



## BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Trustees and Residents of Bath Township  
From: Vito F. Sinopoli, Chief of Police



As we move forward in the coming year, it is an honor and privilege to look back at the accomplishments of the Bath Police Department and review our goals and objectives that were set for 2020.

### **Overall Goal:**

The Bath Township Police Department will strive to provide residents and business owners with the most community focused, efficient and effective police service.

### **Objectives:**

1. Maintain innovative, honest and responsive leadership. Leadership should never be satisfied with the status quo, but always seek ways to improve all of the department's operations. Supervisors will set the tone of professionalism, integrity, hard work and receptivity to change.



*Captain Brown has been a member of this department since 1988. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and Captain in 2018. He handles a variety of administrative responsibilities and has been responsible for submitting many successful grants.*



Likewise, our sergeants are seasoned professionals;

*Sgt. Borton is in charge of the day shift [7a.m. to 3 p.m.]. He has been with Bath Police Department since 1991. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2006. Sgt. Borton has been working this past year on setting training standards for the department officers.*



*Sgt. Moats is the afternoon supervisor [3 p.m. to 11 p.m.]. He has been with the department since 1996 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2007. Sgt. Moats is in charge of the Bath PD Jail.*



*Sgt. Griffith is the night shift supervisor [11 p.m. to 7 a.m.]. He joined the department in 2005 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2018. Sgt. Griffith is in charge of the Property [and Evidence] Room.*

## Detective Bureau



*Detective Lieutenant Munsey has been with the Bath PD since 1971. He started his career as a police cadet at that time, and was subsequently hired as a Communication Specialist in 1973, followed by becoming a part-time police officer in 1975; full-time in 1976; Detective Sergeant in 1979; and Detective Lieutenant in 1986. He also served as Interim Chief of Police from 10/8/2003 to 12/31/2004 [choosing to not pursue the Chief's position]. He continues as the supervisor for the Detective Bureau to date. His career and expertise in law enforcement is commendable. Det. Lt. Munsey is one of 500 police supervisors in the State of Ohio to be certified with the Law Enforcement Executive Program [CLEE] through 2022. We are very fortunate to have Det. Lt. Munsey as a part of the Bath PD team.*

### **2. Review and update departmental guidelines and policies.**

*Emergency Operation of Vehicles and Vehicular Pursuit was updated in January, May, June and again in July in order to align with the new Best Standards Practices outlined and established by the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board.*

*Crowd Management was revised and reissued to officers on December 8, 2020 along with the Mobile Field Force Unit General Orders to address training and appropriate police response to civil unrest and protests.*

*Response to Aggression was updated in August to reflect appropriate means for officers responding to resistance by individuals to complying with law enforcement.*

*Memorandums [MOU] and Agreements were established, reestablished and updated with the following agencies: Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Copley Police Department, Fairlawn Police Department and the Village of Richfield Police Department to provide mutual aid in times of emergency operations. A MOU with the City of Cuyahoga Falls was established in September 2020.*

*Ohio Collaborative (OC) Audit Review of Standard 1 through 7 – Response to Aggression, Recruitment and Hiring, Community Engagement, Body Worn Cameras, Telecommunicator Training, Bias Free Policing, and Employee Misconduct: On March 20, 2020 the reviewer assigned to our department began the process of certifying the documents we submitted back in September 2019 for the Response to Aggression and Recruitment and Hiring standard. We received notice that our department was highly recommended by the reviewer for recertification. The OC Reviewer also looked at all the other documents in Standards 2-7 and signed off on our compliance. Final certification approval was granted on May 5, 2020. On December 30, 2020, our department received a Final Certification from the OC regarding our compliance with Safe Policing for Safe Communities. Standard 8 – Vehicular Pursuits was the new Standard to be enacted by the OC. We are ahead of the curve with regard to compliance and expect to have all of our documents submitted by the end of the year.*

3. Recruit and retain the best possible police officers and communication specialist. *Our department has been very fortunate to develop a good professional relationship with the Telecommunications Commander/Instructor at the Public Safety Training Institute [PSTI] at Cuyahoga Community College. PSTI has an established 12-week dispatch training program and we receive notifications when they are hosting the Career Opportunity Open House to showcase our department. Recruitment of police and communication specialist positions are also posted as needed on Handshake at The University of Akron, Kent State University, Stark State, and Walsh University in North Canton. Online applications are also available on the Bath Township webpage. We were fortunate to hire Morgan Tropf, The University of Akron Intern, as a part-time Communication Specialist in April. Morgan will join us in January 2021 as a full-time member for a six-month commitment. We advertised for a full-time position in November and there will be background investigations on two potential candidates who passed an initial interview with the selection committee in December.*

*In addition, Officers Klein and Houser were hired on a full-time basis in March and April. Both officers had been with the department for nearly a year part-time before their full-time appointment.*

4. Provide quality training to police officers and communication specialists.

*Trainings are especially important as members refine and acquire new skills related to law enforcement. With the outbreak of the coronavirus earlier in the year, many trainings were cancelled and/or rescheduled for later in the year. Some training took place in the form of webinars on-site.*



*With the addition of new NexGen 9-1-1 equipment, training for supervisors and communication specialists were held on August 18-20, 2020. This training was especially*



*important to learn how to use the new equipment and processing 9-1-1 calls with the City of Hudson. We entered this partnership in order to maximize resources and circumvent future staffing issues.*



*During the year, Department members attended the following trainings:*

**Chief Sinopoli:** How to Sidestep Trouble & Bias in Trials and Investigations 1.31.2020  
Supervisor Leadership Institute 7.27-31.2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Responding to the Needs of Victims Zoom Conference 9.17-18.2020  
2020 Chiefs' In-Service & Annual Conference via Zoom 9.20-22.2020  
Command Leadership Institute 9.28-10.2.2020  
Pursuit Supervision 11.5.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

**Captain Brown:** 2020 ILO Statewide Conference 2.26.2020  
Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations Through Online Services 3.10.2020  
Supervisor Leadership Institute 7.27-31.2020  
Command Leadership Institute 9.28-10.2.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

**Det. Lt. Munsey:** How to Sidestep Trouble & Bias in Trials and Investigations 1.31.2020  
Failures in Criminal Investigations Webinar 6.12.2020  
Interview & Interrogation Webinar 6.18-19.2020  
Pursuit Supervision 7.30.2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Supervisors' In-Service via Zoom 10.18-19.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

**Det. Lance:** How to Sidestep Trouble & Bias in Trials and Investigations 1.31.2020  
Failures in Criminal Investigations Webinar 6.12.2020  
Interview & Interrogation Webinar 6.18-19.2020  
Pursuit Emergency Operations 6.17.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

**Det. Gabel:** How to Sidestep Trouble & Bias in Trials and Investigations 1.31.2020  
Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations Through Online Services 3.10.2020  
Failures in Criminal Investigations Webinar 6.12.2020  
Pursuit Emergency Operations 6.17.2020  
The War on Cops Webinar 7.9.2020  
Tips & Tricks for Leveraging Facebook & Instagram in Investigations Webinar 7.15.2020  
Images in Investigations: More than Meets the Eye Webinar 7.29.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Mobile Field Force Training 9.21. 2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020  
Adult Mental Health First Aid Training 12.15.2020

**Sgt. Borton:** Pursuit Supervision 7.30.2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Supervisors' In-Service via Zoom 10.18-19.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

**Sgt. Griffith:** Pursuit Supervision 7.30.2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Supervisors' In-Service via Zoom 10.18-19.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

**Sgt. Moats:** Pursuit Supervision 7.30.2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Supervisors' In-Service via Zoom 10.18-19.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

## **Officers**

**Alexander:** Pursuit Emergency Operations 10.21.2020

**Chapman:** Pursuit Emergency Operations 5.19.2020  
Improving Police & Community Relations Webinar 6.8.2020  
Failures in Criminal Investigations Webinar 6.12.2020  
Understanding New & Advanced Technology Webinar 6.23-24.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

**Falconer:** Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Pursuit Emergency 8.19.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

Houser: Developing a Safety Town in Your Community 3.12.2020  
Pursuit Emergency Operations 8.20.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

Klein: Pursuit Emergency Operations 6.16.2020  
Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Training Webinar 7.14.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.23.2020

Mihalik: Pursuit Emergency 8.19.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020

Oubre: Pursuit Emergency Operations 5.19.2020  
Handle with Care Webinar 7.7.2020  
Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Training Webinar 8.6.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

Reilly: TASER CEW Instructor Certification 2.25.2020  
Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations Through Online Services 3.10.2020  
Pursuit Emergency Operations 5.19.2020  
Sex Crimes for Patrol and New Investigators 6.10-12.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training Instructor 12.15-16.2020

Roberts: Pursuit Emergency Operations 10.21.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

Rundle: Pursuit Emergency Operations 9.17.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

Shaffer: Pursuit Emergency Operations 5.20.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

South: Pursuit Emergency Operations 9.17.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

VanFossen: Pursuit Emergency Operations 10.20.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.15.2020

Watson: Pursuit Emergency Operations 10.20.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

Wolf: Pursuit Emergency Operations 8.20.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.23.2020

Young: Combat Marksmanship Skills Workshop 2.11-13.2020  
2020 Medicolegal Death Investigation Basic Training Course 3.9-11.2020  
Sex Crimes for Patrol and New Investigators 6.10-12.2020  
Pursuit Emergency Operations 6.16.2020  
Interview & Interrogation Webinar 6.18-19.2020  
Law Enforcement Response to Civil Disorders 8.11.2020  
The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing & Advanced Interrogation 9.15-18.2020  
Practical Application in Use of Force Training 12.16.2020

## **Communication Specialists:**

Baker: Developing a Safety Town in Your Community 3.12.2020  
Tayerle: First Line Supervision 3.9-13.2020



**CPR TRAINING:** *Twenty-four Department members recertified in CPR/First Aid in July.*

*We appreciate the FD providing this service*



**EAP TRAINING:** *All department staff completed three online training assessments; Anti-Harassment Prevention Training for Employees, Diversity: Seeking Commonality; and Drug Free Workplace in 2020.*

5. Promote police conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the community. *This objective reflects the nature of being open to Community Engagement and demonstrates the appreciation expressed by the community in a variety of ways. This past year marked the following events:*

- Heritage Crossing Assisted Living and Memory Care Appreciation Lunch January 9, 2020 [in recognition of National Law Enforcement Day]. Lunch was provided again to officers and dispatch on April 7, 2020 in appreciation for their efforts during the pandemic. They continued to provide a variety of meals throughout the year.*



*Old Trail School primary students visit PD with appreciation snacks for officers January 20, 2020.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from Bath Elementary learns about township services from Chief Sinopoli January 24<sup>th</sup>.*





*Chief Sinopoli presentation to middle school students at St. Hilary's March 10, 2020.*

*Emergency Responder's Celebration Caravan initiated by the Revere Road Synagogue May 12, 2020 in appreciation for services provided during the pandemic.*



*Lunch provided from Medic Management in appreciation for first responders May 27, 2020.*

*Mellion Orthodontics donated Girl Scout cookies to our First Responders June 5, 2020.*



*The seniors from Heritage Crossing visited the department on June 18, 2020. The meal provided for staff was a hot dog/condiment bar.*



*Numerous food donations and food gift cards were given to the department by the families and citizens in neighboring communities in support of the police department during the month of June.*



***Lunch provided by the Shively Family for the Department as well as for the Bath Township staff on June 23, 2020. It was a rainy day, but in spite of the weather, everyone enjoyed the Swenson's food truck.***



***Snacks provided by the friends and neighbors of Dr. Litman in appreciation for our officers participating in his drive-by retirement party July 2020.***

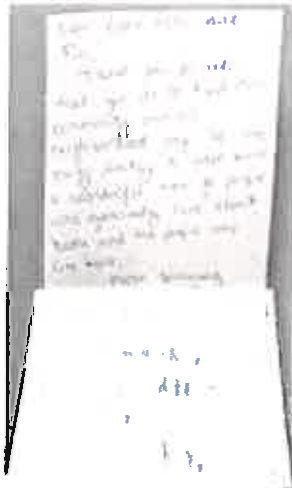


***St. Victor Church/Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought ice cream and toppings for the department August 5, 2020.***

***Heritage Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care Staff brought a barbeque lunch August 6, 2020.***







*Letters from families and children are always appreciated.*

*The Ohio Veterans and First Responders in Agriculture sent in seeds and sweets on 9/11/2020.*



*Lunch was again provided for department staff September 24, 2020 from Heritage Crossing.*

*Lunch provided for the department on September 25, 2020 from Bath Manor in appreciation of First Responders Month.*



*Thank you to Wichert Insurance for breakfast 10/28/2020.*



*Fall into Nature 2020 was a different format this past year. Thanks to Officer Houser for putting together the scarecrow to represent PD.*



*The children from Rosh Pinah Congregation wrote thank you letters to our officers and delivered them October 31, 2020.*

***Drug take back day on October 24, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Acme, Montrose.***



***Eighteen pounds of medications were collected. Wellness kits and Detera prescription disposal bags were also distributed to people stopping by.***



***A generous First Responders Appreciation lunch was provided by the Cascade Auto Group owned by Bath residents, the Primm Family.***

***Friends at B & C Communications provided Holiday snacks and a calendar on December 11<sup>th</sup>.***



***A family in Bath remembering the police with a gift basket of food items Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.***



*Associates at Sundance  
[our CAD provider] sent  
in snacks for our officers  
December 14, 2020.*



*Orangetheory Akron remembers  
our department with treats to  
round out December.*

*More homemade  
goodies from a  
resident on  
December 16, 2020*



*Residents  
show their  
appreciation  
of the Police  
Department  
12/16/2020  
with 3 trays  
of cookies.*

*Cops for Kids with Autism December 13, 2020.  
Officer Klein participated in the event held at Summit Mall.*



*Stark Enterprises, Director of Enterprise Security & Risk Management,  
delivered two dozen doughnuts to the Officers  
December 17, 2020.*

*One of the department vendors,  
Akron Uniforms, sent in a mixed  
bag of popcorn December 18, 2020.*



*December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> was a busy day with  
a plethora of cookies being delivered by  
residents and from The Bake Shop in Ghent.  
In addition, a family donated \$500 to the  
Bath PD Association, Inc. and provided  
chocolates for the officers. Many thanks to  
the residents for their thoughtfulness.*





6. Promote aggressive crime fighting strategies to improve the utilization of patrol and investigative resources. This will assist in the identification, arrest, and conviction of individuals committing crimes within Bath Township.

*Several initiatives were started in 2020 including the use of **RapidSOS** that allows our communication specialists to locate wireless cellular 9-1-1 calls[as long as the caller stays on the line with dispatch]; **Neighbors by Ring for Law Enforcement** which allows LE officials to secure video recorded by Ring to follow up on criminal investigations; and **LeadsOnline**, another investigatory tool which searches pawn shops, eBay, phone forensics searches and a **CompStat Mapping System** which easily identifies burglary patterns as stolen property is sold as well as system capabilities offered by the service.*



*Detective Gabel, who is also a member of the U.S. Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force, has access to the **Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal [LEEP]** that is maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice/FBI. This portal has 36 service providers that host a wealth of information and is now available to the Bath Police Department through Det. Gabel as our point of contact.*

*Due to the civil unrest and protests in various parts of our country that also captured the attention of our community*

*in May, early June and August, a Mobile Field Force*







*[MFF] team was initiated with 11 members of the department who were trained by Officer Newman from Copley and Det. Gabel to handle crowd control and civil unrest. We worked in cooperation with the City of Fairlawn, Richfield, Copley Township and Cuyahoga Falls to mobilize our response and resources to handle any potential*



*problems. In early June, representatives from Copley, Fairlawn, Richfield and Cuyahoga Falls who were interested in mobilizing manpower and resources in order to be effectively prepared in the event there was a need for crowd control came to collaborate on how to best proceed. The first Mobile Field Force Training was held August 11, 2020. Thirty-four officers from seven departments including our own attended. A second follow-up training was held on September 21, 2020 and was attended by thirty-one officers from nine departments. Training was conducted by Det. Mike Gabel and Ptl. Jeff Newman from Copley Police Department. Training took place at the Copley Sportsman Club. The day was spent in classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Det. Gabel demonstrates appropriate use of equipment. The third training session was November 12, 2020 and held at the Summit County Sheriff's Office Training Facility in Green. Over 60 officers including our team members attended. Portage County Sheriff's Office sent a few of their officers to train with the group.*





*Practicing maneuvers and reviewing different scenarios that officers will face out in public is critical for the safety of community members, the MFF Unit, and the mass gathering of various people who have their own agendas. Protection of First Amendments Rights is respected.*

*The Mobile Field Force Team assisted with a peaceful protest on September 25, 2020. Request for assistance came from the Summit County Sheriff's Office.*



*A generous donation was made by a community member in October to assist with funding equipment needed for the Mobile Field Force Unit. These are unprecedented times that we are facing and it is imperative that our law enforcement officers are equipped with the latest and best tools available to them for the safety of our community.*



*Within our department, Officer Reilly is the certified TASER instructor and he along with Det. Gabel conducted the annual Practical Application in Use of Force training. This year it was held December 15 and 16, 2020 to accommodate the three shifts.*



*Demonstrations were limited this year due to covid-19 issues of contact.*



*Training also includes time to safely practice using the TASER.*

*Morgan Tropsf, University of Akron criminal studies major, began an 8-week internship in January with the Detective Bureau specializing in crime analysis. Morgan developed an Intelligence Brief Outline that will be helpful to the detective bureau for future investigations. Ms. Tropsf was supervised by Det. Lance. Finishing up her Master's degree, Morgan took on a second internship with our department beginning August 28, 2020 through November 13, 2020. She was here on Fridays to work on analysis reports through Crime Strategies, NEOMUG, MAGLOCLN, OEOCC, CIMS, STACC, SOAR, SE Florida Fusion Center, and the Summit County/Regional Detective's Group. This is our second year of having a master's-level intern and we look forward to more joint ventures with the University of Akron.*





7. Require a professional work ethic and professional work product by officers engaged in routine police duties, and follow-up investigations.

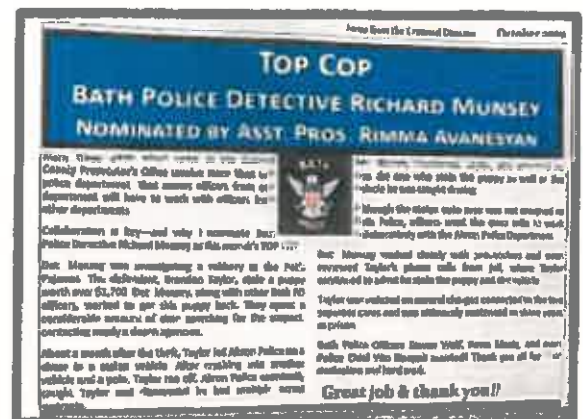
*At the beginning of every shift, the Sergeant or Officer in Charge reviews a PowerPoint with the officers on that shift in order to highlight events going on in our community, issues of significance and concern in the surrounding cities which may impact our residents, and if additional checks in specific neighborhoods are warranted. As a result of providing as much information available to our officers, we have had an increase in Community Policing for the last two years and a flattened curve in crime as reflected in our section on Statistics. Complaints Upon Department Members and Use of Force Reports are maintained in our system. We are required by the Ohio Collaborative to keep this information and reports accordingly.*

8. Recognize exceptional work by police department employees.

*Letters of Commendation were given to the following department members in 2020: Det. Lt. Munsey, Sgt. Borton, Sgt. Griffith, Det. Gabel, Det. Lance, Officer Chapman, Officer Mihalik, Officer Rundle, Officer VanFossen, Officer Wolf, and Officer Young*

*Letters of Appreciation from the community and other law enforcement agencies were received by:*

- *Chief Sinopoli from the staff at Bath Elementary School.*
- *Officer Young received the Award of Excellence from Mothers Against Drunk Driving [MADD Ohio] June 11, 2020. Ms. Shimell, Victim Services Specialist, delivered the plaque in lieu of the cancelled ceremony.*
- *Det. Gabel and Officer Chapman from Copley PD.*
- *Det. Gabel from Fairlawn PD for attempting to locate a bank robbery suspect.*
- *Officers Alexander, Chapman, Falconer, Houser, Klein, Mihalik, Reilly, VanFossen, Watson*
- *Communication Specialist Baker*
- *Letter of Appreciation from the Summit County ADM Board to Sgt. Moats, Officers Oubre, South, and former Dispatcher Antonino in recognition for 10<sup>th</sup> CIT Anniversary of participation and training.*
- *Top Cop Award for October – Det. Lt. Munsey with additional thanks noted to Officer Wolf, Sgt. Moats and Chief Sinopoli for their assistance on this case.*





9. Stress the responsibility of all employees to be accountable to the department and the community for his/her actions.

*This objective became essential as we faced the uniqueness of the covid-19 crisis earlier in the year. It behooved department members to be actively self-monitoring, meticulous and diligent in maintaining hygienic efforts with equipment, vehicles, and in sharing office workspace. The level of concern demonstrated by department members was, in fact, respectful of the immediate policy changes made in regard to minimizing the impact of covid-19 and staff support was appreciated. As our department struggled to stay ahead with limited disinfecting supplies, officers followed my directive to clean the patrol cars at the beginning and end of every shift. A very generous donation by Lowe's Home Improvement Center March 30th and again on April 9th provided our department with additional cleaning supplies for which we were grateful. The same week, Lowes sent in lunch for all three shifts as an extension of appreciation. This is an excellent example of how businesses in our community will partner with the department in times of need.*



*Other donations were given to the department for personal protection equipment [PPE]. Firehouse Cleaning Services donated a box of industrial strength gloves, and masks. Dr. Demboski, DDS and his office staff put together a donation of masks, gloves, sanitizing wipes, toilet paper, tooth brushes and*



*toothpaste to help fill the gap during this pandemic. Ring [security system] provided disposable face masks in March as well as again in May. Sam's Club donated 15 containers of Clorox wipes in May. These donations were all appreciated and an evident outpouring of support by the community to the department during this critical time of uncertainty and need.*

*In April, Serpentine Chevrolet donated the supplies and a technician's time to spray the interior of all the patrol cars with PermaSafe Shield which has anti-microbial properties to seal and protect from a number of viruses including covid-19.*



*The Rotary Club of Fairlawn donated two cases of hand sanitizer in July.*

*In this challenging time that affected all first responders, we were able to secure face shields for our officers from a local company. They were able to immediately accommodate our requests for shields with a short turnaround time. This, of course, was early in the pandemic when PPE supplies were unavailable. Later in the year, the Summit County Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency was able to distribute and make available to our Department the necessary disinfecting wipes, masks and nitrile gloves which our officers use on a daily basis.*



#### **Other Noteworthy Highlights:**

*Early in the year, the Walt and Teri Bettinger Foundation gifted the department with a generous donation of \$52,000 to be applied to the purchase of new portable radios. Our current portable radios were purchased in 2007 and many were mechanically failing. In addition, the Ed Byrne Memorial Grant that was applied for last October [2019] was approved; however, for only one radio which is a 90/10 match. Therefore, the donation from the Bettinger Foundation as well as a donation from another community member at the end of 2019 greatly helped the department to offset the cost of the much-needed radios and accessories. The new radios were put into operation in May.*

*The Bath Police Department was given grant approval May 29, 2020 through the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program, to fund eleven bulletproof vests and carriers. This was a 75/25% match and this award significantly reduces the cost of essential equipment to the department. Vests and carriers are replaced every five years.*

*Another Bath family provided a \$500 gift to the department in July in appreciation for the officers and the service they provide to the community. We are very appreciative for the donation.*

*A Bath resident donated \$100 to the Police Department in October in appreciation for the assistance he received from officers who responded to an emergency at his home. He expressed that he felt that Officer Falconer went above and beyond the call of duty to the family in their time of need.*

*Gift cards for local restaurants donated to the Department throughout the year and specifically during December were used to provide lunch and/or dinner for officers attending training. The generosity of residents never ceases to overwhelm us with gratitude for their support of law enforcement.*

*The Bath Police Department webpage received a facelift mid-year and within our new webpage is a link to Report a Concern. The Citizen Request is directed to the Administrative Assistant for the Department who immediately directs the question or issue at hand to the Chief. We have had more positive responses to this new link than in the past.*

### **Statistics for 2020**

*Police Department: This has been a year in which the officers have had to be proactive in their approach to policing efforts particularly to remain safe from covid-19 infections and later in the year, the public criticism of law enforcement, in general.*

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b>Comparison to Previous Years</b>		
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
All Calls for Service	15,082	13,356	8,829	12,158
Traffic Stops	306	1,961	2,025	2,166
Traffic Accidents	374	408	497	451
Alarm Drops	302	714	839	837
Community Policing [area checks/park + walk]	9,023	5,962	1,260	1,214

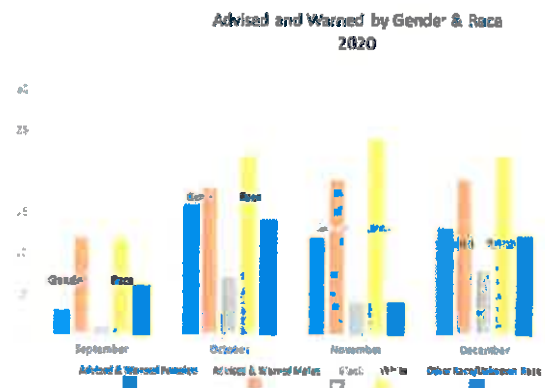
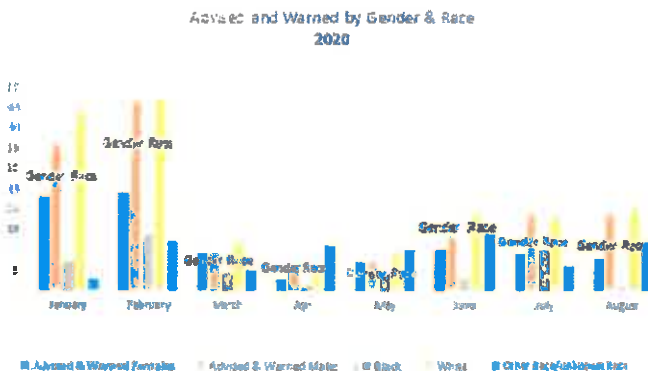
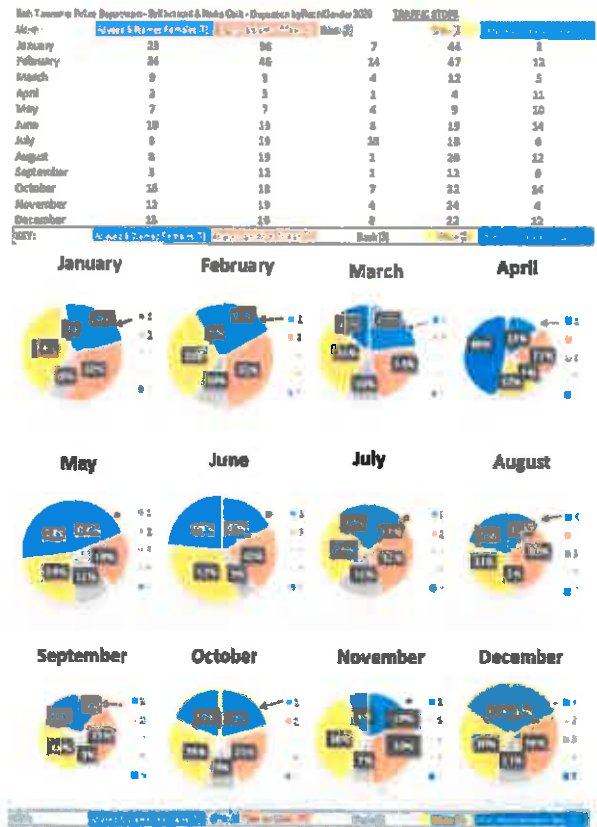
<b><u>Booking Charges for:</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b>Comparison to Previous Years</b>		
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
[Aggravated] Robbery	2	1	0	3
Possession of Drugs	12	9	20	25
Sexual Assault	-	-	-	-
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs	4	5	3	12
OVI	46	54	73	77
<b>TOTAL CHARGES:</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>580</b>

<b><u>Responding to Calls for:</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b>Comparison to Previous Years</b>		
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Burglary	3	12	12	12
Shoplifting/Theft/Larceny	97	69	70	68
Fights	46	48	49	48
Suspicious Activity	297	248	240	221

### Bias-Free Policing/Traffic Stops

*As a part of the Ohio Collaborative Standards for Bias-free Policing, we have maintained statistics on self-initiated traffic stops in our community. As indicated below in the chart, the largest percentage of individuals who are stopped by our officers are white males, followed by white females. African-American male and female drivers are less likely to be stopped or cited. Overall, the number of traffic stops decreased this past year due to covid-19 concerns and the safety for our officers.*

*Our officers are trained and are held accountable for reviewing the department directive for Bias-Free Policing on an annual basis.*



### Incidents Involving Use of Force:

2017 – 2 reports

2018 – 2 reports

2019 – 7 reports

2020 – 2 reports

*In all instances, body worn camera footage is reviewed and the reports are reviewed by the supervisor/OIC and myself.*

### Detective Bureau Statistics: As of December 9, 2020

*Seventy new cases were assigned to the three detectives in 2020. Twenty-one of those cases were closed [30% closure rate]. The following is a break-down of the cases accordingly:*

Theft – 39

Shoplifting – 4

All other cases total - 12

Burglary – 5

Fraud - 4

Counterfeit – 4

Theft of a Motor Vehicle - 2



*Our Service Department assisted the Detective Bureau June 15, 2020 with returning stolen items back to Lowe's Home Improvement Store.*



*Recovery of one of two cars stolen from the same residence in October 2020. The car was found in Cleveland. Det. Lt. Munsey and Det. Lance worked on this case.*



## **GOALS FOR 2021**

1. Full implementation of virtual dispatch with the City of Hudson.
2. Hiring of one full-time Communication Specialist and one part-time Communication Specialist to supplement anticipated employee retirements.
3. Finalize MOU Agreements with participating law enforcement agencies in the Mobile Field Force [MFF] Unit.
4. Promote intelligence-centered policing models. Commit to continued collaboration with The University of Akron Crime Analysis Program. Encourage master's-level interns to assist the department with formulative crime models and focusing on patrol's investigative efforts accordingly.
5. Focus on organizational accountability with maintaining open communication and access with the public. Identify additional areas of training and policies that promote officer wellness, community safety, and strengthening the police department's relationship with the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vito F. Sinopoli".

Vito F. Sinopoli, Chief of Police