



STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT by Chief Darin Powers



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



2017 was an exciting year for the Streetsboro Police Department. From the inception of our UAV or drone program to our appearances on the national TV show LivePD to the remodel of our dispatch center, there were many things to be excited about.

Our staffing actually stabilized a great deal in 2017. We did not add any personnel and we did not have any promotions. The only staffing change during the year was the resignation of Max Zugay who moved on from our department to Beachwood PD. We would expect to continue this stability into 2018. We will need to hire one officer to replace Max but otherwise we do not expect to see many changes to personnel. We are going through one other staffing transition that involves our K9 teams. In January 2017, K9 Reno was born and Ofc Coates began training with him in March. In December, Coates and Reno completed all their training requirements and were certified as a K9 team. With Reno’s certification, K9 Bo will now retire after over eight (8) years of service to the city and our department.



As mentioned earlier, one of the most exciting things to happen for us in 2017 was our participation in the A&E television show, LivePD. Over the summer, a producer of the show reached out to us to see if we would be interested in having our department be part of the show.

We accepted and our first appearance on the show was on October 7, 2017. From that point on, our department appeared on six (6) episodes. Although many of our officers made appearances, the officers highlighted for the show were Ofc Chris Petro, Ofc Tom Ondecker, Ofc Dan Mulcahy, Ofc Art Milner and Ofc Gene Larson. They handled a variety of calls including OVI arrests, drug arrests, domestics, suspicious persons and more. We have received an incredible amount of support and praise for our officers through personal contacts, emails, and social media. In one particular incident, our officers interacted with a female impersonator in full dress during a traffic stop. As a result of the interaction between our officer and that individual, we received several positive social media posts including one very personal Twitter post. There was also a very thoughtful post in the Record Courier “Sound-off” about how our exposure on the show opened their eyes about what law enforcement encounters daily. Our community was excited to see their city and their local officers on national television. It was an opportunity for a smaller community like Streetsboro to be recognized on a national stage for the professionalism of the police department.

Another exciting program that “took flight” in 2017 was the creation of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or UAV program. We took advantage of the benefits that such a program could bring to our department at a relatively low cost.

Historically, aerial programs in law enforcement consisted of helicopters and airplanes which were cost prohibitive for departments of our size. However, we now have the ability to get aerial imagery at a relatively low cost using UAVs or more commonly known as drones. Ofc Scott Hermon was named the program coordinator due to his experience as a pilot. Ofc Hermon along with Ofc Bartholomew and Ofc Larson have completed the FAA certification process and are now pilots for the UAV program. We plan to use the UAV in situations such as: search and rescue, suspect apprehension, tactical situations, suspicious device investigations, crime/crash scene documentation and more. We chose to make the program very public



because we were cognizant of privacy concerns surrounding these programs. Stories about our program were featured in local media such as the Record Courier, the Beacon Journal, WEWS (TV5) and WOIO (TV19). The program was also part of a story published by the Associated Press (AP) that was featured in media publications both nationally and internationally.

It was also an exciting year for our dispatchers. We completed a long overdue remodel of the dispatch center. The dispatchers were moved to another room while we gutted the main dispatch room. We added new carpet and a coat of paint before installing new dispatch consoles, new cabinets, new computers, new DVRs and monitors for the station’s security cameras. Part of this remodel included adding a third dispatch position for both emergency situations and

future plans of adding more dispatchers. Another exciting addition to dispatch was our new next gen 911 system. This is a county wide system that connects five (5) of the six (6) PSAPs in Portage County to the same hosted server. This new system replaces the old outdated and discontinued Positron system we had before.

It wasn't all good news in 2017 though. On August 9, 2017, retired Chief of Police Richard Taiclet passed away after a yearlong battle with ALS. Chief Taiclet served the City of Streetsboro with the police department from 1974 to 2010. He rose through the ranks from a patrol officer up to Chief of Police for his last six (6) years. Prior to his time with the police department, he also served in the military and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the Streetsboro Family Days. On August 14, 2017, Chief Taiclet was honored with a Memorial Service at the high school and a procession led by the police department through the city. He will be remembered by naming the police department in his honor and Superior Ave will be renamed "Taiclet Way."



As we do each year, we continue to upgrade and add to the equipment our officers use to perform their duties. In addition to the dispatch equipment and the UAV, we added two (2) more bikes for our bike patrol program taking us to six (6) total bikes. We upgraded five (5) of our in-car video systems to HD systems with the plan of upgrading the remaining (5) in 2018. We were able to replace a total of eighteen (18) portable radios for our officers in order to improve our communications abilities. Twelve (12) of those radios were purchased using a grant through the State of Ohio leaving only six (6) to be purchased by the city. We purchased a new portable speed awareness sign to use in the neighborhoods to address complaints of speeders by our residents. We were able to provide our officers with new tint meters to measure window tint on cars. We purchased several new rifles and we continue to upgrade our badges to a higher quality badge. Finally, as we do each year, we replaced three (3) marked patrol cars with new patrol cars and we added a vehicle to be used for surveillance and undercover work.



Working with our community is still a top priority for our department. In 2017, we continued the tradition of involvement in programs such as: Safety Land, 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. This year, our SPA also donated clothes to the Streetsboro City Schools for those moments with the kids may need them. We also continued our bike helmet safety program by teaming up with AAA and Gioninos to provide pizza 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. Our bike program has become a great tool to get our officers into the neighborhood and businesses interacting with the community. We currently have seven (7) officers that are certified to ride the bikes during the warmer months.

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 and Aurora PD to conduct a sobriety checkpoint and we worked with OSP on targeted traffic enforcement using their aircraft. We continue our participation in Metro SWAT, the Portage County Drug Task Force, the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force and the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. We have also expanded our partnership with ICAC who investigates internet crimes against children. And as always, we work closely with the Streetsboro City Schools with our SRO and DARE programs. We also continue to provide dispatching services to the Windham Police Department.



At the end of 2017, we had 28 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 Mike Graham, Haley Otto, Linda Leanza and Jason Fogleman at a February 2017 City Council meeting for their efforts in 2016. Ofc Stan Siedliecki received a commendation for his work with the ICAC program targeting child predators. Ofc Chris Petro received the MADD Award for his efforts at arresting impaired drivers. This was his 15th MADD Award in his 22 years of service at SPD. Ofc Tom Oudecker received the Annual Fitness Award with the Metro SWAT Team and Sgt Justin Leidel received a perfect score for his biannual firearms qualification. The 2017 Officer of the Year is Ofc Gene Larson and the Dispatcher of the Year is Josee Acklin. Ofc Stan Siedlecki will receive the Chief's Achievement Award and we have issued the entire department a Department Citation for everyone's outstanding work with the LivePD project.

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. Our detectives investigated several larger cases this year including suspicious death cases (one resulting in a tampering with evidence charge), an embezzlement case involving the Streetsboro Junior Rockets, a burglary resulting in four (4) individuals charged with assault and burglary and many other time intensive cases. Our investigators also wrapped up an extremely complicated case that began in 2016 involving the fraud scheme by John Thompson. Our department ended up with over eighty (80) incidents filed in that case and Mr. Thompson was eventually convicted and sentenced to ten (10) years in prison.

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. 21) shows the statistics 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. We found that the number of traffic crash reports taken stayed even with last year, again under 500 crashes. We did see a large increase in theft related cases from 2016 to 2017. This increase can mostly be attributed to two things. First, many of the Thompson theft reports were filed at the beginning of 2017 which increased the number of general thefts reported. Second, our shoplifting thefts were way up which is mostly attributed to more aggressive enforcement by the loss prevention teams at Walmart and Target. There was a decrease in our general crime reports from 2016 and in fact, we had less general crime reports in 2017 than in the past five (5) years.

We continue to face an opioid epidemic that is taking lives and destroying families in our communities and across the nation. 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 2017, Streetsboro had six (6) accidental deaths attributed to drug overdoses and we responded to a total of forty eight (48) overdose incidents. Our officers used their Narcan on eighteen (18) of those incidents and used a total of thirty eight (38) doses.

This is just an overview of some of the police department's achievements and accomplishments in 2017. The men and women of the Streetsboro Police Department look forward to what 2018 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.



PERSONNEL



This list of employees was current on December 31, 2017.

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 Reno)
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
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 2017, 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'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 2017:

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 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.

In 2017 approximately 160 5th grade students at Defer Intermediate School graduated our DARE Program.



K9 Team

Our department currently has two (2) K9 teams with the second team being added in 2016. Ofc Aaron Coates and K9 Bo have worked together since January 2009. 2017 was the final year for K9 Bo who retired at the end of the year. Ofc Aaron Coates has been training with K9 Reno throughout 2017. The team was certified at the end of 2017 and will begin working together in 2018.

Our other K9 team is Ofc Hall and K9 Kaya. They have been working together as a team since June 2016. 2017 was their first full year together in which they continue to grow together as a team.

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).

2017 K9 Team Community Relations Activities



Officer Jason Hall
K9 Kaya

Reno was introduced to City Council
 Socialization Training at City Hall
 Safety Town at City Hall
 UH Touch a Truck Health Fair
 Family Days K9 Demo and walk through
 Digital News Media Interviews
 L'Oréal Kids Family Day
 Click it or Ticket Kickoff in Aurora
 Memorial Day Parade
 Brimfield K9 Demo
 Fill-a-Cruiser Events
 K9 Sweeps in various schools
 K9 Funerals for other agencies
 Demo at Applecreek PD
 Demo at Pet Stores



Officer Aaron Coates
K9 Bo



K9 Reno



K9 Bo



2017 K9 Activity Summary

Category	Bo	Kaya
Area Searches	80	46
Criminal Apprehension	3	1
Crowd Control	1	0
K9 Presence	31	14
Narcotics	44	69
Community Relations	11	6
Tracking	3	8
Total Uses	173	146

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

In 2017, 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. 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 Sackett, Ofc Scott Hermon and Ofc Josh Bartholomew.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team

In 2017, we chose to start an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program. In doing so, we purchased a UAV or commonly known as a drone and we sent officers for training and certification. In order to operate a UAV for law enforcement purposes, we must comply with all FAA regulations including the certification of pilots. We are in the process of getting five (5) pilots certified which include Scott Hermon (program coordinator), Josh Bartholomew, Stan Siedlecki, Dan Mulcahy and Gene Larson. The 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. We plan to expand the program in 2018 to include infrared capabilities. We also understand the public concerns over privacy and will continually work with our citizens to address these concerns.

Bike Patrol Team

In 2016, the Streetsboro Police Department created its first Bike Patrol Team. We started with four (4) officers and four (4) bikes. In 2017 we expanded the program to seven (7) officers and six (6) bikes. Our certified bike patrol officers are: Chief Darin Powers, Sgt Rich Polivka, Sgt Justin Leidel, Ofc Jim Curby, Ofc Scott Hermon, Ofc Dan Mulcahy and Ofc Kyle French. The bikes are typically ridden in the warmer months through the neighborhoods and the business parking lots. 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.

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 Ofc Stan Siedlecki started a program targeting child predators. To date, Ofc Siedlecki has arrested six (6) individuals as part of this program.



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.

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. In 2017, one dispatcher was out for an extended period of time due to medical issues taking us down to six (6) dispatchers. Our goal would be to add one (1) full time position and a couple part time positions in the near future.

As mentioned earlier, in 2017 we were able to remodel and update our dispatch center. We replaced all the furniture with state of the art consoles. We replaced old camera monitors with large high definition monitors. We replaced all the computers and we added a third dispatch position. Finally, we completed a 2 year project of replacing the old 911 system with a NextGen IP based 911 system.



Before



After



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



The following SPD personnel received awards or recognition for service provided to our police department and our community in 2017:

2017 Officer of the Year
Ofc Gene Larson

2017 Dispatcher of the Year
Josee Acklin

Letter of Commendation
Ofc Stanley Siedlecki

OVI Enforcement Award
Ofc Christopher Petro

5 Years Service
Art Milner
Michael Graham
Gene Larson

Chief's Achievement
Ofc Stanley Siedlecki

10 Years Service
Michael Cipriano
Jason Hall
Josee Acklin

Perfect Attendance (Full Year)
Chief Darin Powers
Lt Patricia Wain
Sgt Jon Hurley
Sgt Justin Leidel
Det Brian Shaffer
Ofc Joseph Smolic
Ofc Aaron Coates
Ofc Michael Cipriano
Ofc Jason Hall
Ofc Gene Larson
Disp Linda Leanza

15 Years Service
James Curby
Scott Hermon

20 Years Service
None

25 Years Service
Troy Beaver

Department Citation
Entire Department



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 2017, we investigated two (2) citizen's complaints against our officers. In both cases, the complaints were "Unfounded." In addition, in both cases, body cam video showed the complaints were untruthful and the persons filing the complaints were criminally charged for filing a false complaint.

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 2017, SPD officers were involved in fourteen (14) incidents which involved a Use of Force. Of those fourteen (14) incidents, thirteen (13) were found to fall within SPD policy. In the one instance that was found to be outside of policy, the Use of Force itself was within policy but the circumstances leading up to the incident were not. Officers involved were issued discipline and training. All of these incidents were physical restraint of an uncooperative subject. There was one (1) use of OC spray, no uses of 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 2017, our officers were involved in ten (10) pursuits and the reviews found that the officers were in compliance with policy in nine (9) pursuits. The review found that one pursuit did not comply with our policy. In this situation, one officer was issued discipline.



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:

- Blue Courage Training
- Practical Application of Force
- Legal Updates including Domestic Violence, Search and Seizure and Interviews and Interrogations
- Firearms Qualifications
- TASER Recertification
- Multiple Shift Level Trainings

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 training to staff is critical. The following summary represents training SPD members received in 2017:

1 st Responder Opioid, Fentanyl, etc Advanced Building Clearing Advanced Interview Techniques AG Conference Alice Instructor Animal Cruelty Investigations APCO/NENA Conference Basic Precision Rifle Skills Bit Coin and Dark Web Investigations Child Abduction Response Training CIT Complex Coordinated Attacks Controlled Force Level 3 Counter Ambush Tactics Crash to Court Create Anonymous Personality Online Criminal Patrol Baseline Awareness Criminal Patrol Drug Interdiction	Crisis Negotiations Child Sex Trafficking DARE/SRO Conference De-escalation Techniques for SRO Diagramming with CAD Zone Dispelling Myths of Middle Eastern Pop Failures in Criminal Investigations FBINAA Conference Firearms Instructor Force Science Basics Force Science and Bodycams Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence Glock Armorers Hidden in Plain Sight Homeland Security Leadership Academy Ideas in Motion/Fighting Drug Epidemic Instructional Skills Judgmental Firearms Simulator	K9 First Aid and Trauma Course Mid-Ohio Driving Midwest Crisis Negotiator Conference OACP In-Service Conference Opiate Overdose Death Investigations Ohio Juvenile Officer Association Conf Ohio Tactical Officers Conference Patrol Officers Drug Investigations Paul Butler Leadership for a Lifetime Pepperball Instructor Portage Opiate Conference Precision Rifle Operator Problem Solving SMCRT Crash Training STEP Supervisor Role for Pursuits TAC Med for 1 st Responders Undercover Online Investigations
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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 2017:

- Cub Scout tour of SPD
- Super Bowl NHTSA Driver Sober campaign with Portage Safe Communities
- Donation to Chrissy Motz for Polar Plunge
- Breakfast with kids at Building Futures day care
- Donation of motorized scooter to the senior center
- **DARE** Graduation
- Chamber of Commerce Expo
- Re-opening of SR14 Lake Rockwell Bridge
- 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
- Family Community Services event at the Senior Center
- **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
- **Pinwheels for Prevention** to raise awareness for child abuse
- Safe Communities **"None for Under 21"** event at Hiram College
- L'Oreal 'Bring Your Child to Work Day' event with both K9s and Ofc Fogleman
- Key Bank 'Kids Safety Day'
- 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
- Ceremony at Joan of Arc for retire Chief Taiclet
- 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
- 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
- Ofc Petro presented a certificate at the **Drive Sober Kick Off Event**
- Participated in the memorial services for retired Chief Taiclet
- Participation in the national **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"** campaign
- Conducted an OVI Checkpoint with OSP and Aurora PD on SR43
- Ofc Fogleman worked the Safe Communities booth at the county fair
- Tailgate event for the SHS football home opener
- Participated in the Walmart Vison Center back to school event
- Participated in **9-11** Ceremony at City Hall
- Participated in Mantua Potato Festival
- UH Streetsboro Health Fair
- Lowes and Home Depot Safety Days
- Ofc Fogleman at the Night of Hope for the Portage Community Chapel
- Healthy Living Expo at the Senior Center
- **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 elementary class for First Responders Week
- Ofc Hermon spoke to kids at the head start for their transportation program
- Ofc Hermon spoke to a STEM group at Crestwood HS about our UAV program
- Escort Santa for the Holiday Lighting event at town square
- SPA donated clothing to the Streetsboro schools
- **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.streetsboropolice.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 2017, our Facebook page surpassed 10,800 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 5,500 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

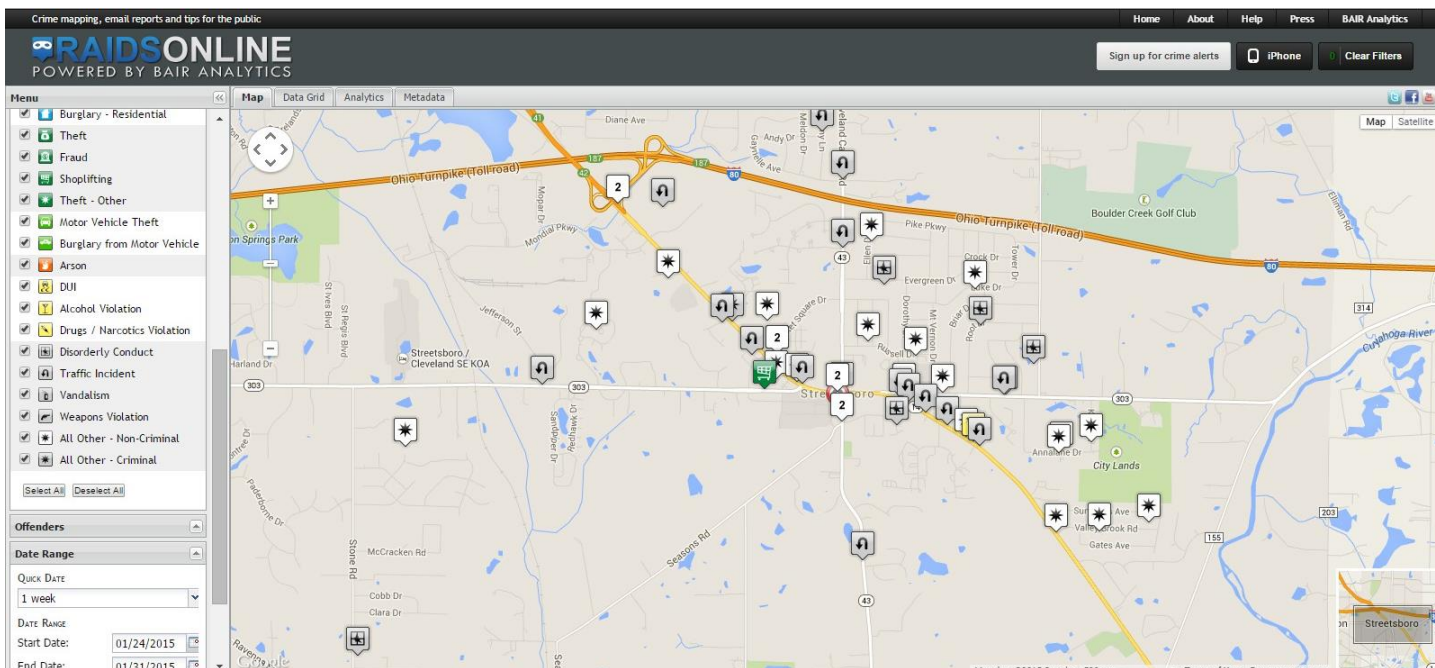
RAIDS Online is used to map our call information. Each day, we upload all our call location data to RAIDS and the data is then mapped based on the address information in the call data. Anyone can then visit the RAIDS website and view our call data on a map of our city. This is helpful for anyone that 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:





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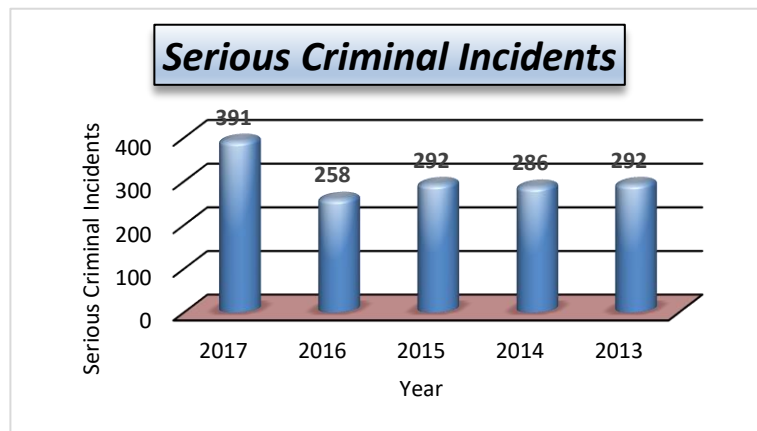
Much of what we do in law enforcement is not quantifiable in numbers and statistics, specifically in the aspects of the job that involve community relations. Quality of work is vitally important in our line of work and many officers have those intangibles that cannot be measured by numbers alone. Our 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 2017 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

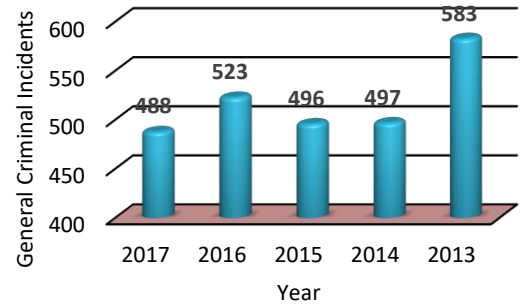
This section is broken down into four categories: **Serious Criminal Incidents**, **General Criminal Incidents**, **Total Incidents** and **Calls for Service**. Incident reports are taken when crimes are committed or when officers have extended contact with citizens. Calls for Service are the number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

Serious Criminal Incidents	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	1	2	2
Robbery	6	3	4	4	4
Felonious Assault	0	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	1	0	1	0
Burglary	21	15	25	4	7
General Theft	215	177	180	193	212
Shoplifting	134	53	74	76	62
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	9	8	5	5
Total Serious Incidents	391	258	292	286	292

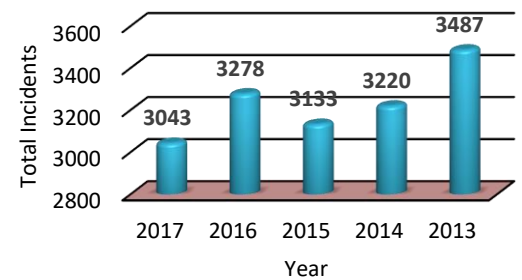


General Criminal Incidents	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sex Offense	11	7	6	6	6
Simple Assault	23	17	29	20	24
Domestic Violence	50	44	60	54	68
Forgery	1	6	7	3	3
Counterfeiting	7	4	12	6	12
Fraud	39	56	28	34	30
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	3	3	0	11	8
Breaking and Entering	9	11	11	5	4
Vandalism	2	2	2	1	4
Criminal Damaging	64	73	57	77	70
Criminal Mischief	21	25	16	14	22
Trespassing	23	25	16	13	16
Drug Related	148	150	134	143	170
Telecom Harassment	53	51	58	53	69
Identity Theft	4	10	24	11	9
Menacing	6	4	4	14	19
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law	0	3	8	16	23
CCW	8	6	4	3	2
Disorderly Conduct	16	26	20	13	24
Total General Criminal Incidents	488	523	496	497	583

General Criminal Incidents



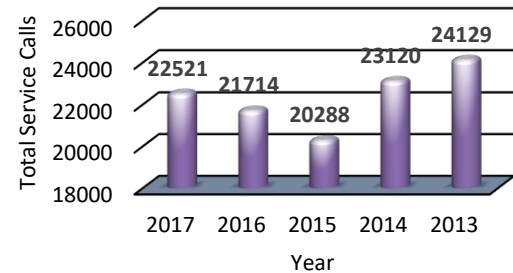
Total Incidents



Total Incident Reports	3043	3278	3133	3220	3487
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Calls For Service	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Domestic Dispute	124	118	112	126	114
Psychiatric Situation	116	96	74	65	20
Suicide	2	2	1	0	8
Attempted Suicide	14	13	19	13	23
Welfare Check	304	291	194	207	213
Animal Related	222	233	222	192	166
Vehicle Lockouts	602	531	545	616	572
Drug Overdoses	48				
Juvenile Related	304	285	213	213	222
Alarm Drops	896	834	762	882	810
Disturbance	372	357	232	209	289
Noise	118	103	92	116	169
Suspicious Behavior	888	889	703	790	901
Community Policing	1300	1500	1557	1566	1039
Fire Related	499	418	369	470	397
EMS	1643	1605	1435	1416	1404
Traffic Related	1001	970	828	997	1011
Disabled Vehicles	427	527	571	594	598
Mutual Aid	375	356	326	332	195
Other Service Calls	13522	12721	12158	14428	16059
Total Calls for Service	22521	21714	20288	23120	24129

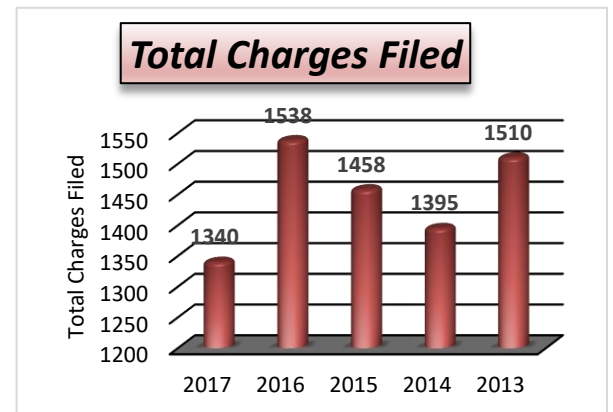
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Arrests and Charges

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**.

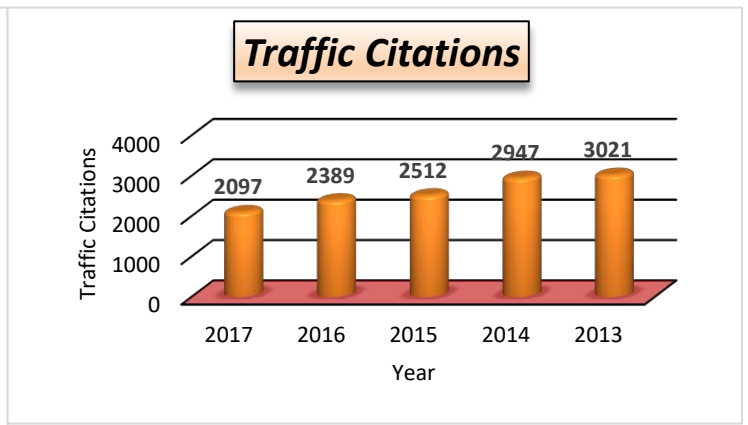
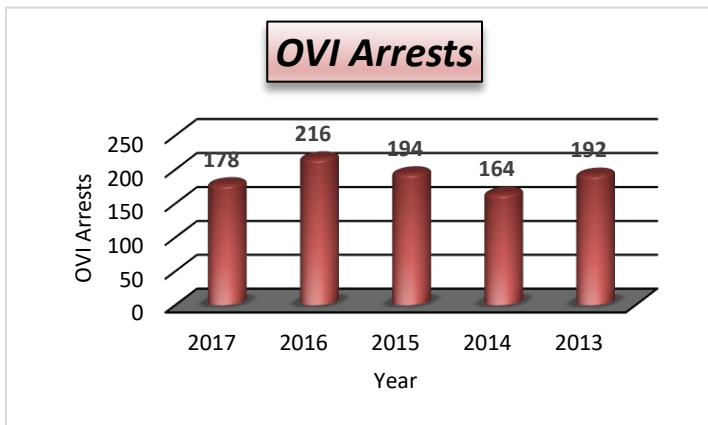
Arrests/Charges	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Arrests	850	962	893	925	981
Total Charges Filed	1340	1538	1458	1395	1510



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	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Self-Initiated Traffic	6141	6287	6549	7821	8979
Total Traffic Cites	2097	2389	2512	2947	3021
OVI Arrests	178	216	194	164	192
Parking Cites	93	47	77	56	41



Traffic Crashes	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Hit Skip Crashes	34	34	27	23	24
Property Damage Only	361	354	400	378	374
Injury Crashes	132	136	149	146	137
Fatal Crashes	0	0	1	0	0
Deer Crashes	22	29	26	11	26
Private Property Crash	131	172	156	138	145
Total Reportable Crashes	493	490	527	524	511

