assist outside agency	2	0
On duty call out to assist outside agency	13	11
Off duty call out for SPD	5	1
On duty K9 assists for shift personnel	68	50
Charges filed as a result of K9 usage	31	32
K9 Community Relations Events	15	9
K9 Team training hours	229.5	208.5



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, Aurora Police Department, Ravenna Police Department, Windham Police Department, Hiram Police Department, and the Streetsboro Police Department. Each agency assigns personnel to this county Task Force.

In 2016, the task force investigated cases in Portage County involving drugs ranging from marijuana to heroin to prescription drugs. They worked with drug units from other counties and federal agencies such as the FBI, DEA and ATF. As a result of the investigations they have worked, the task force continues to receive asset forfeiture funding. Thanks to the asset forfeitures and the grants received by the task force, a yearly participation fee is no longer required. SPD currently has one investigator assigned to the task force full time.

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 twenty (20) Summit and Portage County law enforcement agencies. The Metro SWAT governing Board of Directors is made up of police chiefs from participating agencies. In 2016, Metro SWAT was activated approximately ten (10) times total with no activations in Streetsboro. There are presently three (3) Streetsboro Officers assigned to this regional team in the capacity of tactical operators and/or hostage negotiators- Lt. Patricia Wain, Sergeant Justin Leidel and Officer Tom Ondecker.

Detective Bureau

The Streetsboro Police Department currently has two investigators assigned to the detective bureau, Brian Shaffer and James Wagner. They 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 detectives work closely with other investigative agencies including the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), FBI, ATF, Homeland Security and others.

Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force



The Streetsboro Police Department is currently a member of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF). This is a task force led by the US Marshalls dedicated to the pursuit, apprehension, and successful prosecution of violent adult fugitives across the Northern District of Ohio with outstanding state and federal felony warrants. Ofc Jason Sackett is assigned to this task force on a part time basis.

Summit Metro Crash Response Team

In 2016, SPD joined the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. This team is composed primarily of agencies in Summit County and is designed to provide members with professional, scientific analysis, documentation and reconstruction of fatal or serious injury vehicle crashes. It gives our department access to experienced and trained crash investigators and it gives our officers assigned to the team ongoing training and experience. We currently have three (3) officers assigned to the team: Ofc Jason Sacket, Ofc Scott Hermon and Ofc Josh Bartholomew.



COMMUNICATIONS/RECORDS



The Streetsboro Police Department 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. Examples of the types of training our Communications members receive includes: Emergency Medical Dispatch, Hostage Negotiation, Domestic Violence Dispatch, Suicide Prevention, and Active Shooter Response for Dispatch.

Some of the examples of work performed include:

- Receive and respond to telephone requests for emergency services
- In response to medical emergencies, provide First Aid or CPR instructions to stabilize the medical condition of persons until the arrival of medical assistance.
- Relay all vital information to responding police officers & fire personnel
- Utilize radio, telephone, and computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment to direct specific law enforcement, fire department or medical units to the scene of an emergency.
- Refer non-emergency situations to the appropriate public or private agencies
- Make data entries into the police department's computer systems as well as various systems databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the state of Ohio LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System).

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: 2 assigned to Day shift, two (2) assigned to Afternoon shift, one (1) assigned to Midnight shift, and two (2) assigned to a swing shift that may work a combination of shifts. On January 2, 2016, we started a new dispatcher, Melissa Falzini in order to get us to full staffing levels.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



The following SPD personnel received awards or recognition for service provided to our police department and our community in 2016:

2016 Officer of the Year
Ofc Michael Graham

2016 Dispatcher of the Year
Disp Haley Otto

Life Saving
Ofc Jason Hall
Ofc Ryan Wolf

OVI Enforcement Award
Ofc Christopher Petro

Letter of Commendation
Ofc Michael Graham
Ofc Jason Hall
Ofc Ryan Wolf

Chief's Achievement
Ofc Jason Fogleman
Disp Linda Leanza

CIT Officer of the Year
Ofc Stanley Siedlecki

Perfect Attendance (Full Year)
Chief Darin Powers
Lt Patricia Wain
Sgt Jon Hurley
Sgt Justin Leidel
Det Brian Shaffer
Ofc Christopher Petro
Ofc Aaron Coates
Ofc Jason Sackett
Ofc James Curby
Ofc Scott Hermon
Ofc Michael Cipriano
Ofc Jason Hall
Ofc Tom Ondecker
Ofc Gene Larson
Disp Linda Leanza

5 Years Service
Ofc Matthew Plesz
Ofc Thomas Ondecker
Ofc Daniel Mulcahy
Disp Sara Newpher

10 Years Service
None

15 Years Service
None

25 Years Service
None

20 Years Service
None



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. The confidence engenders community support for the police department and improves the relationship between police and the citizens they serve by facilitating cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals.

In 2016, we are proud to report that there were zero Citizen Complaints filed with our department.

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 2016, SPD officers were involved seven (7) incidents which involved a Use of Force. Of those seven (7) incidents, all seven (7) were found to fall within SPD policy. All of these incidents were physical restraint of an uncooperative subject. There were no use of intermediate weapons such as a TASER and no uses of deadly force.

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 2016, our officers were involved in six (6) pursuits and the reviews found that the officers were in compliance with policy in five (5) pursuits. The review found that one pursuit did not comply with our policy. In this situation, one officer was issued a written reprimand and sent for pursuit supervision training.



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 included:

- Active Shooter/Threat Training at the High School
- Controlled Force Training
- Meth Lab Recognition and Handling
- Firearms Qualifications
- TASER Recertification

External Training

Outside training needs are met by sending personnel to specialized training workshops sponsored through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), the Ohio State Patrol, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Powerphone, Public Agency Training Council (PATC), and other 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 training to staff is critical. The following summary represents training SPD members received in 2016:

A DAY WITH GORDON GRAHAM ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE AR15 ARMORER ARIDE AG ANNUAL CONFERENCE BAC DATAMASTER BASIC DRUG AND UNDERCOVER OPS BASIC HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS BASIC TRAFFIC CRASH BIKE PATROL BLUE COURAGE CHARACTERISTICS OF ARMED GUNMEN CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT) CIVIL RIGHTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CLAN LAB AWARENESS COMBAT MARKSMAN SKILLS CONTROLLED FORCE REFRESH CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	CRISIS MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS DARE CONFERENCE DESERT SNOW PHASE 1 DESERT SNOW STREET INTERDICTION DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT DISABILITY TRAINING FOR 1 ST RESPONDER DRUG IDENTIFICATION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FIRE INVESTIGATION AND AWARENESS FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR FIRST LINE SUPERVISION FIRST RESPONDER ROLE IN HOSTAGE SIT FIELD TRAINING OFFICER HAZMAT IQ IACP CONFERENCE INTERACTING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS K9 BITE BUILDING DEPLOYMENT EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS	MOBILE FORCE FIELD REFRESHER MODERN REPORT WRITING ADVANCED PUBLIC RECORDS CHIEF'S IN-SERVICE OTOA CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP POLICING IN 21 ST CENTURY PROCEDURAL JUSTICE PUBLIC RECORDS SUPERVISOR ROLE IN PURSUITS TNT TACTICS IN TRAFFIC WORKING WITH AND FROM VEHICLES ALL-HAZARD INCIDENT NON-EMERGENCY CALL HANDLING EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH PROTECTING FIRST RESPONDERS 911 LIABILITY
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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 2016:

- Girl Scout tour of SPD
- Super Bowl NHTSA Driver Sober campaign with Portage Safe Communities
- Developed and advertised an “E-Commerce Safety Zone” in the SPD parking lot
- “Police Survival Kits” presented to officers at Campus Elementary
- **DARE** Graduation
- “Stand for Generosity” presentation at the high school
- “Hidden in Plain Sight” presentation at the high school
- Assist Streetsboro Schools, daycares, and other local businesses with ALICE drills
- Started our **Bicycle Patrol** program by purchasing four (4) bikes and training four (4) officers
- AAA and SPD Helmet Smart program where McDonalds supplied desert for kids wearing helmets
- Two (2) **Fill-a-Cruiser** events where food and cash were donated to food pantries (Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- Two (2) **National Prescription Drug Take Back** Days sponsored by the DEA
- **Pinwheels for Prevention** to raise awareness for child abuse
- Safe Communities “**None for Under 21**” event at Hiram College
- Implemented the use of Body Cams for patrol officers
- National “**Click it or Ticket**” campaign and kickoff event at Aurora Farms
- Traffic control for several 5K events
- SPA Scholarship awarded to a high school senior
- Officers assisted with the annual Memorial Day Parade
- Ofc Fogleman taught at **Safety Land** for a week. The SPA provided all participants with bike helmets
- Ofc Fogleman reviewed bank alarm procedures with all banks
- Chief Powers gave a one hour presentation for the Cleveland Federal Community Leadership Institute
- Venture Church appreciation cookout for safety forces
- Chief Powers recorded a Public Safety Announcement to be used for Safe Communities 4th of July weekend
- SPD hosted “**CIT for Educators**” training and the “**CIT for Law Enforcement**” training
- Faith Baptist Church Ice Cream Social
- 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
- Attendance at Target’s “**National Night Out**” including fingerprinting and the K9 Teams
- Chief Powers spoke at the Drive Sober Kick Off Event
- Participation in the national “**Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**” campaign
- Conducted an OVI Checkpoint with OSP on SR14
- Lt Beaver and Ofc Fogleman worked the Safe Communities booth at the county fair
- Tailgate event for the SHS football home opener and presentation of Game Ball to Chief Powers in recognition of Safety Forces for 9-11
- Participated in 9-11 Ceremony at City Hall and hosted church groups that washed patrol cars for 9-11
- Participated in Mantua Potato Festival include one Patrol Bicycle
- UH Streetsboro Health Fair
- Home Depot Safety Days
- **Trunk or Treat** at Walmart hosted by Parks and Recs
- Officers handing out candy during the city **Trick or Treat**
- Escort Santa for the Holiday Lighting event at town square
- **Shop With a Cop** event at Walmart where 38 children received gifts thanks to donations from local businesses and individuals. Also delivered gifts to child fighting cancer that could not attend.



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

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:

www.streetsboropd.org

Facebook

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. In 2016, our Facebook page surpassed 9,300 followers which is one of the largest followings for a police agency in northeast Ohio. Visit us on Facebook at:



www.facebook.com/streetsboropd



Twitter

Twitter is another method of quickly disseminating information quickly; however, with Twitter, the information is sent out in short messages. Twitter is has been used by some departments to inform the public of information during critical incidents such as the Boston Marathon bombing. We currently have over 4,000 followers on Twitter. Check us out at:

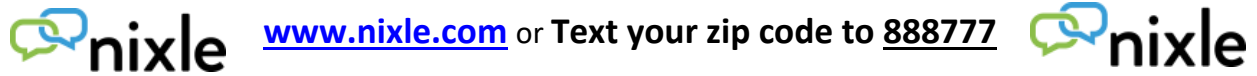


www.twitter.com/streetsboropd or @streetsboropd



Nixle

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 nearly 1,600 contacts receiving our Nixle alerts. In order to receive our alerts go to:



RAIDS Online

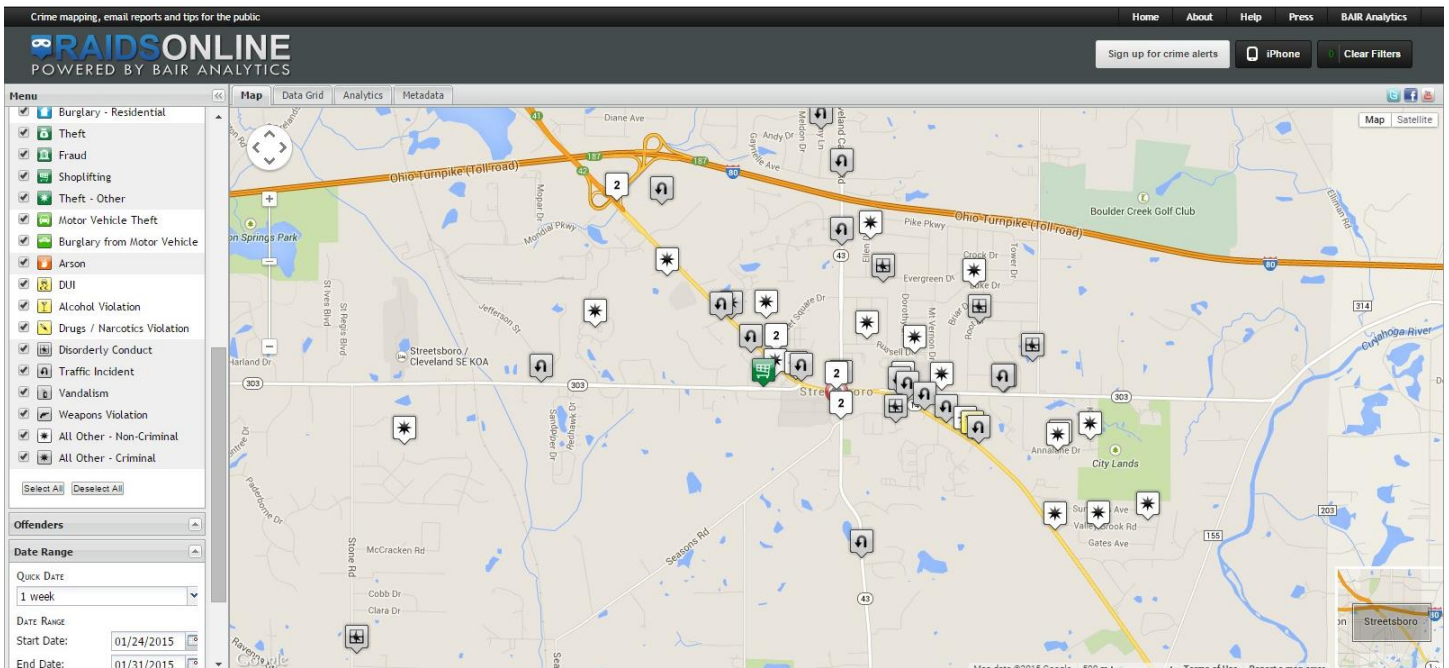
RAIDS Online is used to map our call information. Each day, we upload all our call location data to RAIDS and the data is then mapped based on the address information in the call data. Anyone can then visit the RAIDS website and view our call data on a map of our city. This is helpful for anyone that wants to see crime data for a specific neighborhood or crash data for our roadways. Users can also sign up for alerts anytime we respond to a call in an area. Visit the RAIDS Online site for Streetsboro at:



<http://www.raidsonline.com/?address=streetsboro,OH>



Here is an example of a RAIDS Online map for a one week period:





STATISTICS



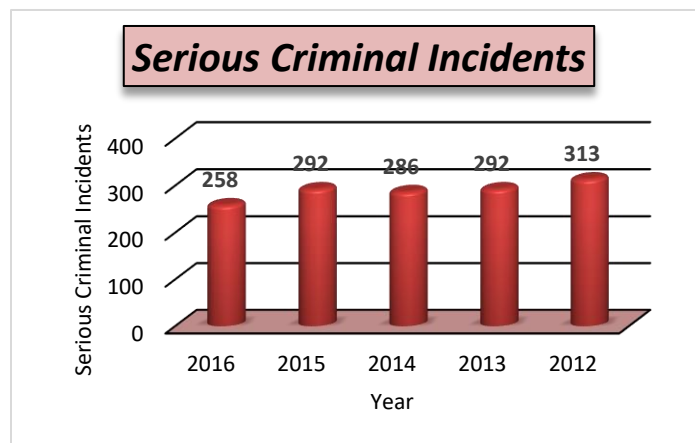
Much of what we do in law enforcement is not quantifiable in numbers and statistics, specifically in the aspects of the job that involve community relations. Quality of work is vitally important in our line of work and many officers have those intangibles that cannot be measured by numbers alone. Our supervisors do perform monthly reviews with each officer that cover those topics.

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 2016 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.

Incidents and Calls for Service

This section is broken down into four categories: **Serious Criminal Incidents**, **General Criminal Incidents**, **Total Incidents** and **Calls for Service**. Incident reports are taken when crimes are committed or when officers have extended contact with citizens. Calls for Service are the number of actual calls officers responded to or initiated regardless of whether an incident report was filed.

Serious Criminal Incidents	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	2	2	1
Robbery	3	4	4	4	2
Felonious Assault	0	0	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Burglary	15	25	4	7	1
General Theft	177	180	193	212	221
Shoplifting	53	74	76	62	76
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	8	5	5	11
Total Serious Incidents	258	292	286	292	313

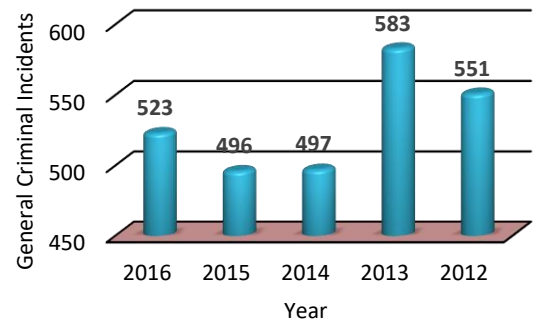


General Criminal Incidents	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Sex Offense	7	6	6	6	5
Simple Assault	17	29	20	24	27
Domestic Violence	44	60	54	68	66
Forgery	6	7	3	3	2
Counterfeiting	4	12	6	12	16
Fraud	56	28	34	30	34
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	3	0	11	8	4
Breaking and Entering	11	11	5	4	5
Vandalism	2	2	1	4	9
Criminal Damaging	73	57	77	70	77
Criminal Mischief	25	16	14	22	33
Trespassing	25	16	13	16	16
Drug Related	150	134	143	170	129
Telecom Harassment	51	58	53	69	67
Identity Theft	10	24	11	9	16
Menacing	4	4	14	19	14
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law	3	8	16	23	14
CCW	6	4	3	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	26	20	13	24	16
Total General Criminal Incidents	523	496	497	583	551

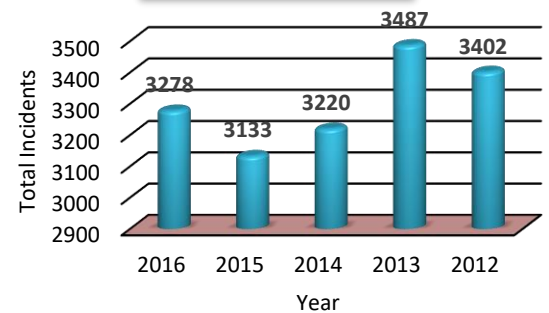
Total Incident Reports	3278	3133	3220	3487	3402
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Calls For Service	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Domestic Dispute	118	112	126	114	102
Psychiatric Situation	96	74	65	20	33
Suicide	2	1	0	8	3
Attempted Suicide	13	19	13	23	9
Welfare Check	291	194	207	213	222
Animal Related	233	222	192	166	166
Vehicle Lockouts	531	545	616	572	537
Found Property	94	81	92	84	78
Juvenile Related	285	213	213	222	295
Alarm Drops	834	762	882	810	847
Disturbance	357	232	209	289	318
Noise	103	92	116	169	162
Suspicious Behavior	889	703	790	901	1065
Community Policing	1500	1557	1566	1039	831
Fire Related	418	369	470	397	390
EMS	1605	1435	1416	1404	1458
Traffic Related	970	828	997	1011	974
Disabled Vehicles	527	571	594	598	622
Mutual Aid	356	326	332	195	156
Other Service Calls	12721	12158	14428	16059	16630
Total Calls for Service	21714	20288	23120	24129	24751

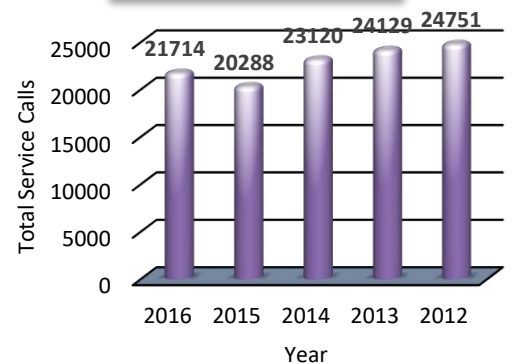
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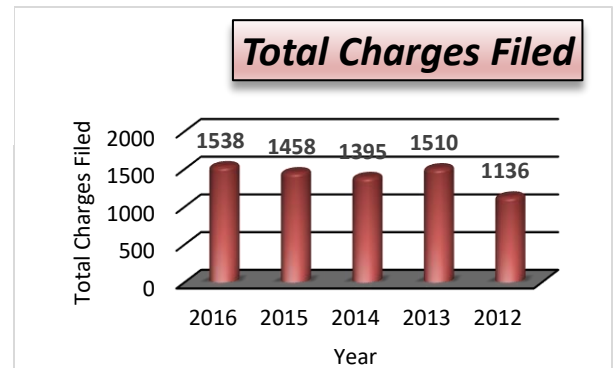
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Arrests and Charges

Arrests include all physical arrests, summons and warrants. Often, one person is charged with multiple charges which is why we differentiate between **Arrests** and **Charges Filed**.

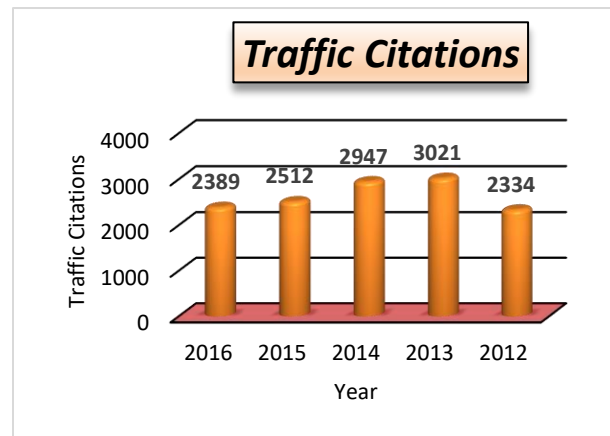
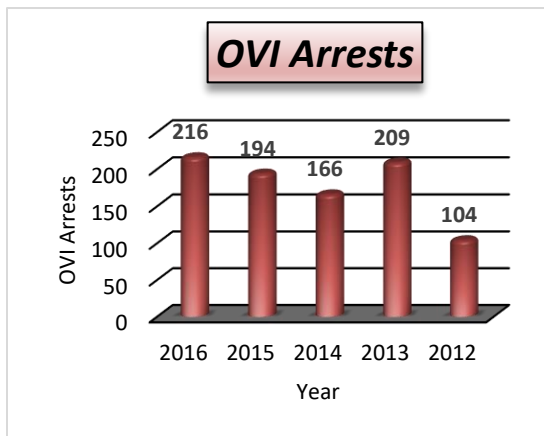
Arrests/Charges	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Arrests	962	893	925	981	781
Total Charges Filed	1538	1458	1395	1510	1136



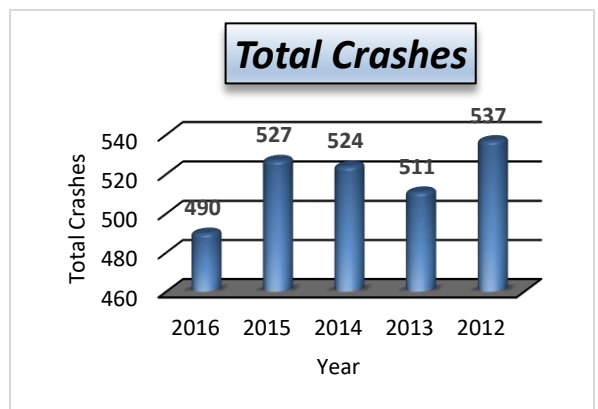
Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Crashes

Streetsboro has the highest traffic rates in Portage County and one of the highest in Summit and Portage Counties. This makes traffic enforcement a vital function of the police department. Traffic crashes rates are also high in Streetsboro due to the volume of traffic. Traffic enforcement helps keep the crash rates lower.

Traffic Enforcement	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Self-Initiated Traffic	6287	6549	7821	8979	6837
Total Traffic Cites	2389	2512	2947	3021	2334
OVI Arrests	216	194	166	209	104
Parking Cites	47	77	56	41	148



Traffic Crashes	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Hit Skip Crashes	34	27	23	24	47
Property Damage Only	354	385	378	374	398
Injury Crashes	136	141	146	137	137
Fatal Crashes	0	1	0	0	2
Deer Crashes	29	26	11	26	33
Private Property Crash	172	156	138	145	144
Total Reportable Crashes	490	527*	524	511	537



***Note** – The 2015 report showed total crashes at 550. A mistake was found in the March 2015 calculations and corrected to reflect a total of 527 crashes for 2015.