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The Honorable Mayor Robert Breneman City of Wooster 538 North Market St. Wooster, Ohio 44691

Dear Mayor Breneman,

I am pleased to present to you and to the Wooster City Council, the Wooster Police Department's 2018 Annual Report.

In May of 2018 the Wooster Police Department and Wooster Fire Department memorial was finished and a dedication ceremony was held. We were honored to host family members of some of the officers remembered on the memorial.

2018 also saw some new promotions within the ranks of the Wooster Police Department. Former Detective Tony Lemmon and former Sergeant Victor Nedoma were both promoted to Captain. Patrolmen Shonk, Kolek and Webber were all promoted to Sergeant. We have the utmost confidence that these individuals will all excel in their new roles.

In 2018, we held our fifth annual Citizen's Police Academy and continued a very active presence in our community. Some of the projects we participated in included the 5.0 Cookout, Bicycle Rodeo, Sgt. Santa, Cash for Christmas Program, Reading Under the Lights and the Junior Police Officer Program in all of the Wooster City Elementary Schools. We also had numerous officers speak to community groups throughout our city. We are grateful for the tremendous support of so many individuals and businesses in our community.

Throughout 2018, the Department continued many of its specialized programs, including: police canine, bike patrol, School Resource Officer/DARE program, community relations and the Wooster Hospital Resource Officer positions.

Our Detective Bureau continued to play a major role in our community in 2018 by conducting A.L.I.C.E. trainings for local business and individuals. In addition, they played a major role in two major cases that were closed in 2018. The first was the conviction of a suspect who raped two juvenile females and received two life sentences. The second was a suspect who fired shots at officers and received a sentence of 50 years in prison.

We continue to work in close cooperation with Medway and other state and federal agencies. These partnerships have paid dividends as several of our major drug and firearm cases were turned over to federal agencies and saw the perpetrators receive much more severe penalties then they would have received in our local courts.

The Police Department investigated one homicide in 2018. Part One Offenses (major crimes) showed an overall decrease of 9 percent from 1043 in 2017 to 946 in 2018. All categories of Part One Offenses (homicide, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, and theft) showed a decrease except for homicide that went from zero to one.

The Police Department handled 21,856 calls for service in 2018 which is a very slight increase of over 46 calls from 2017. The top calls for service for 2018 included: Suspicious Activity/Persons: 2256; Traffic Complaints: 1466; Thefts: 1001; Alarms: 1119; and 911 Calls (with no other disposition): 1292. In 2018, traffic enforcement was down slightly with the Department making over 2900 traffic stops. Arrests were up for 2018 by 271 to 1467.

Finally, while 2017 was a tough year with the loss of our dear friend Megan Keller, I want to take a minute to recognize the hard work and dedication of the new Safety Administrative Supervisor, Melanie Rowland. Melanie was thrown into that role with the loss of Megan but throughout 2018, she worked tirelessly to keep the police administration running smoothly. Despite a sharp learning curve and no mentor to show her the ropes, she has risen to every challenge and I couldn't be more proud of her.

Respectfully,

Matthew D. Fisher Chief of Police

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Wooster Police Department

HONORING OUR FALLEN AND THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW MEMORIAL

On May 5, 2018, the Wooster Police Department and Division of Fire formally dedicated our new memorial in front of the Safety Center. We would like to thank those who worked so hard on this project and our community for their support.



OUR OFFICERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Patrolman William H. "Tip" McClure – Died in the line of duty – December 30, 1886

Patrolman Ralph W. Henderson -

Shot in the line of duty – June 23, 1912 Died from the resulting wound – July 3, 1912

Patrolman Robert C. Goodrich -

Drowned during rescue efforts – July 5, 1969

Sergeant Paul H. Knisely -

Drowned during rescue efforts – July 5, 1969

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WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The Wooster Police Department is a committed partner with our community. Ethics, integrity and professionalism are the core values which lead us forward. These core values are the foundation upon which we base our mission.

We realize that our most important asset is our employees who strive to make our organization a premier law enforcement agency. Our employees are dedicated to protecting and preserving life while providing fair and impartial law enforcement services to all.

It is these core values, dedication and community partnership that make our agency distinguished.

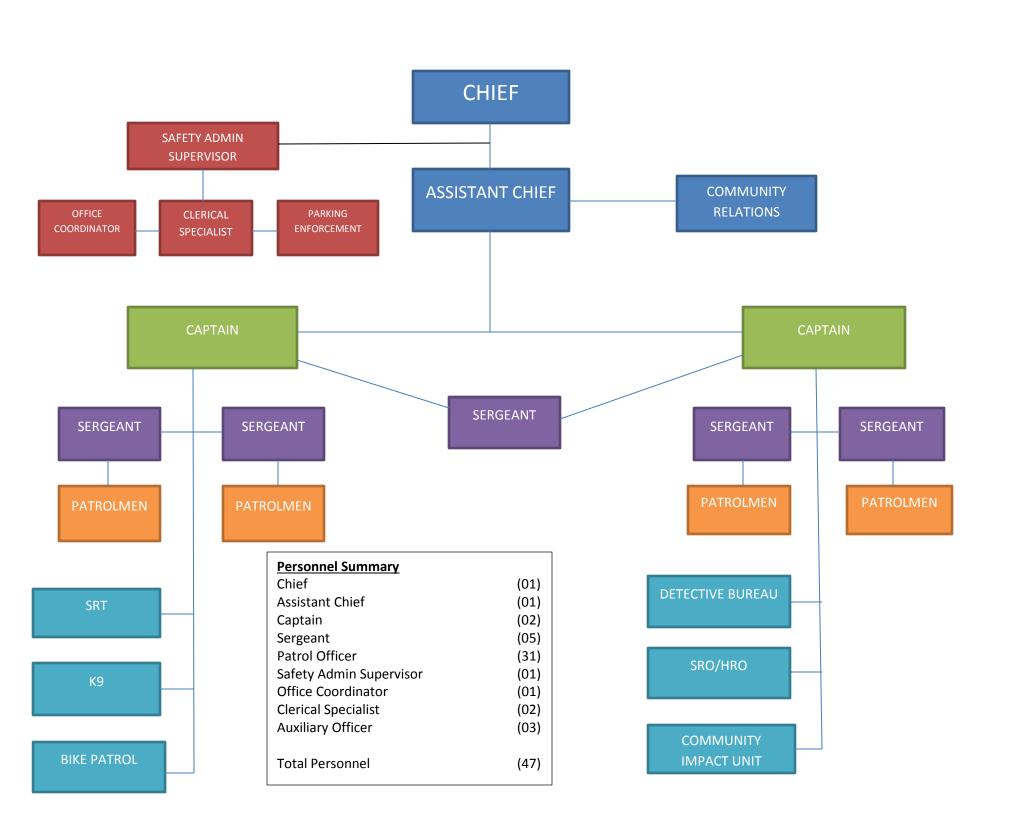
Values

We value dignity and respect for all persons.

We value integrity and honesty as the basis for community trust.

We value excellence and professional growth.

We value the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.



2018 WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

CHIEF Matthew Fisher Administration **ASSISTANT CHIEF** Scott Rotolo Administration **CAPTAIN** Anthony Lemmon Administration Victor Nedoma Administration **CAPTAIN** Clint Bartolic Patrol / Supervisor / Bicycle Patrol / Defensive **SERGEANT** Tactics Instructor / Firearms Instructor Patrol / Supervisor **SERGEANT** Michael Jewell Patrol / Supervisor **SERGEANT** Michael Shonk Greg Kolek Patrol / Supervisor/ Taser Instructor / FTO **SERGEANT** Thomas Webber Patrol / Supervisor / Taser Instructor **SERGEANT** Detective / CVSA Examiner / ALICE Instructor **PATROLMAN** William Belcher **PATROLMAN** Shane Berry Patrol Gaetano Bremenour **PATROLMAN** Detective / Bicycle Patrol **PATROLMAN Dustin Burnett** Patrol / Stop Stick Instructor Patrol / Hostage Negotiator **PATROLMAN** Stacey Chuhi Patrol / K-9 Officer / FTO Philip Coe **PATROLMAN** "Lex" Patrol / K-9 Unit K-9 **PATROLMAN** Ricki Crawley Patrol / Firearms Instructor Patrol / Hostage Negotiator / Community Relations **PATROLMAN** Matthew Cruise Patrol / FTO / CIT Liaison **PATROLMAN** Jerome Fatzinger Patrol / K-9 Officer / FTO **PATROLMAN** Carl Festa "Lucky" Patrol / K-9 Unit K-9 Zachary Fulk **PATROLMAN** Patrol Christopher Grabowski Patrol / Stop Stick Instructor **PATROLMAN PATROLMAN** Donald Hall Patrol Christopher Hartzler Patro1 PATROLMAN Brandon Heim PATROLMAN Patrol / FTO **PATROLMAN** Robert Henderson Patrol / ASP Instructor / Hostage Negotiator **PATROLMAN** Nathan Joppeck **PATROLMAN** Kenneth Linz Patrol / School Resource Officer / ALICE Instructor Detective / Hostage Negotiator / CVSA Examiner **PATROLMAN** Juan McCloud **PATROLMAN** Quinn McConnell Patrol / Bicycle Patrol Benjamin Meintel Patrol **PATROLMAN PATROLMAN** Jacob Mottayaw Patrol / Bicycle Patrol Joshua Miller Patrol / Hospital Resource Officer / Taser Instructor / **PATROLMAN** CIT Liaison Johnathan Ruggeri **PATROLMAN** Patrol 1 April Teichmer Patrol / Defensive Tactics Instructor **PATROLMAN** Jordan Telquist **PATROLMAN** Patrol Joshua Timko Patrol / K-9 Officer **PATROLMAN** "Haro" Patrol / K-9 Unit K-9 Suzanne Trepal **PATROLMAN** Patrol / Hospital Resource Officer **PATROLMAN** Brian Waddell Patrol **PATROLMAN** Daniel Whitmore Patrol / Firearms Instructor **PATROLMAN** Megan Zimmerman Patrol

ADMIN. SUPERVISORMelanie RowlandAdministrationOFFICE COORDINATORSabrina JentesAdministrationCLERICAL SPECIALISTMelissa KeenerAdministrationCLERICAL SPECIALISTAshley FewAdministration

AUXILIARY OFFICER Terry Heim Sergeant / CVSA Examiner / ALICE Instructor
AUXILIARY OFFICER Steven Glick Patrol

AUXILIARY OFFICER Charles Hardman Patrol

2018 NEW HIRES



PATROLMAN BEN MEINTEL



PATROLMAN DON HALL

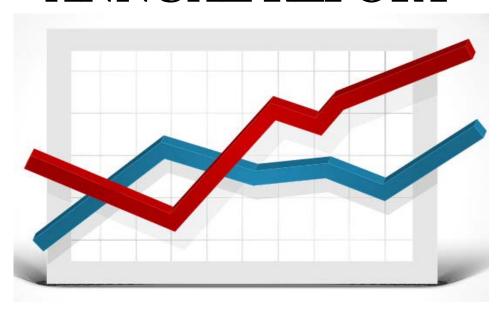


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PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is undoubtedly the heart and soul of the Wooster Police Department. At the end of 2018, our Patrol Division consisted of two (2) captains, five (5) sergeants and twenty-four (24) officers. Several of the officers, in addition to being part of the Patrol Division, also serve on our Bicycle Unit, K-9 Unit, Special Response Team (SRT), and as Field Training Officers (FTO). These upstanding men and women brave the elements twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, spending time away from their families to make sure we are safe while with ours. The officers assigned to this unit provide all of the essential law enforcement functions and community services. These officers have a wide range of knowledge and skills in order to perform these duties. The Department provides the most up-to-date equipment to assist them in their job performance and to help keep them safe. Training is provided on a continuous basis so officers can keep abreast of the most current and best law enforcement procedures and The Patrol Division collaborates with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and strives to provide professional and world class service to the Wooster community.

The Patrol Division investigates calls for police service throughout the year which include, but are not limited to, welfare checks, downtown foot patrol, traffic stops, disorderlies, thefts and drug complaints. When criminal complaints need further investigation, they are returned to the initiating officer for follow-up. Once the criminal complaint is closed by the officer, the next step of the process begins; prosecution. The officers spend countless hours throughout the year working with the prosecuting attorneys, as well as appearing in court for their criminal complaints, until a disposition is handed down by the court and sentencing is complete.

A sincere thank you goes out to our Patrol Division for their hard work and sacrifices made. Their efforts do not go unnoticed. It is an honor and a privilege to have them as part of the Wooster Police Department.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John F. Kennedy

Q DETECTIVE BUREAU **Q**



For the first time in several years, there was turnover in The Wooster Police Department Detective Bureau. In April of 2018, due to a promotion, Gaetano Bremenour was selected to become the next detective. While a young officer, Det. Bremenour brought with him experience in handling larger, more complex cases and significant knowledge of writing search warrants. His knowledge stemmed from his previous assignment to the Community Impact Unit. Even with the assignment of a young detective, the bureau was still left with a wealth of experience and knowledge in Detectives McCloud, Belcher and Sgt. Terry Heim.

In 2018, the detectives continued to handle the most complex investigations within the City of Wooster. These cases included theft, arson, bomb threats, burglary, breaking and entering, child abuse, and rape. Unfortunately, the majority of the detectives' case load involves the sexual abuse of children. The detectives work closely with the Child Advocacy Center and Wayne County Children Services to resolve these cases. In December of 2018, the Wooster Police Department Detective Bureau had a significant role in bringing closure to two major cases. The first case involved the rape of two juvenile females in which the suspect received two life sentences. The second case involved our own officers being involved in a car chase and shooting in which the suspect went on a 2 day crime spree. The suspect was eventually captured and received a 50 year prison sentence.

While not handling specific assigned cases, the detectives remain busy by assisting other agencies, including the FBI, U.S. Marshalls, Medway Drug

Enforcement Agency, Ohio Investigative Unit and other local departments. The Detective Bureau also handles the background investigations, along with CVSA exams, of all City of Wooster applicants. The majority of these types of investigations are handled by Sgt. Heim. He also assumes the responsibility for the transportation of all evidence to the BCI crime lab in Richfield, Ohio. Det. Belcher continues to share his knowledge with new officers by conducting a 2 day investigations class as well as teaching ALICE. Det. McCloud is also involved in community outreach by presenting at local schools through the Wayne County Peers to Peers Program. All of our detectives are relied upon by other officers by being "on call" to handle major cases as well as answer questions about crime scenes, interviewing, and evidence collection.









K-9 UNIT



Patrolman Philip Coe and his canine partner Lex are the newest addition to the Wooster Police Department Canine Unit. Prior to starting on the road and serving the citizens of Wooster and Wayne County, Patrolman Coe and Lex had to go through six weeks of extensive training in Columbus, Ohio. Patrolman Coe and Lex completed their training and were certified as a dual purpose canine team by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission and The Office of the Attorney General on May 23, 2018. Lex is a German Shepherd dog that came to the United States from Slovakia.

Throughout the rest of 2018, Patrolman Coe and Lex continued to train in excess of 16 hours per month with other K-9 teams in the county. Patrolman Coe and Lex also spent countless hours training on their own on their days off. Lex was deployed over twenty times from June 1st to December 31st to assist the Wooster Police Department Patrol Division and Community Impact Unit, The Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Medway DEA with narcotic investigations, tracking of suspects and building searches. Patrolman Coe and Lex also attended



several community events and did school presentations in the City of Wooster and Wayne County.



Patrolman Coe and Lex look forward to another exciting and rewarding year working for the citizens of Wooster and Wayne County.



K-9 UNIT





In 2018, Lucky completed his first full year of service on the road with the Wooster Police Department since becoming certified by the Ohio Police Officers Training Commission and The Office of the Attorney General in June of 2017.

Lucky, a three (3) year old Belgian Malinois, came to the United States from Holland, and has since

established himself as a reliable canine officer. Lucky is a dual purpose canine trained in various fields such as subject apprehension, tracking, narcotics detection, and article searches.

Throughout the year, Lucky and Ptl. Festa attended several community events and school presentations. While at work, Lucky was deployed over ninety (90) times in 2018, with multiple narcotic seizures and suspect apprehensions. Lucky has also assisted the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Medway Drug Enforcement Agency, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Wayne County Probation Department in a variety of capacities.

Ptl. Festa and Lucky continue to train on a daily basis in order to better serve the community. Ptl. Festa and Lucky look forward to another rewarding year of work with the Wooster Police Department.





K-9 UNIT



Officer Timko and his K9 partner Haro have been serving the City of Wooster for 4 years. K9 Haro is a 6 year old German Shepard imported from Slovakia. Officer Timko and K9 Haro are certified through the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission as a dual purpose K9 team to include tracking and narcotics.

In the summer of 2018, Officer Timko and K9 Haro successfully completed a week long IPWDA (International Police Working Dog Association) school held in Grayling, Michigan. Along with being certified through the State of Ohio, Officer Timko and K9 Haro are also IPWDA certified.

Officer Timko and K9 Haro are currently assigned to the day shift at the Wooster Police Department. During their shift, K9 Haro is utilized in searching for illegal narcotics. K9 Haro is a great asset to the City of Wooster. Officer Timko and K9 Haro were also deployed several times in the search for missing persons and wanted suspects. Officer Timko and K9 Haro also assisted other local agencies with tracking and narcotic detection. K9 Haro was deployed on over 30 calls for service involving narcotics in the City of Wooster in 2018.

Officer Timko and K9 Haro are very dedicated to community relations. In 2018, Officer Timko and K9 Haro spent several hours assisting with community events, demonstrations and fundraisers. K9 Haro especially enjoys the time he gets to spend in the Wooster City Schools with all of the children.

When they are not working, Officer Timko and K9 Haro spend several hours training.

Officer Timko and K9 Haro are honored to protect and serve the City of Wooster!



2018 WOOSTER BICYCLE UNIT



The Wooster Bicycle Unit was utilized "sparingly" in 2018. The Unit was present at the new City Bicycle Path ceremony early in 2018, instructing on safety and equipment. The Unit spent the bulk of its patrol efforts during the months of August and September. During that time, the Unit documented 32 complete hours and made:

- 38 citizen contacts
- 10 arrests
- 3 traffic stops
- 2 citations
- 1 traffic warning
- 4 criminal reports
- 4 narcotic reports with seized contraband including methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and nearly \$700.00 in cash
- answered 9 calls for service

The Unit was also present during the annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration, Heart and "Sole" race and the Memorial Day Parade. The Unit was utilized for building and neighborhood security due to a spree of burglaries that affected several neighborhoods in 2018.

Community Relations Rivision

The Community Relations Division had another awesome year as we continued our mission of "humanizing the badge" with our community outreach programs.

The following is a list of events Wooster Police either hosted or participated in throughout 2018:

*In May 2018, WPD hosted The Thin Blue Line Walk at the Gault Rec. Center to honor and remember 139 police officers who died in the line of duty in 2017.

*In May 2018, The WPD and WFD Fallen Officer and Firefighter Memorial was finished and dedicated at the Safety Center.

*In May 2018, WPD again partnered with the United Way, Wooster City Schools and The Wayne County Library for Reading Under the Lights at Maurer Field.

"Reading Under the Lights"



"Main Street Kids Day"



*In June 2018, WPD partnered with Bret Defibaugh and Bowman Beverage for our 3rd annual "Five – 0" neighborhood cookout.

*In June 2018, WPD partnered with Kiwanis and Wooster Community Hospital for our annual Bike Rodeo at Cornerstone Elementary School.

*In June 2018, WPD participated in Main Street Wooster's annual Kids Day in downtown Wooster at the Wayne County Library.

*In July 2018, WPD participated in The Village Network Celebration Day. A basketball free-throw contest was held and prizes were given out to the boys and girls who participated. We also partnered with Buffalo Wild Wings who treated the kids to over 450 boneless wings as they shot hoops.

*In July 2018, WPD participated in Wooster Healthy Living Kids Day at Christmas Run Park. The kids got to meet Ptl. Josh Timko and K9 Haro and they were treated to a K9 demo.

WPD and WFD

Fallen Police and Firefighter

"Memorial Dedication"



"Bike Rodeo"



*In October 2018, WPD participated in The WooTown Treat Trail with downtown businesses and the Wayne County Library.

*In November 2018, on Black Friday weekend, Sgt. Mike Jewell along with other WPD officers, volunteers and WCPAAA Alumni worked for three days straight to make our annual Stuff the Cruiser campaign successful once again. Many families in our community are touched by this program. Not only do the families and kids get items on their wish lists, they receive free CO detectors donated by Lowes in memory of Megan Keller. Our WPD family lost Megan and her husband Cody in November 2017 to carbon monoxide poisoning.

*In December 2018, WPD partnered again with AmeriGas and Wayne Savings Community Bank for Cash for Christmas. During traffic stops conducted in December, drivers may receive cash instead of a citation from our officers.

Throughout 2018, our officers made several impromptu visits in neighborhoods, parks and at different healthcare facilities. WPD officers made several visits to the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, Wooster City parks and swimming pools and senior care facilities such as West View Healthy Living and Danbury Senior Living. These random visits are priceless. Just taking a few minutes to talk to people in our community or give a child a "Cop – Sicle" makes a lasting impression. "Cop – sicles" are always a big hit with the kids all summer long at the pools and during the Fourth of July festivities at The Kinney Fields.

Our officers are also very active in the Wooster City School District. Throughout the school year, WPD recognized several fourth grade students with our Honorary Jr. Police Officer Award. This award recognizes students who exemplify leadership, character, attitude, responsibility, respect and kindness. The students receive a free pizza from Papa John's Pizza, a WPD goodie bag and they are awarded a letter of recognition from Chief Fisher. The students are recognized at their school leadership assemblies and the awards are presented by a WPD officer. Our officers regularly participate in school activities including having lunch with the kids or being a mystery reader during Right to Read Week. We also like to partner with the schools for special projects. In December 2018, Parkview Elementary students in the third and fourth grades helped honor and remember 147 fallen police officers and 81 fallen firefighters by making name/memory tags for our memory tree in the front lobby of the Safety Center.

In 2019, the goal of the Community Relations Division is to continuously build on our current relationships and seek out new ones to help make the City of Wooster a great place to live, work and raise a family.

"Fallen Police and Firefighter Memorial Christmas Tree"



"Honorary Jr. Police Officer"

Wooster City Schools



COMMUNITY RELATIONS/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Dr. Michael Tefs and the Wooster City School Board have continued to show a desire in keeping the learning environment as safe as possible. Throughout the district, building designs have been enhanced and technological safety features have been put in place. These safety features, along with additional mental health providers, will help to protect the students both physically and mentally during their time in the schools. As with our world view ever changing, so must the role of the School Resource Officer.

Nationally, the numbers of qualified individuals who are choosing law enforcement as a career path are dwindling. Officer Linz has decided to make it an emphasis to inform juniors and seniors of the necessary path for achieving a rewarding career in the criminal justice field, knowing that the best way to draw interest to law enforcement is to be the best role model possible.

What could be better than having a School Resource Officer in Wooster City Schools? How about two School Resource Officers? That's right, the Wooster City School Board unanimously approved contracting with the City of Wooster Police Department for an additional officer. Though the Board wanted an officer immediately, Chief Fisher informed them that the process of filling the void left by the appointed officer must first be filled prior to appointing the additional S.R.O. Three very worthy internal candidates submitted their paperwork and were interviewed jointly by police administration and school administrators. Officer April Teichmer was selected and will attend S.R.O. basic training and begin her new assignment in 2019.





(HRO) HOSPITAL RESOURCE OFFICER



In 2018, Officers Miller and Trepal continued to provide safety and security to the staff, patients, and visitors of the Wooster Hospital, not only physically, but mentally. Officers Miller and Trepal continued to heavily train and review with the staff the ALICE principles involving an active shooter situation. So much so, that the ALICE acronym was added to a flipchart of pertinent information and the flipcharts were placed in every hospital department and unit throughout the facility. Officers Miller and Trepal also attended the Regional ALICE conference, which was hosted in Strongsville, Ohio.

In 2018, Officer Miller attended a three day Crisis Incident Stress Management program, along with several other Wooster Hospital employees, to assist the staff members in dealing with the mental stress of a critical incident that occurred at the Wooster Hospital. The program allowed Officer Miller and other staff members to coach the WCH staff through a critical incident "Debrief" or "Defusing", while minimizing any further mental trauma. At the conclusion of the program, Officer Miller and the Wooster Hospital staff members created a CISM response team, specific for critical stress incidents that occur at the WCH and/or involve its staff members.



In 2018, additional attention was also provided to the "Mental Health" and "Pink Slipped" suicidal/homicidal patients, who routinely visit the Emergency Department. Officer Miller and multiple Emergency Department staff members assisted in a Sequential Intercept Mapping program, with the assistance of the State of Ohio, in attempt to better serve the mentally ill patients that enter our facility. Many ideas and discussions were had and many new ideas were implemented, such as new

designated "safe rooms", crisis assistance from the Emergency Department social workers, as well as a "sitter" program to allow peer support to de-escalate the patients in need. These changes offer safer options, quicker placement, and a better supportive environment.

In 2018, Officer Miller also had the privilege of educating a large amount of the WCH staff and leadership team (approximately 600 employees) in the art of Verbal Defense and Influence training. This program, which had been modified for a hospital specific setting, teaches the staff the art of verbal de-escalation. This skill is one of the many tools which will help everyone remain safe and calm as they assist with difficult or threatening patients. The Verbal Defense program is slated to replace the AIDET program in 2019, during the employee orientation upon hire.

In 2018, Officer Trepal also attended several victim assistance trainings and has become a great advocate at the Wooster Hospital, specifically in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her passion on this topic has helped her to learn and educate others on the very serious issues surrounding both domestic and sexual type assaults. Officer Trepal works and volunteers regularly at a local domestic violence shelter and has been an advocate for many at the Wooster Hospital.



In 2018, both Officers Miller and Trepal also received STAR awards from the Wooster Hospital staff and patients, which was an acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication to the HRO program.

WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



COMMANDER

Captain Victor Nedoma

TEAM LEADER

Sergeant Clint Bartolic

OPERATORS

Sergeant Greg Kolek
Patrolman Joshua Timko
Patrolman Daniel Whitmore
Patrolman Carl Festa
Patrolman April Teichmer

S.R.T. SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Wooster Police Department Special Response Team (SRT) consists of seven members, including the SRT Commander. Members are specially trained and equipped to respond to the community's most critical needs under a variety of circumstances. The types of situations where the team would be activated include; high-risk warrant service, barricaded/armed subjects, hostage situations and civil unrest. The Special Response Team works with state and local law enforcement agencies striving to provide the best possible resolution to all types of critical incidents.

Officers who express an interest in becoming a member of the Special Response Team must apply for the position. Team member selection is based on several criteria, including; experience, physical fitness, firearms proficiency, disciplinary record, and an interview process. Once selected, the officer must attend a basic 40 hour SWAT/SRT school in order to be considered for deployment.

The Special Response Team trains on a monthly basis, and the team attended the Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference in Sandusky, Ohio during the week of June 4, 2018. The conference included several critical incident debriefings (Welby Way: The Murder of Officer Randall Simmons, The Dracy Pendleton Manhunt, Parkland: Florida Shooting, The Las Vegas: October Route 91 Harvest Music Fest Active Shooter) and the following training:

- -Deftech less lethal impact munitions
- -Barricaded subjects
- -Violence of mind, criminal mindset/counter ambush
- -Operational risk mitigation
- -High risk room entry
- -Search warrant planning

On December 17, 2018, the team attended a 30 hour advanced SWAT school sponsored by the Ohio Tactical Officer Association. The team was introduced to trending techniques and honed their current skills. The team has been assembled to assist in several multi-agency missions in conjunction with the MEDWAY Drug Enforcement Agency and The State Highway Patrol Special Response Team. The service of successful search warrants occurred in the 300 block of E. North Street, and the 500 block of Spink Street in Wooster, Ohio.



On August 27, 2018, the Wooster Police Department hosted its first multi-jurisdictional special response team training. The training was in collaboration with the Orrville Police Department SWAT team and MEDWAY Drug Enforcement Agency's SRT. The training was a great success, and the agencies look forward to working together and becoming one cohesive unit.

Wooster Police Department



The Auxiliary Unit of the Wooster Police Department provides additional manpower when needed. The Auxiliary Officers have supplemented patrol, the detective bureau, traffic and extra duty details.

At the end of 2018, the Auxiliary Unit consisted of Sergeant Terry Heim, Officer Steve Glick and Officer Charlie Hardman. In 2018, the Auxiliary Unit Officers logged a combined total of approximately 1000 hours of service.

Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate



The year 2018 continued to be a busy year with A.L.I.C.E training. Due to the active shooter incidents across our nation, the requests for A.L.I.C.E. trainings have continued to rise. Four officers from our agency, Captain Lemmon, Ptl. Miller, Ptl. Trepal and Det. Belcher have all conducted A.L.I.C.E. trainings throughout our community. The trainings have been conducted at various businesses, schools and religious organizations including Wooster Community Hospital.

Due to the violence in schools, the State of Ohio has mandated that drills be conducted within the schools located in our jurisdiction, including private schools. In addition to performing safety audits, the members of our department (listed above) conduct safety drills in the schools. Our department has a unique relationship with the Wooster City Schools in which safety audits are conducted. Safety audits consist of undercover officers attempting to enter the schools in an attempt for staff and students to practice the A.L.I.C.E. protocols in addition to confronting subjects who do not belong in the buildings.

It is the belief of the Wooster Police Department that practicing emergency situations and our responses to them, we will have the ability to be successful in the unfortunate event of a real incident. It is our hope that these trainings will never have to be deployed, but believe our community will be better prepared if in fact they do occur.

The Wooster Police Department will move forward with training the A.L.I.C.E. principles in to 2019. Several businesses are scheduled to have the training in 2019 and we look forward to additional requests in the coming months.

Healthy Choices for Healthy Teens

In 2018, through the Healthy Choices for Healthy Teens Program, we conducted educational risk prevention classes for the following Wayne County schools (as well as 2 in Holmes County and 1 in Medina County):

- -8 high schools (84 presentations), reaching about 1,387 high school students in grades 9 12
- -11 middle schools (169 presentations), reaching about 1,424 students in grades 6 8

The high school program was formerly known as "Peers to Peers" and is now "Healthy Choices for Healthy Teens".

RSVP (Responsible Social and Sexual Values Program) is a curriculum from Alliance for Healthy Youth (Akron, Ohio). RSVP is presented to middle school students both with and without the special speaker's component. Detective McCloud presented to every 6th and 7th grade student.



The following are some of the student responses taken from the exit survey when asked what they learned.

- -That some drugs come from plants.
- -How not to do drugs or smoke or even have tobacco because it will ruin your life forever and it will really ruin your teeth.
- -I learned that being absent from drugs is the best thing you can do.
- -Make smart choices and say no to drugs.
- -That one time trying drugs you can get addicted.

- -I always knew that drugs were bad and you should ALWAYS stay away. But RSVP was a wake up call that made me realize even more.
- -Drugs will change your life forever and in a bad way.
- -To not to be scared to say no.
- -The things that happen to you when you use drugs or alcohol.
- -That your teeth will go bad and look like rotten rat teeth if you do drugs.
- -I learned that people will do anything to get drugs or alcohol.
- -That if you want to do drugs you could look like an animal that got hit by a car so many times.
- -That drugs make you look like rats.
- -The consequences of risky behaviors.
- -Talking to adults about it now can help you in the future.
- -Meth teeth are gross.
- -Drugs affect how you think mentally.
- -Drugs will take everything away from you.
- -About Meth Mouth.

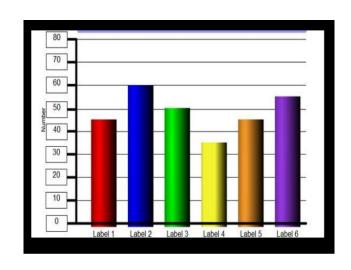


When students were asked *what we could do to help prevent teens from making risky decisions*, the overwhelming answer was "more of this program" and "keep doing what you are doing".

WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATISTICAL TABLES AND CHARTS

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

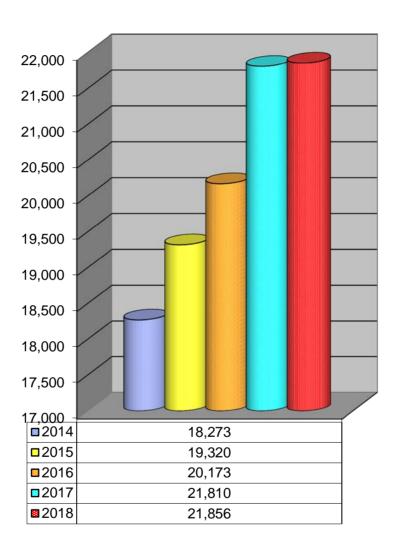


2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CATEGORY

The Calls for Service section shows the number of calls received by the Wooster-Ashland Regional Council of Governments Dispatch which occurred within the city limits. Dispatchers, based on the information received, categorize the call prior to dispatching officers. While useful, the information can be misleading because oftentimes the call for service can end up later being classified differently than dispatched.

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2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE



PART 1 OFFENSES 2018

	2017	2018	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
HOMICIDE	0	1	100%
RAPE	35	34	-3%
ROBBERY	25	11	-56%
FELONY ASSAULT	45	40	-11%
BURGLARY	160	157	-2%
THEFT	778	703	-10%
TOTALS	1043	946	-9%

STATISTICS **COMPARISON OF STOLEN PROPERTY** 2017 2018 % Difference CURRENCY / CREDIT CARDS / NEGOTIABLE / NON-NEG \$ 334,195 204,430 -39% 34% PERSONAL PAPERS / DOCUMENTS / OTHER PERSONAL 26,329 35,285 JEWELRY \$ 65.197 25.817 -60% **CLOTHING / FURS** \$ 15,978 -14% 13,668 **PURSES / WALLETS** \$ -25% 4,497 3,379 HOUSEHOLD GOODS \$ 26,332 14,006 -47% -99% ART OBJECTS / OTHER VALUABLES (COLLECTORS ITEMS) \$ 39,004 \$ 221 \$ 40,947 -12% COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 36,122 TV / RADIO / STEREO / CELL PHONES \$ 44,237 36,571 -17% \$ 71% CD / AUDIO & VIDEO TAPES 2,461 \$ 4,197 \$ 22% SPORTS, CAMPING, HUNTING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT 7,301 \$ 8,941 \$ PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT 3,562 275 -92% OTHER EQUIP (FARM, LAWN, HEAVY CONST, MEDICAL) \$ 7,639 44,947 488% \$ TOOLS/BUILDING SUPPLIES \$ 37,461 \$ 64,744 73% \$ **AUTO PARTS / AIRCRAFT PARTS** 12,132 15,779 30% \$ -60% CONSUMABLE GOODS 29,213 \$ 11,550 **MEDICATIONS** \$ 606 \$ 891 47% \$ -99% PETS / ANIMALS 1,500 10 SCHOOL SUPPLIES/OFFICE EQUIPMENT \$ 2,031 \$ 976 -52% SERVICES \$ \$ 0% \$ -1% AUTOMOBILES & OTHER VEHICLES (LAND, AIR, WATER) 153,352 151,201 \$ -12% **BICYCLES** 13,775 12,153 6,196 FIREARMS / FIREARM ACCESSORIES \$ \$ 3,365 -46% OTHER WEAPONS (SWORD, BB GUNS) \$ 1,697 729 -57% \$ -55% **MISCELLANEOUS** 7,098 15,601 **VIDEO GAMES** \$ 11,434 6,764 -41% -22% TOTAL LOSS \$ 902,677 703,119

*All percentages are rounded off.

2018 ARRESTS & CITATIONS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
ARRESTS													
ADULT	116	122	99	106	117	113	139	119	121	129	108	114	1403
JUVI	6	2	4	17	7	3	3	6	4	7	3	2	64
TOTAL	122	124	103	123	124	116	142	125	125	136	111	116	1467
TRAFFIC CITA	TIONS												
ADULT	123	79	117	103	75	81	91	92	108	90	74	76	1109
JUVI	2	1	2	0	5	4	1	1	1	1	4	2	24
TOTAL	125	80	119	103	80	85	92	93	109	91	78	78	1133

^{*}Unable to break down by gender. Sundance Reports unavailable.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SURVEY

The following is a breakdown of the traffic charges filed in the Wayne County Municipal and Juvenile Courts by the Wooster Police Department during 2018, with comparison to the year 2017.

VIOLATION	2017	2018
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	119	131
CHILD RESTRAINTS	100	2 66
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	109	
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	631	482
EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	10	10
EXPIRED OR MISSING VEHICLE PLATES	189	161
FAILURE TO CONTROL	74	73
FAILURE TO YIELD	74	110
FICTITIOUS PLATES	18	11
HIT/SKIP	20	15
IMPROPER LANE CHANGE	53	42
IMPROPER SIGNAL	14	12
IMPROPER TURN	58	29
JUVENILE PERMIT RESTRICTIONS	1	1
LOAD/WEIGHT VIOLATIONS	3	1
LOUD MUSIC FROM VEHICLE	1	1
NO OPERATORS LICENSE/EXPIRED LICENSE	166	292
PASSING	8	7
RECKLESS OPERATION	11	9
RIDE OUTSIDE VEHICLE	0	0
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION	4	2
SEAT BELTS - DRIVER	29	11
SEAT BELTS - PASSENGER	1	1
SPEED	190	64
SQUEAL TIRES	5	1
STARTING/BACKING	65	62
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING	0	0
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	112	63
WRONG WAY-ONE WAY	4	4
MISC. OFFENSES	48	23
TOTAL	2018	1686

2018 TRAFFIC CRASHES

OFFICIAL									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018				
JAN	57	65	47	58	54				
FEB	47	52	60	43	33				
MAR	49	44	45	45	63				
APR	49	47	51	53	40				
MAY	47	66	58	53	47				
JUN	55	45	41	43	46				
JUL	46	56	44	40	41				
AUG	51	46	51	43	46				
SEP	40	49	44	45	53				
ОСТ	56	56	63	47	65				
NOV	76	54	55	54	54				
DEC	46	60	63	63	42				
TOTALS	619	640	622	587	584				

PERSONS INJURED									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018				
JAN	8	7	9	17	14				
FEB	4	10	10	8	6				
MAR	10	9	8	8	7				
APR	11	7	9	15	5				
MAY	8	19	9	11	7				
JUN	10	10	7	6	10				
JUL	14	15	14	8	8				
AUG	17	8	14	9	15				
SEP	9	12	6	10	8				
ОСТ	11	12	11	10	13				
NOV	14	13	19	11	9				
DEC	18	10	26	10	6				
TOTALS	134	132	142	123	108				
Fatal	1	2	0	1	0				

COURTESY									
	2014 2015 2016 2017 2								
JAN	1	3	1	2	1				
FEB	2	3	3	1	3				
MAR	3	1	0	5	1				
APR	1	4	1	0	3				
MAY	2	2	0	1	3				
JUN	3	4	1	2	1				
JUL	3	3	2	4	3				
AUG	3	4	0	2	3				
SEP	1	1	1	4	0				
ОСТ	2	2	1	2	3				
NOV	3	1	1	2	3				
DEC	8	3	1	3	1				
TOTALS	32	31	12	28	25				

PEDESTRIANS INJURED									
	2014 2015 2016 2017								
JAN	0	0	0	1	1				
FEB	1	1	0	0	0				
MAR	0	0	1	0	2				
APR	2	0	2	0	0				
MAY	1	0	0	2	0				
JUN	0	1	0	0	3				
JUL	0	1	0	0	1				
AUG	0	0	0	1	0				
SEP	2	1	0	1	1				
ОСТ	2	0	0	4	0				
NOV	1	0	0	1	2				
DEC	1	0	0	2	2				
TOTALS	10	4	3	12	12				

Every Crash Tells A Story

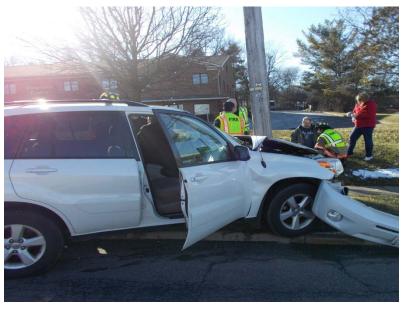














PARKING ENFORCEMENT - 2018

TICKETS ISSUED

FINES RECEIVED

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
MONTH										
JAN	115	170	233	229	230	\$1,890	\$3,170	\$3,450	\$3,770	\$3,430
FEB	125	143	161	302	195	\$2,460	\$3,110	\$3,510	\$3,990	\$3,300
MAR	172	0	316	272	300	\$3,070	\$860	\$3,810	\$3,790	\$4,910
APR	122	252	226	243	163	\$2,110	\$2,600	\$3,680	\$3,170	\$2,700
MAY	154	282	313	201	213	\$2,080	\$4,380	\$3,980	\$3,720	\$3,280
JUN	115	227	273	280	59	\$2,330	\$3,890	\$4,420	\$3,590	\$1,720
JUL	179	282	197	213	0	\$2,350	\$4,830	\$2,810	\$3,670	\$480
AUG	166	262	321	237	0	\$2,050	\$4,210	\$4,200	\$3,510	\$370
SEP	180	215	277	248	0	\$3,330	\$3,820	\$4,600	\$3,390	\$340
OCT	137	188	206	236	0	\$2,500	\$3,030	\$4,030	\$4,280	\$160
NOV	116	207	286	110	0	\$2,429	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$2,240	\$140
DEC	186	224	297	246	0	\$3,111	\$3,500	\$4,230	\$3,280	\$110
TOTALS	1767	2452	3106	2817	1160	\$ 29,710	\$ 40,600	\$45,920	\$42,400	\$20,940

The City of Wooster's downtown parking restrictions were enforced by one full-time parking enforcement officer in 2018. The position was vacated in June of 2018 and has not yet been filled. These statistics reflect how many tickets were issued solely by the Wooster Police Department's parking enforcement officer. The patrol officers will issue tickets after business hours if the need arises and have been issuing tickets as needed in the absence of a parking enforcement officer. The fines received is a grand total of all monies received from parking ticket payments.





Providing professional law enforcement services to the community is a complex task. The duties of a police officer are challenging and constantly changing. The constant interaction between the police and community creates many opportunities, but also exposes the potential for liability. A well-educated, experienced police officer will increase our chances for success, while limiting our potential exposure to liability.

The Wooster Police Department actively seeks training opportunities for its personnel. Officers are selected to attend various training based on their current assignment, past schools attended, and the value of the class to the overall mission.





SCHOOLS ATTENDED DURING 2018

Chief Fisher FBINAA National Conference, PELCAA Conference,

Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference (OTOA),

Public Records, Annual In-Service

Assistant Chief Rotolo FBINAA National Conference, PELCAA Conference,

Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference (OTOA),

Public Records, Annual In-Service

Captain Lemmon School Violence Seminar, Public Records, Overdose

Death Investigation, FBI Behavioral Analysis Seminar,

Annual In-Service

Captain Nedoma PELCAA Conference, Ohio Tactical Officers Association

Conference (OTOA), Public Records, Annual In-

Service

Sqt. Bartolic OTOA Conference, Leadership Wooster, Subject

Perimeter Seminar, Homemade Explosives Detection Course, Armorer School, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Annual In-Service, Domestic Violence

Conference, Advanced SRT

Sqt. Jewell FBI LEEDA, Subject Perimeter Seminar, Public

Records, Homemade Explosives Detection Course, Domestic Violence Conference, Annual In-Service

OTOA Conference, Building Trust, Advanced SRT,

Annual In-Service

Sgt. Shonk Domestic Violence Conference, Field Training Officer,

Building Trust, Annual In-Service

Sgt. Webber Subject Perimeter Seminar, Medicolegal Investigation

of Death, Taser Instructor, Building Trust, Annual In-

Service

Sgt. Kolek

Det. Belcher Overdose Death Investigation, Public Records,

Domestic Violence Conference, FBI Behavioral

Analysis Seminar, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Berry REID Interview, Advanced Reid Interview, Annual In-

Service

Det. Bremenour Overdose Death Investigation, Subject Perimeter

Seminar, Medicolegal Investigation of Death, OTOA

Conference, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Burnett Use of Force Simulator, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Chuhi Subject Perimeter Seminar, Advanced CIT, Hostage

Negotiator, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Coe Basic K-9 Handler School, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Crawley Rifle/Carbine Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Annual

In-Service

Ptl. Cruise Domestic Violence Conference, Public Records, Annual

In-Service

Ptl. Fatzinger CIT Instructor, Use of Force Simulator, Medicolegal

Investigation of Death, Critical Stress Management,

Annual In-Service

Ptl. Festa Use of Force Simulator, OTOA Conference, Field

Training Officer, Advanced SRT, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Fulk Annual In-Service

Ptl. Grabowski Subject Perimeter Seminar, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Hartzler Annual In-Service

Ptl. Heim Annual In-Service

Ptl. Henderson Advanced CIT, Homemade Explosives Detection

Course, Hostage Negotiator, Clandestine Lab Re-Cert,

Annual In-Service

Ptl. Joppeck Subject Perimeter Seminar, Advanced Investigations

Course, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Linz Ohio Juvenile Officer Association Conference,

Ohio School Resource Officer Conference, Annual In-

Service

Det. McCloud Public Records, Domestic Violence Conference, Annual

In-Service

Ptl. McConnell Subject Perimeter Seminar, Homemade Explosives

Detection Course, OTOA Conference, Annual In-

Service

Ptl. Meintel Ohio Basic Peace Officer Academy

Ptl. Miller CIT Instructor, Critical Stress Management, Domestic

Violence Conference, Taser Instructor, Annual In-

Service

Ptl. Mottayaw Annual In-Service

Ptl. Ruggeri School Violence Seminar, Reid Interview, Annual In-

Service

Ptl. Teichmer OTOA Conference, Homemade Explosives Detection

Course, Advanced SRT, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Telquist Annual In-Service

Ptl. Timko Basic SRT, Clandestine Lab Re-Cert, Advanced SRT,

Annual In-Service

Ptl. Trepal Advanced CIT, Domestic Violence Conference, Annual

In-Service

Ptl. B. Waddell Homemade Explosives Detection Course, Annual In-

Service

Ptl. Whitmore Homemade Explosives Detection Course, Armorers

Course, OTOA Conference, Field Training Officer,

Advanced SRT, Annual In-Service

Ptl. Zimmerman Street Crimes Seminar, Annual In-Service

*Daily Continued Professional Training via Lexipol

*Roll Call and newsletter Training