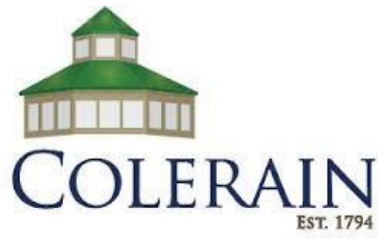


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COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

“IN STEP WITH OUR COMMUNITY”

THE MISSION OF THE COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG OUR DIVERSE POPULATION AND PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS THROUGH A COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP.

AS WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE OUR MISSION, WE WILL HONOR THE FOLLOWING VALUES:

- ❖ WE WILL TREAT CITIZENS WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, FAIRNESS AND COMPASSION
- ❖ WE WILL UTILIZE AND MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- ❖ WE WILL UPHOLD HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY AND ETHICS
- ❖ WE WILL POSSESS THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO FIGHT INJUSTICE
- ❖ WE WILL FOSTER PRODUCTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



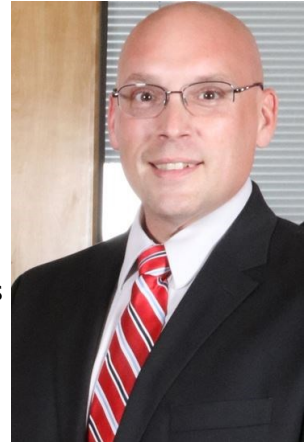
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MESSAGE

FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to the 2017 Colerain Police Annual Report. The cover of this year's report honors the memory of Colerain Police Sergeant Jerome Grayson, who served the residents of Colerain Township for 25 years. Sadly, Sergeant Grayson passed away in August. Sergeant Grayson was responsible for compiling and authoring the Department's Annual Report for many years, and it is fitting that we honor his memory by placing his badge on the cover.



2017 was a tremendously busy and productive year. The Township joined forces with members of the Northbrook Community to tackle issues ranging from crime to blight. In just 12 short months, crime has been reduced in that neighborhood by over 27% and many quality of life issues have been positively impacted by this great team.

Your police department unveiled a new look in February with a whole new uniform design. After decades of wearing the same uniform, we learned that the manufacture was no longer supplying our traditional blue shirts. Your officers now wear dark navy uniforms fashioned after uniforms worn by the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Police Department worked hard to enhance two very popular services offered by the Colerain Police Department. Several officers received police mountain bike training to allow us to deploy bike officers in our business corridor and neighborhoods. In September, the Police Department adopted a new member of our family. Tao, a German Shepherd, joins Kudo as the Department's K9 unit. The Department now has K9 coverage both day and night.

The year ended in a fantastic manner when the Colerain Police Department received their fifth Gold Standard Law Enforcement Accreditation Award from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In addition to this award, the Commission elected to bestow upon the Department their "With Excellence" Award, saved for a very few select number of police departments. This is the third consecutive accreditation cycle that the Colerain Police Department received this additional honor.

It is an honor to serve my community as Chief of Police. You have brave, dedicated professionals working hard everyday to keep you and your families safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. J. Grayson".

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

The Colerain police Department is authorized to have 54 full-time police officers, six non-sworn employees one part-time police officer and one reserve police officer. These employees are divided into two divisions, Patrol and Support Services. Each Division is led by a commander who reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The largest division, Patrol, has 31 sworn police officers, one K9 and four supervisors. These officers are divided into four patrol squads and work 12-hour shifts. Utilizing 12-hour shifts allows for more officers working on the street at a given time.

The Support Services Division is comprised of the eight non-sworn employees, eight

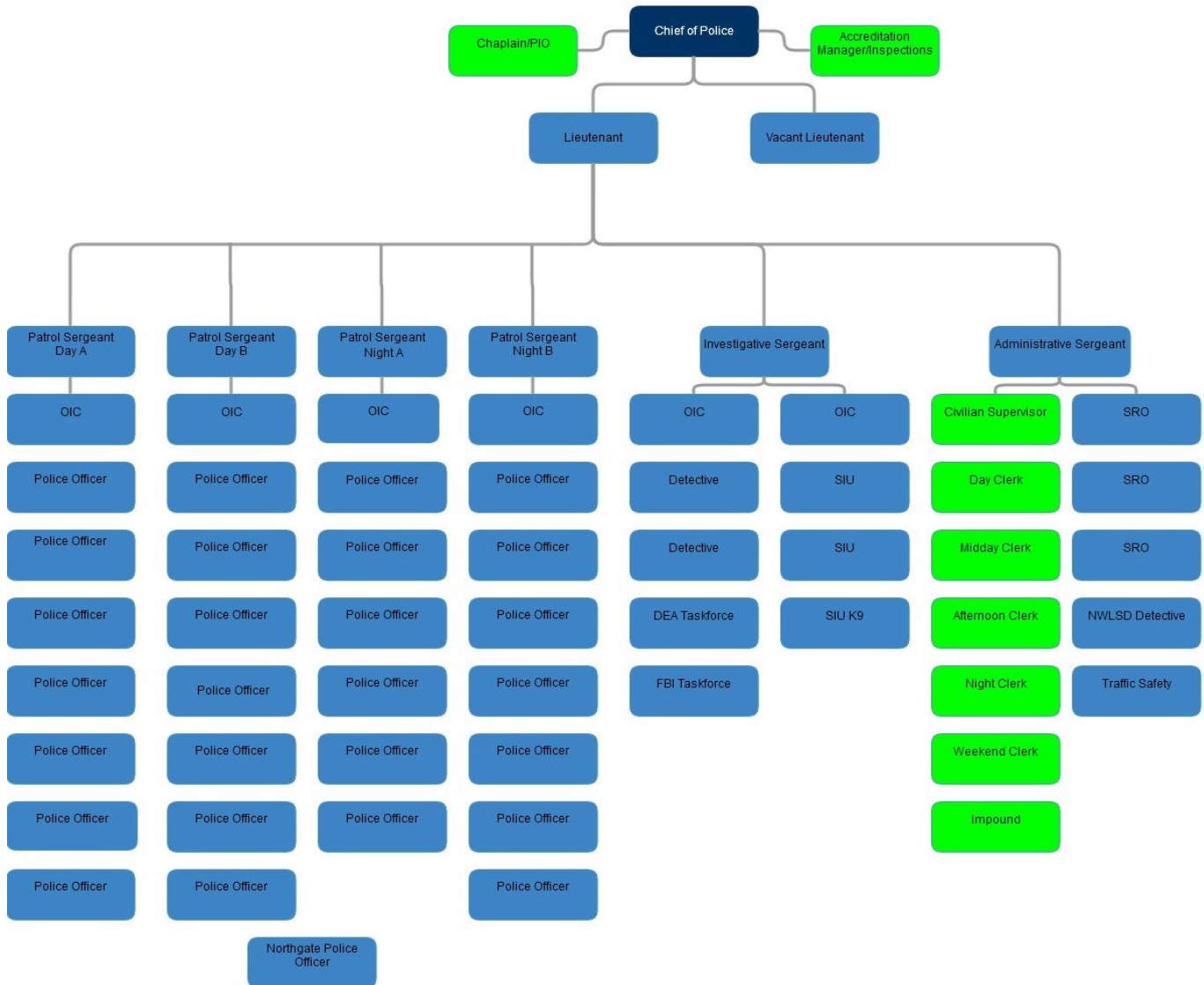
investigators, one K9, three School Resource Officers, one Northwest Local School District Detective, one impound lot officer, one traffic officer and two sergeants. Included in this Division are the two Federal Task Force officers assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA),

The Colerain Police Department actively recruits minority candidates and has significantly increased both the recruitment of minorities and the hiring of those candidates for both sworn and non-sworn positions. The Department offers a "Police Academy Scholarship" aimed at identifying and hiring candidates who may struggle affording the cost of a regional police academy to make themselves an attractive candidate for hire. The recipient agrees to provide at least three years of service to the Police Department.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW



Patrol: 31

Patrol Supervisors: 4

Detectives: 9

Investigative Supervisor: 1

Administrative Sergeant: 1

K9: 2

SRO: 3

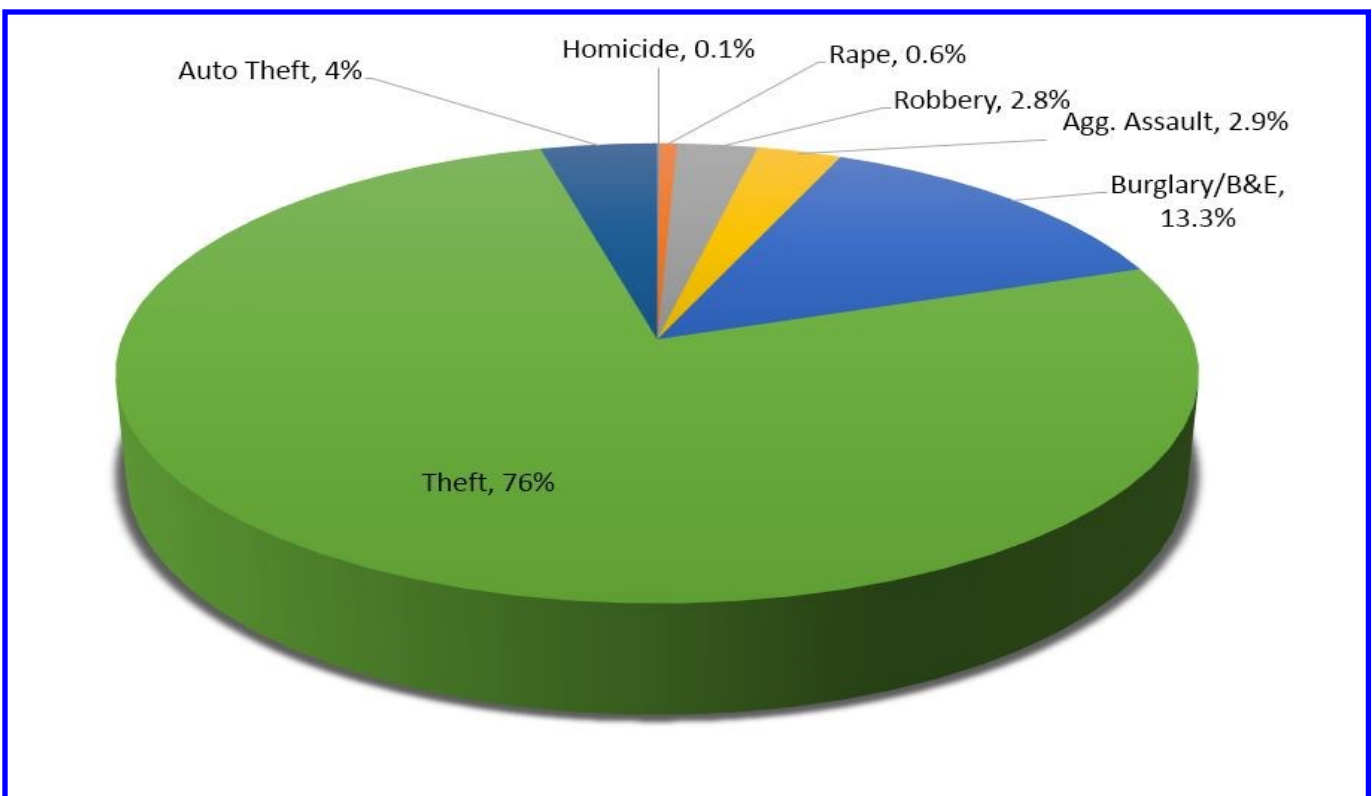
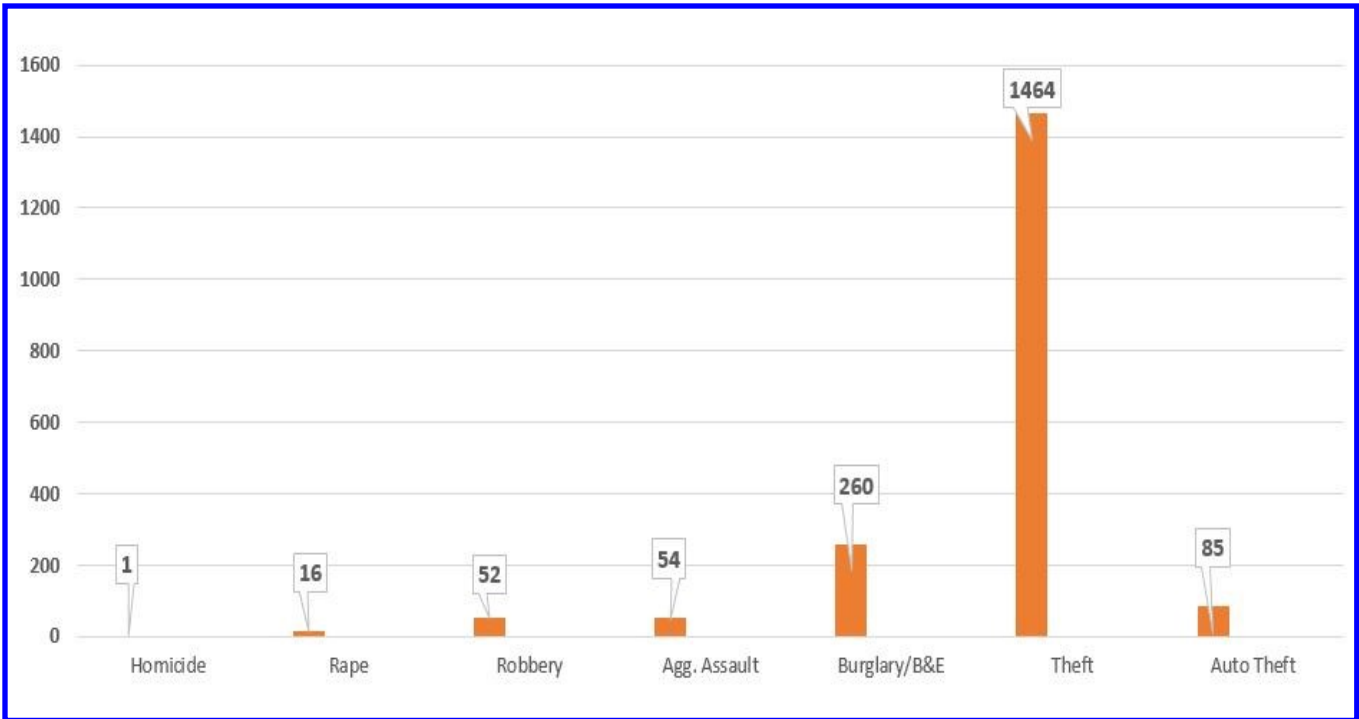
Traffic: 1

Command: 2

Non-Sworn: 7

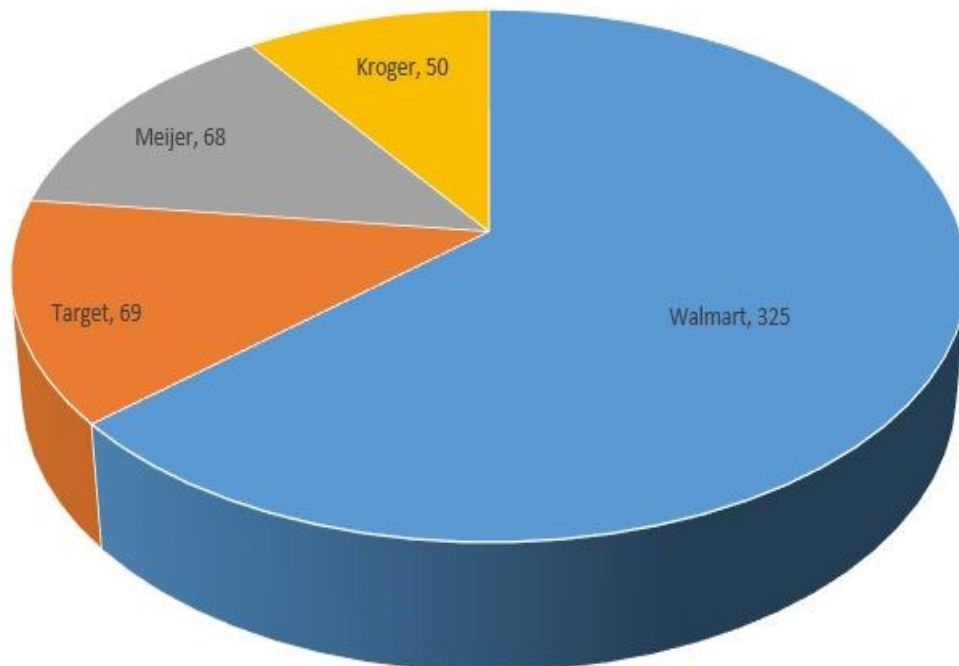
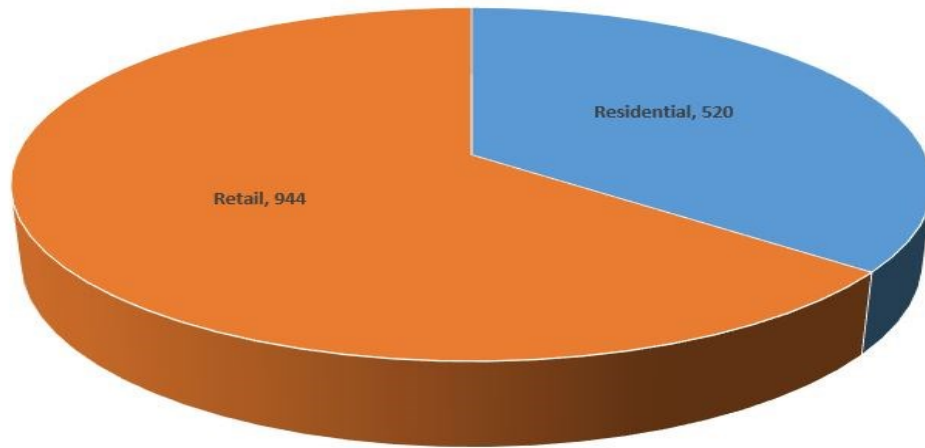
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AT A GLANCE



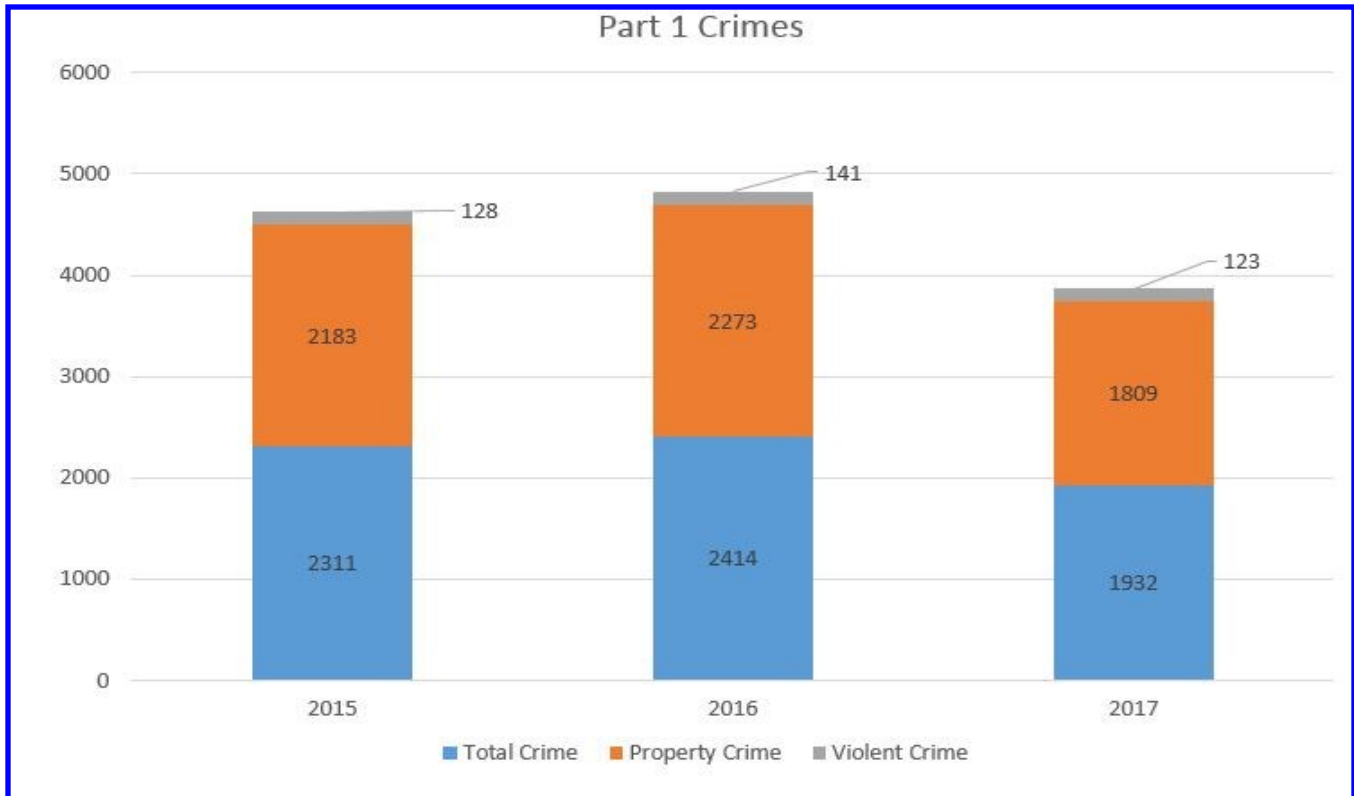
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BREAKDOWN OF THEFT OFFENSES



2015-2017

COMPARISONS



Crime	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2016
Homicide	3	2	1	-50%
Rape	20	22	16	-27.27%
Robbery	68	78	52	-33.33%
Aggravated Assault	37	39	54	+38.46%
Burglary/B&E	308	363	260	-28.37%
Theft	1,828	1,856	1,464	-21.12%
Auto Theft	47	66	85	+57.41%
Total Crime	2,311	2,414	1,932	-19.96%
Violent Crime	128	141	123	-12.77%
Property Crime	2,183	2,273	1,809	-20.41%

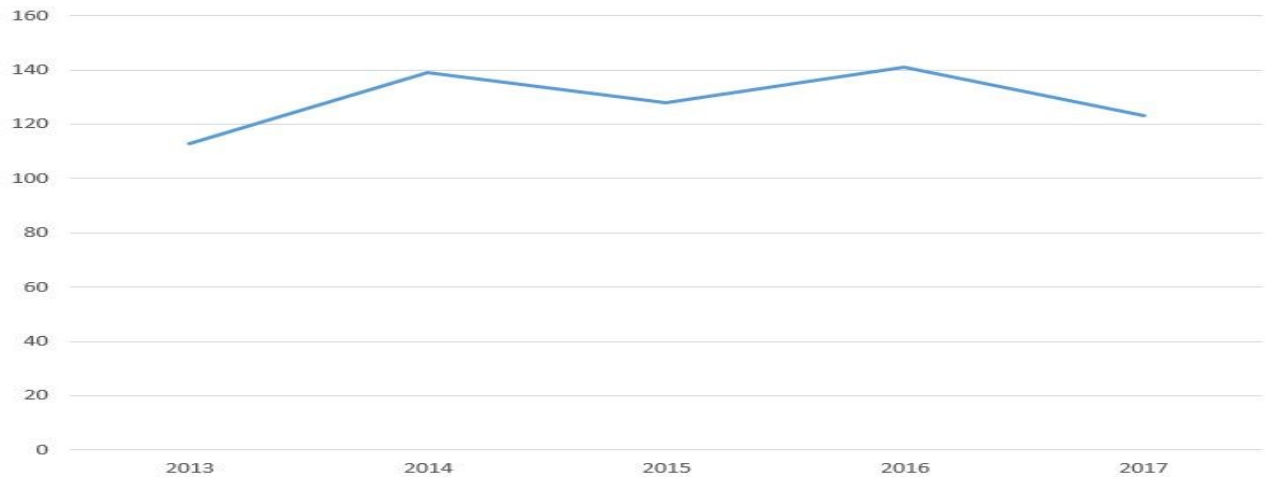
2007-2017

TRENDS

Offense	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Homicide	1	2	3	2	5	3	2	3	5	0	1
Rape	16	22	20	14	10	15	12	6	32	10	42
Robbery	52	78	68	84	59	61	46	79	69	45	99
Agg. Assault	54	39	37	39	39	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Burglary	260	363	307	374	330	229	234	240	353	188	288
Theft	1464	1856	1828	1851	1637	1644	1418	1415	1881	1134	2029
Auto Theft	85	66	47	60	51	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Arson	6	4	10	19	9	7	6	10	17	10	15
Criminal Damaging	250	427	483	306	355	300	256	312	474	581	917

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Violent Crime Trend

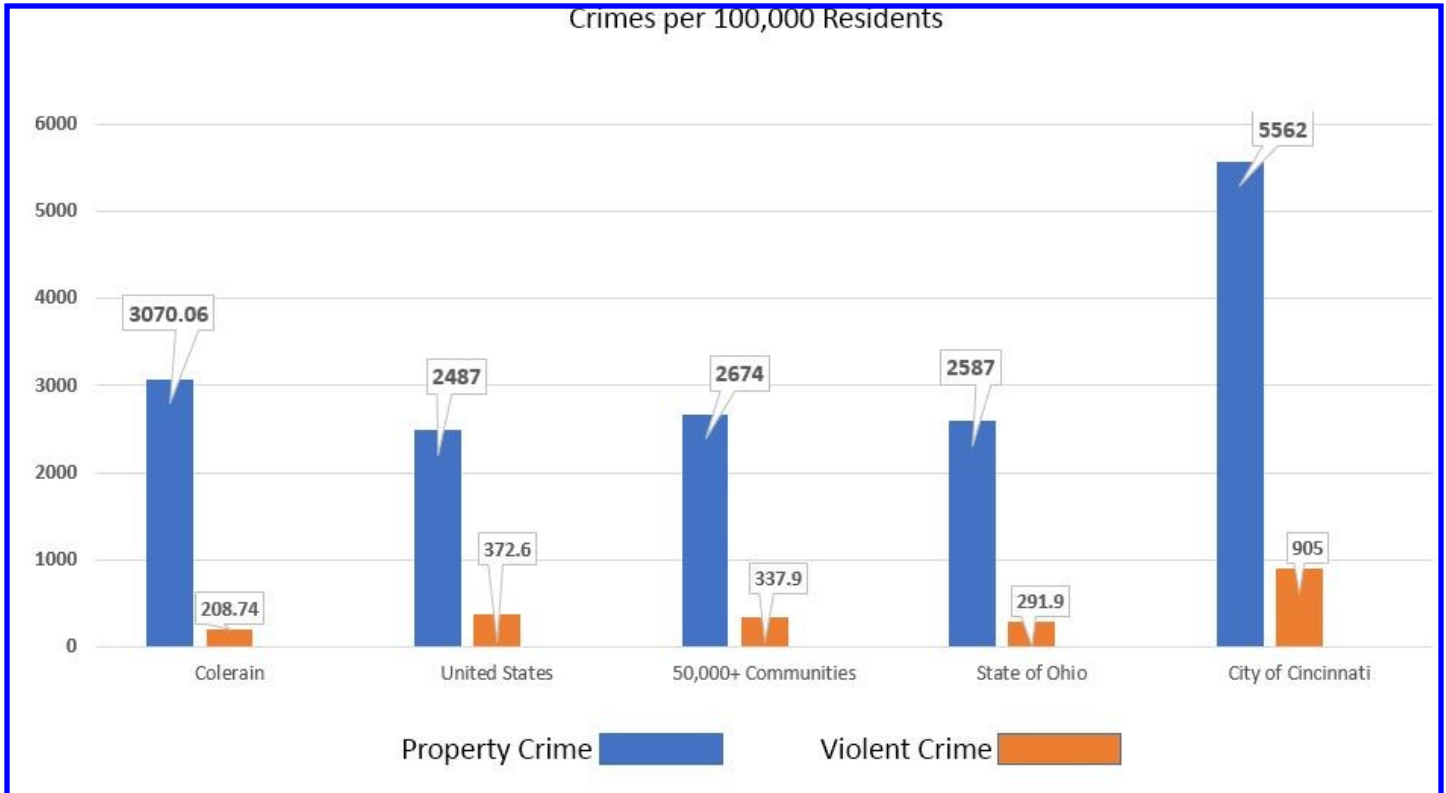


Property Crime Trend



2007-2017

TRENDS



Crime Trends Over Past Decade

Violent Crime



32.78% Reduction

Property Crime



37.61% Reduction

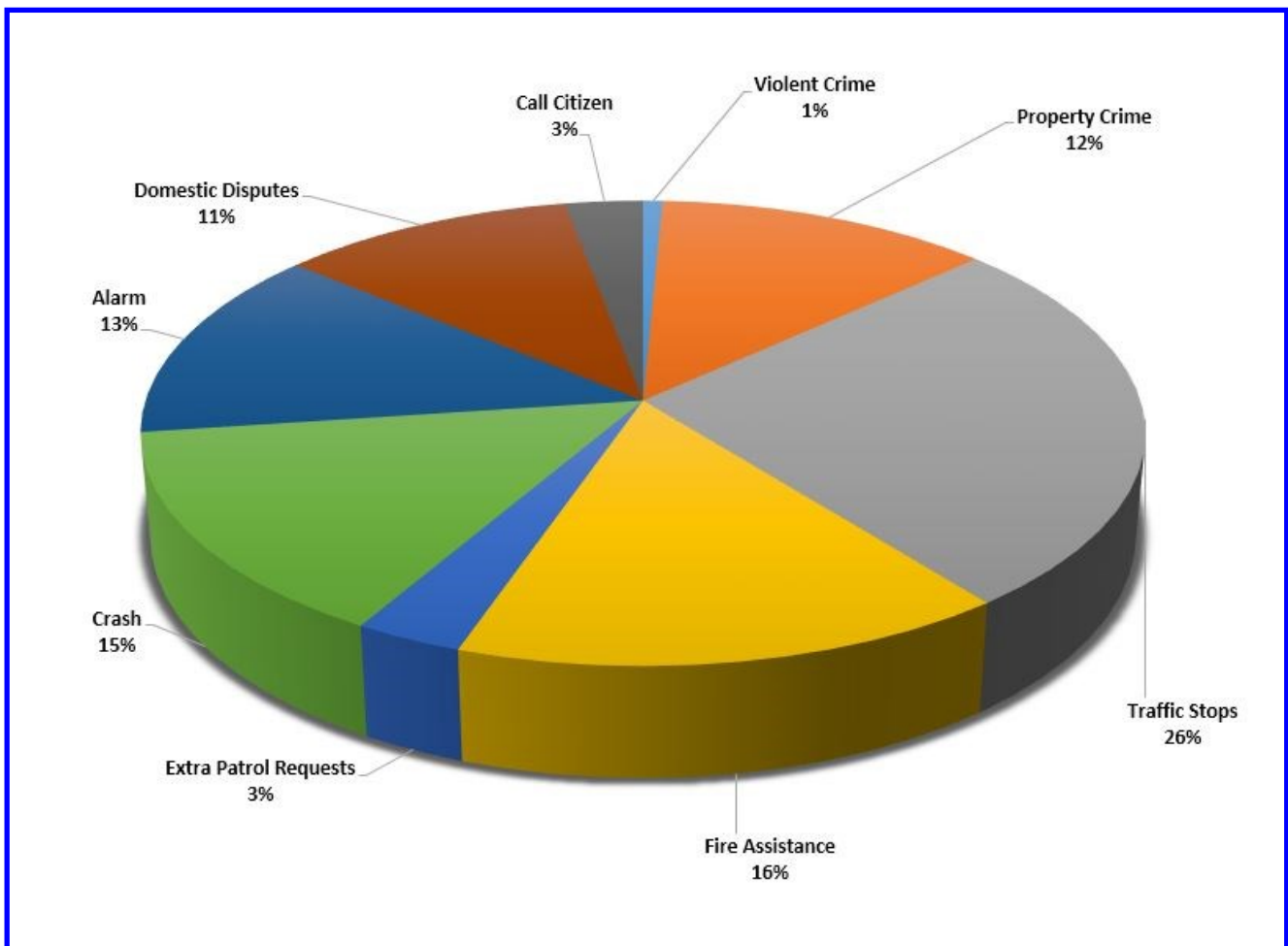
All Calculations where there is no supplied data, the average of the other years was used

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WORKLOAD

Year	Calls for Service	Average Response Times (Less Than 5 Minutes)
2013	25,958*	44.3%*
2014	50,955	48.6%
2015	48,092	44.0%
2016	50,816	57.9%
2017	47,778	64.1%

*Does not Include HCSO Calls for Service



2017

WORKLOAD

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls for Service	50,954	48,092	50,816	47,778
Traffic Stops	3,034	2,570	3,509	4,486
Citations	2,808	2,546	2,792	2,771
Warning Citations	360	210	256	343
Crashes	1,885	1,945	2,770	2,362
Fire/EMS Assistance	3,512	3,928	3,198	2,681
Arrests	2,854	2,314	2,749	3,163
Citizen Contacts	66,105	62,624	60,122	56,808
Pursuits	8	5	16	24
Uses of Force	10	7	11	22
Officer Involved Crashes	13	16	11	12
Miles Driven	425,000	440,000	431,000	433,000

Calls and In-Person Requests to Civilian Staff at Police Station

Type	2016	2017
Hours Worked	9,403	8,740
Calls Answered	31,439	29,982
Assisted at Window	4,527	4,995

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RESPONSE TO AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Type of Force	2014	2015	2016	2017
OC Spray	3	2	7	16
Strike/Punch	6	6	4	7
Firearm	1	0	0	1
Injury to Prisoner	5	15	11	8
Force Used % in Arrests	.35%	.30%	.40%	.69%

Year	Uses of Force	Arrests	As a Percentage of Arrests	White	African American	Other Race	Male	Female
2014	10	2,854	.35%	70%	30%	0%	90%	10%
2015	8	2,314	.34%	57%	43%	0%	86%	14%
2016	11	2,749	.40%	73%	17%	0%	73%	27%
2017	24	3,163	.76%	59%	41%	0%	62%	38%

Year	Injuries to Prisoner*	As a Percentage of Arrests
2014	5	.17%
2015	15	.64%
2016	11	.40%
2017	8	.25%

*Injuries are not always a result of use of force

2017

PURSUIITS

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total	9	5	16	24
0700-1900hrs	7 (78%)	4 (80%)	6 (38%)	10 (42%)
1901-0659hrs	2 (22%)	1 (20%)	10 (63%)	14 (58%)
Traffic Violation Initiated	4 (45%)	2 (40%)	3 (19%)	9 (38%)
Misdemeanor Initiated	2 (22%)	2 (40%)	3 (19%)	5 (21%)
Felony Initiated	3 (33%)	1 (20%)	7 (44%)	10 (42%)
Assisting Other Agency	0	0	3 (19%)	1 (4%)
Crash	4 (45%)	2 (40%)	5 (31%)	8 (33%)
Suspect Apprehended	7 (78%)	3 (60%)	9 (56%)	21 (88%)
Terminated by Officer	2 (22%)	2 (40%)	2 (13%)	3 (13%)
Injuries	0	0	0	1 (4%)
0-5 Minute Duration	3 (33%)	0	10 (63%)	17 (71%)
5-10 Minute Duration	4 (45%)	2 (40%)	4 (25%)	3 (13%)
10-20 Minute Duration	2 (22%)	3 (60%)	1 (6%)	3 (13%)
More than 20 Minutes	0	0	1 (6%)	1 (4%)
0-50mph Reached	4 (45%)	2 (40%)	4 (25%)	10 (42%)
51-80mph Reached	5 (55%)	0	10 (63%)	7 (29%)
Over 80mph Reached	0	3 (60%)	2 (13%)	7 (29%)

2017

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



The Colerain Police Department has a full-time, full-service investigative unit who are responsible for conducting in-depth criminal investigations into crimes ranging from theft to homicide. In 2017, the Criminal Investigative Unit investigated 565 cases closing 47.10% of these cases with an arrest or other action. The Criminal Investigative Unit, with assistance from the Patrol Division, recovered \$205,155 of the \$2,164,270 of stolen

property and recovered large amounts marijuana, heroin and many prescription drugs.

The Criminal Investigative Unit operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week. They are scheduled to work between 8:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Friday. The investigators were “called-out” 93 times in 2017. A “call-out” occurs when an investigator is needed and one is not on-duty. The investigators all cover portions of the month as the “on-call” detective.



The investigators receive a great deal of training in areas such as homicide investigation, crime scene processing, interviewing techniques and electronic crime investigations. The Colerain Police Criminal Investigative Unit has a full-time crime scene technician who is one of the most extensively trained technician in the State of Ohio. The Crime Scene Technician completed over 700 hours of training to become one of the very first State Certified crime scene investigators in Ohio.

The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) investigates drug complaints and other incidents that require more in-depth, specialized investigations. SIU handles all drug complaints and interfaces with the DEA and other local drug task forces.



2017

PERSONNEL

External Complaints	4
Internal Complaints	5
Sustained	7
Sustained-Other	0
Not-Sustained	1
Exonerated	1
Unfounded	0
Uncooperative	1
Withdrawn	1

Some complaints have more than one accusation

Suspension	4
Official Reprimand	1
ESL Entry	1
Counseling	0
Training	0
Demotion	0
Resignation	0
Termination	0
Probations Extension	1
Abeyance	0
Reassignment	0

Officers Hired	6
Officers Resigned	2
Officers Retired	0
Officers Terminated	0
Other	1

Grievances	0
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Chief's Commendation Award	20
Life-Saving Award	5

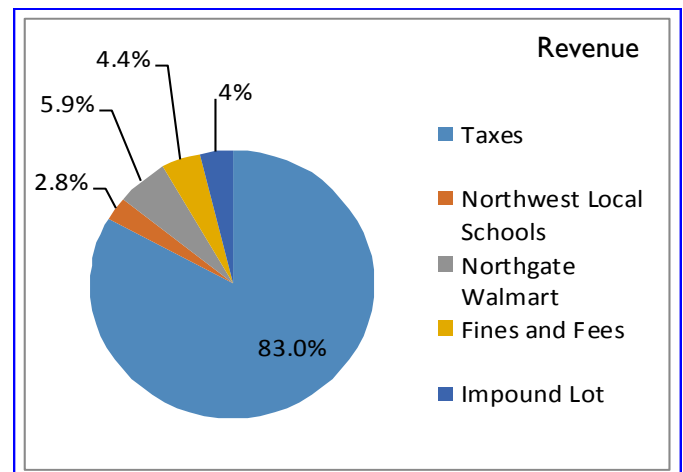
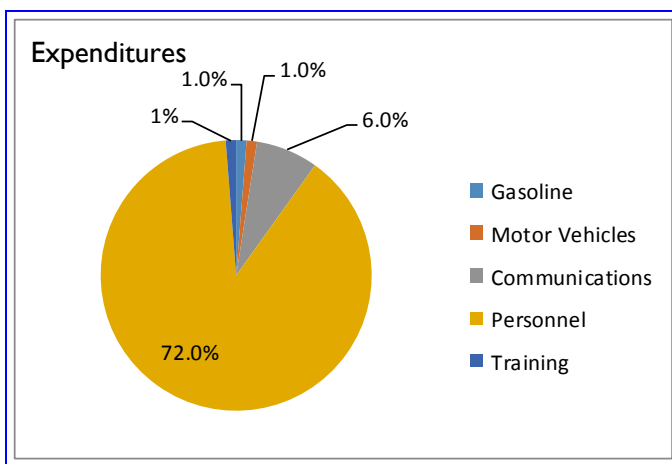
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BUDGET

All of the outstanding work done by our police officers would not be possible without careful administration and attention to our operating budget. The Colerain Police Department passed a levy in 2014 designed to last five years. Theoretically, the amount spent should equal revenue in 2017. However, the Colerain Police Department carried over nearly \$500,000 over, meaning revenue outpaced spending considerably. Much of this is due to careful spending.

The Police Department was appropriated \$7,748,023 in 2017. Of that, nearly \$1,500,000 came from outside contracts and not tax money. The total amount spent in 2017 was \$7,169,678, \$578,345 less than appropriated.

Year	Appropriated	Actual Spent	Difference
2014	\$6,398,334	\$6,258,504	+ \$139,830
2015	\$6,928,484	\$6,695,000	+ \$233,484
2016	\$7,483,428	\$7,098,729	+ \$384,699
2017	\$7,748,023	\$7,169,678	+578,345



2017

TRAFFIC SAFETY



The Colerain Police Department has one officer, Officer Patrick Quinn, assigned full-time as the Traffic Safety Officer. The Department has two other part-time traffic officers to assist when needed. Officer Quinn's daily duties include the investigation of auto accidents, investigation of hit-skip crashes, and traffic enforcement in school zones and high accident locations. Officer Quinn also responds to citizen complaints regarding traffic issues in their neighborhoods. Further duties include conducting

in-service training; to include changes to the Ohio Revised Code's traffic chapters, OVI updates, and suspension code updates. Officer Quinn also instructs students in the local schools as well as students in the Colerain Citizen's and Student Police Academies. Other responsibilities are the deployment, care and maintenance of the MPH Speed Trailer and the Intoxilyzer 8000. Certifications of the radar and laser units are also conducted by Officers Quinn.

In 2017, the Colerain Police Department investigated 2,362 auto accidents. Of those crashes, Colerain Police investigated 492 hit-skip accidents. During the year, 3,069 citations were issued and 371 warnings were issued for traffic related violations. 118 arrests were made for Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) and 1,048 arrests for Driving Under Suspension. Sadly, there were 5 fatal crashes, significantly more than in 2016 (2).



Colerain Police Department's Traffic Safety Officer Patrick Quinn, is also the coordinator for the Driving Angels Program. The Driving Angels program was created in 2009 for teen drivers. The program teaches teenage drivers how to be responsible with the operation of a motor vehicle. The program has professionals from law enforcement, Colerain Fire Department and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center who teach the class. To date the program has been provided

to over 1300 students.

The Colerain Police Department was awarded the Gold Award from AAA for the Department's traffic safety efforts for the fifth year in a row.

2017

ACCREDITATION

In 2017, the Colerain police department began its 12th year as an accredited law enforcement organization by the Commission on Accreditation of law enforcement agencies (CALEA).

The accreditation program allows agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they have met and an established set of professional standards. There are 482 standards that the agencies must demonstrate compliance. The process requires agencies to:



- Develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. The directives provide a method for reaching administrative and operational goals, while providing direction to its employees.
- Provide the necessary reports and analyses a Chief of Police needs to make fact-based, informed decisions.
- Require a preparedness program to be put in place so an agency is ready to address natural or manmade critical incidents.
- Strengthen agencies accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance and responsibilities.

Accreditation can limit an agencies liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates the internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

The CALEA process requires agencies to undergo a comprehensive “audit” of policy and procedures as well as an-site review of all operations every three years. In August of 2017, the Colerain Police Department completed its fifth “onsite” from CALEA. This onsite was conducted under the “Gold Standard” which concentrates on the daily activities and culture of the Police Department.

In November of 2017, the Colerain Police Department was awarded “Gold Standard Advanced Accreditation” at the annual CALEA conference in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to this award, the Colerain Police Department was recognized for the third consecutive accreditation cycle with the additional designation of “With Excellence (2011-2021).” This prestigious designation is awarded to agencies that are identified by CALEA as the “best of the best” and exemplify the standards and spirit of international accreditation.

CALEA accreditation allows the Colerain Police Department to stand amongst the finest law enforcement agencies in the world, confident that the policies, procedures and services provided to our citizens are second to none.

2017

HEROIN RESPONSE

Since 2010, Colerain Township Police and Fire/EMS personnel have been responding to the impact of heroin and opioid abuse incidents. Whether the incidents were medics responding to save the life of an overdose patient through the use of Naloxone or police officers investigating the trafficking, use or the secondary victimization crimes of burglary, robbery, and/or theft that can be associated with the addicted person, the problem only grew.



Other Cincinnati-area communities borrow Colerain's idea to combat heroin epidemic

Quick Response Team has 80% success rate

Nationwide, the numbers of overdose related incidents continues to increase with no reduction in sight. With that realization, a change of operating culture was necessary. The result was a return to the "problem

solving" philosophy already part of the Police Departments operating model.

Since the return to a problem solving methodology, steps have been taken to proactively address the heroin and opioid problem in our community. Steps included the creation of a "Community Health Collaborative" that included police, fire, human resources, recovery advocates, private business and the schools. Since the creation of the "team," a partnership with the Hamilton County Public Health Department was formed and additional work is being coordinated. The steps include efforts to engage our community at a public forums and collaborating with the countywide coalition to the creation and distribution of "recovery packets" for affected persons

Colerain overdose response and families.

program gaining national attention

The most successful effort is the creation of a partnership of Colerain police and fire personnel and counselors from the Addicted Services Council. Our team conducts follow-ups with persons who overdosed and/or their families. This follow up will be performed by first responders, in uniform, and in a specifically marked vehicle that demonstrates to proactive partnership. This model has become nationally emulated model and has received recognition worldwide. The Team has a staggering 82% success rate in getting overdose victims into treatment.

In 2015, the Colerain Police Department began carrying "Narcan". Narcan is a drug that reverses the effect of heroin in an overdose victim. Each police officer was trained on how to administer the drug, and each officer now carries this life-saving drug every day. Our officers have already saved lives utilizing Narcan.

2017

COMPSTAT

CompStat is an accountability process utilized by many large-sized police agencies throughout the United States. Most notably, the New York City Police Department began utilizing CompStat in 1994. In response to this implementation, New York saw a 60% reduction in crime and those numbers remain consistent 23 years later. After that success, many other U.S. cities adopted this process.



In short, CompStat requires periodic (usually weekly) crime reports. Those reports are then discussed in “crime control strategy meetings” attended by command and supervisory staff. Crime maps are also reviewed and supervisors are required to respond to the data, providing strategies to be implemented in the coming weeks. They are also encouraged to request necessary resources to facilitate their success.

CompStat enhances accountability by requiring “ownership” of the issues discussed in these meetings and demanding proactive approaches to crime control. It also enables the command staff to stay abreast of needs and trends on the street.

The Colerain Police Department began implementing this process in 2015, changing only the frequency of the meetings. In large cities like New York, the rates of crime are such that major statistical changes can be seen in a matter of a week. Our crime rate enables us to hold these meetings monthly and derive the same benefit. The supervisors will not only address crime issues, they are responsible to answer for overtime, crashes, sick-time usage and other key organizational elements.

Command and supervisors are evaluated largely on the success and efforts of this accountability system. Shift picks, specialized assignments and other non-bargaining items can be used to promote the CompStat process.

The areas of focus in 2017 included false alarms, violations at liquor license locations, homicide, rape, domestic violence, aggravated assault, DUI. Robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, theft and auto theft.

2017

PERSONNEL SELECTION



Each candidate is required to pass a test of his or her physical fitness capabilities. Candidates are required to perform exercises such as the “one-minute” sit up; maximum push-ups and 1.5-mile run. Each test has established scoring criteria based on the age and sex of the candidate. The candidates are also required to pass a written examination. Candidates that score 70% or above on the written examination are

then interviewed by representatives from the Police Department.

The interview panel generally consists of the Police Department supervisors, a police officer and a civilian community representative. The candidates who pass the oral interview are required to successfully complete a thorough background investigation. The background investigation includes, but is not limited to, a review of previous employers, discussions with co-workers, friends, associates, review of the candidates financial and driving history, a review of any criminal activity, if any and any drug usage. Those candidates also undergo a truth verification examination. The Colerain Police Department utilizes both the polygraph and the Certified Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) to confirm the truthfulness of the candidate. Candidates



who successfully complete these stages are considered against other successful candidates to determine which one offers the most benefit to the Police Department. The selected candidate is then offered a conditional offer of appointment to allow for medical and psychological testing.

Each new officer is required to complete at least 500 hours of field training by a trained Police Department “field training officer.” Upon completion of the training, each candidate must ride with one of the four road patrol supervisors for approval to take the final examination, prior to beginning “solo” patrol. The written examination includes 136 fill-in the blank, short answer, and multiple-choice questions concerning policy and procedure. Each new officer must score 80% or above to pass the field training portion of their employment. Each officer is then required to complete a one-year probationary period.

In 2017, the Colerain Police Department hired less than 3% of those who applied. It is vital that standards be maintained to ensure we are putting the right people on the street to protect our community.

2017

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



The Colerain Township Family Justice Center is a partnership between the YWCA and the Colerain Police Department working collaboratively to deliver multiple services in one location for victims and survivors of violence or abuse. The center, located at 7560 Colerain Avenue, is open on Tuesdays from 12p.m.-4 p.m., and offers victims the opportunity to speak to a trained counselor who can guide them to a safer life.

The center began in 2013 and has helped over 200 victims of abuse. In 2017, the Colerain Police Department responded to nearly 2,000 calls for service for domestic related incidents and made over 114 arrests for domestic violence. The collaborative effort of the agencies has afforded not only the citizens of Colerain, but those in and around the Cincinnati area, the assistance needed to better their quality of life.

The Colerain Police Department has two officers assigned to work with the YWCA on domestic violence follow-ups. These officers help victims file charges, appear in court and get needed resources.

Most criminal and civil justice systems make it difficult for victims to seek help and unintentionally wear them down. Victims are often required to travel from location to location to seek services that are scattered through a community or region. They have to tell their story repeatedly to officials representing agencies, such as, law enforcement, courts, legal aid, medical, transportation, housing, social services, mental health, rehabilitation, financial assistance, and many more. The Colerain Township Family Justice Center provides a combination of services from one location to assist the victim; all services in a “one-stop shop.”

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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Colerain Police Department and the Northwest Local School District just completed their 16th year in partnership with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The partnership continues to grow with officers taking a greater role in promoting school safety, crisis planning, and fostering a safe and stable learning environment. Officers are assigned at both Colerain and Northwest High Schools; however, they also focus their attention to the respective middle and elementary schools when needed.



Officers Chris Cullman and Nick Robers are the resource officers currently assigned to Colerain High School. The officers have reinforced the Driving Angels Teen Safe Driving Program at Colerain High School and currently have active members of the student body participating in the program. Both Officers are very excited about their partnership. They are looking into ways to make not only Colerain High School a safe but also the elementary and middle school as well.

Officer Henry Boyd is assigned to Northwest High School. Officer Boyd has become very acclimated to the staff and students of the high school and is building a flourishing relationship. Officer Boyd has proven to be an invaluable asset to Northwest as well as assisting officers on the road with investigations involving students. Officer Boyd, along with Investigator Dean Doerflein, has presented training topics at Northwest. The classes are a topic of Senior Government class and he teaches a drug and alcohol awareness class through the Health Department at the school. Investigator Doerflein and Officer Boyd have also attended in-service for the staff and teachers at Northwest High School addressing issues of drug use and terms that are used by students. Officer Boyd has continued the very successful Driving Angels Program at Northwest. Officer Doerflein was an intricate part of placing signage through the Northwest Local School District building in a event of a crisis. The placing of the signs gives both the fire and police a unified way of identifying parts of the buildings.



Officers Boyd, Cullman and Robers work together in orchestrating the Student Public Safety Academy. It is a joint academy for students of the high school age that are interested in public service. The officers have built a relationship with personnel in the fire department and put together classes that expose students to different aspects of both the police and fire service. The officers continue to stay extremely active in enhancing every aspect of school safety, from planning drills for the schools, creating response plans and establishing joint efforts through the Hamilton County Communication Center in case of a crisis.

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CARE

The Colerain Police Department began an exciting and innovative program for special needs residents in 2010. The Children and Residents Encounter Program (CARE) began as a result of Colerain Police Department thinking ahead of the curve and addressing the way our officers respond to the special needs community.

The CARE program gives police officers vital information about special needs residents and how to best provide them with the same outstanding level of service that is given to all of our residents.

The CARE program also introduces the police and fire resources of Colerain Township to the special needs residents and their families. The goal is to form friendships and trust as well as a mutual understanding of our organizational mission.

Colerain Police reached out to the mental health treatment community, local businesses, and other police agencies to launch the program on September 15, 2010. With this innovative partnership, the CARE program met and introduced those with special needs, along with their families, to this program. Since the first event was introduced, an event has been held every year. During the event, officers are on hand to interact with residents that attend and where all can become more comfortable around public safety. Each year more and more families have come to the event and enjoyed their interaction with the public safety community.

To date, we have conducted five successful CARE events. The Colerain Police Department has over one hundred and twenty families who have given vital information about their loved ones on how to approach, converse, and resolve issues in the most appropriate manner. Safety and comfort are the main goals of these encounters.



In 2012, Director of Public Safety, Daniel Meloy, traveled to San Diego, California to present the program on a national platform at the International Chiefs of Police Conference. In 2013, the Colerain Police Department was asked to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to again present the program on the east coast. CARE initiative has been instituted in approximately 15 states across the United States. It is our goal to continue to work to seek support in spreading the message of CARE.

The program now includes the registration of dementia and Alzheimer's patients. The program has over 100 families registered!

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VOLUNTEERS

The Colerain Township Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is a group of individuals who dedicate their volunteer time to the Police Department. The members of the Alumni Association number almost 1,000 and are all graduates of one of the 40 classes of the Colerain Township Citizen's Police Academy. As a group, they pool their resources and dedicate their time to assist the police department.

They volunteer in our Citizens on Patrol efforts, both in the neighborhoods utilizing the Citizens on Patrol vehicle and on foot in Northgate Mall. Volunteers also provide patrol for Halloween and Election Day and assistance with the Taste of Colerain. This extra set of "eyes and ears" in our Township is extremely helpful. Several members also assist our office staff with filing, shredding of older documents and other tasks and assist with canvassing to address issues unique to our neighborhoods.



This dedicated group also raises funds to support future classes of adult and student academies, providing uniforms, food and teaching supplies. This reduces the impact on the police budget. In addition, they raise funds to purchase items requested by the police department that their budget is unable to cover, such as flashlights, rain gear, and vehicle equipment. Fundraisers include Bunco, Kroger Points, Beverage Sales at the Taste of Colerain, and the Northgate Car Show.

In 2017 the Colerain Township Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association volunteered over 3,000 hours at six various events. This saved the Department \$57,960. The \$19.23 per hour rate is set by the Volunteers in Police Service, a function of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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MISSING PERSONS TEAM

In 2005, the Missing Person's Investigation Team was established. The teams were developed to work in an on-call status to investigate a missing juvenile or elderly person. The two teams consist of officers who volunteer to be on-call every other month as the first responders to work in an effort to locate a missing person. The supervisor working on patrol makes the initial determination if the team would be a helpful resource. They would then call the on-call commander for the team. Together, they make the decision to activate the full team or just a partial activation for some of the team members.

There is a certain criterion that needs to be met prior to team activation. If the juvenile is under the age of 12 years old or if they have special needs, the activation is made on a "case by case" decision. There are other resources that the team can utilize if the missing person has access to a motor vehicle. ARTIMIS (Advanced Regional Traffic Interactive Management and Information System.) This information can be placed on the computer boards along the highway. There are many factors that we take into consideration when activating the team: weather conditions, time of day, family dynamics and medical condition of the missing person.

The past couple years the Colerain Police Department have combined our Missing Person Team with our C.A.R. E. program (Children's and Resident's Encounter Program) this gives the first responders, as well as the missing person team, much needed information ahead of time when responding to a special needs situation.

The team, which is activated, responds to the scene while one officer stays with the family as a liaison. The other officers canvass the neighborhood and businesses. In 2017 the Missing Person's Team was activated two times and in both incidents, the missing individual was located.

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FEDERAL TASK FORCES

The Colerain Police Department participates in three federal task forces. Our participation allows us to “force multiply” when a need in the Township arises. These partnerships are also important as our officers and investigators handle other cases and need additional information or resources.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force:

The threats facing every community have drastically changed over the past few decades. It is vital to the safety of our citizens that we have accurate and timely information. One officer is assigned on a full-time basis to this taskforce.



Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force:

The largest problem, by far, in our community is drug abuse. The heroin epidemic relies on a steady flow of drugs into Colerain. A majority of the crime committed is a direct result of the use or possession of controlled substances. A relationship with the Drug Enforcement Administration allows the Colerain Police Department to have access to suspects and criminal activity occurring outside the Township border and stopping it before it enters Colerain Township. These relationships allow for quick assistance throughout the Country when large cases demand work outside of Colerain Township. One officer is assigned full-time to this taskforce.



US Marshal Task Force:

The ability to pursue and arrest violent offenders is a primary function of a police department. Often, criminals come into Colerain, commit violent crimes, and then leave the Township, County or State. The need to apprehend these dangerous criminals highlights the importance of this relationship. Several officers are assigned on a part-time basis to this taskforce.





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