

# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2019 Annual Report



*Wickliffe Police families show their support at the Memorial Day remembrance and the annual Bike Rodeo.*

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WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the public with  
effective and professional  
law enforcement  
while treating all people  
with dignity and respect.

## **LETTER OF INTRODUCTION**

*Randy E. Ice, Chief of Police*

I respectfully submit this volume of reports and activities transacted by the Wickliffe Police Department for the calendar year 2019.

The statistical reports, graphs, and charts contained in this annual report show the patterns of crime, incidents and other activities responded to by the police department this year. As in past years we monitor a series of thirteen crime categories from year to year so we have a standard consistent method of evaluating criminal activity within the city which allows us to create strategies to effectively combat crime. This year we experienced a reduction in robbery and burglary complaints but had an increase in the following categories; rape/sex, assaults, thefts, vehicle thefts, weapons/guns, and domestic violence. The fluctuation of crime occurrences in each of these categories is within variations we have seen over the past ten years with one exception, guns recovered as part of criminal activity; this year we saw an 85% increase in gun seizures related to crime. The other crime that has increased dramatically during the past ten years is narcotics activity, however, this year we saw our narcotics arrests remain virtually the same as in 2018. Narcotics activity has been by far the police department's most troubling type of criminal activity over the past decade and we will continue to aggressively pursue and arrest drug dealers and users.

There were a number of significant incidents in 2019 and I will highlight a couple of these. One particular house on the north end of Wickliffe has been very troubling to the residents in this neighborhood. We responded to six opioid overdoses at this house and have made a number of drug arrests originating at this location. In March our SWAT team was called to this house after a domestic violence incident in which a male living at the home barricaded himself in the house refusing to exit. The standoff lasted a couple of hours and ended when our SWAT team introduced tear gas canisters into the bedroom where the barricaded male was hiding. He eventually pled guilty to criminal charges and was sentenced to jail time at the Lake County Jail. In September we were called to riot like conditions at the United Skates of America skating rink. As the first officer arrived he found hundreds of juveniles fighting, damaging property inside the skating rink and disorderly conduct. That officer called for mutual aid to quell the riotous conditions and 17 additional police units from Willowick, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, and Euclid showed up to assist us with this incident. Pepper spray was deployed inside the building to help disperse the juveniles fighting inside the building. As the juveniles were leaving the area they damaged two local businesses and two cars; additionally the juveniles entered a gas station on Euclid Avenue and began shoplifting merchandise causing the business owner to lock his doors. One adult female was arrested inside the skating rink for brandishing a gun during the height of the riot. Eventually the crowd dispersed from the area and we charged some of the participants that we could identify with disorderly conduct and criminal damaging.



*Tear gas is thrown through a bedroom window during a SWAT standoff due to a domestic violence situation*



*Riot incident at United Skates involving hundreds of juveniles; female (left) is seen on an officer's body cam entering the skating rink as she conceals a weapon and is immediately arrested*



We housed 615 people in our jail this year which is a decrease of approximately 14% from 2018 which is good news overall, however, our felony arrests have increased nearly 33% from 195 felonies in 2018 to 260 this year. The good news is that our misdemeanor arrests have decreased approximately 30% primarily for two reasons, one, we spent more time on serious felony incidents and two, the Willoughby Municipal Court instituted bail reform in which most misdemeanor charges no longer require a bond to be posted.

The police department staffing remained relatively constant in 2019 with the addition of one new position and the replacement of an existing position. Special Patrolman Margaret Bender-Walker was hired as a part-time special officer with specific responsibilities as the arraignment and jail officer. Margaret comes to Wickliffe after serving 27 years as a Cleveland Metroparks Ranger retiring from that agency as a Lieutenant. Nicholas Paull was hired in March as our newest full-time Patrolman and has done very well during his first year as a policeman; Nick holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and holds an officers commission in the United States Army Reserves. The detective bureau saw the addition of Sergeant Manus McCaffery bringing our bureau strength to four. Lieutenant Pat Hengst decided to retire from the commanders' position of the Western Lake County Emergency Response Team (SWAT) at the end of December and he turned over that responsibility to Lieutenant Jon Bush.



Det. Lt. Hengst



Lt. Bush



Det. Sgt. McCaffery



Ptl. Paull



Spl. Ptl. Bender-Walker

The funding for the police department is accomplished through two different methods; the Safety Fund which provides for the daily operations of the police department and covers employee costs, training, fuel, building and vehicle maintenance, utilities, range supplies etc., and the Capital Improvement Fund. This year, from the Capital Improvements Fund, we purchased two new marked patrol cars as part of the routine replacement of older cars, three new replacement mdt/mdv computer and in car digital recording systems. Additionally, we purchased 25 body worn cameras and the accompanying software, docking stations, and redaction software. This purchase was made possible by a 50% matching grant through the federal JAG grant program and administered by Wickliffe Sergeant James Coolick. Over the past two years the police department has been experiencing phone service outages leaving the police department with no way to make or receive phone calls, obviously an unacceptable condition. With the help of WOW cable and Motorola, Lieutenant Thompson was able to incorporate a duplicate phone system that can be activated the next time our Lake County phone system fails. This failover phone system ensures the police department will never be without telephone service in the future. Other capital purchases include computer upgrades, Zetron computers and miscellaneous detective bureau equipment. The police department has another source of income to purchase equipment in addition to capital funds; The Law Enforcement Trust Fund, both federal and state, offer a small amount of money each year for purchasing those additional items. This revenue is generated through asset forfeitures from people who commit crimes in Wickliffe and the court system orders those illegally obtained assets forfeited to the police department to purchase equipment. This year we purchased fitness equipment, an air purifier, SWAT uniforms and training.

The Wickliffe Police Department continues to participate in county-wide specialized teams which provide special services that individual cities could not afford or adequately staff. The Western Lake County Emergency Response Team (SWAT) was established in 1988 with officers from Wickliffe and Willowick; over the next decade additional cities joined the team, Willoughby, Eastlake, Willoughby Hills, and Kirtland. Together there are approximately twenty officers from these six cities that provide specialized training and weapons to a population of approximately 80,000 residents in combination for all incidents requiring a SWAT response. Their goal is to safely solve all critical incidents in western Lake County. The Lake County Crash Reconstruction Team and the Mentor Fire Department Public Safety Dive Team are two more specialized units that Wickliffe Police Officers participate in. Patrolman Randy Veri manages our community policing program holding quarterly meetings throughout the year keeping our residents informed of criminal activity in their neighborhoods and other topics of interest. Each year Patrolman Veri conducts the bike rodeo, movie night activities, safety town, stranger danger, click it or ticket campaign and a handful of other community activities. Over the past twenty years we have maintained a presence in the Wickliffe Public Schools on a limited basis with our School Resource Officer program. This past year the schools asked for a more consistent presence in the schools so we started a program, funded entirely by the schools, to have our officers rotate through the schools in four hour blocks five days a week during the school year. So far the schools have been very satisfied with this added presence and allows our officers to build a rapport with the school children and staff. The “shop with a cop” program started seven years ago and has turned into a tradition at the police department with staff members looking forward to helping children in need each Christmas season. Our officers take a group of children on a shopping spree to purchase gifts for family members during the month of December. Funding for this program is done through donations from officers who give a monetary donation in exchange for the opportunity to grow a beard during “no shave November”. Each year A-1 Mr. Limo and Petti’s Pizza donate the limo service and pizza making this program a memorable one for the children; thank you A-1 Mr. Limo and Petti’s.



*Chief Ice, a MSDT Instructor, suits up for his monthly training with members of the Public Safety Dive Team*



*Shop with a Cop –officers and family members share their time with elementary students during this annual event*

I want to thank Mayor Barbish and City Council for their continued support of the police department’s mission of providing a safe environment for our residents and businesses. Looking forward into 2020 we understand there will be challenges ahead particularly with regards to narcotics and gun seizures but we are committed to providing professional service to our community as we address these challenges.

# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt. Joseph Thompson  
FROM: Sgt. James Coolick  
DATE: 05-14-2019  
RE: Commendation to Ptl. Sabruno

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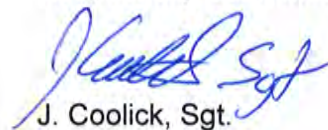
Lt,

I would like to commend Ptl. Sabruno for his actions in helping solve a hit-skip accident which caused the injury of two school aged children in the city of Willowick. On the afternoon of Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 the Willowick Police Department put out a radio call that a vehicle had driven around the flashing red lights of a marked yellow school bus and had struck two children while doing so. The driver of the vehicle then fled the area. A vague description of the vehicle was given which included a model, color, and that it possibly had a temporary license plate along with having a female driver.

Ptl. Sabruno, on his own initiative, began searching in OHLEG for this vehicle. Ptl. Sabruno was able to locate a vehicle he felt could be a match. He passed this information along to Willowick P.D. in a timely manner, allowing them to follow up with it promptly. The vehicle information Ptl. Sabruno located was found to be the correct vehicle and it was soon located by the Cleveland Clinic Police Department and towed as part of the investigation. The driver was identified and ultimately admitted her involvement.

I was able to speak with members of the Willowick Police Department and learned that the vehicle information obtained by Ptl. Sabruno was instrumental in the investigation and the eventual identifying and charging the at-fault driver. I would like to commend Ptl. Sabruno for his self-initiative and team-oriented actions in this incident.

Respectfully Submitted,



J. Coolick, Sgt.



## WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Ice  
From: Lt. Jon Bush  
Date: 08/07/19  
Ref: Dispatcher Karrie Horn and Sherry Brzeski commendation

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Chief Ice,

As you are aware the FEST was this past Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Dispatcher Horn and Brzeski were working that day from 0700-1900 and they did an outstanding job. Specifically, as they were monitoring our regular police and fire bands and the TAC channel for the FEST, they took it upon themselves to monitor all Lake County agencies. During this busy time they overheard a call occurring in Mentor that involved one of our known residents who we have had numerous contacts with for mental/psychological incidents, Eric Mysliwczk. Dispatcher Horn contacted Mentor and found that Mysliwczk had made a threat to "make himself famous" while at a church event in Mentor and had left prior to MPD contacting him.

I was immediately contacted at the FEST and Brzeski and Horn were able to relay a photo and description of Mysliwczk to me. That information was able to be transmitted and passed out to all of the FEST security within minutes of Disp. Horn hearing the initial call be dispatched by MPD. Due to the recent mass shootings in the country this information was treated extremely credible and we were able to be better prepared and informed of a possible threat.

Mysliwczk was located a short time later by Willoughby Hills patrol and taken into custody. I have no idea what Mysliwczk's intentions were that day but due to Dispatch Horn and Brzeski's ability to multitask and monitor not only Wickliffe police and fire radio transmissions/officers but also catch the Mentor PD radio traffic involving a name they were familiar with is absolutely outstanding work.

Dispatchers Horn and Brzeski should be recognized for their performance and attention to detail they have towards their dispatching capabilities and work ethic. Both Dispatcher Horn and Brzeski are truly a huge asset to the Wickliffe Police Department and Wickliffe residents.

Respectfully,

  
Lt. Bush

CC: Sgt. Krivacic  
Personnel file



# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Ice

FROM: Sgt.M.McCaffery

DATE: 10/30/19

RE: Head on Collison on I90e/b at Euclid Ave.

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Sir,

I wanted to make you aware of the heroic efforts of our officers that exemplify our core values of sense of urgency, adaptability, team oriented, professionalism and courage.

On 10/24/19 at approx.0007hrs., Ptl. Kuhse was in dispatch and overheard Euclid PD reporting an MVA on I.90e/b near Euclid Ave. On his own initiative, Ptl.Kuhse responded to the scene, located it on I90e/b just west of Euclid Ave. and parked his patrol unit on the w/b side of the freeway. He then crossed the freeway barriers and located a chaotic accident scene in which two vehicles had horrendous damage blocking the freeway. Ptl.Kuhse discovered an Ohio State Trooper on scene who had his firearm out. Ptl.Kuhse questioned the trooper about the status of the individuals in the vehicle and learned that there were two drivers inside the vehicles. He immediately checked the status of one vehicle and discovered that there was an unconscious male driver in the vehicle and that there was a rapidly spreading engine compartment fire. Ptl.Kuhse then notified Wickliffe Dispatch of the urgency for Fire/Rescue to respond and the need for other patrol units to respond with fire extinguishers. He checked on the other vehicle and observed an unconscious female trapped in the vehicle with significant injuries and relayed this information to dispatch. When Ptl.Kuhse was finished assisting at the scene, he responded to SR2 w/b at the I.90e/b spur and blocked traffic along with laying a flare pattern until relieved by EPD.

After hearing Ptl.Kuhse's radio traffic, all PD units working responded to the scene of the accident within minutes. Ptl.Regnier, Ptl.Fitch, Ptl.Merrifield, Ptl.Pecnik along with myself all responded to the scene. At this point, I will relate each officers' commendable actions while assisting at the accident scene.

On arriving at the scene, Ptl.Merrifield parked on the w/b lanes of I.90 and brought his fire extinguisher to the burning vehicle. He attempted to use the extinguisher, but was unsuccessful due to it being empty. Ptl.Merrifield immediately then began assisting other officers with getting the male driver out of this burning vehicle. After several minutes, the male driver was pulled out of the vehicle by numerous officers including Ptl.Merrifield. The male was then dragged away from the vehicle and he assisted with rendering aid to the male, who was not breathing, with CPR. After being relieved from chest compressions, Ptl.Merrifield went to the other vehicle and assisted the FD with the extrication of the female from her vehicle. After both drivers were in the care of a FD, he transported Ptl.Regnier, who had breathing issues, to Lakewest Hospital.

Ptl.Merrifield stayed with Ptl.Regnier until his discharge from the hospital and returned to duty.

Ptl.Fitch arrived on scene and aided after the male was removed from the vehicle. Ptl.Fitch provided security for officers doing CPR on the male by directing civilians away due to them creating a disturbance. After this, Ptl.Fitch went to the other vehicle and aided the FD by cutting away part of the vehicle's airbag system and continuing to provide security at the scene.

On Ptl.Pecnik's arrival, he removed a halligan tool from his vehicle and broke out the back and side window of the male's vehicle in an effort to aid with his removal from the vehicle. Using the halligan tool, Ptl.Pecnik unsuccessfully attempted to pry open a door to the vehicle. He also provided physical support to Ptl.Regnier after he entered the burning vehicle. It should be noted that the vehicle's engine compartment fire and smoke increased and was threatening to burn officers near the vehicle and enter the passenger compartment. Ptl.Pecnik then aided other officers with the removal of the male driver from his vehicle. After this, he guided FD units who were trapped in traffic to the victims.

Ptl.Regnier arrived on scene, discharged his fire extinguisher into the engine and began assisting the attempts of other officers with forcing open a door to the burning vehicle. Ptl.Regnier soon correctly realized that the danger of the male burning in the vehicle was too great to wait for FD and that attempts to force open any vehicle doors would be futile. He showed great courage and leadership by communicating to other officers that the male had to be physically pulled from the vehicle. Ptl.Regnier, without regard for his own wellbeing, then stepped into the backseat of the vehicle through a broken window and was able to free both of the male's legs from the position that was trapping them. He then reached around to the front window and, with great effort, began attempting to pull out the male. Ptl.Regnier directed other officers to assist and with their aid was able to remove the male from the vehicle. The male was then dragged away from the vehicle. He assisted with CPR on the male and, after realizing that no CPR mask was available, ran to his patrol unit to get one. He then ran back to the male and began giving the male breaths until relieved by the FD. Ptl.Regnier was observed having difficulty breathing and was transported to Lakewest Emergency Room due to signs of smoke inhalation. He was treated, released and returned to his patrol duties.

The actions of these officers who responded to an accident scene in another city's jurisdiction and, without prompting, attempted lifesaving efforts in a hazardous and chaotic scene exemplifies our core values. Though the attempts to save the lives of this tragedy were ultimately unsuccessful, it does not diminish the pride in which I notify you of these officers' great efforts to safeguard the lives of two people they had never met and the willingness to put their lives in harm's way to save them. All officers had active body cameras that captured much of the above described actions.

Later, it was discovered that the male had been speeding on I.90e/b near the Cleveland/Euclid border when an Ohio State Trooper attempted to stop him. The male fled from the trooper and east of the accident scene, turned his vehicle around and was heading w/b in the e/b lanes when he collided with the other vehicle at a high rate of speed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sgt. Manus McCaffery

Cc: Lt.Bush

Ptl. Regnier

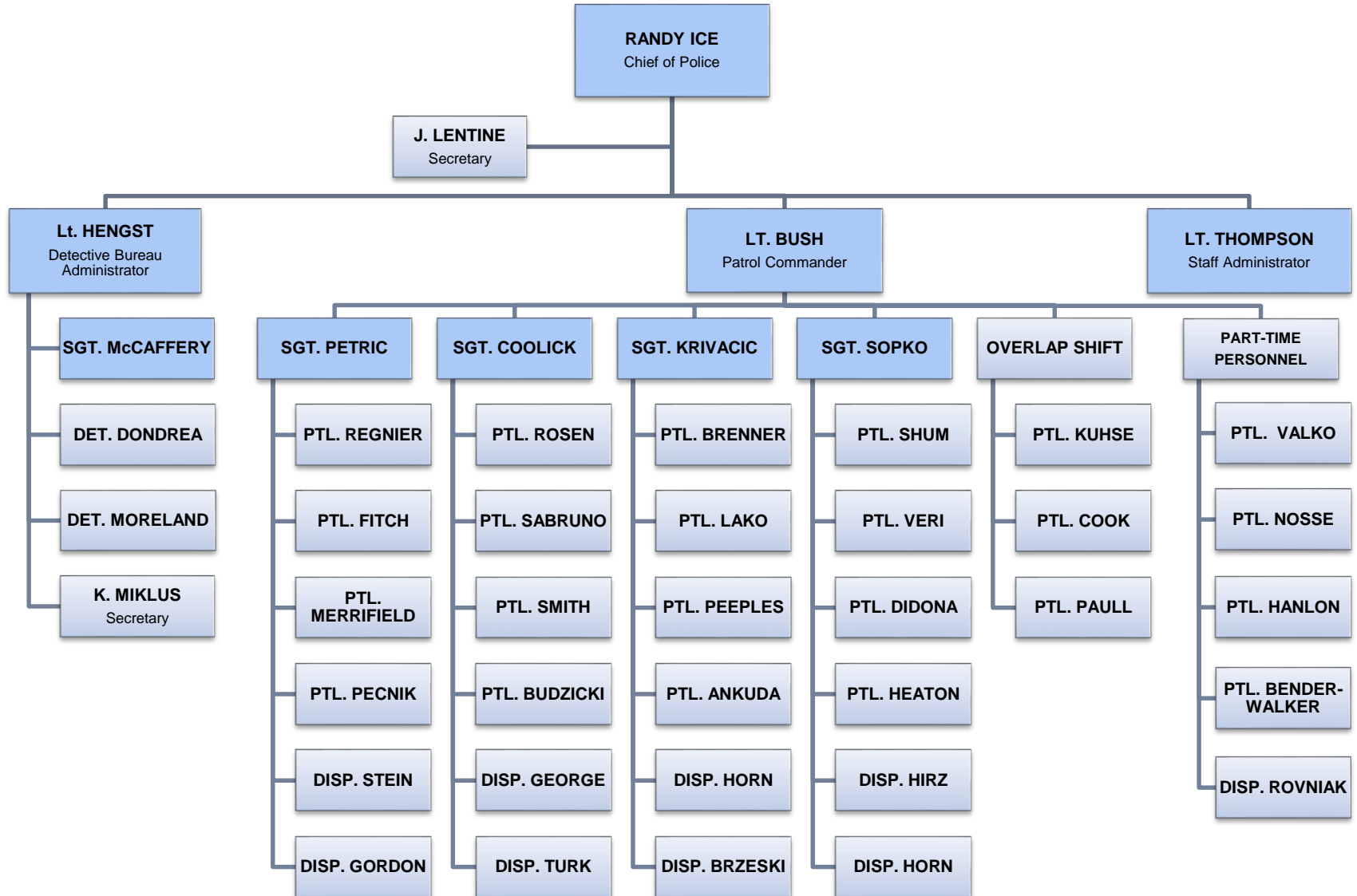
Ptl. Fitch

Ptl. Pecnik

Ptl. Kuhse

Ptl. Merrifield

# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2019





**POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER  
as of December 31, 2019**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DOH</u>
Chief	Randy Ice	02/13/88
Det. Lt.	Patrick Hengst	09/01/93
Lt.	Jonathon Bush	05/01/95
Lt.	Joseph Thompson	02/13/88
Sgt.	Manus McCaffery	12/11/95
Sgt.	James Coolick	08/30/04
Sgt.	David Krivacic	03/05/01
Sgt.	Mark Sopko	06/08/02
Sgt.	Isaac Petric	10/10/00
Det.	Donald Dondrea, Jr.	11/28/95
Det.	Daniel Moreland	07/31/92
Ptl.	Stephen Shum	04/22/91
Ptl.	Stephen Brenner	01/06/92
Ptl.	Brian Lako	06/25/96
Ptl.	Daniel Rosen	03/24/98
Ptl.	Anthony Regnier	03/05/01
Ptl.	Daniel Sabruno	06/08/02
Ptl.	Randy Veri	05/01/95
Ptl.	Robert Kuhse	11/08/07
Ptl.	Brett Peeples	02/04/08
Ptl.	David Cook	01/11/11
Ptl.	Kevin Ankuda	06/27/12
Ptl.	James Smith	08/01/12
Ptl.	Kristen Fitch	07/16/13
Ptl.	Ryan Budzicki	01/14/14
Ptl.	Anthony DiDona, Jr.	02/25/14
Ptl.	Nicholas Merrifield	08/25/16
Ptl.	Nathaniel Heaton	02/06/17
Ptl.	Anthony Pecnik	04/28/14
Ptl.	Nicholas Paull	03/04/19
Spl. Ptl.	Robert Valko	06/09/14
Spl. Ptl.	Leonard Nosse, Jr.	05/29/18
Spl. Ptl.	Robert Hanlon	10/08/18
Spl. Ptl.	Margaret Bender-Walker	04/15/19
Disp.	Donald Stein	12/11/94
Disp.	Dyan Hirz	05/16/97
Disp.	Karrie Horn	08/03/03
Disp.	Tina Shaw	04/14/98
Disp.	Debra George	02/17/17
Disp.	Christin Turk	03/20/17
Disp.	Kailee Gordon	04/02/18
Disp.	Sherry Brzeski	06/25/18
Disp. P/T	Thomas Rovniak	04/30/18
Chief Sec.	Joann Lentine	05/19/97
Det. Bur. Sec.	Kathleen Miklus	04/28/14

## DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

As of December 31, 2019



Chief R. Ice



Det. Lt. P. Hengst



Lt. J. Bush



Lt. J. Thompson



Sgt. M. McCaffery



Sgt. J. Coolick



Sgt. D. Krivacic



Sgt. M. Sopko



Sgt. I. Petric



Det. D. Dondrea



Det. D. Moreland



Ptl. S. Shum



Ptl. S. Brenner



Ptl. B. Lako



Ptl. D. Rosen



Ptl. A. Regnier



Ptl. D. Sabruno



Ptl. R. Veri



Ptl. R. Kuhse



Ptl. B. Peebles



Ptl. D. Cook



Ptl. K. Ankuda



Ptl. J. Smith



Ptl. K. Fitch



Ptl. R. Budzicki

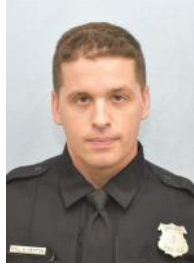
## DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



Ptl. A. DiDona



Ptl. N. Merrifield



Ptl. N. Heaton



Ptl. A. Pecnik



Ptl. N. Paull



Ptl. R. Valko



Ptl. L. Nosse



Ptl. R. Hanlon



Ptl. M. Bender-Walker



Disp. D. Stein



Disp. D. Hirz



Disp. K. Horn



Disp. T. Shaw



Disp. D. George



Disp. C. Turk



Disp. K. Gordon



Disp. S. Brzeski



Disp. T. Rovniak



Chief Sec. J. Lentine



Det. Sec. K. Miklus



Chaplin A. Wolf



Prosecutor  
S. Zele





**AUXILIARY POLICE ROSTER**

<b><u>RANK</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u></b>
Lt.	Richard Stuck	28 years
Sgt.	Steve Savochka	11 years
Ptl.	Steve Kallay	9 years
Ptl.	Jennifer Townsend	9 years
Ptl.	Heather Koporc	5 years
Ptl.	Seth Hannus	5 months

**AUXILIARY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>HOURS</u></b>
Auxiliary Meetings	72.0
Borromeo FEST	43.0
Fundraiser / Run	14.0
Homecoming	4.0
Mater Dei School Dances	36.0
Memorial Day	12.0
Mt. Carmel Parties	22.5
Mt. Carmel Festival	64.0
Wickliffe High School Football	60.0
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>327.5</b>



*Seth Hannus is sworn in as an Auxiliary Officer July 5, 2019*

**SCHOOL GUARD ROSTER**

LOCATION	NAME
E. 300 / Dorothy	Judith Swalius
Euclid / E. 300 Street	Ed Kovalick
Euclid / Lloyd	Sean Jones
Euclid / Rockefeller	Mary Porter
Euclid / Worden	Jenne Oaks
Lakeland / Worden	Robert Might
Lincoln / Arlington	James Vincent
Lincoln School	Victoria Hill
Lincoln / Ridge	Louise Enschi
Lloyd / Lakeland	Susan Fende
Ridge / Rockefeller	Willie Patterson

**Substitute School Guards**

Sheri Veri  
Geraldine Iacobucci  
Michael Kelly

**WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CASH SHEET  
FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Municipal Court Fines	134,527.92	116,951.24	110,922.83	131,316.23	152,072.46
Enforcement & Education Fines	698.00	408.00	768.00	1,086.00	506.00
Jail Recoupment Fees Collected	6,730.98	7,222.02	4,405.00	5,423.48	4,520.22
Parking Fines	17,440.00	15,885.00	15,050.00	16,955.00	21,495.00
Report/Photo Copies	54.85	23.00	41.00	50.00	22.00
Bicycle Licenses	5.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	4.00
Witness Fees	370.50	422.60	337.45	290.30	312.50
Miscellaneous / Auction Fees	2,871.00	3,885.00	780.00	769.50	2,924.50
State Forfeited Funds	8,337.45	22,370.00	2,997.00	7,835.00	8,542.91
Federal Forfeited Funds	0.00	16,882.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>171,035.70</b>	<b>184,050.86</b>	<b>135,303.28</b>	<b>163,731.51</b>	<b>190,399.59</b>



**DETECTIVE BUREAU REPORT**

*Patrick Hengst, Detective Lieutenant*

I have been assigned as the officer in charge of the detective bureau since January of 2008. Sgt. Manus McCaffery and Detectives Don Dondrea and Dan Moreland are assigned to the unit and are responsible for conducting investigations into general felony offenses and drug related cases. Katie Miklus is the detective bureau secretary. Katie's duties include handling fingerprint and BCI files, managing and downloading dash-cam, booking, and interview videos for serious offenses, and preparing documentation and paperwork to assist in the prosecution of Wickliffe PD cases, both at the municipal court and felony levels.

The Wickliffe Police Department Detective Bureau is responsible for follow-up investigations of felonies and certain misdemeanors. We are assigned to various shifts, Monday through Friday, and are on call at all other times. Detectives are responsible for the investigation of felony criminal offenses, maintenance of the warrant validation files, and the management of NCIC fingerprint files and FBI/BCI criminal identification files. We maintain complete records of liquor permits, authorized gambling events, and criminal case dispositions. Other duties include: processing crime scenes, securing and processing evidence, managing the property room and evidence room, and completing record expungements.

In 2019, the WPD detective bureau conducted 55 narcotics related investigations in a continuing effort to interdict the flow of heroin and other illegal drugs into Wickliffe and Lake County. We arrested 67 people as a result of those 55 cases. Although heroin and other opiates continue to be the main focus of our efforts, we are seeing a resurgence in both crack cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking as well. We investigated eight overdose deaths in 2019, and we served five search warrants for drug investigations at various locations in the city. The most notable of those warrants was a search of a Bellview Street residence for methamphetamine production and trafficking. This investigation and search led to the arrests of six people on numerous felony drug charges.



*The SWAT Team conducts a search warrant on Bellview Street and uncovers a meth lab*

Detectives Dondrea and Moreland both perform Computer Voice Stress Analysis testing for the police department. The CVSA is similar to a polygraph, and in 2019, we used this technology extensively to conduct background investigations on patrol officer candidates. The technology was also used several times to assist detectives in criminal investigations.

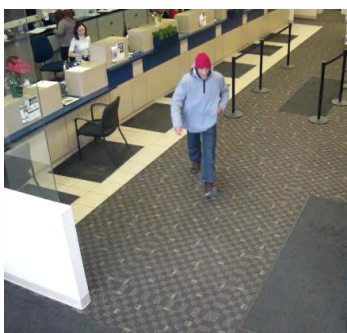
The detective bureau investigated 149 criminal cases in 2019; a notable increase from the 127 cases investigated in 2018. The types of crimes ranged from rapes and burglaries, to robberies, thefts, counterfeiting, weapons offenses, drug trafficking, and more. Of the 149 cases worked, 102 were cleared by arrest or exceptional means (such as a victim not wanting to pursue the matter or arrest by another

agency), for a clearance rate of 68.4%, which is on par with past years and well above the national average. Examples of cases worked by detectives in 2019 include the following:

- In a three week period from mid-February to early March, detectives worked four separate death investigations. Two overdose deaths, the sudden death of an infant, and the death of a teen in an unusual traffic crash all occurred in a fairly short period of time, and presented several challenges to investigators.
- On February 25, 2019, the Ohio Savings Bank branch at 29169 Euclid Avenue was robbed by a white male suspect. Detectives worked with other local agencies and FBI Agents, and it was quickly learned that Pasquale Cisternino; a former Wickliffe resident, was responsible for a string of bank robberies in the metro Cleveland area. Cisternino was eventually arrested by Cleveland Police officers and pled guilty to numerous bank robberies, including the Wickliffe incident.

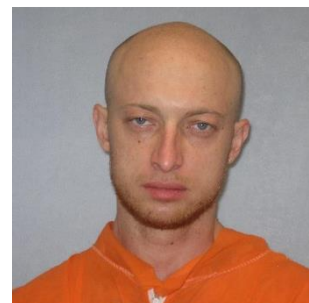


*Photos depicting Pasquale Cisternino at Ohio Savings Bank, in Wickliffe, demanding money from a bank teller and then exiting the bank.*



*Cisternino is sentenced to 18 years in prison for a string of bank robberies, including Wickliffe.*

- On October 28, 2019, detectives were watching a Wickliffe hotel for suspected drug activity. Detectives observed suspicious behaviors that led to the arrest of a male and female for possession of heroin and crack cocaine. The male involved was wanted by the Trumbull County Sheriff's Department for escape, and was suspected in a Mentor house burglary. The male suspect attempted to flee from officers and detectives, and Det. Dan Moreland suffered a broken foot while struggling with the suspect. The male has been charged with numerous felony offenses and is currently awaiting trial at the Lake County Jail.



*Richard Jones is awaiting trial on felony charges*

In addition to the above, detectives investigated numerous assault and felony theft cases, including a July drug arrest that led to the discovery of an organized credit card theft ring. Finally, detectives investigated several rape cases, bringing criminal charges in three of the incidents.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Detective Bureau for their thoroughness, hard work, and dedication; Chief Ice for his leadership and support; and Mayor Barbish and City Council for their continued support of the investigative efforts and technologies that we provide to the citizens of this community.

**DETECTIVE BUREAU SUMMARY**

*Prepared by Kathleen Miklus, Detective Bureau Secretary*

<b>TRENDS IN SERIOUS CRIMES</b>					
<b>TYPE OF CRIME</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
HOMICIDE/MURDER	1	0	0	0	1
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE/SEX	15	12	22	12	21
ROBBERY	10	9	13	7	2
ASSAULT	22	28	25	16	20
BURGLARY/B&E	34	36	26	17	14
THEFT	200	194	129	127	165
VEHICLE THEFT	12	9	12	9	18
FRAUD	56	43	48	24	40
ARSON	1	0	0	2	1
WEAPONS	26	37	41	39	73
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	38	39	43	46	59
NARCOTICS	322	454	521	742	744

**DEPARTMENT INCIDENT TOTALS**

*Prepared by Kathleen Miklus, Detective Bureau Secretary*

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>CRIME</b>	<b>COUNT</b>
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1	Juvenile	122
Alarm	24	Kidnapping	0
Animal	113	Liquor Violation	122
Violation-TPO	4	Littering	1
Arson	1	Menacing	2
Assault	20	Mental	63
Assist (Other Dept)	60	Missing Person	10
Attempted Auto Theft	0	MVA	381
Attempted Burglary	0	Narcotics	744
Attempted B&E	0	Noise Disturbance	25
Attempted Murder	0	Obstruction/Falsification	63
B&E	5	Parking	22
Burglary	9	Personal Injury	9
Business	61	Possession of Criminal Tools	14
Child Abuse	0	Property	120
Child Endangerment	7	Property Damage	65
City Business	53	Property Unlocked	24
Criminal Damaging	22	Receiving Stolen Property	7
Criminal Mischief	4	Robbery	2
Criminal Trespass	9	Robbery (Aggravated)	1
Curfew	12	Sex	21
Death	31	Solicitors	13
Disorderly Conduct	45	Suicide	3
Disorderly Intox	32	Suicide Attempt	5
Dispute/Disturbance	311	Suspicious	308
Domestic Violence	59	Tampering with Records	8
DUI	51	Telephone Harassment	15
DUS	574	Theft	165
Escape	0	Theft (Auto)	18
Family	184	Unauthorized Use MV	8
Firearms Seized	51	Underage Possession of Tobacco	6
Fireworks	2	Use of 911 / Knowingly Abuse	2
Flee/Elude	20	Utilities	2
Fraud	40	Vandalism	1
Harassment – General	31	Vehicle	72
Hazards	4	Vehicle Plates Recovered by WPD	7
Health & Welfare	108	Warrants	413
Inducing Panic	0	Weapons	73



**POLICE ACTIVITY**  
**Annual Report 2019**  
*Prepared by Dyan Hirz, Dispatcher*

	COMPLAINTS	ASSISTS	PARKING	MISD	FEL	MISD WAR	FEL WAR	OVI	WARNING	TRAFFIC	MILEAGE
SHUM	215	207	144	20	3	13	3	1	84	68	9231
BRENNER	199	201	165	28	2	14	2	1	130	320	8624
LAKO	211	160	124	28	4	26	6	1	124	160	6639
ROSEN	254	133	132	40	6	12	5	1	150	89	11220
REGNIER	190	183	82	55	14	11	7	2	128	173	6667
SABRUNO	218	141	162	34	5	10	6	2	131	81	6795
VERI	271	175	93	41	12	17	8	0	70	130	6893
KUHSE	237	247	65	102	22	27	11	1	138	156	8322
PEEPLS	240	179	176	51	11	16	6	3	105	105	7598
COOK	384	239	18	148	35	38	20	6	132	144	8097
ANKUDA	266	142	131	75	11	23	4	5	113	154	7174
SMITH	259	168	99	83	33	28	10	6	122	131	8176
FITCH	294	166	106	89	35	25	12	2	157	109	9094
BUDZICKI	249	218	101	72	24	17	7	0	137	117	8383
DIDONA	233	157	66	54	13	23	7	1	100	91	6517
MERRIFIELD	286	134	150	113	26	20	6	5	192	145	9011
HEATON	229	164	109	78	16	15	11	0	186	162	8571
PECNIK	166	140	81	50	12	17	3	2	160	126	7062
PAULL	21	24	0	6	0	1	0	0	31	4	1263
HANLON	13	72	0	3	0	3	2	0	57	46	2773
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	4435	3250	2004	1170	284	356	136	39	2447	2511	148110

Prepared by Disp. D. Hirz  
Completed 1/6/2020

### ARRESTS/CITATIONS BY OFFICER

(F=Felony, M=Misdemeanor, W=Warrant, T=Traffic)

<b>0125</b>	<b>LT. JOSEPH THOMPSON</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	0	
		F	0	
		W	0	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>0130</b>	<b>PTL. STEPHEN SHUM</b>			
	Crime Type	T	68	
		M	20	
		F	3	
		W	16	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>107</b>	
<b>0131</b>	<b>Spl. Ptl. LEONARD NOSSE</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	0	
		F	0	
		W	0	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>0133</b>	<b>PTL. STEPHEN BRENNER</b>			
	Crime Type	T	320	
		M	28	
		F	2	
		W	16	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>366</b>	
<b>0134</b>	<b>DET. LT. PATRICK HENGST</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	0	
		F	5	
		W	0	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	
<b>0135</b>	<b>DET. DANIEL MORELAND</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	5	
		F	10	
		W	1	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>0136</b>	<b>LT. JONATHON BUSH</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	1	
		F	0	
		W	0	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>0137</b>	<b>DET. DONALD DONDREA</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	3	
		F	12	
		W	1	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>0138</b>	<b>DET. SGT. MANUS McCAFFERY</b>			
	Crime Type	T	3	
		M	6	
		F	2	
		W	1	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	
<b>0139</b>	<b>PTL. BRIAN LAKO</b>			
	Crime Type	T	160	
		M	28	
		F	4	
		W	32	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>224</b>	
<b>0141</b>	<b>PTL. DANIEL ROSEN</b>			
	Crime Type	T	89	
		M	40	
		F	6	
		W	17	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>152</b>	
<b>0217</b>	<b>SGT. ISAAC PETRIC</b>			
	Crime Type	T	6	
		M	3	
		F	1	
		W	3	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	
<b>0144</b>	<b>PTL. ANTHONY REGNIER</b>			
	Crime Type	T	173	
		M	55	
		F	14	
		W	18	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>260</b>	
<b>0145</b>	<b>SGT. DAVID KRIVACIC</b>			
	Crime Type	T	1	
		M	0	
		F	0	
		W	1	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>0146</b>	<b>SGT. MARK SOPKO</b>			
	Crime Type	T	0	
		M	0	
		F	0	
		W	0	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>0147</b>	<b>PTL. DANIEL SABRUNO</b>			
	Crime Type	T	81	
		M	34	
		F	5	
		W	16	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>136</b>	

### ARRESTS/CITATIONS BY OFFICER

(F=Felony, M=Misdemeanor, W=Warrant, T=Traffic)

0148	SGT. JAMES COOLICK	Crime Type	T	2
			M	2
			F	0
			W	1
		<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>
0211	PTL. RANDY VERI	Crime Type	T	130
			M	41
			F	12
			W	25
		<b>Total</b>		<b>208</b>
0149	PTL. ROBERT KUHSE	Crime Type	T	156
			M	102
			F	22
			W	38
		<b>Total</b>		<b>318</b>
0150	PTL. BRETT PEEPLES	Crime Type	T	105
			M	51
			F	11
			W	22
		<b>Total</b>		<b>189</b>
0151	PTL. DAVID COOK	Crime Type	T	144
			M	148
			F	35
			W	58
		<b>Total</b>		<b>385</b>
0152	PTL. KEVIN ANKUDA	Crime Type	T	154
			M	75
			F	11
			W	27
		<b>Total</b>		<b>267</b>
0153	PTL. JAMES SMITH	Crime Type	T	131
			M	83
			F	33
			W	16
		<b>Total</b>		<b>263</b>
0155	PTL. KRISTEN FITCH	Crime Type	T	109
			M	89
			F	35
			W	14
		<b>Total</b>		<b>247</b>
0156	PTL. RYAN BUDZICKI	Crime Type	T	117
			M	72
			F	24
			W	24
		<b>Total</b>		<b>237</b>
0157	PTL. ANTHONY DIDONA	Crime Type	T	91
			M	54
			F	13
			W	30
		<b>Total</b>		<b>188</b>
0158	PTL. NICHOLAS MERRIFIELD	Crime Type	T	145
			M	113
			F	26
			W	26
		<b>Total</b>		<b>310</b>
0159	PTL. NATHANIEL HEATON	Crime Type	T	162
			M	78
			F	16
			W	26
		<b>Total</b>		<b>282</b>
0220	PTL. ANTHONY PECNIK	Crime Type	T	126
			M	50
			F	12
			W	20
		<b>Total</b>		<b>208</b>
0160	PTL. NICHOLAS PAULL	Crime Type	T	4
			M	6
			F	0
			W	1
		<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>
0221	SPL. PTL. ROBERT HANLON	Crime Type	T	46
			M	3
			F	0
			W	5
		<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>				<b>4,482</b>

**JAIL REPORT**

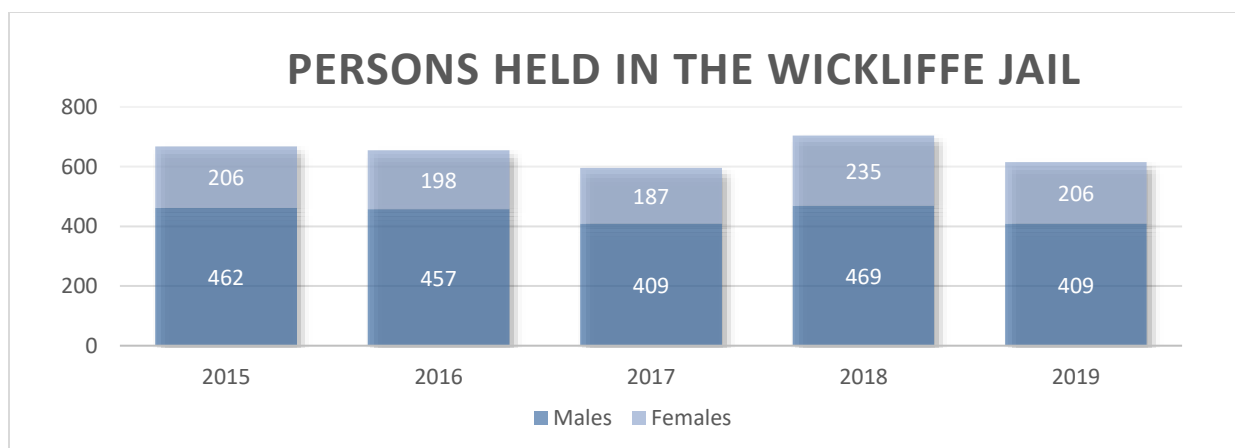
*Manus McCaffery, Detective Sergeant*

The Wickliffe City Jail is a twelve-day facility that consists of eight jail cells. Four of these cells are designated for male prisoners and two cells are designated for female prisoners. Two cells are designated for those prisoners who are under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, suicidal, security risks or require an increase in surveillance. The jail does not hold arrested juveniles.

During the year of 2019, the jail held 615 prisoners who were held on bond, waiting for arraignment or court appearances, or serving court ordered sentences. 260 of the prisoners were held on various felony charges and 355 prisoners were held on misdemeanor charges. Prisoners spent an average of 15.05 hours in the jail and the average daily population of the jail was 1.68 prisoners. 409 males and 206 females were housed in the jail during this period. Also, the jail was inspected by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

Per Wickliffe Policy, a jail officer is responsible for checking on the welfare of each prisoner every hour and provides for their needs. Prisoners are fed three times a day and can receive snacks between meals. Meals are purchased by US Foodservice, a provider of meals to other jail institutions and hospitals, and BJ Wholesale Club. Meals are prepared in the jail kitchen.

A video arraignment system is in place whereby prisoners “appear” before a Willoughby Court Judge from the jail office via a computerized teleconferencing system. A confinement expense reimbursement program has been instituted. Those prisoners able to pay can be ordered by the court to pay up to \$65.00 per day for their stay in the city jail. In 2019, Wickliffe received \$4520.22 in jail confinement reimbursement fees collected by the Willoughby Municipal Court.

**NALOXONE REPORT**

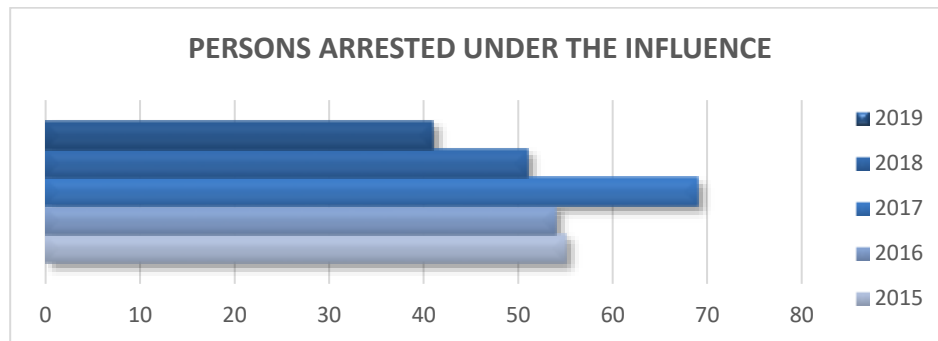
*Manus McCaffery, Detective Sergeant*

In an effort to lower deaths due to the opioid addiction crisis, Wickliffe police officers have been trained in the administering of Naloxone, a medication which counters the effects of opioids. The Wickliffe Police Department is provided Naloxone by the Lake County General Health District through Project Dawn. In 2019, Wickliffe police officers administered Naloxone to persons suspected of overdosing from opioid use in 24 separate occasions.



**BREATHALYZER***Daniel Rosen, Patrolman*

In 2019, **forty-one (41)** persons were arrested for an OVI offense. Of these, **thirty-six (36)** were suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and **six (6)** were suspected of being under the influence of a drug of abuse.



Drugs that were suspected due to either admission of the driver or presence of evidence suggesting specific drug usage included the following:

- Heroin: 5
- Cocaine: 1

Unless the driver refused, blood was drawn to determine the drug(s) and to quantify the amount of drug(s) in the driver's body. Of all OVI arrests, **twenty (20)** drivers submitted to breath and/or blood samples, and **twenty-one (21)** refused for a refusal rate of **59%**. For drivers under the influence of alcohol, blood alcohol content (BAC) was measured between **.05** and **.400**. **One (1) driver** submitted to a breath test and a low test (under .08 BAC) was measured. In this case, drugs were suspected, blood and urine samples were collected the suspected tested positive for Benzodiazepines and Cannabinoids.

The average BAC from all drivers was **.200**. The average age of all OVI offenders was **39**.

The breakdown of measured BAC from the **twenty (20)** drivers who submitted a breath test are:

.000-.0799 = **1 (suspected of OVI-Drugs)**  
 .08-.169 = **3**  
 .17-.239 = **11**  
 .24 and above = **3**

**INTOXILYZER 8000***Daniel Rosen, Patrolman*

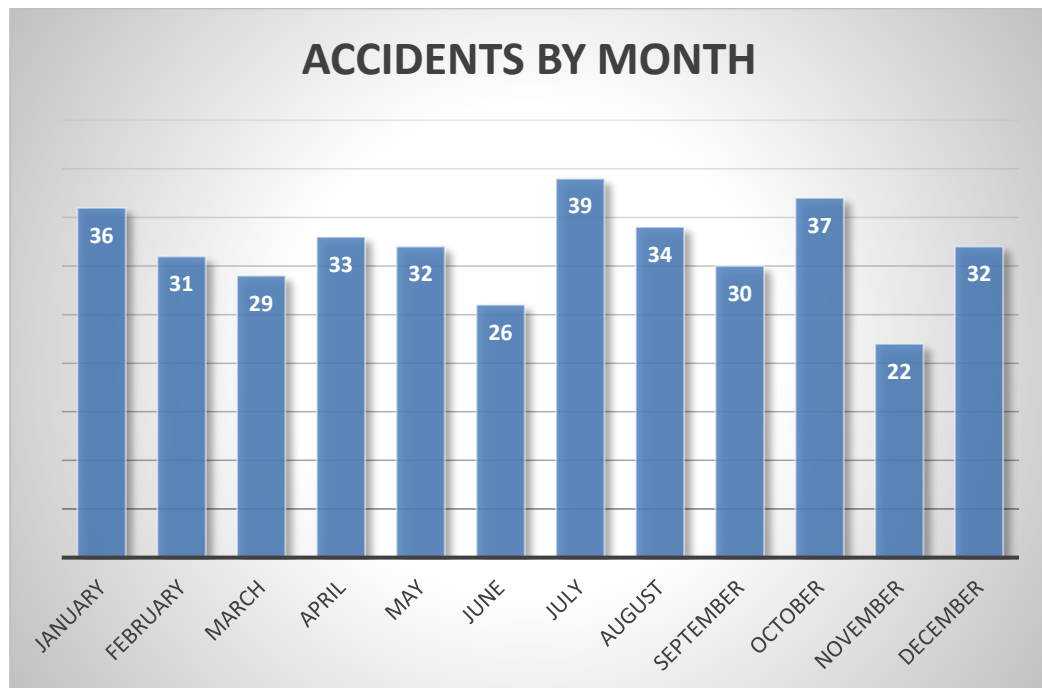
From January 1, 2019 until August 21, 2019, our Intoxilyzer 8000 unit was out of service. All tests between these dates were conducted at the Willowick Police Department, Willoughby Police Department and Willoughby Hills Police Department.

**ACCIDENT SUMMARY**

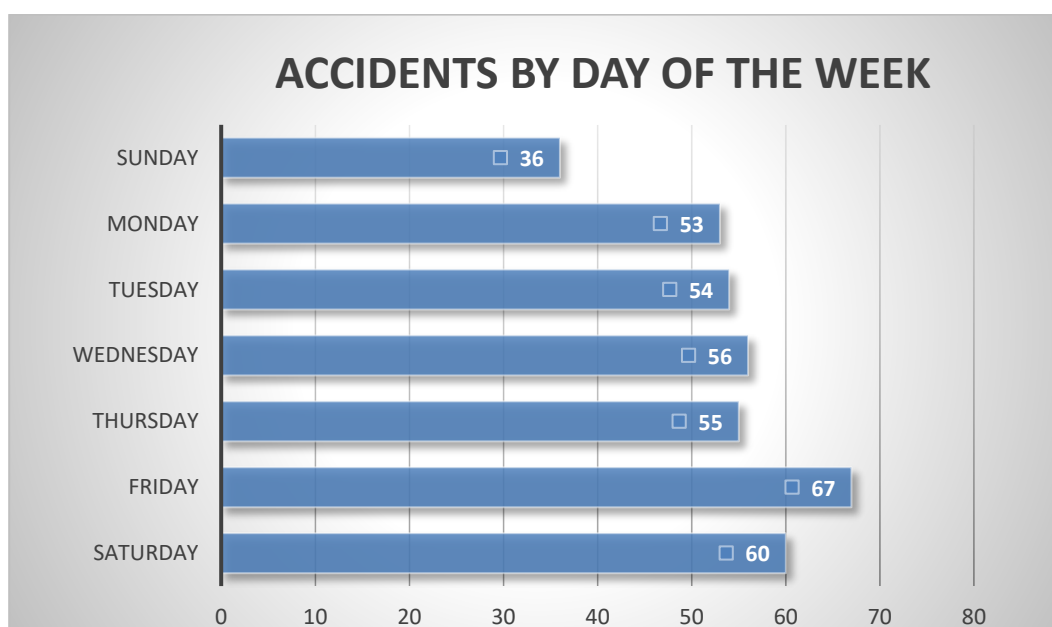
*Prepared by Christin Turk, Dispatcher*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Accidents/Public Street	307	313	383	318	366	327
Accidents/Private Property	59	57	51	24	30	54
Property Damage Only	261	295	335	265	296	23
Personal Injury	49	52	109	86	99	86
Pedestrian	0	1	0	0	6	1
Pedestrian Injury	0	1	0	2	6	1
Pedestrian Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	1
Driver/Passenger Fatal	2	1	0	0	1	0
Drivers Arrested	204	203	220	191	206	186
Drivers/Consumed Alcohol	6	8	21	15	14	10

**ACCIDENTS BY MONTH**



ACCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY			
Time	Count	Time	Count
0000-0100	9	1201-1300	27
0101-0200	4	1301-1400	22
0201-0300	3	1401-1500	34
0301-0400	1	1501-1600	28
0401-0500	4	1601-1700	24
0501-0600	4	1701-1800	28
0601-0700	11	1801-1900	20
0701-0800	25	1901-2000	17
0801-0900	22	2001-2100	13
0901-1000	14	2101-2200	16
1001-1100	19	2201-2300	14
1101-1200	18	2301-2400	4
Total Accidents = 381			



### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

*Isaac Petric, Sergeant/SRO*

In 2019, the Wickliffe Police Department continued its coordination efforts with the Lake County Juvenile Court, Prosecutor's Office, and the Wickliffe City Schools (both public and private). The SRO's handled numerous types of calls for service ranging from assaults and harassment to traffic control for the elementary school Halloween parade.

The SRO program is best summed up as follows. If the courts, schools, and police form a triangle, then the SRO is at the center of the triangle. The SRO's purpose is to facilitate communication between these three groups. The following are some examples of how the relationship benefits all three organizations in the triangle. If an administrative investigation reveals criminal activity in the school, that principal contacts the SRO. The SRO can then access police resources to conduct the investigation and knows the standard required to prosecute a juvenile criminally and can advise the principal if such conditions are met. Another example is if an investigation starts off of school grounds, it may lead to the discovery of inappropriate activity that had occurred in one of the schools. In some instances, school administrators are better equipped to handle such problems that do not require police action.

Sgt. Petric has been a certified A.L.I.C.E. instructor since 2013. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. It is a method of training aimed at presenting options for survival in the event of an armed intruder scenario. This is not just a valuable skill for the schools, it is useful for businesses and other organizations in the city as well. In 2019, the A.L.I.C.E program was presented at Euclid Hospital, the Italian and American Club, Umicore, and the Wickliffe Public Schools.

Visiting the schools is also a good way for the students to have positive interactions with police officers in a non-enforcement role. In May, several WPD officers participated in First Responder Day at Wickliffe Middle School. This event allowed school children to see some of the equipment that police officers use and an opportunity to ask questions about the career. The SRO's are an effective tool in preventing crime in and around the schools.

The Wickliffe Public Schools and the WPD collaborated to take the SRO program in a new direction. Starting in September, a WPD officer would be assigned to WHS for a four hour block. This was an elective side job and did not take away from day to day operations of the police department. This new way of looking at the SRO program allowed different officers to become accustomed to the way the schools operate, and gave them a chance to interact with the students in ways that they may not have been able to do as part of their daily patrol duties.



The WPD participated in a Shop with a Cop program at Christmas time. Several members of the WPD accompanied children from Wickliffe Elementary School to Target so they could go Christmas shopping.

The men and women of the Wickliffe Police Department would like to show their appreciation to Mayor Barbish, City Council and the school's administrators, teachers, staff, and students.



### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

*Patrick B. Hengst, Detective Lieutenant*

The WESTERN LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) is comprised of police officers from the cities of Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Willowick, and Kirtland. Assigned officers are volunteers who perform the duties of the team in addition to their regular assignments. Representing the City of Wickliffe on the team are Lt. Pat Hengst, Lt. Jon Bush, Sgt. Jim Coolick, and Ptl. Bob Kuhse.

The primary duties of the team involve serving high-risk search and arrest warrants, handling barricaded subjects and hostage situations, and handling any other high risk situations that require a tactical resolution. In addition to the tactical component of the team, there are several negotiators who specialize in finding peaceful solutions to stressful and sometimes violent situations. Representing the City of Wickliffe as negotiators are Sgt. Manus McCaffery, Sgt. Mark Sopko, and Ptl. Brett Peebles.

The ERT was utilized eight times in 2019. Five of the incidents involved the service of high risk search warrants, two of the incidents involved barricaded suspects, and one incident involved security at a concert where intelligence had suggested a likelihood of gun violence.

Five of the eight incidents occurred in Wickliffe, while the other three occurred in Willoughby and Eastlake. Four search warrants were served in Wickliffe. One of the search warrants was at a Bellview Street address and involved the manufacture and sale of methamphetamine. Six suspects were arrested by Wickliffe Detectives in connection with the case, and all six eventually pled guilty to felony drug charges.

A barricaded suspect incident occurred on Regent Road in Wickliffe, in March of 2019. In that incident, a male wanted for assault and domestic violence refused to exit a bedroom and claimed to have a gun. SWAT officers arrived on scene and deployed tear gas and a small robot into the bedroom before forcing entry and arresting the combative suspect. He was treated and released at an area hospital before being held at the Wickliffe Jail.

*The SWAT officers prepare for a drug raid:*



The ERT team continues to strive for a high level of training so that dangerous incidents may be handled in the safest manner possible. The team conducts regular monthly training days, as well as a week-long session of tactics and firearms training. In the fall of 2019, Wickliffe CNT officers attended the annual Midwest Crises Negotiators Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The conference highlights the peaceful resolution of critical incidents, and it presents an excellent opportunity for quality lectures and networking.

*ERT training at a house in Lake County prior to being torn down:*



In closing, I would like to thank Mayor Barbish, Wickliffe City Council, and Chief Randy Ice for their continued support, which allows members of the ERT to provide the community with the best possible services.



## **U.S. MARSHAL'S NORTHERN OHIO VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE**

*Donald A. Dondrea, Jr., Detective*



The U.S. Marshal's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is led by Deputy U.S. Marshal Bobie Davis. The task force is comprised of Deputy U.S. Marshals, Ohio Adult Parole officers and various officers from police departments throughout Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. I have been assigned to the Painesville division of the task force since it originated in November of 2012. The purpose of this task force is to apprehend violent fugitives, suspects with felony warrants and suspects with violent/serious misdemeanor warrants that originate in Lake, Geauga or Ashtabula County. The task force can also be called out for serious incidents that require the expeditious apprehension of the suspect(s) involved.

In 2019 the task force made 57 arrests. One of the arrests was for homicide, two for kidnapping, two for rape, five for robbery, five for weapons related offenses, numerous other domestic violence, narcotics trafficking, and theft related offenses. Several of these offenses originated within The City of Wickliffe or its surrounding communities.

I would like to thank Mayor Barbish, Wickliffe City Council, and Chief Randy Ice for their support of this task force.



*A fugitive is apprehended by the U.S. Marshal's Task Force*

**COMMUNITY POLICING**

*Randy J. Veri, Patrolman*

As the Community Policing/Crime Prevention Officer for the Wickliffe Police Department, this year was very successful with a lot of events that took place along with different ideas that stemmed from years past. Extra items were added to the agenda throughout the year that were helpful with making this program an asset to building our relationship with the citizens in our city.

Throughout the beginning months of 2019, I scheduled appointments with the teachers at the schools for the "Stranger Danger" program. Besides the Block Watch meetings, all of the annual events hosted through the Community Policing Office such as Fill the Cruiser, the Bike Rodeo and the National Night Out were planned in January to get the best attendance from the citizens.

The following is a synopsis of the Block Watch Meetings that were held at our station:

- Sgt. Coolick was my guest speaker on April 25, 2019. He spoke to the citizens about body cameras. He explained why they are an asset for our officers to wear them on duty and he showed videos of incidents in which the cameras were used to provide vital information on incidents and arrests.
- On August 6, 2019 a cookout was held at the pavilion at Jindra Park. This was the National Night Out, in which citizens come out to show their support for law enforcement, and make their presence known that they are supporting safety in their city. All the food was donated by local businesses. Next year this event will be held on the patio behind the community center.
- The topic for the meeting held at the station on December 17, 2019, was the X26 Taser, which is used by our department. A video was presented on the effects the taser can have on suspects that are combative or non-compliant. Ptl. Paull volunteered to take a taser deployment in front of a live audience at the meeting. We also had food for all those in attendance, along with a Christmas theme and decorations in our training room.



*Ptl. Heaton and Ptl. DiDonna meet a local boy scout at the station*

*Block Watch – Taser Demonstration*





This year we took part in a new event. Mike Piper from the Miracle Baseball League at Miracle League Park asked if a few of our officers could participate in one of their baseball games. On July 20, 2019, Ptl. Cook and I played in two softball games with the children. We presented jerseys for the kids to wear during the games. This was a great event, and we were invited back next year.

### *Miracle Baseball League*



A Coffee with a Cop event was held at Antiques and Uniques in November. Citizens came and asked us questions about our duties as police officers and enjoyed speaking with us on a social level. We had a nice time meeting residents and discussing law enforcement topics and different events that happened in the city. Next year, Coffee with a Cop will be held at three different locations; new Gateway Diner, Antiques and Uniques, and Couchland Coffee. The dates will be posted on our police Facebook page and the electronic signs at the fire station and community center.



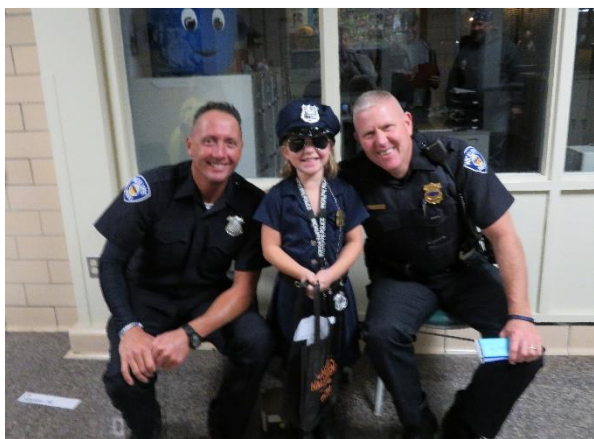
*Spending time with kids from the Cleveland Police Athletic League (PAL)*

Throughout the year I was able to do a few extra tasks that were beneficial to our department and our relationship with the citizens. We were contacted by Officer Hampton from the Cleveland Police Dept. He asked that a few of our officers assist his department with his police athletic league (PAL). We went to the Roll House Lanes and spent a few hours with several children that are placed in foster homes throughout the city of Cleveland. Officer Hampton and I put together a pizza party for the children after they were done bowling and spent time talking to them, as they look up to police officers as role models. Another event is being planned for next year with the children from Cleveland and our city.

At the beginning of the year, we had a distressed family that came to our police station after they were stranded without transportation and had no family members in the area. They were travelling from Florida, and due to inclement weather conditions, they were in our police lobby with no money and no place to sleep with three small children. Sgt. Sopko and I transported the family to the Plaza Motel and paid for them to stay for a night until they were able to contact a family member in Geneva to come pick them up. After this occurred, I contacted the managers from the Quality Inn and the Plaza Motel. They agreed to donate a one night voucher to our department for incidents that may happen like this in the future. Each business agreed to donate a one night voucher annually, for our department to use if this unfortunate incident were to happen again. We currently keep the vouchers at our station and they are only given out under emergency circumstances.

During the fall and winter months, I attended a safety meeting at Lubrizol with their director, Nick Roberto. I spoke to 50-60 employees about being aware of their surroundings during the holidays and we also discussed ways to prevent identity fraud. In the months of October and November, we did our Coffee with a Cop event, the high school annual Halloween Party, and the "Fill the Cruiser" food drive. We will be doing these events again in 2020 and we may switch locations for the food drive to assist with other businesses being recognized for helping our department feed the less fortunate during the holidays.

### *Halloween Party*



The Bike Rodeo was held at the Community Center in June and we had another excellent turnout of children and families for this annual event. This is one of my biggest projects held through the Community Policing Office and is organized for several months before it kicks off in June. The date for the 2020 event will be Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 10am at the Wickliffe Community Center in the back lot. In the summer of 2020, we will be at the movie nights that are set up by the Wickliffe Recreation Department and assisting the Wickliffe Forever Foundation with food service at the Rock the Mansion event in July.



*Fill the Cruiser Event at Spinner's*



*McGruff, Sec. Miklus, Ptl. Veri, Lauren, and Lt. Bush (taking the photo) brave the cold weather during the "Fill the Cruiser" Event in November*



The future of this program looks good, and I'm putting effort into making our partnership with the community better each year. I also want to continue the strong relationships we have with our local businesses and their owners. At this time, I'd like to thank our officers for the help and assistance they provided throughout the year to make this Community Policing Program an asset to our department. I would also like to thank Chief Ice and Mayor Barbish for being supportive of the ideas and changes made to this program over the past few years. I'm committed to making this program one of the best in western Lake County, and I'm looking forward to another productive year in 2020.

### *Bike Rodeo*





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### *Bike Rodeo*





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### Memorial Day





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### *Special Olympics Torch Run*



### *Shop with a Cop*



### TRAINING

*Jonathon J. Bush, Lieutenant*

In 2019 the Wickliffe Police Department continued to focus on training its officers and dispatchers so they provide the most professional and capable services possible to the community. The patrol division completes a core of courses essential to the patrol function. This core includes: The Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation; Emergency Vehicle Pursuit and Response Training; Street Survival; Firearms, Arrest, and Survival Tactics (F.A.S.T.); Radar/Laser Certification; Criminal Patrol/Drug Interdiction; and Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement. Additionally, officers are encouraged to find elective training courses based on department needs and officer specialization.

Within the communications division, we maintain a core of updated training and techniques essential to the dispatching function. It includes: Law Enforcement Dispatch, Fire Service Dispatch, Emergency Medical Dispatch, Hazardous Materials Response, Suicide Intervention, Domestic Violence Intervention, and 9-1-1 Liability. We have incorporated computer-based training for biennial re-certifications in Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Emergency Medical Dispatch. This has proven to be cost-effective and less disruptive to manpower scheduling, while still providing the most up-to-date training material available.

The Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirement, established by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council and the Ohio General Assembly, requires all full-time and part-time police officers to complete a set number of hours of annual professional training. This year the state of Ohio did not have any funding for required CPT hours; therefore, Ohio police officers were not required to attend any trainings. Despite there being no mandate, Wickliffe PD continues to require training for our officers. The average number of training hours per Wickliffe Police employee in 2019 was 73.9 hours.

In the spring I was selected to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA for 11 weeks of intense managerial, leadership, and physical training. I graduated Session #276, which consisted of 256 police executives from around the United States, 34 who were from nations around the world. This experience has been the highlight of my career and was extremely challenging and rewarding. Other training highlights for the 2019 year include: Dispatchers Gordon and George attended Communications Training Officer school, Ptl. Cook, Ankuda, Merrifield, and Heaton attended 37 hours of Crisis Intervention Team training hosted by Beacon Health as well as Dispatchers Stein, George, and Gordon; Chief Randy Ice attended the International Association of Chief of Police convention and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of police where he participated in numerous seminars instructed by internationally recognized Police Chiefs and executives; Lt. Jon Bush, Lt. Pat Hengst, Sgt. Jim Coolick, Ptl. Bob Kuhse, attended a 24 hour Norse Tactical Operators SWAT course; Ptl. Regnier completed the 80 hour instructional skills course to become a certified OPOTA instructor; recently promoted Sgt. Petric attended the 120 hour Police Executive and Administrative Leadership School; all of our dispatchers attended a public records workshop; and all officers and dispatchers completed CPR and AED certification. Once again our personal driving instructor, Lt. Joe Thompson, assisted training Lt. Bush, Sgt. Dave Krivacic, Ptl. Shum, Ptl. Lako, Ptl. Kuhse, Ptl. Peeples, Ptl. Budzicki, Ptl. Merrifield, Ptl. Pecnik, and Ptl. Paul in Emergency Vehicle Response driving at Nelson Ledges raceway. Due to the increasing trend of pursuits, this driver training has become invaluable and necessary to protect our officers and the motoring public.



*Lt. Jon Bush participates in a race at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA*



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During 2019, 30 full-time police officers, 2 part-time officers, and 8 full-time dispatchers, and 1 administrative assistants attended training schools or seminars to update or enhance their skills and knowledge in various disciplines. Sixty-five (65) schools, seminars, or online training blocks were completed, covering twelve months of the year, totaling three thousand thirty-three (3033) hours of continuing education.

On behalf of the Wickliffe Police Department, I would like to thank Chief Ice, Mayor Barbish, and City Council for their recognition to the importance of having highly trained and professional police officers and their support in allocating the funds necessary to maintain and continually improve the Wickliffe Police Department.



*Lt. Bush celebrates with his family at his graduation from the FBI Academy*

## SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS

LOCATION	COURSE NAME	ATTENDEES
Akron's Children Hosp	First Line Supervision	Sopko
Cleveland Clinic PD	Communications Training Officer	Horn, George, Gordon
Cleveland Clinic PD	Street Crimes	Heaton, Pecnik
Columbus, OH	Chief's In-Service Annual Conference	Ice
Columbus, OH	Crisis Negotiators Conference	McCaffery, Sopko, Peeples
Eastlake PD	Advanced Search & Seizure	Bush, Coolick, Petric, Dondrea, Moreland, Rosen, Sabruno, Kuhse, Ankuda, Smith, Fitch, Budzicki, DiDona
Geauga County SO	Emergency Vehicle Response Driving	Bush, Krivacic, Shum, Lako, Kuhse, Peeples, Budzicki, Merrifield, Pecnik, Paull
Geauga County SO	Stop Stick Tire Deflation Device	Bush, Krivacic, Shum, Lako, Kuhse, Peeples, Budzicki, Merrifield, Pecnik, Paull
Independence, OH	AMBER Alert Conference	Bush, Krivacic
Independence, OH	Glock Armorer's Course	Merrifield



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LOCATION	COURSE NAME	ATTENDEES
Indianapolis, IN	Criminal, Narcotics & Terrorist Interdiction Workshop	Cook
Kent State University	Peace Officer Basic Training	Paull
Lake County, OH	Close Quarters Tactics	Cook, Smith
Lake County, OH	Crisis Intervention Team Training	Cook, Ankuda, Merrifield, Heaton, Stein, George, Gordon
Lake County, OH	Dispatcher / Call Taker CIT Training	Turk, Lentine
Lakeland CC	Legal Updates	Regnier, Peebles, Cook, Smith, Fitch, Heaton
Mentor PD	Evidence Collection Training	Fitch, Pecnik
Nashville, TN	LeadsOnline Leadership Conference	Dondrea, Moreland
North Olmsted, OH	Police Executive & Administrative Leadership School	Petric
OPOTA / London	Gracie Survival Tactics, Level I	McCaffery
OPOTA / London	Instructional Skills	Regnier
OPOTA / London	New Chief's Training	Ice
OPOTA / London	Ohio Ethics Law: Good Government in Action	Ice
OPOTA / London	SORAT-I (Single Officer Response to an Active Threat – Instructor)	Regnier
OPOTA / online	Missing Persons	Hanlon
OPOTA / Richfield	Death Investigation	Coolick
OPOTA / London	Interacting/De-Escalating Special Needs Population	Regnier
PowerPhone/ online	Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification	George, Turk
PowerPhone/ online	Fire Service Dispatch Recertification	George, Turk
PowerPhone/ online	Law Enforcement Dispatch Recertification	George, Turk
Quantico, VA	FBI Academy	Bush
Streetsboro, OH	Criminal, Narcotics & Terrorist Interdiction Workshop	Heaton, Pecnik
Summit County, OH	Combat Marksmanship Skills	Merrifield
US Marshals/Cleveland	Operational Planning and Safety Training	Dondrea
Westlake, OH	Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Annual Conference	Hanlon
Wickliffe PD	Adult and Child First Aid; CPR/AED	Ice, Hengst, Bush, Thompson, Coolick, Krivacic, Sopko, Petric, Dondrea, Moreland, Shum, Brenner, Lako, Rosen, Regnier, Sabruno, Veri, Kuhse, Peebles, Cook, Ankuda, Smith, Fitch, Budzicki, DiDona, Merrifield, Heaton, Pecnik, Valko, Stein, Horn, Shaw, Turk, Gordon, Brzeski, Lentine
Wickliffe PD	Taser X26P User Certification Course	Paull
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 101: "What is a Public Record" workshop	Stein, Hirz, Horn, Shaw, George, Turk, Gordon, Brzeski
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 102: "Exceptions to Releasing a Public Record" Workshop	Stein, Hirz, Horn, Shaw, George, Turk, Gordon, Brzeski
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 103: "Investigative Records" Workshop	George, Turk
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 104: "Retention/Destruction, Redactions, Expulsions & New Public Record Amendments" Workshop	Turk
Wickliffe PD / online	Ohio Attorney General / OHLEG Security Training	Smith, Budzicki

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POLICE CAR INVENTORY**

December 31, 2019

<b>CAR #</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO</b>	<b>MAKE</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>COLOR</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>
750	CHIEF	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	CHP/SILV	2015	84,050
751	DET. BUREAU	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	GRAY	2016	26,280
753	DET. BUREAU	FORD	FUSION	SILVER	2018	9,563
752	DET. BUREAU	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	TAN	2010	58,174
754	PATROL	DODGE	CHARGER	WHITE	2019	20,631
755	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR	WHITE	2017	42,630
756	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	27,230
757	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR	WHITE	2017	51,765
758	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	32,256
759	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2017	65,943
765	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2013	126,569
760	LIEUTENANTS	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2014	115,430
761	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	33,961
763	SWAT TEAM	CHEVROLET	E25 VAN	WHITE	2011	7,975
764	SERGEANTS	DODGE	CHARGER	WHITE	2019	8,959
766	UNDERCOVER	FORD	FUSION	BLACK	2010	61,837
767	DET. BUREAU	DODGE	DURANGO	GREEN	2003	187,000
768	DET. BUREAU	MERCEDES	C	SILVER	2007	108,000
769	JAIL	FORD	TRANSIT	WHITE	2018	9,904
MC-1	TRAFFIC	HARLEY	FLHP	WHITE	2010	3,850

## **CORE VALUES**

### **Honesty**

Honesty is demonstrated over time and in a variety of situations. It is a series of behaviors that the officer has demonstrated over time that has gained the trust of others through establishing himself/herself as straightforward and sincere. This credibility has been developed through the absence of such counter-productive behaviors as: rationalizations, forgetfulness, and shading the truth. The officer is willing to admit fault and correct mistakes as quickly as possible.

### **Sense of Urgency**

The officer assertively approaches tasks or situations with immediate action. A sense of urgency is demonstrated most obviously by the officer's prompt response to all calls for service. Officers should possess a sense of urgency about completing investigations, conducting follow-ups, returning phone calls, responding to pages, etc. The officer approaches all aspects of the job in an eager manner.

### **Attention to Detail**

Attention to detail is demonstrated by a constant awareness to the myriad of variables that come into play due to the nature of the job. This attention to detail not only serves as a defense mechanism (e.g., recognition of the 10 deadly errors) but also drives the officer to strive for perfection in each task the officer performs. This attention to detail ensures that all tasks are completed correctly the first time; including filling out and completing forms and reports.

### **Team Oriented**

A team-oriented individual realizes that each officer contributes to the group effort; however, it is the collective efforts of the members that assures the overall goals of the Wickliffe Police Department are achieved. The officer works with others as a team member and strives not for individual recognition but for the recognition of the group. Team players demonstrate this value by providing back-up and offering assistance to others without being told or asked.

### **Professionalism**

The officer who exhibits professionalism does so by performing his/her duties in an exemplary manner for others to follow. By possessing this skill and experience, he/she has made a commitment to excellence. Specific traits that the professional officer demonstrates include punctuality, courtesy, politeness, compassion, respect for others, and projects a well-groomed and able image.

### **Adaptability**

The adaptable officer can quickly adjust and perform job duties in extreme, unknown, and ever-changing conditions. This officer anticipates change and promptly adapts. Adaptability is characteristic of officers who are able to prioritize and handle many tasks simultaneously through the use of divided attention skills. The officer is able to compromise and follow through to the successful completion of a task.

### **Self-Discipline**

The self-disciplined officer has an internal control system that allows him/her to function independently without constant supervision. This officer is accountable for his/her actions. The focused officer recognizes the job that needs to be done and does it well, regardless of how "unpleasant" it may be. He/she is not unduly influenced by outside factors which may be a detriment to job responsibilities. Self-discipline allows the officer to project the positive image of and respect for the department at all times.

### **Performance Driven**

The officer is driven to work hard as evidenced by the quantity and quality of services provided to the public. The officer strives to stay busy throughout his/her shift; continually looking for ways to support the objectives of the department. The performance driven officer effectively uses traffic enforcement and criminal arrests to save lives and to protect the public.

### **Officer Safety**

The safety conscious officer demonstrates a high level of awareness in every situation. Through this awareness the officer realizes the potential risks associated with the job (e.g., recognition of the 10 deadly errors). He/she is proactive so as to guard himself/herself, as well as others, from potential dangers. He/she is physically fit enabling the officer to meet the demands of the job. Officer safety is predicated on the willingness of an individual to improve his/her skills through training.

### **Leadership**

A leader is someone who consistently exhibits the core values of this organization and is willing to take command of situations, when appropriate. Although leadership is expected of supervisors, every officer can demonstrate leadership by selflessly taking the responsibility to lead in difficult situations. Leadership is also the ability to stand up for what is right, alone if necessary, even when the decision is not "popular".