

WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

This year has been a busy year for the Wilmington Police Department. We had a lot of success with two committees this year. I created a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). We have meet quarterly this year. The members of that committee are Dean Feldmeyer, Robyn Allen, David Lieurance, James Prather, Marty Beaugard, Byron McGee, Bekah Muchmore, Bryson Thompson, Nathan Kraatz, Dr. William Kennedy, and Chip Murdock. This committee was formed late in 2014 as a recruitment committee with the intension of transitioning into a CAC. During our meetings we discussed committee issues and policing strategies.

During our February meeting we formulated goals and a mission for the CAC. Our mission is as follows:

The mission of the Wilmington Police Advisory committee is to provide community insight to the Chief of Police so he can create and maintain a police force that is competent, committed, and compassionate about the needs of our community.

It has been a pleasure working with the CAC and I look forward to great things from their insight.

We also decided it was time to review our vision and mission for the organization. To do that a Shared Leadership Committee (SLC) was formed. The SLC is made up of officers, sergeants, and communication personnel. The members of our SLC were Sgt. Fithen, Sgt. Cravens, Ptl. Gibson, Ptl. Matt Hamilton, Disp. Myers, and Disp. Smithson. We worked on our vision, mission, and reviewed our strategic plan as well as other critical documents.

We revised our vision and mission and they are as follows:

Vision Statement

The Wilmington Police Department is committed to providing exceptional customer service by addressing the needs of our community thus greatly increasing the quality of life for all Wilmington's citizens. Furthermore, the Wilmington Police Department strives to utilize community partnerships to reduce crime and to be considered a premier police organization in the state of Ohio.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Wilmington Police Department to enhance the quality of life in our city, to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, preserve the peace, reduce the incidents and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety in accordance with constitutional rights while working with the various members of our community. We will do this with honor and integrity, while conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

We have started the process to get this out to our officers as well as posting them for all to see. I can't thank the SLC members enough for their time and effort.

Calls for service for the year were 17,492. This year had a large number of sex offense cases involving minors. We also had a handful of breaking and entering as some thefts. The calls for service typically remained the same and the only out of the ordinary calls we had were two bomb threats to local schools and Det. Baker indicted and convicted a Dee Wampler for involuntary manslaughter.



In 2015, Ptl. James Smithson was the recipient of the Officer of the Year Award. He continues to work hard for our department and the community. Ptl. James Smithson has had perfect attendance for two years.



Det. Robert Wilson was recognized as our crime fighter of the year for his endless pursuit of criminals.

