

# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Edward R. Kinney Chief of Police



Law Enforcement Members attend Shop with a Cop 2019



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Dennis Hanwell  
Mayor





Mayor Hanwell and Members of Council,

As we pass the threshold of 2020, I would like to reflect on accomplishments and progress of 2019. The Medina Police Department is proud of the long history of service-oriented policing provided to the City of Medina and now Lafayette Township.



Expanding partnerships with area agencies to provide more effective service is one highlight of 2019. Moving forward we will continue to build on this progress.

Education of our patrol officers in fire response is one such collaboration. This training is provided by members of the Medina Fire Department and has already paid dividends where lives have been at stake.

Also in accordance with partnering, a detective has been assigned to the Secret Service Task Force on an as needed basis. This detective will attend extensive training given by the Secret Service who also provide forensic tools, free of cost to examine electronics, i.e., cell phones and computers. The valuable training will offer the detective an expanded knowledge of white-collar crimes, counterfeiting and computer forensics.

The Medina Police Department and Brunswick Police Department collaborated on Regional Threat / Rescue Task Force training. Eight Medina officers attended this training which taught officers, fire fighters and paramedics how to respond in scenarios that may include an active shooter where lives may be saved prior to the threat being neutralized. Such collaboration in training with area agencies can eliminate initial on scene confusion and ensure a unified response in the event an incident may occur in the future.

Four officers graduated the Crisis Intervention Training provided by Alternative Paths in 2019. This training teaches officers communication skills and

de-escalation techniques valuable in response to incidents involving mental health and an individual in crisis.

The computer aided dispatch and records management system were upgraded this past year. This transition from the old system to the new system was seamless. The upgrade from Emergitech to Zuercher has allowed us to leverage intelligence based policing effectively. One unified database as a records management system allows us to search through data quickly and effectively. The new system also allows for a quick link analysis of persons involved in past crimes and investigations. The Medina Police Department and the Medina County Sheriff's Office collaborated on this project. Additionally, many county law enforcement agencies have since transitioned to the Zuercher platform which establishes sharing of data and intelligence throughout the county. Another benefit to this shared project is the support of built in redundancies between the Sheriff's Office and Medina Police in the event of a system failure.

Our community outreach program continues to thrive and grow. This past year Medina Police Officers participated in Kids Day on the Square, National Night Out, Medina Area Citizens Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, Christmas with Santa in Lafayette Township, as well as numerous talks and visits to area businesses as well as hundreds of positive contacts the officers made during their daily duties.

Our personnel recruitment and retention efforts have proven to be beneficial. In 2019 we had one retirement, one patrol promotion to sergeant and we hired three officers. We are currently at our authorized staffing level of 39 full time officers.

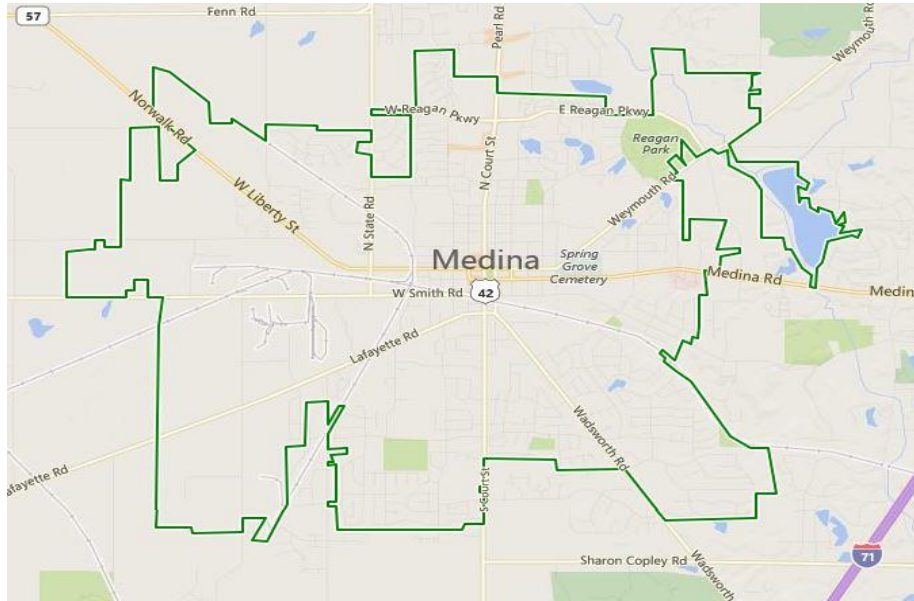
We look forward to continued service to our community in 2020.

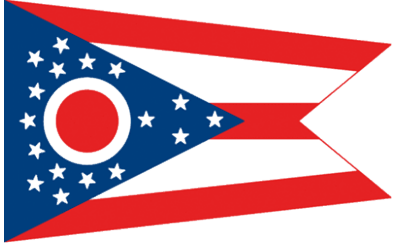

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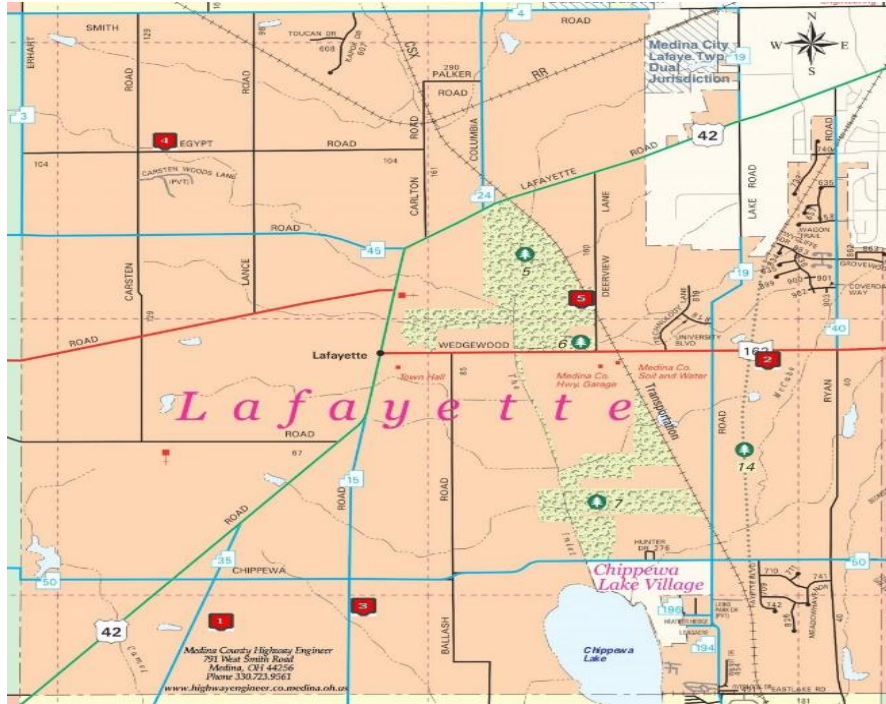
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# City Profile



<p><b>City Motto</b></p> <p>Preserving the Past. Forging the Future.</p>	<p><b>Ohio Flag</b></p> 	<p><b>City Logo</b></p> 
<p><b>2019 Population</b></p> <p>26,193</p>	<p><b>Founded</b></p> <p>1808</p>	<p><b>Incorporated</b></p> <p>1835 Village 1952 City</p>
<p><b>Square Miles</b></p> <p>10.9</p>	<p><b>Second Largest city in Medina County</b></p>	<p><b>Fifty-sixth largest City in Ohio</b></p>
<p><b>Transportation Assets</b></p> <p>Rail Airport</p>	<p><b>Medina County Population</b></p> <p>179,146</p>	<p><b>School District Enrollment</b></p> <p>6,836</p>

# Lafayette Township Profile



<p><b>Lafayette Township Population</b></p> <p>5,787</p>	<p><b>Square miles</b></p> <p>22.9</p>	<p><b>Borders</b></p> <p>Southwest side of the City of Medina</p>
<p><b>Largest natural lake in Ohio</b></p> <p>Chippewa Lake</p>	<p><b>Technology Park</b></p> <p>Medina County University Center University of Akron</p>	<p><b>Settled</b></p> <p>1820</p>

## Staff Roster

Name	Assignment	Hire Date
Edward Kinney	Chief of Police	1997
David Birckbichler	Lieutenant	1995
Scott Marcum	Lieutenant	2000
Nathan Simpson	Sergeant	2003
Brett McNabb	Sergeant	1998
Darin Zaremba	Sergeant	1995
Patrick Sloan	Sergeant	2003
Sara Lynn	Sergeant	2005
Bryan Wagner	Sergeant	2003
Joshua Wilson	Sergeant	2008
Kirk Vozar	Officer	1989
Daryn Winebrenner	Officer	1995
Dan Warner	Officer	1995
Todd Grice	Officer	1996
Michael Wesner	Officer/SRO	1996
Al Roland	Officer/SRO	2005
Matthew Martincin	Officer	2005
Kelly Moran	Officer	2007
Christopher Brink	Officer	2008
James Tighe	Officer	2009
Mathew Fitz	Detective	2012
Gregory Habrat	Officer/Property	2012
James Terwilliger	Officer	2013
Nicholas MacLarren	Officer	2013
Michael Lyon	Officer/K9	2013
Derek Crooks	Officer	2014
Michael Wovna	Officer	2014

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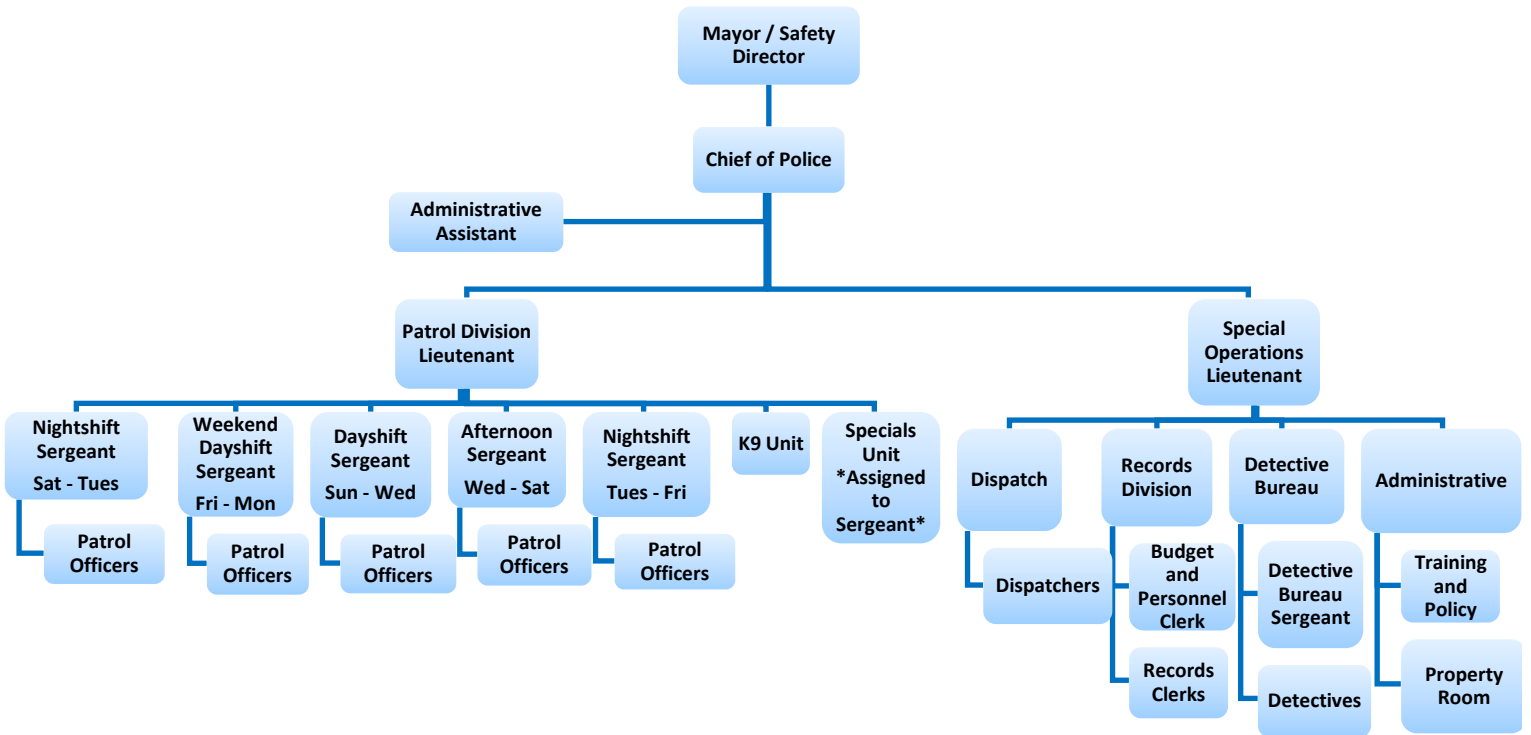
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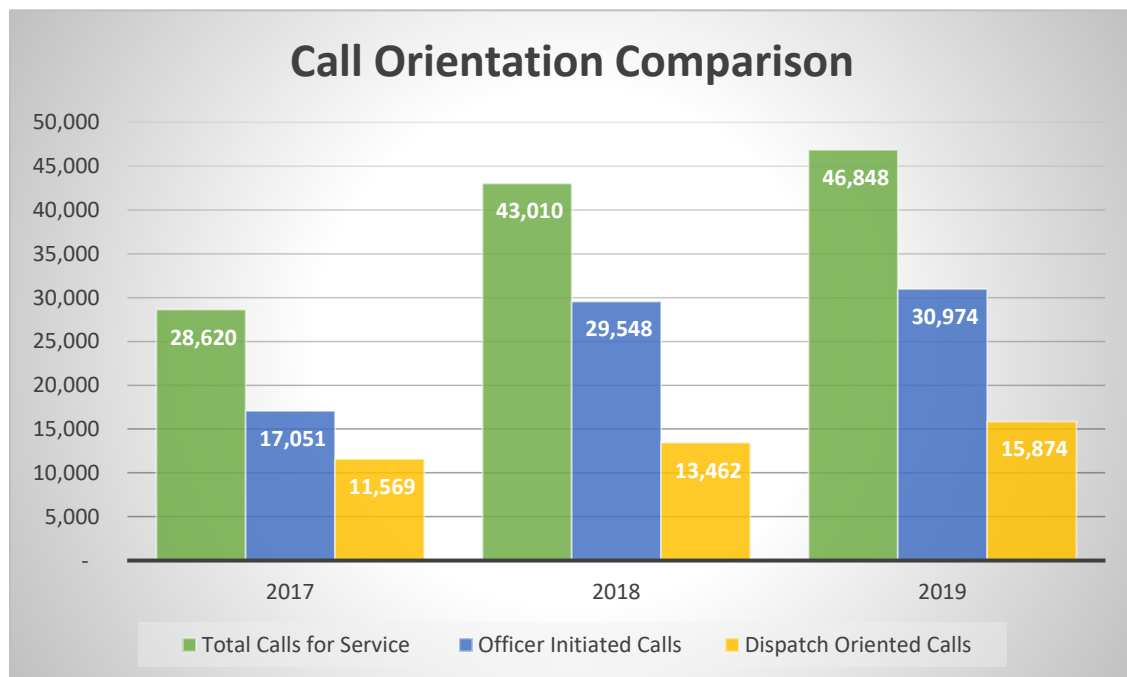
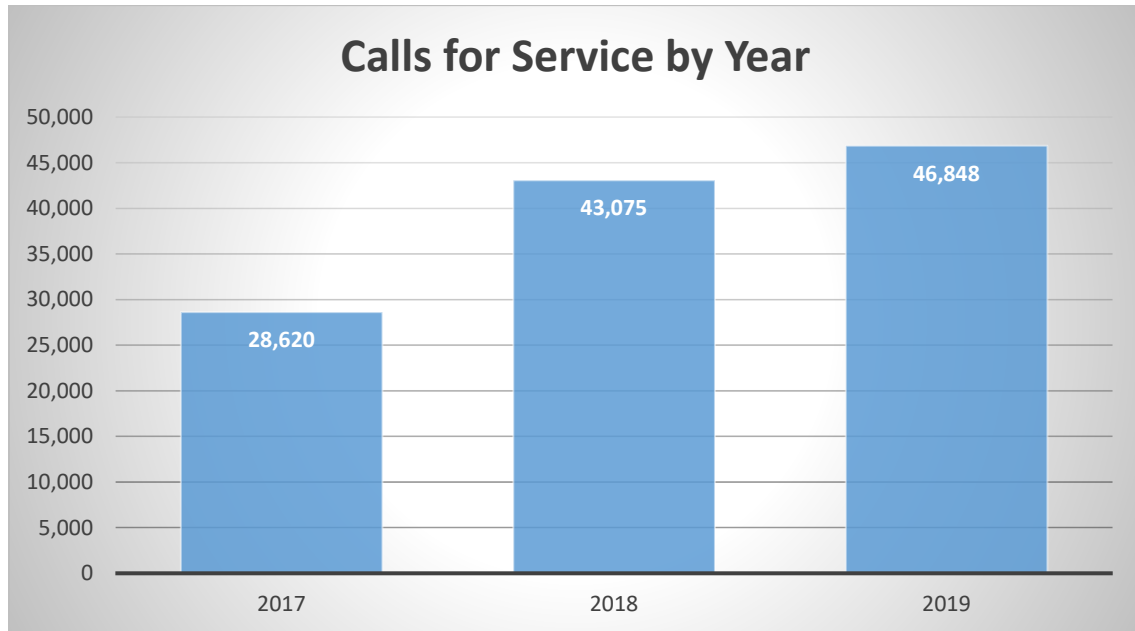
Christopher Deeks	Officer	2014
Jeffrey Smith	Detective	2014
Michael English	Detective	2015
Erica Anderson	Officer	2015
Andrew Dziak	Officer	2016
Raven Ory	Officer	2017
Vincent Piccoli	Officer	2018
Christopher Wade	Officer	2018
Evan Scherer	Officer	2018
Joseph Calabrese	Officer	2018
Tyler Hughes	Officer	2019
Xavier Payton	Officer	2019
Matthew Witthuhn	Officer	2019
Patty Miller	Dispatcher	1999
Denise Indovina	Dispatcher	2001
Andrew Demczyk	Dispatcher	2013
David McGurk	Dispatcher	2013
Crystal Vance	Dispatcher	2015
Calvin Undercoffer	Dispatcher	2017
Sarah McCullough	Dispatcher	2017
Kali Bainbridge Rodriguez	Dispatcher	2017
Kelly Oyler	Dispatcher	2017
Jackie Ingersoll	Records/Budget	2007
Natalie Santivaschi	Admin. Assistant to Chief	2011
Anthony Belsito	Load Limit Inspector	2013
Lyndie Gillihan	Records	2013
Monica Juka	Records	2014
Jeanne Masters	Records	2015
William Pavlick	Parking Attendant	2018

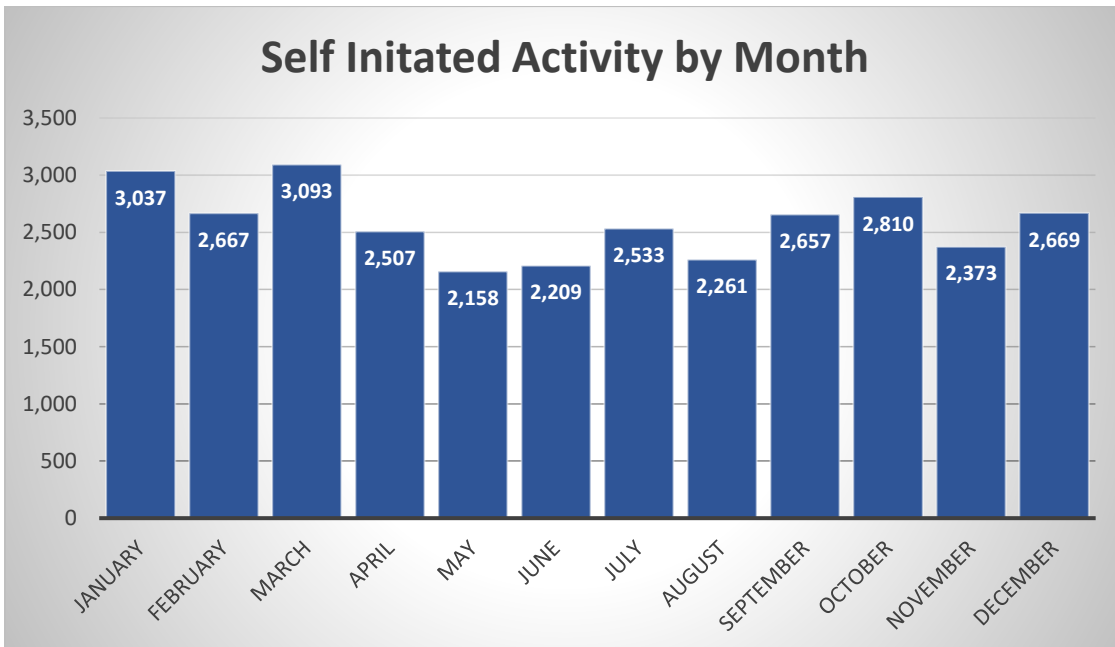
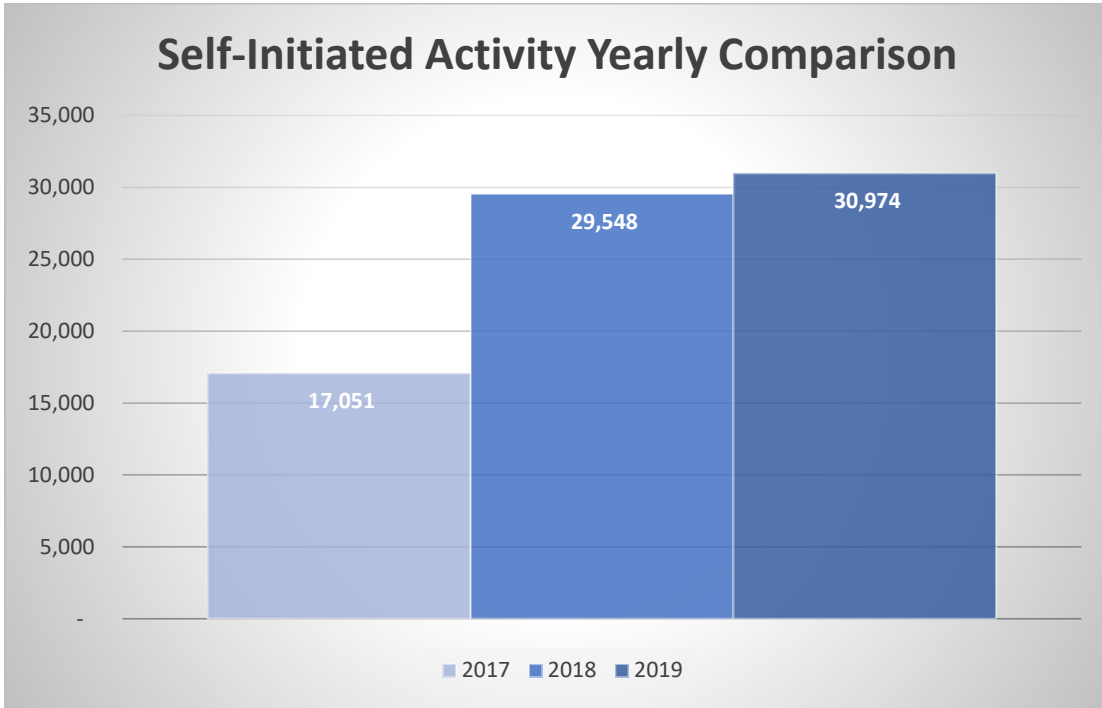


# Organizational Chart

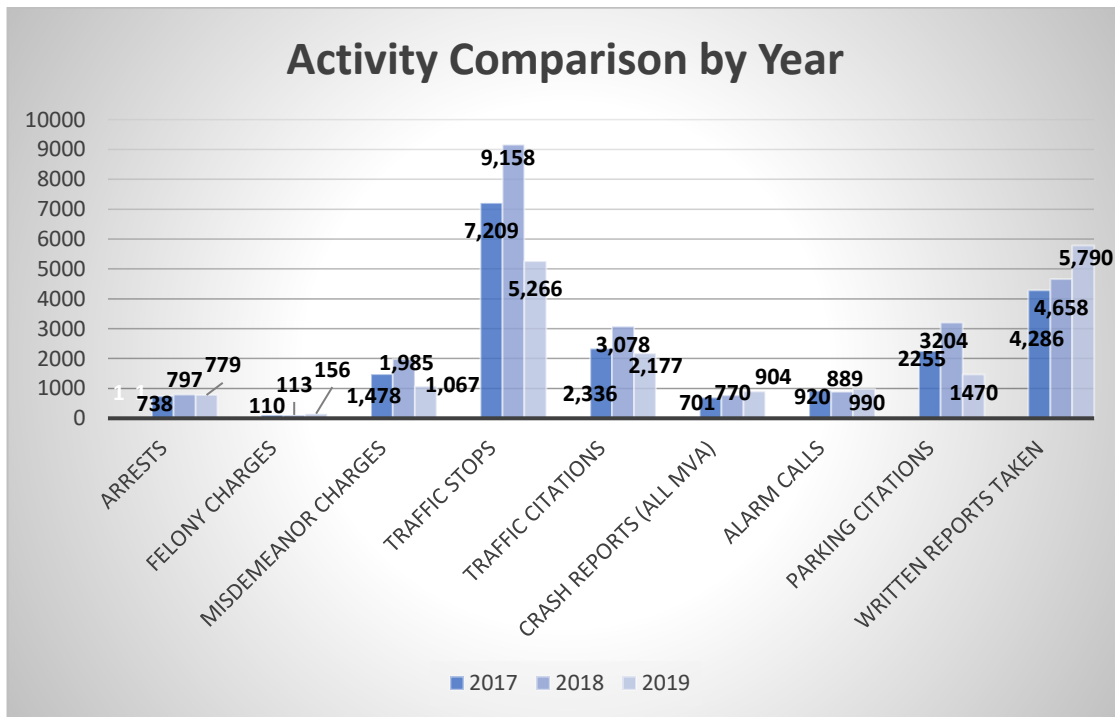
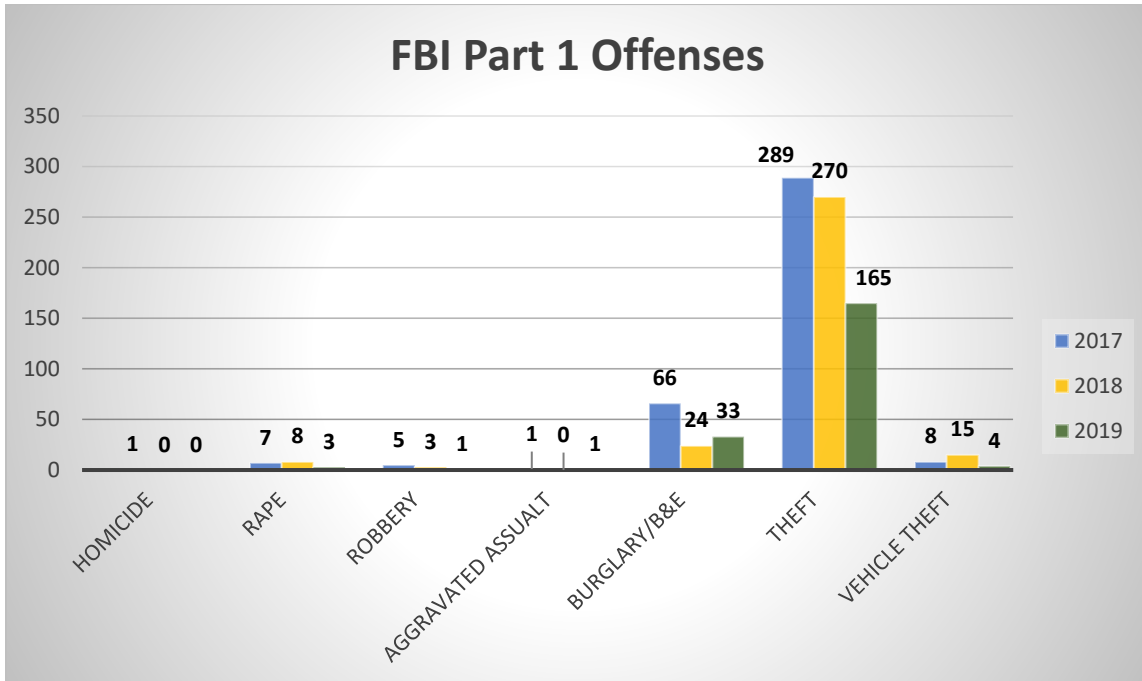


## Department Statistics

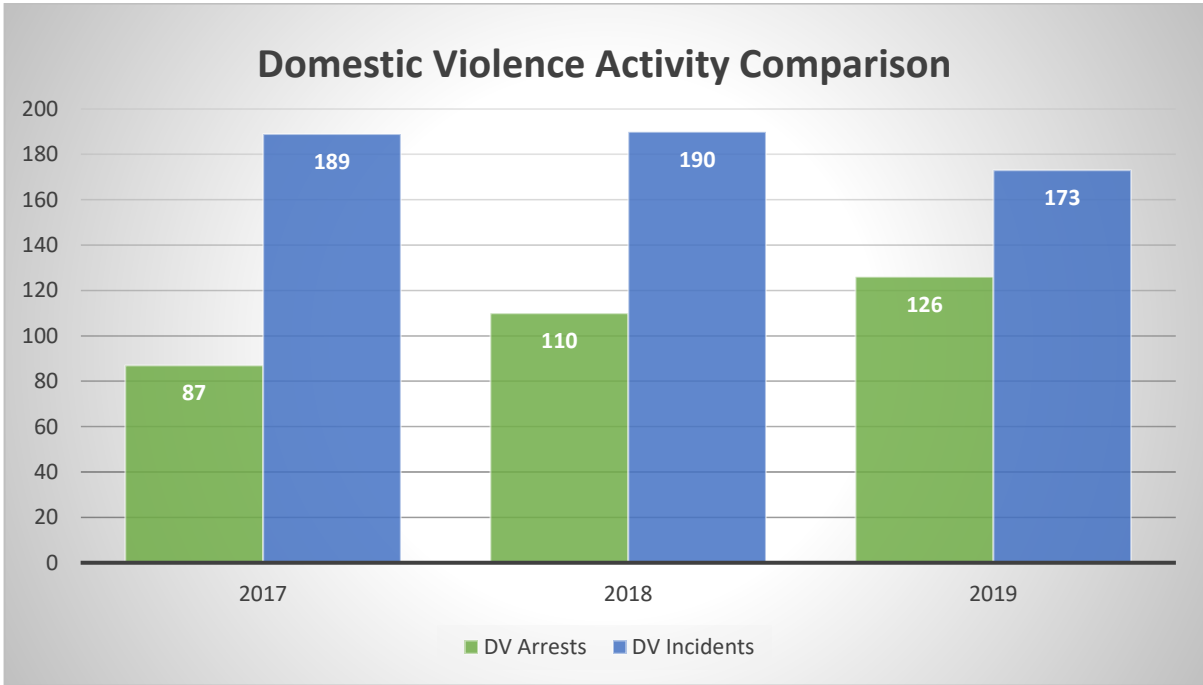
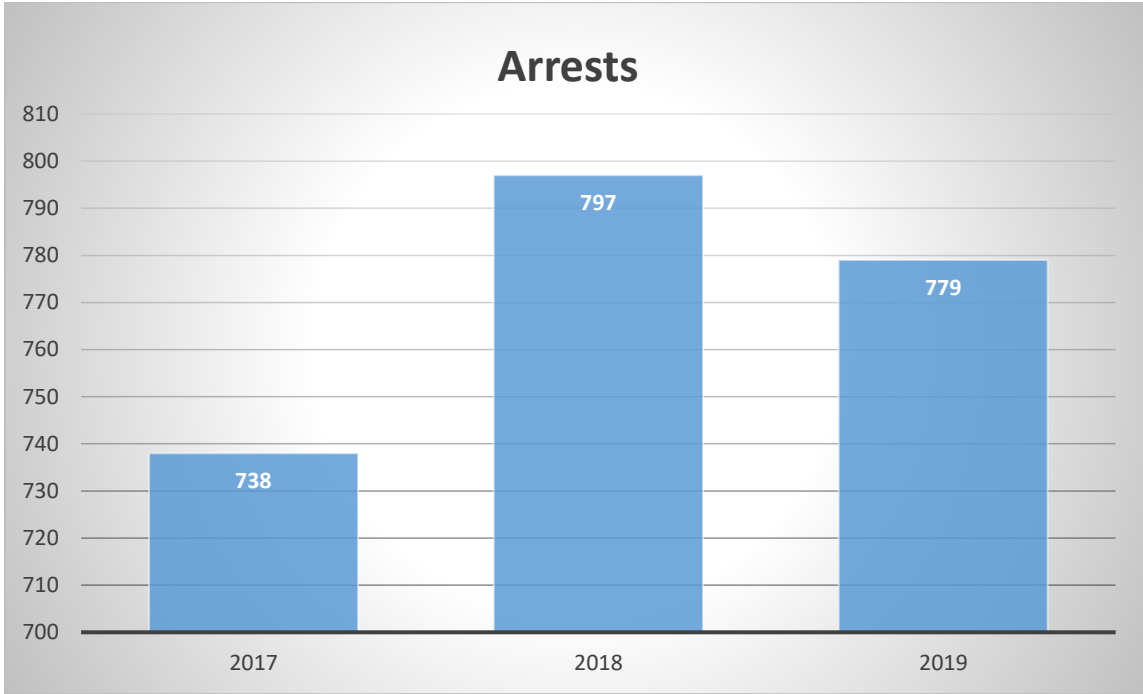


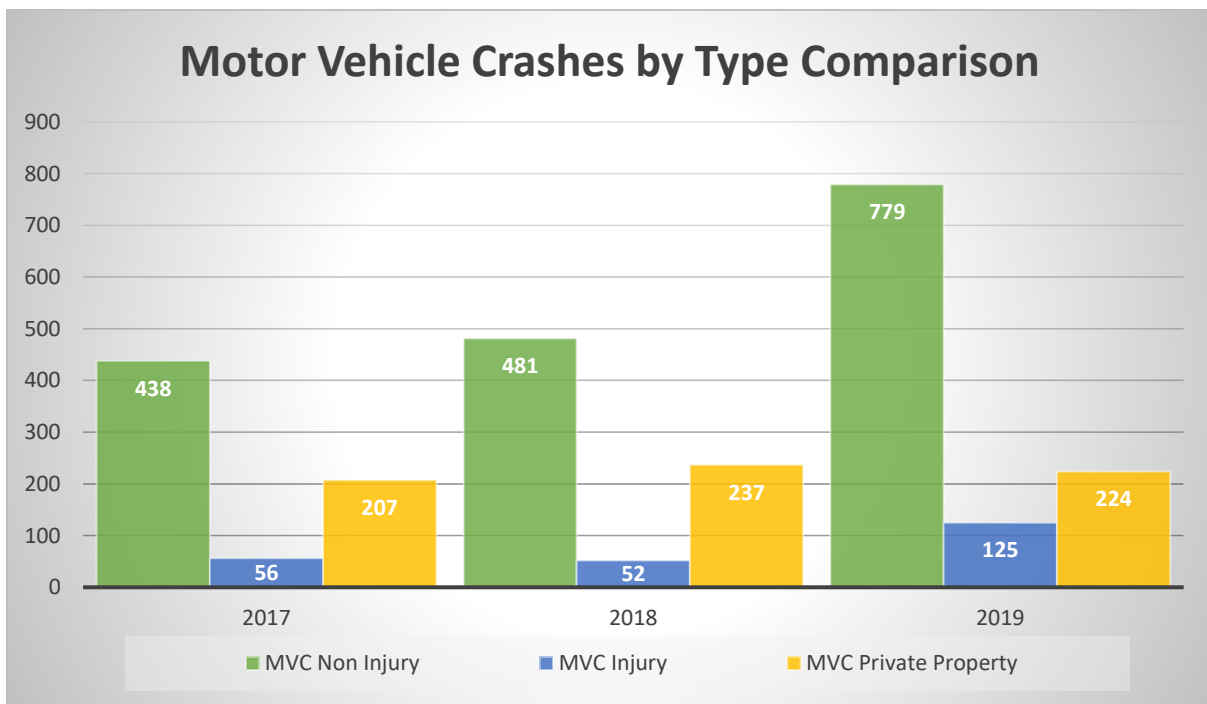
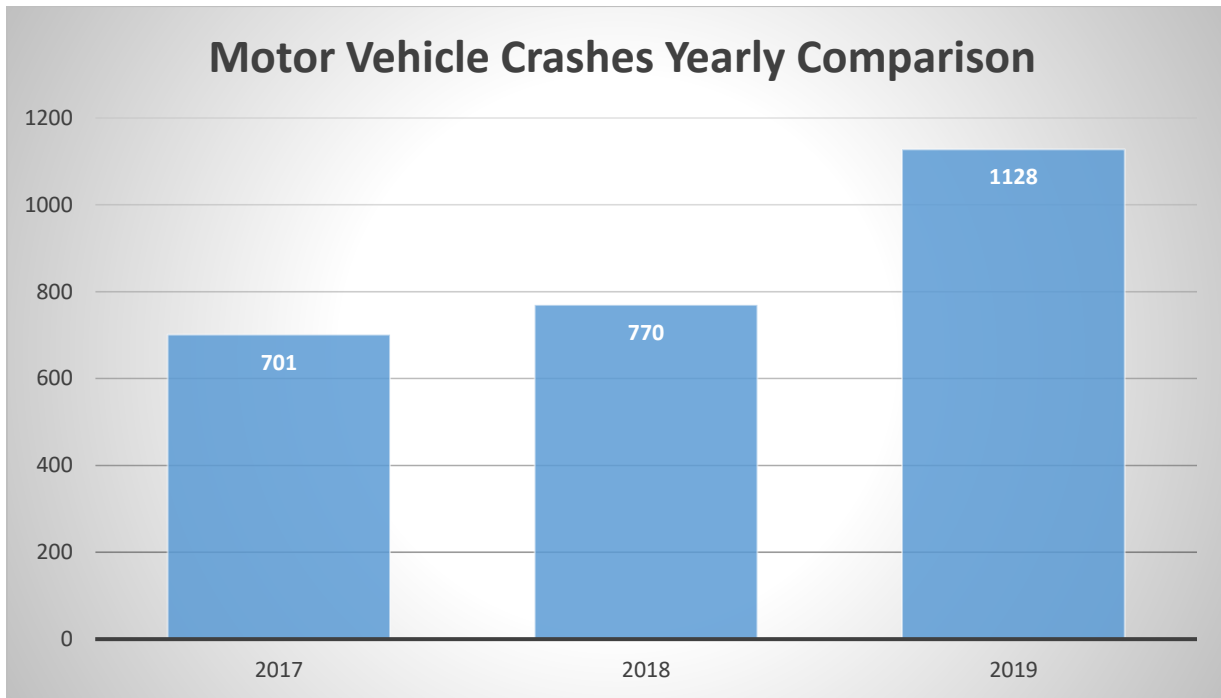


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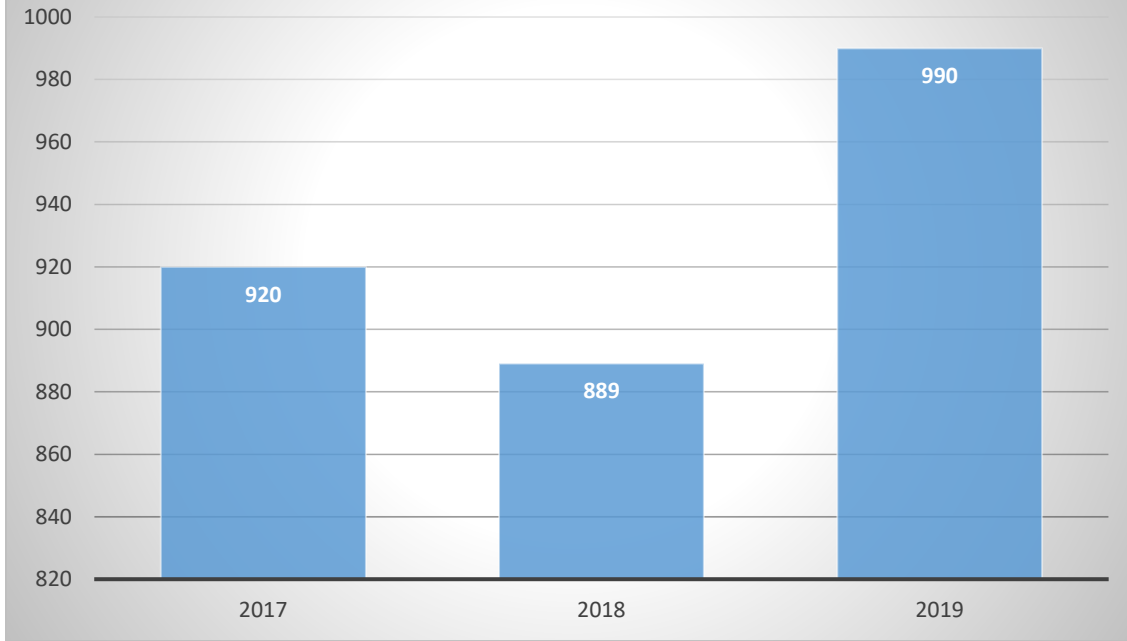


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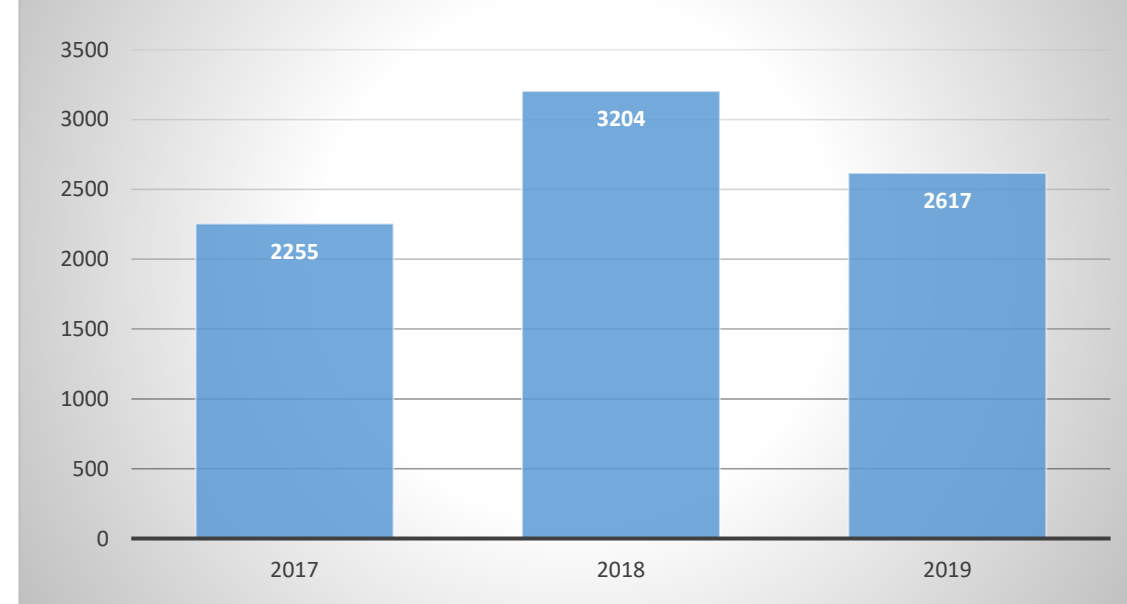




### Alarm Response Yearly Comparison



### Parking Citations Yearly Comparison



## *Patrol Division*

The uniformed patrol division is the first to represent the Medina Police Department and the City of Medina in response to citizen requests for service. The patrol division is also responsible for carrying out initial crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, motor vehicle accident investigations, assisting on LST calls, as well as fire calls. The patrol division is commanded by Lieutenant Scott Marcum.

Three new officers were hired in 2019. Two have completed training and have begun work within the patrol division.



Our latest patrol officer hire graduated the police academy in late January of 2020 and is expected to complete field training in April of 2020. These new additions bring the patrol division staffing to 39 sworn full-time officers.



During the course of 2019, Officer Lyon and partner K9 Nero continued to conduct frequent community oriented policing activities including public demonstrations and periodic school sniffs. Nero was also deployed to conduct school sniffs at various other schools in the Medina area, including Brunswick, Wadsworth, Highland and North Royalton. Officer Lyon and Nero held demonstrations at the annual National Night Out and the Medina County Fair.





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Officer Lyon and Nero were deployed on 164 police related calls during the course of 2019. Officer Lyon advises that Nero continues to progress nicely in his second year of service to the City of Medina. Officers within the Medina Police department have become familiar with Nero’s abilities and call him to service in more than just narcotics incidents. Nero’s skill set includes detection of a possible suspect, as well as location of evidence other than narcotics based. He has also been a valuable safety asset during high risk arrest scenarios as his diligent focus on the task at hand has convinced suspects to surrender when confronted. Officer Lyon and K9 Nero produced a solid year and look forward to continuing their dedicated work in 2020.

<b>2019 K-9 Stats</b>	
<b>Type</b>	<b>#</b>
COP Deployments	21
Traffic Stops	83
Arrest	33
Tracks	9
Other Deployment	18
Total Deployments	164

In 2020 the patrol division will strive to continue the growth represented in 2019 and reach further in collaborating and partnering with neighboring departments, first responders, local government, non-profits, schools, small businesses and the citizens of Medina.

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Sergeant Sloan, Officers Anderson and English were honored by Cleveland Clinic for saving the life of a choking victim (Dispatcher David McGurk not pictured)



Medina bike patrol officers on duty for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks



Safe Communities award recipients Officer Crooks and Officer Wovna



Above: Lt. Marcum and Officer Tighe display the SWAT truck during National Night Out



To right: Officer Lyon and Nero participate in the Medina County Fair demonstration



Medina officers conduct self-defense training to high school students

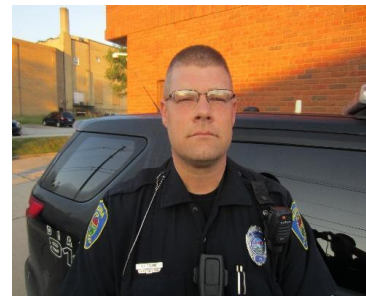
## School Resource Officers-



The Medina Police Department provides two full-time School Resource Officers (SRO) that work collaboratively with the Medina City Schools. Working under the command of Lieutenant Dave Birckbichler, SRO Mike Wesner ensures safety of students at Medina Senior High School and

SRO Al Roland divides his time between A.I. Root and Claggett middle schools. The SRO's have the primary responsibility of upholding a safe and positive learning environment for students, staff, the facilities, and the community. The School Resource Officer's role is based off the triad concept, functioning in three capacities; as law enforcement, teacher and informed counselor.

As a law enforcement role within the schools an SRO is responsible for calls for service that occur at their respective schools. Many times, they are called to work with outside agencies such as the Medina County Health Department and Medina County Job and Family Services. Second to safety, our SRO's serve as a liason between the youth and police officers by establishing a non-confrontational environment. This may be the first contact some students have with the Criminal Justice System.



Our SRO's works with the faculty and administrators to uphold school policies and procedures. They maintain a close working relationship with school counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, and teachers to assist students in building positive relationships. Officers Wesner and Roland work diligently in building rapport with students, especially those identified as being at risk. Officers Wesner and Roland pride themselves and the department in their role as mentors of at risk youth.

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Our SRO's serve as teachers to our youth and build positive rapport by participating in after school activities. Our SRO's lead and participate in many youth programs such as ROADWISE; a teenage awareness driving program using driving simulators to promote safe driving habits. During driver safety month, in conjunction with the American Automobile Association our SRO's provide student and staff vehicle safety checks, they also promote "Click it or Ticket" events supported by the Medina County Safe Communities Coalition, they administer concepts of the SOBER Truth Program, along side the Ohio Investigative Unit, which encourages responsible decision making and helps reduce the use of alcohol in our youth. Our SRO's teach Campus Awareness Training (CAT), a two day course comprised of practical, hands on strategies in self-defense and basic safety awareness for female seniors. At the middle school level the SRO maintains involvement in "See Something/Say Something" presentations, Bike to School week coordination, and Shop with a Cop planning. The SRO's are active participants in the Medina Police Activities League, Shop with a Cop, Special Olympics and they attend and assist at the many schools dances, rallies, and assemblies.

While the primary goal of our School Resource Officers is to provide safety, they also play an integrative role in uniting law enforcement, youth, faculty, and community on a foundation of understanding and cooperation.

## Community Outreach

### **Citizens Police Academy-**

The Medina Police Department collaborates with the Medina Township Police Department and the Montville Township Police Department in presenting a citizens police academy for local residents. The academy consists of a curriculum intended to give an overview of policing. The academy consists of ten class presentations spread over ten weeks. The classes are generally three hours in duration for each session. Class survey results at the end of the academy are very positive with most indicating a positive reinforcement or a positive change in the opinion of law enforcement.



### **Medina Community Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA)-**

The Medina Community Police Academy Alumni Association is dedicated to strengthening the partnership between the citizens of Medina and the Police Department by assisting in community-sponsored activities and acting as a resource to the Medina Police. This organization is a direct result of graduates from the citizen's police academy wishing to volunteer their time and give back.



The following are some of the areas where the MCPAAA assist the community and police department: Memorial Day Parade, Tunnels to Tower Run, Medina Half Marathon, July 4<sup>th</sup> Twin Sizzler, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, summer concerts, Art in the Park, International Fest, Homecoming parade, Halloween patrol, various community walks, Halloween Festival by Main Street Medina, Candlelight Festival/Parade of Lights,

## Small Business Saturday Shoplift Preventions, Civil Service Exam, Police Cruiser Maintenance

### Shop with a Cop-

Law enforcement members from the county came together in December to spread the joy of Christmas. More than 130 children were treated to a day of fun while bonding with the law enforcement community. Medina PD sponsored twenty children this year and held the annual bake sale in support of the event. Children were treated to breakfast at the Blue Heron Event Center, time with Santa, a lights and sirens parade to Walmart, guidance and bonding with a law enforcement representative while shopping for themselves and their families and then lunch at Blue Heron with prizes and treats. This is a heartwarming event that our officers look forward to all year. This event is sponsored by the Medina County Fraternal Order of Police.



### Juvenile Diversion –



The Medina Police Department participates in the Medina County Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program. A program administered by the Montville Police Department offered to all first time juvenile traffic offenders 16 or 17 years old. The one day class provides an alternative to the Juvenile Court system



for an initial offense. A three hour class is offered at Medina High School and is taught by police officers who utilize driving simulators and hands-on driving exercises in a controlled environment to enhance the classroom portion. Participation requires a fee of \$50 which covers the administrative costs. Upon completion of the program, neither the juvenile nor their parent(s) need to appear in court and the citation is not reported. Thus the juvenile's driving record remains clear.

### **Social Media Presence-**

Social media is used by the Medina Police Department to better engage with the community. Facebook allows the police department to communicate with the residents of Medina regarding community happenings, department updates, crime help and information relative to our community. Interest in the Medina Police Facebook page increased in 2019 to 16,623 followers. Please continue to stay in touch with us via our Facebook page in 2020 to remain up to date with the most current happenings within our community.



## *Detective Bureau*



The officers assigned to the Detective Bureau investigate felony and misdemeanor cases and complete pre-employment background investigations. Most cases originate with the Patrol Division and are forwarded to the detective bureau for additional investigation. Detectives are responsible for managing cases through the investigative process and through court proceedings.

The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Dave Birckbichler and staffed by one supervisor, Sergeant Brett McNabb and three detectives. All detectives share a weekly on-call schedule during the year.

During 2019, Medina PD detectives worked closely with and collaborated with multiple local, state and federal agencies. On a daily basis, detectives work with municipal and county prosecutors, social workers from Medina County Job and Family Services, local probation officers and state parole officials.

In July of 2019 Detective Matt Fitz was assigned as a liason to the Medina County Drug taskforce. He assists the agent assigned to the City of Medina for investigations. He received 72 drug related complaints, performed 62 hours of surveillance, obtained 7 search warrants and participated in 12 arrests.

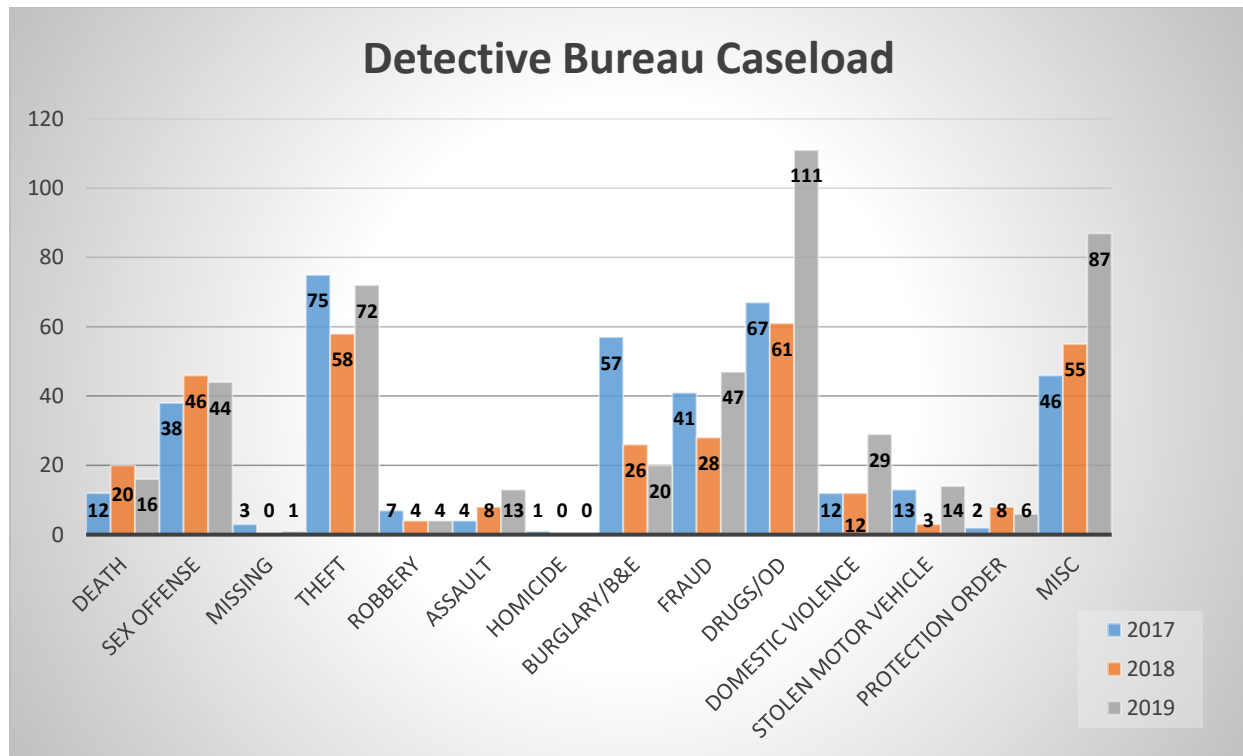


Detectives are assigned to the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) which is a county wide, multi-jurisdictional team. The detectives assigned to this team participated in training and scenarios specific to investigations involving missing or abducted children and at-risk adults.



New surveillance and investigative equipment was obtained and old equipment is constantly updated to maintain efficiency and effectiveness.

Four hundred and seventeen cases were forwarded to the Detective Bureau in 2019. Cases are triaged prior to assignment, which allows detectives to prioritize solvable cases with actionable leads or evidence over cases with a low probability of being solved. More than 140 cases were presented to the grand jury resulting in over 158 felony charges. More than 20 search warrants were obtained along with many requests for grand jury subpoenas. Detectives also filed 59 juvenile charges. Additionally, in 2016 the Detective Bureau completed 21 background interviews and investigations into candidates seeking employment with the department.

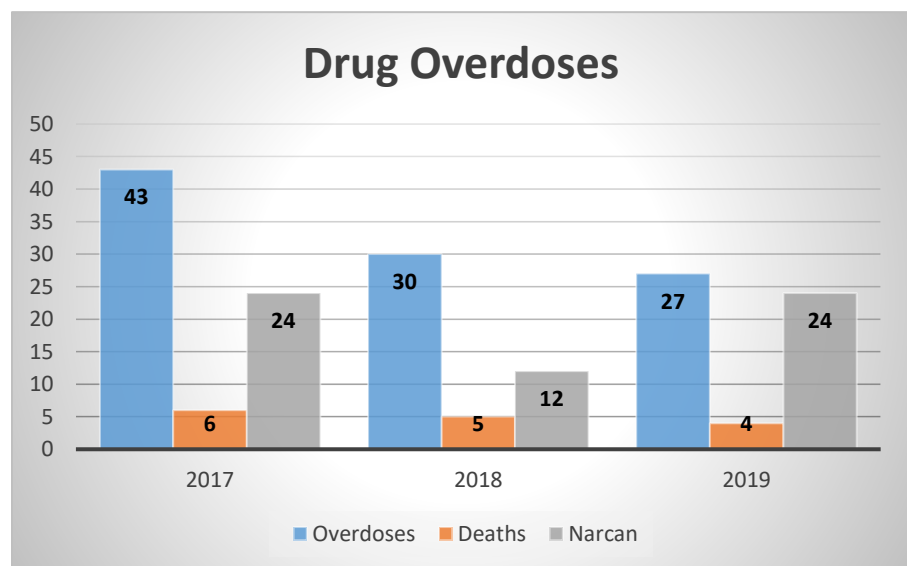


## *Opioid Information*

Overdose investigations declined in 2019, compared to 2018. Medina Police Department investigated 27 reports of an overdose in 2019. Medina officers deployed Naloxone twenty four times to aid lifesaving measures of an overdosing person. Four deaths total occurred due to an opioid related overdose in 2019.

Criminal charges were filed for 8 overdose incidents. Charges filed ranged from an M1 drug abuse instruments charge to an F5 child endangering charge. In many incidents criminal charges were not filed due to a lack of physical evidence or immunity provided by the Good Samaritan Law.

The Good Samaritan Law, in its third year, provides immunity to persons who call 911 to obtain medical treatment for an overdose victim, as well as immunity for the person receiving the medical treatment. Medina officers served 11 immunity letters to persons who had overdosed advising them of their duties in seeking immunity, of those 11 served with an immunity letter, ten resulted in no charges being filed.



## Communications

The Medina Police Department Communications provides dispatch and telephone services for Medina Police and the Medina City Fire Department, and also provides contractual dispatch services to the Montville Police Department, Medina Township Police Department and the Cleveland Clinic's Life Support Team. Additionally, the center is a point of contact for all City services outside regular business hours as the communication center operates 24 hours every day of the year. The communications center is mandated by the Ohio Revised Code (Section 5507.1.05) to have a minimum of two telecommunicators on duty at all times. In 2019 we met the current authorized minimum of ten personnel assigned to the communication center.



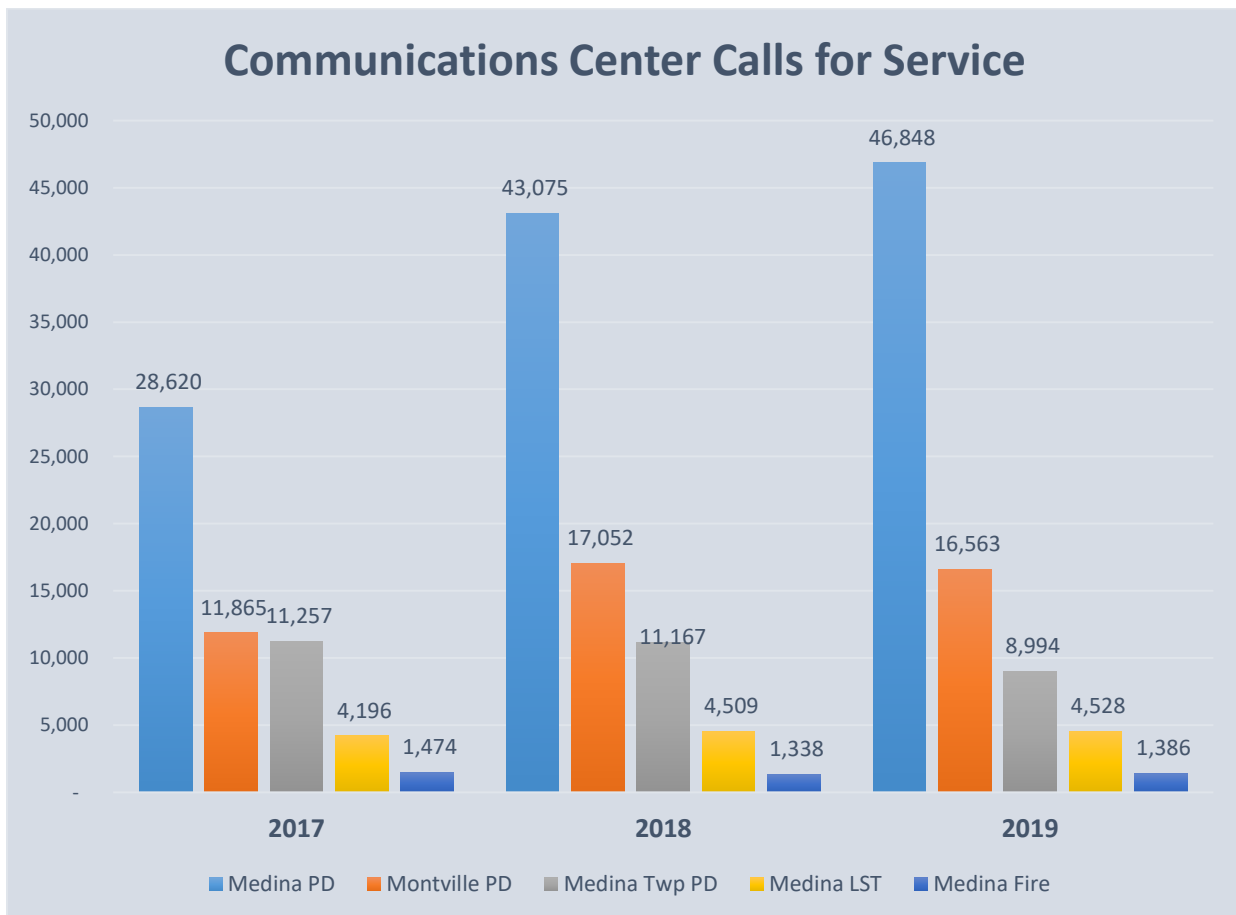
Several major communications projects reached completion in 2019. Initially in 2019 Medina Police Department transitioned to the Harris radio system. This digital P25 trucked radio system allows our first responders more coverage and clearer communications. Many other agencies moved to the system throughout 2019 to include Medina Fire Department, Cleveland Clinic Life Support Team, Medina Township and Montville Township. As we head into 2020, we look forward to the addition of the MARCS (Multi Agency Radio Communications System) radio system to our capabilities, which will further improve county wide interoperability among agencies.

The communications center completed implementation of Zuercher Suite Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) which replaced the Emergitech CAD system. Emergitech became obsolete and was no longer supported by the vendor. The Zuercher Suite CAD project was taken on in collaboration with the Medina County

Sheriff's Office. This shared system simplifies the flow of information and increases the interoperability between the two agencies. Another benefit to the shared CAD system is redundancy in servers in case of an outage or disaster within either facility.

An internet-based E911 system was installed to be inter-operational with the Zuercher CAD system. This E911 system allows Medina PD compatibility with the other three PSAP's in Medina County, as well as improved call mapping, and redundant operations. This project may include Text to 911 in the future.

At the beginning of 2019 communications center personnel completed training on Zuercher CAD and earned national certification in Emergency Medical Dispatching.



## Property / Evidence

Daily maintenance of the Medina Police Department's Property/Evidence Room involves the collection, preservation, storage, security and disposition of evidence and other property. Evidence is maintained only as long as necessary for use in any pending investigation or prosecution. Non-evidentiary property is maintained only until it can be returned to its rightful owner or otherwise be disposed of in accordance with the law.



The Property Room is managed by a part-time officer under the command of Lieutenant Dave Birckbichler and supervised by Special Operations Supervisor, Sergeant Brett McNabb. The officer devotes 29 hours a week to the

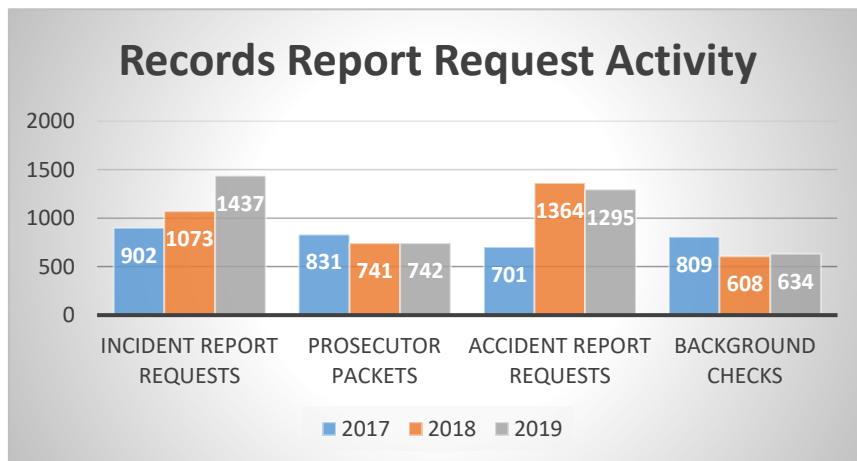
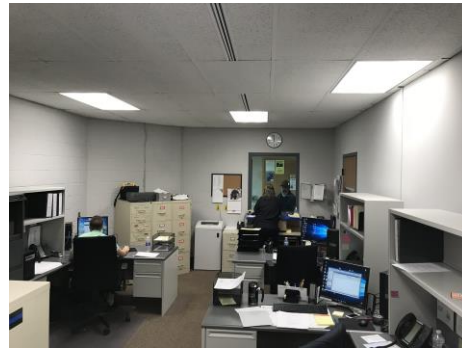
department's continuous flow of property and evidence. Support may be provided by Records department personnel and intermittent volunteers when necessary and sustainable.

### Property Room Activity 2019

	<u>Property Received</u>	<u>Narcotics</u>	<u>BCI Lab Submissions</u>	<u>Items Destroyed</u>	<u>Items Forfeited</u>	<u>Items Auctioned</u>
<u>2019</u>	1217	497	219	949	955	49
<u>2018</u>	1176	467	216	1348	1368	94
<u>2017</u>	1225	441	256	362	777	61

## Records Division

The Records Division is comprised of one full-time and three part-time employees, under the command of Lieutenant Dave Birckbichler. The constant flow of information, data and material coming and going from this centralized area necessitates personnel of the Records Division to maintain a well-rounded knowledge of the City of Medina, Lafayette Township and surrounding communities served, as well as law enforcement procedures and reference information for the public. Records personnel support all divisions within the police department, most city and county judicial agencies, as well as the public with public record inquiries and call taking. Records personnel prepare paperwork, process and store all forms of citations, camera video and all electronic recordings including 911 calls and prepare the information for dissemination when necessary. This division handles state mandated reporting for accidents, towed vehicle tracking, domestic violence and finger printing. At the records window the public may obtain solicitor registration licenses, bicycle licenses, and inquire about public records. Furthermore, annual records destruction preparation, city budget preparation, and purchasing for the police department is also carried out from the Records



Division.

In addition to their day to day duties the records personnel played an integral part in transitioning from one records management system to

another in 2019. The Records Division remains a central hub and a valuable asset to the Medina Police Department.

## *Police Specials Unit*

The Medina Police Department “Specials Unit” was established in April of 1958. At that time, nine members of the community formed the volunteer unit to assist and augment the Medina Police Department. Over the years, the unit has grown and evolved, but one aspect remains the same; the members of the unit continue to donate thousands of volunteer hours to the community and the police department.



In 2019, the Special’s Unit grew to 24 members with the addition of six new volunteers and the resignation of two. The division is comprised of 12 certified members and 12 non-certified. The twelve certified members are OPOTA state certified police officers who are held to the same standards for training as a full-time officer. Non-certified members are not required to complete the training, but many choose to do so. All members are regularly trained to handle medical

emergencies. Collectively, in 2019 members volunteered nearly 5,000 hours to the community and to MPD. Hours are accumulated by attending monthly meetings, fulfilling training requirements, riding with officers, working paid details and most importantly, working volunteer details. The Specials Unit provided security and traffic control at most nearly all community and school events during 2019. Many of these events could not be held without the presence of Specials Unit volunteers. You may have seen members at the events listed on the next page.



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*Medina Half Marathon*

*Step Up to Suicide Community Unity Walk*

*Memorial Day Parade and Summer Band Concerts at Uptown Park*

*Twin Sizzler 5K, 10K, and bike race*

*July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Fireworks*

*Art in the Park*

*International Festival*

*Medina High School Homecoming Parade*

*Race with Grace*

*Paws for the Cause 5K*

*Tunnels to Tower 5K*

*Trick or Treat*

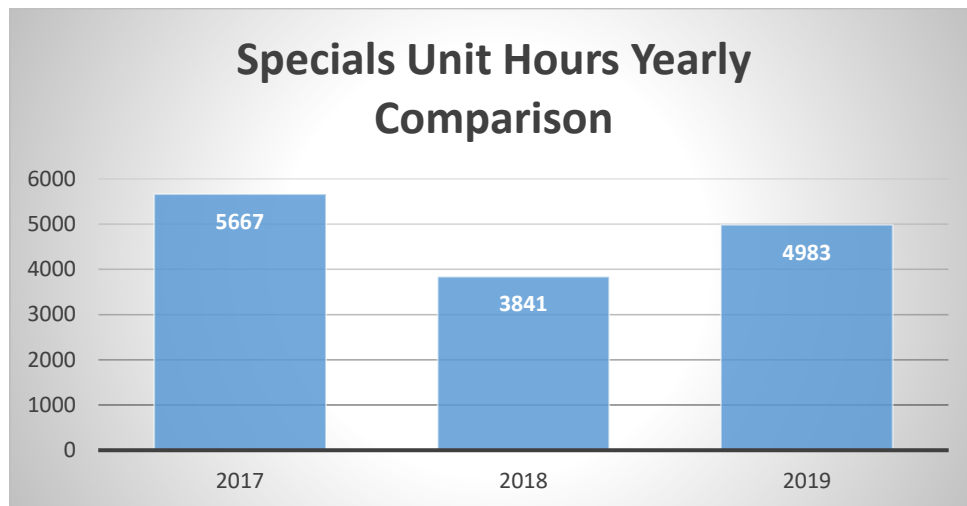
*Candlelight Walk*

*Shop with Cops*

*Parade of Lights*



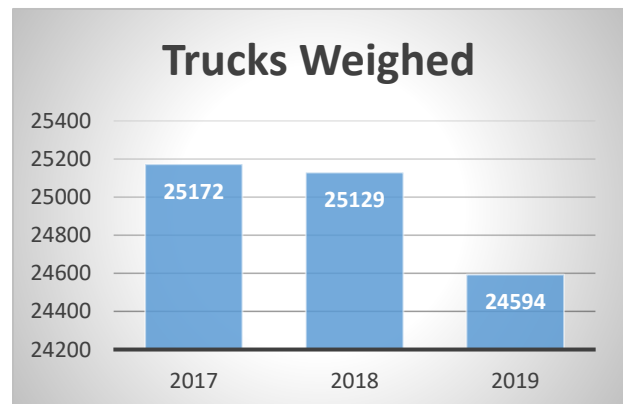
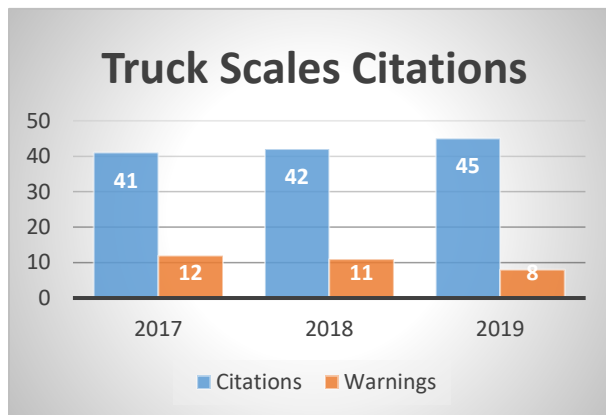
The members of the Special's Unit will continue their long dedicated history of serving the community in 2020.





## Commercial Truck Scales

The Medina Police Department Truck Scale continues to strive to decrease heavy truck traffic in and around Public Square and promote driver safety. By limiting both the amount of damage done to the roads and disturbing noise around Public Square citizens of Medina and visitors to the our city can better enjoy the shopping, dining and sight seeing of our town. The truck scale is open 29 hours a week. The decrease in truck traffic through Public Square is remarkable when the scale is open.



## *Medina County SWAT*

At the close of 2019, the Medina County SWAT team comprised of twenty law enforcement officers from seven different law enforcement agencies in Medina County, as well as medics assigned by the Cleveland Clinic Life Support Team. Medina Police Department provides three officers to the dedication of the team to go above and beyond their regular departmental duties.



The Medina County SWAT Team works under a memorandum of understanding agreed upon and signed by all participating agencies.

### **SWAT was called out on 6 incidents in 2019 -**

March 5, 2019 – The SWAT team was called to the City of Wadsworth. A 25 year old intoxicated male was threatening suicide. The situation was resolved and the male was taken into custody.

April 21, 2019 – called to the Village of Spencer for a male threatening suicide and threatening officers. Prior to SWAT Team arrival the suspect surrendered to police.

May 2, 2019 – requested for a warrant service in the Village of Lodi. The team called the subject out of his residence and he was arrested without incidence on his active warrant.

May 19, 2019 – called to a Montville Township home regarding a male who had shot his girlfriend in the head. Once on site the team determined there in fact was a female with a gunshot wound to the head in the garage. The female was extracted from the garage and taken to the hospital. The team then located a ladder on a neighbor's van to remove two children from an upstairs bedroom

window. A robot was used inside the residence to locate the male, deceased in the basement from an apparent self inflicted gunshot wound.

September 16, 2019 – called to the Village of Gloria Glens for a male caller advising he shot his mother in the head and has his brother tied up in a closet. The SWAT Team arrived on scene and made contact with the residents inside the house. It was determined that this was a swatting call, there was no issue at the residence.

December 28, 2019 – called the City of Wadsworth for a male making threats of suicide and suicide by cop. Wadsworth Police advised that the subject had weapons and was home alone, possibly on drugs. Prior to the SWAT team arrival, the subject surrendered to police.



## *Medina County Drug Task Force*



The Medina County Drug task Force (MCDTF) was established in 1987 as a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement unit dedicated primarily to narcotics enforcement. The Medina Police Department assigned Detective Matt Fitz to serve as a liaison to the MCDTF for incidents occurring within the City of Medina. In 2019, agents from the Medina County Drug Task Force, conducted 64 criminal investigations in the city of Medina.

### **Criminal Investigation Initiated 2017-2019**

To include the City of Medina, and Lafayette Township

2017	2018	2019
89	74	64

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The pharmaceutical drug collection boxes located at the City of Medina, Medina Township and Montville police departments continue to collect hundreds of pounds of unwanted medications. Since the inception of the program in 2011 over 18 tons of medications have been collected throughout Medina County and disposed of safely. In 2019, the collection box located at the Medina Police Department yielded 492.5 pounds of unused medications

*Medina County Drug Task Force Report submitted by MCDTF Director Darren Stout*