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**POLICE
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2018
**ANNUAL
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MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Highland Heights Police Department is to lead efforts within the community to preserve the public peace, protect the rights of persons and property, prevent crime and provide assistance to citizens in urgent situations. The department is responsible for the law enforcement of all federal laws, state statutes and city ordinances within the boundaries of the City of Highland Heights.

The Department must enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and constitutional rights of all persons. It is not the role of the Department to legislate, render legal judgments or punish.

The Department strives to serve the people of Highland Heights by providing law enforcement in a professional courteous manner and it is to the people, that the Department is ultimately responsible.



VALUES

HUMAN LIFE

We value life and dignity above all else. Therefore: We give first priority to situations that threaten life.

We use force only when necessary. We treat all persons with courtesy and respect. We are compassionate and caring.

COOPERATION

We believe that cooperation and team work will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve common goals. Therefore: We work as a team. We strive to understand those who disagree with us. We seek the help and cooperation of others. We seek to resolve conflicts. We rely on community support and involvement. We share our responsibility to serve the citizens of Highland Heights, KY with many other agencies and organizations.

EXCELLENCE

We strive for personal and professional excellence. Therefore: We do our best. We seek adequate resources in staffing, facilities, equipment, training, salaries, and benefits. We recruit and hire the best people. We are receptive to new ideas, to change. We meet state-recognized law enforcement standards. We lead by example. We work toward realistic, mutually-agree-upon goals.

INTEGRITY

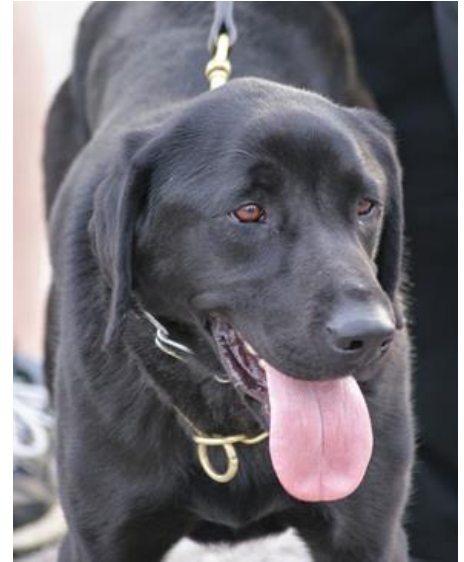
We believe integrity is the basis of community trust. Therefore: We are honest and truthful. We are consistent in our beliefs and actions. We hold ourselves to high standards of moral and ethical conduct. We are role models for the community.



K9 TIBA



K9 Tiba was utilized over 80 times in 2018. Her main search area is vehicles, but she also searched schools, lockers, houses, rooms, parking lots, the open spaces on the sides of the highway, fitness areas, and tractor trailers. Marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamines were all found throughout the year, as well as the paraphernalia used with these drugs. In addition, even though K9 Tiba is not taught to indicate on prescription medication, many pills being used illegally were located in conjunction with the other illegal narcotics.



K9 Tiba trains several hours weekly. Her training focused mainly on distractions and how to ignore them and focus on searching for narcotics. Most places Tiba searches have food, animal odors, or other interesting odors that dogs want to stop and smell. Purposeful training where the handler knows where food or odors are placed helps to stop the K9 from paying attention to these distractions and focus on finding the narcotic odor. In addition, it helps handlers know how their K9 reacts to an interesting smell or food as opposed to their reaction to a narcotic odor. Body posturing is completely different between the two reactions. Training also consisted of adding in some of the more interesting forms of marijuana that we have seen in the last year, such as liquid, edibles, and wax.



K9 Tiba turned 7 in November of 2018 and has a clean bill of health. She visited many groups this year, including veterans, several rounds of school kids, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, career days for kids and adults, Touch-A-Truck events, City Fest, Heroes Day, and a 5k benefitting K9s. She has a great personality and is always good with people petting her. Having a friendly K9 that is approachable is a great way to open up the lines of communication with the public.



C.S.U

Campbell County Crime Scene Unit

The Campbell County Crime Scene Unit (CSU) had an unusually quiet year in 2018, with only 9 callouts. Several of the callouts were directly related to requests for assistance from the Accident Reconstruction Team.

In addition to the callouts, the CSU participated in valuable training including 2 days of mock crime scene training with the FBI and in-the-field training with the Cincinnati Police Department's Evidence Collection Team. This included participation in the processing of the Fountain Square 5/3 mass shooting that occurred in September. In November the CSU conducted its own mock crime scene training.

The Commonwealth Attorney's Office received 4 guilty pleas in cases that the CSU processed as well as a conviction in the Shayna Hubers' murder trial.

The team added two new members in 2018, taking the total number of technicians to 12, representing 7 agencies.

Finally, the CSU was able to get authorization to purchase a Faro Laser Scanner. The scanner will improve the professionalism of the teams presentations in court, improve accuracy and save money by reducing the time officers are on the scene of a callout. The scanner is expected to arrive in early January 2019.



M.A.R.T.

Major Accident Reconstruction Team

In a division of law enforcement where even one is too many, the team had too many callouts in 2018. There were 6 fatality collisions that resulted in the loss of 11 lives, 3 of which were young children.

This was a 25% reduction in the number of fatal collisions from 2017, but one more additional life lost. Two of the fatal collisions were responsible for 7 of the lives lost. Kentucky State Route 9, US 27 and Interstate 275 continue to be our most dangerous stretches of roadway in Campbell County.

The physical makeup of the team changed in 2018 as well. Tim Vinson of the Alexandria Police Department retired from the team in May of 2018 and took with him 10 years of experience. The Campbell County Police added Officer Adam Latham which kept the team at 6 members.

A new memorandum of understanding went into effect outlining the response protocols this year that have improved the teams' response to scenes. Chief Birkenhauer is leading efforts to build team participation amongst the other agencies in Campbell County and reduce the burden on Campbell County Police, Ft. Thomas Police and Highland Heights Police.

Finally, the purchase of new mapping equipment, The Faro 70M Laser Scanner will improve efficiency, reports, and enhance court room presentations during trial.



COMPLETED TRAINING

Emerging Issues in Law Enforcement
Stress and Wellness
Values Based Leadership
Overdose Investigations
Human Trafficking
FBI National Academy
Police Executive Command
Leadership is a Behavior
Criminal Investigations
Crime Scene Processing
Crisis Intervention
Terrorist Deterrence
Sexual Assault Investigation
Human Trafficking
White Collar Crime Investigation
Homicide Investigation
Intoxilyzer Recertification Training



AWARDS



Sgt. Nick Love

On Friday June 15, 2018, Sgt. Nicholas Love's quick response and action on scene saved the life of a man involved in a collision. The events are as follows;

The Cold Spring Police Department was dispatched to US 27 at Meijer for a collision involving a motorcycle with injuries. Sgt. Love responded with Cold Spring PD on the scene at the same time. At their arrival he quickly assessed the scene and observed a male victim bleeding profusely from his leg. The ambulance had not yet arrived on scene. Realizing the man could die from blood loss and in line with his training, Sgt. Love got a tourniquet and applied it to the man's leg, stopping the flow of blood. The squad arrived on scene 3 minutes later.

Sgt. Love's actions stopped the blood loss from the life threatening injury and provide the time necessary to get the man to the hospital and medical treatment necessary to save his life. According to medical professionals, 3 minutes of blood loss from your femoral artery is more than enough time to result in death from blood loss. Sgt. Love's actions that night reflect favorably on him, his training and our agency. Sgt. Love was awarded the Life Saver Award for his actions.





NEW IN 2019

Smart911 COMING SOON to Northern Kentucky

Through Smart911, residents can create a secure “Safety Profile” that will automatically display to emergency call takers immediately upon placing a 9-1-1 call. When a call comes in, a call taker will see a user’s Safety Profile as well as a Facility Profile about their current location.

Users can customize their profile and share any information they would like first responders to have in the event of an emergency – things ranging from information medical conditions to blood type to primary language.

Now, fire crews can arrive at the scene of fire knowing how many people live in a residence and the location of bedrooms. EMS teams can have detailed information about a person’s allergies or prescriptions they’re taking. Police can have immediate access to a photo of a missing person in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

Additionally, through the technology a 9-1-1 call taker can even send an outbound SMS/text message to mobile phone callers who are unable to communicate verbally.

As mentioned previously, a user’s Safety Profile will display anywhere in the country that utilizes the Smart 911 technology.

All information outlined in a Safety Profile is private and secure, and it is seen only when a participating user dials 9-1-1.

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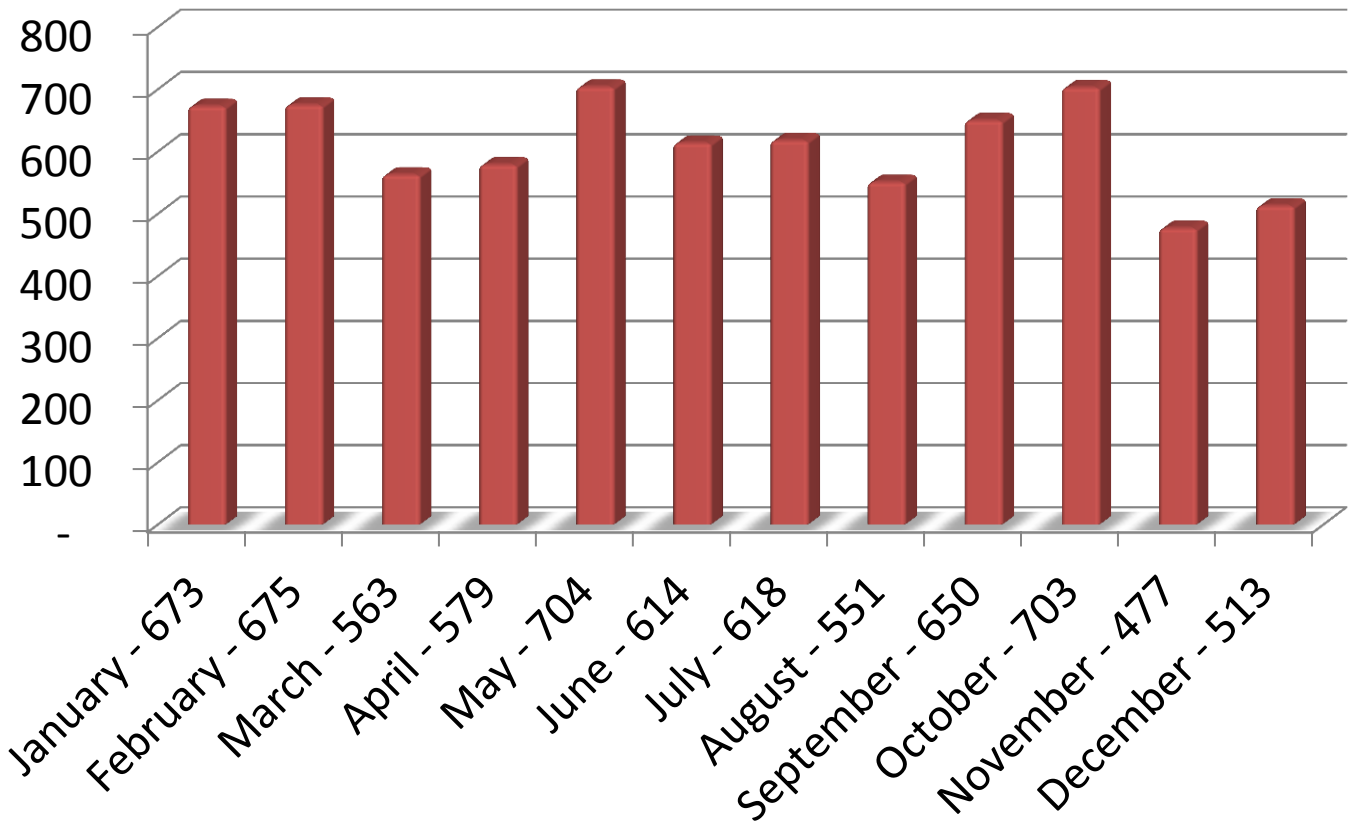
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CALLS FOR SERVICE – 7,320





CALLS BY ACTIVITY

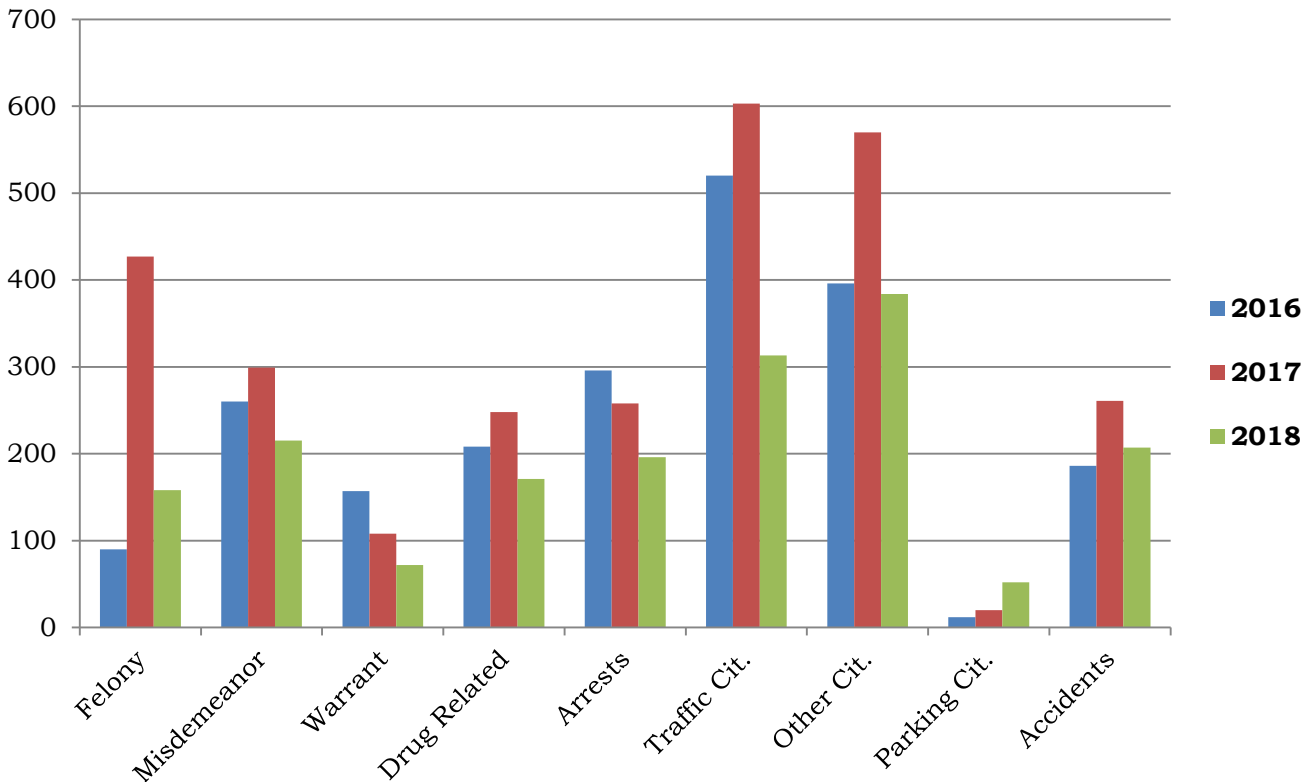
Call by Activity	2016	2017	2018	3-year Average
Alarms	202	167	193	187
Animal Complaint	85	52	76	71
Area Checks	1642	1483	1167	1431
Assault	11	11	12	11
Assist Other Agency	985	848	694	842
Burglary	11	16	24	17
Business Checks	1985	997	539	1174
Disabled Motorists	380	287	280	316
Disorderly Juveniles	27	20	15	21
Disturbance	267	201	196	221
Domestic	157	94	126	126
Fight	11	17	8	12
Harassment	40	32	38	37
Intoxicated Subject	24	12	11	16
Missing Person	17	8	16	14
Neighbor Dispute	12	21	22	18
Parking Complaint	107	164	110	127
Public Contacts	741	361	186	429
Roadway Obstruction	100	70	64	78
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle	377	295	269	314
Theft	116	95	91	101
Traffic Stops	2182	1851	1232	1755
Vacations Checks	486	579	634	566
Vandalism	35	34	33	34
Vice Activity	46	14	9	23
Welfare Check	90	61	67	73
911 Hangups	24	15	26	22



ANNUAL STATISTICS

	2016	2017	2018	3-year Average
Felony	90	427	158	225
Misdemeanor	260	299	215	258
Warrant	157	108	72	112
Drug Related	208	248	171	209
Arrests	296	258	196	250
Traffic Cit.	520	603	313	479
Other Cit.	396	570	384	450
Parking Cit.	12	20	52	28
Accidents	186	261	207	218

Crime figures for 2018 are based on the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and obtained from KYOPS





2018 IN PICTURES



City Halloween Party



Lunch with Santa





2018 IN PICTURES



Veteran's Day



Heroes Day





2018 IN PICTURES

K9 Tiba at Canine Corp



Cookies for a Cop

Lt. Conrad and K9 Tiba - Public Speaking



Red Ribbon Week



CONTACT US

Our administrative office is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Please allow up to 10 business days from the date of the incident to completion of the report.

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This publication is designed to provide accurate information concerning the Highland Heights Police Department. The information contained within this document is the result of professional police officers and support staff exerting their energies consistently on a daily basis. Thank you to all of those that have helped make this annual report possible.

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