

Stroud Area Regional Police Department

100 Day Street
East Stroudsburg, PA. 18301

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Chief

On behalf of the fine men and women serving the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, I am proud to present the 2018 Annual Report. This report symbolizes the commitment and dedication of our sworn and civilian personnel as we continue to improve the department and the services we provide to our community.

In 2018 we saw some exciting additions to the department. First was the reestablishment of the departments K9 Unit. In July K9's Bendix and Koda officially joined the force. The K9 program would not have been possible without the dedicated support from our local community, which donated over \$165,000.00 to reestablish the program. The K9 unit is a great asset not only for the police department but for the community as a whole. We look forward to the impact that both the K9's and their handlers will have with community policing and crime reduction.

Second was the reactivation of the SARPd SWAT team. After being inactive and on a non-deployable status for almost 2 years, the team was reactivated in August. With new team leadership also came new members, new training, new policies, a new vehicle and the new SWAT team arose. The SWAT team will continue to train and be ready at a moment's notice to protect the community it serves.

In 2018 The SARPd was comprised of 46 dedicated sworn men and women, and 8 civilian employees who provide a wide range of services to the residents and businesses of Stroud Township, East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg Borough. I am proud of the sworn officers and civilian staff who represent this department. I know there are still many accomplishments ahead of us, but I need to acknowledge all of the personnel for the achievements they have made so far. This report is truly a reflection of their efforts. I thank each and every one of them and I thank the community for their endless support.

I hope you enjoy the contents of the 2018 annual report and as always, should you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L Lyon

Jennifer L. Lyon
Chief of Police
Stroud Area Regional Police Department

Police Commission

The SARPD Police Commission is the governing and policy making body. The Chief of Police answered directly to the commission and is charged with the overall supervision of the police Department. Stroud Township, East Stroudsburg Borough, and Stroudsburg Borough are each represented by three appointed representatives from their Township or Borough.

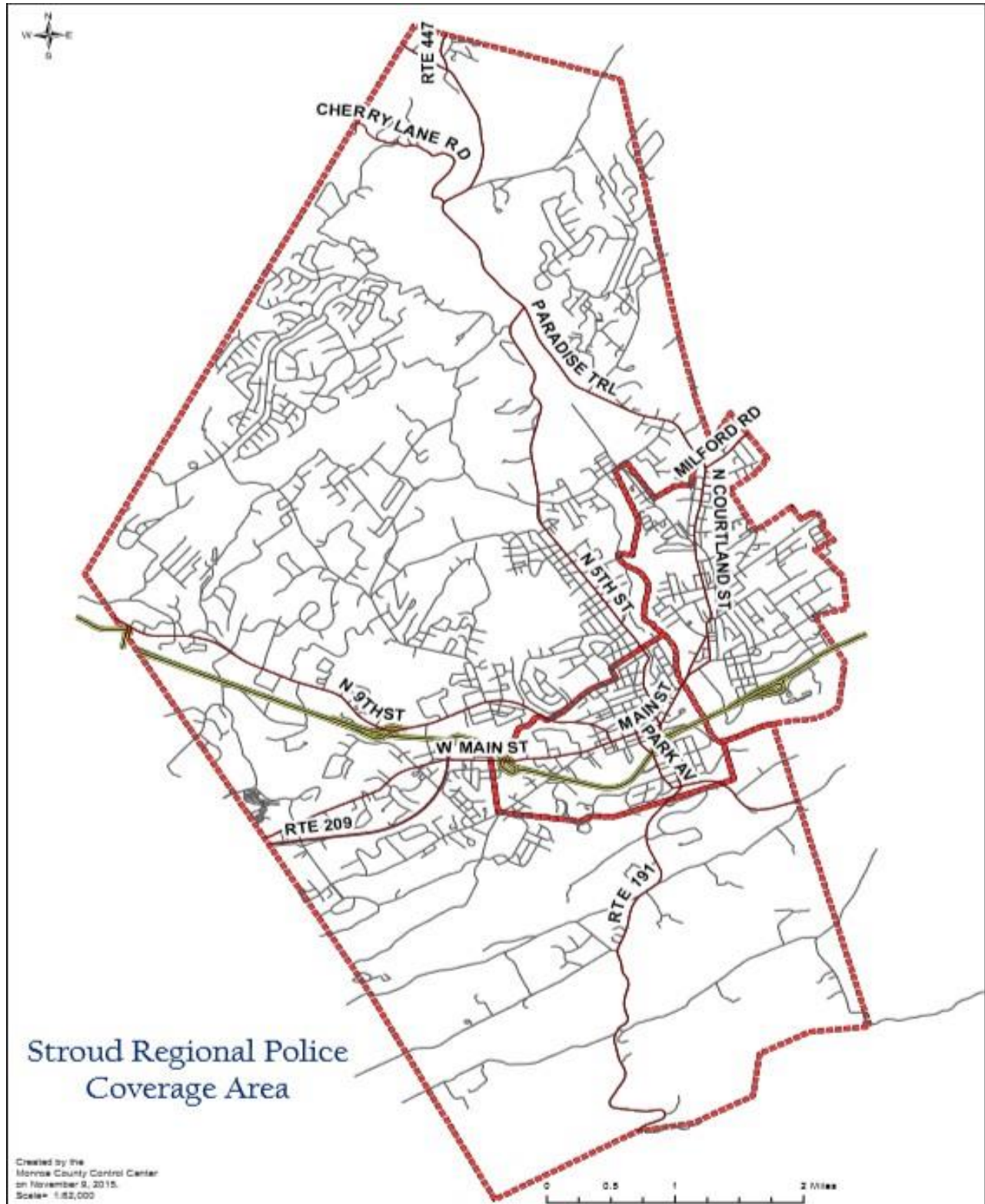
The Police Commission meets monthly and the meetings are open to the public.

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| • <i>Roger L. DeLarco</i> , Chair | East Stroudsburg |
| • <i>Armand Martinelli</i> , Vice Chair | East Stroudsburg |
| • <i>Brian Bond</i> , Treasurer | East Stroudsburg |
| • <i>Daryl Eppley</i> , Secretary | Stroud Township |
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| • Joanne Kochanski | Stroudsburg |
| • Tarah Probst | Stroudsburg |
| • Mary Pat Quinn (Jan- May) | Stroudsburg |
| • Jennifer Maier (May- Dec) | Stroudsburg |

Solicitor: *John Prevoznik*, Esquire

SARPD Coverage Area

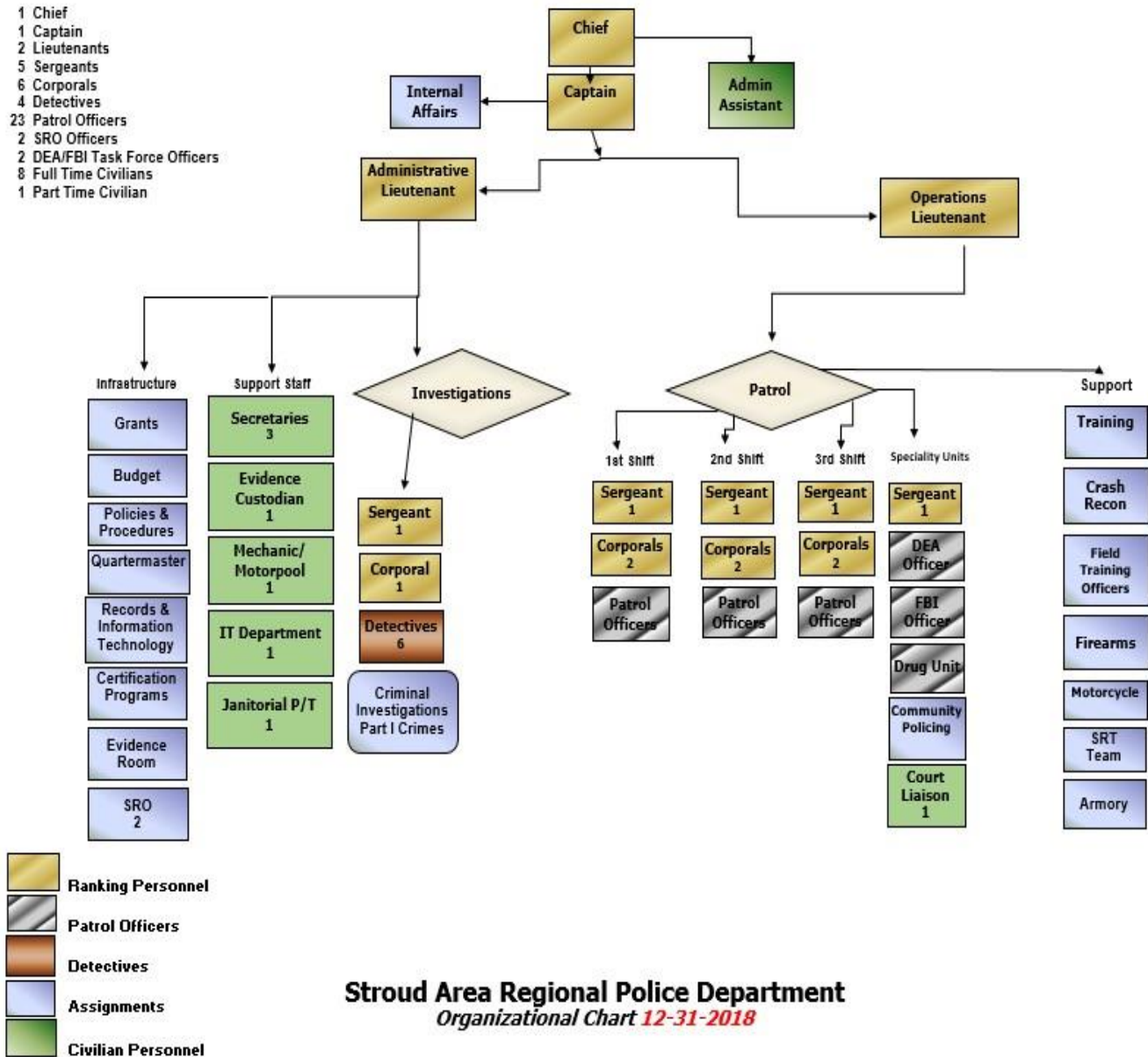
The Stroud Area Regional Police Department's jurisdiction is comprised of the Boroughs of East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg and the Township of Stroud. The jurisdiction is then broken up into 5 zones in which patrol officers are assigned.



SARPD Organizational Chart

Department Staff 2018

- 1 Chief
- 1 Captain
- 2 Lieutenants
- 5 Sergeants
- 6 Corporals
- 4 Detectives
- 23 Patrol Officers
- 2 SRO Officers
- 2 DEA/FBI Task Force Officers
- 8 Full Time Civilians
- 1 Part Time Civilian



2018 Sworn Members of the Department

As of 12/31/2018	Rank	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	Serving with Pride Since
1.	Chief	Jennifer	Lyon	2002
2.	Captain	Paul	Gasper	1996
3.	Acting Lieutenant	Charles	Schmidt	1989
4.	Acting Lieutenant	Scott	Raymond	1997
5.	Sergeant	James	Wielgus	1995
6.	Sergeant	Thomas	Lemond	2001
7.	Acting Sergeant	Susan	Charles	2000
8.	Acting Sergeant	John	Vogt	2006
9.	Acting Sergeant	John	Miller	2002
10.	Corporal	Keith	Strunk Jr	1998
11.	Corporal	Charles	Brown	2007
12.	Acting Corporal	Kenneth	Palmer	1998
13.	Acting Corporal	Robert	Cohowicz	2014
14.	Acting Corporal	Peter	Petrosino	2015
15.	Officer	John	Indermaur	1989
16.	Detective	Brian	Gaita	1990
17.	Detective	Daniel	Munch	1993
18.	Officer	Joseph	Susinskas	1996
19.	Detective	Robert	Transue	1998
20.	Officer	Robert	Eberle	1999
21.	Detective	Stephen	Hettel	1999
22.	Officer	Ralph	Overpeck	2000
23.	Officer	Robert	Breitfeller	2001
24.	Officer	Dean	Eilenberger	2002
25.	Officer	Christopher	Shelly	2002
26.	Officer	Michael	Petruzzi	2006
27.	Officer	Emily	Raymond	2006
28.	Officer	Brandon	Bingler	2007
29.	Officer	Michael	Palmer	2007
30.	Officer	John	Egan	2008
31.	Officer	Michael	Sampere	2014
32.	Officer	Brandon	Fenner	2014
33.	Officer	George	Dobson	2014
34.	Officer	Jerome	Taylor	2014
35.	Officer	Brett	LaBar	2015
36.	Officer	Daniel	Knowles	2015
37.	Officer	Steven	Cohen	2015
38.	Officer	Terry	Eilber	2015
39.	Officer	Anthony	Carfi	2017
40.	Officer	Joseph	Britt	2017
41.	Officer	Michael	Yosh	2017
42.	Officer	Christian	Capone	2017
43.	Officer	Ralphie	Ortega	2018
44.	Officer	Michael	Chica	2018
45.	Officer	Amber	Welsh	2018
46.	Officer	Christopher	Washo	2018

Non-Sworn Personnel

As of 12/31/2018	Position	First Name	Last Name	Serving with Pride Since
1	Secretary	Linda	Nadeau	1992
2	Administrative Assistant	Kathy	Lord	2000
3	Secretary	Mona	Hummel	2002
4	Mechanic	Carl	Brauer	2007
5	Secretary	Kim	Anglemyer	2008
6	Evidence Custodian	Harold	Bentzoni	2010
7	IT Manager	Rodney	Smith	2016
8	Court Liaison	Meredith	Pleak- Rea	2016

New Hires, Promotions, Retirements

NEW HIRES- Officers

Ralphie Ortega	02/12/2018
Michael Chica	08/13/2018
Amber Welsh	08/21/2018
Christopher Washo	10/22/2018



Officer Ortega



Officer Chica



Officer Welsh



Officer Washo

RETIRED

Lieutenant Kevin Transue	03/01/2018
Sergeant Richard Wolbert	1/31/2018

TRANSFERRED TO DETECTIVE DIVISION

Emily Raymond	2/05/2018
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RESIGNED

Jefferson Ramirez	10/11/2018
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SARPD 2018 Fact Sheet

Service Area: East Stroudsburg Borough, Stroud Township, Stroudsburg Borough

Square Miles Covered: 39.1 **Road Miles Covered:** 128

Population: 34,620 **Daytime Population:** 90,000 (year 2010 census)

Number of Officers: 44-46 (Budgeted 50) **Civilian Staff:** 8 Full Time

Operating Budget: \$8,241,530.00

Funding Sources: Municipal, state & federal grants, task force reimbursements and miscellaneous revenue (sale of reports & used property, interest, pension funding).

Service Area Includes: County/Federal Offices: Courthouse, Social Security, Post Offices, Welfare, Primary/Secondary Schools (12) and East Stroudsburg University, Lehigh Valley Pocono (formerly Pocono Medical Center), St. Lukes Health Network, Norfolk-Southern Railroad, Public Housing (Garden Street, Normal Street, Hawthorne Terrace, Avon Court, Westgate, Barnum Street, Bridge Street Apts., Kistler Plaza)

Calls for Service: 29,228

Stolen Property: \$958,166.00 **Recovered Stolen Property:** \$252,809.00

Accidents Investigated: Accidents: 1172 Injuries: 169 Fatalities: 4

Police Department Units:

Administration	Drug Unit
Training & Education	Motorcycle
School Resource Officers	Specialty Weapons
Accident Reconstruction	Forensics
Patrol	Records Division
Investigations	Foot Patrols
Special Response Team	K9 Unit
Firearms	

Additional Services Provided:

Assist with Victims Resources	Neighborhood Dispute Negotiating
Speed Enforcement	Conduct Missing Person Searches
School Zone Safety	Funeral Escorts
Welfare & Property Checks	Quality of Life Patrols
Public Speaking (Churches, Schools, Clubs)	University Internships
Police Presence at Public Events	Public Housing Patrol
Transporting Prisoners/Courtroom Security	Parking Enforcement
Emergency/Catastrophic Event	Senior Citizen Assistance
Coordination	Traffic Studies
Criminal Activity Surveys	Parade (Events) Details
AED Use & Training	

Overtime

The following is overtime hours from January 01 – December 31, 2018:

SARPD Overtime 2018

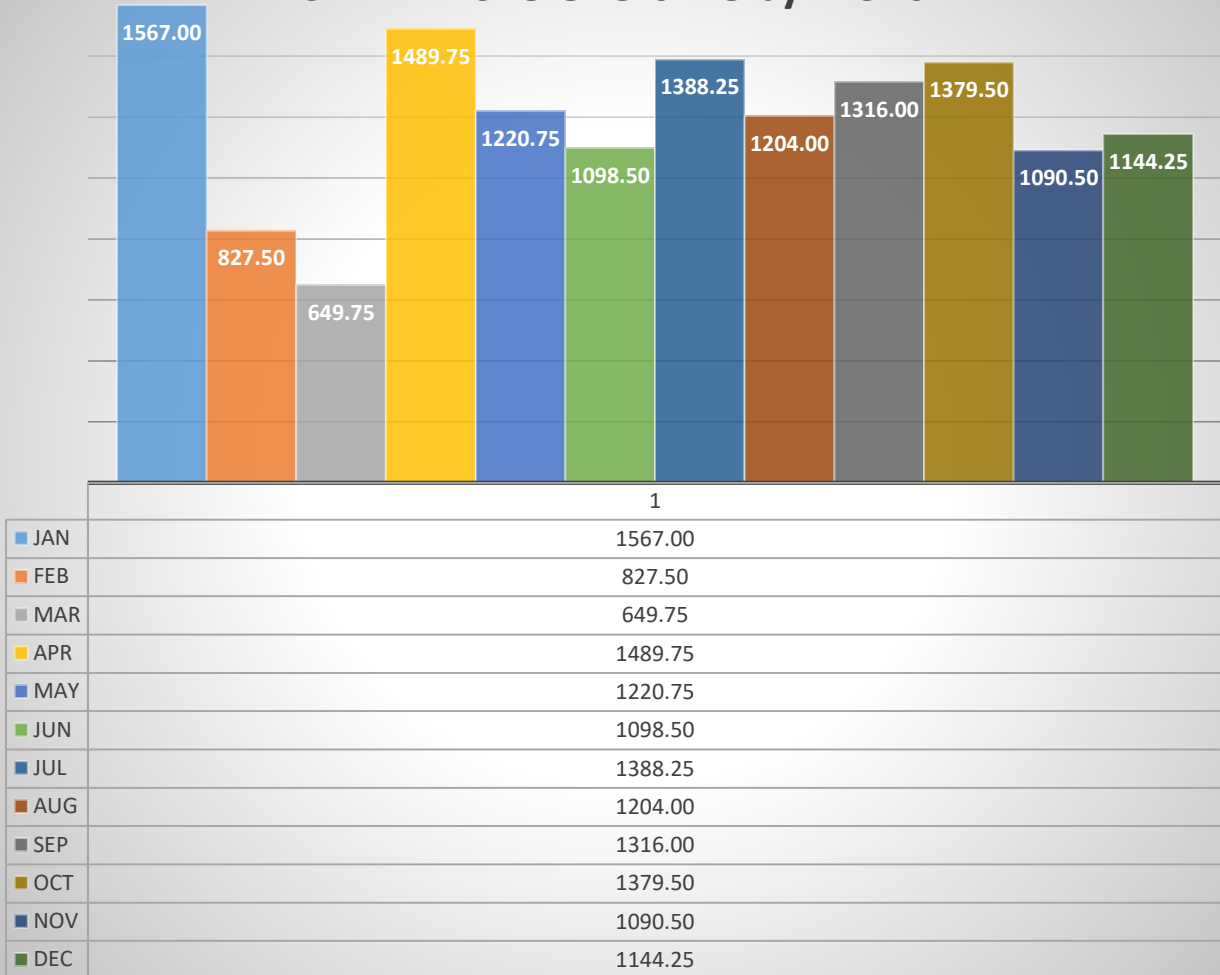
Court	1904.00
Detectives	1483.50
Special Details	1925.50
Cover Shift	5505.75
Administrative	750.75
Training	1996.50
Holiday Worked	809.75
Total Overtime	14,375.75

Reimbursed Overtime

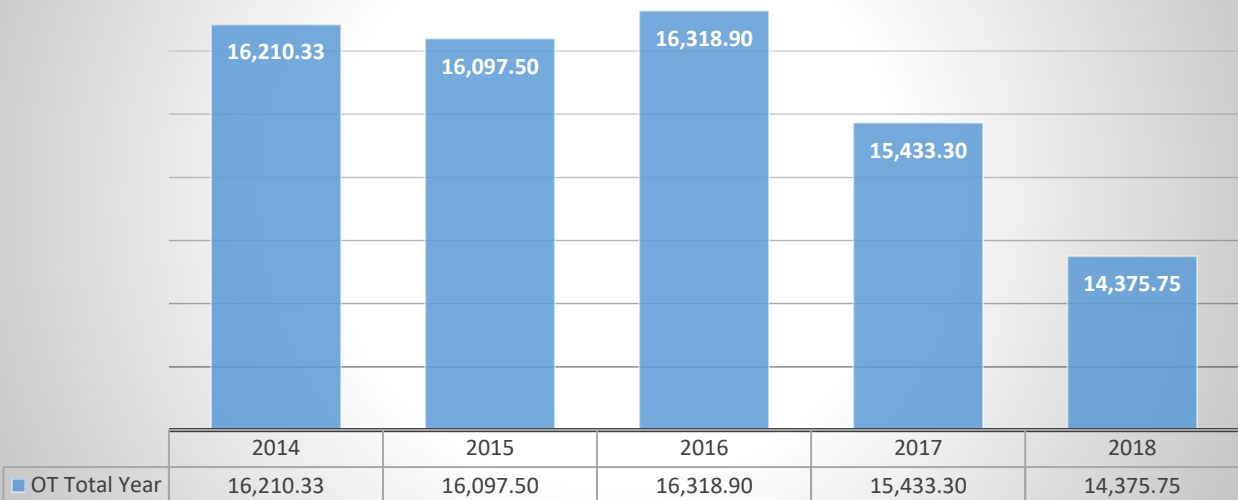
SARPD Reimbursed Overtime 2018

BCRA	110.25
DEA Task Force	314.00
Housing Patrol	121.00
FBI Task Force	273.25
PLCB Grant (QOL Patrols)	350.00
Pocono Commons	162.75
Total Reimbursed OT	1,331.25

SARPD 2018 Overtime by Month



SARPD OT Total- Annual Comparison



Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31, 2018			
OFFENSES	NUMBER REPORTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
MURDER	3	1	0
RAPE	13	2	0
ROBBERY	12	5	1
ASSAULT	103	41	1
BURGLARY	70	5	0
LARCENY/THEFT	844	414	24
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	27	6	0
ARSON	0	0	1
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	22	2	0
FRAUD	231	10	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0
RECEIVING/POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY	10	5	0
VANDALISM	232	14	2
WEAPONS CARRYING	17	6	2
PROSTITUTION	1	2	0
SEX OFFENSES	87	7	3
DRUG ABUSE	204	133	3
GAMBLING	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/CHILDREN	47	3	0
DUI	87	72	1
LIQUOR LAW	16	14	2
DRUNKENNESS	199	173	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	616	237	20
ALL OTHER	350	88	4
TOTAL	3191	1240	69
REPORTED STOLEN PROPERTY	\$958,166.00		
RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY	\$252,809.00		

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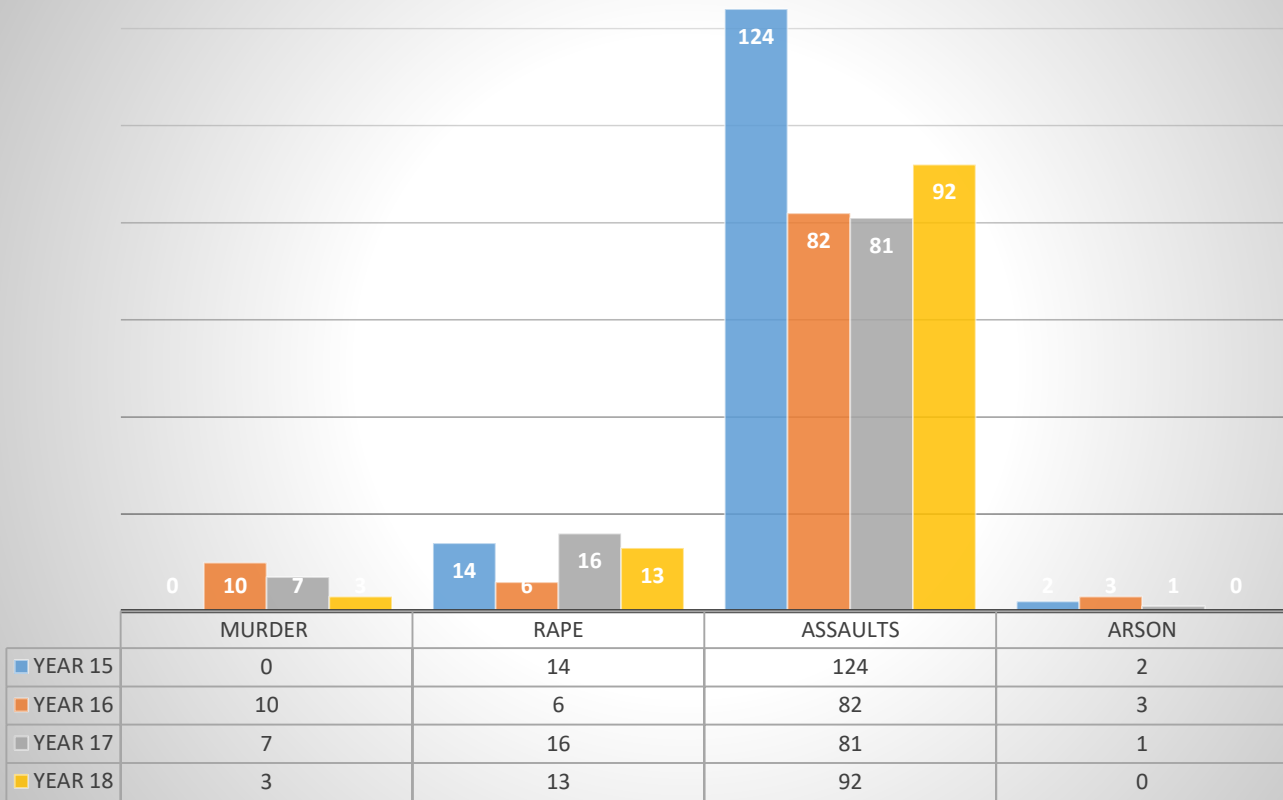
UCR Report Comparison 2015-2018

The below chart represents the number or reported UCR offenses for the years 2015 – 2018:

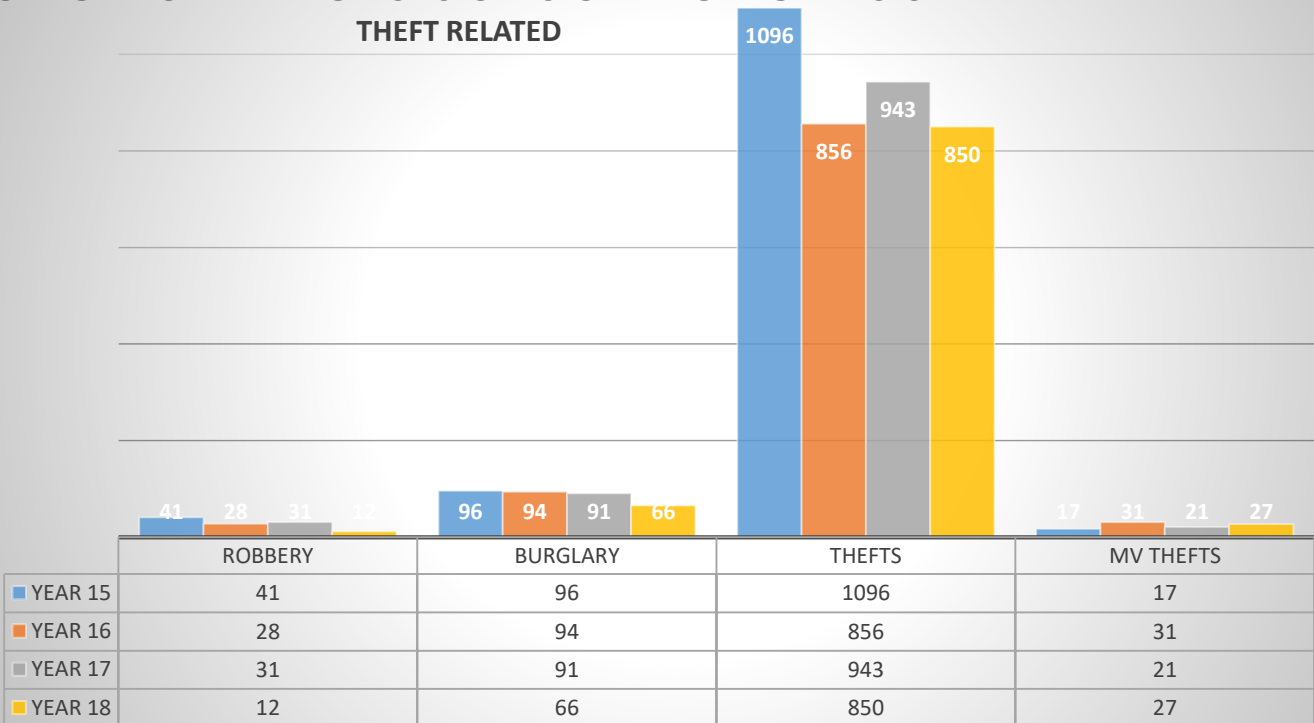
Offenses	2015	2016	2017	2018
MURDER	0	10	7	3
RAPE	14	6	16	13
ROBBERY	41	28	31	12
ASSAULTS	124	82	81	103
BURGLARY	96	94	91	70
THEFTS	1096	856	943	844
MV THEFTS	17	31	21	27
ARSON	2	3	1	0
FORGERY	20	27	24	22
FRAUD	208	208	212	231
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	0	0	0
REC STOLEN PROP	9	11	9	10
VANDALISM	309	287	263	232
WEAPONS/CARRY	21	41	9	17
PROSTITUTION	0	3	2	1
SEX OFFENSES	56	63	74	87
DRUG ABUSE	144	171	152	204
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0
OFFENSE FAMILY/CHILD	24	25	33	47
DUI	144	116	92	87
LIQUOR LAW	23	26	14	16
DRUNKENNESS	324	246	195	199
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	779	683	637	616
ALL OTHER	393	289	280	350
TOTALS	3845	3306	3187	3191

*** Please note that per UCR reporting standards, attempted crimes (such as attempted murder or attempted robbery) count as a number for that offense.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS 2015- 2018 PART ONE OFFENSES

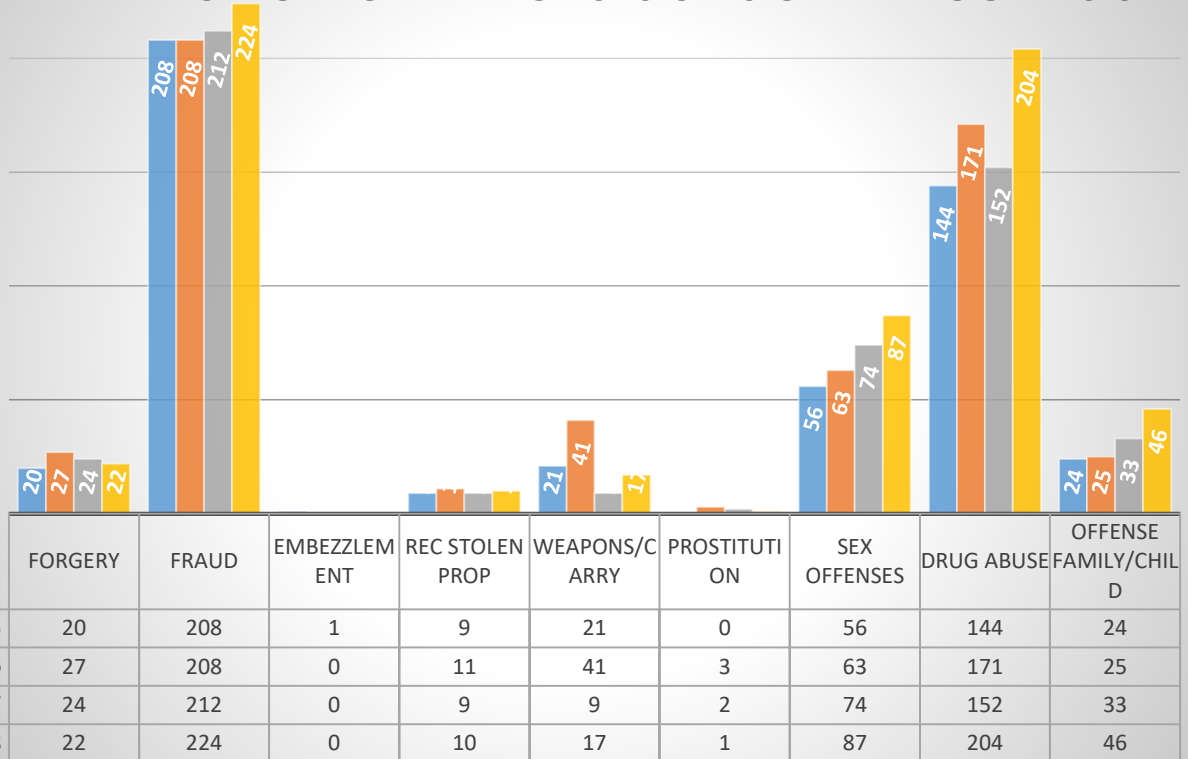


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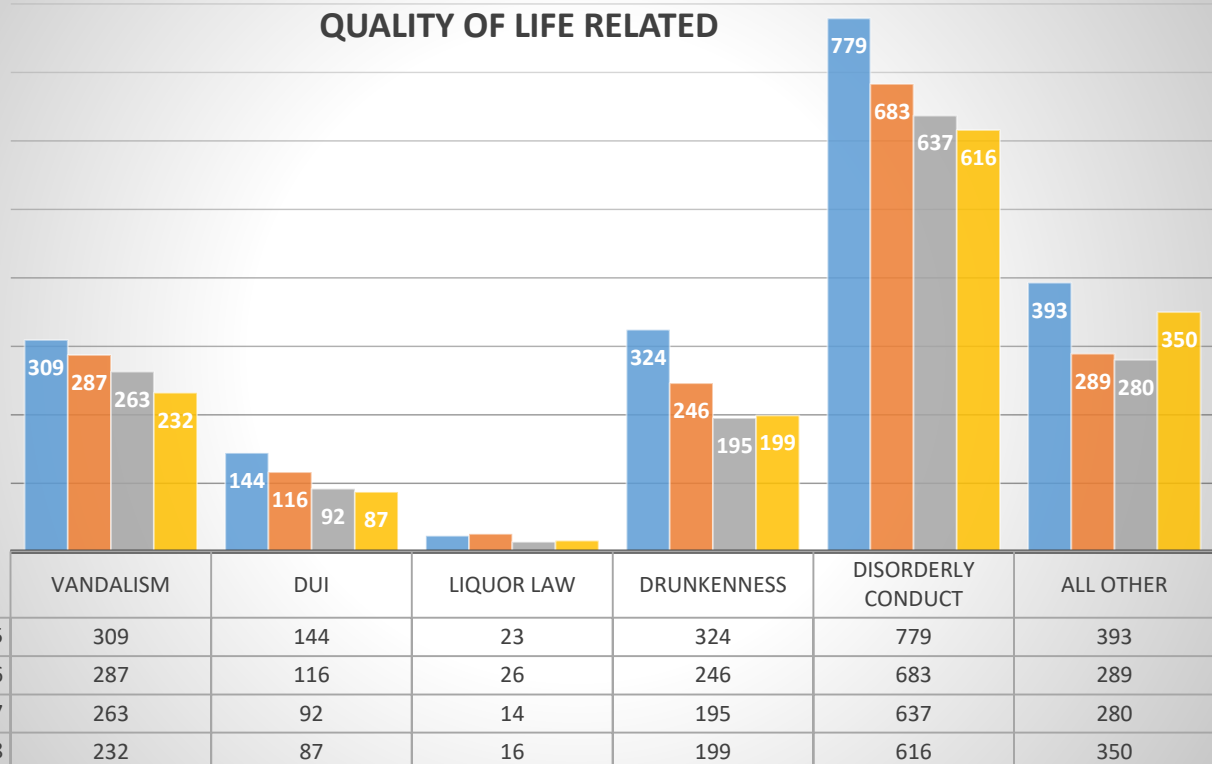


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UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS 2015 - 2018 PART TWO OFFENSES



UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS 2015 - 2018 PART TWO OFFENSES
QUALITY OF LIFE RELATED



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Accident Reports

January 1st – December 31st 2018

TOTAL ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	1172
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NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED	169
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NUMBER OF FATALITIES	4
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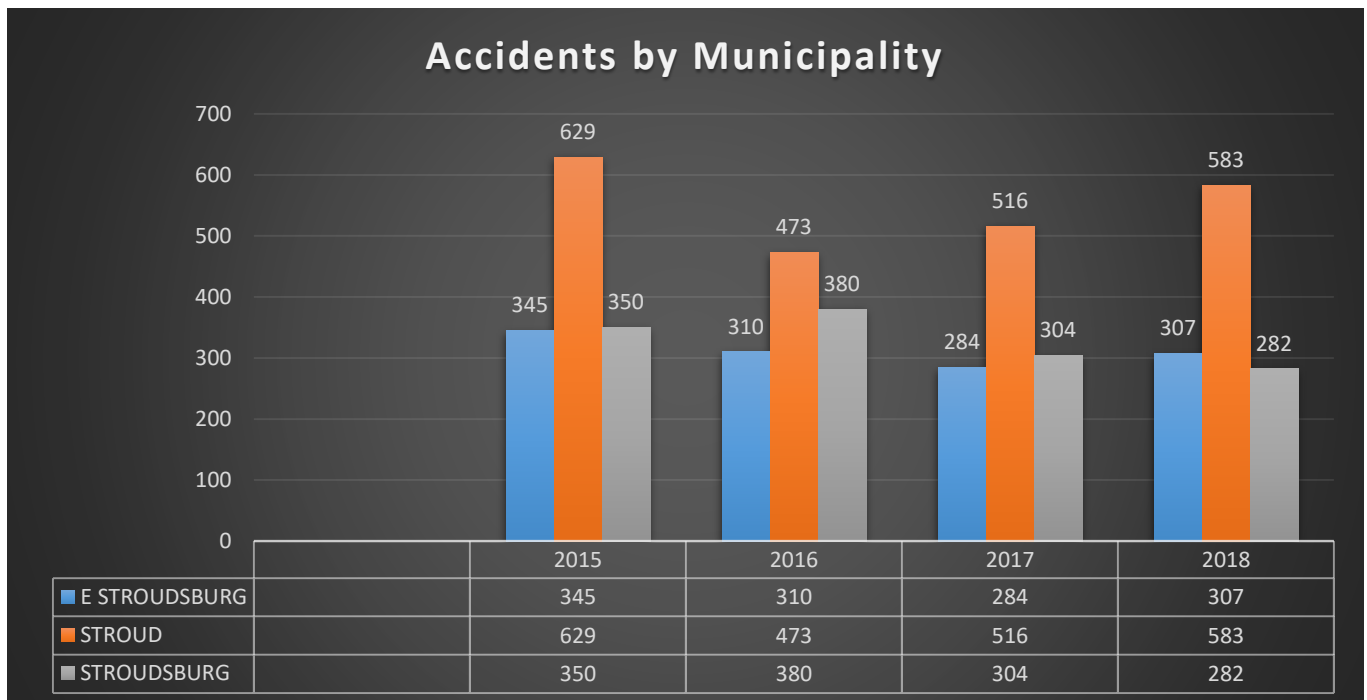
ACCIDENTS BY MUNICIPALITY

EAST STROUDSBURG	307
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STROUD TOWNSHIP	583
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STROUDSBURG	282
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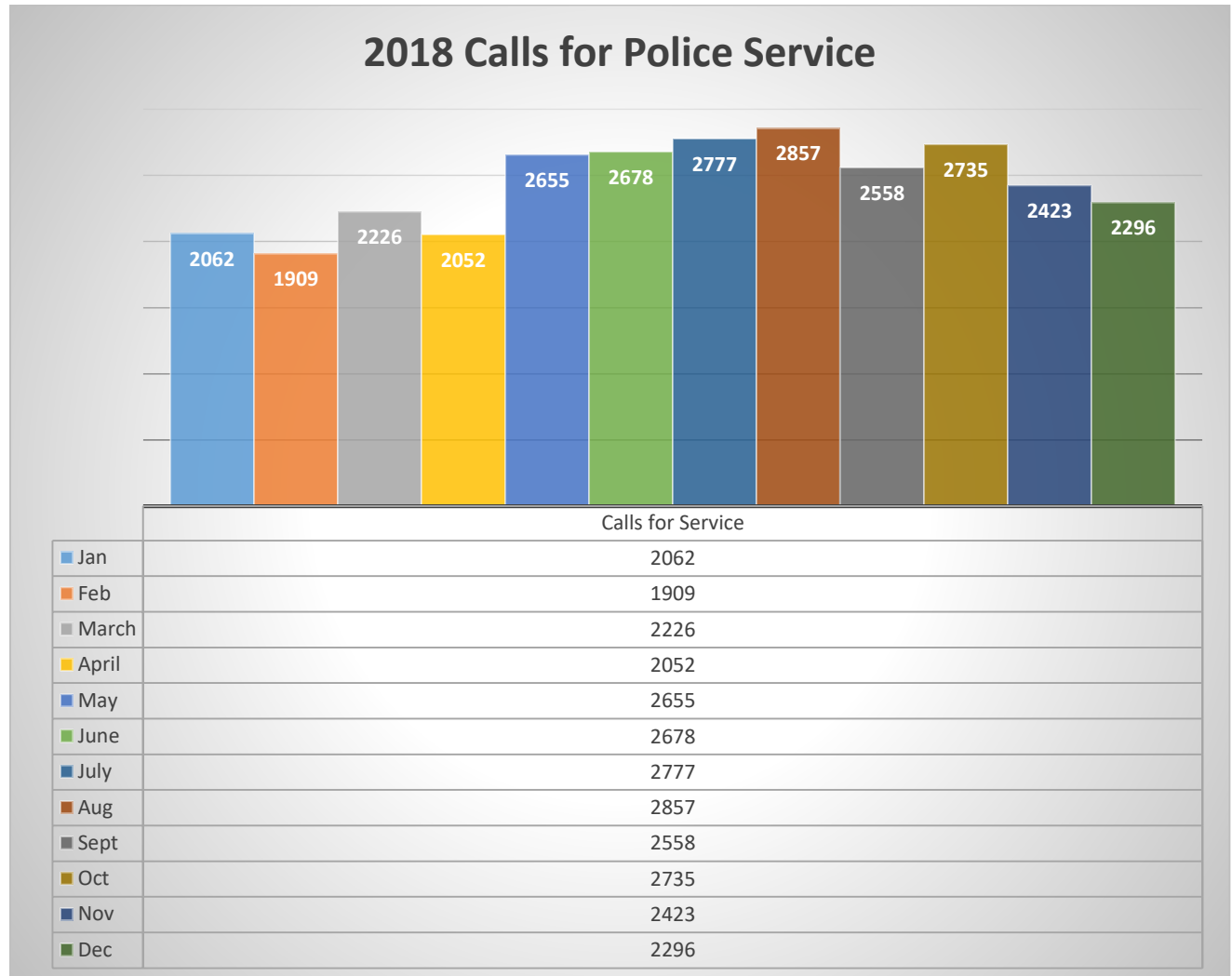
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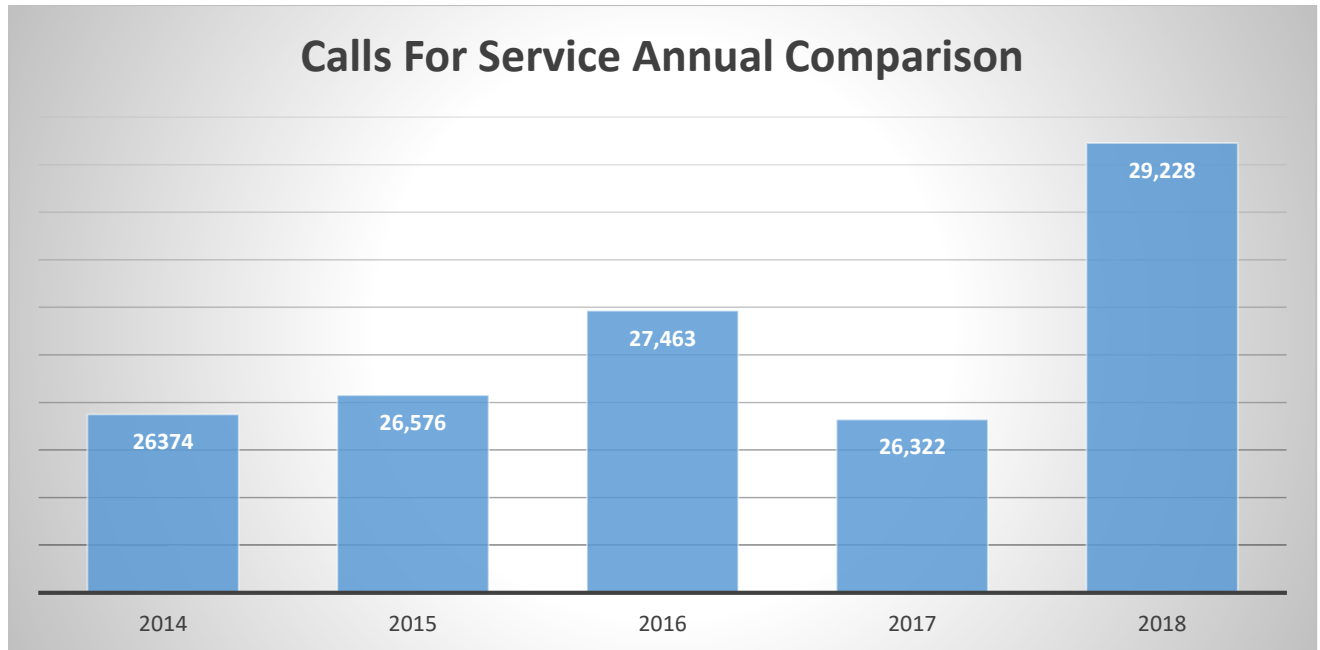
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Calls for Police Service

In 2018 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department answered **29,228** Calls for Service.



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH Comparison													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2014	1835	2056	2044	2137	2263	2289	2498	2404	2310	2312	2142	2084	26,374
2015	2089	1923	2016	2114	2095	2212	2380	2585	2410	2397	2201	2154	26,576
2016	2085	2004	2256	2383	2430	2460	2549	2450	2415	2342	2002	2087	27,463
2017	2005	1948	2053	2132	2147	2384	2442	2392	2252	2489	1946	2132	26,322
2018	2062	1909	2226	2052	2655	2678	2777	2857	2558	2735	2423	2296	29,228



Citations and Warnings

JANUARY 01st – DECEMBER 31st, 2018

TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY MUNICIPALITY

East Stroudsburg	309
Stroud Township	480
Stroudsburg	445

TOTAL TRAFFIC Citations: 1234

Non-Traffic Citations

East Stroudsburg	398
Stroud Township	166
Stroudsburg	258

TOTAL NON-TRAFFIC Citations: 822

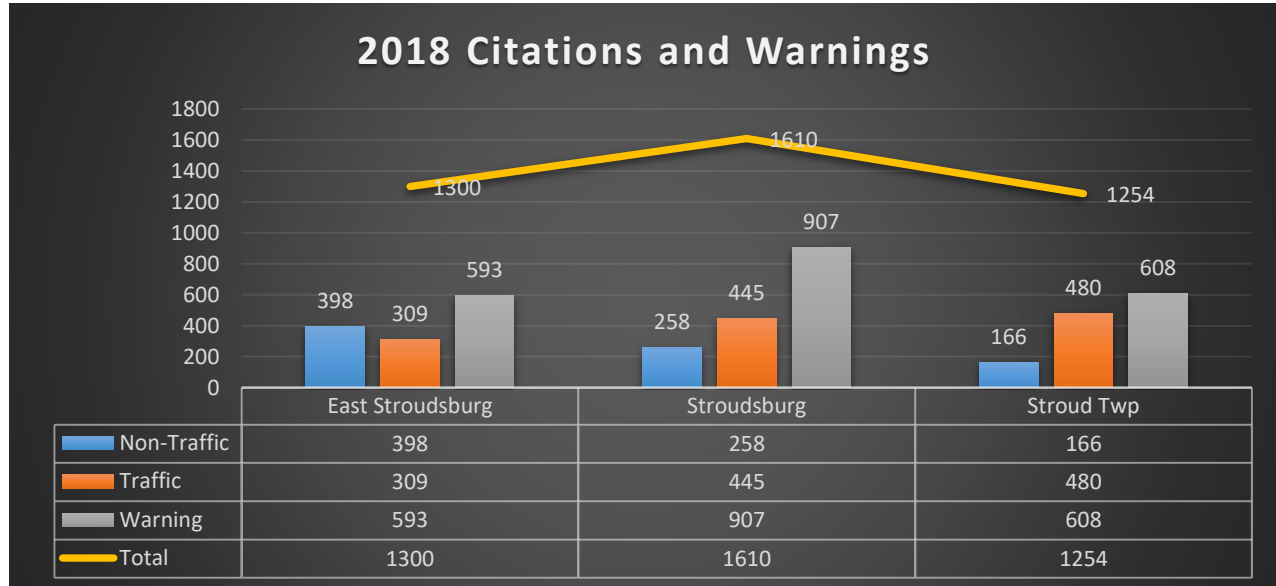
Traffic Warnings

East Stroudsburg	593
Stroud Township	608
Stroudsburg	907

TOTAL TRAFFIC Warnings: 2108

Total PARKING TICKETS 1546

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Traffic Offense	Citations
Registration Violations	208
Inspection	183
Driving while suspended	142
Abandoning Vehicle On Public Property	82
Driver's License Violations	74
Financial responsibility violation	67
Speeding/ Safe Speed Violations	60
Obedience Traffic Control	55
Stop Signs and Yield Signs	52
All Other/ Littering/ School Bus/ Backing/ Solicit rides/ Window obstructions/ Seatbelts/Restrictions Alcohol)	47
Careless Driving	35
Suspended DUI related	35
Equipment Violations	32
Traffic Control Signals	29
Gross Vehicle Weight/ Axle/ Width/ Unsecure Load Violations	27
Lighting Violations (Rear Lights/ High/Low Beam/ Headlights)	26
Driving/ Improper Passing	15
Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle (Hit and Run)	13
Violation of Title	13
VEHICLE ENTERING INTERSECTION/ One way/	13
Turning/ signal violations	11
Following Too Closely	9
Illegal Parking / Handicap Violations	6
TOTAL:	1234

SARPD Specialty Units

The Stroud Area Regional Police Department has multiple specialty units in which the personnel making up those units received specialized training to promote and address specific areas of the community and department.

Specialty Units for 2018 were the following:

- Special Weapons And Tactics Team (SWAT)
- Quality of Life Patrol (QOL)
- Firearm Division
- Training
- School Resource Officer
- Motorcycle Unit
- Community Policing
- Internal Affairs
- Accident Reconstruction
- FBI Task Force
- DEA Task Force
- Drug Unit
- Detective Unit
- K9 Unit

Accident Reconstruction Unit

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Current members of the SARPD Reconstruction Unit: *Sergeant John Miller, Corporal Kenneth Palmer, Officer John Indermaur, Officer Brandon Fenner and Detective George Dobson.*

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The Reconstruction Unit has, and will continue their mission to provide the absolute best investigation, for the Stroud Area Regional Police Department and the victims and families of those involved in motor vehicle collisions.

The year 2018 concluded with the completion of on-going investigations and the opening of several new cases. The following are brief summaries from throughout the year: The Reconstruction Unit has, and will continue to form professional working relationships with various outside agencies to further expand on our mission to provide the absolute best investigation, for the Stroud Area Regional Police Department and the victims and families of those involved in motor vehicle collisions.

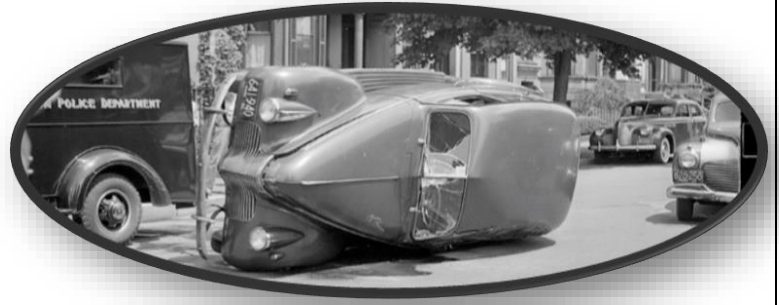
Major Accidents Investigated in 2018

- On **June 24th 2018**, Detective Dobson led a reconstruction investigation involving a Harley Davidson Trike accident that occurred at the intersection of State Route 191 and 611 within Stroudsburg Borough. It was a single vehicle accident that resulted in the death of a female passenger. Her husband was the trike operator and suffered serious injury as well. Investigation included complete inspection of the trike including its computer modules, examination of roadway and weather conditions and statements from witness and vehicle operator. Video surveillance was obtained and reviewed as well. No charges were filed against the operator after investigation showed roadway conditions being a factor in the collision.
- Cpl. Palmer completed a pedestrian vs. vehicle collision investigation that occurred on **August 25th 2018** at the intersection of Seventh and Main Street within Stroudsburg borough. Critical injuries to the female pedestrian occurred when she failed to comply with the pedestrian control signals that are in place at that intersection. No charges were filed as a result of this collision to either the vehicle operator or the pedestrian, who continues to recover from her injuries.
- On **September 16th 2018** at approximately 9:39pm, Officers from the SARPD were dispatched to the area of State Route 209 and Shafer's Schoolhouse Road for a report of a major vehicle collision. Initial responding Officers arrived to find two of the three vehicles involved totally engulfed in flames and were unable to rescue any of the three occupants who were trapped within these vehicles. On-scene investigation was turned over to the SARPD Reconstruction unit. This extremely complex investigation is steadily moving forward. Sgt. John Miller is the lead investigator and continues to progress in the evidence gathering into this case. Several search warrants have been served on the involved vehicles, and their various control modules, which will provide additional insight into the collision.

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Investigations Completed

•The Recon unit spent New Year's Eve 2016 and into New Year's Day 2017 investigating a fatal collision involving one vehicle and three occupants. The southbound vehicle crossed through the northbound travel lanes and contacted a utility pole. The crash occurred along North Courtland Street within the borough of East Stroudsburg and resulted in the death of the rear passenger. On July 20th 2018, the investigation was completed with Cpl. John Miller as the lead investigator. Charges were filed on the vehicle operator as a result of the collision.



•Officer Indermaur completed an on-going reconstruction where a two vehicle collision occurred along Bangor Mountain Road which resulted in the death of a female operator. Officer Indermaur concluded the deceased was at fault for the collision when her vehicle crossed into the oncoming travel lane and contacted another vehicle. No charges were filed as a result of this investigation.

•Cpl. Palmer assisted Officer Brett Labar with a serious hit and run accident investigation that occurred on July 30th 2017 within the White Oaks Community of Stroud Twp. This in depth Investigation was completed and various charges were filed against the vehicle operator for leaving the scene of the accident, which caused injury to a passenger within the vehicle that left him paralyzed as a result of the collision. Also, initial responding SARPD Officer Knowles was credited with saving the life of the passenger. Through his commitment to training and dedication to the Department, Officer Knowles recognized the life threatening injuries to the passenger and performed CPR until the arrival of emergency medical responders.

•Officer John Indermaur Completed his investigation into a fatal pedestrian collision that occurred on December 26th 2017 along State Route 611 in the Bartonsville area. Reconstructionist Indermaur determined that environmental factors, including sun glare contributed to the death of Joseph Volper who was within the Southbound Travel lane of 611. The final report was reviewed and was made available.

2018 Court Proceedings

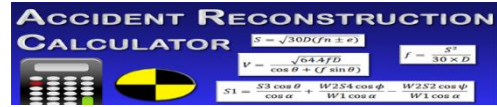
Recon Officers testified throughout 2018 in on-going cases that are proceeding through the court system. Reconstruction unit members are able to investigate and testify up to their current level of training. To date, the SARPD Accident Reconstruction Unit has a 100% conviction rate for all cases that has been brought before the courts.



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2018 Training

Members of the Stroud Area Regional Police Accident Reconstruction Team are highly trained in accident reconstruction and are recognized as experts in the field. There are various levels of training required to achieve the ultimate goal of being recognized as an expert in the field of reconstruction and members continue to seek this limited and intense training.



Officer Steven Cohen and Officer Joseph Britt both completed basic accident collision investigation training during 2018. This training is the first step into the accident reconstruction field.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Corporal Kenneth B Palmer
Accident Reconstruction Unit Supervisor*

Community Policing

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Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. In order for a police department to accomplish this, the police need to know their community members and the community member need to know their police officers. The SARPD believes in the community policing approach and strives to know their community on a one to one basis.

Sergeant Thomas Lemond is the department's supervisor and main coordinator for community policing events. He works closely with Corporal Kenneth Palmer to evaluate and coordinate the community policing events and community meetings that occur throughout the year.

The following is a report of the summary of events that occurred throughout the year of 2018:



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13 Motor Escorts for Parades or charitable organizations

Run for Red
St. Patrick's Day Parade
American Cancer Society (Purple Ribbon Relay)
America's Fallen Convoy
Pocono 400
America's Fallen and Wounded Veterans
Pocono YMCA
Gander Outdoors Nascar 400 Race

"Cal Schoch" motorcycle run
American legion motorcycle run
Special Olympic motorcycle run
AWSOM Motorcycle Run
Veterans Day Parade



07 Juvenile events

Risks involved with driving
Push Up Challenge at Dansbury Park
Labor of Love Basketball Games
Kids Peace "Christmas In July"

Notre Dame Elementary School
Trunk or Treat at Glen Brook Apartments
Legacy Barber Shop / Christmas Caroling

7 Tours of Headquarters by Scout packs

4 police escorts for "walks"

Mental Health Walk
Take Back the Night

Walk and Wag
Pink Light Walk

2 Career days attended

Northampton Community College Career Day
Youth Employment Services



8 community events

NCC Community Night
October Fest
BML Fall Festival
Glow Sticks
Freedom Fest
Carfit
Stroudfest
Olsen Event



2 Funeral Details



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5 Special Events

*National Night Out
Olsen Christmas Wish
Coffee With a Cop
King Allsop Visit
YMCA 5K Event*

4 K9 Unit Events

*National Night Out
Notre Dame Elementary School
Octoberfest
Photo with Santa at Sit, Stay and Play*



Crime watch units in East Stroudsburg, Stroudsburg, Canterbury and Penn Estates met on most months throughout the year. Corporal Palmer represented SARPD during their meetings as Liaison.

Court Liaison Annual Report- 2018

Court Liaison

History of the Court Liaison Position

After concluding a five year study, the Stroud Area Regional Police Department recognized a need to create the position of Court Liaison Officer to streamline cases, control costs, and improve communication with other agencies. A Federal ARRA Grant was applied for and approved. Subsequently, Paul Duffy was hired at the department's first Court Liaison Officer in 2011.

From there, later in 2011 John Egan took over the position and remained the Court Liaison Officer until 2013. Troy Serfass was hired to take over until the beginning of 2016. In the interim, Patrol Officer Kenneth Palmer covered the duties of Court Liaison Officer until May 2016 when Meredith Pelak-Rea was hired to fill the position. She remains the Court Liaison to date.



Despite the many changes, the Court Liaison continues to be a successful position within the department. In fact, the benefits this position provides are much more than just cost savings. Due to the size of the patrol division and multiple shifts, communication between the courts and affiants was sometimes difficult. Minor issues with paperwork, coordination of victims/witnesses, or prisoner transports that may have held up court proceedings, are eliminated with a single contact person for the department. In the interest of judicial economy, this position avoids time being spent on fixing mistakes and missteps. It helps the system flow smoothly.

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Type	District Court 43.2.01 Stroudsburg Borough	District Court 43.2.02 East Stroudsburg Borough	District Court 43.3.02 Stroud Township	Total per Case Type
Traffic	672	359	471	1502
Non-Traffic	274	458	182	914
Criminal	194	265	210	669
Total	1140	1082	863	3085

Court Liaison by the Numbers

The Chart below show a cumulative comparison of the past 5 years:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Hearings	774	954	911	1561	1578	1851
Hearings Conducted By CLO in Lieu of OT	427	521	556	795	608	735
Hours of OT Saved	1278	1563	1668	2385	1824	2205
Total Monetary Savings to the Dept	\$56,764.00	\$75,342.00	\$79,747.00	\$114,026.00	\$82,080.00	\$99,225.00
Reduction of Paid OT For Court Overtime	45%	49%	54%	26%	38.5%	39.7%

The following chart represents the total number of Traffic, Non-traffic, and Criminal cases filed at the Magisterial District Courts for the year 2018:

During the year of 2018, the amount of filings generally stayed the same compared to 2017. In fact, there was a slight decrease from 3268 total filings in 2017 to 3085 for 2018.

Court Liaison Today

The Court Liaison is the central point of contact for the officers and administration regarding court related issues and well as for the courts and related agencies. With that being said, the Court Liaison receives all paperwork for court, most importantly, hearing notices and subpoenas.

Upon receipt of the hearing notices, the time, location and charges are entered into the PlanIt Police Scheduling Website. If the officer is needed to appear for the hearing, an invitation to that event is sent. A reminder system is also in place so the officer will receive an alert on their

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department email. This allows the officer to have as much notice as possible if he/she is needed for court.

When a criminal case is scheduled, the Court Liaison is responsible to send the corresponding discovery electronically to the Monroe County District Attorney via the Accelion website. Once that is done, there is a supplement added into the case in our Alert system to keep everyone informed of what is happening with their cases. This reduces the amount of administrative paperwork the officers have to do for every case.

Also, if discovery cannot be sent electronically due to the size of video or audio files, or sheer amount of paperwork involved, the Court Liaison hand delivers it to the District Attorney's Office. This is especially helpful to those officers that do not work dayshift, as they would have to come in on their off time to take it over themselves.

Additionally, a record of daily court activity is documented on an Excel spreadsheet. This keeps track of all the cases that the Court Liaison handles and computes on a daily basis the amount of overtime hours saved.

Frequently defendants are arrested outside of our county on our charges and we have to extradite them. In that case, the Court Liaison receives the proper paperwork and arranges transportation to get the defendant. If the person is being held in another facility within Pennsylvania but has court scheduled at one of our District Courts, a writ must be obtained. It's the responsibility of the Court Liaison to request the writ from the District Attorney's office, pick it up, and organize the transport.

In 2018, the Court Liaison organized 26 prisoner transports on writs and/or warrants.

The Court Liaison also meets with the Victim/Witness Advocates to discuss upcoming cases, and if their services will be needed. Often times, cases with victims can be handled without the officer there, as long as someone from Victim/Witness is there to be with those involved. In addition to the administrative portion of the Court Liaison's duties, much of her time is spent in court. Two of the three courts participate in block scheduling for our officers which is very beneficial to us. It limits the amount of the time waiting to determine what will happen with a case. Therefore, once a deal or an agreement is reached and we know the case is not going to a full hearing, the officers (if invited to attend) advise the Court Liaison of what is happening and they can leave to go about their day or go back on the road leading to a reduction in overtime.

Conclusion

The Court Liaison position has proven itself to be a valuable tool within the department in many ways. The most important being the offset it provides to the increasing costs of prosecuting cases. In addition, due to the overwhelming amount of paperwork involved with every case that the Court Liaison handles, this position allows our officers to remain where they are most effective: on the road and within the community.

The Court Liaison's consolidation of the multiple court related responsibilities the department has within the judicial system echoes the principles of regionalization and teamwork. It unites us to work cohesively, as one, which is the foundation of our department. As we move forward in 2019, the Court Liaison Program will continue to add to the benefits it provides to the department and the judicial system.

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DEA Task Force Officer

DEA Task Force Officer Annual Report- 2018

Introduction

In 2018 the DEA Scranton Resident Office (SRO) continued the mission to disrupt and dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Northeastern Pennsylvania plays a unique role in the trafficking of illegal narcotics due to the geographic proximity to major cities such as New York (I-80 corridor), Philadelphia and is the gateway to the New England area of the United States. The majority of illegal narcotics trafficked through this area are, heroin, cocaine and crystal methamphetamine. There has also been a significant increase in marijuana trafficking with bulk shipments coming from states where laws are more relaxed with the production of marijuana and shipped to states where it is prohibited in which a large profit is gained. Bulk marijuana may sell for approximately \$700 per pound in California can be sold in Connecticut for around \$2,000 per pound. Heroin continues to plague the area with the sources of supply (SOS) that are coming out of Mexico which many are tied to drug cartels. Heroin is routinely mixed or "cut" with substances to allow for the production of more heroin at a lower cost. Fentanyl which is an opiate (same as heroin) is often used as the cutting agent in heroin. Fentanyl is described as being approximately 100 times the strength of a single dose of morphine. Fentanyl is largely produced in China and is available on the black market at extremely low prices. The use of fentanyl in heroin production is significant due to the effect on the user causes an impactful euphoric high on the user, but causes a significant withdrawal effect which makes the user crave more of the product. A rise in heroin related overdose deaths in Northeastern Pennsylvania is largely attributed to heroin laced with fentanyl. A small dose of fentanyl can cause significant respiratory depression which often leads to a cardiac arrest and eventually death.

Case Summaries

The following are case summaries which the SRO has been investigating in 2018. These summaries are general in nature due to the fact that all cases are still ongoing at this time.

1. **Cocaine, Marijuana and Miscellaneous Narcotics Distribution, Milford, PA**

In December 2017, The SRO in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) began an investigation regarding an individual in the Milford, PA area in Pike County who had been distributing significant quantities of cocaine in the area for several years.

After multiple controlled buys were conducted, Agents from the SRO secured a federal search warrant for the target residence. The warrant was executed by DEA and PSP at the target residence. The target was arrested without incident and a search of the residence yielded approximately ½ kilogram of cocaine, several pounds of marijuana, marijuana oils and extracts and other narcotic hallucinogens. Agents also located and seized \$30,000 of United States Currency (USC).

The target of the investigation immediately agreed to cooperate with case agents and provided information regarding his SOS for the various narcotics that had been recovered during the search. The target was released on pretrial services after he was arraigned by a Federal Magistrate Judge due to his cooperation with the case agents. This is an ongoing investigation.

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2. Cocaine & Marijuana DTO, Wilkes-Barre, PA

In June 2018, Agents from the SRO initiated an investigation into multiple targets involving a cocaine and marijuana DTO operating in the Wilkes-Barre area. During the course of this investigation, Agents utilized a CI to conduct a controlled purchase as well as obtaining recorded phone calls to the targets setting up transactions to obtain cocaine. Agents were able to use these calls as well as the controlled purchases of cocaine as probable cause to initiate Title III investigation also known as a wiretap on the main target of the DTO.

During the Title III investigation, agents learned the identities of several upper level members of the DTO and began to monitor their activities through physical and electronic surveillance operations. Agents learned information regarding one of the targets who was arranging a meeting to make a payment to a SOS for marijuana that had been received and distributed by this DTO. Agents learned the meeting would take place at a rest stop off of Interstate 84 in Pike County. Agents established mobile surveillance of the target in his vehicle and maintained surveillance to the meeting location. Agents observed the target enter the SOS vehicle with a bag and exit the vehicle a few moments later without the bag. Agents allowed the target to leave the area and followed the SOS vehicle as it traveled into New York via Interstate 84 eastbound. Agents made contact with New York State Police (NYSP) and conducted a vehicle stop along Interstate 84 in Orange County, NY. NYSP Troopers located a bag containing approximately \$18,000 USC and seized it. NYSP turned over the seized currency to agents from the SRO which was submitted to be forfeited.

Agents learned a few weeks later that a member of the DTO was planning a meeting outside Philadelphia for the purchase of a kilogram of cocaine. Agents set up electronic and physical surveillance around the target's residence in the early morning hours on the day of the scheduled meeting. Agents maintained surveillance of the target into southwest area of Philadelphia. The target met with the cocaine SOS where he left his vehicle and entered the SOS's vehicle. The SOS drove his vehicle in an evasive manner to thwart attempts from law enforcement from maintaining surveillance of the vehicle. Agents learned during the surveillance operations that the target made a phone call to a member of the Wilkes-Barre DTO that the SOS had noticed heavy law enforcement presence in the area.

Agents broke surveillance of the target for approximately 30 minutes before reacquiring the target on Interstate 476 headed towards the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Agents conducted a stop of the target vehicle after it exited the Allentown exit of the Turnpike. The target was detained and later charged by Agents from the SRO. A search warrant was granted by a Federal Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a search of the vehicle led to the seizure cocaine in excess of 1 kilogram. Two other major members including the target of the Title III investigation were also arrested. This case is still under investigation.

3. Marijuana Indoor Grow, East Stroudsburg, PA

In April 2018, Agents in the SRO were contacted by an attorney of a Cooperating Defendant (CD) who had been arrested in New Jersey. The CD stated he could provide information regarding a large scale indoor marijuana grow operation in East Stroudsburg, PA. Agents initiated an investigation and were able to identify the target location in Smithfield Township. Agents were able to obtain the property records and identified the owner and also learned the target owned another residence in Pike County recorded in the same name. Agents established surveillance on the target residence and observed a male target who visited the property and operated a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado. During surveillance operations, Agents observed the male would visit the property several days a week for varying durations of time. The target never stayed overnight at the residence and also never brought any other persons with him to the residence.

Based on the information gained during surveillance operations, Agents were able to obtain a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) search warrant on the residence. Agents executed the search warrant and observed an excessive heat signature emanating from the residence. The heat signature was indicative that a marijuana grow was being operated at this residence. Based on the results of the FLIR search warrant, Agents were granted a search warrant for the target residence. Agents made contact with PSP Clandestine Lab Team and PSP Stroudsburg Barracks for their assistance in the execution of the search warrant. Agents waited until the target returned to the residence and took him into custody. The target who had been observed coming to and from the residence provided a Florida Driver's license matching the name on the property records as the property owner. Agents executed the search warrant and

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discovered a large indoor marijuana grow with approximately 584 plants. The PSP Clan Lab Team dismantled the indoor grow and cataloged the evidence.

Agents were able to identify the residence of the target was in Bloomfield, NJ and also learned the target had a PNC bank account. Agents were granted a search warrant for the bank accounts in the target name and found the account had approximately \$65,000 USC. This bank account was seized to be forfeited. Agents went to the address in Bloomfield, NJ where a female who lived at the residence gave consent to search the apartment. Agents located \$5,450 USC in also approximately ½ pound of marijuana.

The target was transported to PSP Stroudsburg where his finger prints were taken for a suspect identification. The target's fingerprints indicated that the identification he presented to law enforcement and also used to record his property transactions and establish the PNC bank account was fraudulent. The target was charged by PSP pending his cooperation with Agents in this investigation. In addition to the approximately \$70,000 sized through the Department of Justice (DOJ), Agents plan to seize the vehicle used by the target through Monroe County District Attorney's Office for use by Stroud Area Regional Police, and also forfeit the property used for the indoor grow to Monroe County District Attorney's Office. The target's failure to cooperate with Agents in this case will result in this case being put before a federal grand jury for an indictment. This investigation is still ongoing.

4. Steroid and Illegal Supplement Operation, Kingston, PA

In August 2018, The DEA SRO Diversion Group received information regarding the purchase of a commercial grade pill press by an individual residing in the Kingston area. Diversion Investigators found information of that subject possibly involved with the production of steroids and banned substances related to growth hormones and other supplements. Diversion referred this investigation to be handled as a criminal investigation and a case was initiated. During the course of this investigation Agents found the target was found to have ties with retail establishments who were selling legitimate supplements which could be found in most any nutrition store. Some of these stores would also sell the banned substances to certain individuals. Agents utilized a CI to make contact with the target to purchase supplements containing banned substances. Several controlled buys were conducted under the supervision of Agents from the SRO from one of these retail establishments.

Agents learned that the target of this investigation had been sourcing his supply of illegal substances through various suppliers in China. Agents learned that the target used the "dark web" or software that supports anonymous internet usage which makes the tracking of the user's activities almost impossible to detect. In June 2018, one of the TFO's assigned to the SRO received training on conducting investigations through the use of the "dark web". This training provided agents with tools and technology to identify some of the suppliers used by the target of this investigation through the use of the "dark web".

Agents also secured a Title III warrant for the target's email address and had been monitoring contact that the target has had with numerous supplier and customers both foreign and domestic. Agents have also learned of several corporations in the United States who appear to be involved in similar activity. This investigation is ongoing.

5. Bulk Marijuana Seizure, I-80 Blakeslee, PA

In August 2018, PSP SHIELD unit initiated a traffic stop on I-80 east near Blakeslee, PA. Troopers stopped a rented moving truck as it committed a traffic violation on the roadway. Troopers conducted brief roadside interviews of the occupants of the vehicle and found inconsistencies in their accounts of where they were going, where they were coming from, and what they were doing with what they were hauling. Troopers gained consent to search the truck and the load contained within. Initially Troopers observed various pieces of furniture in the cargo area of the truck. Upon further inspection Troopers noticed the furniture was cheaply constructed and the cargo area was only about half full. It was also observed that there were several mattresses in the front of the cargo area and no bed frames were among the items being moved. Troopers climbed onto the mattresses and discovered they were actually wooden crates which concealed approximately 800 pounds of marijuana.

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PSP contacted the SRO to assist in the investigation. Agents responded to Fern Ride barracks and conducted interviews with the two suspects operating the moving truck. Both suspects provided statements to Agents regarding a DTO which had been shipping marijuana from California to Flushing, NY, which was distributed throughout the region. The suspects told Agents that they had been through the area six to seven times over the past year. Both agreed to cooperate with Agents and were charged federally in the Middle District of Pennsylvania regarding the trafficking of bulk marijuana. This investigation is still ongoing.

6. Bulk Cocaine Seizure, I-80, Blakeslee, PA

In August 2018, PSP Patrol Units conducted a traffic stop on I-80 westbound after observing a traffic violation. Troopers initiated a traffic stop. Troopers noticed several indicators regarding the operator of the vehicle and of the condition of the vehicle during the stop. Troopers ran the operator's driver's license and conducted a criminal background check. The background check revealed that he had multiple convictions for possession and trafficking of narcotics. Troopers requested that a K9 respond to attempt to detect the presence of narcotics. The PSP K9 alerted to the trunk of the vehicle to the presence of narcotics.

Troopers detained the driver and obtained a search warrant to search the vehicle. Upon execution of the search warrant of the vehicle, Troopers located approximately 20 kilograms of cocaine secreted inside the trunk of the vehicle. Due to the suspect's extensive criminal history and the amount of cocaine, PSP made contact with the SRO to further the investigation and to handle the prosecution to the federal level. Agents from the SRO conducted an interview with the suspect, where Agents learned that the suspect was trafficking the cocaine from New York to Ohio but would not provide any further specifics during the initial interview. This case is still under investigation.

Additional Responsibilities

Drug Delivery Resulting in Death, Dunmore, PA (Trial)

In December 2015, Dunmore Police responded to a call regarding unattended death which was likely the result of a heroin overdose. Upon arrival EMS found a male who had prolonged down time, and the presence of suspected injection narcotics and paraphernalia were present. Dunmore Police Detectives responded and processed the scene and collected evidence. Investigators later received information from the Lackawanna County Coroner's Office who conducted the autopsy that the victim had likely died of a drug overdose. Investigators received information from Northern Tier Research who conducted the toxicology examination and concluded the victim had injected heroin laced with fentanyl.

During the course of their investigation, Dunmore Police were able to backtrack the victim's whereabouts and who he was with in the days up to his death. Investigators identified two individuals whom the victim had worked with and conducted interviews with these persons. Investigators learned that these two individuals were involved in a transaction for the purchase of heroin which the victim had used which ultimately caused his death. Investigators were able to identify the SOS of fentanyl laced heroin through the bags present at the time the victim was discovered and through cooperation with the individuals involved in the initial purchase.

Investigators were able to conduct a controlled buy from the SOS of the fentanyl laced heroin and arrested him immediately after the transaction. Upon his arrest, investigators recovered fentanyl laced heroin bags on his person which were packaged in the exact same manner of the bags recovered in the victim's bedroom and recovered by Dunmore Police at the time of the initial investigation.

In October 2016, Dunmore Police and the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office requested assistance from the DEA SRO for assistance in the investigation of this case and for prosecution of the SOS in the federal system due to the lengthy criminal history of the SOS and also the fact that the SOS was aware that the heroin which he has sold was laced with fentanyl and was also aware that his supply had likely caused at least one person to die and continued to sell his product regardless. In June 2018, Matthew McCollum who was one of the individuals the victim worked with pled guilty in federal court to

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drug delivery resulting in a death. McCollum was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. In October 2018, Josthan Cardona, who was the SOS of the fentanyl laced heroin pled guilty to conspiracy to a drug delivery which resulted in a death, and faces up to life in prison. In November 2018, Holly Kaszuba who made the arrangements for the victim to meet McCollum to purchase the heroin from Cardona demanded a trial as her involvement in this investigation. On November 7, 2018 a jury in the Middle District of Pennsylvania convicted Kaszuba of drug delivery resulting in a death. Kaszuba faces a mandatory minimum of 20 years in federal prison.

Asset Forfeiture Report

Stroud Area Regional Police Department- Asset Forfeiture Report 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018					
Transaction Type	Asset Description	Forfeiture Type	Decision Type	Transaction Date	Transaction Amount
Cash Distribution	\$29,010.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	03/06/2018	\$4,242.71
Cash Distribution	\$10,275.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	03/12/2018	\$1,602.90
Cash Distribution	\$2,590.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	04/06/2018	\$404.04
Cash Distribution	\$77,970.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	04/10/2018	\$12,163.32
Cash Distribution	\$5,178.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	04/12/2018	\$807.77
Cash Distribution	\$2,391.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	04/12/2018	\$373.00
Cash Distribution	\$36,584.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	04/26/2018	\$5,707.10
Cash Distribution	Checking and Savings Accounts - Value = \$1,391.52	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	05/08/2018	\$217.08
Cash Distribution	\$12,783.00 U.S. Currency	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	07/17/2018	\$1,994.15
Cash Distribution	Checking and Savings Accounts - Value = \$13,693.62	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	07/17/2018	\$2,136.20
Cash Distribution	Checking and Savings Accounts - Value = \$7,132.12	Admin	Cash/Proceeds	08/22/2018	\$1,112.61
Cash Distribution	Interest Bearing Account - Value = \$5,204,020.97	Civil/Judicial	Cash/Proceeds	10/19/2018	\$98,222.36
Return Proceeds *	Vehicles - Passenger - 2007 BMW 3 Series 328i sedan	Civil/Judicial	Cash/Proceeds	07/20/2018	(\$1,053.98)
					\$127,929.26

* - Proceeds were returned due to a vehicle that was seized was authorized to be sold under forfeiture proceedings in error by DOJ.

Conclusion

As part of the ongoing effort to disrupt and dismantle DTOs operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania a multifaceted approach is used, which includes extensive investigations into criminal activity, asset investigations, enforcement actions, drug and weapon seizures and seizure of assets including money and property. The main driving force behind drug trafficking

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is the profit from these illicit activities. By only disrupting the supply and arresting those involved would only have a limited impact on many DTOs which often times would be able to replace product and persons usually without much delay. The seizure of the assets along with the seizure of their product and arresting those members involved causes significant disruption and often leads to the dismantling of those organizations which are operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The seizure of these assets is then directed back to Task Force Group Agencies to be used to supplement funds in their mission of protecting and policing their respective communities. In 2018 Stroud Area Regional Police Department received in excess of **\$127,000** in proceeds and assets seized from criminal drug trade organizations. In 2019 the DEA SRO will continue its mission to combat these types of criminal organizations.

Detective Unit Annual Report- 2018

Detective Unit **2018 STAFFING**

Acting Detective Sergeant Susan Charles
Acting Detective Corporal Dan Munch
Detective Robert Transue
Detective Brian Gaita

Detective Emily Raymond
Detective Stephen Hettel

In 2018 the Detective Unit was initially staffed with Acting Detective Sergeant Wolbert, Detective Corporal Charles, and four Detectives. In February of 2018 Detective Corporal Susan Charles became acting Detective Sergeant upon the retirement of Detective Wolbert. In February of 2018 School Resource Officer Emily Raymond was assigned to the Detective Unit.

As a result of Detective Corporal Charles subsequently transitioning into the position of acting Detective Sergeant the assignment of cases including the majority of sex crimes, child abuse cases and domestic violence cases were assigned to Detective Emily Raymond and Detective Hettel. Detective Raymond received training in these areas and being a previous school resource Officer became instrumental with the child and juvenile cases. The cases were continuously monitored by Detective Sergeant Charles.

As the Detective Unit evolves it is our intent to have all new Detectives receive training in these areas, in order for the case load to be more evenly distributed, while still having personnel with specialized training being able to assist victims throughout the prosecution and prosecute perpetrators for those crimes.

Detective Munch, and Detective Transue handled general assignment cases, and when needed Detective Hettel would assist. Specialization in cases other than Sex Crimes, Homicides, and death by drug delivery is no longer possible, due to the allocation of manpower and the types of cases forwarded for investigation, therefore assignments are made based on current needs and caseloads of the available Detectives.

Detective Brian Gaita continues to handle the majority of crime scene and evidence processing. He has also been assigned to investigate the firearms violations that are forwarded through the PA State Police PICS Unit.

Acting Detective Sergeant Charles role changed and subsequently functioned as the supervisor of the Detective Unit and handled case assignments, monitored investigations and compiled data and statistics relative the Departments activities. Along with those responsibilities she did assist other Detectives with their investigations as needed as well as Patrol Officers that needed assistance. Acting Detective Sergeant Charles attended additional homicide training to assist in investigations to include drug delivery causing death now being investigated utilizing new protocols mandated by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

Detective Raymond was assigned the majority of crimes investigated being sex crimes and crimes against the family such as child abuse and domestic violence. Detective Charles also handled other cases assigned relating to various crimes against persons as well as robbery and property crimes as the needs of the Detective Unit dictated. Detective Raymond as a result of her investigation developed strong cases assisted by TFO Shelly with the FBI.

Detective Munch became acting Corporal in June of 2018. Detective Munch was assigned numerous cases, both crimes against persons and property crimes, to include multiple burglary investigation that were connected as a result of his investigation. Detective Munch also was involved in the joint agency investigation of the multiple bomb threats against the Monroe County Court House and local law offices.

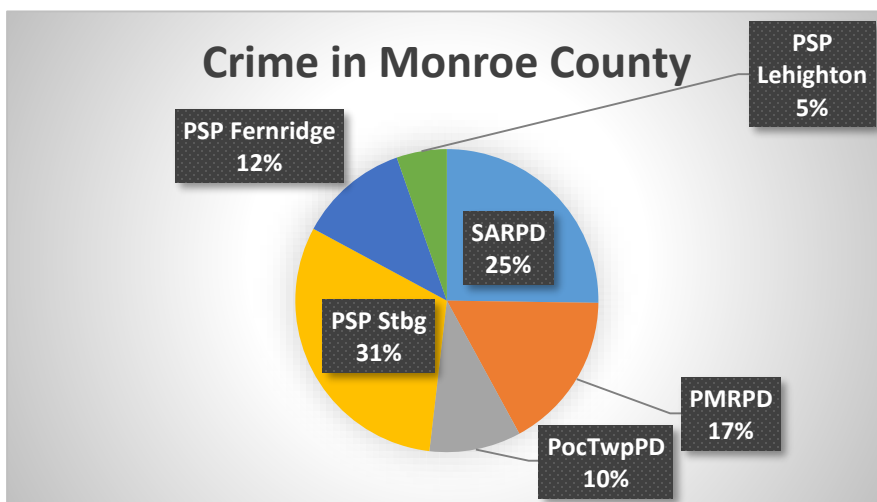
Detective Transue attended homicide training and investigated multiple cases to include homicide, and serious assaults. In most of these cases all Detectives in the unit would assist at the onset of a major case to the point the lead Detective continued on with the investigation. Detective Transue was assigned fraud cases and property crimes when the unit case load mandated it.

Detective Hettel handled primarily sex crimes and child abuse crimes with Detective Raymond due to the high percentage of cases. Detective Hettel attended Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PACIC) training and became the liaison for the department. Detective Hettel also responsible for NCIC validations required to maintain participation and access to this necessary tool of Law Enforcement.

CRIMES AND INCIDENTS

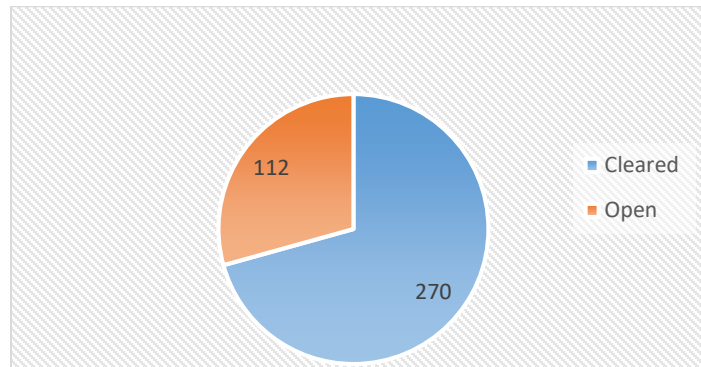
Monroe County Crime, 2018

25% of all of Monroe County's crimes occurred within the jurisdiction of and were handled by the Stroud Area Regional Police Department.



CASE ASSIGNMENTS

Detective case assignments in 2018 were 434, an increase of **12.4%** from 2017



75% of the cases assigned to Detective Unit were closed.

16% of those closed were cleared by arrest of the perpetrators.

41% of the UCR Major Crimes were Cleared.

2018 Assigned Crimes by Category

<i>Category</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Assigned</i>	<i>Cleared by Arrest</i>	<i>Cleared</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Assigned & Cleared</i>
<i>Death Inv</i>	48	23	0	22	1	96%
<i>Robbery</i>	12	8	7	0	1	88%
<i>Rape</i>	13	10	2	6	2	80%
<i>Sex Crimes</i>	87	71	10	43	18	75%
<i>Off. Ag. Fam.</i>	47	32	3	21	8	75%
<i>Burglary</i>	70	39	2	10	27	31%
<i>Theft</i>	844	36	4	18	14	61%
<i>Fraud</i>	231	28	2	13	13	54%
<i>Assault</i>	103	27	11	11	5	81%
<i>Firearms</i>	41	*81	7	50	24	70%
<i>Other</i>	N/A	23	6	13	4	83%
<i>CSI</i>	82	82	N/A	82	N/A	100%

* Includes PICS Violations that occurred in previous years

<i>Cases Assigned</i>	<i>Cases Cleared</i>	<i>Adults Arrested</i>	<i>Juveniles Charged</i>
460	343	54	4

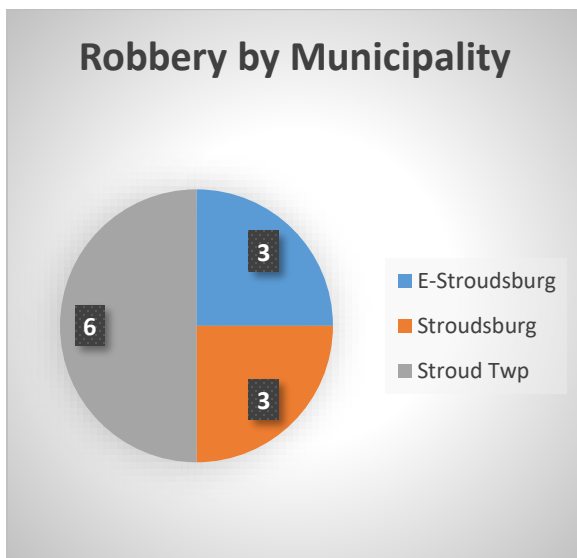
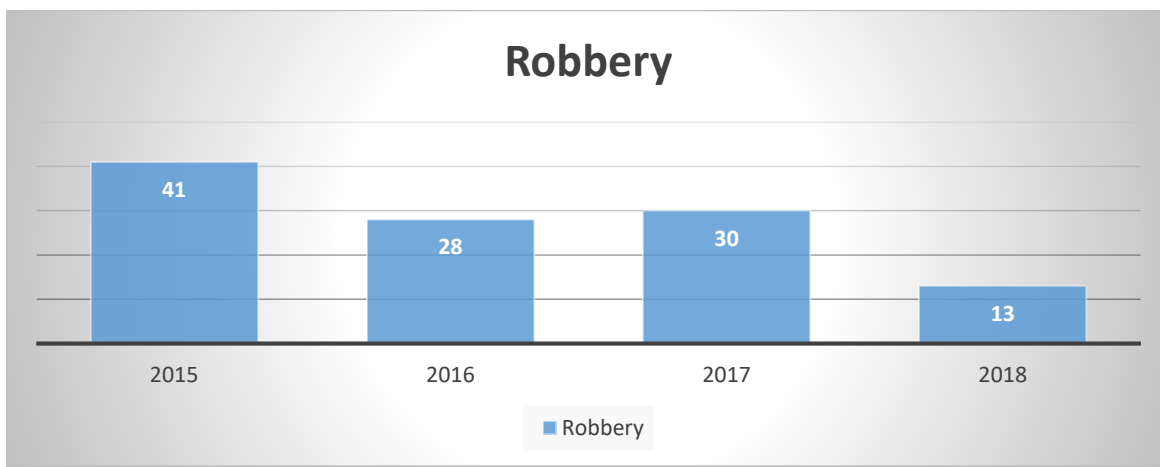
SPECIFIC CRIMES 2018

ROBBERY

For the year 2018, 12 robberies were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department.

- 60% decrease in Robberies from the previous year.
- 88% of the Robberies assigned to the Detective Unit were cleared.
- 88% were cleared by the arrest of the perpetrators.

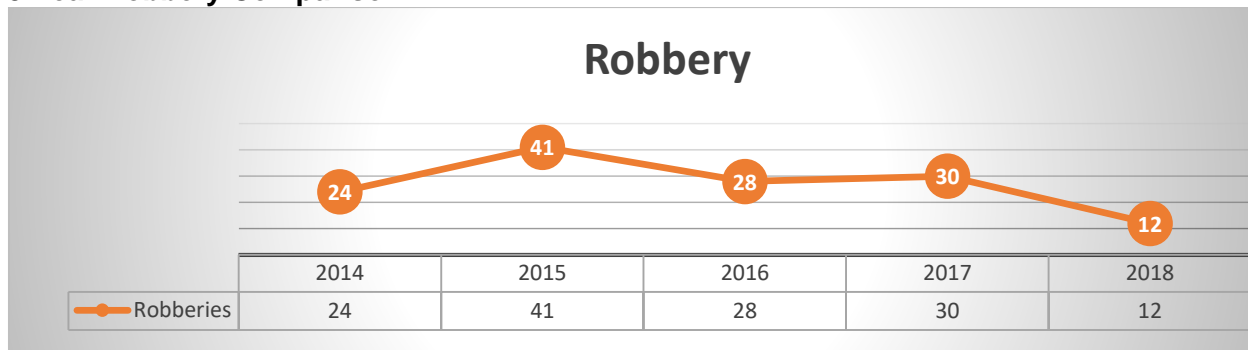
While levels have decreased in the past year, they continue to be below average from the 2015-2018 period.



Of the 12 robberies that occurred:

- 8 were armed robberies and involved the use or display of a firearm or knife. The remaining
- 4 were 'strong-arm robberies' wherein the perpetrators used physical force to commit the crime but no weapon was used or displayed.

5 Year Robbery Comparison

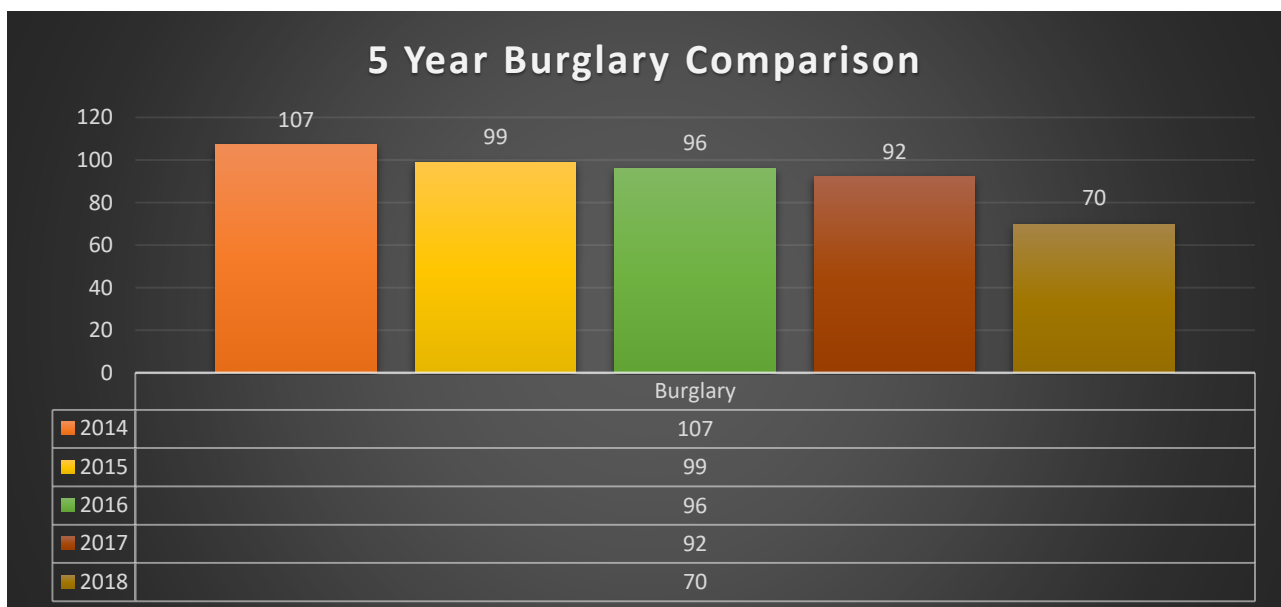


BURGLARY

In the year 2018:

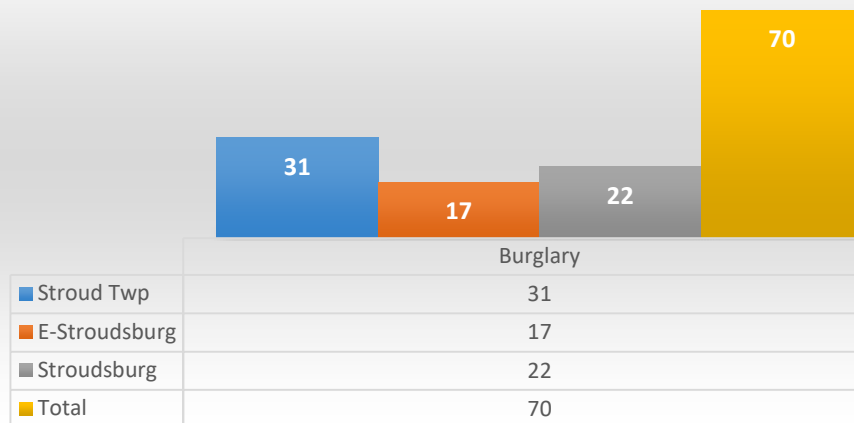
- 70 Burglaries were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department
- 31% of the Burglaries assigned to the Detective Unit were cleared

The Year 2018 Burglary levels **decreased 23.9%** over the Year 2017 statistics. This is the 6th successive year that has seen a reduction. This is a **62%** reduction from the high of 184 burglaries that occurred back in 2012.



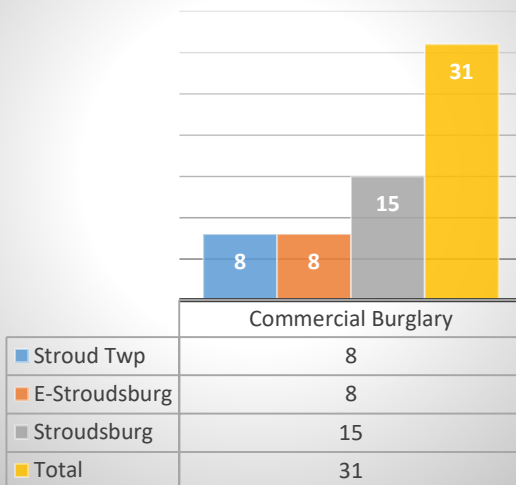
In the area of Burglary, the department saw a 23.9% reduction from 2017. As reported in the past, the majority of these burglaries were or are believed to have been committed by individuals who are heroin users that are using the proceeds to finance their drug addictions. As in most cases when an arrest is made in one instance, it is discovered that the individual has also been responsible for additional burglaries that have occurred as well. Difficulties arise in linking some of these perpetrators to the crimes as they have no past criminal histories and are not in the criminal justice database.

All Burglary by Municipality- 2018

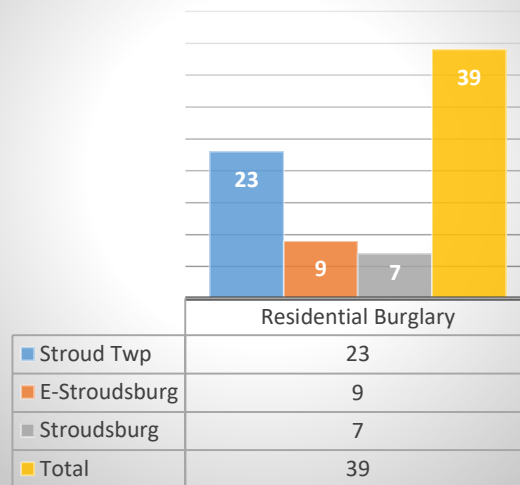


Burglary by Type

Commercial Burglary- 2018



Residential Burglary- 2018

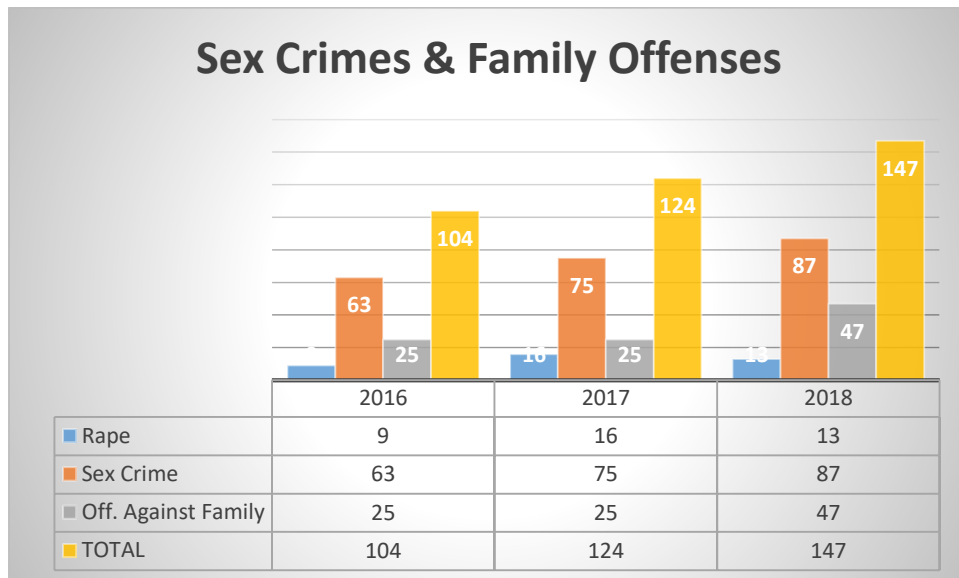


SEX CRIMES & OFFENSES AGAINST THE FAMILY

In 2018, 147 reported cases of sex/family crimes were assigned to the Detective Unit.

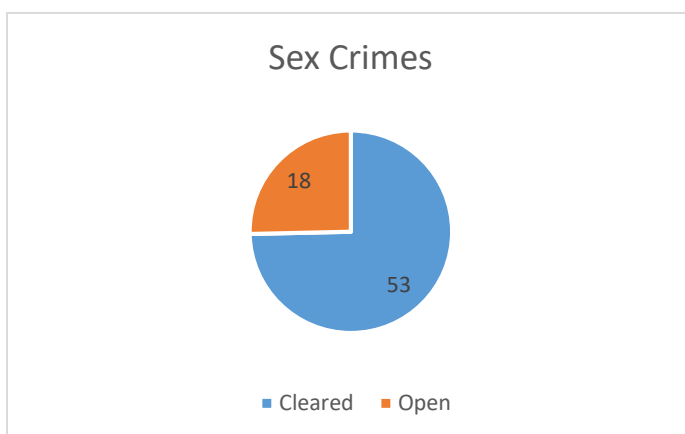
- **61%** of the Sex /Family Crimes assigned to the Detective Unit were closed.
- **19.3%** increase in Sex/ Family Crimes reported to SARPD.

Of those 147 reported cases, 113 were assigned to Detectives



Further breakdown of the aforementioned cases shows that there were 13 Rapes, 87 Sex Offenses and 47 Offenses Against the Family. The Detective Unit investigated 10 Rapes, 71 Sex Offenses and 32 Offenses Against the Family (child abuse).

The majority of the Offenses Against the Family were Child Abuse cases that were referred to the Department through Monroe County Children & Youth and several of the other Sex Crimes were referred through them as well.



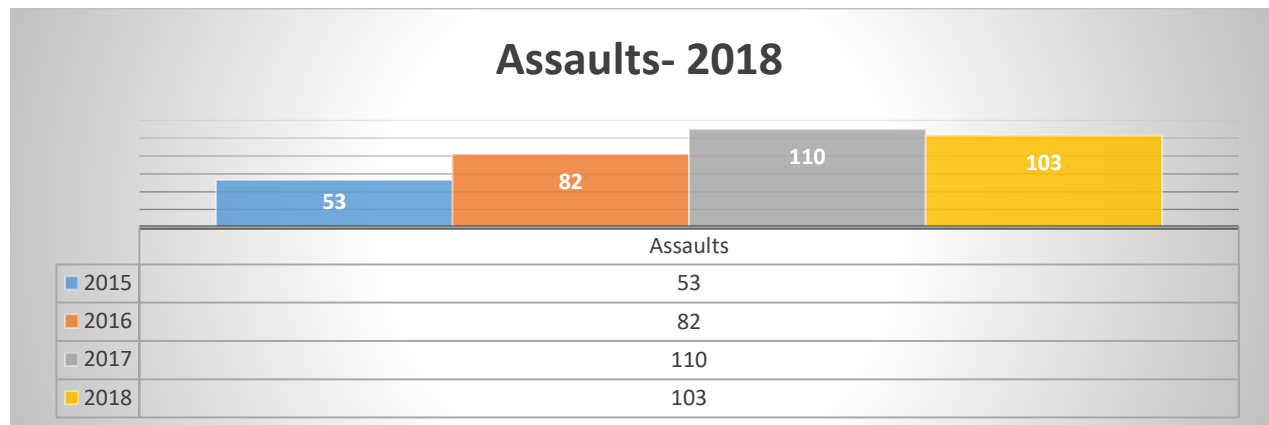
Of the 87 Sex Crimes reported, 71 were forwarded to the Detective Unit for further Investigation.

Of those assigned for Investigation, 69 were cleared and 18 cases remain open.

In 2017 Monroe County opened a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in Bartonsville being administrated through the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. While this center is only operational part-time here in Monroe County it is now handling the majority of the CAC cases that the department is involved in. It has been somewhat problematic being only operational on a part-time basis, as emergent cases need to still be taken to the Scranton CAC as the physicians and forensic interviewers have somewhat limited availability here in Monroe.

ASSAULT

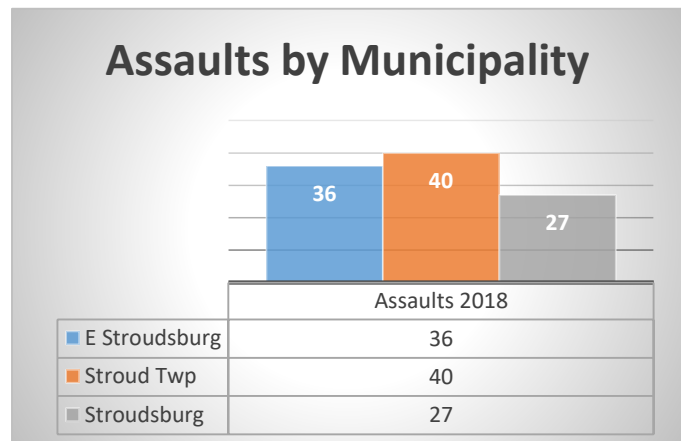
In 2018, 103 Assaults were reported to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department. Of the 103 total reported, 27 were forwarded to the Detective Unit for investigation.



Assaults by Municipality

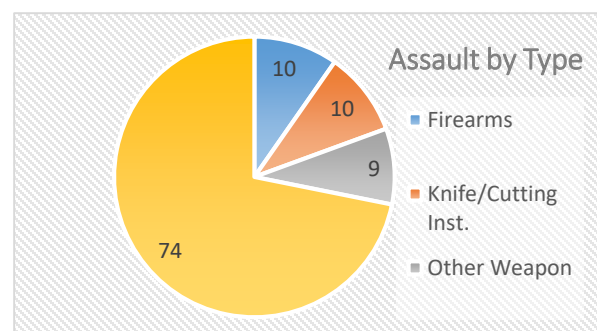
Of the 103 assaults that occurred in 2018:

- 40 occurred in Stroud Township
- 36 occurred in East Stroudsburg
- 27 occurred in Stroudsburg



Assaults by Type

Of the 27 Assaults that were forwarded to the Detective Unit, 22 were cleared through Investigation and 5 remain open. The Assaults assigned to the Detective Unit all involved some type of weapon and/ or serious injury.



Death Investigations

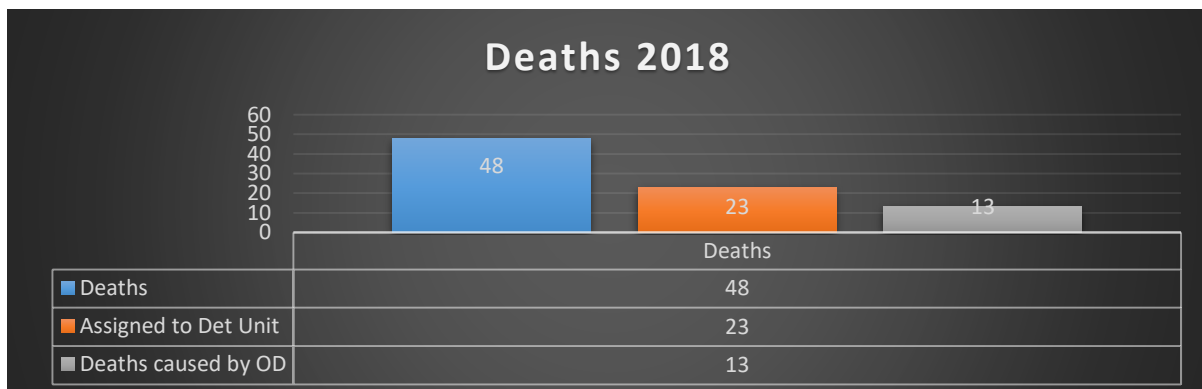
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is in the midst of an unprecedented epidemic of drug abuse and drug-related overdose deaths impacting every corner of the state and all its residents.

In, 2016, 4,642 drug related overdose deaths were reported by Pennsylvania coroners and medical examiners, an increase of 37% from 2015. The percent increase in drug related overdose deaths between 2015 and 2016 was larger in rural counties (42%) compared to urban counties (34%).

In 2017 Pennsylvania experienced 5,456 drug-related overdose deaths. This number represents a death rate that far is exceeding the national average. Increase fentanyl availability and misuse contributed to a 65% overall increase in drug-related overdose deaths in Pennsylvania between 2015-2017. The Heroin and fentanyl availability in Pennsylvania are pervasive and impacting more than 97% of counties. The 2018 statewide statistics have not been released yet.

For the year of 2018 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department received:

- 48 reported deaths
- 23 death cases were assigned to the Investigation Unit
- 13 death investigations subsequently confirmed cause of death - opioid mixed toxicity



Stroud Area Regional Police Departments Investigations Unit has adapted to the communities needs through the philosophy of full service personalized policing, (Community Policing). The investigations unit has evolved through sharing certain investigative functions between patrol and investigators. The community is better served with a coordinated effort between the Patrol Division and the investigations Unit.

Police interaction with the Community builds a bridge of communication, and forms partnerships with members of the community and subsequently assists with vital information needed to investigate and prosecute offenders in the most effective and efficient process and approaches to improve a wide range of criminal investigation. The assessment of current practices and recommendations on investigative policies and practices will continue to be evaluated based on the crime within the community.

*Submitted by,
Detective Sergeant Susan Charles*

Evidence Custodian

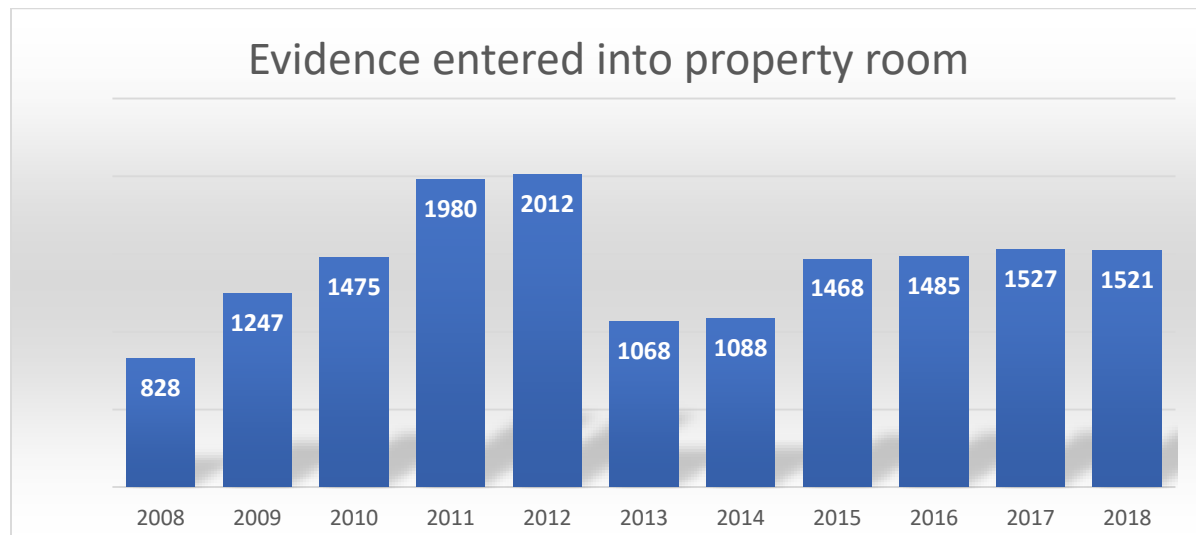
Evidence Custodian Annual Report- 2018

Background:

The Evidence Custodian position is an integral part of Stroud Area Regional Police Department that continues to provide critical support to investigations, assist the prosecution at criminal trials, civil trials, and facilitate the timely return of property to its rightful owners, which maintains the public's confidence and trust. Harold Bentzoni was hired in 2010 and has completed his 8th year as the Evidence Custodian. Hired as part of a municipal grant in January of 2010, the grant funded a non-sworn Evidence Custodian to begin a full time position within the Department. This civilian position allows the department to keep more sworn Officers on the street and staff a critical position with a highly trained employee who is up to date on new changes and laws relating to property and evidence.

STATISTICS / DATA

The property room currently houses in upwards of 10,000 pieces of evidence and property. In 2018, **1521 items** were entered into the property room for evidentiary and non-evidentiary purposes, which was a slight decrease over last year.



GOALS

The following are the goals of the Evidence Custodian for the year 2019; The major goal every year is to purge as many items as possible. Housing items that are no longer of use in a case or to the Department, need to be disposed of either via return to the owner or destroyed. Space is at a premium in order to accommodate new inventory. Items that need to be kept for any length of time such as a homicide, have been taken out of the building and secured in a different location other than the evidence room. There is a continued effort to cleanup pre-regionalization items. When the 3 departments



merged the evidence and property was lumped together and categorized the best it could be, but there are still several items in storage.

CONCLUSION

Law Enforcement agencies have a legal obligation to store evidence and property in a secure, safe, professional manner in a controlled environment to insure the integrity of the items. It's been learned that the obligation is not only a question of integrity on the departments end but also a litigation and/or criminal issue that can affect the entire criminal justice process. We have learned that the Evidence Custodian's job is of the utmost importance to not only the police department but to the entire criminal justice system and ultimately the citizens that we strive to protect. This position is one that needs to be done correctly, accurately and with no short cuts. Failing to meet these results could be devastating. We have only begun to experience the effects that advances in technology have on storage of evidence. These challenges of determining the proper methods, location and duration of evidence storage will just keep increasing with time. As the position of Evidence Custodian becomes more and more complicated it also becomes a more specialized position that demands to be staffed with a person specialized in its training and is up to date on all new changes and laws.



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE, INC.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold Bentzoni

FBI Task Force Annual Report- 2018

FBI Task Force

In March 2017 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department assigned Officer Chris Shelly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Task Force. This position was created to combat violent crime in the Stroud Area Regional Police Coverage Area. This further allows the Stroud Area Regional Police to use federal resources for investigations. Through this partnership there have been several arrests of violent gang members, drug trafficking organizations, and human traffickers.

Operation Rolling Stone:

In March 2014 an investigation was launched by the Stroud Area Regional Police Department and the FBI on local gangs in the coverage area. Some of these gangs were responsible for murder, aggravated assaults, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking and firearms trafficking. Through this joint investigation, there have been **over (61) Federal Indictments** to various gang members, sex traffickers, and drug traffickers in the Stroud Area Regional Police coverage area.

Thus far (52) of the defendants have plead guilty in Federal Court. These indictments range from murder, attempted murder, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, firearms trafficking, and other crimes. **In 2018 an additional (8) defendants were indicted** under Operation Rolling

Stone. Additionally, **(10) of the defendants were sentenced in 2018.** This operation has dismantled two of the largest gangs in the Monroe County area, the Black P Stone Nation and the Brick City Brims (Bloods). Several of these indictments took place in the year 2018 and we anticipate more in 2019.

As a result of the Operation Rolling Stones, the Howard Johnson hotel located in Stroud Township was seized by the FBI. The manager of the hotel and the corporation were federally indicted for conspiracy to commit human trafficking and narcotics trafficking. This is the first time in United States history that a hotel is being seized for allowing and financially benefiting from human trafficking and narcotics trafficking. If this hotel is successfully seized, a percentage of the proceeds will be given to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department due to the TFO position and the ongoing support of this investigation. The United States Attorney prosecuting the case recently met with the Hotel owner and his attorney. They were in the process of negotiating a price for the hotel.

It should be noted that several of the sentencing guide lines for these crimes are much more extreme in the federal system. Several of the defendants receive much longer sentences because of the following factors:

- A. **Career Offenders** (These defendants have lengthy criminal histories which will impose much harsher sentencing guidelines).
- B. **School zone drug deals** (If the offender conducts a drug sale in a school zone, daycare, or playground, the sentencing is longer).
- C. The use of a firearm in the commission of a drug deal (If the defendant uses a firearm to assist with his/her drug operation the sentencing is longer)
- D. The amount of drugs sold by the defendant (In the federal system, this is referred to as a historical). We are able to speak with past drug users that purchased narcotics from the defendant and add those numbers up to give the defendant a longer sentence.

In section A, B, and C all these applied to several of the cases that were handled by TFO Shelly (FBI) and Sergeant Lemond (SARPD drug unit and Supervisor) in 2018. Several of the defendant's received longer sentences because of the federal guidelines.

Here is two of our cases, where the defendants are receiving much more extensive prison time for trafficking narcotics in Monroe County.



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STROUDSBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

SCRANTON - The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced today that on November 30, 2018, United States District Court Judge Malachy E. Mannion sentenced Evan Watkins, age 30, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to 10 years' imprisonment on drug trafficking charges.

According to United States Attorney David J. Freed, Watkins pled guilty to distributing and possessing with the intent to distribute over 100 grams of heroin between June 2015 and March 2017, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Watkins admitted that he was responsible for the trafficking of between 100 and 400 grams of heroin over a nearly two-year span. One hundred grams of heroin is the equivalent of approximately 4,000 individual doses of heroin.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Stroud Area Regional Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean A. Camoni is prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of a district wide initiative to combat the nationwide epidemic regarding the use and distribution of heroin. Led by the United States Attorney's Office, the Heroin Initiative targets heroin traffickers operating in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and is part of a coordinated effort among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who commit heroin related offenses.

This prosecution is part of an extensive investigation by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). OCDETF is a joint federal, state, and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking and is the nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations, targeting national and regional level drug trafficking organizations and coordinating the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize their assets.



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MONROE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ROLE IN HEROIN CONSPIRACY

SCRANTON—The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, announced that Myron Owens, age 31, of East Stroudsburg, was sentenced yesterday by Senior U.S. District Court Judge James M. Munley to 140 months' imprisonment and four years on supervised release for his role in a Monroe County-based conspiracy that was responsible for distributing between 100 and 400 grams of heroin and cocaine.

According to United States Attorney David J. Freed, Owens previously pleaded guilty to committing the offense between 2012 and 2015. Owens admitted to conspiring with others to obtain the drugs from a supplier in Patterson, New Jersey, and the drugs were then transported to Monroe County and sold to sub-distributors and customers. The amount of heroin distributed by the conspiracy was equivalent to approximately 4,000-16,000 retail bags of heroin.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Munley noted the dangerous impact of heroin trafficking on the people of our communities.

Owens was one of seven people charged by a federal grand jury in a superseding indictment in March 2015. The others charged—Eddie Pace, Shawnette Isaac, Daryl Trent, William Young, Catherine Abbey, and Anton Woodson—all previously entered guilty pleas in the case. Trent received a 90-month prison sentence. Woodson was sentenced to 63 months' imprisonment. Isaac received a 30-month prison sentence. Abbey was sentenced to one year in prison. Pace and Young are awaiting sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pennsylvania State Police, and local police from Monroe County. Assistant U.S. Attorney Francis P. Sempa prosecuted the case.

Large scale drug arrest under Operation Rolling Stone:

In May of 2018 and investigation was conducted on James "Dilly" Williams for distributing cocaine in the Monroe County area. This investigation resulted in a federal search of Williams' Stroud Township residence and the federal arrest of Williams. During the search (630) grams of

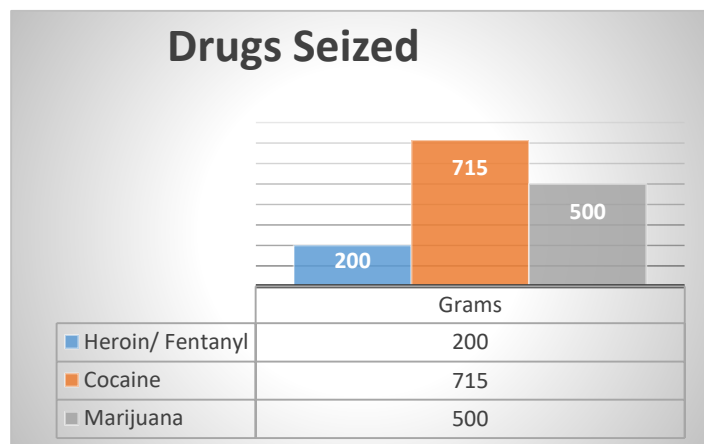
cocaine (over a half kilo), \$26,0000 in US Currency, and 3 firearms were seized. This cocaine has a street value of \$63,000.00.

The Stroud Regional Police Department Drug Unit and TFO Shelly (FBI) conducted the following arrests and seizures for the year 2018.

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Felony Arrest	13
Search Warrants	16
Cash Seized	\$43,206.00

The above information is in addition to the Rolling Stones case. It should be noted some of these arrest will be going federally and some will remain state side.



Large scale search warrants/investigations/ and arrests conducted under the SARPD drug unit:

On February 8, 2018 the Drug unit contacted a raid at 1153 West Main Street (Right across the street from the Stroudsburg High School), Stroudsburg. As a result, 20 grams of cocaine, 500 grams of marijuana, and \$2644.00, and a firearm were seized. Kevin Gonzales and Robinson Borges were arrested on Felony drug trafficking and firearms related charges.



Search warrant at 1153 West Main St, Stroudsburg. Two arrested on Felony drug and gun charges. This residence is right across from the Stroudsburg High School.

Over 120 grams of heroin and a firearm seized on a Drug Raid in the Borough of Stroudsburg.



On August 16, 2018 a search warrant was conducted at 302 North Fifth Street in the Borough of Stroudsburg. Arrest were conducted on Jose Velasquez and Jasmine Alvarez. They are married to each other and they were trafficking heroin out of their residence. This investigation yielded 120 grams of raw heroin and a firearm. This is a street value of \$10,000 worth of heroin and enough to make 6000 bags of heroin. This case is being adopted federally through the TFO position.

The SARPD Drug unit and TFO Shelly (FBI) further assisted other Law Enforcement agencies such as the Pennsylvania State Police, Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency in

searches, warrants, warrant services, investigations, surveillance, undercover drug buys and other related Law Enforcement duties.

Submitted by TFO Shelly

Firearms

Firearms Annual Report- 2018

The carrying and use of service firearms imposes a great responsibility on the agency, firearms instructors and every officer in the police department. The agency must accept its obligation to train all officers in the safe, effective, and timely use of firearms and tactics, and the accompanying legal, moral, and ethical issues. SARPD's firearms instructors are committed to developing and constantly improving the agencies firearms programs to produce the best training possible, derive the best training value, and motivate the officers.

The firearms instructors must stay current on the many aspects of this field. This requires continuing instructor level training and research. These areas of study include firearms, ammunition, tactics, training methods, as well as the physiological effects experienced when an officer is confronted with a situation requiring less than lethal and/or deadly force. The information and skills gathered through this research and training is then presented to the officers during the training sessions held throughout the year.



2018 Instructors:

Officer Petruzzi
Corporal Cohowicz

Instructor Training

Firearms instructors are sent to various training courses throughout the year, whether it be a refresher course, or a first time instructor school.



- Officer Petruzzi attended the following:
 - NRA Tactical Shooting Instructor Course in June
 - NTOA SWAT Team Leader Development Course in January
 - Stop the Bleed training in May
- Corporal Cohowicz attended the following:
 - Stop the Bleed Training in May
 - NRA Tactical Shooting Instructor Course in September
 - NRA Law Enforcement Select Fire Instructor Course in September

Officer Training

All departmental in house firearms training was conducted at the Bushy Mountain Road Range and Pocono Pistol Club.

- New hires Welsh, Washo, Ortega and Chica were issued and qualified with their Glock 22 Gen4 pistols.
- Officers who have been issued a Benelli shotgun successfully completed training and qualifications courses. The Officers who have been issued Colt AR-15 patrol rifles successfully completed training and qualifications courses.
- Corporal Vogt, Officer Bingler, Officer Eilenberger and Officer Dobson were issued brand new Colt AR-15 patrol rifles. Officer Cohen was issued a Colt AR-15 patrol rifle from the armory.
- SARPD SWAT entry team trained on a monthly basis with their Colt M4 rifles and Glock 22 handguns. SARPD SWAT sniper team trained on a monthly basis with their Remington 700 rifles. Both Entry team and Sniper team elements train using advanced tactics and gear specific to their mission.

2018 Activities

- There was a department wide handgun qualification for duty weapons and off duty carry weapons. During the qualification sessions, officers also received additional training while at the shooting range. During this training the instructors observe and reinforce proper techniques and fundamentals and make corrections if necessary. Included in the additional training is shooting while moving, shooting from kneeling, prone, platform positions, timing drills, depth

perception drills, use of cover and concealment, off-duty considerations as well as numerous other topics of discussion.

- Mid-year firearms inspections began for all duty firearms, including handguns, rifles, and shotguns and will carry over to 2018.



- Firearms inspections are performed by the department's armorers (Petruzzi, Cohowicz) at which time each firearm is disassembled and the components are cleaned, inspected and reassembled. At times some of these components are replaced due to wear or breakage. This procedure not only extends the life of the firearm but works to ensure the officer can be confident that his firearm will perform as intended if necessary.

Submitted by: Corporal Robert Cohowicz and Officer Michael Petruzzi

Housing Authority Patrol

Housing Authority Patrol Annual Report- 2018

In 2018 SARPD continued to perform additional patrols within the Monroe County Housing Authority Properties. SARPD provided approximately **60** hours of additional patrols. The areas patrolled and owned by the Housing Authority are:

- Normal Street, East Stroudsburg
- Hill Street, East Stroudsburg
- Taylor Street, East Stroudsburg
- Avon Court, East Stroudsburg
- Kistler Plaza, East Stroudsburg
- Hawthorne Terrace, Stroud Township
- Garden Street, Stroudsburg
- Barnum Street, Stroudsburg
- Lenox Avenue, Stroudsburg
- West Gate Apartment Complex, Stroudsburg

Several Officers assist with these patrols which are most often performed on weekends and during evening hours. The purpose of the patrols is to maintain a proactive approach in policing the housing authority properties in an effort to deter criminal activity.

SARPD continues to work closely with Monroe County Housing Authority (MCHA). Corporal Keith Strunk meets with Linda Kaufman on a monthly basis or as needed if a problem arises and needs to be addressed immediately. He also attends meetings at West Gate Apartment Complex where he speaks with the elderly residents and addresses any concerns they may have about scams or crimes being committed in the building.

SARPD also continues to work closely with the Monroe County Detectives and the Monroe County Drug Task Force and with Officer Chris Shelly of the Stroud Area Regional Police Narcotics Unit. Many of the investigations conducted by these agencies involve tenants or guests on MCHA Properties.

Communicating with these agencies also helps with the eviction of Section Eight residents who do not live in any of the above mentioned properties but reside in houses that are privately owned and located throughout our jurisdiction.

New for 2019 the Monroe County Housing Authority started to upgrade the surveillance cameras on Normal, Hill and Taylor Street. The program upgrade will eventually give access to patrol supervisors to access the camera system.

In the upcoming year MCHA will once again provide \$25,000.00 for additional patrols and \$7,000.00 for any equipment purchases. Corporal Strunk will work even closer with Linda Kaufman in an effort to spread the money out and still be able to have a positive impact utilizing fewer patrols. The focus for 2019 will be to reduce some patrols in the slower months which will allow us to increase the patrols in the usually busier summer months.

The relationship between the Stroud Regional Police Department and the Monroe County Housing Authority is a great benefit to the communities we serve.

Public Housing

Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single family houses to highrise apartments for elderly families. There are approximately 1.2 million households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 HAs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers Federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford. HUD furnishes technical and professional assistance in planning, developing and managing these developments.



Submitted by:
Corporal Keith



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
MONROE COUNTY



Information Technology (IT) Department

The effects of technology can be seen in almost all aspects of modern life, and law enforcement is no exception. Years ago the only technology police needed was a police radio and the location of the nearest pay phone. Today that same police radio is digital and scans 30 channels. Police cars also have in car cameras, cell phones, in car data terminals and digital light systems. And that's just in the police car. Come back to police headquarters and the maze of technology is even more complex- from fax machines, network printer, digital phones, desktops, laptops, tablets and access points to name just a few. And those are physical things we are talking about, now let's talk about software, routers, firewalls, switches and wireless LAN access. All of which are necessary and need to be in working order for police to perform their jobs.



In 2016 the Stroud Area Regional Police Department hired Rodney Smith as a full time Chief Information Officer (CIO). The position of the CIO is a non-sworn, management position. The fundamental reason this position exists is to direct and administer all functions and operations of the department's information systems, which includes any and all police related projects/activities that are IT based. The majority of department systems are mission critical requiring near zero downtime to provide support of emergency response. The CIO is a technical



position responsible for assisting with the management, planning, coordination and maintenance of the Stroud Area Regional Police Departments information systems. The position is also involved with extensive vendor and user contact to reconcile conflicting and/or complex problems. Work involves determining police department information system needs and developing, implementing, monitoring, and maintaining the equipment and software necessary

to meet these needs.

2018: The Highlights of the Departments IT Program

Video Surveillance

Emphasis in 2018 were maintenance, integration, projected projects. Maintenance consisted of storage management, firmware/software updates, and looking into utilizing intelligent video analysis.

The interview room acoustics were improved with modern sound panels to improve audio clarity.

The department put together costs and project plans for monitored video surveillance at Shafer's School House Rd/Route 209 in Stroud Township, Route 33/611 in Bartonsville, Broad St/Main St. Stroudsburg and the Crystal Street corridor in East Stroudsburg. The department's goal is to cover areas where past data has shown is a "hot spot" for violations of the law in which safety is a concern. These areas are initially being looked at due to foot/ pedestrian traffic, especially areas that contain liquor establishments in which criminal violations have been an issue in the past. The other areas are due to heavy vehicle traffic in which multiple serious accidents involving death have occurred.

We started transitioning in car video to WatchGuard equipment. All the existing car video equipment is end of life and difficult to repair and obtain replacement parts. The WatchGuard system also incorporates body cameras and audio for future use. Currently each new vehicle purchased will be equipped with the new in car system. Existing video systems that fail and cannot be repaired are also being replaced as needed.

Cloud Backup

Installed and configured new Barracuda Backup to pull and upload all of the department's backups to the cloud

Firewall

In 2017 we replaced our firewall. Part of the original firewall project was the ability to create redundancy with regards to internet. We tied in our existing backup cable internet and a Verizon USB Air card. These redundant connections ensure essential internet connectivity during outages.

Switches

In addition to the switches that were replaced in 2017, in 2018 the department replaced its core router/switch with a new high speed switch to handle the ever increasing data loads within the department. This is also in preparation for the new data center in 2019.



Wireless LAN Outdoor

The department replaced the outdoor wireless access point for the vehicles to quickly upload the in car video. This is beneficial in the event where the officer could utilize the uploaded video quickly while doing reports or for quickly putting out information. This new AP integrates with our existing infrastructure. So if a vehicle is in the garage for repair it can continue to upload any video.

Detectives PCs

Removed and replace all detective's PCs. The new PCs were built and configured specifically for the tasks that the Detectives department uses on a daily basis.

Media Center

Installed and configured new media center in briefing for Planit Police scheduling software and local cable TV service. Officers schedules are now visible for staff to view.

Put together a bid process to replace the existing Admin copier that was end of life and pricing for the new data center from Integra in 2019.

K9 Unit

K9 Unit Annual Report- 2018

History

The Stroud Area Regional Police Department's (SARPD) previous K9 dogs were Solan, Argo, Sorro and Tappy. Tappy was the last K9 to retire in 2012 leaving the SARPD K9 Unit decommissioned.

In 2016 the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission Foundation (SARPCF) started raising funds to reestablish the unit as startup costs for such a program begin at approximately \$65,000 per dog/handler. Officers Michael Sampere and Robert Breitfeller were chosen as the two new K9 handlers for SARPD. They were both instrumental in assisting with fundraising efforts from 2016- 2018.

January 2018: The fundraising efforts continued and local businesses and residents donated over \$160,000.00 to the program. As a result of this support, a plan was put in place to purchase and train two K9 dogs and their handlers, purchase two specially outfitted vehicles for the K9's and reestablish the K9 Unit.

May of 2018: K9 Koda and K9 Bendix were both purchased from Holland though Progressive K9 in Walnutport Pa. K9 Koda at the time was an 18 month old Dutch Shepard/Belgian Malinois mix and his handler is Officer Robert Breitfeller. K9 Bendix was a 36 months old Belgian Malinois and his handler is Officer Michael Sampere.

May 21st –July 2nd 2018: Both K9's and their handlers attended an intense 8-week training program with Progressive K9. After completion of their training both dogs had to schedule and pass tests to be certified through the Nations Police Canine Association. Both dogs successfully were certified.

July 2018: K9 Bendix and K9 Koda, officially joined the force the week of July 16th with full National certifications in Patrol/Narcotics work. The SARPD's K9 Unit became a fully functional unit complete with 2 working K9's and their handlers.

2018 Purchases

In the year 2018 the following items were purchased and/or donated for the K9 Program:

- K9 Koda and K9 Bendix
- Training- Progressive K9- Train 2 new K9's and handlers + maintenance training
- 2- 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Vehicles
- K9 Accessories- Collars, Kongs, Dog bowls, leashes etc.
- Kats K9 Tracking Software
- E Collars
- Bullet Proof Vest- Bendix
- 2 Dog Kennels



ACTIVITIES

For the year 2018 the Stroud Area Regional Police's K9 Unit was involved in the following activities:

K9 Bendix/ Officer Sampere

- 1 Search/ Vehicle
- 1 Building search
- 3 Perimeter Assists (Resisting Arrest, Aggravated Assault Suspect and Burglary)
- 1 Track
- Drug Locker Search at the Stroudsburg Area School District

TOTAL: 5 ASSISTED AGENCIES

The K9 Bendix was utilized in 2018 to assist the following agencies:

- Pennsylvania State Police
- Monroe County Drug Task Force
- Pocono Township Police Department
- DEA and FBI Task Forces

K9 Koda/ Officer Breitfeller

- 4 Vehicle searches
- 4 Building Searches (2 drugs, 2 searches people)
- 2 Perimeter (Wanted persons)
- 2 Tracks
- Drug Locker Search at the Stroudsburg Area School District

TOTAL: 5 ASSISTED AGENCIES



The K9 unit was utilized in 2018 to assist the following agencies:

- Pennsylvania State Police
- Monroe County Domestic Relations
- Pocono Township Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigations

DEMONSTRATIONS

In 2018 the SARPD K9 unit performed (4) four K-9 Unit demonstrations. Both K9's were utilized at various school functions, homecoming events, churches, boy scout troops and other organizations providing information on how the K9's are used and what their specialties are. We provided all aspects of our training, usages, and did small demo's showing some of the skills of the K9s. These demonstrations are crucial to provide the public with the proper information and use of the K9's and explain how they are utilized for police work. This also continues our commitment to the public for their assistance in raising the needed funds for our program and makes them a part of the program as well. Additional donations were made to our K9 unit as a result of these demonstrations helping to keep our unit fully functional.



TRAINING

Both K9 dogs are trained in dual purpose Patrol/ Narcotics work. The K9s both are used for narcotic detection, tracking, building searches and criminal apprehension. They attended a 9 week training course from May- July 2018 and were trained by Progressive K9 in Walnutport Pa. Upon completion of their training there were certified through the Nations Police Canine Association. Both K9's attend maintenance training 2 days a month under the direction of Progressive K9, where their skills are maintained and improved upon. Federal guidelines require K9's to maintain 16 hours of training a month to maintain the necessary standards for reliability for their certification.

Facebook Page

The K9 Unit also established a Stroud Area Regional Police K9 Facebook page in 2018. The page will keep everyone updated as to happenings with the K9 program, fundraisers, demonstrations, and general knowledge of certain laws and things happening in and around the community. Visit us on FaceBook and check in on the dogs!

SUMMARY

The K9 Unit is a great asset for police department and has a very unique impact on the community as well. These dogs serve a myriad of missions, from drug enforcement to search and rescue to apprehending fleeing subjects to tracking lost and missing persons. They are also ambassadors of the department, appearing at special events for protective and public relations purposes, visiting school class



rooms and giving public demonstrations of their skills. They not only take down criminals but also break down barriers between the police and the public.

This K9 program would not have been possible without the dedicated support from our local community, which donated over \$160,000 to reestablish the program. Each and every person that donated made this program possible- and we could not have done it without them. There were so many people and businesses that donated and did fundraisers for SARPD that we were just overwhelmed with all the community support. A special thank you to our top donors:

- The ESSA Foundation (\$50,000)
- The Pocono Kennel Club (\$20,000)
- Haltermans Toyota (\$15,000)

The Monroe County Animal League and Melon's Gifts Inc., raised enough money over the past 5 years in anticipation of SARPD reestablishing the K9 unit, to purchase 2 ballistic vests through Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. They also provided funds to purchase health/accident insurance through Nationwide Pet Insurance for both dogs. This insurance helps offset the cost of any injuries sustained with the dogs and also normal maintenance procedures and medications for both dogs.

Both handlers look forward to continuing this program running at its best to bring positive interactions and results from both dogs. They will continue to strive for excellence and a constant hindrance to the criminal element. They will continue to have open and active relationships with the public, community, and commission, bringing positive light to the K9 program and maintaining the highest standards in use, care, and deployment of both K9s.

Respectfully Submitted,
Officer Michael Sampere, K9 Bendix
Officer Robert Breitfeller, K9 Koda



Quality of Life Patrol

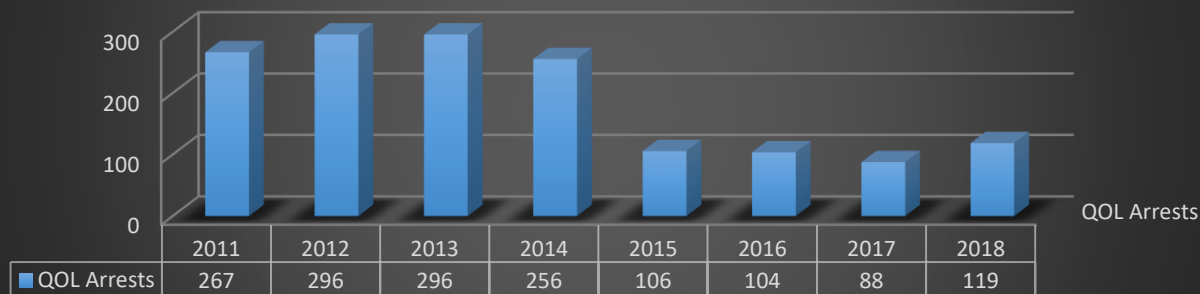
Quality of Life Annual Report- 2018

In 2018 the Quality of Life (QOL) Unit continued to work with local leaders and outside agencies to achieve the Quality of Life Mission. This included but was not limited to; the Pennsylvania Bureau of Liquor Control (PLCB), East Stroudsburg University through the Community Coalition and Local Codes Enforcement Officers.

During 2018 QOL continued utilizing the two year Grant that the SARPD received from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Liquor Control. SARPD continues to receive funding as a result of our local efforts. The current Grant period will end in June of 2019.

In 2018 the Quality of Life patrol unit made 119 arrest for the year. This shows a slight rise in arrests compared to the last three years, but well below the number of arrests prior to 2015. We credit this sustained reduction to the continued combined efforts of QOL patrol, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg codes enforcement and community members.

QOL Arrest Comparison



The current East Stroudsburg University student population is approximately six thousand, eight hundred (6,800). Two ongoing issues that we are dealing with is the influx of students from large cities and the off campus housing issues related to large “house parties”. Students from larger cities bring issues that usually occur in large metropolitan areas. And the “house parties”, especially in the fall of 2018 have grown to unusual levels, mainly in the Borough of East Stroudsburg. The DCR process has been a valuable tool in dealing with this issue, with **11 DCR’s and 8 DCR warnings** being issued. This has had a visible impact through the late fall and early winter of 2018.

At East Stroudsburg University, Doctor Nancy Weaver and Chief William Parrish continued to be a great asset in assisting with quality of life issues. The expanded information sharing between our agencies continued in assisting with off-campus student discipline. Sergeant John Miller took over the QOL unit in 2018. Through the years, many changes have occurred. The partnerships that grew during that time have seen a tremendous reduction in alcohol related crimes and incidents which can be seen on all levels. At one time it was almost a monthly occurrence that our police officers, Mayors, councilmen or supervisors were receiving complaints about ESU students and alcohol related Quality of Life issues. As a unit we are proud of our success and will continue to work with local leaders in our efforts.

In 2018, we partnered with the Law Enforcement division of the PLCB due to the rise in large house parties. Through social media and other avenues, we learned of several locations that were charging persons to enter and consume alcohol. The partnership resulted in numerous misdemeanor and summary charges being filed. The locations of these parties also received DCR’s. Through this effort with this new partnership and the continuing use of the DCR process, we have seen a reduction of the large house parties.

In 2018 QOL continued its focus on problem solving by utilizing ALL strategies available. Early in the school year several of the officers who work the Quality of Life Patrols went door to door with members of the ESU Community Alliance to promote education and awareness. Other strategies included person to person communication with complainants, students, licensed liquor establishment employees and an enforcement strategy utilizing multiple agencies with one goal!

Quality of Life Goals for 2019 are to continue to use a multiple agency enforcement strategy, maintain continued state funding until the end of the grant in June 2019, and improve patrols through upcoming training.

Submitted by:

Captain Paul Gasper

The process for the upcoming PLCB Grant has changed and as of this time they are only accepting applications for a one year grant from July 2019- June 2020. The department has applied for the upcoming grant funding.

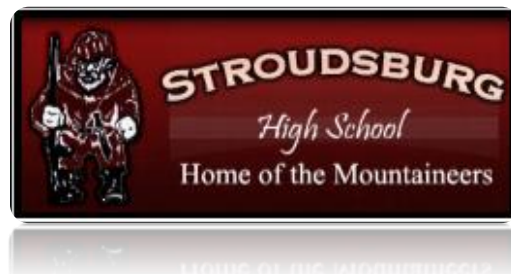
School Resource Officer

School Resource Officer Annual Report- 2018

The Stroud Area Regional Police Department and the Stroudsburg Area School District have developed a successful School Resource Officer program that was instituted in 2007. The School Resource Officer position is a challenging position in which an officer must balance his/her normal enforcer role as a sworn police officer, with the educational and nurturing role of a school system.

The relationship between the officer and the school system in these programs is of the utmost importance in developing a successful program. The SRO program in the Stroudsburg School District was implemented in September of 2007 in which a full time Officer was assigned to the Stroudsburg High School. The program is in its 12th school year to date. Since its inception, many accomplishments and benefits to the police department, school district and community have been realized.

The program did so well that in September of 2009 a second School Resource Officer was added and assigned to the Districts Chipperfield Campus. The addition of this Officer was a huge success not only to the Stroudsburg School District but to the community as a whole. In September of 2012, the SRO program was reduced back to one SRO due to budgetary and manpower issues. Then in September of 2013 the Chipperfield SRO was reinstated due to funding from the Stroudsburg School District. Both the Police Department and school district acknowledged that the Chipperfield SRO was a much needed position.



The School Resource Officer's assigned to the Stroudsburg Area School District's program in 2018 were Officer Joseph Susinkas assigned to the High School and Officer Michael Palmer assigned to the Chipperfield Campus.

The following report contains data from the fiscal year 2018. A reminder is noted that in order to accurately compare data in an SRO program, a comparison of the school calendar years is needed. That report can be found in the July/August monthly SRO report.



Incidents

A statistical report is produced for each academic year (Sept - June) for the SRO program. A reminder is noted that to accurately assess data for the SRO program, a comparison of the school calendar years is needed. That report can be located in the July/August monthly SRO reports.

The following figures contained in this report represent the number of documented incidents/ arrests/ classes/ etc. handled by the High School and Chipperfield Campus SRO's in the calendar year 2018.

Incident Type	High School	Chipperfield Campus	Total
Harassment/ Bullying	4	8	12
Theft	5	6	11
Disorderly Conduct	9	18	27
Criminal Mischief	2	2	4
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity/ Circumstances	7	9	16
Information	1	5	6
Drug Offenses/ Alcohol	7	0	7
Sexual Offensives	2	4	6
Domestic Issues Occurring at Home	0	2	2
Assault/ Endangering Others	0	1	1
Mental Health	2	2	4
Parking/Traffic Issues	119	20	139
Accidents	0	0	0
EMS Assist/ 911 Hang Up/ Lost & Found Items	2	2	4
Tobacco on School Grounds	4	0	4
WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY	1	9	10
TRUANCY/ RUNAWAY ISSUES	1	1	2
Unauthorized School Bus Entry	0	0	0
Warrants/ Assist Other Agency	0	1	1
Other Criminal Offenses	0	0	0
TOTAL	166	90	256

Activities

This year the following activities and/or events were attended by SRO's in 2018:

ACTIVITY	High School SRO	Chipperfield Campus SRO
Court appearances	3	7
After School Sporting Events	15	16
Activities During School Hours (assemblies, pep rallies, concerts)	9	9
Special After School Events (graduation, concerts, talent shows, musicals, etc)	5	4
School Board/ Faculty Meeting	9	8
EOP/ Safety Committee/ Task Force Meetings, CIT Meetings, Lockdown Drills	27	22
Outside School SRO Events (Blue Mountain Lakes event, guest speaker, etc)	6	5
TOTAL EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES ATTENDED	74	71

For the 2018 year the following LRE classes were taught in the Stroudsburg School District. Some classes involved a single class room of students while others were taught too much larger groups (including teachers) at school assemblies.

Law Related Education

LRE SUBJECT	High School	Junior High	Middle	Elementary Schools
Cyber Bullying/ Bullying/Sexting	1	3	1	0
Criminal Law/ Job Description/ Safety Issues	1	1	0	2
Dangers of Drugs	0	0	0	0
Issues Involving Youth Today / Crimes Committed	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	2	5	2	2

Arrests – High School

Numerous investigation at the Stroudsburg High School for the 2017 year have resulted in the issuance of **10 non-traffic citations**, **3 juvenile petitions**, and **4 adult criminal complaint**.

Citations Issued = 10

NON-TRAFFIC:

Citations were issues for the following violations of the crimes code:

- Disorderly conduct (5)
- Harassment (1)
- Possession of Tobacco on School Property (4)

Criminal Arrests = 3

Juvenile Petitions: 3

Juvenile Petitions were file for the following violations of the crimes code:

- Weapon on school property (1)
- possession of drugs/paraphernalia (2)

Adult Criminal Complaints: 4

Criminal complaints were filed for the following violations of the crimes code:

- Simple Assault (1)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (2)
- Weapon on School Property (1)

**SRO Joe Susinkas
enjoying a few donuts**



Arrests – Chipperfield Campus

The Chipperfield Campus is located off of Chipperfield Drive in Stroud Township. It contains grades from kindergarten through 9th which are housed at the Junior High School, Middle School and Chipperfield Elementary School.

Numerous investigations at the Chipperfield Campus in the 2018 year have resulted in the issuance of **10 non-traffic citations**, **0 traffic citations**, **20 total school bus red light violation investigations**, and **6 juvenile petitions**.

Officer Palmer demonstrating the “Drunk Goggles” for the students.



Citations Issued = 10**NON-TRAFFIC :**

Citations were issues for the following violations of the crimes code:

- Disorderly conduct (10)

TRAFFIC:

- Overtaking a school bus investigations (20)

Criminal Arrests = 6**Juvenile Petitions:**

Juvenile Petitions were filed for the following violations of the crimes code:

- Simple Assault (3)
- Reckless Endangerment (2)
- Weapons on School Property (1)

THEFTS

The following thefts were reported in 2017 in the Stroudsburg Area School District:

Month (2016)	# Thefts Reported	Amount Reported Stolen	NCIC Entries	Amount of Property Recovered
January	0	0	0	0
February	3	\$185.99	1	0
March	2	\$580.00	0	\$530.00
April	0	0	0	0
May	2	\$1200.00	0	\$1200.00
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0
November	1	\$100	0	0
December	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	8	\$2065.99	1	\$1730.00

Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT)

Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Annual Report- 2018

End of year 2018 SWAT Team Operators

SWAT Team Commander:

Sergeant James Wielgus

Entry Team Leaders:

Acting Sergeant John Miller

Corporal Charles Brown

Officer Michael Petruzzi

Crisis Negotiation Team Leader:

Acting Detective Sergeant Susan Charles

Sniper Team Leader:

Acting Corporal Kenneth Palmer

Entry Team Operators:

Acting Corporal Robert Cohowicz

Acting Corporal Peter Petrosino

Officer Jerome Taylor

Officer Brett LaBar

Officer Dan Knowles

Officer Terry Eilber

Crisis Negotiators:

Officer Joseph Susinskas

Officer Emily Raymond

Sniper/Observers:

Officer Ralph Overpeck

Officer John Egan

YEAR END SUMMARY

2018 was a transformational year for the Stroud Area Regional Police Department's former Special Response Team (SRT). To make a clean break from the past, it involved training, restructuring, discovering, and the eventual reconstitution and activation of a new department Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team.

For the period of January 1, 2018 through May 22, 2018, the Stroud Area Regional Police SRT Team continued on a non-deployable status. The Entry team and Sniper/Observer team continued monthly training sessions. However, no Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) training was conducted. Several individual team members were sent to various required National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) training courses for their assigned and future anticipated roles and positions within the team. The stated plan was to have the SARPD SRT back on active and deployable status by the summer of 2018.

In May 2018, Sergeant James Wielgus was officially appointed as the Team Commander of SRT by Police Chief Jennifer Lyon, and began the process towards getting the team back on an active and deployable status and to eventually meet the NTOA standards for a tier II SWAT team. Sergeant Wielgus made the standard for active and deployable based upon when he was satisfied the team was ready, and not beholden to any particular date. From May through July Sergeant Wielgus evaluated the team, assessed team equipment and training

needs, and believed it would be possible to have the team back on active status by early August 2018.

In August, Sergeant Wielgus informed Chief Lyon that he felt satisfied that the team was ready to be on a contingent active and deployable status. Contingent upon assistance from PMRPD do to the need for additional resources and operators that SARPD SWAT did not currently have. Sergeant Wielgus submitted a draft policy which included the restructuring and renaming of the department SRT to SWAT consistent with the NTOA standards. The department received final quotes toward the purchase of a 2019 Ford 350 HR Transit Van for use as a dedicated SWAT unarmored van for SWAT operations.

In September, the police commission approved the SARPD SWAT policy, SARPD SWAT Flash Sound Diversionary Device (FSDD) policy, and the SARPD SWAT Chemical munitions policy. The police commission also granted approval for the purchase of the proposed SWAT van.

In October the three approved SWAT policies were put into effect and the SWAT team was placed on active and deployable status. All SARPD Supervisors were provided with guidelines for SWAT team activation.

On October 26, TFO Shelly approached Sergeant Wielgus regarding beginning planning for a high risk warrant service for November 1, 2018. Sergeant Wielgus then tasked his team leaders with gathering the necessary intelligence and developing the execution plan. On October 31, based upon the threat matrix and planning conducted, Sergeant Wielgus requested and was granted permission from Chief Lyon to activate the team for the operation.

On November 1, 2018, SARPD SWAT conducted a high risk warrant service at 1153 W. Main St. in Stroudsburg in support of one of TFO Shelly's investigation.

The MRAP armored "rescue" vehicle that was acquired in 2016, had remained as it was at the end of 2017. The basic required maintenance had been performed to keep the vehicle mechanically operational. The MRAP was successfully utilized for the very first time by the team for their November 1, 2018 operation and it will be retained and utilized as the primary SWAT armored vehicle until replaced or placed out of service.

2018 TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

January 22-26, 2018- NTOA SWAT Team Leader- Sergeant James Wielgus and Acting Corporal Michael Petruzzi

February 5-9, 2018- NTOA SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership Course I- Sergeant James Wielgus

March 19-22, 2018 M-4 training- Officers Petrosino, LaBar, Knowles, and Eilber

April 9-12, 2018 NTOA SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership II- Sergeant James Wielgus

April 9-12, 2018- NTOA SWAT Team Leader- Corporals Charles Brown and John Miller

April 23-27, 2018- NTOA Basic SWAT- Officers Petrosino, LaBar, Knowles, and Eilber.

January 1, 2018- October 17, 2018 (Prior to reactivation), monthly training in 2018 generally consisted of one or two days (4-8 hours) of movement or skill training, and one half day (4 hours) of firearms proficiency training per month for the entry team. One day (6-8 hours) for the sniper team. No CNT training was conducted, however the CNT Team leader has attended a couple entry training dates

and worked with entry during CNT scenarios to provide valuable insight and foster a working relationship between the elements.

October 18, 2018- December 31, 2018 (Post activation)- To maintain active status, and fall within the minimum training recommendations of the NTOA, the SARPD SWAT team began to try to maintain a training tempo consisting of 8-16 hours of movement or skill training, and 6 hours of firearms proficiency training per month for the Entry and Sniper teams, and a minimum of 8 hours of training, at least quarterly, for CNT.

2018 OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

November 1, 2018- High Risk Warrant Service 1153 W. Main Street Stroudsburg.

CONCLUSION

2018 represented a year of rebirth for the team. After a year and eight months of being on inactive and non-deployable status, sound and current policies were put in place, training obtained, and the team was restructured to rise anew as SARPD SWAT. Continued training in the coming year will allow the SARPD SWAT to conduct operational missions consistent with their role as a lifesaving resource for the community.

Training

Training Annual Report- 2018

Goals:

It is the goal of the Stroud Area Regional Police to continue its training efforts by continuing to provide its officer's and supervisor's with highly intense and educational training experiences. We will continue to provide a wide variety of training that allows the department to stay as diverse and professional as possible. Keeping within the budgetary constraints we will continue to seek out trainings that will provide our officers with the most up to date training in Case Law, Specialties, Supervision, Patrol and in any other category found to be appropriate to help better serve our Community. Below you will see a list of trainings that Stroud Area Regional Police Officers have attended during the 2018 calendar year.

TASER:

Newly hired officers are now being outfitted with new Tasers as they are hired. This was implemented for several reasons, including wear and tear on individual Tasers, initial startup costs, as well as ensuring that more officers have immediate access to a secondary use of force option, as well as to help replenish our deteriorating inventory.

We currently have 3 different types of Tasers, the X26, the X26P, and the X2. The main difference between the X26, the X26P and the X2 is the amount of Taser deployments you can do without reloading. The X2 Taser has two cartridges in the front of the Taser that allows the operator to deploy two Taser shots without reloading. It also allows the operator to Taser two separate individuals. The X26 and the X26P only allows one deployment at a time and does not allow the operator to toggle between two individuals at a time without reloading.

In 2019, we will continue to purchase additional Tasers, to replace both the old Tasers and to outfit new officers with them.

MCSAP:

MCSAP is the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program that is paid for by a grant to train officers in recognizing and enforcing Motor Carrier violations on the roadways of Pennsylvania. Officer Sampere is the only Officer in SARPD to be trained and regularly utilized for this kind of enforcement. Officer Sampere is required to maintain his certification by conducting a certain amount of Level 1, 2, 3 inspections each quarter. In addition, there is updated training yearly. In 2019, we are seeking to add an additional certified MCSAP officer to the roster, however we were only able to get an officer to Weights and Measures training.

Additional Department Wide Training:

Through Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono, the Trauma Department, and funding from the Pocono Foundation, we were provided with Trauma Tourniquets for every officer. Officers were also provided with the specific training needed to rapidly apply these tourniquets during high stressed situations.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan®) is a medication called an “opioid antagonist” used to counter the effects of opioid overdose, such as a heroin overdose. Specifically, naloxone is used in opioid overdoses to counteract life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system, allowing an overdose victim to breathe normally. Naloxone is a nonscheduled (i.e., non-addictive), prescription medication. Naloxone only works if a person has opioids in their system; the medication has no effect if opioids are absent. Although traditionally administered by emergency response personnel, naloxone can be administered by minimally trained laypeople, which makes it ideal for treating overdose in people who have been prescribed opioid pain medication and in people who use heroin and other opioids. Naloxone has no potential for abuse. Naloxone may be injected in the muscle, vein or under the skin or sprayed into the nose. The Department utilizes Naloxone that is sprayed up the nose (2mg/2mL). It is a temporary drug that wears off in 20-90 minutes.

In 2018, all department officers received training on what Naloxone is and how to administer it. Officers were also provided with two dose of Narcan that they can keep with them while on patrol.

Emergency Vehicle Operations training

Approximately 50% of officers killed each year in the line of duty, occur as a result of being involved in an accident. Over the past few years, we have seen several of our own officers involved in car accidents. Most of these accidents were minor, but a few were major accidents. Cpl. Kenny Palmer is currently our Department Driving Instructor and has been recently active in obtaining and providing training to officers that are at greater risk to be involved in an accident or have already been in accidents on duty. Cpl. Palmer formed a relationship with the National Academy for Driving Professionals and was able to get our Department 3 free spots in the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course in State College/Penn State University. We selected officers to attend this training and sent them in August. Lt. Raymond and Cpl. Palmer were fortunate enough to attend the graduation and final testing for these officers, all of whom past the course. Additionally, we were invited to participate in the driving course. In 2019, SARPD Training Unit plans on sending at least 3 more officers to the training, free of charge.

CARFIT

In addition, Cpl. Palmer attended a CARFIT certification class with the Pennsylvania Highway Safety Network. Originally designed for older at risk drivers, Cpl. Palmer immediately saw the value of the training for police officers as well.



CARFIT was originally designed as an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles “fit” them. The program also provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers, and/or increase their mobility in their community (source: NHTSA, AARP, AAA, and AOTA). CARFIT Technicians work with the driver to make sure mirrors are adjusted properly, and the driver’s seat is properly positioned for the size of the driver. Proper positioning of the seats and mirrors increase the chance that drivers will be able to detect hazards quicker and be able to act faster to avoid a collision. In 2019, all SARPD Police Officers will attend a CARFIT training conducted by Corporal Palmer.

Hiring:

In February of 2018, we hired Officer Ralphie Ortega. Officer Ortega was a Lackawanna Police Academy graduate and was currently working for a small municipality as a part time police officer prior to being selected by SARPD. Officer Ortega successfully passed the Field Training Program and was assigned to solo patrol in June. Officer Ortega was the last candidate hired from the 2017 certified hiring list.

In May of 2018 Lieutenant Scott Raymond and Vantage McCann conducted recruit officer testing at the Stroudsburg Middle School. Out of the 39 candidates, 23 passed the written exam with 70% or higher. The list of scores was posted on our website, with the highest score being an 83 and the lowest score being a 60. Candidates that successfully passed the written exam were invited to the Police Fitness testing at the Stroudsburg High School Stadium.

In late May, Police Fitness testing took place for police candidates. Testing was conducted at the Stroudsburg Football Stadium track and consisted of 23 candidates. 2 candidates did not pass the Fitness Test. All of those that passed the Fitness Test were invited to participate in the Oral Exams. Oral Exams were conducted in June by a 10-member panel consisting of 5 from SARPD and 5 civilians. The list was certified at the June monthly commission meeting.

In August of 2018 we hired Officer Michael Chica and Officer Amber Welsh. Officer Chica had been a police officer with Kidder Township Police Department prior to being hired by SARPD. Officer Welsh was a police officer with the Taylor Police Department in Lackawanna County.

In October of 2018, Officer Chris Washo began his employment with SARPD. Officer Washo had been a Lackawanna Sherriff’s Deputy and Police Officer for Dickson City P.D.

2 other candidates were selected for employment and given conditional offers of employment, however they turned down the position due to commuting issues and residency requirements.

Certification

All SARPD are current on their Municipal Police Officer Training and Education requirements, including firearms, first aid, CPR and mandatory in-service training.

Below is a list of additional trainings that were conducted by SARPD or other facets that officer's attended to enhance their knowledge and professionalism in their respective positions.

Training Received in 2018

Officer	Training Type	Training Organization
Breitfeller, Robert		
	K-9 Patrol/Narcotics Detection class #23 (Basic Handler Class)	Progressive K9 Academy, LLC
Britt, Joseph		
	Field Training Program	SARPD
	Equipment Regulations	ILEE
	High Risk Vehicle Stops	PSP
	Conducting the Complete Traffic Stop	ILEE
	Fundamentals of Collisions	ILEE
	Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor Certification	ILEE
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
Brown, Charles		
	SWAT Team Leader Training	NTOA
	Field Training Officer	Penn State
	Less Lethal Instructor	NTOA
Capone, Christian		
	EVOC	National Academy for Professional Driving
	ROBIC Training	Cowden Group
	ENRADD	Cowden Group
Carfi, Anthony		
	TASER X2 training	SARPD/AXO
	ROBIC Training	Cowden Group
Charles, Sue		
	Homicide Investigators Training	PHIA
Chica, Michael		
	Taser User Certification	SARPD
Cohen, Steven		
	Older Driver Law Enforcement Workshop	PA Highway Safety Network
	EVOC	National Academy for Professional Driving
	Weights and Measures	PENDOT
	ENRADD Training	Cowden Group
	On-Scene Collision Investigations	ILEE
	Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor Certification	ILEE
	HME and Precursor Awareness for Public Safety	
Cohowicz, Robert		
	Tactical Shooting Instructor	NRA
	Supervisor Leadership Institute	FBI- Law Enforcement Executive Development Association
	Select Fire Instructor Course	NRA

Dobson, George		
	On-Scene Collision Investigation Level 2	PSP
	Interview and Interrogation	PSP
	Testifying in Court	PSP
	Investigator Training	Inside the Tape Inc.
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
Eberle, Robert		
	Older Driver Law Enforcement Workshop	PA Highway Safety Network
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
Egan, John		
	Drug/Narcotics Officers Conference	PNOA
Eilber, Terry		
	40 hour Crisis Intervention Training	New Perspectives
	ROBIC Training	Cowden Group
	BASIC SWAT	NTOA
Fenner, Brandon		
	On-Scene Collision Investigation Level 2	PSP
Gasper, Paul		
	Critical Incident Training	Louisiana State University
Hettel, Stephen		
	Child Abuse Investigations	PATC
	PLCB Conference	Liquor Control Board
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
	Homicide Investigator Training	Inside the Tape Inc.
	ENRADD Training	Cowden Group
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
Knowles, Dan		
	BASIC SWAT	NTOA
	40 hour Crisis Intervention Training	New Perspectives
	Investigating Human Trafficking	Monroe County DA's Office
LaBar, Brett		
	Drug/Narcotics Officers Conference	PNOA
	BASIC SWAT	NTOA
Lemond, Thomas		
	Drug/Narcotics Officers Conference	PNOA
Miller, John		
	SWAT Team Leader Training	NTOA
	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Louisiana State University and National Center for Biomedical Research and Training
	Less Lethal Instructor	NTOA
	TASER X2 training	SARPD/AXON
Overpeck, Ralph		
	TASER X2 training	SARPD/AXON
Palmer, Kenneth		
	Older Driver Law Enforcement Workshop	PA Highway Safety Network
	Driver Instructor Update	National Academy for Professional Driving
	Megans law Presentation	Monroe County DA's Office
Palmer, Michael		
	Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals	Impaired Driving Initiatives
Petrosino, Peter		
	BASIC SWAT	NTOA
Petruzzi, Michael		

	SWAT Team Leader	NTOA
	Tactical Shooting Instructor	NRA
	Supervisor Leadership Institute	FBI- Law Enforcement Executive Development Association
	Equipment Regulations	
Raymond, Emily		
	Fitness Coordinator training	PA Chiefs of Police
	Child Advocacy Center Northeast Regional Training Network conference	CAC
	Interviewing Juveniles	ILEE
	Homicide Investigator Training	Inside the Tape Inc.
Raymond, Scott		
	Handling Drug Overdoses	PAVTN/MPOETC
	Fitness Coordinator training	PA Chiefs of Police
Sampere, Michael		
	K-9 Patrol Narcotics Class	Law Enforcement K-9 Academy
	Taser Training	SARPD/Axon.
	MCSAP Updates	PENNDOT
Shelly, Christopher		
	Drug/Narcotics Officers Conference	PNOA
Susinkas, Joseph		
	Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals	Impaired Driving Initiatives
Transue, Robert		
	Homicide Investigators Training	PHIA
	Forensic Pathology for the Criminal Investigator	Public Agency Training Council
Vogt, John		
	Megan's law Presentation	Monroe County DA's Office
Washo, Chris		
	Taser User Certification	SARPD
Welsh, Amber		
	Taser User Certification	SARPD
Wielgus, James		
	SWAT Team Leader	NTOA
	SWAT Command /Leadership 1	NTOA
	SWAT Command/Leadership 2	NTOA
	Critical Decision Making for the Complex Coordinated Attacks	Louisiana State University
	Megans law Presentation	Monroe County DA's Office
Yosh, Michael		
	Driver Training	National Academy for Professional Driving

The SARPD Training Division is also working to better equip Corporals, Sergeants and future supervisors with knowledge based learning that runs parallel to our policies and procedures manual.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lieutenant Scott Raymond

Vehicle Fleet

Vehicle Fleet Annual Report- 2018

The following is a basic review of the vehicle fleet's composition.

SARPD Fleet- Classifications

The SARPD fleet consists of **47 total units** with 5 different classifications - Patrol, Unmarked, Administration, Motorcycles, and Specialties.

1. Patrol classification

- 22 marked vehicles
 - 14 Dodge Chargers (2 SRO vehicles and 1 Range training vehicle)
 - 5 Ford Interceptors
 - 2 K9 vehicles (Ford Interceptors)
 - 1 Ford F150

2. Unmarked vehicle classification

- 10 Unmarked vehicles
 - 1 Dodge Charger
 - 2 Ford Fusions
 - 4 Ford Explorers
 - 1 Ford Expedition
 - 1 Dodge Durango
 - 1 Ford Interceptor Sedan.
 - The Unmarked vehicles are used by the Detectives, the Quality of Life Patrols, the Court Liaison Officer, training use, and undercover drug buys and surveillance.



3. The Motorcycle classification

- 4 motorcycles
 - 3 Harley Davidson and 1 CHFG motorcycle.

4. The Administrative classification

- 4 vehicles
 - 3 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles.
 - 1 Dodge Charger



5. Specialty classification

- 7 vehicles in total.
 - The specialty items are listed as vehicles, but half are not vehicles -, Light Tower, Command Post and Speed Monitor. The other vehicles are the Evidence Van, Prisoner Transport Van, MRAP and the Mechanic's Truck.

Dead Lined Vehicle

Total Vehicles Dead lined or disposed of: 1

1. 1- 2006 Dodge Charger. (Patrol)
 - a. Major rust issues/ unable to pass inspection

New Fleet Vehicles

In 2018 the following vehicles were obtained:

- 2 Marked Patrol vehicles
 - 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility
 - 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility
- 1 Marked K9 Vehicle
 - 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility

