

2016 Annual Report

West Carrollton Police Department





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A Word from the Chief

In 2016, the men and women of the West Carrollton Police Department continued to endeavor to provide a high level of professional service to the community. The devotion and dedication that they display on a daily basis is evident through everything that they do. The following pages of this annual report demonstrate, in just a small way, their commitment and faithfulness to the citizens of West Carrollton.



In 2016, the department continued to realize some significant changes; especially changes in the area of personnel. These changes involve the retirement of a long tenured command staff member, the promotions associated with that retirement, and the hiring of a new officer.

In August of 2016, Deputy Chief Robert Hensley retired after having served in law enforcement for over 25 years. Shortly after he retired Sergeant David Wessling was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief. In September of 2016, Officer Jeremy Branham was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Deputy Chief Wessling. Officer Jesse Stomps was hired to fill the vacancy on the road patrol around the same time.

Sgt. Nate Biggs attended and graduated from the Police Leadership Executive College (PELC) in May. PELC is a three-month Bachelors level course of study presented by the Ohio Chiefs of Police Association that provides instruction for newly appointed supervisors.

In 2016, our department, along with most of the other area police and fire departments, struggled with the tragic circumstances surrounding the opioid epidemic. The consumption of resources created by this crisis placed additional burdens on our staffing levels. There have been several multi-level, inter-agency partnerships created in an attempt to have a positive impact on this heartbreaking situation.

The department has continued preparation to convert from our current records management system (CISCO) to a new internet based system called TAC.10., a product of the parent company of our current vendor. This new Records Management solution will allow us to become more efficient in the manner in which we compile our records and reports while also providing some new tools that will help us to become more effective overall. It is our hope that we will have this new system up and running sometime in 2017.

It continues to be an honor to work alongside some of the finest men and women in law enforcement as we serve our community with Integrity, Honesty, Accountability and Professionalism.

Douglas M. Woodard

Motto, Mission, Vision and Core Principals

Motto:

“Sworn to Protect...Dedicated to Serve”



Mission Statement:

The Mission of the West Carrollton Police Department is to provide excellent service through leadership and partnership with the community.

Vision Statement:

The Vision of the West Carrollton Police Department is to be recognized for our professionalism, our development of strong community partnerships and commitment to create and maintain a safer community.

Core Principals:

Integrity – We hold ourselves accountable and demand the highest level of ethical and moral standards from all. We are role models, acting with courage and building trust within the organization and the community.

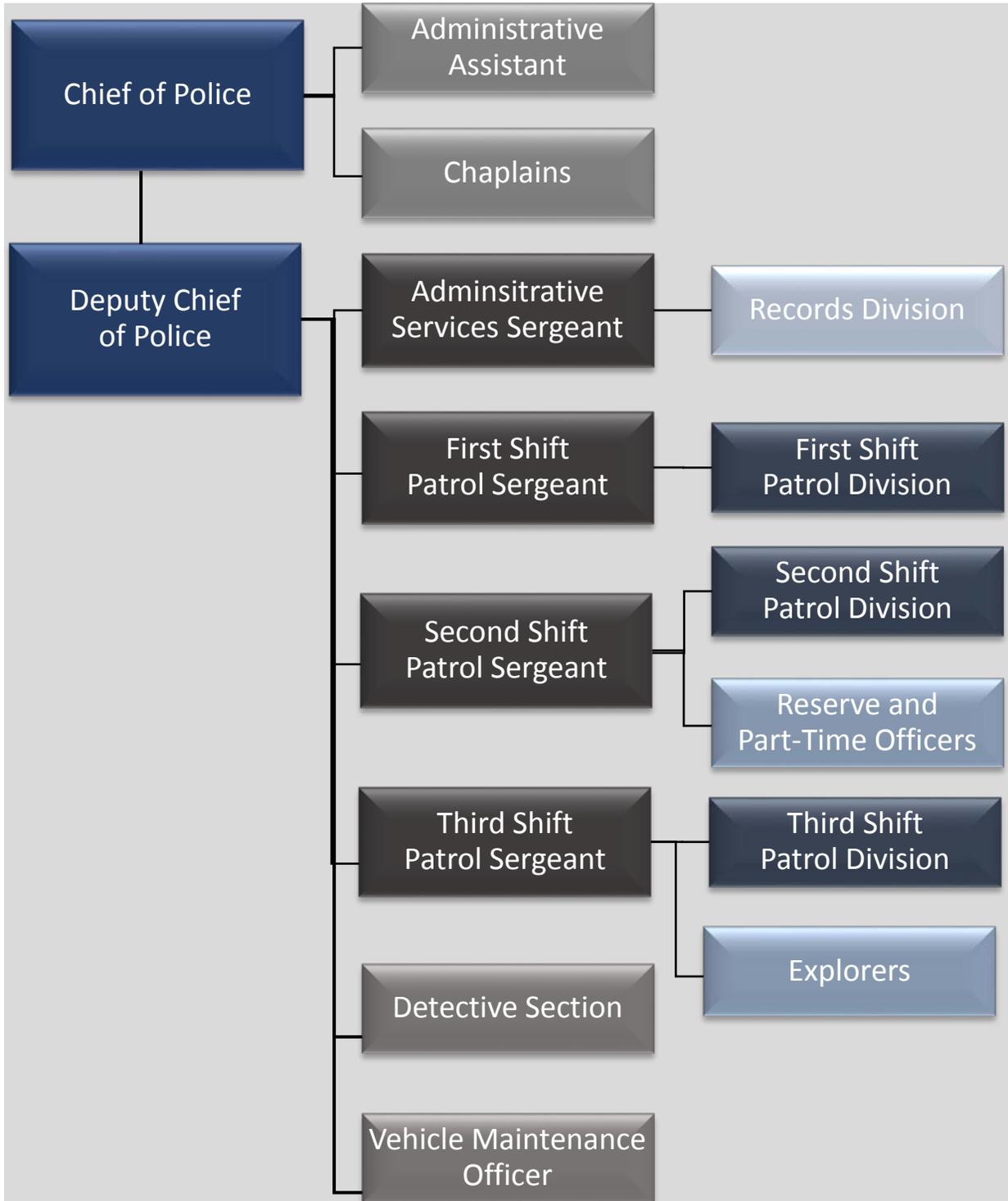
Honesty – We value uncompromised honesty in every aspect of our careers and our department. We shall maintain objectivity, openness, fairness, and responsibility when dealing with all members of the public.

Accountability – We are individually and collectively accountable to both internal and external stakeholders. We are competent, responsible, and dedicated to providing effective and efficient services.

Professionalism – We treat everyone with courtesy and respect. We understand that our appearance, words and demeanor contribute to the public’s confidence in us. We are responsive to the community, and deliver services promptly and efficiently.

West Carrollton Police Department - Organizational Chart

(Revised 04/30/2015)



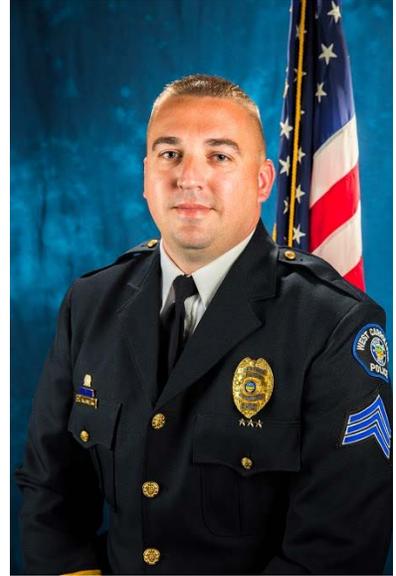
Administration



Douglas Woodard
Chief of Police



Robert Hensley
Deputy Chief of Police



David Wessling
Administrative Services



Michael Hanks
Patrol Supervisor



Nathan Biggs
Patrol Supervisor



Alexander Flynn
Patrol Supervisor

Patrol Division



Ronald Jensen
Patrol Officer



Robert Bell
Detective



G. Scott Lawson
Detective



John Garwood
Patrol Officer



Maureen Flaute
Patrol Officer



Jeremy Branham
Patrol Officer

Patrol Division Continued



Christopher Fairchild
Patrol Officer



Zachary Super
Patrol Officer



Joseph O'Brien
Patrol Officer



Jared Moore
Patrol Officer



Shawn Day
Patrol Officer



T. Drew Pyles
Patrol Officer

Patrol Division Continued



John Perry
Patrol Officer



Bobbie Selmon
Patrol Officer



Matthew Harper
Patrol Officer



Tiffany Davidson
Patrol Officer



Carl Hoskins
Patrol Officer

*Not pictured - Jesse Stomps

Support Staff & Part-Time Employees



Tracy Rankin
Administrative Secretary



Hyla Fyffe-Zinn
Records Clerk



Christine Tatol
Part-Time Records Clerk



James Roberts
Part-Time Officer



Mark Allison
Part-Time Detective



William Berger
Part-Time Vehicle Maintenance

WCPD Five Year Activity Report

<u>CRIMINAL OFFENSES</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Homicide	0	5	0	0	0
Rape	10	8	10	16	8
Robbery	11	15	17	17	6
Assault	68	69	47	62	63
Burglary	135	111	125	96	89
Theft	265	252	230	263	244
Auto Theft	22	40	32	29	41
Suicide	0	4	3	1	4
<u>CRASHES</u>					
Total Crashes	332	294	346	353	381
Fatal	0	1	1	0	0
Number Killed	0	1	1	0	0
Injury	65	47	51	46	68
Property Damage	267	246	294	307	313
<u>TRAFFIC / CRIMINAL</u>					
Adult Charges	2691	2878	2477	3338	3238
Traffic	2233	2258	1870	2583	2442
Criminal	458	620	607	755	796
Juvenile Charges	239	214	159	179	284
Traffic	78	50	23	47	50
Criminal	161	164	136	132	234
<u>Reports</u>	1775	1745	1766	1861	1997
<u>Calls for Service</u>	7576	7638	7739	8561	8846
<u>Officer Initiated Activity</u>	20670	17375	13857	13598	11467
<u>Miles Driven</u>	196574	178738	177606	199988	222032

Traffic Enforcement

In the interest of maintaining a safe community and safe neighborhoods, the West Carrollton Police Department places an importance on traffic enforcement. Speeding, the running of stop signs or other types of traffic violations comprise a large portion of the criminal complaints that the department receives from our citizens. The department addresses these complaints through our various enforcement activities throughout the year.

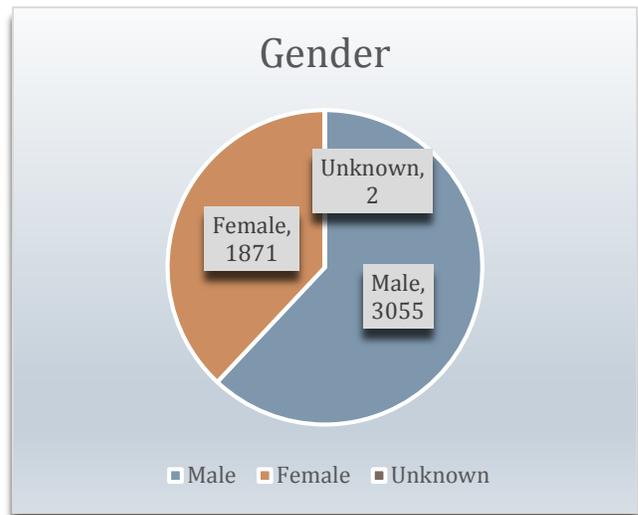
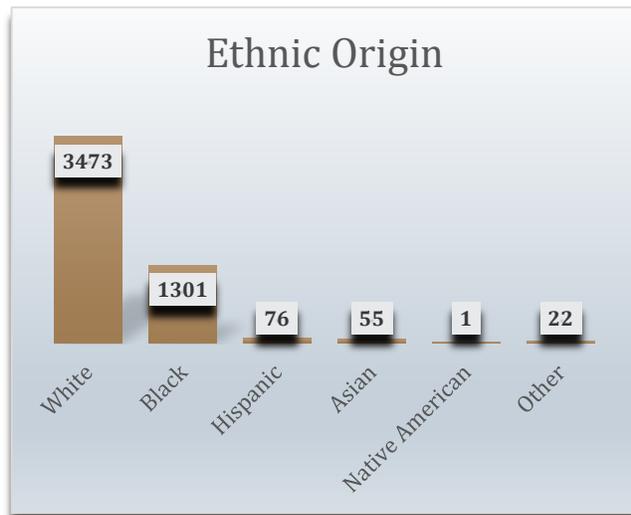
The total number of traffic charges for 2016 are represented in the chart below:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Speed</i>	<i>Red Light / Stop Sign</i>	<i>Seat Belt</i>	<i>OVI</i>	<i>OL</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>January</i>	39	11	13	20	66	109	258
<i>February</i>	54	9	15	10	57	73	218
<i>March</i>	59	16	12	18	65	103	273
<i>April</i>	56	9	30	17	77	87	276
<i>May</i>	53	15	76	11	63	74	292
<i>June</i>	31	16	34	12	70	62	225
<i>July</i>	38	5	10	18	53	70	194
<i>August</i>	20	7	4	7	52	64	154
<i>September</i>	29	8	13	18	51	66	185
<i>October</i>	31	11	10	11	40	56	159
<i>November</i>	22	8	7	3	38	56	134
<i>December</i>	19	9	2	11	24	59	124
TOTALS	451	124	226	156	656	879	2492

Bias Based Policing

The department follows a bias based policing policy that was originally instituted in 2000. This policy covers traffic stops, field contacts, arrests, searches and seizures. Stops based solely upon the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, age, or income status by any member of the department is strictly prohibited. In addition, the department does not ask drivers to search their vehicles unless the request is based upon probable cause, lawful arrest or inventory. The department does not advocate requests to search vehicles as a drug interdiction technique.

The department has a monthly and quarterly reporting system, which are reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief and Sergeants in an attempt to identify potential trends by each individual officer or shift. Monthly reports are also provided to the local chapter of the NAACP. Training on bias based policing is conducted on an annual basis. The charts below give a breakdown of the 2016 statistics:



Internal Investigations

The internal affairs policies of the West Carrollton Police Department ensure that the professional conduct of the members of the department is maintained through fair and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct. Every complaint against a member of the West Carrollton Police Department, whether formal or informal, will be investigated to the extent required by the nature and type of complaint. An investigation will occur if the complaint was received anonymously or otherwise and whether from internal or external sources.

The police department also completes incident reviews. An incident review will automatically be conducted on any incident in which there was a use of force or vehicle pursuit. The review will be for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all appropriate policies and procedures by the officers involved in an incident.

Internal Investigations –

There were **4** internal investigations during 2016. As a result of these investigations, the actions taken are represented in the following chart.

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	FINDINGS
3 – Policy Violation/Conduct	(3) Written Verbal
1 – Failure to Perform	(1) Written Verbal

Incident Reviews –

Officers must complete a Use of Force/Response to Resistance Report if they use any type of force on a subject. They must also complete this report if someone claims or displays any injury while in custody of an officer. Force may include the officer pointing their service weapon at the subject, using intermediate weapons such as the Taser or even the use of deadly force. There were total of **31** incident reviews for 2016. Some of these events required the officers to respond in various manners due to the different levels of resistance they encountered. For example, an officer may not be able to bring a subject under control using physical strength and skill, so they may need to progress to the deployment of the Taser. Therefore, the total number of Incident Reviews completed will not equal the sum of the listed categories.

No.	Type of Force
17	Physical Strength & Skill
1	Use of Taser
5	Display of Firearm
3	Use of O.C. Spray
2	Firearm Discharge (Animal)
2	Injuries
1	Vehicle Pursuit

A breakdown of the type of incidents is represented in the following chart.

Most of the department’s response to resistance incidents occur on the evening and midnight shifts and usually involve a suspect that is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Department Training Report

The Training Unit of the West Carrollton Police Department strives to provide all members with continuous and updated training throughout the year. Over the course of time many Local, State and Federal laws are added, updated or changed. These new laws require that the officers of the West Carrollton Police Department are continuously trained in order to stay current with the changing legal system. There are also many aspects of the job duties and responsibilities that are affected by new laws or procedures. The types of training each member of the department receives are broken down into the following formats:

Roll-Call Training: Roll-Call training is training that is conducted during a roll-call or briefing session, and usually lasts no longer than one half hour. Members of the department serve as the course instructors for this type of training. Roll-Call training is conducted on an as needed basis and covers a wide variety of topics including bias based policing, ethics, search & seizure, oleoresin capsicum, O.V.I. laws, evidence technician update, legal update, use of force, pursuit policy training and positional asphyxia.

In-Service Training: In-Service training is conducted at the police department and also covers a wide variety of topics. This type of training is usually conducted by various members of the department who are certified as subject matter instructors and can last from one half hour to eight hours. The areas covered during the past year include, drivers training, firearms training, Taser training, CISCO training, domestic violence refresher, rapid response to school and work place violence.

Outside Agency Training: There are several specialized schools and other locations that the department utilizes for this type of training. Some of those locations are the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, Butler Technical Institute, Miami Valley Communications Council, Miami Valley Risk Management Association, the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit, Taser International, Police Executives Leadership College, and Certified Law Enforcement Executive. Outside Agency training usually lasts from one day to three weeks and covers a variety of topics including Traffic Accident Investigation, Instructors School, Advanced Detection and Prosecution of Impaired Drivers, Evidence Technician School, Sex Crimes, Interview and Interrogation, Long Term Criminal Investigations, Financial Forensic Techniques, Internet Safety, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Death Investigation, Hostage Negotiations, Firearms Instructor, Records Retention, Court Room Testimony, Commercial Vehicle Accident Investigation and Legal Update.

Firearms Training: The department conducts annual firearms qualification as well as other training sessions throughout the year. Members of the department serve as instructors for the officers that participate in qualifications and training with their handgun, shotgun and M-16 Tactical Police Rifle. The department recently began utilizing the new Ohio Peace Officer Training Commissions firearms certification program. The department conducts firearms training at the Franklin Small Arms Training Facility.

Crime Prevention & Community Service



Accreditation Update

The accreditation process is a voluntary program for law enforcement agencies in a joint effort of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), and four major law enforcement executive membership associations: The International Association of Chiefs of Police; The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; The National Sheriff's Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission was formed in 1979 to establish a body of standards designed to increase law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent and control crime, increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services, increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system, and to increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency. In addition, the Commission was formed to develop a process that provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards.

Our police department must continue to perform file maintenance procedures as well as complete numerous and lengthy reports in order to comply with the CALEA standards. The department updated and revised many of its policies and procedures over the past several years. These revisions were the result of the continual review process that this program requires. To maintain accredited status, the department must remain in compliance with all applicable standards. We must submit annual reports to the Commission attesting to our continued compliance, and report any changes or difficulties experienced during the year. At the conclusion of every three-year period, the Commission offers us an opportunity to repeat the process and continue accredited status into the future. After receiving our initial accreditation in 1992, the department has worked very hard to receive our re-accreditations in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2015.

The department is currently working towards our eighth re-accreditation. The current process began in December of 2014 and will continue until December of 2017. The department continues to use Power DMS which has eliminated the excessive use of paper and permitted the assessors to review written proof of standards online prior to traveling to the agency. Deputy Chief David Wessling attended a CALEA training conference in 2016 to advance his training as the accreditation manager. The department anticipates CALEA assessors to review standards and compliance in November of 2017. Accreditation through CALEA has been a valuable attribute for the West Carrollton Police Department and the community we serve.

