

ROSS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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During the last few years this department has made tremendous advances in providing the citizens of Ross Township with a professional department that responds to the needs of the community. Chief Darryl Haussler was the catalyst in moving the department to this level, with the department receiving initial state certification from the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board in 2017. This achievement is a testament that this department is responding to the ever changing needs of the community that we serve. An additional stamp of approval came from the Collaborative board in 2018 when the department received re-certification by meeting the additional standards that were required.

The department has not stopped with this achievement and continued to move forward in 2018 with a continuation of the numerous community oriented events and programs that were in place to better provide for the needs of our citizens. The department also implemented other programs and events to better serve all our citizens. The department continued and expanded with the very popular "Fish with a Cop" program as well as Christmas with Santa. Additionally, the newly implemented hunter safety course, free CCW classes for our residents, Marine Corp. "Toys for Tots", neighborhood watch program, women's safety seminar, and active shooter safety training for schools, businesses and churches were implemented and were very well received.

The department continues to work with the Ross School District to provide the students and staff with a safe learning environment. Through a strong partnership with the schools, we were able to provide an additional school resource officer to supplement the middle school as well as the elementary schools. The current school resource officers are working with students and staff to bring additional programs that will further enhance education and safety.

The investigative section of the department worked hard to solve each and every case and maintains an extremely high level of case closure. The detective section was able to recover thousands of dollars in stolen property including stolen

autos, firearms, and misc. property. Several of these cases resulted in felony convictions that resulted in asset forfeiture to the department.

Our department, like most in the U.S. today, are experiencing increased difficulty in finding and keeping qualified personnel to meet staffing levels. The department typically acquires good personnel and provides them with superior training and supervision to meet the needs of the community and to help them become a successful, professional police officer. More often than not, these qualified personnel would move on to other agencies that provided full time employment and benefits while our department could only offer them a part-time position.

The board of trustees recognized the ever growing hiring crisis in the law enforcement profession and gave their stamp of approval for the department to seek out additional money through an enhanced police levy that would provide sufficient funding for the department to meet staffing levels and expand the coverage now being provided to Ross Township. In November of 2018 the voters overwhelmingly gave their full endorsement to this department by a vote of 62% to 38% that they believe in what we are doing. This public support gives confirmation that the department is not only doing the right thing, we are doing things right.

This year end report provides the reader with a summary of the department activities and is certainly not all inclusive of the services provided by the department to our community.

In 2019 the department will continue to strive for excellence and will give 100% effort to providing this community with the department that they have endorsed. It remains a pleasure and a privilege for this department to provide the citizens with a professional organization they are proud of. We look forward to serving you in 2019 and into the future.

Sincerely,

Capt. Jack L. Tremain

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ross Township Police Department is to maintain the quality of life our residents enjoy and to ensure our Township is a safe place to live, work and visit. We will enforce the law impartially, while maintaining the highest degree of professionalism at all times. We are committed to this mission and will uphold our responsibility to maintain honor, integrity and service to the community we serve.



Divisions

Patrol Division

The Ross Township Police Department is community oriented department. It consists of 10 officers who are committed to serving an area of approximately 36 square miles. They are responsible for responding to all calls for service within the Township.



The Patrol Division is comprised of marked patrol units assigned for use on a daily basis. Each marked patrol vehicle is equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal computer system, and uses the LEOT & OLEIS systems for report writing.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to all 911 calls, motor vehicle crashes, first aid calls, natural disasters, fires, reports of crimes and disorderly person's offenses, as well as incorporating a spirit of cooperation with both the business community and citizens alike. Officers are annually trained in the use of firearms, ASP, Taser, O.C., domestic violence, pursuit policy, and use of force policy.

Patrol Officers are responsible for the initial investigation of all crimes that occur within Ross Township. Investigations that are intensive and require more manpower are turned over to the Investigative Section which will be followed up by a Detective.

Patrol Officers

Joe Powell

Alex Kabuss

Logan Stalf

Tom Brill

Bryan Rogers - SRO

Art Brickles

Zackary Martin

Trevor Lutterbie

Kyle Todd

David Liddil - SRO

Investigation Division

Detective Mollie Johnson is Ross Township's Detective. In 2018 she investigated a variety of different cases including Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Theft, Misuse of credit cards, Rape, Forgery and miscellaneous incidents. The Investigations department also conducted 14 background checks during 2018 for employment purposes.

Percentage of cases that are closed :

January - 91.5%

February - 94.4%

March – 95.55

April – 91.67%

May – 91.89

June – 87.72%

July – 82.69%

August – 93.22%

September – 91.67%

October – 85.33%

November – 93.84%

December – 93.22%

2018 – 91.06% incident reports are closed



Court appearances by investigation section:

Hamilton Municipal Court – 20

Juvenile Court – 1

Grand Jury – 21

Butler County Common Pleas – 2

Some cases in 2018:

Ellen Bines was arrested and charged with F4 theft from elderly and F4 Forgery for stealing an elderly resident's deceased wives wedding ring and forging and cashing a \$1,500.00 check without his permission.

Some common types of financial exploitation of elderly people:

- Cashing a check without authorization
- Forging a signature
- Coercing or deceiving someone to sign a document
- Misusing or stealing cash and property

Source: The National Center on Elder Abuse

September 9, 2018 a vehicle was stolen from Ross Township Ohio. The vehicle was then recovered in Hamilton, OH in the possession of James McDonald. James McDonald and Alyssa Rodgers were both charged in regards to the theft of the vehicle.

Trecy Bates Webb was indicted for F4 Theft of \$15,252.62 from her employer.

Following a two week investigation, Ross Township Police arrested a local man in connection with the recent shooting of traffic signs in the township. The arrest resulted in the confiscation of firearms from the suspect. He is due back in court February 22, 2019.



On 10/25/2018 Ross Township received a report of a stolen vehicle and a separate report of a Breaking and Entering. Mr. Richard Owens Jr. was found in possession of the stolen vehicle in Cincinnati, OH and interviewed by Ross PD and Cincinnati PD. He was charged with his involvement in both the Breaking and Entering and the stolen vehicle.



Butler County OVI Task Force 2018 Results

In 2018 the Ross Twp. Police Department continued its partnership with The Butler County OVI Task Force and is given \$5,000.00 annually to fund OVI patrols to detect and apprehend impaired drivers in Ross Township. For the year, 327.5 hours were worked on the OVI patrol and a total of 22



drivers were arrested for OVI during the OVI Task Force hours. Ross PD, due to the amount of OVI arrests that were made during the year, was given an additional \$2000.00 in funds during the summer of 2018 for additional patrols. The total OVI arrests in 2018 made by Ross PD including the OVI patrols are: 51. The following is a breakdown of the officers who made the arrests.

Officer	Number	Officer	Number
David Foley	25	Art Brickles	3
Tom Brill	10	David Liddil	2
Bryan Rogers	4	Mark Bennett	2
Zackary Martin	2	Alex Kabuss	2
Trevor Lutterbie	1		



In addition to the OVI patrols, we now put out extra OVI patrols, 2 officers on holidays, IE: Thanksgiving, New Years Eve, July 4th, etc., in an attempt to apprehend more impaired drivers. This has proven to be effective and on those extra shifts officers and resulting in the apprehension of additional impaired drivers. Two officers this year completed ARIDE Training (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course).

Over the course of 2018 Ross Police Department implemented an in-house training program for catching impaired drivers facilitated by Officers Rogers and Brill. The training is mandatory for new officers before they are permitted to work the OVI patrols.

Officer Chris Petty
OVI Task Force Coordinator



Community Relations Annual Report

In this report, we will provide a list of events, details, programs, and services provided by the Ross Township Police Dept. Our organization is made up of highly skilled, committed professionals who take pride in serving our richly diverse community. We greatly appreciate the strong support we receive from our community and elected officials. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the RTPD and I feel fortunate to serve alongside them.



2018 was a year in which the RTPD saw much change. While we have always been an organization with a strong commitment to community partnerships, 2018 saw us double down on those efforts in order to take our relationship with the community to an even higher level. Staff members from throughout our department took part in a number of community events in 2018 and we look to do even more of that in 2019 and beyond. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have a community that is very engaged and active in partnering with us to achieve our collective public safety goals. Some of our larger programs/events in 2018 are listed below.

Community Events

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Ross Township Open House
- Honor Guard participation in the Memorial Day Parade and presented Colors
- Honor Guard presented a flag to the Williams family
- Honor Guard presents colors at the homecoming football game
- Officers attended numerous birthday parties throughout the Township

- Trunk or Treat event
- “I do nut need a reason to thank a cop”



- Mock bus crash
- First responders Chili Cook-off
- Honor Guard presented Colors at the Cold War Veterans Ceremony
- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Skyline
- RHS Volleyball helped sponsor a fundraiser for Chief Haussler
- Toys for Tots drop off sponsored by the US Marine Corps
- Participated in Christmas with Santa in Ross Estates subdivision
- FISH WITH A COP raised over 4000.00 dollars with donations and grant received. Only 700.00 was spent allowing us to fund the event well into the future



- RAMM Christmas event Police Dept. provided gifts for 4 families total of 14 kids and 6 adults

- **CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA** raised over 3000.00 dollars and was held at the Township building, where the department provided gifts for 14 children. Around 2500.00 was spent for both Christmas events, again allowing us to continue this event for 2019



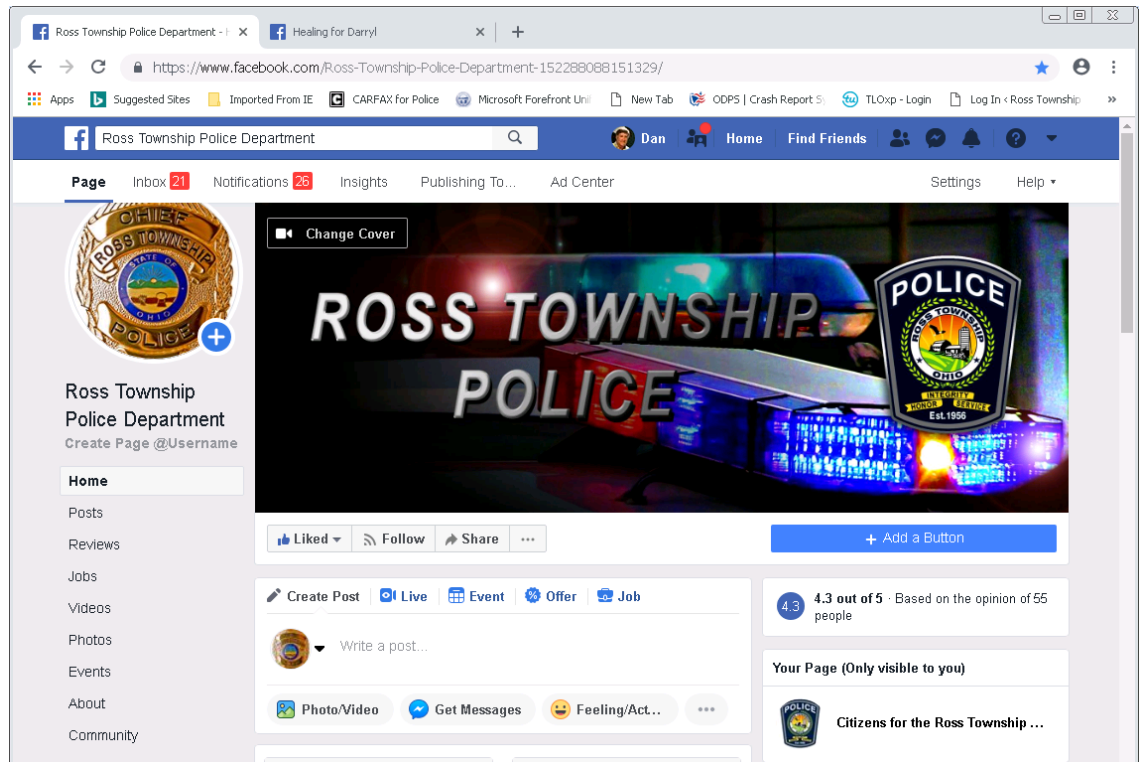
Community Programs

- Active Shooter Training provided for our local Churches
- Designed Property Check Door Hangers
- Bicycle registration program
- Prescription drop off program
- Crash docs program
- Nixle alerts



- Traffic delay and inclement weather alerts
- Vacation check program

- **Extra patrol program**
- **Safe return program – elderly adult registry**
- **Department Facebook Page**



- **Participated in the Prescription Drug Take-Back Program twice in 2018**
- **Participated in the Click It or Ticket Program**
- **Implemented the Neighborhood Watch Program by providing and installing signs in key areas**
- **Hosted a Youth Hunter Safety Course (No charge)**
- **Presented a Child Safety Class**
- **Offered and Hosted 2 Concealed Carry Class free of charge to Township residents**
- **Hosted a Women's Self Defense Class with no charge to Township residents**
- **Respect for Law Camp**
- **Cyber Bullying and internet safety classes**
- **Stranger danger classes**
- **Halloween safety programs**
- **Youth drug prevention program**



2019 promises to be a busy year and there are many new programs being considered including the **Coffee with a Cop** program which helps provide one on one interaction between the community and the police department.

The department is also considering a Citizen's Police and Fire Academy in partnership with the Ross Township Fire Department.

The department will also be looking into putting together a Community Police Council, consisting of citizens, clergy, and business leaders from Ross Township, working in cooperation with the police department, to focus on collaborative community policing and problem solving.

The department looks forward to moving into 2019 while continuing to strengthen our community bond and partnership. We remain committed to serving the citizens of Ross Township while providing a professional community oriented department.

Officer David Liddil

OIC Community Relations

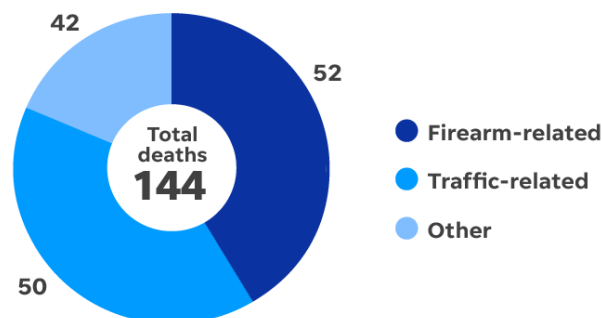
Police Officer/SRO/CRC



2018 Ross Township Police CPT Training

2019 will be another trying year for law enforcement across the country due to increased public scrutiny. Every action taken by police officers today is viewed from a microscope by the communities that we serve. Public perception of your department can determine your department's success or failure and training police officers is more important than ever. Simply doing the minimum required training is not enough today. The greatest resource within the Ross Township Police Department is the men and women that put on the uniform every day and proudly represent this department. These men and women are husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. They all belong to a brotherhood that is incomparable to any other.

Law enforcement officers deaths, 2018



SOURCE National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

It is up to each individual officer to make sure they are prepared. That is where training takes over. Training comes in a multitude of variations. Training is not worn on the outside of an officer's uniform. Training affects the way the officers think, feel, and how they perform their duties. Well trained officers are better prepared to do the right thing when others are watching and more importantly when they are not. They recognize situations that require a little more patience or a different approach to resolve effectively. Training makes a huge difference in the level of service delivered and provides the foundation for a professional department.

In 2018, Ross Township officers attended 654 hours of training.

Alex Kabuss – 11 Hours Total

- Awareness of Human Trafficking – 1 hr.
- Awareness of Cultural Diversity – 1 hr.
- Policing Culturally Diverse Communities – 1 hr.
- Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs.

Art Brickles – 4 Hours Total

- Companion Animal Encounters – 2 hrs.
- Missing Persons – 2 hrs.

Bryan Rogers – 263.5 Hours Total

- Taser Recertification – 4 hrs.
- SRO Basic Training – 40 hrs.
- ARIDE – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement –16 hrs.
- OTOA – Ohio Active Assailant Conference – 8 hrs.
- Crash to Court: Courtroom Success – 10.5 hrs.
- Prosecuting the Impaired Driver – 8 hrs.
- Synthetic Opioids: Investigation, Handling, and Safe Practice – 8 hrs.
- “Big Three” Firearms Instructor and Qualifications – 80 hrs.
- Tactical Leadership – 8 hrs.
- Defensive Tactics – 8 hrs.
- LEADS operator CCH Access Training – 1 hr.
- Sniper monthly training – (8 hrs per month) 72 hrs.
- Instruct - Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs.

Tom Brill – 90 Total Hours

- MDC Train the Trainer – 8 hrs.
- Prosecuting the Impaired Driver – 8 hrs.
- Taser Recertification – 4 hrs.
- Supervisor and Leadership – 8 hrs.
- Tint Meter Operator – 2 hrs.
- Ignition Interlock – 2 hrs.
- Awareness of Cultural Diversity – 1 hr.
- Policing Cultural Diverse Communities – 1 hr.
- Active Aggressor – 8 hrs.
- Synthetic Opioids – 8 hrs.
- ASP and OC Spray – 8 hrs.
- Defensive Tactics – 8 hrs.
- Defensive Driving – 8 hrs.
- Court Room Testimony – 8 hrs.
- Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs.

Elliott Spraul –

- ARIDE Training – 16 hrs

Renee Lutterbie –

- Companion Animal Encounters – 1 hr
- Cultural Diversity – 1 hr

David Foley –

- Cultural Diversity – 1 hr.
- ARIDE – 16 hours

Mark Bennett –

- Cultural Diversity – 1 hr.

David Liddil – 146 Total Hours

- SRO Basic Training – 40 hrs.
- ARIDE Training – 16 hrs.
- LEADS – 1 hr.
- Dynamic Vehicle Operations – 8 hrs.

- Active Shooter Debriefing – 8 hrs
- Crisis Management for school based incidents – 8 hrs
- Introduction to TECC – 2 hrs
- Rescue Task Force Training – 2 hrs
- Street Smart Drug Series – 4 hrs
- Understanding and Planning for School Bombing – 4 hrs
- Safe Web Browser – 1 hr
- Synthetic Opioids – Investigation and Safe Handling – 8 hrs
- IS-00907 Active Shooter: What you can do – 2 hrs
- IS00036 Multi-hazard Planning for Childcare – 2 hrs
- Taser Instructor – 8 hrs
- HAZ-MAT Tech Refresher- 16 hrs
- Range Qualifications/ Shoot House Training – 8 hrs
- Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs

Mollie Johnson – 20 hrs total

- Tint Meter Operator – 2 hrs.
- Companion Animal Encounters – 1 hr.
- Evidence Collection and Preservation – 2 hrs.
- Ohio Human Trafficking – 3 hrs.
- Range Qualification/ Shoot House Training – 8 hrs.
- Taser Recertification – 4 hrs.

Zack Martin – 36 Total Hours

- ARIDE Training – 16 hrs.
- Ross Twp Police OVI Training – 4 hrs.
- Range Qualification/ Shoot house training – 8 hrs.
- Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs.

Trevor Lutterbie –16 Total Hours

- Active Shooter Scenario Training at HS – 8 hrs.
- Range Qualification/ Shoot house training – 8 hrs.

Admin Staff – Additional 32+ hrs

In 2018 there was no required CPT training that is typically mandated by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. In the absence of the mandated training requirements, the Ross Township Police Department maintained a policy of seeking training for all personnel to enhance their abilities to do what is required of them and to assist them in delivering a professional work product.

During 2018, the officers of this department received 654 hours of training. A strong background in training will enhance an officer's knowledge, decision making abilities, and skills, while lending credibility to the department's commitment to excellence and professionalism.

In 2019 we will continue to strive to know and understand the needs of the community and adjust our training priorities to meet the challenges that we will face. Our officers will be provided the opportunity to seek training in areas of displayed departmental need. The department will remain committed to providing professional well trained officers on the streets of Ross Township.

Weapons Training



Tow Vehicle Report 2018

For the year 2018 the Ross Twp. Police Department towed 73 vehicles, trucks, motorcycles, etc. from township, highways and state routes. Of the 73 vehicles towed, 58 were returned to their owner. 15 owners never came for their vehicles and those were disposed of through the towing companies in accordance with state law and the policy and procedures of the Police Department. There are two tow company's that serve this agency, Wayne's & Reffitt's. They serve this agency very well and at this time there is no need to add additional towing's companies to the department rotation. Reffitt's also serves as this agency's heavy duty wrecker service.

The LEADS terminal has enabled our agency to locate lien holders and contact them in a timely fashion so the owner does not incur additional storage fees. The Officer-In-Charge of the tow file continues to monitor changes in state law and continues to stay in compliance with the rules, laws and regulations that cover vehicle towing.

Ofc. Chris Petty
OIC of Ross Twp. PD tow file



2018 Property Room Report

For the year 2018 the Ross PD property room processed 139 property items into the property room. Out of the 139 items, 21 items were sent out to crime labs for evidence processing. 17 property items were released back to their owners. The following is a break down of what crime lab the property items went to.

Bureau of Criminal Investigations, BCI, London, Ohio:

14 pieces of property

Hamilton County Coroner's Lab:

8 pieces of property

It should be noted that property submitted to BCI does not incur any cost to the township for lab processing. When property is submitted to The Hamilton County Coroner's Office we are charged \$100 per test. As you can see by our Agency using the BCI lab this saved our Agency \$1400 in lab fees. On 11/14/18, Ofc. C. Petty, Ofc. Renee Lutterbie and Ross Twp. Maintenance worker Adam Davis did a property destruction pursuant to department policy and procedures in conjunction with the appropriate court order that was obtained. 315 pieces of property dating back to 2006 were destroyed, donated, or converted to department use. In 2019, the property room is continuing to go through old cases and is preparing to conduct property destruction in 2019 to keep up with the amount of drugs, narcotics that continue to be brought into the property room on a regular basis.

Ofc. Chris Petty



2018 End of Year Report Firearms Training

Firearms Training needs to be often, relevant, and realistic. It is best suited to be conducted regularly – as in occurring often enough to an incident, that it aids in assisting the officer in making proper split second decisions.

In addition to instruction of deadly force policy and procedure, Ross Township Firearms Instructors suggested range work should include:

1. Clearing stoppages
2. Drills that simulate malfunctions
3. Emergency tactical reloading with either hand
4. Manipulation of safeties and de-cocking levers with either hand

As well as the usual and suggested range topics including:

1. Multiple platform shooting
2. Shooting while moving to cover; shooting from cover
3. One-handed firing
4. Giving verbal challenges
5. Firing and clearing malfunctions from various “officer down” positions
6. Engaging multiple targets

2018 training included:

- Firearms department qualifications – April 2018
- Shoot house scenario training – April 2018
- Active Shooter Scenario training at Ross High School – August 2018



2018 End of Year Report

School Resource Officers

The presence of school resource officers in the schools in the 2018-2019 school year is a very important part of the duties of Ross Township Police Officers. The School Resource Officer (SRO) program has become a vital collaborative effort between Ross Police and Ross School District educators. Not only do the officers work very close with administration and educators, they work closely with students and parents as well. The position, with its genial-sounding name, is an unusual hybrid of counselor, educator, disciplinarian, and cop. No other job better personifies America's shifting ideas about schools, policing and safety.



The 2018-2019 school year saw the addition of another School Resource Officer. One officer spends full time in the High School, while the second covers Ross Middle School, Elda and Morgan Elementary Schools. Moving forward and trying to increase the safety of the schools, both officers were added to the Risk Assessment Team, and attend meetings with school administration, as well as officials from Butler County. There were also additions to the Ross School Safety Committee, working closely with Ross Administrations and educators in working to improve the safety of Ross Schools.

Programs that have been implemented this school year are:

- Active Shooter Safety Program - this program began with a 2.5 hour presentation to the teachers in the district. The presentation was geared around past active shooter events, the psychological blueprint of the shooter, and how to protect the students in case a shooter enters the schools.

- Ross High school Active Assailant video – the school is in the process of producing its own educational video describing ways to protect against assailants.
- Risk assessment Team- meetings and safety improvements to schools
- Self-Defense Class with the High School Physical Education Classes
- Attendance and Truancy Team
- Eddie the Eagle Gun Safety Program
- Active assailant presentation to:
 - Bus Drivers
 - Secretarial Staff
 - Cafeteria Staff
- Traffic Flow presentation to Morgan Elementary
- Certified Stop the Bleed Instructors
- Interviews with Elda Students
- Risk Assessment and Safety Council Committees
- Multiple Fire Drills
- Lock Down Drills
- Barricade in place drills
- Christmas Party for Kids – December 2018
- K-4th Alice Training – “I’m not scared, I’m Prepared” book readings to individual classes
- Ross High School vs Badin Football game large scale event planning
- Officer Rogers attended the 2018 Respect for Law Camp as a counselor.



- Taken from the *Respect for Law Camp website* - The Butler County **RESPECT FOR LAW CAMP**, sponsored by the **Butler County Chiefs of Police Association**, is a great opportunity for local youngsters to learn respect for the law by giving them a close-up look at local law enforcement in an action-packed weekend.

- The camp, held at various locations in Butler County, is three days and two nights of excitement for local children ages 11 to 14. The staff and instructors are federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel, along with fire and rescue personnel.

RESPECT FOR LAW CAMP improves self-esteem and self-confidence while teaching campers self-discipline, self-respect, and most of all, RESPECT FOR LAW.

Law Camp participants live by five pillars during their time at camp: RESPECT, SPIRIT, LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, and KINDNESS. It is our hope that these five pillars are something they will leave with and use the rest of their lives.



During the week, participants will take part in several activities and watch demonstrations, including these highlights:

- Rappelling
- Building searches
- High and low ropes courses
- Mock felony car crash
- Motorcycle and bicycle demonstrations
- Driving simulator
- Firearms Training Simulator (FATS)
- Police and medical aviation
- SWAT and SRT
- Bomb squad
- FBI Pellet Gun Course

The Ross Township Police Department Honor Guard participated at the Ross High School Football Homecoming pre-game ceremonies. They also presented colors at the Veterans Day ceremonies at Ross High School and Elda Elementary.

With the assistance of 6 other Ross Township Police Officers, and Butler County Communications, Officer Rogers and Officer Liddil were able to track down a suicidal juvenile that had disappeared. The entire team worked as a unit and was able to track the juvenile to a specific location, find the juvenile and stop and save the juvenile from any harm.

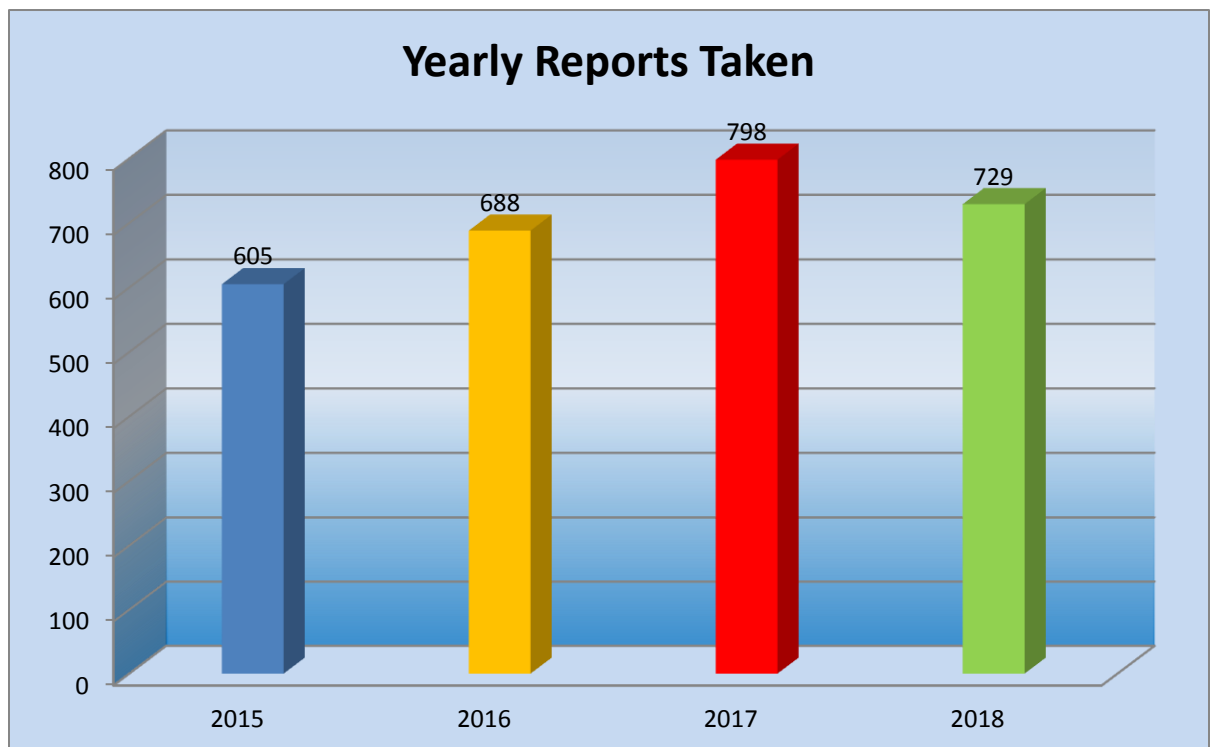
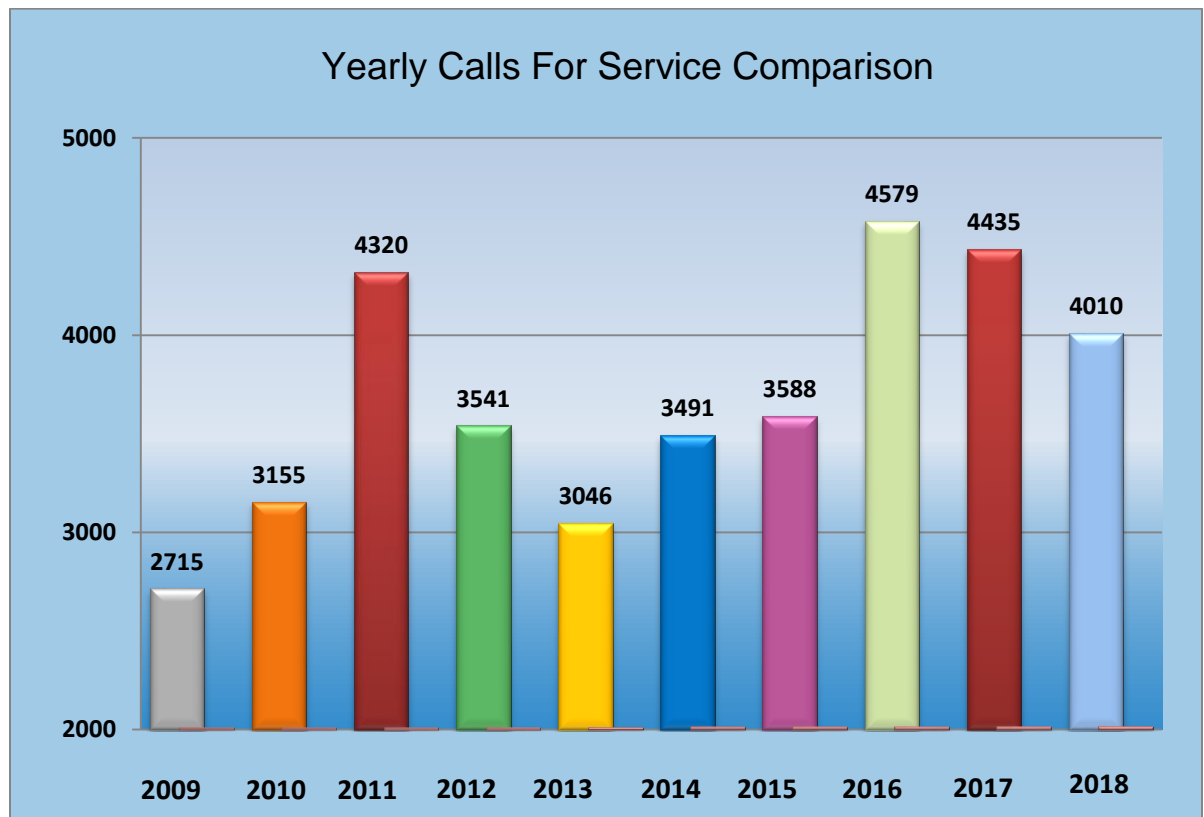
Officer Liddil participated in a pie-in-the-face fundraiser at Elda Elementary just before Christmas, and was able to raise over \$700, winning the competition and receiving the illustrious pie-to-the-face.

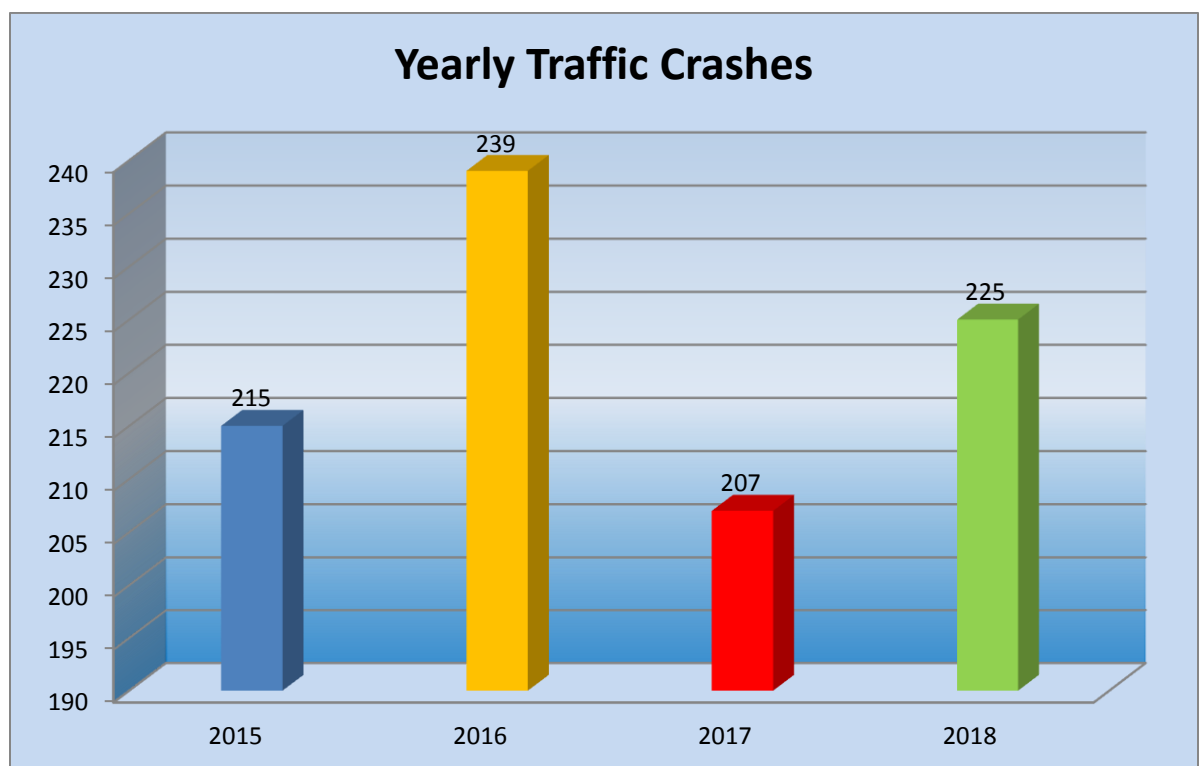
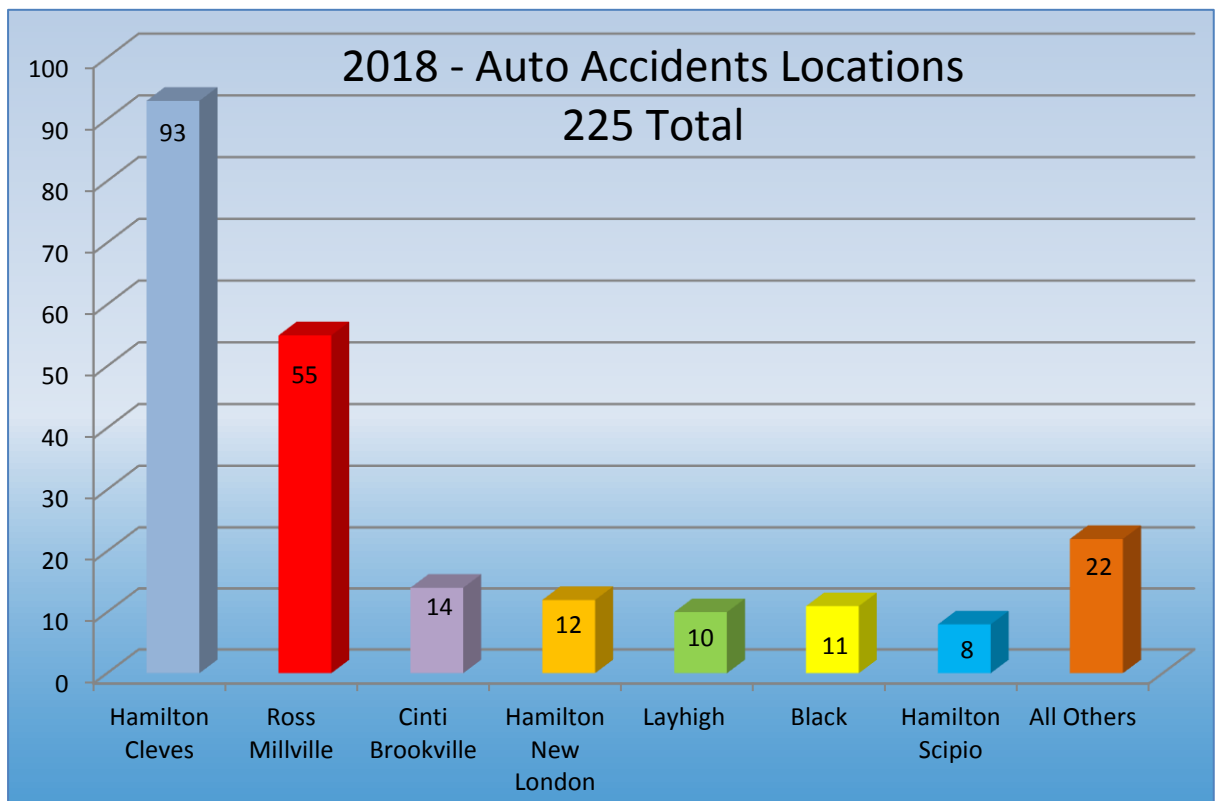
Both officers attended the 40 hour SRO- School Resource Officer training to become certified SRO's.

Active Shooter Training Area Church

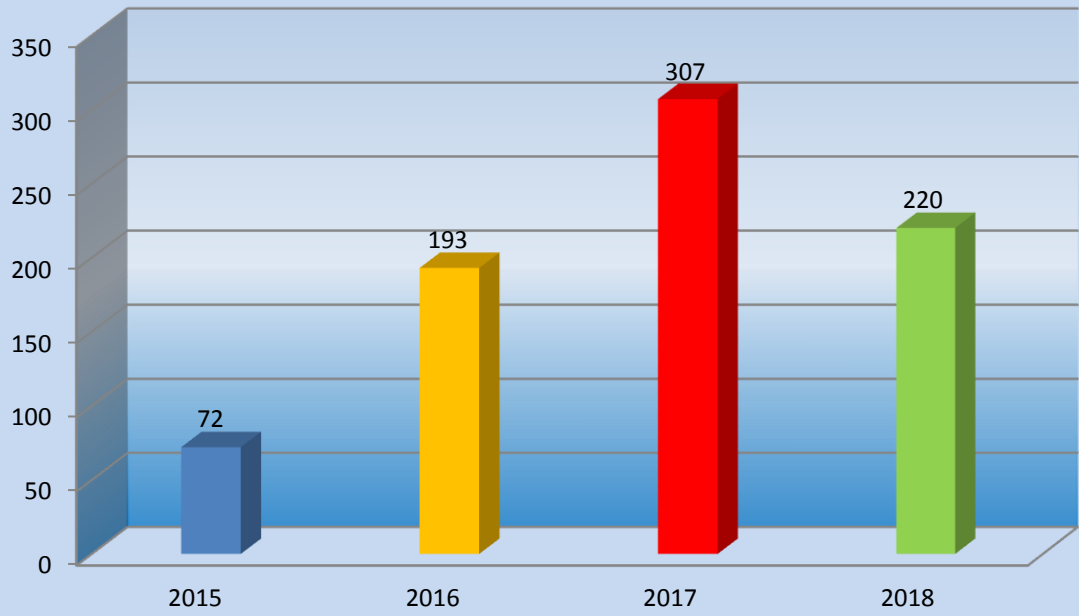


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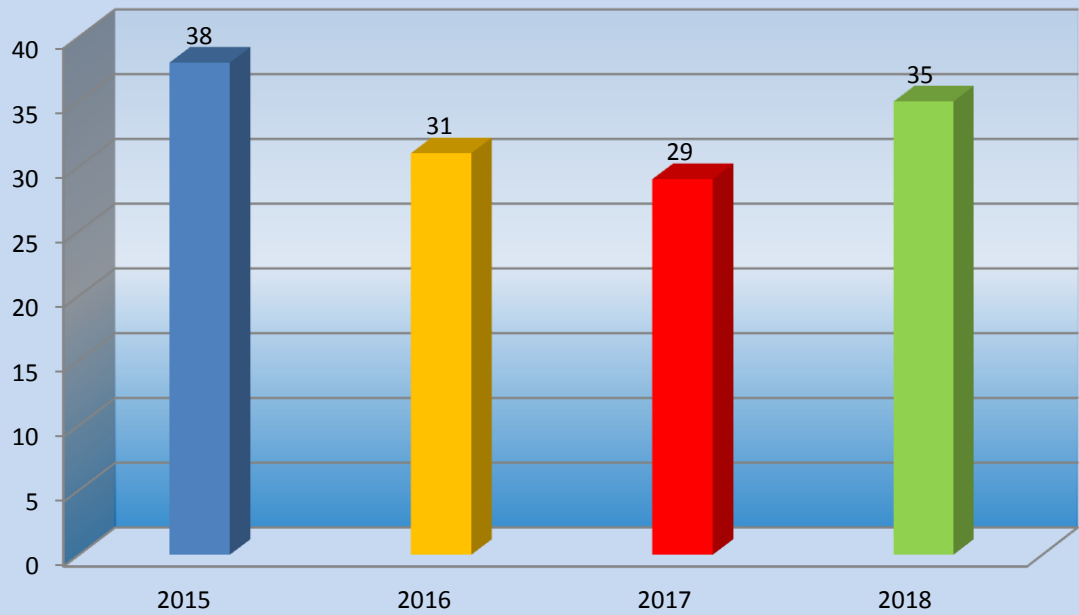




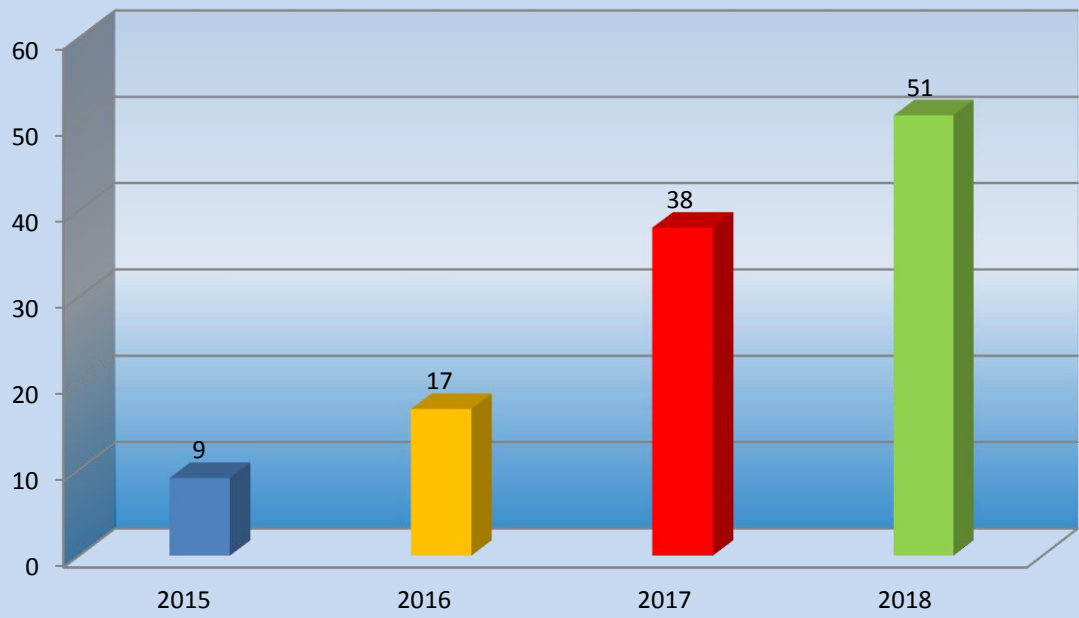
Yearly Adult Arrest



Yearly Juvenile Arrest



Yearly OVI Arrest



Yearly Vacation Checks

