



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

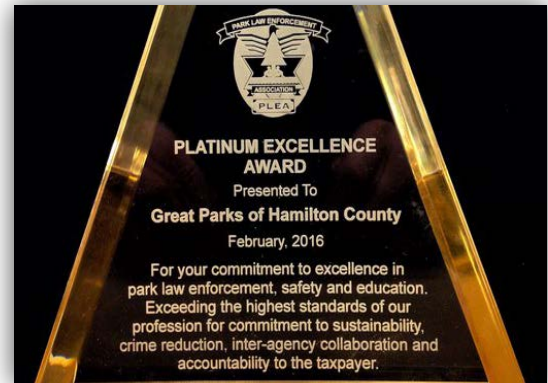
2016

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

In February, the Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Department earned the **Platinum Excellence Award from the Park Law Enforcement Association (P.L.E.A.)** Board of Directors.

The award recognizes the Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Department as demonstrating a commitment to excellence in park law enforcement/safety and education and a commitment to sustainability, crime reduction, inter agency collaboration and accountability to the taxpayer in reducing duplicative services.

It is also based on the agency's history or track record of implementing innovative management strategies that increase effectiveness or efficiencies in the delivery of park safety or security protocols.



On September 22, the **Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board** awarded the GPHC Ranger Department with **"Full Compliance" Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification** status. The certification recognizes Great Parks Rangers as implementing state standards that strengthen community and police relations.

We joined nearly 80 other certified agencies at that time by meeting standards for the use of force, including deadly force and agency recruitment and hiring. The standards are the first of their kind in Ohio and were developed by the Collaborative in August 2015.

Heroin continues to adversely affect local communities and the parks are not immune. In August 2016, Hamilton County recorded an unprecedented 174 overdoses in one six day period. Carfentanyl laced heroin is believed to be responsible for many of the incidents. Carfentanyl is a large animal tranquilizer which means it takes three to four times the amount of Narcan to reverse a carfentanyl-based heroin overdose versus unaltered heroin.

It is a tiered challenge due to the increased amount of Narcan being dispensed, arrests, auto accidents, theft reports, mutual aid requests and drug paraphernalia in plain view in the parks. Rangers were able to seize over \$9,000 on one of these drug-related arrests.

Two Rangers retired this year taking over 60+ years of combined experience with them. It will take more than a few years to recoup from their departures.

RETIREMENTS



Ranger Larry Swigart retired from the GPHC Ranger Department in December with 30 years of service. He was a full-time Park Ranger who spent most of his career at Miami White-water Forest.



Ranger Joy Stapleton retired from the GPHC Ranger Department in March with 30 years of service. In 2003, she relinquished her full-time ranger position and served the last 13 years of her career part-time.

PROMOTIONS

In October, Ranger Dale Steele was promoted to **Sergeant Dale Steele**. Sergeant Steele came to us from Greene County Ohio Parks in 2009.

Sergeant Steele supervises the South District Rangers at Woodland Mound Park. He currently serves as Treasurer for the national Park Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) and brings a wealth of park administration knowledge and supervisory experience to the Ranger Department.



Ranger Michael Foley was promoted from part-time to full-time ranger in February. Ranger Foley worked as a part-time ranger for 2.5 years prior to his promotion



Ranger Doug Kachele was promoted from part-time to full-time ranger in February, too. Ranger Kachele worked as a part-time ranger for 10.5 years prior to his promotion.

The following rangers were sworn in as new part-time officers in 2016:



Ranger Edwin McFadden
February 18, 2016



Ranger McCoy Lambing
July 27, 2016



Ranger Michael Farmer
October 11, 2016

RESIGNATION

Seasonal **Ranger Jack Gruber** resigned from the department in January after 27 years of service.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Commendation

Ranger Matt Siry received a Commendation from Ranger Chief Thomas Doyle for the lifesaving actions he displayed on March 31st after locating a suspicious vehicle in the Breezy Point Pavilion parking lot after hours. Upon observing a large amount of blood inside the vehicle, Ranger Siry immediately requested back up units and a canine to search the area. The Madeira Police Department Canine Unit arrived at 2359 hours and located a male subject with self-inflicted lacerations deep into his arm by 2304 hours. As a result of Ranger Siry's actions and the assistance provided by the Hamilton County Sheriff Office deputies and members of the Anderson Township EMS / Life Squad, the man's life was saved that night.



Ranger Siry, back up police units and EMS personnel were also recognized by Captain Richard Neville, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, for the same incident.

Appreciations



On January 28th, Chief Charles R. Lindsey, Harrison Ohio Police Department acknowledged **Ranger Andrea Alberico** and the performance of her duties while assisting his police department when they found themselves short-staffed during the arrest of multiple drug suspects. Chief Lindsey complimented Ranger Alberico on her professionalism and willingness to assist them during the unexpected incident.



On September 20th, **Ranger Eric Gregory** received a letter of appreciation from Greenhills Police Chief Neil Ferdelman. He thanked Chief Doyle for the support and resources our department often provides his agency and the specialized skillset of Ranger Gregory on one particular evening.

The Greenhills Police Department was dispatched to a barricaded suspect inside a residence. The suspect was a Marine veteran who completed three tours in Fallujah, Iraq and Ramadi. He was expertly trained to kill and participated in some of the deadliest battles during his time served. On this night, he was intoxicated, enraged and there was gunfire. Ranger Gregory's actions were described as competent, cool and reflective of the highest standards of policing.

SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS

Ranger Kelly Williford is a member of the **HCPA Underwater Search and Recovery Unit**. The USRU team assists law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations, vehicle, body and weapon recoveries, and other underwater operations.

On July 23, the GPHC Ranger Department requested assistance from the USRU Team with the recovery of a golf cart and lost property in Winton Woods Park. A golf cart rolled into a pond golf course after a child with the group released the parking brake. The cart contained the golfer's golf bag, clubs and keys to a work vehicle. The cart was completely submerged and not visible from the surface or in the water. The team sent divers into the pond and recovered the golf cart and all of the property.



HCPA Dive Team

This year, the team conducted 12 trainings and responded to five 'critical' and 13 'non-critical' calls for service. Ranger Williford participated in three of the five critical responses.



HCPA Honor Guard

Ranger Dave Spurgeon is a 15 year member and an original founder the **HCPA Honor Guard**. The Honor Guard is a prestigious team of officers from multiple jurisdictions who promote and represent the HCPA in and around Hamilton County. The majority of these events are funeral visitations and graveside services for retired officers or officers killed in the line of duty. The Honor Guard team is often asked to assist with funerals from smaller agencies, memorials, award banquets and the annual Police Memorial Day.

Each team member is asked to participate in at least 50% of the unit events, including monthly training days each year. Ranger Spurgeon was one of only nine members who met or exceeded these expectations this year by participating in 24 of 42 incidents.

This year's requests for assistance included the memorial service for slain Columbus Police Department SWAT Officer Sergeant Steven M. Smith, who was killed in the line of duty on April 9; visitation services for Detective James Prager, (retired) Cincinnati Police Department on April 24; and (retired) Chief Deputy Harry T. Bode, (retired) Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on December 27.

The **HCPA Most Wanted Band** finished up its 26th year in 2016. The band delivers a message of 'Just Say No to Drugs', 'No to Violence' and 'No to Bullying'. **Ranger Missie Shannon** has been with the band for 23 years.



HCPA Most Wanted Band

In those 26 years, the band has performed for over a half million school aged children. This year, the band performed seven times throughout Hamilton and Clermont County.

The band played in Cincinnati, Loveland, Springdale, Indian Hill, Batavia Elementary in Clermont County and Milford National Night Out. The Milford National Night Out was the largest event by far this year. There are several thousand people who come through National Night Out and not many leave without dancing to the music the band offers.

The band is looking forward to 2017. Hopefully their Music with a Message will make a difference in the youth of today.

Chief Thomas Doyle and Ranger Eric Gregory are active members 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.

SWAT was established to assist Hamilton County law enforcement agencies during high risk incidents that involve life threatening situations. Examples of SWAT incidents include but are not limited to: armed and unarmed barricaded persons; hostage situations; high risk search and arrest warrants; any other life threatening situation.

SWAT also assists agencies outside of Hamilton County, including the United States Secret Service, in providing protection for dignitaries and other high risk individuals.



HCPA SWAT Team

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

A.L.I.C.E.

The GPHC Ranger Department has two rangers certified to instruct the GPHC Ranger Department A.L.I.C.E. program, **Sergeant Dale Steele** and **Ranger Darryn Chenault**. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

The primary goal of A.L.I.C.E. is to increase chances of surviving a violent attack, especially by an active shooter. Active shooters, in schools and office buildings, have a very high shot fired to hit ratio (about 80% of shots fired are fatal in most situations). The program is offered on an as-requested basis within the GPHC and is often tailored to specific departments' requests. The goal is to equip staff with more options that work in "real" situations.

In 2016, a total of 111 employees received A.L.I.C.E. training on June 27 and June 30. Instructors have educated most of the Great Parks of Hamilton County staff by holding classes and/or passing out literature. Sergeant Steele met with GPHC staff to have Q & A time regarding the A.L.I.C.E. program which resulted in additional employees requesting more information on the training. Ranger Chenault teamed-up with Finneytown School District in educating students on use of the program in September.

All-Terrain Vehicle



Rangers Sherry Garner and Nicole Peacock are certified instructors for ASI (American Safety Institute) ATV Rider Course. Instructors must train twice a year to maintain their certification. The purpose of an ATV instructor is to improve the safety of ATV riders through a nationwide ATV safety education program and promote the safe and responsible use of ATV's.

Six GPHC rangers completed the ATV Rider Course training in 2016. The training covers Pre-Course Rider check in, Introduction to the ATV Rider Course, Range signals-Rules and Warm Up Exercises, Controls/Starting the Engine, Starting Out, Shifting Gears, Breaking, Turning, Riding Over Obstacles, Safe and Responsible Riding Practices, U-Turns/Traversing Hills and Circuit or Trail Rides. Instructors present these responsible safety viewpoints to expose riders and the general public to proper and prudent ATV operation.

Field Training (FTO)

Established in 1993, the Great Parks of Hamilton County Rangers Field Training Officer program is a twelve 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 the Ohio Peace Officer Basic 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 park ranger.

In 2016, three new part-time rangers were hired and completed the FTO program. Ranger McCoy Lambing was trained at Shawnee Lookout Park under the direction of **FTO Donald Rieskamp**. Ranger Edwin McFadden III was assigned to **FTO Sergeant Dale Steele** and trained at Woodland Mound Park. In the fall of 2016, Ranger Michael Farmer joined the ranks and trained with **FTO Eric Gregory** at Winton Woods Park.



CPR / First Aid

CPR/First Aid training is conducted bi-annually for GPHC Ranger Department employees. All Rangers and Ranger Clerks are required to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. **Ranger Missie Shannon** assumed the instructor position vacated when the previous instructor retired. The Ranger Department follows the guidelines of the American Heart Association. Certification through the AHA includes adults, children and infants.

2016 was an off year for re-certification, and 2017 training will be accelerated a level. This step is Basic Life Saving (BLS) and allows each Ranger to carry Bag Valve Masks which assist in both CPR and rescue breathing. The need for the bump in this in-house training coincides with the rise in heroin use throughout the greater Cincinnati area. Rangers responded to several calls for opioid overdoses this year. Now each ranger carries NARCAN® which is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Rangers responded to 101 Aided Case reports county wide in 2016. In one incident, a ranger located a suicidal subject who had cut himself multiple times. First Aid training enabled the Ranger to stop the subject's bleeding which in turn saved the subject's life.

Defensive Tactics

The GPHC Ranger Department once again partnered with the Attorney General's Office and their Mobile Subject Control and Defensive Tactics training block. The day consisted of a wide range of topics related to subject control. Defensive Tactics instructors **Sergeant Tim Biaglow and Rangers John Patterson and Nathan Zimmerman** arranged this training offered by the State of Ohio. The Rangers were given instruction on striking, clinch and take downs. It was an active day of hands on learning. This in-service day provides Rangers the opportunity to practice skills that could very well save their life one day. It's not every day Rangers have to fight with somebody but given a high stress situation, it is the training received in this class which makes this a very crucial and important day.

Firearms

Sergeant Tim Biaglow and Ranger Kelly Williford qualified all sworn ranger personnel with the use of their handgun, shotguns and rifles as mandated annually by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The training was conducted at the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy. The department invested money in upgrading the side-arms carried by its officers to a Generation 4 Glock 9mm. The new improved weapon provides a more customizable weapon. Improvements include new grip texturing, multiple back straps to adapt to different hand sizes, a new recoil system, and an enlarged, reversible magazine release for left handed shooters.

GPHC Color Guard Team



Sergeant Ali Bird and Rangers Jordan Batts, Eric Gregory, Andrew Mueller, Kevin Richards, Joy Stapleton and Dave Spurgeon make up the GPHC Color Guard unit.

This year was a transitional year for the team. Several members departed due to resignation and retirement. Plans are underway to add three to four new members in 2017. The plan also includes scheduling additional practices throughout the year to be better prepared when asked to participate in an event.

As a result of these challenges, the team participated in only two events this year: the Reds Opening Day Parade on April 4th and the Special Olympics Equestrian Competition on August 20th at the Winton Woods Riding Center.

GPHC Controlled Bow Hunt

Lieutenant Greg Grimm is the Ranger Department liaison to the Controlled Bow Hunt and Deer Management efforts of the Great Parks of Hamilton County.

As part of an ecological habitat management program, the 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.

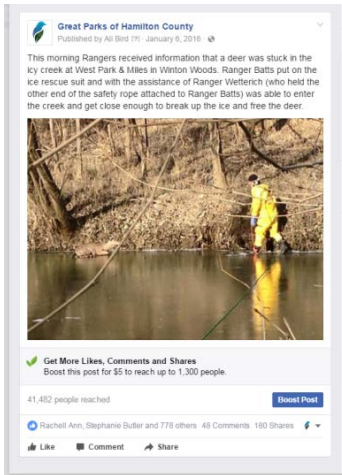
In 2016, Lieutenant Grimm and **Ranger Rick Dove** held qualifications over a two day period where over two hundred hunters were tested and qualified for the program. Park Rangers work closely with the Natural Resources Division to ensure the safety of the program.

Social Media

Social Media continues to be a quick, easy and effective way for the GPHC Ranger Department to communicate and share information with communities and followers. **Sergeant Ali Bird** represents the Ranger Department on the GPHC Social Media Committee.

The GPHC Ranger department uses social media to provide important warnings on criminal activity, safety messages, announcements regarding enforcement campaigns, hiring or highlight an agency or officer accomplishment.

Break down of engagements for the year:



DEER RESCUE
41,482 reached
780 likes
180 shares



LOST PUP
42,622 reached
101 likes
760 shares



OWL RELEASE
19,422 reached
502 likes
66 shares

Instagram - 100 total posts with 7 of them receiving 100+ likes each, most likes 156.

Twitter - At least 7 total posts, most engagement at 13 likes and 2 retweets.

Facebook - 16 total posts, these three reached the most people

Rangers also take advantage of the opportunity social media offers law enforcement agencies to just keep it real sometimes.

Super Moon



Ranger I-Spy



Pokémon Go



PLEA

Park Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) is a national professional development that provides informational services directed at educating park and recreation professionals of the role park law enforcement services play 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 serves as the PLEA Secretary. **Chief Thomas Doyle** was reaffirmed as a member of the PLEA Board of Directors and Sergeant Steele was elected the Treasurer for PLEA for the next two years.

Sergeant Steele and **Ranger Andrea Alberico** attended the PLEA Conference in Savannah, Georgia February 15-18. Conference classes were offered on a variety of park-related topics and a day of park tours. The **Platinum Excellence Award from the Park Law Enforcement Association (P.L.E.A.)** we received from the Board of Directors in February was presented at this conference.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Cub Scout Pack 948, Winton Woods

Impromptu ranger/safety oriented programs are often requested of the GPHC Rangers of visiting families, and youth groups visiting Great Parks throughout the year. These requests can vary from demonstrating the equipment and functions of the ranger cruiser to tours of ranger facilities to area history.



Bear Scout Troop, Woodland Mound

3/5/2016	Ranger Program, 4 th grader and parents, Woodland Mound – Steele
4/13/2016	Ranger Station Tour, Cub Scout Pack 948, Winton Woods – Richards
6/2/2016	Ranger Program, 15 kids, fishing rules & regulations Lake Isabella – Wetterich
6/3/2016	Ranger Program, talk on parks, trails & trailheads along Erie to Ohio Trail – Armleder – Dove
6/8/2016	Ranger Program, 15 kids, fishing rules & regulations Lake Isabella – Wetterich
6/30/2016	Ranger Program, kids at Lake Isabella Fishing Camp – Wetterich
7/30/2016	Ranger Program, youth group of 20, Miami Whitewater Forest – Swigart
9/16/2016	Ranger Program, group of kids – Woodland Mound Park – Dove
10/2/2016	Ranger Program, kids and families, Woodland Mound – Dove
11/12/2016	Ranger Program, Bear Scout Troop, Woodland Mound – McFadden
11/14/2016	Ranger Program, with Woodland Mound Naturalists – Zimmerman

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

Law Enforcement Events / Parades

- 1/15/2016 Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show, Duke Energy Center – Rieskamp
- 1/17/2016 Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show, Duke Energy Center – Tremain
- 1/21/2016 Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show, Duke Energy Center - Rieskamp
- 1/24/2016 Cincinnati Travel, Sports & Boat Show, Duke Energy Center – Stoeckel



Cincinnati Travel & Boat Show

- 5/21/2016 Law Enforcement Expo, Tri-County Mall, Cincinnati OH – Bird
- 5/29/2016 Crosby Township Parade, Harrison OH – Alberico
- 5/30/2016 Western Hills Memorial Day Parade, Cincinnati OH – Alberico
- 6/2/2016 Most Wanted Band, Loveland OH High School – Shannon
- 6/19/2016 Coney Island 'Touch A Truck', Cincinnati OH – Zimmerman
- 6/25/2016 Greenhills Parade, Greenhills OH – Williford
- 7/4/2016 Indian Hill Parade, Indian Hill OH – Shannon
- 8/2/2016 National Night Out, Milford OH – Shannon
- 8/2/2016 National Night Out, Pierce Township OH – Zimmerman
- 8/19/2016 Diversity Fair, Sharonville Convention Center, Sharonville OH – Chenault
- 10/1/2016 Home Depot 'Touch A Truck', Harrison OH – Williams
- 10/29/2016 Guns and Hoses Charity Boxing Fundraiser, Lawrenceburg IN – Spurgeon



The GPHC Rangers received the award for **Best Overall Display** at the **Law Enforcement Expo** inside the Tri County Mall in May.

The display included an information table with flat screens showing video and photos, 'Plinko', cornhole, a new Ranger SUV, a bike and an ATV in front of a park scene backdrop for photo opportunities a Ranger bike.

Schools / Career Days / Job Fairs

- 1/29/2016 Career Day, Ridgeway Elementary, Hamilton OH – Shannon
- 2/16/2016 Hocking College Jobs Fair, Nelsonville, OH – Grimm, Spurgeon
- 3/18/2016 Job Achievement Program at Winton Woods – Kachele
- 4/7/2016 University of Cincinnati, Jobs Fair, Cincinnati OH - Grimm
- 4/16/2016 African American Chamber, Western & Southern Financial – Chenault
- 5/10/2016 Law Enforcement Program, Finneytown H.S. Springfield Township OH – Chenault
- 9/7/2016 Career Day, Southeast Indiana Career Center, Versailles IN – Garner



University of Cincinnati
Jobs Fair

Special Events

Rangers provided safety and security as well as traffic control to ensure guests enjoyed a safe and pleasant experience during all aspects of their visits to enjoy numerous special events in 2016. We welcomed back some traditional favorites such as the Easter Spectacular at Parky's Farm, the Summer Concert Series, Halloween Nights and the annual Holiday In Lights 5k Walk coupled with the Holiday in Lights Festival at Sharon Woods.



Halloween Nights at Winton Woods Park

The Great Outdoor Weekend, Free Firsts, the Harper Art Show, Taking Root Volunteer Tree Planting Events, two car shows and numerous soccer sporting tournaments required extra staffing to accommodate increased visitation.

Benefit walks and 5K races were held on most weekends in the parks with rangers on hand to facilitate parking and crowd control. A new Great Parks Foundation sponsored event known as "Adventure Fest" was held at Mitchell Memorial Forest this year. The event featured a climbing wall, kayaking, a 5K, outdoor demonstrations and a load of outdoor fun for children and adults.



The **Cincinnati Pops Summer Concert** returned to Miami Whitewater Forest in June with over 2,000 guests attending a night of entertainment at the harbor point.

The weather was perfect for the event!

Forty-two private walks, rides, races, runs, memorials, fundraisers, trail rides were approved by the Director. While not requiring a detail, rangers greet the groups, discuss safety issues or concerns and provide the coordinator with contact information should the group need assistance during their stay at the park.

DISTRICTS IN REVIEW

District Five – submitted by Sergeant Todd Williams

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

Ranger Don Rieskamp trained two new officers this year one of which was part-time ranger McCoy Lambing. Ranger Lambing was assigned to District Five upon completion of the FTO training program.

Districts Five and Seven worked on theft from motor vehicle investigations together this year due to the adjacency of incident locations. We were able to identify and arrest two suspects who have been charged and are currently in process through Hamilton County Municipal Court.

The Rolling on the River Car Show was held on July 24 and is the largest private event in the district each year. This was the first year temperatures reached the upper 90's. Rangers successfully directed traffic and kept themselves hydrated for the duration of the show.

Winton Woods Harbor Manager Dave Liedhegner participated in the GPHC Job Shadowing Program by riding with Sergeant Todd Williams for a day. This was the first time Dave or Sergeant Williams participated in the program.

Safety Tech Tim Neiheisel was awarded his ten year service award. Tim is currently a safety tech at Embshoff Woods.

District Six – submitted by Sergeant Ali Bird

Winton Woods, Farbach Werner, Richardson Forest and Triple Creek

The North District Rangers experienced a significant change in personnel in 2016. Four new Rangers transferred into the district, two were promoted to full-time and two transferred.

Winton Woods remains one of the busiest districts. We hosted a number of special events in 2016 but the largest by far was the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day at Parky's Farm on April 23. It was only the second year for the event but the attendance was estimated at 5000+. Other large events held at Winton throughout the year were the Kids Outdoor Expo in July, the ALS walk in September and Halloween Nights in October.

The Winton Rangers logged 78 public assists, 33 aided case reports, five dog bite reports, 12 theft from motor vehicle reports, two OVI's, 354 criminal warnings and 253 traffic warnings. Five arrests were made for possession of heroin and three overdose incidents were handled.

Two arrests were made for drug trafficking in Winton Woods and both included substantial monetary forfeitures. Rangers located 1.5 grams of heroin during a drug trafficking arrest on January 2 along with \$9,703 cash. On February 22, rangers arrested another individual for drug trafficking after 24 grams of crack cocaine, 26 grams of powder cocaine and \$4,536 cash were recovered. All cash in both incidents was forfeited during court proceedings.

On June 4 at 8:08 pm, Winton Rangers were dispatched for a report of a missing child in the harbor area. The child was a six year old male, possibly autistic, on bike and had been missing for 90 minutes already. Multiple Park units, Greenhills Police Department and a Hamilton County Sheriff Office (HCSO) deputy who arrived to assist began a thorough search of Winton Woods and the immediate surrounding areas utilizing our ATV and boat for additional means of searching. Chief Doyle requested both the HCSO helicopter and the USAR (Urban Search & Rescue) team be deployed to further assist in the search efforts. Ninety minutes later, Springfield Township Police located the juvenile approximately five miles from the park on Cross County highway. It is believed the juvenile may have been trying to bike home on his own. The juvenile was transported to the harbor area where he was safely reunited with his grateful family members.

District 7 – submitted by Sgt. Dan Hodapp

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

Miami Whitewater Forest is the largest park in the West District and sprawls across two townships in the southwest part of Ohio. In 2016, our staff consisted of five full-time rangers and one ranger sergeant. Full-time Ranger Larry Swigart retired this year with 30 years of service, and full-time Ranger Doug Proud celebrated the anniversary of his 31 years of service.

The biggest challenge in 2016 was the construction of the new Texas gas pipe line pressure filling station. This was land they purchased from a private sod farm and it is located across from our campground at Miami Whitewater Forest. We believe it will be a factor for the 2017 camping season.

We continue to monitor the Oak Glenn oil spill from 2014. The area is recovering well since the spill. Restoration is almost fully complete. It will continue to be monitored in 2017. Including more oil coming up from the ground as well as the impact it had on wildlife and vegetation in the area.



Cincinnati Pops Orchestra

Miami Whitewater Forest hosted the **Cincinnati Pops Orchestra** again this year. It was one of the largest concerts to date for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. There were an estimated 5,000 patrons who attended the concert on that beautiful summer evening in June. Rangers and safety technicians helped with traffic and pedestrian flow in and out of the park. The evening went very smoothly and without incident.

When not in the parks or driving to other parks, rangers assist surrounding local agencies with heroin overdoses, domestic violence runs, contacts with wildlife violators and auto accidents with serious injuries.

One significant ongoing issue this year was the multi-use trail. Several complaints were reported regarding the eight-mile outer loop and the two-mile inner loop and pertained to speeding bicyclists. Patrol stayed on top of it and spoke to all patrons about bike safety and courtesy issues.

The Simmonds Family Dog Park was relatively quiet this year. There were a few minor dog vs dog and dog vs patron issues but thankfully no fatal dog vs dog attacks. The biggest issue was the closing of the natural turf large dog pens. This is a decision made by operations to ensure year round enjoyment of the pens. When an area has too much activity, the grass becomes mud and the turf does not grow back. Patrons were very upset and climbing over fences to use the areas. The decision to close the pens has kept the area looking green and nice.

We had 11 thefts from vehicles in 2016. No suspects were able to be identified, therefore no arrests were made. However while investigating the thefts, it was discovered other police agencies around Hamilton County had similar incidents. Two of the same vehicles we thought were involved in our thefts were involved in their incidents according to witnesses. In late October, Sharonville police arrested six suspects related to the felony lane gang. None of the items stolen from victims in our parks were recovered, but the thefts stopped. We are still working with other agencies and making sure all leads are investigated.

District 8 – submitted by Sergeant Tim Biaglow

Sharon Woods, Lake Isabella, Glenwood Gardens, Francis RecReacres

The District Eight Rangers are committed to safety within the Great Parks. They greet all new hires to the park during the safety portion of the Getting Started program. Since Rangers cannot be everywhere at once, it is a great time to remind everyone they can help by alerting the Ranger department to potential criminal activity.

Through a park wide attempt to reduce theft from motor vehicles, the Rangers distributed safety tips, placed signage reminding patrons to secure their belongings and increased patrol in key areas. In these efforts, we were successful in reducing the number of break-ins from previous years.



Holiday In Lights, Sharon Woods

District 8 is no stranger to large crowds. Civil War Days, Shakespeare in the Park, Soccer Leagues, Concerts in the Park, Dog Walks, Classic Car Show, Deer Park Annual track meet, VIP REI Tree Planting, Haunted Village and the ever popular 5k Holiday in Lights and Santa-land to end the year. Rangers assist with parking and security during all events to help the guests have a safe and pleasant experience.

District Eight had several transfers this year and welcomed two full-time rangers to Sharon Woods. Both are veteran officers and have been a great addition to the Sharon Woods team.

District 9 – submitted by Sergeant Dale Steele

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

In spring of 2016, the extension of the Little Miami Scenic Trail through the village of Newtown and Anderson Township was completed. This added 3.15 miles to the existing 78 miles. The trail now runs from Little Miami Golf Course in Newtown to the Beechmont/State Route 32 ramp, connecting parks and communities along the way.

Two vacant positions were filled at Woodland Mound this year. In October, Ranger Dale Steele was promoted to Sergeant and remained in District 9. Throughout the year, three full-time rangers transferred to the South District. As a team, South Rangers issued 40 citations total, up from 13 in 2015. Thirty-five were for criminal offenses and five were for traffic offenses. There was a significant increase in drug related citations issued.

- On June 17, Rangers located two female adults huffing “Ultra Duster” at Armleder Park. The subjects were cited for Abuse of Harmful intoxicants.
- On June 29, the on-duty ranger was dispatched to a report of a subject lost in woods along the Little Miami River at our property along Batavia Rd. The ranger located the subject who was highly intoxicated and belligerent. The subject was cited for after hours.



Little Miami Scenic Trail Extension Opening

A total of 457 warnings were issued in District 9 parks this year; 430 were criminal or traffic warnings and 27 were field interrogation FIR's. The majority of warnings (105) were issued to park patrons in the parks after hours. Sixty-three park patrons were cited for having their dogs off leashes and alcohol-related offenses warranted 42 citations.

Twenty-eight arrests were logged this year by District Nine rangers. Twenty-five of these arrests were for recitable offenses that occurred in other jurisdictions. Three original drug arrests were made at Bass Island, Otto Armleder Park and Woodland Mound. On June 26, the on-duty ranger was assisting the East district ranger and stopped two individuals at Lake Isabella for being in the park after hours. A search of one subject resulted in an arrest for crack cocaine.

Rangers recorded 28 criminal offenses this year. Eleven of 18 thefts from motor vehicle reports occurred at Otto Armleder. The remaining 10 reports occurred at Armleder (2), Avoca (3), Bass Island (1), Little Miami Golf Center (1), and Woodland Mound (3). Of these ten, three were drug-related, three were stolen bikes/property and four were for damaged property.

On March 31, rangers located a male subject who was attempting suicide in the park. EMS transported the man who made a full recovery. Seven non-criminal incidents were reported; four were dog complaints at Otto Armleder Park. There were two reports of damaged golf carts, and one attempted suicide. Rangers investigating golf cart damage at Little Miami Golf were able to identify and locate the individual who caused the damage to a golf cart there and recoup compensation for the damage. Another golf cart was damaged at the Vineyard and a semi-truck got stuck in Woodland Mound.

On June 22, the ranger at Woodland Mound was first on the scene for a head on car crash on Kellogg Ave. The driver of one of the vehicles was overdosing on heroin. The ranger administered Naloxone Hydrochloride and the subject was transported by EMS and made a full recovery.

District Nine rangers responded to 28 animal complaints in 2016. On October 21, one ranger located and assisted a Great Horned Owl stuck in a soccer net at Otto Armleder Park. The owl was cared for and rehabilitated by Raptor Inc., and released the next month. The reporting ranger was invited to participate in the release of the recuperated owl. And on November 15, another ranger assisted an injured Red Tailed hawk found along the Little Miami Scenic Trail.



**Release of Rehabilitated
Great Horned Owl at Otto Armleder Park**

Of the 71 Agency Assists performed by rangers in District Nine, these two incidents were very memorable:

- On Old Kellogg Road east of the Woodland Mound Park entrance on May 26, rangers assisted Pierce Township, Anderson Township and Amelia Police Department in locating a suicidal male who was armed and hiding behind an old mobile home. Ranger involvement played an important role in both locating and securing the individual.
- On September 6, one ranger located two marihuana plants on Little Miami Golf Property off of Debolt Road. The plants were removed on October 4, after checking the entire surrounding area for more plants and observing the area for activity.

Rangers assisted a couple whose older dog had pulled loose from its collar and ran into the woods at Woodland Mound on February 2. After searching for about 20 minutes, rangers located the dog near a ravine about 1/4th mile off the main entrance drive. The dog was exhausted but unharmed.

On October 15, rangers assisted Mariemont Police Department in locating a suicidal juvenile male. While escorting the subject to an ambulance, the subject attempted to flee on foot. The ranger was able to help secure the young man who had stated he was going to jump off a nearby bridge.

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 emergencies 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, serving and maintenance to the final public auction of a vehicle after its life of service. We quickly learned just how much we depend on our mechanic when an unfortunate auto accident and recovery took him away from the job for months. We are happy to report he is on the mend and back to keeping us running!

Ranger Clerks Sheila Pringle and Cathy Yohey continue to embrace the daily changes inside the Ranger Headquarters office. Responsibilities abound with the loss of the Administrative/Investigative Sergeant position. The dayshift Ranger Clerk performs administrative tasks for the Chief, Captain and Lieutenant in addition to entering all offense reports into Pamet and other assigned duties. The nights/weekend Ranger Clerk maintains collections of stats and summaries for the Ranger Department and Director's annual reports, and proofing and documentation for the Ohio Collaborative. Both contribute to the hiring/recruitment process of all new full-time and part-time rangers.

The Clerks are also considered dispatchers and components of the park district's Guest Services function. Guest Services staff does not work evenings or weekends and Visitor Centers and Naturalist Desks virtually close up during the week and weekends in the off season. These closures significantly impact clerks and dispatchers who continue to field an abundance of questions from park guests, callers and other employees.

Ranger Dispatchers Joy Stapleton and Tori Britton joined the GPHC Ranger Department Clerical / Dispatch staff in 2016. New dispatchers typically spend six-eight weeks training with a Ranger Clerk depending on their experience in law enforcement or the Great Parks of Hamilton County already. **Dispatcher Stapleton** came to us with 30 years of experience as a park employee after she retired from her ranger duties. **Dispatcher Tori Britton** joined our staff following her retirement from the Hamilton County Communications Center. Their knowledge and experience are a perfect fit in the dispatch office.

Seasonal **Ranger Dispatchers** saw an increase in their number of shifts this year as they returned to a more normal schedule after the ranger assigned to light duty returned to road patrol. **Dispatcher Gordon Rahschulte** oversees the majority of the Property Room function. **Dispatcher Colleen Menth** collects dispositions of department issued criminal and traffic tickets and maintains our in-house capias/warrant files. Dispatchers Stapleton and Britton are trained on ticket and name file entries. These assignments are in addition to their regular dispatch duties.

In February, all Clerks and Dispatchers were instructed to record their daily activities in the same computerized Daily Log program used by the Rangers. Every phone call received, every guest who visits the dispatch window and the administrative duties accomplished on their shifts are entered in this log. By the end of December, Clerks and Dispatchers logged a combined total of 9,101 entries for the year.

Safety Technicians

These members of the Safety Department sell motor vehicle permits as patrons enter the park. They also assist the public with questions and directions, among other requests. And they give a big smile to all guests entering our Great Parks all year long.

Safety Technicians are the front line of our parks. Frequently, they are very often not only the first impression but sometimes, the only employee a patron may have contact with during their visit to the parks.



Safety Techs play a crucial role in welcoming and assisting our guests each and every day. During peak season, rangers can employ up to 25 safety techs in a district staffing park entrances. During the summer of 2016, the Techs stepped up to work as many locations as we could staff as often as possible to ensure that wherever and whenever possible, we provided our guests with a high level of customer service.

Safety Technicians duties are more than just working park entrances. Their assistance is recruited with parking vehicles at Special Events and the Annual GPHC Auction. This year they were truly instrumental in not only helping Rangers advance their investigations on 'smash-n-grab' offenses by reporting suspicious vehicles and possible suspect vehicles, but by also being an extra set of eyes for us and helping to deter crime just simply by working their shifts. We are grateful for the help received from these valuable employees.

And last but far from least, all techs booths were successfully equipped with functional credit card machines and credit cards were able to be consistently processed at the booths. A welcome amenity to park guests!

TRAINING

2016 – OPOTA STANDARD / MANDATORY TRAINING (requires 100%)

October 2016 – OPOTA Firearms Requalification Shoot	35/35	100%
OPOTA Mandated Continued Professional Training (CPT) 11 hrs	40/40	100%
Law Enforcement Firearms Requalification/Instructors	2/2	100%
OPOTA Narcan eLearning Course	3/3	100%

*the Ohio Attorney General's Electronic Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (eOPOTA) and live webinars allowed the entire department to complete nine of 11 hours of mandatory CPT without having to travel to a classroom.

2016 – GPHC IN-HOUSE / ADDITIONAL TRAINING

American Heart Association BLS & Heart Saver Instructor Update	2/2	100%
MDC/ LEADS Certifications	3/3	100%
Verbal Judo	3/3	100%
ATV Rider Course – Safety Institute	7/7	100%
Subject Control and Defensive Tactics Training (OPOTA)	27/33	89%

2016 GPHC IN-HOUSE / OPTIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

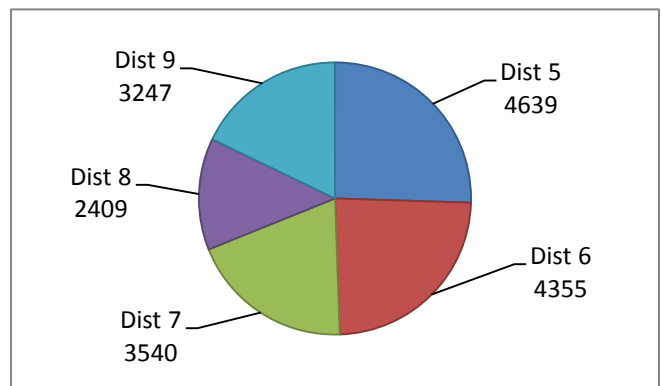
- January 3-7 Park Ranger Institute, Siry and Garner, North Carolina
- January 4 Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership, Williams, Portland State Univ.
- February 23-25 Judgmental Driving and Firearms Simulator, Proud/Swigart/Stoeckel/Kachele, OPOTC, Mount Healthy, OH
- March 2 Successful Hybrid Diagnostics, Strittholt, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Cincinnati OH
- March 3 Prescribed Burn Training, Alberico, GPHC Winton Woods Park
- March 21 Diagnostic Specialist Misfire, Strittholt, NAPA Autotech, Cincinnati OH
- April 5 Ohio Notary Training, Yohey, Springdale PD, Springdale OH
- May 3-5 Interview & Interrogation Techniques, Biaglow and Williams, Cincinnati OH
- June 13 BCI / III Certification, Stapleton, Scarlet Oaks, Cincinnati OH
- June 19 BCI / III Certification, Britton, Scarlet Oaks, Cincinnati OH
- August 17 Welcome to Bridge, Set Your 'SMART Goals', Birth of the Challenger Methodology, Doyle, GPHC Online Training
- October 20 Bulletproof, Proud and Dove, Calibre Press, Cincinnati OH
- December 7 Modern Day Media Relations Training, Doyle, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati OH

*27 Rangers completed an additional 52 non-mandatory online blocks of training offered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office for a total of 148 sessions in all.

VISITOR SERVICES DIVISION LOGGED ACTIVITY TOTAL
NATURE OF DETAIL FROM DAILY PATROL LOG

DESCRIPTION	2016	2015
Administrative	146	91
Aided Cases *	101	0
Alarm Checks	220	191
Alarm Drop: Burglar	352	394
Alarm Drop: Fire	14	9
Alarm Drop: Severe Weather	1	3
Animal Complaint	115	98
Arrests *	159	0
Assist Other Department	332	371
Assist Other Ranger	118	137
Assist Park Department	66	118
Auto Accidents	41	32
Capias Follow-Up	10	78
Citizen Complaint	43	46
Clerical Duties *new	362	0
Clerical Phones *new	4169	0
Clerical Window *new	1059	0
Court	68	81
Criminal Offense Reports **	130	0
Death Investigations *	7	0
Deer Management	25	11
Dispatch Duties *new	327	0
Dispatch Phones *new	2389	0
Dispatch Window *new	795	0
Disturbance: Fight	1	9
Disturbance: Noise	12	4
Disturbance: Other	27	29
Dog Bite Incidents	16	8
Environmental	11	20
Field Correction Report	0	1
Field Investigation Reports *	126	0
Field Training *	135	0
Fire Run	3	13
HCPA Dive Team *new	2	0
HCPA Honor Guard *new	2	0
HCPA Most Wanted *new	1	0
HCPA SWAT *	6	0
Hunting/Trapping	5	5
Investigation: FIR	126	180
Investigation: False 911	2	1
Investigation: Minor	241	199
Investigation: Supplemental	71	74
Investigation: Susp Person	47	47
Investigation: Susp Vehicle	47	32
Juvenile Complaint	3	3
Lodge Viewing	4	3

DESCRIPTION	2016	2015
MVP Courtesy Notice	179	116
Noah Check *	32	0
Non-Criminal Incident Reports **	26	0
Notification	20	13
Padlock	1	3
Patrol: ATV	21	37
Patrol: Bike	145	230
Patrol: Boat	75	55
Patrol: Foot	1968	2194
Patrol: Mitchell	1049	1188
Patrol: Programs	64	68
Plainclothes Details *	6	0
Property Damage – Park	14	19
Property Damage – Private	5	4
Property Found	68	78
Property Lost	31	17
Public Assist: Battery Jump	48	50
Public Assist: Lockout	105	129
Public Assist: Other	139	161
Public Assist: Wrecker	22	19
Security Check	3166	3086
Security Check: PFO	179	124
Sec Check: Unsecured Property	65	29
Special Event Detail	35	15
Traffic Control	22	10
Warnings: Criminal	1387	1702
Warnings: Traffic	905	816
Wheel Lock	1	0
TOTAL	21801	14855

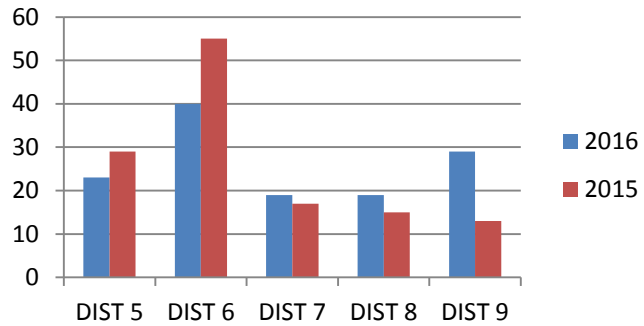


**totals from Report Log; not Daily Log

*Not added since 2008 –Aided Cases, Arrests, Criminal Offense Rpts, Death Invests, FIRs, Noah Checks, Non-Criminal Rpts

OFFENSE REPORT TOTALS - PER DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016	2015
5	23	29
6	40	55
7	19	17
8	19	15
9	29	13
TOTAL	130	129



CLASSIFICATION OF NIBRS OFFENSE REPORTS

Breakdown of UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) Totals

PART I OFFENSES	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape (Forceful Fondling)	1	0
Robbery	0	1
Assault	0	0
Burglary /B&E	1	3
Larceny-Theft	22	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	43	57
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	0
Arson	0	0
TOTAL	70	63

PART II OFFENSES	2016	2015
Curfew	0	0
Damage/Vandalism	64	55
Disorderly Conduct	2	3
Drug Abuse	13	15
Drug Paraphernalia	4	0
Drunkenness	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0
Forgery/Counterfeit	2	4
Fraud / Bad Checks	0	2
Gambling	0	0
Liquor Laws	1	1
Offenses vs Family	0	1
OVI	2	5
Prostitution	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0
Simple Assaults (Resisting, Stalking, Intimidation, Coercion)	3	3
Stolen Property	2	2
Trespassing	0	0
Vagrancy	0	0
Weapons	1	4
All Other Offenses	14	37
Non-IBR Offense ZZZ	2	0
TOTAL	110	132

NIBRS REPORT CLASSIFICATION

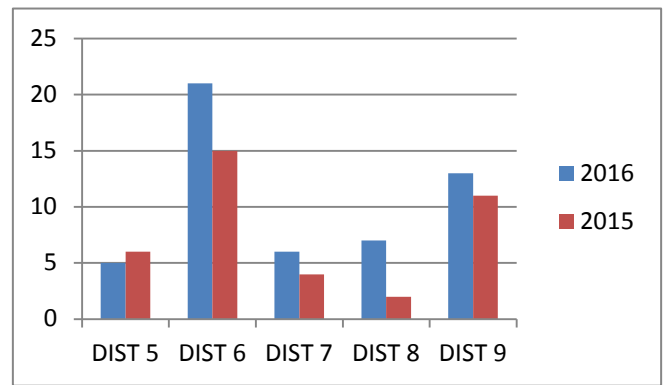
(Percentages are rounded)

TYPE	2016	%	2015	%
Part I Offenses	58	28.43%	63	32.3%
Part II Offenses	146	71.64%	132	67.7%
TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS	204	100%	195	100%

*actual offense numbers higher than number of offense reports due to multiple charges on one report

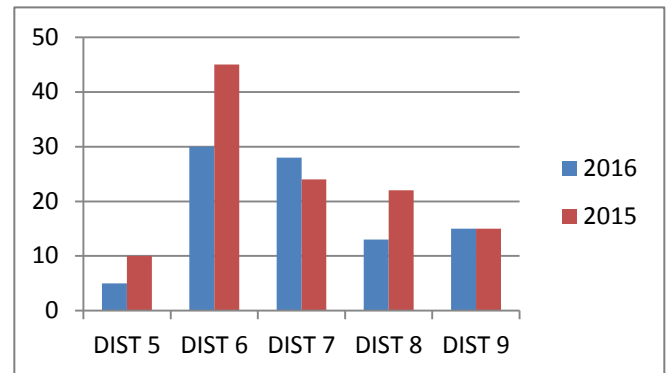
NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENT SUMMARY – BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016	2015
5	5	6
6	21	15
7	6	4
8	7	2
9	13	11
TOTAL	52	38



AIDED CASE SUMMARY - BY DISTRICT

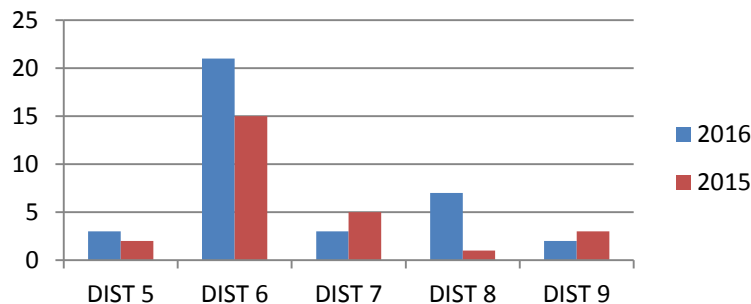
DISTRICT	2016	2015
5	5	10
6	38	45
7	32	24
8	19	22
9	15	15
TOTALS	109	116



AUTO ACCIDENTS BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	2016						2015						
	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	DISTRICT	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
Property Damage	3	20	1	6	2	32	Property Damage	2	12	5	1	3	23
Injury	0	1	2	1	0	4	Injury	0	3	0	0	0	3
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	21	3	7	2	36	TOTAL	2	15	5	1	3	26

AUTO ACCIDENTS



CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES
FROM MASTER NAME FILE

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2015
Abuse Harmful Intoxicant	2	0
All-Purpose Vehicle Prohibited	0	1
Attempt	0	0
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0	1
Consumption In Motor Vehicle	2	1
Counterfeit/Controlled Substance	0	0
Criminal Damage, Park	0	2
Criminal Trespass	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	5	8
Drug Abuse	89	186
Drug Abuse Instrument	1	0
Drug Paraphernalia	8	11
Fishing Violations	8	5
Furnish Alcohol to Minor	0	0

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2015
In Park After Hours	3	5
Illegal Fire	1	0
Leash Law Violation	5	3
Littering	7	3
Open Flask	7	8
Public Indecency	4	6
Public Peace Violation	1	0
Solicitation in Park	0	2
Theft	0	0
Unauthorized Camping	1	1
Water Regulations	0	1
Weapons In Park	0	0
Wild Animal Violation	0	2
TOTAL	144	246

CLASSIFICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES
FROM MASTER NAME FILE

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2015
Child Restraints	0	2
Drive Off Roadway	2	5
Drive Under Suspension	77	156
Expired Operators License	15	18
Fail to Display Oper License	0	1
Fail to Report Auto Accident	2	0
Fail to Yield	2	0
Follow Too Close	1	0
Improper Backing	1	1
Improper Passing	2	4
Improper Turn	0	1
Left of Center	0	0
License Plate Violation	0	9
Lights (Back Up, Brake, Tail)	0	1
Loud Muffler	0	0

NATURE OF CITATION	2016	2015
Marked Lanes	1	1
Parking	2	1
OVI	1	3
Pass Left of Center	1	0
Reasonable Control	2	5
Reckless Operation	1	5
Red Light	1	1
Safety Restraint Violation	2	5
Slow Speed	0	2
Speed	19	55
Stop Sign	3	4
Texting While Driving	0	1
Windshield Obstruction	0	1
Window Tint Violation	0	3
TOTAL	135	285

ARREST SUMMARY AND CHARGE SUMMARY
FROM MASTER NAME FILE

	2016	2015		2016	2015
Juvenile Arrests	9	4	Adult Arrests	25	16
Juvenile Charges	10	4	Adult Charges	40	28
Recites - HCPR	2	22	Recites - OTHER	100	110

HOURS OF TRAINING SUMMARY

OFFICER	2016	2015
Alberico, Andrea	45	18
Batts, Jordan	36	18
Biaglow, Tim	47	125
Bird, Ali	18.5	61
Britton, Victoria	103.5	0
Chenault, Darryn	28.5	18
Dove, Rick	35	22
Doyle, Thomas	131.75	47.75
Foley, Michael	20	19.50
Garner, Sherry	57	28
Goetz, Bill	0	1
Gregory, Eric	135	174
Grimm, Greg	36.5	226
Gruber, Jack	0	9
Hodapp, Dan	19	33.25
Hunt, Teresa	0	63
Kachele, Doug	24.50	9
Knobloch, Mike	0	18
Lake, Katie	18.5	10.50
McDonough, Sheli	0	28.5
Menth, Colleen	0	8.5
Mercer, Nicholas	48	27
Mueller, Andrew	9	0
Patterson, John	25.5	40
Peacock, Nicole	11.5	14

OFFICER	2016	2015
Pringle, Sheila	3.5	20
Proud, Doug	37	16
Richards, Kevin	12	9
Rieskamp, Don	3.5	18
Seiter, Andy	0	18
Shannon, Missie	24	31.5
Siry, Matt	44	33
Spreckelmeier, Rick	1	24
Spurgeon, Dave	56	61
Stapleton, Joy	8	14
Steele, Dale	53.5	83.5
Stoeckel, Daren	21.5	12
Strittholt, Jeff	19	45.5
Sulken, Jacob	0	14
Swigart, Larry	20	17.5
Tremain, Jeff	15.5	17
Wetterich, Shad	13.5	18
Williams, Cindy	0	36.5
Williams, Todd	48	33
Williford, Kelly	80.5	135
Yohey, Catherine	9	20.5
Zimmerman, Nathan	29.5	21
TOTAL	1348.75	1717

Annual Complaint/Inquiry Summary – 2016

No Citizen Complaints or Inquiries were reported in 2016.

Annual Internal Investigations Summary - 2016

#IA – 127 Date: 8/26/2016 Park: Winton Woods Officers: Dove and Batts

Finance employee reported shortage in seized funds. Re-count of money by reportee's supervisor revealed all money accounted for, apology issued to rangers involved and ranger department for oversight

Annual Use of Force Summary for Traffic Pursuit, Display/Discharge of Firearm Incidents – 2016

DATE	OFFICER	TYPE	FINDING
2/20/16	Batts, Dove	Physical	Within Policy
5/26/16	Batts	Display of firearm, suicidal subject with weapon	Within Policy
8/13/16	Batts	Display of firearm, refused to stop for traffic stop, drug arrest,	Within Policy
12/9/16	Batts	Display of firearm, mutual aid assistance for reported residential burglary in progress	Within Policy

CEO's Approval _____ Date _____
Captain Richard R. Spreckelmeier, Acting Ranger Chief