



Grove City
Division of Police

2019

ANNUAL REPORT



Richard A. Butsko Jr.
Chief of Police

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MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY DIRECTOR

WILLIAM F. VEDRA, JR.



The City of Grove City enjoyed a year filled with successes as we welcomed new residents, businesses, officers and thousands of visitors to our community.

The division experienced a generational change in leadership over a two-year period as we filled vacancies for Chief of Police, 11 officers, five sergeants and three lieutenants. We are truly confident in the division's direction and future. Our division's personnel are driven to maintain the highest level of law enforcement professionalism as evidenced by the significant number of associates pursuing and obtaining advanced educational degrees and training certifications.

I am especially proud of the work our Community Relations Bureau accomplished in 2019. A 160% increase in community engagement programs by the division and a 63% increase in the number of juveniles in our Youth Diversion Program redirecting them from further criminal behavior are successes impacting the lives and relationships of many families in our community.

Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy now number 117 with 42 continuing their volunteer service through the Alumni Association supporting the division at special events. The Community Watch program is supported by 12 trained Alumni Association graduates who complement our public safety efforts.

The Mayor and City Council recognized the critical impact on our community and responded with an initiative to address substance addiction and mental health related conditions. In partnership with the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, a key component will be adding an advocate position assisting individuals, family, staff and criminal justice practitioners to navigate a number of available resources. The goal is to treat this epidemic in a holistic manner with the initiative rolling out in 2020.

On behalf of Mayor Richard L. "Ike" Stage and City Administrator Charles W. Boso, Jr. we offer a sincere thank you to the men and women of the Grove City Division of Police for their continued commitment to our community's residents, visitors and businesses.

Sincerely,

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William F. Vedra, Jr.
Deputy City Administrator/Safety Director



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

RICHARD A. BUTSKO JR.



On behalf of the men and women of the Grove City Division of Police, it is my privilege to present the 2019 Annual Report. I completed my first year as chief of police and with the outstanding work of all division employees, resulted in a great year. This publication is an organized method of sharing with you, the community we serve valuable information about what your officers and staff have been focusing on to make Grove City even safer.

2019 provided more personnel changes in our division. Lieutenant Brian Davidson and Sergeant Chris White both retired from the division. Sergeant Doug Olmstead was promoted to the new Investigative Services Lieutenant and Officer Rick Forney promoted to sergeant.

We also welcomed several new appointments. Kyle Coffey, Nicholas Kingsbury, Kara Warren and Derek Jones were hired as our new officers. David Strominger and Peri Caldwell were hired as our new communication technicians. Retired Grove City Division of Police Lieutenant Brian Davidson was re-hired as property clerk and Jennifer Kentner as a crime prevention coordinator.

I am extremely proud of the members of our organization who seek each day to make our community a better place in accordance to our core values. The division showed excellence and teamwork in 2019 in response to community needs. During a record rainfall in Franklin County affecting Grove City directly, our dispatchers and officers went above and beyond to help those affected during the hardship.

In response to the community survey in 2018, a new Public Relations team was formed for the mounting requests for community involvement. This team works directly with our Community Relations Supervisor to ensure officer presence throughout the year at community events, engaging with the public.

In 2019, I was nominated and selected to attend the FBI National Academy for a 10-week professional course study in Quantico, Virginia. I attended this long-standing and prestigious leadership course with about 260 police executives from around the world. I bring this education and experience back to Grove City to continually work to better serve our community.

As we move forward in 2020, working in partnership with our citizens continues to be a priority as we strive to maintain excellence in service. It is my honor and privilege to lead the talented and committed men and women of this division. Our success would not be possible without the leadership and support of Mayor Richard L. "Ike" Stage, City Administrator Charles Boso, Safety Director William Vedra Jr. and Grove City Council. Together, we will continue to keep Grove City the best hometown!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Butsko Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard A. Butsko Jr.
Chief of Police



VISION Be the leader in public safety, leader in community service, leader in law enforcement innovation.

MISSION The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.

CORE VALUES Every member of the division is expected to conduct themselves as representatives of the City of Grove City. We adhere to our values in every aspect of our service to the citizens of Grove City.

Integrity We adhere to the highest standards of honest, ethical and truthful behavior.

Teamwork We work together within the Division and with the community for the greater good. No individual or component is more valuable than the whole.

Respect We treat all people with the utmost dignity, courtesy and equality.

Duty We conduct ourselves as law enforcement professionals at all times knowing that we have a responsibility not just to the profession but also to the community. We conduct our business with a sense of urgency and discipline needed to accomplish the mission.

Excellence We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standard of excellence in every facet of our service delivery. We strive to achieve the highest level of professional competency to ensure an organizational culture that facilitates unity and purpose in all our interactions with the community.

STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Through the Chief's view of achieving our vision and mission, the division developed five strategic goals :

1. Prevent, reduce and control criminal activity.
2. Provide for safe travel on our streets and highways.
3. Foster strong community partnerships.
4. Strengthen our ability to respond to critical incidents and natural disasters.
5. Strive for excellence in the delivery of professional police services.



BY THE NUMBERS

The City of Grove City is located in southwestern Franklin County and covers approximately 16.73 square miles with 384.3 traffic lane miles. Grove City is home to 42,403 citizens comprising 15,190 households. Grove City Parks and Recreation Department manages 21 parks consisting of more than 360 acres and more than 26 miles of nature trails.

The Grove City Division of Police (GCPD) is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) with an allocated strength of 64 sworn police officers; 21 full-time, non-sworn personnel, and part-time employees.

The Division of Police is responsible for the Police and Communications budgets. The 2019 Police budget was \$10,499,684 while the Communications budget was \$1,744,008 for a combined safety services budget of \$12,243,692.

2019 Call Activity	81,935
(includes public and officer-generated calls and other CAD entries for Police)	
Public-generated Calls for Service	26,266
Total Traffic Crashes	864
(includes public & private property)	
Injury Accidents	105
Traffic Fatalities	1
Crimes Against People	620
Crimes Against Property	1,560
Crimes Against Society	3,153
Arrests	1,986

Grove City General Fund	\$34,195,296
Police % of City Budget	35.8%
Total Division of Police Budget...	\$12,243,692

POLICE

Personnel	\$9,273,684
Supplies and Materials	\$ 342,600
Professional Services	\$ 670,900
Capital Items	\$ 212,500
Total	\$10,499,684

COMMUNICATIONS

Personnel	\$1,684,308
Supplies and Materials	22,500
Professional Services	29,200
Capital Items	8,000
Total	\$1,744,008



Personnel
\$10,957,992
89.5%



Operating Expenses
\$1,065,200
8.7%



Capital
\$220,500
1.8%

EXECUTIVE STAFF



Richard A. Butsko Jr. Chief of Police
Serving Since September 1992



Lieutenant Eric Scott
Field Services
Serving Since July 1999



Lieutenant Jason Stern
Support Services
Serving Since November 2003



Lieutenant Doug Olmstead
Investigative Services
Serving Since January 1995



Communications Manager
Kelley Davidson
Serving Since March 1991

STAFFING DETAILS

JOB TITLE	FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	PART-TIME EMPLOYEES
Police Chief	1	0
Police Lieutenant	3	0
Communications Manager	1	0
Police Sergeant	8	0
Police Officer	52	0
Communications Supervisor	1	0
Police Communications Technician	13	0
Police Executive Assistant	1	0
Account Clerk	2	0
Police Court Liaison	0	1
Records Specialist	1	0
Professional Standards Support	1	0
Crime Prevention Coordinator	1	2
Property Clerk	0	2
Receptionist/Records Support	0	2
Custodian	0	2
Youth Services Coordinator	0	1
TOTAL	85	10

SWORN OFFICER DIVERSITY COMPARED TO CITY DEMOGRAPHICS					
	City of Grove City ¹	GCPD Sworn Males	% of Sworn Males	GCPD Sworn Females	% of Sworn Females
African-American	3.0%	3	5.2%	0	0.0%
Asian	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hispanic	2.9%	1	1.75%	0	0.0%
White	91.5%	54	92.9%	6	100%
Other	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	100.0%	58	90.5%	6	9.5%

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. ESRI Forecasts for 2017 and 2022 ESRI converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.



STAFFING HIGHLIGHTS

New Hires

Communications Technician David Strominger (July)
Communications Technician Perri Caldwell (July)
Crime Prevention Coordinator Jennifer Kentner (January)
Officer Kyle Coffey (March)
Property Room Clerk Brian Davidson (April)
Officer Nicholas Kingsbury (November)
Officer Kara Warren (November)
Officer Derek Jones (November)

Separations

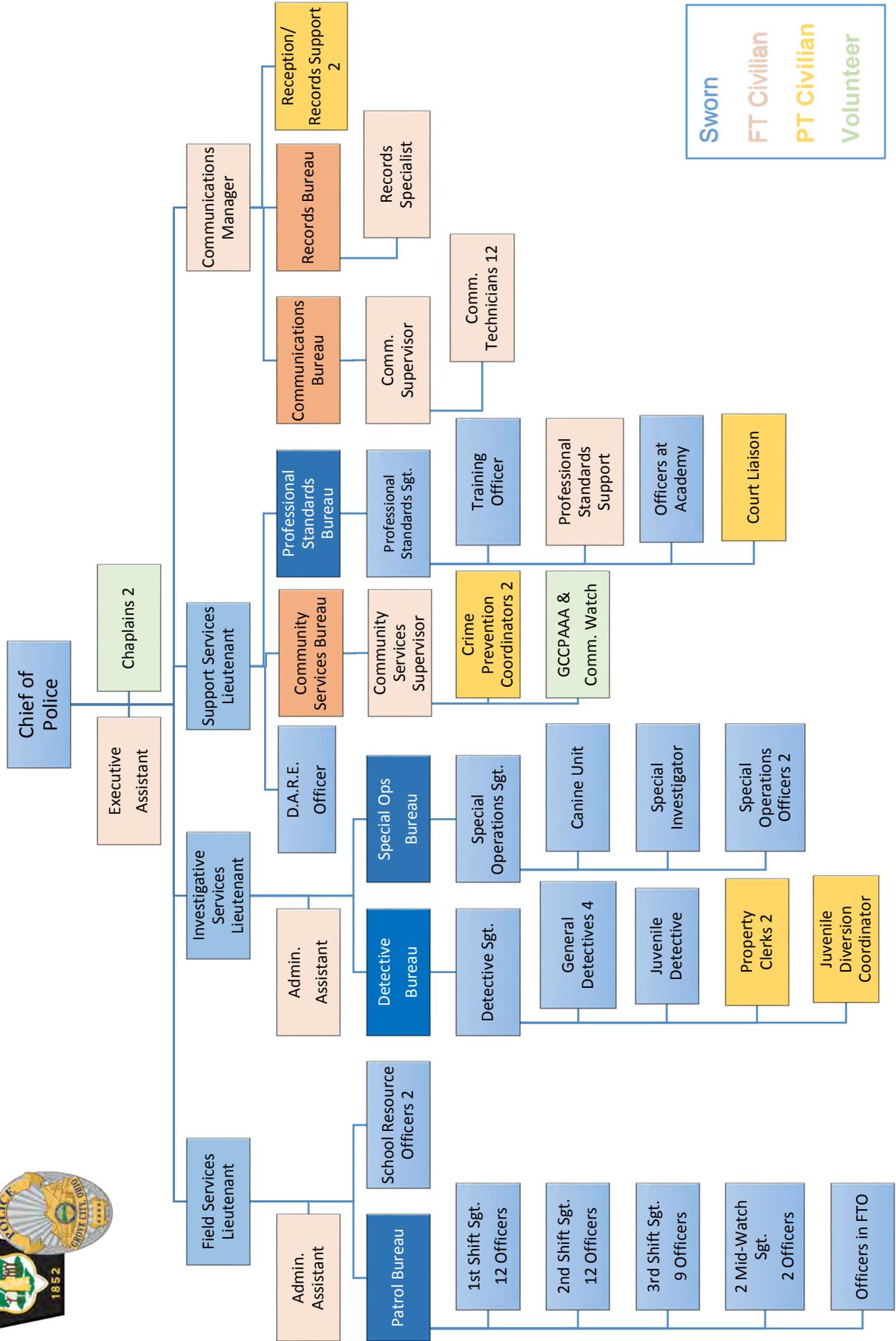
Communications Technician Melissa Kwast
Officer Shane Overla

Retirements

Lieutenant Brian Davidson (February)
Sergeant Chis White (February)
Officer Teri Ruslander (September)



2019 GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

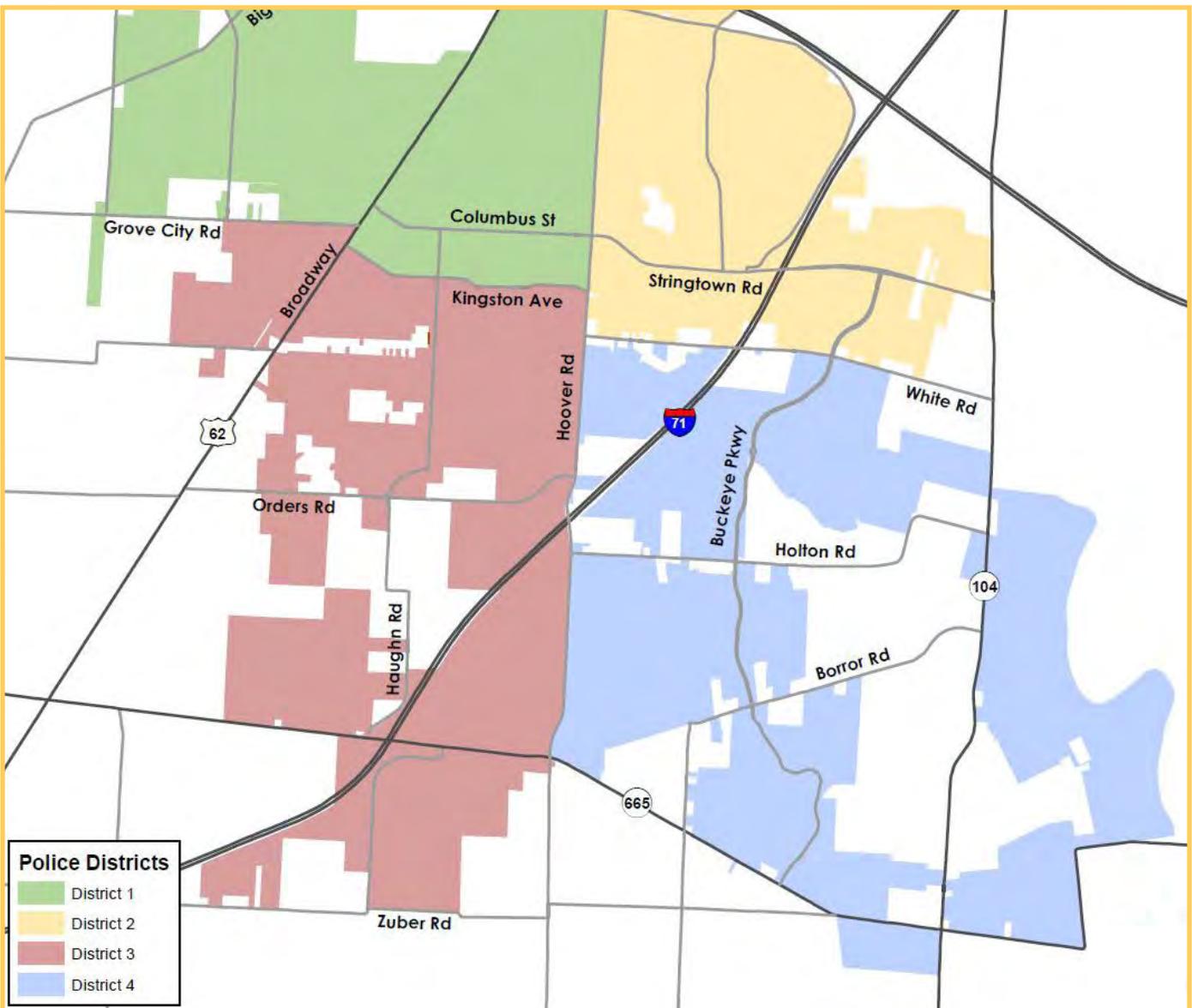


Sworn
FT Civilian
PT Civilian
Volunteer

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF ENTRY	SHIFT	2017	2018	2019
Public Generated Calls for Service (Phone, 9-1-1, Walk-in, Planned)	0700-1459	11,074	10,654	11,697
	1500-2259	11,988	11,764	13,525
	2300-0659	3,925	3,848	4,764
SUBTOTAL		26,987	26,266	29,986
Officer-initiated Calls and Other CAD Entries (Mobile, CIC, On-view, Radio)	0700-1459	19,582	21,885	18,610
	1500-2259	18,169	15,523	15,704
	2300-0659	15,346	11,950	12,507
SUBTOTAL		53,097	48,358	46,821
Population		38,144	41,495	42,403
TOTAL		80,084	75,624	76,807

City of Grove City Police Districts



FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION



Patrol Sergeant Gregory Barber



Patrol Sergeant Joshua Smith



Patrol Sergeant Thomas McCoy



Patrol Sergeant Justin Gallo



Patrol Sergeant Rick Forney

The **FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION** is our largest unit, Patrol Bureau, led by field services lieutenant. Field services is comprised of five patrol sergeants and 35 uniformed patrol officers. Uniformed patrol officers, considered the foundation of police services, are the most visible component of the division and are generally the first on scene to provide police services. Officers of this subdivision patrol the city, respond to calls for service, deter criminal activity and enforce state and local laws. Specialized assignments within the subdivision include bike patrol, reserve officers, honor guard and school resource officers.

BIKE PATROL officers completed more than 180 bike patrol hours in 2019. There are currently 10 certified bike patrol officers within the Field Services Subdivision. The bike is an excellent tool to patrol areas inaccessible by car. In addition to the patrol purposes, bike patrol participates in parades, special events and special operations.

RESERVE OFFICERS have the same legal authority as full-time officers and support police operations primarily in the Patrol Bureau. These officers are non-paid, certified police volunteers who receive the same training as full-time officers. In 2019, the division had one reserve officer who performed 195.5 hours of service.

FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO) are assigned to Grove City High School and Central Crossing High School campuses. The purpose of the SRO program is to work with school administrators to create a safe learning environment for students and staff, bridge the gap between youth and the law and serve as a positive role model for students. School Resource Officers pride themselves on being members of the school community and developing relationships that last long after students graduate. Officer Shaw is assigned to Central Crossing Campus and Officer Mullins is assigned to Grove City High School.

HONOR GUARD officers include one sergeant and 10 officers who serve at special events and Ohio officer funerals. The honor guard represented the division at the following events in 2019:

- Grove City Christmas Parade
- Grove City Arts in the Alley Community Parade
- Grove City Memorial Day parade
- Retirement ceremonies for Lt. Brian Davidson, Sgt. Chris White and Officer Teri Ruslander
- Funeral for Dayton Ohio Officer Jorge Del Rio
- OPOTA Officer Memorial

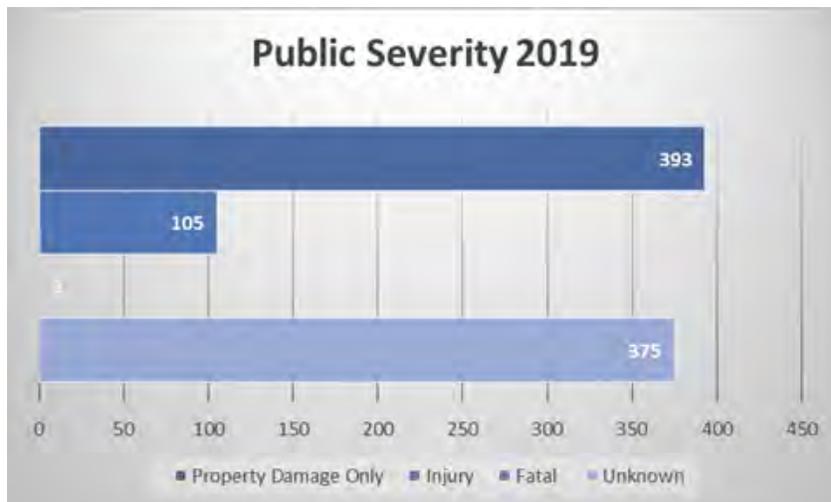
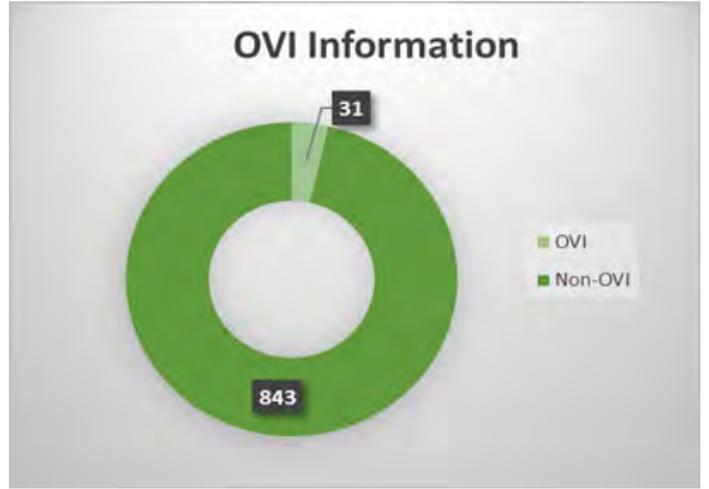


TRAFFIC SAFETY is an integral part of the Patrol Bureau. In order to provide for safe travel on our streets, the division adheres to a selective traffic enforcement philosophy. The ultimate goal of selective traffic enforcement is to reduce and prevent traffic accidents. This goal is achieved by applying techniques based on traffic accident data, enforcement data, traffic volume and traffic conditions. Techniques include assignment of personnel and equipment to specific areas at specific times and employing high visibility presence, enforcement and education to reduce unlawful driving behavior.

2019 TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES	
Franklin County OVI Task Force Hours	64
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign Arrests	9
Total OVI arrests for 2019	332
Click-It or Ticket Campaign Seat Belt Tickets Issued	150
Directed Neighborhood Patrols	3,260
Safe Neighborhood Traffic Initiatives	65
Speed Sign Deployments	49
Completed Traffic Surveys	16

FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION

Private & Public Property Crash Summary



FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION

Three-Year Crash Summary per 1,000 Residents

Crash Category	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,958)		2019 (42,400)	
Classification of Crashes	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate
Crashes on Public Property	852	23.16	787	20.63	734	17.69	791.00	20.30	706	16.65
Crashes on Private Property	207	5.63	186	4.88	167	4.02	186.67	4.79	168	3.96
Total Crashes	1059	28.79	973	25.51	901	21.71	977.67	25.10	874	20.61

Crash Category	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,958)		2019 (42,400)	
Severity	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate	Crashes	Rate
Fatal (All)	1	0.03	1	0.03	1	0.02	1.00	0.03	1	0.02
Injury (All)	234	6.36	242	6.34	205	4.94	227.00	5.83	105	2.48
PDO (All)	809	21.99	707	18.54	687	16.56	734.33	18.85	393	9.27
Unknown	15	0.41	23	0.60	8	0.19	15.33	0.39	375	8.84
Total Severity Crashes	1059	28.79	1059	25.51	901	21.71	977.67	25.10	874	20.61

	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,958)		2019 (42,400)	
Districts	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes	Crashes
District 1	275	278	293	282.00	268					
District 2	447	415	358	406.67	345					
District 3	167	158	125	150.00	107					
District 4	69	63	54	62.00	63					
Not Available	95	59	71	75.00	91					

	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,958)		2019 (42,400)	
Directed Patrols	3,180	3,467	3,185	3,277	3,260					
Traffic Stops	7,146	8,099	7,085	7,443	7,464					
Traffic Citations	2,340	2,377	2,274	2,330	2,262					

Traffic Stops and Directed Patrol numbers report via CAD Administration. Citations pulled via RMS, Operated Citations.

As of January 9, 2020.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES SUBDIVISION

The Grove City Division of Police **DETECTIVE BUREAU** has the primary responsibility for follow-up investigations involving high profile misdemeanors and most felony crimes within the City of Grove City. Additionally, the juvenile diversion program falls under the supervision of the Detective Bureau. The Detective Bureau also works with the Special Operations Bureau, to gain criminal intelligence, conduct surveillance and assist with other components of crime prevention and detection.

To accomplish its mission, the Detective Bureau is staffed with one sergeant, four general detectives, and one juvenile detective. Our detectives also participate part-time in multi-jurisdictional task forces, such as internet crimes against children administered by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and a financial crimes task force administered by the IRS. Participation with these organizations benefits the Division of Police by providing our detectives with valuable knowledge in advanced investigative techniques, training and other assets we would not otherwise obtain. This helps to ensure that we are leaders in law enforcement innovation.

Detectives were assigned 894 cases, of which 52% were cleared by Grand Jury submission, charges or warrants filed, being deemed unfounded, turned over to other agencies or by exception.



Detective Sergeant Chris Emmelhainz

As part of our services to the community, the Detective Bureau sergeant manages juvenile diversion, led by one part-time civilian coordinator. Juvenile diversion offers first-time, non-violent misdemeanor offenders the opportunity to participate in education programs or work community service projects in lieu of entering the juvenile court system. Eighty-eight juveniles entered diversion in 2019.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS	
Juveniles Arrested	259
Juveniles Enrolled in Diversion	88
Drug/Alcohol Program	67
Private Drug/Alcohol Program	2
Online	4
Community Service	15
JTFD Fire Starter Program	0
Notice of Violation Letters	94

The Youth Services Coordinator has worked with the Buckeye Ranch to implement alcohol/drug diversion education programs. The Buckeye Ranch classes have been very successful, educating 67 juveniles in 2019. The coordinator also assists with community outreach programs by contacting individuals who have had issues with self-harm.

The **TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION** team (TCI) consists of seven team members who investigate all serious or fatal crashes that require traffic crash reconstruction. During 2019, the TCI team investigated two crashes. One was a hit-skip of a bicyclist that resulted in a fatality and the other was the hit-skip of a pedestrian that is still under investigation.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES SUBDIVISION



SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU (SOB) is a cross-functional unit within the Division of Police that provides a team approach to address narcotics, vice, retail theft and current crime trends.

The team provides investigative and interdiction support to both the patrol and detective bureaus. This allows for versatility and rapid deployment of resources to current issues in the community. The bureau is directly supervised by a sergeant and comprised of one special investigator and two special operations officers. The bureau is committed to improving quality of life issues within the community. Cooperative and collaborative efforts with the community, businesses and other governmental agencies enhance the effectiveness of bureau operations. In 2019, the bureau partnered with the United States Postal inspectors to target package thieves, worked in collaboration with ADAMH to connect drug dependent shoplifting suspects to immediate resources and hosted the annual Ohio Organized Retail Theft conference.



The **STRATEGIC RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)**, is a part-time team of specially trained officers who respond to situations including barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant arrests, search warrant service and plain-clothes surveillance operations. In 2019, SRT worked surveillance operations in cooperation with Special Operations and executed three search warrants.



SHOPLIFTING CASES ALL CLEARANCE CODES

	2016	% of Total	2017	% of Total	2018	% of Total	3 year average	3 year Clearance Rate %	YTD 2019	% of Total
ARR	147	24.87%	100	17.04%	66	15.75%	104	19.60%	12	2.19%
CBE	7	1.18%	8	1.36%	7	1.67%	7	1.38%	10	1.82%
CFD	0	0.00%	11	1.87%	6	1.43%	6	1.06%	3	0.55%
CFP	264	44.67%	298	50.77%	235	56.09%	266	49.91%	369	67.34%
GJP	17	2.88%	13	2.21%	6	1.43%	12	2.25%	18	3.28%
LOS	35	5.92%	51	8.69%	24	5.73%	37	6.89%	46	8.39%
WI	10	1.69%	6	1.02%	10	2.39%	9	1.63%	5	0.91%
NFU	44	7.45%	26	4.43%	11	2.63%	27	5.07%	5	0.91%
OTHER	67	11.34%	74	12.61%	54	12.89%	65	12.21%	80	14.60%
Total	591		587		419		532		548	

SHOPLIFTING CASES SOLVED

	2016	% of Total	2017	% of Total	YTD 2018	% of Total	3 year average	3 year Clearance Rate %	YTD 2019	% of Total
ARR	147	33.03%	100	22.94%	66	20.06%	104	0.26	12	2.88%
CBE	7	1.57%	8	1.83%	7	2.13%	7	1.82%	10	2.40%
CFD	0	0.00%	11	2.52%	6	1.82%	6	1.40%	3	0.72%
CFP	264	59.33%	298	68.35%	235	71.43%	266	65.87%	369	88.49%
GJP	17	3.82%	13	2.98%	6	1.82%	12	2.98%	18	4.32%
WI	10	2.25%	6	1.38%	9	2.74%	8	2.07%	5	1.20%
Total	445		436		329		403		417	
Solvability Rate	75.30%		74.28%		78.52%		75.77%		76.09%	

ARR = Arrest; CBE = Cleared by Exception; CFD = Charges Filed by Detective; CFP = Charges Filed by Patrol; GJP = Grand Jury Packet sent; LOS = Lack of Solvability; WI = Warrant Issued; NFU = No Follow Up; OTHER = Investigation Pending, Follow Up by Patrol, Unfounded, Diversion, Turned Over to Other Agency

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES SUBDIVISION

THE CANINE PROGRAM (K9) is staffed by one officer and one police canine. Max is a dual-purpose working canine, specializing in narcotics interdiction and patrol work. Max was re-certified through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and the Office of the Attorney General in patrol-related Criminal Apprehension; Canine Control and Searches. Max is a six-year-old Belgian Malinois and has been with Grove City Division of Police and Officer Brian Kitko since June 2015.

The K9 team regularly assists patrol, detectives and special operations with locating and apprehending both misdemeanor and felony suspects. These efforts are focused on combating drug use and crimes related to drug activity. The mere presence of Max prevents crime, reduces the possibility of fight or flight and saves lives by taking drugs and/or drug instruments out of the hands of both dealers and users. The team also connects with our community during public relations events, school presentations and at various public venues to demonstrate the value of Police K9s in our community.



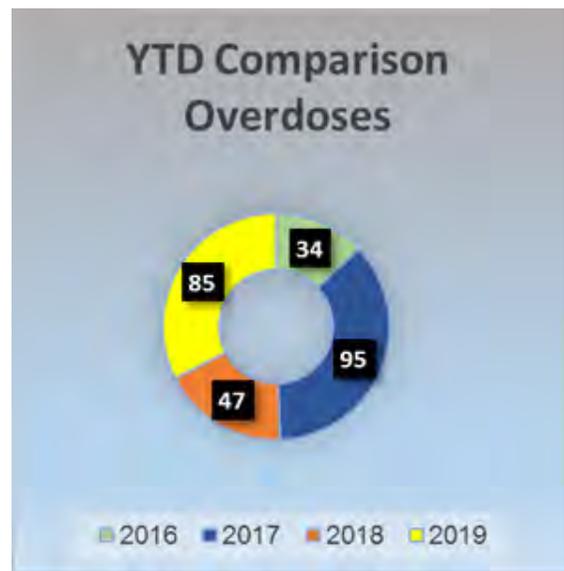
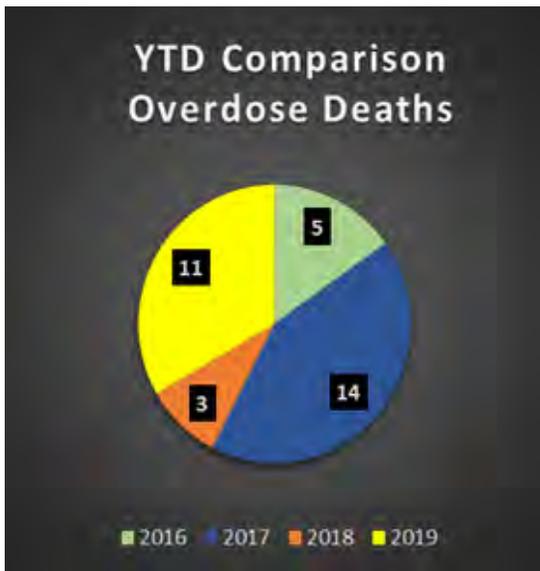
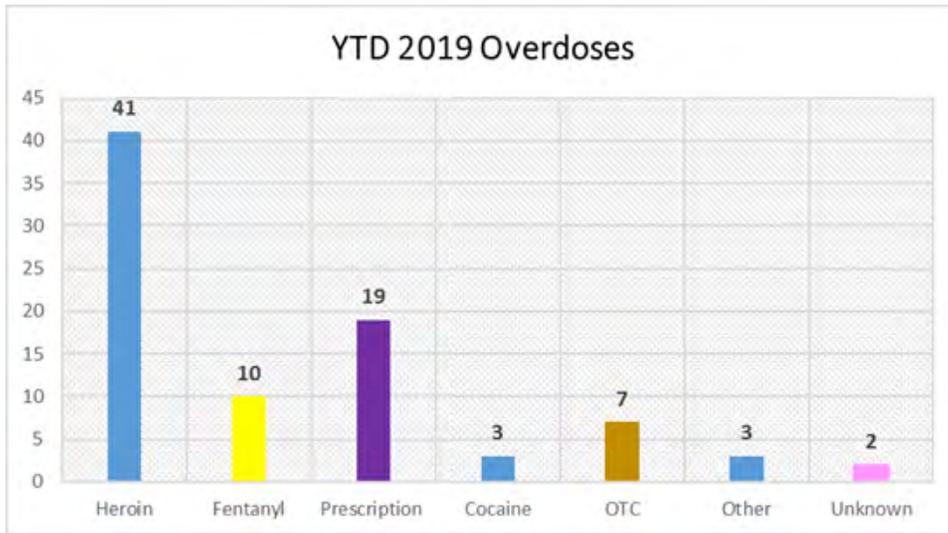
3-YEAR COMPARISON OF K9 DEPLOYMENTS DETAIL			
	2017	2018	2019
Area Searches	4	2	3
Article Searches	5	3	3
Building Searches	1	3	3
Call-out Patrol / Narcotics	1	3	2
Containment	22	11	10
Exterior vehicle scenting	179	151	147
Missing Person	2	2	3
Mutual Aid requests	19	22	16
Parcel Sniffs	1	1	3
PR Events	39	37	44
Search Warrants	5	3	5
Funeral Detail	1	0	1
Tracking	2	1	3

2019 K9 DEPLOYMENT BY MONTH			
January	21	July	16
February	30	August	14
March	17	September	19
April	20	October	23
May	23	November	19
June	19	December	22
TOTAL	243		



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES SUBDIVISION

Overdose Statistics



SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION

SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION is led by a lieutenant. There are two bureaus under Support Services: Community Services Bureau and Professional Standards Bureau.

The **COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU (CSB)** is responsible for presenting our community and crime prevention programs, as well as our social media presence. CSB is managed by a community services supervisor and includes one D.A.R.E. officer and one crime prevention coordinator.

Most notable programs include the D.A.R.E. program, Safety Town (held in partnership with Jackson Township Fire Department), National Night Out, Child ID Program and Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) program. The D.A.R.E. Officer, Patrol Officers, Public Relations team members and Community Services staff assist with school safety drills, guided tours of the department, child ID events and touch-a-truck events throughout the city.

In 2019, the Grove City Division of Police established a Public Relations Team (PR Team). The PR team was established to meet the growing request in our community to have increased officer presence at local events. The PR team works with the Community Relations Supervisor to ensure the division has an officer at public events when requested. Some of the 2019 events attended by a PR Team member were: Coffee with a Cop, Cram the Cruiser, Buddy Ball games, Franklin County Fair, Westerville Cops and Kids, and the YMCA Family Fun Day. In 2019, the PR Team participated in 33 events.



In 2019, the D.A.R.E. and Safety Town programs were attended by 1,972 South-Western City School District students. Officer Hutchinson is the first contact most children have with police officers. Officer Misty takes pride in her representation to the community, especially to the children.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM SUMMARY			
Event	Classes	Students	Time Commitment
Safety Town	N/A	320	Two-week program
Kindergarten	29	615	One-day sessions
5th Grade	42	1,037	11 Sessions
TOTAL	71	1,972	

SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION

The Community Services Supervisor Tom Durflinger is responsible for crime prevention education and program management. Tom and the crime prevention coordinators inform the public about safety programs, provide crime prevention strategies and communicate alerts concerning crime trends. Brochures outlining division services are available on the division website at police.grovecityohio.gov and at the Safety Complex.



The Grove City Division of Police hosts **Coffee with a Cop** to bring police officers, community members and the businesses they serve together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Coffee with a Cop events were held in different areas of the city to meet with the public in a casual setting to expand outreach and strengthen relationships.

2019 Event Locations

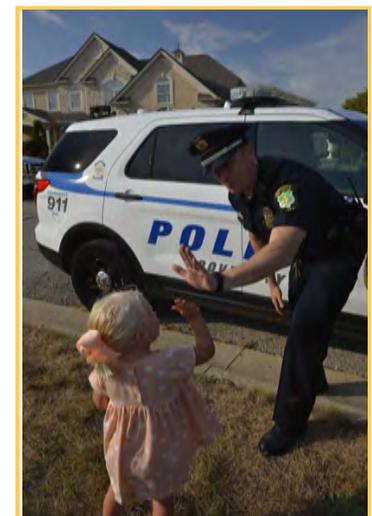
- Visit Grove City
- McDonald's
- Kroger Marketplace
- Transcend Coffee + Roastery
- Waffle House

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY
Neighborhood Watch Programs	19
Crime Alerts	46
Crime & Safety Presentations	24
Preventive Patrol Reports (PPR)	2,700
Walk & Talk Foot Patrols	7,324
Residential House Watches	3,894
Anonymous Tip Line	78

The Division has used social media to communicate with residents on Facebook since 2014, Twitter in 2015 and NextDoor in 2016. In late 2018, Instagram was added. 2019, YouTube was introduced with currently 66 followers.

SOCIAL MEDIA	FOLLOWERS
Facebook	16,360
Twitter	4,002
Instagram	1,299
YouTube	66
Next Door (74 Neighborhoods) 46% of 17,409 Households	11,036

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS		PARTICIPANTS
Active Shooter Response Class	6	131
Block Watch Meetings	5	126
Building Tours	3	99
Child ID Events	14	688
Child Safety Talks	4	446
Coffee With a Cop	5	N/A
Distracted Driver Awareness	20	2,480
S.A.L.T. Meetings	11	173
Safety Town	Week-long event	320



SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION

The **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU (PSB)** is supervised by a sergeant and includes one training officer and one professional standards support position. PSB is responsible for the accreditation process and ensures compliance with national standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

In March 2019, CALEA conducted the second annual web-based compliance review as part of a four-year assessment cycle for the division. The review verified the division’s compliance with 464 advanced accreditation standards. Accreditation ensures the division is operating in accordance with best practices established by CALEA and are considered the “Gold Standard” in public safety.

The Grove City Division of Police received its first Certificate of Accreditation in 2002 and formally received its sixth award for Meritorious Advanced Accreditation in March 2017, marking 15 years of accreditation through CALEA. Currently only 33% of equivalent sized agencies in the country meet CALEA’s best practices of law enforcement standards.

PSB is responsible for providing training to the Division of Police. The State of Ohio did not require additional Continued Professional Training (CPT) in 2019 as they had in years past. However, the Division completed 6480.50 hours of training in 2019 including five weeks of in-service training, Columbus Police Department and OPOTA-sponsored training and numerous regional conferences.



Support Services Sergeant Kevin Holmstrom

The **PSB** is also responsible for the management of the Property Room. The property room staff is responsible for controlling and properly managing criminal evidence and abandoned property. In 2019, the Division of Police had two part-time property technicians to manage intake and disposition of the ever-growing property room function.

PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS			
	2017	2018	2019
Total Property Entries	31,308	30,806	30,304
New Property Entries	2,620	2,734	3,244
Total Property Removed	1,211	3,236	3,456
Total Difference	+1,409	-502	-212
HOW REMOVED			
Court Ordered Destroyed	792	2,972	2,977
Released to Case File	37	16	9
Turned Over to City	131	60	30
Total Donated	63	16	19
Total Returned to Owner	188	140	209
Destroyed (Other)	-	32	15

COMMUNICATIONS SUBDIVISION

The **COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION CENTER (CIC)** provides public safety services and assistance 24/7, 365 days a year. The center is led by the communications manager and includes one communications supervisor, 13 communications technicians, one records specialist and two part-time receptionists who also provide records support.

The CIC is responsible for taking emergency and non-emergency phone calls and dispatching first responders from the Grove City Division of Police, Jackson Township, Pleasant Township and Prairie Township fire departments.

The CIC is a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Franklin County, answering wireless 911 calls generated in the southwest quadrant of Franklin County and routing requests for service to the appropriate responding agencies. Emergency wireless 911 calls account for the majority of calls received in the center.

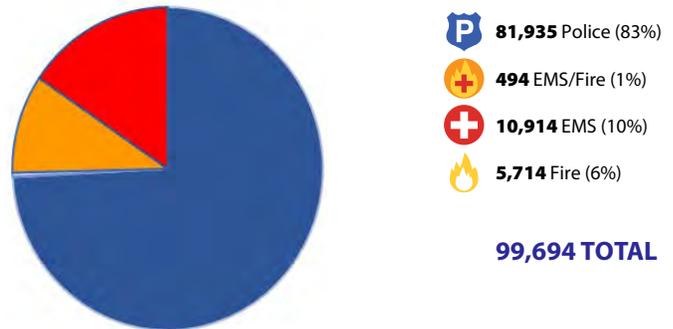
Communications technicians document all responder activity, call details and response time information in the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, in addition to maintaining numerous other applications and systems while answering calls from the public. Technicians also process paperwork such as warrants, missing person reports and reports of stolen property.



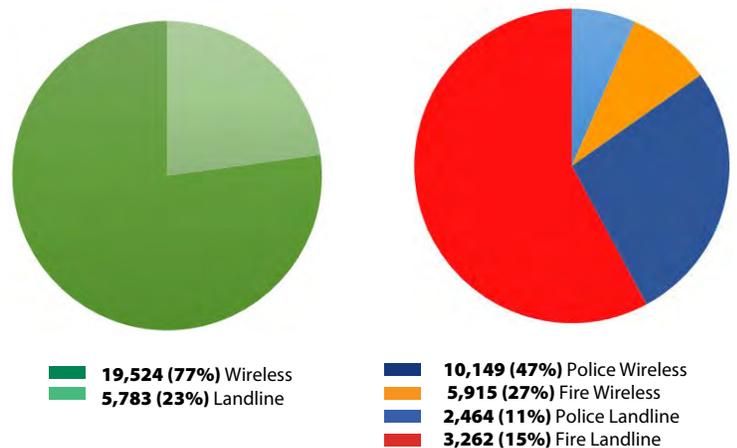
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2019 CAD Call Counts Summary

CAD Call Breakdowns



911 Call Breakdowns



Police response times are recorded from the time CIC receives the call to the time a police unit arrives on scene. As a general rule, priority one calls are immediately dispatched. Lower priority calls for service are held for an available officer. Lower priority calls may also be held to prevent officers from being dispatched out of their assigned district.

CALL RESPONSE TIMES (Minutes)			
Priority Level	2017	2018	2019
Priority One	6:21	6:43	6:51
Priority Two	7:36	7:15	6:39
Priority Three	15:23	14:54	15:27
Priority Four	15:16	15:38	15:11

COMMUNICATIONS SUBDIVISION



Text-to-911 has been in place for one year and although the volume of messages is not high, totaling 35 text sessions in 2019, it has proven to be an important means of communication for some circumstances and callers.

Smart 911 continues to be a helpful resource to CIC personnel and now includes access to Rapid SOS technology, which provides excellent caller location information. Residents, employees and visitors of Grove City are encouraged to complete a Smart 911 profile so that emergency response personnel will receive important information from a 911 call and profile.

The **Records Bureau** is staffed by a specialist responsible for managing division records and ensuring all reports and paperwork are properly filed. The specialist is trained in Ohio Public Records law and manages the division's retention schedule while responding to all public records requests. Requests can be made and responded to via email, online, telephone and/or in person.

Receptionists/Records Support personnel greet the public at the reception area and assist with information requests, the drug drop box, impounded vehicle releases and additional records functions.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is one way for people to help the community. The Grove City Division of Police has volunteer opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. Police volunteers are a valuable resource for the division, performing 3,191.50 hours of service for an estimated value of \$81,159.85.

VOLUNTEERS	HOURS	VALUE
Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association	1,671	\$ 42,493.53
Community Watch Volunteers	1,029.50	\$ 26,180.19
Chaplains	295.5	\$ 7,514.57
Reserve Officers	195.5	\$ 4,971.57
TOTAL	3,191.50	\$81,159.85

Independent Sector, https://independentsector.org/news-post/value-of-volunteer-time-release_, the 2019 estimated value of volunteer time is \$25.43 per hour.

The **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)** is an extension of the division’s community education efforts. The purpose of the academy is to increase citizen awareness of the day-to-day operation of



the division by educating participants on topics regarding the role of law enforcement in our community. In 2019, the division hosted one Citizens Police Academy with 14 graduates. Upon graduation, members become eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). This group of highly dedicated volunteers assists the division with many programs including Child I.D. events, parades, hospitality services, administrative services and just about anything else asked of them. The CPAAA provides many opportunities for citizens to give back to the community and provide a valuable service. In 2019, the CPAAA volunteers logged 1,671 hours.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY WATCH VOLUNTEERS (CWV) support the patrol bureau daily by assisting with the delivery of non-enforcement police services. The Community Watch Volunteer Program is comprised of members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Interested members apply to the program and undergo a background investigation. The selected CWV members receive additional training in observation techniques, radio communication, vehicle operations, proper citizen contact and vehicle lockouts. In 2019, the CWV contributed 1,029.50 volunteer hours to the Division of Police.



EXPLORER POST 2866 is sponsored by the Grove City Division of Police as a community-based policing program. This successful program is designed to educate and involve young men and women in police operations and to interest them in law enforcement functions whether they enter the law enforcement field or not. Explorers are involved in community service projects in the community and volunteered approximately 800 hours in 2019.



THE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM is a great resource for the Division of Police. Police Chaplains provide guidance, support and counseling to division personnel and citizens.

Chaplain Jeff Broadnax (left) has been with the division for six years and Chaplain Tom Danklefsen (right) for eight years. In 2019, the chaplains logged a combined 295.5 service hours.

USE-OF-FORCE SUMMARY

Officers apply force options within the parameters of division policy which defines an application of force as the use-of-force against an individual by an officer when required to overcome resistance to arrest, to defend against an assault upon the officer and to provide for the defense of a third party. Officers only use that degree of force necessary to achieve lawful objectives.

In 2019, officers were involved in 30 use-of-force incidents, consistent with previous years. Note: calls for service data represents the calls when officers are likely to engage the public and do not include administrative calls.

USE-OF-FORCE CALLS PER FOR SERVICE	2016	2017	2018	2019
Force Incidents	14	12	24	30
Calls for Service	39,509	40,739	40,0719	43,415
% of incidents in which force is used	0.035%	0.029%	0.059%	0.066%
Use of Force per 10,000 Calls for Service	3.54	2.95	5.98	6.60

USE-OF-FORCE PER ARRESTS	2016	2017	2018	2019
Force Incidents	14	12	24	30
Number of Arrests	2,170	2,210	2,066	1,819
Rate of use of force per arrests	1:155 .64%	1:184 .54%	1:86 1.16%	1:60 1.64%

The level of force an officer uses is based on the principles of progression-of-force and is determined by the arrestee. The progression begins with officer presence and verbal commands and, dependent on the actions of the arrestee, progresses through physical contact, use of less-lethal weapons, and when required in life threatening situations, use of lethal force.

Use of force is an officer's last option, but a necessary course of action to ensure safety in a community when other practices are ineffective.

The Grove City Division of Police investigates each use-of-force to determine if the force was reasonable. The investigations are completed by sergeants or trained officers that act as officers in charge during the sergeant's absence.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Division conducts internal investigations as warranted either by a citizen complaint or when an employee violates a policy or general order.

In 2019, there were eight complaints investigated by the internal affairs function.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Year	No. of Complaints
2015	8
2016	7
2017	8
2018	11
2019	8

Internal Affairs Investigations are concluded with one or more of the following dispositions:

- **Sustained** means that there is sufficient evidence to support the allegations.
- **Not Sustained** means that there is not sufficient evidence to support the allegations.
- **Exonerated** means that the incident occurred, but it was lawful or proper.
- **Unfounded** means that the allegation is false or not factual.
- **Policy Failure** implies that a flaw in policy caused the incident.

2019 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION STATISTICS		
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS	5	
Policy Violation	4	1 - Sustained 3 - Unfounded
Excessive Force	1	1 -Unfounded
INTERNAL COMPLAINTS	3	
Policy Violation	2	1 - Sustained 1 - Not Sustained
Policy Failure	0	
Conduct Unbecoming	1	1 - Sustained
Unsatisfactory Performance	0	

2019 ANNUAL AWARDS

2019 Officer of the Year

Officer Chris Pfeiffer

2019 Civilian of the Year

Communications Technician Cortney Riley

2019 Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer Beth Sandusky

2019 Top Gun

Officer Brian Kitko

2019 Life Saving Citations

Officer Matt Ryan

Officer Marcus Petty

2019 Education Citations

Sergeant Thomas McCoy

Communications Technician Niki Mathes

2019 Blue Shield Awards

Officer Nick Deskins

Officer Chris Pfeiffer

Sergeant Mike Weaver

Officer Mike Reber

2019 Distinguished Service Certificate

Officer Lee Fletcher

Officer Brandon Judd

Officer Brian Kitko

Officer Mark White

Communications Technician Joe Asbury

Communications Technician Jenna Riegel

Communications Technician Tiffany Donaldson

Officer Mitch Conn

Officer Ryan Hutchinson

Officer Shannon Wilhelm

Officer Laura Wilson

Officer Doug Stonerock

Juvenile Coordinator Heather Gathron

Crime Prevention Manager Tom Durlinger

Communications Supervisor Kelley Davidson

2019 MADD Award of Excellence

Officer Brandon Judd

2019 TOP Physical Fitness Test

Officer Brittany Hennessy



Officer Chris Pfeiffer



Communications Technician Cortney Riley

2019 ANNUAL AWARDS

2019 Exceptional Leadership

Administrative Assitant Laurie Rutan
Sergeant Justin Gallo
Communications Supervisor Elizabeth Fahy

2019 Certificate of Appreciation

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Community Watch Volunteers
Chaplain Tom Danklefsen
Chaplain Jeff Broadnax

2019 Community Service Citation

Officer Misty Hutchinson
Officer Pat Shaw



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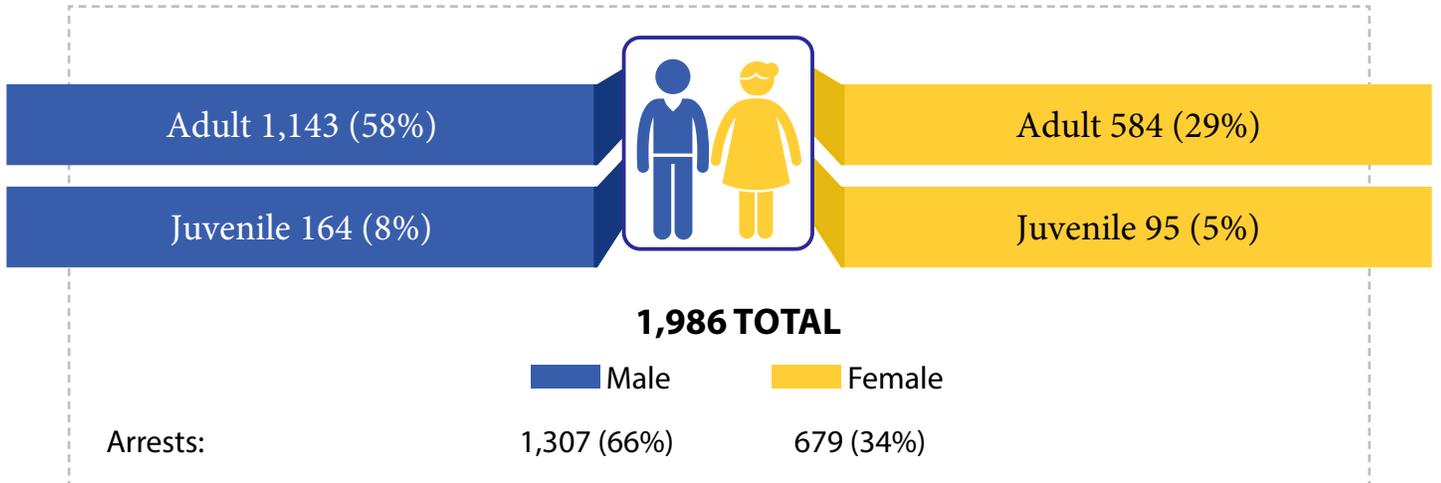
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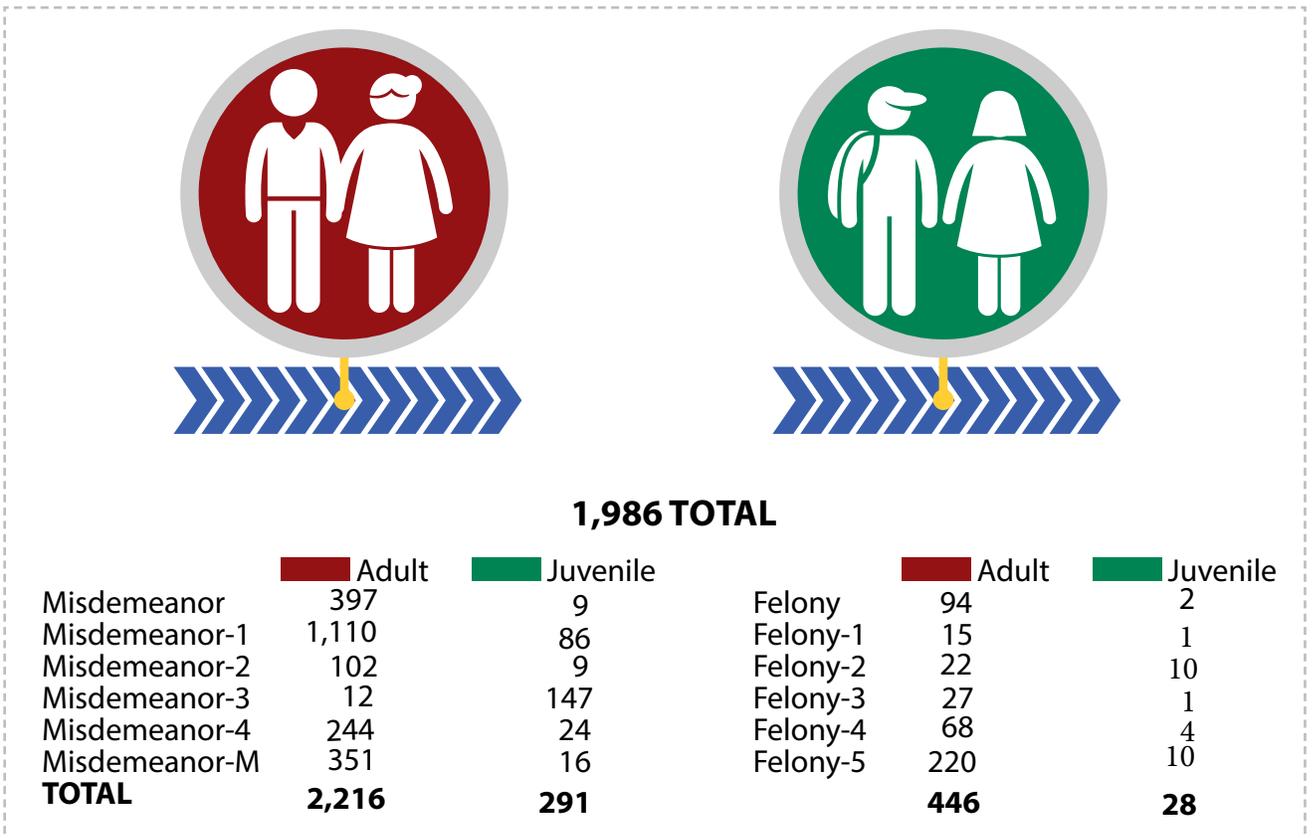


CRIME SUMMARY

ARREST BREAKDOWNS



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CRIME SUMMARY DATA

Ohio's law enforcement agencies voluntarily report crime statistics to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program in one of two ways: through summary reporting or incident-based reporting.

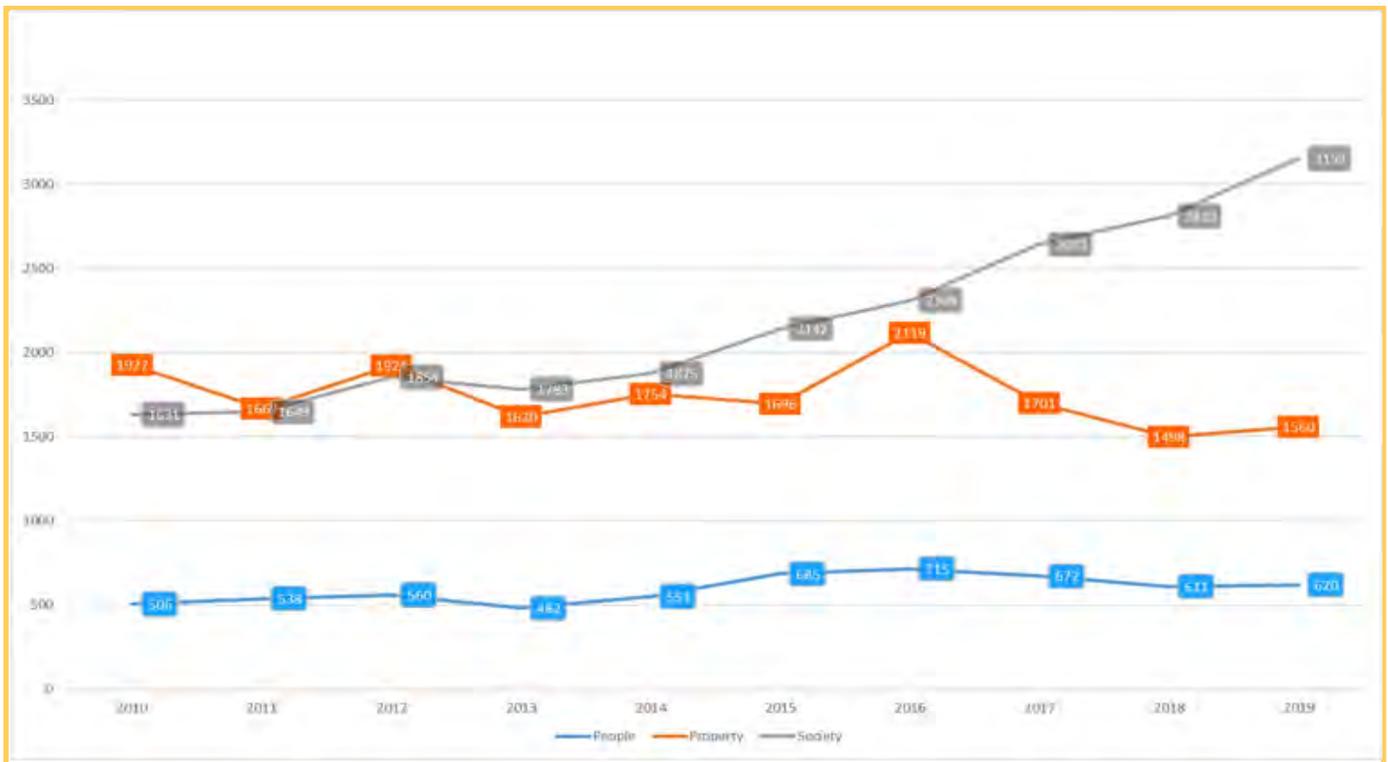
Summary UCR Reporting provides basic aggregate statistics on the Part One crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS) provides much more information on the details of the same crimes as the summary UCR Program, in addition to other crimes.

OIBRS is a voluntary crime reporting program in which Ohio law enforcement agencies can submit crime statistics directly to the state and federal government in an automated format. This process replaced the Summary UCR reporting process in many areas of the state and is the reporting system used by the Grove City Division of Police.

OIBRS Crimes are broken down into three categories: crimes against people, crimes against property and crimes against society. To learn more about OIBRS or view state crime statistics visit the Office of Criminal Justice Services website at www.ocjs.ohio.gov.

10-year Crime Summary Report, 2010-2019



CRIME TYPE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
People	506	538	560	482	551	685	715	656	611	620
Property	1,927	1,667	1,921	1,620	1,754	1,696	2,119	1,688	1,498	1,560
Society	1,631	1,649	1,854	1,783	1,875	2,142	2,309	2,623	2,810	3,153

CRIME RATE SUMMARY

Crimes Against Property - 3-year Crime Rate Summary Per 1,000 Residents

Crime Category	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,807)		2019 (42,400)	
	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate
Crimes Against Property										
Thefts From Vehicles	449	12.21	275	7.21	194	4.68	307	7.91	223	5.26
Shoplifting	661	17.97	583	15.28	573	13.81	607	15.64	546	12.88
Theft From a Building	113	3.07	106	2.78	87	2.10	103	2.66	95	2.24
All Other Larceny	282	7.67	242	6.34	217	5.23	249	6.43	223	5.26
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	370	10.06	265	6.95	189	4.55	275	7.10	247	5.83
Motor Vehicle Thefts	60	1.63	58	1.52	34	0.82	51	1.31	49	1.16
Arson	4	0.11	0	0.00	4	0.10	3	0.07	0	0.00
Bad Checks	5	0.14	3	0.08	6	0.14	5	0.12	1	0.02
False Pretenses/Swindle	47	1.28	53	1.39	56	1.35	52	1.34	59	1.39
Stolen Property Offenses	56	1.52	39	1.02	46	1.11	47	1.21	37	0.87
Theft from Coin-operated Machine	0	0.00	1	0.03	2	0.05	1	0.03	0	0.00
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	25	0.68	13	0.34	3	0.07	14	0.36	8	0.19
Trespass of Real Property	50	3.36	49	1.28	69	1.66	56	1.44	72	1.70
Embezzlement	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0.03	4	0.10	8	0.19	4	0.11	0	0.00
Total Crimes Against Property	2123	57.72	1691	44.33	1488	39.01	1774	45.72	1560	36.79

Population estimates obtained January 2019 from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission at www.morpc.org.

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CRIME RATE SUMMARY

Crimes Against People - 3-year Crime Rate Summary Per 1,000 Residents

Crime Category	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,807)		2019 (42,400)	
	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate
Crimes Against People										
Aggravated Assaults	9	0.24	6	0.16	10	0.24	8.33	0.21	6	0.14
**Simple Assault	444	12.07	407	10.67	410	9.88	419.67	10.82	403	9.50
Forcible Rape	8	0.22	10	0.26	10	0.24	9.67	0.25	13	0.31
Burglaries/B&E's	145	3.94	130	3.41	89	2.14	122.00	3.14	91	2.15
Robbery	28	0.76	26	0.68	20	0.48	24.67	0.64	19	0.45
Murder/Manslaughter	2	0.05	4	0.10	0	0.00	2.33	0.06	1	0.02
Bribery	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	4	0.11	3	0.08	1	0.02	3.00	0.08	4	0.09
Family Offenses/ Non Violent	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Forcible Fondling	8	0.22	13	0.34	14	0.34	12.33	0.32	11	0.26
Forcible Sodomy	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.02	0.33	0.01	0	0.00
Incest	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Intimidation	49	1.33	45	1.18	44	1.06	46.67	1.20	51	1.20
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	0.05	6	0.16	2	0.05	3.33	0.09	9	0.21
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Peeping Tom	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.02	0.33	0.09	3	0.07
Pocket Picking	2	0.05	2	0.05	0	0.00	1.33	0.03	2	0.05
Purse Snatching	5	0.14	2	0.05	2	0.05	3.00	0.08	5	0.12
Sexual Assault w/ an Object	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Statutory Rape	1	0.03	4	0.10	0	0.00	1.67	0.04	2	0.05
Total Crimes Against People	707	19.22	658	17.25	604	14.56	658.67	16.98	620	14.62

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**Simple Assault numbers include Domestic Violence numbers: 2017 = 157; 2016=195; 2015=147

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CRIME RATE SUMMARY

Crimes Against Society - 3-year Crime Rate Summary Per 1,000 Residents

Crime Category	2016 (36,784)		2017 (38,144)		2018 (41,495)		3-year average (38,807)		2019 (42,400)	
Crimes Against Society	283	7.69	375	9.83	416	10.03	359.00	9.25	519	12.24
Drug/Narcotic Violations	300	8.16	342	8.97	328	7.90	323.33	8.33	425	10.02
Drug Equipment Violations	169	4.59	304	7.97	338	8.15	270.33	6.97	276	6.51
Driving Under the Influence	87	2.37	117	3.07	96	2.31	100.00	2.58	127	3.00
Disorderly Conduct	60	1.63	57	1.49	48	1.16	55.00	1.42	47	1.11
Counterfeiting/Forgery	164	4.46	137	3.59	143	3.45	151.00	3.89	131	3.09
Impersonation (ID Fraud)	45	1.22	42	1.10	66	1.59	51.00	1.31	55	1.30
Liquor Law Violations	965	26.23	1031	27.03	1140	27.47	1047.33	26.99	1338	31.56
All Other Violations	31	0.84	17	0.45	5	0.12	17.67	0.46	6	0.14
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Betting/Wagering	40	1.09	80	2.10	62	1.49	60.67	1.56	85	2.00
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Drunkenness	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Operating/Promoting/ Assisting Gambling	6	0.16	19	0.50	10	0.24	11.67	0.30	20	0.47
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Prostitution	118	3.21	73	1.91	97	2.34	96.00	2.47	82	1.93
Runaway	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Sports Tampering	35	0.95	32	0.84	36	0.87	34.33	0.88	42	0.99
Weapon Law Violations	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Welfare Fraud	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Wire Fraud	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Total Crimes Against Society	2303	62.61	2626	68.84	2786	67.14	2577.67	66.43	3153	74.36

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