



# STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018 ANNUAL REPORT by Chief Darin Powers



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Each year brings new adventures and challenges for the men and women of the Streetsboro Police Department. 2018 brought us the retirement of a K9, a new patrol officer, new updated equipment and our officers saving lives. Unfortunately, we also experienced a tragic homicide and a traffic fatality. However, by the end of the year, we found that, overall, crime was down which is what we strive for.

In 2018, we did not lose any employees and we were able to add one officer. In May, we added Ofc Luke Nelson which filled our only open position. Luke came to us from NEOMED where he previously served as a police officer. We also saw the official retirement of K9 Bo and the swearing in of K9 Reno. Throughout the year, our staffing fluctuated a bit due to employees taking time off due to injuries, births, weddings and more. Some officers missed significant time due to substantial injuries that occurred both on the job and off the job. However, the time off taken did not significantly impact our ability to provide a high level of service to our citizens.



One of our goals is to continue providing our officers with the best tools available so that they can do their jobs efficiently and effectively. First, we were able to provide all of our officers with new Glock handguns. Some of our previous handguns were nearing 20 years old and it was time to upgrade. In April, our firearms' trainers began transitioning our officers from the older handguns to the new Glocks. In May, we were able to move to a new body cam platform through Getac. These cameras are much more rugged and reliable than the older units we were using. With Getac, we are also using their cloud storage platform to store all of our video. We also moved to a new radio communications platform. We had been using our own VHF system but made the switch to the Ohio MARCS (Multi Agency Radio Communication System). With MARCS, we have the capability to communicate with public safety agencies from all around our region and across the state. This communication is vital during critical incidents.



In addition to the equipment we purchased, we also utilized grants to help us obtain some equipment. Many of the car radios purchased for the MARCS system were done through the use of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the State of Ohio. We applied for and were awarded a grant through the Firehouse Subs Foundation for ten (10) AEDs. We are now able to keep an AED in every patrol vehicle and one in our communications center. We were also able to replace all the printers in our cars thanks to a grant provided by the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

In 2017, we created a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) program. That program is headed up by Ofc Scott Hermon and in 2018 we were able to advance that program to add additional capabilities. We added a new software package that allows the pilot to program the flight path prior to flight and live stream the video to a remote location. It also records the flight data from all UAV flights. We were also able to add an Infrared camera package that allows us to use thermal imagery during a search. We now have four (4) certified pilots and have used the UAV to document crash scenes and conduct searches for people and evidence. We also used it to assist Kent State PD during a large rally on their campus.

In law enforcement, it is vital that we work well with our public safety partners. Here are some examples of how we were able to do that in 2018. As a member of the Portage County Safe Communities Coalition, we team up with public safety agencies from around the county to keep our road safe. As part of the coalition, we participated in: "None for Under 21"; "Click in or Ticket" and the kickoff; "Drive Sober



or Get Pulled Over” and the kickoff where Ofc Petro spoke. We participated in two (2) OVI checkpoints with troopers from OSP. Thanks to Ofc Siedlecki, we now work closely with ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) to bring child predators to justice. Ofc Siedlecki participated in an ICAC sting which resulted in twenty two (22) arrests. We have also maintained our participation in the Portage County Drug Task Force, the Metro SWAT team and the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. Finally, Ofc Mike Cipriano has taken on the role of a speaker at the Project Detour classes which are done through Townhall II. These classes are given for those convicted of an OVI offense.

Unfortunately, our community experienced a horrific tragedy in 2018 when on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, a thirteen (13) year old male shot his eleven (11) year old brother. Our officers responded quickly to the scene along with the fire department. The eleven (11) year old was transported to the hospital where he died of his injury. This incident affected this entire community including our first responders, teachers, students and of course, the family. This was the first homicide in Streetsboro since 1999 and due to the unusual nature of the incident it attracted both local and some national media attention. As tragic as the incident was, our officers, investigators and dispatchers handled everything in a very professional and caring way. The investigation into the incident was extremely thorough and resulted in a plea agreement which avoided the need for a trial.



As always, we try to stay very involved with our community. We continued our involvement with long standing programs such as Safety Land, DARE, Neighborhood Watch, Fill-a-Cruiser, National Prescription Drug Take Back, CIT, Family Days, Trunk or Treat and, of course, Shop-with-a-Cop. Ofc Fogleman is always an integral part of Safety Land and is vital to our relationship with our children and schools through our DARE and SRO programs. Lt Beaver, Sgt Polivka and I met with various neighborhood HOAs to speak about safety and answer questions they may have. Ofc Siedlecki organized the Fill-a-Cruiser this year as he does every year and for the first time, Disp Sara Newpher organized a School Supply Fil-a-Cruiser. The donated supplies were then

distributed to families in need and the schools. Our Bicycle Patrol program continues to be a big hit with our residents and this past year, we started a program with Parks and Recs called “Bike Around Town” where our officers rode through neighborhoods with our residents. Speaking of bikes, we, again, teamed up with AAA for the bike helmet program where our officers handled out “citations” to kids wearing bike helmets. The kids were then able to get a free pizza at Gioninos with that citation. The police SPA teamed up with our elementary school to provide pizzas once a month for the students of the month. Officers would help serve the pizza and talk to the students. These are just a few examples of all our officers do to support the residents of our city.



Each year, we try to recognize police department employees through award presentations. For 2018, Ofc Joe Smolic was nominated by his peers and chosen as the department’s Employee of the Year. We had six (6) employees receive lifesaving awards for their efforts in three separate incidents: Sgt Suvada and Ofc Bartholomew performed CPR on a male outside his car, Sgt Suvada, Ofc Wolf and Ofc Sackett used an AED and performed CPR on a female in her home, and Ofc Plesz and Ofc Nelson applied tourniquets to a male severely injured in a car crash. Ofc Ryan Wolf was selected as one of three



officers to be awarded the Portage County CIT Award. Ofc Chris Petro has, again, been awarded the MADD award for his efforts at arresting impaired drivers. We were excited to learn that Ofc Jason Fogleman was awarded the State of Ohio DARE Officer of the Year and the department received a 25 year DARE program award. Ofc Aaron Coates received a commendation for applying first aid to a male who had cut his foot with a lawn mower. Finally, we recognized the primary employees that were involved in the

response and investigation of the homicide incident with Exceptional Duty awards. Those employees were Det Jim Wagner, Ofc Aaron Coates, Ofc Matt Plesz, Ofc Kyle French, Disp Linda Garner and Disp Sara Newpher. All of our employees work hard to serve our residents; however, the efforts of these employees stood out.

Although much of the work our employees do is intangible and cannot be quantified, we still have to keep statistics on crime rates, traffic crashes, traffic cites and more. In 2018, we saw a significant decrease in both serious crime and general crime. The decrease in serious crime is partly attributed to a significant decrease in shoplifting arrests. It is not clear if shoplifting itself has decreased or the detection of shoplifters at our retailers has decreased. There were no reported robberies in the city in 2018 which may be the first time in recent history and the reported burglaries were the lowest in at least five years. Even the general theft numbers were significantly down from last year and at their lowest numbers in five years. Our traffic statistics show that our traffic crashes have stayed very consistent over the past three years at just under 500 crashes per year. Unfortunately, we did see one fatal crash in 2018; however, that crash occurred in a construction zone on I480 where a construction worker was struck by a construction vehicle. Overall, we seem to be trending in the right direction.



Just a few other miscellaneous items for the year. In May, we had a dedication ceremony to name the Streetsboro Police Station after retired Chief of Police, Richard A Taiclet. In June, a homing pigeon from Canada decided to stop and take a break for a couple of days at the police station. WKYC sent out a reporter and ran a story on the pigeon. The production company for LIVE PD donated \$3,500 in the police department's

name to Townhall II. After the tragic school shooting in Florida, tensions heightened around all schools for a while. As a means of supplying information to parents and students, Ofc Fogleman and I participated in two school safety forums which seemed to help alleviate some of the concerns. Ofc French spoke to a group of pre-school students during Community Helpers week and Ofc Plesz and Ofc Nelson were featured in an Ohio Traffic Safety Office publication for their life saving efforts.



It is now time to look forward to the challenges of 2019. As we do, the men and women of the Streetsboro Police Department will continue to serve our community with pride, integrity and professionalism.

Thank You,

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

Darin W. Powers  
Chief of Police



# **MISSION AND VALUES**



## **OUR MISSION**

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

## **OUR VALUES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





# PERSONNEL



This list of employees was current on December 31, 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years at SPD</u>
Darin Powers	Chief of Police	20
Troy Beaver	Operations Lieutenant	26
Patricia Wain	Administrative Lieutenant	23
Andrew Suvada	Sergeant	24
Richard Polivka	Sergeant	23
Jon Hurley	Sergeant	14
Justin Leidel	Sergeant	16
Brian Shaffer	Investigator	28
James Wagner	Investigator	24
Michael Graham	Investigator	6
Joseph Smolic	Patrol	24
Christopher Petro	Patrol	23
Aaron Coates	Patrol	18
Jason Sackett	Patrol	19
James Curby	Patrol	16
Scott Hermon	Patrol	16
Michael Cipriano	Patrol	11
Jason Hall	Patrol	11
Ryan Wolf	Patrol	9
Joshua Bartholomew	Patrol	8
Stanley Siedlecki	Patrol	8
Matthew Plesz	Patrol	7
Thomas Ondecker	Patrol	7
Daniel Mulcahy	Patrol	7
John Milner	Patrol	6
Gene Larson	Patrol	6
Kyle French	Patrol	2
Luke Nelson	Patrol	0
Jason Fogleman	School Resource Officer/DARE	18
Sharon Gumm	Administrative Assistant	19
Linda Leanza	Dispatch	26
Linda Garner	Dispatch	14
Josee Acklin	Dispatch	11
Alexsander Melomed	Dispatch	10
Sara Newpher	Dispatch	7
Haley Otto	Dispatch	4
Melissa Falzini	Dispatch	2





# 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 2018, officers responded to a wide variety of calls ranging from vehicle lockouts to violent felonies including the first homicide in our city since 1999.

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 2018, nearly 200 5th grade students at Defer Intermediate School graduated our DARE Program.

**Also in 2018, Ofc Fogleman received the State of Ohio DARE Officer of the Year Award!!**



## **K9 Team**

Our department currently has two (2) K9 teams. Ofc Aaron Coates and K9 Reno began working together in January 2018 after the retirement of K9 Bo; however, Ofc Aaron Coates had been training with K9 Reno throughout 2017.

Our other K9 team is Ofc Hall and K9 Kaya. They have been working together as a team since June 2016.

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

### **2018 K9 Team Community Relations Activities**



**Officer Jason Hall  
K9 Kaya**

Reno was sworn in at City Council  
Bo retirement award at City Council  
Safety Town at City Hall  
UH Touch a Truck Health Fair  
Family Days K9 Demo and walk through  
Click it or Ticket Kickoff in Aurora  
Memorial Day Parade  
Fill-a-Cruiser Events  
Maple Hts school demo  
Saunders Creek block party  
K9 Sweeps in various schools  
K9 Funerals for other agencies  
Demo at Applecreek PD



**Officer Aaron Coates  
K9 Reno**

### **2018 K9 Activity Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Reno</b>	<b>Kaya</b>
Area Searches	47	27
Criminal Apprehension	3	0
Crowd Control	0	0
K9 Presence	11	13
Narcotics	33	42
Community Relations	12	6
Tracking	2	3
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>91</b>

\*Kaya missed part of 2018 due to injury to Ofc Hall



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

In 2018, 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. We are also looking to the future by preparing Ofc Jason Sackett and Ofc Mike Cipriano for eventually moving into those positions. The investigators are responsible for investigating any crimes or incidents that are beyond the scope of normal patrol investigations. Some examples of incidents that the detective bureau investigates are: suspicious deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, fraud, financial crimes, child abuse, cyber-crime, and miscellaneous thefts just to name a few. In addition to investigating cases, the detectives are also responsible for all background investigations on prospective employees. Our detectives work closely with other investigative agencies including the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), FBI, ATF, Homeland Security and others.

## ***Portage County Safe Communities***



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

## ***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 currently have four certified pilots: Ofc Scott Hermon (coordinator), Sgt Rich Polivka, Ofc Josh Bartholomew and Ofc 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. In 2018, we added infrared capabilities for our UAV. The UAV was deployed during a protest at KSU, to document crash scenes, to search for evidence and for public demonstrations. We 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. In 2018, Ofc Siedlecki arrested fourteen (14) child predators for a total of twenty (20) arrests since the start of the program. He also participated in a child predator sting with ICAC in Cuyahoga County in 2018 which netted 22 arrests.





## **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. Our goal would be to add one (1) full time position and some part-time positions in the near future.





# 2018 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



## **Employee of the Year:**

Ofc Joseph Smolic                      Nominated by his peers

## **Exceptional Duty Awards:**

Ofc Jason Fogleman	Chosen as the State of Ohio DARE Officer of the Year
Det James Wagner	Exceptional work and effort on a homicide investigation
Ofc Aaron Coates	Exceptional response and work completed on a homicide call
Ofc Matt Plesz	Exceptional response and work completed on a homicide call
Ofc Kyle French	Exceptional response and work completed on a homicide call
Disp Sara Newpher	Exceptional call taking and dispatch efforts on a homicide call
Disp Linda Garner	Exceptional response and work completed on a homicide call
Ofc Ryan Wolf	2018 Portage County CIT Officer of the Year
Ofc Stanley Siedlecki	Ongoing efforts with ICAC and arresting child predators

## **Life Saving Awards:**

Sgt Andrew Suvada (2)	Efforts assisting male in cardiac arrest Use of AED and CPR on female in cardiac arrest
Ofc Joshua Bartholomew	Use of CPR on male in cardiac arrest
Ofc Jason Sackett	Use of AED and CPR on female in cardiac arrest
Ofc Ryan Wolf	Use of AED and CPR on female in cardiac arrest
Ofc Matt Plesz	Use of tourniquet on male involved in a vehicle crash
Ofc Luke Nelson	Use of tourniquet on male involved in a vehicle crash

## **OVI/MADD Award**

Ofc Christopher Petro

## **Safe Driving**

Ofc Joseph Smolic  
Ofc Jason Sackett  
Ofc Thomas Ondecker

## **Commendation**

Ofc Aaron Coates                      Applied first aid to a male who had cut his foot with a lawn mower

## **Perfect Attendance (0 days of sick time used):**

Ofc Michael Cipriano  
Ofc Aaron Coates  
Ofc Gene Larson  
Ofc Luke Nelson  
Chief Darin Powers  
Det Brian Shaffer  
Ofc Joe Smolic  
Lt Patricia Wain  
Disp Linda Leanza



# **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 2018, we investigated two (2) citizen's complaints against our officers. In both cases, we found the officers were "exonerated" which means the alleged acts occurred; however, they were justified, lawful and/or proper.

## ***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 2018, SPD officers were involved in nineteen (19) incidents which involved a Use of Force. Of those, all were found to be compliant with SPD Use of Force policy. Thirteen (13) of the incidents were hands only where no weapons were involved. Six (6) incidents involved the officer deploying the TASER.

## ***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 2018, our officers were involved in eight (8) pursuits and the reviews found that the officers were in compliance with policy in six (6) pursuits. The review found that two (2) pursuits did not comply with our policy. In both situations, the officer involved was issued a written reprimand and was counselled on the policy violations.





# **TRAINING**



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

## ***In-Service Training***

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

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

## ***External Training***

Outside training needs are met by sending personnel to specialized training workshops through many different training providers. Training needs are reviewed and determined for all components of the organization. As technology, law enforcement best practices, tactics and case law continually evolve, providing training to staff is critical. We send officers all across the state of Ohio and occasionally to other states to receive training. 2018 was no exception as officers attended training programs for CIT, Firearms, Active Threat, Records Management, Traffic Crash Investigation, and many, many more.



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



The Streetsboro Police Department recognizes that engagement, communication, and partnership with our community are vital to the law enforcement mission. Following is a summary of the community policing and engagement events members of the Streetsboro Police Department participated in during 2017:

- DRE presentation at Wingate Hotel
- Super Bowl NHTSA Driver Sober campaign with Portage Safe Communities
- Donation to Chrissy Motz for Polar Plunge
- Multiple pizza parties at elementary school – pizzas provided by the Streetsboro Police Association
- **DARE** Graduation
- Day shift did a presentation for group from Kids Link
- Assist Streetsboro Schools, daycares, and other local businesses with ALICE drills
- Chief Powers and Ofc Fogleman participated in 2 safety forums at the high school
- AAA and SPD **Helmet Smart** program where Gioninos supplied pizza for kids wearing helmets
- **Fill-a-Cruiser** event where food and cash were donated to food pantries
- Two (2) **National Prescription Drug Take Back** Days sponsored by the DEA
- **Pinwheels for Prevention** to raise awareness for child abuse
- Safe Communities **“None for Under 21”** event at Hiram College
- SPD officers participated in a candle light vigil for student that was killed
- National **“Click it or Ticket”** campaign and kickoff event at Aurora Farms
- SPA Scholarship awarded to a high school senior
- Dedication ceremony to rename the police station after Richard A Taiclet
- Officers assisted with the annual Memorial Day Parade
- Ofc Siedlecki participated in an ICAC Task Force child predator sting
- 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
- K9 teams received a donation from the Ravenna Kennel Club at dog show
- Officers participated in a Walmart Safety event
- SPD hosted **“CIT for Educators”** training and the **“CIT for Law Enforcement”** training
- SPD Bike Patrol officers teamed up with Parks and Recs for multiple Bike Around Town events
- SPD officers attended the Woodside Lake Park block party
- Sgt Polivka attended a Hickory Ridge HOA meeting to speak about vandalism
- Chief Powers spoke at a Tinkers Green HOA meeting
- 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 2 OVI Checkpoints with OSP in one evening
- 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
- **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 Community Helpers Week
- **Shop with a Cop** event at Target where nearly 40 children received gifts thanks to donations from local businesses and individuals.



## **SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB PRESENCE**



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

### **Website**

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](http://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. By the end of 2018, we have reached just under 12,000 followers. Visit us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/streetsboropd](http://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 5,800 followers on Twitter. Check us out at:

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

### **Nixle** 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:

[www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or **Text your zip code to 888777**



# STATISTICS



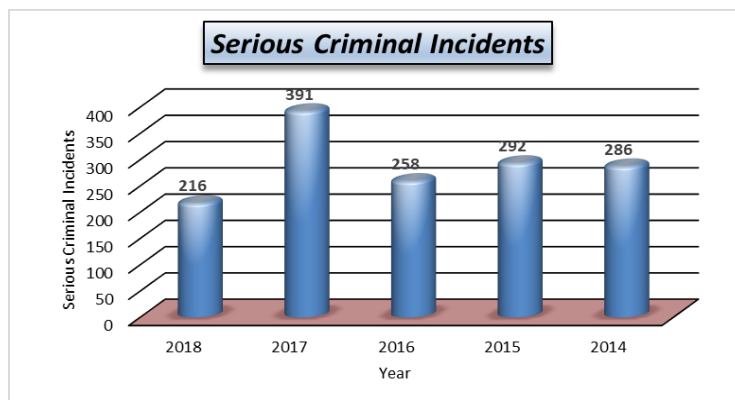
Much of what we do in law enforcement is not quantifiable in numbers and statistics, specifically in the aspects of the job that involve community relations. Quality of work is vitally important in our line of work and many officers have those intangibles that cannot be measured by numbers alone. Our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

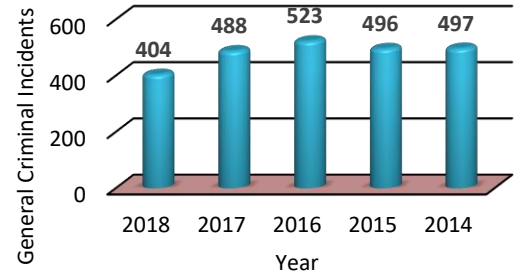
This section is broken down into four categories: **Serious Criminal Incidents**, **General Criminal Incidents**, **Total Incidents** and **Calls for Service**. Incident reports are taken when crimes are committed or when officers have extended contact with citizens. Calls for Service are the number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

<b>Serious Criminal Incidents</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0	1	2
Robbery	0	6	3	4	4
Felonious Assault	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0	1
Burglary	13	21	15	25	4
General Theft	129	215	177	180	193
Shoplifting	58	134	53	74	76
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	13	9	8	5
<b>Total Serious Incidents</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>286</b>

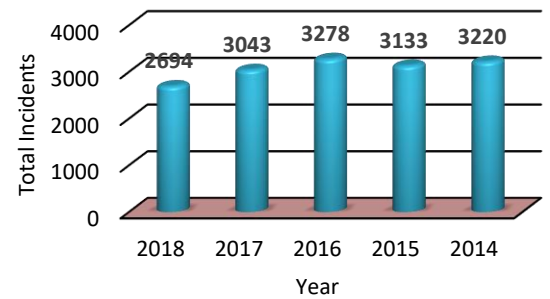


<b>General Criminal Incidents</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Sex Offense	20	11	7	6	6
Simple Assault	16	23	17	29	20
Domestic Violence	44	50	44	60	54
Forgery	3	1	6	7	3
Counterfeiting	6	7	4	12	6
Fraud	43	39	56	28	34
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	2	3	3	0	11
Breaking and Entering	5	9	11	11	5
Vandalism	2	2	2	2	1
Criminal Damaging	35	64	73	57	77
Criminal Mischief	15	21	25	16	14
Trespassing	15	23	25	16	13
Drug Related	128	148	150	134	143
Telecom Harrasment	36	53	51	58	53
Identity Theft	5	4	10	24	11
Menacing	9	6	4	4	14
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law	0	0	3	8	16
CCW	6	8	6	4	3
Disorderly Conduct	14	16	26	20	13
<b>Total General Criminal Incidents</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>497</b>

### General Criminal Incidents



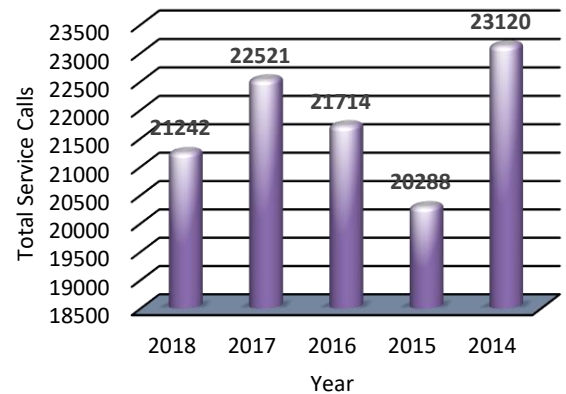
### Total Incidents



<b>Total Incident Reports</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>3043</b>	<b>3278</b>	<b>3133</b>	<b>3220</b>
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<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Domestic Dispute	140	124	118	112	126
Psychiatric Situation	106	116	96	74	65
Suicide	0	2	2	1	0
Attempted Suicide	8	14	13	19	13
Welfare Check	284	304	291	194	207
Animal Related	223	222	233	222	192
Vehicle Lockouts	508	602	531	545	616
Drug Overdose	23	50			
Juvenile Related	233	304	285	213	213
Alarm Drops	787	896	834	762	882
Disturbance	330	372	357	232	209
Noise	97	118	103	92	116
Suspicious Behavior	840	888	889	703	790
Community Policing	1446	1300	1500	1557	1566
Fire Related	512	499	418	369	470
EMS	1719	1643	1605	1435	1416
Traffic Related	999	1001	970	828	997
Disabled Vehicles	489	427	527	571	594
Mutual Aid	384	375	356	326	332
Other Service Calls	12368	13522	12721	12158	14428
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>21242</b>	<b>22521</b>	<b>21714</b>	<b>20288</b>	<b>23120</b>

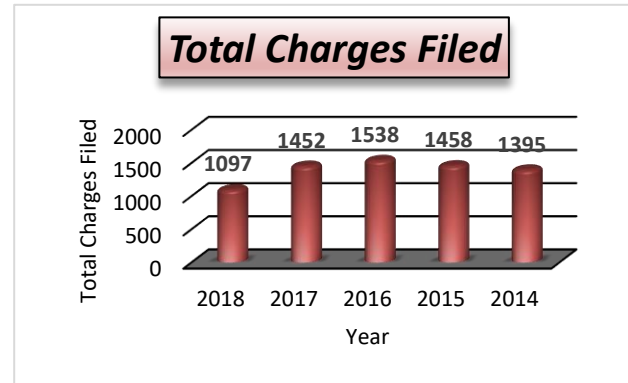
### Service Calls



## 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**.

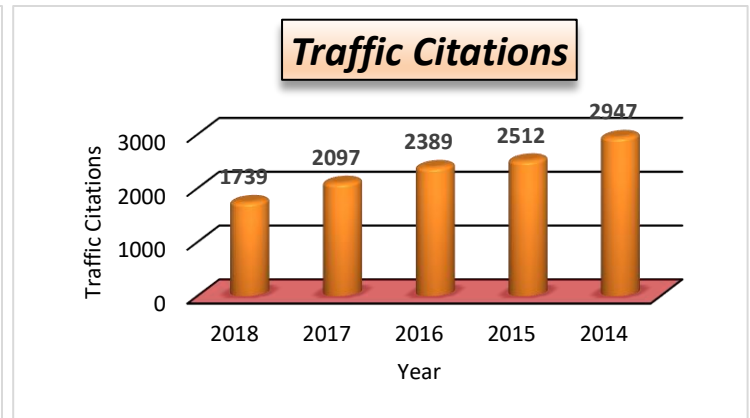
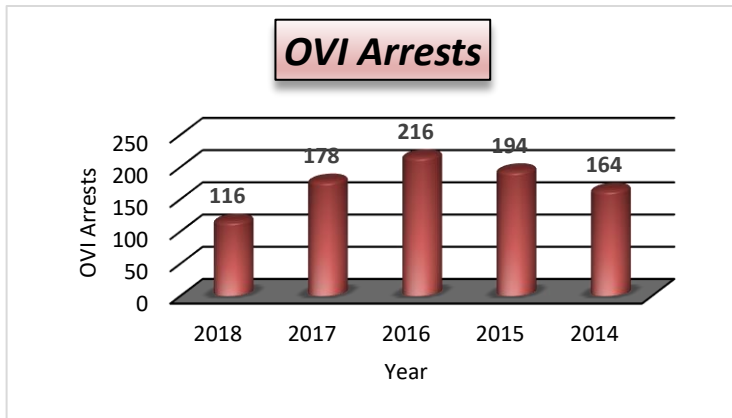
Arrests/Charges	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Arrests	711	927	962	893	925
Total Charges Filed	1097	1452	1538	1458	1395



## 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	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Self Initiated Traffic	5939	6141	6287	6549	7821
Total Traffic Cites	1739	2097	2389	2512	2947
OVI Arrests	116	178	216	194	164
Parking Cites	61	93	47	77	56



Traffic Crashes	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hit Skip Crashes	33	34	34	27	23
Property Damage Only	343	361	354	400	378
Injury Crashes	153	132	136	149	146
Fatal Crashes	1	0	0	1	0
Deer Crashes	28	22	29	26	11
Private Property Crash	135	131	172	156	138
<b>Total Reportable Crashes</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>524</b>

