

2017 Annual Report

West Carrollton Police Department



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A Word from the Chief

In 2017, the men and women of the West Carrollton Police Department continued to provide a high level of professional service to the community. The devotion and dedication that they display is evident through everything that they do on a daily basis. The following pages of this annual report demonstrate their commitment and faithfulness to the citizens of West Carrollton.



In 2017, the department continued to realize some significant changes; especially changes in the area of personnel. Some tenured officers retired, and a couple of other officers continued their law enforcement career with different police departments. Filling open officer positions has been a tenuous proposition as the number of people that are entering the field of law enforcement over the past few years continues to decline.

Sgt. Alex Flynn attended and graduated from the Police Leadership Executive College (PELC). PELC is a three-month Bachelors level course of study presented by the Ohio Chiefs of Police Association that provides leadership instruction for newly appointed supervisors.

In 2017, our department, along with most of the other area police and fire departments, struggled with the tragic circumstances surrounding the opioid epidemic. The consumption of resources created by this crisis placed additional burdens our staffing levels. There have been several multi-level, inter-agency partnerships created in an attempt to combat this heartbreaking situation.

The department has continued preparation to convert from our current records management system (CISCO) to a new internet-based system called TAC.10. This new Records Management solution will allow us to become more efficient in the manner in which we compile our records, while also providing some new tools that will help us to become more effective overall. It will also allow us to submit our reports to the Federal Government in their requested format. It is our hope that we will have this new system up and running some time in 2018.

It continues to be an honor to work alongside some of the finest men and women in law enforcement and to serve our community with Integrity, Honesty, Accountability and Professionalism.

Douglas M. Woodard

Motto, Mission, Vision and Core Principals



Motto:

“Sworn to Protect...Dedicated to Serve”

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the West Carrollton Police Department is to provide excellent service through leadership and partnership with the community.

Vision Statement:

The Vision of the West Carrollton Police Department is to be recognized for our professionalism, our development of strong community partnerships and commitment to create and maintain a safer community.

Core Principals:

Integrity – We hold ourselves accountable and demand the highest level of ethical and moral standards from all. We are role models, acting with courage and building trust within the organization and the community.

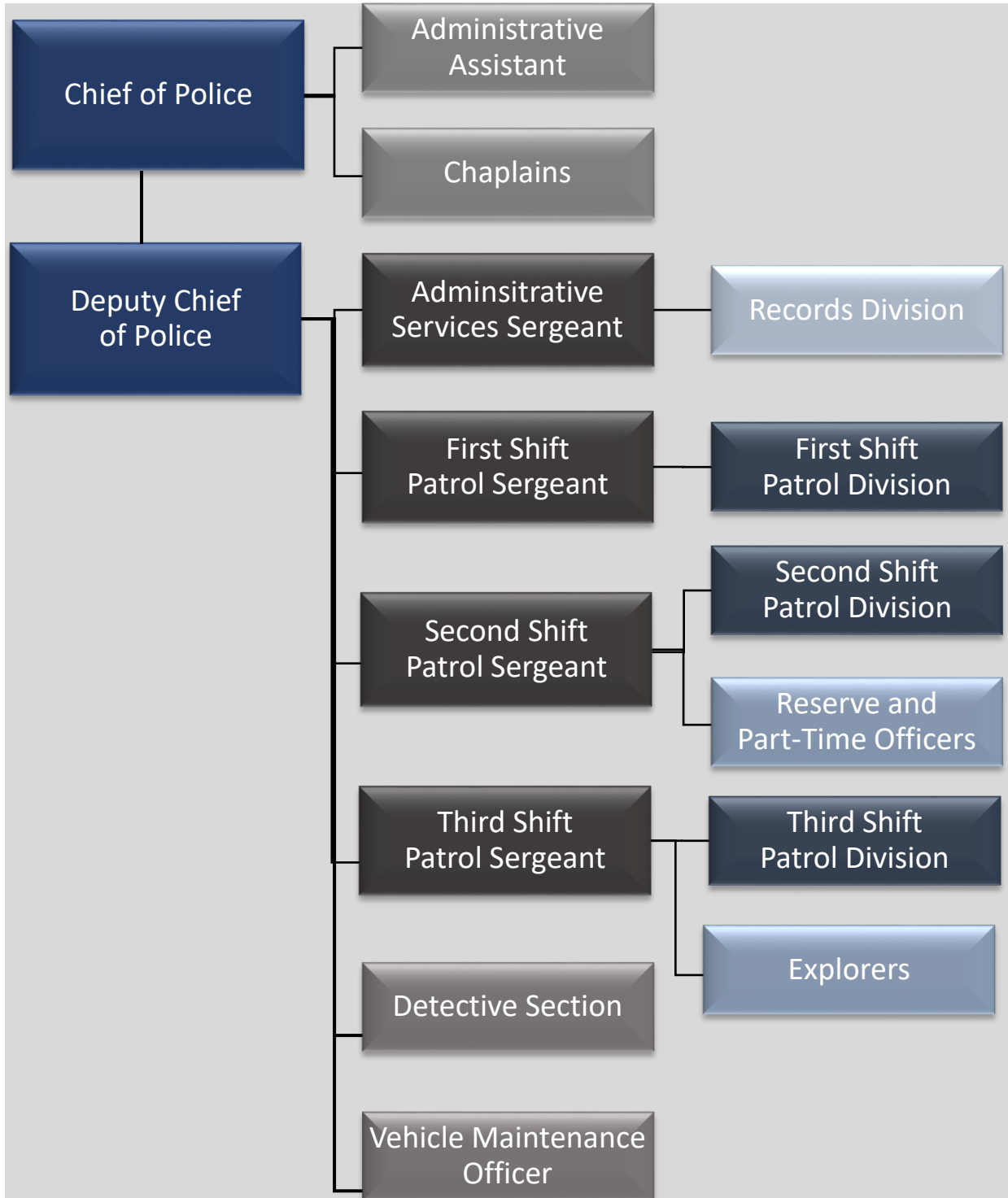
Honesty – We value uncompromised honesty in every aspect of our careers and our department. We shall maintain objectivity, openness, fairness, and responsibility when dealing with all members of the public.

Accountability – We are individually and collectively accountable to both internal and external stakeholders. We are competent, responsible, and dedicated to providing effective and efficient services.

Professionalism – We treat everyone with courtesy and respect. We understand that our appearance, words and demeanor contribute to the public’s confidence in us. We are responsive to the community, and deliver services promptly and efficiently.

West Carrollton Police Department - Organizational Chart

(Revised 04/30/2015)



WCPD Five Year Activity Report

<u>CRIMINAL OFFENSES</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Homicide	5	0	0	0	1
Rape	8	10	16	8	10
Robbery	15	17	17	6	11
Assault	69	47	62	63	61
Burglary	111	125	96	89	69
Theft	252	230	263	244	204
Auto Theft	40	32	29	41	22
Suicide	4	3	1	4	2
<u>CRASHES</u>					
Total Crash Reports	294	346	353	381	336
Fatal	1	1	0	0	1
Number Killed	1	1	0	0	1
Injury	47	51	46	68	70
Property Damage	246	294	307	313	265
<u>TRAFFIC / CRIMINAL</u>					
Adult Charges	2878	2477	3338	3238	2402
Traffic	2258	1870	2583	2442	1700
Criminal	620	607	755	796	702
Juvenile Charges	214	159	179	284	163
Traffic	50	23	47	50	29
Criminal	164	136	132	234	134
<u>Incident Reports</u>	1432	1402	1840	2084	1858
<u>Calls for Service</u>	7638	7739	8561	8846	9378
<u>Officer Initiated Activity</u>	17375	13857	13598	11467	8631
<u>Miles Driven</u>	178738	177606	199988	222032	196963

Traffic Enforcement

In the interest of maintaining a safe community and safe neighborhoods, the West Carrollton Police Department places an importance on traffic enforcement. Speeding, the running of stop signs or other types of traffic violations comprise a large portion of the criminal complaints that the department receives from our citizens. The department addresses these complaints through our various enforcement activities throughout the year.

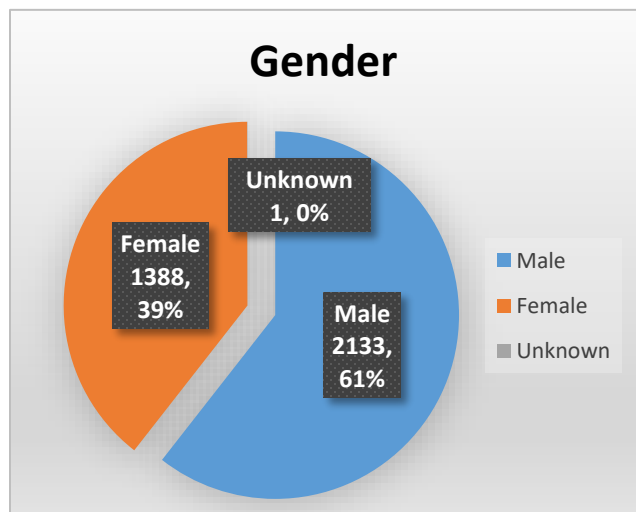
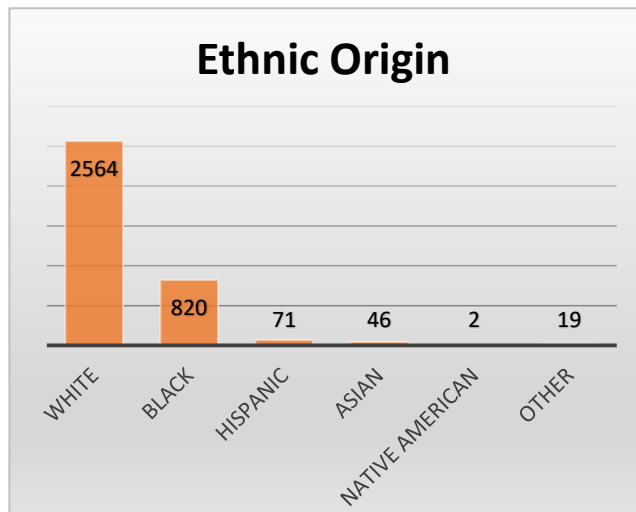
The total number of traffic charges for 2017 are represented in the chart below:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Speed</i>	<i>Red Light / Stop Sign</i>	<i>Seat Belt</i>	<i>OVI</i>	<i>OL</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>January</i>	21	14	1	8	44	53	141
<i>February</i>	17	6	8	9	43	70	153
<i>March</i>	53	8	11	14	40	69	195
<i>April</i>	52	9	9	14	38	59	181
<i>May</i>	39	7	6	9	41	127	229
<i>June</i>	25	3	5	14	33	60	140
<i>July</i>	25	3	3	6	47	57	141
<i>August</i>	22	2	2	8	28	46	108
<i>September</i>	17	4	2	5	21	25	74
<i>October</i>	7	6	3	14	34	46	110
<i>November</i>	21	12	4	17	22	50	126
<i>December</i>	18	8	3	21	26	55	131
TOTALS	317	82	57	139	417	716	1729

Bias Based Policing

The department follows a bias based policing policy that was originally instituted in 2000. This policy covers traffic stops, field contacts, arrests, searches and seizures. Stops based solely upon the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, age, or income status by any member of the department is strictly prohibited. In addition, the department does not ask drivers to search their vehicles unless the request is based upon probable cause, lawful arrest or inventory. The department does not advocate requests to search vehicles as a drug interdiction technique.

The department has a monthly and quarterly reporting system, which are reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief and Sergeants in an attempt to identify potential trends by each individual officer or shift. Monthly reports are also provided to the local chapter of the NAACP. Training on bias based policing is conducted on an annual basis. The charts below give a breakdown of the 2017 statistics:



Internal Investigations

The internal affairs policies of the West Carrollton Police Department ensure that the professional conduct of the members of the department is maintained through fair and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct. Every complaint against a member of the West Carrollton Police Department, whether formal or informal, will be investigated to the extent required by the nature and type of complaint. An investigation will occur if the complaint was received anonymously or otherwise and whether from internal or external sources.

The police department also completes incident reviews. An incident review will automatically be conducted on any incident in which there was a use of force or vehicle pursuit. The review will be for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all appropriate policies and procedures by the officers involved in an incident.

Internal Investigations –

There were 5 internal investigations during 2017. As a result of these investigations, the actions taken are represented in the following chart.

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	FINDINGS
3 – Policy Violation/Conduct	(2) Documented Verbal (1) Termination
2 – Citizen Complaints	(1) Unfounded (1) Not Substantiated

Incident Reviews –

Officers must complete a Use of Force/Response to Resistance Report if they use any type of force on a subject. They must also complete this report if someone claims or displays any injury while in custody of an officer. Force may include the officer pointing their service weapon at the subject, using intermediate weapons such as the Taser or even the use of deadly force. There were total of **31** incident reviews for 2017. Some of these events required the officers to respond in various manners due to the different levels of resistance they encountered. For example, an officer may not be able to bring a subject under control using physical strength and skill, so they may need to progress to the deployment of the Taser. Therefore, the total number of Incident Reviews completed will not equal the sum of the listed categories.

No.	Type of Force
10	Display of Firearm
9	Physical Strength/Skill
7	Take down
6	Restraining Hold
3	OC Spray
2	Taser Deployment
2	Balance Displacement

A breakdown of the type of incidents is represented in the following chart.

Most of the department’s response to resistance incidents occur on the midnight shift and usually involve a suspect that is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Department Training Report

The Training Unit of the West Carrollton Police Department strives to provide all members with continuous and updated training throughout the year. Over the course of time many Local, State and Federal laws are added, updated or changed. These new laws require that the officers of the West Carrollton Police Department are continuously trained in order to stay current with the changing legal system. There are also many aspects of the job duties and responsibilities that are affected by new laws or procedures. The types of training each member of the department receives are broken down into the following formats:

Roll-Call Training: Roll-Call training is training that is conducted during a roll-call or briefing session, and usually lasts no longer than one half hour. Members of the department serve as the course instructors for this type of training. Roll-Call training is conducted on an as needed basis and covers a wide variety of topics including bias based policing, ethics, search & seizure, oleoresin capsicum, O.V.I. laws, evidence technician update, legal update, use of force, pursuit policy training and positional asphyxia.

In-Service Training: In-Service training is conducted at the police department and also covers a wide variety of topics. This type of training is usually conducted by various members of the department who are certified as subject matter instructors and can last from one half hour to eight hours. The areas covered during the past year include, drivers training, firearms training, Taser training, CISCO training, domestic violence refresher, rapid response to school and work place violence.

Outside Agency Training: There are several specialized schools and other locations that the department utilizes for this type of training. Some of those locations are the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, Butler Technical Institute, Miami Valley Communications Council, Miami Valley Risk Management Association, the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit, Taser International, Police Executives Leadership College, and Certified Law Enforcement Executive. Outside Agency training usually lasts from one day to three weeks and covers a variety of topics including Traffic Accident Investigation, Instructors School, Advanced Detection and Prosecution of Impaired Drivers, Evidence Technician School, Sex Crimes, Interview and Interrogation, Long Term Criminal Investigations, Financial Forensic Techniques, Internet Safety, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Death Investigation, Hostage Negotiations, Firearms Instructor, Records Retention, Court Room Testimony, Commercial Vehicle Accident Investigation and Legal Update.

Firearms Training: The department conducts annual firearms qualification as well as other training sessions throughout the year. Members of the department serve as instructors for the officers that participate in qualifications and training with their handgun, shotgun and M-16 Tactical Police Rifle. The department recently began utilizing the new Ohio Peace Officer Training Commissions firearms certification program. The department conducts firearms training at the Franklin Small Arms Training Facility.

Crime Prevention & Community Service

The West Carrollton Police Department continued to focus efforts on crime prevention and community service with several functions throughout 2017. Some of the functions included Coffee with a Cop, Pizza with the Police, Junior Detective Program, Citizens' Police Academy, National Night Out, and Neighborhood Watch programs.

The West Carrollton Police Explorers Post attended several community service events and assisted Bogg Ministries Food Pantry.

The West Carrollton Police department conducts monthly crime analysis on traffic and criminal activity throughout the city. The monthly crime analysis reports are supplied to all officers on the department to keep officers informed and up to date on any crime trends or patterns.



Citizens' Police Academy Graduation 2017

Accreditation Update

The accreditation process is a voluntary program for law enforcement agencies in a joint effort of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), and four major law enforcement executive membership associations: The International Association of Chiefs of Police; The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; The National Sheriff's Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission was formed in 1979 to establish a body of standards designed to increase law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent and control crime, increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services, increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system, and to increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency. In addition, the Commission was formed to develop a process that provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards.

Our police department must continue to perform file maintenance procedures as well as complete numerous and lengthy reports in order to comply with the CALEA standards. The department updated and revised many of its policies and procedures over the past several years. These revisions were the result of the continual review process that this program requires. To maintain accredited status, the department must remain in compliance with all applicable standards. We must submit annual reports to the Commission attesting to our continued compliance, and report any changes or difficulties experienced during the year. At the conclusion of every three-year period, the Commission offers us an opportunity to repeat the process and continue accredited status into the future. After receiving our initial accreditation in 1992, the department has worked very hard to receive our re-accreditations in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2015.

The department completed our eighth re-accreditation process in November of 2017. The process began in December of 2014. The department continues to use Power DMS which has eliminated the excessive use of paper and permitted the assessors to review written proof of standards online prior to traveling to the agency. Chief of Police Douglas Woodard and Deputy Chief David Wessling will attend the CALEA training conference in March of 2018 to have the previous accreditation process reviewed by CALAE Commissioners. Accreditation through CALEA has been a valuable attribute for the West Carrollton Police Department and the community we serve.

