



#### MISSION STATEMENT

•To provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere for family recreation;  
To protect and preserve life and property within the parks;  
To inform and assist the public;  
And to provide these services in a courteous and professional manner."

## ANNUAL REPORT

2017



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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Division experienced an array of structural changes in 2017. These changes began in early April with the separation of Ranger Chief Thomas Doyle. His departure occurred while the park district was in the middle of a park district wide Organizational Assessment and Reorganizational Plan. Captain Richard Spreckelmeier was appointed Acting Chief Ranger through the completion of the assessment and until the selection of a new Chief is complete. The Captain will oversee all law enforcement responsibilities for the Ranger Division and reports to Chief Operating Officer Rebecca McDonough.

Later in April, responsibility for the Motor Vehicle Permits and Safety Technicians transitioned from the Ranger Division to the Recreation Division. It was determined the technicians' duties and revenue-generating focus better suited the characteristics of a recreational position. With Rangers no longer balancing money envelopes, working on credit card machines, making deposits, creating work schedules, and providing change and passes for all of the booths, the adjustment has had a noticeable effect on the productivity of the Ranger Division including the Clerks and Dispatchers at headquarters. Rangers had spearheaded this task since its initiation in 1961.



On July 26, Chief Executive Officer Jack Sutton shared the results of the Organizational Assessment and presented a Re-organization plan. While many departments and employees found themselves with new supervisors, in new parks and some with new job duties, there were minimal changes to the Ranger Division. Rangers are now one of six divisions with three common geographical regions: Central, East and West. The hiring of all part-time and full-time positions which was suspended in the summer of 2016 was reinstated. In August, the Ranger Division posted for part-time Rangers with seven positions to be filled. This selection process is still on-going.

The Ranger Division learned in 2017 the Motorola XTS-5000 county police radios carried by each Ranger would no longer be supported by Motorola. The XTS-5000 radios were purchased in 2001-2002 with an expected 15-year service life. The units were pulled from production in 2012 with parts no longer available after 2018. These radios were replaced with 31 new Motorola APX-6000 county police radios and issued to Rangers in November.

Sirchie® Compact Latent Fingerprint Kits were added to each cruiser this year, new winter coats were approved and ordered, and new MDCs have been budgeted for 2018.

## ANNIVERSARIES / PROMOTIONS / HIRING / RESIGNATIONS



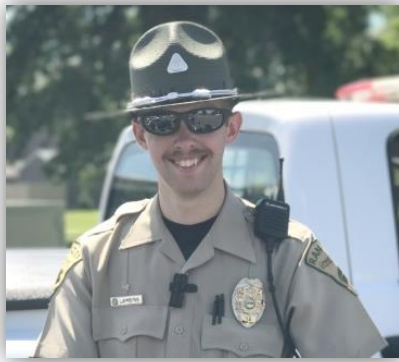
Ranger Edwin McFadden was promoted from part-time to full-time Ranger on January 25, 2017.



Ranger Alexander Stephens was hired as a full-time Ranger on January 26, 2017.



Ranger Elliott Spraul was hired as a part-time Ranger on May 4, 2017.



Ranger McCoy Lambing was promoted from part-time to full-time Ranger on November 12, 2017.



Dispatcher Colleen Menth resigned on May 30, 2017 after 17 years of service.

## YEARS OF SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

25 Years – Ranger Clerk Sheila Pringle, Ranger Don Rieskamp

15 Years – Ranger Kelly Williford

10 Years – Fleet Manager Jeff Strittholt, Rangers Nathan Zimmerman, and Katie Lake

5 Years – Rangers Jordan Batts, Michael Foley, Nicole Peacock, and Shad Wetterich

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

### State Law Enforcement Award

In March, **Ranger Darryn Chenault** was selected as the Ohio American Legion District 13 Regional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. District 13 includes Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties. He was notified in April he was chosen as the State of Ohio Law Enforcement Officer of the year which made him eligible for the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award scheduled for October. Ranger Chenault placed second nationally.



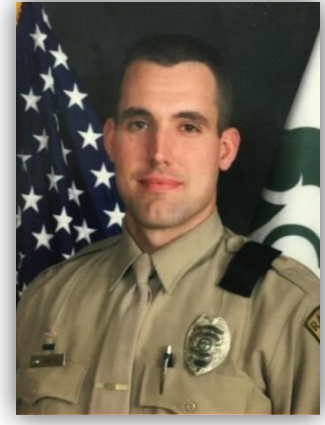
Each year, the American Legion awards "well-rounded law enforcement officers who have exceeded the duty requirements expected of his or her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement."

The **Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Division** was recognized by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserved in December as a Patriot Employer related to the hiring of Ranger Joel Altman. Patriot Employers are acknowledged 'for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force'. Lieutenant Greg Grimm accepted the award on behalf of the Ranger Department.

### Commendations



Chief Operating Officer Rebecca McDonough issued a Letter of Commendation to **Captain Richard Spreckelmeier** for the leadership he displayed in coordinating search and rescue authorities in the recovery of a body from Winton Woods Lake in May.



Lieutenant Greg Grimm and Ranger Jordan Batts each received a Letter of Commendation from Chief Ranger Thomas Doyle for their discovery of the body of a missing young woman in Richardson Forest Preserve on December 14, 2014. The reporting agency made a fairly quick arrest of the boyfriend who was charged with aggravated murder. The suspect pled guilty in 2016, and was sentenced to 23 years to life.

## Letters of Appreciation



In early January, Blue Ash Police Chief Paul Hartinger submitted a Letter of Appreciation to **Sergeant Dale Steele** and **Ranger Nathan Zimmerman** for their assistance with a homicide investigation their department conducted.

Sergeant Steele's assistance was pivotal in determining Ranger Zimmerman had observed the suspect's vehicle in Woodland Mound Park the night of the incident and attempted to stop him after the crime had been committed. He also helped gather witness statements from those involved with the vehicle identification and recovery.



Ranger Zimmerman's due diligence was a key factor in developing and recovering important pieces of evidence in the crime.



We received another Letter of Appreciation later in January from Springdale Police Chief Michael Mathis thanking us for the assistance their department received from **Ranger Eric Gregory** regarding a homicide investigation in their city. A broadcast was put out for the vehicle and suspects wanted in the offense. Ranger Gregory assisted a Greenhills Officer who stopped the wanted vehicle and took an active role in obtaining important details on scene that ultimately determined the suspects were involved in the offense.

**Ranger Gregory** also received a Letter of Appreciation from Colonel Jack Kraft, Police Chief of Mount St. Joseph University in October when the university hosted a 'Candidate Forum' for 42 local political candidates running for elected offices. Ranger Gregory was one of 12 SWAT members selected to provide dignitary protection at the event and additional assistance to the university.

## Compliments

In May, a park guest contacted the office of Chief Executive Officer Jack Sutton to compliment the manner in which **Ranger McCoy Lambing** assisted another guest with cognitive difficulties who had a flat tire on the Little Miami Scenic Trail. The caller indicated she observed Ranger Lambing navigate the situation with patience and professionalism.

**Ranger Jordan Batts** received a thank you via the GPHC website for his role in a four-year old's birthday party at Woodland Mound in September. The attendees were very appreciative of Ranger Batts' participation and for making the event beyond memorable for them.

Organizers of the Compassion International Walk held in Winton Woods in September submitted a thank you letter on behalf of **Ranger Clerk Sheila Pringle** for the attention to detail she provided to the group's last minute changes and requests on the day before their event.



Rangers participate in the following  
Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) Specialized Assignments:



Ranger Kelly Williford is an active member of the HCPA Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (U.S.R.U.). The HCPA Dive Team provides law enforcement agencies in and around Hamilton County with underwater police assistance to aid in criminal investigations through the recovery of property and evidence. U.S.R.U. members are highly trained in underwater search and recovery and specialize in techniques designed to reduce risks law enforcement personnel are exposed to when diving in highly hazardous conditions in an underwater environment.

In 2017, U.S.R.U. conducted 12 trainings and responded to five "Critical" and 17 "Non-Critical" calls for service. Ranger Williford participated in eight of the 12 trainings and three of the five critical call outs. One critical and one non-critical incident involved the Great Parks of Hamilton County. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the U.S.R.U. team responded to the Winton Woods Boat House for an investigation of a missing boater on the lake. The dive team assisted in the body recovery of a boater near the dam on May 4<sup>th</sup>. While conducting monthly U.S.R.U. training at Lake Isabella in October, a team member was notified that a purse belonging to a volunteer for the Special Olympics was thrown into the lake. Divers recovered the owner's cell phone, driver's license and military ID.

The HCPA Honor Guard Unit was established in 2002 and Ranger Dave Spurgeon has been a member of the unit since its inception. He participated in 12 training days this year, the annual HCPA Banquet in January and the annual Police Memorial in May.



Ranger Spurgeon participated in 28 of 46 details the unit was requested to attend this year, exceeding the 50% required of each member.

The primary purpose of the unit is to give Police Honors to police officers killed in the line of duty or retired officers who have died however, this year's highlight did not involve a funeral. The HCPA Color Guard welcomed home the "First Ever All Law Enforcement Honor Flight" from Washington D.C. in October. Honor Flights are groups of military veterans who are taken to Washington D.C. to view war memorials many veterans would be unable to ever see otherwise. The Unit was asked to be present to help welcome these veterans home. This flight was the first flight comprised of all retired police officers who were also retired military veterans. As the Unit and 1,000+ others waited, Ranger Spurgeon reported he was never as proud to represent the HCPA or the Great Parks of Hamilton County. Several attendees approached him who recognized the green dress Ranger uniform and thanked him for being there.

The HCPA Most Wanted Band wrapped up its 28<sup>th</sup> year in 2017. Ranger Missie Shannon has been with the band for 24 of the 28 years. The band performs in various venues to promote a positive reinforcement that it's okay to 'Say No to Drugs and Alcohol' and 'No to Bullying'.

This year, the band performed in Hamilton, Clermont, and Butler counties in Ohio. These performances included seven schools, one National Night Out, and a Fourth of July Celebration. The band reaches thousands of children and adults each year with their positive messages.



One of the main goals of Most Wanted is to establish a trust and confidence with its audience regarding police relations. A majority of the concerts are directed to school children in grades K-6 but all grades are invited to attend. 'Most Wanted' also performs at local 'National Night Out' events designed to bring communities together with both Police and Fire Departments.



Ranger Eric Gregory is an active member of the HCPA Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) team. SWAT is comprised of an elite group of highly trained police officers from various police agencies throughout Hamilton County. He joined the HCPA SWAT team in 2011 as a tactical member.

The HCPA SWAT Team was formed in 1973 and is the oldest multi-jurisdictional Special Weapons and Tactics Team in the United States. The team provides service to over 40 jurisdictions in Hamilton County.

The SWAT Team is utilized for high risk search warrants, suicidal or barricaded subjects, hostage situations, and dignitary protection.

The SWAT Team participates in a number of local community programs involving schools, parades and orphanages. In 2017, the SWAT Team was enacted for 18 search warrants, 10 callouts, four dignitary protection details and performed demonstrations for 25 youth oriented events in the county.

Ranger Gregory along with other SWAT team members was among 725 participants in the annual Greater Cincinnati Polar Plunge in February. The water temperature was in the low 30's that day and the event raised nearly \$150,000 for Special Olympics in Ohio and Kentucky.

Rangers participate in the following  
Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Department (GPHC) Specialized Assignments:

### All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

Rangers **Sherry Garner** and **Nicole Peacock** are certified instructors for the ASI (American Safety Institute) ATV Rider Course. Instructors must train twice a year to maintain this certification. The purpose of an ATV instructor is to improve ATV rider safety and promote safe, responsible ATV use.

Four Rangers were certified in operation of the ATV in 2017. Certification exposes Rangers to a nationwide ATV safety education program that includes, but is not limited to Shifting Gears, Breaking, Turning, Riding over Obstacles, Traversing Hills and Circuit/Trail Riding.

ATVs have become a popular vehicle option for police agencies due to their maneuverability, quietness and ability to traverse rough terrain. These machines demand application of techniques that exceed every day riding. Instructors present responsible perspectives to riders and the general public on proper and prudent ATV operation.

### CPR / First Aid

Certification of each Ranger in CPR and First Aid is required upon hire and every other year thereafter. **Ranger Missie Shannon** is currently the sole instructor for the department. Twenty-eight Rangers were (re-)certified through the American Heart Association Heart Saver First Aid and Basic Life Support Certification courses.



Due to the resurgence of the heroin epidemic in 2017, police agencies nationwide re-evaluated their First Aid and CPR training courses, including our Ranger Division. Bag Valve Masks for adults and infants were purchased and incorporated into training. Use of these masks decrease the likelihood of Rangers being exposed to contamination from a patient and eliminate the need for Rangers to come in full contact with CPR masks. The masks also aid in the dispensing of Narcan© which is administered into the nasal cavity of a patient by forcing it up the nasal cavity, unlike previously carried CPR masks.

Combat Application Tourniquets, which can be used to stop profuse bleeding on a patient's extremities, were also purchased and added to the training. Rangers received hands on training regarding the tourniquets along with an instructional video. When used as intended, the tourniquets are a valuable tool in saving lives.

## Defensive Tactics

Defensive Tactics Instructors for the Ranger Department, **Sergeant Tim Biaglow and Rangers John Patterson and Nathan Zimmerman**, conducted six training classes in 2017. Instructors follow the lesson plan recommended by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. All Rangers participated in the Practical Application of Force four hour block of instruction. All Rangers must be able to demonstrate the principles of subject control.



At the end of each block, Rangers must:

- Explain the legal standard for law enforcement use of force
- Demonstrate the principles of weapon retention
- Demonstrate the principles of strangle hold releases
- Demonstrate the principles of ground defense

A review of our Use of Force Policy is included in this training as well. This is a very vital day of training where Rangers can take the time needed to improve upon their current skills or learn something new that may very well save their life or the life of another. It is serious subject matter however, it is meant to be a relaxed, fun day of instruction.

## Field Training (FTO)

Established in 1993, the Rangers Field Training Officer (FTO) program is a 12-week course in which new Rangers take part in a training curriculum designed to prepare them for their new role as a Park Law Enforcement Officer. This training is in addition to the mandatory state certification obtained in an Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Academy (16 weeks). The FTO program is more than a job shadow or ride along experience, it is a comprehensive training program encompassing all aspects of the duties and skills required of a Ranger. Two new Rangers were hired and completed the FTO program in 2017.

**Sergeant Dale Steele** was assigned as supervisor of the FTO Program this year. Sergeant Steele is a certified Field Training Officer whose experience as a supervisor and trainer make him an excellent resource for growing and updating the program. An opening for new Field Training Officers was posted in May and four new FTO's were selected. **Rangers Jordan Batts, Sherry Garner, Katie Lake and Edwin McFadden** were selected as new FTOs in December and joined existing FTO Rangers **Eric Gregory, Don Rieskamp, Missie Shannon, Daren Stoeckel and Kelly Williford**.

With the announcement of additional part-time officers being hired in 2018, the Field Training Officers met to discuss a plan to get multiple officers trained in a relatively short period to meet the demands of peak season visitation. A "block" or "academy" style Field Training Program is currently in development stages and will be implemented. A block program will allow one training officer to instruct various competencies with trainees at the same time, reducing both time and expenses.

## Firearms

Firearms Instructors **Sergeant Tim Biaglow and Ranger Kelly Williford** qualified all sworn Ranger personnel with the use of their handgun, shotgun and rifles as mandated annually by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. In July, 27 Rangers participated in the training and qualification shoot at Scarlet Oaks Police Academy Range. In August, instructors qualified one new hire for the first time at the Hamilton County Sheriff Range. Thirty-six Rangers participated in the training and qualification shoot held in October. A final make-up shoot was held in November where four remaining officers qualified for the year.

## GPHC Color Guard Team

The Color Guard Team typically handles any local, public ceremonial requests for presentation of the flags. **Sergeant Ali Bird and Rangers Dave Spurgeon, Eric Gregory, Andrew Mueller and Kevin Richards** were joined by Rangers **Edwin McFadden, Michael Farmer and McCoy Lambing** in 2017. The unit participated in four events this year:

- Red's Opening Day Parade, April 3
- Police Memorial, May 9
- St. Joseph Orphanage charity event, June 9
- Winton Woods Riding Center Special
- Olympics, August 19



2017 Police Memorial in Cincinnati OH

## GPHC Committees

### Diversity & Inclusion – Ranger Clerk Cathy Yohey and Ranger Darryn Chenault

The Diversity & Inclusion team was formed in November, 2015 and started meeting monthly in the spring of 2016. The team initially focused on what Great Parks could do to better serve the diverse communities in Hamilton County and attract a more diverse applicant pool.

In 2017, a consultant firm was hired to conduct precise research and data gathering to assist Leadership and team members in formulating a Strategic Diversity & Inclusion Plan. The research included online staff focus groups, one-on-one interviews with the Leadership Team, and a deep dive into historical data. End results of the research provided Great Parks with five strategic goals to focus on for 2018: Share & reinforce "The Why" of Diversity & Inclusion, Inclusive Leadership training for all managers, Expand Recruitment Efforts, Building the Internal Pipeline (Succession Planning and Mentorship Program), and Measure and Report Progress.

## Kick-Off Meeting – Rangers Missie Shannon and Sherry Garner

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Kick-Off Committee prepares a day of review and learning for employees by offering a themed 'Kick Off Meeting'. Presenters re-visited 2017, shared goals for 2018 and created interactive learning opportunities for attendees. The committee consists of employees from different departments. Rangers Missie Shannon and Sherry Garner represented the Ranger Division on the 2018 Kick-Off Committee. The group met several times throughout 2017. Initially, meetings were once a month, then twice a month, and progressed to weekly as the Kick-Off date neared.

## PEET (Park Employment Engagement Team) – Ranger Katie Lake

PEET spent most of 2017 defining its role, purpose, goals and developing a strategy to effectively engage employees. The role and purpose was defined as follows: 'To foster a culture of passionate employee stakeholders'. The goal is to create an environment where employees are passionate about their roles in the park district, what the park district offers its employees, and what is accomplished together for our visitors and the rest of our community. 2018 will commence with starting to establish targeted goals (both short and long term) that will help create a culture where employees feel more included, educated, and involved in their departments and the agency.

## Safety – Ranger Andrea Alberico

The Safety Team is led by Risk Manager Dave Bruce and consists of members from the Conservation & Parks, Guest Experiences, Planning, and Ranger Divisions. The team met monthly until a temporary hiatus was announced in August due to the reorganization. They will begin meeting quarterly in 2018. The overall mission of the team is to encourage and promote safe practices for employees in the workplace. Several projects were accomplished in 2017. A standardized Policies and Procedures manual for the Conservation & Parks Division was completed, a park district wide "purge" encouraged a clean-up of work and storage spaces, and ideas were shared with supervisors specific to providing safer work environments for employees. The prescription safety eyewear program was also finalized and offers both full and part time employees the opportunity to receive prescription safety glasses every two years at no cost to the employee. Team goals in 2018 include sharing safety-related information via Gazette articles and In-Park and Team Update meetings, and following up on projects and ideas from 2017.

## Social Media – Sergeant Ali Bird

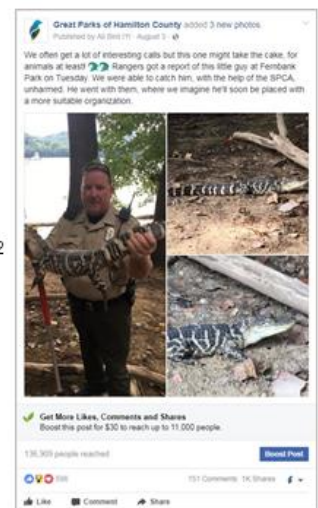
The Social Media Committee is comprised of 21 members from different departments. This ensures information being presented comes from the appropriate employee for the content being provided. It also spreads the responsibility for monitoring and responding to social media inquiries in a timely manner to a group of employees rather than placing the entire load on one. The committee meets monthly to review top posts, discuss what works and what does not, engage in various trainings related to posting social media content, and to brainstorm future post ideas.

## August

- Facebook
- 136,909 people reached
  - 1,009 shares
  - 598 likes
  - 151 comments
  - 13% engagement rate
  - Picked up 244 new followers in 2 days (typically 5-10/day)
  - Instagram: 172 likes

### Photos and story used by:

- Channel 5 WLWT
- Channel 9 WCPO
- Channel 12 WKRC
- Channel 19 Fox19
- Cincinnati.com



Sergeant Ali Bird has been the Ranger Division's representative on the team since inception. She creates the majority of the Rangers' social media content, while relying heavily on all Rangers to provide photos, videos and ideas for the posts. Rangers remain invaluable to the process by supplying her with a solid stash of content for future postings.



Using social media for law enforcement purposes presents a challenge at times but the Ranger Division continues to extend our reach through applicable, informative and sometimes fun posts. We seem to have found our Facebook niche the last couple of years and are navigating the Twitter waters hesitantly and without much success. Twitter was primarily used to routinely provide solid safety tips regarding securing personal items when visiting a park.

**Lieutenant Greg Grimm** was the first to receive an at-ta-Ranger via social media when an employee of the local press posted a photo of him providing assistance to a broken down vehicle in front of Ranger Headquarters in November. Way to lead by example, Lt.!

Our goal in 2018 is to increase awareness specific to our department. Whether it is showcasing Rangers, providing information on our trainings, equipment, cruisers or daily patrol activities, or just passing along safety tips to our guests, we hope to continue a strong & successful social media presence.

## GPHC Controlled Bow Hunt

**Lieutenant Greg Grimm** is the Ranger Division liaison to the Controlled Bow Hunting and Deer Management efforts of GPHC. Hunters in the program must comply with State Wildlife Laws as well as GPHC program rules.

As part of an ecological habitat management program, GPHC provides area bow hunters the opportunity to take part in a controlled deer hunting program. Hunters apply in a lottery drawing. Those who are selected attend a safety presentation and undergo a field shooting qualification test. In August, **Lieutenant Greg Grimm** and **Ranger Rick Dove** held qualifications over a two day period where 300+ bow hunters were tested and qualified for the controlled hunts.

## Park Law Enforcement Association (PLEA)

PLEA is a national professional development organization that provides informational services directed at educating park and recreation professionals of the role park law enforcement plays in providing an excellent quality of life at parks and recreation facilities. PLEA also places an emphasis on visitor and resource protection and their relationship to overall park operations. **Sergeant Dale Steele** currently serves as the PLEA Treasurer. He and Rangers Sherry Garner and Michael Foley attended the annual PLEA Conference in Miami, Florida April 11-13 this year.

The conference offered classes on Miami-Dade Parks History, Connecting People and Parks, Crime Prevention in Parks & Youth Outreach, Law Enforcement Ranger a Generalist Model, South Florida Boating Industry & Vessel Theft, Marine Patrol Drug & illegal immigration, Violence Intervention Strategies for Youth, Building Your Foundation for Success, and field day tours at four local parks.

Sergeant Steele will continue as the PLEA Treasurer in 2018.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GPHC Ranger participation was requested at the following events outside of our parks:

### Law Enforcement Events / Parades

- 4/3/17 Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade,  
Great American Ball Park – GPHC Color  
Guard
- 5/28/17 Crosby Township Memorial Day Parade –  
Stoeckel
- 6/24/17 Greenhills Day Parade – Chenault
- 6/5/17 Sharonville Touch-A-Truck Event –Lambing
- 6/16/17 Springfield Township Touch-A-Truck Event –  
Lambing
- 8/1/17 National Night Out, Pierce Township – Zimmerman
- 9/29/17 Woodford Paideia Touch-A-Truck Event – Grimm



**Springfield Township  
Touch-A-Truck**

### Ranger Programs

Schools, churches, and organized youth groups make up the bulk of requests for Ranger programs outside of the parks. A representative from the organization will contact the Ranger Division directly to schedule a date and time for a specific location. This year, Rangers responded to nine requests of this nature. Three Girl Scout/Boy Scout programs were provided as well.



**First Apostolic Church, Blue Ash OH**



**YMCA Summer Camp at Winton Woods**

Impromptu programs are also an integral component in the duties of a Ranger. Many times a park guest or group will want to know more about what a Ranger does when they see the Ranger patrolling the park. Rangers frequently take the time to stop what they're doing and share the highlights of their job, let folks look at the cruisers and equipment up close, and answer questions whenever possible. Rangers logged 29 of these programs in 2017.

Ranger Rick Dove's record of four Ranger programs to 22 people total in one day on 2/11/17 may be one for the history books. Nice job, Rick!

And for the first time in many years, Ranger Nathan Zimmerman organized an original Ranger program for the public. It is a well-known fact that Nathan knows his native artifacts and nature themed items. He challenged folks to try and stump him with something he could not identify. While no one showed for the program, Ranger Zimmerman's efforts did not go unnoticed.



## Schools / Career Days / Job Fairs

- 2/15/2017 Hocking College Jobs Fair, Nelsonville, OH – Grimm, Spurgeon
- 3/30/2017 Career Day, Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati OH – Dove
- 4/23/2017 Girl Scouts Career Day (w-GPHC Human Resources staff), Cincinnati OH – Bird
- 9/28/2017 U.S. Veterans Recruitment Jobs Fair, Great American Ball Park (w-GPHC Human Resources staff) – Grimm
- 10/20/2017 Southeastern Indiana Career Center, Criminal Justice Class - Garner



Roger Bacon HS Career Day

## Special Events

2017 was a banner year for hosting special events in our parks. Rangers provided safety and security as well as traffic control to ensure guests enjoyed a safe and pleasant experience during all aspects of their visit. We welcomed back some traditional favorites such as the **Easter Spectacular Event** at Parky's Farm, the **Great Parks Summer Concert Series**, **Halloween Nights**, and the annual **Holiday in Lights 5k Walk** coupled with the **Holiday in Lights** drive through lights display at Sharon Woods.



Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo

Events geared towards introducing guests to outdoor activities included **Adventure Fest** (held at Mitchell Memorial Forest) and the **Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo** (held in Winton Woods harbor). These events provided opportunities for guests to engage in outdoor activities such as the climbing wall, kayaking, a 5K, outdoor skills demonstrations, mountain biking, fly fishing, archery, and loads of outdoor fun for children and adults alike.

[Click here](#) to view the entire Ranger vs kid tunnel challenge at Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo video (left). It was very close!

The **Great Outdoor Weekend**, **Free Firsts**, **Harper Art Show**, **Taking Root Volunteer Tree Planting Initiatives**, two car shows and weekend sports tournaments required extra staffing to accommodate the increased visitation.

Mother Nature smiled on us in July when the **Cincinnati Pops Summer Concert** returned to Woodland Mound Park, dry parking conditions and moderate temperatures translated into record attendance!

Benefit walks and 5K races were held on most weekends in the parks with Rangers on hand to facilitate parking and crowd control. The largest of such events was the **ALS Walk** held in October at Harper Meadows in Winton Woods.



Police Wives of Ohio.



"Cookies for a Cop"

Every year during National Police Week, members of **Police Wives of Ohio, Inc.** select a department to honor and show appreciation to their officers for the job they do throughout the year. The organization assists injured or fallen officers in their time of need and finds small ways to thank law enforcement officers who are still serving and show them they are appreciated.

Tara McFadden selected the GPHC Rangers this year. Tara is the wife of Ranger Edwin McFadden. She worked for months obtaining and assembling gift bags and contents for each Ranger Division employee and delivered them to Ranger Headquarters in May. She surprised us again in October with trays of cookies and sweets for each Ranger station as part of the annual 'Cookies with a Cop' initiative to recognize local police and fire departments, dispatch centers and detention centers. [#sweetkindness](#)

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS / INVESTIGATIONS / ARRESTS

District Five – submitted by Sergeant Todd Williams

Embshoff Woods, Fernbank Park, Mitchell Memorial Forest and Shawnee Lookout

District Five took 31 criminal offense reports in 2017. Ten of the 33 reports have been closed.

Three juveniles were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for fighting at Embshoff Woods. Rangers received a complaint from a juvenile who claimed she was assaulted in the park. The complainant showed Rangers a Facebook video of the fight she was involved in. Rangers were able to obtain another Facebook video showing several fights involving the complainant on the same date and times. All three juveniles were cited to juvenile court for disorderly conduct.

Rangers investigated the theft of two golf clubs from the Shawnee Lookout Golf Course clubhouse. After viewing the security video, Rangers were able to identify the suspect who was charged with theft. Several attempts were made to cite the subject to court but he failed to show so a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was picked up later by Hamilton County Sherriff's Deputies.

While patrolling Fernbank Park, a Ranger was advised of subjects shooting a firearm off the Big Sycamore Trail. Two male subjects armed with a pistol were located. One subject was apprehended and charged with discharging a firearm; the other fled the scene on foot.

Just as Rangers located two vehicles with broken windows at Fernbank Park, a park patron reported two suspicious people looking into vehicles near the lodge. The Ranger responded and found two subjects matching the description given. A traffic stopped was conducted on the vehicle and two purses that did not belong to the male occupants were observed inside. It was determined the purses and contents were from the vehicles with broken windows. Both subjects were arrested, charged with Receiving Stolen Property and eventually convicted in court.

A drone operator made Rangers aware of illegal marijuana growing in a field in a remote section of Shawnee Lookout. The grow area was only accessible by boat. Eradication of the plants was coordinated with Miami and Crosby Township Fire Departments including use of their fire boats. Four Rangers and four township fire fighters located and destroyed the plants.



Rangers received a report of a nude male off the Big Sycamore Trail in Shawnee Lookout. The suspect was located after a short foot patrol of the area. He was taking nude photos of himself on the trail and along the river bank. Several firearms were also located in the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was charged with public indecency; the firearms were returned when the court case ended.

Sergeant Williams worked with Cincinnati Police Camera Unit to have a surveillance camera installed at Fernbank Park due to the increase in theft from motor vehicle reports at that location. Since installation of the camera, no additional thefts from motor vehicles have been reported.

**District Six** – submitted by Sergeant Ali Bird

Winton Woods, Farbach Werner, Richardson Forest and Triple Creek

Five full-time Rangers are assigned to District Six in addition to part-time Rangers who cover shifts as needed.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 pm, Rangers received a report of a missing subject believed to be out in a canoe on Winton Woods Lake. Upon locating a missing boater, Rangers learned there was an additional subject missing. Neighboring agencies assisted with the search efforts until the early morning hours when it was suspended. An extensive early morning search resumed on May 4<sup>th</sup> utilizing many different county resources and the second subject was recovered from Winton Woods Lake.

Winton Woods experienced several reports of breaking and entering in 2017, at three separate locations. On June 12<sup>th</sup> we were dispatched to Farbach Werner for an intrusion alarm and after talking to the employee, found one of the screens damaged. Nothing was taken but it was apparent a subject had attempted to gain entry to the building through a window and was scared off by the alarm.

On the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup>, Rangers were dispatched to an intrusion alarm at Winton Woods boathouse. Two park patrons described a male seen running away from the scene and a description of the subject was broadcasted county wide. A window had been forced open and a K-9 unit was requested for a track. The track ended just outside park boundaries. Within minutes, Wyoming PD stopped a subject on foot fitting the description and was in possession of property labeled 'Winton Woods Harbor'. It was determined the harbor operations garage had been broken into as well. The subject was taken into custody, interviewed and charged with two counts of Breaking and Entering, one count each of Receiving Stolen Property, Theft, Possessing Criminal Tools and Criminal Damaging.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> Rangers were dispatched to a single vehicle auto accident on Lakeview Drive with the vehicle on its top. A possible suspect description was broadcast and the subject was picked up by a Greenhills officer and returned to the scene. After further investigation, the subject was charged with OVI, Obstruction of Justice and Falsification for furnishing false information to avoid a citation.

A routine traffic stop yielded charges of Drug Trafficking and Drug Possession when the violator was found to have 469 grams of marijuana and \$360 cash on his person on August, 9<sup>th</sup>.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, charges of Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Weapons Under Disability were placed on an individual found to have two semi-automatic handguns on his person.

District Six experienced a total of 17 thefts from motor vehicle incidents in 2017 which is a slight increase from 2016.

**District Seven** – submitted by Sgt. Dan Hodapp

Miami Whitewater Forest, Simmonds Family Dog Park, Campbell Lakes, Oak Glen Nature Preserve, Newberry Nature Preserve

Miami Whitewater Forest encompasses two townships in the southwest part of Ohio. In 2017, our staff consisted of five full-time Rangers, one part time Ranger, and one Ranger Sergeant. Ranger Doug Proud celebrated his 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as a Park Ranger with the GPHC. Congratulations, Ranger Proud!

The biggest challenge of 2017 was the continuing growth of opioid use and overall drug crisis county-wide. Rangers responded to more overdoses and made more felony drug arrests this year than in years past. Most incidents occur at remote nature preserves with fewer residents surrounding the areas. We worked closely with local drug task forces and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) to address the issues at hand. Although our drug contacts increased this year, overall crime in our parks decreased. With only five thefts from vehicles reported this year, we find ourselves down more than double from last year.

General courtesy rules continue to challenge the multi-use trail at Miami Whitewater Forest; active patrol and education of park patrons continues to be the go-to solution. Rangers are also working with the Planning Division to develop new signage for a safer, more user friendly trail. This may include an improved parking lot with the new subdivisions on Baughman Road. New houses are still being developed and will continue to add to the traffic on the trail itself. A new lot would also connect patrons and residents of the subdivision to our trail.

Despite losing our biggest annual event, the Cincinnati Pops Symphony Orchestra, to Woodland Mound Park this year, Miami Whitewater Forest still hosted one large orienteering event, numerous 5k races, and multiple fundraiser walks in its absence. It was also the first year for the Brews and Bands event which was a huge success.

## District Eight – submitted by Sergeant Tim Biaglow

### Sharon Woods, Lake Isabella, Glenwood Gardens, Francis RecReacres

District Eight Rangers are committed to safety within Great Parks. They greet all new hires to the park by presenting the safety portion of the Getting Started program. Due to the diligent work of all the staff as well as the Rangers, District 8 saw a small rise in criminal activity from last year. Theft from motor vehicles and criminal damaging remain the biggest of issues reported this year.

Being the oldest of all GPHC parks, it goes without saying Sharon Woods has become home to a lot of great events. The Heritage Village Museum provides great opportunities to step back in time. Visitors to Sharon Woods love the Vintage Baseball league that plays through the summer. The Civil War Days is their most popular event and brings in large crowds each year. The Haunted Village provides family fun in the fall as well. From the soccer leagues at Francis RecReacres and Concerts in the Park, to car shows like the Eastgate Classic Car Show, the Paw Joggers Annual run and the ever popular 5k Holiday in Lights and Santa-Land, we host a number of returning events year round. Rangers assist with parking and security during all events to help the guests have a safe and pleasant time.

Lake Isabella, one of our more quiet parks, saw a little excitement one summer day when a truck hauling dirt was unable to come to a stop exiting from I-275 onto Loveland-Madeira Rd. It flipped over just inside the park entrance. The driver was unharmed but if the railroad tracks had not stopped him the lake would have.



## District Nine – submitted by Sergeant Dale Steele

### Woodland Mound, Otto Armleder, Avoca, Bass Island, Kroger Hills, Little Miami Golf Center, Withrow Nature Preserve

#### Offenses / Investigations

A total of 25 thefts from motor vehicle incidents were reported in District 9 in 2017. 15 occurred at Otto Armleder, 5 at Bass Island, 2 at Avoca Park, 1 at Little Miami Golf Center, 1 at Withrow Nature Preserve and 1 at the Batavia Road Property. This was an increase from 2016. Rangers were able to investigate 22 of these offenses and filed charges on 5 individuals who either broke into cars in our parks or were stopped before they could do so.

Twenty animal complaint reports were taken in 2017, four of which were for aggressive dogs at Otto Armleder Park. A dead coyote was investigated at Kroger Hills. The animal appeared to have been shot by a bow and arrow. The bow hunter assigned to that area was questioned but no charges filed.

In June, Rangers were dispatched to investigate a possible homemade bomb at the Elderberry Shelter. The item was a Girl Scout project left behind from an earlier activity.

Three marihuana plants were removed from the property adjacent to the Judd's Landing section of Woodland Mound Park off of Steamboat Drive in September. The cultivated plants were located by Rangers several days earlier while performing a routine check of the area.

## Suspicious Persons or Vehicles

Two days into January, Rangers located a vehicle parked in the roadway on Steamboat Drive after dark. The driver was outside of his car but jumped in and fled for no apparent reason. He left the area East on US 52 and was not located that day. Rangers then located blood on the ground near where the driver had been standing. The next day it was determined the driver was a murder suspect who was arrested by Blue Ash PD shortly after this incident in the park. The Ranger's statement and evidence collected assisted in the suspect's prosecution.

Several Rangers investigated complaints of a homeless man who was sleeping in a car and in the woods at Armleder Park. He was eventually removed from the area.

## Other Agency Assists

In March, Rangers assisted Cincinnati PD by responding to a shooting inside the Cameo Nightclub on Kellogg Rd. One Ranger sat on a perimeter location and the other assisted at the nightclub entrance.

A woman with Alzheimer's disease who had walked away from a nursing home in the Newtown area in August was located by Rangers and transported her back to the facility.

Rangers responded to an attempted abduction of two teen girls in early September on the Clermont County property located west of the Woodland Mound boat ramp on Steamboat Drive. Rangers assisted Pierce Township PD with the investigation by interviewing one of the complainants while another searched the woods with deputies for a second victim. She was located unharmed.

A shooting was reported at the McDonald's on Beechmont Ave. in Anderson Township in December. Rangers assisted by providing first-aid to one of the victim's inside the restaurant.

## **CIVILIAN STAFF**

### **Fleet Manager**

Rangers utilize a variety of methods to patrol the parks so they can remain accessible to visitors and provide care in emergency situations. Patrol cruisers, trucks, bicycles, watercraft and ATV's are part of our fleet. The fleet is managed "in-house" by a certified Ranger Fleet Mechanic to maintain quality control and cost efficiency. The mechanic maintains service intervals tailored to meet the demands of vehicles being used in a host of outdoor conditions.

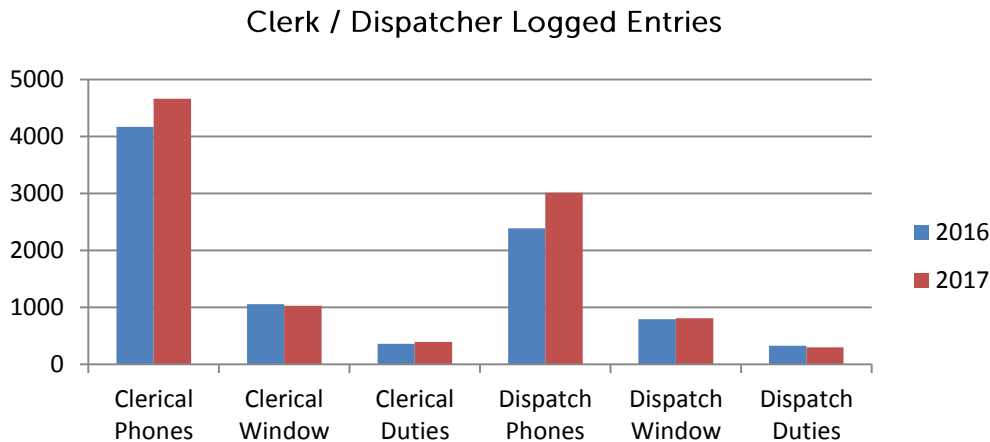
Our Fleet Mechanic Jeff Strittholt is literally a "one-man show". He manages everything from the purchase, police package retrofit, servicing and maintenance to the final public auction of a vehicle after its life of service.

In 2017, a review was completed to evaluate the cost effectiveness of replacing some of the current high mileage sedans with a Ford Sport Utility Police Vehicle. Ranger cruisers often suffer from electrical issues associated with the additional load on the units from the Mobil Data Terminals, radar units, chargers and video recording equipment. The transition to an SUV provides improved electrical performance, more storage for patrol gear, a longer lasting vehicle, and a safer option for officers driving under adverse weather conditions.

## Ranger Clerks / Dispatchers

The Ranger Division Dispatch office consisted of two full-time Clerks and four seasonal Dispatchers until Dispatcher Colleen Menth resigned in April. Her departure created a little havoc for a couple of months as her duties were re-assigned and everyone adjusted to the changes. There are plans to refill this position in 2018.

In February of 2016, as part of the park district's Performance Audit, the Auditor recommended Clerks and Dispatchers begin logging all phone calls received, window visits handled and daily duties performed into the Daily Log. With the 2016 totals available for comparison this year, it gives us the opportunity to identify where our efforts collectively converge.



The data reflects most of our time is spent answering phone calls. Dayshift is a unique kind of busy Monday-Friday during normal business hours. Staff answers its fair share of guest questions in addition to calls specific to law enforcement and the operations of the department. i.e.: court, records, uniforms, equipment, training, etc.

The bulk of phone calls received on evenings/weekends/holidays pertain to camping, fishing, reservations, picnicking, wet playgrounds, hours/rates, and special events and programs. This year, many callers needed to know how and where to buy motor vehicle permits with an increase in the number of calls regarding closed facilities. It is estimated that 70-75% of the total number of these phone calls are non-law enforcement related. Plans are in place to expand the hours of operation for Guest Relations in 2018 and eventually a Call Center that will support all parks and facilities.

The total number of criminal offenses reported to the Ranger Division increased by 33% this year. Thefts from motor vehicle reports alone increased by 28%, traffic citations by 14%, and criminal citations by 53%. All three create a significant amount of increased paperwork. Dispatch office activity is directly related to the majority of increases or decreases reflected in the Ranger Division Daily Log totals.

We are researching new Records Management software. There are a number of vendors offering software packages which would allow us to be more efficient. We will continue to evaluate the division's needs and review viable options into 2018.

## TRAINING

### 2017 CPT Summary

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) mandated each peace officer in every police agency to complete 20 hours of continuing professional training (CPT) between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. To qualify for reimbursement of these mandated training hours (\$20/hour for full time officers and \$12/hour for part time officers), we had to comply with the annual roster reporting requirements and the CPT hours had to include training on the following critical subjects:

- Trauma Informed Policing (6 hours)
- Practical Application of Force (4 hours)
- Officer & Community Wellness (4 hours)
- Legal Update (2 hours)
- General Law Enforcement (4 hours)

Except for Practical Application of Force, all trainings were available online either through the Ohio Peace Office Training Academy's live webinars schedule or through eOPOTA, the Academy's online course catalog, which affords officers to take training when time or their schedules allow. The Practical Application of Force requirement was fulfilled through departmental Subject Control training sessions taught by certified GPHC Instructors.

The 20 hours of CPT requirement was a big jump from the 12 required in 2016 and the 4 in 2015, but our Rangers stepped up and fulfilled all requirements by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **2017 – OPOTA STANDARD / MANDATORY TRAINING (requires 100%)**

OPOTA Firearms Requalification Shoot	36/36	100%
GLOCK Armorer's Course Certification / Instructors	2/2	100%
OPOTA Mandated Continued Professional Training (CPT) 20 hrs	36/36	100%
Verbal Defense & Influence Instructor Re-Certification Training	2/2	100%
Tactical Weapons Instructor	1/1	100%

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### **2017– GPHC IN-HOUSE / ADDITIONAL TRAINING (minimum 65%)**

Supervision of Police Personnel	1/1	100%
MDC/ LEADS Certifications	3/3	100%
Ranger Meeting (In-House), February	30/36	83%
Ranger Meeting (In-House), November	32/36	89%
CPR / First Aid Re-Certification (In-House)	33/36	92%
Field Training Officer, Instructor Training	4/4	100%
Subject Control and Defensive Tactics Training (OPOTA)	27/33	89%
American Heart Association BLS & Heart Saver Instructor Update	1/1	100%



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## 2017 GPHC IN-HOUSE / OPTIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- June 8 Global OBD II, Strittholt, Ohio Automotive Technology, Cincinnati OH
- November 16-17 Street Survival, McFadden & Stephens, Butler Tech
- May 15-18 International Police Mountain Bike Course, Stephens, Cincinnati OH
- April 11-13 PLEA – Professional Law Enforcement Training, Garner & Foley, Coconut Grove FL
- January 18 Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, Alberico/Foley/McFadden, Covington KY PD
- October 25 Coroner Lab Processing, Heroin Investigation, Legal Update & Court Case Preparation, Grimm/Bird/Williams/Steele, Cincinnati OH
- February 16-17 2017 PELC Alumni Conference, Grimm, Columbus OH
- January 26-27 Background Investigations, Biaglow & Bird, University of Louisville KY
- March 13 Verbal Defense & Influence, Non-Escalation/De-Escalation/Crisis Intervention for Contact Professionals, Chenault, Blue Ash OH
- May 9-12 Verbal Defense & Influence Instructor Pre-Work, Bird & Siry, Blue Ash OH

\*34 Rangers completed an additional 65 non-mandatory online blocks of training offered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office for a total of 294 sessions in all.

### Job Shadowing

All GPHC employees received an innovative alternative to typical training when offered an opportunity to 'shadow' employees of departments other than their own this year. The 'shadow' could include an interview, physical activity or simply tagging along with the other employee for 4-8 hours.

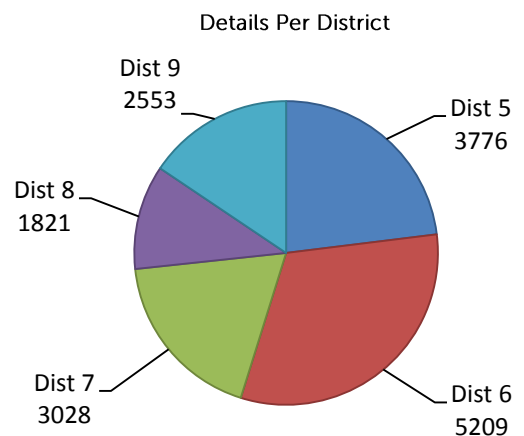
Chief Operating Officer Rebecca McDonough shadowed Sergeant Ali Bird Ranger around Winton Woods Park one afternoon. The Sharon Woods Projects Crewleader Ed Menkhaus took the opportunity to observe Ranger Kelly Williford in action in District 8 parks one day. Ranger John Patterson requested to experience a day in the life of Rebecca McDonough. And Ranger Clerk Sheila Pringle spent four hours as a pseudo Guest Services Representative with Tracie Sargent one morning.

It was nice to step outside the box and observe how the other departments operate.

**RANGER DIVISION LOGGED ACTIVITY TOTALS**  
NATURE OF DETAILS FROM DAILY PATROL LOG

DESCRIPTION	2016	2017
Administrative	146	345
Aided Cases	109	125
Alarm Checks	220	343
Alarm Drop: Burglar	352	454
Alarm Drop: Fire	14	16
Alarm Drop: Severe Weather	1	2
Animal Complaint	115	155
Arrests *	159	96
Assist Other Department	332	612
Assist Other Ranger	118	254
Assist Park Department	66	178
Auto Accidents	36	38
Capias Follow-Up	10	40
Citizen Complaint	43	71
Clerical Duties	362	396
Clerical Phones	4,169	4,662
Clerical Window	1,059	1,030
Court	68	107
Criminal Offense Reports *	130	181
Death Investigations *	7	3
Deer Management	25	13
Dispatch Duties	327	299
Dispatch Phones	2,389	3,010
Dispatch Window	795	808
Disturbance: Fight	1	6
Disturbance: Noise	12	24
Disturbance: Other	27	32
Dog Bite Incidents	16	9
Environmental	11	15
Field Training	135	153
Fire Run	3	4
HCPA Dive Team	2	13
HCPA Honor Guard	2	10
HCPA Most Wanted	1	7
HCPA SWAT	6	25
Hunting/Trapping	5	6
Investigation: FIR	126	70
Investigation: False 911	2	1
Investigation: Minor	241	377
Investigation: Supplemental	71	98
Investigation: Susp Person	47	67
Investigation: Susp Vehicle	47	37
Juvenile Complaint	3	9
Lodge Viewing	4	2
MVP Courtesy Notice	179	85

DESCRIPTION	2016	2017
Noah Check	32	7
Non-Criminal Incident Reports *	26	39
Notification	20	16
Padlock	1	0
Patrol: ATV	21	11
Patrol: Bike	145	237
Patrol: Boat	75	54
Patrol: Foot	1,968	1,885
Patrol: Mitchell	1,049	991
Patrol: Programs	64	97
Plainclothes Details	6	0
Property Damage – Park	14	14
Property Damage – Private	5	5
Property Found	68	98
Property Lost	31	40
Public Assist: Battery Jump	48	78
Public Assist: Lockout	105	110
Public Assist: Other	139	278
Public Assist: Wrecker	22	21
Security Check	3,166	3,632
Security Check: PFO	179	149
Sec Check: Unsecured Property	65	78
Special Event Detail	35	72
Traffic Control	22	28
Warnings: Criminal	1,387	1,555
Warnings: Traffic	905	1,144
Wheel Lock	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,801</b>	<b>24,927</b>

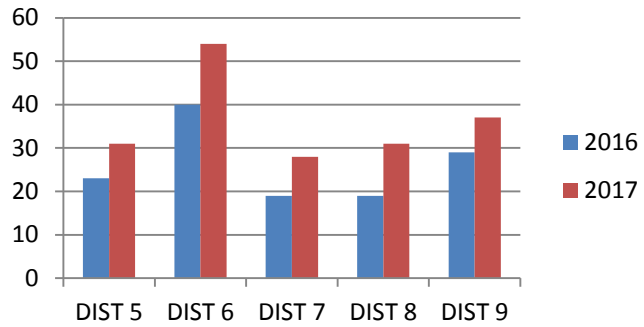


Graph excludes Clerical and Dispatch

\*Totals from Incident Database

## OFFENSE REPORT TOTALS - BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016	2017
5	23	31
6	40	54
7	19	28
8	19	31
9	29	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>181</b>



## CLASSIFICATION OF NIBRS OFFENSE REPORTS

Breakdown of UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) Totals

PART I OFFENSES	2016	2017
Rape	1	1
Robbery	0	1
Aggravated Assault	0	2
Burglary / B&E	1	3
Larceny-Theft	22	13
Theft from Motor Vehicle	43	60
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	0
Arson	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>81</b>

PART II OFFENSES	2016	2017
Bad Checks	0	1
Credit Card Fraud	0	3
Damage/Vandalism	64	88
Disorderly Conduct	2	8
Drug Abuse	13	20
Drug Equipment	4	6
Falsification	0	1
Forgery/Counterfeit	2	2
Liquor Laws	1	0
OVI	2	4
Simple Assaults <i>(Resisting, Stalking, Intimidation, Coercion)</i>	3	3
Stolen Property	2	5
Theft from Building	0	1
Weapons	1	3
All Other Offenses	14	16
Non-IBR Offense ZZZ	2	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>177</b>

### NIBRS REPORT CLASSIFICATION

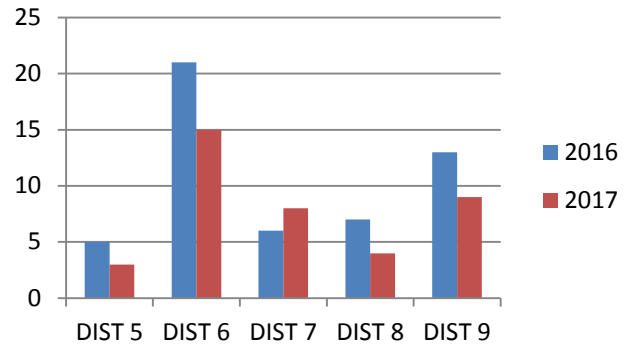
(Percentages are rounded)

TYPE	2016	%	2017	%
Part I Offenses	58	28%	81	31%
Part II Offenses	146	72%	177	69%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>100%</b>

UCR totals are higher than total number of reports due to more than one charge being included in one report.

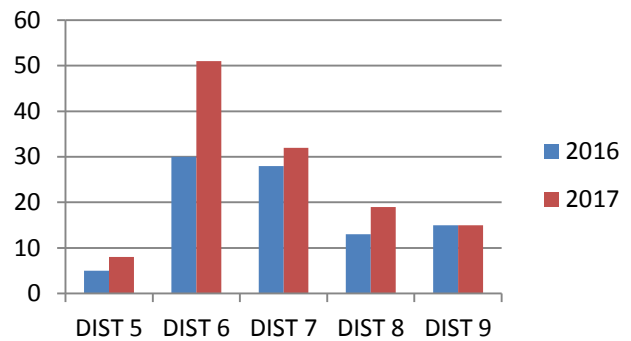
## NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENT SUMMARY – BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016	2017
5	5	3
6	21	15
7	6	8
8	7	4
9	13	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>39</b>



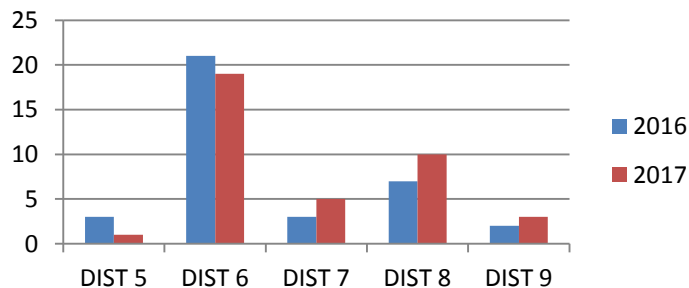
## AIDED CASE SUMMARY - BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016	2017
5	5	8
6	38	51
7	32	32
8	19	19
9	15	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>125</b>



## AUTO ACCIDENTS BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016						TOTAL	DISTRICT	2017						TOTAL
	5	6	7	8	9	5			6	7	8	9			
Property Damage	3	20	1	6	2	32	Property Damage	1	17	5	10	3	36		
Injury	0	1	2	1	0	4	Injury	0	2	0	0	0	2		
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>		



GPHC Motor Vehicle Accidents - 2  
 Non-GPHC Motor Vehicle Accidents - 36

## CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES

FROM MASTER NAME FILE

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2017
Abuse Harmful Intoxicant	2	0
Consumption In Motor Vehicle	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	5	0
Drug Abuse	89	106
Drug Abuse Instrument	1	1
Drug Paraphernalia	8	7
Fishing Violations	8	6
In Park After Hours	3	12
Illegal Fire	1	0
Improper Handling of Firearm	0	1
Leash Law Violation	5	2

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2017
Littering, Dumping	7	6
No Motor Vehicle Permit	0	1
Open Flask	7	12
Public Indecency	4	7
Public Peace Violation	1	2
Unauthorized Camping	1	0
Weapons In Park	0	1
Wild Animal Violation	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>166</b>

## CLASSIFICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES

FROM MASTER NAME FILE

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2017
Child Restraints	0	3
Drive Off Roadway	2	6
Drive on Closed Roadway	0	1
Drive Under Suspension	77	130
Drive Under OVI Suspension	0	6
Expired Operators License	15	16
Fail to Register Motor Vehicle	0	1
Fail to Report Auto Accident	2	0
Fail to Stop after Auto Accident	0	1
Fail to Yield	2	0
Follow Too Close	1	0
Improper Backing	1	3
Improper Passing	2	2
License Plate Violation	0	16
Loud Muffler	0	1

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2017
Marked Lanes	1	1
Parking	2	2
OVI	1	8
Pass Left of Center	1	2
Reasonable Control	2	3
Reckless Operation	1	2
Red Light	1	1
Safety Restraint Violation	2	6
Speed	19	60
Stop Sign	3	4
Turn Signal Violation	0	1
Unsafe Vehicle	0	1
Window Tint Violation	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>232</b>

\*278

\*232 Traffic Citations were issued this year with a total of 278 charges filed.  
This occurs when more than one charge is written on one traffic ticket.

**ARRESTS AND CHARGES SUMMARY**  
FROM MASTER NAME FILE

	2016	2017		2016	2017
Juvenile Arrests	9	5	Adult Arrests	25	35
Juvenile Charges	10	6	Adult Charges	40	72
Recites - HCPR	2	13	Recites - OTHER	100	177

**HOURS OF TRAINING**

EMPLOYEE	2016	2017
Alberico, Andrea	45.00	22.50
Altman, Joel	0	218.75
Batts, Jordan	36.00	22.50
Biaglow, Tim	47.00	57.50
Bird, Ali	18.50	95.00
Britton, Victoria	103.50	2.00
Chenault, Darryn	28.50	30.00
Dove, Rick	35.00	12.50
Doyle, Thomas	131.75	24.50
Farmer, Michael	0	268.00
Foley, Michael	20.00	65.75
Garner, Sherry	57.00	66.75
Gregory, Eric	135.00	83.00
Grimm, Greg	36.50	35.50
Hodapp, Dan	19.00	34.50
Kachele, Doug	24.50	17.50
Lake, Katie	18.50	49.00
Lambing, McCoy	0	37.50
Menth, Colleen	0	3.50
Mueller, Andrew	9	14.75
Peacock, Nicole	11.50	9.50
Patterson, John	25.50	28.50

EMPLOYEE	2016	2017
Pringle, Sheila	3.50	1.50
Proud, Doug	37.00	25.00
Richards, Kevin	12.00	13.00
Rieskamp, Don	3.50	17.50
Shannon, Missie	24.00	33.50
Siry, Matt	44.00	57.00
Spraul, Elliott	0	465.75
Spreckelmeier, Rick	1.00	14.50
Spurgeon, Dave	56.00	68.50
Stapleton, Joy	8.00	0
Steele, Dale	53.50	128.00
Stoeckel, Daren	21.50	24.00
Strittholt, Jeff	19.00	24.50
Swigart, Larry	20.00	0
Tremain, Jeff	15.50	16.50
Wetterich, Shad	13.50	14.25
Williams, Todd	48.00	60.50
Williford, Kelly	80.50	88.50
Yohey, Catherine	9.00	3.50
Zimmerman, Nathan	29.50	51.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1348.75</b>	<b>2306.00</b>

## Annual Complaint/Inquiry Summary – 2017

# CI – 30      Citizen Complaint received against Ranger who cited complainant for driving under suspension; complainant felt Ranger continued to coincidentally run into her many days after ticket issued. Complaint unfounded.

## Annual Internal Investigations Summary - 2017

No Internal Investigations were conducted in 2017.

## Annual Use of Force Summary (Traffic Pursuit, Display/Discharge of Firearm Incidents) – 2017

Sixteen Use of Force reports were recorded by the Ranger Division in 2017. These reports are routine, agency-initiated reviews of traffic pursuits, physical force occurrences, and displays or discharges of a Ranger's weapon while on duty.

Seven of these reports were for physical altercations and nine involved Rangers who displayed their weapons. All incidents were determined to be within the guidelines of division policy.

Chief's Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_