NEWARK, OHIO DIVISION OF POLICE

The Special Operations Group was formed in 1989 by Captain Terry Wheeler.

Standing: Tim Hickman, Ken Hinkle, Darrell McKitrick, Dean Hunt, Charlie Scott

Kneeling: Paul Davis, Paul Cortright, Bob Huffman, Roger Shaw





The 30th Anniversary SOG Team

Standing: Bill Eberts, Bill Evans, Mike Massaro, Clint Eskins, Jarad Harper, Dave Arndt, Nolen Gossett, Carson Slee, Corey Stevens, Ryan Fumi, Ben Sholl, Brandon Turner, Alan Ashcraft, Troy Cochran

Kneeling: Al Shaffer, Adam Carter, Alex Colles

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The mission of the Newark Division of Police is to work in partnership with the citizens of the community to provide a safe environment where the quality of life may be improved through the delivery of fair and impartial police services.

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Chief of Police



Chief Barry L. Connell

A Licking Valley High School graduate and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who has served in law enforcement for twenty-nine years. He is currently the Chief with the Newark, Ohio Division of Police. He has worked as a police canine handler/trainer, field training officer, training supervisor, property room supervisor, and public information officer. He has also commanded the Administrative, Support, and Patrol Bureaus for the Newark Division of Police. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the Columbia Southern University, completing his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. Barry has also completed the Police Executive Leadership College, Certified Law Enforcement Executive program, and the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course. He is involved with several community improvement organizations. Barry was promoted to Sergeant on June 8, 1998, Captain on August 9, 2010, and Chief on March 6, 2015. Barry is married to Andrea and they have three children, Kendra, James, and John and four grandchildren, Dominic, Tessa, Carleigh, and Damien.

As you look through the 2018 Newark Division of Police Annual report you will notice that it is quite a bit different than the last couple of years. I wanted to highlight the men and women that make the Division what it is. These caring employees and volunteers do what needs done 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their efforts are what keeps our city as safe as it is and they deserve recognition for that. You will find the traditional statistics at the end of the report but the main focus is on those who serve.

At the end of 2018, I asked every supervisor to write a review of the unit or units they supervised. It was my intent to have the reader understand a little more about each unit, from the supervisor's individual point of view. They were given the latitude to seek input from those they supervise or write it strictly from their own perspective. They were able to add humor or provide the intense seriousness of their mission. They were also tasked with providing a photo of the unit members to share with you. I smile with pride when I look at their work product. During my time as Chief, I have tried to encourage supervisors to use an "I intend to" style and you should be able to see that in their submissions.

2018 was a devastating year for law enforcement in the United States. There were 150 line of duty deaths and 163 confirmed suicides. Keeping this in mind, I would like to take a moment of your time to mention an organization that is working to turn the tide of hurt with first responders and veterans right here in Licking County. Save A Warrior operates the Warrior Village in eastern Licking County and I am personally grateful for their existence. If you get a chance, please check out their website or Facebook page to see the work they do.

On behalf of the Newark Division of Police, we look forward to serving our community in 2019!

Barry L. Connell

Chief of Police

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Administrative Bureau



Deputy Chief Craig Riley

A 1983 graduate of Newark High School and a 30 year veteran of the Newark Division of Police. Craig began his career with the Division in 1989; serving as K9 handler, field training officer, honor guard member and traffic crash reconstructionist. He was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and to captain in 2006. Craig led the team responsible for the Division's first successful CALEA accreditation in 2009. He is a 2008 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, graduated from Columbia Southern University in January 2015 with his master's degree in Organizational Leadership and graduated from the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Certified Law Enforcement Executive program in February 2016. Craig has been married to his wife Lynette for 32 years and they have two sons, Joshua and Andrew, and one grandson, Logan.

Deputy Chief Craig Riley was in charge of the Administrative Bureau for 2018. The Administrative Bureau oversees the budget; is responsible for all public records created by the Division; all technology related equipment, programs and networking; and all communications equipment. Additionally, the Bureau is responsible for policy and procedure, training, building and grounds maintenance and the vehicle fleet.

Sergeant Jeff Pritt continued serving as the Administrative Unit Sergeant in 2018. Although his primary role in this position is to make sure all Division related bills from our various vendors are paid and necessary purchases get completed; he also serves as the Quartermaster, oversees the Tuition Reimbursement program, maintenance of our facility/building, and supervises the Division's mechanic to ensure our fleet of vehicles is properly maintained. Through his constant research and tenacity, Sergeant Pritt has excelled at saving the Division money in many areas and has been instrumental in replacing our aging fleet with the best vehicles and equipment available.

Sergeant Al Shaffer took over responsibility for the Professional Standards Unit in July of 2018. Sergeant Shaffer is responsible for the Division training, LEXIPOL policy management, and Ohio Collaborative Standards. In his role as the training supervisor, Sergeant Shaffer schedules all internal and external training sessions, ensuring that all employees meet the requirements for their position. Training is provided in a multitude of disciplines such as; firearms, defensive driving, legal updates, CPR/AED, self-defense, active shooter/building searches, records management and public records policy; as well as any state mandated update training. The Division also provides training for many specialty positions and units such as; Special Operations Group (SOG), Crisis Negotiations Team, technical crash investigation, K9, Police Training Officer (PTO), Reserve Officers, and Honor Guard.

The Records Unit oversees all record- keeping functions, information technology services and payroll for the Division. The unit is staffed by eight civilian employees and one police sergeant. Sergeant Doug Wells began supervising this unit in 2018. As one of the Division's Public Information Officers, Sergeant Wells interacts with the various media outlets to include radio, television, newspaper and social media. He is also responsible for all data provided to the media, the public, and other government entities on a daily basis. He is also the liaison to The Licking County Regional Communications Center which provides police dispatch services for the Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief Craig Riley

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Patrol Bureau



Deputy Chief Erik J. McKee

A United States Air Force veteran served as a Law Enforcement Specialist and completed a tour in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm. He was hired onto the Newark, Ohio Division of Police in December of 1995 and was promoted to Sergeant on April 28, 2006, Captain on April 11th, 2016, and Deputy Chief in January of 2017. Erik is the current Patrol Bureau Commander and former Detective Bureau Commander. He has worked as a police K9 handler/trainer, field training officer, K9 unit supervisor, Neighborhood Impact Unit supervisor and Honor Guard. He is currently completing his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. Erik has also completed the Police Executive Leadership College and he is involved with several community improvement organizations. Erik is an instructor and previous commander at the police academy at Central Ohio Technical College. He is a guest instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio and an instructor in the national Below100 initiative.

The Patrol Bureau is the backbone of this and every law enforcement agency. The goal of the Newark Division of Police Patrol Bureau is to provide the best possible service to the citizens of the City of Newark. The Bureau Commander oversees many functions and specialty units which operate within the organization. There are seven Sergeants who oversee six patrol teams and the Community Initiatives Unit (CIU). Under those Sergeants are forty Officers as well as the Animal Control Officer.

The specialty units under the Bureau include the Special Operations Group (SOG), K9 Unit, Hostage/Crisis Negotiations Unit, Missing Persons Team, Technical Crash Investigations Unit, and Honor Guard. The Community Initiatives Unit is responsible for the management of the Newark Addiction Recovery Initiative (NARI) Program, the School Resource Officers (SRO), the Animal Control Officer and Reserve Officers. In 2018 the Patrol Bureau handled a record number of calls for service while operating with a staffing deficiency.

We made significant changes in our recruiting and hiring procedures which seem to be paying off by the quality of our current pool of applicants in the hiring process for 2019. The operational goal of the Bureau is to be fully staffed for 2019 to provide optimal services to the citizens of the City of Newark.

The Newark Division of Police has received a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and will be increasing traffic enforcement in 2019 to reduce crashes and deter aggressive driving in targeted zones throughout the city. We will also be targeting drugged drivers in addition to alcohol related impairment and aggressive driving as a separate portion of the awarded grant. The Bureau looks forward to meeting and exceeding the expectations of the citizens we serve in 2019 and to maintain our high level of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief Erik McKee

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Detective Bureau



Deputy Chief Darrin D. Logan

A Newark High School graduate and a U.S. Army veteran who has served in law enforcement for twenty-five years. He is currently one of three Deputy Chief's with the Newark, Ohio Division of Police. He has worked as a patrol officer, firearms instructor, TASER instructor, field training officer, honor guard member, Special Operations Group (SOG) member, sniper, training supervisor, accreditation supervisor, patrol team supervisor, SOG Team Leader, and Lead Firearms Instructor. He has served on the Licking County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #127 executive board as president and is currently the treasurer. He is a past 4th District Trustee for the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police. He is a past contract negotiation team member and officer coordinator for the Newark Division of Police. He has also commanded the Administrative Bureau and is currently commanding the Detective Bureau. Darrin has also completed Police Executive Leadership College class #62. Darrin was promoted to Sergeant on August 9, 2010, and Captain on November 14, 2016. The title of Captain was changed to Deputy Chief on February 8, 2017, through Ordinance 17-01 A passed by Newark City Council. Darrin is married to Coleena they have three children, Daniel, Brandon, and Mylaura.

2018 was a new start for the Detective Bureau. I assumed command of the Bureau on January 1, 2018. This would be a new challenge for me, since I had never been in the Bureau as a Detective or a Detective Sergeant during my 24 year career at the Newark Division of Police. I viewed this as a learning opportunity for me and a chance to expand my horizons in my law enforcement career development.

I inherited a relatively young Bureau. There were the veterans; Tim Elliget, George Romano, Steve Vanoy, Todd Green, and Lynette Riley. There were also the newer members; Art Minton, Mike Lake, Jarrod Conley, and Ryan Fumi. We were also very fortunate to have long time civilian employees Jody Hill and Cheri Caudell. Sergeant John Brnjic was six months into his assignment as Detective Bureau Sergeant, being appointed to the position on July 2, 2017. We were down three detective positions at the beginning of 2018.

The Bureau posted an opening and filled the position with Officer Jarad Harper by the end of January 2018. Detective Harper has been with the Newark Division of Police since July 2017, but brings previous law enforcement experience from Johnstown PD. Jarad has been a fast learner in the Detective Bureau and is very thorough with the cases he is assigned. In late July the Bureau posted for a temporary Detective position who would be in the Bureau from August until January 2019. Officer Tim Fleming was selected for the position. Tim had previous experience in the Bureau and he was an immediate asset to the team. He hit the ground running and proved to be a valuable member to the Bureau. In late November, the Bureau was able to make the temporary Detective position a permanent position. Detective Fleming was selected to the position, effective January 2019.

As of the end of 2018, the Bureau is only down one Detective compared to being down three at the beginning of the year. Once we are able to bring in some more new hires and get our overall Division strength back up to 72, we are hopeful we can fill the final Detective opening.

The year started of fast and furious with the Major Crimes Unit getting hit with five serious incidents in a ten day period. This series of events in January set the tone for the rest of the year for the Bureau. Veteran Detectives and rookie Detectives had to work together. This allowed the veterans to have many teaching moments with the rookies and bring them along much faster than normal. It also allowed the newer ones to get insight and valuable experience from the seasoned crew. Teamwork and leadership were integral parts of keeping the Bureau moving forward with solving crimes and accomplishing the daily operations. We look forward to whatever 2019 has to throw at us.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief Darrin D. Logan

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE City Administration



Mayor Jeff Hall

Mayor Jeff Hall became the 68th Mayor of Newark on January 1, 2012. Born and raised in Newark, Mayor Hall is an honors graduate from Newark High School and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in Information Technology. He also has a master's degree in accounting from The Ohio State University. Prior to serving as Mayor, Jeff was the Newark City Treasurer. Mayor Hall is committed to making safety, education, and jobs a top priority for the City of Newark. Mayor Hall has surrounded himself with a talented TEAM of dedicated, professional individuals who assist him in strategies that support his vision.

Safety Director Steve Baum

Director Baum oversees the Police and Fire Divisions and the enforcement of the Property Maintenance function of the City of Newark, along with Code Enforcement.

Director Baum was hired by the Newark Division of Police on November 22, 1993. He served as both a patrol officer and as a detective. Promoted to Sergeant in 2004, Director Baum was assigned to the Patrol Bureau, the Professional Standards Bureau, and finally the Detective Bureau. After his promotion to Captain in 2010, he served as commander in all three bureaus: Patrol, Detective and Administrative. The Director is a United States Air Force veteran who participated in both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He resides in Heath, Ohio, with his wife Kelly and they have two children.



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Command Staff



Chief of Police Barry Connell

- Hired: July 26, 1990
- Sergeant: June 8, 1998
- Captain: August 9, 2010
- Chief: March 6, 2015
- USCG Veteran

Deputy Chief Craig Riley

- Hired: June 23, 1989
- Sergeant: March 7, 2001
- Captain: April 28, 2006
- Deputy Chief: February 17, 2017
- Administrative Bureau Commander





Deputy Chief Erik McKee

- Hired: December 18, 1995
- Sergeant: April 28, 2006
- Captain: April 11, 2016
- Deputy Chief: February 17, 2017
- Patrol Bureau Commander
- USAF Veteran

Deputy Chief Darrin Logan

- Hired: November 22, 1993
- Sergeant: August 9, 2010
- Captain: November 14, 2016
- Deputy Chief: February 17, 2017
- Detective Bureau Commander
- USA Veteran



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE

Sergeants



Sergeant Jeff Pritt

- Hired: April 27, 1994
- Sergeant: June 21, 2004
- Administrative Sergeant
- USN Veteran

Sergeant Chuck Wilhelm

- Hired: April 9, 1993
- Sergeant: March 2, 2006
- Patrol Team 5 Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Honor Guard, Driving Instructor





Sergeant John Brnjic

- Hired: November 29, 1999
- Sergeant: July 5, 2007
- Detective Sergeant
- USN Veteran

Sergeant Al Shaffer

- Hired: April 13, 1998
- Sergeant: October 11, 2010
- Training Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Firearms Instructor
- USMC Veteran



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE

Sergeants



Sergeant Bert Gliatta

- Hired: April 27, 1994
- Sergeant: August 5, 2013
- Patrol Team 3 Sergeant
- USAF Veteran

Sergeant Clint Eskins

- Hired: August 5, 2002
- Sergeant: April 29, 2015
- Community Initiatives Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Reserve Liaison, Special Operations Group, Honor Guard, Technical Crash Investigator





Sergeant Doug Bline

- Hired: December 18, 1995
- Sergeant: April 11, 2016
- Patrol Team 4 Sergeant
- Specialty Units: K9 Unit Supervisor, PTO Supervisor

Sergeant Jon Bell

- Hired: September 2, 1998
- Sergeant: December 7, 2016
- Patrol Team 2 Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Sergeants



Sergeant Doug Wells

- Hired: May 8, 2000
- Sergeant: June 28, 2017
- Records Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Defensive Tactics Instructor

Sergeant Travis Delancey

- Hired: October 3, 2001
- Sergeant: May 7, 2018
- Patrol Team 6 Sergeant





Sergeant Robert Phillips III

- Hired: December 19, 2011
- Sergeant: August 13, 2018
- Patrol Team 1 Sergeant
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team



Officer Troy Cochran

- Hired: August 4, 1992
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Honor Guard, Technical Crash Investigator
- USA/USAR Veteran

Officer Kevin Wells

- Hired: August 17, 1992
- Patrol Team 5





Officer Mark Smith

- Hired: February 18, 1993
- Patrol Team 5
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team, Honor Guard

Detective Tim Elliget

- Hired: January 3, 1994
- Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task
 Force
- Specialty Units: Technical Crash Investigator
- USAF Veteran





Detective George Romano

- Hired: January 24, 1994
- Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task
 Force
- USMC Veteran

Officer Earl Roe

- Hired: December 18, 1995
- Patrol Team 5





Detective Steve Vanoy

- Hired: December 18, 1995
- Detectives
- USNR Veteran

Detective Lyn Riley

- Hired: January 26, 1996
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team, Missing Persons Team, Technical Crash Investigator





Officer Brett Snelling

- Hired: December 16, 1996
- Patrol Team 3
- USAF/USAFR Veteran

Officer Mike Trotter

- Hired: December 16, 1996
- NCS School Resource Officer
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team, Technical Crash Investigator





Officer Mark Dickman

- Hired: January 6, 1997
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Technical Crash Investigator
- USA Veteran

Officer Brian Thomas

- Hired: May 7, 1997
- CTEC School Resource Officer





Officer Ray Lewis

- Hired: April 13, 1998
- Patrol Team 6
- USA Veteran

Detective Art Minton

- Hired: June 19, 1998
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team
- USA Veteran





Detective Tim Fleming

- Hired: May 11, 2001
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Police Training Officer

Officer Steve Benner

- Hired: August 5, 2002
- Patrol Team 4
- USANG Veteran





Officer Trent Stanford

- Hired: May 27, 2003
- Patrol Team 5
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team, Honor Guard

Detective Jarrod Conley

- Hired: June 23, 2003
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Driving Instructor





Officer Dave Arndt

- Hired: July 28, 2003
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Police Training Officer, Firearms Instructor
- USA Veteran

Detective Todd Green

- Hired: August 4, 2003
- Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task
 Force





Officer Jon Purtee

- Hired: October 20, 2003
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: K9, Police Training Officer

Bear

- Born: February 24, 2009
- Hired: September 22, 2012
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: K9





Officer Corey Tyson

- Hired: January 18, 2005
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: Police Training Officer

Officer Justin Wisecarver

- Hired: January 18, 2005
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Honor Guard





Officer Carson Slee

- Hired: January 18, 2005
- Patrol Team 6
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group

Officer Joe Phillips

- Hired: July 16, 2007
- Patrol Team 6





Officer Phil Palmisano

- Hired: July 16, 2007
- Patrol Team 3
- Specialty Units: Police Training Officer, Driving Instructor

Officer Blake Duncan

- Hired: March 31, 2008
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Police Training Officer, Driving Instructor





Officer Bill Eberts

- Hired: March 31, 2008
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Crisis Negotiations Team, Police Training Officer, Firearms Instructor

Officer Dave Burris

- Hired: July 14, 2008
- Patrol Team 3
- Specialty Units: K9, Missing Persons Team, Police Training Officer





Ike

- Born: September 3, 2008
- Hired: January 20, 2011
- Patrol Team 3
- Specialty Units: K9

Detective Mike Lake

- Hired: July 14, 2008
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team, Missing Persons Team
- USMC Veteran





Officer Mike Massaro

- Hired: June 22, 2009
- Patrol Team 6
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Missing Persons Team, Police Training Officer, Firearms Instructor

Officer Christy Litzinger

- Hired: April 1, 2013
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team





Detective Ryan Fumi

- Hired: April 19, 2013
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group

Officer Chelsea Rubio

- Hired: December 9, 2013
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: Crisis Negotiations Team, Honor Guard, Police Training Officer





Officer Bill Evans

- Hired: March 2, 2015
- Patrol Team 4
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Police Training Officer

Officer April Fleming

- Hired: July 6, 2015
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Police Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor





Officer Derrick Beach

- Hired: June 20, 2016
- Community Initiatives
- Specialty Units: Technical Crash Investigator

Officer Adam Carter

- Hired: June 20, 2016
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Police Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor





Detective Jarad Harper

- Hired: June 12, 2017
- Detectives
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group
- USNR Veteran

Officer Coury Stevens

- Hired: June 12, 2017
- Patrol Team 3
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group
- USA Veteran





Officer MacKenzie Harris

- Hired: June 12, 2017
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team, Technical Crash Investigator

Officer Nolan Gossett

- Hired: September 11, 2017
- Patrol Team 2
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group, Defensive Tactics Instructor
- USA Veteran





Officer Amanda Angles

- Hired: September 11, 2017
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team, Honor Guard, Technical Crash Investigator

Officer Alex Colles

- Hired: October 23, 2017
- Patrol Team 3
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group
- USA Veteran





Officer Ben Sholl

- Hired: December 23, 2017
- Patrol Team 1
- Specialty Units: Special Operations Group
- USA Veteran

Officer Nate Schiffel

- Hired: February 20, 2018
- Patrol Team 5





Officer Steven Carles

- Hired: June 4, 2018
- Patrol Team 4
- USA Veteran

Officer Wes Jackson

- Hired: June 4, 2018
- CPD Basic Academy





Officer Matt Adams

- Hired: June 4, 2018
- CPD Basic Academy

Officer James Farmer

- Hired: June 18, 2018
- Patrol Team 5





Officer Matthew Garber

- Hired: November 26, 2018
- CPD Basic Academy
- USANG Veteran

Reserve Officer Chuck Lawrence

- Hired: August 30, 1988
- Reserves





Reserve Officer Jason Shaw

- Hired: August 31, 2006
- Reserves

Reserve Officer Melanie Angle

- Hired: April 29, 2015
- Reserves



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Non-Sworn



Cheri Caudell

- Hired: August 9, 1999
- Clerk/Typist

Missy Schmidt

- Hired: July 30, 2000
- Information Tech Specialist
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team





Jody Hill

- Hired: February 18, 2002
- Evidence Custodian

Amanda Charles

- Hired: March 3, 2002
- Account Clerk



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Non-Sworn



Karen Hogue

- Hired: April 29, 2002
- Public Safety Officer

Jackie Traub

- Hired: October 30, 2002
- Public Safety Officer
- Specialty Units: Missing Persons Team





Toby Wills

- Hired: May 1, 2003
- Animal Control Officer

Fran Heimerl

- Hired: November 22, 2005
- Public Safety Officer



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Non-Sworn



Erin Fisher

- Hired: November 16, 2011
- Public Safety Officer

Tim Hoffman

- Hired: May 13, 2013
- Vehicle Maintenance Worker





Samantha Hartshorn

- Hired: August 1, 2016
- Information System Coordinator

Lew Shumaker

- Hired: January 1, 2018
- Impound Clerk



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Retirements



C. Scott Snow

Hired April 15, 1991

Promoted to Sergeant on May 12, 2000

Retired May 4, 2018

Brian Webster Hired October 14, 1985 Promoted to Sergeant on June 29, 1998 Retired August 9, 2018





David Bardsley Hired February 16, 1993 Retired October 19, 2018

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Promotions



Travis Delancey

Promoted to Sergeant on May 7, 2018

Travis D Delancey, a lifetime Licking County resident, graduated from Newark High School in 1992. He graduated from Central Ohio Technical College in 1994 with a Associate Degree and OPOTA Certification. In 1995, he was employed by the Licking County Sheriff's Office, where he worked in the Jail, Patrol, and Detective Divisions. In 2001, Travis began employment with the City of Newark Division of Police. During that time, he has worked in the Patrol Division, served as Officer Coordinator, Field Training Officer, SOG member and Detective.

Robert Phillips III

Promoted to Sergeant on August 13, 2018

Robert W. Phillips III, is a 2004 graduate from Beardsley Academic Learning Center. He graduated from an Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy at Central Ohio Technical College in October, 2007 and received an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement in August, 2008. He was sworn in at Reynoldsburg P.D. on October 10th, 2007 as a Reserve Police Officer where he remained until taking a full time position with the Newark Division of Police on December 19th, 2011. He has worked as a field training officer since 2017. Robert is the son of Robert Phillips Jr. and Michelle Phillips and is married to Blair.



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE New Members



Nate Schiffel

Hired February 20, 2018

Steven Carles

Hired June 4, 2018





Wes Jackson

Hired June 4, 2018

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE New Members



Matthew Adams

Hired June 4, 2018

James Farmer

Hired June 18, 2018





Matthew Garber

Hired November 26, 2018

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE In Memorium

Hummel G. Keim

Hired September 24, 1973

Promoted to Sergeant June 17, 1977

Promoted to Captain June 20, 1980

Promoted to Chief of Police June 18, 1986

Retired November 29, 1992

Passed away April 15, 2018





Dennis M. Woods Hired October 11, 1967 Promoted to Sergeant January 3, 1978 Retired March 27, 1993 Passed away August 2, 2018

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Records

Sergeant Doug Wells was promoted in June of 2017 and was initially assigned to the Patrol Bureau. In May of 2018 Sergeant Wells took over as the supervisor for the Records Unit. Sergeant Wells has been employed with the Division for 19 years and received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. Sergeant Wells supervises 8 staff members that work in the areas of impounds, public records, payroll, and information technology. While overseeing this unit, he and his staff have accomplished several monumental tasks that have greatly improved the efficiency of the Division as a whole, taking advantage of the technology now available.

New World which is our records management system is ever improving and remains a work in progress as employees work to maximize it to its full operating potential. The staff also implemented and maintains the eCitation and eParking modules which allows for more efficient and timely parking and traffic tickets. Both modules took several weeks and numerous hours of phone calls, meetings, and trial and error to finally roll out these programs. The eParking is a collaborative partnership with the Newark Downtown Association, with the goal to improve the parking and overall beautification of downtown. The eParking and eCitation also allow for expediting of the information to the courts. In addition, in 2018 staff implemented the Ohio Law Enforcement Information System (OLEIS) for the electronic filing of accident reports with the state. Instead of the previous practice of printing and mailing each respective accident report, the OLEIS program allows supervisors to file it electronically with the state immediately upon approval. Upon receipt at the state, it is then posted on a public website for public access. The Newark Division of Police also entered into a collaborative with Carfax, where accident reports are provided to them.

At the end of 2018 our staff installed and made ready on each computer the Mobile CAD system that will assist with dispatching. This system will allow officers to see all the information that the dispatcher has entered while speaking with a victim or witness that calls for help. This will allow for more detailed information being available to each respective officer, which in turns allows for faster response time and improved safety for the community. The current goal for using the CAD system in each vehicle is spring of 2019.

The Records Unit is staffed by four Public Safety Officers (PSO) on a daily basis. The duties of these PSOs include processing of reports and citations filed by officers, answering numerous requests for public records on a daily basis, calling the dispatch center as needed for officer response, conducting approximately twenty background checks per week via fingerprint requests, and maintaining the officer subpoena calendar. The PSOs also assist with releasing impounded vehicles as needed.

PSO Karen Hogue – Karen began her career with the Newark Division of Police in 2002. Karen also serves as the administrative assistant to the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs. Karen is responsible for communicating with the courts and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) when criminal charges are filed on individuals.



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Records

PSO Jackie Traub – Jackie began her career with the Newark Division of Police originally in 1991. Jackie currently has a Master's Degree in Human Resources and will have her second Master's Degree in Emergency Management in early 2020. Jackie is responsible for maintaining sealed records, all public records requests, and conducting fingerprints request as needed.

PSO Erin Fisher - Erin began working for the Newark Division of Police in 2011 as a Communications Operator, and then moved to the Public Safety Officer position in 2016. Erin earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology in 2000 from The Ohio State University. Erin is responsible for responding to public records requests, answering the daily phone calls, conducting fingerprint requests, and is primarily responsible for maintaining the officer subpoena calendar. Erin also enters all statements received into the New World Record Management System.

PSO Fran Heimerl – Fran is the "Face" of Newark Division of Police, as she is the first one you see upon entering the lobby of the Division. Fran started in 2005 as a clerk in the Detective Bureau, then eventually moved to the Public Safety Officer position in 2009. Fran earned an Associate's Degree in Secretarial Science in 1988 from Central Ohio Technical College. Fran is responsible for responding to all public record requests, answering the daily phone calls, and conducting fingerprint requests.

Impound Clerk Lew Shumaker – Lew began working for the City of Newark in 1988 at the Newark Water Office, and eventually moved to the Newark Division of Police in 2015. Lew is responsible for processing all impounded vehicles, from intake to release. Lew also manages the city auction. She also assists as needed with PSO duties.

Account Clerk Amanda Charles – Amanda began her career with the Newark Division of Police in 2002. Amanda earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a double major in Marketing and Transportation & Logistics in 2000 from The Ohio State University. Amanda is solely responsible for completing payroll for the 80 members of the Division, to include processing all overtime and all administrative needs that go with this. Amanda is also responsible for the scheduling and billing of special duty officers for numerous businesses, as well as billing vendors for the various needs of the Divison.

Information System Coordinator (ISC) Missy Schmidt – Missy started working for the Newark Division of Police in 2000, also as a Communications Operator. Missy earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2009 from Kaplan University. In 2017, she also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Colorado State University. In 2016, Missy moved to the ISC position to manage the New World Record Management System, and then in 2018, also assumed management of the OLEIS system for accident and citation reporting. Missy is responsible for the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). She is tasked with conducting officer training and certification for all these programs.

Information Technology Specialist Samantha Hartshorn – Samantha began her employment with the Newark Division of Police in 2016. She earned an Associate's Degree in Electronics and Computer Technology in 2008 from DeVry University. Samantha is responsible for providing technical support for all technology needs within the division of police.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Doug Wells



The Community Initiatives Unit is a collaboration of several specialty services provided by the Newark Division of Police. There are five division employees assigned to carry out its assigned tasks. CIU consists of a Community Initiatives Officer, two School Resource Officers, an Animal Control Officer and a Supervisor.

In 2018, CIU experienced personnel changes in all but two of these positions. Sergeant Brian Webster retired after serving as the CIU supervisor since its creation. Sergeant Clint Eskins took over at the end of the summer of 2018. Another notable retirement was that of Officer Dave Bardsley, who had been the Newark High School SRO for over nineteen years. Officer Mike Trotter would step up to fill this position for the 2018-2019 school year. Lastly, Officer Derrick Beach would replace Officer Trent Stanford as the CIU Officer and continue building relationships with community. The CIU Officers have highlighted some incidents and events from 2018 in each section below. The officers of this unit look forward to serving in 2019.

School Resource Officers

Officer Mike Trotter took over as the NHS SRO in August of 2018, and this is what he had to share; "I have embraced the assignment as an opportunity to learn a new facet of the role as a police officer. I have completed the SRO training program as well as becoming an ALICE certified instructor. I see my role at the high school as an opportunity to engage students at a time when opinions they form now can/will carry thru with them for the rest of their lives. I hope to show them that we (police) are people who actually care about them and show them that we are more than just a badge and gun, we can be mentors and hopefully role models."

Officer Brian Thomas is the CTEC SRO and has been a great community partner for that school and other schools and organizations in the city. Brian has provided training in ALICE to several schools and organizations to better prepare for an active threat.

Officer Thomas shares: "I am continuing to teach the community about ALICE. This past summer I provided safety surveys to all Newark Catholic Schools, Star Wipers, St. Johns United Church of Christ and the Dayspring Community Church. Newark Catholic and Blessed Sacrament were all taught ALICE. I have been able to incorporate Newark Fire Fighter Brandon Turner into my ALICE program. Brandon comes in to teach how to render first aid/control the bleeding. I have also scheduled ALICE training for 2019 and am being contacted about doing safety surveys.

C-TEC had an incident where a student was possibly making threats on social media. I then worked with OSP Intelligence Unit to help to identify any other posts on social media. The school and I determined no immediate threat and determined he was trying to start a debate."



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Community Initiatives

Animal Control Officer

ACO Toby Wills is our only animal control officer who diligently works to investigate and enforce state and city laws regarding animals. Toby is a long term and dedicated employee who is well versed in his duties. He is placed in an understandably difficult position that makes him the target of often unfair angst from those who do not agree with the laws he is sworn to uphold. The caseload that Toby handles is very high and his attention to detail is what allows him to handle the increased responsibilities.

ACO Wills provides an important role in the quality of living in Newark. In addition to getting aggressive animals off the streets that present a safety risk to our citizens, he investigates allegations of cruelty and mistreatment to all types of animals. He also follows up on dog bite reports to ensure the animal is licensed and current on vaccinations. Toby Wills has the daunting task of monitoring and verifying over 100 vicious, dangerous and exotic animals. These registrations involve a great deal of time and legwork in verifying the owners compliance with their animal's restricted status.

Community Initiative Officer

Community Initiatives Officer Derrick Beach has continued to work with the community through various efforts to include the Newark Addiction Recovery Initiative (NARI), community events, school presentations, block watch meetings, and selective patrol to address various community related complaints. Officer Beach helped organize or participated in several events that are highlighted below:

- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Kroger
- National Night Out
- International Overdose Awareness FedUp Rally
- Coffee with a Cop
- Newark Citizen's Police Academy
- Cram the Cruiser
- Numerous other events around the city



Officer Beach worked with local organizations to obtain funding for recruitment materials and banners. Officer Beach has also made himself available to assist with the SROs, Patrol, CODE and Detectives in various ways. All the work done this year has been to build relationships and trust with all aspects of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Clint Eskins
On August 13, 2018, I was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to Team 1. Team 1 consisted of Officers Troy Cochran, Blake Duncan, Christy Litzinger, MacKenzie Harris, Amanda Angles, and Ben Sholl. Team 1, like many teams, often worked with minimum staffing, covered a lot of shifts for other teams, and had a high call volume most days. Team 1 responded to many calls ranging from minor incidents to murder cases. I included two examples of major incidents below that occurred during my time on Team 1.

On August 8th, I had just arrived to the station when I was made aware of an active breaking and entering occurring at the Longaberger Basket, 1500 E. Main Street. I was advised that several suspects were still inside the building and Sergeant Wilhelm was requesting additional units to assist. Sergeant Eskins, myself, and the rest of Team 1 responded to the scene once our gear was loaded into our vehicles. Upon our arrival, K9 officers from Pataskala PD, Licking County Sheriff's Office, along with both Newark K9 officers were already on scene to assist with the search of the seven floor building.

Teams 1, 5, and all the K9 officers from all the agencies worked extremely well with each other during the difficult task of searching a massive building. All the officers communicated with each other and conducted the search as safely as they could. Team 1, upon clearing the scene, took a few minutes to hydrate and continued on with the rest of their shift despite being fatigued from a several hour search of the building.

On November 7th, I responded with numerous officers to S. Westmoor Avenue regarding a call that was

initially reported as a suicide. Sergeant Eskins and I arrived first and made contact with the caller and eventual suspect, who was standing in front of the apartment building. The suspect was unusually calm given the circumstances that he advised dispatch. Sergeant Eskins and I made entry into the apartment after we were advised that the victim was inside the bedroom. Sergeant Eskins tried the door knob and found it to be locked. Sergeant Eskins forced the door open and we entered to discover the victim, deceased. The evidence on scene appeared tampered with and was inconsistent with suicide.

Numerous officers from both Teams 1



and 2 responded to this incident and assisted with several assignments ranging from staying with the suspect, canvasing the area looking for witnesses, and protecting the crime scene for detectives. The Patrol and Detective Bureaus worked well with each other and the suspect was ultimately taken into custody on murder charges. The case is pending.

Team 1 handled many more cases in 2018, some that were more dangerous than normal, emotionally, mentally, and physically taxing, and even chaotic at times. Team 1 stepped up to the challenge and continued serving their community that they swore to serve and protect.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Robert Phillips



Team 2 was very busy during 2018. For both signups, I had fantastic officers that helped make my job easy.

One of the major incidents that Team 2 responded to was on Seroco Avenue. A frantic male subject had come to the station to report a stabbing in progress. Officers soon learned of the location, and responded. Officers eventually forced entry into the home, to discover that an elderly man had been taken captive by his son. For the better part of the day, the man had been tied up, beaten, and stabbed by his son. The son was caught trying to climb out of a window, and was taken into custody. Actions by officers on this day most likely saved the man's life, as his son had asked the complainant to bring over a can of gas in order to get rid of his father's body.

Officers of Team 2 also responded to several other calls to service, where they worked hard on saving lives. On at least four different calls, officers of Team 2 performed CPR on patients in an attempt to save their lives. Officers continued CPR until Newark Fire arrived and took over. Once Newark Fire arrived, officers continued to assist Newark Fire. On another occasion, officers saved the life of someone that had overdosed, by administering Narcan, and then using an AED to save a life.

Team 2 also applied for at least two search warrants on two different incidents. In both incidents, officers learned that wanted subjects were inside of residences. Occupants of the residences would not allow officers to enter, therefore officers obtained search warrants. Once the search warrants were obtained, officers of Team 2 executed the search warrants, made entry and located the wanted subjects who were then taken into custody.

Several members of Team 2 also received recognition during the Division's award ceremony. Three Team 2 officers received Life Saving Awards. Five officers received the Physical Fitness Award, and five officers received Meritorious Unit Commendations.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Jon Bell

I took over the reigns of Team 3 in the Patrol Bureau on July 1, 2018 after my transfer from two previous years in the Training Bureau. It certainly was an adjustment and created various challenges for me. One of my first shifts was during the 4th of July holiday. It was an active night of domestics and disturbances while coordinating with traffic units working the firework events. It was a sign of things to come when handling priority calls with limited personnel. It was also gratifying to see my team pull together to handle everything correctly and smoothly in very trying circumstances. Our country's independence celebration that evening involved an intoxicated mother leaving her children abandoned in a vehicle in a traffic jam. She was quickly located and arrested by our team while fleeing on foot on the bike path. The children were also safely recovered and placed with adult supervision.

Brett Snelling was the senior officer of the team. It would be fair to say that Brett has the proper temperament and professionalism for the role of a police officer. The easy going personality he displays is definitely an asset and allows a public trust. Brett being a veteran officer was an asset for the younger officers because he could pass on his experience on the variety of calls we encountered.

Phillip Palmisano was also assigned to my team during this period. Phil displays a professional calm manner during critical incidents. He was the first officer on a scene that was believed to be a domestic situation. It was soon discovered that it was a stabbing and Officer Palmisano had the victim tragically die while he was attempting emergency aid. The incident was an excellent example of Officer Palmisano's ability to keep his composure while performing his duties during a critical incident.

Our next fine addition to our team was our K9 Officer, David Burris. Officer Burris not only generated high self -initiated activity but also demonstrated quick decision making action. It was no better displayed than a recent vehicle pursuit he had initiated. Despite the suspect's aggressive tactics to escape, he was still able to continue the pursuit that quickly turned into the foot variety. He was able to apprehend the driver who had firearms and drug contraband in the vehicle.

Coury Stevens, former probation officer, was another high producer on the team. I believe his pursuit of offenders was determined and dedicated. The dedication was exemplified during a motorcycle pursuit that quickly evolved into an aquatic adventure. The suspect, during his attempt to elude justice, jumped into a nearby river. Officer Stevens, feeling the suspect was having difficulty staying afloat, entered the water to assist. Officer Stevens was able to take the suspect into custody without injury to suspect or himself. It was one of many examples of Officer Stevens's role of a peace officer that he takes very seriously.

The last but certainly not least of our team members is Alex Colles. He was a high octane producer on our team. Our Division was blessed to obtain him from Pataskala PD. Alex displays quick action skills while performing his duties. He was able to safely pursue a reckless driver operating a vehicle the wrong direction

on a highway. Alex, with the LCSO assistance, later appended the offender after he crashed into property of a private residence.

I was very proud of the entire team on their dedication and professionalism during a very challenging six month period. They all were up to the task of any incident that presented itself to them. It certainly made my transition back to patrol a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Bert Gliatta



Team 4 is an afternoon patrol team which works from 4pm to 2am Wednesday to Saturday. The team is comprised of six officers, one sergeant and officers in training. Working evenings, officers are confronted with a wide variety of calls which range from parking complaints to shootings. In 2018, Officers on Team 4 accounted for 380 arrests for the Division, with one officer recording 94 arrests on his own. Team 4 had very good chemistry between the officers that worked on the team. The officers have worked together for a long time and help each other complete the tasks and calls they are presented with. This has proven to be very beneficial when serious calls for service are received.

One occasion where the team really functioned well together was when we were called to assist Columbus Police locating suspects. They had robbed gas stations and other business locations in Newark and Columbus and information was received that the suspects' vehicle was at a house on E. Main Street. Officers were able to respond to the house and successfully located the vehicle. The house was then "surrounded" at a distance in case the suspects were actually there and attempted to leave. Officers were watching and it appeared that one of the suspects had arrived in a car and was getting ready to enter the house. The team acted in a very



swift and efficient manner and was able to detain one person who turned out to be one of the suspect's brother. Through a quick interview process with others in the car it was learned that the suspect and his accomplice were still inside the house. Permission from the homeowner was obtained and through very effective tactics and cooperation of all involved, both suspects were taken into custody without incident. , The clothing and gun used during the robberies, as well as DNA, was recovered. This all took place with no additional officers being called in to assist. With all the officers working together the entire call was cleared within two hours. This really shows how well trained and knowledgeable the officers are on Team 4 and the varied backgrounds they have.

But Team 4 isn't all about arrests and cases solved. There were a couple of standout moments that showed that the officers have empathy for those they serve. Two of the officers helped a woman and her child who were stranded in Newark. The officers bought food and a hotel room for them with the two officers never saying anything to anyone about it. The act of kindness was only discovered by the sergeant after someone called in and offer to buy a room for the mom and her son when it was heard on the scanner. Another officer helped a Veteran through a mental crisis and was able to calmly talk him from a standoff and him injuring himself with a knife into seeking medical help. The same officer spent a large portion of time at the hospital just standing by the vets side because it was a promise made.

This is but a snapshot for the year, I could fill several pages about the good that the officers do. The important thing to take away is the City of Newark has officers that care, have empathy for their fellow humans, and know how to complete the dangerous calls if needed. There is no finer example of what officers should be than those who worked on Team 4 during 2018.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Doug Bline

In December 2017, an officer suffered an injury which took Team 5 to four officers. Over the next four months Team 5 operated with four officers. This made time off and coverage a very taxing issue. Due to Division personnel transfers, ten officers worked on Team 5 throughout 2018. During 2018, Team 5 had some significant calls for service.

In May, at approximately 7:00 am, I was advised by a civilian employee that there was suspicious briefcase sitting in front of the Division's main entrance. Upon a very brief inspection, I was able to see wires inside it. The station was evacuated, and Columbus Bomb Squad responded to the scene. Team 5 secured the perimeter, evacuated neighboring homes and businesses, and redirected traffic. After several hours, it was determined that the briefcase was a portable speaker and microphone.

Another very dynamic call was the breaking and entering of the former Longaberger Basket building in August. In the early hours Team 5 officers discovered an open door at the building and quickly determined that suspect(s) were inside. Team 5 officers responded and secured the building. Team 1 responded when they

arrived for duty along with at least seven K9 officers from NPD and other departments. After an exhaustive search of the building, three subjects were located and arrested. Two complied but one was physically apprehended by a K9. All subjects pled guilty.

Although I am always proud of Team 5, the most memorable night was in October. Team 5 had a homicide, the rape of a juvenile, and two attempted murders. One person was



stabbed four times and on a separate call, the victim was shot three times. This all occurred after 2:00 am and Team 5, along with detectives, handled it. One of the craziest nights I have ever worked.

In June I began the project of the 2018 Newark Division of Police picture. After several months of planning, ordering uniforms, quartermaster issues, and scheduling, officer's photographs were taken in late October. The photographer and I worked together along with a calligrapher and a framing/matting business to produce a finished product. On January 2, 2019 the Newark Division of Police picture was presented to Chief Connell.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Chuck Wilhelm

In early May 2018, I was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and assigned to lead Team 6. Team 6 was made up of senior police personnel, totaling 4 Patrol Officers and 1 Duty Sergeant. The members included Officer Ray Lewis, Officer Carson Slee, Officer Joseph Phillips, Officer Mike Massaro and me (Sergeant Travis Delancey). Over the years, Team 6 has been a popular shift, with the junior officer having nearly 10 years of service.

Each officer assigned to Team 6 have different attributes and personalities and bring different solutions to problems. Officer Ray Lewis is a very experienced Officer in many facets of police work. He can be counted on to perform his duties at a high level. Officer Lewis can also be observed to have a fun mischievous side. Officer Carson Slee is Team 6's calm, cool and collected officer. He seldom gets rattled and can bring a tranquil and restful calm to situations. Officer Joe Phillips was Team 6's steady hand, with the ability to do everything correct and without grumble. Officer Mike Massaro is a humorous, multi-talented Officer that can lighten up the most serious climate. I am very thankful my first patrol sergeant assignment was on Team 6 with these experienced officers. They taught me things and responded to my supervisory inexperience with delicate precision.

Team 6 members experienced many situations over the past year. The winter started off with a homicide investigation on Cherry Street. The summer began with a homicide on Hancock Street. In between, various other issues were encountered and resolved. No matter the challenge, Team 6 officers handled the various situations with professional accuracy.

In the course of 2018, team members responded to missing children cases, recovered stolen cars and firearms, domestic violence calls, overdoses, assaults, DOA's, car crashes, robberies, burglaries, sex offenses, rescued animals and countless area checks, business checks, and other assignments.

Team 6 members were ready every night in their patrol cruisers, with issued equipment, special equipment, plus a tourniquet, AED, naloxone, rubber gloves, and first aid kits. Members acted flawlessly, all without being involved in a major crash, or injury to themselves.



In all 2018 was a successful year, with little disappointment. Team 6 should be proud of the accomplishments, awards, and rewards 2018 brought. This is a low profile, proud, hardworking group of officers that ask for no recognition. Every single one of them comes to work every night looking out for each other. It was a privilege to have this group for my first sergeant assignment. There is nothing Team 6 cannot handle.

Respectively,

Sergeant Travis Delancey

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Detectives

This past year, 2018, was both a very stressful and challenging year in the Detective Bureau. It is believed to be one of the most violent years in recent history, but in the end it was an extremely rewarding year. It has been said, "The hardest day creates the best memories", with that said I am not trying to bring humor or light to tragedies others have endured, but in the police world one must find the positive because focusing on the negative can destroy a person.

In 2018, the Bureau was comprised of eight Major Crimes Detectives, two Drug Detectives assigned to the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force (CODETF), a Forensics Detective, a Property Clerk, and a Clerk. The Bureau was shorthanded for a majority of the year due to an unexpected opening and injuries. In February, the Bureau added newly appointed Detective Jarad Harper and in August, Detective Tim Fleming joined the Bureau in a temporary detective position. The Detectives assigned to the Major Crimes Unit were all capable investigators, but lacked experience, especially on major cases such as homicides.

Last year saw the transition of the Newark Division of Police Crime Lab as it moved under the umbrella of CODETF. As a result of this planned and coordinated move, Newark Division of Police Detective Tim



Elliget was named the Director of the Forensic side of the Crime Lab. The Licking County Commissioners, in partnership with CODETF, hired a chemist and he was named the Director of the Chemistry side of the Crime Lab.

A wave of violence in the City of Newark started in January 2018, with a shooting from a drug deal gone bad. A few days later the first homicide of the year occurred when four suspects entered a house during a home invasion which resulted in the death of one of the residents. A couple days later a woman was the victim of an attempted murder in which she was beaten and struck in the head with the claw end of a hammer over a dozen times. Finally, to round off the violence, on the seventh day an aggravated robbery took place in which four subjects robbed a citizen at gun point at the "Park and Ride" on W. Church Street.

The homicide was an all hands on deck, which included the Major Crimes Detectives, CODETF Detectives, and Forensics. The teamwork and leadership shown, not only during the homicide investigation, but all the cases during the seven day period was a precursor of what would happen on the major cases throughout the year. It was also the reason all the violent crimes; seven homicides, multiple attempted murders, numerous felonious assaults and robberies, and the arrest of two serial burglars were all solved. In addition to all the cases mentioned, Detectives continued to work their normal day to day case load. Detectives were also asked to work into their busy schedule the time intensive background investigations on potential new police officer hires from the final Civil Service eligibility list.

In closing, the citizens of the City of Newark should be extremely proud of the work accomplished by the Bureau in 2018. There have been many times in the Bureau's history where there were more experienced detectives and better individual talent. However, I would challenge an era where the teamwork was at the high level it was at during this past year. 2018 was a year where many detectives started out as inexperienced and ended with skills being honed and developed. Detectives who entered 2018 as inexperienced were transformed into seasoned veterans by the end of 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant John Brnjic

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Administration

In 2018 the Division's fleet was greatly improved with the addition of six new Ford SUV cruisers and four detective vehicles. The new patrol vehicles were outfitted with Watchguard video recording systems. These video systems are intuitive to use and have clearer video and audio which greatly assists officers in evidence preservation. They also automatically download the captured video when the vehicles pull into the Police Division parking lot. This feature has greatly reduced the amount of time supervisors spend transferring video files. Hopefully within the next year we can fully phase out the old video recording system as we bring new patrol vehicles into the fleet.

There were also advances in the plain car fleet. The newly acquired detective vehicles have been outfitted with emergency lights and sirens allowing them to respond to emergency situations more quickly. The goal is to outfit all detective plain cars with this equipment as new vehicles are acquired. Several used vehicles were converted from the impound lot for use by the Police Division at little to no cost. Vehicle mechanic Tim Hoffman was instrumental in the conversion of these vehicles. Tim's extensive knowledge of vehicle repair was key in keeping costs low. He made sure only quality vehicles were chosen and did most of any needed repairs and maintenance to them. Mr. Hoffman is relied upon heavily to keep the division's fleet up and running.

Several upgrades were made to the building and grounds of the Police Division. A new high efficiency chiller unit was installed replacing the buildings' original unit. The original unit had developed several problems over the last couple years and was becoming cost prohibitive to maintain. The new unit is estimated to greatly reduce energy usage. Improvements also occurred to the grounds of the Division. The building was power washed for the first time since it was constructed and landscaping was completed. Several areas that contained weeds were replaced with concrete and an outdoor break area for employees was established.

Sergeant Al Shaffer transferred to the Administrative Bureau as the new training sergeant in 2018. Sergeant Shaffer has begun to implement new and innovative ways to train division employees and stretch the training budget to maximize training. His leadership skills have been instrumental in enhancing the effectiveness of the Special Operations Group and division's firearms training.

Sergeant Shaffer also oversaw the police recruits Wes Jackson and Matthew Adams while they were in the Columbus Police Academy. He made sure that their needs were being met by the Division while they were away in the police academy. He and Sergeant Pritt also equipped and prepared our newest hire, Matthew

Garber to enter the academy in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeants Jeff Pritt and Al Shaffer



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Reserves

The Newark Division of Police Reserve Unit is comprised of certified police officers who volunteer their time to assist the Division in serving our community. Currently, the Division has three reserve officers who put in hundreds of hours a year to help this agency fulfill its mission. In 2018, these officers participated in numerous public events such as parades, 5K runs, festivals and other community engagement activities. Reserve officers work to keep events such as the Strawberry Festival and the Canal Market District a safe and friendly environment. Reserve officers were a critical part of our ability to provide a safe Vice Presidential visit in 2018. These officers filled in to help provide extra staffing and security.

The mission of the Reserves does not stop at assisting during special events. These officers also come in and work at patrolling the streets with full time officers. Reserves can make arrests, issue citations, take reports or simply help direct traffic. These officers are available to assist in any call for service. Reserve Officer Shaw regularly provided a presence at City Council meetings.

This year, Reserve Officer Chuck Lawrence completed 30 years of service as a Reserve Officer with the Newark Division of Police. The other reserve officers are Jason Shaw and Officer Melanie Angle.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Clint Eskins



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Special Operations Group

The Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Newark Division of Police prides itself in being "the tip of the spear" for this agency and the community. In 2018, the SOG team experienced several challenges and opportunities. The SOG team met challenges in some changes to training, the addition of five new operators, and in the missions presented in several activations. These same challenges brought opportunity to the team in the way of effective training, excellent team members, and new equipment.

By the beginning of the year the SOG team was down by two operators and the process was started to find their replacements. The division had recently hired several lateral officers with various levels of experience and training, allowing us to see five qualified applicants, to assess through the first half of the year. By July 2018, Sergeant Doug Wells would leave the team and all five applicants would be added to bring the team's numbers to the following: 2 team leaders, 13 operators, 2 tactical medics (NFD); a total of 17 members.

SOG Activations for 2018 totaled 12 actual full team activations. This year SOG experienced a rise in activations for barricaded / wanted violent offenders. Six of the team's activations were for subjects who were armed and barricaded or wanted for violent acts such as murder. The other half of the activations were for our typical use in executing high risk narcotics warrants with the assistance of CODE TF. Though the team experienced an increase in violent offender apprehensions, there were no injuries or use of force reported by suspects or team members.

With the increase in potentially violent encounters and through training, the need for new and updated equipment became very real. The SOG team found a need to request other agency support in the way of an armored vehicle in 4 separate incidents. In 2018, the SOG team obtained three new ballistic shields and new ballistic helmets. The old shields and helmets were equipment from 1991, and well beyond expired by industry standards. The SOG team has also made personal connections with other equipment manufacturers and providers to get the City of Newark the best possible pricing. At the end of 2018 the team obtained a quote for tactical vests and will be able to order new vests in 2019.



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Special Operations Group

The SOG team is only as proficient and effective as they are because of the training they receive. In 2018, the SOG team trained for a minimum of 120 hours. Individual operators with specialty skills put even more hours into training both here at the agency and through external training opportunities such as Ohio Tactical Officers Association's training conference. The SOG team implemented a 40 hour basic SWAT training in May of 2018 and trained with members of Columbus SWAT and other outside trainers. The team travelled to Fort Knox, KY to utilize military training facilities and ranges to hone the tactical skills of each and every operator.

The Newark Police Special Operations Group is proud of the accomplishments of 2018 and look forward to serve the division through 2019 and into the future. The team will be celebrating 30 years of service in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Clint Eskins



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Crisis Negotiations Team

The Newark Police Department Crisis Negotiator Team currently consists of six officers and a sergeant. The Team responded to three incidents throughout the year.

The first incident was on Jones Avenue. A male subject was inside the residence having a mental episode, where he thought there were people inside of his walls. The subject was shooting inside his home, shooting thousands of rounds into the walls. The SOG Team, as well as the CNT responded. Negotiators tried to make contact with the subject, however was unable to reach him. Negotiators attempted to make contact with a bullhorn, as well as utilizing the PA system of a cruiser, neither of which worked. The SOG Team eventually breached the door, and was able to make contact with the subject and bring a peaceful end to the situation.

The next call out was on Miller Avenue. Officers had received a call about a possible armed suicidal subject inside the house. It was also discovered that the subject had a warrant for his arrest. The SOG Team, was activated, as was the CNT. Once the perimeter was secured, negotiators attempted to make contact with the subject; however once again, we were unable to make contact utilizing the equipment that we have (bull horn, cruiser PA System). Eventually, the SOG Team breached the door, and the subject surrendered and was taken into custody.

The last call out that the CNT responded to was Garrick Street. Once again, it was a call involving an armed suicidal subject. Negotiators attempted to make contact with the subject, and again were unable to make contact with the tools that we have. The SOG Team breached and entered the residence, and was able to make contact with the subject, who surrendered.

These three incidents have demonstrated a great need for a way to communicate with subjects. The team currently has an outdated, broken throw phone, leaving the only way for us to try and communicate with barricaded



subjects is through a bull horn or through the PA system of a cruiser, neither of which has worked in the above mentioned incidents. My main goal for the team was to locate funding for a new throw phone, a goal that remains for 2019.

For the year 2018, as the CNT Sergeant, I have worked on trying to better equip the team. This year, a van was outfitted so that it can be utilized for CNT call outs. The van had bench seats added, a table for negotiators to work from, red/white dome lights installed, and radio chargers. A computer stand and computer are the next things to be installed. We have also obtained helmets for negotiators, for times that we have to get closer to a situation, and are currently working on obtaining "heavy vests."

In September of 2018, the team attended the Midwest Crisis Negotiators Conference. The conference is a yearly training session that provides the bulk of our training for the year. One negotiator was also sent to the Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Jon Bell

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE K9

The Division has two K9 teams in service, Officer Burris and K9 Ike and Officer Purtee and K9 Bear. 2018 saw major fundraising campaigns for the K9 unit due to the ages of Ike and Bear who are currently ten years old or are approaching it. In human years this makes them 70 years old so the search has been on to replace them with a new generation of working dogs. The Newark Division of Police has had a continuous K9 unit since 1969. The dogs and much of the equipment for the program have been bought with donated money.

The citizens and organizations from Newark, as well as others from afar, didn't let us down as we were able to exceed our fundraising goals. The City of Newark, with the backing of the mayor and city council, agreed to commit enough monies to the purchase of two new cruisers specifically for use as K9 cruisers. Those two cruisers represent the first new cruisers ever purchased specifically for the K9 program. Previous to this all K9 specific cruisers were hand-me-downs from the fleet. The purchase of these two new cruisers and all the donations received represents to the unit a tangible appreciation for the program by the city administration, city council and the citizens of Newark.

The donations received have allowed the unit to update training equipment for the dogs as well. Some of the updates are small like leads and collars but some like bite suits are expensive. The search is currently on for two new dogs that will hopefully be finalized in the spring of 2019.

In 2018 both K9 teams completed 34 public demonstrations, 12 tracks for persons, 25 vehicle searches, 16 building searches and 11 criminal apprehensions.

We would like to say thank you for all the support that we received in 2018 and hope to be able to continue to earn the trust of the citizens of Newark as we go forward into 2019.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Doug Bline



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Missing Persons Team

On September 11th, 2018, I was assigned to the Missing Person Team (MPT) as the supervisor. I took steps to update the MPT roster and I added two additional officers, MacKenzie Harris and Amanda Angles, to the vacant officer positions.

The Missing Person Team consists of the listed employees, both civilian and officers:

- Missy Schmidt
- Jackie Traub
- Detective Lyn Riley
- Detective Mike Lake
- Officer Dave Burris
- Officer Mike Massaro
- Officer Mark Smith
- Officer Mike Trotter
- Officer Christy Litzinger
- Officer Amanda Angles
- Officer MacKenzie Harris



In the four months that I have been supervising this team, I have not needed to activate the MPT, though I came close on one occasion. I was made aware of an elderly female in her 80's had left a friend's residence and her whereabouts was unknown. The elderly female had dementia and we were advised that the female had difficulties caring for herself. I was on duty when I received the call regarding this incident and I proceeded to respond to the area to assist officers in searching. I was made aware that the female resided at an address on Goosepond Road. I responded to check the residence to determine if the female made it home.

I contacted Missy, who was also working, while on my way to the address. I advised Missy that the MPT may be activated momentarily if the elderly female was not located within a few minutes and after I checked her residence. The female, within a few minutes of the phone call, was located at the OSU/COTC campus with the assistance of the campus police.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Robert Phillips

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Honor Guard

2018 began with the tragic line of duty deaths of Officer Anthony Morelli and Officer Eric Joering of the Westerville Police Department. I was honored and humbled when Columbus Police Department Honor Guard requested the Newark Police Department Honor Guard to assist. We participated in a candlelight vigil, the escort from the morgue to the funeral homes, and the service. Westerville and surrounding communities showed an incredible amount of support for law enforcement. I could not begin to count the blue lights, ribbons, and flags I saw. Both the Licking County Courthouse and the Muskingum County Courthouse were consumed by blue lights. As always, a very sobering and humbling experience.

In April we laid to rest retired Newark Police Department Chief Hummel Keim. We also mourned the loss of retired Newark Police Sergeant Denny Woods in August. Both served the City of Newark with honor.

Honor Guard also attended the funeral of Mentor, Ohio fallen Officer Mathew Mazany. Mazany was struck and killed by a vehicle while on duty. Lastly, upon request of the Heath Police Department, the Honor Guard stood vigil at the funeral service of Heath Dispatcher Tammy Miller, who lost her battle with cancer.

Not all events in 2018 were

disheartening. We presented the Colors at the NPD Awards Ceremony and participated in two Flag Day ceremonies. The first was at Geller Park in Heath. Joshua Harper was a Heath High School senior and was completing his Eagle Scout project which was a Flag Retiring Ceremony. We also participated in a Flag Day Ceremony at the Newark Elk's Lodge, which honored the flags of the United States of America.

In June we had our annual Honor Guard training which included the newest member of the Team, Amanda Angles. She did well and showed great enthusiasm. I believe she will be a great asset to the Honor Guard. Unfortunately, Deputy Chief Erik McKee had to step down from the Team. His presence and knowledge will be greatly missed. In September our training continued with the Columbus Police Department Honor Guard. This is the third year we have been invited to train with them. Training consisted of flag folding, 21 gun salute, pall bearer, marching, and colors presentation. Training is culminated with a mock funeral.

Officer Nathan Schiffel was assigned to the Licking County First Responders Pipes and Drums. This is a Pipes and Drums group comprised of Licking County law enforcement agencies. Officer Schiffel plays the snare drum.

2018 ended on another sobering event. The Honor Guard participated in a highway dedication ceremony. Kirkersville's Chief Eric DiSario was killed in the line of duty in May 2017. On November 2, 2018, a portion of State Route 40 which goes through the Village of Kirkersville was dedicated to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Chuck Wilhelm



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Police Training Officers



2018 saw seven new officers either enter or complete the Police Training Officer program. The Police Training Officer (PTO) program for training new officers incorporates contemporary adult educational methods and a version of Problem-Based Learning (PBL) adapted for police. This approach to training provides a foundation for life-long learning that prepares the new officer for the complexities of policing today and in the future.

The program consists of one week of familiarization. Familiarization includes going to the government buildings where the courts are located as well as prosecutors' offices and jail. Then twelve weeks of phase training broken down into 3 weeks per phase with a one week grading period in the middle and at the end.

The Newark Division of Police currently has 13 senior officers that are recognized as PTO's. This means that these officers are recognized for their abilities and work ethic and are entrusted by the division to train our new generations of officers.

All seven officers that took part in the training program in 2018 successfully completed the program and are currently working as officers in the City of Newark.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Doug Bline

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Technical Crash Investigators



The Newark Division of Police Technical Crash Investigators are selected officers with specialized training in investigating traffic crashes. This team of officers are called to use their skills when a crash results in a fatality or serious injury. The officers must complete four weeks of crash investigation training before being utilized in any crash investigation. This year the team added four new officers to the team; Officers Phil Palmisano, Derrick Beach, MacKenzie Harris, and Amanda Angles. They will attend training in 2019 before being utilized on call outs.

In 2018, the team handled three crashes in the City of Newark resulting in three deaths. Each of these events were traumatic, as all of them are, to work and investigate. Two of the crashes occurred within days of each other on N. 21st Street. One of the victims was a young juvenile. Crash investigators have to maintain poise as they investigate these tragic events regardless of fault. Some crashes remain under investigation for long periods of time pending technical data and other relevant information. The crash investigators also rely on the assistance of other agencies such as the Ohio State Highway Patrol for technical assistance such as retrieving data from a vehicle's data modules or when mapping large and complex crash scenes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Clint Eskins

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Firearms Instructors

2018 was another very good year for the Newark Division of Police's firearms training. We were able to incorporate several new pieces of training equipment and were able to continue to increase the tactical and life-saving proficiency of each one of our officers. The firearms staff continues to strive for tactical perfection by combining mental problem solving proficiency with logical physical weapon manipulation and effective movement exercises.



The firearms unit added Officer Bill Eberts to the staff this year. Officer Eberts brings with him a very good firearms foundation and the peer confidence to become a valuable instructor. Officer Eberts is a Sniper for the Special Operations Group and a very proficient handgun expert. We were able to bring him into the fold early this year and he took to the instructor position very well. He has become very familiar with the specific workings of the range and has a very good grasp of the specific mission the firearms unit is constantly working towards. Officer Eberts is scheduled to attend the OPOTA Firearms Instructor course in 2019 and should have all his required classes by the end of the year. I firmly believe he will become a very good asset to the firearms training unit.

Officer Arndt and Officer Massaro have continued to be very good instructors and are starting to come into their own as experts. Both continue to provide a high degree of motivation and are continually thinking of ways to

challenge our officers while continually focusing on positive gun fighting skills. I have backed off on the direct training in order to allow them to hone their skills and I have not been disappointed at all. I believe they will continue to come up with drills and exercises that provide both challenges and learning points, which will continue to benefit the patrol officer's skill sets.

We have been able to add trauma first aid to our firearms training with the help of Captain Alan Ashcraft and Firefighter Brandon Turner. One of these individuals are at every range training, and we continually incorporate there expertise and training into our live fire courses, because we believe this training is invaluable and very closely related to gun fighting.

All range instructors attended Glock and Benelli armorer school this year. All instructors received a red firearms Instructor vest, complete with tourniquets for each and new electronic hearing protection. We added two electronic shot timers to better record times and add stress to some of the exercises.

We made a big change in ammo this year. Historically we have always trained with the same ammo we carry on duty. However, this year we began to purchase practice ammo for range training. This practice ammo has proved just as reliable, and has the same exact characteristics as our duty ammo but the cost is much less. With this change alone we were able to increase the total amount of ammo purchased. This allows us to provide much more live fire training and run many more proficiency drills.

We were able to begin using the electric sonic cleaner again after being able to purchase cleaning solvent. This piece of equipment provides excellent cleaning to both handguns and long guns. A metal shotgun rack was added to the range house as a better way to secure long guns and avoid damage to them by laying them on the tables.

We were able to acquire a digital "white board" and mount it in the classroom which has greatly increased the technical abilities and in turn has enhanced the teaching capabilities. We have used the white board more than a dozen times this year and its benefits are obvious. Along with the white board, the addition of a dedicated "range" computer and printer has allowed us to increase the documentation of range records and firearm inventories. These items alone have been a huge step in efficiency for the Firearms Training Unit.

At the beginning of 2019 we will be trading in the very last of our generation 4 Glocks and purchase the new generation 5 models. This will complete the entire department's handgun update.

Some range training statistics for 2018 are as follows;

- 4 Departmental qualifications/live fire trainings
- 29 Range training sessions (departmental training only)
- 4 Open Range Days
- 272 Shooters trained
- Number of Rounds Fired (estimates);

8280 Handgun

4140 Shotgun

7000 Rifle

- 0 injuries (firearms related)
- 0 Negligent discharges

Respectfully submitted, Sergeant Al Shaffer



NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Driving Instructors

2018 was a year of change for Defensive Driving. At the beginning of the summer, we sent Officers Jarrod Conley, Phil Palmisano, and Blake Duncan to OPOTA for the Advanced Driving Instructor course. This driving instructor course was 8 days of training and they became instructors in all areas of the driving program offered by OPOTA. This includes Basic Academy Driving, Basic Academy Driving Instructor certification, Pursuit Termination Techniques Instructor, Sport Utility Vehicle, and Tactical/Dynamic Vehicle.

In mid August, myself and the other instructors met at National Trails Raceway in Hebron, Ohio to set up our driving course. Sections included Rolling Road Block which is used to terminate slow speed pursuits, Vehicle Intercept which is used to end a pursuit prior to it starting, Evasive Maneuver which teaches the driver to avoid an accident through a non-braking technique which focuses on steering past or around and object, EC Backing Exercise, which simulates backing down a street, and Dynamic Park which focuses on backing and parking.



NHTSA reports that 1 out of every 4 accidents is backing related, so we focused on backing/parking exercises. Dynamic Park offers 3 parking exercises and the Star obstacle which forces you to use your mirrors. The EC Backing exercise forces you to utilize your mirrors when backing down a street or alley while maneuvering around obstacles and turning into driveways. Dynamic Park and EC Backing are slow maneuverability exercises. Shortly after training, Officer Dave Burris was in a pursuit where the suspect locked his brakes up in front of him. Instead for rear ending him, Officer Burris was able to successfully avoid the accident. I believe our training played a role in this.

In December, we offered a driving course for the Newark Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (NCPAAA). We instructed the Dynamic Park, EC Backing and the Evasive Maneuver exercises. Citizens On Patrol (COP) should never be exceeding the posted speed limit and are usually driving below

the posted speed limit, therefore, these three exercises were practical. They focused on backing and accident avoidance. From all the feedback, I believe they learned vehicle dynamics, mirror usage and enjoyed themselves.

With the loss of two veteran instructors, the responsibilities shifted to me. I could not have been happier with my three new instructors. I advised them that I would only be instructing a few more years and that the future of the program was theirs. They were motivated and took ownership of the driving program immediately. There was little guidance on my part, they just jumped in and started instructing. I am excited to see what they come up with for future driving instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Chuck Wilhelm

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Defensive Tactics Instructors

The Newark Division of Police conducts subject control training twice a year. The training is to teach officers tactics to defend themselves and others. The unit is supervised by Sergeant Doug Wells. Along with Sergeant Wells, Officer's April Fleming, Nolan Gossett and Adam Carter make up the unit.

The instruction covers stand up self-defense, which includes kicks, strikes and blocking. The officers are also taught proper handcuffing techniques in several different positions, to include standing, kneeling and prone. Each officer is taught how to effectively use a straight baton, commonly referred to as an ASP baton. Finally every officer is trained on ground defense. Officers are given instruction on defending themselves while on the ground with an attacker on top of them or the subject trying to get on top of them.



In 2018 two officers were sent for training at the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy and were taught by

one of the world's most renown ground defense academies, known as Gracie Jiu-Jitsu. The two instructors from Newark Division of Police were awarded a certificate and became a certified instructor with the Gracie Survival Tactics system with the Gracie Academy.

The unit strives to teach every year some of the newest and most reliable training to each and every officer within the division.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Doug Wells

The Newark Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a group of citizens that have attended the Newark Citizens Police Academy and desire to continue to participate in events that allow them to provide support to the men and women of the Division and to the community.

The group meets every month on the 2nd Thursday at 7pm at the Newark Division of Police. The NCPAAA volunteers at events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Canal Market, National Night Out, Beggars night, Coffee with a Cop, Lighting of the Courthouse, and Cram the Cruiser. Their function at these events is to provide directions, water, and whatever other assistance they may be able to provide. The NCPAAA had 21 members volunteer in 2018, for a total of 232.5 hours.

The NCPAAA also works in conjunction with members of the Newark Division of Police to hold an annual Newark Citizens Police Academy. The NCPAAA financially support and volunteer their time during the academy. The Division provides the instructors (sworn officers) to teach/train the class.

A further function of the Association is the Citizens on Patrol (COP). A vehicle has been made available to members to take out and be an additional set of eyes for the Division. Their function is not to take action, but to report any problem they may see from something blocking a road to an accident that they stumble upon. A COP training session was held on December 8th at the National Trails Raceway for new members and as a refresher for members who had attended a previous session. Driving Instructors provided the training at NTR. The NCPAAA had 8 members take out the COP vehicle 14 times for a total of 96 hours in 2018. Those numbers should increase in 2019, due to the training in December and more members qualified to take the COP vehicle out on patrol.

The group has taken it upon themselves to provide a yearly fundraiser to help buy much needed equipment for some aspect of the Division of Police. The NCPAAA held their Annual Car Show on August 24th, and it continues to grow each year and bring in more money to support the mission of the Association.

The NCPAAA partnered with the Division in 2018, to collect donations from the community to purchase new K9's, as well as pay for training and equipment associated with the new K9's. The NCPAAA is a charity, 501c3, which allows donations to be tax deductible according to law.

Members of the NCPAAA also attended the funeral of two Westerville Officers killed in the line of duty in early 2018, as well as volunteered and attended the Annual Newark Division of Police Awards Program in May.

The following NCPAAA members comprise the Executive Board for 2018; Annette Smith – President, Stan Vinning – Vice President, Dreama Hughes – Secretary, and Shawn Butler – Treasurer. Deputy Chief Darrin Logan is the liaison from the Newark Division of Police to the NCPAAA.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief Darrin Logan



Physical Fitness

The Physical Fitness Award may be awarded to any sworn employee for achieving a fitness level as described in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Award recipients may wear the Physical Fitness Award until such employee either fails to participate in the incentive program or fails to meet the fitness requirements in subsequent years.

The primary goals are to encourage general fitness to help the members perform their duties and avoid unnecessary injuries. Additionally there is a long term goal of encouraging a level of fitness that will allow for a high quality of life after their career in law enforcement is complete.





Carson Slee



Bill Eberts









Dave Burris

Adam Carter



Oren Nauman







Tim Hickman



Travis Delancey



Bill Evans



Al Shaffer



April Fleming

Bert Gliatta

Erik McKee



Derrick Beach

Clint Eskins





Darrin Logan





Barry Connell





NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Awards Ceremony May 23, 2018 Certificate of Commendation

In March of 2017 the Newark Police Department began the process of switching over to New World. Information System Coordinator Missy Schmidt had the task of implementing the new system. As we all know this has been a rough transition. Missy has done an amazing job at facing it head on and tackling all of the obstacles as they come up. Whenever someone has a question or a problem she is quick to either fix the problem, and if she can't, she is on the phone trying to get an answer.



Missy's dedication and determination to make New World proficient along with her positive attitude throughout this process is the reason why she is deserving of a Certificate of Commendation.

Missy Schmidt



Brian Thomas

On October 13, 2017, Officer Brian Thomas was confronted with a young man threatening to harm himself. Brian called Sergeant Jon Bell to advise him that the young man had been taunted by other students. The young man had become upset and was making threats to kill himself.

Brian advised that he had been talking to him about going out to the hospital to talk to someone, but the young man told Brian that there weren't enough officers to make him go. At over 300 pounds, Brian knew this was no hollow threat. Brian asked for additional officers but none were available at the time due to call volume. Sergeant Bell responded and a plan was developed should the young man decide to fight.

Brian worked hard to develop a rapport with him, and was finally able to calm him down. Brian was able to convince him to go out to LMH with him. Brian was able to de-escalate the man so that it wasn't necessary to go hands on, which would have likely resulted in someone getting hurt.

Officer Brian Thomas displayed a caring attitude toward the young man in crisis and resolved a bad situation in the best way possible. It is for this reason he is deserving of recognition and a Certificate of Commendation.

Special Commendation



On June 30, 2017, officers responded to a report of a runaway 8 year old autistic boy, from North Avenue. Due to his mental health condition, the boy is a part of Project Life Saver, and has a tracking device on him. Officers responded to the area to search for him. After several minutes of searching for the child, dispatch advised that a caller was reporting a small child running down State Route 16. The child was located running west in the eastbound lane of SR 16. Officers Evans and Carter were able to run and catch him, while Officer Beach managed to shut down traffic. Traffic was kept shut down, until the child was escorted across the lanes of traffic, as our cruisers were parked on the westbound side. Due to the actions of the officers involved, we were able to return the child safely home.

The Special Commendation Ribbon shall be awarded to any active or reserve officer of the Division who distinguishes him or herself for any act or achievement which contributes to a valuable police service and demonstrates the individual's faithfulness and perseverance. Because of this dedication to service and perseverance, the above mentioned officers are certainly worthy of this commendation.



Bill Evans



Derrick Beach



Adam Carter

Special Commendation



On May 10, 2017, officers responded to a report of a stabbing at 429 Garfield Avenue. Upon arrival, officers were advised that the suspect was fleeing the area. As Officers Justin Wisecarver and Oren Nauman were arriving in the area, they were directed to the fleeing suspect, and a pursuit began. The pursuit continued out into the county, and was soon joined by Officer Brody Maring.

Eventually the suspect drove off road, and disappeared into the woods. Officers exited their cruisers in search of the suspect. The officers soon could hear the vehicle returning toward their location. As the suspect vehicle emerged from the wooded area, the suspect drove directly at the officers. Officer Maring was forced to fire on the driver. The suspect crashed into a tree and was taken into custody.

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Justin Wisecarver



Brody Maring



Oren Nauman

Special Commendation



On July 24, 2017, the incident in question initially came in as an active shooter at the Bob Evans. Team 1 officers responded to the area without hesitation. As officers responded, the information provided by dispatchers was limited and conflicting, which added to the intensity of the situation.

Upon arrival, officers found a very chaotic scene in which vehicles were crashed in the street and a male subject lay with citizens providing CPR. These patrol officers were able to quickly assess the situation, quickly clear the area to make it safe, locate a wounded female victim, and secure the scene.

These officers would find themselves quickly pulled from an "attack mode" to a calm demeanor to establish a crime scene, locate witnesses and evidence, and secure other locations, all with the assistance of other area law enforcement. The officers working Team 1 that day showed professionalism, poise and great courage through the initial response and subsequent duties needed to complete the investigation.

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Troy Cochran



Blake Duncan



Shayne Stevens



Christy Litzinger

Clint Eskins

Special Commendation



On September 16, 2017 officers were dispatched to PNC Bank on W. Church Street on a reported bank robbery, where the suspect produced a firearm. Detectives canvased the area and met with numerous business owners and were able to secure video tape of the suspect coming and leaving the bank. Detectives appealed to the public for assistance and received numerous tips which were all followed up on to no avail. On one tip, Detectives received the name Maurice Thomas. Clerk Cheri Caudell was able to find a link between Maurice Thomas who is from Columbus to family in Newark and a brother in prison. Detectives listened to countless hours of prison calls and were able to establish that Maurice Thomas was the bank robber and through interviews were able to establish probable cause for arrest.

Once the warrant was obtained, Detectives worked countless hours to locate Maurice who did not have a known address. Again, listening to prison calls, Detectives were able to determine a several block area where Maurice had just moved in and a vehicle he just purchased, all from the proceeds of the bank robbery. With the assistance from the Columbus SWAT team, Maurice was arrested without incident.

This was a great example of team work, good old fashion police work and patience to take a dangerous and violent offender off the streets.

For their involvement, these employees are awarded a Special Commendation/Certificate of Commendation.



Art Minton



Jarrod Conley



Ryan Fumi



Cheri Caudell

NEWARK DIVISION OF POLICE Awards Ceremony May 23, 2018 Special Commendation



For the last several years, Robert "LEVI" Shaffer was responsible for terrorizing citizens in Newark. He was involved in drug dealing, robberies, shootings and simply intimidating anyone who crossed his path. Detective Fumi not only worked new cases involving Levi but opened up old cases, located victims, and got them to cooperate.

In one case, while trying to find a victim, Detective Fumi put out the word he just wanted to have pizza and talk. The victim came forward and Ryan bought a pizza. He talked with the person and in the end the victim was a valuable asset not only in the investigation, but was a direct reason Levi decide to change his plea. Levi Shaffer pled to numerous counts to include robbery and felonious assault. He was sentenced to nine years of mandatory time.

For his dedication, Detective Fumi is awarded a Special Commendation.



Ryan Fumi

Meritorious Unit



On March 31, 2018, Officers Travis Delancey and Joe Phillips were dispatched to the area of Seroco Avenue to check for a truck that was driving through yards next to homes and causing a disturbance. Officers attempted to make a stop on the vehicle to check with the driver and to determine if he was the actual suspect or if he may have information. When Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the vehicle failed to stop and a short pursuit ensued. The vehicle went around the block and came to a stop in the front yard of 457 Wehrle Avenue. Dispatch advised that Heath Police K9 Team was also on his way to assist after hearing the call over the radio.

Officer Delancey informed dispatch over the radio that the driver had a knife and was placing it against his throat. The suspect told the officers if they did not back away he would cut his throat. Officers backed away and took cover and started to engage in conversation with the suspect. The man refused to exit the vehicle and failed to cooperate with any of the orders given to him by Officer Delancey.

A coordinated plan was developed that addressed containment of the incident as well as safely taking the suspect into custody. Through the use of distraction, TASER, and K9 Havic, the suspect was taken into custody without serious harm.

These employees are awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for their actions while engaged in a team effort, they performed in an exemplary manner, an act or achievement, which contributed to a valuable police service and demonstrates the units' cohesiveness and perseverance.



Doug Wells



Joe Phillips



Travis Delancey



MacKenzie Harris



Steve Benner



Mark Emde



Tim Fleming



K9 Havic

Meritorious Unit



Al Shaffer

ing the residence, officers heard banging coming from the attic of the house. A short time later the suspect was observed on the roof of the residence after breaking through the roof deck. In addition to attempting to elude arrest, the suspect had recently ingested illegal narcotics that were starting to affect his ability to function. While numerous officers and supervisors secured the area, on-duty Crisis Negotiation Team members be-

On May 8, 2017 officers were dispatched to 451 Park Ave. to assist Proba-



Jon Bell



Lyn Riley

gan arriving at the scene. Over the course of the next four hours, CNT members attempted to negotiate with the suspect. This was extremely difficult due to the suspect's drug use making him hallucinate and stumble back and forth across the steep angle of the roof. Further hampering the efforts were family and friends interfering in the negotiations and neighborhood residents taunting the suspect to jump off the roof. Unusually warm temperatures



Steve Benner



Trent Stanford

As it became obvious that the suspect was more likely to pass out and fall or jump off the roof than surrender; CNT members, with the input of the Newark Division of Fire, attempted to coax the suspect to an area that would limit his possible injury if he fell or jumped. The suspect eventually fell and was transported for medical treatment before being taken into custody on the warrant.

These employees are awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for

their actions while engaged in a team effort, they performed in an exemplary manner, an act or achievement, which contributed to a valuable police service and demonstrates the units' cohesiveness and perseverance.

made it difficult on officers both inside and outside the residence.

Dave Arndt



Corey Tyson



Mike Lake



Mike Massaro



Chelsea Rubio



Adam Carter



Dave Burris

Coury Stevens

Meritorious Unit



Jon Bell

On March 2, 2018, officers encountered a frantic individual in the NPD Lobby. The individual advised that there was someone being stabbed on Seroco Avenue and that we needed to go there right away. Upon mentioning the name of the subject doing the stabbing, Officer Purtee recognized the name and advised that he was a legitimate concern. Officer Benner and Officer Beach were left with the complainant, as other officers were directed to head to the address on Seroco Avenue



Steve Benner



Dave Arndt

Upon arrival, officers were unable to make contact with anyone at the home, however, victim's vehicle was on scene. A decision was made to force entry, to check on the welfare of the suspect's father. Officers then used a battering ram, to force the door open. As officers entered the home, an elderly male subject appeared from one of the bedrooms, covered in blood. It was obvious that he had been severely assaulted. As officers were assessing the man, a noise could be heard from the basement. Officers outside the home on the perimeter advised that they had a male subject climbing out of the basement window. The suspect was confronted and taken into custody.



Ion Purtee



Chelsea Rubio

It was discovered that the victim was suffering from a stab wound to his side. The victim advised that his son had tied him up with duct tape, and had been beating on him for several hours throughout the day. At one point, the suspect stabbed his father in the side. The victim advised that the suspect only cut him loose when officers began knocking on the door. NFD responded, who then called in life flight for the victim. It was later learned that the suspect had called his friend, the complainant, to ask him to bring gas over in order to get rid of his father's body. It is without a doubt, that officers' actions this night saved the life of the victim.

These employees are awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for their actions while engaged in a team effort, they performed in an exemplary manner, an act or achievement, which contributed to a valuable police service and demonstrates the units' cohesiveness and perseverance.





Derrick Beach



Adam Carter



MacKenzie



April Fleming

Meritorious Unit





John Brnjic

On November 6, 2017, officers were dispatched to the 600 block of W. Main Street on a reported missing person. It was learned that a twelve year old female had left the residence between 3:00 and 3:30 to go on a bike ride but never returned home at dark as requested. This was odd behavior for the girl who normally rides her bike in the area and always comes home on time. The girl did not have a history of being a runaway and was in a pleasant mood according to family.

With the assistance of the family it was quickly determined the child had established an on-line relationship with a 40 year old man from Wisconsin and there was a plan for the two to meet in Newark. It was learned that the man had left Wisconsin in the early hours of that same day. Further it was discovered he had



Doug Bline



Lyn Riley

At about 10:30 PM the child returned home and was evaluated by medical staff and interviewed by the Licking County Kids Team, which included representatives from Newark Police, Licking County Children Services and Licking Memorial Health Systems. On November 7, 2017 at about 1:00 AM Detectives from the Newark Division of Police, with the assistance of the Dublin Police Department took the man into custody without incident. He faces charges of Kidnapping and Gross Sexual Imposition.

These employees are awarded the Meritorious Unit Commenda-

tion for their actions while engaged in a team effort, they performed in an exemplary manner, an act or achievement, which contributed to a valuable police service and demonstrates the

checked into a Dublin hotel on the same day.

units' cohesiveness and perseverance.



Mike Lake



Rob Phillips



Ryan Fumi



Derrick Beach

Meritorious Unit



John Brnjic





George Romano





Steve Vanoy

Lyn Riley

On January 16, 2018, detectives were called out and investigated a shooting at 327 Union Street when a subject had been shot numerous times. Detectives worked extensive hours to determine the truth and potential charges in the case. Thus far two arrests have been made on this case with potential additional arrests once BCI lab testing is complete.

On January 20, 2018, detectives were called back in to investigate a homicide which occurred at 70 Cherry Street, where four subjects committed a home invasion, and in doing so, shooting and killing the victim. Detectives worked around the clock with minimal time off or sleep to take the four suspects in custody.

On January 23, 2018, detectives were summoned to a different apartment at 327 Union Street where the suspect struck the female victim repeatedly with a claw hammer in the head and leaving her for dead. The suspect arrested and convicted.

On January 24, 2018, Detectives were called out in the early morning hours on a reported aggravated robbery. Four subjects robbed the victim at gun point at the Park and Ride on W. Church Street. All four suspects were arrested.

During an eight day period the City of Newark was struck with four violent major crimes. The investigators assigned to the Detective Bureau rose to the challenge and worked tirelessly to bring justice in every case. While operating on little sleep, detectives were required to be flexible, stay organized, be tactical, and be on top of their game while conducting interviews.

It is for these reasons that the above mentioned detectives are deserving of the Meritorious Unit Commendation for their actions while engaged in a team effort, they performed in an exemplary manner, an act or achievement, which contributed to a valuable police service and demonstrates the units' cohesiveness and perseverance.





Art Minton

Jarrod Conley



Todd Green



Mike Lake



Ryan Fumi

Lifesaving



In 2016, Captain Alan Ashcraft and Firefighter Brandon Turner joined the Special Operations Group (S.O.G. Team) with the Newark Division of Police to fill the much needed role of having dedicated Tactical Medics assigned to the team. Almost immediately their valuable service to the team was realized during two separate incidents where S.O.G. Team members required advanced medical assistance above standard first aid in which other team members are trained. If not for their presence and quick actions, these incidents could have proven much more dangerous or even deadly. In addition to these instances, the tactical medics not only participate in training and real world deployments along with the Special Operations Group but also provide the team, as well as all Newark Division of Police officers, with lifesaving knowledge, skills, and advanced trauma response training.

For their involvement in these two lifesaving incidents as well as the lifesaving knowledge and skills they are passing along to all Division officers, these employees are awarded the lifesaving ribbon.

The lifesaving ribbon shall be awarded to any employee of the Division who distinguishes themselves in the saving of a human life by the display of conspicuous initiative, capability and attention to duty, thereby earning respect and admiration for themselves and the Division.



Alan Ashcraft



Brandon Turner

Lifesaving



On November 11, 2017, Newark Fire was dispatched to Goodwill at 101 Union Street for a cardiac arrest. Assistant Chief David Decker arrived a few minutes later along with Sergeant Clint Eskins and Officer Trent Stanford. An adult male was inside the store in cardiac arrest. They asked Chief Decker what they could do to help, and immediately started CPR to assist me until additional Newark Fire units arrived.

The medic crew later reported to Chief Decker that they got a pulse back on the patient and he went to the cath lab to be treated for a heart attack, and was then moved to the ICU. Both officers were very helpful in providing patient care. Additionally, there were several bystanders inside the store who seemed impressed with the excellent teamwork.

Chief Decker is quoted as stating "The working relationship between the PD and the FD has never been better. Thanks for your help."

For their involvement in this lifesaving incident, these employees are awarded the lifesaving ribbon.

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Clint Eskins



Trent Stanford
Lifesaving



On December 16, 2017, Sergeant Jon Bell, Officer Bill Evans, and Officer April Fleming were dispatched to Maple Avenue in reference to a suicide attempt. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a woman who stated her son had cut his arm badly. Officers found the man in a vehicle and began applying direct pressure and then a tourniquet to the man's arm.

Upon speaking with his mother, they learned the man was battling severe depression and was recently placed on new medication. She stated she hadn't heard from him so she thought it was best to come check on him as he appeared more depressed over the last few days. She stated when she arrived at his home he had a large wound on his arm and was losing a lot of blood. Newark Fire responded to the scene and transported the patient to the hospital.

For their involvement in this lifesaving incident, these employees are awarded the lifesaving ribbon.

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Jon Bell



Bill Evans



April Fleming

Public Service Award

On September 18, 2017, Sergeant Chuck Wilhelm and Officer Kevin Wells responded to the McDonalds on N. 21st Street on an overdose call. An adult female had overdosed in her vehicle that was in the parking lot. Also in the vehicle was her three year old son. A McDonald's employee, Anna Freas, removed the child from the vehicle prior to our arrival and took the child into the restaurant. Anna comforted the child and fed him while we were busy with the child's mother.

The child was extremely scared, but Anna was able to gain his trust and comfort him. By the time the medics had transported the female to the hospital and we had obtained statements from witnesses, the child was calm, warm, and fed. As a matter of fact, the child was reluctant to leave her when we located responsible relatives.

Anna made a bad situation better by taking care of the young child. She gave comfort and love when it was needed.

It is for these reasons Anna Freas is deserving of recognition by the Newark Ohio Division of Police and the citizens of Newark for her dedication and service to the community we all serve.



Anna Freas

5 Years Service





Tim Hoffman



Christy Litzinger



Ryan Fumi



Chelsea Rubio

10 Years Service





Blake Duncan





Mike Lake

Dave Burris



April Fleming

Bill Eberts

15 Years Service





Toby Wills



Trent Stanford



Jarrod Conley



Dave Arndt



Todd Green



Jon Purtee

20 Years Service





Shawn Henery



Ray Lewis



Art Minton



Al Shaffer



Jon Bell

25 Years Service





Dave Bardsley



Mark Smith



Chuck Wilhelm



Darrin Logan





Chuck Lawrence

2018 Calls for Service



Historical Comparison of Specific Offenses

Offense	2015	2016	2017	2018
Homicide	0	0	0	6
Aggravated Robbery/Robbery	50	45	200	41
Felonious Assault/Assault	307	392	256	314
Aggravated Burglary/Burglary	220	276	200	268
Breaking & Entering	204	319	156	199
Rape	60	49	46	43
Arson	18	31	10	31
Larceny Theft	1892	1753	1337	2372
Motor Vehicle Theft	118	126	166	260
Total	2869	2991	2371	3696

2018 Traffic Crashes

Offense	New World	OLEIS
Non-Injury	965	672
Injury	183	206
Fatality	3	3

2018 Citations

Month	Moving Violation	OVI	Total Citations Issued
January	36	5	
February	41	8	
March	35	1	
April	32	1	
Мау	32	3	
June	36	5	**76
July	45	5	86
August	38	7	69
September	35	7	65
October	83	4	122
November	26	5	82
December	20	6	54

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Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force

2018 statistics for the CODETF can be found at <u>http://newarkpd.com/wp-content/uploads/CODETF-</u> <u>STATS-2018-compl.pdf</u>

2018 Pursuit Analysis

Total Number of Pursuits	16
Pursuits Within Policy	16
Day of the Week	
Sunday	5
Monday	2
Tuesday	1
Wednesday	2
Thursday	2
Friday	3
Saturday	1
Average Pursuit Time	4.5mins
Suspect Vehicle Type	
Car	7
Truck	3
SUV	3
Motorcycle	3
Reason for Initial Contact	
Traffic	8
Criminal	8
Pursuits Resulting in Crash	5
Suspect Vehicle Damaged	6
Patrol Vehicle Damaged	2
Pursuits Resulting in Injuries	6
Roadblocks	0
Forceable Stops	0
Stopped Due to Tire Deflation Devices	2
Pursuits Term. Prior to Apprehension	3
Suspect Stopped Voluntarily	8
Suspect Crashed	5

2018 Use of Force

Total Number of Use of Force Use of Force within Policy Month	45 45
January	1
February	2
March	4
April	2
May	3
June	6
July	5
August	8
September	2
October	5
November	5
December	3
Day	
Sunday	10
Monday	6
Tuesday	7
Wednesday	12
Thursday	1
Friday	6
Saturday	4
Type of Force	
Firearm	0
Chemical	0
Baton	1
TASER	6
К-9	6
Unarmed	35
Injury to Subject %	29
Injury to Subject #	64%
Injury to Officer #	12
Injury to Officer %	26%
Mental Stress/Instability #	13
Mental Stress/Instability %	29%
Influence of Alcohol/Drugs #	27
Influence of Alcohol/Drugs %	60%

2018 Standard of Conduct Investigations

It is a best practice of law enforcement to conduct a yearly review of all standard of conduct investigations. Listed below are the statistics from that review.

7 total standard of conduct investigations

- 4 were citizen complaints
- 3 were internal complaints
- 0 were other agency complaints
- 1 finding of sustained
- 1 finding of complaint was unfounded
- 1 finding of employee exonerated
- 2 finding of no criminal charges
- 1 finding of officer resigned or retired before the investigation was complete
- 1 investigation is not complete as of the date of this report

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