

CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT





2018 was a year of transition for the Richmond Heights Police Department. From equipment to personnel, our agency experienced significant changes while continuing to provide a high level of professional service to our customers. As part of a regionalization effort, our police department joined the Heights Hillcrest Communications Center (HHCC) in February and it continues to provide us with dispatch services. That change over included adding an intercom and camera to the front building entry so HHCC personnel could communicate with visitors outside normal business hours and also allow them access to our lobby. It is important that our agency again extends its gratitude and appreciation to those dispatchers who had served our community while being part of our Richmond Heights

police team. These members were provided the opportunity to work for HHCC and some of them did go to work there.

Our department also switched radio frequencies as part of this communication change. We began using and continue to use the Multi Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS). The Ohio DAS website describes MARCS as follows: “MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communication System) is an 700/800 MHz radio and data network that utilizes state-of-the-art trunked technology to provide statewide interoperability in digital clarity to its subscribers throughout Ohio and a 10-mile radius outside of Ohio. The MARCS system provides statewide, secure, reliable public service wireless communication for public safety and first responders.” We also received 35 new Kenwood portable radios valued at over \$68,000 which we received as part of a Cuyahoga County grant. And to improve radio reception for our officers while inside the station, funds were budgeted in 2018 for a bi-directional antennae (BDA) which was installed in 2019. We also purchased two new police cruisers for our fleet.

Our agency experienced personnel changes which included transitioning a part time police officer to full time and the addition of two new patrol officers. We added an officer to the Detective Bureau and promoted another to Sergeant. After serving for over 25 years as our Chief of Police, Chief Gene Rowe retired on November 2. His leadership made this agency the high functioning professional police department that it is and his efforts will continue to have an impact.

One of our goals for 2019 will be to continue to improve on our service model with a much stronger emphasis on the principles of community policing. We intend to expand our roster so we can provide even more for our customers. To help accomplish this, we intend to aggressively market the many benefits of working for the Richmond Heights Police Department. We will also strive for more community outreach particularly with our public school system and its students. We are currently working on a mentoring program which would involve police officers and students sharing time together with the goal of developing an enriching and supportive relationship. Hopefully these experiences may result in future Richmond Heights police officers. Of special importance, our department intends to build on the trust and harmony we share with those we serve and will work constantly to help them experience a sense of security and safety while living and thriving in this special community.

Chief Tom Wetzel

This year marks my 10th submission of the annual report. It is again an honor and a privilege to submit this comprehensive and collaborative effort for 2018. I would like to recognize and thank Lt. Robert Glaettli who submits the education information, Sgt. Denise DeBiase who submits the Juvenile Diversion and Crime Prevention, Ptl. Steven Molle who compiles the range hours, Sgt. Richard Olexa who I coordinate with on jail statistics and Det. Greg Patterson who submitted the facebook portion. I would also like to thank Auxiliary Eddy Wong for his compilation of auxiliary statistics and Chief Wetzel who updated our SPAN and Community Events portions. The year end report takes months to complete and without the help of the above mentioned, it would not be possible to complete.

Jennifer Schultz

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**CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Richmond Heights Police Department as of December 31, 2018, consisted of twenty-three (23) full-time police officers, one (1) Administrative Assistant to the Chief, two (2) deputy clerks of court or police clerks, and twelve (12) auxiliary police officers.

ROSTER

Chief.....Thomas Wetzel
Administrative Assistant to the Chief.....Jennifer Schultz
Lieutenant.....Robert Glaettli
Sergeants..... Richard Olexa, Denise DeBiase, Todd Leisure, Joe Arbogast
Detectives.....Darren Porter, Charles Duffy, Gregory Patterson
Secretary to the Detective Bureau.....Vacant
Patrolmen.....Steven Molle, Marc Davis, James Kohler, Eric McFarland, David Jake,
James McVey, Jonathan Ross, Donald E. Stocum, Brian Flick, Kevin Watts,
Marlonn Webb, Timothy Casto, Joseph Klepac, Ryan Pate.....
Part-time Patrolman.....Vacant
Corrections Officer.....Vacant
Part-time Corrections Officers.....Vacant
Clerks/Deputy Clerks.....Stephanie Kabert, Janet Schuller
School Guard.....Vacant

HIRED

Chief Thomas Wetzel
Clerk Stephanie Kabert
Clerk Janet Schuller
Ptl. Joseph Klepac
Ptl. Ryan Pate



PROMOTED

Sgt. Joe Arbogast

RETIRED

Chief Gene Rowe

Lost to Consolidation

Disp. Jennifer Russo
Disp. Brenda Sparks
Disp. Michele Depto
Disp. Angela Fishburn
Disp. Myron Hubler
Disp. Sarah Takacs



RESIGNED

Ptl. Deann Frazier

RELEASED

Aux. Richard Llyall

EDUCATION

CHIEF GENE ROWE

Firearms Training	2.0 HOUR
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LT. ROBERT GLAETTLI

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism Training	4.0 HOURS
ESC First Ring Safety and Security Meeting (5)	7.5 HOURS
Legal Updates	8.0 HOURS

SGT. RICHARD OLEXA

Firearms Training	
Taser	6.0 HOURS
North Coast Corr. Mgr. Gangs in Correction	2.0 HOURS
Crisis Negotiators Conference	24.0 HOURS
North Coast Corr. Mgr. Jail Health PreScreen/Receiving Protocol	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism Training	4.0 HOURS
Suspect Tactics & Perimeter Containment	8.0 HOURS
PELC Alumni Conference	12.0 HOURS
EDGE Crisis Negotiation Training	5.0 HOURS
NCBRT Critical Decision Making for Complex Attacks	16.0 HOURS
M.A.C.E Tabletop Exercise	1.0 HOURS

SGT. DENISE DEBIASE

Firearms Training	5.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
M.A.C.E. Tabletop Exercise	1.0 HOURS
Ohio Crime Prevention Conference	24.0 HOURS

SGT. TODD LEISURE

Firearms Training	9.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism Training	4.0 HOURS
Suspect Tactics & Perimeter Containment	8.0 HOURS
PELC Alumni Conference	12.0 HOURS
M.A.C.E. Tabletop Exercise	1.0 HOURS

DET. SGT. DARREN PORTER

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
SWAT Training	96.0 HOURS
Taser	8.0 HOURS
OTOA Conference	24.0 HOURS
Legal Updates	8.0 HOURS
M.A.C.E. Tabletop Training	1.0 HOURS

DET. CHARLES DUFFY

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS

PTL. STEVEN MOLLE

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
SWAT Training	96.0 HOURS
Taser Training	2.0 HOURS

PTL. MARC DAVIS

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
SPAN Bomb Squad Training	129.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
FBI Bomb Squad Commanders Training Conference	24.0 HOURS

PTL. JAMES KOHLER

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism training	4.0 HOURS

PTL. MCFARLAND

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	8.0 HOURS
LEADS Testing	1.0 HOURS
Taser CEW Instructor Certification	8.0 HOURS

PTL. DAVID JAKE

Firearms Training	6.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Crisis Negotiators Conference	24.0 HOURS
EDGE Crisis Negotiation Training	5.0 HOURS

PTL. JOSEPH ARBOGAST

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Legal Updates	8.0 HOURS
First Line Supervision	40.0 HOUR
M.A.C.E. Tabletop Exercise	1.0 HOUR

PTL. JAMES MCVEY

Firearms Training	6.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS

DET. GREGORY PATTERSON

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Evidence Technician	80.0 HOURS
Photography for Investigators	8.0 HOURS
Cybercrimes Investigation	3.0 HOURS
First Line Supervision	40.0 HOURS

PTL. JONATHAN ROSS

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Field Training Officer	32.0 HOURS
The Reid Technique Interviewing and Interrogation	24.0 HOURS

PTL. DONALD STOCUM

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism Training	4.0 HOURS

PTL. BRIAN FLICK

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS

PTL. TIMOTHY CASTO

Firearms Training	5.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
1 st Responder Autism Training	4.0 HOURS
OHLEG Security Training	1.0 HOURS

PTL. KEVIN WATTS

Firearms Training	7.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Criminal Patrol Updates	8.0 HOURS
Basic "At Scene" Accident Investigation	40.0 HOURS

PTL. MARLONN WEBB

Firearms Training	8.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Criminal Patrol Updates	8.0 HOURS

PTL. JOSEPH KLEPAC

Firearms Training	9.0 HOURS
Taser	2.0 HOURS
Animal Encounters	1.0 HOURS

PTL. RYAN PATE

Firearms Training	4.0 HOURS
Taser Training	2.0 HOURS

PTL. DEANN FRAZIER

Firearms Training	2.0 HOURS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JENNIFER SCHULTZ

TAC In Service	4.0 HOURS
First Line Supervision	40.0 HOURS

CLERK STEPHANIE KABERT

Public Records 101	16.0 HOURS
Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Laws	3.0 HOURS
Heartsaver CPR/AED	2.0 HOURS

CLERK JANET SCHULLER

Heartsaver CPR/AED	2.0 HOURS
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Members Additional Duties/Responsibilities

<u>Chief Thomas Wetzel</u>	Member of CLEE Member of PELC
<u>Sgt. Darren Porter</u>	Member of SPAN SWAT Team Taser Instructor Pepper Spray Instructor Baton Instructor Defensive Tactics Instructor Juvenile Court Liaison Property Room Custodian Detective Bureau Commander Member of PELC
<u>Sgt. Denise DeBiase</u>	Community Diversion Program Supervisor Teen Citizen of the Year Coordinator Third Grade Safety Belt Coordinator Crime Prevention Officer Bike Patrol Officer Member of CLEE Union Representative, Unit B
<u>Sgt. Rick Olexa</u>	Jail Administrator Supervisor, Intoxilyzer SPAN Crisis Intervention Unit
<u>Sgt. Todd Leisure</u>	SPAN Traffic Crash Investigation Unit Vehicle Maintenance Officer Richmond Heights FOP Union President
<u>Ptl. Steve Molle</u>	Firearms/Range Instructor SPAN SWAT Team Field Training Officer Pepper Spray Instructor Less Lethal Instructor
<u>Ptl. Eric McFarland</u>	Firearms/Range Instructor Taser Instructor Field Training Officer
<u>Ptl. David Jake</u>	SPAN Crisis Intervention Unit Bike Patrol Officer

<u>Ptl. Joseph Arbogast</u>	Field Training Officer
<u>Ptl. James McVey</u>	Union Representative, Unit A
<u>Ptl. Gregory Patterson</u>	Bomb Squad
<u>Ptl. Jonathan Ross</u>	Community Diversion Program Assistant
<u>Jennifer Schultz</u>	Clerk of Courts / Lyndhurst Municipal Court Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) for LEADS Supervisor, Clerks Liaison with HHCC IT – CAD System and misc. Accounts Receivable / Payable Notary Public Permits
<u>Stephanie Kabert</u>	Records Supply ordering Audio/Video Download Alarm Billing
<u>Janet Schuller</u>	Liaison with Dispatch for LEADS Entries / Cancels

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART SUMMARY

Traffic Bureau

The responsibilities of the Traffic Bureau are:

1. Accident investigation
2. Traffic control devices
3. Traffic engineering
4. Abandoned vehicles
5. Training in use of traffic equipment
6. Auxiliary Police
7. School Guards

Uniform Division

The responsibilities of the Uniform Division are:

1. Basic patrol
2. Accident investigation
3. Traffic law enforcement
4. Parking violations
5. Citizens' complaints
6. Direct traffic
7. Alarm drops
8. Preliminary investigation



Detective Bureau

The responsibilities of the Detective Bureau are:

1. Investigation and follow-up
2. Vice and gambling
3. Narcotics
4. Liquor violations
5. Sex offense
6. Preparation of cases for Grand Jury
7. Crime patrol
8. Court officer



Jail Administrator

The responsibilities of the Jail Administrator are:

1. Review existing policies and procedures.
2. Formulate policy and procedure consistent with State Jail Standards.
3. Assist in investigating all cases of alleged brutality and report finding to Chief of Police.
4. Assist in investigating deaths that occur while a prisoner is in our custody.
5. Assist in investigating attempted suicides in our jail.
6. Investigate all other complaints regarding prisoners that are referred from a shift commander.
7. Act as liaison between our department and all other departments and agencies that are concerned with prisoners and their housing/handling.
8. Responsible for the physical plant, supplies, and equipment relating to jail functions.
9. Resolve problems and provide services that cannot be handled at the shift commander level.
10. Maintain all necessary records and paperwork.
11. Conduct monthly sanitary and security inspections.
12. Conduct yearly jail inspections.
13. Compile and complete reports detailing jail statistics for year-end report.

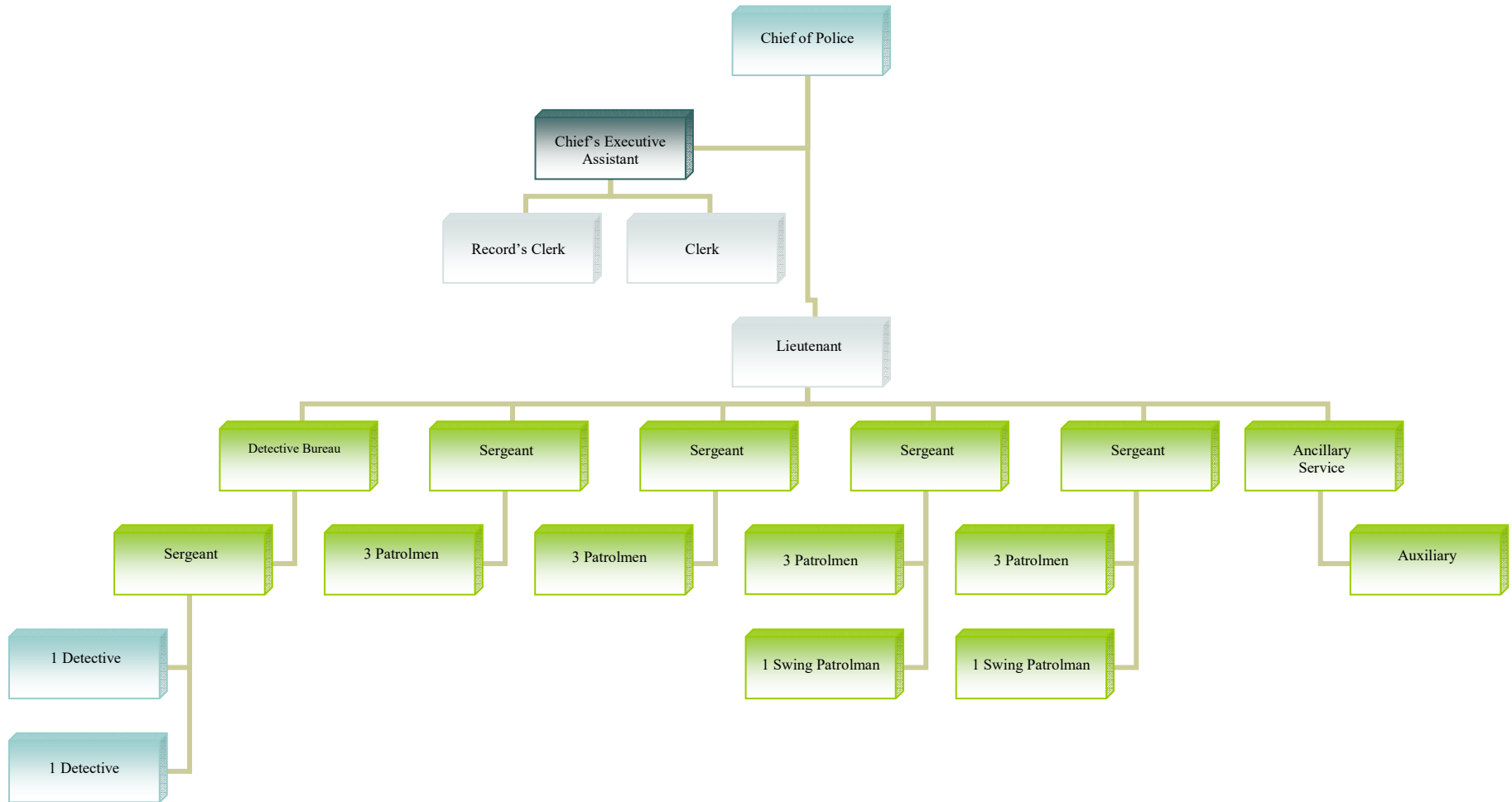
Richmond Heights Jail facility

Our facility is currently designated by the state of Ohio as a 6 hour holding facility. Typical use of our jail would generally be for facilitating breath sample testing for persons arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Just outside the jail, there are two interview rooms that record video and audio which can be used to interview arrested persons.

Cuyahoga County prisoner, board, and care contract with city of Richmond Heights

The city of Richmond Heights continues to contract with Cuyahoga County for the housing and care of individuals who are arrested by our agency. When a person is arrested, an officer(s) will transport that person to the Euclid jail facility for booking and housing. Per TAC jail records, the average stay for incarcerated persons to include juveniles was 1.48 days. For further information on jail population figures, refer to pages 24-30 of this report.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND



CRIME RATE

	2016	2017	2018
1. HOMICIDE	1	0	3
2. RAPE	1	0	4
3. ROBBERY	21	17	16
4. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	13	9	27
5. BURGLARY: TOTAL NUMBER	59	37	46
ACTUAL RESIDENTIAL	23	20	12
COMMERCIAL	6	2	10
APARTMENT	21	16	16
ATTEMPTED RESIDENTIAL	3	5	1
COMMERCIAL	3	1	1
APARTMENT	2	0	6
6. LARCENY	163	141	134
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	40	28	25
8. SIMPLE ASSAULT	24	12	27
9. ARSON	0	0	2
10. FORGERY	4	5	1
11. FRAUD	70	52	68
12. EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
13. RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	10	8	7
14. VANDALISM/CRIMINAL DAMAGE	74	47	53
15. ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPONS	5	2	5
16. PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
17. OTHER SEX OFFENSES	7	3	11
18. DRUGS	28	29	39
19. GAMBLING	0	0	0
21. OPERATING A VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE	25	27	35
22. STATE LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	3	12	21
23. PUBLIC INTOXICATION	10	6	12
24. DISORDERLY CONDUCT	33	22	38

CASES CLEARED BY ARREST OR OTHER MEANS

	2016	2017	2018
1. HOMICIDE	1	0	2
2. RAPE	1	0	1
3. ROBBERY	11	6	6
4. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9	8	5
5. SIMPLE ASSAULT	19	12	14
6. BURGLARY	8	14	3
7. LARCENY	68	61	26
8. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	23	7	15
9. ARSON	0	0	0
10. FORGERY	0	0	1
11. FRAUD	10	5	2
12. EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
13. RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	9	8	7
14. VANDALISM/CRIMINAL DAMAGE	12	19	22
15. ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPONS	0	3	4
16. PROSTITUTION	0	0	0
17. OTHER SEX OFFENSES	5	3	2
18. DRUGS	27	29	26
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

	2016	2017	2018
1. ABANDON AUTOMOBILES	19	32	30
2. ALARM DROPS	814	899	606
3. CAD ENTRIES	28950	27264	22707
4. DOA	9	16	14
5. PARKING VIOLATIONS ISSUED	531	705	490
6. TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	2122	2408	2346
7. VEHICLES TOWED	208	264	287
8. LOCK-OUTS (VEHICLE)	374	299	287
(HOUSE)	0	0	2
9. HOUSEWATCHES	175	162	139

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE REPORTS (Use of Force)

	2016	2017	2018
<u>Number of Incidents</u>	10	17	9
<u>Type of Force Used</u>			
1. Firearm	5	0	0
2. ASP Baton	0	0	0
3. OC (Pepper) Spray	0	0	0
4. ECW (Taser)	0	0	6
5. Bodily	16	15	15
6. Bean Bag	0	0	0
7. Other	0	0	1

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

STATE ACCIDENTS

	2016	2017	2018
1. TOTAL NUMBER	180	161	168
2. PROPERTY DAMAGE	14	20	13
3. INJURIES	44	47	32
4. FATALITIES	0	0	0
5. CITATIONS ISSUED	218	207	209
6. JUVENILE DRIVERS	8	5	4
7. HIT-SKIP	18	16	13
8. PEDESTRIAN INVOLVED	2	0	4

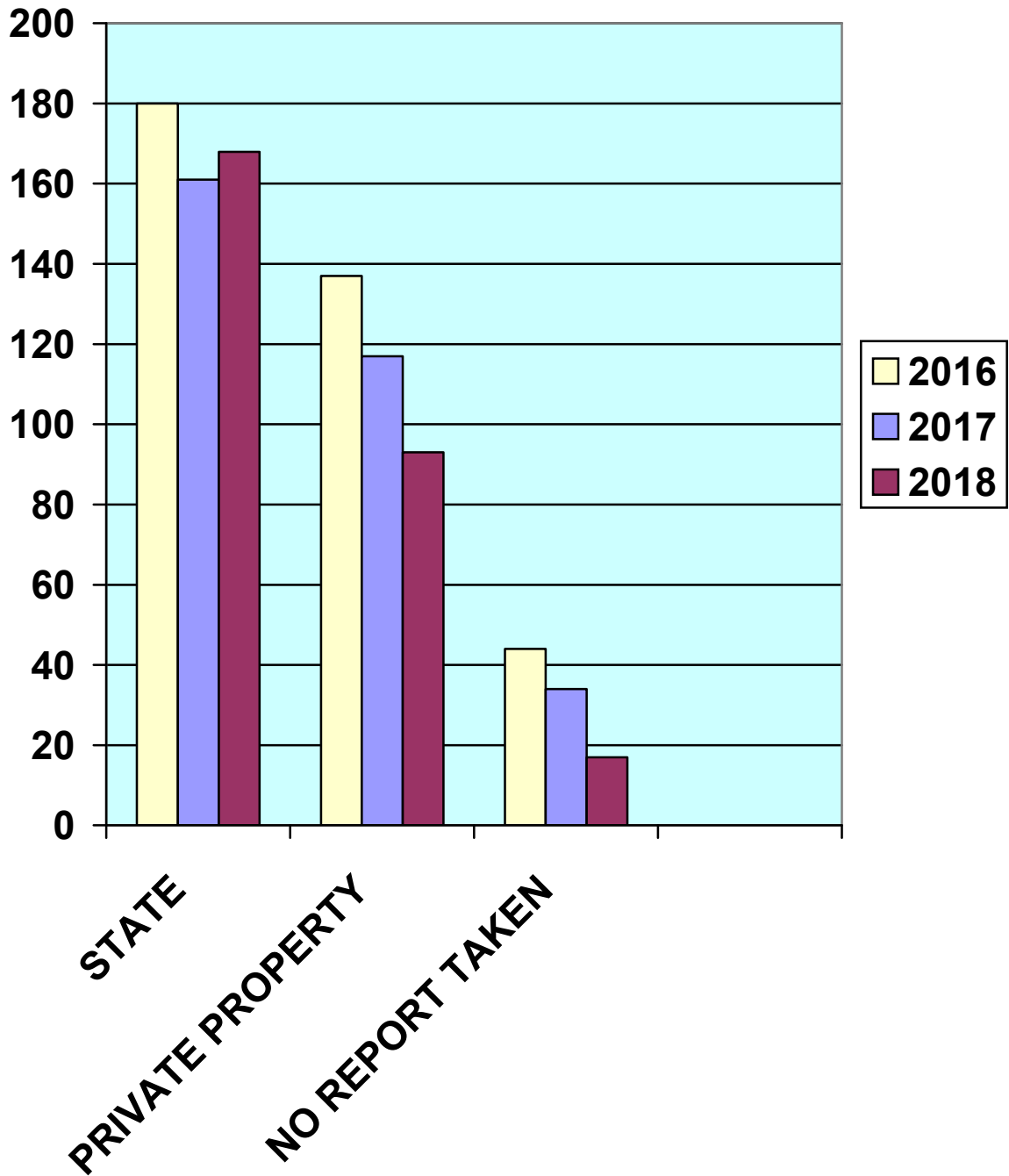
PRIVATE PROPERTY

	2016	2017	2018
1. TOTAL NUMBER	137	117	93
2. PROPERTY DAMAGE	8	7	4
3. INJURIES	5	6	3
4. FATALITIES	0	0	0
5. CITATIONS ISSUED	7	14	20
6. JUVENILE DRIVERS	2	1	0
7. HIT-SKIP	28	27	18
8. PEDESTRIAN INVOLVED	0	2	1

CITATIONS ISSUED FOR ACCIDENTS

	2016	2017	2018
313.03 RED LIGHTS	9	7	11
331.07 PASSING ZONE	1	1	0
331.08 CONTINUOUS LANES/LINES	6	14	4
331.10 TURNING AT INTERSECTION	3	1	1
331.13 STARTING/BACKING	8	3	3
331.17 YIELD MAKING LEFT TURN	6	6	8
331.19 STOP SIGN	4	3	3
331.21 YIELD TO SAFETY VEHICLES	0	0	0
331.22 YIELD WHEN EXITING PRIVATE DRIVE	12	10	15
331.34 FAILURE TO CONTROL	24	23	23
333.01 O.V.I.	4	7	7
333.09 RECKLESS OPERATION	3	1	56
333.03 ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	64	54	2
333.08 FULL TIME AND ATTENTION	0	3	0
335.01 OPERATOR'S LICENSE REQUIRED	24	24	23
335.07 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	12	17	18
335.12 DUTY TO STOP AFTER ACCIDENT-STREET	5	6	5
335.13 DUTY TO STOP AFTER ACCIDENT-PRIVATE	3	2	3
335.14 NOTIFY OWNER OF REALESTATE DAMAGE	1	2	0
345.10 RECKLESS OPERATION IN SHOPPING CENTER	0	0	0
345.11 YIELD RIGHT OF WAY IN SHOPPING CENTER	0	0	0
345.12 DUTY TO STOP AFTER ACC. IN SHOPPING CTR	0	0	0
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS	36	39	43

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CHART



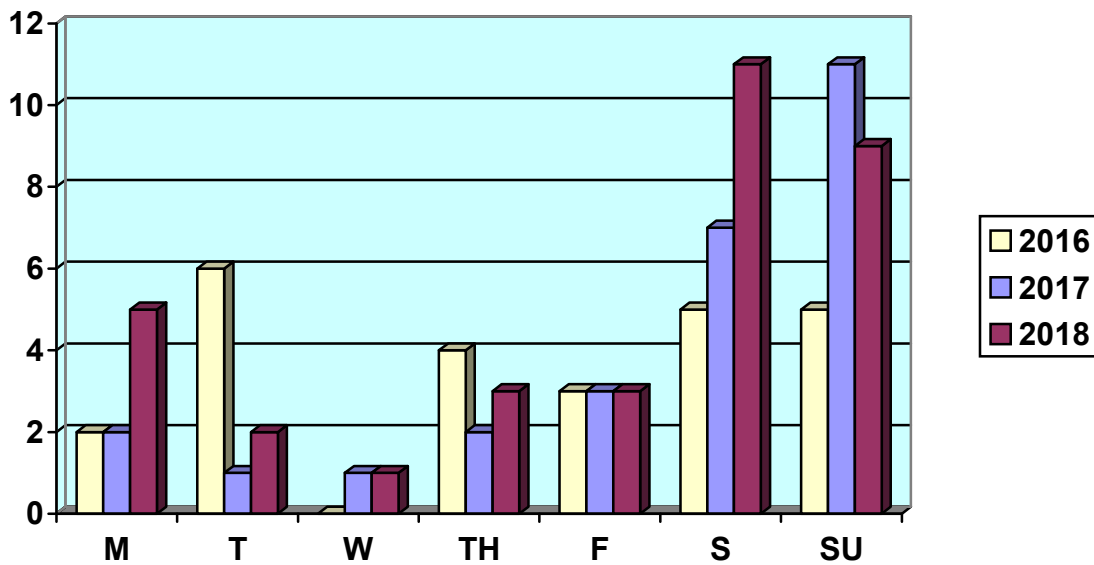
OPERATING A VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL ARREST REPORT

	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL O.V.I. CASES	25	27	34
 <u>CHARGED WITH PHYSICAL CONTROL</u>	 1	 0	 1
 <u>CHARGED WITH O.V.I.</u>			
BREATH TEST	13	14	16
BLOOD TEST	7	4	3
URINE TEST	0	0	0
REFUSAL	7	8	13
 <u>O.V.I WITH ACCIDENT</u>	 5	 9	 10
 <u>TIME OF OCCURRENCE</u>			
12:00 AM TO 3:00 AM	7	13	15
3:00 AM TO 12:00 PM	8	3	7
12:00 PM TO 12:00 AM	10	11	12

O.V.I. STATISTICS BY DAY

NUMBER OF ARRESTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

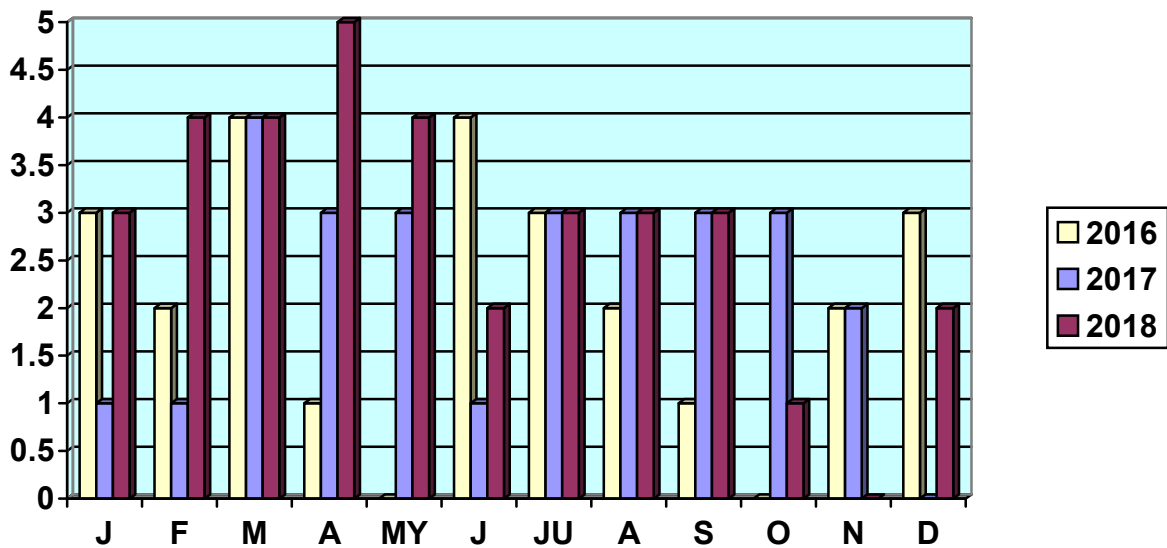
	2016	2017	2018
MONDAY	2	2	5
TUESDAY	6	1	2
WEDNESDAY	0	1	1
THURSDAY	4	2	3
FRIDAY	3	3	3
SATURDAY	5	7	11
SUNDAY	5	11	9



O.V.I. STATISTICS BY MONTH

NUMBER OF ARRESTS BY MONTH

	2016	2017	2018
JANUARY	3	1	3
FEBRUARY	2	1	4
MARCH	4	4	4
APRIL	1	3	5
MAY	0	3	4
JUNE	4	1	2
JULY	3	3	3
AUGUST	2	3	3
SEPTEMBER	1	3	3
OCTOBER	0	3	1
NOVEMBER	2	2	0
DECEMBER	3	0	2



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

LOCATION

	2016	2017	2018
RICHMOND TOWN SQUARE (691 Richmond / 631 Richmond)	2	2	4
HILLTOP PLAZA (5186 Wilson Mills)	0	0	0
LOGANBERRY RIDGE (Loganberry / Whiteway)	10	4	8
DORCHESTER VILLAGE (Chestnut / Ruth Ellen)	4	5	3
RICHMOND PARK APARTMENTS (Richmond Park E/W)	6	7	2
OTHER RESIDENCE	9	8	7
OTHER BUSINESS	8	4	1

TOTAL STOLEN LOCALLY

	2016	2017	2018
ATTEMPTS	11	1	4
ACTUAL	29	22	25
UNFOUNDED	0	0	0

RECOVERIES

	2016	2017	2018
STOLEN LOCALLY, RECOVERED LOCALLY	1	4	3
STOLEN LOCALLY, RECOVERED ELSEWHERE	22	13	14
STOLEN ELSEWHERE, RECOVERED LOCALLY	6	7	11

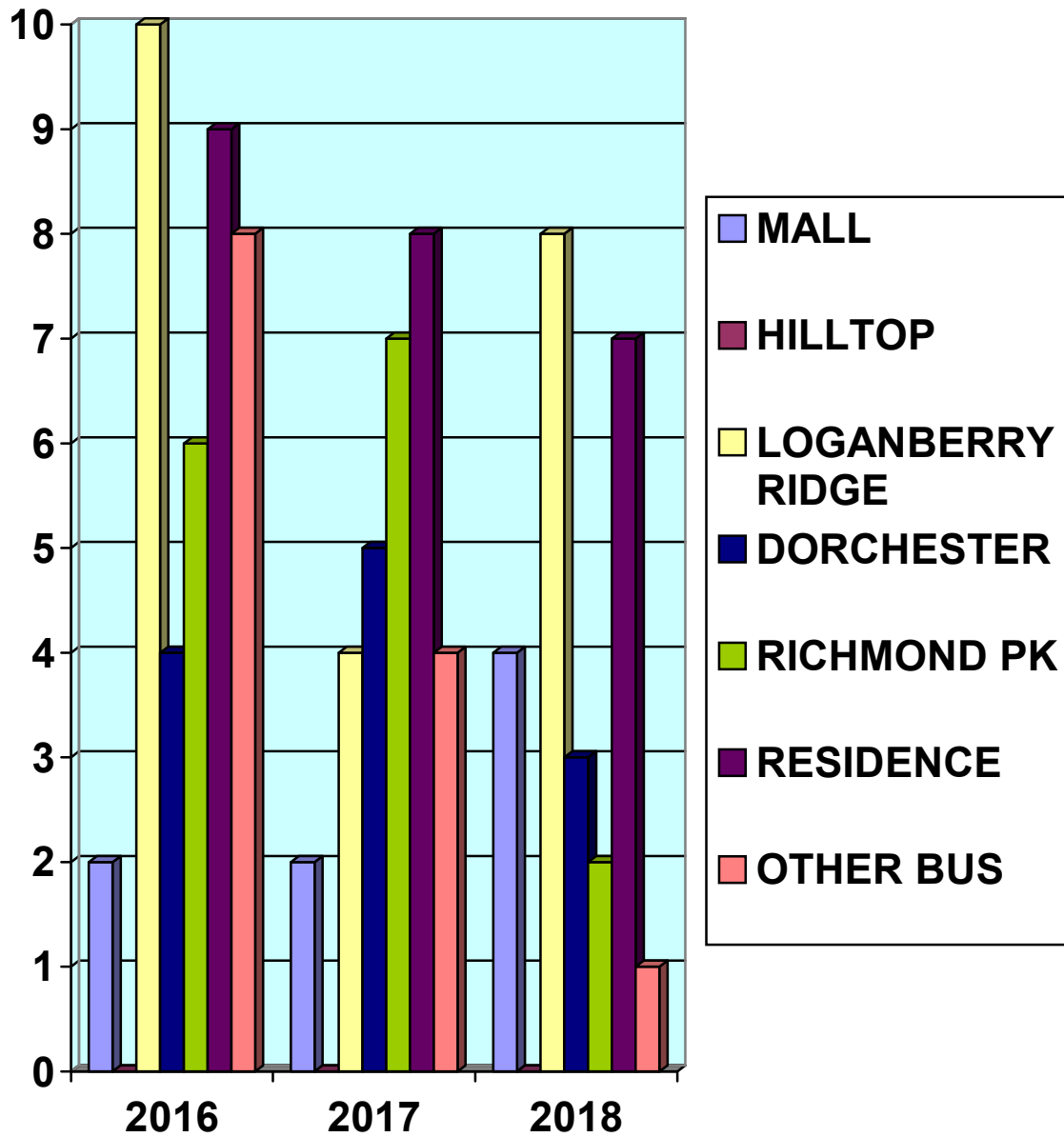
UNAUTHORIZED USE

	2016	2017	2018
	2	7	12

RECOVERIES

	2016	2017	2018
UNAUTHORIZED USE, RECOVERED LOCALLY	0	4	10
UNAUTHORIZED USE, RECOVERED ELSEWHERE	2	1	2

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT



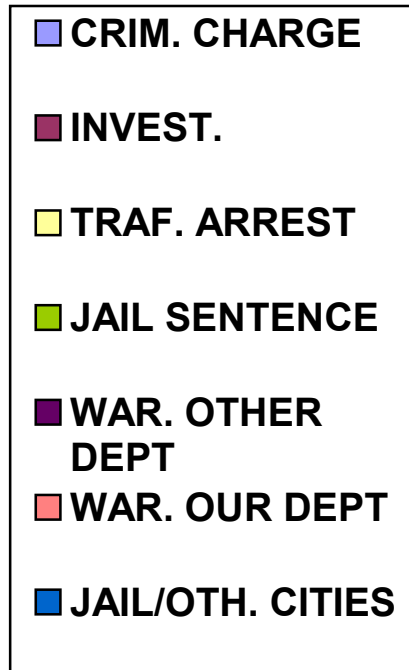
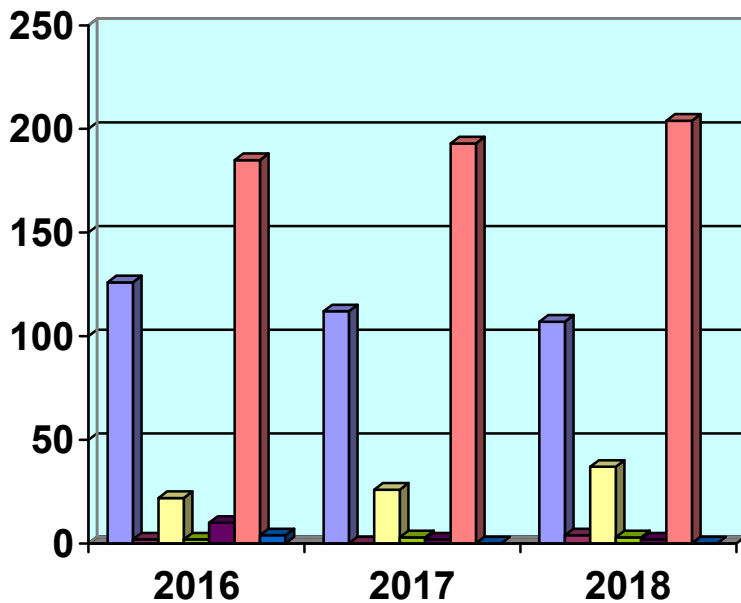
PERSONS CHARGED/HELD IN CUSTODY

ADULTS

	2016	2017	2018
MALES	222	229	252
FEMALES	129	107	105

REASON HELD:

	2016	2017	2018
CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED	126	112	107
INVESTIGATION	2	0	4
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	22	26	37
JAIL SENTENCE	2	3	3
WARRANT, OTHER DEPARMENT	10	2	2
WARRANT, OUR DEPARTMENT	185	193	24
PRISONERS HOUSED FOR OTHER CITIES	4	0	0
TOTAL	351	336	357



PERSONS CHARGED/HELD IN CUSTODY

JUVENILES

	2016	2017	2018
MALES	20	14	15
FEMALES	7	11	4

REASON HELD:

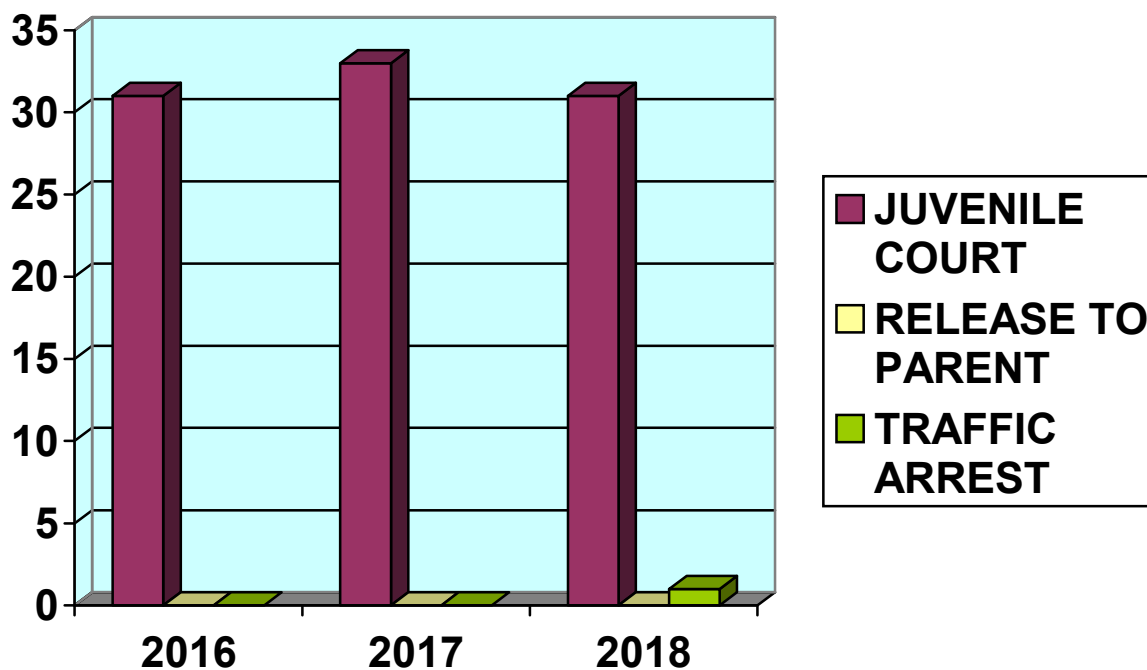
	2016	2017	2018
ADULT COURT	0	0	0
JUVENILE COURT	31	33	31
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DEPT.	0	0	0
TRAFFIC ARREST	0	0	0

CHARGED – NOT HELD

	14	8	17
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TOTAL

	27	25	19
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RICHMOND HEIGHTS POLICE 2018 Jail Statistics

Submitted by Sgt. Olexa & Jennifer Schultz



Total Population

The Richmond Heights Police Department held a total of **357 adults** and **19 juveniles** during the calendar year 2018. A further analysis of these figures is as follows:

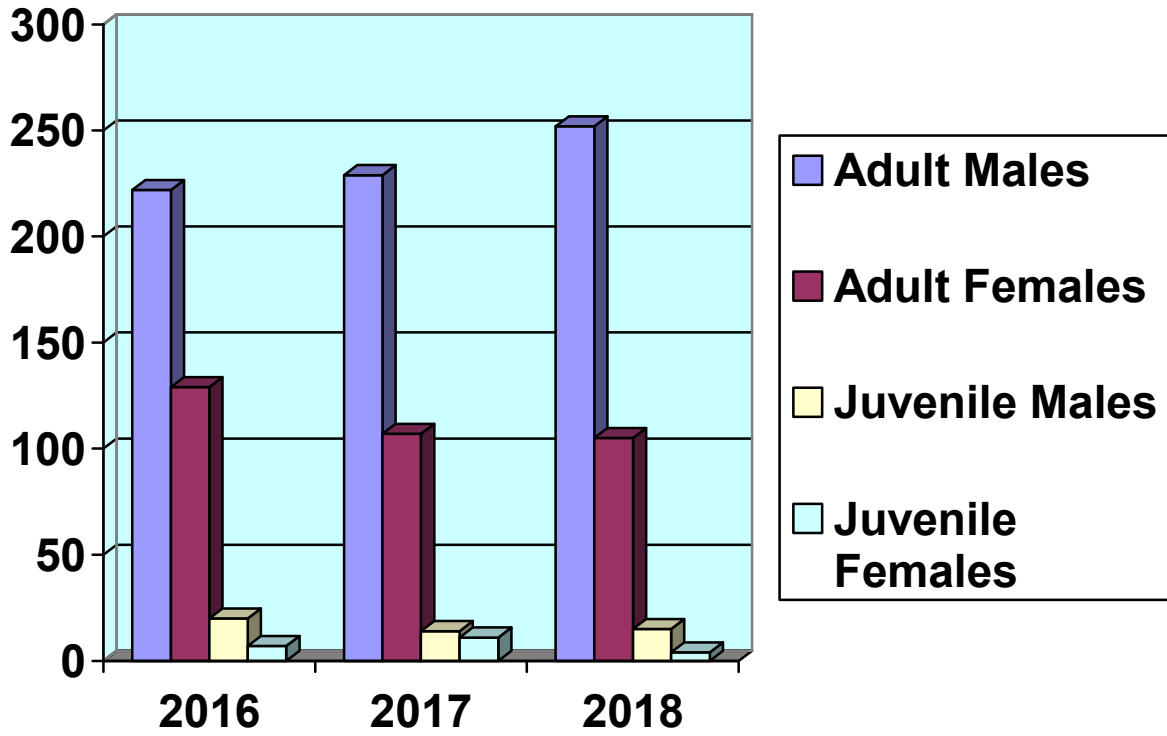
Gender

252 Adult Males	71 % of the total population
105 Adult Females	29 % of the total population
15 Juvenile Males	79 % of the total population
4 Juvenile Females	21 % of the total population

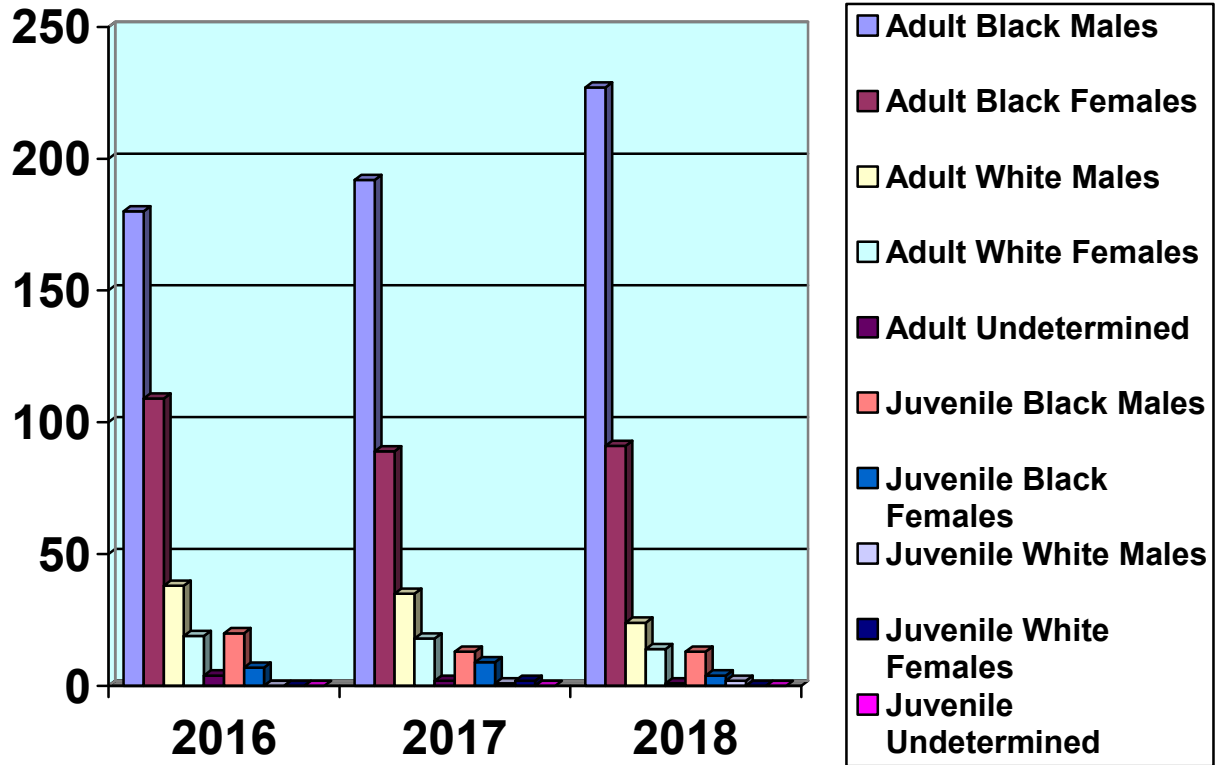
Race/Gender

227 Adult Black Males	64 % of the total population
91 Adult Black Females	26 % of the total population
24 Adult White Males	7 % of the total population
14 Adult White Females	3 % of the total population
1 Other/Undetermined Adults	0 % of the total population
13 Juvenile Black Males	68 % of the total population
4 Juvenile Black Females	21 % of the total population
2 Juvenile White Males	1 % of the total population
0 Juvenile White Females	0 % of the total population
0 Other/Undetermined Juveniles	0 % of the total population

Jail Population by Gender



Jail Population by Race/Gender



Length of Stay

(Average in Days and Hours)

	Days	Hours	Minutes
Adult Black Males	1.8130	4	36
Adult Black Females	0.7607	9	42
Adult White Males	1.5862	7	55
Adult White Females	1.7333	3	50
Juveniles	0.7500	21	50

Daily Counts

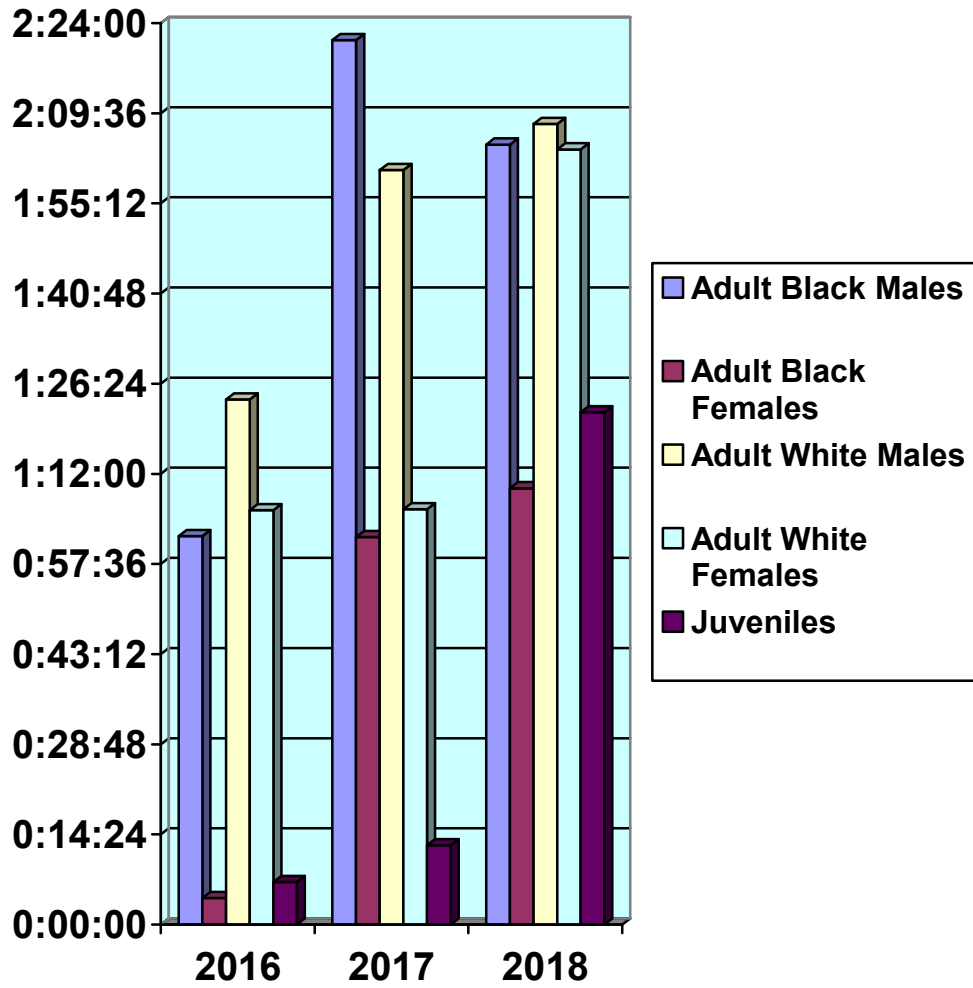
(Adult Prisoners Only)

Low - 0

High - 10

Average = 2.7967

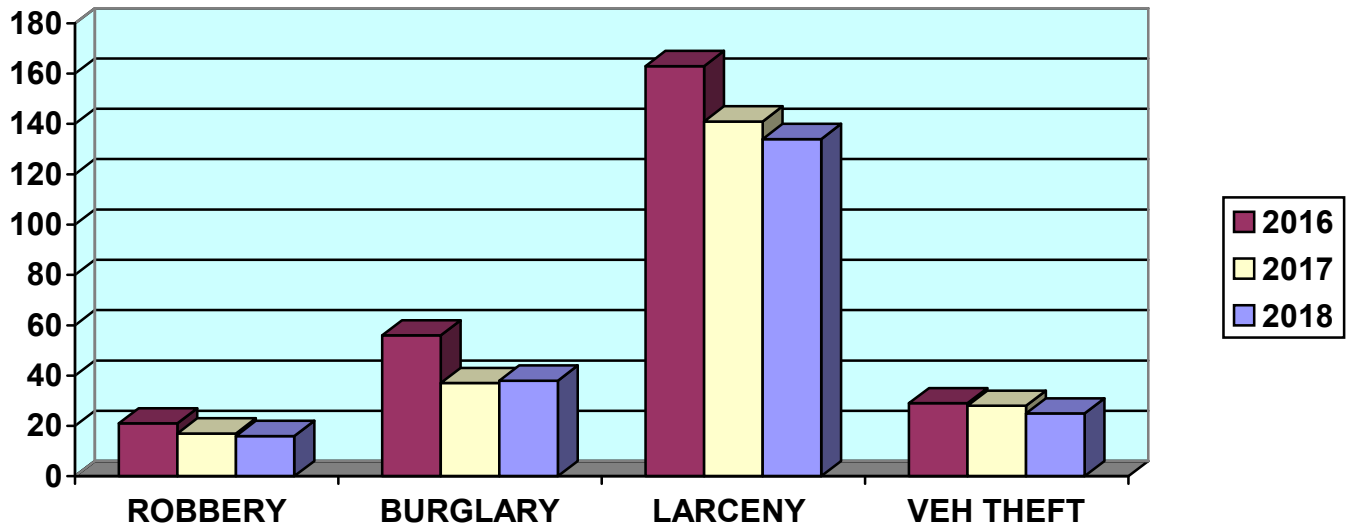
Length of Stay Day/Hr/Min



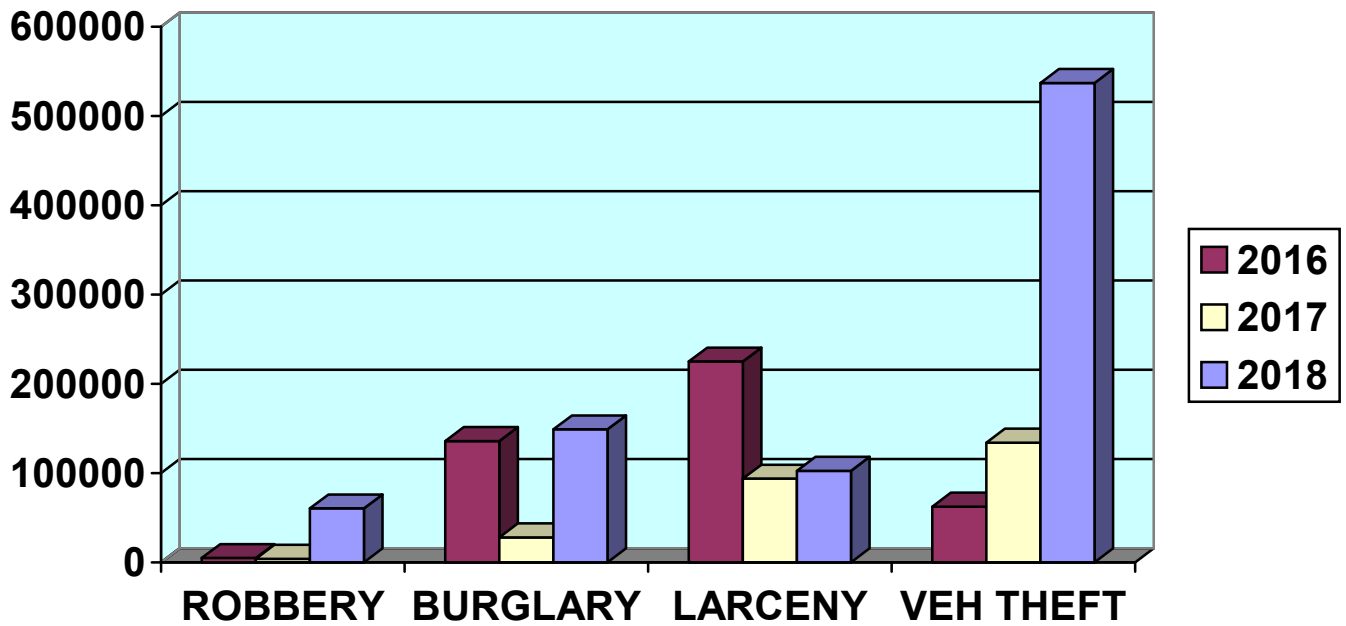
VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN, BY TYPE OF CRIME

	2016	2017	2018
<u>ROBBERY</u>			
HIGHWAY	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL HOUSE	0	0	0
GAS STATION	1262.72	0	445.35
CONVENIENCE STORE	0	1129.66	0
RESIDENCE	0	0	0
BANK	500.00	1935.00	14383.12
MISCELLANEOUS	3160.05	960.00	45588.98
TOTAL	4922.77	4024.66	60417.45
<u>BURGLARY</u>			
RESIDENTIAL			
NIGHT	14998.07	3350.00	0
DAY	35940.00	7343.75	103155.75
UNKNOWN	19591.00	3449.00	300.00
NON-RESIDENT			
NIGHT	37155.73	5420.00	23162.00
DAY	7452.97	190.00	8691.00
UNKNOWN	20830.00	8224.99	13618.00
TOTAL	135967.77	27977.74	148926.75
<u>LARCENY</u>			
PICKPOCKETING	0	0	0
PURSE SNATCHING	0	0	0
SHOPLIFTING	11240.72	11956.18	20056.27
FROM VEHICLE/AUTO PARTS	12719.93	10022.91	16197.95
BICYCLES	0	0	590.00
FROM BUILDING	144271.69	69879.76	48063.46
FROM VENDING MACHINES	0	0	5765.00
ALL OTHERS	56717.23	1889.98	11745.22
TOTAL	224949.57	93748.83	102417.90
<u>VEHICLE THEFT</u>	62539.00	134505.00	536750.00
GRAND TOTAL	428,379	259,901	746,094

BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS



BY AMOUNT TAKEN



ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

	2016	2017	2018
<u>DOG COMPLAINTS</u>			
DOG AT LARGE/LOST	101	110	154
BARKING DOG	16	18	23
DOG CRUELTY (INCLUDES DOGS LEFT IN CAR)	22	28	13
DOG BITES	4	6	8
DOG INJURED/ILL	1	1	3
<u>CAT COMPLAINTS</u>			
CAT AT LARGE/LOST	1	0	11
CAT CRUELTY	0	2	0
CAT INJURED/ILL	2	1	3
<u>OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS</u>			
TOTAL NUMBER OF CITATIONS/ARRESTS	7	3	0

<u>ANIMAL COMPLAINTS</u>	2016	2017	2018
RACCOON	5	5	42
SKUNK	0	1	5
OPOSSUMS	0	0	2
DUCKS/GEESE	2	5	4
BIRDS	0	4	5
REPTILES	0	0	2
GROUNDHOGS	0	0	7
RATS/MICE	0	0	0
SQUIRRELS	0	1	5
DEER	38	40	58
RABBITS	0	2	1
BATS	1	0	0
COYOTES	1	2	0
BEARS	1	0	0
CHIPMUNKS	0	0	2
TURTLE	0	2	2

<u>ANIMAL COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY BRIAN MILLER</u>	2016	2017	2018
GROUNDHOGS	9	2	1
RACCOONS	6	1	0
SKUNKS	6	2	0
OPOSSUMS	0	0	0
CATS	0	0	0
SQUIRRELS	0	0	0
BEAVERS	0	0	0
RABBITS	0	0	0
DEER	0	0	0
GEESE	0	0	0
BIRDS	0	0	0
BAT	0	0	0
DOGS	1	6	5
REPTILES	0	0	0
RATS/MICE	0	0	0
GOPHER/WOODCHUCK	0	0	0
UNKNOWN ANIMAL	0	0	0

2018 ANNUAL REPORT FOR RICHMOND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

It is my honor and privilege, once again, to submit the following statistics for the 2018 Community Juvenile Diversion Program for Richmond Heights.

Timothy Sterkel continued hearing cases as our magistrate for the program. It is his sixth year now hearing cases for the Richmond Heights Community Diversion Program. Patrolman Jonathan Ross assists as a Juvenile Diversion Officer while Detective Sergeant Porter still signs the complaints for the court.

As opposed to many past years, we only conducted one hearing with Magistrate Sterkel during the year. An offer was extended to six juveniles to participate in the program, which is our lowest number since this program began in 2008. Of the six, one participated in the diversion program since the other five failed to either show up at a diversion hearing, or did not wish to be heard by Magistrate Sterkel. As of December 31, 2018, an audit was conducted and one hundred-thirteen (113) juveniles since 2008 will have successfully completed their requirements.

Thirty-five (35) hours of community service were ordered by Magistrate Timothy Sterkel for the only juvenile in the program during the year. This juvenile was criminally charged with the following offenses: burglary and criminal trespass. Community service has yet to be completed for this particular juvenile, however, other juveniles were ordered to also complete 35 hours of community service and worked for Journey's Haven, helped pack an elderly woman's home to move, and volunteered at Imani Temple Ministries.

A \$25 participation fee is required to enroll in the program. \$25 was received from the participant for the year. Cuyahoga County provided \$100 per month to fund the program placing \$1200 in our account. Carryover from 2017 was \$6,391.48, making \$7,591.48 available for the year. It should be noted that 2019 has already had a healthy start!

Material expenses for the year 2018 were as follows:

Manpower expenses: \$415.97

Auxiliary Officers: 0 hours (no community service in Richmond Heights)

Police officers: 6 hours (diversion hearings)

Equipment: \$1,279.72 for the purchase of a new laptop after ten years

Training conference: \$0

Submitted by Denise R. DeBiase, CLEE, Sergeant RHPD

2018 Richmond Heights Police Department Annual Crime Prevention Report

Tours were conducted by Sergeant DeBiase at the police station to Girl Scout, Boy Scout, other school aged and pre-school aged children from pre-schools in the city and Safety Town. Children were instructed on the use of the 911 system and other police procedures.

Identity Theft Packets were provided to every person filing a report involving identity theft along with individual requests made by the public.

Handouts were supplied in the police station lobby of various crime prevention topics including, but not limited to: senior citizen scams, auto theft, burglary, theft, unruly juvenile programs and support for parents, juvenile runaway programs, opioid addictions and other addictive drug programs and support for them.

Membership was continued in the Ohio Crime Prevention Association for Sergeant DeBiase.

Diversion hearings were conducted for juveniles and community service work assigned to prevent future crime occurrences: Detective Sergeant Porter and Sergeant DeBiase.

Membership continued in Ohio Police Juvenile Officer's Association for Patrolman Ross and Sergeant DeBiase.

The house watch program for residents has continued in the city. Residents contact the police department to advise when their home is vacant either due to being on vacation, or in the process of moving.

Officers who take burglary and theft reports provide residents and visitors information on how to prevent future occurrences of this nature as resources permit.

Gun locks provided at station for anyone requesting them.

Child identification kits provided at the station for any resident upon request.

The Richmond Heights Police Department Facebook page was created in December for outreach to residents regarding crimes and general safety concerns and notices, and is updated almost daily.



COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROGRAMS

FBI Child Identification Kits

The Police Department procured “Child Identification Kits” and made them available to interested residents. The kits are part of a collaboration between the FBI and the National Child ID Program. Each kit contains information that parents should gather and keep in their possession as a proactive measure in the hope that the kit will never have to be utilized. The kit includes instructions and materials for parents to take fingerprints and DNA samples from their child, as well as, ID cards that can be used to record important information on their child that could be invaluable.

Gun Locks

Accidents involving guns can be devastating and with proper safety procedures, these accidents can be prevented. The department offers free gun locks to interested persons to include instruction on safe handling and storage of weapons.

Back to School Community Unity Celebration

The Police Department participated in the annual back to school celebration that is organized every year in August by the Richmond Heights Schools. Officers were on hand to meet students and their parents and distributed free school supply items that students could use during the school year. The celebration also provides an opportunity for officers to meet school officials who will be on hand for the upcoming school year.

National Night Out

The police department participated in the City’s third National Night Out, a nationwide event recognized on the first Tuesday of August each year. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The event included the police and fire department, civic groups, businesses and local organizations.

This year’s National Night Out is on August 6, 2019 and we hope to make it an even bigger event for residents, visitors and families.

Safety Presentations

The police department provides many services related to safety matters to include presentations on stranger danger and bike safety for children. Also, Detective Greg Patterson is an ALICE instructor and can provide training on how to protect yourself in dangerous, violent situations. We also provide general self-defense and awareness training to interested groups or businesses. These informative and fun presentations provide basic instruction on how to defend and protect yourself and your family.

Crime Prevention Security Assessments

The police department can provide basic security assessments for your home or business. An officer will evaluate the structure and environment around it and provide recommendations and suggestions on how to target harden your home or business from criminal activity.

SUBURBAN POLICE ANTI-CRIME NETWORK (SPAN)

In August of 1972, six municipalities, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village and Richmond Heights, entered into an agreement to establish a Regional Council of Governments, which became the Eastern Suburban Regional Council of Governments. The purpose of this council was to foster cooperation between these municipalities through sharing of resources, manpower and facilities for their common benefit. Gates Mills withdrew from SPAN and joined the Valley Enforcement Group (VEG) effective January 1, 2015.

In order to facilitate this sharing, the Council established the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network (SPAN). The Suburban Police Anti-crime Network has been an example for regional sharing for many years. With cuts in state funding putting a strain on local agency's budgets, SPAN is still able to field teams of specially trained police officers from the participating communities, to respond to incidents meeting specific criteria for each of the SPAN units.

SPAN is made up of five (5) specialized units, a Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, a Traffic Unit, a Crisis Intervention /Negotiation Unit, a Bomb Disposal Unit, and a Drug Unit. The Richmond Heights Police Department has two (2) officers on the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, Sgt. Darren Porter and Ptl. Steve Molle; two (2) officers on the Bomb Disposal Unit, Ptl. Marc Davis, who is the unit commander and Ptl. Greg Patterson; two (2) officers on the Crisis Intervention Unit, Sgt. Rick Olexa and Ptl. Dave Jake; One (1) officer on the Traffic Unit, Sgt. Todd Leisure.

In December, 2018, Detective Chuck Duffy applied to become a member of the Drug Unit and was accepted in January of 2019.

All of the SPAN Units conduct continuous training throughout the year to keep themselves ready and capable of responding to incidents when they occur. The SPAN Units are supported by the SPAN Budget which consists of members contributions on an annual basis. The budget is determined annually by the SPAN Board of Trustees, who are the police chiefs of each of the member communities. The SPAN Police Chiefs and Mayors meet in March of each year to discuss and approve the annual budget. Each member community contributed \$ 25,500.00 in 2018.

The SAFE Passages Program is still in effect and is a structured effort to offer individuals with a drug addiction the opportunity to come into one of the SPAN Police Agencies to receive treatment for their addiction without fear of arrest or prosecution. Participants in this program get "fast tracked" into a detox and treatment center.



2018 Annual Report

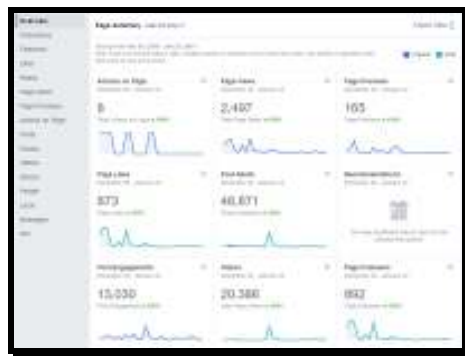
Richmond Heights Police Department

Department Facebook Page

Submitted by Detective Greg Patterson, RHPD

On December 26, 2018 the official Richmond Heights Police Department Facebook Page was created and launched. The page was created with the intention of being a community policing tool that the department can use for investigative purposes such as posting photos and/or videos of crime suspects, as a way to display how officers interact with the community, a way to get useful information out to the community quickly, and it will also serve as a recruitment tool to aid in attracting qualified applicants to the department during periods of hiring. Additionally, it is a way to show officer-friendly stories as well as offer glimpses into the history of the city and Police Department.

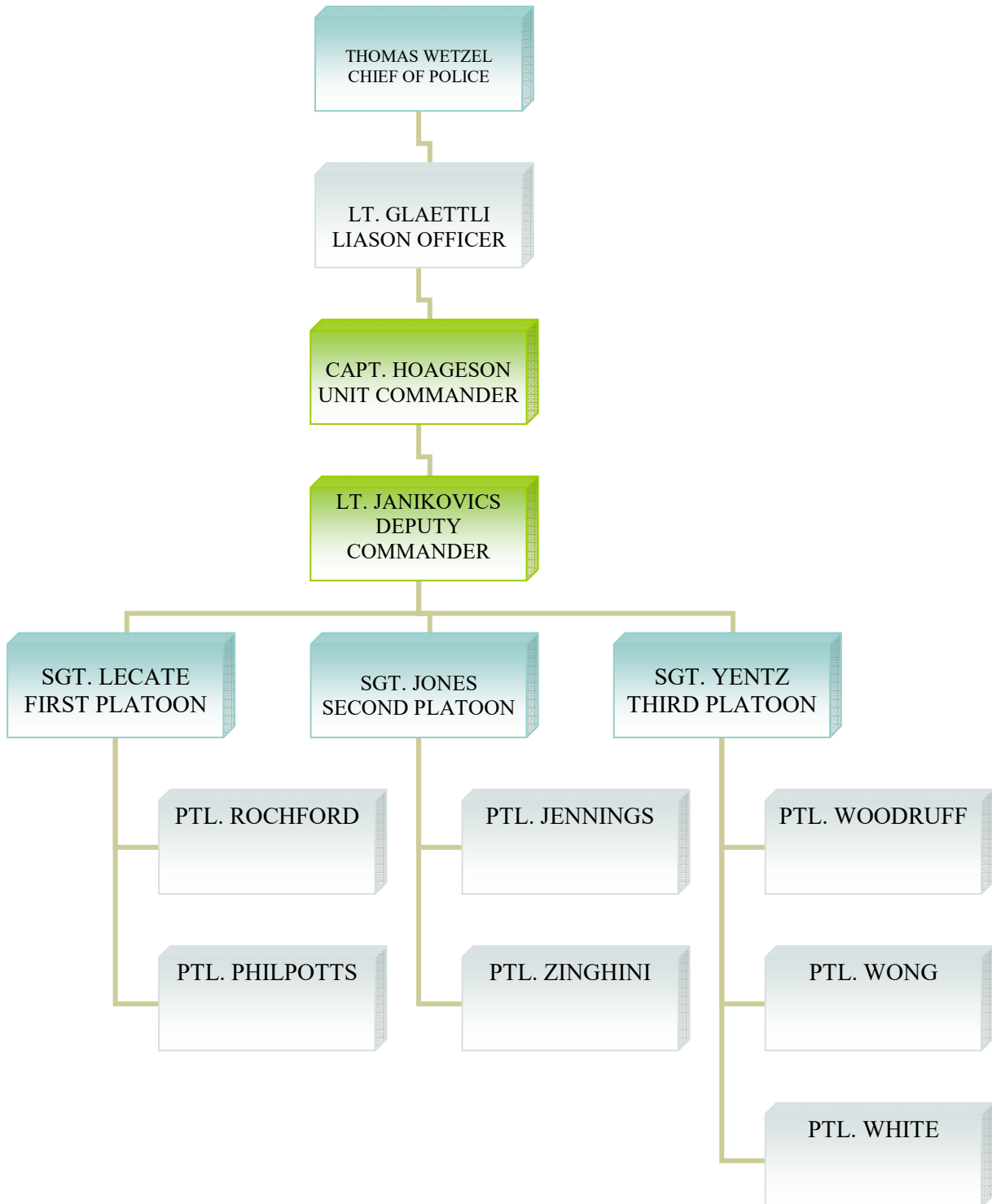
The page was created with the approval of Mayor David Roche and is run by five page administrators within the Police Department. The page administrators are Chief Tom Wetzel, Sgt. Denise DeBiase, Sgt. Rick Olexa, Detective Greg Patterson and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Schultz. The number of administrators and the variance of their schedules allows the page to be monitored around the clock so that necessary information can be posted to the page quickly, if needed. In only a few weeks of operation the page has received over 800 “Likes,” our posted videos have been viewed over 20,000 times, and all posts combined have reached over 45,000 people. We are excited to have the page up and running and believe that it will be indispensable in bringing a higher level of service, and an improved partnership with the residents of Richmond Heights.



2018 ACTIVITIES OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE

DETAILS	HOURS WORKED
FRI/SAT ROAD	462.67
ROAD PATROL	673.17
COURT DETAIL	270.00
SPECIAL	279.50
TRAINING	55.00
PARK DUTY	521.00
LODGE DETAILS	364.00
SCHOOL EVENTS	142.00
OTHER PAID DETAIL	308.00
ACTUAL VOLUNTEER	1470.34
PAID	1605.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED	3075.34

RICHMOND HEIGHTS AUXILIARY POLICE CHAIN OF COMMAND



LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Dominic Coletta

The Lyndhurst Municipal Court is the court of record for the City of Richmond Heights, as well as, five other Hillcrest communities, the Village of Gates Mills, the City of Highland Heights, the City of Lyndhurst, City of Mayfield Heights and the Village of Mayfield. The City Prosecutor is Michael Cicero. The City Prosecutor is responsible for the prosecution of all criminal cases in Lyndhurst Municipal Court arising out of matters in Richmond Heights.

FINES AND FORFEITURES

	2016	2017	2018
JANUARY	8779.00	4628.07	6265.00
FEBRUARY	12624.81	9476.00	7126.04
MARCH	15839.00	14338.50	12631.00
APRIL	8922.00	7233.05	8469.00
MAY	10700.50	9869.50	9649.00
JUNE	9669.00	8817.00	8139.00
JULY	6078.00	9354.00	6878.95
AUGUST	7875.00	9092.00	7789.00
SEPTEMBER	9252.00	7825.00	8527.00
OCTOBER	6736.00	7229.00	7334.00
NOVEMBER	6660.00	8858.00	7086.00
DECEMBER	6983.00	6516.20	8077.40
TOTAL	110,118.31	103,236.32	97,971.39

Chief Gene P. Rowe

On November 2, 2018 after 25 years, Chief Gene P. Rowe retired from the Richmond Heights Police Department. His career spans over four (4) decades with a total of 46 years in law enforcement, (previously having served in Warrensville Heights). Chief Rowe received a proclamation from Mayor David Roche on October 23, 2018; which was the Chief's last official council meeting, and a plaque presented by city council of the poem that he read to all officers who received a badge from him: "This is Your Badge".

With the exception of Lt. Robert Glaettli, and Ryan Pate, Chief Rowe recommended for hire all of the men and women currently serving in Richmond Heights. His presence will always be with us as we step into the future of law enforcement here in the city. We are proud and grateful to have been led by such an outstanding public servant who presided over many state, county, and local law enforcement boards during his exceptional career.

