

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 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.

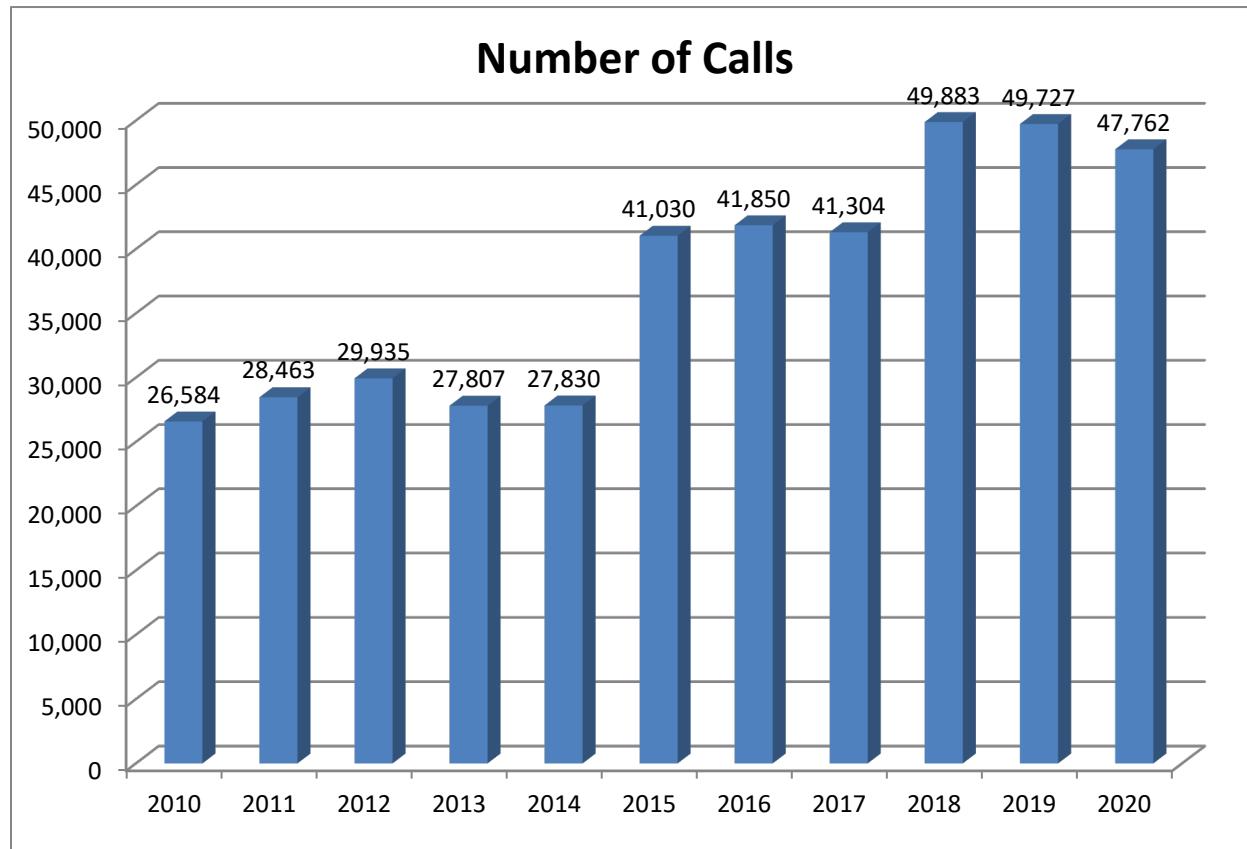
The following divisions, bureaus and specialized units of the Cleveland Heights Police Department are outlined as to their function and contribution to the fulfillment of the above long term goals during 2020.

# **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), and 9 Patrol Officers. 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 2020, Cleveland Heights Police were tasked with answering 47,762 calls for service which was lower than in 2019. 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 2010 - 2020**

**Calls for Service**  
**01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020**



911	421	BUSINESS WALK THRU	26
911 HANG UP	437	CALL BOX CALL	21
ABANDONED VEHICLE	138	CANCELLED	103
AGG ROBBERY	1	CHILD ABUSE-REPORTED	5
AIU CALLOUT	2	CHILD ENDANGERMENT	9
ALARM DROP	2409	CIVIL MATTER	136
ALARM DROP - BANK ALARM	5	COMPLAINTS-BUSINESS	2
ALARM DROP - STORM	9	COMPLAINTS-FIREWORKS	314
ALARM TEST	147	COMPLAINTS-GENERAL	111
ANIMAL - BITE	12	COMPLAINTS-JUVENILE	330
ANIMAL - DEER	108	COMPLAINTS-SOLICITOR	33
ANIMAL - FOUND	124	COPPS	1
ANIMAL - LOST	107	COUNCIL MAIL – DELIVERED	77
ANIMAL NEGLECT	37	COUNTERFEITING	2
ANIMAL WARDEN DISPATCHED	1	COURT	15
ANIMAL- MISC.	743	COURT ARREST	2
AREA CHECK	308	COVID COMPLAINT	46
ASSAULT	69	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	62
ASSAULT IN PROGRESS	5	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK	137
ASSIST-GENERAL	293	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	38
ASSIST-OTHER DEPT	242	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
ATTEMPT B & E - RESIDENCE	1	CROSSING GUARD DETAIL	128
ATTEMPT GT VEHICLE	2	CURFEW	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	9	CUSTODY DISPUTE	36
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	1	DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	3
AUTO TOWED	72	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	201
BAR CHECK	4	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	121
BARKING DOG	168	DEBRIS ON STREET	58
BIKE - THEFT	20	DEER KILL	6
BIKE CHECK	3	DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION	598
BOLO	121	DETAIL	257
BOMB CALLOUT	1	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	480
BOND	7	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE FIRE	3
BREAK & ENTER - IN PROGRES	21	DISORDERLY	36
BREAKING AND ENTERING	32	DISPUTE	156
BREATH TEST-OTHER AGENCY	1	DISTURBANCE	1536
BURGLARY	19	DOA AND BODY FOUND	39
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	5	DOMESTIC	74
BUSINESS CHECKS	247	DOMESTIC IN PROGRESS	10

DRUG INVESTIGATION	12	MFF CALL OUT	9
DRUG POSSESSION	1	MISSING JUVENILE	119
EQUIPMENT FAILURE/MALFUNCT	46	MISSING PERSON	38
ERRANDS	16	MUTUAL AID, GIVEN	22
ERRATIC DRIVER	255	MUTUAL AID, REQUESTED	33
ESCORT	278	MVA	813
FAMILY TROUBLE	148	MVA – DEER	5
FIGHT WITH WEAPONS	3	MVA - HIT SKIP	185
FIGHT- DISTURBANCE	54	MVA- SELF REPORTED	3
FIRE CALL - VEH FIRE	19	MVA-PEDESTRIAN	5
FIREWORKS	1	MVA-PEDESTRIAN SQUAD CALL	18
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	1157	MVA-PRIVATE PROPERTY	137
FOOT PATROL	5	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	121
FOUND PROPERTY	133	NOISE COMPLAINT	1249
FRAUD	194	NOTIFICATION	56
FRAUD IDENTITY THEFT	1	OFFICER BREAKS/LUNCH	8
FUEL	1	ON THE AIR	10
FUNERAL DETAIL	1	OPEN BURNING	3
GRAND THEFT	1	OPEN CONTAINER	3
HARASSING-COMMUNICATION	102	OPEN DOOR	89
HARASSMENT-GENERAL	35	OVERDOSE	11
HIGH WATER	1	OVI-OPERATE VEH UNDER INFL	3
HIT CONFIRMATION	1288	PARK DETAIL	12
HOUSE WATCH	270	PARKING COMPLAINT	848
IDENTITY THEFT	24	PARKING PERMISSION	30
ILLEGAL DUMPING	14	PARKING VIOLATION	343
INJURY TO OFFICER	15	PHONE MESSAGE	107
INJURY TO PERSON	1	PORTABLE	34
JAIL	11	POWER OUTAGE	3
JAIL-MEDICAL	1	PREMISE CHECK	373
JUVENILE-RUNAWAY	22	PRISONER CARE	53
K9-CALL OUT	23	PRISONER PICK UP	31
KIDNAPPING	1	PRISONER RELEASE	109
LASER	2	PRISONER TRANSPORT	132
LEADS – ENTRY	2613	PROBATE ORDER	17
LEADS - MISC.	56	PROPERTY – FOUND	49
LEADS – REMOVAL	2804	PROPERTY – LOST	130
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	465	PROPERTY - RELEASE	7
MENTAL SUBJECT	42	PROPERTY DAMAGE	11
PROT ORDER VIOL - IN PROGR	6	SWAT CALL OUT	12

<b>PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TECH TEAM CALLOUT</b>	<b>12</b>
PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION – PR	1	THEFT (MAJOR) IN PROGRESS	4
PUBLIC ASSIST	16	THEFT (PETTY) IN PROGRESS	29
PURSUIT	36	THEFT FROM AUTO	4
RAPE	3	THEFT FROM AUTO/ UNLOCKED	6
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY	3	THEFT FROM MAIL	1
RECORD CHECKS	4	THEFT-FREE TEXT	556
RECOVERED PROPERTY	34	THEFT/ LICENSE PLATE	1
REGISTRATION CHECK	81	THREATS	122
REPORT WRITING	17	THREATS IN PROGRESS	3
REPOSSESSION	229	TIME SERVED	10
ROAD CLOSED	59	TOW – RELEASE	5
ROAD HAZARD	120	TOW-AUTO TOW	138
ROBBERY	14	TRAFFIC ALTERCATION	19
SALT CREW NOTIFICATIONS	10	TRAFFIC ARREST / INVEST	2
SCHOOL BUS-LOAD/DISCHARGE	2	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	207
SCHOOL DETAIL	23	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	198
SEARCH WARRANT	15	TRAFFIC DETAIL	78
SERVICE DEPARTMENT	91	TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT	2
SEX OFFENSE	21	TRAFFIC STOP	11,496
SEX OFFENSE - IN PROGRESS	1	TRAINING	19
SHIFT CALL IN	856	TRAINING-RANGE	1
SHOPLIFTING	96	TRASH COMPLAINT	39
SHOPLIFTING IN PROGRESS	48	TREE DOWN	112
SHOTS FIRED	352	TRESPASSING	123
SICK CALL	43	UAS CALLOUT	3
SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	7	UNAUTHORIZED USE	71
SOLICITING	40	UNRULY JUVENILE	64
SOLON TRANSPORT	1	UNWANTED GUEST	337
SPECIAL ATTENTION	602	UTILITIES – PUBLIC	314
STOLEN VEHICLE	109	VANDALISM	20
SUBPOENA SERVED	78	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH	60
SUICIDE IN PROGRESS	8	VEHICLE TRESPASS	1
SUICIDE/SUICIDAL	89	WARRANT SERVICE-ARREST	111
SUSPICION	1279	WEAPONS OFFENSE	50
SUSPICIOUS DEVICE/PACKAGE	17	WELFARE CHECK	1043
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	559		
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	602	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,762</b>



**Cleveland Heights Police**  
**Animal Calls for Service 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020**

ANIMAL – BITES	12
ANIMAL – DEER	108
ANIMAL - FOUND	124
ANIMAL – LOST	107
ANIMAL – MISC.	743
ANIMAL – NEGLECT	37
BARKING DOG	168
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1299</u></b>

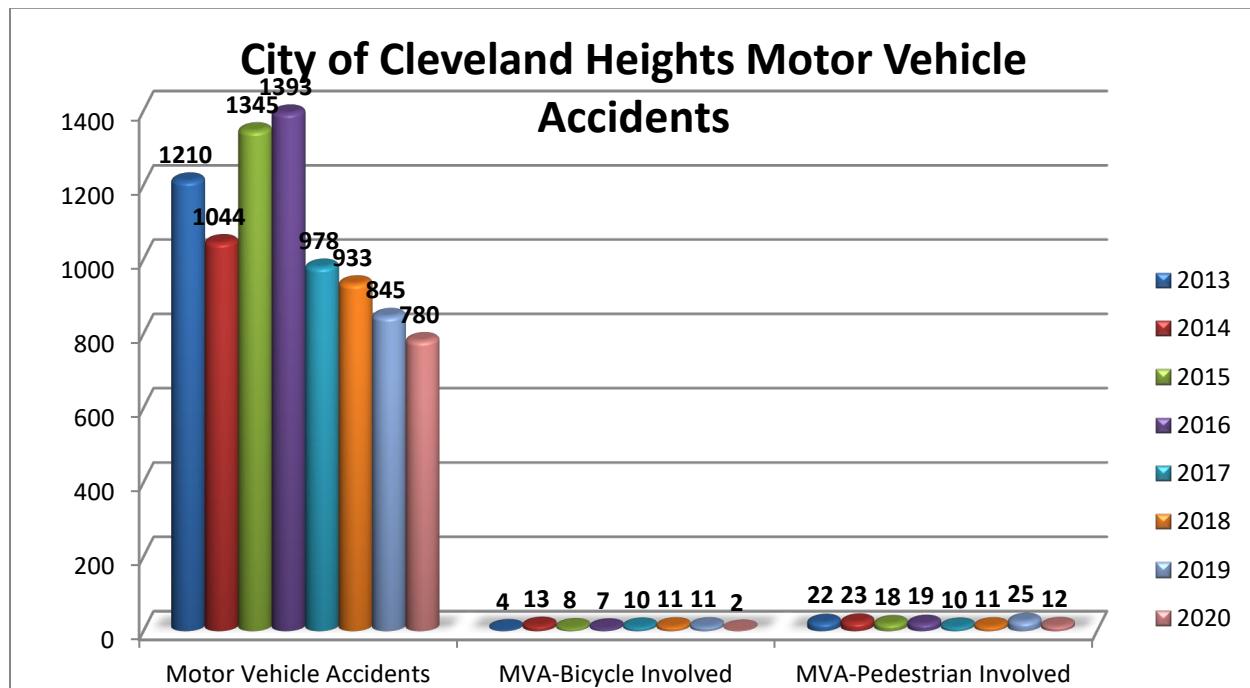
## **TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU**

In 2020 the supervisor of the Day Shift Traffic Safety Bureau was Sgt. Sean Corrigan. Traffic Safety personnel are assigned to either 7:00 am – 3:00 pm or 9:00 am – 5:00 pm seven days a week. Currently 1 Police Officer and 9 Basic Patrol Officers are assigned to the Day Traffic Bureau.

In 2020 the supervisor of the Night Shift Traffic Safety Bureau was Sgt. Matt Lasker. Traffic Safety personnel working the night shift are assigned 6:00 pm – 2:00 pm during the week and 7:00 pm – 3:00 am on the weekends. Currently 9 Basic Patrol Officers are assigned to the Night Traffic Bureau.

The Officers assigned to this Bureau perform a variety of duties including motorized patrol, foot patrols, A.L.I.C.E. training, participation in area school programs and community events. 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.

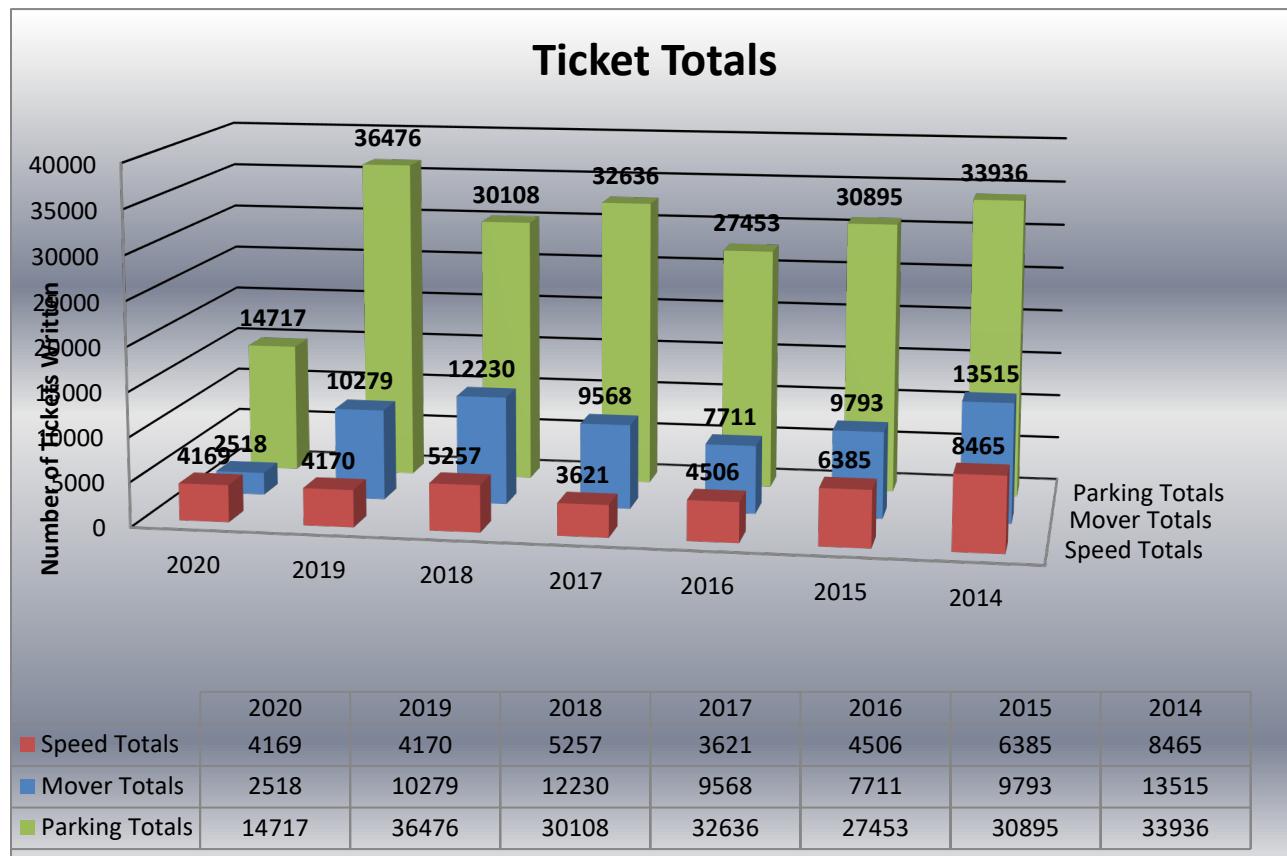
Although the investigation of traffic accidents falls to the Uniform Division personnel, the Traffic Bureau plays an important role in the reduction of traffic crashes. Traffic Officers have as their main responsibility traffic law enforcement while working under the principal of “selective enforcement”. 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.



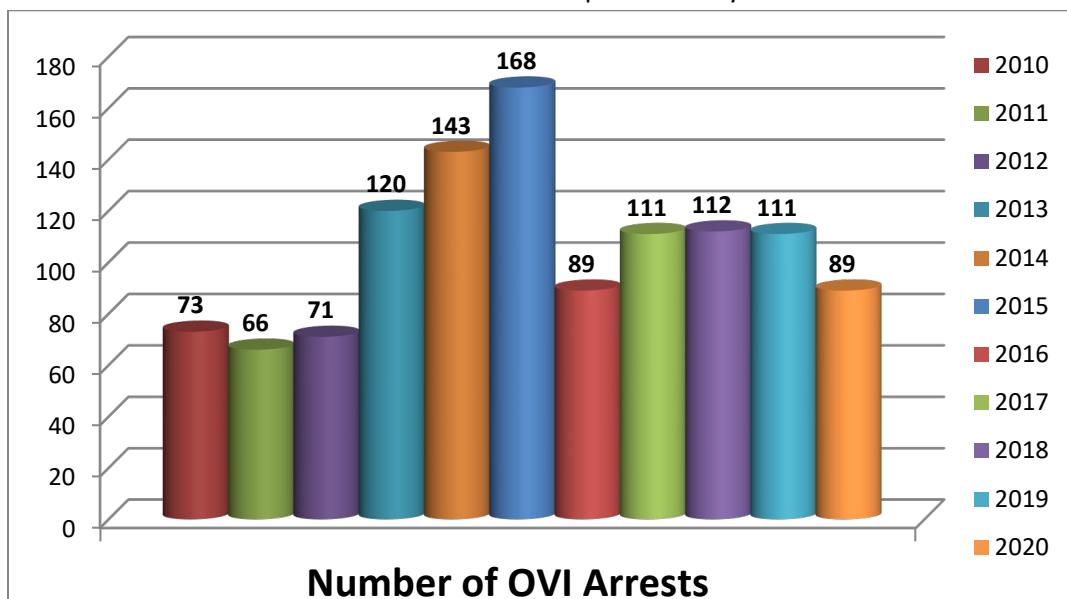
Year	Motor Vehicle Accidents	MVA-Bicycle Involved		MVA- Pedestrian Involved
		Involved	Involved	
2013	1210	4		22
2014	1044	13		23
2015	1345	8		18
2016	1393	7		19
2017	978	10		10
2018	933	11		11
2019	845	11		25
2020	780	2		12

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.



OVI enforcement for the past eleven years.



## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

In 2020 the Detective Bureau was under the command of Captain Jeremy Young and Sergeant David Speece. The Bureau is divided into two platoons with four general duty detectives assigned to each. In addition, three detectives are assigned to Federal Task Forces. 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 2020 the Bureau investigated a total of 495 felony and misdemeanor cases and 40.4% of those cases were closed with an arrest or some type of criminal prosecution. Among other duties, the Detective Bureau tracks statistics that are reported to Ohio and the Federal Government. Some of these statistics are represented below. New procedures have been implemented and our police department no longer submits UCR reports to the Federal government. The police department has switched to OIBRS (Ohio Incident Based Reporting System). The Federal government then receives their data from the Ohio report.

Detective Russell Toppin has been reassigned from working general detective cases to investigating criminal cases involving juveniles. He is responsible for the filing paperwork with the Juvenile Court is the coordinator for the Cleveland Heights Police Department's diversion program. Nineteen juveniles were offered diversion in 2020. Seven juveniles successfully completed the diversion program last year and five are still participating in the program. This program offers juveniles a way to keep a criminal charge from showing up on their record.

Chart 1 shows the number of UCR – Part 1 crimes reported from 2012 through 2020. Chart 2, 3, 4 and 5 shows the UCR – Part 1 crimes broken down per quarter for the past two years. It indicates crime trends, up and down, in three-month blocks. Chart 6 shows the clearance rates of CHPD for the years 2012 through 2020. Charts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 shows the clearance rates of Cleveland Heights versus the national average of department in our size classification. In Chart 15, the UCR comparison rates for 2020 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.

In 2020 Murders increased from 4 in 2019 to 6 last year. Overall however, the violent crime rate has dropped by 11.1% largely due to the large drop in robberies. Only 18 robberies occurred in 2020. That number was down from 38 robberies in 2019. The overall property crime statistic dropped by 20.1%. This drop is mostly due to the decrease in burglaries and larceny thefts. Vehicle thefts continued to rise over the past year from 67 in 2019 to 79 in 2020.

The Detective Bureau handled 495 cases last year. Each detective averages 55 cases per year and, on average, clears 40.4% of those cases with an arrest or some type of criminal prosecution. The detective bureau had a combined 307.6 years of experience

between its 15 members. That experience has dropped in 2021 due to retirements and personnel reassessments.

The Detective Bureau is also assigned background investigations for new hires. 19 background checks were completed by our seven certified background investigators. These investigators certify that all prospective employees meet or exceed the department's code of conduct and minimum qualifications. These detectives complete home visits, neighbor canvasses, social media investigations and voice stress tests to insure the we are hiring the best qualified people for the job of police officer.

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## 2011 – 2020 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
2019	4	6	38	23	109	521	67	2
2020	7	9	18	31	63	404	79	8

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CHART 1

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

Total number of violent crimes in 2019 = 72

Total number of violent crimes in 2020 = 64

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Percent change from 2019 to 2020} &= \frac{\text{Violent Crime}_2 - \text{Violent Crime}_1}{\text{Violent Crime}_1} \times 100 \\
 &= \frac{64 - 72}{72} \times 100 \\
 &= -11.1\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Property crimes encompass Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson.

Total number of property crimes in 2019 = 699

Total number of property crimes in 2020 = 554

Percent change from 2018 to 2019

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{Property Crime}_2 - \text{Property Crime}_1}{\text{Property Crime}_1} \times 100 \\
 &= \frac{554 - 699}{699} \times 100 \\
 &= -20.7\%
 \end{aligned}$$

### UCR Crime by Quarter

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
First Quarter 2019	1	1	6	6	23	92	14	1
First Quarter 2020	1	0	3	7	18	90	11	1

Date updated 1/21/2021

CHART 2

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
Second Quarter 2019	0	3	10	6	27	138	18	1
Second Quarter 2020	1	3	6	7	16	91	15	3

Date updated 1/21/2021

CHART 3

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
Third Quarter 2019	1	1	9	7	25	140	19	0
Third Quarter 2020	4	3	2	10	14	127	21	1

Date updated 1/21/2021

CHART 4

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
Fourth Quarter 2019	2	2	13	4	34	151	16	0
Fourth Quarter 2020	1	3	7	7	15	96	32	3

Date updated 1/21/2021

CHART 5

## 2011 - 2020 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	66.7%	58.3%	52.1%	87.1%	12.7%	14.5%	11.6%	25.0%
2019	100%	66.7%	36.8%	69.6%	12.8%	20.2%	13.4%	0%
2020	83.3%	66.7%	44.4%	54.8%	23.8%	16.6%	5.1%	50%

Updated: 1/21/2021

CHART 6

## 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 7

## 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%	30.2%	24.8%	23.1%	75.0%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	65.2%	37.2%	33.4%	59.8%	14.3%	27.3%	15.4%	23.7%

Chart 8

## 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 9

## 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 10

## 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 11

## 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 12

## 2018 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.	66.6%	58.3%	52.1%	87.1%	12.7%	14.5%	11.6%	25%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	66.7%	31.7%	34.7%	57.9%	15.1%	25.0%	15.6%	26.2%

CHART 13

## 2019 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%	57.1%	36.8%	69.6%	12.8%	20.2%	13.4%	0%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	58.2%	30.2%	34.5%	56.7%	15%	24.1%	15.6%	25.7%

CHART 14

## 2020 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.	83.3%	66.7%	44.40%	54.8%	23.8%	16.6%	5.1%	50.0%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	N/A <sup>3</sup>							

CHART 15

- **<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.

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

<sup>3</sup> As of 1/22/2021, the 2020 FBI UCR Data Report is unpublished. Preliminary data is available but clearance rates are not published.

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**Please Note:** Beginning in 2021, the FBI will be transitioning from the Summary Reporting System collection of the UCR Program to focus on the data collected through NIBRS – National Incident Based Reporting System. This will help to improve the nation's crime data through greater specificity of offenses. In addition to eliminating the Summary Reporting System Hierarchy Rule which collects only the most serious offense in an incident, NIBRS captures up to 10 offenses per incident and specifies more offense categories than SRS. In order to fully prepare to make this transition, the Police Department began the process of transitioning to the NIBRS based reporting in 2019. One of the most noticeable changes that can be seen in the 2019 crime stats involves the category of Burglary. Prior to 2019, this category only included the actual crime of burglary. However, beginning in 2019 and in all future years, the category of Burglary will also include the crime of Breaking & Entering. As a result of the addition of B & E to this category, there is a noticeable increase in the crime rate for this category. If each crime was examined separately and to put things in perspective, we had 51 Breaking & Enterings and 58 Burglaries, for a total of 109 crimes in the Burglary category in 2019. Compared to 2018, in which 63 burglaries were reported, we did experience a slight decrease in the sole crime of burglary in 2019.

In 2020, the crimes of Burglary and Breaking and Entering decreased drastically. In addition to the investigative work of Patrol Officers and Detectives in solving these cases, the decrease can also be attributed to the pandemic and the fact that many more people began working from home in 2020.

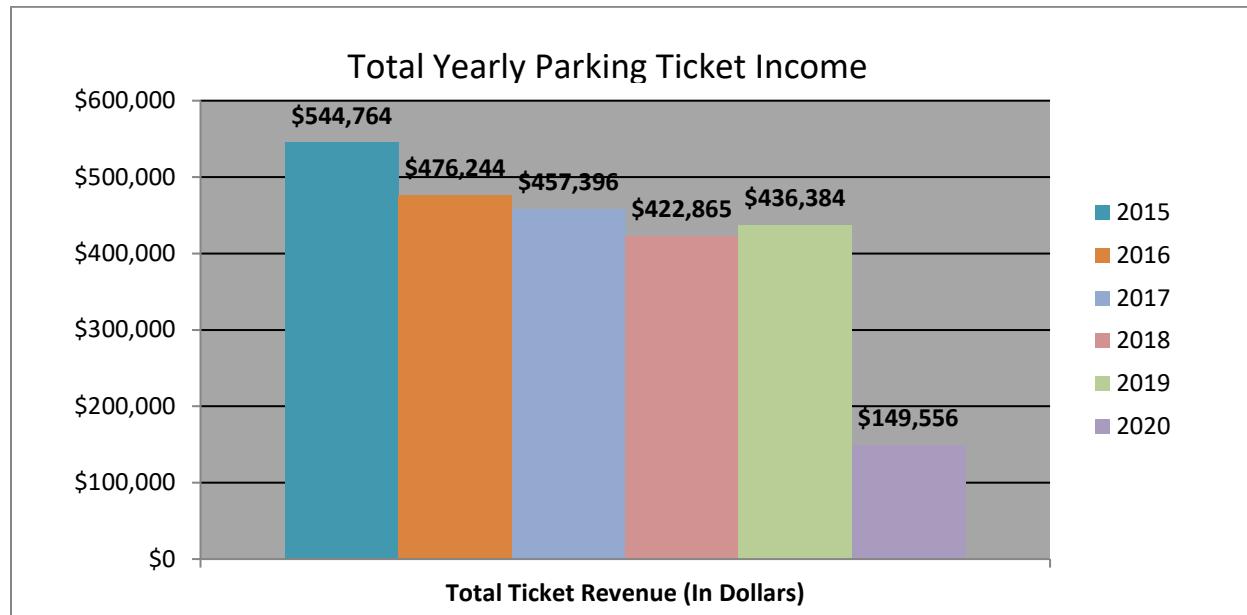
# Auxiliary Services Bureau

In 2020, the Auxiliary Services Bureau was under the command of Captain Martin Lentz. In this position, Captain Lentz supervises Animal Control, Records/Data Entry personnel, and the Terminal Agency Coordinator. In addition, Captain Lentz oversees the Fleet Maintenance Unit (in conjunction with Public Works). Captain Lentz also acts as the liaison between the Police Department and the Heights Hillcrest Communication Center.

The Records/Data Entry Unit was staffed by only two full time employees due to the pandemic. One full-time employee retired and was not replaced and a permanent part-time employee was laid-off. 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 2020, approximately 14,717 parking tickets were issued and revenue totaled \$149,566. The significant decrease in the number of parking tickets issued and the revenue collected can be directly attributed to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Beginning in March, the City granted free parking at all meters for the remainder of 2020. In addition, restrictions were temporary lifted for 3:00 am – 6:00 am prohibited parking and rush hour zones due to accommodate the increase in people working from home.

Data Entry 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.

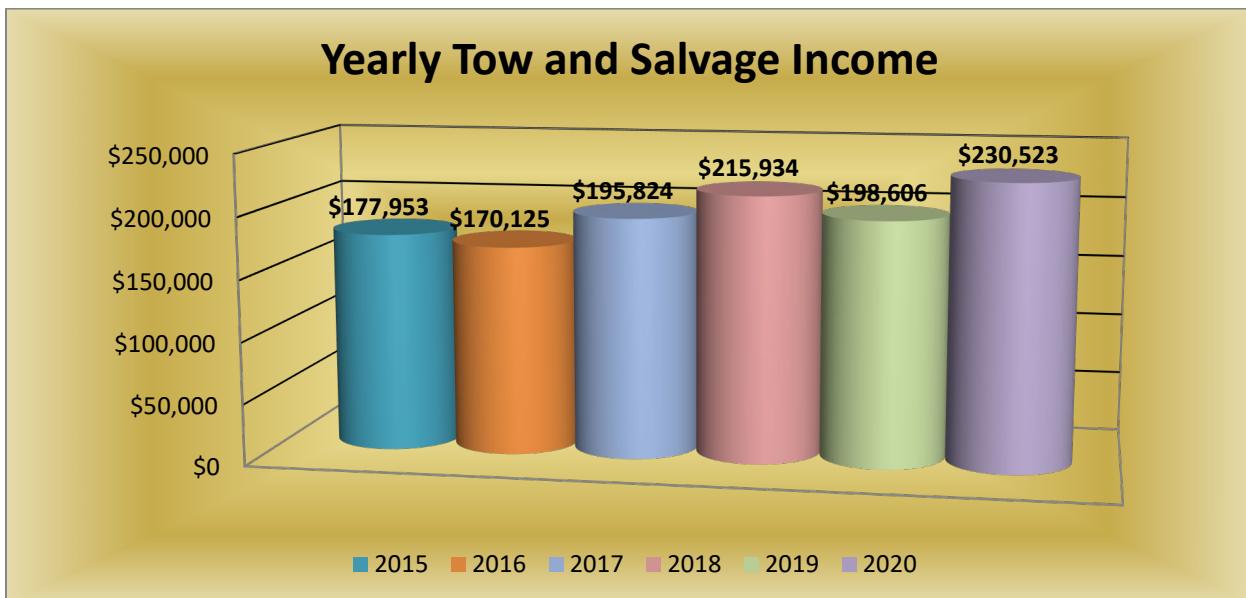


Animal Control is staffed with one Basic Patrol Officer. In 2020 animal complaints included 124 Found Animals, 743 Miscellaneous Animal Complaints, 168 Barking Dog complaints, 108 Animal Complaints involving Deer and 12 Animal Bites, 107 reports of lost animals and 37 complaints or animal neglect for a total of 1299 calls for service involving animals. 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 was held by Basic Patrol Officer Sean Hinkle, a 19 year veteran of the force. The TAC Officer 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.

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**



**Donut Drink & Drive – September 4, 2020**

## **Community Response Team (CRT)**

The Community Response Team as a whole are two units each comprised of a Sergeant and uniformed officers. Six of these officers comprise the Cleveland Heights Police Department Bike Patrol. The Sergeants in Charge of the CRT report directly to the Chief of Police for assignments and to report progress on the unit's current initiatives. In early 2019, 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 Tyler Allen.
- Meet with Special Improvement District (SIDS) representatives.
- Responsible for other community centered initiatives assigned by the Chief of Police.

2020 was a slower than normal year for the Community Response Team. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic and out of an abundance of caution, many of our normal events were cancelled in 2020. Such events include Safety Forces Night Out, Citizens Police Academy, Youth Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, Safety Town, Dog Walker Watch, Coffee with a Cop, A.L.I.C.E. Training and Bicycle Patrol.

Started in 2011, CRT officers began to chair all weekly “Meet Your Police meetings. Meetings are normally 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.

**\*To ensure both the health and safety of the Officers and our residents, Meet Your Police meetings were held virtually in 2020 on the first Thursday of every month. This practice is scheduled to continue in 2021 until we are able to safely return to in-person meetings.**

Below are some highlights of the few community events the CHPD was able to participate in throughout 2020:



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DONUT DRINK & DRIVE



**SEPT 4TH 10 AM-12 PM**  
*Free donut for all participants*



Join the Cleveland Heights Police Department and Investigator Allen at Bryan's Marathon to gather information and to sign a pledge to not drink and drive! Grab a donut and show your commitment to practicing safety on the roads. This will be a drive-in event and we hope many of our Cleveland Heights residents will participate!



On November 14, 2020, Officers participated in the second annual “Fill the Cruiser” event. It was held at Zagara’s from 2 – 5 pm. Officers collected 2,350 pounds of non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies for the Heights Emergency Food Center.



On December 19, 2020, CHPD Officers participated in Holiday Toy Drive at the Caledonia Community Center. Residents, Officers and Business Owners stepped up and donated lots of great toys and gifts to the make the holidays special for many kids in the community.



The Community Response Team will continue to strive to provide excellence in community policing, and looks forward to serving our residents in 2021.

## **K9 Unit**

In 2020, K9 Otto joined Rambo, Dodo and Jax as part of our K9 Unit. Otto and his handler Officer Payne successfully completed their six training at Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania and Otto is the Police Department's first Explosives detection K9.



Officer Josh Payne & K9 Otto

In 2020, K9 Jax retired after six years of service to the Police Department and the community. He will be missed. Jax will be enjoying his retirement living with his handler Inv. Tom Harris and his family.



Inv. Harris & K9 Jax

2020 K9 Statistics					
	Dodo	Rambo	Otto	Jax	Total
<b>Tracks</b>	19	12	10	9	50
<b>Vehicle Sniffs</b>	7	8	1	7	23
<b>Search Warrants</b>	5	3	0	0	8
<b>Article Searches/Bomb Detail</b>	6	4	7	0	22
<b>Apprehensions</b>	8	2	3	2	15
<b>Building Searches</b>	4	0	3	2	9
<b>Bites</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Community Relations</b>	11	7	9	0	27
<b>Total Deployments</b>	52	34	30	23	118



Officer Weir & K9 Rambo



Inv. Ondercin & K9 Dodo

## **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 decrease in overall crime. 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 Commander. Since the establishment of the Crime Suppression Team in January 2012, the team has executed over 254 search warrants, seized over \$4.3 million in currency, numerous weapons to include assault rifles and large amounts of illegal narcotics. The 60 arrests made in 2020 were primarily felony arrests involving illegal narcotics, weapons and crimes of violence. Members work closely with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration, Cleveland Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies and task forces throughout the state of Ohio.

# 2020 Statistics

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED	32	24	27	21	22	17	28	45
ARRESTS BY CST	59	108	85	76	85	72	78	60
HANDGUNS SEIZED	15	11	10	9	18	21	20	42
SHOTGUNS SEIZED	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	1
ASSAULT RIFLES SEIZED	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	17
AK'S SEIZED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
VEHICLES SEIZED	1	2	4	0	1	2	1	2
CURRENCY SEIZED	\$332,679	\$71,306	\$58,354	\$161,171	\$67,346	\$75,971	\$1,710,437	\$1,852,051 +7 Million in bank accounts
JEWLERY SEIZED				\$500,000				
MARIJUANA	11.8 lbs	19.8 lbs	84.5 lbs	74.0 lbs	58.8 lbs	6.3 lbs	34.6 lbs	78.62 lbs
THC EDDIBLES								164.87 lbs
THC DISTILLATE							9954 gm	61,842 ml
THC VAPE PENS							1014	
THC WAX/DABS							56 gm	113 gm
COCAINE	3205.6g	316 gm	212 gm	204 gm	399.4 gm	369 gm	20,135	616 gm
HEROIN	182 gm	37 gm	52 gm	2 gm	282.7 gm	12 gm	2,617 gm	7003 gm
HEROIN BINDLES				76 Bndls	0	0		
FENTANYL-Powder				2.2 lb	11 gm	6 gm	2107 gm	7413 gm
CARFENTANIL							174 gm	
OXY-HYDRO-XANAX								1456 Pills
MDMA								130 gm
LSD								920 UD
METHAMPHETAMINE							1,820 gm	2893 gm
FENTANYL-Pill				969 pill	0	0		

A total of 254 Search Warrants have been executed since the establishment of the Crime Suppression Team, January 1, 2012

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

For the past few years, the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement (EDGE) consisted of six communities: Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, and University Heights. In 2020, Bratenahl joined EDGE and now the group is comprised of seven communities.

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

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 twice per month for all members. Currently there 63 Officers on the EDGE SWAT team. The SWAT team is comprised of not only SWAT officers, but also SWAT medics, K9 officers, negotiators and Bomb Squad Members

### **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 once a month as a unit. The unit received its initial training through FEMA in Anniston, Alabama. Since their formation, the unit continues to train one day per month.

### **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. One of the biggest benefits of these unit is cost savings, both in personnel and equipment costs associated with investigating serious accidents and fatalities. In 2020, the unit was able to purchases a drone and all members obtained their pilot's certification.

# 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

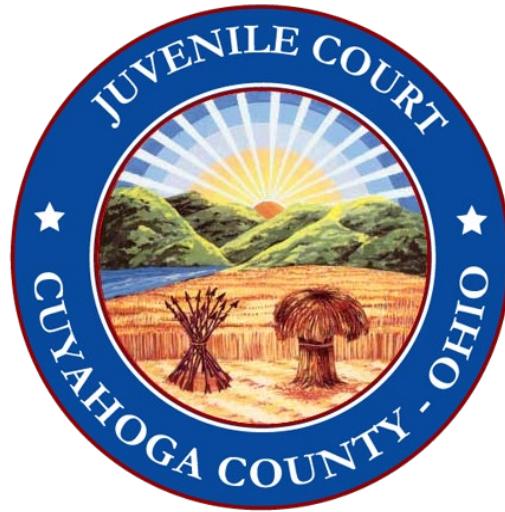
- ▶ Cleveland Heights arrest or referral from CCJCD
- ▶ Offense committed within the city limits of Cleveland Heights and/or resident within the city limits of Cleveland Heights
- ▶ First time offender
- ▶ Non-violent offender
- ▶ Must take full responsibility for offense
- ▶ Parent/ Guardian participation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

## How Community Diversion Works

### City of Cleveland Heights



### Cuyahoga County



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, 2014. The program is funded by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division. The City receives \$700/month for program activities.

Detective Falisa Berry retired from the Police Department in 2020. Detective Russell Toppin was selected as the new program coordinator. Detective Toppin is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau and in addition to his duties as program coordinator, he also investigates offenses involving juvenile offenders. In 2020, nineteen (19) juveniles qualified and were offered acceptance into the Juvenile Diversion program. Of those 19, seven juveniles successfully completed the program and five others are still participating in the program and are scheduled to fully complete it in 2021.

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

Bellfaire JCB

Lake Erie Ink

## **Police Academy**

The Cleveland Heights Police Academy, commissioned by the Ohio Attorney General in 1973, completed its 47th year of operation in 2020. 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 Police Department also conducts a Citizens Police Academy. However, due to the pandemic, the Academy class scheduled for 2020 was canceled. However, based on the success it has received in the past a Citizens Police Academy will be held as soon as it is safe to resume classes.

Residents who attend the Citizens Police Academy are exposed to a wide variety of specialized police skill areas including:

Ohio criminal law	Civil liability	Laws of arrest
Search and seizure	Search warrants	Criminal investigation
Drug investigations	Self-defense Techniques	Patrol techniques
Traffic enforcement	Domestic violence	OVI
SWAT tactics	K-9 handling	Forensic analysis

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.

In addition to his duties as Academy Commander, Captain Barnard was the Jail Administrator in 2020. Built in 1986, the Cleveland Heights Jail is a twelve-day holding facility. A total of 1527 persons were booked into the jail in 2020. All adults arrested and processed are held until they post bond, are sentenced or are transferred to a longer-term facility. In some cases, however, offenders are booked in and out of the jail and issued a summons in lieu of arrest. 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 and 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 in August. There were 15 youth who participated and ranged in age from 12-16. In 2019 the Youth Academy was held in June and approximately six kids participated in the week long event. In 2020 the Police Department was unable to host a Youth Academy due to the restrictions surrounding the pandemic. 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 future Youth Academies.

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

# Continued Professional Training

In 2020 the State of Ohio did not require any mandatory Continued Professional Training for Police Officers. However, CHPD continues 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 recent years:

- 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
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- 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 added 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 including a bomb robot, bomb disposal equipment and a bomb squad truck. In 2019 the Department continued the relationship with other EDGE communities and began training with the SWAT team on occasion. In addition, a third bomb technician from the City of Beachwood was added to the unit. A fourth bomb technician has been approved and will be added to the team soon.

All bomb technicians are required to train 16 hours per month and the bomb assistants train with the technicians 8 hours per month. In addition, members of the Bomb Squad attend yearly training courses and participate in exercises with other bomb units in the area.



# **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: Sgt. Matthew Lasker; Det. Thomas Rini; Officer Sean Hinkle; and Officer Dallas Guyton. Annually members of the Honor Guard visit the gravesites of fallen officers to honor their service and sacrifice.

