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2019 Year End Summary

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This summary report of London Police Division activity covers the 2019 calendar year. The London Police Division continued to experience steady activity for the year, as well as various agency developments. The agency continued to foster a professional culture by focusing on our policing philosophies and guiding principles, as well as our mantra for 2019, "Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues".

The department struggled in 2019 with fleet issues, having two cruisers involved in crashes; one of which was a total loss. The other sustained serious damage requiring major repairs that has taken it out of service for over six months. Additionally, a model year changeover by Ford delayed the procurement of the new cruisers approved for purchase with the capital budget. Because of the delay, two new cruisers were not obtained and outfitted until very late in the calendar year. A third new car was obtained to replace the totaled cruiser and was put in service



in December. With noticed wear on the white vinyl doors of the cruisers and with the implementation of several new cruisers it was decided to change to an all black cruiser, eliminating the issue with the vinyl wrapped doors and saving associated costs.

We continue to place a priority on our public outreach and engagement with the community. Our agency maintains social media platforms with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the Nextdoor email system. This year we undertook a new avenue to connect to our community by implementing a modern mobile app. This app has many features and has been well received. If you haven't downloaded it yet, we encourage you to give it a try. It is free to the public and is the best way to get timely emergency notifications from our office.

Officers were present in the community by participating in several public events and other engagements throughout the year. We held another "National Night Out" event at Cowling Park in August. We again gave a valiant effort, but fell short, in our annual volleyball match with the Madison County Tigers Special Olympics team. We continued the traditional Special Olympics lunch, and our Shop w/a Cop near Christmas.



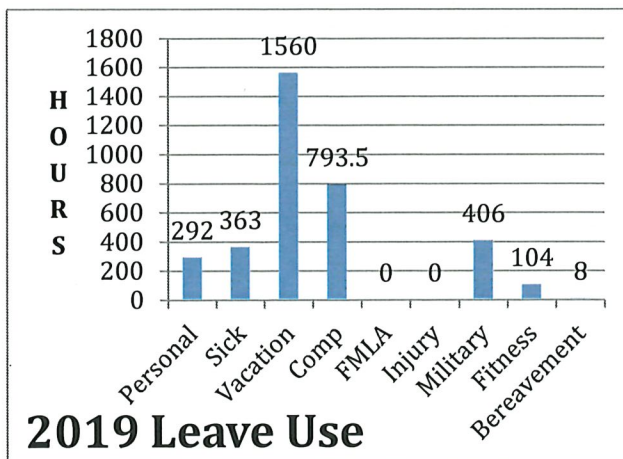
"Casting w/ Cops" was conducted again this year, where officers provided fishing equipment and took several underprivileged children fishing at a pond on the grounds of the Gwynne



Conservation area, part of the OSU Molly Caren Ag Ctr, located just north of the city. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch and obtained fishing equipment to use on their own. This event was funded by a grant from the Ohio Division of Natural Resources.

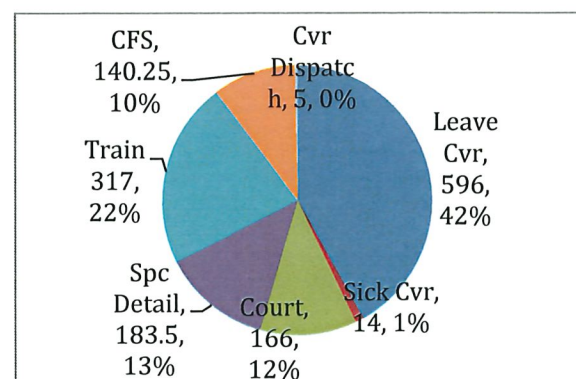
Personnel:

The Division experienced a first in the area of personnel in 2019 as two members hired in 2018 graduated from the Basic Peace Officer Academy conducted at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Officers Thomas Wilson and Lloyd Jackson both completed the academy and their subsequent field training in 2019. This was the first time the department sent new hires to an academy for the basic peace officer certification. Officer Dylan Fout was hired in February and also completed his basic training at the OSP Academy, graduating in June. Ofc. Chris Grimes and Dispatcher Kelli Stark, both left the division in 2019 for other opportunities. Disp. Sarah Peterson was hired as a full time dispatcher in December. We are currently in the hiring phase for another officer, which will complete our staffing allocation of twenty sworn officers.



A significant reduction of 132 hours or 29% in sick time usage was achieved in 2017 compared to 2016 and we have maintained a consistent leave use total since that year. We reduced overtime usage by 21% in 2019 from 2018 totals. This is due in part by staffing levels being increased. The attached graphs show general information for the overtime and leave usages by sworn members in 2019. There were no lost time injuries for department personnel in 2019. One officer was on restricted duty for two weeks while he

recovered from a lacerated knee that occurred during a physical arrest. Our average leave time usage per officer in 2019 showed a reduction from previous years, enabling the agency to improve our relief factor to 1.49 from 1.56. The relief factor is the number of officers to cover one patrol slot continuously for the year.



Budgetary/Equipment:

The 2019 capital budget was restricted to the purchase of two cruisers and related outfitting. As mentioned earlier, we had one cruiser totaled and additional funding to supplement the insurance settlement was granted from capital funds late in the year. There was no other capital funding appropriated. We were able to obtain a thermal imaging camera from operational funds as well as one camera purchased with donated funds from the Madison County Prosecutor's Office. The division was able to work with the auditor's office in organizing a Law Enforcement Trust Fund, in order to appropriately maintain receipts from criminal seizures or forfeitures that occur as part of the normal course of business. We also have set up appropriate accounts with the Federal Equitable Sharing System, in order to receive funds shared from federal sources. We were granted approximately \$6,500 from the DEA for our participation utilizing Ygor, our canine unit, on a joint investigation in Clark County. The city upgraded emails to one domain for all departments, as well as having implemented a new phone system, enabling all officers to maintain a direct contact number. Finally, we were able to save 12% of our operating budget for the 2019 fiscal year.

Notable Incidents:

Tevin Jackson, 24, was sentenced to prison for 30 plus years after being convicted by a jury for his role in a double homicide that occurred in January of 2018.

Steven J. Derifield, 41, was charged with numerous felony drug trafficking and drug abuse offenses as the result of investigations by London PD and Madison County Sheriff's units. He was subsequently convicted on several charges resulting in a prison term of 16-21 years.

Yaisa Cordero, 40 and her daughter Joceline Cordero, 25, were both murdered in front of their residence on Landis Lane in April. James S. Evans, 54, the suspect in the murders, committed suicide shortly after fleeing the scene.

On Sept 17th, A 50 year old male shot and killed himself on Westmoor Dr. as officers approached him. He had fled from a scene where he had abducted his ex-wife at gun point.

Traffic Enforcement Statistics:

Officers made 1,402 traffic stops in 2019, with 290 citation events, and 946 traffic stops resulting in warnings. The remaining stops were various events related. We participated with the Ohio State Patrol on a sobriety checkpoint held in the city, as well as saturation patrols on various dates. The division responded to 170 reports of non-injury property damage crashes, and 28 injury crashes for the year. Both crash types were noticeably down from 2018 stats. There was once again one fatal crash. We were consistent with the number of OVI arrests for this year, being 60 incidents.



The following table shows a summary of pertinent traffic citations issued in 2019

ACDA	13	Traffic Control Device	14
Speed	118	Driving Under Suspension	156

Core Statistics:

One continual measurement tool is our core duties statistics; the calls for service and incident reports filed. The division maintained a steady workload in that we recorded 9,408 calls for service in 2019, an increase of 200 calls for service or 2.2%. We created an improved method for tracking routine services that better reflect our actual calls for services from the public in 2018. For instance, we are capable of tracking our community watches, which include various vacation watch checks and special circumstance checks of a specific location. These checks are completed by officers while on free patrol. Officers completed 4,498 checks on 108 locations during 2019. The following table shows some of the various calls for service requests handled by officers.

Statistical Summary of various 2019 Calls for Service:

911 Unknown	67	Alarms - Commercial	331	Alarms - Residential	132	Assist Other Agency	188
Animal Complaints	108	Custody Dispute	59	Civil Standby	156	Civilian Transports	120
Disputes	359	Dog Stray - Uncontrolled	197	Driving Complaints	300	Drug Overdose	18
DAV/Motorist Assist	142	DOA	11	Fights	60	K-9 Uses	69
Intoxicated Ind.	58	Medical Assist	252	Missing Persons	77	Mental Episode	44
Narcan Utilization	5	Open Door Poor Security	86	Prowler	34	Road Hazard	81
Susp Person	380	Susp Conditions	328	Shooting/Gunfire	22	Parking Comp	259
Trespassing	152	Unruly Juvenile	204	Vehicle Lockouts	381	Welfare Check	195

A more accurate area to consider for agency extended workload is the incident and offense reports filed. This usually reflects an accurate status of resource consuming calls for service handled by the agency. In 2019 we took 1,139 incident reports. That is an increase of 5% or 61 incidents over 2018. We saw a slight reduction in overdoses in 2019 as the trend of Heroin use moving to Methamphetamine usage was noticed in our area. We continue to partner with the Madison County Major Crimes Task Force in combating the drug crimes in our area.

Statistical Summary of pertinent 2019 Incident Reports:

Assaults	41	Domestic Violence	132	Menacing	56	Child Abuse	31
Sex Offenses	13	Overdose Related	17	Thefts	229	Burglary	15
Robbery	3	Criminal Damage /Vandalism	71	Death Inv	8	B&E	10
Drug Abuse	38	Drug Paraphernalia	22	Unruly Juv	28	Suicide	2

Training:

While there was no state mandate for 2019 in required training hours, the department continued to seek advanced training for members. The department completed over 850 total hours in a variety of courses. All officers train and qualify on the division issued firearms and electronic control devices annually, with department instructors, as well as online training on our policy and procedures. The division continues to join with the Madison County Sheriff's Office to better utilize local resources and develop closer working relationships. Det. Donovan Cooper completed the OACP's Police Executive Leadership Course, a three week intense course of study geared toward police supervisors. We continue to train all members in Crises Intervention Training, conducted by the Mental Health Board of Clark, Greene & Madison Counties.

Closing:

We have continued to find ways to improve our operations and have enjoyed many of the recent upgrades in equipment and the procedures that have been implemented in the past few years. We are starting to experience the benefits of the report management system as it is developed with more data input. As we continue to handle increased service requests, we foresee the need for updating our physical facilities and related operations.

Each year we develop a mantra to help us maintain focus on our mission statement and our vision. The past couple of years have included focusing on being of value, in order to become successful and maintaining humility as the solid foundation for all other virtues. For 2020 our mantra is "Do the next right thing." We often look back at what we might have done or wished we could have completed, but we must realize we cannot change the past. We, in the midst of our business, may not be able to do everything, but we can do something. Whatever we do makes a difference; so we should just concentrate on doing the next right thing.

We appreciate the continued support from the community as shown through your words of encouragement, as well as donations. As always, we will continue to work towards our vision of becoming a valued and respected partner in a vibrant community and in the public safety arena; through effective and efficient law enforcement and public service. We hope you will collaborate with us on our journey through 2020 and as always, please stay safe!

Respectfully;


Chief Glenn A. Nicol

