

# Wadsworth Police Department 2019 Annual Report



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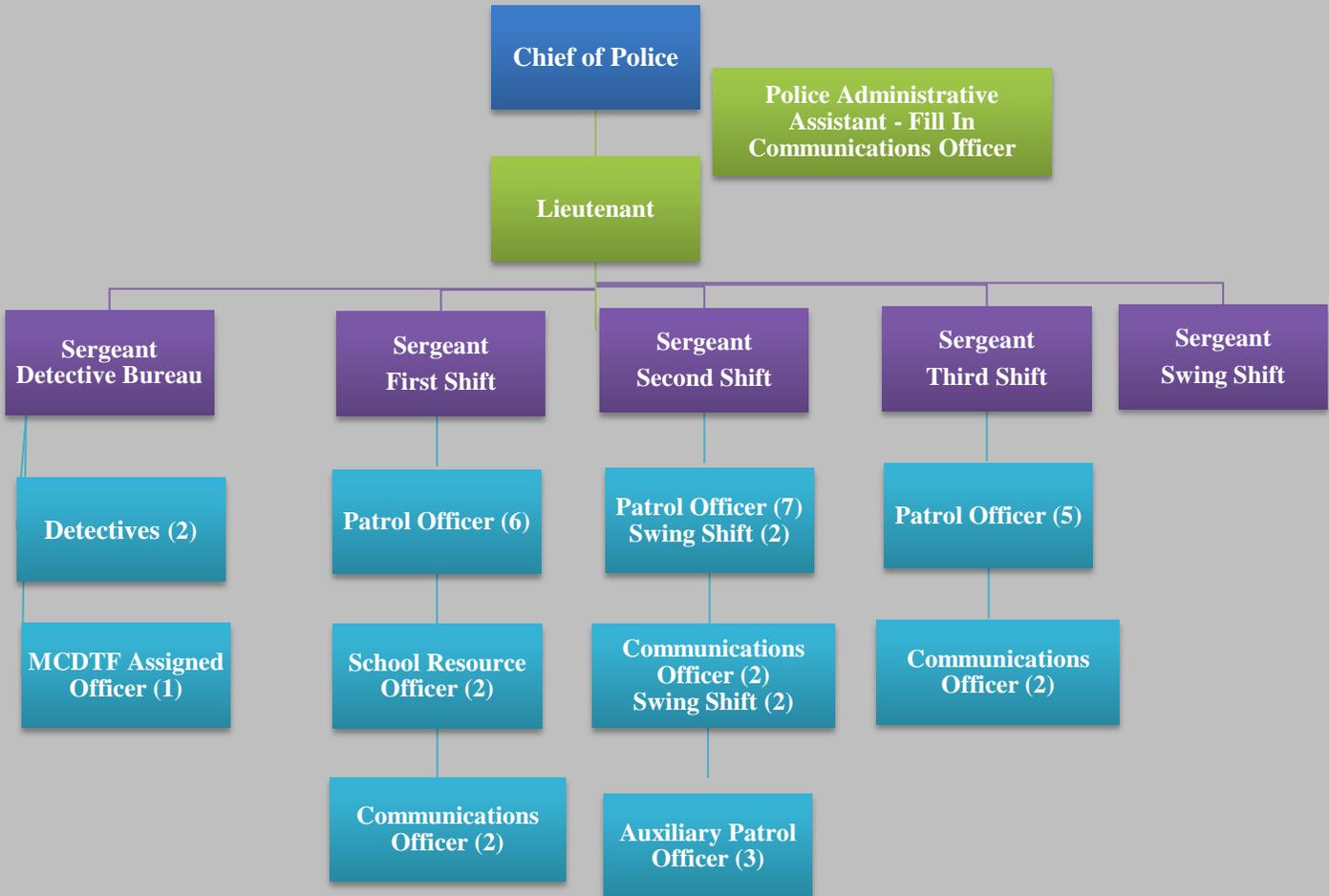
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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
Chief of Police	Randall Reinke	August 12, 1992
Lieutenant	David Dorland	January 10, 1994
Sergeant	James Elchlinger	August 27, 1999
Sergeant	Daniel Chafin	February 1, 2010
Sergeant	Joe Rose	February 21, 2006
Sergeant	Michael Patterson	December 8, 2003
Sergeant	Dawn Schismenos	April 29, 2002
Patrol Officer	Peter Spoerke	September 16, 1996
Patrol Officer	Joshua Cooper	August 23, 1999
Patrol Officer	Katie Sips	December 15, 2000
Patrol Officer	James Walser	January 2, 2001
Patrol Officer	Sean Shannon	November 14, 2001
Patrol Officer	Andrew Blubaugh	January 9, 2003
Patrol Officer	John Ahern	March 31, 2003
Detective	Matthew Markley	November 8, 2004
Patrol Officer	Adam Innocenti	September 2, 2008
Patrol Officer	Daniel Shonk	August 10, 2009
Patrol Officer	Heath Studer	April 26, 2010
Patrol Officer	Seth Petit	February 21, 2011
Patrol Officer	Kyle Haas	March 21, 2011
Detective	James Allenby	January 2, 2013
Patrol Officer	Curt McCune	January 17, 2013
Patrol Officer	Keith Godwin	August 11, 2014
Patrol Officer	Tim Reed	March 2, 2015
Patrol Officer	Dakota Lamielle	May 3, 2016
Patrol Officer	Ashley Wanchisn	August 1, 2016
Patrol Officer	Vivian Feke	January 30, 2017
Patrol Officer	Ben Smith	March 27, 2018
Patrol Officer	Cody Seiler	January 7, 2019
Patrol Officer	Nathan Ball	April 1, 2019
Patrol Officer	Corey McFadden	May 6, 2019
Communications Officer	Brian Dodge	May 20, 1998
Communications Officer	Wendy Emrick	May 26, 1999
Communications Officer	Nicole Covil	May 30, 2003
Communications Officer	Heidi Sonntag	February 14, 2005
Communications Officer	Olivia Culver	March 30, 2009
Communications Officer	Richard Brown	September 6, 2016
Communications Officer	Julie Bennett	December 12, 2016
Communications Officer	Rachel Durbin	October 8, 2018
Police Administrative Assist/Dispatch	Kathryn Cindia	June 8, 2009
Auxiliary Patrol Officer	Matthew Neil	January 12, 1997
Auxiliary Patrol Officer	David King	December 31, 2001
Auxiliary Patrol Officer	Melissa Blubaugh	April 2, 2019

## An Overview of The Wadsworth Police Department’s Personnel Structure



**WPD 2019 Rank/Structure:**

1 Chief of Police, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 24 Patrol Officers, 8 Communications Officers, 3 Auxiliary Officers, 1 Admin Assistant/Dispatch.

		% of Whole Department
Sworn Full Time Officers	31	72%
Communications Officers	8	18%
Auxiliary Officers	3	8%
Administrative Employees	1	2%

Sworn Full Time Officers		% of Whole Department
Admin	2	6%
Front-line Supervisors	5	16%
Detectives	2	6%
Patrol	19	63%
Special Assignments(SRO/DTF)	3	9%

## 2019 PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Wadsworth Police Department underwent several personnel changes during 2019 to include Retirements, New Hires and Promotions.

Sgt. Melissa Blubaugh Retired in January 2019, after 25 years of service with the Wadsworth Police Department. She was hired as a Patrol Officer on January 10, 1994 and promoted to the rank of Sergeant on September 23, 2002. She returned as an Auxiliary Officer in April 2019.



Detective Dawn Schismenos was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 18, 2019. Sgt. Schismenos was hired on April 29, 2002 as a Patrol Officer. She spent several years as a Detective before being promoted to Sergeant.

Ptl. Cody Seiler was sworn in on January 7, 2019 as a Patrol Officer. He had previously received his OPOTA certification and was able to begin his Field Training Program which he successfully completed and was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol.



Ptl. Nathan Ball was sworn in on April 1, 2019 as a Patrol Officer. He had previously received his OPOTA certification and was able to begin his Field Training Program which he successfully completed and was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol.

Ptl. Corey McFadden was sworn in on May 6, 2019 as a Patrol Officer. He had previously received his OPOTA certification and was able to begin his Field Training Program which he successfully completed and was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol.





WPD



## WPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In 2019, the Wadsworth Police Department and its members participated in numerous community activities and events in an effort to further engage with the citizens of the City of Wadsworth in a positive way. WPD believes that building and maintaining strong ties to the community it serves is extremely important. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of this city.

### SAFETY FORCES CAMP

This program is hosted by the Police Department and Fire/EMS Department during one week in the summer for local children. The children learn about various aspects of public safety forces, participate in activities and games, and are provided a lunch each day of the camp. The camp is organized by School Resource Officers Innocenti and Shonk. Many WPD officers take part in the activities. Thanks to support of local businesses and community members, we are able to provide this camp to the children free of charge.



COPS AND KIDS

This is a Christmas shopping event where the Wadsworth Police and Fire/EMS departments raise donations from local businesses and residents to provide local underprivileged children with an opportunity to purchase items for Christmas for themselves and their families. The children are treated to a pancake breakfast, one-on-one conversation with officers and other department personnel and a parade to a local store in emergency service vehicles with lights and sirens blaring. The WPD members enjoy this event and their time spent with the children. Thank you to all who donated to this cause and thank you to Grace Lutheran Church and Target for your support and for hosting us again this year. Without all of you, the smiles and laughter we bring to the children at this event would not be possible.



**OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Wadsworth City Schools and YMCA Presentations

Tours of WPD: Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts

Click It or Ticket Campaign – May 20 – June 2

Downtown Wadsworth First Friday Events

Senior Safety Day

LE Torch Run for Special Olympics

Police VS Fire Softball and Flag Football games

WPD FOP Dodgeball YMCA

Blue Tip Parade and Festival

Downtown Wadsworth July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks

Reimer Rd. Baptist Church Car Show

Key Church Touch-A-Truck event

Balloons over Wadsworth event

Congressional Town Hall

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign

Downtown Wadsworth Food Truck event

Scare on the Square

Salvation Army Back to School event

YMCA Halloween event





**NO SHAVE NOVEMBER - DON'T SHAVE DECEMBER**

The Wadsworth Police Department was honored to take part in its third annual 'No Shave November' campaign for 2019 and donate all funds raised by WPD employees and donations from community members to Austin Lupercio and his family. Austin is a Wadsworth resident and military veteran diagnosed with a rare aggressive brain cancer. We were able to raise a total of \$7,000 for Austin.

The City of Wadsworth Administration authorized the Wadsworth Police Department employees to participate in No Shave November for not only November, but for December as well, doubling the ability to raise support and funds for Austin. Participating male officers were permitted to grow facial hair and female employees wore a cancer awareness emblem on their uniforms in support.



## PTL. PETIT AND K9 ZORO

In 2019, Ptl. Petit and Zoro were involved in 87 drug seizures. Of those seizures, 55 were felonies, 29 were misdemeanors and 3 were closed with no charges. The team personally produced 20 felony drug cases and 14 misdemeanor cases.

K9 Zoro was deployed for 77 narcotics sniffs, 6 tracks, 3 area searches and he was brought out for K9 presence/deterrence on 7 calls.

The handler and K9 team stayed busy with work related duties as well as community engagements. They participated in the following events and special details throughout the year:

### Community Engagement:

Safety Forces Camp  
 First Friday - First Responder Night  
 Civil Service Exam  
 Blue Tip Parade  
 Scare on the Square  
 Fireworks  
 Medina County Fair  
 Soprema Center - Senior Day  
 Cops and Kids  
 Candlelight Walk

### Special Details:

Attended K9 First Aid Training  
 Security Detail - Congressman Gonzalez  
 Conducted a sniff of the hangars and planes at the Wadsworth Airport



## S.R.O. – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS PTL. INNOCENTI - PTL. SHONK



2019 marked the 7<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration between the Wadsworth Police Department and the Wadsworth City Schools with the placement of a full time School Resource Officer. Ptl. Innocenti has served as SRO to the schools since the beginning of the program in 2013 and Ptl. Shonk was assigned as a second SRO officer in 2018. The SRO officers serve as liaisons between the Police Department and the Schools. They provide training to staff, safety related programs to students, security and a safer learning environment for all. They are also responsible for handling all police calls related to the schools.

Ptl. Innocenti and Ptl. Shonk organize and run the WPD Safety Forces Camp which is a huge success thanks to their hard work and dedication. Some of the other programs and activities they participate in include:

Safety Town Program

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Safety Belt Program

A.L.I.C.E. Training – School and Bus staff

Traffic Stop/Accident/Insurance class for students - WHS

OVI Fatal Vision class – WHS

Forensics class – WHS

Hidden in Plain Sight – WHS

Drug and Alcohol class – WHS

Eddie the Eagle class – Kindergarten



## S.W.A.T.

Wadsworth Police Department has 4 Officers assigned as members of the Medina County S.W.A.T. team, 2 of which serve as team leaders. The S.W.A.T. team can be deployed for incidents throughout the county for various high risk situations such as barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk search warrants, open area search and arrest situations, building searches, active shooters or any other high risk situation deemed necessary by department supervision.

The S.W.A.T. team trained one day each month in 2019 as well as a two day training session in September. Training can include range training, medical training and scenario based trainings. The SWAT team will train in team exercises including the planning and execution of high risk search warrants, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, active shooters, open area search and arrest and building searches.

The S.W.A.T. team was called out 6 times in 2019, twice within the City of Wadsworth. Both Wadsworth call outs were involving male subjects who were either intoxicated or believed to be under the influence of drugs, had weapons in the home and had made threats of suicide or suicide by cop. Both Wadsworth SWAT call outs were resolved and the suspects were taken into custody.



## W.P.D. and Medina County Drug Task Force

In 2019, a total of 40 drug related criminal investigations were conducted by the Medina County Drug Task force (MCDTF) within the City of Wadsworth. Wadsworth Police Department's Officer assigned to the MCDTF was the lead investigator. Out of the criminal investigations within the City of Wadsworth in 2019, 144 charges were sought. All 144 charges were felony levels varying between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> degree felonies. There were also 4 arrest warrants served.



	2019	2018
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	0	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony	22	10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	22	17
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Felony	49	13
5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Felony	47	44
Misdemeanors	0	0
Arrest Warrants	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>92</b>

The rise in Methamphetamine as the current drug of choice for all of Medina County continued in 2019 after a resurgence in 2018. Methamphetamine is typically found at a reduced cost and carries a minimal chance of overdose as compared to Heroin or Fentanyl. However, as the reduction of overdoses is a positive step, the increase in the presence and use of Methamphetamine carries its own dangers and concerns for the City and its citizens.

Type of Drug	Quantity of Drug	Unit of Measure
Cocaine	28.24	Grams
Carfentanil	1.07	Grams
Fentanyl	0.4	Grams
Heroin	.001	Grams
LSD	247	Grams
Marijuana	245.30	Grams
Methamphetamine	1,174.61	Grams
RX Drugs	27	Unit Doses

## 2019 MCDTF Data Only - City of Wadsworth Criminal Charges by Type of Charge

CRIME	2019	2018
TRAFFICKING COCAINE	5	
TRAFFICKING CARFENTANIL		2
TRAFFICKING FENTANYL	1	1
TRAFFICKING LSD	2	4
TRAFFICKING MARIJUANA	14	1
TRAFFICKING METH	21	12
TRAFFICKING RX DRUGS		1
POSSESSION OF COCAINE	1	2
POSSESSION OF CARFENTANIL	1	
POSSESSION OF FENTANYL	2	6
POSSESSION OF HEROIN	1	3
POSSESSION OF LSD	3	1
POSSESSION OF METH	22	38
POSSESSION OF RX DRUGS	5	3
DECEPTION TO OBTAIN RX DRUGS	1	3
ILLEGAL PROCESSING OF DRUG DOCS	47	4
PERMITTING DRUG ABUSE		1
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE	9	3
FIREARMS VIOLATIONS	3	1
CORRUPTING ANOTHER WITH DRUGS	1	
OTHER MISC. CHARGES		2
OTHER AGENCY ARREST WARRANTS	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>92</b>

D.U.M.P. BOX

The DUMP program allows citizens a place to safely discard unused medications. A DUMP box is located within the City Hall building and twice a year WPD participates in the DEA sponsored Drug Take Back Day where individuals may drive through the WPD parking lot and an Officer will collect the medications for disposal. In 2019, a total of 1,051 pounds of unused/unwanted medications were collected.



## WPD and CART - Child Abduction Response Team



The Medina County CART team consists of 46 members representing Medina County EMA, BCI, Ohio Special Response Team, Adult Parole Authority, Brunswick Hills FD and the Law Enforcement Agencies within Medina County. Wadsworth PD Patrol Officer Heath Studer serves as one of the Co-coordinators for Medina County CART.

The Medina CART is 1 of only 3 recognized teams in Northeast Ohio and 1 of 6 teams in the State of Ohio. The team will deploy in the event of an endangered missing child, or even an endangered missing adult depending on the circumstances. Activation of the team is considered on a case-by-case basis. In 2019, the team had 4 activations.

CART is new and still working toward acquiring necessary supplies for conducting searches and investigations such as night vision, thermal imaging, lights, etc. They are also making efforts to conduct mock scenarios for training purposes.

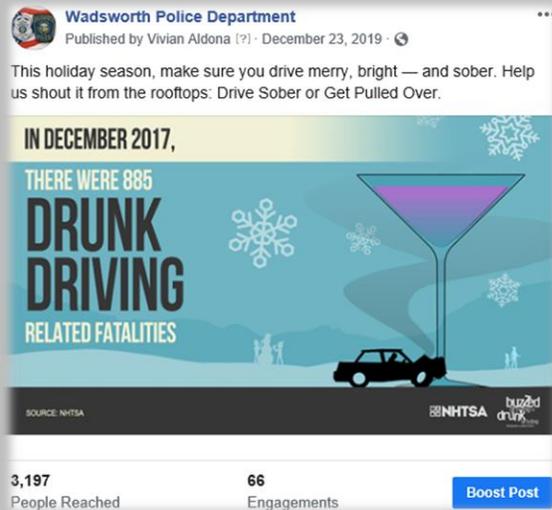


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## WPD and Social Media

Social media has continued to be an enormously useful tool in the policing profession and the Wadsworth Police Department strives to make use of it in every aspect possible. Websites such as Facebook and Twitter provide an open and far reaching outlet for the department to disseminate and gather information from the public as well as allow an additional form of communication for the public to reach the Police for non-emergency related questions and concerns.

WPD uses these social media outlets to request assistance from the public in locating and identifying subjects, finding owners of lost pets, making people aware of scams or other crime related matters and advising of current road closures or severe weather. It is also a great way to connect and engage with the community, keeping them informed of the various activities and community related events that WPD is participating in and provide public service announcements regarding safety related issues.



## WPD TRAINING

Wadsworth Police personnel participate in various continuing educational classes throughout the year. All officers must meet the minimum requirement for continued professional training in accordance with standards set forth by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTA). Dispatchers must meet the minimum training requirements every year to continue with certifications needed for public safety communication and emergency medical dispatch.

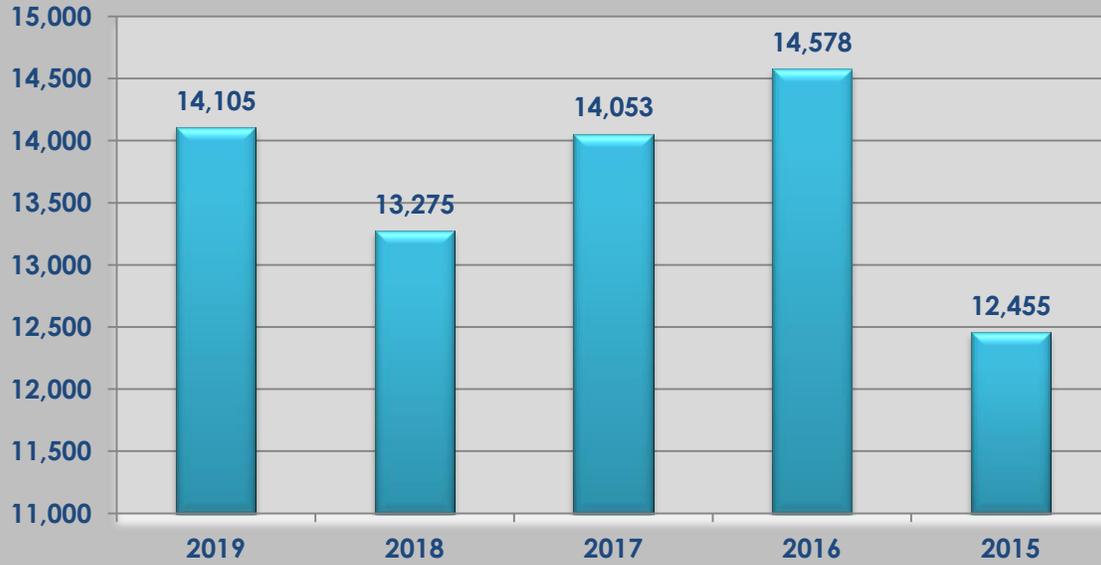
### Specialized Training for 2019:

Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA)  
 Sexual Assault Investigation  
 Core Criminal Investigation  
 Fire and Arson Investigation  
 Bulletproof Mind  
 Why Teens Kill  
 Ohio Tactical Officer Association Training (OTOA)  
 Desert Snow Criminal and Terrorist Interdiction  
 Conducting Employment Background Investigations  
 Statement Analysis Interviewing Techniques  
 Positive Interactions with Difficult People  
 Dynamics of Officer/Citizen Encounters  
 Tactical Leadership  
 2019 School Resource Officer Conference  
 Supervisor Training & Education Program (STEP)  
 Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview  
 Ohio Drug Recognition Expert Program  
 Emotional Survival for the Female Enforcer  
 Forensics  
 911 Homicide Call Training  
 Door Breaching Training  
 Public Information Officer Training and Development  
 Subject Control Instructor

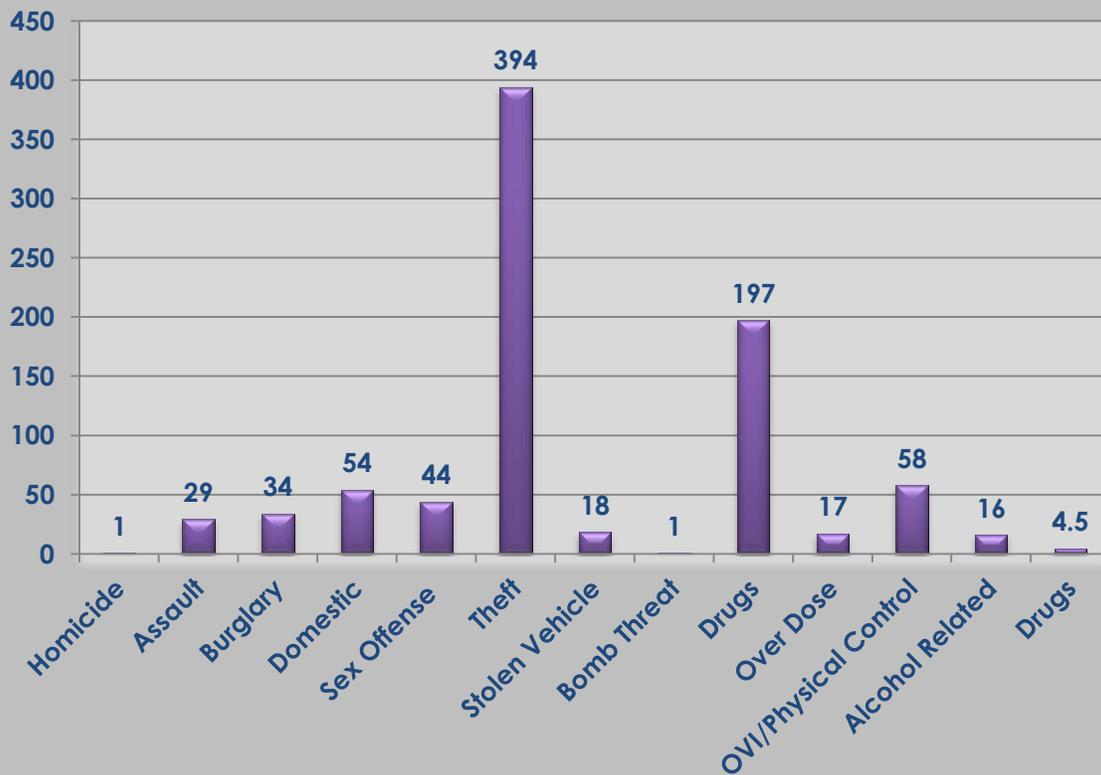


## DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

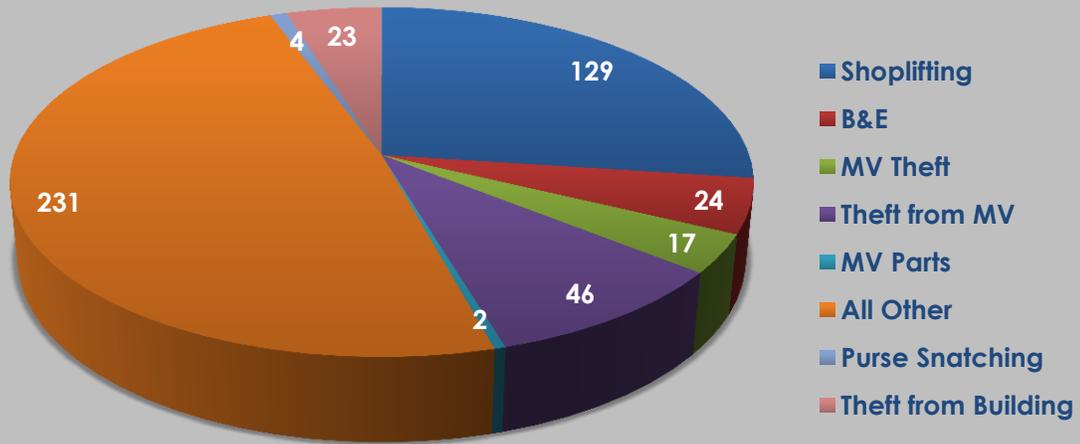
### Police Calls for Service



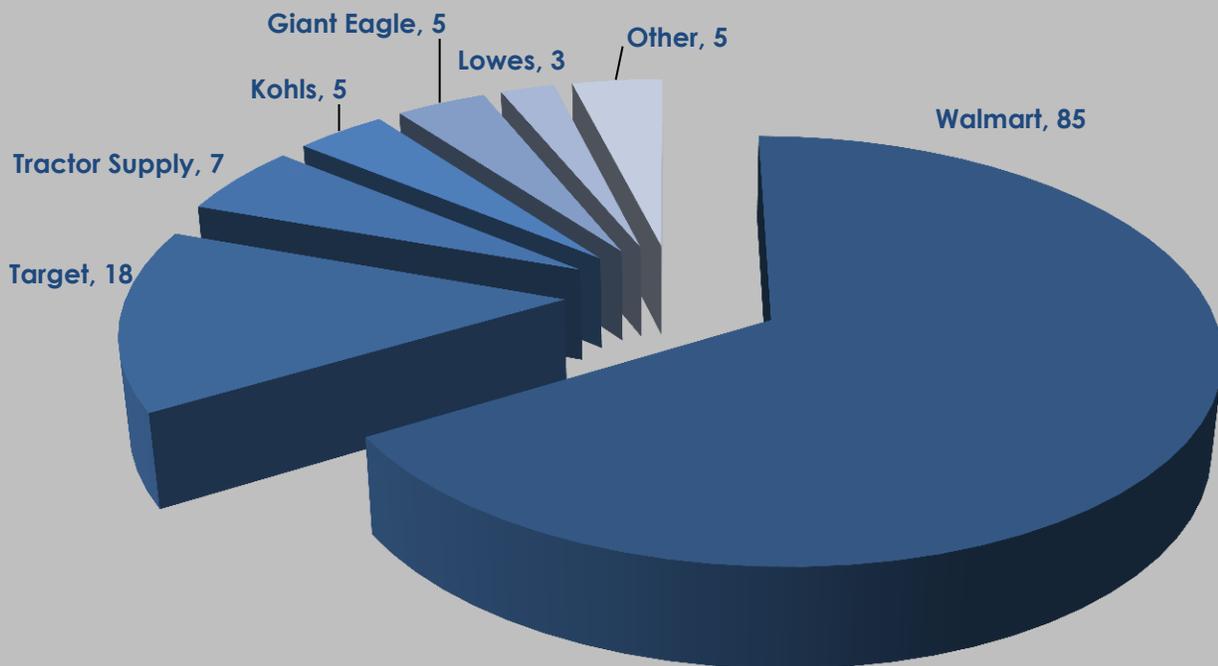
### Major Offense Incident Reports Investigated



### 2019 Burglary/Theft by Larceny Type



### Shoplifting Incidents by Store



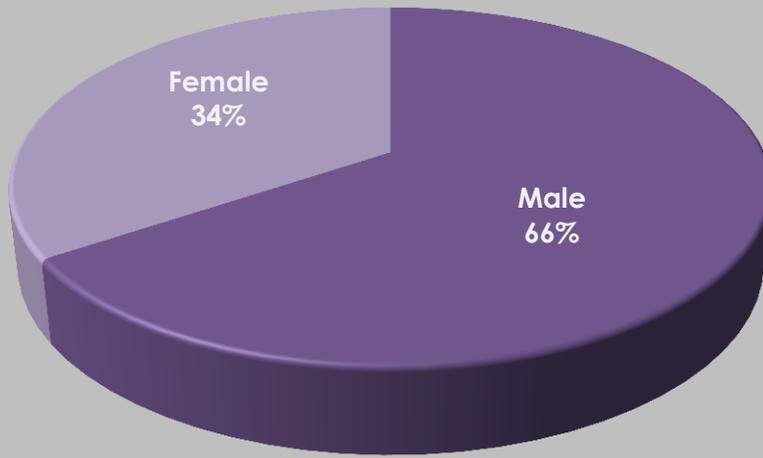
### Five Year Arrest Totals Comparison



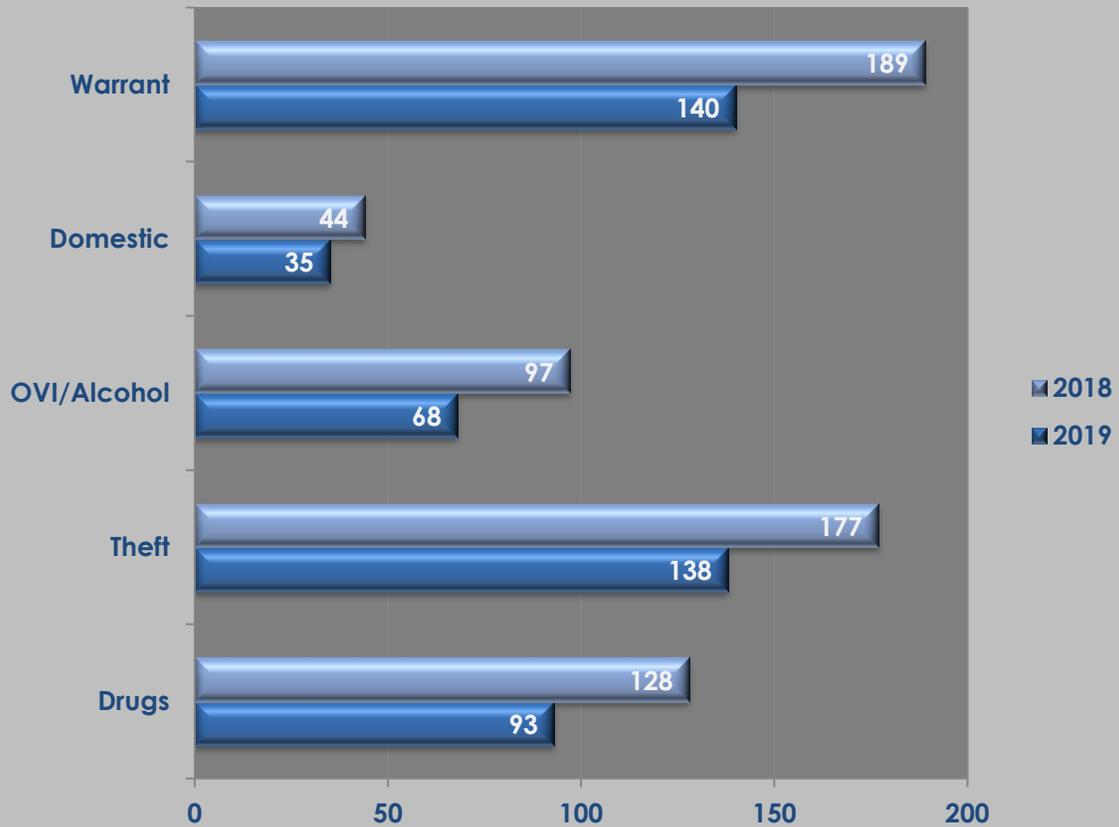
### 2019 v. 2018 Adult and Juvenile Arrest Comparison



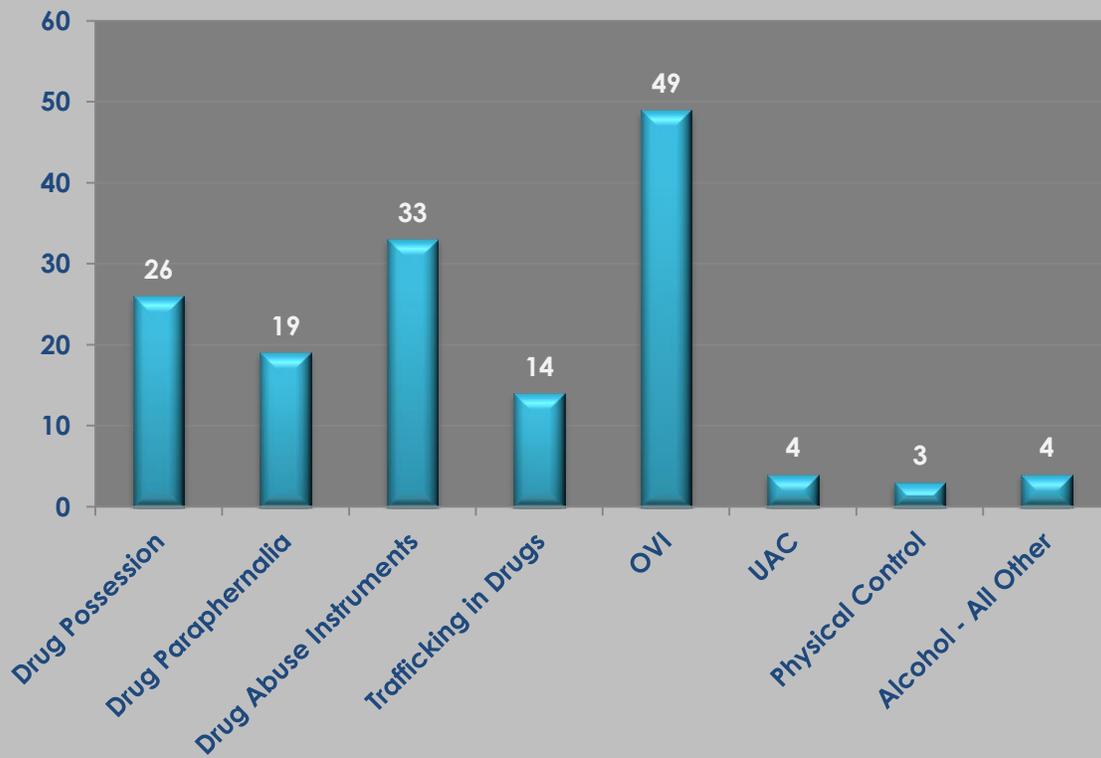
### 2019 Male - Female Arrest Comparison



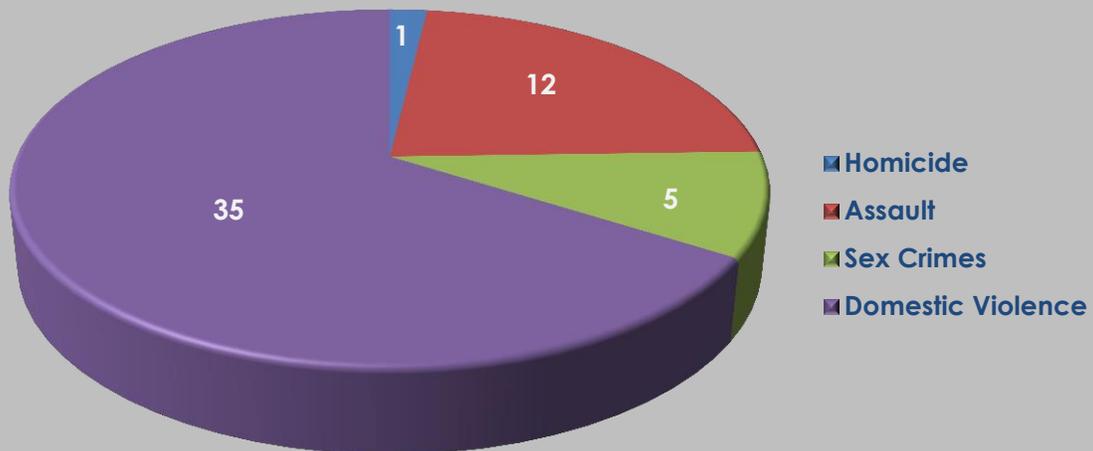
### Top 5 Arrest Charges



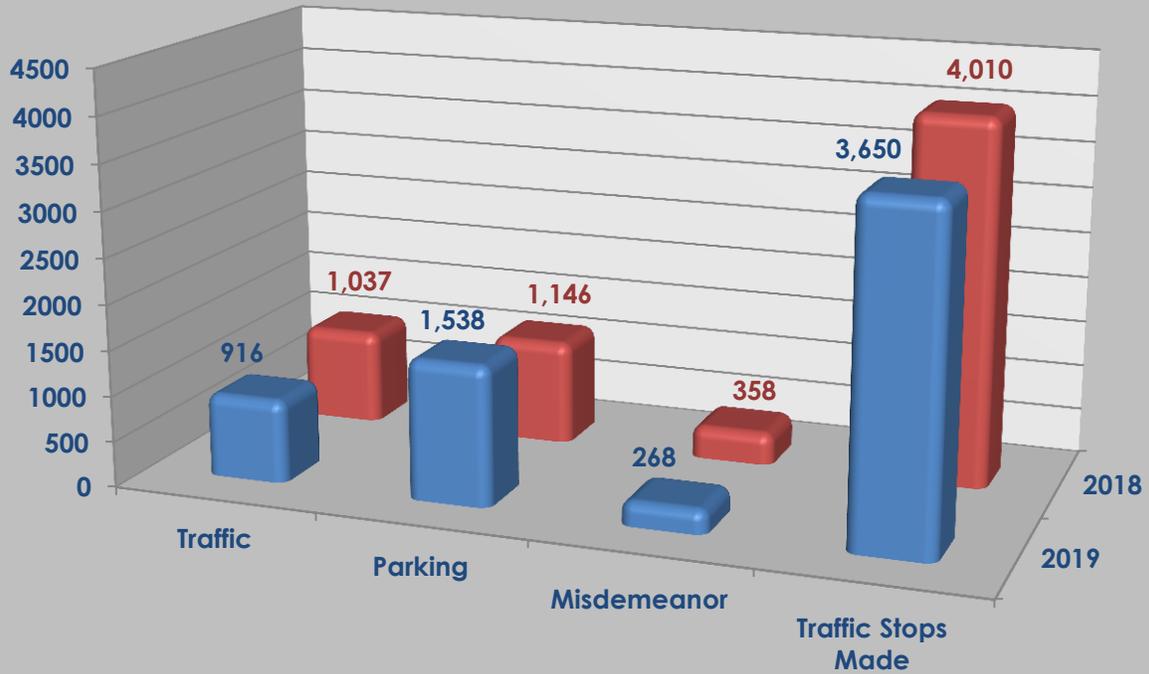
### Alcohol and Drug Related Arrest Comparison



### Violent Crime Arrest Comparison

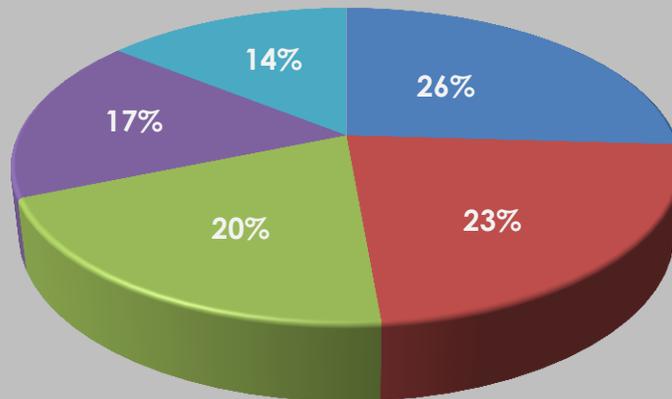


### 2019 v 2018 Citations Issued

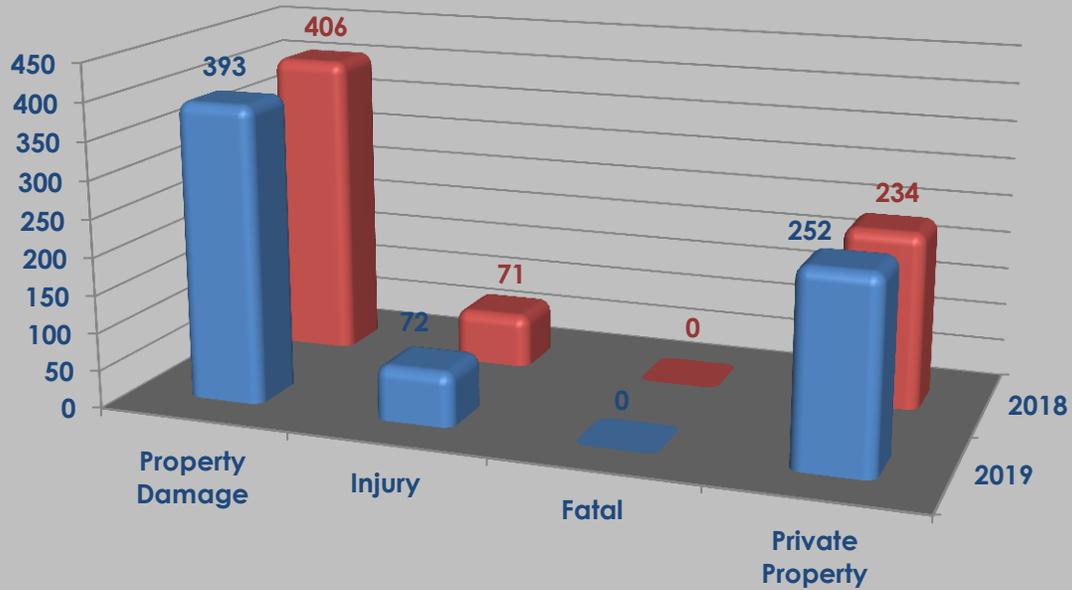


### Top 5 Traffic Related Citations Issued

■ Speed ■ ACDA ■ DUS ■ OVI ■ Display of Plates

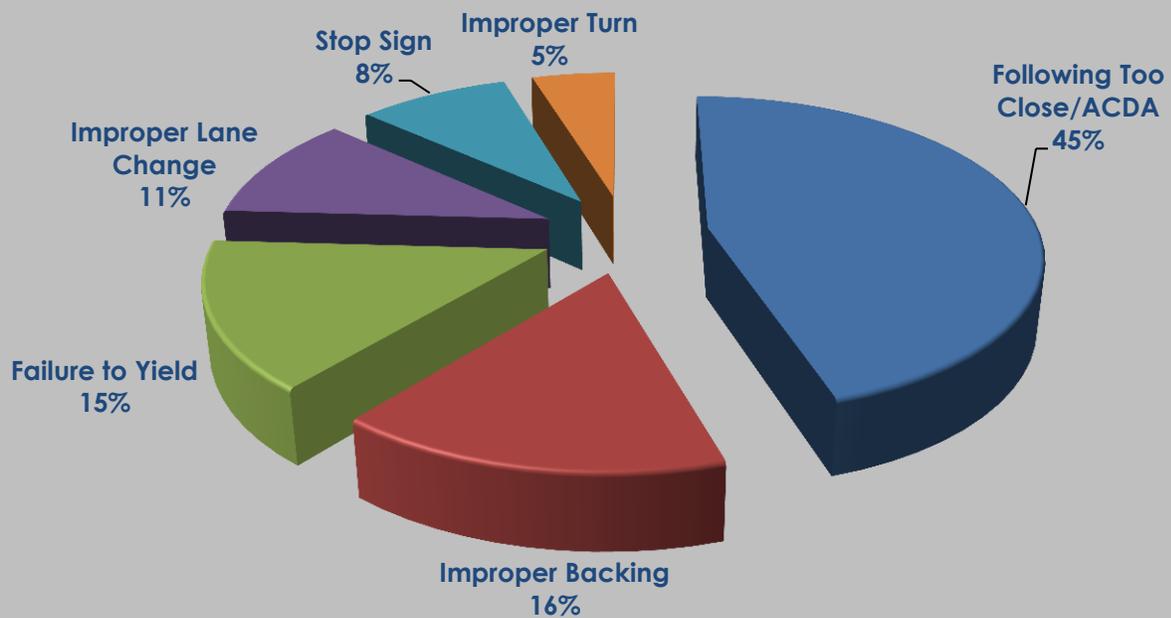


### 2019 v 2018 Traffic Accidents

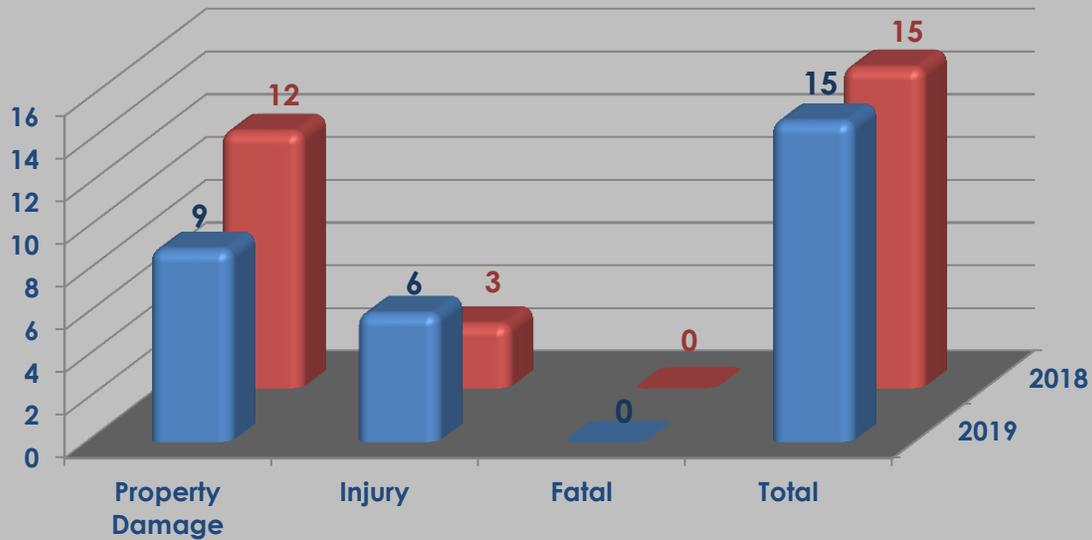


### 2019 Top Contributing Factors for Traffic Crashes

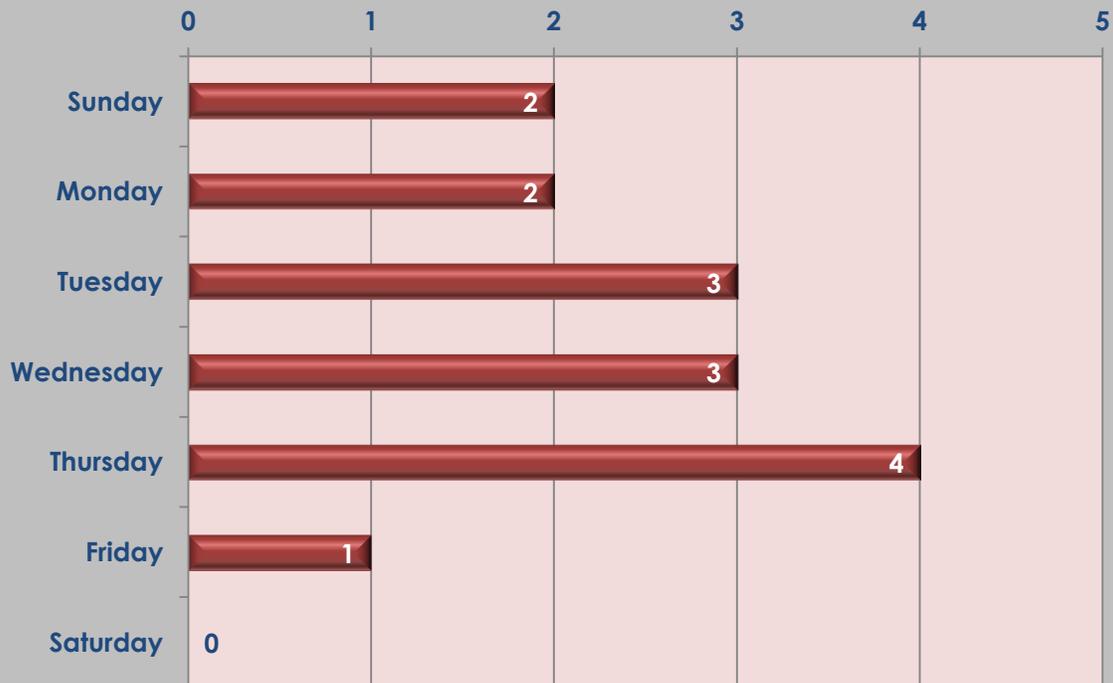
#### Top Contributing Factors for Traffic Accidents



### 2019 v 2018 Alcohol Related Traffic Crashes



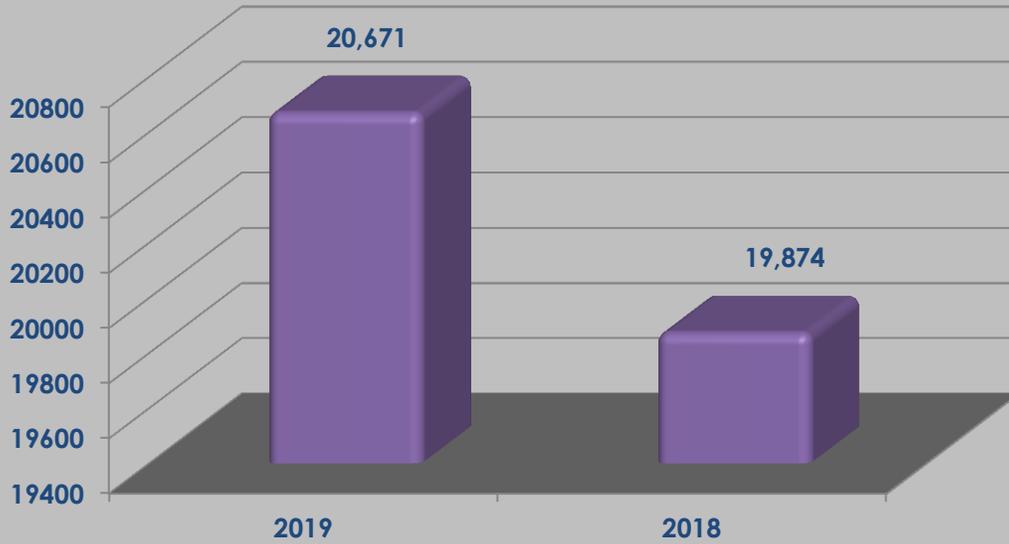
### Alcohol/Drug Related Accidents by day of the week



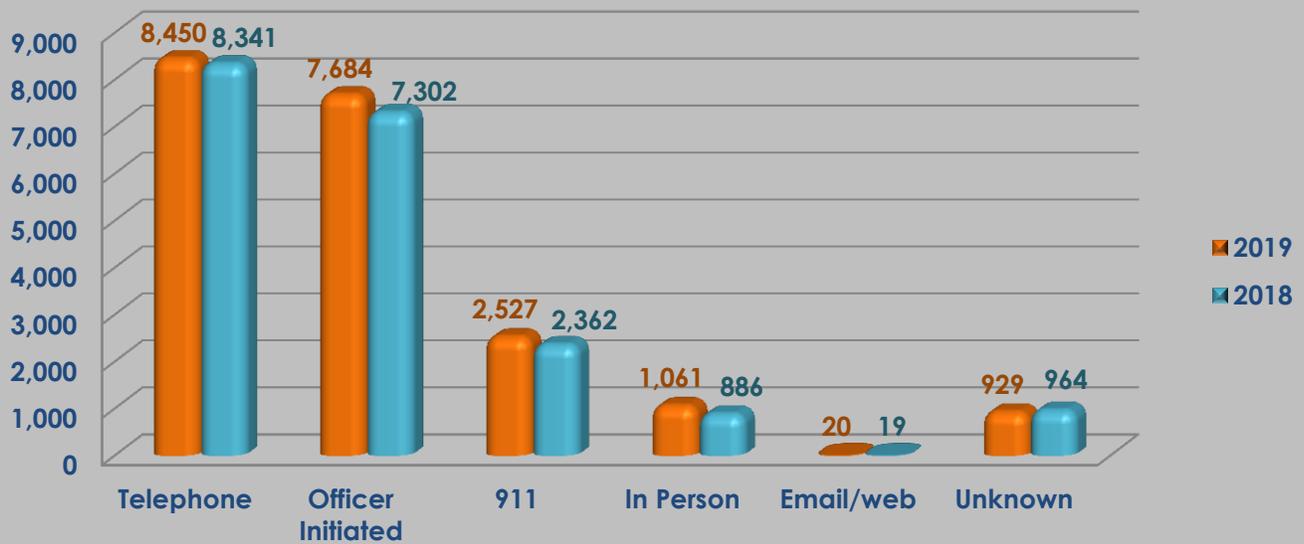
## DISPATCH STATISTICS

Call Statistics reflect the number of calls for which a report was created.

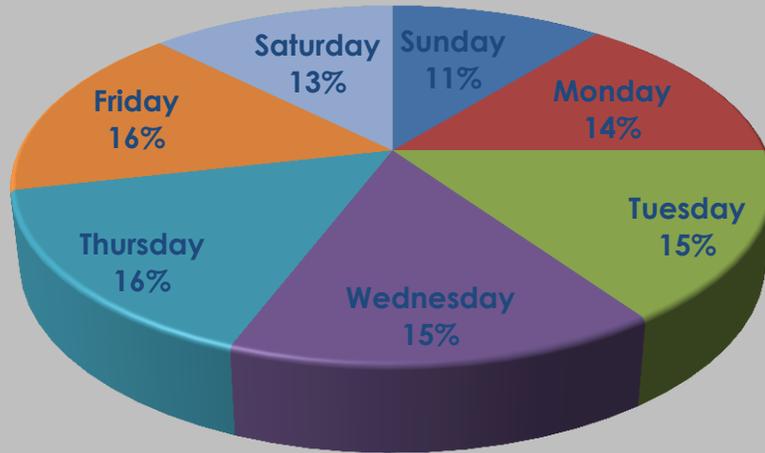
### Total Calls Received by Dispatch



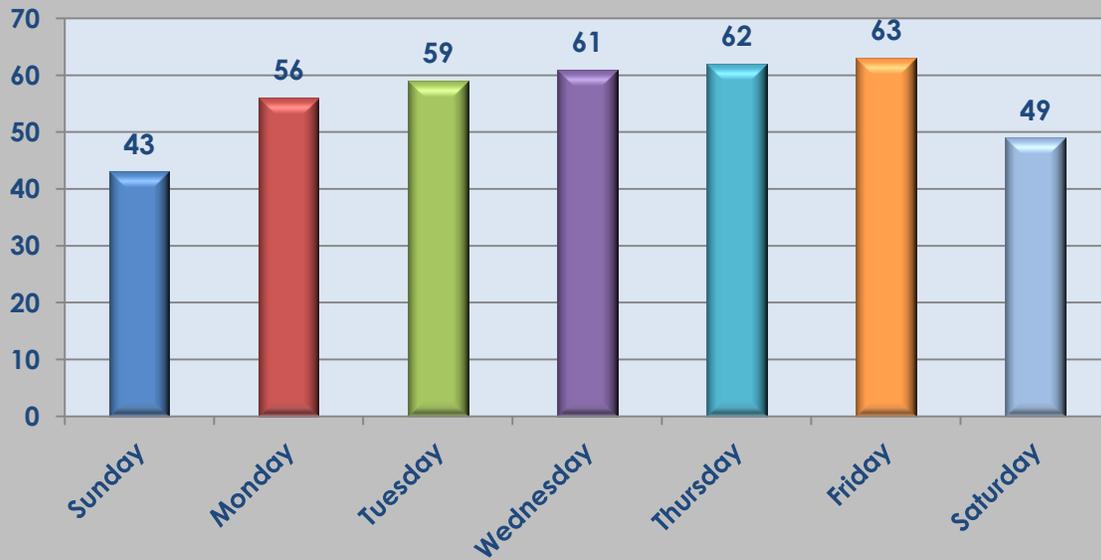
### 2019 v 2018 Calls By Method Received



### Calls by Day of the Week



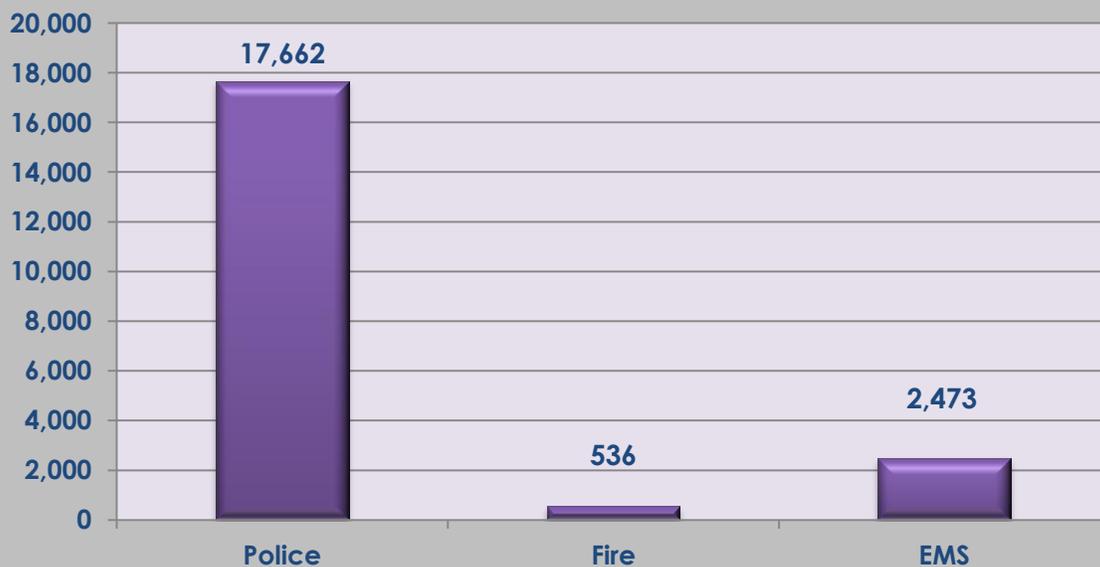
### Average Number of Calls by Day of the Week



### 2019 v 2018 Major Calls Received by Call Type

Call Type	2019	2018	Call Type	2019	2018
Overdose	10	10	Domestic	194	213
Disorderly	318	274	Theft	527	537
Drugs	128	131	Alcohol	194	202
Noise Complaint	167	169	CPO/TPO Violation	53	55
Stalking/Menacing	75	67	Robbery	0	3
Assault	41	46	Telecomm. Harassment	183	197
Sex Offense	43	33	Criminal Trespass	59	79
Mental Illness	84	90	Vandalism	124	112
Custody Dispute	78	73	Stolen Vehicle	35	28
Burglary	68	51	Fight	26	26
Traffic Stops	3,648	4,010	Traffic/Parking Complaint	908	1,034
Susp Person/vehicle	1,277	1,268	Assist Agency/Individual	2,299	1,989
Warrant Service	741	763	Summons	93	119
Illness/Injury	35	47	Falsification	49	34
Animal Complaint	375	384	Juvenile	442	326
Theft	527	537	Missing Person	46	45
Security Check	1,365	892	Alarm Drop	459	435
SWAT	8	3	911 Hang Up	113	106

### Calls Taken by Department



## Criminal Nuisance Activity

Ordinance No. 13-039 Requires property owners to comply with provisions and fees for abatement of criminal nuisance activities occurring at the residential dwelling for which they own. There are 15 activities that are deemed to be public nuisances. The Wadsworth Police Department is responsible for tracking instances of criminal nuisance activities, notifying the owner of the property and assessing abatement costs when necessary.

In 2019, WPD sent out 56 letters to property owners advising of the nuisance activity violations. The letters are accompanied by a copy of the nuisance ordinance. Any property with 3 or more violations within a 6 month period of time receives a letter via regular mail as well as certified mail. No abatements were assessed against any property owners for criminal nuisance violations in 2019.

### Criminal Nuisance Activities:

- Animal Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Drug Abuse
- Gambling
- Health, Safety, Sanitation
- Obstruction of Official Business
- Alcohol Related
- Obscenity or Sex Offense
- Offense against Another Person
- Offense against Property
- Weapons Offense
- Fireworks Violation
- Open Burning
- Curfew Violation
- Juvenile Related



## Wadsworth Police Department Officer of the Year - Ptl. Adam Innocenti



Ptl. Adam Innocenti was selected as the Wadsworth Police Department Patrol Officer of the year for 2019.

Ptl. Innocenti serves as a School Resource Officer working out of the Wadsworth High School during the school year. Ptl. Innocenti was hired as a Patrol Officer in September, 2008. He was assigned as the Department's first S.R.O. in 2013 and was the only S.R.O. serving all Wadsworth Schools until the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

During his career he has consistently maintained a positive attitude and strong dedication as a Wadsworth Police Officer. The success of the SRO program is a direct result of Ptl. Innocenti's performance and professionalism.

Congratulations Ptl. Innocenti and thank you for your service and dedication to this department and the City of Wadsworth.

## WPD 2019 Significant Events

### *JANUARY*

- 1-6** 2019 shift assignments are effective.
- 1-7** Sergeant Dan Chafin begins his assignment as supervisor of the WPD Detective Bureau.
- 1-7** Cody Seiler is sworn in as WPD's newest patrol officer and is assigned badge number 34. He begins his law enforcement career today with firearms training and will begin his formal field training tomorrow on second shift.
- 1-11** Sergeant Melissa Blubaugh retires from WPD after 25 years of service with the department. She was hired on 1-10-94 and promoted to sergeant on 9-23-02.
- 1-18** Detective Dawn Schismenos is sworn in as Sergeant to fill Sergeant Melissa Blubaugh's vacancy.

### *FEBRUARY*

- 2-11** Det. James Allenby begins his assignment in the WPD Detective Bureau.
- 2-19** Rachel Durbin completes the FTO program and her EMD certification. She is permitted to work solo in the WPD communications center.

### *MARCH*

- 3-5** The Medina County SWAT team is activated to respond to a residence on Ault Street for a barricaded, armed subject in mental distress. Approximately 30 minutes after the team's arrival, the subject voluntarily surrenders and is taken into custody. The male subject is charged with inducing panic.

### *APRIL*

- 4-1** Nathan Ball is sworn in as WPD's newest patrol officer and is assigned badge number 8. He began his training today with firearms instruction and will start his formal field training tomorrow on first shift.
- 4-2** Melissa Blubaugh is sworn in as an Auxiliary Patrol Officer.

- 4-3** Joel Woolard resigns from his position as an Auxiliary Patrol Officer after 6 years of service. He previously retired as a full-time Patrol Officer in 2012 with 26 years of service.
- 4-26** Ptl. Cody Seiler completes the WPD police officer field training program and is assigned to second shift.
- 4-27** WPD participates in 'Drug Take Back Day.' Aux. Ptl. Blubaugh works the event, which enables people to drive up to the police department drop off unneeded/unused prescription medications. After the event, the medications are turned over to the MCDTF and later to the DEA so they can be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner. 73.50 pounds of medications are turned in during the 4 hour event.

## ***MAY***

- 5-6** Corey McFadden is sworn in as WPD's newest patrol officer and is assigned badge number 17. He began his training with firearms instruction earlier today and will start his patrol officer field training tomorrow on first shift.
- 5-10** Ptl. Innocenti, Ptl. Shonk, and Ptl. Wanchisn participate in Reality Day at WHS.
- 5-20** The State's 'Click It or Ticket' campaign begins and continues through June 2.
- 5-30** The City of Wadsworth holds a civil service exam for WPD patrol officer. 112 applicants register for the test and 99 candidates show up to take the exam, which is held at the Northside Christian Church.

## ***JUNE***

- 6-10** The annual 'Safety Forces Camp' begins and continues through June 14. 120 kids participate in the weeklong program assisted by 12 teen helpers. Ptl. Innocenti and Ptl. Shonk oversee the program and are assisted by several WPD employees during the week (Sergeant Elchlinger, Sgt. Chafin, Detective Allenby, Patrol Officer Petit, Dispatcher Urdiales, Auxiliary Patrol Officer Blubaugh, and Administrative Assistant Katy Pond).

- 6-15** Patrol Officer Nathan Ball completes the WPD FTO program and is released to full duty. He is assigned to second shift.
- 6-18** The annual Blue Tip Parade is held. 19 WPD officers (full-time and auxiliaries) participate in the parade detail to provide traffic control and protection of the participants and spectators.
- 6-21** The 5th annual Matchstick Race is held. 9 WPD officers participate in the event to provide traffic control and protection for the 613 race participants.
- 6-24** Det. James Allenby and Disp. Katy Cindia participate in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run. The run traveled 3.8 miles from the Medina city square to the Montville Police Department.

## *JULY*

- 7-6** Patrol Officer Corey McFadden completes the WPD FTO program and is released to full duty. He is assigned to second shift.
- 7-15** Safety Town is conducted by Ptl. Innocenti and Ptl. Shonk at the Wadsworth Middle School and is designated for 5-6 year old children scheduled to enter Kindergarten in the fall. The program has two one-week sessions and continues through.
- 7-26** 253 children participated in the program, which was assisted by 165 teen helper volunteers.

## *AUGUST*

- 8-6** The 14th annual National Night Out event is canceled due to inclement weather. The event was scheduled to be held on the Wadsworth Crossings property between the Target and Kohl's stores.
- 8-19** Ptl. Innocenti and Ptl. Shonk provide ALiCE instruction to Wadsworth City School and Sacred Heart School personnel (8/20).
- 8-23** Patrol Officers Seth Petit and Zoro, Vivian Feke, and Ben Smith attend Senior Safety Day at the Soprema Senior Center. Each of the officers give a short presentation, then answer questions and interact with the attendees.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**9-4** The Police Wives of Ohio organization donates 34 tourniquets to WPD. These tourniquets will be carried by the patrol officers and added to each patrol car's emergency bail out bags.

## **OCTOBER**

**10-26** WPD participates in 'Drug Take Back Day.' Aux. Ptl. Blubaugh works the event, which enables people to drive up to the police department drop off unneeded/unused prescription medications. Afterwards, the medications are turned over to the MDTF and later to the DEA so they can be safely destroyed. 74 pounds of medications are turned in during the 4 hour event.

## **NOVEMBER**

WPD officers participate in the 3rd annual 'No Shave November' event. Each officer pays \$30.00 to receive exemption from the policy requirement to shave during the month of November. Officers may elect to pay an additional \$30.00 to extend the facial hair exemption through the end of December. The money raised by the officers combined with donations from the Wadsworth Fraternal Order of Police and the public, totals \$7000.00. This money is later donated to Austin Lupercio and his family.

**11-7** Guy Barnard comes to the WPD employee parking lot and makes threatening statements. After approximately 30 minutes of negotiations, Barnard brandishes a replica handgun and is shot and killed by WPD officers and MCSO deputies. This is the first WPD officer involved shooting since 1950.

**11-13** Ptl. Shonk and Ptl. Studer attend the annual Blue Tip Festival Committee donation event at the Strand Theater. Ptl. Studer receives \$750 for the 'Cops and Kids' Christmas event and Ptl. Shonk receives \$500 for the 2020 Safety Forces Camp.

## **DECEMBER**

- 12-8** The annual 'Cops & Kids' Christmas shopping event is held. After breakfast at the Grace Lutheran Church, a caravan of emergency vehicles transports the 50 kids to Target where each child receives \$200.00 to spend. 16 WPD officers and dispatchers along with personnel from Wadsworth Fire/EMS, Rittman PD/FD, and Doylestown PD participate in the event. 30 of the 50 children who participated in the event are from the Wadsworth community.
- 12-17** Chief Randy Reinke presents the 2019 'Officer of the Year' award to Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti.
- 12-19** A civil service exam is held at the Soprema Senior Center for Police Dispatcher. Of the 76 applicants who signed up for the test, 57 showed up to take the exam.
- 12-28** Patrol Officer Curt McCune resigns from WPD. Ptl. McCune was hired by WPD on 1-17-13 and served a majority of his WPD career as the department's representative with the Medina County Drug Task Force. Ptl. McCune will join the Medina County Sheriff's Office to work as an agent on a regional law enforcement task force.

## **2019 'OFFICER OF THE MONTH' RECIPIENTS**

### **JANUARY**

PTL. REED, #48

### **FEBRUARY**

PTL. WANCHISN, #36

### **MARCH**

PTL. COOPER, #29

### **APRIL**

DET. ALLENBY, #46

### **MAY**

PTL. SEILER, #34

### **JUNE**

PTL. SHONK, #3

### **JULY**

PTL. INNOCENTI, #47

### **AUGUST**

PTL. LAMIELLE, #15

### **SEPTEMBER**

PTL. SMITH, #23

### **OCTOBER**

PTL. REED, #48

### **NOVEMBER**

PTL. BLUBAUGH, #37

PTL. HAAS, #21

### **DECEMBER**

PTL. PETIT, #5



