

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mayor Hanwell and Members of Council,

I respectfully submit the Medina Police Department year-end report for 2018. This report is the culmination of the activities and efforts of the men and women of the Medina Police Department. Over the past twelve months, the police department embarked on an ambitious campaign of change and upgrades, each of which provide the community with a better and more effective policing service.



The command staff has been re-organized by promoting a second lieutenant and dividing command responsibilities, resulting in a more efficient span of control for both lieutenants. The updated command structure delineates chain of command and responsibilities.

The police canine program, dormant for many years, has been re-instituted. Officer Mike Lyon and his K9 partner Nero hit the streets in April. The canine program is a valuable multifaceted tool assisting in drug enforcement, tracking of suspects, tracking of missing persons and building searches. Nero is very friendly and is a hit with community members. Officer Lyon and Nero are very engaged in the community, giving K9 demonstrations to groups throughout the city.

The bicycle officer program has also been re-instated and updated. Four Trek police bicycles were purchased from a local bicycle vendor. Four officers were trained and certified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association. The officers split their time between patrolling in a cruiser and patrolling on a bicycle. Bike patrols allow the officer to interact with citizens in a more personal manner and provide a more effective way of patrolling our parks. Bike patrols are also used for all special events occurring throughout the city, weather permitting.

The police department upgraded a variety of equipment throughout the year. Several of these projects were very complicated and technical in nature.

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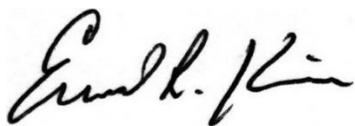
The police radio system was upgraded from the legacy UHF single site repeater system to the County P25 digital system. Operating on the P25 system allows for greater clarity in audio and county-wide coverage. Duty firearms were upgraded to the current Smith and Wesson M&P 2.0. All officers were trained and qualified on the new duty weapon. A transition from the existing L3 body and car camera system to the WatchGuard system was complete in December. This upgrade offers the department and courts a much improved audio and video recording, allowing for better documentation of incidents and crimes. I look forward to the continuation of improvements planned for 2019.

On September 1st of 2018 Medina Police Department began providing police services to Lafayette Township under a police services contract. Lafayette Township Trustees approached the City of Medina early in 2018 to request police services from the police department. The resulting contract provides the police department with a pass through of Lafayette Township's police levy revenue, which is approximately \$300,000 per year. In return, the police department provides the citizens of Lafayette Township police services including all of our community oriented policing programs.

Operationally, the police department experienced a 42% increase in self-initiated activities and a 14% increase in dispatched calls for service. The department experienced a decrease in most part 1 crimes, with the exception of vehicle thefts, which experienced a small increase.

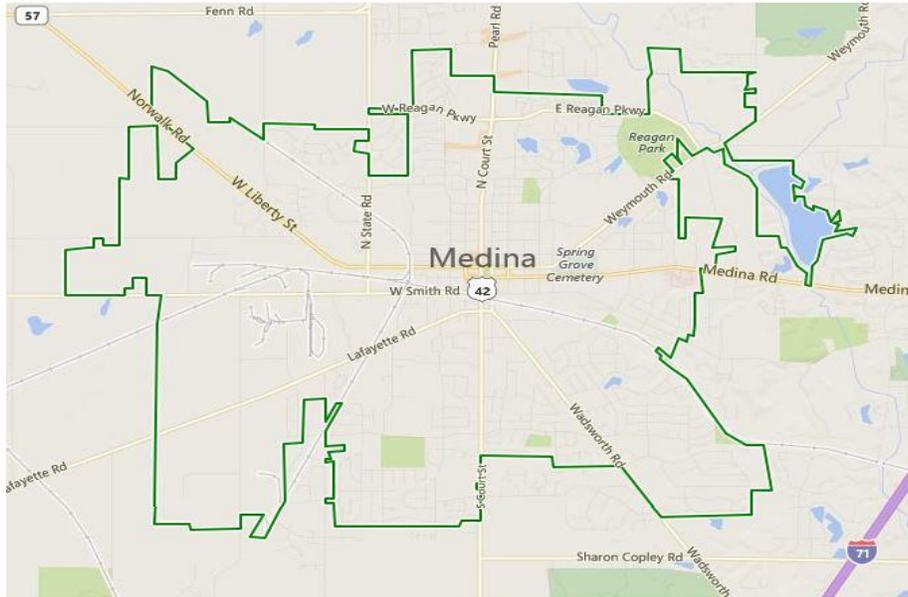
I am proud of the accomplishments the men and women of the Medina Police Department achieved in 2018. Moving forward, the Medina Police Department will continue to provide a professional and ethical police service to the citizens of the City of Medina, as well as Lafayette Township.

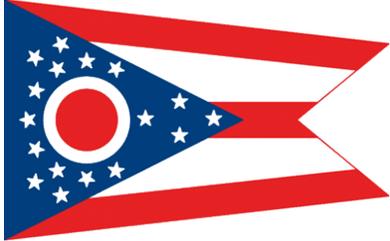
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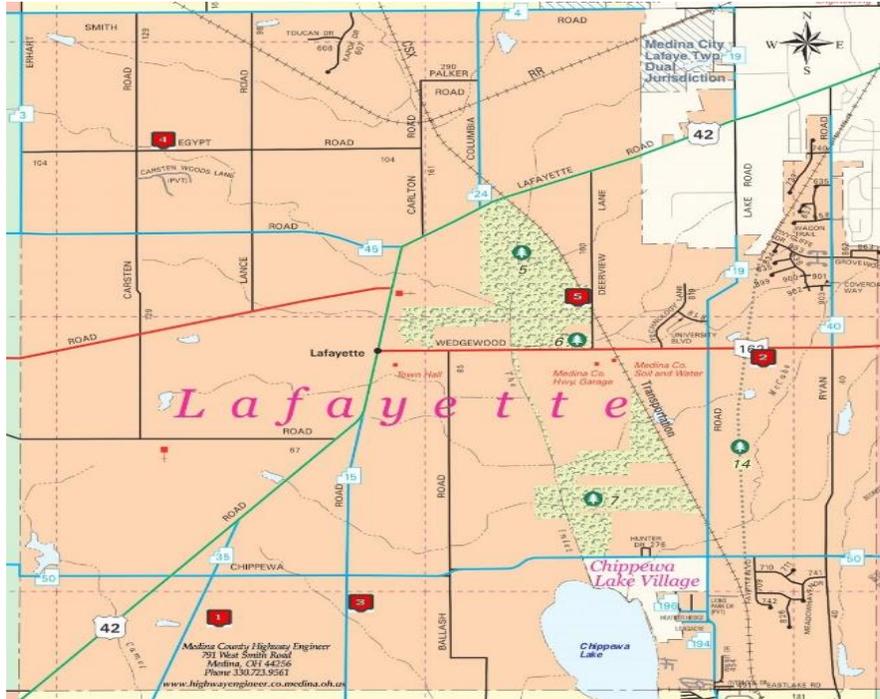
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City Profile



<p>City Motto</p> <p>Preserving the Past. Forging the Future.</p>	<p>Ohio Flag</p> 	<p>City Logo</p> 
<p>2018 Population</p> <p>26,678</p>	<p>Founded</p> <p>1808</p>	<p>Incorporated</p> <p>1835 Village 1952 City</p>
<p>Square Miles</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Second Largest city in Medina County</p>	<p>Fifty-sixth largest City in Ohio</p>
<p>Transportation Assets</p> <p>Rail Airport</p>	<p>Medina County Population</p> <p>172,332</p>	<p>School District Enrollment</p> <p>6,812</p>

Lafayette Township Profile



<p>Lafayette Township Population</p> <p>5,827</p>	<p>Square miles</p> <p>23.7</p>	<p>Borders</p> <p>Southwest side of the City of Medina</p>
<p>Largest natural lake in Ohio</p> <p>Chippewa Lake</p>	<p>Technology Park</p> <p>Medina County University Center University of Akron</p>	<p>Settled</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 Zarembo	Sergeant	1995
Patrick Sloan	Sergeant	2003
Sara Lynn	Sergeant	2005
Bryan Wagner	Sergeant	2003
Kirk Vozar	Officer	1989
Daryn Winebrenner	Officer	1995
Dan Warner	Detective	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
Joshua Wilson	Officer	2008
James Tighe	Officer	2009
Brandon Grimm	Detective	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

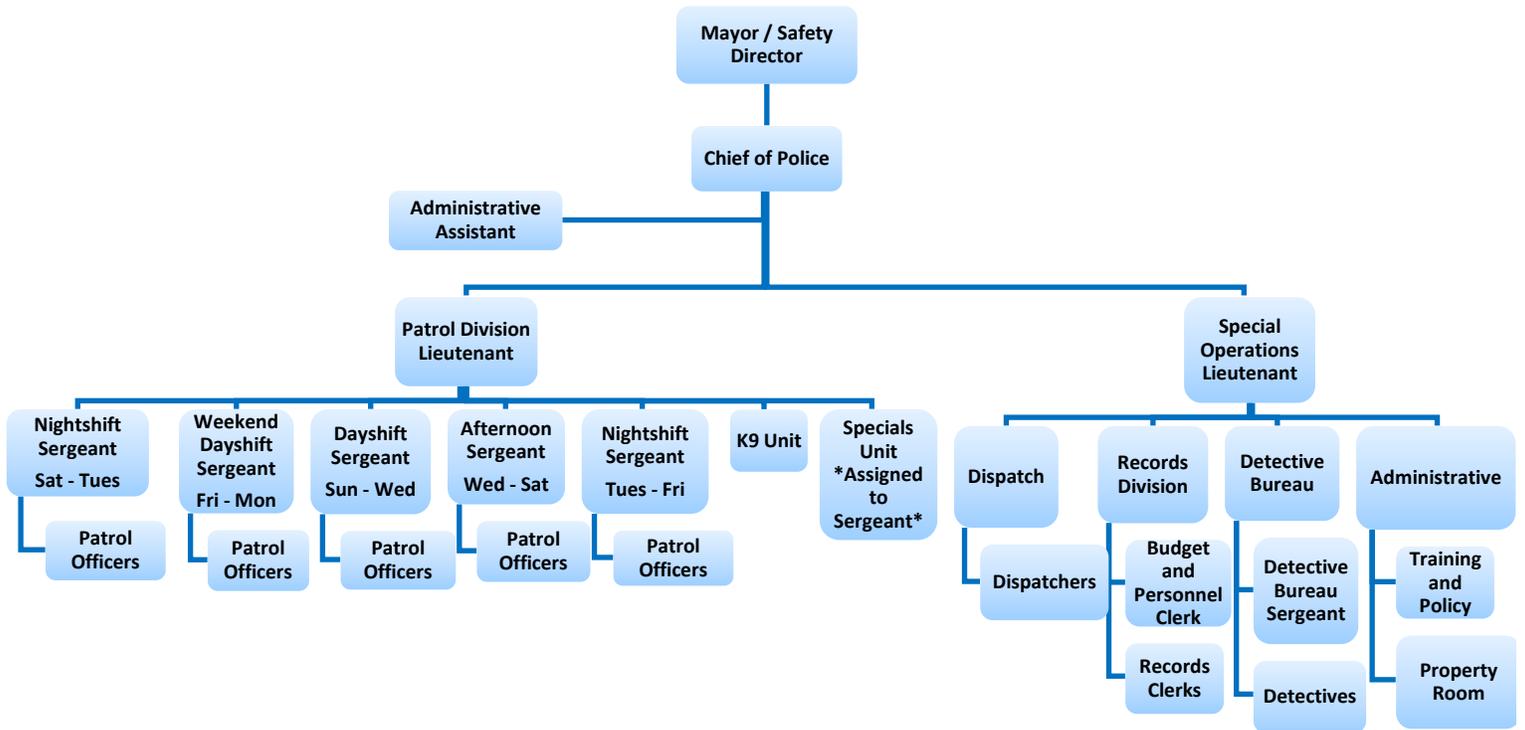
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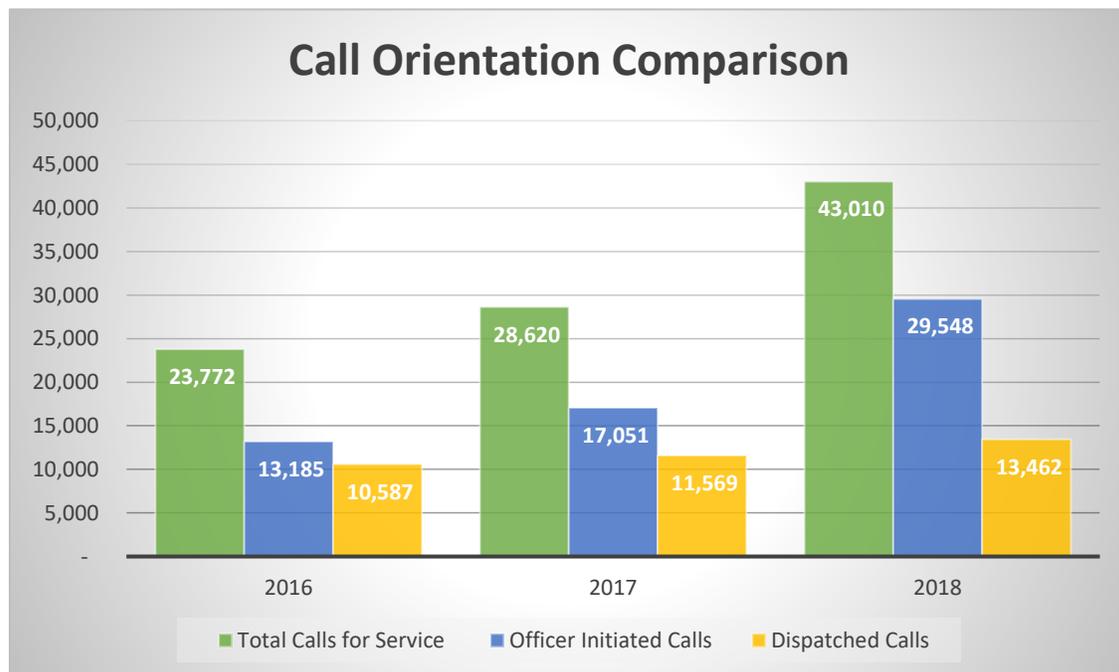
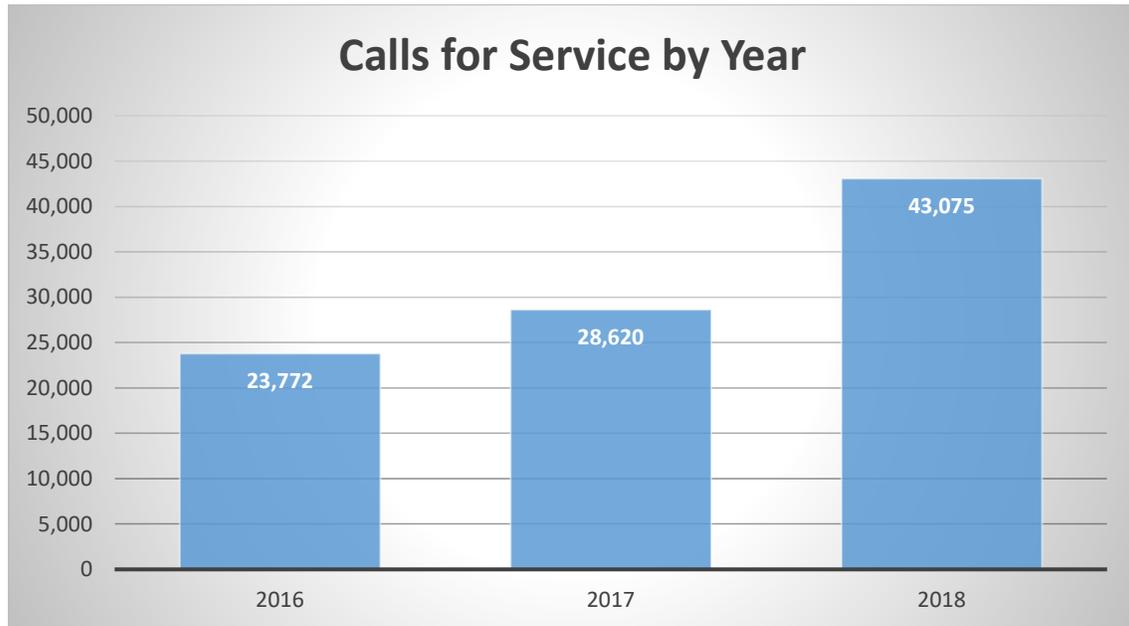
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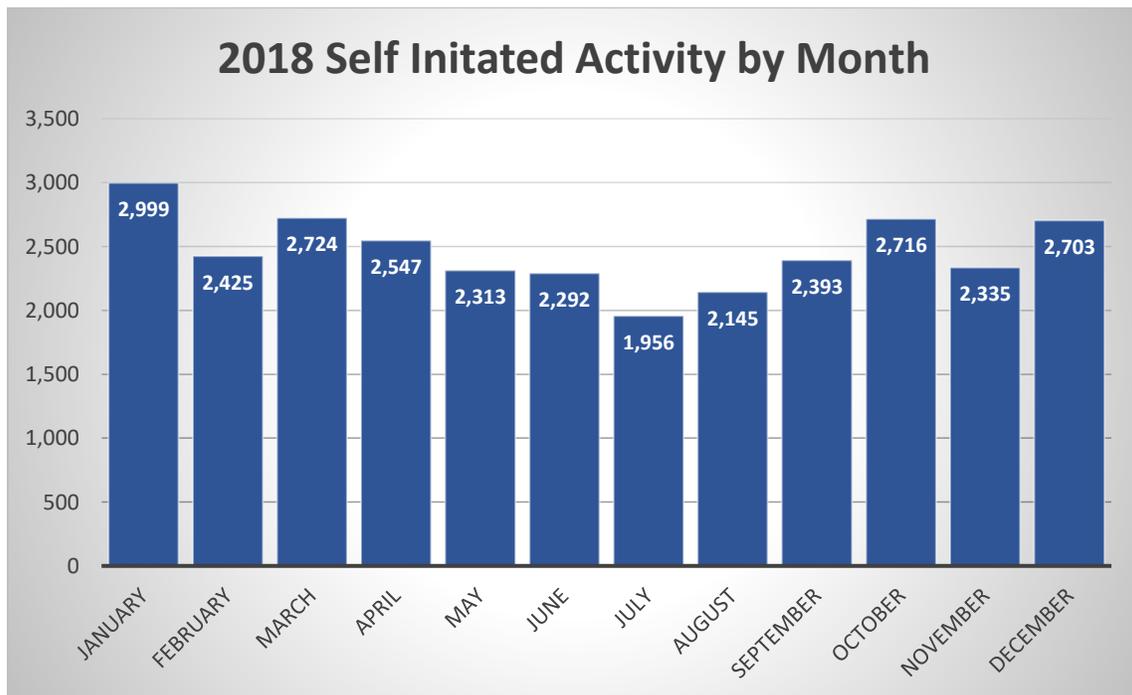
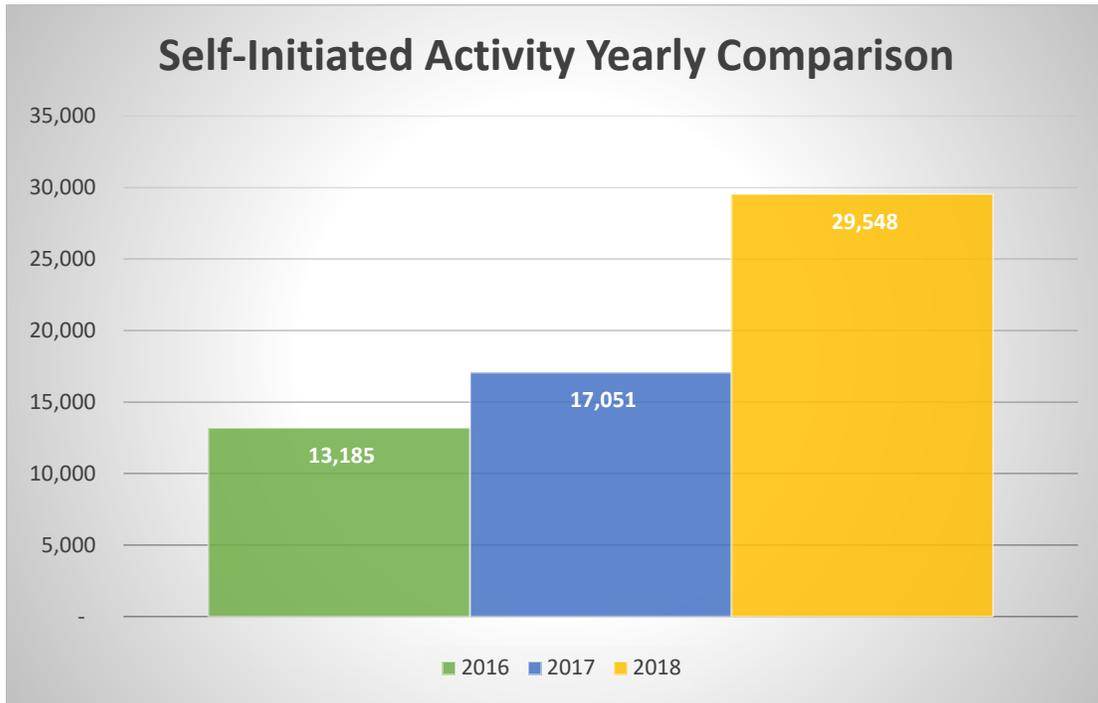
Michael Wovna	Officer	2014
Christopher Deeks	Officer	2014
Jeffrey Smith	Detective	2014
Michael English	Officer	2015
Erica Anderson	Officer	2015
Andrew Dziak	Officer	2016
Raven Ory	Officer	2017
Vincent Piccoli	Officer	2018
Christopher Wade	Officer	2018
Evan Scherer	Officer	2018
Joseph Calabrese	Officer	2018
Tyler Hughes	Officer	2019
Patty Miller	Dispatcher	1999
Denise Indovina	Dispatcher	2001
Andrew Demczyk	Dispatcher	2013
David McGurk	Dispatcher	2013
Crystal Dandar	Dispatcher	2015
Calvin Undercoffer	Dispatcher	2017
Sarah McCullough	Dispatcher	2017
Kali Bainbridge	Dispatcher	2017
Kelly Oyler	Dispatcher	2017
Justin Alferio	Dispatcher	2018
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

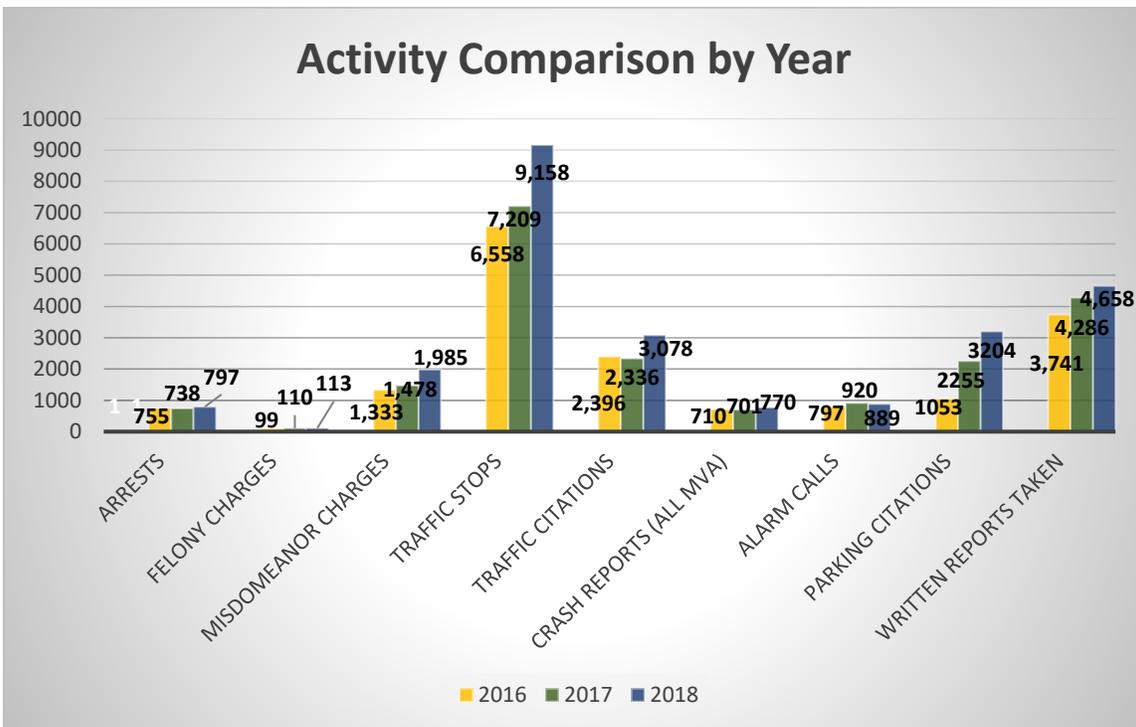
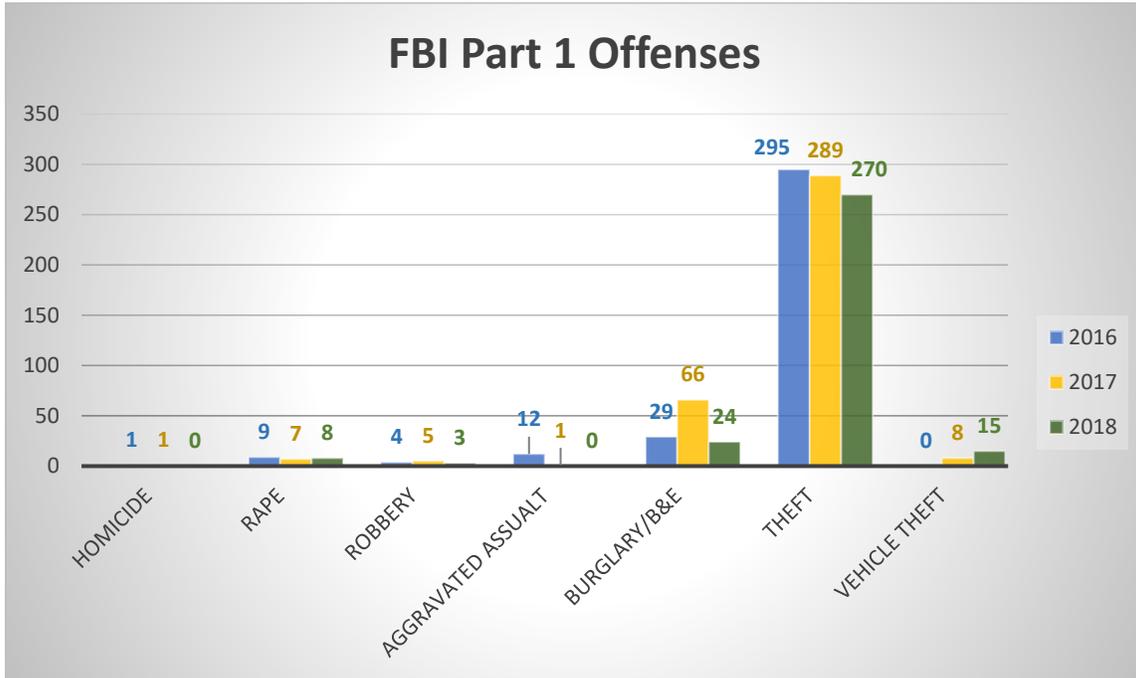


Department Statistics

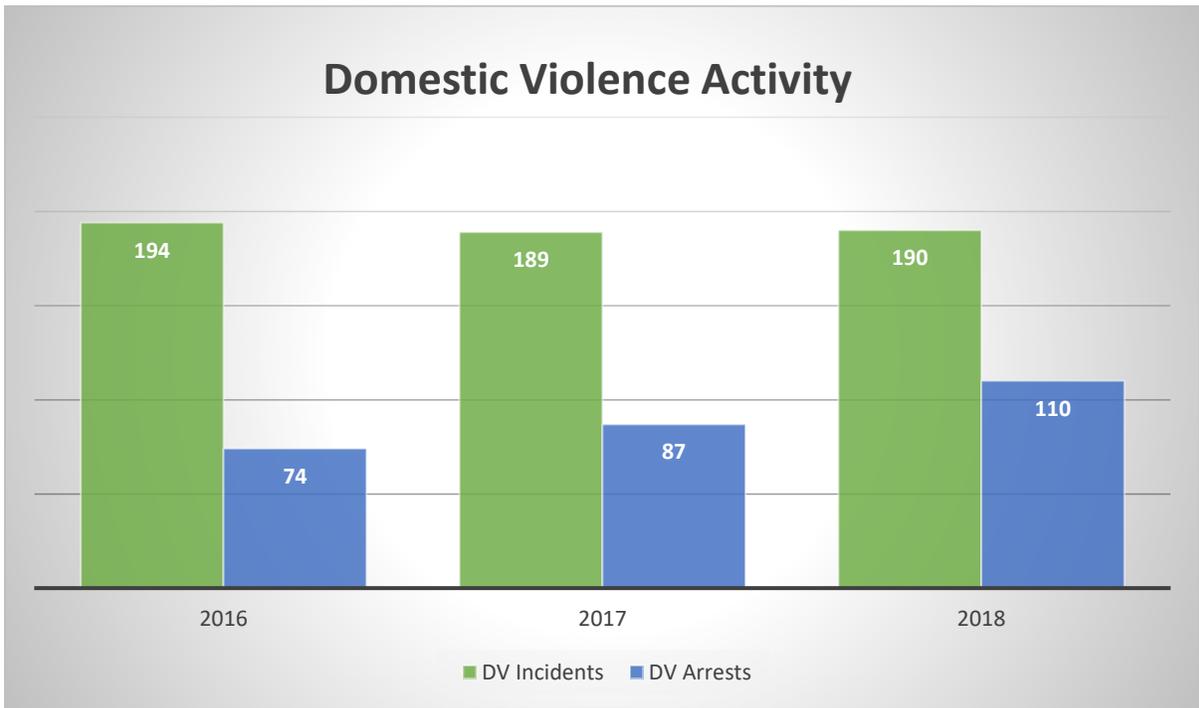
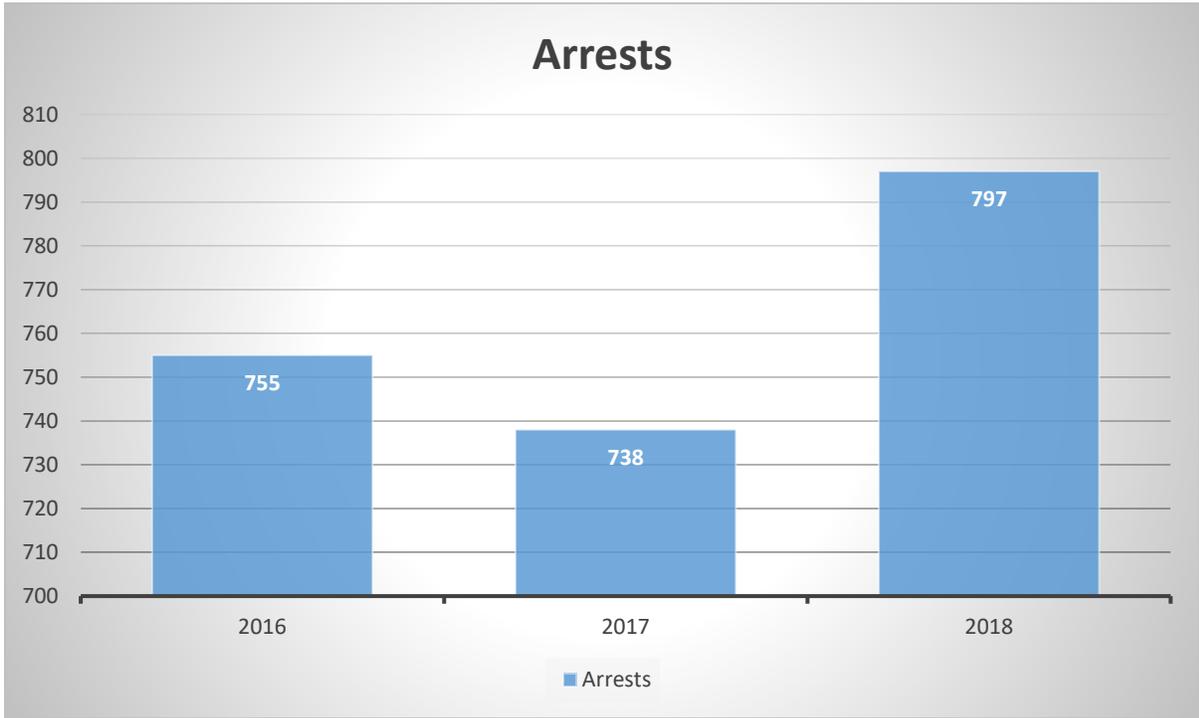


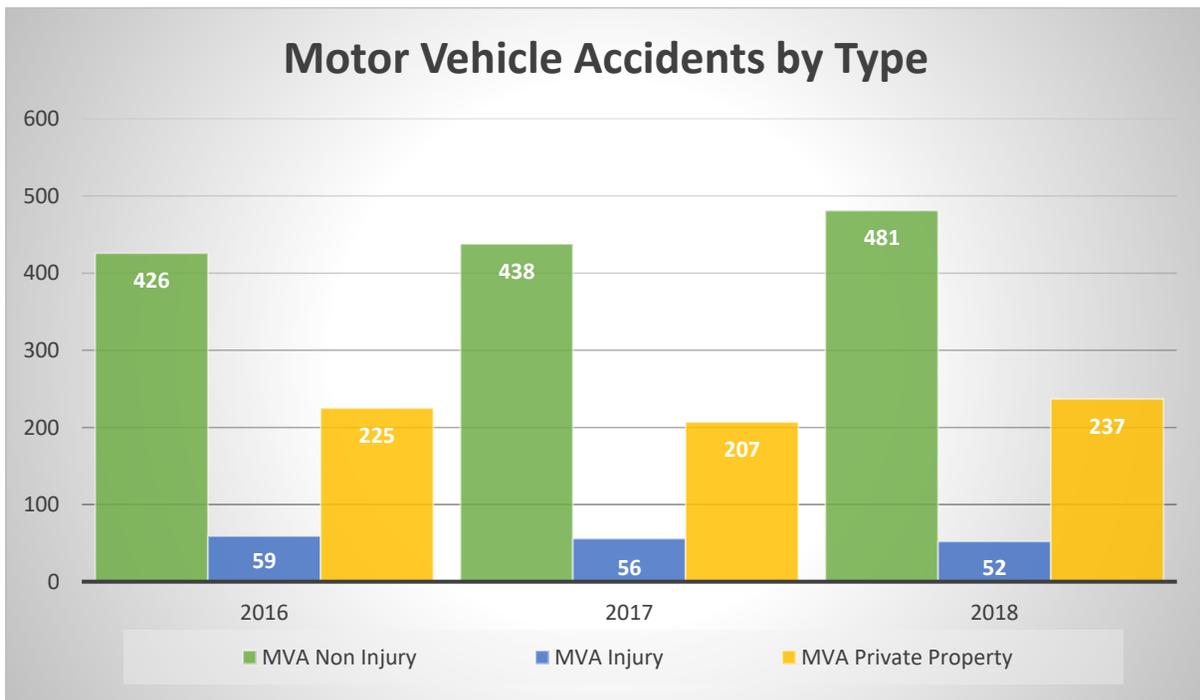
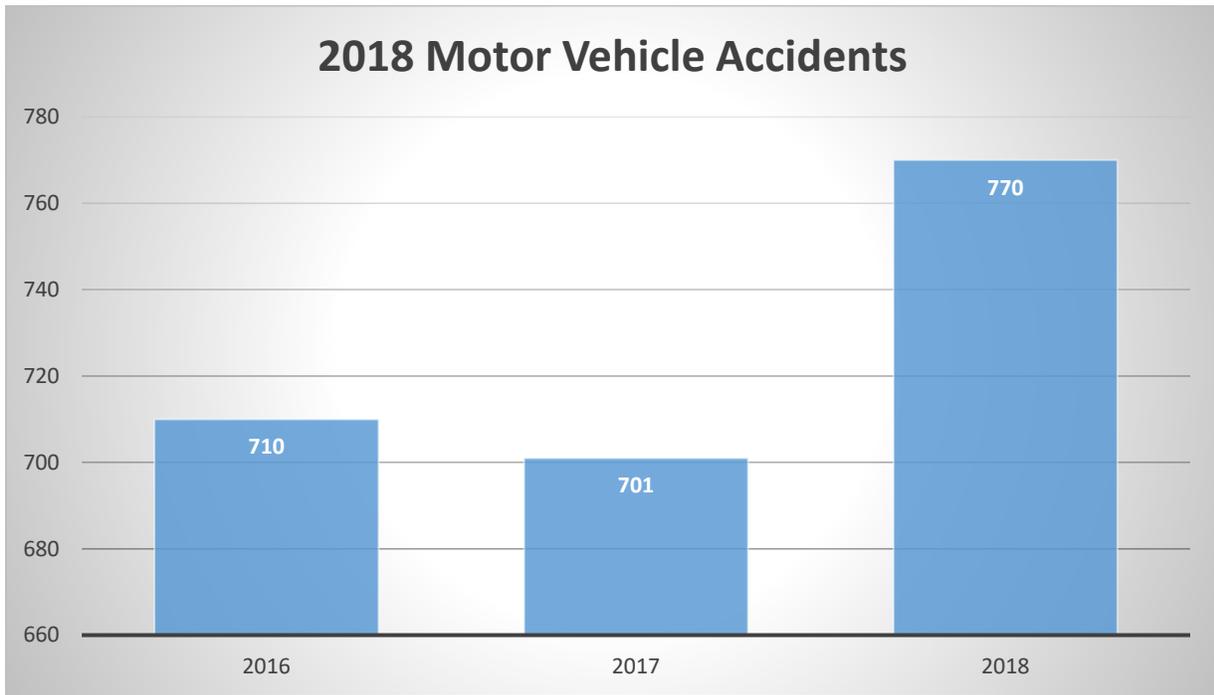


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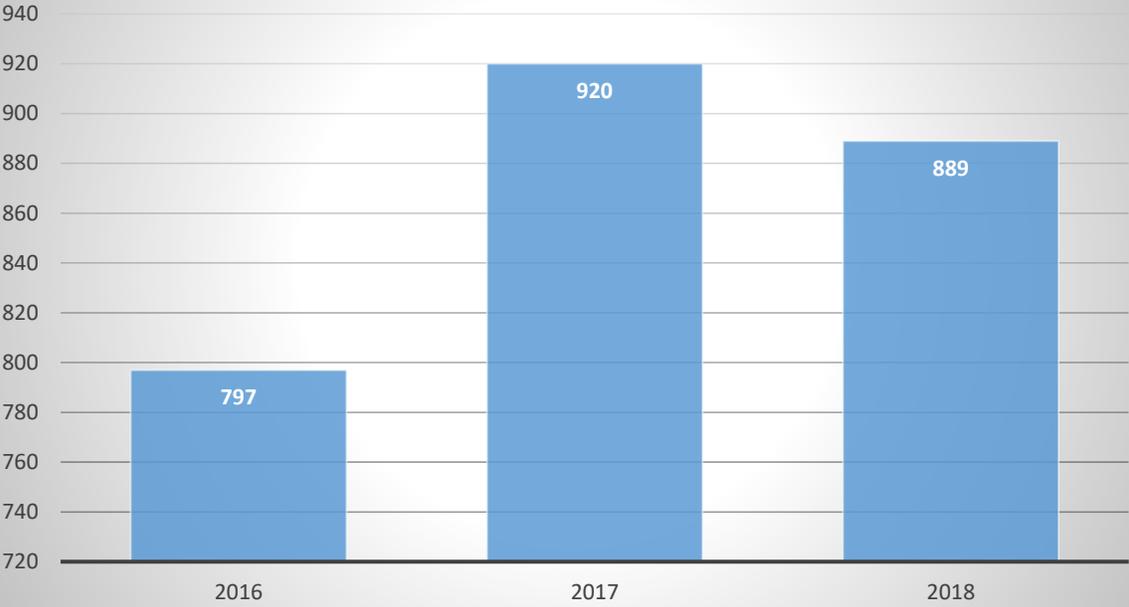


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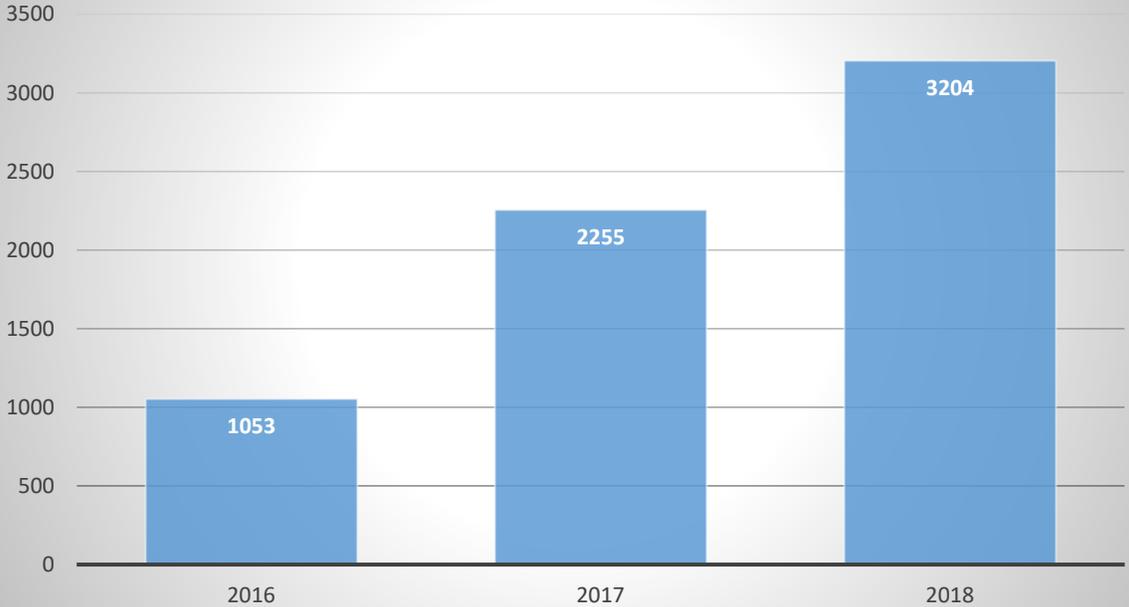




Alarm Response Yearly Comparison



Parking Citations Yearly Comparison



Patrol Division

The uniformed patrol division officers are 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.

Six new officers were hired in 2017. Four of the six completed all necessary training and have joined the ranks of our patrol division. Losing two new hires required us to offer another police test in 2018. One new hire is currently in field training and a second will begin field training in January of 2019. These new hires bring our staffing to 38 sworn full-time officers.



The patrol division oversees the Traffic Calming Device Program in response to speeding complaints around the city. These signs, also known as Driver



Feedback Signs, have been utilized by the Medina Police Department for years. The program was instituted to aid the department in advising drivers to slow down. The signs act as a calming device by alerting drivers of their speed, then causing drivers to adjust their speed and change behavior by their own recognition. Studies have shown that speeders slow down 80% of the time. Traffic calming device

signs are deployed when the department is notified of an ongoing issue of speeding in a particular area. The signs record the speed of every vehicle that passes providing data to determine peak times of speed violations, an officer can then conduct traffic enforcement in that area. MPD currently has four calming

device signs and will continue to circulate them around the city in 2019 as complaints are voiced and the need arises. Medina Police Department values feedback from residents and will continue to reinforce safety in the community.

The canine program was reinstated at the beginning of 2018. Nero was purchased from Excel K9 in Hiram. Officer Mike Lyon took possession of Nero in 2018. Officer Lyon and Nero completed all necessary training to be state certified by the Ohio



Police Officers Training Academy. Officer Lyon and Nero quickly engaged the public by conducting public presentations exhibiting their capabilities and answering questions. As a part of continuing education requirements Officer Lyon attended a national conference in Washington DC to enhance the canine program and the two attended a bite work seminar at Excel K9. Officer Lyon continues to work with Nero on shift to advance their skills as a team. Officer Lyon and Nero were deployed on 224 police related calls between April and December, they assisted various neighboring agencies for drug sniffs and searches. The two have conducted demonstrations and drug sniffs in the schools as well. Not only did Officer Lyon and Nero create a presence in the community offering citizens accessibility, but also work as a deterrent to criminals. Officer Lyon and Nero look forward to advancing their training and fostering a positive relationship with the public in 2019.



The Bicycle Patrol Unit was also revived in 2018. Three sergeants and four officers make up the unit. To accommodate the program, four Trek Police bicycles were purchased and outfitted by the Medina Bike Shop. Two bike racks for transport on the cruisers were also purchased. Each member was properly outfitted designed to the nature and safety of the patrol cyclist. Three of the members had been previously certified as a police cyclist, the remaining four attended a 32 hour IPMBA Police Cyclist course

to obtain certification. The bicycle patrol is utilized in areas difficult to patrol by cruiser, such as, parks, trails, and crowded events within the city. The members have been accessible to the public through personal interaction and bicycle safety demonstrations.

In addition to the volume of calls the patrol division receives, building trust and collaborating with the public through community oriented policing ranks high on the list of objectives. Officers conduct building and house checks on a regular basis as a means to provide a partnership with the community. In addition, liaison officers are assigned to apartment complexes in the city that prove to need additional assistance in maintaining harmony. The police liaison connects with the manager and staff of the complex on a regular basis to ensure safety and support. Additionally, officers hold demonstrations and talks throughout the city, walk Public Square, weather permitting, and are committed to the safety and well-being of the community on a daily basis.

The Medina Police Department began providing police services to Lafayette Township and entered into a contract to provide police services which increased our land jurisdiction substantially. A southwest zone was created for policing, an officer is assigned to the southwest zone each shift. The zone consists of all land south of Smith Road and west of S Court Street. During their shift, officers that are responsible for the southwest zone participate in many community events, such as; Pioneers in the Park, Lafayette Halloween Party, Santa's Christmas in the Township and Lafayette Pancake Breakfast. Participating in these events has helped establish our presence in the community and provided an opportunity for personal interaction with the residents. Our patrols in Lafayette have focused on vacation watches, neighborhood patrols, and traffic enforcement at high accident/complaint areas. However, a variety of calls for service required our attention, to include; drug overdose deaths, domestic violence, and suicides. Our detective bureau has been used for investigations in the township, as well. The partnership with Lafayette Township has proven to be equitable for both entities and we look forward to continued collaboration with and providing service to our neighboring Lafayette Township.

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In 2019 the patrol division will strive to continue the growth represented in 2018. The department aims to reach further in collaborating and partnering with neighboring departments, first responders, local government, non-profits, schools, small businesses, and the citizens of Medina.



Self Defense taught by
MPD officers



MPD academy graduates Officer Piccoli, Officer
Scherer, and Officer Wade



Safe Communities award recipients
Officer Anderson and Officer Wovna with
Chief Kinney

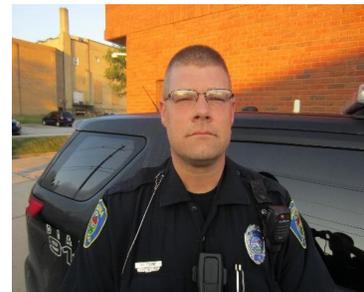
Community Outreach

School Resource Officer-



The Medina Police Department works collaboratively with the Medina City Schools to ensure the safety of students within the district. The police department provides an SRO at the high school and another that manages time between the two middle schools.

SRO's have a variety of duties to include, serving as a liaison between youth and law enforcement, function as a role model, mentor at risk youth, calls for service that occur within the respective school, work with outside agencies such as the Medina County Health Department and Medina County Children's Services, investigate crimes and make arrests when appropriate. SRO's also work closely with faculty to carry out school policies and procedures and are active in providing many programs such as; ALICE drills, ROADWISE, vehicle safety checks, Medina County Safe Communities Coalition with "Click It or Ticket" events, Campus Awareness Training (CAT), Medina Police Activities League, Shop with a Cop and Special Olympics. Our high school SRO is an assistant boys lacrosse coach. The SRO's build rapport with students and work cooperatively with staff and administration to create a foundation of safety and cooperation.



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 a brief overview of policing in each jurisdiction. 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 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 4th Twin Sizzler, July 4th 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 Assisting, 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 100 children were treated to a day of fun while bonding with the law enforcement community. This event is sponsored by the Medina County Fraternal Order of Police. Medina PD sponsored eighteen children this year and held their 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.



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. The class 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



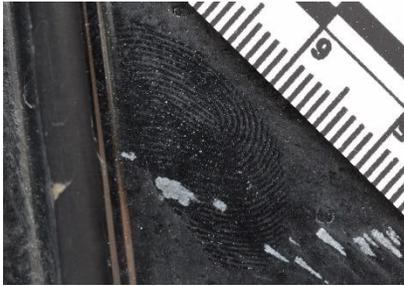
costs. Upon completion of the program, neither the juvenile nor their parent(s) need to appear in court and the citation is not reported. Thus the juvenile's driving record remains clear.

Social Media Presence-

Social media is a tool used by the Medina Police Department to better engage with the community. These accounts allow the police department to have interaction with residents regarding community happenings, department updates, crime help and information relative to our community. Although the Facebook page is the most popular with 14,973 followers, we also utilize Twitter and Instagram and each has a variety of purposes and reach different audiences. There are no associated costs with any of the accounts. Please continue to utilize our social media posts in 2019 to stay updated and keep in touch.



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 generally staffed by one supervisor, three detectives and a detective assigned to the Medina County Drug Taskforce. Detectives rotate through a weekly on-call schedule during the year.

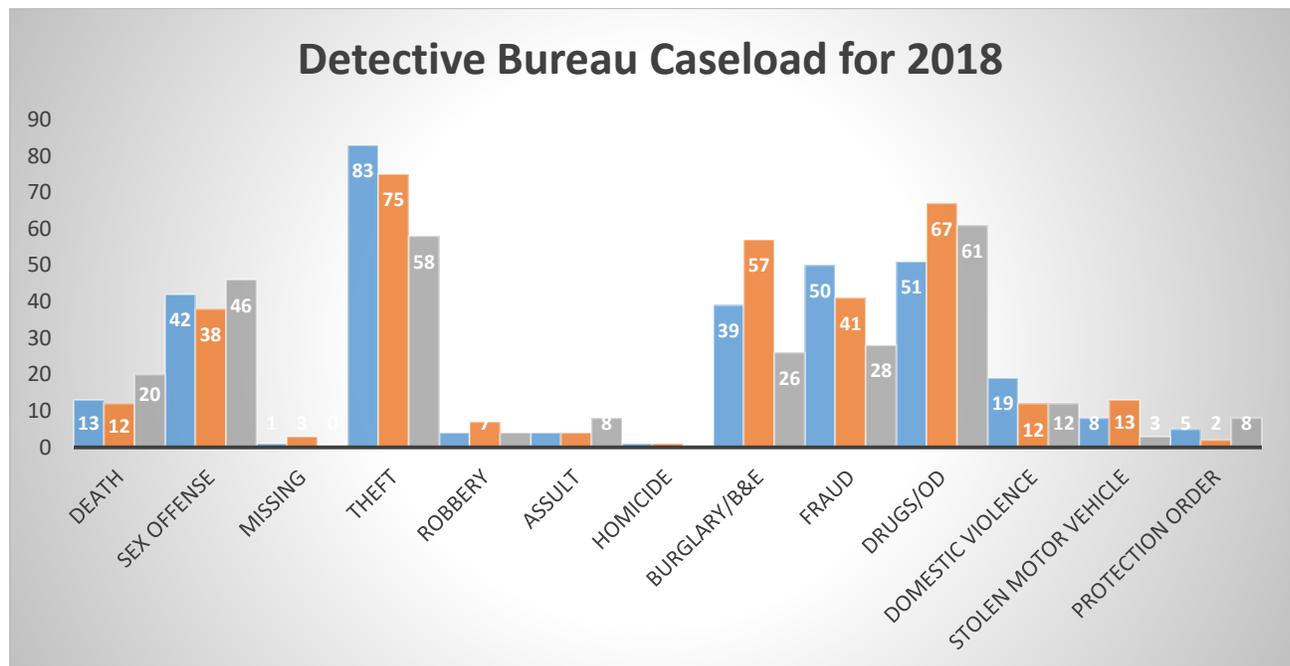
In 2018, Medina Police detectives worked closely with and collaborated with multiple local, state and federal agencies. On a daily basis, detectives work with municipal and county prosecutors, social workers from Medina County Job and Family Services, local probation officers and state parole officials. On several occasions throughout the year, detectives collaborated with investigators from Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (ICAC) on investigations into local residents involved with child pornography.

Training is a priority for officers assigned to the Detective Bureau. In 2018, detectives continued to build skills and knowledge through training. Detective Brandon Grimm earned his Master Criminal Investigator certificate from OPOTA which required a minimum of 192 hours of specialized training. Detective Jeff Smith earned his Master Evidence Technician certificate from OPOTA after completing over 260 hours of specialized training. Both detectives worked over a number of years to accumulate the required training to earn the certificates. Detective Matt



Fitz is actively working toward his Master Criminal Investigator certificate with an emphasis on financial crimes. Detectives received training in death investigations, sex offense response, child abduction, missing persons, crime scene photography, blood splatter analysis, shooting trajectory analysis and evidence collection.

In 2018, over 330 cases were forwarded to the Detective Bureau. Cases are triaged prior to being assigned which allows detectives to prioritize solvable cases with actionable leads or evidence over cases with a low probability of being solved. More than 87 cases were presented to the grand jury resulting in over 125 felony charges. More than 50 search warrants were obtained along with countless requests for grand jury subpoenas. Detectives also filed 82 juvenile charges and completed 18 pre-hire background interviews and investigations.



Opioid Information

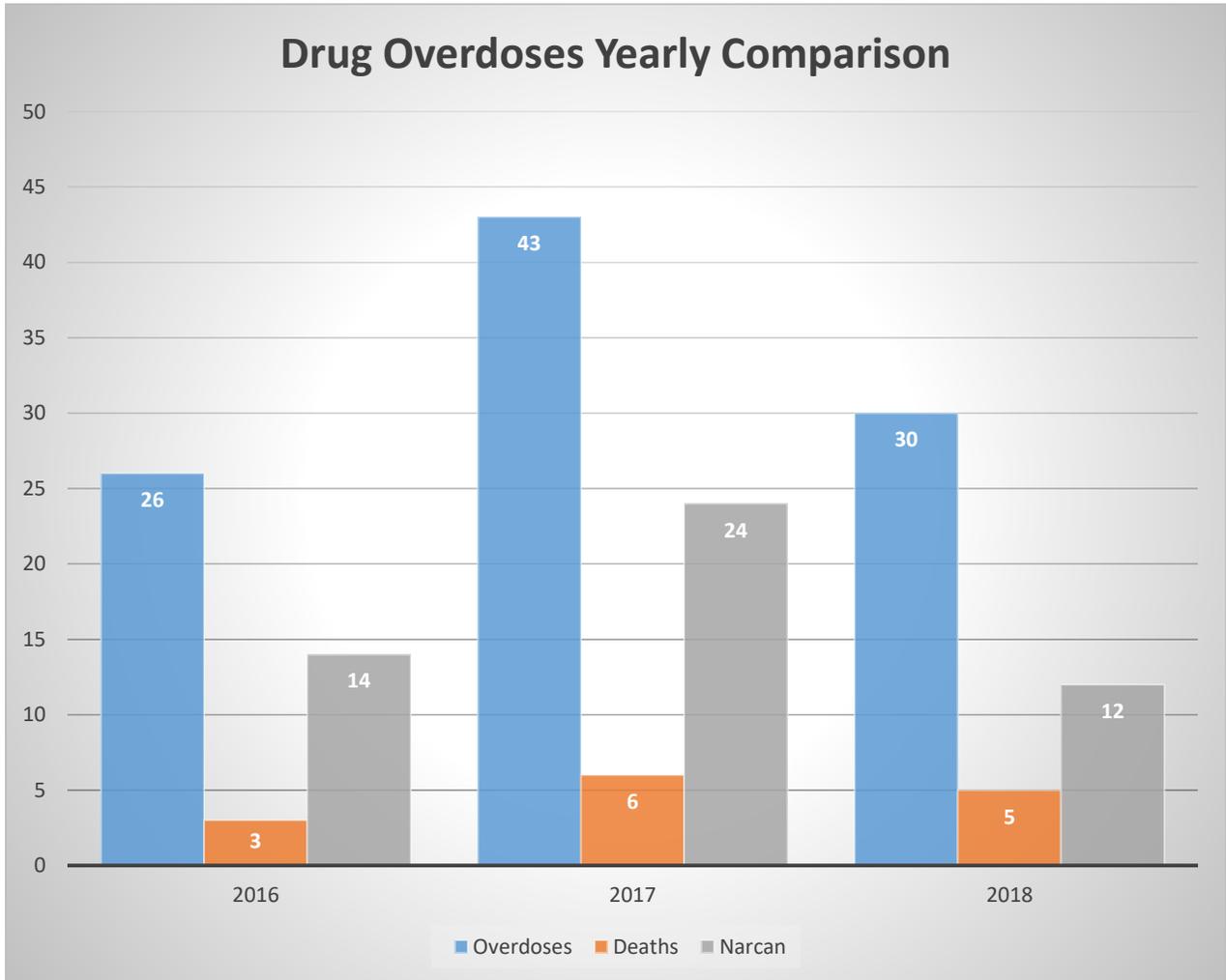
Overdose investigations declined in 2018, compared to 2017, however, do remain above average. Medina Police Department investigated 30 reports of an overdose in 2018, the majority are believed to be opioid related. A few reports are believed to involve LSD usage. Three overdose reports occurred in Lafayette Township, two of which resulted in death. Five deaths total occurred due to an opioid overdose in 2018.

Criminal charges were filed for eight overdose incidents. Charges filed included; possession of heroin, possession of fentanyl, and/or drug abuse instruments. In many incidents criminal charges were not filed due to a lack of physical evidence.

Medina officers deployed Naloxone twelve times to aid lifesaving measures of an overdosing person. All twelve occurrences resulted in success of saving a life. Officers administered Naloxone to three repeat offenders. One overdose victim was provided Naloxone on four different occasions, another was given Naloxone on two different occasions and yet a third repeat offender was administered Naloxone on three occasions, overdosed a fourth time in which the administration of Naloxone was not necessary, then this particular victim overdosed a fifth time and did not survive, he was found deceased in his home.

The Good Samaritan Law, in its second 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 eight immunity letters to persons who had overdosed advising them of their duties in seeking immunity. Of those eight only one was criminally charged after failing to comply with their duty to seek immunity, and one was granted immunity. The other six resulted in no charges being filed due to a lack of

physical evidence. Nine overdose victims did not qualify for immunity due to constraints of community control sanctions at the time of the offense.



Medina County Drug Task Force

In 2018, agents from the Medina County Drug Task Force, to include Medina Police Detective Dan Warner, conducted 55 criminal investigations in the city of Medina. Thirty-seven of these investigations were conducted by Detective Warner. Thirty-seven different people were charged with 61 different criminal offenses as a result of the investigations by Detective Warner.



Agents of the MCDTF served sixteen search warrants and conducted three consent searches relative to investigations initiated in the city of Medina. Agents conducted forensic examinations on sixteen mobile devices relative to these investigations.

Criminal activity occurring in the City of Medina has a tremendous effect on what is taking place in the townships. Agents have found that many people involved in drug trafficking and abuse that have historically been found in Medina have migrated to the townships surrounding the city to conduct their illegal activities. The motels along SR18 and I 71 have become a popular location for these people to further their illegal drug activities.

Criminal Investigation Initiated in the Medina Area 2016-2018

To include the City of Medina, Medina Township, Montville Township, Lafayette Township and York Township

2016	2017	2018
89	80	74

Medina Area Drug Trends

Methamphetamine has quickly become the primary drug choice for all of Medina County. Crystal methamphetamine has become more readily available in the entire region at a significantly reduced price. Many opioid users have begun abusing methamphetamine due to the minimal chance of overdose and the cost involved. One gram of methamphetamine is available at approximately 1/10th the cost of one gram of heroin or fentanyl.

Narcotics Seized in the Medina Region in 2018

To include the City of Medina, Medina Township, Montville Township, Lafayette Township and York Township.

Type of Drug	Quantity
Carfentanil	.85 grams
Cocaine	4.03 grams
Crack Cocaine	12.51 grams
Fentanyl	2.85 grams
Heroin	2.46 grams
LSD	303 unit doses
Marijuana	5,386.84 grams
Marijuana Plants	32 plants
MDMA (Ecstasy)	6.85 grams
Methamphetamine	34.25 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	454 grams
THC Extracts	35.4 grams
Prescription Drugs	1,841 unit doses
Prescription Drugs	63.5 milliliters
Steroids	131.67 grams

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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 2018, the collection box located at the Medina Police Department yielded 402 pounds of unwanted medications

Report submitted by MCDTF Director Gary Hubbard

Communications

The Medina Police Department Communications Center has many responsibilities. Not only does the center provide dispatch and telephone services for our department and the Medina City Fire Department, but also, provides contractual services to the Montville Police Department, Medina Township Police Department and the Cleveland Clinic's Life Support Team.

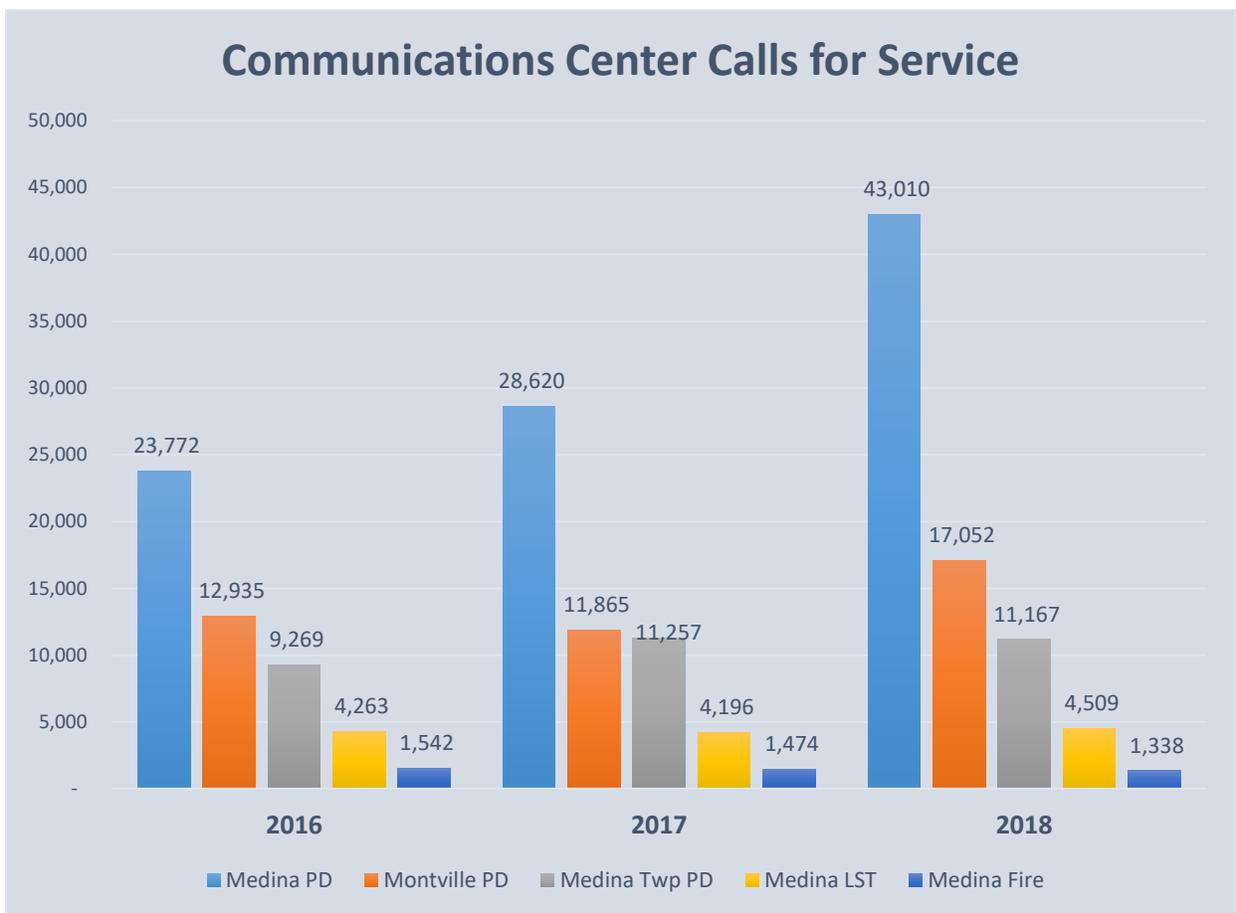


Additionally, the center is a point of contact for all City services outside regular business hours, as the communication center operates 24 hours a day all 365 days of a year.

In 2018 the center became fully staffed and able to operate with two dispatchers on duty at all times and a third dispatcher on duty during peak hours. Once staffing reached the authorized level, overtime was reduced significantly compared to 2017.

Several major projects occurred in 2018, and some will continue into 2019. A new Internet-based E911 system was installed and is fully operational. This project is a collaborative effort with all Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Medina County. Some of the many advantages with E911 include full interoperability with the other three PSAPs in Medina County, an improved call mapping and redundant operability. As of December, all safety service radios were upgraded to a digital P25 (project 25) system, this has greatly improved radio quality and coverage. The communication center will have a strong infrastructure and stand prepared when neighboring partners opt to upgrade their radio system. A new Computer Aided Dispatch system is in the beginning stages of implementation and will continue toward a goal to be fully functioning by the summer of 2019.

In 2018 the Medina Communication Center handled over 883,219 telephone and radio calls. This amount shows a 56% increase from 2017. This amount of calls can be compared to one call every 35 seconds every day of the year. Situated at the leading edge of public safety, our dispatch center continues to improve both in skill and technology serving the residents of The City of Medina and its visitors to its fullest potential.



Property / Evidence

Daily maintenance of the Medina Police Department's Property/Evidence Room involves many functions, to include; the collection, preservation, storage, security and disposition of property and evidence. 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 supervision of the Special Operations Division Lieutenant. 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 2018

	<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>2018</u>	1176	467	216	1348	1368	94
<u>2017</u>	1225	441	256	362	777	61
<u>2016</u>	1298	369	282	454	898	50

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 2018, the Special's Unit grew to nineteen members with the addition of three new volunteers. The nineteen members are comprised of 10 OPOTA certified members and 9 non-certified. The ten certified members are 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, members volunteered nearly 4,000 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 nearly 50 community and school events during 2018. Many of these events could not be held without the assistance of Specials Unit volunteers. You may have seen members at the events listed below.

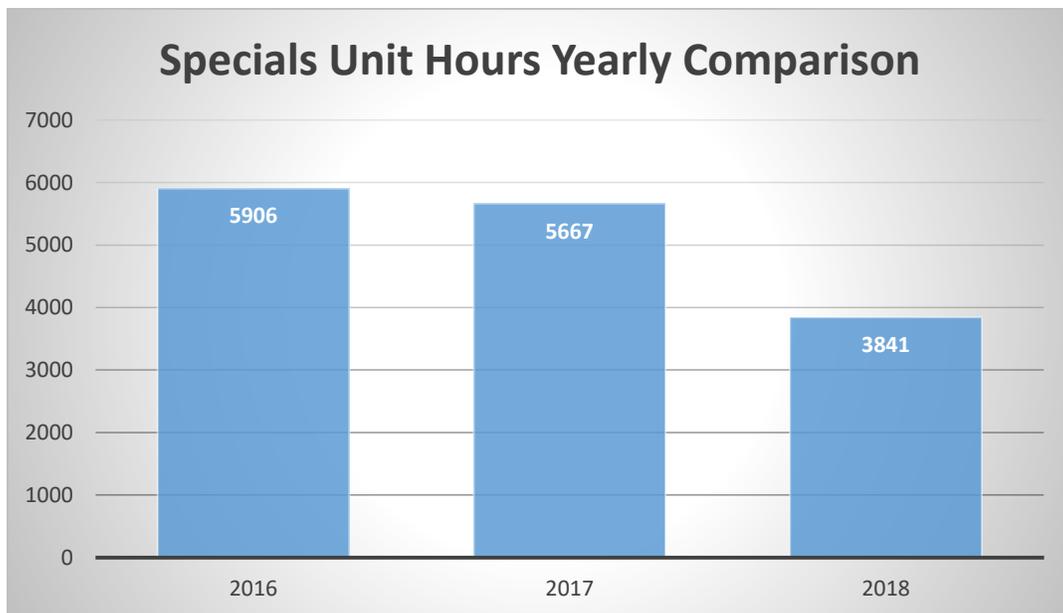
1. Step Up to Suicide Community Unity Walk
2. Medina Half Marathon
3. Memorial Day Parade



4. Band Concerts at Uptown Park throughout the summer
5. Fireworks
6. Twin Sizzler 5K, 10K, and bike race
7. July 4th Parade
8. Art in the Park
9. International Festival
10. Medina High School Homecoming Parade
11. Race with Grace
12. Paws for the Cause 5K
13. Tunnels to Tower 5K
14. Trick or Treat
15. Candlelight Walk
16. Shop with Cops
17. Parade of Lights

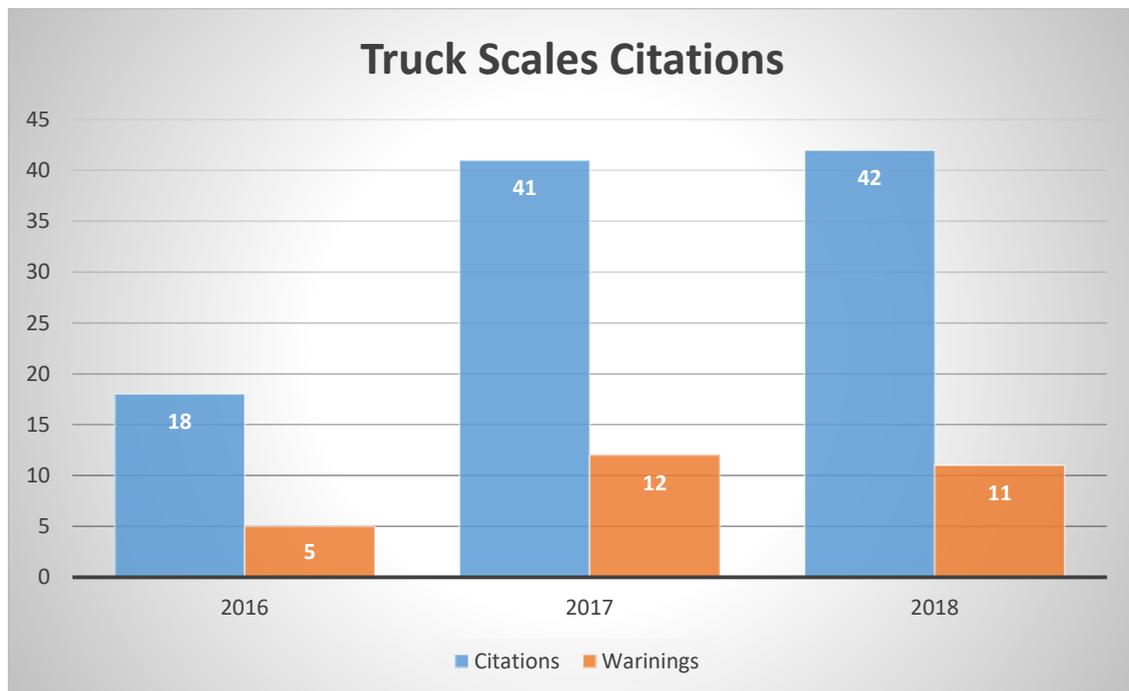


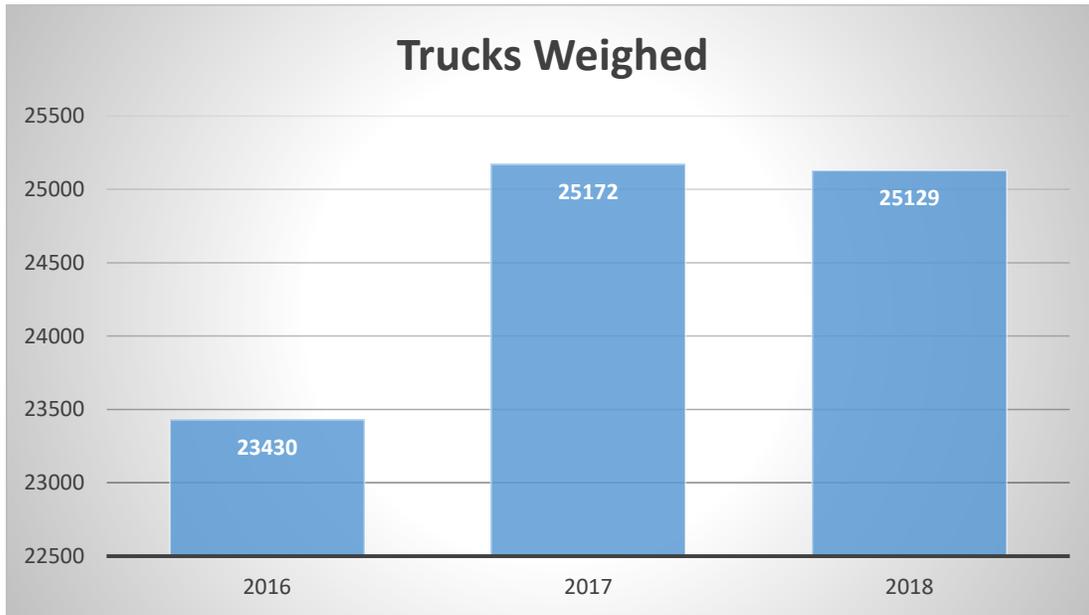
The members of the Special's Unit are excited to continue their long history of serving the community in 2019.



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.



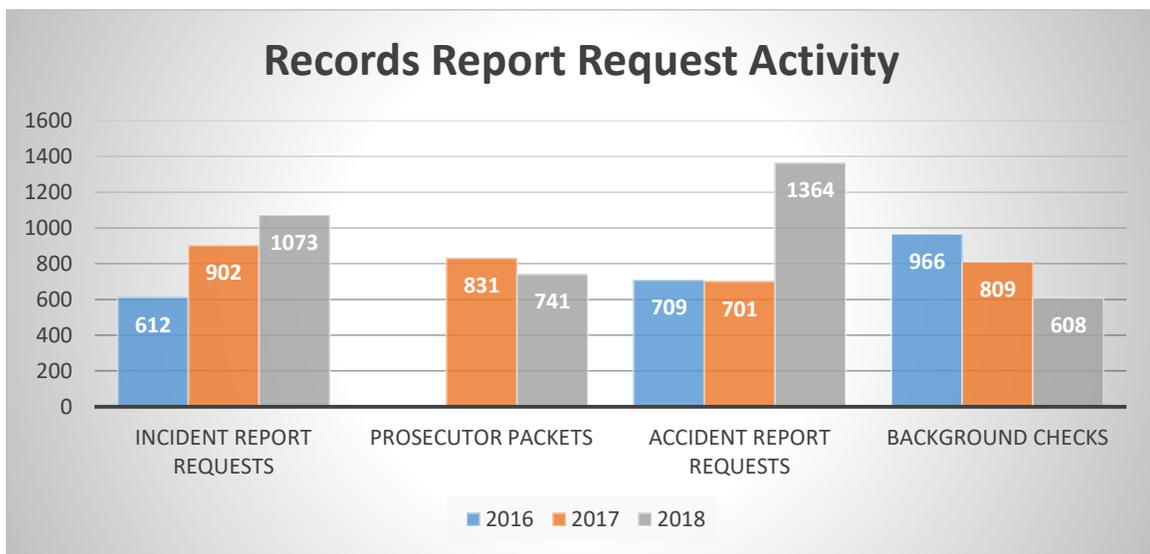


Records Division

The Records Division is comprised of one full-time and three part-time employees. 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, and surrounding communities we serve, as well as law enforcement procedures and reference information for the public. Records personnel assist all divisions within the police department, most city and county judicial agencies, as well as the public with any public record inquiries and call taking. Records personnel prepare and paperwork, process and store all forms of citations, camera video and all electronic recordings which may be forwarded to inquiring agencies. This department 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 also originate in the Records Division. Activity may change and fluctuate from year to year, but the Records Division remains an integral part of all police department happenings.



Medina County SWAT

The Medina County SWAT team is a collaborative effort between seven law enforcement agencies and the Medina Life Support Team in Medina County. Medina police department provides five qualified officers to the SWAT team. The SWAT team operates under the memorandum of understanding, agreed and signed by all participating agencies. Currently the team is comprised of twenty-



one team members. The hope moving forward into 2019 is to grow the team to twenty-five members.

SWAT members come together on a montly basis to complete an eight hour training. A total of 96 training hours were completed in 2018. Training this year included scenarios such as; barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk search warrants, open area search and arrest, building searches, and active shooter scenarios.

Medina County SWAT was called out for three situations in 2018. In June, a situation where a Wadsworth man standing on his front porch with a firearm threatening to shoot any law enforcement officer that came near him was defused utilizing SWAT and he was taken in to custody. In November, a high risk search warrant for the Drug Task Force called for SWAT involvement. It was reported that guns were inside the home. Seven were found in the home and taken into custody. The home and out buildings were secured by the SWAT team before the DTF took over for further investigation. In December Hinckley Police Department requested SWAT assistance for a barricaded suspect in a barn where shots had been fired. The male was taken into custody prior to SWAT arrival and the response was cancelled.



Medina County SWAT Team will continue to provide a level of dedication and expertise necessary to keep the citizens of Medina County safe.