

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



Chief Annette M. Mecklenburg

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2/21/2018

## Goals & Priorities

- 1) Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- 2) Strengthen the police-community relationship.
- 3) Develop strategies to recruit/retain a qualified and diverse workforce.
- 4) Training and employee development.
- 5) Explore opportunities for inter-municipal resource sharing.
- 6) Update the Police Department's Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 7) Identify alternative funding sources for Police Department resources and programs.

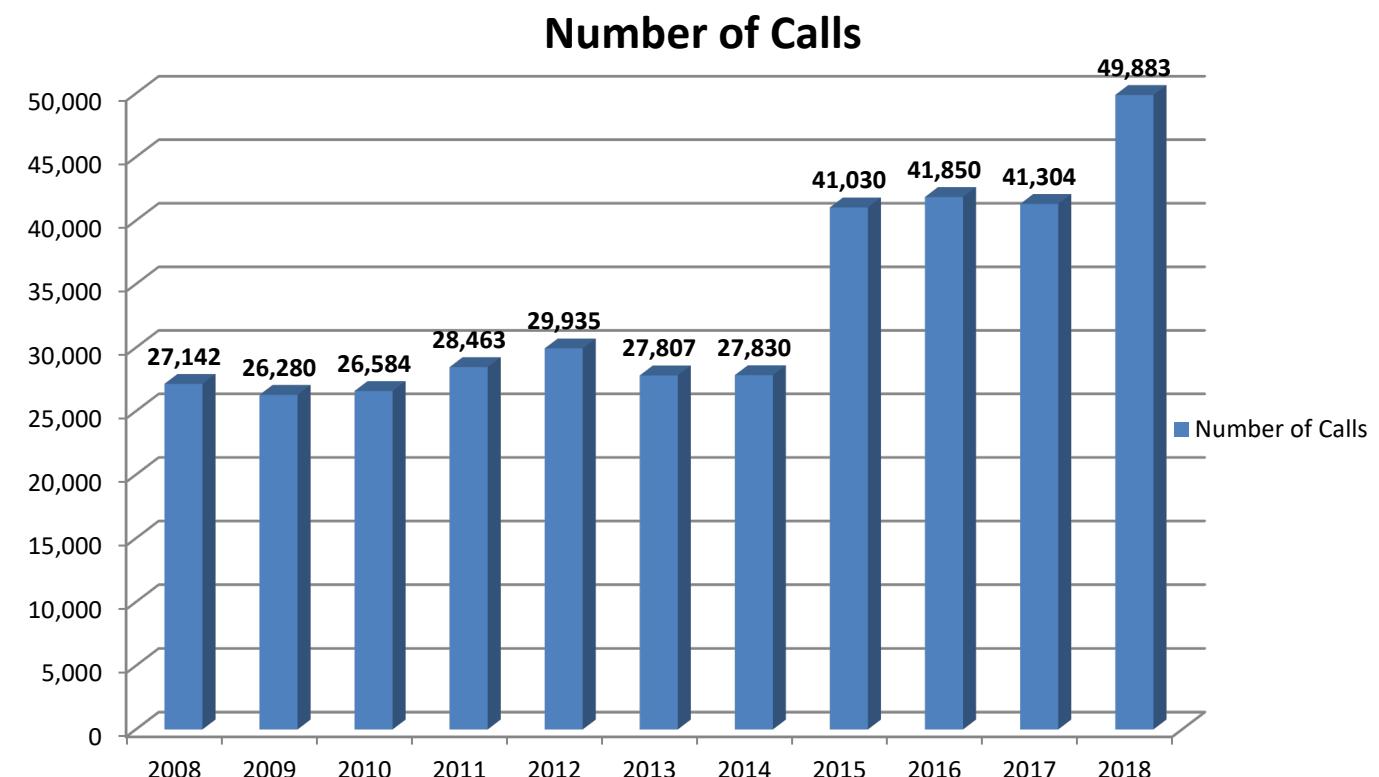
The following divisions, bureaus and specialized units of the Cleveland Heights Police Department are outlined as to their function and contribution to the fulfillment of the above long term goals during 2018.

# UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The Uniformed Patrol Division of the Cleveland Heights Police Department is composed of 4 platoons operating on a 12 hour schedule. This Division is the largest in the Department. Each platoon consists of 1 Lieutenant (Office in Charge), 1 Sergeant (Road Supervisor), 8 Patrol Officers and 2 Basic Patrol Officers (Traffic Safety Officers) for a compliment of 13 personnel per shift, 52 personnel in total. This Division, commonly referred to as "Basic Patrol", is tasked with providing police services 24 hours/day, 7 days per week. Calls for service, while many being routine, are essential in providing an enjoyable, safe living environment.

For deployment of Uniform Division personnel, the City is divided into 13 "blocks." These blocks, commonly referred to as zones, correspond to census tracts. All personnel are intimately familiar with these areas and as such can be assigned into different zones over different time periods. Zones are also used in the Departments crime analysis function, Command Central. Command Central imports all call data from our CAD daily, placing each call for service in the appropriate zone. These calls for service can be "drilled" down to specific crimes or calls for service within specific zones which allows for proper deployment of personnel and strategies.

In 2018, Cleveland Heights Police were tasked with answering 49,883 calls for service which was higher than in 2017. Beginning in 2015, a new policy was implemented that more accurately recorded these calls. Calls for service such as subpoena services, house watch checks, traffic stops, follow up investigations, assisting disabled motorists, traffic control, and civil complaints, in addition to others, are now recorded in Records Management as a call for service. Time spent on these service calls by police personnel is substantial and must be recorded accurately.



**Calls for Service****01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018**

**OFFICER SAFETY**	1	CALL BOX CALL	38
911	406	CANCELLED	139
911 HANG UP	505	CHECK FRAUD	1
ABANDONED VEHICLE	76	CHILD ABUSE – REPORTED	1
ADDENDUM	2	CHILD ENDANGERMENT	6
AGG ROBBERY	1	CIVIL MATTER	162
AGGRAVATED MENACING	1	COMMUNITY RESPONSE DETAIL	4
AIU CALLOUT	1	COMPLAINTS – FIREWORKS	75
ALARM DROP	3456	COMPLAINTS – GENERAL	147
ALARM DROP – BANK ALARM	4	COMPLAINTS – JUVENILE	443
ALARM TEST	280	COMPLAINTS – SOLICITOR	40
ANIMAL – BITE	21	COUNCIL MAIL – DELIVERED	23
ANIMAL – DEER	71	COUNTERFEITING	3
ANIMAL – FOUND	155	COURT	12
ANIMAL WARDEN DISPATCHED	4	COURT ARREST	5
ANIMAL – MISC.	1043	CREDIT CARD THEFT	1
AREA CHECK	165	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	22
ARSON	1	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK	138
ASSAULT	87	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	41
ASSAULT IN PROGRESS	6	CROSSING GUARD DETAIL	2
ASSIST – GENERAL	308	CURFEW	8
ASSIST – OTHER DEPT	144	CUSTODY DISPUTE	14
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	19	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	248
ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT	1	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	174
AUTO TOWED	169	DEBRIS ON STREET	58
BAR CHECK	8	DEER KILL	1
BIKE – THEFT	30	DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION	664
BIKE CHECK	4	DETAIL	200
BIKE PATROL	5	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	493
BOLO	41	DISORDERLY	77
BREAK & ENTER – IN PROGRESS	12	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/FIGHTING	1
BREAKING AND ENTERING	55	DISPUTE	171
BROADCAST	10	DISTURBANCE	1898
BUILDING DEPART COMPLAINT	1	DOA AND BODY FOUND	34
BURGLARY	76	DOMESTIC	151
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	8	DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	19
BUSINESS CHECK	30	DRUG ARREST	4
BUSINESS CHECKS	590	DRUG INVESTIGATION	23
BUSINESS WALK THRU	20	EQUIPMENT FAILURE/MALFUNCT	22

ERRANDS	2	MURDER / ATTEMPTED	1
ERRATIC DRIVER	193	MUTUAL AID, GIVEN	74
ESCORT	384	MUTUAL AID, REQUESTED	38
EWW ARREST	1	MVA	1203
FAMILY TROUBLE	179	MVA – DEER	6
FIGHT WITH WEAPONS	2	MVA – SELF REPORTED	8
FIGHT DISTURBANCE	53	MVA – PEDESTRIAN	24
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	1306	MVA – PRIVATE PROPERTY	215
FORGERY	1	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	139
FOUND PERSON	1	NOISE COMPLAINT	904
FOUND PROPERTY	167	NOTIFICATION	77
FRAUD	217	OFF DUTY	2
FUEL	1	OFF DUTY DETAIL	34
FUNERAL DETAIL	1	OFFICER BREAKS/LUNCH	7
GRAND THEFT	1	OFFICER ENGAGEMENT	5
HARASSING-COMMUNICATION	121	ON THE AIR	1
HARASSMENT-GENERAL	55	OPEN BURNING	3
HIGH WATER	2	OPEN CONTAINER	5
HIT CONFIRMATION	1578	OPEN DOOR	168
HITCH-HIKING	1	OVERDOSE	10
HOUSE WATCH	617	OVI	3
IDENTITY THEFT	26	PARK DETAIL	36
ILLEGAL DUMPING	8	PARKING COMPLAINT	886
INJURY TO OFFICER	13	PARKING VIOLATION	265
INJURY TO PERSON	7	PASSING BAD CHECKS	1
INTOX	1	PHONE MESSAGE	193
JAIL	22	PNAS	1
JAIL-MEDICAL	1	PORTABLE	10
JUVENILE-RUNAWAY	26	PREMIS CHECK	449
K9-CALL OUT	9	PRINT AGENCY LOGS	1
LASER	3	PRINTER TEST JOB	1
LINES DOWN	1	PRISONER CARE	18
LOCK-OUT HOUSE	13	PRISONER PICK UP	69
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	1007	PRISONER RELEASE	559
LOST MISSING PROPERTY	1	PRISONER TRANSPORT	220
MAKING FALSE ALARMS	1	PROBATE ORDER	4
MENTAL SUBJECT	57	PROPERTY – FOUND	76
MISSING JUVENILE	138	PROPERTY – LOST	197
MISSING PERSON	60	PROPERTY – RELEASE	8

PROT ORDER VIOL – IN PROGR	6	SUSPICIOUS DEVICE/PACKAGE	13
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	27	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	750
PUBLIC ASSIST	44	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	741
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1	SWAT CALL OUT	14
PURSUIT	18	TECH TEAM CALL OUT	1
RADAR DETAIL	1	THEFT (MAJOR) IN PROGRESS	4
RAPE	2	THEFT (PETTY) IN PROGRESS	79
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY	8	THEFT – FREE TEXT	626
RECORD CHECKS	8	THEFT – FREE TEXT/ DAMAGE TO	1
RECOVERED AUTO	1	THEFT- FROM AUTO	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	54	THEFT- FROM AUTO UNLOCKED	1
REGISTRATION CHECK	27	THEFT/ LICENSE PLATE	2
REPORT WRITING	12	THREATS	87
REPOSESSION	378	THREATS IN PROGRESS	3
ROAD CLOSED	30	TIME SERVER	6
ROAD HAZARD	62	TOW – RELEASE	14
ROBBERY	37	TOW – AUTO TOW	95
ROLL CALL	1	TRAFFIC ALTERCATION	20
SALT CREW NOTIFICATIONS	15	TRAFFIC ARREST / INVEST	2
SCHOOL BUS – LOAD/DISCHARGE	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	219
SCHOOL DETAIL	30	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	169
SEARCH WARRANT	3	TRAFFIC DETAIL	27
SERVICE DEPARTMENT	73	TRAFFIC DETAIL/COMPLAINT	1
SEX OFFENSE	24	TRAFFIC DETAIL/RADAR	6
SHIFT CALL IN	213	TRAFFIC DETAILS/COMPLAINTS	6
SHOOTI	1	TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT	1811
SHOPLIFTING	45	TRAFFIC STOP	12,309
SHOPLIFTING IN PROGRESS	18	TRAINING	12
SHOTS FIRED	113	TRAINING-RANGE	2
SICK CALL	24	TRASH COMPLAINT	21
SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	4	TREE DOWN	107
SOLICITING	151	TRESPASSING	127
SOLON TRANSPORT	4	UNAUTHORIZED USE	36
SPECIAL ATTENTION	924	UNRULY JUVENILE	50
STOLEN VEHICLE	91	UNWANTED GUEST	287
SUBPOENA SERVED	99	UTILITIES-PUBLIC	572
SUICIDE IN PROGRESS	5	VANDALISM	26
SUICIDE/SUICIDAL	123	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH	12
SUSPICION	1610	VENDOR – SERVICE	1
WARRANT SERVICE-ARREST	327		
WEAPONS OFFENSE	16		
WELFARE CHECK	1199		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,792</b>		



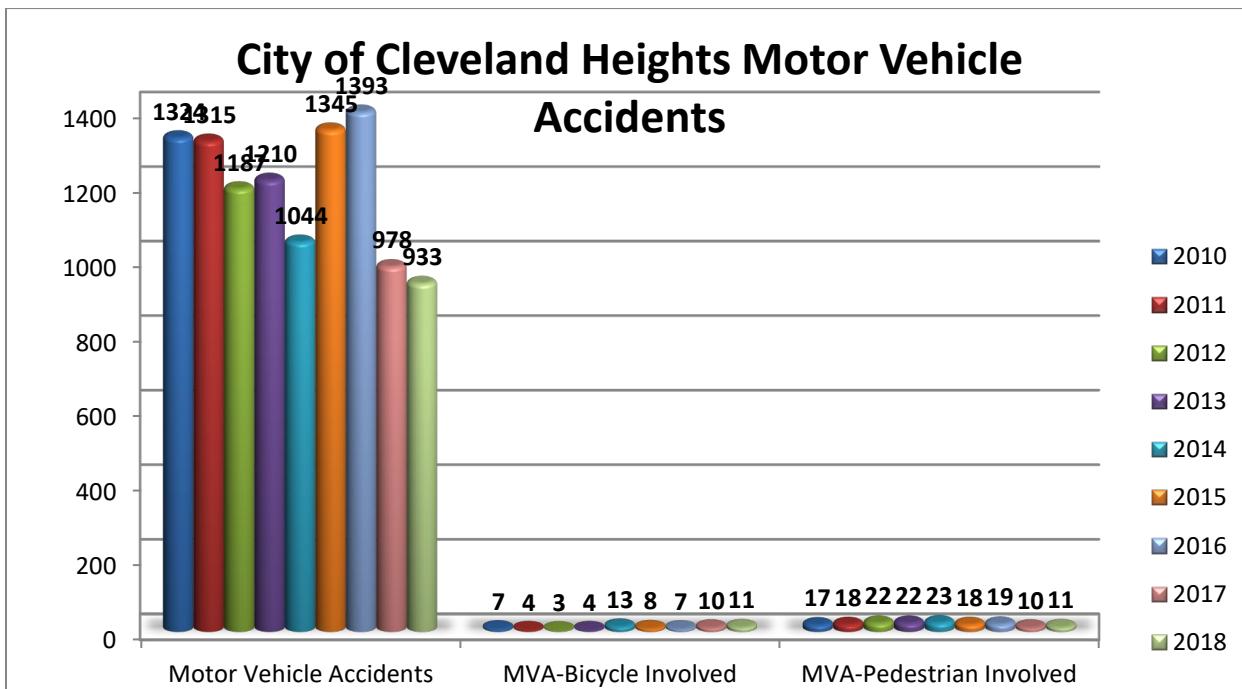
**Cleveland Heights Police**  
**Animal Calls for Service 01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018**

ANIMAL - FOUND	155
ANIMAL BITES	21
ANIMAL- MISC.	1034
ANIMAL- DEER	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1259</u></b>

# TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

In 2018, the supervisor of the Day Shift Traffic Safety Bureau was Michael Davis. Traffic Safety personnel are assigned to either 7:00 am – 3:00 pm , 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, . or 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, seven days a week. Currently 1 Police Officer and 7 Basic Patrol Officers are assigned to the Traffic Bureau. The Officers assigned to this Bureau perform a variety of duties including motorized patrol, foot patrols, A.L.I.C.E. training and participation in area school programs. Foot Patrol “beats” includes Cedar/Fairmount, Coventry, Lee Rd (Cedar south to Dellwood) and the Taylor Rd. /Noble Rd. districts. All foot patrol officers are assigned police vehicles which are conspicuously parked in the districts while the officer is on foot patrol.

Although the investigation of traffic accidents falls to the Uniform Division personnel, the Traffic Bureau plays an important role in the reduction of traffic crashes. Traffic Officers have as their main responsibility traffic law enforcement while working under the principal of “selective enforcement”. Police officers cannot enforce all traffic violations within their jurisdiction. Under the selective enforcement principal, personnel and equipment are placed into an area based on a study of the kinds of violations and road conditions that contribute to collisions. By reducing these selective violations, collision numbers should follow. In addition, Officers assigned to this unit are responsible for addressing resident complaints such as speeding and stop sign violations. The chart blow shows the number of collisions reported to police over the previous eight year period.

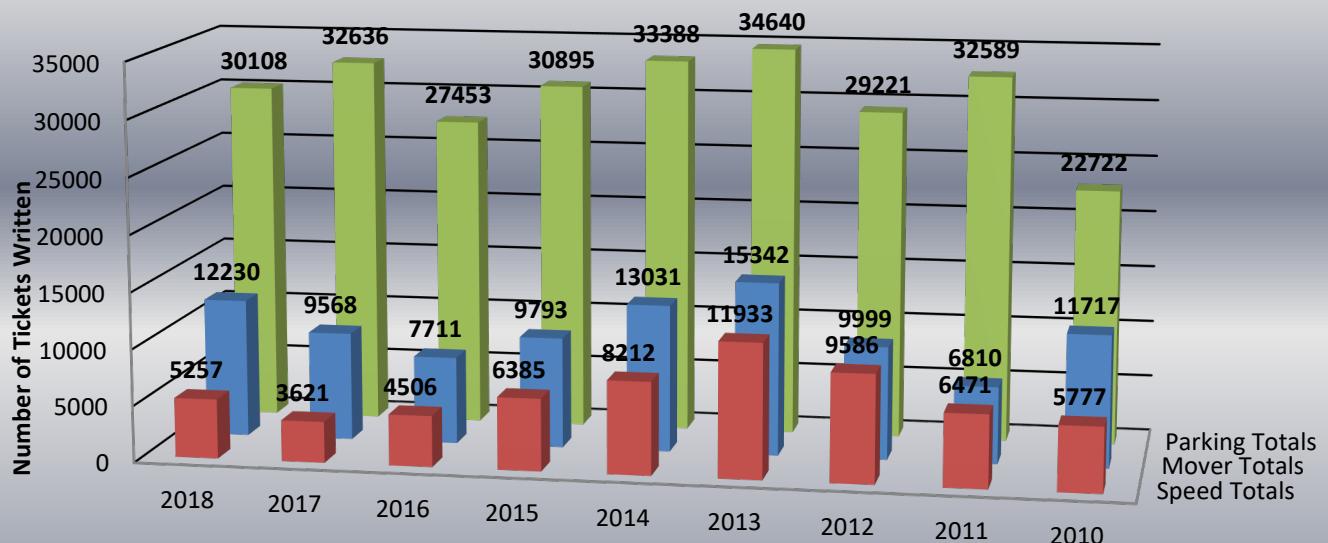


<u>Year</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>	<u>MVA-Bicycle Involved</u>	<u>MVA- Pedestrian Involved</u>
2010	1324	7	17
2011	1315	4	18
2012	1187	3	22
2013	1210	4	22
2014	1044	13	23
2015	1345	8	18
2016	1393	7	19
2017	978	10	10
2018	933	11	11

Other assignments for these officers include citizen complaints (speed/stop sign violators), school zone speed enforcement, parking violations (meter enforcement, abandoned vehicles etc...), impaired driving enforcement and the impoundment of unsafe vehicles to name a few.

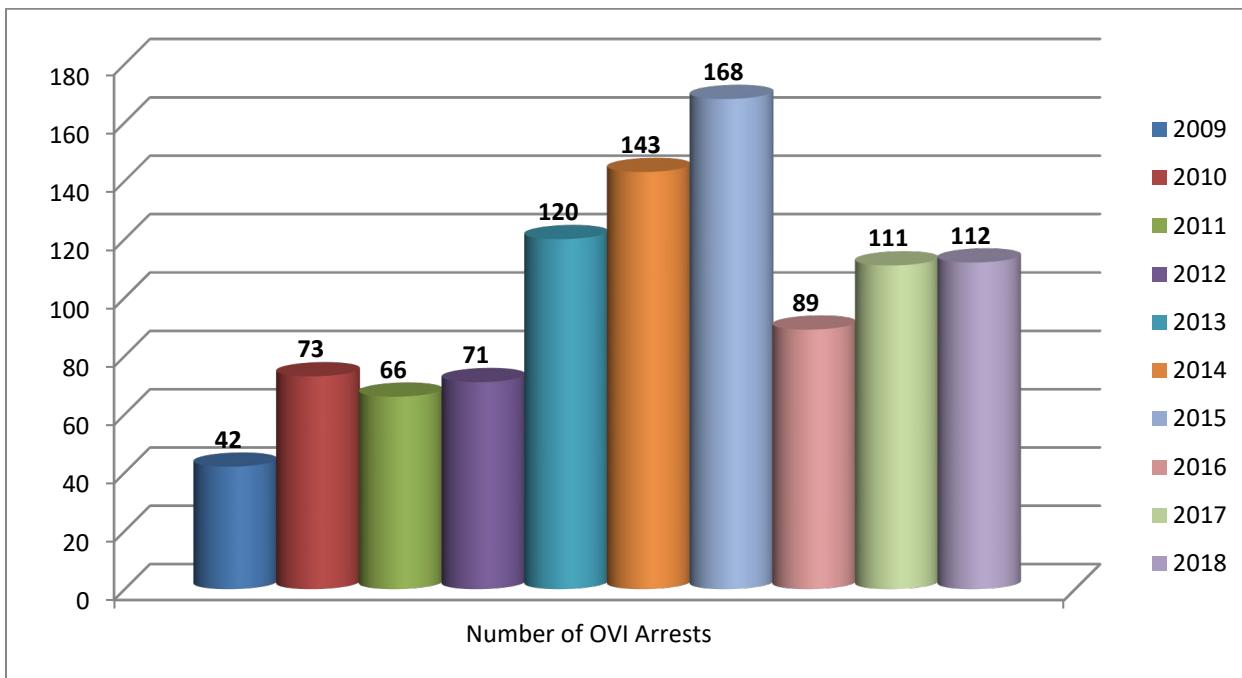
Selective enforcement strategies implemented and enforced by only those assigned to this bureau would not be sufficient in reducing the number of collisions. All Uniformed Cleveland Heights Police Officers are actively involved in traffic enforcement. See chart below.

## Ticket Totals



	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Speed Totals	5257	3621	4506	6385	8212	11933	9586	6471	5777
Mover Totals	12230	9568	7711	9793	13031	15342	9999	6810	11717
Parking Totals	30108	32636	27453	30895	33388	34640	29221	32589	22722

OVI enforcement totals for the previous nine years.



In 2018 CHPD was the recipient of Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award presented by AAA. This is the second year in a row that the Police Department has received this prestigious award. The Platinum Award, AAA's highest honor, is given to "Commendable Leaders" for their safety efforts and enforcement activities geared towards making communities safer. Cleveland Heights was among the sixteen Northeast Ohio Police Departments to be honored with the Platinum Award for outstanding efforts in making the City's roadways safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.



## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

In 2018 the Detective Bureau was under the command of Captain Christopher Britton and Sgt. David Speece. The Bureau is divided into two platoons with four general duty detectives assigned to each. Detectives work an eight hour schedule, Monday – Friday with two Detectives “on call” during weekend and holiday hours. Platoons rotate as a unit each month and are assigned either the 0800-1600 or the 1600-0000 shift.

The Detective Bureau investigates felony and serious misdemeanor cases primarily forwarded to them from the Uniform Division. In 2018 the Bureau investigated a total of 424 felony and misdemeanor cases. Each Detective averages 60 cases per year and on average, clears 50.7% of those cases with an arrest or some type of criminal prosecution.

Detective Diane Hoynes retired in 2018 after 40 years of service and Detective Falisa Berry was appointed to fill her position as the Juvenile Detective. Detective Berry is assigned to investigate criminal cases involving juveniles. She is responsible for the filing of the proper paperwork with the Juvenile Court and to coordinate with the Cleveland Heights Police Department’s Diversion program.

Chart #1 shows the Part I Crimes reported to the FBI on a yearly basis. In 2018 there were 94 violent crimes (Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault) reported, compared to 131 similar crimes reported in 2017. This represents a decrease in 28.2% in violent crime last year.

Chart #1 shows the Uniform Crime Reporting Data for the past eight years. Chart #2 shows the clearance rates of CHPD for the years 2011 through 2018. Charts 3,4,5, 6, 7 and 8 show the clearance rates of Cleveland Heights versus the national average of department in our size classification. In Chart 8, the UCR comparison rates for 2018 were not available, so clearance rates for CHPD only are displayed. CHPD clearance rates are consistently higher or on par with the national average for all categories.

---

## 2011 – 2018 Uniform Crime Reporting Data

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
2011	1	7	102	33	318	1051	100	0
2012	0	14	113	50	320	1359	83	7
2013	2	6	97	42	255	1236	78	4
2014	2	10	55	37	187	923	116	2
2015	3	8	53	33	128	826	90	1
2016	3	9	83	55	117	783	98	4
2017	2	16	79	34	125	659	99	1
2018	3	12	48	31	63	552	95	4

Chart #1

Violent crimes encompass Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assaualts.

Total number of violent crimes in 2017 = 131

Total number of violent crimes in 2018 = 94

Percent change from 2017 to 2018

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{Violent Crime}_2 - \text{Violent Crime}_1}{\text{Violent Crime}_1} \times 100 \\
 &= \frac{94 - 131}{131} \times 100 \\
 &= \underline{\underline{-28.2\%}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2011 - 2017 Uniform Crime Clearance<sup>1</sup> Rates for Cleveland Heights

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
2011	100%	71.4%	55.8%	60.1%	21%	27.6%	12%	66%
2012	-	85.7%	56.6%	94%	25.6%	24.5%	12.0%	57.1%
2013	100%	100%	54.6%	97.6%	30.1%	24.8%	23%	75%
2014	100%	100%	52.7%	89.1%	31.5%	23.1%	23.2%	100%
2015	100%	100%	47.1%	90.9%	31.2%	19.7%	11.1%	100%
2016	67%	100%	53.5%	81.4%	22.2%	16.9%	16.3%	25%
2017	100%	81.2%	31.6%	82.3%	22%	17.4%	7%	0%
2018	67%	58%	52%	87%	13%	14%	12%	25%

Chart #2

---

## 2012 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	-	85.7%	56.6%	94%	25.6%	24.6%	12.0%	57.1%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	67.6%	35.2%	33.2%	59.3%	13.6%	26.8%	14.2%	22.3%

Chart #3

---

## 2013 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	54.6%	97.6%	30.1%	24.8%	23%	75%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	65.2%	37.2%	33.4%	59.8%	14.3%	27.3%	15.4%	23.7%

CHART #4

---

## 2014 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	52.7%	86.5%	31.6%	23.1%	23.3%	100%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	67.7%	40.8%	34.4%	58.8%	14.1%	27.9%	15.5%	25.2%

CHART #5

## 2015 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	47.2%	87.9%	29.7%	19.7%	10.0%	100%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	64.4%	34.9%	33.2%	56.9%	13.6%	27%	14.8%	23.3%

CHART #6

## 2016 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	67%	100%	53.5%	81.4%	22.2%	16.9%	16.3%	25%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	61.7%	32.1%	33.9%	55.3%	13.6%	25.7%	14.9%	24.1%

CHART #7

## 2017 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	81.2%	31.6%	82.3%	22%	17.4%	7.1%	0%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	63.5%	32.0%	34.1%	56.0%	14.5%	24.5%	15.4%	23.9%

Chart #8

<sup>1</sup> **UCR Closure Criteria** - Law enforcement agencies can clear, or “close,” offenses in one of two ways, either by arrest or by exceptional means. To clear an offense within the UCR Program’s guidelines, the agency must adhere to specific criteria.

- **Cleared by Arrest** - In the UCR Program, a law enforcement agency reports that an offense is cleared by arrest, or solved for crime reporting purposes, when three specific conditions have been met. The three conditions are that at least one person has been (i) arrested; (ii) charged with the commission of the offense; and (iii) turned over to the court for prosecution.
- **Cleared by Exceptional Means** - In certain situations, elements beyond law enforcement’s control prevent the agency from arresting and formally charging the offender. When this occurs, the agency can clear the offense exceptionally. Law enforcement agencies must meet the following four conditions in order to clear an offense by exceptional means. The agency must have (i) identified the offender; (ii) gathered enough evidence to support an arrest, charge, and prosecution; (iii) identified the offender’s location; and (iv) encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender. One example would be the death of the offender, such as a murder-suicide, where the offender was known to have committed a murder and subsequently committed suicide before being charged and prosecuted.

<sup>2</sup> **Similar Sized Reporting Agencies** - Agencies with total population of 25,000 - 49,999.

<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr-statistics-their-proper-use>

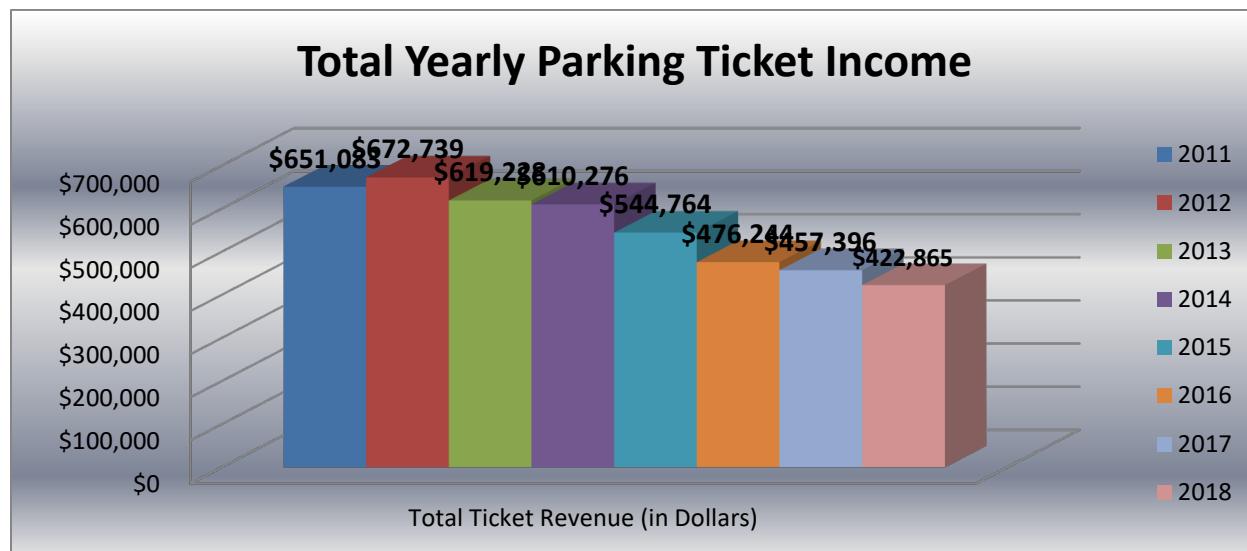
<sup>i</sup> As of 2-11-2019, the 2018 FBI UCR Data Report is unpublished. Data will be updated upon receipt from FBI.

---

# Auxiliary Services Bureau

In 2018, for the first six month the Auxiliary Services Bureau was under the command of Captain Katherine Dolan. In July 2018 Captain Jeremy Young assumed this position. In this position, Captain Young supervises Animal Control, Records/Data Entry personnel, and the Terminal Agency Coordinator. In addition, Captain Young oversees the Juvenile Diversion Unit, Signs and Signals, and the Fleet Maintenance Unit (in conjunction with Public Works) which are outlined under the *Specialized Unit* section found later in this report. Captain Young also acts as the liaison between the Police Department and the Heights Hillcrest Communication Center.

The Records/Data Entry Unit is staffed by three full time personnel and one permanent part time person. Personnel in this unit are responsible for the processing of all police reports, approximately 8,500 annually, requests for public records and parking violation data input. In 2018, approximately 30,100 parking tickets were issued. Income totaled \$422,865. Personnel further coordinate with the Municipal Court in processing delinquent parking tickets and also establish the monthly delinquent tow list. By ordinance, those vehicles with three or more outstanding parking citations, can be towed if found within the Municipality.



Animal Control is staffed with one Basic Patrol Officer. In 2018 animal complaints included 155 Found Animals, 1034 Miscellaneous Animal Complaints (includes Barking Dogs), 49 Animal Complaints involving Deer and 21 Animal Bites for a total of 1259 calls for service. Uniform Division personnel handle the majority of these cases with the officer assigned to this unit handling the more serious incidents, along with follow up investigation, such as dog bites and animal cruelty cases. In addition to his duties, this officer also assists M.I.S. personnel in the development and maintenance of the Departments CAD/RMS and the in car computers (MDTs).

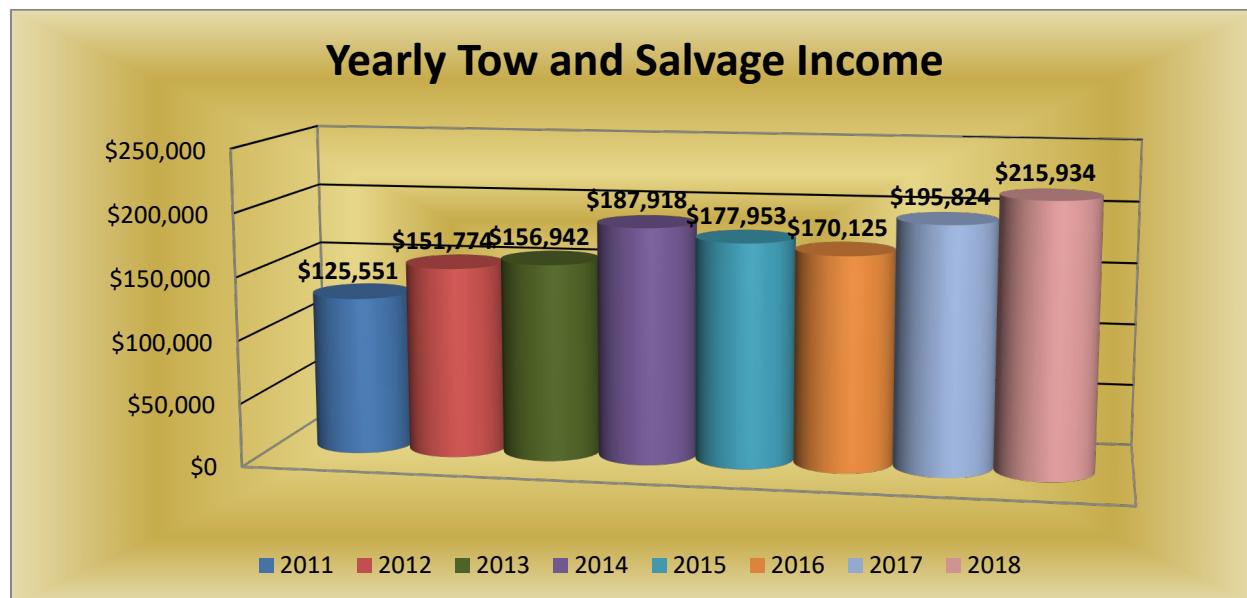
The Terminal Agency Coordinator position is held by Basic Patrol Officer Diana Taylor, a 27 year veteran of the force. As TAC, Officer Taylor is responsible for assuring

compliance with LEADS standards in the operation of LEADS approved equipment. LEADS, or the Law Enforcement Automated Data System, is the computer network housing all information that law enforcement officers have access to while completing their official duties.

Overall security of the LEADS system falls to the Ohio Highway Patrol. The TAC is directly responsible to the agency administrator for the operation and security of the LEADS system. The TAC is also responsible for training and certification of all police personnel having access to LEADS.

Under her direction, CHPD received outstanding results from the LEADS annual audit and also the technical audit performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Police Department also works closely with Public Works regarding the impounding of motor vehicles. Vehicles are impounded for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, parking violations, arrests, accidents, and unpaid parking tickets. Motor vehicles that are not claimed after a specified length of time despite proper notification are then salvaged. Below is a chart showing the income generated as a result of vehicles impounded and salvaged.



# SPECIALIZED UNITS



Safety Forces Night Out August 7, 2018.

## Community Response Team (CRT)

The Community Response Team is a unit comprised of a uniformed Sergeant and 7 uniformed officers. Six of these officers comprise the Cleveland Heights Police Department Bike Patrol. The Sergeant in Charge of the CRT reports directly to the Chief of Police for assignments and to report progress on the unit's current initiatives. In early 2018, the Community Response Team added several additional officers to the unit to continue to expand its outreach to the community.

The following are activities that the CRT provides directly to Cleveland Heights Residents.

- Provide services and support to the youth of Cleveland Heights through participation in school programs such as assemblies, school classroom visits, Safety Town activities, bicycle safety programs and other activities associated with the schools and other organizations.
- Utilize the resources of the CHPD such as Bike Patrol Officers, K-9 units and other units in order to accomplish their current assignment.
- Communication with neighborhood association leaders in the city.

- Participation in neighborhood meetings.
- Provide a direct person contact within the Police Department for these associations.
- Participation in weekly “Meet Your Police” meetings.
- Responsible for the completion of all Citizen/Police Interaction forms (#2174)
- Provide a direct contact person in the Police Department for business owners/representatives within the City. One officer assigned as Business Liaison Officer-Currently Investigator Quintero Mack.
- Meet with Special Improvement District (SIDS) representatives.
- Responsible for other community centered initiatives assigned by the Chief of Police.



2018 was another successful year for the Community Response Team. Over the course of the year, the CRT was able to increase the spectrum of our diverse community policing initiatives. We were able to strengthen our relationships with Cleveland Heights Residents through the continuation of some very popular CRT programs, such as Safety Town, the Bicycle Patrol Officers, Coffee with a Cop, We are Noble, Shop with a Cop, Safety Forces Night Out and ALICE Training. We were also able to build new relationships and services to the Community through the creation of new programs and services.

In 2018 the Community Response Team continued providing our popular and successful Community Policing Initiatives. Six Officers were assigned to the CRT from the CHPD's Bicycle Patrol. The Bike Unit officers had another very successful year, patrolling on bikes from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the Sep 30<sup>th</sup>. The main areas of patrol are the city parks, business districts, and residential side streets. The Bike Officers also attend and perform community outreach at Bike Rodeos, Summer Camp programs, block parties, street fairs, block watch meetings, instruct at Safety Town, and advise residents on Crime Prevention and Awareness tips. Bike officers are responsible for citing and arresting offenders committing offenses in our city parks, pools and green spaces. Bike Officers also provide additional security at Cain Park for Arts Festivals, Concerts, Coventry Peace Park Movie nights, and have a presence at each of the Special Investment Districts Street Fairs.

CRT Officers also conduct monthly seminars at the senior citizens center, and attend Block Association meetings to advise residents on crime trends in Cleveland Heights. CRT Officers had an activity filled year. ALICE Training continued throughout the CH/UH school year. An acronym, standing for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate, is a training program designed to prepare individuals to handle the threat of an active shooter. Several Officers assigned to the CRT are qualified as ALICE instructors, and training programs were conducted at various schools throughout the City of Cleveland Heights. In addition to the schools, CRT will begin expanding ALICE training to other groups including area churches and City Hall.

Started in 2011, CRT officers continued to chair all weekly "Meet Your Police" meetings. Meetings are held each Thursday in the lower level of City Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm. Since February of 2014, the first meeting of each month is held at the Police Academy located at 2595 Noble Rd. Issues discussed include juvenile complaints, drug activity, traffic safety, housing violations, roadway conditions, animal complaints and current events to name a few. All issues addressed at the meetings are documented and forwarded to the Chief of Police who directs the complaint to the proper City Department for action. Residents are notified of the final disposition.

The CRT participated for the eighth year in the Shop with a Cop program, sponsoring families to buy presents at Christmas. In 2018 we were able to purchase gifts for eight children over the Holiday season. The CRT will continue to strive to provide excellence in community policing, and look forward to serving our residents in 2019.



Investigator Quintero Mack joining the kids during gym class at Roxboro Elementary School.



CHPD Officers at Shop with a Cop in 2018.



Officer Tyler Freeman visiting with one of our younger residents while out on patrol

In 2018, CHPD participated for the fifth year in a row in the community event “National Night Out.” Again we were joined by the Cleveland Heights Fire Department. As a result, the event was even more successful and the turnout was incredible.





Officers Psepolschi and Williams at the Cedar and Fairmount Candy Crawl.

## **K9 Unit**

Currently the PD has only one K9, Jax, and his human handler is Inv. Thomas Harris. Throughout the year, Inv. Harris and Jax attended many community events including visits to schools and Safety Forces Night Out. They also were more than willing to engage with the Community at a moment's notice as seen in the picture below. In December, Jax passed his state certification exam without any difficulty. Due to the success of our K9 Unit, the Police Department is exploring the possibility of expanding the Unit in 2019.



# **CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM (CST)**

The Crime Suppression Team is a flexible unit responsible for responding to criminal activity within the City, based on crime pattern information and crime trends as identified by C.H.P.D. analysis. As an example, CST investigations have been focused on residential burglaries. Undercover details, arrests and relentless follow up investigations have resulted in a dramatic drop in the number of reported burglaries since 2011 (see UCR Table). In 2018, the City experienced their lowest number of reported burglaries, 63, in the past eight years. This was nearly a 50% decrease in burglaries compared to 2017. Similar results can be seen in the area of robberies which are also investigated by this unit in conjunction with the Detective Bureau. Officers assigned to CST work in “plain clothes” utilizing non-descript undercover vehicles.

The Crime Suppression Team is staffed by Sergeant Christopher Skok, three detectives and one Basic Patrol Officer. Since January 2012, the team has executed over 150 search warrants, seized over \$700,000 in currency, numerous weapons to include assault rifles and large amounts of illegal narcotics. The 72 arrests made in 2018 were primarily felony arrests involving illegal narcotics, weapons and crimes of violence. Members work closely with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, DEA, CPD and surrounding local police departments.

## **2018 Statistics**

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED	32	24	27	21	22	17
ARRESTS BY CST	59	108	85	76	85	72
HANDGUNS SEIZED	15	11	10	9	18	21
SHOTGUNS SEIZED	2	1	0	2	0	0
ASSAULT RIFLES SEIZED	3	3	0	2	0	0
VEHICLES SEIZED	1	2	4	0	1	2
CURRENCY SEIZED	\$332,679	\$71,306	\$58,354	\$161,171	\$67,346	\$75,971
JEWLERY SEIZED				\$500,000		
MARIJUANA	11.8 lbs	19.8 lbs	84.5 lbs	74.0 lbs	58.8 lbs	6.3 lbs
COCAINE	3205.6g	316.0 gm	212.0 gm	204 gm	399.4 gm	369 gm
HEROIN	182.0 gm	37.0 gm	52.0 gm	2 gm	282.7 gm	12 gm
HEROIN BINDLES				76 Bndls	0	0
FENTANYL-Powder				2.2 lb	11 gm	6 gm
FENTANYL-Pill				969 pill	0	0
A total of 179 Search Warrants have been executed since the establishment of the Crime Suppression Team, January 1, 2012						

## **EASTSIDE DEPARTMENTS GROUP ENFORCEMENT(EDGE)**

### **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICE (SWAT)**

The Eastside Departments Group Enforcement (EDGE) consists of six communities: Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, and University Heights.

All SWAT members have successfully completed a Basic SWAT school through the Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) or through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Ongoing training occurs monthly for all members. Currently there ten Officers from CHPD on the EDGE SWAT team. In addition to monthly training, members attend additional training as required.

### **MOBILE FIELD FORCE (MFF)**

In 2016 CHPD joined several other eastside Police Departments to form a regional Mobile Field Force Unit. The MFF is comprised of 40 officers from the six departments, seven of which are from Cleveland Heights. Members are required to train one a month as a unit. The unit received its initial training through FEMA in Anniston, Alabama. Since their formation, the unit continues to train on a monthly basis.

### **ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT (AIU)**

The AIU was established in mid-January 2018 and is comprised of nine members, two of which are from Cleveland Heights. The unit trains once per month. In 2018, the AIU responded to six accident scenes: three times for fatal accidents and three times for non-fatalities scenes to assist in taking measurements and diagramming the scene. One of the biggest benefits of these unit is cost savings, both in personnel and equipment costs associated with investigating serious accidents and fatalities.

# Juvenile Diversion

On January 21, 2014, the establishment of the Juvenile Diversion/ Mentoring Program was authorized by Cleveland Heights City Council. It was hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and security of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to establish this program so that juveniles may be assisted without undue delay.

## Mission Statement

*Our mission, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas- Juvenile Division is to provide an effective comprehensive alternative to status / unruly and first-time offenders. The program will provide an opportunity for the child along with his/her family to correct self-defeating, life altering behaviors in lieu of an official referral to the juvenile court system*

## Objectives

- ▶ To re-direct juvenile offenders from delinquent or anti-social behavior
- ▶ To reduce the recidivism rates of juvenile offenders within the City of Cleveland Heights and surrounding suburbs
- ▶ To decrease the risk factors associated with delinquent behaviors
- ▶ Strengthen and support families through increased parental involvement

## Criteria

- ▶ Cleveland Heights arrest or referral from CCJCD
- ▶ Offense committed within the city limits of Cleveland Heights and/or resident within the city limits of Cleveland Heights
- ▶ First time offender
- ▶ Non-violent offender
- ▶ Must take full responsibility for offense
- ▶ Parent/ Guardian participation
- ▶ Signed consent form

## How Community Diversion Works

### City of Cleveland Heights County

### Cuyahoga



The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court refers eligible candidates for diversion to an appropriate diversion program. In cases where community diversion is deemed appropriate, eligible candidates will be referred to the community diversion program either where they reside or where the offense occurred.

Once the court has referred a child to a community diversion program, the program will contact the parents and child, either by mail or by telephone to inform them that their child is eligible to participate in the community's diversion program, as an alternative to official court action.

The Community Diversion Program is a twelve-month program. Participation commences with a hearing before the community diversion program's volunteer magistrate during which appropriate sanctions or services are determined. Participants must complete the sanctions and follow through with services determined at the hearing. In addition, children must not re-offend within the twelve months following the hearing. Failure to complete sanctions and other program requirements or to abide by program rules will result in termination from the program. Termination from the program may include an official referral to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court for the original offense.

Participation in any community diversion program is voluntary. No child will be permitted to participate without parental or guardian consent. Parents are required to participate; at least one parent must attend the diversion hearing with the child.

The contract between Juvenile Court and the City of Cleveland Heights to develop and implement the program commenced on March 1, 2017. The program is

funded by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division. The City receives \$700/month for program activities.

Detective Falisa Berry of the Cleveland Heights Police Department continues to serve as the program coordinator. Detective Berry was previously assigned to the patrol division. She serves as the group facilitator for the participants of the Cleveland Heights community 'Diversion Program.'

The Diversion Program has continued to invite guests and mentors with whom participants can readily identify through ethnicity, race, plight or other circumstances. The exposure to these elite individuals increases the focus and attention during the weekly discussions.

## 2018 Statistics

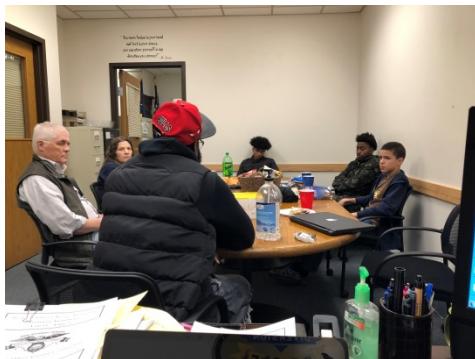
Mailed Letters returned	Cases returned to Juv. Ct.	Expected for 1st quarter of 2019	Currently in the program	Complete
10	6	20	5	16

The Diversion Program continues to partner with the following agencies as we move forward in meeting our goals:

McKeon Education Group

Bellfaire JCB

Lake Erie Ink



## Police Academy



The Cleveland Heights Police Academy, commissioned by the Ohio Attorney General in 1973, completed its 45th year of operation in 2018. Captain Geoffrey Barnard is the Commander of the Police Academy. Over 3,000 police officers from more than 130 police departments have graduated from the Academy during this period. The Academy has continually ranked with one of the highest State test scores of any academy in the state.

In addition to training police officers, the fifth Citizens Police Academy graduated in 2018. Due to its success, a sixth Citizens Police Academy is planned for 2019. Residents who attend the Citizens Police Academy are exposed to a wide variety of specialized police skill areas including:

Ohio criminal law  
Search and seizure  
Drug investigations  
Traffic enforcement

Civil liability  
Search warrants  
Self-defense techniques  
Domestic violence

Laws of arrest  
Criminal investigation  
Patrol techniques  
OVI

## SWAT tactics

## K-9 handling

## Forensic analysis



Citizen's Police Academy Class of 2018.

The Cleveland Heights Police Academy continued to be an excellent example of community policing with its students continuing to be a positive, energetic influence in the Noble neighborhood. Additionally in 2018, the Academy continued to host Noble Neighborhood association meetings, Meet Your Police Meetings and is now the meeting place for the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

In addition to his duties as Academy Commander, Captain Barnard is currently the Jail Administrator. Built in 1986, the Cleveland Heights Jail is a twelve day holding facility. A total of 2352 persons were booked into the jail in 2018. All adults arrested and processed are held until they post bond, are sentenced or are transferred to a longer term facility. The jail has the capacity to hold 12 adult inmates and consists of two female cells, eight male cells, two holding cells and one detox cell. Juvenile offenders are not held in the jail facility but are required to be separate from adult inmates in both sight and sound. As such, all juveniles brought into CHPD custody are held in the Roll Call Room under direct supervision by the arresting officer.

In 2018, the first Cleveland Heights Police Youth Academy was held from August 6<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 youth who participated and ranged in age from 12-16. The kids were instructed by several officers from the PD and were instructed in such topics as Bike Patrol, Evidence Processing, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure and SWAT/Bomb Squad/K9. The feedback from both the kids that participated and their parents was very positive and many expressed interest in sending their kids to next year's youth academy.

There was no cost for the kids to attend the academy and they were provided lunch everyday which gave them the opportunity to get to know many of the officers on the Police Department. The program was open to all kids that reside in Cleveland Heights or attend one of the schools located within the City.



# **Continued Professional Training**

In 2018 the State of Ohio did not require any mandatory Continued Professional Training for Police Officers. However, CHPD will continue to train its Police Officers above and beyond what is required by exploring and implementing training programs for our Police Officers.

Members of the Department received extensive training in many different fields of study. The following is a list of topics studied by CHPD personnel in 2018:

- Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy
- Interacting with & De-escalating Special Needs Population
- Computer Data Recovery
- Active Shooter Preparation
- Search Warrant Preparation and Execution
- Patrol Drug Operations
- Conducting Background Investigations
- Reid Technique for Interviewing
- Mid-level Management
- Hazmat & WMD Awareness for the First Responder
- Combat Marksmanship
- Great Lakes Leadership Seminar
- Internal Investigations
- Evidence Technician
- Less lethal munitions
- Modern Report Writing
- Police Training Officer (train the trainer)
- Basic Crime Scene
- Special Needs Population and LE
- Critical Survival Skills for LE
- Firearms Instructor
- Traffic Collision – Vehicle Dynamics
- Internet Investigations
- Latent Print development
- Sexual Assault Investigations.
- Cross Culture Communications
- Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement
- Internet Investigations
- Bias Crimes Investigations
- Fraudulent Documentation Investigation
- Drug ID and Field Testing
- BAC Data Master Senior Operator (Alcohol Testing Equipment – OVI cases)
- Arrest – Search and Seizure
- Physical Fitness Specialist
- Radar/Lidar Instructor
- Warrant Service/Tactical Team Training
- Police Executive & Administrative Leadership School
- Palm Print Comparisons
- Advanced SWAT Training
- Human Relations
- Core Criminal Investigation
- Heroin Epidemic
- Hostage Negotiations – Advanced
- Procedural Justice
- Domestic Terrorism
- Interacting with the Muslim Population
- Survival Spanish
- Suicide Intervention
- Patrol Drug Operations

# **CHPD Bomb Squad**

Members of the Bomb Squad are assigned to the unit as a secondary assignment. Sgt. Michael Meilstrup of the Uniform Division is the Bomb Squad Commander. Det. Michael Mathis of the Detective Bureau is also a member of the unit. Both Officers are also classified as Certified Bomb Technicians. In 2018, the Police Department assed three new Officers who are classified as Bomb Technician Assistants: Robert McKeown, Matthew Gerstenfeld, and Michael Hill. The bomb tech assistants perform many important tasks such as operating the x ray equipment, equipment maintenance, and providing assistance to the technicians during bomb callouts.

The unit is fully equipped with all equipment necessary equipment including a bomb robot, bomb disposal equipment and a bomb squad truck. In 2018 the Department continued the relationship with Shaker and University Hts. P.D. for the sharing of services with regards to the Bomb Squad. Shaker provided a bomb sniffing dog while University Hts. provided extra man power when needed. In 2019, the Bomb Squad is looking to expand through EDGE by adding members for neighboring Police Departments.

All members of the Bomb Squad participate in yearly training courses and exercises.



# **CHPD HONOR GUARD**

*“Honor-Respect-Service”*

The Cleveland Heights Honor Guard unit is comprised of volunteer members of the Police Department and is headed by Inv. Michael Mathis, Corporal of the Guard. The unit is activated for memorial events, funerals, parades and other formal occasions. Other Cleveland Heights Police Officers who comprise the Honor Guard include: Inv. Matthew Lasker; Officer Thomas Rini; Officer Sean Hinkle; and Officer Dallas Guyton. Due to some openings that came about in 2018, the unit will look to expand its membership in 2019.



# **Signs & Signals**

Staffed by a sign maker, the Signs and Signals Unit is housed in the 1418 Warrensville Center building. Responsibilities of the sign maker include the manufacture, repair and installation of traffic control and other signs throughout the City. Additionally, this employee programs school lights and completes minor repairs to traffic signals and pedestrian crossing signals. The lettering of all City owned vehicles is also this employee's responsibility.

2018 continued to see the sharing of services with the Shaker P.D. traffic signal unit. Their unit has completed some signal repair work in Cleveland Heights while we have supplied them with some traffic control signs and signs advertising special events within their city. This has proven to be cost savings for both cities involved. Other traffic signal repairs are performed by an outside contractor.

# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

| On March 9, 2018, the Cleveland Heights Police Department achieved Provisional Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification status on Policy Standard 3 (Community Engagement) and Policy Standard 4 (Body Worn Cameras). For Standard 5, Telecommunicator Training, we were granted a waiver due to the fact that our dispatch center has regionalized and is no longer under our direct supervision. In 2017 the Police Department was awarded Final Certification for our compliance with current standards. This years' provisional certification is designed to serve as a reminder of Cleveland Heights' commitment to law enforcement and community it serves. In three years, the PD can expect an onsite review from an assessor which will cover the standards noted above plus future standards our agency has complied with.

The Ohio Collaborative, a 12-person panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders from throughout the state, established the first set of state standards – for the first time in Ohio's history – on August 18, 2015. These standards will hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations.



In 2018 the Police Department was the recipient of two awards presented by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for our commitment to supporting employees serving in the military reserves. The ESGR, a Department of Defense program, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers. The first in ESGR's series of awards is the Patriot Award. Patriot Awards are given to individual supervisors for their efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures, including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absences if needed. The second series of awards is the Pro Patria Award which is presented annually by each ESGR State Committee to one small, one large, and one public sector employer in their state or territory. This is the highest level award that may be bestowed by an ESGR State Committee.



## **Additional highlights from 2018 include:**

- 5th annual Community Safety Night in conjunction with National Night Out.in August 2018
- 5th Citizen Police Academy completed. September 2018
- Formation of the Citizens Academy Alumni Association. October 2015
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Police Academy
- 8th year participation with “Shop With a Cop” event.
- CHPD Facebook page reaches over 7800 followers
- Upgrades to business district camera program continues.
- Continued “ALICE” training in public and private schools, City Hall, and churches
- Participation in numerous block parties, neighborhood meetings, school programs
- Continued extensive training for all Departmental personnel
- Mentoring program teamed up with The Pyramid Institute to develop and implement dynamic programming focused on at-risk young ladies
- Participation in Coffee with the Cops.
- Participation in “We Are Noble” Noblefest.
- Recipient of AAA’s highest honor, Platinum Award.
- Continued Regionalization with Dispatch Center – HHCC, EDGE SWAT, EDGE MFF, EDGE AIU, and Bomb Squad
- Recipient of Patriotic Employer Award and Freedom Award
- Continued participation in Ohio Collaborative
- Installation of first License Plate Reader
-