

Monroeville Police Department

2018

Report



Message From the Chief

2018 marks the seventh year that I have had the privilege of serving as your Chief of Police. This year we tried to build on what was developed in 2017 while implementing new ways of providing effective and efficient service to the community we serve.

In 2018, with my recommendation and the approval of the Monroeville Village Council, a fifth full time officer was added to the department. Every law enforcement agency is struggling to find and retain good, quality officers and Monroeville is no different. Since I've been here we have tried to supplement our full time staff with part time officers. What I have found is that we are an excellent training ground as many of our part time officers go on to full time positions. In almost all cases it is to a larger police department such as Mansfield, Fremont, Willard, and Bellevue. As a result, we are constantly hiring and training new part time officers. This takes extra time away from our full time staff when they could be devoting it to their traditional duties. Plus, the part time officers are, in most cases, very inexperienced having recently graduated from one of the local police academies. So, they require extra training and time to develop some experience. This is an expensive proposition to hire, train, and then lose someone to a higher paying full time job. By adding a full time officer we will be less reliant on part time officers and the Village will have better trained, seasoned officers providing service to them.

In April Jordan Hanuscin was promoted from part time officer to full time. Jordan was hired as a part time officer in March, 2017 and has done a tremendous job for us. Jordan came to us from the Wakeman Police Department having just completed his basic training and Associates Degree from Lorain County Community College.

The part time staff was replenished in 2018 from no officers to four. All are experienced seasonal law enforcement officers, but all work full time elsewhere. This is a distinct advantage, as it provides us the best available service when we utilize part time officers. And, in many cases, we only needed them on limited hours since the addition of the fifth full time officer.

The new part time officers are Josh Querin; Cory Sosbe; Kyle Sheehan; Curtis Silvers. Josh worked previously at the Huron County Sheriff's office. He is currently employed full time by Firelands Regional Medical Center as a Lieutenant in their security force. Cory is a veteran officer who has worked part time at Bellevue and Walbridge police departments. He is employed full time by Davis-Besse Nuclear Power facility as a security officer. Kyle has worked for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's office and currently is employed as a police officer for University Hospital in Cleveland. Curtis is our most recent hire. He is from the Norwalk area and is currently employed full time by the Lorain County metro parks as a park ranger.

Except for your Chief, the Monroeville Police Department is an extremely young department, both in age and experience. While nothing can take the place of age, we can improve their skills with certain selected training. Lieutenant Kimball completed First Line Supervision training at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. Officer Eggleston completed Field Training Officer course, also at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. When Sergeant Gleason resigned and Captain Bond retired, that left the police department with no fire arms instructor. In order for a police officer to carry his duty weapon whether it is our pistols, shot guns, or automatic rifles, they are required by state law to successfully qualify on each weapon at least once a year. A certified instructor is required to conduct that qualification. In 2018, Officer Nick Meyer successfully completed firearms instructor training in all three weapon groups at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

In addition to the above training, all officers recertified on the BAC Verifier which conducts blood alcohol testing by breath as well as LEADS which is the state run system to

permit the search of driver and vehicle information.

Incidents For 2018

In 2018 officers of the Monroeville Police Department responded to 2,580 incidents. This is a dramatic increase of approximately 30% over 2017 when officers responded to approximately 1,887 incidents. A detail listing of those incidents are attached to this report.

Photo Enforcement

During 2018 approximately 2,186 notices of liability were sent out to motorists for speeding violations compared to 2017 when approximately 1,625 notices of liability were sent out. Approximately \$142,918 in fines was collected in 2018 compared to approximately \$97,639 in 2017. The average speed violation was approximately 13.4 miles over the posted speed limit.

Effective September, 2018, the Village of Monroeville entered into an agreement with Sensy Gatso to assist the police department in their photo enforcement efforts. Sensy Gatso replaced OPTOTraffic. At first this support covered the Dragon Cams that have been used by the police department since January 2016. However, as of December 28, 2018 those enforcement tools were enhanced to also include fixed cameras to monitor red light and speed violations on U.S. 20 at the Monroe Street intersection and speed violations for westbound traffic on U.S. 20 near the E. Brooklyn Heights intersection.

In order to be considered a red light violation, the vehicle must have crossed the stop bar after the traffic light has turned red. The stop bar is the very wide white line that is located next to the cross walk lines, furthest from the intersection. It is not considered a red light violation if the vehicle is in the intersection when the light turns red. For example, a vehicle stopped in traffic, inside the intersection, to make a left turn would not be considered a red light violation. Unless there is signage prohibiting, vehicles are permitted to make a right turn on red provided they come to a complete stop first before proceeding safely with the turn.

Speed violations are recorded when a vehicle reaches a speed of 12 mph or higher in a non-school zone area. In school zones a vehicle must be going 10mph or higher to receive a notice of liability.

Norwalk Municipal Court-Fines

In 2018 Norwalk Municipal Court assessed \$42,628 in traffic fines as compared to 2017 when \$21,268 were assessed. On criminal cases, \$6,527 was assessed in 2018 compared to \$4,234 in 2017. Fines for Failure to File Village Income Tax are included in the criminal fine amount.

Police Cruisers



Cruiser	#Year	Odometer at year end	Miles Driven 2018	Condition
12	2013	88,446	9,233	Good
14	2014	92,521	12,703	Good
18	2018	8,774	8,774	New

Community Outreach Programs

Hooked on Fishing.

On Monday May 28th the Monroeville Police Department held its annual Hooked On Fishing event at Clark Park. Hooked On Fishing is designed to provide alternatives to youth and promote the joys of fishing. Funds to sponsor the event were provided for with private donations from businesses and individuals in and around the Monroeville area.

It was an extremely hot and muggy day, but we still had approximately 120 people participated in the event. Food and beverages were provided and prizes were awarded to the youth angler who caught the largest fish, the smallest fish, and the most fish.

The Monroeville Police Department would like to thank Underground Utilities, Norwalk Wal- Mart, Firelands Federal Credit Union, John Flicker and Cold as Ice Drive Thru, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Watt, and Grandpa's Bait shop for their generous donations and support. In addition we would like to thank all of those individuals who generously volunteered their time ensuring the continued success of this program. Many of these people were Village employees who donated their time for this worthy cause. The police department would like to give special thanks to Mayor Fries for all her help and support for this event.

Winners this year were: Veanna Helmstetter (biggest fish), Jonathon Sanchez-Molique (smallest fish), and Landin Hershiser (most fish).





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Safety Town



During the week of August 6th, the Monroeville Police Department along with the Huron River Joint Fire District Fire Department conducted its annual Safety Town. Safety Town focused on many safety issues such as bicycle and pedestrian safety, fire safety, use of 911 system, and stranger danger awareness. Lt. Kimball, Officer Eggleston and Officer Hanuscin represented the police department. We would also like to thank the many volunteers of the Fire Department who donated their time for this event. Approximately 30 children graduated from Safety Town this year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Gary M. Lyons, Chief of Police

Total-2018

NAME	NO OL		STOP SIGN	SPE ED		OTHER MISC &	Accident	Accident			ARR	ESTS	WARR	ANTS	REPO RTS	
	DUI	DUS	RED LIGHT	L/R	D.C.	NON MOVING	Citations	Investigated	Warn	PT	FEL.	MISD.	FEL.	MISD.	MAJOR	ROUTINE
LYONS		1		3	998		2	8	27						3	45
KIMBALL		7		2	1135	2	4	9	33			2		7	12	118
EGGELSTON	2	45	22	141	39	41	4	12	197			9		7	12	149
MEYER	2	28	14	138	8	61	1	2	217	3	1	42		3	27	137
HANUSCIN	1	46	17	191	6	114	2	3	263			27		11	19	237
QUERIN																
SOSBE																
SHEEHAN				9					16							1
SILVERS				5		3			31							2
Total-	5	127	53	489	2186	221	13	34	784	3	1	80	0	28	73	689

Special Assignments	Holiday	Vacation	Sick	Earned
			Time	Time
LYONS	106.0	64.0	196.0	0.0
KIMBALL	54.0	32.0	92.0	11.0
EGGLESTON	29.0	0.0	8.0	8.0
MEYER	101.0	8.0	48.0	8.0
HANUSCIN	11.5	16.0	0.0	0.0

MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Incident Type Statistics

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Date Range From: 1/01/2018 Through: 12/31/2018

Incident Type	Total
MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	
911 Hang Up Call	29
Alarm Burglar	19
Alarm Hold Up	1
Alarm Medical	2
Animal At Large	29
Animal Bite	4
Assist Other Agency	43
Bad Checks	2
Bike Found	4
Bike Stolen	1
Breaking And Entering	2
Burglary	2
Civil Matter	24
Counterfeiting	1
Crash Animal	3
Crash General	18
Crash Private Property	11
Criminal Damaging	5
Detail Traffic	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication	2
Disturbance	20
Disturbing The Peace	14
Domestic Violence	2
EMS Call	43
EMS-Assistance	2
Escort	4
FRAUD	1
Fire Call	8
Fire Investigation	3
Fireworks	2
Follow Up Investigation	17
Fraud Credit-Debit Card	1
Harassment	1
Harassment Telephone	5
Hazard	29
Information	89
Juvenile Contact	9
Juvenile Curfew	2
Juvenile Delinquent	4
Juvenile Unruly	11
Liquor Violations	5

Littering	1
Menacing	3
Mental Health	5
Narcotic Drugs Possession	33
Narcotics Drug Paraphernalia	4
Narcotics Overdose	3
OVI	1
Open Building Door Window	14
Parking Complaint	15
Person Deceased	1
Persons Missing	1
Persons Suspicious	42
Prisoner Detail Transport	3
Property Damage	1
Property Found Recovered	14
Property Lost	4
Railroad Complaint	1
Sex Offenses - Gross Sexual Imposition	1
Suicide Attempted	2
Theft - From Car	3
Theft - Petty	6
Theft - Shoplifting	4
Theft Grand	2
Traffic Offense	63
Traffic Stop	816
Traffic Stop-Warning	809
Trespassing	4
Utilities Complaint	12
Vandalism	3
Vehicle Disabled	36
Vehicle Immobilized Towed	3
Vehicle Junk	4
Vehicle Lock Out	35
Vehicle Suspicious	90
Vehicle Trespass	1
Violation Of Court Order - Tpo - Court Order	2
Void	2
Warrant Arrest Service	3
Warrant Arrest Summons	25
Weapons	1
Welfare Check	31
Total Incidents for MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	2580