

# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mayor Hanwell and Members of Council,

It is my great privilege to serve the citizens of Medina as the Chief of Police. The men and women of the police department are committed to providing a safe community through a spirit of involvement, cooperation and dedication. The officers constantly strive to achieve the highest quality of life possible for all through personal integrity, impartial police service and professional excellence. The department has undergone a significant amount of change over the past year. Since my appointment on October 26, 2017 the department has embarked on several initiatives to connect with the community and re-assert our commitment to the community policing philosophy.



We are truly fortunate as a police department to have incredible support from our community, Mayor and City Council. We are grateful for the collective support and hold that trust in the highest regard. It is through this support, cooperation and collaboration our members are able to achieve great success. I would like to thank every member and volunteer of the department for their dedication to their community and the overall success of the Medina Police Department.

I am pleased to submit the annual 2017 report for the Medina Police Department. This report is a culmination of activity for each division within the department. The raw numerical data is reflected in graph format for ease of understanding and compared with prior years to identify trends.

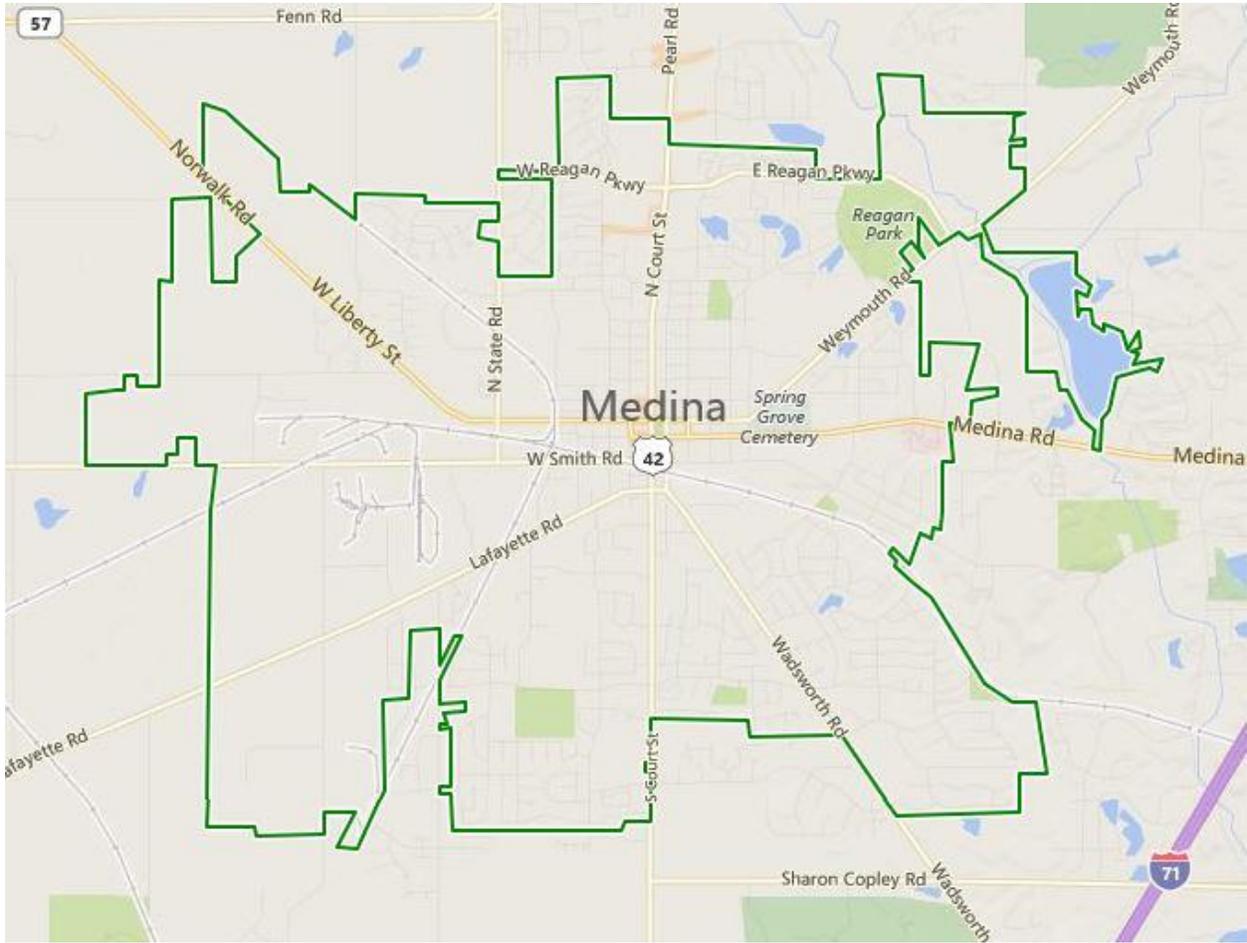
Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Kinney  
Chief of Police

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# City Profile



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<p><b>City Motto</b></p> <p>Preserving the Past. Forging the Future.</p>	<p><b>Ohio Flag</b></p> 	<p><b>City Logo</b></p> 
<p><b>2017 Population</b></p> <p>26,500</p>	<p><b>Founded</b></p> <p>1808</p>	<p><b>Incorporated</b></p> <p>1835 Village 1952 City</p>
<p><b>Square Miles</b></p> <p>12</p>	<p><b>Second Largest city in Medina County</b></p>	<p><b>Fifty-sixth largest City in Ohio</b></p>
<p><b>Transportation Assets</b></p> <p>Rail Airport</p>	<p><b>Medina County Population</b></p> <p>176,395</p>	<p><b>School District Enrollment</b></p> <p>6,839</p>

## Staff Roster

Name	Assignment	Hire Date
Edward Kinney	Chief of Police	1997
David Birckbichler	Lieutenant	1995
George Horton	Sergeant	1991
Nathan Simpson	Sergeant	2003
Brett McNabb	Sergeant	1998
Scott Marcum	Sergeant	2000
Darin Zarembo	Sergeant	1995
Patrick Sloan	Sergeant	2003
Sara Lynn	Sergeant	2005
Bryan Wagner	Sergeant	2003
Kirk Vozer	Officer	1989
Daryn Winebrenner	Officer	1995
Dan Warner	Detective	1995
Todd Grice	Officer	1996
Michael Wesner	Officer/SRO	1996
Al Roland	Officer/SRO	2005
Matthew Martincin	Officer	2005
Kelly Moran	Officer	2007
Christopher Brink	Officer	2008
Joshua Wilson	Officer	2008
James Tighe	Officer	2009
Brandon Grimm	Detective	2009
Matthew Fitz	Detective	2012
Gregory Habrat	Officer/Property	2012
James Terwilliger	Officer	2013
Nicholas MacLarren	Officer	2013
Michael Lyon	Officer	2013

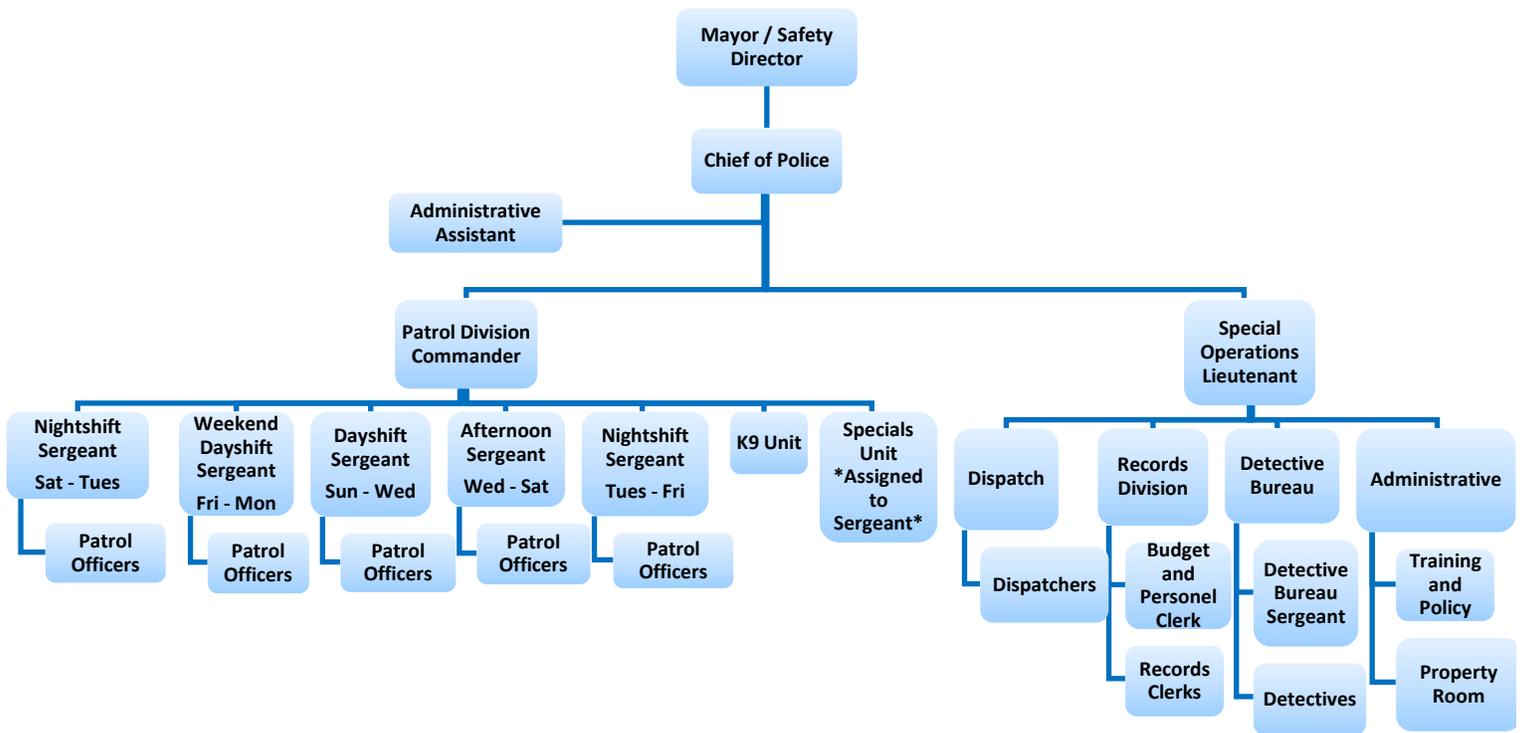
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Derek Crooks	Officer	2014
Michael Wovna	Officer	2014
Christopher Deeks	Officer	2014
Jeffrey Smith	Detective	2014
Michael English	Officer	2015
Erica Anderson	Officer	2015
Andrew Dziak	Officer	2016
Raven Ory	Officer	2017
Omar Vazquez	Officer	2017
James Ingram	Officer	2018
Vincent Piccoli	Officer	2018
Christopher Wade	Officer	2018
Evan Scherer	Officer	2018
Patty Miller	Dispatcher	1999
Denise Indovina	Dispatcher	2001
Andrew Demczyk	Dispatcher	2013
David McGurk	Dispatcher	2013
Crystal Dandar	Dispatcher	2015
Calvin Undercoffer	Dispatcher	2017
Sarah McCullough	Dispatcher	2017
Kali Bainbridge	Dispatcher	2017
Kelly Oyler	Dispatcher	2017
Justin Alferio	Dispatcher	2018
Jackie Ingersoll	Records/Budget	2007
Natalie Santivaschi	Admin. Assistant to Chief	2011
Lyndie Gillihan	Records	2013
Jeanne Masters	Records	2015
Monica Juka	Records	2017
Anthony Belsito	Load Limit Inspector	2013

# Organizational Chart



## *Community Outreach*

### Citizens Police Academy-

The Medina Police Department collaborates with the Medina Township Police Department and the Montville Township Police Department in presenting a citizens police academy for local residents. The academy consists of a curriculum intended to give a brief overview of policing in each jurisdiction. The academy consists of ten class presentations spread over ten weeks. The classes are generally three hours in duration for each session. Class survey results at the end of the academy are very positive with most indicating a positive reinforcement or a positive change in opinion of law enforcement. Our participation with this program will continue into 2018 with the planning of future academies.



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

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

The following are many of the areas where the MCPAAA assist:

Candlelight Walk

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Parade of Lights Parade  
Memorial Day Parade  
July 4 Twin Sizzler  
July 4 Parade  
Police Cruiser Maintenance  
Halloween Patrol  
Friday Night Summer Concerts  
Homecoming Parade  
Various Community Walks  
Tunnels to Tower Run  
Medina Half Marathon  
Art in the Park  
International Festival  
Halloween Festival by Main Street Medina  
Small Business Saturday Shoplift Preventions  
Civil Service Exam Assisting



### Shop with a Cop-

Every year in December law enforcement members come together to spread the joy of Christmas by treating children in the county to a day of fun. This event is sponsored by the Medina County Fraternal Order of Police.

The FOP conducts several fundraisers throughout the year to fund this event.

Medina PD held a bake sale to support the event as well. This year 18 members of the Medina Police Department participated in Shop with a Cop. Children were treated to breakfast at the Blue Heron Event Center and a police car parade to through Medina to Walmart. Once



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at Walmart, officers accompanied the children in shopping for themselves and their families while spending the \$125 they received. Upon completion of shopping, all returned to Blue Heron for lunch, prizes and treats. This is a heartwarming event that our officers look forward to all year.



## Juvenile Diversion -



The Medina Police Department participates in the Medina County Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program. Administered by the Montville Police Department, the program is offered to all first time juvenile traffic offenders aged 16 or 17 years old. The one day class provides an alternative option in lieu of going through the Juvenile Court system. Offered on Saturdays for three (3) hours at the Medina High School, the class is taught by police officers who utilize driving simulators, class room instruction and includes hands-on driving exercises in a controlled environment. Participation requires a fee of \$50 which covers the administrative costs. Upon completion of the program, neither the juvenile nor their parent(s) has to appear in court and the citation is not reported on their driving record or to insurance companies.



## Social Media Presence-



Social media is a tool used by the Medina Police Department to better engage with the citizens. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the long dormant Facebook and Twitter accounts were reactivated. An Instagram account was also created recently. These accounts allow the police department to have interaction with residents through general posts as well as individually through private messaging. Although the Facebook page is the most popular, all three accounts have a variety of purposes and reach different audiences. There are no associated costs with any of the accounts.

The Facebook page currently has over 12,000 followers. The page has been utilized to share pictures of wanted persons, public safety alerts, crime alerts, press releases, lost/found pets, announcement of departmental changes such as promotions and new hires, and to request assistance from the public to identify unknown suspects. Additional uses have been to share media about the department, Shop with a Cop pictures, sharing posts from the City Hall page, and many more. There have been over 70 posts since the re-activation of the page. The posts receiving the most attention involved a major water main break which resulted in a boil alert and affected half of the city residents. Over 85,000 Facebook users viewed the posts involving the boil alert. The public has successfully aided with the identification of several unknown suspects involving crimes that may have gone unsolved without the information from tipsters. These posts typically involve persons suspected of thefts, however a recent post involved a hit-skip suspect. The Facebook Messenger function has been utilized by several followers to privately send tips, general comments, and questions.

The Twitter page is not used as frequently as the Facebook page. Currently, the page has over 1,400 followers. There have been 13 tweets and retweets posted. These are typically used for more urgent notification since there is a

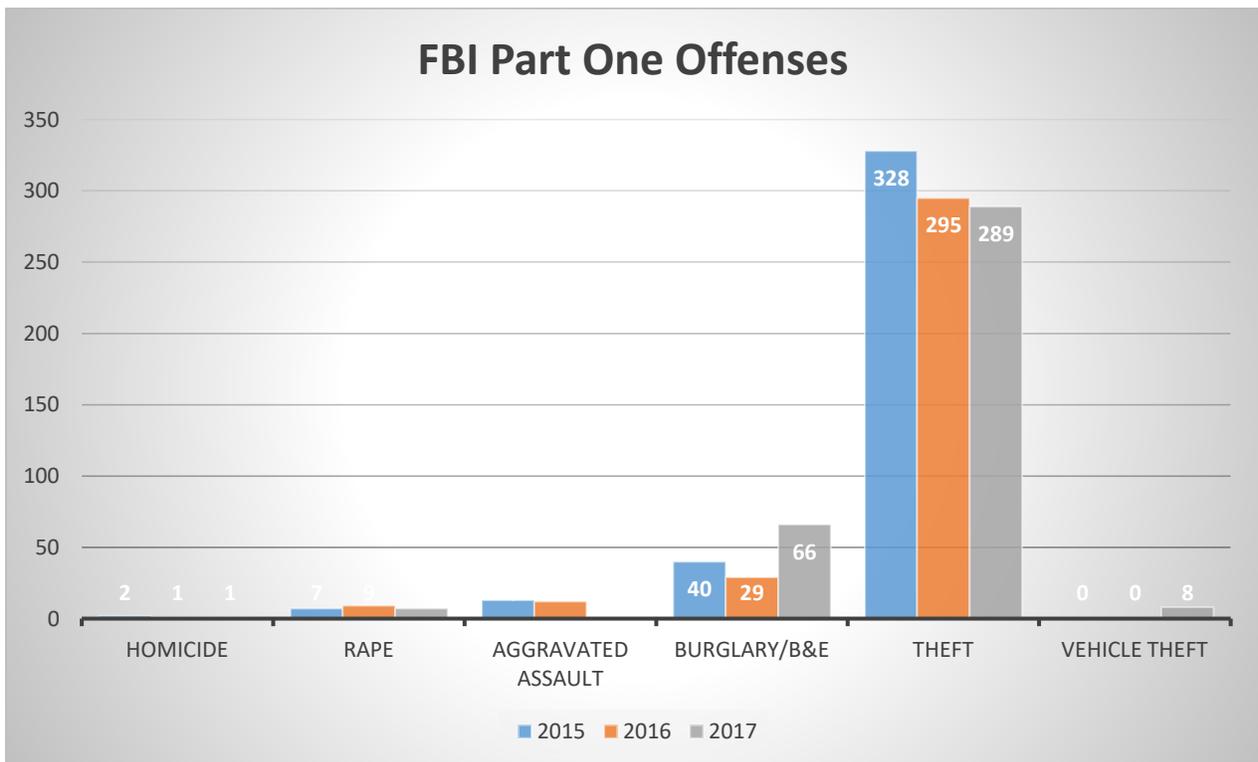
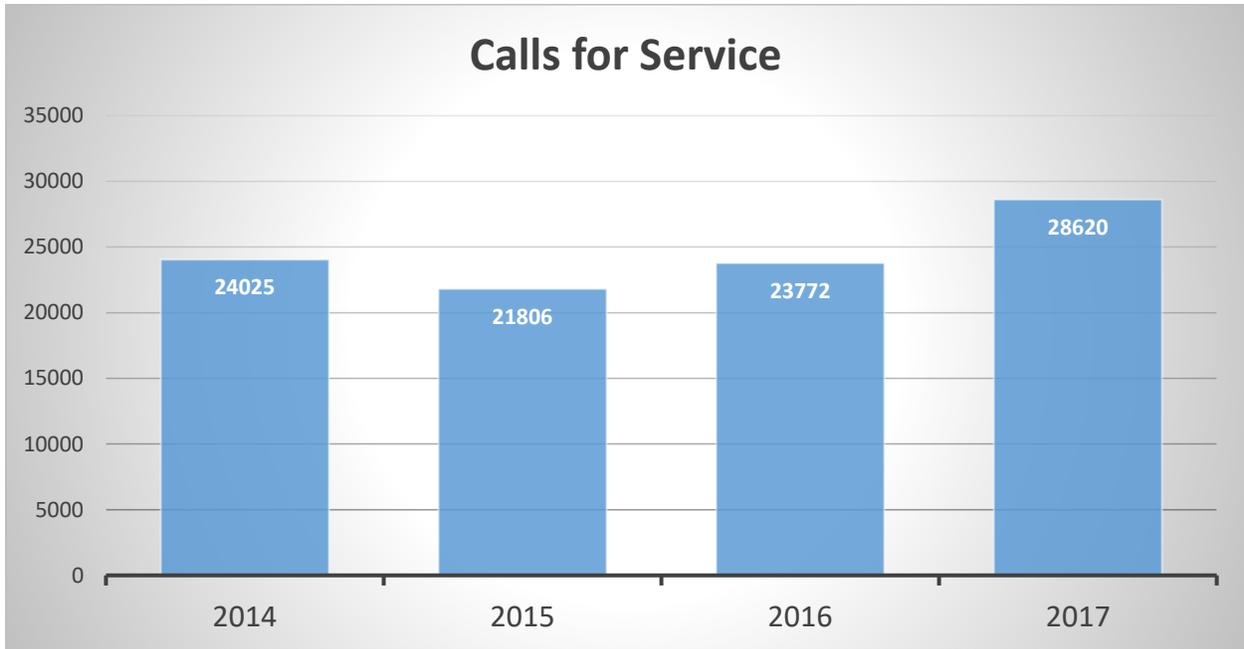


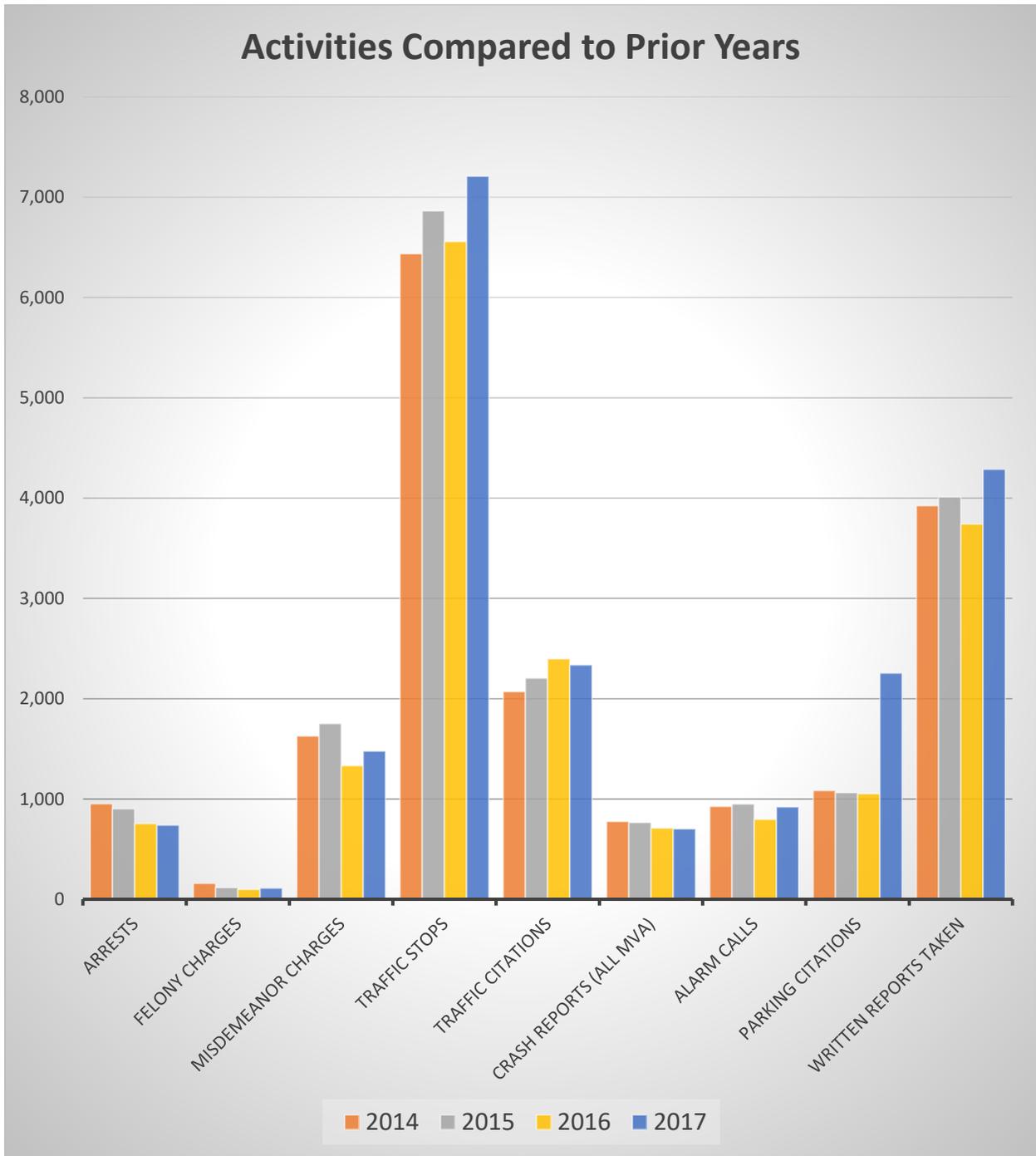
limited number of characters that can be used in a tweet. The tweets often correlate with a Facebook post which has more detail.



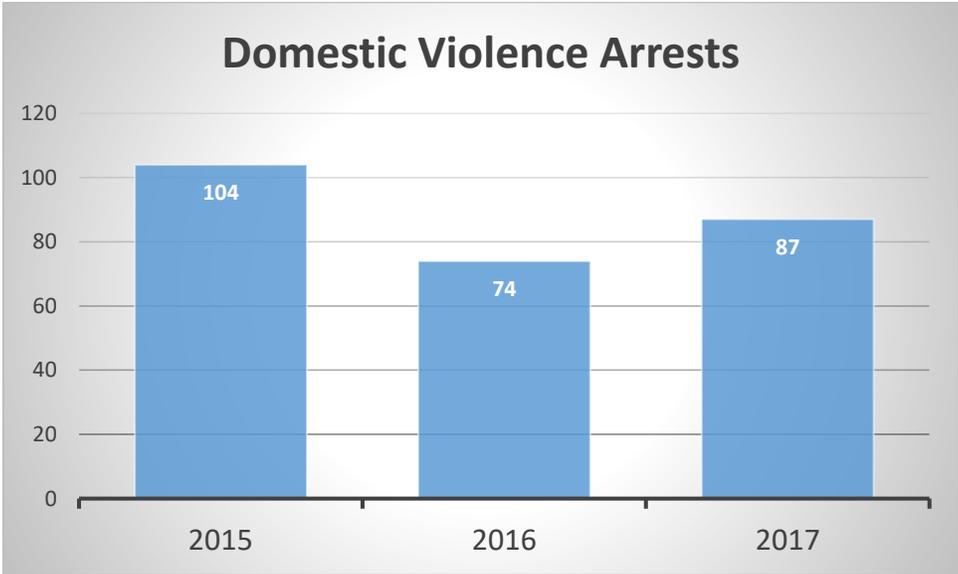
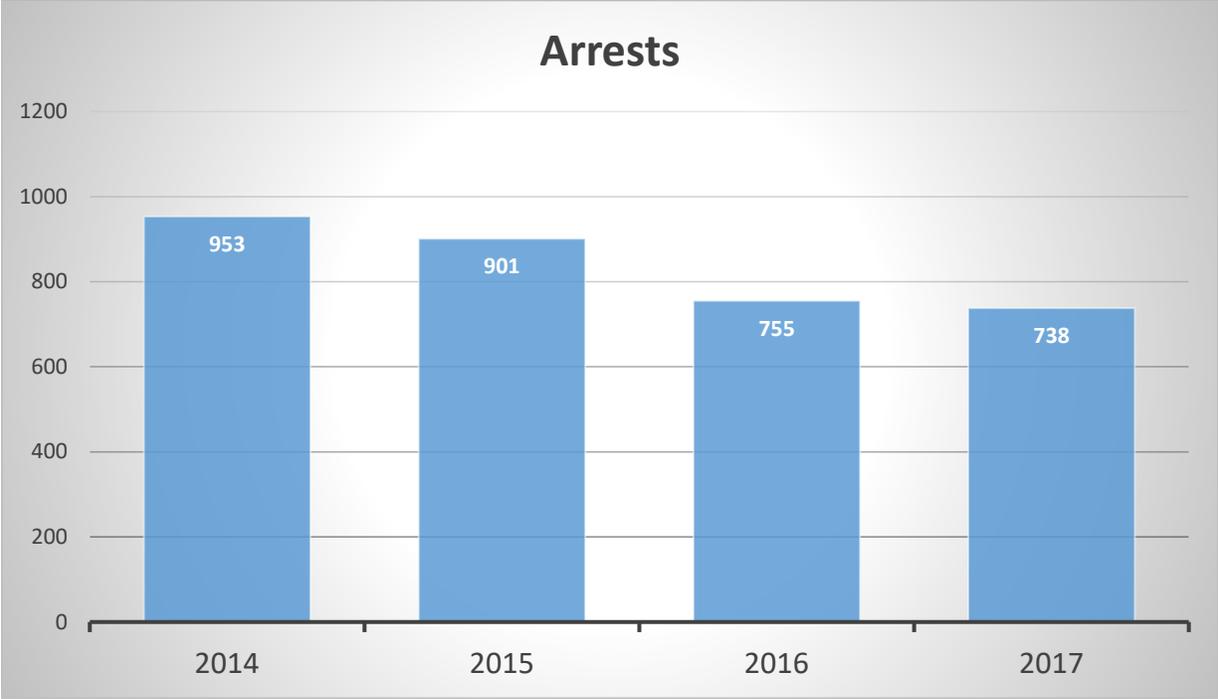
The Instagram page is the least used and has only 99 followers and 8 posts. Instagram is a photo based app. There is minimal dialogue. Most posts include a picture with a simple caption. Currently all of the pictures posted are of the officers engaging the community and officers taking oaths. The department hopes to further expand usage of all three resources and utilizing them on a more frequent basis.

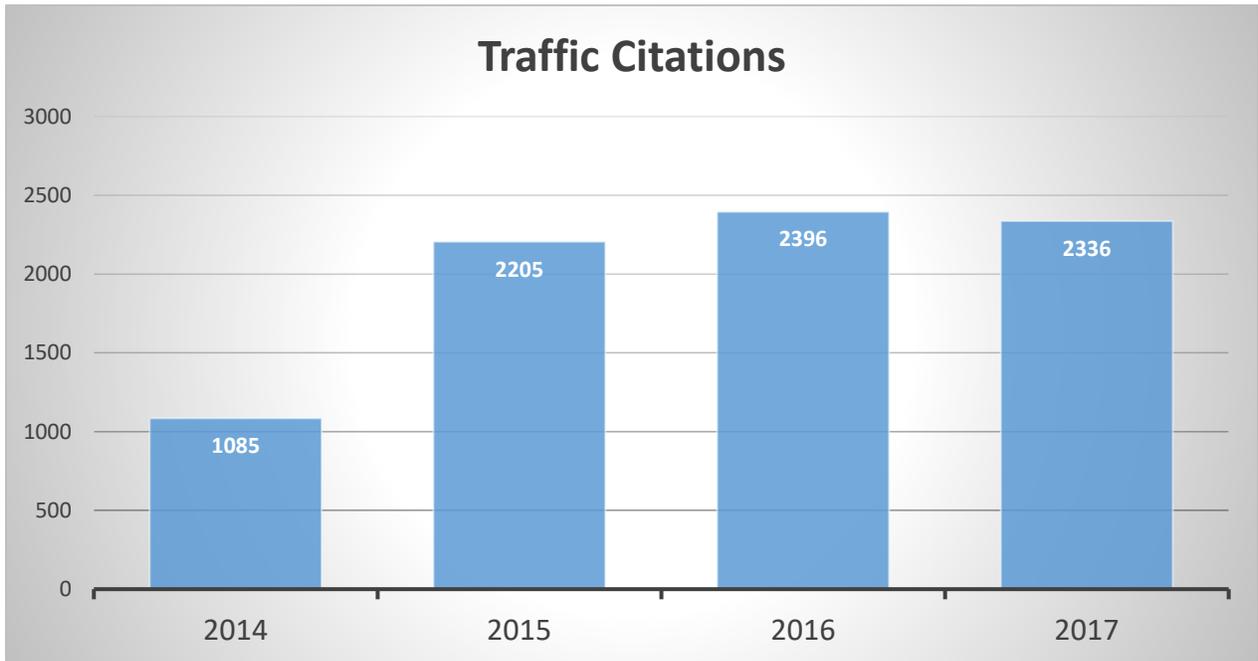
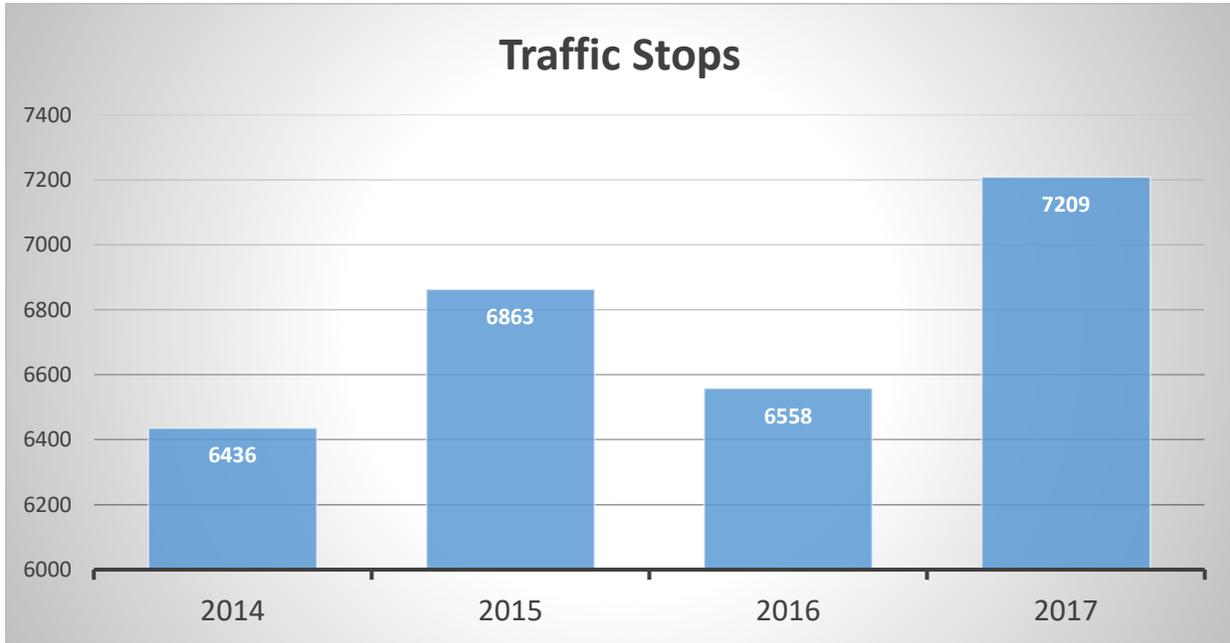
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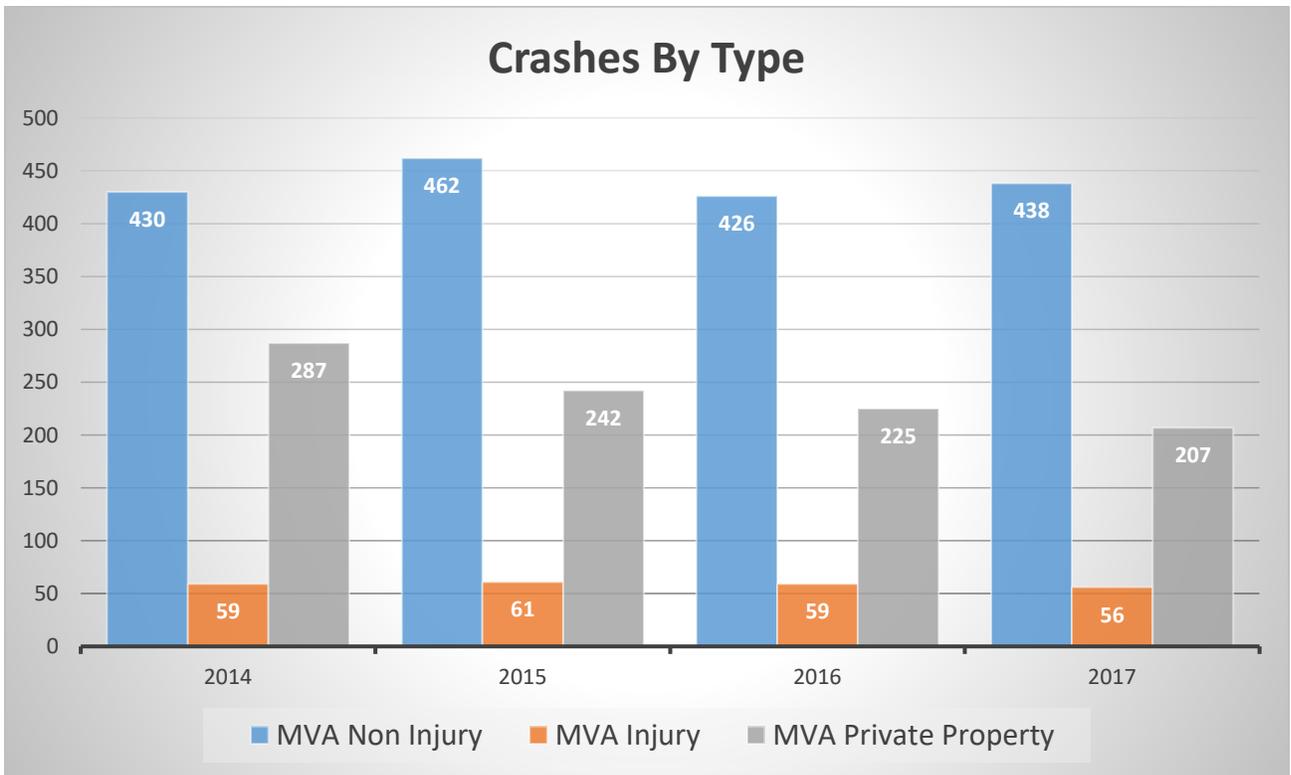
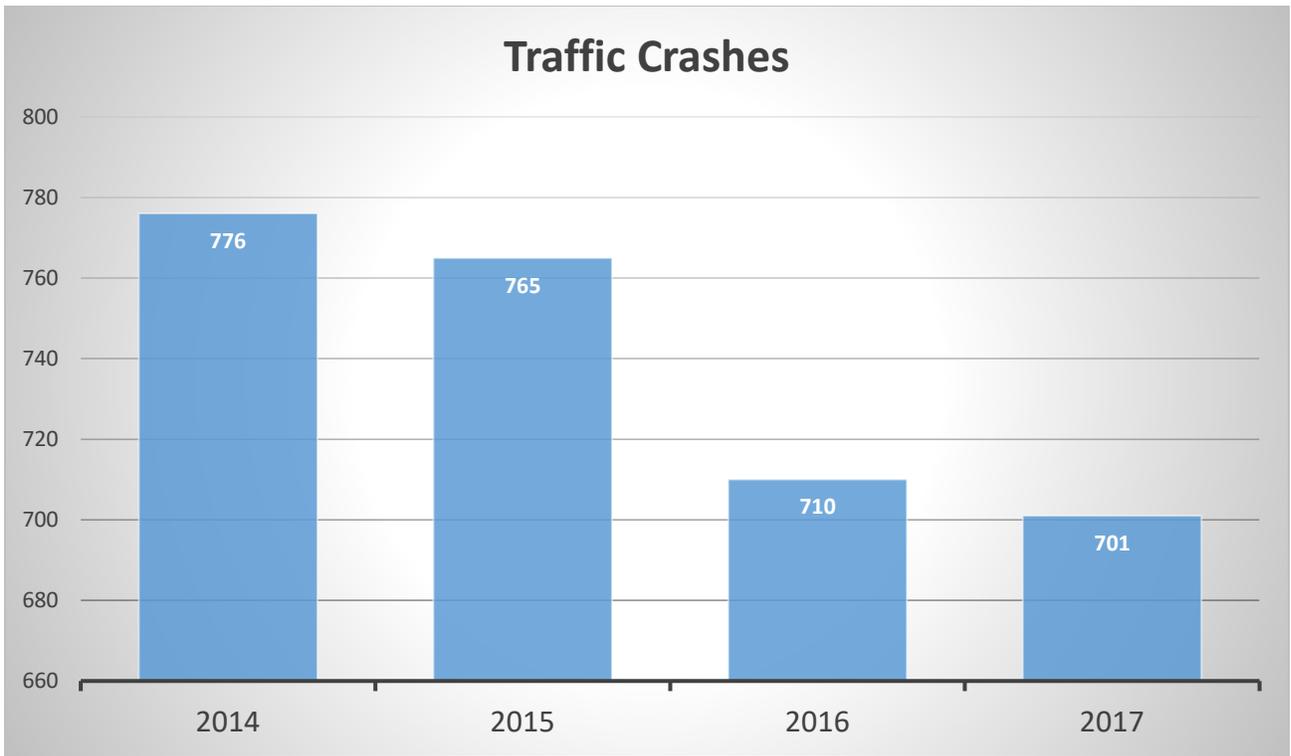


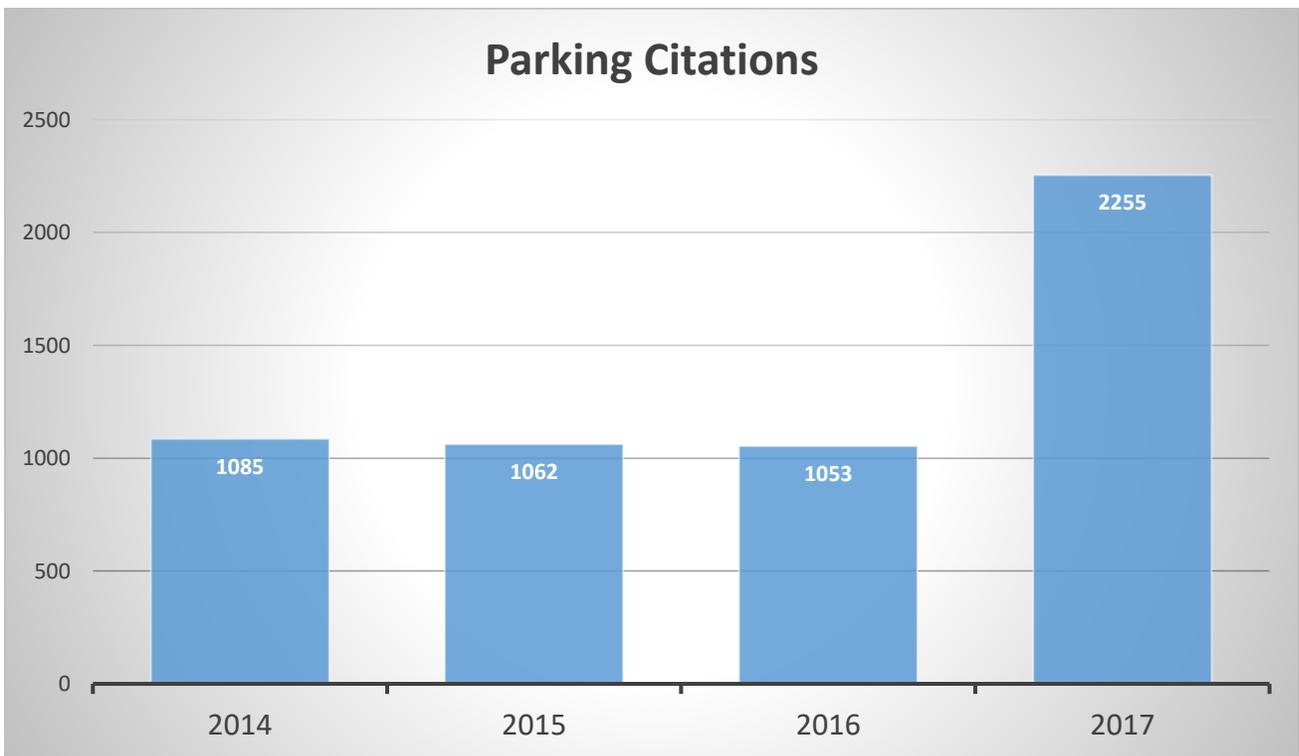
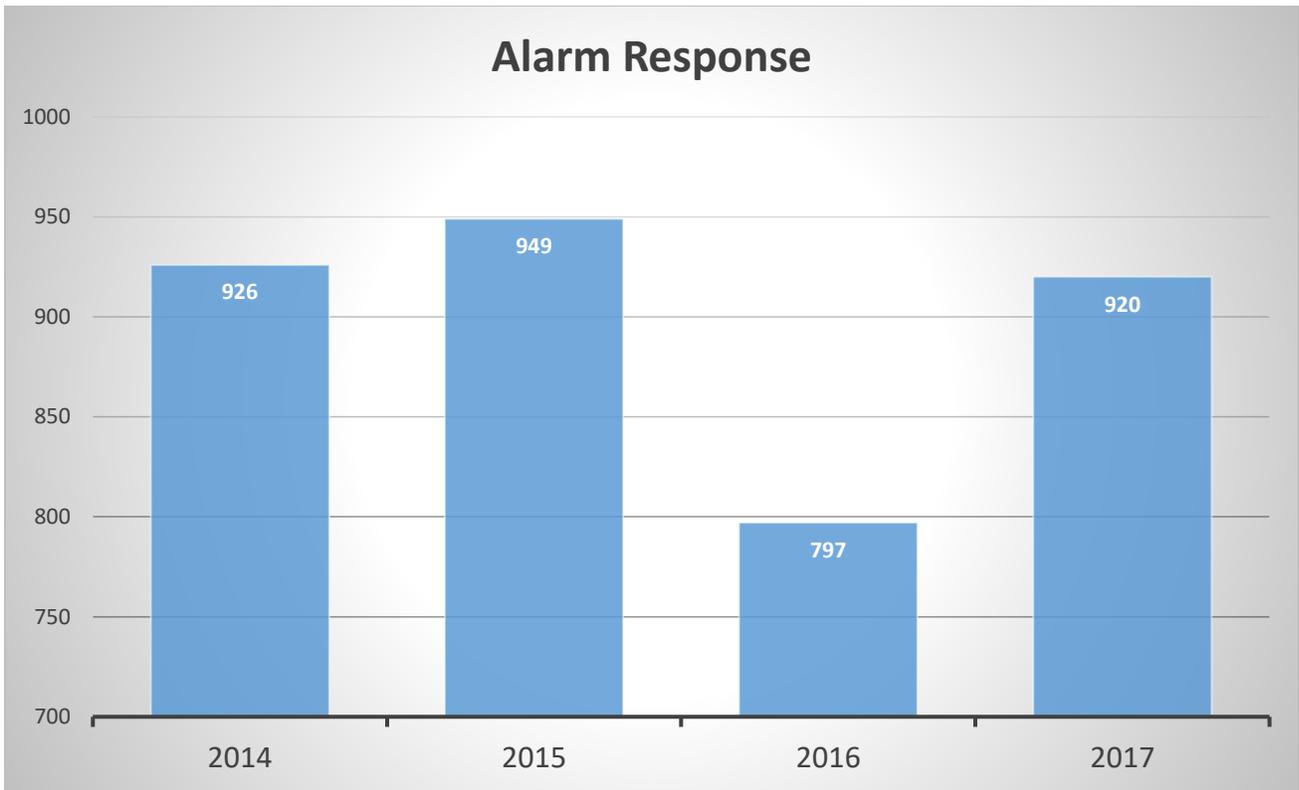












## *Patrol Division*

The Patrol Division encompasses all three uniformed patrol shifts. The uniformed patrol division officers are the first representatives of the City of Medina to respond to citizen requests for service, initial crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, traffic accident investigations, medic calls, and fire calls.

The police department hired 6 new officers in 2017. One officer is currently in field training while another is finishing the basic police academy at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. The remaining four officers began their academy training in January 2018. These new hires bring our staffing to 39 sworn full-time officers. All the new officers should be complete with field training by autumn of 2018.



The patrol division responds to multiple calls at our apartment complexes within the city. We have assigned liaisons to our busier apartment complexes. The liaison officers work directly with the apartment managers and maintenance employees to solve problems within the communities. The relationship has proven to be valuable in reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

One of the most reoccurring complaints the patrol division receives is traffic complaints. Our officers are committed to keeping our streets safe. We currently operate two speed warning signs that also collect traffic data. These signs are deployed based on problem areas or areas receiving traffic complaints. The signs allow us to determine the most prevalent times for speed violations. Officers are then deployed to the areas during those peak times to enforce traffic laws.

The State of Ohio mandated all sworn police officers complete 20 hours of Continued Professional Training for 2017. The training includes six hours of trauma informed policing, four hours of practical application of force, four hours of officer and community awareness, four hours of procedural justice and police legitimacy, and two hours of legal updates. All Medina Police Department commissioned officers were trained by North Coast Polytechnic Institute. The state reimbursed the City of Medina over \$15,000 for the cost of the training.

The heroin/opioid epidemic continues to be a problem in the City of Medina. The patrol division was first to respond to forty three overdose incidents. Officers administered Narcan twenty four times. Unfortunately there were 6 overdose deaths in the City of Medina in 2017. The patrol division is committed to a combination of enforcement and treatment options to combat the problem.

On February 6, 2017 Officers were first responders to an explosion and fire on Springbrook Drive. Officers entered a burning and collapsing building to help save residents. Three officers were awarded the Medal of Valor for bravery with great risk to personal safety while demonstrating personal courage and selfless actions. The award recipients were Sergeant George Horton, Officer Daryn Winebrenner, and Officer Matthew Martincin.



The patrol division will be bringing back the canine unit and the bicycle patrol unit in early 2018. The canine will be used for community policing, narcotics detection, apprehension, and tracking. The bicycle unit will allow officers to interact with community and build problem solving relationships. The patrol division officers as well as the community are looking forward to the implementation of both programs.

## *Detective Bureau*



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

The Detective Bureau is generally staffed by one supervisor and four detectives. In February of 2017, one detective was permanently re-assigned to the Patrol Division leaving three detectives. Detectives rotate through a weekly on-call schedule during the year.

In 2017, Medina PD detectives worked closely with and collaborated with multiple local, state and federal agencies. On a daily basis, detectives work with municipal and county prosecutors, social workers from Medina County Job and Family Services and local probation officers and state parole officials.

This past year, detectives worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a case involving serial bank robbers that resulted in federal indictments. Detectives also assisted the U. S. Marshal's Service in the arrest of a multi-state offender involved in human trafficking after a detective identified the suspect. The information gained from that arrest helped the Department of Homeland Security expand a human trafficking investigation. Detectives also assisted agents from the Secret Service with investigations into frauds and counterfeit currency. Detectives also assisted the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (ICAC) with investigations



involving local residents involved with child pornography. And finally, detectives work with agents from the Medina County Drug Taskforce on a regular basis.

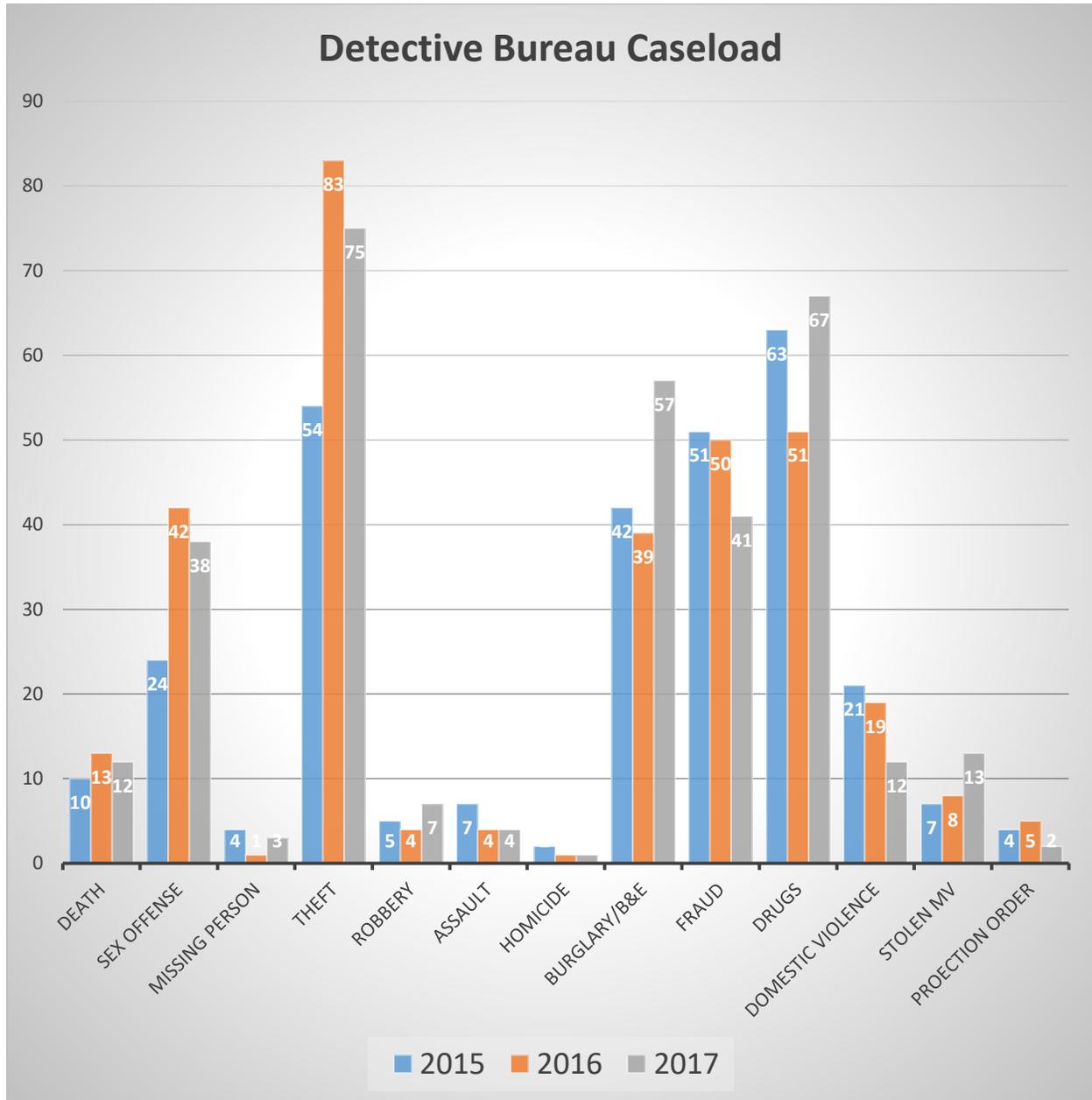
Training is a priority for officers assigned to the Detective Bureau. It provides valuable skills and knowledge. In 2017, detectives received training in death investigations, sex offense investigations, child abduction rapid deployment, crime scene photography and evidence collection. This is in addition to required continuing police training.

In 2017, each of the three detectives handled well over 100 cases. These cases resulted in 178 indictments and 118 convictions with 55 cases pending at court. They also filed 98 juvenile charges and completed 50 background interviews.

In an effort to make processes more efficient, in November of 2017, we began a more thorough review of all felony cases submitted by the Patrol Division. As a result, cases with a low probability for being solved will not have felony packets completed by Records personnel and will not be assigned to a detective. This will reduce the workload on Records personnel and will reduce the materials being used to produce the felony packets. The cases will still be tracked for intelligence purposes.

The case load has steadily increased from 2015 through 2017. We hope to see staffing returned to four detectives for 2018 with the addition of 6 new officers to the Patrol Division.





## *Opioid Information*

In 2013, there was a sudden increase in accidental opiate overdoses. The following year, the trend continued and the Medina Police Department responded to 29 overdoses, compared to 11 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, every officer from the Medina Police Department was trained to administer the opiate reversing drug, Naloxone, also referred to as Narcan. Due to the need for a quick response, every officer was provided with a Naloxone kit to be carried at all times while on-duty. In most responses to a call of an overdose, the police department arrives on-scene prior to the arrival of the Medina Life Support Team and the Medina Fire Department. Officers are able to administer the life-saving drug faster, during crucial minutes when the drug is needed.

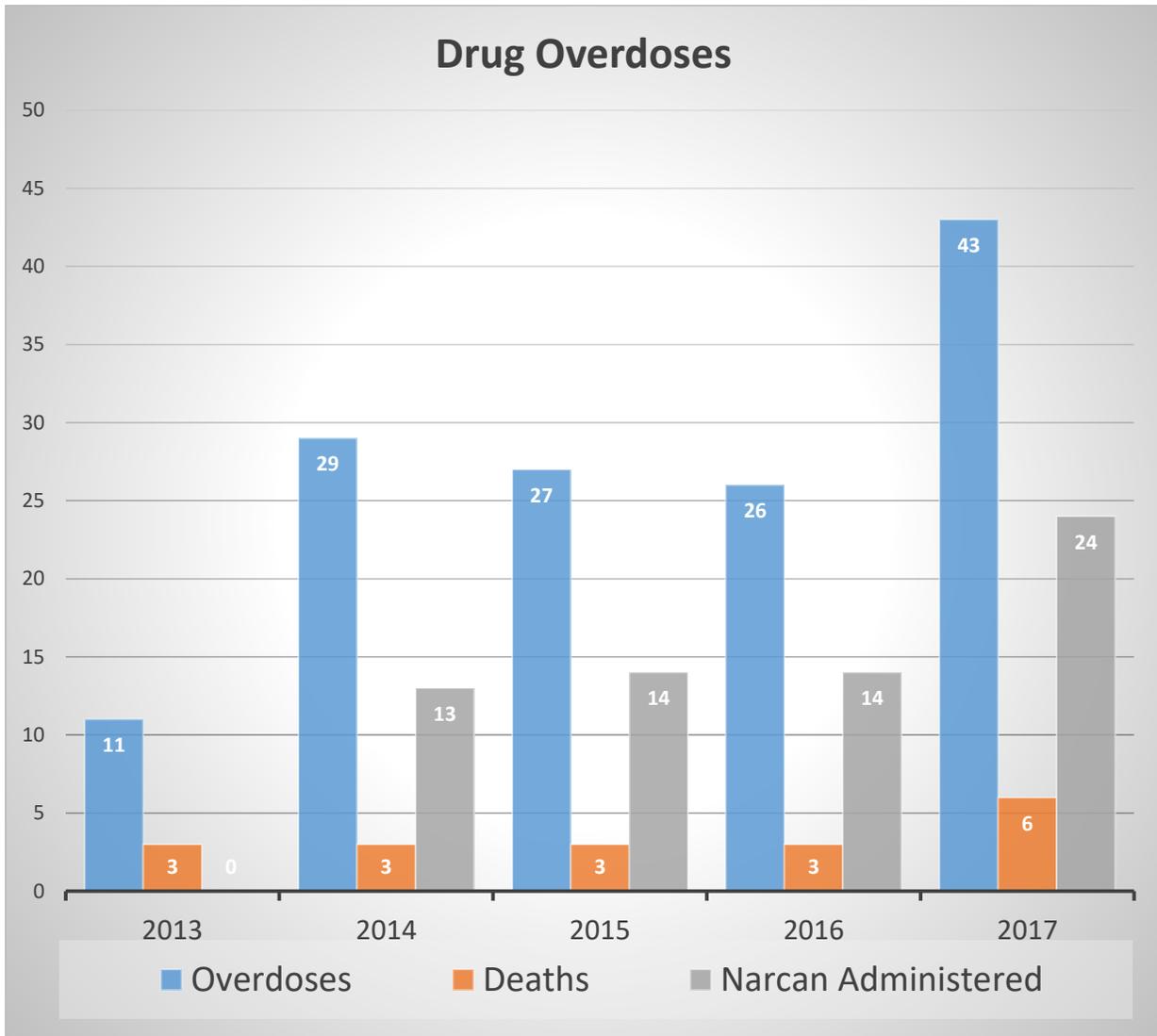
Since the beginning of the Narcan program in Mid-2014, officers have administered Narcan to 60 overdose patients. Of the 60 overdose incidents, 58 of the patients survived. For the years of 2014-2016, officers administered Narcan, on average, 13 times per year. There was a substantial increase in 2017 with 22 incidents where Narcan was administered. This was consistent with an increase of overdose incidents for the year.

The Medina Police Department began tracking the trends of responses to overdoses in 2014, retroactive to include 2013. In 2013, there were 11 responses to an overdose. This increased from 2014 to 2016 with an average of 27 responses each year. There was a 59% increase in response to overdoses in 2017, with 43 reported incidents. There was also a 100% increase in deaths, having six deaths in 2017 and only three deaths for each year from 2013 through 2016. A likely cause of the increase is due to the emerging use of Fentanyl and additional synthetic opioids. We first saw Fentanyl in 2014 in three incidents. This increased in 2015 and 2016 to eight incidents each year with fentanyl. For the year 2017,

there again were eight incidents with fentanyl. However, there were also six incidents where the drug involved a variation of fentanyl such as carfentanil, Acryl fentanyl, Methylfentanyl, Norfentanyl, and an unnamed compound of a synthetic opioid known as U-47700. Fentanyl and these variations are anywhere from 50 to 5,000 times more potent than heroin. Often, the drug user was unaware they were using the more potent drug, therefore increasing the likelihood of overdose.

In September 2016, The State of Ohio amended the “Possession of Controlled Substances” section of the Ohio Revised Code to include an immunity clause. The clause allows qualified individuals to be immune from minor drug possession charges if they or someone else calls for medical assistance due to an overdose. This does not apply to persons who are on probation or parole, or those that have already been granted immunity three times. Since the implementation of the amendment, immunity has been offered to 29 overdose victims. Of those, immunity has only been granted to three of them.

In an attempt to combat the heroin epidemic, the Medina Police Department has a standard operating procedure for responses to possible overdoses. Officers first respond and provide life-saving measures if necessary. Once medical personnel arrive and relieve officers from medical care, officers will gather information regarding the overdose. Officers interview persons present, collect physical evidence and collect cell phones. Beginning in November of 2017, Alternative Paths and the Medina County Sheriff’s Department formed an Opiate Response Team. All opiate overdoses are referred to the team who will follow-up with the overdose victim at a later date. The goal of the team is to determine the needs of the overdose victim and provide opportunities for treatment.



## *Medina County Drug Task Force*

In 2017, agents from the Medina County Drug Task Force, to include Medina Police Detective Dan Warner, conducted 55 criminal investigations in the city of Medina. Thirty-four of these investigations were conducted by Detective Warner. These fifty-five investigations resulted in the arrest of 63 different people who were charged with 95 different criminal offenses. This data includes arrests from an investigation that was initiated in 2015 and lasted nearly two years. This investigation centered on several Medina area cocaine dealers whose primary activities occurred in the Bronson Street area. As a result of this investigation 27 people have been charged with 31 federal crimes. Additional federal indictments are expected in early 2018. The investigation also lead to the seizure of nearly 34 pounds of cocaine, 6 ounces of heroin and over \$500,000 in U.S. Currency. Twenty-four Medina County residents were included in those who were arrested.



Agents served sixteen search warrants and conducted three consent searches relative to investigations initiated in the city of Medina. Agents conducted forensic examinations on twenty-nine mobile devices relative to investigations involving the City of Medina.

### Medina Area Drug Trends

The abuse of heroin, Fentanyl and other Opioids remains the primary concern for all of Medina County. The varying types of synthetic Opioids being found in the region are of great concern. We have found that a great number of "heroin" abusers are now using cocaine and/or methamphetamine in place of, or in

addition to, their customary opiate drugs of abuse. The availability of cocaine and methamphetamine in all of northeastern Ohio has increased significantly. It is anticipated that these two drugs will be the primary drugs of abuse in the near future.

#### Narcotics Seized in the Medina Region in 2017

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

Type of Drug	Quantity in Grams
Carfentanil	5.28
Cocaine	16,558.85
Crack Cocaine	47.06
Fentanyl	22.45
Heroin	178.12
Marijuana	4,034.35
Methamphetamine	36.62
Alprazolam	7.00
Buprenorphine	1.00
Oxycodone	180
THC Extracts	150.58

#### Director's Summary

The drug culture is ever-changing. In just the past few years heroin became readily available and prevalent in the area taking the place of pharmaceutical drug abuse. Heroin was then found as a mixture with Fentanyl. Pure Fentanyl then became prevalent. Fentanyl then gave way to Carfentanil. Each of these drugs lead Medina County and the state of Ohio to a record number of overdose incidents. The State of Ohio rose quickly to the dubious distinction of leading the Nation in reported overdoses and overdose deaths. As expected, our pharmaceutical drug investigations began to decline as the increase in heroin

related incidents grew. As previously mentioned, Opioid abusers have begun to seek out other alternatives such as a return to prescription medications, crystal methamphetamine and cocaine as alternatives.

The pharmaceutical drug collection boxes located at the City of Medina, Medina Township and Montville police departments continue to collect hundreds of pounds of unwanted medications. Since the inception of the program in October 2011 over 14 tons of medications have been collected throughout Medina County and safely disposed of. The collection box that was installed at the Medina police station in September 2017 yielded 56 pounds of unwanted medications in September-October 2017. The collection boxes at the Medina Township and Montville Township police stations yielded 587 and 254 pounds of unwanted medications respectively for 2017.

The legalization of medical marijuana in the state of Ohio has the potential to bring many challenges for law enforcement and the community as a whole. Staying abreast of the regulations that will be implemented in 2018 will be significant for the agency. As the Ohio State Medical Board and Board of Pharmacy are responsible for developing and implementing the regulations governing medical marijuana, our pharmaceutical investigator will be tasked with monitoring the status of the implementation and educating local law enforcement as needed.

*Report submitted by MCDTF Director Gary Hubbard*

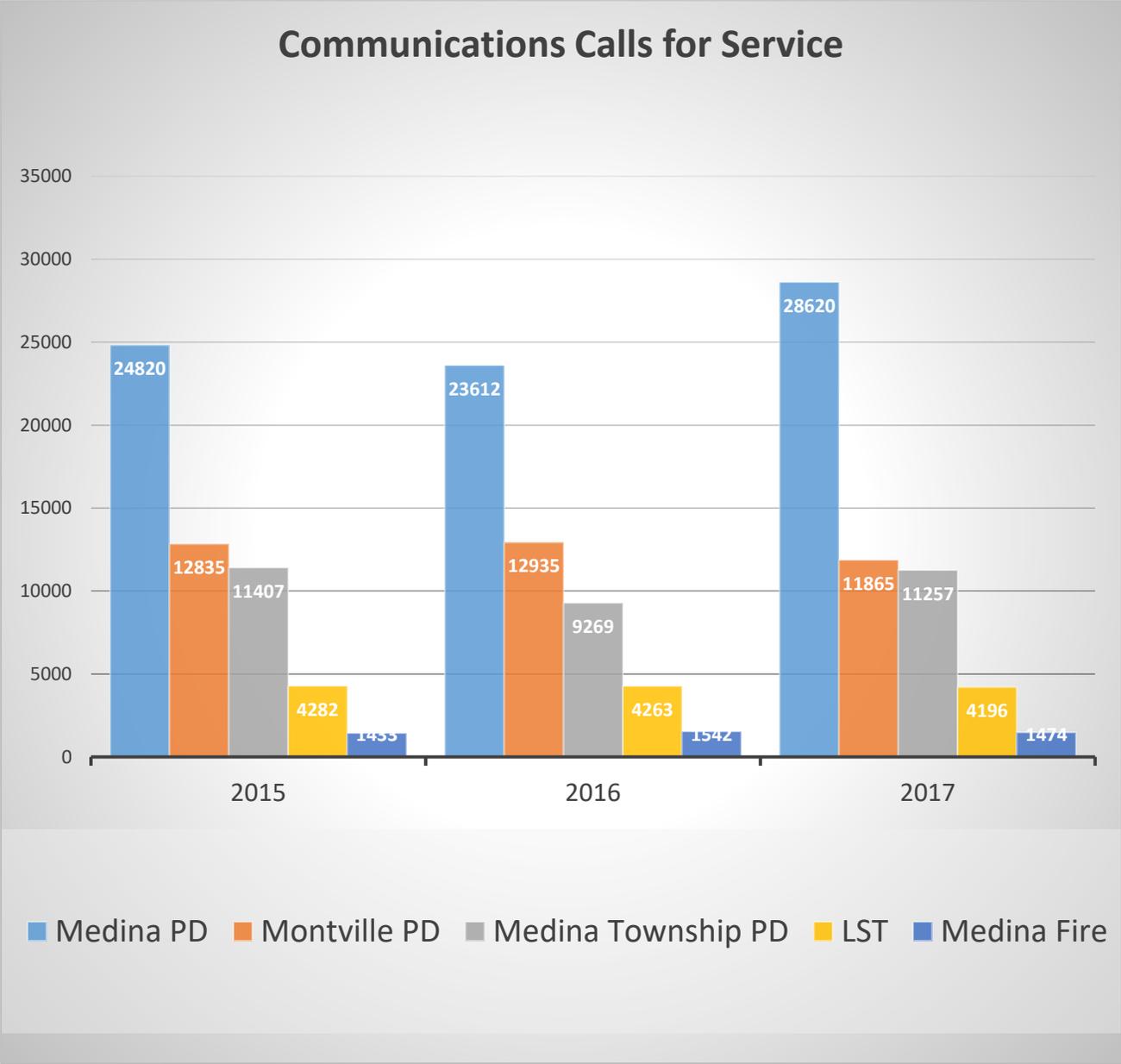
## *Communications*

The Medina Police Department Communications Center handles all radio and telephone traffic 24 hours a day 7 days a week for the Medina Police Department, Montville Police Department, Medina Township Police Department, Medina Fire Department and the Life Support Team. Additionally, the center handles all after-hours telephone calls for the City.



During the first half of 2017, hiring began to increase staffing back to our authorized level of 10 full-time Dispatchers. As of the end of 2017, the department has eight trained and medically certified dispatchers. There are two dispatchers currently in training and we anticipate being fully staffed by the end of the first quarter of 2018. Our overtime costs have been reduced in the second half of the year as staffing has increased.

In 2017 the Communication Center handled over 564,435 telephone and radio calls, this averages out to be more than one call each minute of the year.



## *Property / Evidence*

The purpose of the Property/Evidence Room is to provide proper collection, preservation, storage, security and disposition of evidence and other property. Evidence is maintained only as long as necessary for use in any pending investigation or prosecution, and non-evidentiary property is maintained only until it can be returned to its rightful owner or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the law.



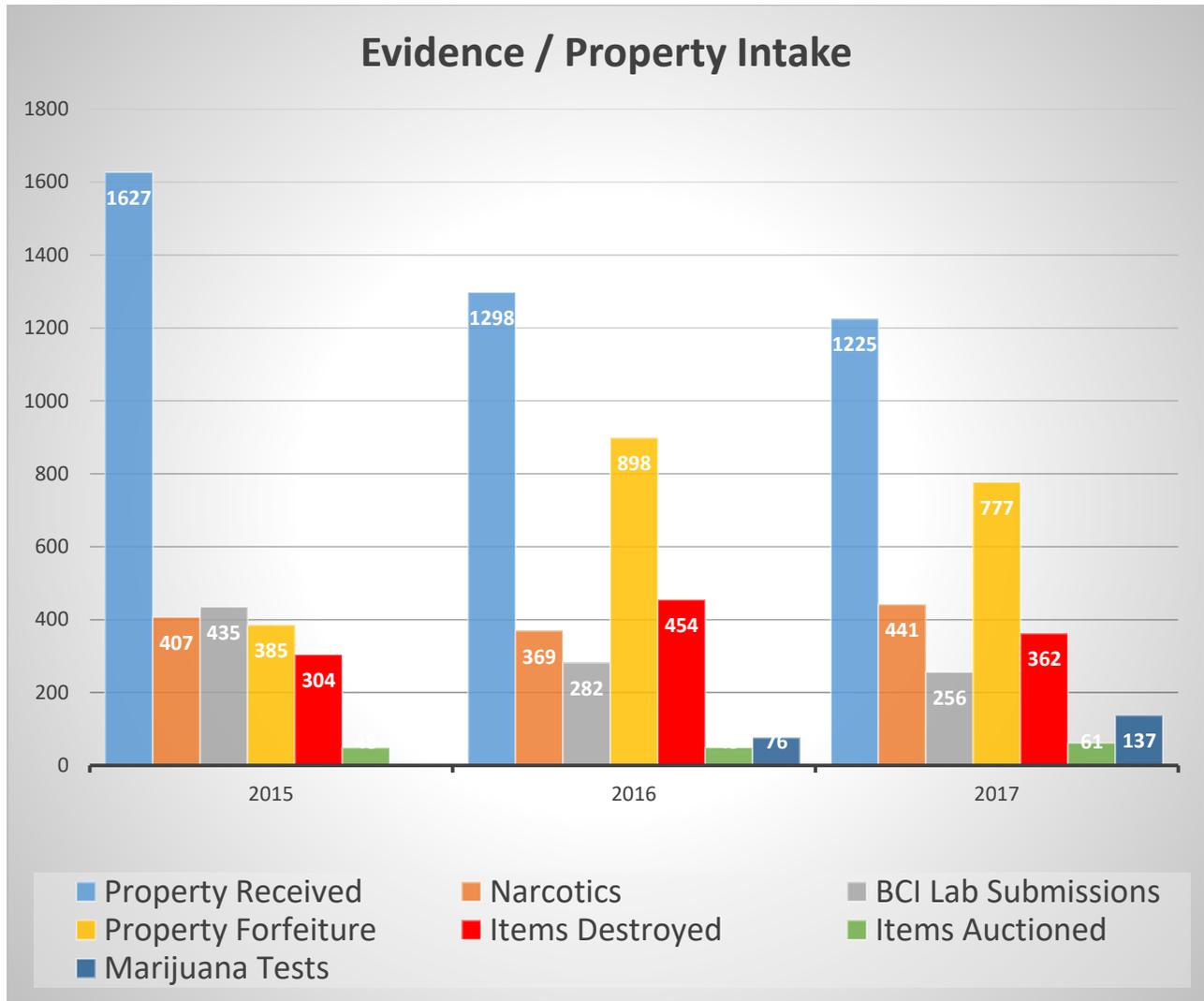
The Property Room is managed by a part-time officer under the supervision of the Special Operations Division Lieutenant. The officer devotes his 29 hour work week to maintaining the operation. He was assisted through much

of 2017 by a volunteer who donated on average 5 hours a week. Additional support is provided by Records personnel who research cases to determine if property is eligible to be forfeited, destroyed or returned to the lawful owner.

In 2017, a complete audit of the operation was completed with the assistance of an agent from the Medina County Drug Taskforce. The audit reviewed 5,614 items with 100% accountability established.

We are constantly seeking ways to improve the operation and make it more efficient. In doing so, we recognized the property officer was testing all marijuana seized by officers regardless of the disposition of the case. In 2017, the officer completed 137 tests on marijuana. For 2018, marijuana will only be tested if needed by a prosecutor for a case moving to trial.





## *Police Specials Unit*

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



In 2017, the Specials Unit was comprised of eighteen members: 11 OPOTA certified members and 7 non-certified members. OPOTA certified members are state certified police officers who are required to complete all training required for full-time officers. In 2017, these members completed 16 hours of required training. Non-certified members are not required to complete the training, but many choose to do so. All members are regularly trained to handle medical emergencies.

Collectively, members volunteered over 5,500 hours to the community and to MPD. Members accumulate hours by attending monthly meetings, completing training requirements, riding with officers, working paid details and most importantly, working volunteer details. The Specials Unit provided security and traffic control at nearly 50 community and school events during 2017. Many of these events could not be held without the assistance of Specials Unit volunteers. Some of the events are listed below.

1. Medina Half Marathon
2. Memorial Day Parade
3. Band Concerts at Uptown Park throughout the summer
4. Fireworks



5. Twin Sizzler 5K, 10K, and bike race
6. Art in the Park
7. International Festival
8. Medina High School Homecoming Parade
9. Paws for the Cause 5K
10. Tunnels to Tower 5K
11. Trick or Treat
12. Candlelight Walk
13. Parade of Lights
14. Step up to Suicide Community Unity Walk

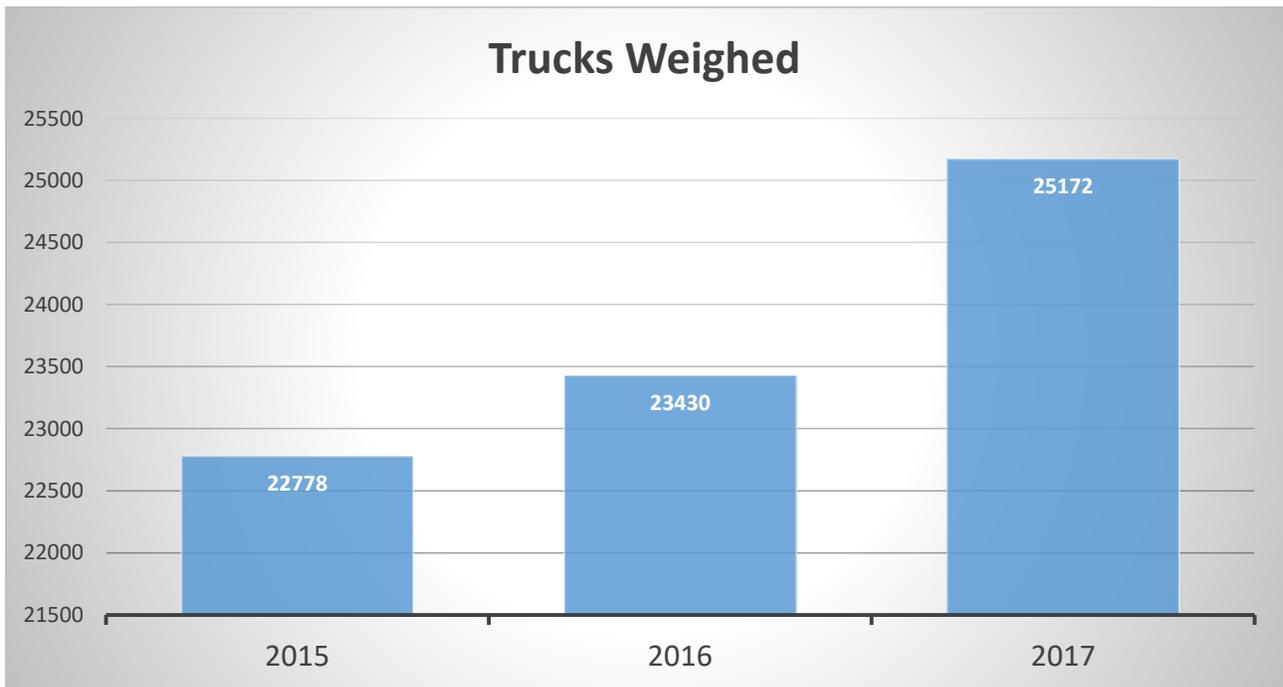
In 2017, three long time members made the difficult decision to resign from the unit. The remaining members are excited to add new members to the unit and continue their long history of serving the community.

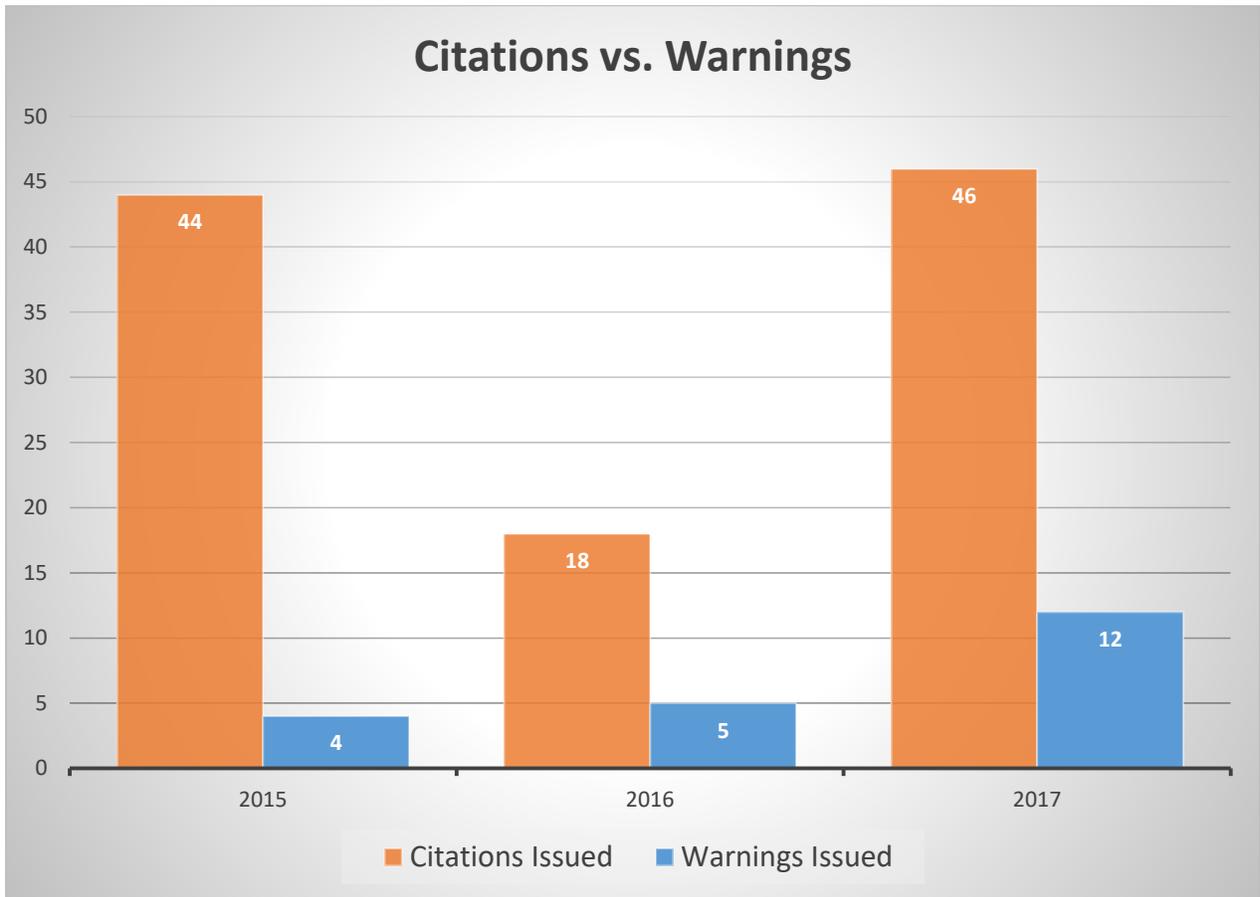


## Commercial Truck Scales

The Medina Police Department Truck Scales opened a decade ago to decrease heavy truck traffic and increase driver safety. The city streets were being damaged by the heavy loads being hauled through the city. Additionally, the large amount of trucks traveling through Public Square caused disturbing noise to those trying to enjoy an afternoon in Uptown Park or a day of shopping in the historic district.

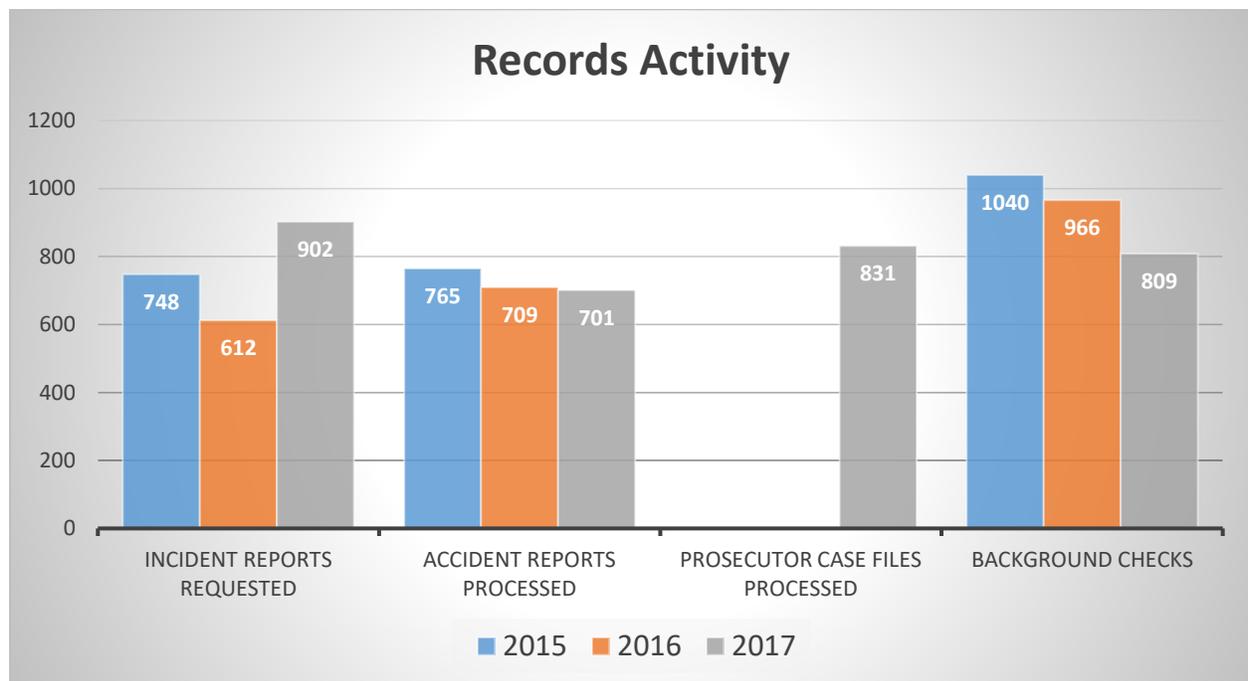
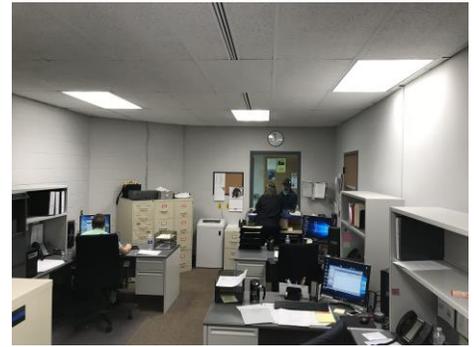
The truck scales are open 29 hours a week. The goal of the scales is to increase driver safety and protect the streets from heavy over weight vehicles. The decrease in truck traffic through public square is remarkable when the scale is open. Damage to city streets has been limited by the reduction of heavy truck traffic.





## Records Division

The Records Department is the face of the Police Department for visitors to our lobby. Records personnel are the first people to greet visitors needing assistance or information and they provide call-taking to aid Dispatch. This requires a well-rounded knowledge of our city, PD operations and surrounding communities. The division is comprised of one full time and three part-time employees. They perform all clerical and data input functions for the Patrol and Detective Divisions as well as prepare case files for Municipal Court, Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court and prosecutors. Other duties include processing of all traffic, minor misdemeanor, written warning and parking tickets as well as OVI arrest paperwork, domestic violence and accident reporting to the State. Additionally, the department assists with training registration for the officers, registering solicitors, administering the Federal Bulletproof Vest program, performing state mandated towed vehicle tracking and providing departmental purchasing and financial processing.



## Medina County SWAT

The Medina County SWAT team is a collaborative effort between police departments in Medina County. A need for specialized training and response to certain high risk calls was identified. In an effort to save money, jurisdictional resources have been combined to provide a more financially responsible solution. The Medina Police Department has five officers assigned to the SWAT team.



### Training

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
January 5, 2017	Tactical Entry Training/ Akron SWAT	Meyers/Heckel
February 2, 2017	Tactical Entry Training-Medina City	Kelly/Winebrenner
March 2, 2017	Range/Open Area Search	Blubaugh
April 6, 2017	Handgun Qual./HRT Drills	Elchlinger/Meyers
May 4, 2017	HRT/Range-HRT Tactical Movements	Blubaugh/Meyers
June 8, 2017	Barricades/Breaching/Truck	Bennett/Gibbons
July 13, 2017	Long Gun Qual./Veh. Operations	Mummert/Curtain
August 2017	No training due Medina County Fair	
Sept. 7-8, 2017	Northern Ohio Tactical Training Center	Blubaugh/Elchinger
October 5, 2017	Mock Op.- swat/negot../patrol/	Meyers/Blubaugh
November 2, 2017	Chem. Muni./Less lethal Training	Mumert/Heckel
December 7, 2017	D.T. Training/P.T. Test	Blubaugh

### 2017 – Call outs

On February 7, 2017 the Medina County SWAT Team was called to 1684 Columbia Rd, Valley City, OH, for a warrant service.

The warrant was to be served for Strongsville P.D. The warrant was an arrest warrant for murder. The murder had occurred in the City of Strongsville, and due to phone records and a confidential informant, it was believed the suspect was staying at the above address.

The Medina County SWAT Team prepared a mission plan that consisted of three elements. Element (1), set up north of the property as an over watch with a precision marksman and observer. Element (2) entered the property from the northwest on foot and was to secure the west/southwest side of the home. Element (3) consisted of the two armored vehicles and were tasked with securing the south and east side of the home. Patrol units were used to setup and maintain an outer perimeter.

Upon arrival to the area all elements were deployed, an inter perimeter was established and a (surround and call out) was conducted. Two occupants exited the home and were secured. The home was then checked by SWAT operators and cleared for any further occupants.

Neither of the two occupants of the home were the suspect listed on the search warrant. Both were turned over to the custody of the Medina County Detective Bureau and the Strongsville P.D. Detective Bureau. The SWAT Team cleared the scene, returned to the Medina County Sheriff's Office and conducted a debriefing.



It was later learned the occupants of the home provided information that the suspect had been at the home in the last 24/48 hours and further information they provided lead to the suspects location and arrest in Wayne Co.