

FINDLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2019

ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

**We will promote a safe and secure
community through
fair and professional policing.**

OUR MISSION

**We are dedicated to preventing crime,
enforcing laws, protecting life
and property
while upholding the
constitutional rights of all.**

OUR VALUES

**We value professionalism,
integrity and teamwork
with respect for each.**



The Findlay Police Department appreciates your interest in the 2019 Annual Report. The Department is comprised of people dedicated and diligently working for the community they serve.

The year closed out with the completion of a goal that had been set a few years ago. The Police Department implemented a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) in November 2019. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office implemented this system at the same time. This allows both agencies to have an integrated RMS and CAD. This joint effort enhances the cooperation and sharing of infor-

mation between the two agencies.

In regards to personnel, two police officers and two dispatchers were hired to fill vacant positions. One officer was promoted to Sergeant and the Parking Enforcement Officer position was filled as well. In addition, a Sergeant was promoted to Lieutenant to fill the command staff positions.

The Department continued to put an emphasis on training and took advantage of various opportunities for its members. This will continue to be a point of emphasis in the future.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) awarded re-accreditation to the Findlay Police Department for another four-year period in 2019. The members of the department worked hard and are proud to have achieved this goal.

The Findlay Police Department will continue to look for ways to improve upon our mission and our service to the community.



Paul Frey was sworn in on May 6, 2019. He graduated from Riverdale High School and Bluffton University. He has a Bachelor's degree in both Criminal Justice and Social Work. He completed his peace officer training at Rhodes State College in Lima, Ohio.



Nicholas Price was sworn in on August 12, 2019. He graduated from North Union High School in Richwood, and is working on a bachelor's degree at Bowling Green State University. He has served in the U.S. Army Reserves since 2016.



NEW POLICE OFFICERS



On February 19, 2019, Michael Swope was sworn into the position of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Swope has been assigned to the Special Services Division which oversees the Department's dispatch center, police records, police training, and the officers in the Property, Crime Prevention, and the Court Officer positions.

Swope is a graduate of North Baltimore High School and of Owens Community College. He has an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement. Swope began his career with the Findlay Police Department in 1995 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. He has also held positions within the Police Department as a K9 handler, a member of the Crisis Management Team, and a Vice Narcotics Detective in the METRICH Unit. He is the Project Manager for the City of Findlay MARCS Radio System, Taser instructor, and Blue Courage instructor.



Darin Lawrence was sworn into the position of Sergeant on July 8, 2019. Darin began his career with the Findlay Police Department as a full-time officer in 2005. He works in the Patrol division and will continue to do so as a Sergeant. Lawrence has served as a field training officer, is a Crisis Intervention Team trained officer, and is lead instructor for the department's less lethal program. Lawrence is also a squad leader on the department's Crisis Management Team. He is a graduate of Allen East High School and has a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Tiffin University.



Beth Crusa was appointed to the position of Lead Communications Officer in the Findlay Police Department Communications Center on January 13, 2019. Beth began her career at the police department in October of 1996. Since that time she has been certified in Emergency Medical Dispatching through The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) along with Public Safety Telecommunicator, Public Safety Telecommunicator Instructor, EMD Manager, & Crisis Intervention. She currently oversees 10 full-time dispatchers.

PROMOTIONS



Chase Miller began his career as the parking Enforcement Officer on 4/22/2019. He was born in Anchorage Alaska and his family moved to Ohio around the time that he was 6 months old. Chase graduated from Arcadia High School and has spent most of his life in the Findlay area.



Baylee Valerius began her career in the Communications center on April 15, 2019. She is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. Baylee graduated from The School for the Creative and Performing Arts and is now a student at Bowling Green State University. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and she's currently studying for her Master of Public Administration Degree.



Bailey Nyler began her career in the Communications Center on April 15, 2019. She graduated from Delphos Jefferson Senior High School in 2009, and she went on to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from The University of Findlay.

NEW EMPLOYEES

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible component for the Findlay Police Department and is the backbone of our organization. It provides the basic police services of preserving the peace and protecting the lives and properties of others. In our mission we are dedicated to preventing crime, enforcing laws, protecting life and property while upholding the constitutional rights of all. We will promote a safe and secure community through fair and professional policing. We are dedicated to preventing crime, enforcing laws, protecting life and property while upholding the constitutional rights of all. We value professionalism, integrity and teamwork with respect for each other and the community we are proud to serve.

The manpower for the Patrol Division for 2019 consisted of one lieutenant, seven patrol sergeants, and forty uniformed patrol officers. This Division is divided into three shifts and the Sergeants and Officers are working four – ten hour shifts with three consecutive days off. The shifts are configured to maximize available personnel during peak periods of activity. Along with their patrol duties, many of the officers have other specialized assignments that require additional skills and training. Darin Lawrence was promoted to Sergeant in July. In May and August, two new officers were hired to fill the vacancies within the department and they are: Paul Frey and Nicholas Price. There are currently 7 Auxiliary Officers. In addition to attending several training sessions throughout the year, they oftentimes assist with manpower for City events such as parades and festivals.

The Patrol Division remained proactive throughout 2019. We went to a new reporting system in mid-November called Tyler Tech. Calls for service decreased slightly as well as the number of reports that were filed. The department saw a slight decrease in the number of criminal arrests made by the officers, as well as the service of court summons and warrants. The patrol officers saw a decrease in theft related crimes, drug related crimes, property damage crimes, and unlawful entries. There were increases in reported assaults and domestic disputes/violence, sex offenses, theft of motor vehicles, robberies, and alcohol violations.

PATROL DIVISION

Below are some of the notable event stats and their comparison from the year prior:

	2019	2018	% increase/decrease (actual #)
Calls for Service	44,654	46,856	4.81% (-2,202)
Reports Generated	12,251	12,824	-4.57% (-573)
Arrests	2,614	2,661	-1.78% (-47)
Warrant Service	1,178	1,178	-23.39 (-312)
Domestic Disputes	663	626	+5.74% (+37)
Assaults	213	141	+40.68% (+72)
Homicide	0	3	3 less
Sex Offense	130	91	+35.29% (+39)
Theft/Fraud/Forgery	852	971	-13.06% (-119)
Theft of Motor Vehicle	66	50	+27.59% (+16)
Robbery	19	13	+37.50% (+6)
Unlawful Entry	133	152	-13.33% (-19)
Property Damage/Vandalism	189	231	-20.00% (-42)
Drug Complaints	584	585	-0.71% (-1)
Alcohol Violations (OVI not included)	164	78	+71.00% (+86)
School Walk Throughs	708	1,141	-46.84% (-433)
Public Relations	174	261	-40.00% (-87)

PATROL DIVISION

Traffic enforcement remains a priority for the Patrol Division and officers work to enforce the traffic laws when they aren't busy handling calls for service. The goal is to reduce the number of collisions and associated injuries and fatalities. The number of property crashes and injury crashes both increased this year. There was a slight decrease in OVI arrests, citations, and traffic stops. We had one fatal crash this year; which was a decrease of two from last year. Suspected drugs played a factor in this fatal crash investigation. We also had ten vehicle pursuits this year. We also participated the following national traffic safety enforcement efforts for primarily seat belts and OVI enforcement: Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. We also participated in the Lights For Lives with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for increased enforcement efforts around the Thanksgiving Day holiday to also reduce accidents involving serious/fatal injuries. We also assisted with one OVI checkpoint on N. Main St. by the University of Findlay that was ran by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Post.

The OVI's, citations, and crash reports were broken down as follows:

	2019	2018	% increase/decrease (actual #)
OVI	137	142	-3.59% (-5)
Traffic Stops	6,436	7,299	-12.57% (-863)
Citations	2,788	2,835	-1.67% (-47)
Property Crashes	988	955	+3.40% (+33)
Injury Crashes	151	144	+4.75% (+7)
Fatal Crashes	1	2	-66.67% (-1)

PATROL DIVISION

CIT

A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a police mental health collaborative program. The term "CIT" is often used to describe both a program and a training in law enforcement to help guide interactions between law enforcement and those living with a mental illness. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families and other advocates. Crisis teams support people who might otherwise need to go to hospital, for example due to psychosis, severe self-harm or suicide attempts. They usually include a number of mental health professionals, such as a psychiatrist, mental health nurses, social workers and support workers.

	2018	2019
Total Calls	375	459
Oldest person	80	70
Youngest person	11	9
Guns involved	1	2
Knives involved	16	11
Other weapons	1	4
Injuries	23	21
Arrests	7	4
CIT Officer Initial	230	363
CIT On scene	350	384

PATROL DIVISION

Quick Response Team

Is a team of passionate individuals who work to provide prevention and specialized behavioral health and substance abuse services to individuals, children and families in our multi-cultural communities in order to strengthen family life and promote personal growth. They offer a nurturing environment focused on personal growth and self-care through trainings and the development of skills. Family Resources is dedicated to supplying employees with the necessary skills and tools necessary to be successful in their roles. They continuously analyzes the formal structure to support the program (e.g., referral protocols, polices and Memoranda of Understanding among the participating partners). They also work with recovery providers to create “fast tracks” to treatment and recovery supports via the development of referral agreements that triage individuals having an overdose event. They maintain the program in a way that complies with state and federal patient confidentiality requirements. They receive overdose event data and schedule visits within seventy-two (72) hours with the Patrol Officers of the Findlay Police Department. They also work with the Health Departments to coordinate the disbursement of Naloxone to patients/clients. There were ninety-five (95) suspected overdose reports and nine (9) suspected overdose death reports in 2019.

K-9 Units

The Findlay Police Department has a long history of providing exceptional police canine services. We have two officers (handlers) and their canine partners. The dogs spend their working hours and off duty hours with the officer. The canines are cross-trained to handle patrol duties, such as building searches and tracks, and also drug detection. The teams receive extensive weekly training in both areas. The teams are also requested to provide assistance to other law enforcement agencies. The dogs are also well received when conducting demonstrations for groups, especially school children.

The K-9 units trained a total of seventy-eight times (forty-two trainings for Ofcr. Paugh and Shadow and thirty-six times trainings for Ofcr. Atkins and Deke). Ofcr. Paugh as Shadow were utilized thirty-nine times; all for narcotic searches. Ofcr. Atkins and Deke were utilized forty-nine times; thirty-five for narcotic searches, six building searches, three patrol tracks, and one article search.

Deke also had two successful apprehensions of uncooperative male suspects in April and August. Both males were treated for minor injuries after their arrests.

Shadow assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol on a traffic stop on April 3 and he alerted to a spare tire. This tire contained 5.4 pounds of heroin concealed inside. See the attached photos on the next page.

PATROL DIVISION



PATROL DIVISION K-9s

Other Equipment

There were thirteen events where the camera trailer was used throughout the City of Findlay. There were also six drone deployments involving the Patrol Division. We also installed Stop Sticks (tire deflation devices) in half of the marked patrol fleet this year. We will be installing devices in the other half of the fleet in 2020. We purchased a new portable command board for the Sergeant's vehicle, more active shooter training equipment and supplies, several new speed measurement devices, window tint meter, digital cameras, and one stand up desk.

Training and Facilities

Officers completed various training course during the year. Instruction was conducted from police department instructors and through other law enforcement training centers. The department covered annual training topics such as officer response to active shooters, driving, firearms, use of force, taser, less lethal, self-defense, and legal updates for all personnel. In addition, several officers received the following training classes: Crisis Intervention (CIT) Basic, Field Training Officer (FTO), Criminal Patrol Baseline & Drug Investigations, Court Security Screening, Hazmat Awareness, Leadership Development, Overdose Death Investigations, Crime Scene Photography I, Tactical communications, Drug interdiction, Reid Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation, Interview & Interrogation in Narcotic Cases, Advanced Search & Seizure, AR-15 Armorer, Evidence Technician, LEO Report Writing, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Basic training, National K9 Training Seminar (NAPCH), Gangs and Guns, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Drone Basic Operator, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Interacting with and de-escalating the special needs population, Decision Making – The Foundation of Reasonable Force, Computer Digital Investigations, SWAT Command Decision-Making & Leadership I, Tactical Entry Into Chemically Hazardous Environments, Leadership & Effective Coaching for First Line Supervisors, Axon Taser Recertification, and Less Lethal recertification.

New department instructors were certified for the following: Shotgun Instructor, Semi-Automatic Pistol Instructor, Duty Knife Instructor, and Subject Control Instructor.

The Department also benefitted from free regional trainings through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. These classes are offered at various locations around the State of Ohio and also locally with several mobile trainings to cover many topics in the field of Law Enforcement. A summary of these free trainings include: Advanced Building Clearing, Driving simulator, Firearms simulator, Alcohol breath testing devices (to include BAC Datamaster and Intoxilyzer 8000), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, and Stalking – Tracking the Creeper.

PATROL DIVISION

Five new patrol cars (Ford Police Interceptor SUV) were purchased and will be outfitted with tablets. There was a long delay due in manufacturing of these vehicles and also with the arrival of the equipment for these vehicles. We are expecting these vehicles to be in operation in mid-January of 2020 due to these delays. Also the department acquired a used speed trailer for displaying speed of vehicles and this equipment was operational by early 2019. A new speed trailer was purchased in 2019 and was used by several departments to help monitor speeds.



Patrol Division Goals

- Continue providing a high level of professional service to the community and increase the capabilities to provide a proactive police force.
- Decrease the amount of crashes, including severe injury and fatal crashes.
- Continue to develop relationships with the citizens to assist in providing effective and quality law enforcement.
- Send as many officers to available training opportunities as possible to improve their overall knowledge and skill set.

PATROL DIVISION



PATROL DIVISION

DETECTIVE DIVISION

In 2019, the composition of the Division remained consistent to 2018 levels. The division consisted of:

- one lieutenant
- four detectives in the general investigative unit
- sergeant and two detectives in the Hancock METRICH Enforcement Unit.
 - Two detectives from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office are also part of the METRICH unit.

The general investigation unit detectives continued their role investigating major crimes such as felonious assault, rape, robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, and child abuse or child sexual abuse cases. They assist and follow up on other cases as needed. There were several major investigations that were handled during 2019 and they continued investigations in homicide cases from 2018. Cases originate from various sources but the majority originate from the initial response of a patrol officer. The division lieutenant reviews and evaluates the reports prior to making a determination to assign a detective to the case.

Detectives work closely with the Hancock County Child Protective Services Unit (CPSU) to jointly investigate child physical and sexual abuse cases.

The Center for Safe and Healthy Children remains the primary location to interview child victims of physical and sexual abuse. The investigation of some of the 2019 cases continues into the new year.

Mobile and computer forensic investigative capabilities continued to increase in 2019. The capabilities have grown through additional training and equipment upgrades. This has been helpful in various investigations.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

For the year, there were a total of 148 cases assigned to the general detectives. This number was an increase compared to 2018.

The total number of charges through an arrest or a request for charges in 2019; 574 felony charges, 1331 misdemeanor charges and 180 juvenile charges.

	2019	2018	2017	3 year average
Misdemeanor	1331	1312	1399	1347
Felony	574	656	489	573
Juvenile	180	228	275	227

2020 goals for the division:

- Assign a sergeant to the division
- Continue to expand the digital forensic investigation abilities
- Work with external partners to reduce the number of drug overdoses
- Expand the relationships with external partners, and collaborate, on investigations for sexual assaults, child abuse, and child sexual assault cases

DETECTIVE DIVISION

Vice Narcotics Unit/METRICH - 2019

The Findlay Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit is part of the Detective Division. Members of the Findlay Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit are assigned to the Hancock County METRICH Enforcement Unit, a ten county drug task force based out of Mansfield, Ohio. METRICH is one of the only de-centralized task forces in the state and is also the largest drug task force in the State of Ohio. The Hancock County METRICH Drug Task Force is funded by grants issued through the State of Ohio, therefore is able to operate at a significant savings for the taxpayers of the City of Findlay and Hancock County.



The Hancock County METRICH Enforcement Unit is comprised of the Findlay Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, and the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office. The METRICH Unit is assigned to investigate narcotics, gambling, weapons, prostitution, and gang activity in all of Hancock County.

Cocaine, in both powder and solid form, continues to be a one of the most prevalent drugs in the City of Findlay and Hancock County. A joint investigation culminated in early 2019, resulting in the seizure of 2 ½ kilos of cocaine from a large source of supply.

Heroin seizures continued to decline during 2019, as heroin is becoming less readily available, which resulted in a 31% decrease from 2018. The availability of opioid prescription medication also continued to decrease in 2019, resulting in a 56% decrease from 2018.

VICE NARCOTICS UNIT/METRICH

In 2019 the Hancock County METRICH Unit gave 10 drug education presentations, reaching an audience of approximately 375 people.

During 2019 the METRICH Unit executed 10 residential search warrants, often with the assistance of the Findlay Police Department's Emergency Response Team. Through the execution of the search warrants, the METRICH Unit seized \$11,270.00 in cash, various illegal narcotics, several firearms, and was able to reduce the availability of drugs in the City of Findlay and Hancock County.

The Hancock METRICH Enforcement Unit generated 287 reports in 2019. Of those reports, the unit investigated 187 narcotic cases, conducted 74 field interviews, and investigated 10 deaths. These investigations resulted in 218 felony charges and 8 misdemeanor charges to be requested to the Prosecutors Office for prosecution.



VICE NARCOTICS UNIT/METRICH

The following drugs were seized from investigations in 2019:

- *133.1 grams of Crack Cocaine (-.8% from 2018)
- *2486.2 grams of Cocaine (+1594% from 2018)
- *39.1 grams of Heroin (-31% from 2018)
- *66 tablets of Oxycodone/Hydrocodone (-56% from 2018)
- *181.2 grams of Methamphetamine (-91% from 2018)

The METRICH Unit works closely with other local, state and federal agencies. The unit has assisted the following agencies in 2019 with covert investigations: Seneca METRICH Enforcement Unit, Wyandot County METRICH, Wood County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCI&I), and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.).

The objectives for 2020 for this unit are:

- Increase drug education presentations
- Increase drug offender investigations/arrests
- Increase forfeitures on money and property of drug offenders
- Continued cooperation with Federal, State, and local agencies to reduce narcotic activity in Findlay and Hancock County



VICE NARCOTICS UNIT/METRICH

Crisis Management Team

The Crisis Management Team, or CMT, is comprised of four important components. Each component is specially trained in both tactical responses and Crisis Intervention training. The CMT trains on a monthly basis. That training encompasses tactics and firearms training. Scenario training is also held to improve search warrant executions and response to hostage/barricaded person situations. All positions on the CMT are voluntary positions. All CMT members have other day to day duties, but they come together as a unit when they are needed. CMT members are always on call.

The largest component is the Emergency Response Team (ERT). The ERT is staffed by the CMT Commander who oversees the operations of two 7 man squads, as well as the other three team components. Each squad is supervised directly by a Team Leader, who is one of the 7 squad members. The ERT is staffed by four Sergeants and eleven Patrol Officers. At year's end, each squad was operating with 7 officers. This year the Commander position was transitioned to a Sergeant after the Captain completed his time with the team.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) is another component of the Crisis Management Team. There were three negotiators on the team at the beginning of the year but an Operator vacancy allowed for one of the officers to transition to the ERT. The CNT is currently headed by a Sergeant. These officers are specially trained Crisis Negotiators who are responsible for interaction and communication with anyone involved in a barricade incident, hostage, or similar situation.

The Tactical Dispatchers make up the third part of the CMT. A retirement from the department early in the year left the Tactical Dispatch team with two members. The vacancy was filled halfway through the year. Tactical dispatchers are responsible for radio communication among members of the CMT as well as any additional agencies that are assisting with an operation. Tactical Dispatch is also responsible for information gathering and organizing while assigned to the Mobile Command Center during call outs. The three dispatcher positions are staffed by Findlay Police dispatchers, led by a Senior Communication Officer.

The Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) members complete the fourth component of the CMT. TEMS is staffed by members of the Findlay Fire Department and the medics provide the ability to have immediate medical aid whenever the CMT was activated. An FFD Captain heads the TEMS group.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

During 2019, the CMT assisted the Metrich Drug Unit in serving search warrants for drugs. These were search warrants that were considered to have a higher than normal degree of risk involved. The CMT assisted in executing 4 search warrants. All 4 search warrants were served without any injuries reported to anyone involved.

The CMT also responded to a barricaded subject call during the year. The incident stemmed from a domestic violence situation and it was safely ended after CMT intervention.

CMT Goals and Objectives

- Continue to train on a monthly basis
- Continue with scenario training
- Provide training opportunities from outside the department
- Fill the two open positions for ERT operator
- Fill the open spot for Hostage Negotiator



CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

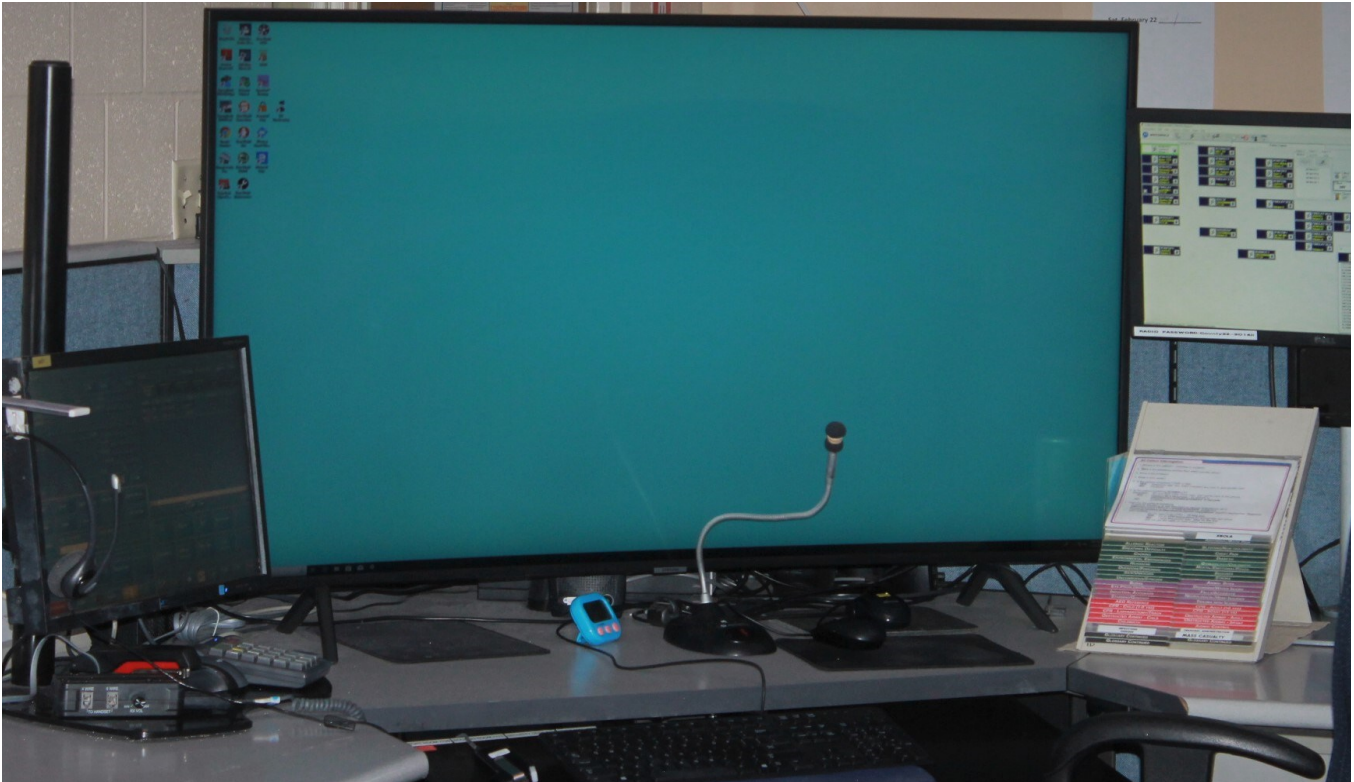
The Findlay Police Department Communications Center is the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for the City of Findlay. The dispatchers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 emergency, non-emergency and informational calls on a 24-hour basis. The Division provides dispatch and communication support for the Findlay Police Department, Findlay Fire Department, Hanco EMS and multiple other departments throughout the city. There were 43,825 calls for service generated in 2019.

On November 12 a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system was launched. Tyler Technology's New World Enterprise CAD replaced the Emergitech system that had been in place for over 20 years. With the implementation of New World CAD, we can now share data automatically between the City of Findlay and the Hancock County Sheriff's office. There is also instant data flow between the dispatchers and the first responders in the field. Information regarding high-priority calls is instantly available over their mobile tablets, reducing radio transmissions.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Because of the complexities of the new CAD system, it was necessary to upgrade the computer monitors. 55" monitors were installed at each of the 4 dispatch center positions, replacing 3-21" monitors. 75% of the cost for these new monitors, \$2402.82, was paid for by the office of Hancock County's telecommunications and 9-1-1 coordinator Dale Shaheen.



All of the dispatchers are certified in CPR and Emergency Medical Dispatching through APCO, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials. Dispatcher Andrew Wells also received his APCO Emergency Medical Dispatch instructor certification this year. He is now able to teach the course within the Findlay Police Department and the Hancock County Sheriff's office. In addition to the monitors, the office of Hancock County's telecommunications & 9-1-1 coordinator also paid for all of the training, certification and re-certification for any courses that were related to the medical field such as CPR, Emergency Medical Dispatching, EMD Instructor, Basic Telecommunicator & Basic Telecommunicator Instructor. Because of this, the City of Findlay saved approximately \$1931.94.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

2 new dispatchers, Baylee Valerius and Bailey Nyler, were hired at the beginning of the year and they began their employment on April 15. That brought our staffing level to 10 instead of the minimum manpower of 9. The 10th dispatcher is scheduled during peak times when calls for service are typically at their highest.

On November 8, Dispatchers Valerius and Nyler received a proclamation from State Treasurer Robert Sprague's office for their actions during an event that occurred on October 5. On that date a car was stolen from Findlay and there was a baby inside. The suspect drove the car from Findlay to Toledo, all the while being pursued by multiple agencies. The dispatchers quick thinking and rapid response directly contributed to the unharmed infant being returned to the parents. At the time of this incident dispatchers Valerius and Nyler hadn't even completed 6 months of employment in the Communications Center.



Communication Center goals

- Provide more outside agency training
- Begin a training program for fire dispatch
- Serve as a model of excellence, ensuring any person needing access to emergency services is able to immediately reach assistance and facilitate a quick response.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Property

The Property Room Audit was completed in early 2019 and Sgt. David Hill took over as the Property Room Officer, replacing Officer Douglas Akers.

Sergeant Hill is responsible for the proper cataloging and storage of all property that is recovered by the Officers of the Findlay Police Department. He is also responsible for the disposition of this property.

The Property Officer turned over \$50,951.85 to the Auditor's Office "Safekeeping" Fund and paid out \$22,870.81 to owners'/court fines, bringing the balance to \$63,428.73 at years end. An additional \$4767.75 was paid directly to the Court(s), either pursuant to a Court Order or pursuant to an agreement made by the owners.

The Property Officer, with the assistance of Patrol Officers, incinerated 79 boxes of prescription medications weighing 1576.25 lbs. along with over 3000 street drug items. Also a total of (2) handguns were also incinerated. An additional 12,742 items were disposed of during 2019, which is largely due to the completion of the Property Room Audit. A total of 904 items were returned to owners, 42 items were donated to local charitable organizations, 10 items were converted to City Use and 89 bicycles were donated to Bikes, Books and Badges.

A total of 121 items were sold on GOVDEALS, generating \$3317.60. 280 old cell phones were disposed of using E-cycle which generated \$263.00. These monies were turned into the City's General Fund.

The Police Department changed Record Management Systems (RMS) at the end of 2019, switching to Tyler Technologies.

Goals and Objectives

- Expand Special Services by one full time employee to assist with property and court duties.
- Complete transfer of records into the new RMS

PROPERTY ROOM

Crime Prevention Division

The 2019 Crime Prevention Division consisted of one officer supervised by the Special Services Lieutenant. Officer Brian White managed the Crime Prevention Office for the 2019 calendar year. The Crime Prevention Officer maintains a flexible schedule to accommodate school and community programs.

The Crime Prevention Division was responsible for community outreach, neighborhood safety and educational topics presented throughout the community. This included programs at various schools, participation in public safety events and safety presentations at local businesses and organizations.

Most of the topics discussed in schools are topics not normally covered in class, with an emphasis on drug education and prevention, and social skills building. The presentations discussed in the community related to crime prevention techniques relevant to specific businesses and crime trends.

The Crime Prevention Division was also responsible for its own administrative duties such as creating presentations, budgeting, record keeping and scheduling. The Crime Prevention Officer frequently reviews police reports for new crime trends to alert the community. The Crime Prevention Officer maintains the Findlay Community Watch Map, which offers a visual representation of crime reports taken in the past 12 months.

The Crime Prevention Division was also responsible for conducting background checks for solicitor and taxi cab driver permits issued through the City of Findlay, as well as pan handling permits.



CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

School Prevention Programs

- Chamberlain Hill Elementary School – 3rd grade
- Jacobs Elementary School – 3rd grade
- Lincoln Elementary School – 3rd grade
- Northview Elementary School – 3rd grade
- Wilson Vance Elementary School – 3rd grade
- St. Michael's Elementary School – 3rd grade
- Glenwood Middle School – 6th, 7th and 8th grade
- Donnell Middle School – 6th and 7th grade
- St. Michael's Middle School – 6th and 8th grade
- Various pre-schools and daycares

The curriculum taught in the elementary schools consisted of various topics ranging from safety, self-discipline, peer pressure, respect, responsibility and courage to compassion and integrity.

The curriculum taught in the middle schools ranged from illegal drug and alcohol use, diversity, teen dating abuse and sexting to conflict and decision making skills.

The Crime Prevention Officer spoke at various pre-schools and daycares in the community on safety topics and offering insight into the profession of police officers. Children were shown what equipment is available to officers and given an overview of the profession. Children were also provided with a police cruiser to tour. This helped to impart a positive image of police officers and encourage children to turn to officers for help when in trouble.

Officer White @FindlayPolice always does a wonderful job with our third graders! Today's lesson was on #bikesafety. Always wear a helmet! #TrojanTrue #FCSincubator



CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program, commonly referred to as “Block Watch” continues to be a community asset to both the citizens of Findlay and the police department. With most cities facing higher crime rates and budget constraints, Neighborhood Watch Programs serve to augment police personnel. The Neighborhood Watch Program allows citizens to work hand and hand with law enforcement to help reduce crime, increase community pride and solve common problems. Neighborhood Watch members learn how to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. This awareness of what doesn’t fit can actually involve the police before a crime is committed. Citizens assist by acting as the “Eyes and Ears” of the police department and reporting suspicious activity. The program also allows residents to get better acquainted with one another and restore a sense of community to their neighborhood. 2019 saw an addition of 1 new group to the Neighborhood Watch Program.



Community Outreach

2019 saw continued involvement with agencies and organizations that were relevant to the mission of the Findlay Police Department and the Crime Prevention Division.

The Crime Prevention Officer participated in numerous media campaigns throughout the year to bring awareness to public safety issues in the community.

The Crime Prevention Division continued to be a part of many different boards and civic organizations throughout the community.



CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

The Crime Prevention Officer was active with the following community programs:

- Crime Stoppers
- Community Partnership Council
- Opiate Task Force Community Awareness Committee
- Opiate Task Force Education Committee
- Marijuana and Vaping Committee
- Family and Children First Council
- Adult Protective Services I-Team Committee
- Camp 911
- Hancock Leadership
- Ohio Crime Prevention Association
- Findlay/Hancock County Crime Prevention Association
- Safe Kids
- TRIAD/SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Working Together)

As previously mentioned, the Crime Prevention Officer participated in numerous safety presentations, public demonstrations, and job and safety fairs throughout the community and Northwest Ohio. Programs were presented on home security, personal safety, financial security, elder abuse/fraud, distracted driving and other topics related to keeping individuals, families and neighborhoods safe. Police department tours were given to various organizations including local school groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

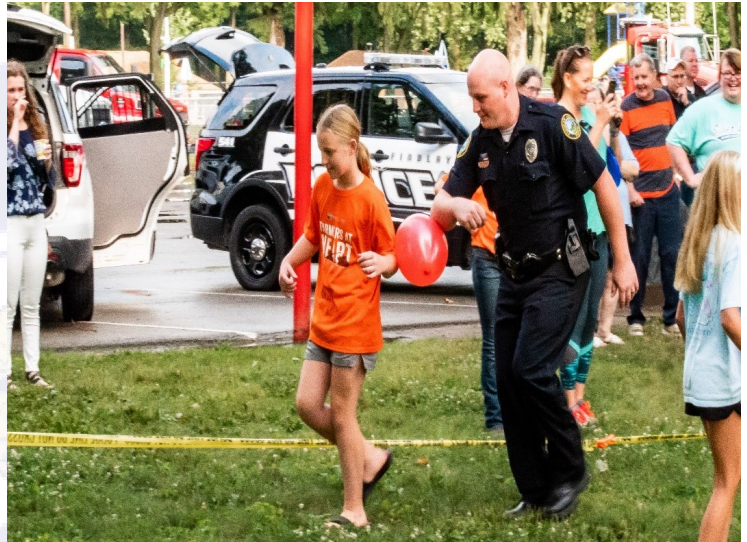


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National Night Out

The Crime Prevention Officer was again instrumental in coordinating Flag City National Night Out, a program promoting the awareness of law enforcement and public safety programs in the community. Numerous public safety organizations were present and participated in the free event, which was held at Riverside Park. This is an annual event held on the first Tuesday evening of August.

The Mascot Games continued to be a hit with area youth. This was the third annual running of the Mascot Games, which featured several area mascots competing in events designed to entertain children and adults alike. This year also saw the continuation of the Battle of the Badges Event. This event paired children with police officers and fire fighters to compete in similar games to that of the mascots.



Other events included a police K9 demonstration, mock fire/fire hose challenge, rides, inflatables and food provided by Padrone's Pizza. New for 2019 was a drone demonstration consisting of drones operated by the Findlay Police Department. This event continues to be a huge success.

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Bikes, Books and Badges

The Bikes, Books and Badges program continued to be active through 2019. The vision of the Bikes, Books and Badges Program is to take abandoned bicycles recovered in the City of Findlay, refurbish them and distribute them back into the community to children in need. This vision has expanded to distribute bicycles to other community organizations such the City Mission and other organizations in need.

The Bikes, Books and Badges program is facilitated with the assistance of the Allen County Correctional Institution (ACI). ACI has a program for inmates that allows them to clean, adjust and repair the bicycles free of charge to the city. This allowed the Findlay Police Department to maintain an inventory of bicycles for 2019. Approximately 70 bicycles were given away through the program for 2019.



Bicycle Rodeo



During May of 2019, the Bikes, Books and Badges Program hosted a free Bicycle Rodeo at The Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. Children were taught the fundamentals of bicycle safety with hopes of instilling in them a lifelong love of the sport. The Bicycle Rodeo consisted of instruction, obstacle courses and helmet fittings, as well as free food and entertainment. Children were awarded prizes and were provided with free helmets, locks and bicycle licenses.

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Camp 911



During the Spring of 2018 representatives from the Findlay Fire Department, Hanco EMS, the Hancock Co. Sheriff's Office and the Findlay Police Department implemented CAMP 911, a replacement program for Safety Town which ended in 2016.



CAMP 911 continued for 2019 with a week long program being held during the first week of June. The camp was in such demand, the program tripled in attendance from 2018 with 150 children taking the week long course.

Some of the topics included School Bus Safety, Electrical Safety, Fire Safety and Prevention, Stranger Danger, First Aid, Bicycle Safety and a multitude of other topics. The children also had a chance to interact with first responders from each agency, see the police K-9 dogs perform and see "Life-flight" land and talk with the pilot.

Officer Brian White was also part of the 2018 - 2019 Hancock Leadership Class, whose class project was CAMP 911. The class was able to procure a vinyl tarp mat as part of the project, as well as supply tricycles and other supplies. We'd like to thank the Hancock Leadership Class of 2019 for their help with our program.



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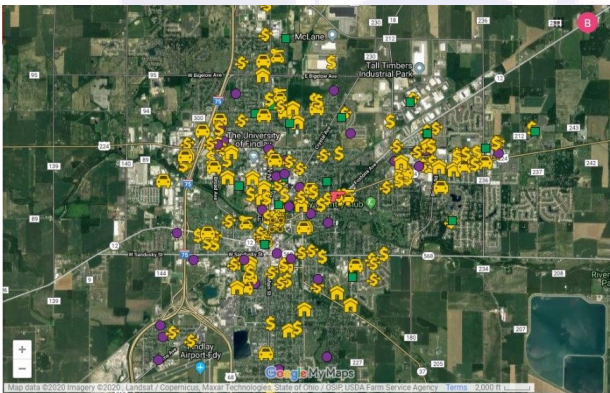
Social Media

One of the big pushes for the Crime Prevention Division in 2018 was to expand the use of social media to reach more community members. This continued into the 2019 calendar year. The department utilized Facebook and Twitter to keep the public up to date on crime trends and public safety topics. Social media was also utilized to inform the public of police department events held throughout the year. The police department sought the public's assistance in identifying suspects, which was highly successful. Facebook and Twitter, paired with the Findlay Community Watch Map, offer great tools in keeping the public up to date on what's going on in the community.



Findlay Community Watch Map

The Findlay Community Watch Map is an interactive map maintained by the Crime Prevention Officer. The Community Watch Map offers citizens a visual representation of the crimes that are occurring in their neighborhoods over the past 12 months. The Community Watch Map is updated on a regular basis and displays the date, type of activity, a short description and the report number should the public have information related to the incident. The Community Watch Map is a useful tool for the public as well as officers in addressing problem areas around the city. This map can be located on the Findlay Police Department webpage under "Links" or by entering the following website address:



<https://www.findlayohio.com/government/city-departments/police/community-watch-map>

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Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop continued for 2019. CWAC is a nationwide effort to bridge the gap between citizens and law enforcement. In conjunction with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, the Findlay Police Department held an event every month for 2019 where citizens could meet with officers and interact with them on a one-on-one basis. With no set agendas or topics, members of the community could discuss the issues in their neighborhoods, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee while getting to know officers.



Wednesday, August 28th
9:00 to 11:00 AM
Hancock County Fairgrounds
Sheriff's Building
This month we'll be at the Hancock County Fair for CWAC.
Free coffee will be provided.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
NO AGENDA OR SPEECHES, JUST A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS, VOICE CONCERNS, AND GET TO KNOW THE OFFICERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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Conclusion

The Crime Prevention Division is a valuable component to the mission of the Findlay Police Department which states:

We are dedicated to preventing crime, enforcing laws, protecting life and property while upholding the constitutional rights of all.

The programs offered by the Crime Prevention Division provides a valuable component to this mission, as well as the community.

The Crime Prevention Division would like to acknowledge the support of the community in the programs it delivers. A program such as this could not be successful without the continuing support of the public. The public is highly encouraged to offer feedback and suggestions at any time. We feel that the Crime Prevention Division is a worthy investment for the police department and the City of Findlay.



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Parking & Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Parking Tickets Issued: TOTAL	5285	3363	2086	5585	3979
Parking Enforcement	4666	2944	1727	5022	3466
Patrol	619	419	359	563	513
Parking Violations-Money Collected	\$ 58,395.10	\$ 35,927.10	\$ 22,117.00	\$ 54,487.30	\$ 47,666.00
Parking Lot Rental-Money Collected		\$ 35,598.00	\$ 34,058.00	\$ 35,628.00	\$ 34,783.00
Findlay Inn & Conf Ctr		\$ 20,328.00	\$ 20,328.00	\$ 20,328.00	\$ 20,328.00
Remaining City Lots	\$ 18,185.00	\$ 15,270.00	\$ 13,730.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 14,455.00
Warning Tickets Issued	2017	1337	1101	1711	1629
False Alarm Charges-Fees Collected	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,350.00
Bike License-Fees Collected	\$ 18.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 24.00
Records Room					
Report Charges	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 1,598.50	\$ 1,671.97	\$ 1,247.60	\$ 1,018.00
Postage Reimbursement	\$ 178.34	\$ 266.53	\$ 228.05	\$ 80.86	\$ 112.72
Cruiser Rental-Fees Collected	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,795.96	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 2,625.00
Totals		\$ 75,261.13	\$ 63,951.98	\$ 97,714.76	\$ 88,578.72
* 2019-Chase Started 4/22/19. No Parking Enforcement 1/01-4/19					

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