



## THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Honest – Integrity – Respect – Excellence – Professionalism





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## AGENCY CORE VALUES

HONESTY - INTEGRITY - RESPECT - EXCELLENCE - PROFESSIONALISM

March 5, 2020

TO: Mayor Donald L. Atkinson  
Village Council

SUBJ: Police Department 2019 Annual Report

Your Honor, and members of Village Council,

It is my honor to present to you the agency's Annual Report for 2019.

Working with our community members, we conscientiously provide the services they deem as important. In keeping with our Mission, we strive daily to provide superior police services, "in partnership with citizens," to earn and keep their trust. We take this relationship seriously, knowing they charge us with the responsibility to keep our community safe.

As the Department's Chief Executive Officer, I have highlighted several areas of success we have attained by reaching agency goals this past year. We've enhanced programs to offer continued superior police services, participated in community events, restructured processes to better meet community needs, wished an officer a happy retirement and welcomed new members into our organization.

We've made great strides in providing educational and leadership training opportunities for our officers, so we can provide the best service to our community. We also addressed new challenges and provided opportunities for personal and professional growth among our members. We updated equipment, policies, procedures, and tactics to operate more efficiently and effectively. We have received re-certification through the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board by having policies, standards, and training that meet or exceed best practices in Ohio law enforcement.

As we enter the new year, we will face the challenges ahead including preparations for cityhood. We will continue to adhere to our Mission and Core Values and make the Village of Whitehouse a safe place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully,

*Mark E. McDonough*

Mark E. McDonough, CLEE  
Chief of Police

***THE MISSION OF THE WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SUPERIOR POLICE SERVICES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIZENS,  
TO PREVENT CRIME AND TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.***

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## WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

### Full-Time Officers

(FT = Full-time appointment; PT = Part-time appointment)

	<u>Serving Since:</u>
Chief Mark McDonough	May 15, 2012
Deputy Chief Allan Baer	August 9, 2018
Sgt. Brad Baker	September 22, 2006 (PT) February 11, 2007 (FT)
Sgt. Amanda Bradley	January 30, 2001 (PT) May 8, 2005 (FT)
Cpl. Kyle McClanahan	January 15, 2013
Cpl. (SRO) Charles Kessinger, Jr.	June 5, 2018
Officer Andy Kasack, Jr.	April 20, 2015 (PT) April 2, 2016 (FT)
Officer Kenneth Scheuerman	April 20, 2015 (PT) April 30, 2017 (FT)
Officer Christine Fouty	August 9, 2018
Officer Devin Lafferty	September 4, 2018
Officer Matthew Trautlein	October 10, 2018

### Part-Time Officers

Officer Rick Gallaher	August 13, 2001
Property Officer David Weekley <i>Resigned January 31, 2019</i>	September 10, 2018
Officer Stephen Loar	April 9, 2019
Officer Christopher Pearcy	May 21, 2019

### Part-Time Safety Office Assistant

Cindy Bergfeld	September 5, 1996
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## WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT OUR MISSION AND CORE VAULES

The Whitehouse Police Department is a full-service, professional law enforcement agency that subscribes to a community-policing philosophy. Working in partnership with local law enforcement professionals, residents and businesses, our goal is to provide the services our community deems important.

Members of this organization were instrumental in proposing our Mission Statement and Core Values. Our Mission Statement describes our commitment to the community.



*The Mission of the Whitehouse Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing superior police services, in partnership with citizens, to prevent crime and to ensure a safe environment.*



Our Core Values describe who we are, what we do, guide our behavior, how we are managed, and how we relate to our community. They represent the highest standards as we relate to one other and the public we serve. Our goals and objectives, along with our policies and procedures, reflect our Core Values.

*Honesty-Integrity-Respect-Excellence-Professionalism*

## UPDATES TO OUR PERSONNEL ROSTER

The Whitehouse Police Department made the following transitions to the Personnel Roster:

### RETIREMENT

#### Officer Ronnie R. Shellhammer



*Officer Ronnie R. Shellhammer served the Village for over 25 years. We wish him well in his future endeavors!  
(Photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

The Whitehouse Police Department observed the retirement of our most-tenured full-time officer in December 2018. OFFICER RON SHELLHAMMER retired from the police service in December 2018. Officer Shellhammer served the agency for over 25 years. He was assigned as a Police Sergeant, Property and Evidence Room Officer D.A.R.E. Officer, and numerous other assignments and committee positions. He was presented his retirement badge and plaque at a Retirement Ceremony on December 12, 2018 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. We appreciate the sacrifice, dedication, and loyalty to the citizens of Whitehouse and the Whitehouse Police Department. Many thanks to Officer Shellhammer for his years of dedicated service and wish him well in the years ahead!

*Note: Ron Shellhammer rejoined our agency in January 2020 as the Director of Property & Evidence. He currently oversees the Property & Evidence Room function as a civilian member of our agency in a part-time capacity.*

**WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT THANKS  
OFFICER DAVID WEEKLEY FOR HIS SERVICE**



**Property Officer David Weekley**

Property Officer David Weekley served as our first dedicated Property Officer from December 2018 to January 2020. During his tenure, Officer Weekley streamlined the entire Property and Evidence Room processes. He was instrumental with our Fleet Maintenance and Equipment Committees to ensure our Department's vehicle fleet was kept in top running condition. He also ensured all Department video evidence (in-car patrol cameras and bowdy-worn camera video) was secured for storage and properly disseminated to the court and public. As a large part of his duties, Officer Weekley was able to have removed, destroyed and/or have declared surplus items in our Property and Evidence Room and Department, that were no longer serviceable or required by the courts. This resulted in a more efficient Property and Evidence Room inventory and internal processes. We wish Dave well in his future endeavors!

## PROMOTIONS



In 2019, the Police Department promoted several officers to first-line supervisory positions:

**AMANDA BRADLEY** was promoted to **POLICE SERGEANT** on April 17, 2019. Sgt. Bradley has served to Whitehouse community since January 2001 (part-time officer appointment) and appointed to full-time status on May 8, 2005. Sgt. Bradley served in many special duty assignments to include School Resource Officer, Safety Town Director, and Victim Services Officer (trained in forensic interviews of sexual assault victims). She is also the Director of the Spring Green Youth Diversion Program, and an OPOTA-certified Basic Academy Instructor. She serves on the agency's Equipment, Grants, and Safety Town Committees. She is currently assigned as the night shift patrol sergeant.



*Sgt. Amanda Bradley receives her sergeant's badge from a family member, as part of the pinning ceremony, upon her promotion during the May 6, 2019 Village Council meeting (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror).*

**KYLE McCLANAHAN** joined the Whitehouse Police Department on January 15, 2013 as a full-time police officer. He was promoted to **POLICE CORPORAL** on May 6, 2019. During his tenure with our agency he has worked a patrol assignment and serves a Tactical Medic with the Wauseon Police Department Emergency Response Team. He is a S.W.A. T.-certified officer and holds numerous defensive tactics instructor certifications, as well as an OPOTA-certified Firearms Instructor. He is currently assigned as one of the dayshift patrol supervisors.



*Corporal McClanahan receives his badge from family members, as part of the pinning ceremony, upon his promotion during the May 6, 2019 Village Council meeting (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror).*

**CHARLES KESSINGER, Jr.** was appointed to our agency on June 5, 2018. He was promoted to the position of **POLICE CORPORAL** on June 2, 2019. Corporal Kessinger came to our agency after serving seven (7) years with the Swanton Police Department. He is currently assigned as the Anthony Wayne Local School District as our School Resource Officer (SRO). Previously he served in a road patrol position before his SRO assignment. Corporal Kessinger is a state-certified School Resource Officer and member of the Ohio School Resource Officers Association.



*Corporal Kessinger receives his badge from a family member, as part of the pinning ceremony, upon his promotion during the May 6, 2019 Village Council meeting (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror).*

# Part-Time Police Officers

**Officer Rick Gallaher**  
**Officer Stephen Loar**  
**Officer Christopher Pearcy**

Our part-time police officers provide an important service to this community. It is through their efforts that the Department can meet its mission, vision and goals and objectives. Many of our part-time staff have full time and additional part-time employment outside the agency, and often sacrifice their time to ensure the safety and security of our community.

Part-time officers are OPOTA state-certified peace officers and require the same training as our full-time force. They are subject to state-mandated rules and regulations, as well as agency policies and procedures. They participate in all mandatory training (both monthly training sessions and state-mandated requirements) and have the same police powers as the full-time force.

Part-time officers patrol our Village streets, answer calls for service, and attend to the safety and security concerns of the members of our community.

They are valued for their dedication, service, and sacrifice especially during special events (Cherry Fest, parades, and other related activities). They do augment our shift scheduling and work many of the overnight hours. Our agency could not provide the 24/7 police coverage without them. We appreciate the efforts they provide our Department and for their service to this community.



*Officer Stephen Loar receives his badge from a family member during his swearing in ceremony at Village Council. Officer Loar continues to serve as a part-time officer with our agency (Photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*



*Officer Stephen Loar*



*Officer Christopher Pearcy*

**Former part-time officers appointed to other agencies in 2019:**

- Officer Bryan Smith – Maumee Police Division
- Officer Daniel Silette – Napoleon Police Department
- Officer Samuel Gable – Rossford Police Department



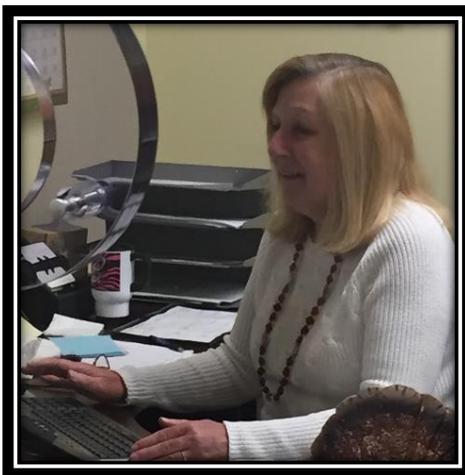
*Mayor Don Atkinson (left) speaks to the audience during a Village Council Meeting after administering the Oath of Office to (l-r) part-time Officers Christopher Pearcy, Bryan Smith, and Daniel Silette. Officers Smith and Silette were appointed to full-time positions by area law enforcement agencies during 2019. Officer Pearcy continues to serve the Whitehouse community. (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

## SAFETY OFFICE ASSISTANT

Cindy Bergfeld has served as the Police Department's part-time Safety Office Assistant for over 23 years. Cindy processes numerous police reports, court documents, and provides police administrative services for the public which include:

- Provides copies of police and traffic accidents reports
- Processes police records checks for various law enforcement agencies
- Processes and forwards numerous police agency and state required reports
- Assists residents and visitors that present themselves to the police agency
- Oversees the Village Solicitor Permit process
- Orders needed supplies and equipment for increased effectiveness of police operations
- Attends in-service training regarding Ohio Public Records Law
- Notary public service

The Police Department's Administration Office is open Monday-Friday, from 9:00am—2:00pm to serve the needs of the public. Cindy can be reached at our Police Administration phone number (419) 877-9191, or email [cbergfeld@whitehouseoh.gov](mailto:cbergfeld@whitehouseoh.gov).



*Safety Office Assistant Cindy Bergfeld*

## COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Whitehouse Police Department partnered with Bowling Green State University/Criminal Justice Program to offer internship programs to two (2) BGSU seniors. Interns are exposed to the day to day functions of policing by observing officers interacting with peers, supervisors and the general public. The complete 400 hours of service to the department as part of their course program. We wish both of our 2019 BGSU college interns all the best in their future endeavors!

**Pete Schoen** was our Spring 2019 college intern. He graduated in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

**Morgan Shumann** was our fall 2019 college intern. She graduated in December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

## OFFICER LAFFERTY RECEIVES DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION AWARD AND GENERAL COMMENDATION AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE HALL OF FAME

On June 12, 2019, Officer Devin Lafferty was dispatched to a residence regarding an apparent overdose. When Officer Lafferty arrived, he assessed that the victim required immediate first aid. He provided CPR by performing chest compressions on the victim, while at the same time gave instructions to a family member of how to give rescue breaths. During the same time, Officer Lafferty had to calm another family member in crisis. His actions of controlling the scene, providing patient care until medical assistance arrived, and de-escalating an intense situation reflect great credit on Officer Lafferty and the Whitehouse Police Department.

For his actions, Officer Lafferty received the Whitehouse Police Department's Award of Commendation, as well as a General Commendation Award from the National Chiefs of Police-Police Hall of Fame. Officer Lafferty was presented these awards during the July 16, 2019 Village Council meeting (*Note: Photos courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror*).

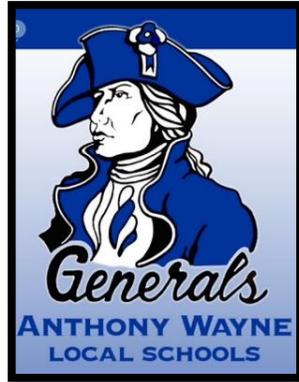


*Chief Mark McDonough (left) presents Officer Devin Lafferty with the Department's Award of Commendation During the July 16, 2019 Council Meeting.*



*Chief McDonough (left) and Mayor Don Atkinson (right) presents officer Lafferty the National Police Hall of Fame General Commendation Award.*

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM



The Whitehouse Police Department, in collaboration with Anthony Wayne Local Schools, instituted the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in 1996. Cpl. Charles Kessinger serves as our agency's School Resource Officer. The SRO position is unique. The SRO covers six school buildings within the 77 square miles of the school district. During a typical school day, the SRO is often tasked with the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement officer, administrator, teacher, and counselor. A vast majority of the incidents the SRO handles are investigations completed alongside school administrators, which often leads to school disciplinary actions with no need for criminal enforcement. Our SRO provides mentoring opportunities with students and often provides classroom instruction on legal topics.



**SRO Corporal Charles Kessinger, Jr.**  
*(photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

## **WHAT IS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)?**

- The SRO acts as a visible, active Law Enforcement figure on campus dealing with any law-related issues.
- The SRO acts as a classroom resource for instruction in the following areas: law-related education, safety programs, etc.
- The SRO acts as a resource to teachers, parents, and students for conferences on an individual basis, dealing with individual problems, or questions.
- The SRO acts as a counseling resource in areas that may affect the educational environment but may be of a law-related nature.

### **GOALS OF THE SRO:**

- Bridging the gap between law enforcement and young people and increase positive attitudes and trust towards officers.
- Taking a personal interest in students and their activities.
- Teaching the value of our legal system to the students.

The SRO often attends school extra-curricular activities as a representative of the agency. He works with school administrators, staff and teachers to enhance the overall safety and security of our schools. As a member of our agency, the SRO investigates all police-related incidents which occur on campus throughout the school year. The SRO also attends continuing education courses related to active threats and assessment, de-escalation techniques, and other workplace and school related training.

In 2019, the Police Department received a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to offset the cost of the SRO wages. This resulted in a cost-savings to Anthony Wayne Local Schools and the taxpayers of the district.

### **2019 Juvenile Statistics/Anthony Wayne Local Schools**

(Total reportable offenses from January 1 – December 31, 2019, by school building, within the Village of Whitehouse):

#### **Anthony Wayne High School**

Accidents, Private Property – 13  
Check Safety, Person - 1  
Found Property - 1  
Inducing Panic – 2  
Possession of a Controlled Substance, Schedule I or II – 3  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 4  
Possession of Marijuana - 2  
Suspicious Activity - 1  
Theft – 1  
Theft of Drugs – 1  
Trafficking in Drugs - 2

**Anthony Wayne Junior High School**

General Information – 1  
Sexual Assault-Past Investigation – 1  
Public Indecency - 1

**Fallen Timbers Middle School**

Criminal Damage - 1  
Emergency Commitment – 1  
General Information – 1  
Inducing Panic – 1  
Theft - 1

**Whitehouse Primary**

General Information - 1  
Investigation, Criminal - 1

**Total Reported Incidents - 41**

***NOTE:*** A total of 13 Youth Diversion Program (YDP) referrals were made by officers in lieu of charges filed through the Lucas County Juvenile Court (see below for additional information regarding the Youth Diversion Program).

**YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM**



The Spring Green Educational Foundation (SGEF) Youth Diversion Program is a program which focuses on cognitive self-change, as well as problem solving skills. Our program is designed to provide education and support in a holistic approach for the youth as well as their parents/guardians. Over the course of ten weeks, our families meet once a week. A major component of our program is providing the tools to build stronger family relationships and enhance key communication skills.

The program uses multiple community resources which feature a variety of topics. These additional educational components include topics such as smoking, drug/alcohol abuse, safe use of social media and technology, and other current topics.

The Whitehouse Police Department, in partnership with the Spring Green Educational Foundation and in collaboration with the AWAKE, Anthony Wayne Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Community, and area law enforcement agencies, participate in referring juvenile offenders into the Youth Diversion Program (YDP).

Officers of the Whitehouse Police Department refer most juvenile offenders, along with their parents/guardians who meet the eligibility requirements stated above, into the Youth Diversion Program. Officers offer both youth and parents/guardians the opportunity to register with the YDP as part of their duty assignments when investigating juvenile offenses. This program provides the best opportunity to meet the needs of juvenile offenders, their parents/guardians, their victims, the Lucas County Juvenile Court, and Whitehouse community.

When a youth becomes an offender, they face legal proceedings related to the pending delinquent/criminal charge. If the youth is found to be delinquent, he/she will be subject to the court ordered penalty. This often results in the youth having a juvenile criminal record.

The YDP offers the youth and his/her parents/guardians the opportunity to enroll in a 10-week program that will instill valuable life skills that often result in: 1) making responsible choices; 2) improving relationships with family and friends; 3) understanding how their choices define their life experience; and 4) obtaining a greater sense of self confidence. Officer Amanda Crosby is the YDP Director. The members of her team often mentor juveniles throughout the diversion process.

### **YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM STATISTICS (Village of Whitehouse)**

#### **2019 Program Statistics** *(January 1–December 31, 2019; provided by Spring Green Educational Services Center)*

Total Youth Diversion Program Referrals:	7
Youth who signed YDP contracts:	6
Referred but refused TDP-Charge filed:	1
Youth completing the program successfully:	6
Youth that attempted the YDP, but failed:	0
Juvenile Offenses sent to YDP Referral:	1
Aggravated Menacing:	1
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles:	4
Alcohol Offense:	1
Theft:	1
Youth who completed YDP but re-offended:	0

## POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

**Chief Mark McDonough** oversees the operations, services, and administration of the police department. He oversees all department committees and make the appointments to various departmental, state, county, and local organizations, groups, and coalitions. He is also an OPOTA-certified Basic Peace Officer Academy instructor.

**Deputy Chief Allan Baer** oversees the daily operations of field supervisors and officers. He is assigned to the Lucas County OVI Task Force, COPE team, and our agency LEADS/NORIS Terminal Agency Coordinator, ensuring all officers are compliant with rules and regulations of these entities. He is also assigned to the agency's Training, Forms, and Community Affairs committees.

**Sergeant Brad Baker** is the chairperson of the Training Committee and lead OPOTA-certified Firearms Instructor. Sgt. Baker was also appointed as the lead instructor for Response to Resistance/Aggression (Use of Force) and Conducted Electrical Weapon (Taser®) Instructor. He is also the lead instructor for the *Active Response to an Active Shooter* training. He is assigned to the Village Safety Team, and the Department's Training, Vehicle Fleet Maintenance, Rescue Task Force (RTF) and Community Affairs committees.

**Sergeant Amanda Crosby** utilizes her instructor skills to provide training and mentoring for the Spring Green Educational Foundation's Youth Diversion Program. She is also a member of the AWAKE Board and Department Training, Equipment, Grants, and Safety Town committees.

**Corporal Kyle McClanahan** is a certified Ohio Tactical Officer's Association (OTOA) Subject Control Instructor and Tactical Handcuffing Instructor courses. He provides subject control and handcuffing instruction to our personnel. He is also a State-certified Firearms Instructor. He is also a member of the department's Training, Recruiting, and Rescue Task Force (RTF) committees.

**Corporal Charles Kessinger** is a certified School Resource Officer and a member of the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA). He serves on the Village Wellness Team, and the Department's Grants, Safety Town, and Rescue Task Force (RTF) committees. He has attended a special instructor school addressing active threats in schools and the workplace.

**Officer Andy Kasack, Jr.**, serves as a member of the Department's Equipment and Grants committees. He is instrumental in ensuring the patrol vehicle fleet is maintained and schedules vehicles for service. He is also the department's representative to the Village Wellness Team.

**Officer Ken Scheuerman** is a certified ASP® and Taser® Instructor. He also serves on the Department's Training Committee and as one of the Department's Response to Resistance/Aggression (Use of Force) Instructors. He is the Department's liaison to the Lucas County OVI Task Force, and a member of the Department's Fleet Maintenance, and Grants committees.

**Officer Christine Fouty** is a member of the Department's Safety Town and Recruiting committees. She is now assigned as the Safety Town Director for 2020. She will also be attending training to become our Department's Less Lethal Use of Force Instructor.

**Officer Devin Lafferty** is assigned to the Village Wellness Team and is a member of the Department's Rescue Task Force (RTF) team. He is an instructor in Building Searches and threat assessment regarding school and workplace violence.

**Officer Matt Trautlein** is a member of the Department's Recruiting and Equipment committees. He is also assigned as an assistant to the Evidence and Property Room Director.

## WHITEHOUSE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



*Gina Wasserman  
Whitehouse Village Prosecutor*

Ms. Gina Wasserman oversees the day-to-day duties of the Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Wasserman continues to augment our monthly training sessions with legal update training, as well as providing valuable legal resources for officers. She has provided for the needs of the courts as well as this agency. Ms. Wasserman has met with officers and command staff to discuss ways to provide better services for victims of crime and holding defendants accountable. We are grateful for her expertise, guidance, and willingness to enhance the professionalism of our agency. We also thank the law firm of Heban, Sommer, and Murphree, and Village Solicitor Kevin Heban for their expertise in providing legal assistance to our department.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Like many law enforcement agencies throughout the country, the Whitehouse Police Department participated in numerous community-engagement programs during 2019:

### ANTHONY WAYNE AREA DRUG STOPPERS PROGRAM



*Representatives of member agencies who assisted in establishing the Anthony Wayne Area Drug Stoppers Program. Pictured (l – r): Chief Mark McDonough (Whitehouse Police), Amy Barrett (AWAKE Coalition), Chief Richard Bingham (Waterville Township Police), Captain Matthew Luettker (Lucas County Sheriff’s Office), Chief David Lagrange (Waterville Police). Not Pictured: Joshua Torres, Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce (Photo courtesy of The Mirror/ Karen Gerhardinger).*

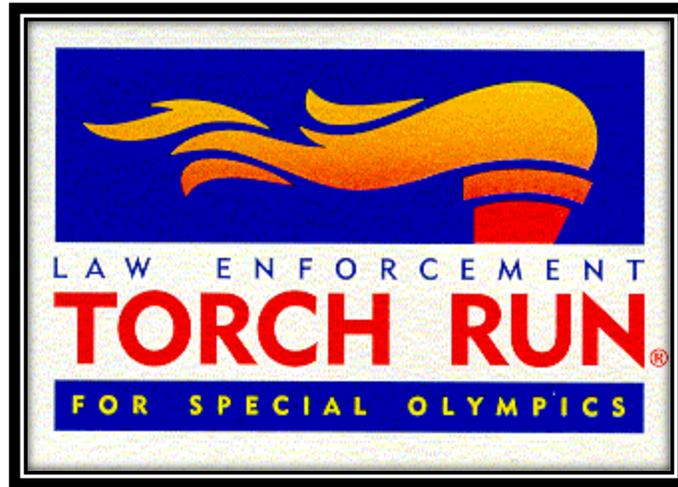
In 2017, the police chiefs of Whitehouse PD, Waterville PD, and Waterville Township PD, and Sheriff John Tharp of the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, met to discuss ways to address the opioid epidemic and other illicit drug use and sales in and around the Anthony Wayne area. Working with AWAKE Coalition and the Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce, the group created the Anthony Wayne Area Drug Stoppers Program.

The Drug Stoppers Program addresses the issue in two components:

- Notification of drug sales and activity
- Assistance for those with addiction and their families

Anyone with knowledge can call 419-740-6998, or text 72727 to provide information or to access addiction services. Callers may remain anonymous and would be eligible for rewards for information that leads to arrest/conviction of drug dealers.

Signs advertising the program were placed on the main routes throughout the Anthony Wayne area. Our hope is to provide a conduit for citizens to notify law enforcement to help save lives. Many thanks to area law enforcement, the AWAKE Board, Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce, and local governments for sponsoring this important community initiative.



*Police Chief Mark McDonough (center), along with members of the Whitehouse Police Department and various law enforcement agencies, carries the Special Olympics Torch southbound on Providence St. in downtown Whitehouse. 2019 was the first year the Whitehouse community participated in this annual event. (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

On a rainy Thursday morning, June 20, 2019, members of the Whitehouse Police and Fire Department, Special Olympics participants, and members of area law enforcement and fire agencies met at Village Park to begin the Lucas County leg of the **Ohio Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run**®! This is the first time the Whitehouse community participated in this worthwhile event.

After a brief ceremony at and generous donation from Cycle Werks-Whitehouse, participants made their way down Providence St., and head eastbound on Waterville St. to meet with other Torch Run participants in the Sauter's Market parking lot. From there, the participants were transported to Rite Aid in Waterville, to begin the Waterville City portion of the run. According to Special Olympics organizers, the Whitehouse portion of the Torch Run was the largest participation from any community in northwest Ohio. The Torch Run continued throughout other Lucas County municipalities with the final destination and ceremonies held at 5/3 Field, Toledo.

According to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (Northwest Ohio Leg), the torch run ***"...is the largest grass roots fundraising program benefiting Special Olympics here in Ohio. This event unites law enforcement agencies and the communities throughout the state-- who all work together toward a common goal of raising awareness for Special Olympics Ohio. Law Enforcement Officers and ODRC staff run or ride bikes in one of four planned routes covering the state and leading to the opening ceremonies in Columbus. Officers pass the torch from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, allowing the various communities watch officers working together with the community, in an effort to reach a common goal."***

Many thanks to those in the community who participated or showed their support for the 2019 Torch Run, especially our various local sponsors!

## **DEA-SPONSORED DRUG DROP OFF EVENTS**



In cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and AWAKE Community Coalition, the Whitehouse community participated in the bi-annual Drug Drop Off program in 2019. This year's Drug Drop Off days were Saturdays, April 27<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>. Both events were held locally at the Whitehouse Fire Department. Residents had the opportunity to drop off expired or unused over-the-counter or prescription medications to be disposed of safely and properly. Both Whitehouse Police and Fire Department personnel participated in both events, along with Pharmacy students from the University of Toledo. The medications collected were taken by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, along with the remaining medications from the drop-off sites in the Anthony Wayne communities, where they were weighed and documented for a total weight (in pounds) of pharmaceuticals collected and destroyed. Both Drug Drop Off days were successful in obtaining and properly disposing of unused medications.

### **Whitehouse Village Drug Drop Off Totals (includes Med-Return Box at PD)**

April 27:           **59-lbs.** collected (*10-lbs. from MedBox; 49-lbs. at the Drug Take Back site*)  
October 26:       **68-lbs.** collected (*41-lbs. from MedBox; 27-lbs. at the Drug Take Back site*)

**TOTAL:**           **2019: 127-lbs.**  
                      **2018: 161.9-lbs.**  
                      **2017: 114-lbs.**

## **Med-Return Box**

The Whitehouse Police Department provides an additional drug drop off location in Lucas County. In cooperation with the AWAKE Coalition, and in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, a Medication Drop Box was installed at the Police Department. Citizens can drop off their unused medications during the hours of 9:00am to 2:00pm., and afterhours by contacting Lucas County Dispatch to have an officer meet them at the Police Department. The Police Department can only accept capsules and pills/tablets; no liquids, syringes, etc. The contents of the Drop Box is forwarded for disposal per Federal law and agency policy.



*The MedReturn Box located at the Whitehouse Police Department*

## **2019 DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**



*2019 Drug Take Back at the Whitehouse Fire Department. Pictured l-r) Deputy Fire Chief Jason Francis, WFD Chris Snyder, Deputy Police Chief Allan Baer, members of the University of Toledo Pharmacy School (in white), Fire Chief Josh Hartbarger, WFD Rich Snyder, WFD Neil Raymond, Police Chief Mark McDonough.*



**June 26 – 30, 2019**

“Safety Town” 2019 was another great success! Sgt. Amanda Bradley (Safety Town Director), Officer Christine Fouty and Officer Christopher Percy and many community members participated in the week-long program held at Whitehouse Primary School. This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year sponsoring this important safety program for our area youth.

There were 50 children who attended the program this year. The boys and girls had the opportunity to learn and practice many skills to keep them safe. One of the highlights of the training was hearing back from parents how their children spoke about safety practices in their own homes.

Safety Town Graduation was held on Friday morning, June 30, 2019, in the auditorium of Whitehouse Primary School. Many thanks to Village Council, staff and administration for attending the graduation ceremony.



**2019 Village of Whitehouse Safety Town**  
*(Photo courtesy of Karen Gerhardinger/The Mirror).*

***With Thanks and Appreciation:***

**Police Department Safety Town Committee**

Sgt. Amanda Bradley  
Officer Christine Fouty  
Officer Christopher Pearcy

**Safety Town Teachers:**

Ainsley Page  
Theresa Torio

**Volunteers**

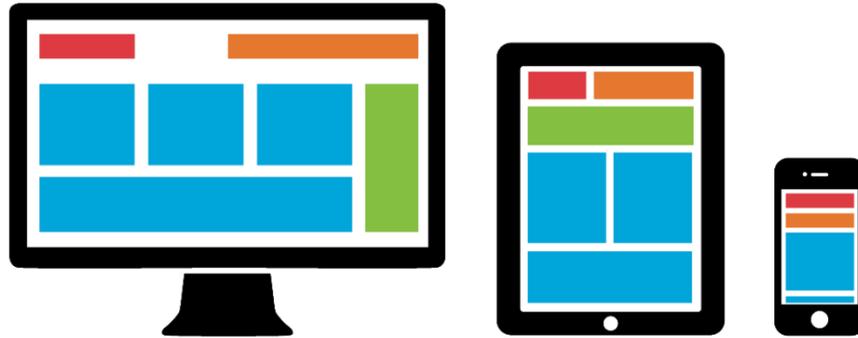
Molly Torio  
Aiden Smith  
Bella Smith  
Jessica Baker

**Special Thanks to:**

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Ohio State Highway Patrol-Post #48  
The Whitehouse Fire Department  
The Village of Whitehouse Maintenance Department  
Pythian Sisters—Whitehouse Lodge #312  
Anthony Wayne Local Schools  
Toledo Area Humane Society  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Subway Restaurant*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE

<http://whitehouseoh.gov/government/police-department/>



The Village of Whitehouse updated its webpage throughout 2017, ensuring the most up-to-date information was made available. Village residents and visitors to the site can now obtain timely information regarding the Police Department, news updates, and community happenings.

The *Police Department* webpages now make it easier for residents and visitors to locate information and programs offered by our agency. Some of the other webpage features include:

**Anthony Wayne Area Drug Stoppers Program:** Provides information on the program and how to access its services.

**Calls for Service:** Monthly statistics of calls for police service in addition to education/enforcement actions.

**Community Services Programs:** Provides a listing and contact information for the various services provided by the police Department. These include:

- Bicycle Patrol
- Business Contact Update Form
- House Watch Program and Form
- Police Speakers Available
- Roundabout Training and Video
- Safety Town Program and Registration
- Security Survey Program and Form
- Senior Contact Program and Registration Form
- Neighborhood Blockwatch
- Directed Traffic Patrols Request
- Vehicle Lockout Assistance

**Complaint Against an Officer Information:** As part of the Ohio Collaborative, our agency provides information regarding the complaint process and procedure.

**Identity Fraud Information:** Provides information to protect yourself from identity fraud, or steps you may take to assist in identity fraud reporting.

**Police Contacts:** A listing of Whitehouse Police officers and a link to their business email addresses.

**Police Speakers:** If a group requests a police officer to speak to their group or organization. Officers can speak on a variety of law enforcement related topics. Inquirers can email their requests directly from this webpage.

**Police Reports:** Information on how to obtain a copy of a police report.

**Recruiting:** Provides the latest information on becoming a Whitehouse Police Officer. The webpage includes information regarding recruitment, qualifications, and current benefits available.

**School Resource Officer:** Information on the School Resource Officer program and contact information.

**Underspeed Vehicle Inspections:** The Police Department does underspeed and golf cart inspections for individuals wanting to title and register their vehicles in Ohio.

**Victims Services Officers:** Provides information and access to department Victim Services Officers.

**Found Dog-Municipal Pound Information:** Provides information where owners/keepers of impounded dogs can pick up their pet, and the associated pick-up and impounding fee schedule

# POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK® Page



The Police Department utilizes Facebook® to provide the latest information of issues happening within and around the Village, as well as to provide law enforcement related and relevant notifications. Those have included: weather and roadway conditions; presentation announcements; road closures; missing/found pets; and other events in/around Whitehouse. We often receive information and requests from residents and visitors. We also provide referral information and feedback in a timely manner.



*Information posted on the WPD Facebook® page during 2019. The Police Department Utilizes this format to provide timely information to our community members.*

## **“FREEZIN’ FOR A REASON” BENEFITS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**



(The *Freezin' for a Reason* logo, created by Anthony Wayne Schools student Larissa Payeff, used for T-shirt and event advertisement in 2019)

This event, established in January 2018 by former Deputy Chief Todd Kitzler (Rossford Police Chief), was created to assist in raising funds for the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park located in downtown Whitehouse. Deputy Chief Baer was instrumental in planning the event, working with many local organizations and Village departments to make this a successful community experience. The event took place on January 12, 2019 with over 100 brave souls who jumped into the frigid waters of the small quarry (located on Waterville and Gillette Sts. in the Village) for a great cause. Participants received a chance to enter a drawing for a wide range of prizes, including services and gift cards from local businesses, and a grand prize of \$500 from Spring Valley Business Solutions. Chief Mark McDonough was the grand prize winner and donated the prize back to *Destination Whitehouse* to be used for the VMP. All registered participants received a complimentary T-shirt. The event was held in partnership with Whitehouse Police, Fire, Administration and Public Service departments, and *Destination Whitehouse*. The event raised over \$2000.00 for this worthy cause, bringing the park concept closer to its goal!



*Deputy Chief Allan Baer participates in the Freezin' for a Reason Event in the Village Small Quarry on January 12, 2019. Funds raised for This event benefited the construction of Veterans Memorial Park In downtown Whitehouse (photo courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

## HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM



As a service to our community, officers will complete a courtesy check of a homeowner's residence while they're away. When a resident is away on vacation, business, or other reasons for any length of time, an officer will come to their residence to ensure doors and windows are secured and check for any property damage. Officers document on their Daily Patrol Logs each time they complete a House Watch check. This ensures that the residence is being checked, as well as documents when an officer was in the area. Should a residence be breached, or property damage found, investigating officers can better pinpoint when the incident occurred. This information can aid investigators in apprehending a suspect.

Residents can sign up for "House Watch" by contacting the Police Department at 419-877-9191, stop at the PD to complete the form, or complete the form on the Whitehouse Police Department webpage at: [whitehouseoh.gov/government/police-department/house-watch/](http://whitehouseoh.gov/government/police-department/house-watch/). Once completed the form can be emailed or dropped off at the Police Department.

Officer Andy Kasack, Jr., and SOA Cindy Bergfeld oversee the agency House Watch program. During 2019, there were 28 House Watch requests from our residents.

# WHITEHOUSE VILLAGE SENIOR CONTACT PROGRAM



As part of Mayor Atkinson's initiative to outreach to the senior members of our community, the Police and Fire Department's created the Senior Contact Program. This program provides the opportunity for seniors (and their families) to ensure peace of mind that they will be checked on as needed.

## **What is the Senior Contact Program?**

In this program, seniors who qualify will be asked to contact Police Department by phone on a regular basis (Monday to Friday). The phone call serves to ensure the program participant is ok, and/or if he/she would like additional services from the Village.

## **Who Qualifies?**

Persons living alone who DO NOT have a caregiver, homemaker, etc. checking or visiting on a regular basis. Participants in the Senior Contact **must** have two emergency contact persons living within a proximity of the Village of Whitehouse.

## **Application Procedure**

Persons who request or have been referred for this program will be interviewed by the staff of the Village Police or Fire Departments to determine suitability. Accepted applicants will be required to complete and sign the application/release form.

Referrals for this program will be taken from seniors within the Whitehouse community, family members, agencies and organizations working with seniors, or from individuals who are aware of seniors who live alone and could benefit from this program.

## How Does the Senior Contact Program Work?

Once a day, at a predetermined time (usually between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., M-F), program participants will call the Police Department on a non-emergency number by telephone. The call will be brief – the intent is to ensure the person is okay.

If the Police Department does not receive a call from the program participant, a police employee will call back to try and make contact. If there is no answer, individuals listed as an emergency contact on the application form will be contacted to check the welfare of the program participant. The person contacted must be willing to physically check on the senior to ensure all is ok. If the emergency contact persons cannot be contacted or cannot check on the senior, a police officer will be sent to the senior's residence to check on his/her welfare.

Police officers/Firefighters can make periodic home visits, on an appointment basis, to provide information on crime prevention tips, personal safety, and inspect or install smoke detectors.

## INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGE LOCATION



*The Village Internet Sales Meet-Up Location is located in the Village Hall Municipal Parking Lot adjacent to the Police Department. The location is monitored by security cameras 24/7, creating a safer environment for Internet sales.*

The Village of Whitehouse is happy to provide a safe internet exchange location within the parking lot of the Police Department/Village Hall. The Meet Up Spot is in the main parking lot next to the Police Department.

Council member Mindy Curry was instrumental in making this project come to fruition. Many thanks to Ms. Curry and the Village Public Service Department for making this project a reality!

This dedicated spot is monitored by surveillance cameras 24/7 and is among the routinely traveled areas of police staff. With the popularity of internet commerce our department encourages you to utilize this service when dealing with people you do not know. If something doesn't feel right during the exchange, we encourage people to call 911 right away! A Whitehouse police officer will be dispatched to the area immediately.

Where it comes to Internet sales, the Police Department asks that members of the community not meet strangers at private residences, in areas that are unfamiliar, or after dark. We highly recommend these transactions be made during daylight hours if possible.

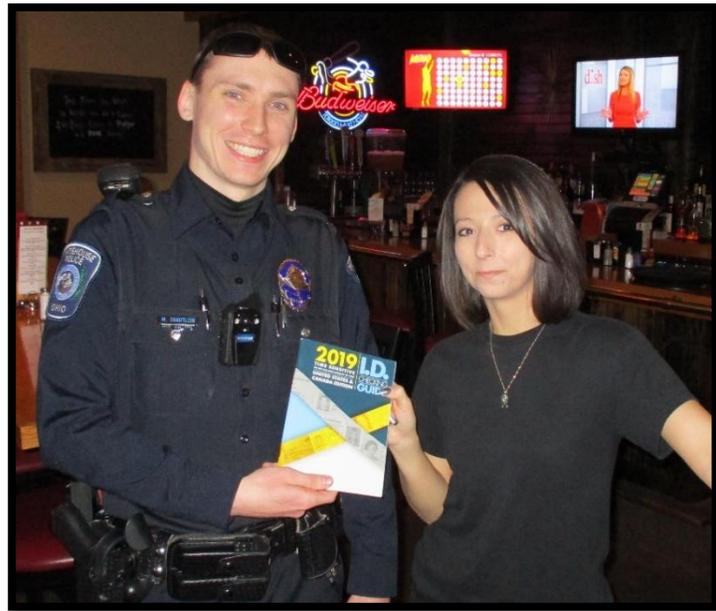
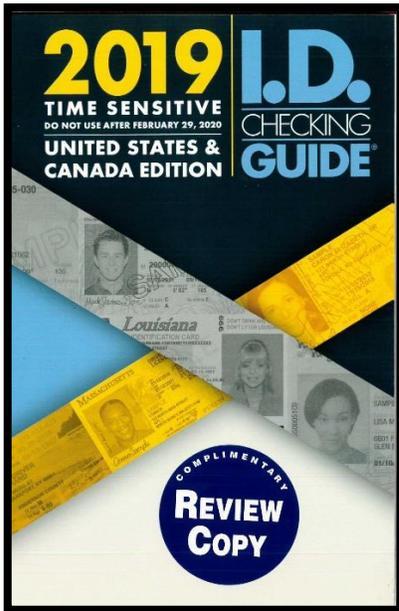
Please note that the Police Department does not have a dispatch section within the Village Hall/Police Department, and officers are not stationed there 24/7. You may contact the Lucas County Communications Center at 419-243-5111 and advise the dispatcher of your pending transaction. The dispatcher will advise Whitehouse officers on duty so they're aware that consumers will be using the Meet-up Spot.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ID CHECKING GUIDEBOOKS FREE TO LOCAL LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS**

As part of the Department's community engagement and in working with our business community, the Police Department, through a generous donation by the AWAKE Board, provided free copies of the 2019 ID Checking Guide Book for all liquor establishments and carryouts that sell alcoholic beverages in the Village. Should a clerk be suspicious of the ID presented for alcoholic beverage purchase, he/she can use the Guide Book as a reference. Should the clerk not feel comfortable with the ID, he/she can call the police department for further verification or deny the sale. The Guide Book is another reference our business community can use to ensure they aren't selling to underaged persons. The Guide Books were well received by our business community members. We thank the AWAKE Board and our business community for their continued support of keeping our community safe.

### **Establishments Provided a Complimentary ID Checking Guide:**

- The Whitehouse Inn
- Route 64 Pub & Grub
- Local Thyme
- Village Party Store
- Sunoco
- Shell
- Dollar General



A copy of the 2019 ID Checking Guide® book (left), and Officer Matt Trautlein (right) providing a copy to an employee of one of our local liquor establishments. The AWAKE Board has funded the purchase of these guidebooks for the Anthony Wayne area liquor establishments and carryouts for several years.

## WHITEHOUSE SAFETY SERVICES ASSIST COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Village Police and Fire Departments often provide assistance to various groups and organizations throughout the year. We are often tasked to provide traffic control for many local service and private organizations. In 2019, Whitehouse Safety Services personnel, along with area public safety agencies, provided security and traffic control for the following events:

- January 1: Toledo Roadrunners *Midnight Special* 5K Race
- January 12: Destination Whitehouse *Freezin' for a Reason*
- March 17: Toledo Roadrunners 2016 *Great Black Swamp Festival of Races*
- April 13: Whitehouse Primary School *Powerhouse* 5K Race
- April 27: DEA National Drug Take Back event
- May 9: Cycle Werks Duathlon
- May 11: AWLSD *General's* 5K Race
- May 12: Whitehouse Primary School—*Officer Phil* program
- May 15: Cycle Werks Duathlon
- May 19: Whitehouse Primary School *Annual Bike Hike*
- May 27: American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony
- May 28: Whitehouse Primary Field Day Event
- June 6-8: Cherry Fest
- June 8: Julie's Fitness Studio 5K Race
- June 9: Cherry Fest Parade
- June 9: Cycle Werks/Run Toledo Duathlon
- July 5: Whitehouse Founder's Day event
- July 13-14: Toledo Express Airport Air Show
- July 21: American Legion Motorcycle Poker Run

August 4: Mad Anthony River Rally Bike Race  
September 9: Tricurathon Event  
September 14: Whitehouse Primary School *Back 2 School Bash*  
September 21: Veterans Memorial Park Dedication  
October 5: AWLSD Homecoming Parade  
October 20: Wauseon American Legion Poker Run  
October 21: Platinum Filament Halloween Costume Run  
October 27: DEA National Drug Take Back event  
October 31: Whitehouse Safety Services Trick-or-Treat event—Village Park



*Whitehouse officers completing traffic control during the 2019 Anthony Wayne High School Homecoming Parade. WPD officers were wearing pink police ballcaps to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October 2019). Pictured (l-r): Deputy Chief Allan Baer, Officer Ken Scheuerman, Cpl. (SRO) Charles Kessinger, Chief Mark McDonough, Officer Christine Fouty, Sgt. Brad Baker.*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



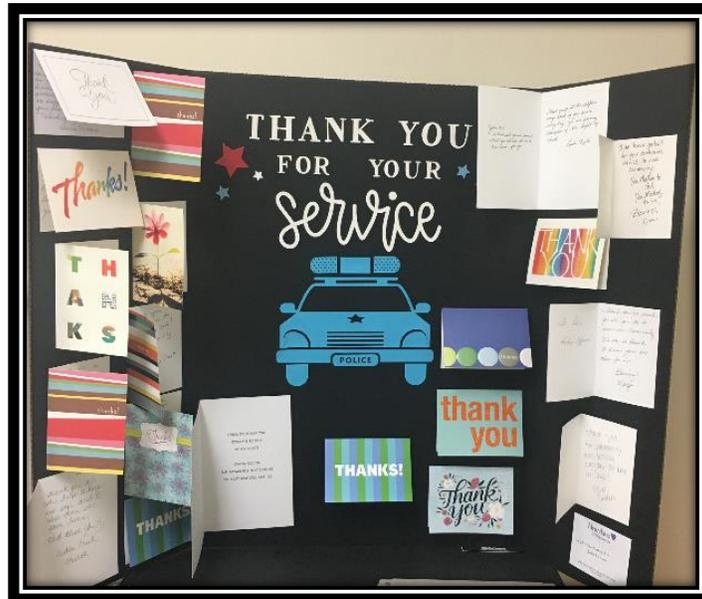
*Officer Christine Fouty (l) and Officer Matt Trautlein decorating cookies with children during the Shop with a Cop event at the Maumee Meijer store. Area law enforcement officers assisted area children by shopping for gifts during the 2019 holiday season. (photos courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*



*Sgt. Brad Baker (left) and Deputy Chief Allan Baer pose with a few children they assisted during the Shop with a Cop event at the Maumee Meijer store. Area law enforcement officers assisted area children by shopping for gifts during the 2019 holiday season. (photos courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror)*

## APPRECIATION FROM OUR COMMUNITY

The Police Department wishes to thank everyone that shows their support with outward acts of kindness. There is not a holiday that goes by that our local residents, social service groups, and business community provides us with cards of appreciation and/or treats for our officers. Many organizations have donated to our agency for community programs or police equipment (e.g., Safety Town, Citizens Police Academy, training supplies, etc.). We cannot begin to thank everyone or group for the showing of support they have for their police department and its members. We strive to maintain your trust in us daily. We appreciate all who show their appreciation and support in so many ways. We are proud to serve you and this community!



*Cards of appreciation given to the Police Department from  
The members of Cedar Creek Church-Whitehouse*



*A visit from members of Cedar Creek Church-Whitehouse to offer thanks and support to the  
Whitehouse Police Department. Officer Ken Scheuerman (center; left) and Officer Andy Kasack, Jr.  
welcome the group.*

# 2019 POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

## DEPARTMENT TRAINING COMMITTEE

Our Department Training Committee consists of the following employees:

- Deputy Chief Allan Baer
- Sgt. Brad Baker-Chairperson
- Sgt. Amanda Bradley
- Cpl. Kyle McClanahan
- Officer Ken Scheuerman

The Training Committee meets quarterly to discuss department training issues, schedules department training, updates training records and other documentation, and provides input into the training functions of the agency.

### **Owens Community College Law Enforcement Training Consortium**

The committee was instrumental in locating training at a substantially reduced cost to the department through an agreement with Owens Community College Center for Law Enforcement Professional Development Training Consortium. Officers can attend a host of training opportunities at the Center for Emergency Preparedness on the campus of Owens Community College (Perrysburg campus). The one (1) year membership fee provides over 200 hours of training for our entire department. We are then able to send as many officers to each training course that is offered. The cost is a per-department, NOT per person charge. This helps save the department numerous training dollars per year. The course selections range from basic police courses to extensive investigative and practical exercise training. With our close proximity to Owens, along with the cost-effectiveness of the courses provided, our officers have a great opportunity to access valuable law enforcement training. Our officers took advantage of these training opportunities. During 2019, 4 WPD officers attended 7 different courses for a total of 28 hours of training received.

### **Police Department Training Grants**

The committee's responsibilities also include procuring grant money for training purposes. The members continue to research potential grants and will be attempting to secure grant monies in 2020.

### **GOALS FOR 2020**

The agency is committed to the individual career growth of each officer. The Training Committee members realize that our agency will succeed insofar as our officers are successful in their career growth, training, education and experience. The committee will focus much of the year in training officers in Rescue Task Force (RTF) concepts, scenario-based training related to responding to active threats, firearms qualification and simulator training, as well as legal updates and Ohio Collaborative mandates.

**Career Development:** The Department Career Development program has become a part of the evaluation process, as a way for supervisors and officers to periodically check individual

employee career progress, to adjust career paths as needed, and to provide officers the potential for personal and professional growth. The process focuses on an officer's career path from recruitment to retirement. Training concepts are found to increase training proficiencies in areas such as: leadership development, officer wellness, and tactical response to critical incidents. Training requests, if approved, enhance our department abilities to create a learning organization to provide the services our community expects from its Police Department. Both the agency and community benefit from this career-minded process.

## **2019 DEPARTMENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

Agency members received the following in-service training courses, which were held at the Whitehouse Police Department:

- Annual OPOTA Firearms Qualification
- Annual Response to Resistance/Aggression (Use of Force)
- Annual Bias Free Policing policy training
- Annual Body-Worn and In-Car Camera training
- Annual Police-Community Engagement policy training
- Annual Domestic Violence Legal Update training
- Annual Department Career Development training
- Annual Crisis De-Escalation Techniques training
- Annual Village Hall Fire Evac/Tornado Shelter Plans
- Annual Emergency Vehicle Operation/Vehicle Pursuits
- Annual Ethics & Professionalism Training
- Ohio Attorney General's Office--Officer Safety Bulletins (quarterly)
- Lucas County/Village of Whitehouse Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) training
- NORIS/LEADS/OHLEG quarterly trainings
- LEADS recertification
- Rescue Task Force
- Building Searches
- Response to Active Threat Scenario-based training
- Firearms Training Simulator (FATS®) Scenario-based training
- Taser® Recertification
- ASP® Expandable Baton recertification training
- Village Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training
- Village Blood-borne Pathogen Exposure training
- Village Fire Extinguisher training
- Village Hearing Conservation policy training
- Village Workplace Harassment Prevention

## DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

In Ohio, all law enforcement officers must complete a minimum number of continuing professional training (CPT) hours to maintain state certification as a Peace Officer. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Attorney General and is administered through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC). In 2019, there were no mandated minimum number of in-service hours required, however, the Police Department ensured that employee training continued throughout the year.

### 2019 Department Training Highlights:

Total Department Training hours:	<b>895.5</b>
Total Field Training and Evaluation Program hours:	<b>800</b> (includes 5 new hires receiving 160-FTEP hours)
OPOTA-mandated Firearms Qualification/Re-qualification Training:	
Total number of officers:	<b>20</b> (August 2019)
Additional firearms training:	<b>13</b> (October 2019)
Owens Consortium Training hours:	<b>28</b> hours (4 officers attended Consortium courses)
Total CPT Training hours:	<b>0</b> (No OPOTA-mandate for 2019)

### OPOTA TRAINING OFFERED BY THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

OPOTC provides web-based training that fulfills this requirement. Through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) system, officers can access the training catalog and take any number of courses, including courses to satisfy the continuing education requirements. This year, all our officers received the minimum requirement set forth by OPOTC.

Based upon agency need, officers are also sent outside the agency for specialized training that benefits the officer, agency and community. This includes specialized schools for our School Resource Officer, Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructors, in-service leadership and management training for first-line supervisors and command staff, and records release and retention for civilian staff.

### 2019 Personnel Training Highlights:

**Deputy Chief Baer** graduated from the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Course. He was selected to attend this prestigious class from among several law enforcement executives throughout the State of Ohio. He began his studies in January 2019 and attended graduation ceremonies in Columbus at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in February 2020.

**Sgt. Brad Baker** received a partial scholarship to attend the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Course #80 beginning in July 2021. This course provides police first-line and middle managers with the training and experience needed to be effective police leaders, supervisors and managers within their agencies. He is also our agency's OPOTA-certified Firearms instructor, receiving re-certification in 2019.

**Sgt. Amanda Bradley** attended OPOTA First Line Supervision course in 2019. She also received a partial scholarship to attend the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Course #79 beginning in March 2021. This course provides police first-line and middle managers with the training and experience needed to be effective police leaders, supervisors and managers within their agencies.

**Cpl. Charles Kessinger** became an OPOTA-certified instructor after attending both Single Officer Response to Active Threats and Scenario-Based Training courses. This allows our agency access to equipment provided by OPOTA for scenario-based training.

**Officer Devin Lafferty** became an OPOTA-certified instructor after attending both Single Officer Response to Active Threats and Building Search courses. He was instrumental in preparing and instructing scenario-based training for our agency during 2019.

**Officer Matt Trautlein** attended Police Bicycle Training, becoming an International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPIMBA) certified bike officer. He will be utilizing these skills patrolling the Village on one of our police bikes in 2020.

**SOA Cindy Bergfeld** attended a refresher course in Records Management Laws, Ohio Sunshine Laws, and Rules and Regulation training in 2019. This is an annual training she attends to keep up to date on Ohio's Records Law.

**Rescue Task Force (RTF) Training:** In cooperation with the Whitehouse Fire Department, all police employees began training in the RTF concept in 2019. The RTF concept focuses on the needs and care of victims, not responders. EMS members of the RTF work with police officers to deliver immediate medical intervention for readily treatable injuries, including severe bleeding and airway compromise. The team then stabilizes victims for evacuation to definitive care. Officers and firefighters will continue training in this concept throughout 2020. Police and Fire personnel will receive TECC training in February and April 2020, which involves classroom and scenario-based response to threats (e.g. active shooter, etc.) to test our live-saving skills and force protection. It is our hope that we will never have to utilize this training, but our agencies will be thoroughly trained and prepared to respond to any active threat.

In 2019, the Police Department completed the first phase of training by conducting building searches and response to active threat training.



*Officer Ken Scheuerman responding to an active threat scenario during department training on Rescue Task Force (RTF) concepts. WPD officers completed the first phase of training in RTF concepts during 2019.*



*Sgt. Amanda Bradley practices safe building search techniques at Anthony Wayne High School, while Officer Christine Fouty (behind) looks on. Officers participated in the first phase of RTF training during 2019.*



*Cpl. Kyle McClanahan (left) instructs Officer Ken Scheuerman (center) on the proper response to clearing a room while Deputy Chief Allan Baer (right) looks on. WPD officers completed the first phase of training in RTF concepts during 2019.*



*Whitehouse Police officers practicing firearms skills above the OPOTA firearms qualification. Officers were practicing firearms drills and safety during this practical exercise in the fall 2019. WPD has three (3) OPOTA-certified Firearms Instructors on staff.*

## DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Our Department Equipment Committee consists of the following employees:

Deputy Chief Allan Baer  
Officer Ron Shellhammer  
Officer Andy Kasack, Jr.  
Officer David Weekley

The Equipment Committee meets quarterly to discuss police uniforms and equipment issues, policies and procedures related to police equipment, inventory, inspection process, vehicle fleet acquisition, repair and maintenance, and other related issues. The members inventory our current equipment, conduct research for equipment best suited for our agency, and look for cost-savings for procurement and replacement of aging or unserviceable items.

The group has provided proposals to increase the efficiency and effectiveness for better tracking, repair, and preventive maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Our objective is to increase the use and efficiency of our current police equipment inventory, remove/repair/replace those items no longer in service for health and safety reasons, and find replacement equipment at a fair price and at a cost-savings to taxpayers.

### 2019 Equipment Committee Highlights

#### Vehicles

- In partnership with the village's maintenance department, regular preventive maintenance was completed on all fleet vehicles.
- Discussions were made for the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle in 2019. The PD received the vehicle in August 2019, and it was fitted for patrol duties in September.
- Statistics for the police fleet vehicles for 2019:
  - Fuel Cost (2019): \$22,808.45
  - Yearly Average Fuel Cost per Month/Vehicle: \$299.41
  - Yearly Average Miles per Gallon (fleet): 8.15
  - Total Miles Driven (total fleet – 7 vehicles): 76,559 mi.  
(6-marked patrol vehicles; 1 administrative vehicle)

#### Police Vehicle Inventory

- Recommendations were made to purchase/replace aging equipment to ensure each patrol vehicle inventory consisted of the items for patrol use.

#### Surplus Equipment

- Court ordered property and Village Council approved equipment surplus was destroyed, turned over for agency use, or auctioned on govdeals.com. We re-purposed a 2015 Ford Explorer SUV, providing it to the Whitehouse Fire Department for use as the Fire Chief's vehicle.

### **Police Department Equipment Grants**

The committee's responsibilities also include procuring grant money for the purpose of purchasing police equipment. Byrne grants were secured for police equipment purchases in 2019 (MDTs and portable radios). Working with our grants officer, the members will be attempting to secure additional grant monies in 2020.

### **2020 Equipment Committee Goals:**

The Equipment Committee is dedicated to keeping our police department equipment up-to-date and serviceable. The group will continue to monitor current trends regarding police equipment, and provide referrals for updating, repairing, maintaining, and securing agency equipment needs. The committee's focus in 2019 will be to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the police equipment functions within the organization, in keeping with our Mission, Vision, goals and objectives.

Officers of the Whitehouse Police Department provided presentations to various organizations throughout the year. Organizations can request an officer to speak to their groups about law enforcement and other related topics. Requests can be made by contacting the Whitehouse Police Department via phone, fax, or email. A Presentation Request Form is available in the lobby of the Police Department, or on the Whitehouse Police Department website.



*The Police Department purchased a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe for patrol duties. Here the vehicle was in the process of being fitted with police safety equipment. This vehicle replaced a 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV, which was repurposed for the Whitehouse Fire Chief's vehicle. The Village Departments plan to repurpose other vehicles that continue to be road worthy as new vehicle purchases are added to their respective fleets.*

## DEPARTMENT GRANTS COMMITTEE

### Committee Members:

Sgt. Amanda Bradley  
Cpl. Chuck Kessinger  
Officer Andy Kasack  
Officer Ken Scheuerman

The Department Grants Committee, working with SOA Rita Yunker (Whitehouse Fire Department Safety Office Assistant/Grants Administrator), was able to secure grants from both the federal and state level this year. Below is a breakdown of 2019 grants awarded to the Whitehouse Police Department:

### **2018-JG-LLE-0062– Justice Assistance Grant – Law Enforcement (JAG-LE) (aka 2015-JG-A02-6044A)**

Grant: \$8,707.19

Received: Two (2) Portable Radios

### **2017-JG-A02-6044 – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

Grant: \$19,334.03

Received: Three (3) Portable Radios; (2) MDTs (in-car computers)

### **2019-2020 OCJS Drug-Use Prevention Grant (Officer Wages)**

Grant: \$2,091.38

### **2018-JG-B01-6085 (SRO Wages 1/1/19 – 12/31/19)**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019: \$12,863.97

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019: \$10,519.48

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019: \$7,758.36

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019 (to be paid in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020)

### **Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program – Ohio Attorney General’s Office Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation/Safety Intervention Grant Program**

Officer Ballistic Vest program: \$3,774.00

Total amount received in 2019: **\$65,048.41**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING COMMITTEE

As with many law enforcement agencies in the United States, the Whitehouse Police Department continues to struggle to find quality candidates to fill our ranks. In 2019 the Police Department observed a majority of new part-time officers leave our organization for other law enforcement agencies that offer increased salaries and opportunities. The forecast for employee retention rates in law enforcement, especially for Village departments, will continue to be on the low side during 2020.

The Police Department will be looking to implement changes in our staffing to increase retention rates and for villagers to receive a return on their investment. Command staff has researched this issue and are looking to make the following changes in our recruiting efforts:

**Part-Time Officer Recruitment and Retention:** The Police Department has attempted several programs to increase part-time officer retention, but we continue to observe officers leaving the organization for full-time positions at other agencies. The main issue is part-time officers, especially those newly certified by the State, needing full-time employment to meet their financial obligations and career aspirations.

In 2020, the Police Department will be taking a paradigm shift in our part-time recruiting efforts. These efforts will include:

- Focusing our recruiting efforts on retired/in-service officers in good standing who are looking for part-time police work;
- Creating a smaller cadre of part-time officers to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars while ensuring adequate shift coverage;
- Having part-time officers sign contracts regarding their wages, hours, and working conditions. This will include assignments to regular open shifts and limited benefits;
- Enhancing retention efforts by offering additional incentives (i.e., training, special duty assignments, etc.).

The Police Department, and the Whitehouse community, benefit from our part-time officers. They provide shift coverage for the full-time force during vacations and various leaves, training, and other obligations. They are subject to the same state-mandated training requirements as our full-time officers. Many part-time officers do this because they enjoy police work as well as serving the Whitehouse community.

We believe these changes to our part-time officer program will bring needed increases in recruitment, retention, consistency, and a well-trained and experienced group of officers to serve our community.

## THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHOUSE DEDICATES VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



On Saturday, September 21, 2019, The Village of Whitehouse held a dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Veterans Memorial Park.

Veterans Memorial Park is a public park located in downtown Whitehouse that provides a solemn, beautiful space to remember and honor all those who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America. The park recognizes area veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during wartimes, as well as police, fire and rescue forces.

Planners envisioned this park to be an educational tool for individuals and school children, lifting up the sacrifices made by those who serve in the military and civic forces. People can gather here for ceremonies, reflection and conversation. The park includes monuments, flags, a fountain, educational plaques, and a shelter house.

The park is a collaborative effort between the municipality of Whitehouse, donors and community volunteers. Funds were and continue to be raised through Destination Whitehouse Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency in Whitehouse, Ohio. Park designs were created by the Edge Group. Veterans Memorial Park serves the entire Anthony Wayne area and is being constructed with funds from generous patrons.

Most of the construction was completed by the dedication ceremony in September. Various dignitaries attended and spoke at the ceremony, to include Congresswomen Marcy Kaptur (D-OH 09) and Congressman Robert “Bob” Latta (R-OH 05). Tiffany Eckert, the wife of a fallen service member, gave an inspiring speech of sacrifice and hope.

All Village departments were involved in the planning and implementation of this historic event. The residents, business community and visitors will appreciate the efforts of so many who made Veterans Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony a reality:

Whitehouse Village Council  
Veterans Memorial Park Committee  
Destination Whitehouse  
Anthony Wayne High School Marching Band and Choir  
Joint Services Honor Guard  
Mr. Robert Casaletta  
Boy Scouts  
Village of Whitehouse Administration  
Whitehouse Fire Department

Mayor Donald L. Atkinson  
The Edge Group  
American Legion Post #384 & Auxiliary  
Pastor Carol Williams-Young (Zion UMC Church)  
Ms. Layla Doyle  
Girls Scouts  
Whitehouse Public Service Department  
Whitehouse Police Department



*Whitehouse Police Department personnel that attended and provided security for the Dedication Ceremony for Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Pictured (l-r) Sgt. Brad Baker (U.S. Marine uniform; Master of Ceremonies for the event), Deputy Chief Allan Baer, Officer Ken Scheuerman, Officer Rick Gallaher, Cpl. Charles Kessinger, Property Officer Dave Weekley (plainclothes), BGSU Intern Morgan Shumann, Officer Stephen Loar, Officer Sam Gable, Officer Chris Pearcy. Not pictured: Chief Mark McDonough, Cpl. Kyle McClanahan, Officer Andy Kasack, Officer Christine Fouty, Officer Matt Trautlein (Picture courtesy of K. Gerhardinger/The Mirror).*



## **WHITEHOUSE POLICE RECEIVES RE-CERTIFICATION FROM THE OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

In December 2014, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-06K, announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between the community and police. The task force included 24 members representing the governor, legislature, attorney general, the Supreme Court of Ohio, local law enforcement, organized labor, local community leaders, the faith-based community, business, municipalities and prosecuting attorneys.

On April 29, 2015, after a series of public forums held around the state, the task force delivered its final report to the Governor, who in turn established the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations.

The Ohio Collaborative, a 12-person panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders from throughout the state, established state standards – for the first time in Ohio’s history – on August 28, 2015, for use of force including use of deadly force and agency employee recruitment and hiring that can help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. These new standards will hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. The Collaborative works closely with partners, including the community and law enforcement agencies, to implement the new standards. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations. The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, communicated those new standards to Ohio’s nearly 960 law enforcement agencies. The Ohio Collaborative also provided model policies as a resource for agencies, and OCJS serves as a contact and is available to assist agencies with implementation.

The Whitehouse Police Department met or exceeded the Ohio Collaborative standards, was awarded initial certification in 2016, and received recertification in 2019 in the following areas:

- Use of Force
- Use of Deadly Force
- Recruiting and Hiring
- Body-worn Cameras
- Bias Free Policing
- Community Engagement
- Investigation of Employee Misconduct

# WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

(January 1 – December 31, 2019)

**Calls for Service – 4, 803**

**Written Reports – 431**

**Traffic Citations – 549**

- Expired License – 6
- Expired Plates – 44
- Expired Trailer Plates - 1
- Failure to Control – 10
- Failure to Yield – 8
- Failure to Stop for School Bus – 3
- Failure to Reinstate – 3
- Failure to Obey Officer Directing Traffic - 1
- Fictitious Plates – 1
- Impeding Traffic - 6
- Marked Lanes – 2
- No Driver's License – 3
- One Way Traffic – Rotary Island - 1
- OVI (DUI) – 20
- OVI-Breath - 8
- OVI-Refusal – 9
- OVI-Urine – 3
- Passing on Double Yellow Line – 1
- Reasonable Control – 1
- Reckless Operation - 1
- Seatbelt Operator – 2
- Seatbelt, Child – 0
- Shortcutting - 1
- Speed – 404
- Speed (ACDA) – 6
- Starting and Backing - 2
- Stop Sign – 25
- Stopping Vehicle - 1
- Two headlights required – 1
- Wrongful Entrustment - 1

**Traffic Warnings – 636**

**Traffic Crashes – 56**

- ACDA – 6
- Failure to Control – 10
- Failure to Yield – 8
- Hit & Run - 7
- Improper Starting and Backing – 2
- Reasonable Control - 1
- Private Property – 21
- Unsecured Load - 1

**Parking Tickets – 14**

**Criminal Arrests – 29**

- Aggravated menacing – 3
- Animal Running At Large - 1
- Assault – 2
- Attempted Assault – 1
- Complicity to Misuse of Credit Card - 1
- Criminal Trespass – 1
- Domestic Violence – 3
- Disorderly Conduct – 3
- Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of Police Officer - 1
- Failure to Disclose One’s Personal Information - 1
- Menacing – 3
- Obstructing Official Business - 1
- Possession of Drugs – 2
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 1
- Sexual Imposition - 1
- Telecommunications Harassment - 1
- Theft – 1
- Voyeurism - 2

**Minor Misdemeanor Citations - 34**

- Allow Animals to Run at Large – 16
- Barking/Howling Dog - 1
- Disorderly Conduct – 1
- Open Container - 2
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 1
- Possession of Marijuana – 12

**Warrants Served – 30:**

- Summonsable (released on summons) – 15
- Arrests & incarceration – 15

**JUEVNILE STATISTICS**

**Juvenile Arrests – 3**

- Inducing Panic – 2
- Public Indecency – 1

**Juveniles Referred to Youth Diversion Program (YDP) – 7**

**Special Project Hours:** 523 (*Note: No overtime costs incurred-entities contract for this service*)

Anthony Wayne School Events: 225-hours

Cedar Creek Church Security: 298-hours

**Use of Force (UOF) Investigation/Reporting (Reporting IAW OCCPAB Standard 8.2015.1)**

Total UOF Incidents: 2

**Initial Reported Incident**

- Disorderly Conduct 1
- Assist Agency-Domestic Dispute 1

**Methods Used Against Officer(s)**

- Pulling away from officer 1
- Not responding to commands 2

**Level of Officer(s) Response**

- Employee Presence 3
- Verbal/Physical Commands 3
- Assistance from other officers 3

## **OHIO COLLABORATIVE STANDARD - INVESTIGATING EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT IAW OCCPAB Standard 3.2018.7**

The Whitehouse Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the agency and the conduct of its members.

The agency will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules and any requirements set forth in the Village Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

It is also the policy of this agency to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.

### **WHAT ABOUT MY COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER?**

Presented as a public service by the Whitehouse Police Department

The police officer in every community is an unmistakable symbol, not only of the law, but of the entire community. Because of this, he/she is the obvious target for grievances against any shortcomings of our system of government. The police officer can work toward solving the complex problems of a community only when working in concert with the entire community.

Police officers can and must, however, recognize their responsibility to serve all members of the public to the best of their ability. Fair and impartial law enforcement, which respects the individual dignity and rights of all is essential, and must be accomplished with tact and diplomacy, whenever possible.

As police officers, we must professionally and objectively investigate all citizen complaints as expeditiously and thoroughly as possible. This enables us to arrive at all the facts which will either quickly substantiate the complaint or clear the officer's name, whichever is appropriate.

The following information addresses some common questions regarding the Whitehouse Police department policy related to the employee complaint process.

#### ***Does that mean the Police Department wants complaints?***

Of course not. A complaint means that someone may not have done a good enough job. We do, however, want to know when our service needs to improve or corrected.

#### ***Will you listen to my complaint?***

Yes. Either an investigator assigned by the Chief/Deputy Chief of Police, or the officer's supervisor will investigate a complaint against an officer/civilian employee.

#### ***Who should I go to first?***

You should take a complaint about an officer/employee to his/her supervisor. If he/she is not on duty or available, the Senior Officer on shift will obtain your contact information and forward it to a supervisor. The supervisor will contact you upon his/her return to duty. If the complaint is against a supervisor, contact the Deputy Police Chief as described above.

***I want to take this all the way to the top. Will the Chief of Police be notified?***

He/she will. The Chief of Police receives copies of all complaints against officers/employees. The officer involved is notified as well, as part of the investigation.

***Do I have to make my complaint in person?***

No, but normally a complaint must be from a known source to be investigated. A phone call or email can be used in the reporting process. The investigator may need additional information to further investigate your complaint, so complainant contact information is helpful.

***Will I have to write out my complaint?***

Yes. Normally, for a complaint to be investigated, the complaint must be in writing, signed and dated by the complaining person.

***I am under 18. Do I have a right to complain?***

Yes. Just bring a parent/guardian with you.

***How thoroughly will you really investigate?***

Very thoroughly. As a police department, we need the trust of the community to do our job. We want to find out if/where we made our mistake. If the conduct was lawful and proper, then we want to explain that to the complainant. If it wasn't, we'll address it with the officer through the progressive disciplinary process per the Village of Whitehouse/Police Department policy, and/or legal action. Additionally, if a person intentionally makes a FALSE complaint, we want to find out and take appropriate legal action.

***Could I get in trouble for complaining?***

Not if you're telling the truth. We are only interested in prosecuting those who make malicious, false allegations about our agency personnel. We would not (and could not) bring charges against a person who has acted in good faith.

***What will happen to the officer/employee?***

That will depend on what he/she did. If the officer's or employee's actions were criminal, he/she will be dealt with like any other citizen. If the actions were improper but not criminal, he/she will be disciplined.

***Will I be told how the complaint is resolved?***

Yes. You will receive a letter from the Chief of Police telling you the disposition of our investigation.

***What about a lie detector?***

In certain cases, where we can't determine the truth any other way, you may be asked to take a polygraph examination. The same is true of our officers.

***What if I'm not satisfied with the results of this investigation?***

We sincerely hope that would never happen. If it does, you can contact the Mayor, or in some cases, the Village Law Director or County Prosecutor's Office.

Our goal is that you will never need to use the information listed here. We don't want to fail in our efforts to provide you the best possible police service.

*Note:* Information on the complaint process is available on the Police Department website, or pamphlets are available for pick up or mailing at the Police Department.

**2019 Internal Affairs-Investigation of Employee Misconduct  
(Reporting IAW OCCPAB Standard 3.2018.7)**

Formal Complaints:	0
Informal Complaints:	2
<b>Results:</b>	
Unfounded:	1
Exonerated:	1
Sustained:	0
Not Sustained:	0

# BIASED-FREE POLICING -- 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

**Prepared by:** Chief Mark E. McDonough, CLEE

**Date:** January 8, 2020

## **Guiding Principles**

Every law enforcement agency must be committed to its community by providing services with due regard for the cultural, racial or other differences that make up the community. It is the policy of the Whitehouse Police Department to provide services and enforcement fairly and without discrimination toward any individual or group of people. Race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, ethnicity, cultural affiliation, age, disability, economic status, or affiliation with any other similar identifiable group shall not be used as the basis for providing law enforcement services or the enforcement of laws. The Whitehouse Police Department, an Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board- (OCCPAB) certified agency, adheres to the standards of the OCCPAB to include this policy. Members of this agency are committed to these standards and guiding principles.

(Source: <https://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/links/final-standards-bias-free-policing.pdf>).

## **Racial or Biased Based Profiling Prohibited**

Criminal profiling, in itself, can be a useful tool to assist law enforcement officers in carrying out their duties. Officers of this agency shall not consider race/ethnicity to establish reasonable suspicion or probable cause, except that officers may take into account the reported race/ethnicity of a potential suspect(s) based on trustworthy, locally relevant information that links a person of a specific race/ethnicity to a particular unlawful incident(s).

## **Biased Free Policing**

The lack of inappropriate reliance on factors such as race, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, age, cultural group, disability or affiliation with any other similar identifiable group as a factor in deciding whether to take law enforcement action or to provide service.

## **Training**

Officers of this agency receive annual training and a copy of this policy. Officers are required to acknowledge they have read and understand this policy. Furthermore, officers are required to complete annual proficiency testing on this policy. In 2019, all employees of this agency have successfully completed Ohio Collaborative and agency Ethics and Professionalism training.

## **Corrective Actions**

Supervisors and command staff of this agency review department reports daily, and body-worn camera and in-car camera footage on a monthly basis. Supervisors/command staff are responsible

for ensuring officers adhere to this policy. Supervisory personnel are required to address training issues and disciplinary actions for those officers who violate this policy, based upon the progressive disciplinary process and department policy. There were no instances of violations of this policy or complaints regarding biased-based policing of our employees observed in 2019.

### **Compliance Documentation**

The Whitehouse Police Department collects gender and race/ethnicity data, in accordance with OCCPAB standards, regarding self-initiated traffic contacts (to include all traffic citations and warnings issued). This documentation is maintained by the Whitehouse Police Department Records Clerk, who compiles the statistical data and forwards it to the Chief of Police for review (see below).

### **Annual Review**

The Chief of Police completes a documented administrative annual review of agency policies and practices, data collected, and citizen's complaints/concerns. The following information comprises the 2019 annual review in accordance with Ohio Collaborative standards and the provisions of this policy:

#### ***Citizen concerns regarding Whitehouse Police Department Biased Free Policing policy:***

In 2019, the Whitehouse Police Department did not receive any formal citizen complaints regarding potential violations of this policy but did receive two (2) informal complaints (see page 50, *Internal Affairs-Investigation of Employee Misconduct*, for additional information). The Whitehouse Police Department has a process for citizens to make complaints against an employee in accordance with department policy and Ohio Collaborative standards. The department provides a brochure on its website and in print format at the Police Department which addresses the complaint process.

#### ***Agency Practices***

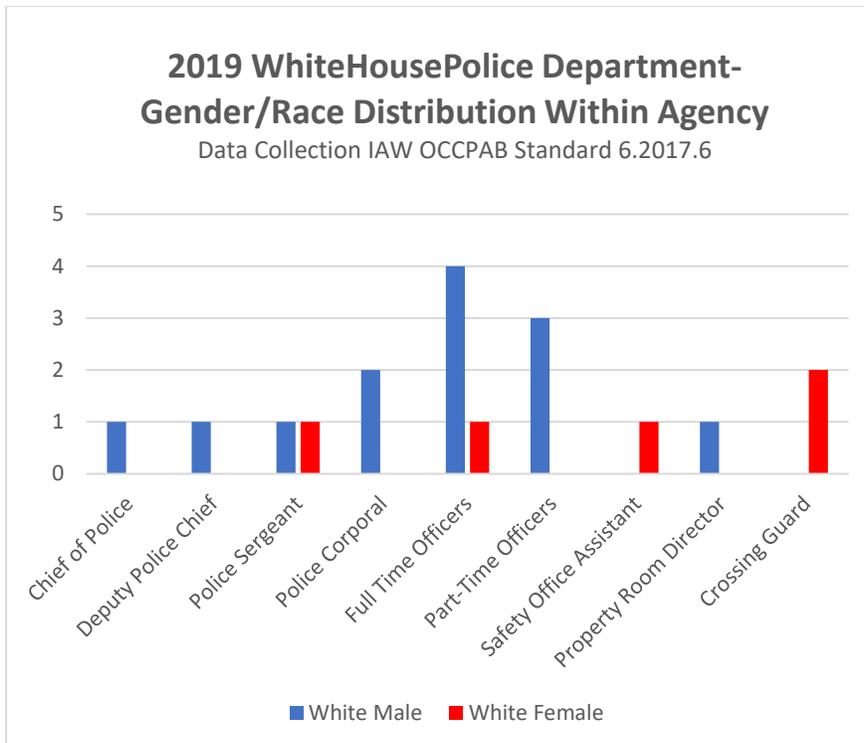
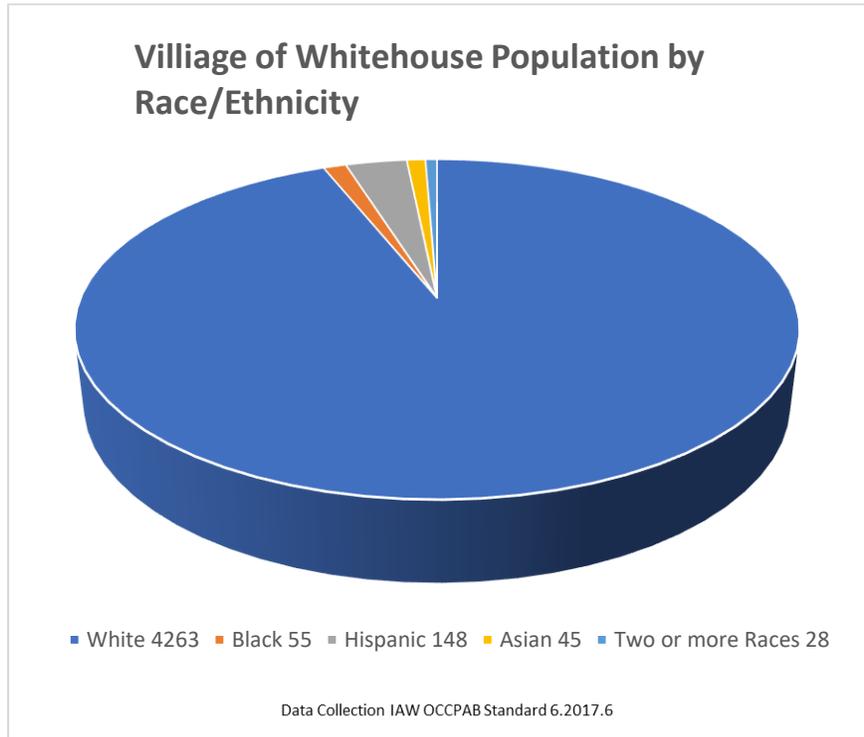
*Training & Testing:* The Whitehouse Police Department has provided annual Biased Based Policing training and testing to all personnel (sworn and civilian) since 2012.

*Statistical Information:* In 2019, in accordance with Ohio Collaborative data collection requirements, the department compiled statistical data of gender and race/ethnicity of the driver of all officer self-initiated traffic contacts. Those statistics are presented in this annual review. In accordance with Ohio Collaborative standards, the Whitehouse Police Department is not required to publicize this information until the year 2020. However, in keeping with our Mission Statement, our Core Values, and guiding principles as stated above, the members of this agency are committed to providing the best police services to our community, which includes abiding by the provisions in accordance with Collaborative standards, and those areas addressed in this policy.

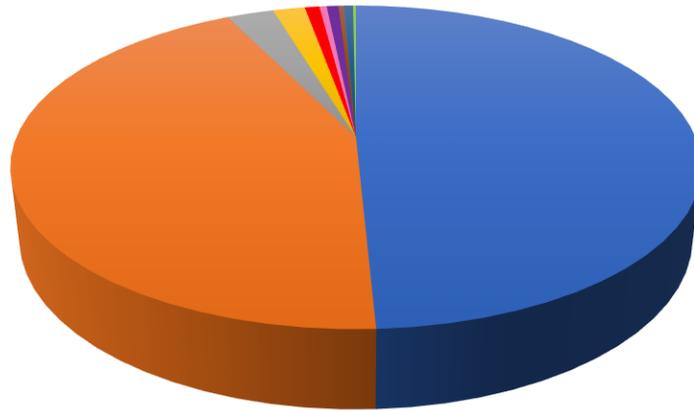
#### **Purpose of Bias Free Policing Policy**

The Whitehouse Police Department conducts annual training regarding Bias Free Policing for all employees. In keeping with Federal and state law and best practices, the Department subscribes to this standard of conduct. This standard is in keeping with our Mission Statement and Core Values, as well as our dedication to the public trust of our agency.

## Bias Free Policing Demographics and Statistics (Reporting IAW OCCPAB Standard 3.2017.6)

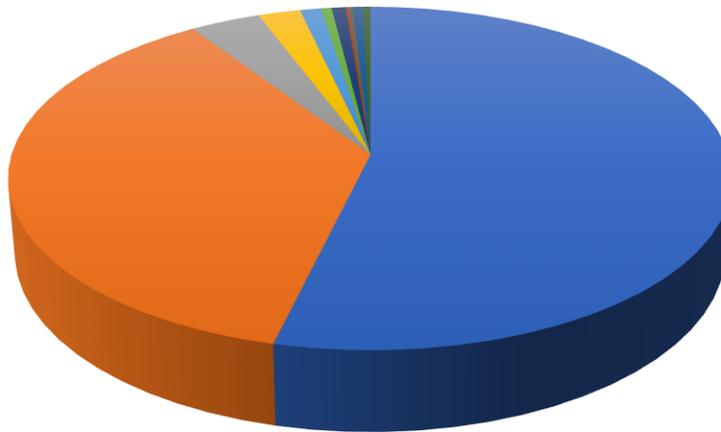


### 2019 Total Agency Traffic Encounters: Gender & Race/Ethnicity Statistics Report



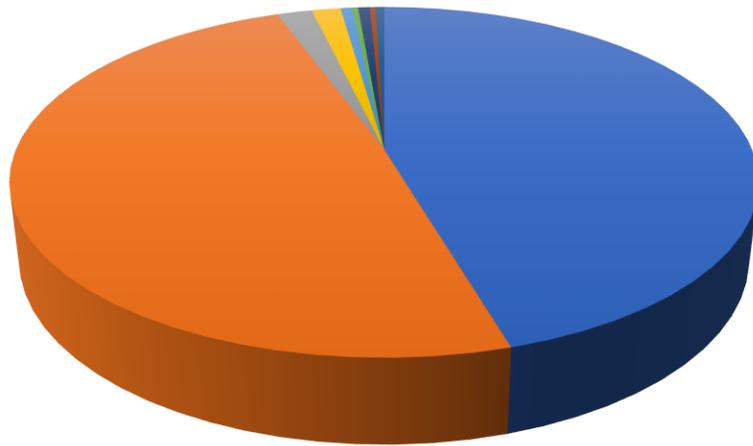
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- Black Male 32
- Hispanic Male 10
- Asian Male 8
- Native American Male 1
- White Female 533
- Black Female 22
- Hispanic Female 5
- Asian Female 3
- Native American Female 0

### 2019 Gender & Race/ Ethnicity Statistics Report (CITATIONS)



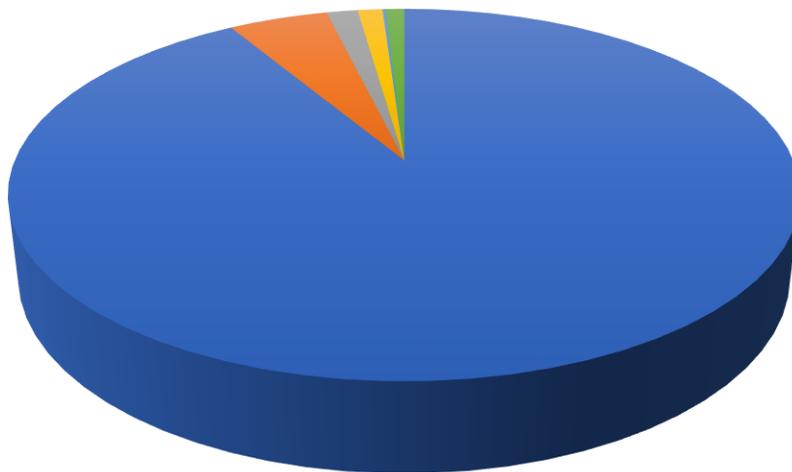
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- Hispanic Male 6
- Asian Male 4
- Native American Male 1
- Middle Eastern Male 3
- White Female 206
- Black Female 12
- Hispanic Female 3
- Asian Female 1
- Native American Female 0
- Middle Eastern Female 2

## 2019 Gender & Race/Ethnicity Statistics Report (WARNINGS)



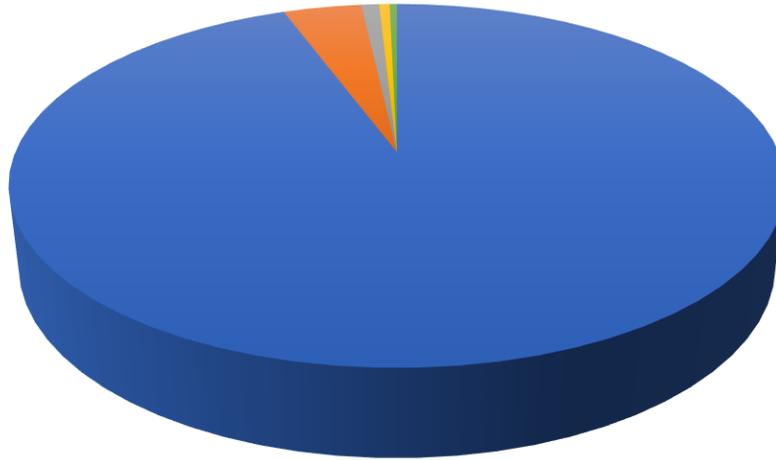
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| ■ Black Male 12          | ■ Black Female 10          |
| ■ Hispanic Male 4        | ■ Hispanic Female 2        |
| ■ Asian Male 4           | ■ Asian Female 2           |
| ■ Native American Male 0 | ■ Native American Female 0 |
| ■ Middle Eastern Male 3  | ■ Middle Eastern Female 0  |

## 2019 Gender & Race/Ethnicity Statistics Report (Male)



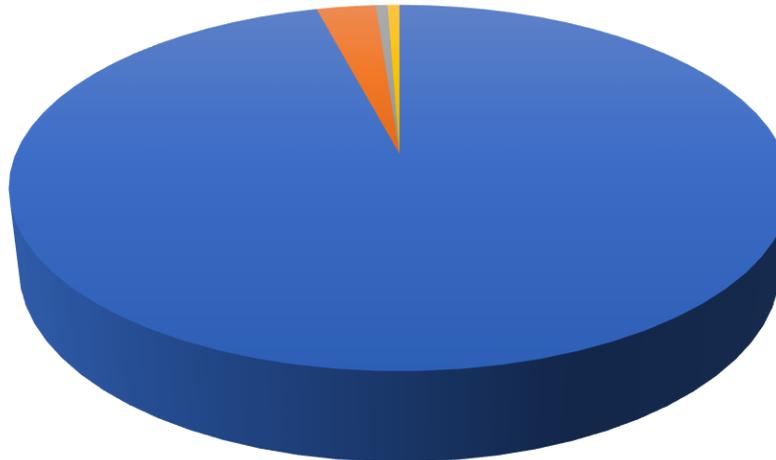
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| ■ Hispanic Male 10       | ■ Asian Male 8          |
| ■ Native American Male 1 | ■ Middle Eastern Male 6 |

### 2019 Gender & Race/Ethnicity Statistics Report (Female)



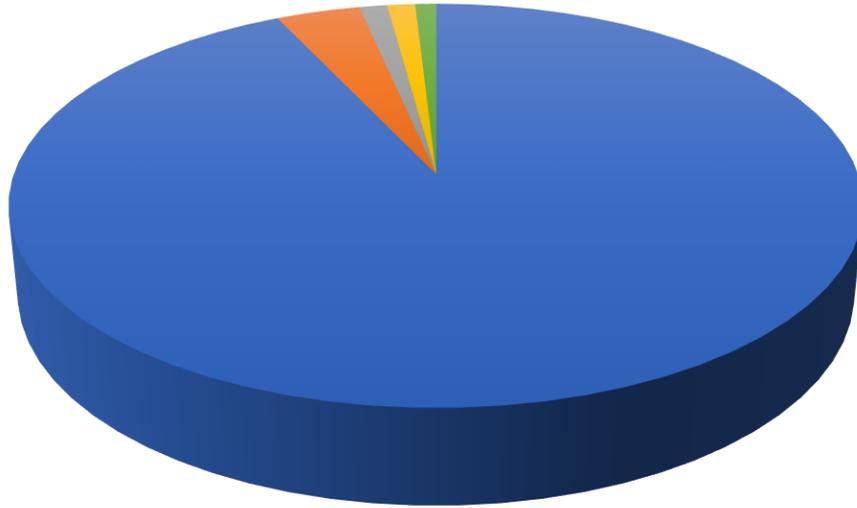
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■ Asian Female 3	■ Native American Female 0	■ Middle Eastern Female 2

### 2019 Gender & Race/ Ethnicity Statistics Report (FEMALE WARNINGS)



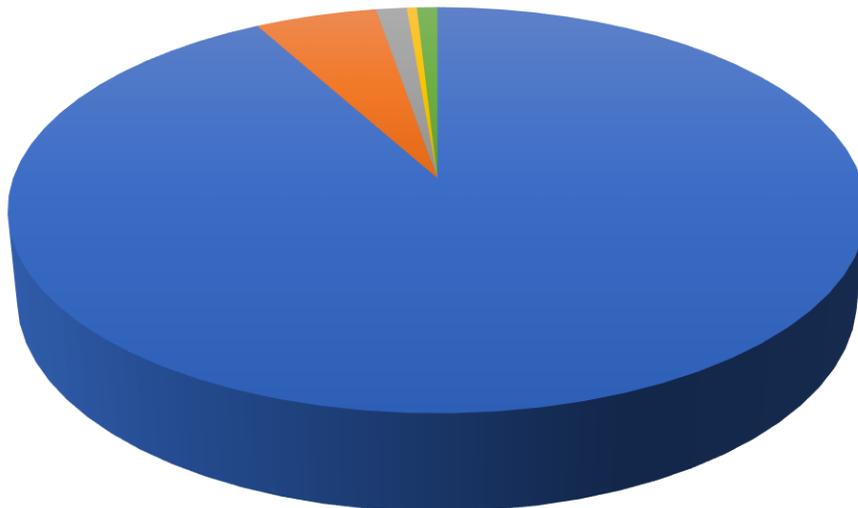
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■ Asian Female 2	■ Native American Female 0	■ Middle Eastern Female 0

### 2019 Gender & Race/ Ethnicity Statistics Report (MALE WARNINGS)



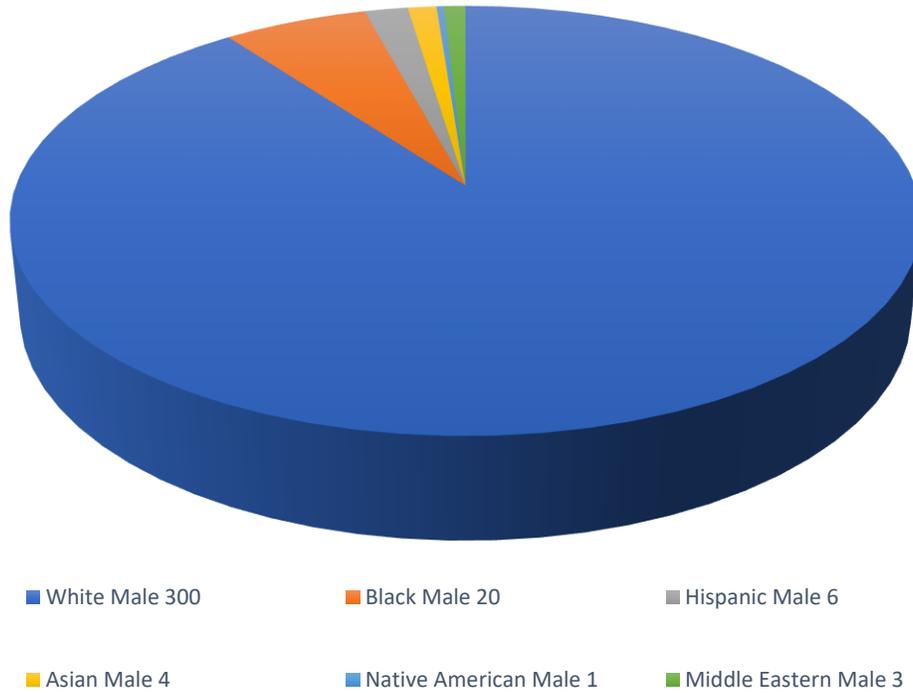
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■ Asian Male 4      ■ Native American Male 0      ■ Middle Eastern Male 3

### 2019 Gender & Race/ Ethnicity Statistics Report (FEMALE CITATIONS)



■ White Female 206      ■ Black Female 12      ■ Hispanic Female 3  
■ Asian Female 1      ■ Native American Female 0      ■ Middle Eastern Female 2

## 2019 Gender & Race/ Ethnicity Statistics Report (MALE CITATIONS)



**NOTE: All data collected is IAW OCCPAB Standard 6.2017.6**

### **COMMENTARY:**

The Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board created this standard. A part of the policy, law enforcement agencies must prohibit the use of any bias based profiling in its enforcement programs and processes.

## COURT JURISDICTIONS THAT SERVE THE WHITEHOUSE COMMUNITY



*Lucas County Courthouse  
(Felony cases; civil cases)*



*Maumee Municipal Court  
(Misdemeanor cases; civil cases)  
The Honorable Judge Daniel G. Hazard*

## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Under the supervision of the Police Department, and in cooperation with Anthony Wayne Area Schools and Whitehouse Primary School, the Village is fortunate to have two (2) dedicated individuals to care for the safety of our school-age children.

Both Susan Leasor and Dawn Wise have been providing for the safe crossing of Whitehouse Primary School for many years. Both Crossing Guards have the responsibility to ensure that the children cross in the designated school crosswalks, observe drivers to ensure the safety of the children to and from school, assist with school bus departures, and report driver violations and suspicious behaviors in the area to the school and police. They both work in all types of weather and are vigilant in their duties. Our crossing guards take their responsibilities seriously, and everyday strive to ensure for the safety of our children as they report to and depart from school.

Susan and Dawn receive annual crossing guard training from police department personnel and are provided equipment to safely perform their duties.



*School Crossing Guard Dawn Wise*



*School Crossing Guard Susan Leasor*

## WHITEHOUSE POLICE MEMBERSHIPS

Members of the Whitehouse Police Department participate in many local and area groups and committees. Members are encouraged to become a part of the larger community as a liaison member of our agency. Many provide their time and talents to improve our local community. Through their efforts, the Whitehouse community benefits directly through employee training and education, grant dollars for traffic safety programs, educational programs provided to the community, and networking opportunities for professional relationship-building.

### Local Organizations

Whitehouse Village Safety Team

### Member(s)

Sgt. Brad Baker  
Corporal Kyle McClanahan

Whitehouse Village Wellness Committee

Corporal Charles Kessinger, Jr.  
Officer Andy Kasack  
Officer Devin Lafferty

AWAKE Board member  
Spring Green Educational Foundation  
Youth Diversion Program Director

Sergeant Amanda Bradley

Area Law Enforcement Investigators Association

Deputy Chief Allan Baer  
Corporal Kyle McClanahan

### **Lucas/Wood County:**

Domestic Violence Task Force  
Metro-Toledo Criminal Justice Administrators  
Coalition of Organizations Protecting Elders

Chief McDonough  
Deputy Chief Allan Baer

Wood County ADAMHS Board

Deputy Chief Allan Baer

OVI Task Force

Officer Ken Scheuerman

### **National/State Level:**

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police  
International Association of Chiefs of Police  
National Association of Chiefs of Police  
FBI National Academy Associates

Chief Mark McDonough

Owens Community College Center for  
Law Enforcement and Professional Development  
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Deputy Chief Allan Baer

Ohio Tactical Officer's Association

Corporal Kyle McClanahan

Ohio School Resource Officers Association

Corporal Charles Kessinger, Jr.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

A major emphasis was placed on traffic safety in the Village this year. The Police Department received more than 24 requests for directed traffic patrols in the downtown and various neighborhoods. Increase patrols for speed, stop sign, and other violations were the focus in 2019.

Our agency participated in several traffic safety programs during 2019. Throughout the year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in conjunction with state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, provide traffic safety, education and enforcement to ensure compliance with traffic laws. The Whitehouse Police Department participated in several traffic safety programs which included:

- *Click-it or Ticket* Seatbelt compliance campaign (May 22 – June 4)
- *Drive Sober or get Pulled Over* OVI campaign (August 18 – September 3)
- *Circle Toledo* Traffic Safety program (April 28 – April 29)
- *Light for Lives* OSP District #1 Holiday Traffic Safety campaign (November 20– November 22)
- OVI Checkpoints – with partners in Lucas County law enforcement. Whitehouse officers participated in 3 OVI Checkpoints and completed 88-hours of OVI directed patrols.

During these traffic educational and enforcement programs, officers placed an emphasis on being proactive in attending to traffic violators. Statistical information was gathered regarding our efforts and forwarded to our local OVI Task Force and Traffic Safety Coordinator.

### Lucas County OVI Task Force

Officer Ken Scheuerman is the Department's liaison to the Lucas County OVI Task Force. Officer Scheuerman meets with task force members monthly to discuss traffic safety programs and latest traffic safety trends. Through a Federal traffic safety grant awarded through the task force, officers from our agency provided directed traffic patrols and assisted with OVI checkpoints throughout Lucas County, with an emphasis on OVI enforcement. The grant pays the officers' salaries when they are assigned to directed traffic patrol duties, at no direct cost to Village taxpayers.



*Area law enforcement officers meet for a press conference before the start of a 2019 area Traffic Safety Campaign. Whitehouse Police participated in several traffic safety programs in 2019.*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2020



The Whitehouse Police Department will continue to increase its efficiency and effectiveness while adhering to our Mission Statement, Core Values, Vision and goals and objectives during 2020. Our focus will be serving our citizens, our business community and visitors by providing superior police services. The areas we will most focus on in 2020 include:

- Concentrating our training efforts on Rescue Task Force (RTF) techniques and concepts. Working with our partners in public safety, local business and school communities to provide training and education in this concept. Our goal is to have all agency officers trained in RFT.
- Continuing to update agency policy and procedure in keeping with best police practices (Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police model policies) utilizing Lexipol® programs; receive re-certification through the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.
- Continuing to mentor first-line supervisors through formal/informal training opportunities.
- Continuing to promote and participate in job fairs, to find the most-qualified candidates for police department positions. This includes updating our recruiting efforts to enhance selecting, hiring, and retaining quality officers.
- Focusing on traffic education/enforcement measures to increase safety on Village roadways.
- Increasing foot and bicycle patrols in the business, residential, and Village Park areas.
- Continuing in-service training for all employees to meet state-mandated requirements, as well as to enhance individual officer job satisfaction and performance.
- Researching and securing grant monies to increase agency funding sources.
- Continuing the Police Internship Program in collaboration with Bowling Green State University and area colleges/universities.
- Enhancing Department Committee processes in keeping with best police practices.
- Updating our Career Development process, to augment individual and departmental goals and objectives, ultimately benefitting the community we serve.
- Working with other agencies, groups, and organizations to address Village issues and community concerns.
- Attending to additional goals and objectives as they present to our workforce.

We will be keeping with our community policing philosophy by providing fair and impartial police services for our community. We will find innovative ways to enhance our capabilities to ensure Whitehouse is a safe place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully,

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