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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

## **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 judgements 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.

## 2019 Yearly K9 Review



K9 Tiba was utilized over 70 times in 2019. Her main search area is vehicles that officers stop for traffic infractions. She also searched schools, lockers, houses, rooms, parking lots, the open spaces on the sides of the highway, fitness areas, and tractor trailers. K9 Tiba is trained in the detection of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamines. She found all of these drugs throughout the year, as well as the paraphernalia associated with them. Many times her indication for the presence of narcotics led to the discovery of other crimes being committed, such as identity theft and forgery. She holds a certification through the North American Police Work Dog Association.

K9 Tiba trains several hours weekly in a variety of situations. Varying the types and amounts of narcotics used, as well as changing the location and using different distractions, helps the K9s to focus on their jobs. When a K9 is deployed the handler does not want them to encounter anything that may take their focus off locating narcotics. Most places K9 Tiba searches have food, animal odors, or other interesting odors that dogs want to stop and smell. Every situation has its own set of challenges. 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. K9 body posturing is completely different between the two reactions and it is important for handlers to know the difference.

K9 Tiba turned 8 in November of 2019, even though she still acts like a puppy. She visited many groups this year, including veterans, several groups of school kids, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, career days for kids and adults, Touch-A-Truck events, CityFest, 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.





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# 2019 TRAINING

Stress and Wellness	Drone Operator
Breathalyzer Recertification	Incident Command Systems
Firearms Qualifications and Scenarios	Managing Critical Incidents
Property Room Maintenance	Executive Command
Scene Simulator	Active Shooter
FARO Crime Scene Mapping	FBI Behavioral Analysis
Domestic Violence Symposium	Narcotics Interdiction
Major Accident Reconstruction	Cyber Investigations
Crime Scene Investigations	Interview and Interrogations
Below 100	Driving for a Safer Tomorrow
MDT Recertification	CJIS Security Training

ARIDE (Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)

DOCJT Mandatory Training- Domestic Violence, Officer Involved Crimes

Advanced Shooting Scene Reconstruction

Current Leadership Issues for Mid-Level Executives

International Association of Chiefs of Police conference

Active Shooter scenario based training

Managing Life, Career, and Retirement

# **The Campbell County Major Accident Reconstruction Team Annual Report**

The Campbell County Major Accident Reconstruction Team had 13 callouts in 2019. In the year prior there were only 6. 12 of those collisions resulted in 12 fatalities, 2 of which occurred in Highland Heights.

Chief Birkenhauer's effort to increase participation amongst the other agencies in Campbell County was successful. Wilder Police Department has added an officer to the team and other agencies are looking to increase membership. Over the past year, team members have received hundreds of hours of training from DOCJT, Kentucky State Police, Faro Inc., and in-house training conducted by team members.

## **The Campbell County Crime Scene Unit**

The Campbell County Crime Scene Unit (CSU) had another year that would be considered quiet in 2019, with only 5 callouts. 3 of those were during the month of April. That is a 44% decrease from the year prior. There were additional callouts that were requests for partial assistance from various agencies and the Accident Reconstruction Team. In addition to the callouts, the CSU participated in valuable training including a 5-day training course through Forensics Training Source. This training was hosted by the Crime Scene Unit and brought internationally respected shooting reconstructionists, Howard Ryan and Jim Molinaro, to Highland Heights to teach team members. Additionally officers participated in training through the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Federal Aviation Administration, The City of Cincinnati, and the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit.

With the retirement of Gary Frodge, (Alexandria Police), and the anticipated retirement of many others over the next two years, it was decided to increase the team numbers. There are now 17 team members. Training the newest members of the team has already begun through monthly team trainings.

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*January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019*

<b>Charges</b>	
Felony	127
Misdemeanor	221
Warrants	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	
Drug Related	89
Arrests	157

<b>Citations</b>	
Traffic	299
Other	313
Parking	27

Accidents	199
Call for Service	6638

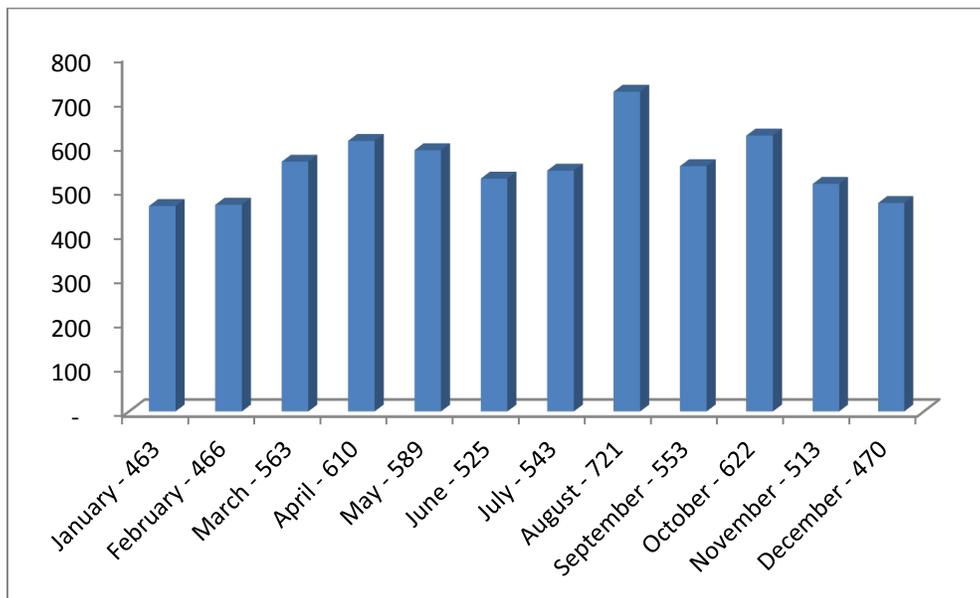
## **Call by Activity**

*January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019*

Alarms	176
Animal Complaint	53
Area Checks	1263
Assault	7
Assist Other Agency	637
Burglary	18
Business Checks	243
Disabled Motorist	250
Disorderly Juveniles	17
Disturbance	203
Domestic	89
Fight	7
Harassment	53
Intoxicated Subject	8
Missing Person	12
Neighbor Dispute	16
Parking Complaint	88
Public Contacts	129
Roadway Obstruction	51
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle	261
Theft	103
Traffic Stops	1199
Vacation Checks	317
Vandalism	22
Vice Activity	13
Welfare Check	95
911 Hangups	20

# **Calls for Service – 6,638**

*January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019*

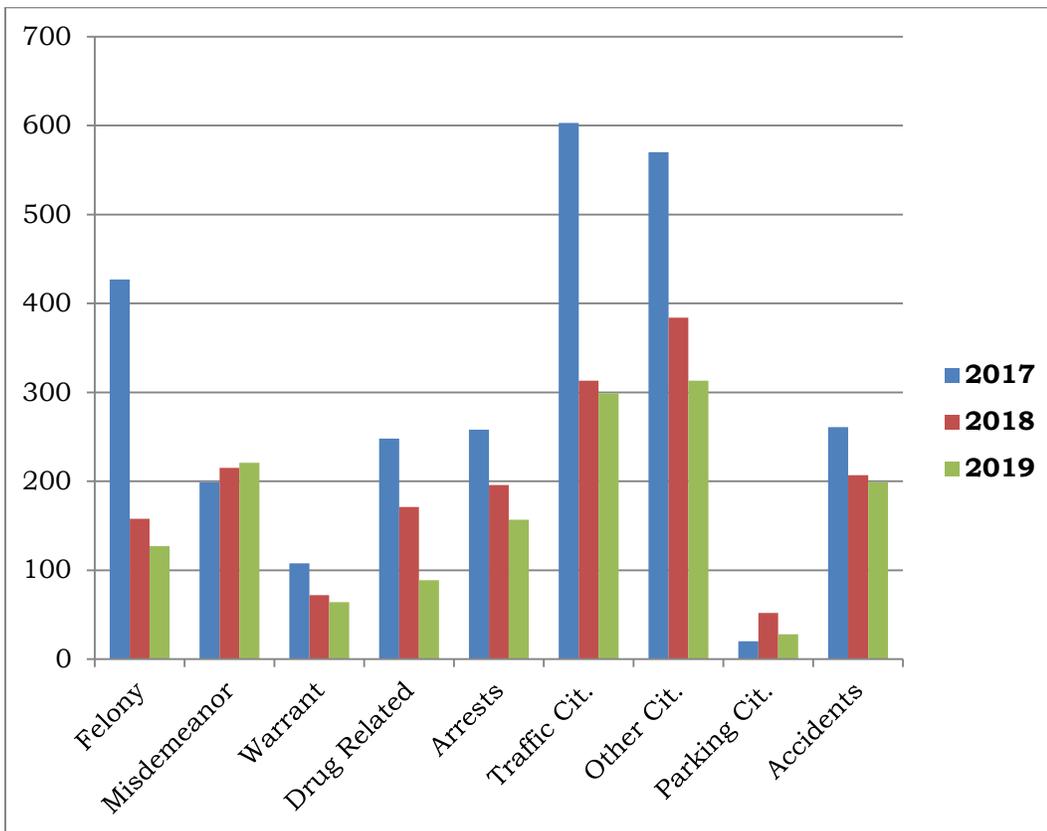


## CALLS BY ACTIVITY

Call by Activity	2017	2018	2019	3-year Average
Alarms	167	193	<b>176</b>	178
Animal Complaint	52	76	<b>53</b>	60
Area Checks	1483	1167	<b>1263</b>	1301
Assault	11	12	<b>7</b>	10
Assist Other Agency	848	694	<b>637</b>	724
Burglary	16	24	<b>18</b>	19
Business Checks	997	539	<b>243</b>	593
Disabled Motorists	287	280	<b>250</b>	271
Disorderly Juveniles	20	15	<b>17</b>	17
Disturbance	201	196	<b>203</b>	199
Domestic	94	126	<b>89</b>	103
Fight	17	8	<b>7</b>	11
Harassment	32	38	<b>53</b>	41
Intoxicated Subject	12	11	<b>8</b>	10
Missing Person	8	16	<b>12</b>	12
Neighbor Dispute	21	22	<b>16</b>	20
Parking Complaint	164	110	<b>88</b>	120
Public Contacts	361	186	<b>129</b>	225
Roadway Obstruction	70	64	<b>51</b>	62
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle	295	269	<b>261</b>	274
Theft	95	91	<b>103</b>	96
Traffic Stops	1851	1232	<b>1199</b>	1422
Vacations Checks	579	634	<b>317</b>	510
Vandalism	34	33	<b>22</b>	30
Vice Activity	14	9	<b>13</b>	12
Welfare Check	61	67	<b>95</b>	74
911 Hangups	15	26	<b>20</b>	20

# ANNUAL STATISTICS

	2017	2018	2019	3-year Average
Felony	427	158	127	237.3333333
Misdemeanor	299	215	221	245
Warrant	108	72	64	81
Drug Related	248	171	89	169.3333333
Arrests	258	196	157	203.6666667
Traffic Cit.	603	313	299	405
Other Cit.	570	384	313	422.3333333
Parking Cit.	20	52	27	33
Accidents	261	207	199	222.3333333



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## **CONTACT US**

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