Parma Heights Police Department

2021 Annual Report

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The Parma Heights Police Department

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with the utmost pride in our performance.

Message from Chief Steve Scharschmidt...

On behalf of the Parma Heights Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report to the Parma Heights community. This report highlights our department's efforts to engage and support the community and summarizes our overall commitment to making Parma Heights the safest city it can be.

While we experienced many challenges in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest felt across the nation, I am proud of the positive examples our sworn and civilian staff exemplified this year. Police personnel adjusted and adapted to the changes, challenges and continued to be professional and courteous to the community while continuing their duties to serve and protect.

PHPD worked diligently to provide personal protection equipment and testing for our members. These measures allowed us to continue our mission to protect the community and keep it safe. Despite the risk of contracting COVID-19, the members of PHPD continued to serve the City of Parma Heights with professionalism and dedication.

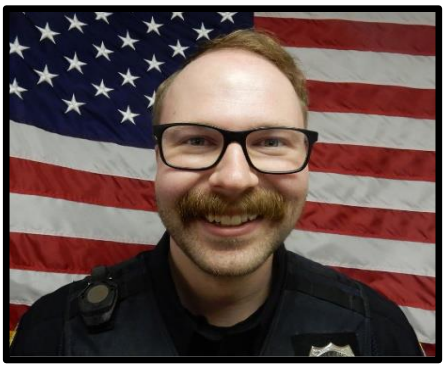
In 2021, Parma Heights continued to experience a reduction in overall crime, the department evaluates and analyzes crime to provide the highest level of service. This report includes information about how we are continuing our mission to reduce crime, details about various initiatives and updates on police programs that are important to the department and the community, but it is only part of an entire story. To see more of what PHPD is doing, visit our website, Facebook, or Twitter pages.

It has been an honor to work with the dedicated and professional staff within the Parma Heights Police Department. I know that PHPD is on the path towards continued excellence. I have seen tremendous growth and change this year. I extend my gratitude to the City of Parma Heights for your continued support of our department as it plays a vital role to our success. I hope you find our Annual Report informative. We thank you and are honored by the opportunity to serve you.

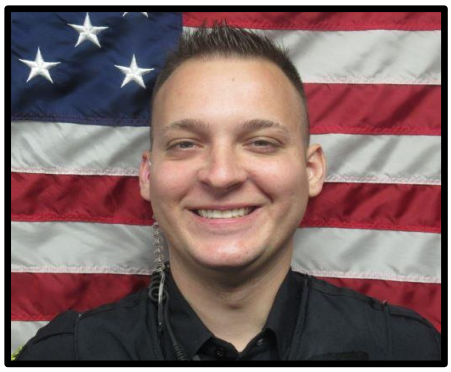
Thank you,

Steve Scharschmidt
Chief of Police

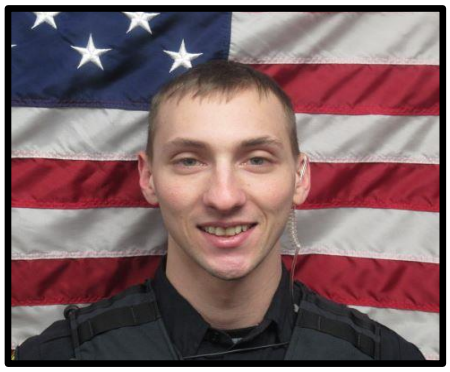
New Hires



Patrolman Bradd Smith
Hired 03/08/2021



Patrolman James Norwillo
Hired 11/08/2021



Patrolman Cody Pullman
Hired 11/08/2021

Patrolman Eric Brown
Hired 12/06/2021

Patolman Dustin Prochaska
Hired 12/06/2021

New Hires

Clerk Elizabeth Dzurisin
Hired 06/03/2021

Clerk John Gangloff
Hired 11/15/2021

Fr. Matthew Byrne
Chaplain 06/10/2021

Promotions

Sergeant Tanya Czack
Promoted to Captain on December 13th, 2021

Patrolman John Vinkler III
Promoted to Sergeant on December 13th, 2021

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Chief of Police
Steve Scharschmidt

Assistant to Chief
Sonya Short
Administrative Assistant to Chief
Accounts Payable
Department Coordinator
Purchasing
Personnel Records
New Appointment Process
Classroom Scheduling
Assistant to Vehicle Maintenance
Assistant to Signal Service
BMV- Salvage Vehicles – Affidavits

2021 PHPD Organizational Chart

Captain Rick Brown
Uniform Patrol Commander
Records / Payroll
FTO
Internal Investigations
New Appointment Process

Captain Tanya Czack
ET Supervisor
Clerks
SWAG Commander
Crash Reconstructionist
OH-1
Aux Unit
Training - CPT
Policy & Procedure
Community Relations
Social Media
Power DMS
Ohio Collaborative
Video Evidence
Grants

Detective Bureau Supervisor
Sgt. Steve Greene
Special Invests
Investigations
Juvenile Diversion
Computer Operations
Incident Reports Review
Communications
AFP

DB Secretary
Angie Love
Crime Reporting
CAD Review
Incidents
Juvenile Diversion
Expungements
Statistical Reporting
Fingerprinting Cards
Liquor Permits
Power DMS
Ohio Collaborative
Interns
AFP

Detectives
Detective Luke Wittasek
General Duty
CVSA
ASP Instructor
Evidence Tech
Property/Evidence
Defensive Tactics
Taser Instructor

Detective Adam Sloan
General Duty
Evidence Tech
SEB-MFF
Public Information Officer

Detective Brian Hansen
General Duty
SWAG
Evidence Tech
AIU

Administrative Sergeant
Sgt. Jeff Krepina
Communications
Comp Operations
Video Evidence
Verra
Flock Safety
Incident Reports Review
VMO
LEADS TAC

Full Time Clerks

Kathy Hriczo
Case Manager
Records

Dave Verbofsky
Case Manager
Records/ DV Stats
Liquor Permits/CAD Review
MVA-Carfax
Assistant Expungements
Overdose Initiative

Part Time Clerks

Linda Heffern
CAD Review
Tow Records
Salvage Vehicle Paperwork

Elizabeth Dzurisin
CAD Review
Records

John Gangloff

Chaplain
Father Byrne

12/31/21

Mission Statement
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Animal Control
Miranda Braude

Auxiliary
Mike Madej
Brandon Schmidt
Dave Verbofsky

Day Shift

Sgt. Mike Deily
Schedule/Payroll
FTO Supervisor

Sgt. Stephen Lindh
Rangemaster
Taser Instructor
Evidence Room Supervisor
Bldg Maintenance Supervisor

Ptl. Jeff Dunnell
ASP Instructor
Evidence Tech

Ptl. Chris Rossman
FTO
Tint Meter
Evidence Tech

Ptl. Michael Molnar
Lock Out Tools

Ptl. Dennis Supelak
Range Officer
Radar Units

Ptl. Matt Czech
Evidence Room
Evidence Tech

FTO Training
James Norwillo
Cody Pullman
Eric Brown
Dustin Prochaska

Afternoon Shift

Sgt. Scott Jackson
SEB Commander
Signal Service
Deer Management

Sgt. John Vinkler
SEB Officer
Alice Instructor
ET Supervisor
Asst. Range Supervisor
Department Website
Equipment - Patrol

Ptl. Ron Felkonis
SWAG
FTO

Ptl. David Kunker
Flashlights

Ptl. Eric Taylor
PACT Unit
Community Events
Alice Instructor
Evidence Tech

Ptl. Andrew Fischer
SEB Officer
Evidence Tech
FTO
Arms Room
Taser Instructor
Alice Instructor

Ptl. Bradd Smith
Photography
SWAG

Night Shift

Sgt. Michael Luzniak
Comp Ops
Video Evidence
Grants
Records-Tickets
Recruitment
Annual Report
Safe Kids/IDS
OVI Task Force

Sgt. Dan Kravanis
Clerk Supervisor
UCR
Side Job Coordinator

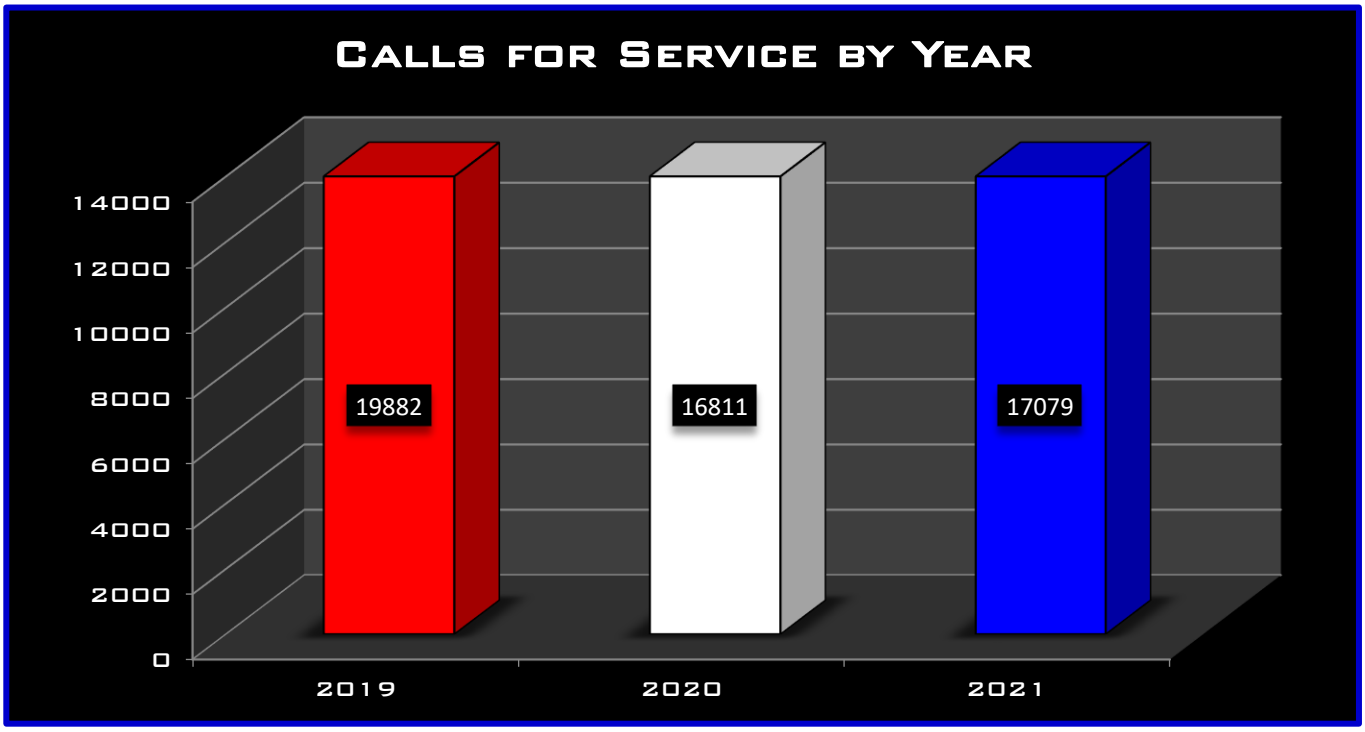
Ptl. AnthonyD'Onofrio
FTO/SWAG
Evidence Tech

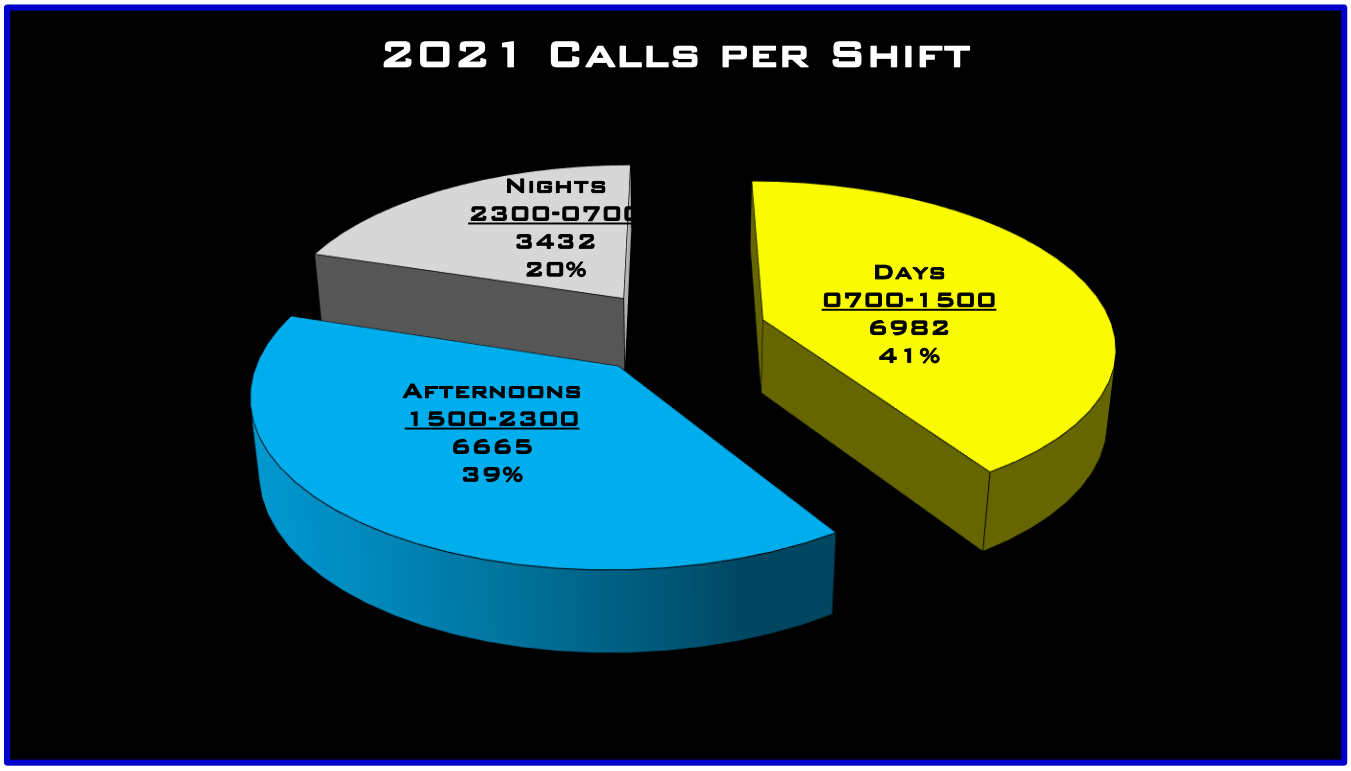
Ptl. Bryan Miller
FTO
Evidence Tech
SEB Officer
Alice Instructor
Stop Sticks

Ptl. Philip Onysyk
SEB-MFF

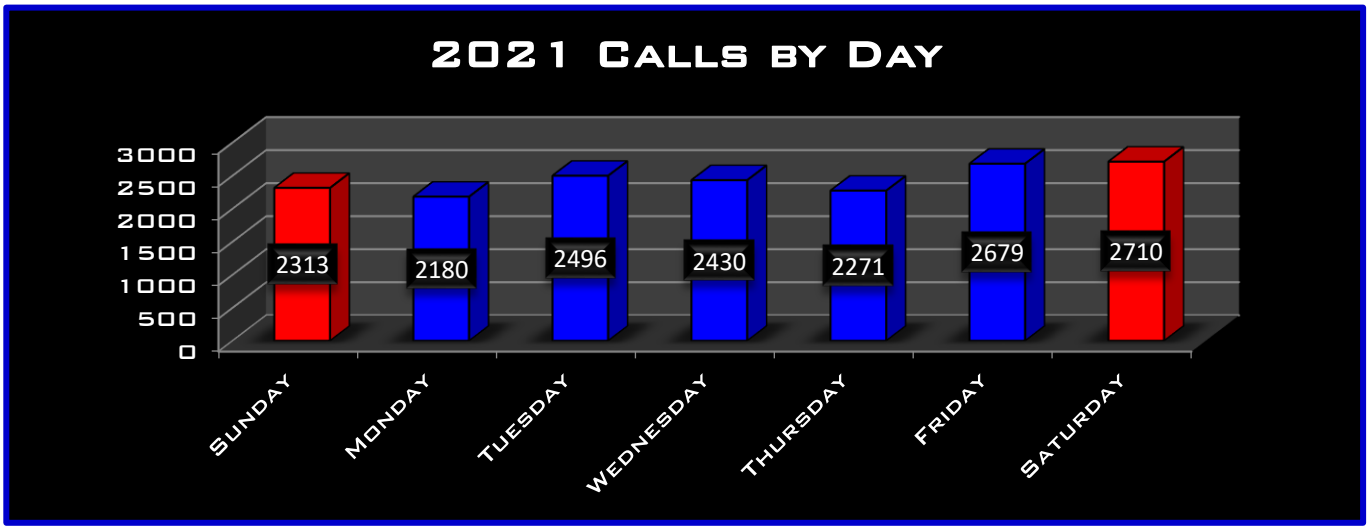
Ptl. Anthony Lanzara
Stop Sticks

Ptl. Donovan Flynn
Evidence Tech

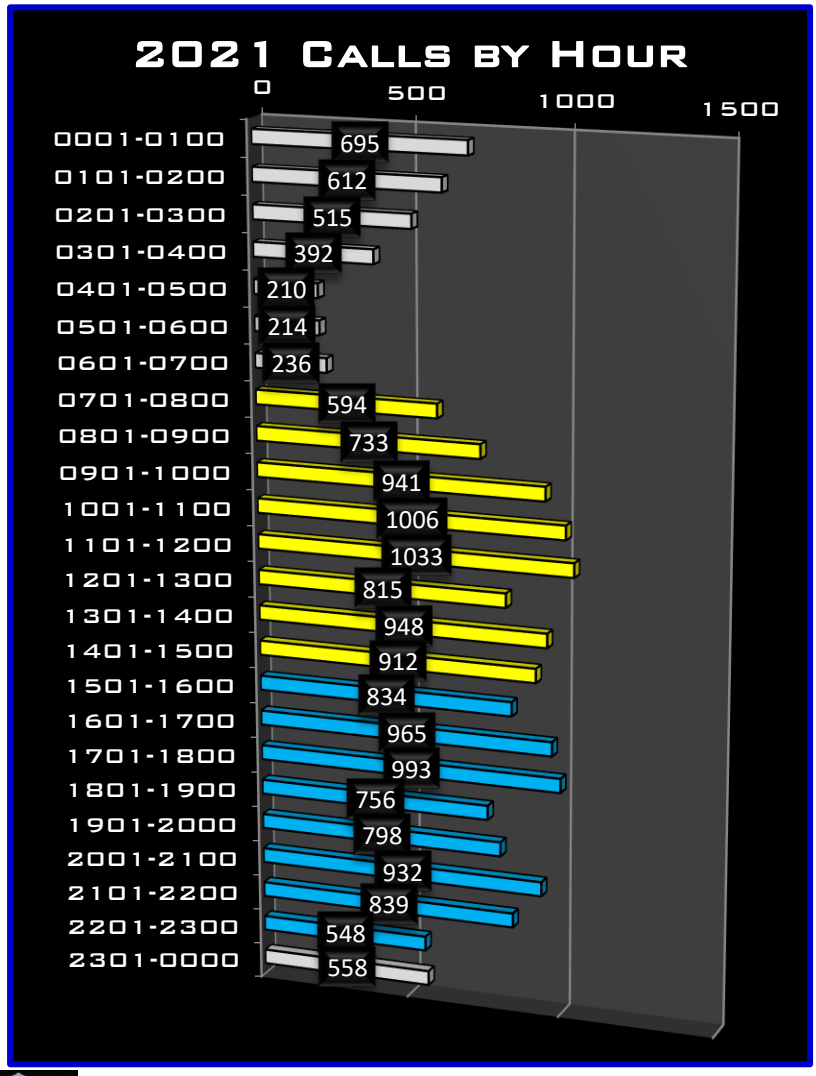




	2020	2021	Change
Day Shift	6436	6982	546
Afternoon Shift	6622	6665	43
Night Shift	3753	3432	-321
Totals	16811	17079	268

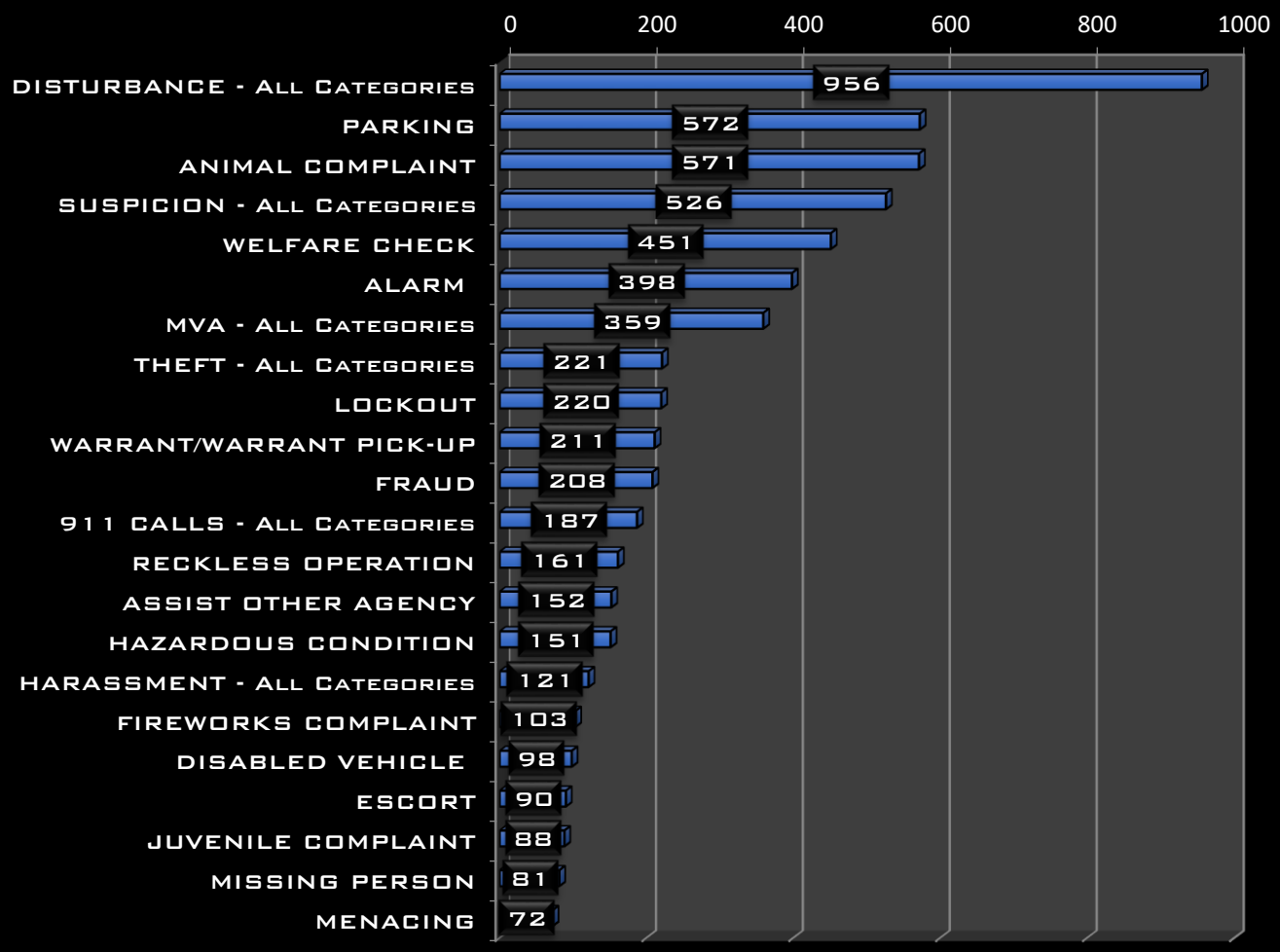


	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2020	2452	2302	2319	2532	2205	2372	2629
2021	**2313**	**2180**	**2496**	**2430**	**2271**	**2679**	**2710**
Change	-139	-122	177	-102	66	307	81



	2020	**2021**	Change
0001-0100	816	**695**	-121
0101-0200	697	**612**	-85
0201-0300	534	**515**	-19
0301-0400	409	**392**	-17
0401-0500	234	**210**	-24
0501-0600	197	**214**	17
0601-0700	256	**236**	-20
0701-0800	514	**594**	80
0801-0900	660	**733**	73
0901-1000	781	**941**	160
1001-1100	918	**1006**	88
1101-1200	931	**1033**	102
1201-1300	784	**815**	31
1301-1400	958	**948**	-10
1401-1500	890	**912**	22
1501-1600	833	**834**	1
1601-1700	1021	**965**	-56
1701-1800	1039	**993**	-46
1801-1900	740	**756**	16
1901-2000	764	**798**	34
2001-2100	857	**932**	75
2101-2200	816	**839**	23
2201-2300	552	**548**	-4
2301-0000	610	**558**	-52

Most Frequent Police-Related Initial Calls for Service



Traffic Stops - 5096 (+85 from 2020)

Animal-Related	2020	2021	Change
Animal Abandonment	0	3	3
Animal At-Large	26	20	-6
Animal Bites	12	9	-3
Animal Care (Cruelty and Neglect)	2	0	-2
Animal Noises/Barking Dog	0	1	1
Dangerous and Vicious Dogs	8	5	-3
Registration/Tag Violations	4	7	3
Other	13	6	-7
Animal-Related Total	65	51	-14

Assault-Related	2020	2021	Change
Abduction/Kidnap	4	0	-4
Aggravated Menacing	20	13	-7
Assault	35	33	-2
Domestic Violence	72	62	-10
Domestic Violence - By Threat	14	5	-9
Endangering Children	15	15	0
Felonious Assault	9	8	-1
Menacing	13	9	-4
Menacing by Stalking	4	6	2
Unlawful Restraint	3	2	-1
Vehicular Assault	1	1	0
Other	1	8	7
Assault-Related Total	191	162	-29

Drug-Related	2020	2021	Change
Amphetamine - Possess	9	7	-2
Cocaine - Possess	7	7	0
Dangerous Drugs	6	2	-4
Drug Abuse	63	51	-12
Drug Paraphernalia - Possess	62	66	4
Fentanyl - Possess	3	3	0
Hallucinogen - Possess	2	0	-2
Heroin - Possess	3	7	4
Marijuana - Possess	69	62	-7
Narcotic Equipment - Possess	17	73	56
Overdose	14	10	-4
Trafficking in Drugs	7	6	-1
Other	18	18	0
Drug-Related Total	280	312	32

Juvenile-Related	2020	2021	Change
Curfew	4	2	-2
Underage Consumption	8	6	-2
Runaways	7	9	2
Unruly Juvenile	6	5	-1
Child Prohibited Tobacco Products	0	2	2
Juvenile-Related Total	25	24	-1

Property-Related	2020	2021	Change
Criminal Damaging or Endangering	36	31	-5
Criminal Mischief	18	8	-10
Damage to Property	6	4	-2
Trespassing	60	42	-18
Vandalism	6	7	1
Other	1	10	9
Property-Related Total	127	102	-25

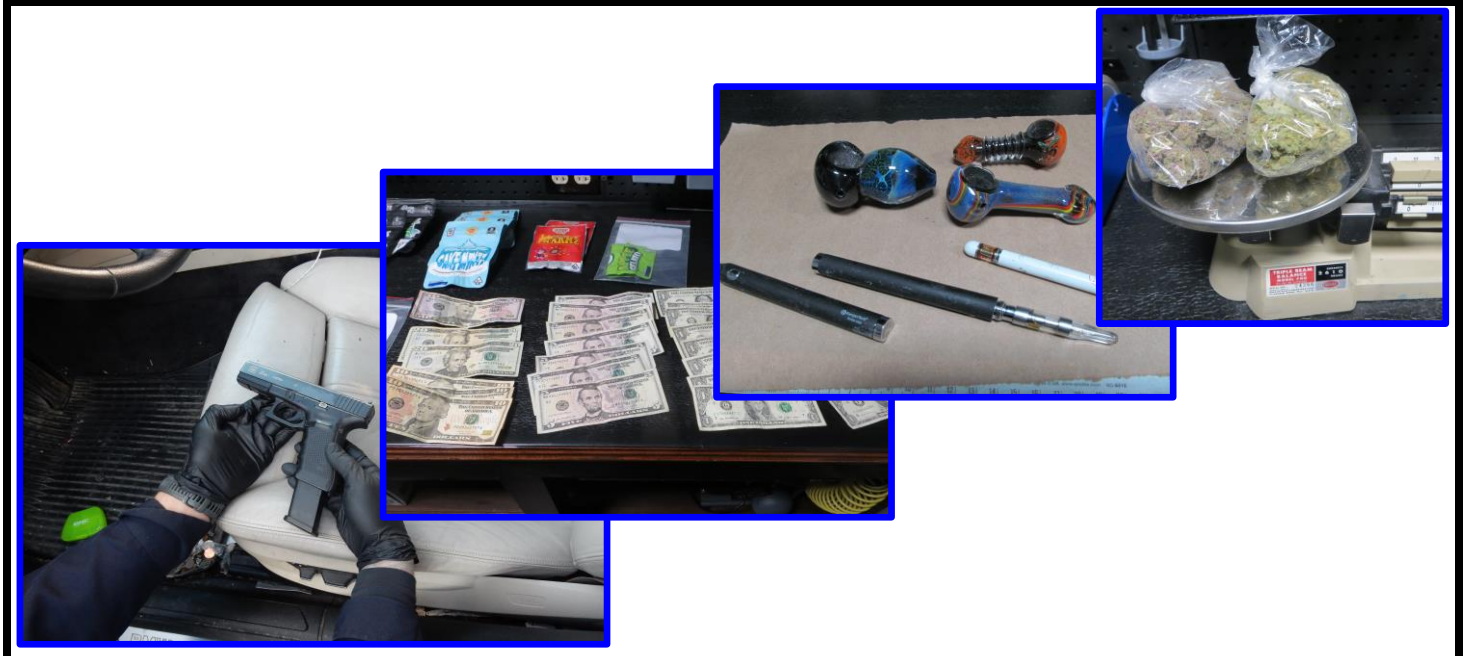
Sex Crime-Related	2020	2021	Change
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles	1	2	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	4	5	1
Rape	6	9	3
Sexual Assault	5	2	-3
Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor	0	0	0
Other	6	15	9
Sex Crime-Related Total	22	33	11

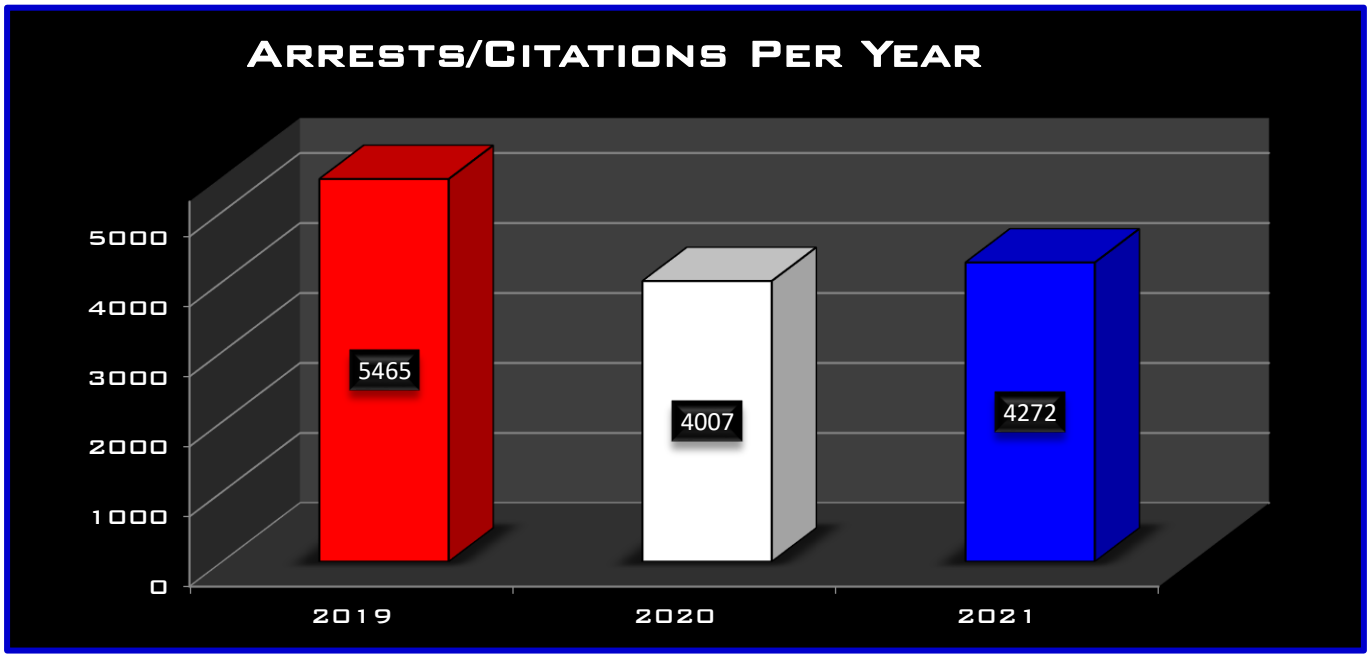
Theft-Related	2020	2021	Change
Breaking and Entering	8	9	1
Burglary	28	15	-13
Forgery	4	6	2
Fraud	25	32	7
Fraud - By Wire	20	10	-10
Fraud - Check/Credit Card	31	26	-5
Grand Theft	16	32	16
Grand Theft - Vehicle	20	17	-3
Petty Theft	58	40	-18
Receiving Stolen Property	13	17	4
Robbery	2	4	2
Taking Identity of Another	38	60	22
Theft	119	115	-4
Unauthorized Use of Property	10	6	-4
Other	4	14	10
Theft-Related Total	396	403	7

Traffic-Related	2020	2021	Change
Display of License Plates	22	20	-2
Driving in Marked Lanes/Weaving Course	69	58	-11
Driving Under Suspension	71	56	-15
DUI - Drug of Abuse or Combined	109	83	-26
Driving without a Valid License	18	9	-9
Following Too Closely/ACDA	8	3	-5
License Plates - Expired	8	16	8
License Plates - Fictitious	9	3	-6
License Plates - Rear Illumination	10	6	-4
Left of Center	1	5	4
Lighted Lights Required	11	4	-7
Obeying Traffic Control Devices	38	29	-9
Reasonable Control	12	15	3
Reckless Operation	21	13	-8
Right of Way	3	12	9
Seat Belt Law	38	27	-11
Speed	34	27	-7
Tinted Windows	21	29	8
Turn and Stop Signals	15	7	-8
Turning at Intersections	23	11	-12
Other	63	75	12
Traffic-Related Total	604	508	-96

Weapons-Related	2020	2021	Change
Carrying Concealed Weapons	27	38	11
Improperly Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle	37	48	11
Weapons Under Disability	21	11	-10
Other	9	11	2
Weapons-Related Total	94	108	14

Miscellaneous	2020	2021	Change
Attempted Suicide	30	22	-8
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	1	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	48	45	-3
Disturbance	3	1	-2
Disturbing the Peace	16	8	-8
DOA	42	46	4
Drunkenness/Public Intoxication	13	17	4
Falsification	18	17	-1
Fleeing/Eluding Officer	28	33	5
Found Property	1	3	2
Harassing Communication	19	13	-6
Inducing Panic	5	0	-5
Missing Person	28	35	7
Obstructing Official Business	31	19	-12
On-Duty Injury	7	5	-2
Open Container in a Public Place	32	20	-12
Personal Injury	2	9	7
Possessing Criminal Tools	6	1	-5
Psychiatric Situation	17	17	0
Resisting Officer	22	11	-11
Suicide	4	0	-4
Suspicion	4	7	3
Use of Force	7	1	-6
Violation of a Protection Order	7	5	-2
Warrant	36	35	-1
All Other	184	74	-110
Miscellaneous Total	611	446	-165





Top Criminal Arrest/Citation Categories

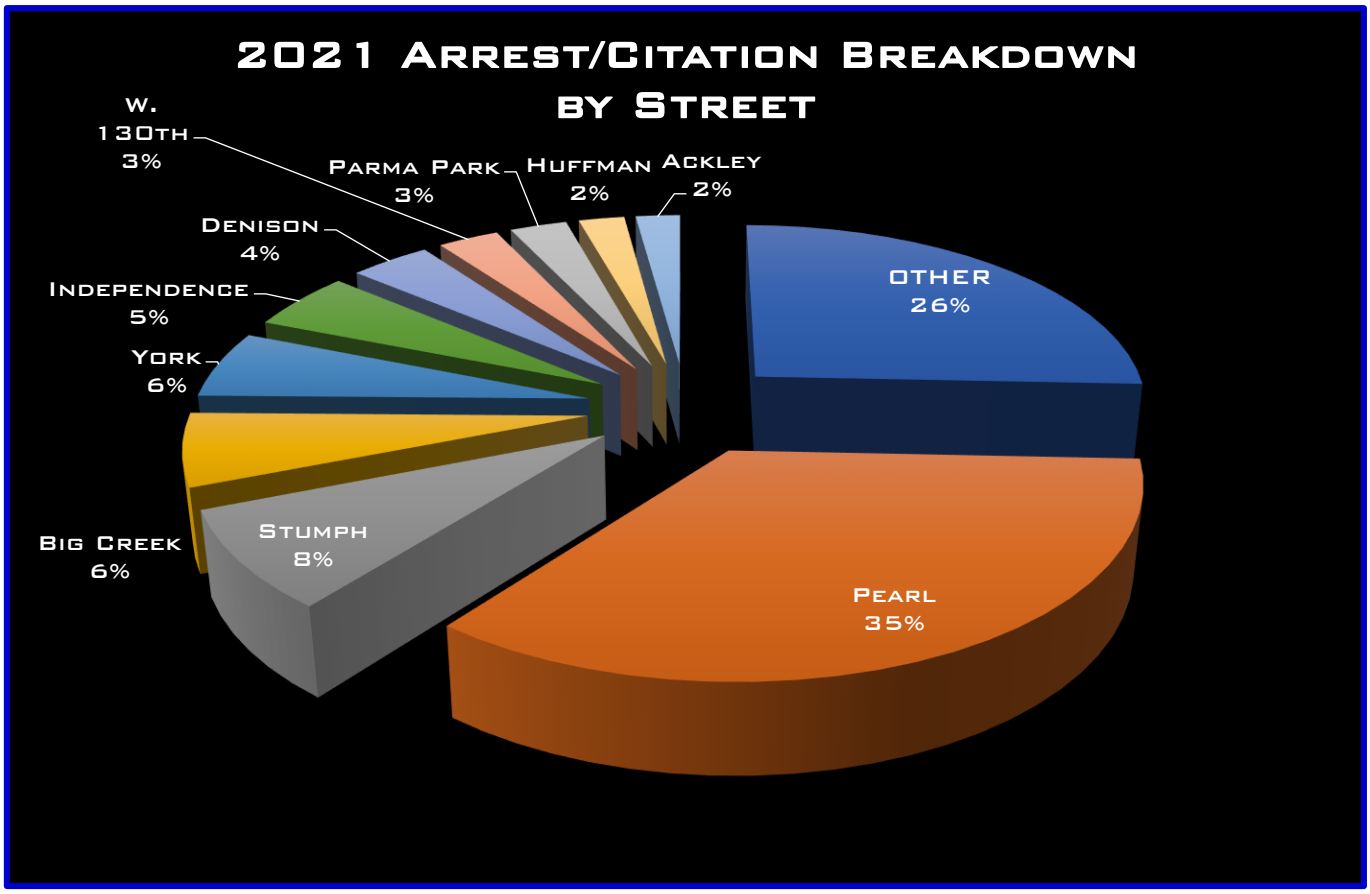
1	Drug Possession - All	104
2	Weapons Violations - All	97
3	Drug Paraphernalia Possession - All	54
4	Disorderly Conduct	53
5	Domestic Violence - All	43
6	Obstructing/Falsification	35
7	Theft - All	27
8	Assault - All	18
9	Open Container in Public/Vehicle	16
T10	Trespassing	15
T10	Disturbing the Peace	15

Top Traffic Arrest/Citation Categories

1	Speed	834
2	Tinted Windows	427
3	Expired License Plates	396
4	Safety Belt - Adult	348
5	Driving Under Suspension	276
6	Traffic Control Devices	146
7	OVUI	83
8	Driving in Marked Lanes	83
9	Display of License Plates	78
10	Right of Way - All	64
	Parking Violations - All	351

Top Roadways for Arrests/Citations

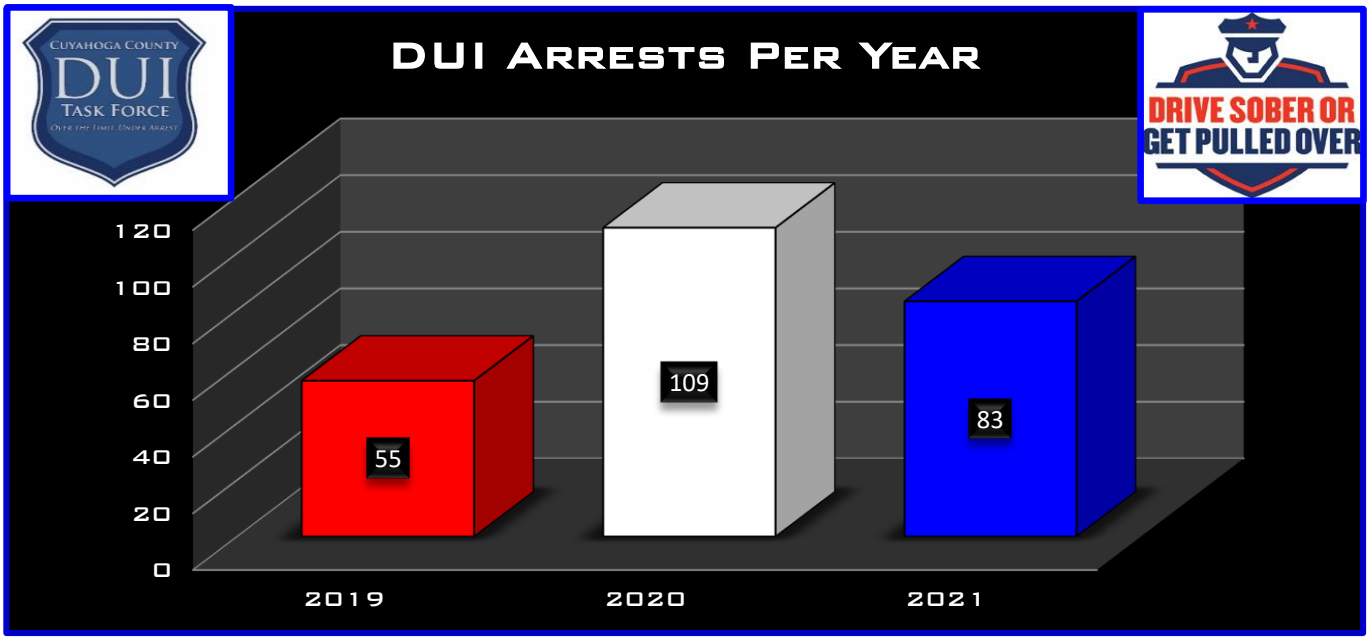
1	Pearl Road	1492
2	Stumph Road	360
3	Big Creek Parkway	267
4	York Road	248
5	Independence Boulevard	217
6	Denison Boulevard	165
7	W. 130th Street	125
8	Parma Park Boulevard	117
9	Huffman Road	94
10	Ackley Road	91
	All Others	1096



DUI Arrests by Month	Day	Noon	Night	Detail	Total
January	0	2	3	0	5
February	0	0	9	0	9
March	0	2	7	0	9
April	0	0	10	0	10
May	0	0	5	0	5
June	0	2	4	0	6
July	1	0	7	0	8
August	1	3	7	0	11
September	0	0	7	0	7
October	0	0	1	0	1
November	1	1	3	0	5
December	0	4	3	0	7
Totals	3	14	66	0	83

DUI Arrests by Day	
Sunday	28
Monday	7
Tuesday	5
Wednesday	10
Thursday	5
Friday	6
Saturday	22

Average Age	36.4
Oldest	79
Youngest	18
Number of Male Arrests	61
Number of Female Arrests	22
Refusals	30
Submitted to Test	53
Breath	42
Blood	3
Urine	7
Average BAC	0.168
High BAC	0.268



	2020	2021	Change
Motor Vehicle Crash Total	294	291	-3
Private Property Crashes	53	39	-14
Crashes on City Streets	241	252	11
Injury Crashes	44	59	15
Injured Persons	58	82	24
Alcohol-Related Crashes	15	12	-3
Alcohol-Related Injuries	8	6	-2
Pedestrian-Related Crashes	3	2	-1
Fatal Crashes	1	1	0
Fatalities	1	1	0
Bicycle Injuries	0	0	0

Top Motor Vehicle Crash Areas

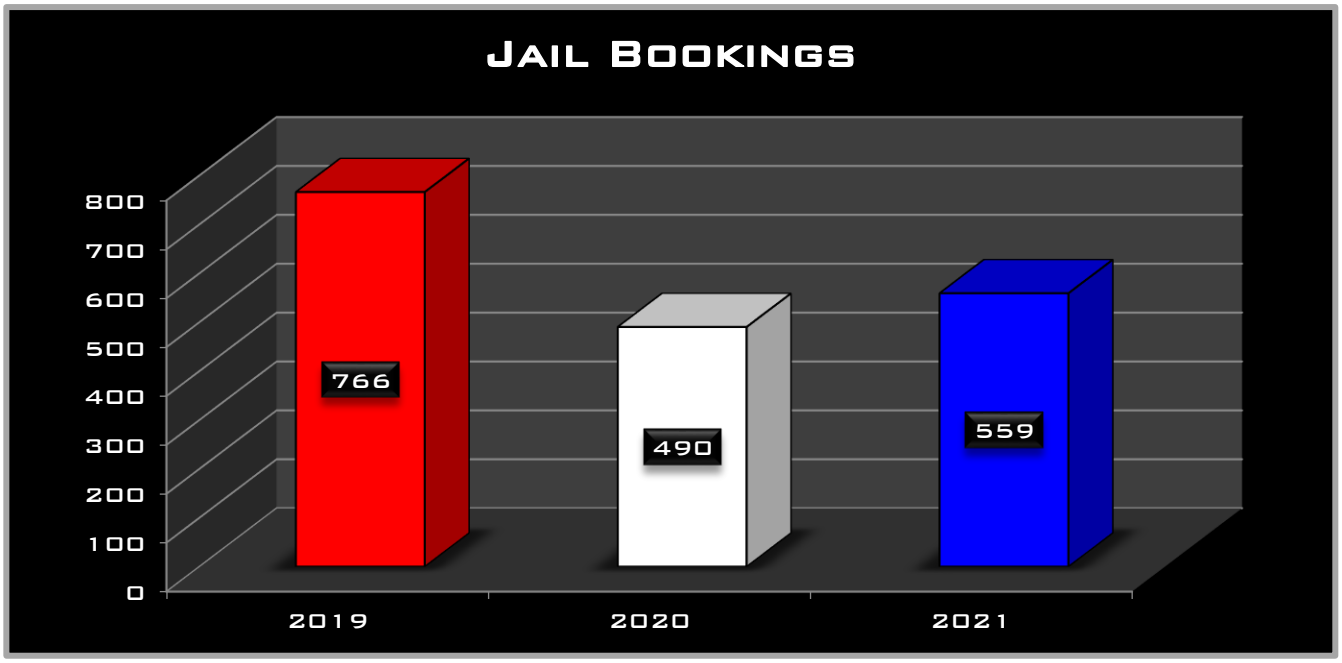
1	Pearl Road - Non-Intersection	49
2	York Road - Non-Intersection	16
3	York Road at West Ridgewood	13
4	Pearl Road at York/Stumph	12
t5	Stumph Road - Non-Intersection	11
t5	W. 130th Street - Non-Intersection	11
7	Pearl Road at Denison Boulevard	8
8	Pearl Road at Kingsdale Boulevard	6
t9	Pearl Road at Ackley Road	5
t9	Pearl Road at W. 130th Street	5
t9	Stumph Road at Big Creek Parkway	5
t9	York Road at N. Church/Kingsdale	5

2021 Costs for PHPD Adult Prisoners

Alternate Housing (North Royalton Jail)		$53,713.52
Alternate Housing (Parma Detention Center)		$40,960.00
Medical Expenses/Other Costs		$934.27
Prisoner Transport/Watch Costs		$23,968.37
Total on Overtime	487.00	
Captains	20.25	
Sergeants	14.50	
Patrol	452.25	
*** Non-OT hours not tracked*		
2021 Total Jail Expenses		**$119,576.16**
Average Cost of Housing per Prisoner		$213.91

Prisoner Booking Information for 2020:

Total bookings from 01/01 to 12/31/2021:	559
North Royalton Bookings/Prisoners:	429
Parma Bookings/Prisoners:	130



For the year 2021, our in-house firearms training program and the Sgt. Bennett firearms training range saw some continuing changes, updates, and improvements. We began the first quarter of the year by conducting annual OPOTA qualifications for a majority of the department on the basic OPOTA standards in duty handgun and shotgun. These basic qualifications are mandated by OPOTA for all police departments in Ohio.

As the year progressed, we continued with annual qualifications and added our department mandated patrol rifle qualifications as well. Although not required by OPOTA, we have instituted this as an annual requirement for all officers so that each is familiar with the safe operation and employment of the patrol rifle platform whether they deploy them or not, or in case officers come into contact with patrol rifles by an armed adversary, or any other type of contact with the platform.

Continuing throughout the year, additional firearms and Use of Force training for our officers was conducted on a regular basis. This training included work on target discrimination and identification (utilizing armed "shoot"/unarmed "don't shoot" photo realistic targets), transition drills, low level light operations, and numerous additional skillsets. The department Use of Force (UOF) policy was reviewed as related to use of force and deadly force. Officers viewed videos of national officer involved incidents involving use of force, and regular discussions were held on incidents and tactics found in those videos and the general state of policing in the United States.

In mid February MT2 returned to our facility to conduct an inspection of an identified problem with the range backstop. Due to our use of the range, the backstop became blocked in lanes 1 and 5. This caused backsplash to push bullets and bullet fragments back toward the shooters in the range, and is a hazard with potential injury possibilities. MT2 sent one of their technicians to inspect the backstop and give his professional opinion on our options. His recommendation was a 2-4 day overhaul of the range backstop, which would include removing the louvers and dislodging the impacted lead from bullet build up. An estimate was received and forwarded to the Chief for review.

In early January, a training plan was discussed and was put in place for 2021 with support of Chief Scharschmidt. This plan would be to conduct handgun training in a similar fashion to the rifle training conducted in 2020. This training would have been a one-day class and would have been given to all officers. Due to the potential transition to Sig Sauer P320 9mm Duty Handguns, this specific training was postponed until 2022.

The current Sig Sauer P229R firearms we field were purchased in 2008. Most police firearms have a lifespan of 8-10 years. With our duty weapons at the 12-year mark, the Chief authorized a test and evaluation (T&E) of the P320s. After thorough testing by members of the FTU, SEB, and general PHPD members, the full-size version of the P320 was selected and proposed to the Chief. After budget meetings with city hall, the Chief gave his approval to move forward on this transition on February 19, 2021.

Ongoing consultation and discussion with MT2 as well as with the Chief made range backstop maintenance a priority. The decision was made by the Chief with support of City Hall to move forward and have MT2 return and conduct intense maintenance to the range to remove amalgamated lead from lanes 1 and 5. On 6/25/2021 a crew from MT2 arrived on site and removed lower louvers and was able to free the amalgamated lead, and once again clean the range backstop of all lead and bullet fragments. The range was again cleaned of lead dust and sanitized so that it is a safe working environment for our officers. Due to the ongoing maintenance issues as the backstop ages, a maintenance plan was formally adopted and put in place by the FTU.

In August, Sgt. Lindh (Rangemaster) and Ptl. Vinkler (Lead Firearms Instructor) attended Safariland's "Use of Force" Instructor course. This course was hosted here at Parma Heights PD utilizing the Community Rooms of the Cassidy Theater. The Safariland "Use of Force" Instructor Course is the most comprehensive method for understanding and teaching Use of Force (UoF). This training familiarized attendees with the pertinent Use of Force case law and demonstrated how UoF relates to policy, training and actual "street" applications. Along with learning the skills to teach Use of Force, participants were shown how to assist in Use of Force policy writing and how to review force-related report writing. This training teaches Instructor's skills in defending use-of-force cases in the courtroom.

Ongoing discussions are held within the FTU throughout the year, and during discussions on the pending transition to the Sig P320s the FTU identified a need for and requested training ammunition through the Chief's office. Due to pending increase in pricing of ammunition, it was determined that we would purchase 9mm training ammunition at the current cost and need projection for the next several years. The current state contract pricing of this ammunition as of August 2021 is at 51% off the retail price. This pricing allowed us to purchase double the amount of training ammunition for the budgeted price which once received, will allow us to conduct sufficient advanced training for our officers.

Sergeant Luzniak presented and wrote a grant in which we received money to replace the current, outdated plate carriers in our patrol cruisers. These plate carriers allow officers to quickly don added ballistic protection in the case of an active shooter or armed adversary, and also include extra ammunition as well as first aid supplies. The older plates and carriers are outdated and out of warranty, and the carriers show signs of wear. The new plates are much lighter and easier to don than the current plate carriers.

Upon being promoted to Sergeant in December, John Vinkler assumed the role of Assistant Range Supervisor. Together with Sgt. Lindh, the two will oversee the advanced firearms training that is conducted by our officers on an ongoing basis. Sgt. Vinkler will continue his role of overseeing the research, development, and implementation of the overall firearms training plan, but will now have the added responsibility of ensuring and coordinating ongoing training and ensuring that this training is completed by the members of the FTU.

Sergeant Steve Lindh

When officers graduate the police academy, their training is only beginning. Training should be a career-long process for police officers. Training for the Parma Heights Police Department remains a priority, ensuring that our officers stay safe and provide the best law enforcement service possible to every citizen we encounter.

In 2021 training remained a pandemic associated challenge. Although classes opened for in-person education, waves of COVID cancelled some classes last minute, limited class size or eliminated some classes for the year altogether.

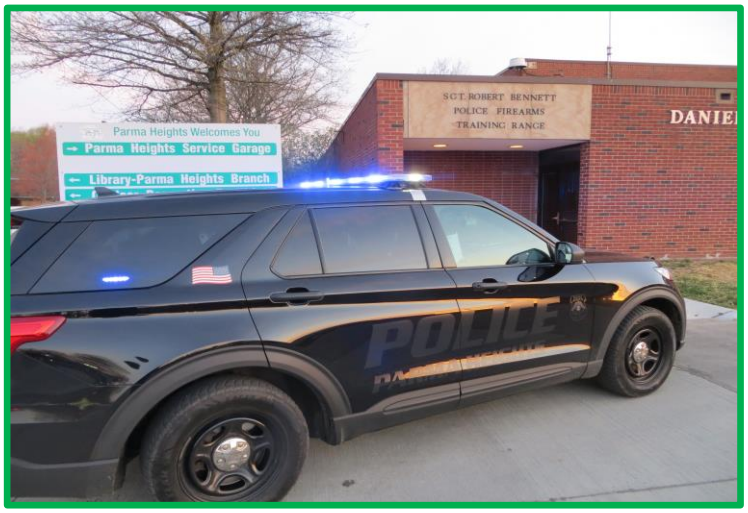
Through those challenges, officers and staff members not only attended courses, but in many cases took courses to become specialized instructors to assist with "in-house" training in certain cases. Our officers also assisted in instruction and participated a newly developed, multi-agency Tactical Patrol Officer course.

Below is a listed of classes that were attended in the 2021 calendar year.
-Firearms Qualifications
-Taser Instruction
-Street Level Gun Activity Awareness
-SUV Night Driving
-Rescue Task Force Instructor
-Leading Without Rank
-Legal Updates
-Constitutional Use of Force
-Crash Reconstruction
-Supervisor Liability
-Pistol/Rifle Proficiency Courses

We look forward to 2022 as we plan to meet the state's continued professional training requirements as well as have a 40-hour in-service class for every officer that is based on their own requests for specialized training.

Captain Tanya Czack

"An organization's ability to learn, and translate that learning into action is the ultimate advantage." – Jack Welch GE CEO



Currently, the Parma Heights Police Department has 21 police vehicles in its fleet. 11 of those vehicles are uniform patrol vehicles, 8 vehicles are detective bureau and administration vehicles, 1 vehicle is for our SEB (Swat) officers, and 1 vehicle is an auxiliary patrol vehicle. 16 of the 21 vehicles need to be placed due to age and mileage. 8 vehicles are considered "critical" for replacement. We currently have only 2 police vehicles that are less than 5 years old.

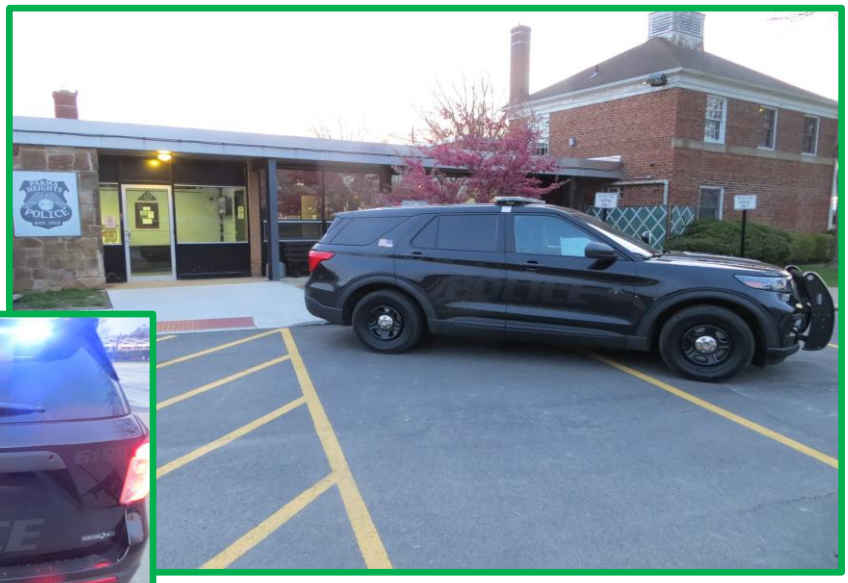
In 2021, The Mayor and Council approved the purchase of 5-2021 Dodge chargers to replace 4 aged patrol vehicles and 1 administrative vehicle. However, due to COVID, chip shortages, and manufacturer issues, the order was cancelled by the manufacturer late in the year. The manufacturer informed the dealers that they could resubmit the cancelled orders for 2022 models, and they would honor 2021 pricing. That order was resubmitted for 2022. This did not help our vehicle situation. We are hoping to get delivery of the 2022 Dodge Chargers by late summer, early fall.

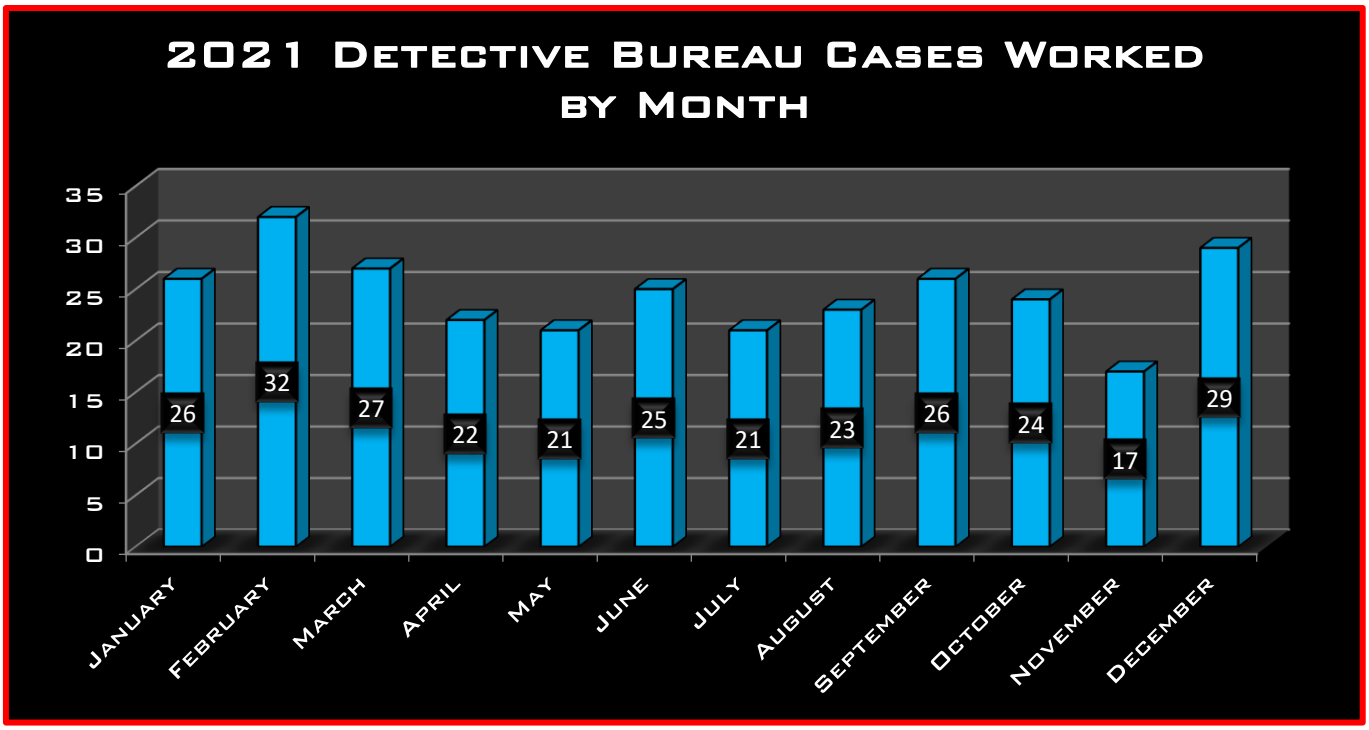
Through our Dealer, we were able to locate 4 new 2021 Ford Explorer Police vehicles. The City approved the purchase of those vehicles, and at this writing, they are waiting for equipment to arrive for their build out. 3 of these vehicles will replace three patrol vehicles, and 1 will go to the Parma Heights Fire Department to fulfill their need of a new administrative vehicle. Delivery of these vehicles is expected in the first quarter of 2022. The City also approved the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD crew cab pick-up truck to replace the 2009 Ford Expedition that our SEB officers use. The Expedition has frame issues and has limited use. We hope to receive this vehicle sometime in 2022.

In 2021, our Detective Bureau was able to add a 2016 Dodge Challenger to our Detective Bureau fleet. This was done through a criminal forfeiture. This car actually replaces a vehicle we lost in a crash and had not been replaced.

The Police Department will continue to replace it aging fleet with the continued support of our Mayor and our City Council. We will also pursue any other avenues, such as grants, forfeitures, and auctions of those forfeitures to purchase vehicles.

Sergeant Jeff Krepina




2021 Detective Bureau Cases Worked by Month
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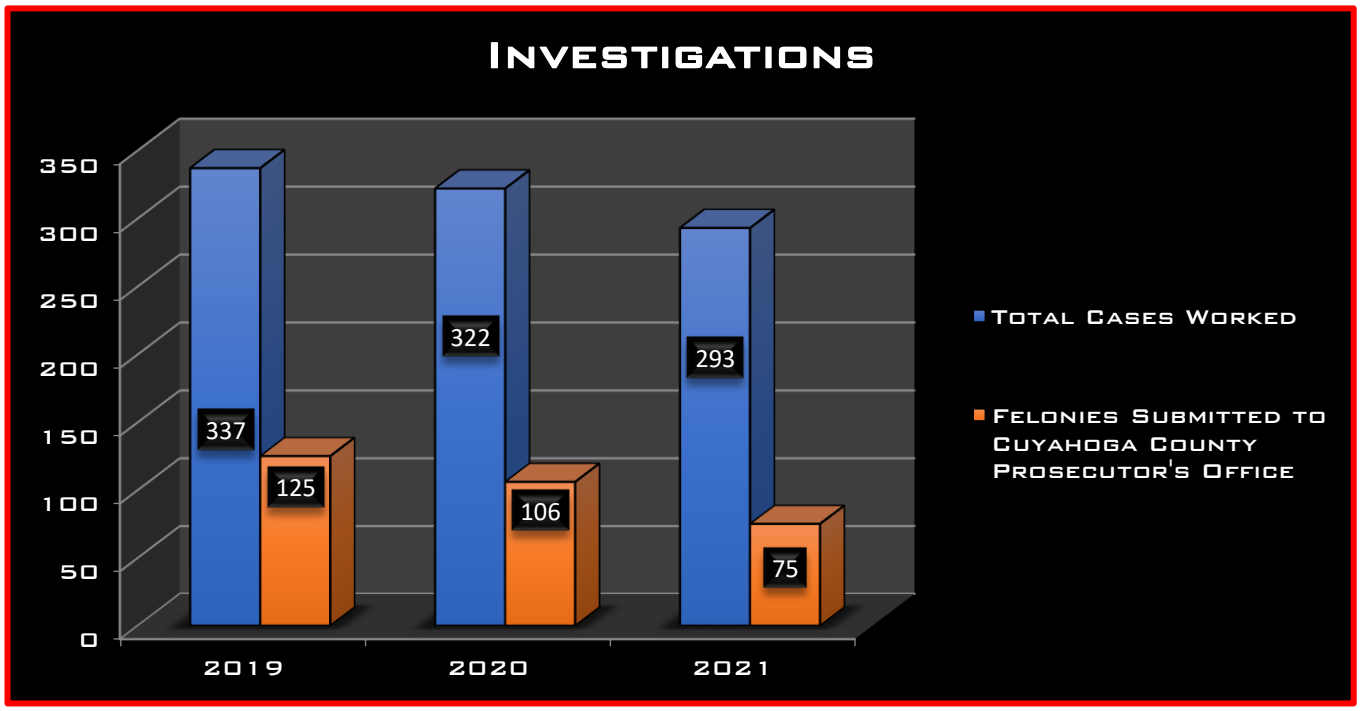
Investigations
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0
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125
322
106
293
75
2019
2020
2021
Total Cases Worked
Felonies Submitted to Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

The following is a summary of SEB S.W.A.T. activations/calls for service for the West Region in 2021. In total, SEB West S.W.A.T. responded to 18 calls for service throughout this year. A call for service only includes activations where SEB S.W.A.T. members were deployed on scene.

The SEB West Region S.W.A.T. team responded to 6 of the 11 cities/townships within the region this year and assisted Central region of SEB S.W.A.T. on 1 call for service. We responded to the city of Cleveland as mutual-aid to Cleveland's SWAT Unit 1 time to assist with civil unrest, and 3 other times to assist with the NFL Draft. SEB West also responded to assist the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB S.W.A.T.) 1 time with a civil unrest call.

January 15, 2021 – Cleveland, Mutual aid New Black Panther Party Protest

February 11, 2021 – North Royalton, Search warrant service

February 12, 2021 – Brook Park, Protest manpower

March 3, 2021 – Berea, Barricaded male with a gun

March 12, 2021 – Berea, Search/Arrest warrant service turned barricade

March 21, 2021 – Strongsville, Barricaded female with a gun

April 20, 2021 – SEB Cities, Manpower, Chauvin trial verdict possible protests

April 27, 2021 – Brooklyn, Barricaded/suicidal male with a gun

April 29, 2021 – Cleveland, Mutual aid manpower NFL Draft

April 30, 2021 - Cleveland, Mutual aid manpower NFL Draft

May 1, 2021 – Cleveland, Mutual aid manpower NFL Draft

May 14, 2021 – Westlake (WEB), Mutual aid protest manpower

June 10, 2021 – Berea, Barricaded male in a vehicle

June 13, 2021 – Parma, Barricaded male with a gun

July 31, 2021 – Berea, Arrest warrant/barricade

August 13, 2021 – Olmsted Township, VIP Security

September 28, 2021 – Cleveland, Mutual Aid DEA search warrant service

October 14, 2021 – Brooklyn, Barricaded male with a bomb

Six of the 18 calls for service, or 33% of the total calls were for barricaded subjects.

Four calls, or 22%, were for search or arrest warrant service. (Two of the 4 calls for search or arrest warrant service, or 50% of all warrant services, evolved in to barricaded subjects.)

Of the 6 calls for barricaded subjects, and for the 2 arrest warrant services that evolved in to barricade situations (8 total barricade situations), gas deployment was used as an intervention by the West Region on 2 of the calls. Overall, 25% of the barricade calls were resolved with the use of gas. Seven of the 8 barricade calls resulted in arrests. One call for a barricaded subject resulted in the use of deadly force.

Two calls, or 13%, were for manpower issues related to protests.

One call, or 6%, was for manpower issues related to VIP/Dignitary Security

Five calls, or 31%, were mutual-aid calls outside of SEB cities. (Three of the 5 calls were for the NFL Draft.)

Eight high risk arrests were made total.

Firearms were a factor in 6 calls.

The threat of firearms, or the presence or threat of other deadly weapons, were a factor in 2 additional calls.

Sergeant Scott Jackson

The following is a summary of SEB Multi-Field Force activations/calls for service for the unit in 2021. In total, SEB M.F.F. responded to 3 calls for service throughout this year:

February 12, 2021 – Brook Park, Protest manpower

May 14, 2021 – Westlake, (WEB) Mutual aid, Protest manpower

June 5, 2021 – Independence, Protest manpower

Sergeant Scott Jackson

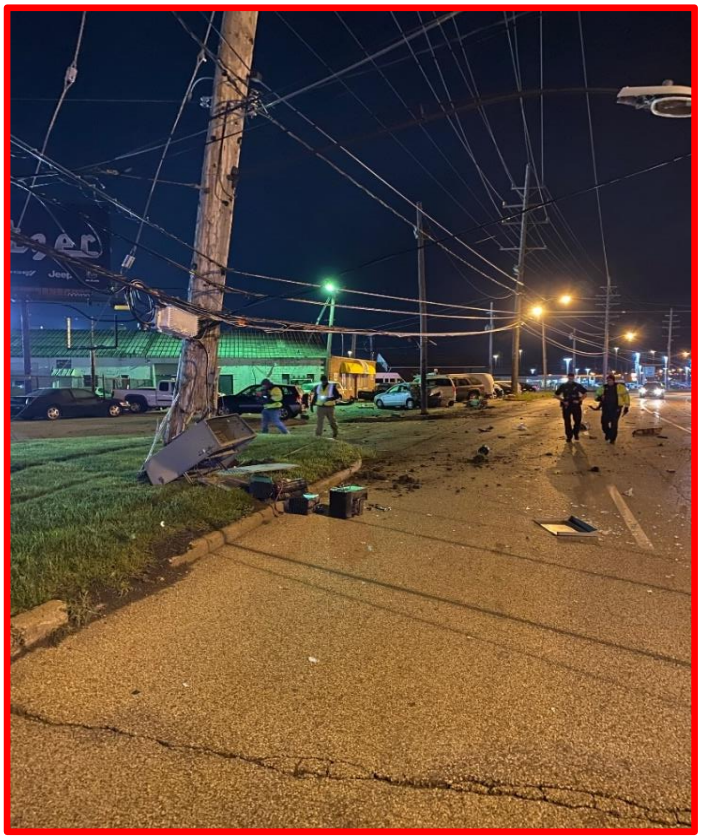
The South West Accident Group added the city of Broadview Heights in 2021.

SWAG is now comprised of 9 cities in Cuyahoga County with a total of 30 members. As of December of 2021 the unit now has 13 officers certified in crash reconstruction, and 17 at level 2 or level 3 certifications levels. The unit also has 2 members certified to do EDR (Electronic Data Recorder aka "Black Box") downloads and 1 member certified to interpret the reports generated from the EDR download. All crash reports are peer reviewed by another member city and the unit's reports have become uniform.

2021 allowed for two (2) training dates for the full team and an additional computer training date for members on Faro Software. There were a total of 11 team callouts during 2021. Ten of those call-outs were for crash scenes and one call-out was for the documentation of a shooting at Dance.com.

The new method of call-outs has worked well and reduced overall overtime per department. There are not only benefits to the reduction of overtime at call-outs, there I invaluable experience and collaboration between team members gained with each incident. Most departments in SWAG see an average of 2 or 3 crashes that would need reconstruction per year. Using the regional team, each reconstructionist is gaining experience with twice that many per year.

Captain Tanya Czack



Animal Control

Dogs	Parma Heights	Cats
4	Bites	0
47	Impounds	24
38	Returned to Owner	0
7	Rescue	4
1	Euthanized	7
1	Adopted	12
84	Running at Large	8
71	Warning	8
13	Citation	0
10	Feces	2
10	Warning	2
0	Citation	0
71	Barking / Feeding Feral	4
71	Warning	4
0	Citation	0
53	Cruelty/Neglect/Hoarder	5
53	Warning	5
0	Citation	0
11	Abandonment	2
11	Warning	2
0	Citation	0
8	In Car / Feral/Nuisance	23
8	Warning	
0	Citation	
2	Rabies/License	0
0	Warning	0
2	Citation	0
10	Dangerous/Vicious/Pitbull	
7	Warning	
3	Citation/Declared	

Dogs	Brooklyn	Cats
9	Bites	0
62	Impounds	9
49	Returned to Owner	0
12	Rescue	3
0	Euthanized	1
1	Adopted	5
58	Running at Large	18
43	Warning	16
15	Citation	2
2	Feces	0
2	Warning	0
0	Citation	0
55	Barking / Feeding Feral	8
55	Warning	8
0	Citation	0
32	Cruelty/Neglect/Hoarder	3
32	Warning	3
0	Citation	0
2	Abandonment	2
2	Warning	2
0	Citation	0
5	In Car / Feral/Nuisance	12
5	Warning	
0	Citation	
0	Rabies/License	0
0	Warning	0
0	Citation	0
16	Dangerous/Vicious/Pitbull	
14	Warning	
2	Citation/Declared	

Wildlife	
Hunting/Trapping	8
Warning	8
Citation	0
Sick/Injured	69
Nuisance	66
Feeding	24
Warning	24
Citation	0

Total Both Cities	
Total Euthanasia	
Dogs	0
Cats	6
Wildlife	38
Total	**44**
CAD Calls	
Animal Complaints	975
Deer Complaints	131
Total	**1106**

Wildlife	
Hunting/Trapping	4
Warning	4
Citation	0
Sick/Injured	38
Nuisance	73
Feeding	14
Warning	14
Citation	0

Events worked by the Auxiliary Unit in 2021:

March 27 - Easter Bunny Drive thru City

April 3 - Easter Bunny Escorts thru City

May 8 - Community Shred Event Traffic Detail

May 16 - Holy Name Graduation Parade Detail

May 18 - Valley Forge Graduation Parade Detail

July 16 - Kids in the Commons

August 14- Parma Collaborative Back to School Fair

August 20 - Kids in the Commons

October 23 - Parma Park School Halloween Parade

October 23 - New Mural Unveiling at Commons Park

October 31 - Halloween Patrols on Parma Park Blvd.

December 9 - Cub Scouts Caroling Event.

Training:

July 8 - Firearms Re-qualifications

Despite the ongoing pandemic in 2021 and the effect it has played on in-person contact, our department continued the community policing initiatives of the Parma Heights Police 'Police And Citizens Together' (P.A.C.T.) Unit. This initiative was reinvigorated in 2016 by patrol officers who saw a need for more engagements of a personal level between citizens and officers.

Throughout the year every member of this department works to build relationships with residents during their interactions. Many of the actions of these officers are not 'logged' and are done out of the kindness of their heart in keeping with the department's mission. Countless hours were logged at events such as parades, station tours, and the Citizens Police Academy. In 2020 the department participated in various social distanced birthday 'drive-by' parades throughout the city.

Senior Programming - Work in conjunction with Parma Heights Senior Center - Scams, home security, etc. presentations are given.

Neighborhood Zones - Patrol fielded emails, phone calls and in-person complaints that were handled by officers during their normal tour of duty stemming from neighborhood zone assignments.

2020 Other P.A.C.T. Activities:

-Easter Bunny City Tour

-Southwest General Hospital Thank You Parade

-University Hospital Parma Medical Center Thank You Parade

-Friends for Life Rehabilitation Center presentation to Special Needs Students

-Valley Forge High School Graduation Parade

-Holy Name High School Graduation Parade

-Halloween Candy Detail

-Holiday Lights Competition

-Santa's City Tour

-Shop with a Cop Program

-Operation Santa's Sleigh at all local hospitals

-Countless 'drive-by' parades for various event, all socially distanced

Patrolman Eric Taylor

The department offered its 2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy in conjunction with Cuyahoga Community College. The goal of this annual class is to allow community members to receive hands on experience of what the overall function of the Parma Heights Police Department is and achieve a stronger level of understanding of the department's functions and standard operating procedures. The citizen's academy had 15 participants who experienced a wide range of activities taught by various instructors over the 10-week course. Officers of the Parma Heights Police Department taught alongside OPOTA certified instructors from Public Safety Training Center.

Thanks to the partnership with Cuyahoga Community College Public Safety Training Center, we were able to hold this course in the new state of the art Safety Village. The Participants who wished to participate were also certified in CPR/AED as well as experience a full use of force simulation. The class included a graduations and certificate for all participants. A summary of the course curriculum can be found on the following page.

This course is scheduled to continue in 2022 in conjunction with Cuyahoga Community College.

Citizen's Academy Outline:

History of the Department & Introductions

Includes a course overview and tour of Public Safety Village and Parma Heights Police Station.

Basic Crime introductions

Includes overview of dispatch and 911 call taking, explains the basic elements of a crime, probable cause, field interviews and not taking, and evidence preservation.

Patrol Procedures

Included hands on experience of mock traffic stops and OVI investigations. Also an overview of the Parma Heights Police departments pursuit policy.

Motor vehicle accident investigations and overview of the criminal justice system

A basic introduction of the OH-1 crash report as. This course was taught by members of the regional crash team.

Advance investigations and detective bureau familiarization

Basic overview of the detective bureau's felony crime investigation. This portion also included a presentation by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) through Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

Domestic violence investigations

This week gave a basic overview of domestic violence laws and how officers conduct domestic violence investigations. These calls are historically some of the most dangerous for officers to respond to.

Participants were also given a quick glimpse at Crisis Intervention techniques.

Crime scene investigations

This week was a hands-on approach of basic evidence procedures. It included bring pieces of evidence for participants to attempt to obtain fingerprints from. Participants collected mock evidence from a vehicle.

Use of force overview/ Law enforcement response to active killer incidents

This week included a basic overview of A.L.I.C.E. techniques taught by A.L.I.C.E. certified instructors.

Financial crimes/Narcotics investigations

This week was a base level introduction to the various types of illegal narcotics that officers come into contact with while working patrol. It also covered the use of Narcan by patrol officers.

VirTra Use of Force Simulator

This final session the participants got to engage in a life-sized virtual simulator taking use of force and firearms techniques. Participants played the role of police officers in these scenarios.

Participants were also given a quick glimpse of the Procedural Justice and ho wit applies to law enforcement.

Patrolman Eric Taylor

Individual Awards

Greater Cleveland Safe Communities Coalition

- 2021 Parma Heights Top OVI Cop *(2021 Calendar Year)*
  Patrolman Donovan Flynn (29)

Greater Cleveland Safe Communities Coalition

- 2021 Parma Heights Top Safety Belt Enforcement Officer
  Patrolman Christopher Rossman (301)
  ** Recognized as one of the top four in Cuyahoga County*