WELLINGTON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT



2018

Tim Barfield, Chief of Police

The Village of Wellington covers a land area of 3.89 miles and has a population of approximately 4895. The mayor-council style government governs the village. As of December 31, 2018 there were 16 sworn officers, 7 dispatchers and 7 sworn auxiliary officers employed by the Police Department, which has an operating budget of

approximately \$1.5 million dollars. The department provides 24 hour Police protection to the village.



Wellington Police Department



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Timothy J. Barfield Chief of Police Hans Schneider Mayor

11 January 2019

Mayor Hans Schneider,

The Wellington Police Annual Report is ready for your review. The statistical information gathered using our CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system helps us provide important information about our needs and planning for the department. More importantly, the information we glean from the system helps us retrieve and share information throughout the County in a collaborative effort to solve crime, reduce accidents and plan for safer communities across the County. Cpl. Adam Smosny is our CAD system administrator for the Tyler Technologies, New World System that we participate in through a County initiative. His role helps keep the information flowing both to and from other County agencies, while keeping the frustration level manageable with our team. Senior Dispatcher Walker and Dispatcher Linda Biskup have essential roles in verifying information so that the veracity of the data and information stored and retrieved is of the highest quality.

The volume of police work continues to increase as the Village becomes more accessible and grows with more residents and a changing culture in South Lorain County. Calls for service have decreased slightly by 2.54% over 2017. Additionally, the department fielded about 25% more incoming calls and radio traffic increased approximately 42%. These numbers are also reflected in the amount of assistance calls that we respond to for other

safety services. Both South Lorain County Ambulance and Wellington Fire District have had record years in call volume as the area in and around Wellington grows and changes. The Uniform Crime Reporting numbers show a mostly slow but steady growth but, in some areas, rather significant changes in crimes being reported. The Department is committed to providing a professional and timely response to the citizens as we carry out our mission.

The Department participated with partner agencies to improve our responses here and to be part of the bigger law enforcement presence in our area. Members of the Department were assigned to work with or support the OVI Task Force, the U.S. Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force and the HIDTA/Lorain County Drug Task Force. The Department is an integral part of LINC (Local Initiative to Network Compassion), which is run in conjunction with the Wellington Fire District and South Lorain County Ambulance District, the Village of Wellington, the Wellington Exempted School District, ADAS Board of Lorain County, Let's Get Real, LCADA Way, Oberlin Police, Fire and Central Lorain County Ambulance, all our local churches along with many volunteers. The LINC organization has a major goal of assisting those who suffer from addiction related issues into treatment so they can reconnect with society in a positive and productive way by overcoming their addiction. The LINC organization expanded its reach and influence during the year by admitting Oberlin safety services into our growing list of participants. Our model was chosen by Elyria Police Department after working closely with their administration. On January 1, 2019 ALERT (Area Law Enforcement Response Team) began operations in Norwalk and Huron County after months of preparation and consultation with LINC of Lorain County. Finally, LINC became a corporation and will shortly receive 501c3 status to continue its mission of compassionately helping people who struggle with addiction and life issues.

In our continuing expansion effort to stay connected with the people we serve; the Department spends time instructing courses in the schools. We have again hosted a National Night Out by joining forces with our brothers and sisters in Wellington Fire and SLCAD. As part of that event and at the request of our community, safety services personnel produced a lip-sync video which was filmed in part at the National Night Out and later released with great acclaim to "Our Town". We continually connect with citizens during events in town and as a capstone event, Lt. Shelton hosted a Christmas toy drive to

help a needy family or two. That event was so well received, we were able to help more than ten families and will be a continuing and expanding event for years to come.

The Department would never be able to fulfill all the demands for hosting parades, patrol town events and supplement our extra duties without the members of our Auxiliary Police unit. Lead by Captain Kimbler, the Auxiliary Police provided 670.5 hours of community protection and support. The citizens and government are ever indebted to them for their selfless dedication to our community.

Through the work of you, the administration and Village Council, we have begun to fix the heavy turnover of the department through legislation and support. Establishing a grounded and established workforce will allow us to provide more professional services with personnel who have a real grasp and relationship in the community and who carry those experiences and community rapport on every contact they make.

Finally, I want to thank you for your leadership, spirit and vision for our town and especially for the shared vision of an improving and professional Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Barfield
Chief of Police



Tim Barfield

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2018

- Wellington Police conducted more than 858 contact with motorists.
- 2. Of all 858 traffic contacts, 357 were enforcement and 448 were non-enforcement.
- 3. Wellington Police investigated 120 crashes.
- 4. Wellington Police removed 15 impaired motorists from village roadways.
- 5. Officers made 6446 contacts with citizens during calls for services.
- 6. Members of the Police Department attended in excess of 561hours of training.
- 7. Officers made 31 arrests on warrants.
- 8. The dispatch center fielded 43,014 calls.

Celebrating 168 years of serving Wellington

WELLINGTON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Wellington Police Department to make our citizens and visitors feel safe and secure within our jurisdiction. While accomplishing this mission, we will strive to be courteous and helpful in our interactions with every person, understanding that we are here to serve the public and work in partnership with them.

This mission statement is carried out in our motto, "Justice, Compassion, and Humility"

Tim Barfield, Chief of Police

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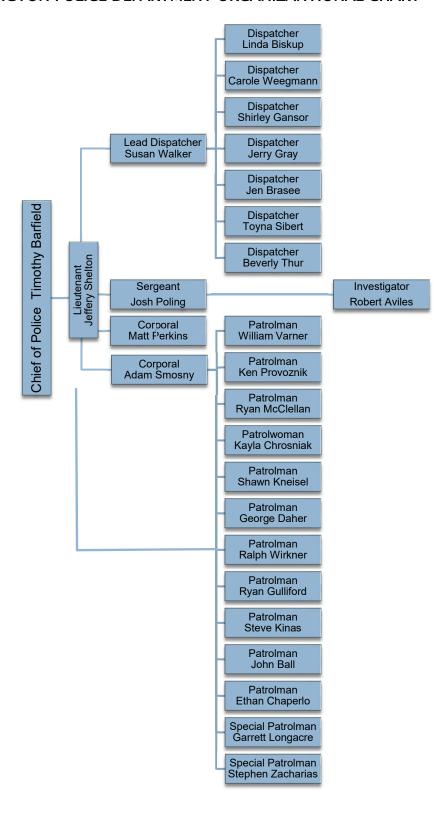
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WELLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZANTIONAL CHART



2018 PERSONNEL STRENGTH

Chief of Police	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporal	2
Investigator	1
Patrol Officer	11
Dispatcher	8
Auxiliary Officer	6

Commissioned officer staffing was 17 as of December 30, 2018, with one Officer in FTO training. In December of 2018 two part time officers were moved from part time status to full time.

Commissioned Officer Staffing	2016	2017	2018
Officers	18	16	17
Population	4846**	4866**	4895**
Officers Per Capita (1,000)	3.71	3.28	3.47

^{**}US Census Estimate

Office of Chief of Police Administration Divison Chief Tim Barfield Administration / Patrol Supervisor Lt. Jeff Shelton Patrol Divison Supervisor / Detective Sgt. Josh Poling Patrol Division Supervisor / Jail Cpl. Adam Smosny Patrol Division Supervisor Cpl. Matt Perkins

DIVISION LEADERSHIP

ADMINSTRATION DIVISION

The Administrative Division of the Wellington Police Department is a small but important division within the department. Members of this division complete important work which is critically important, but often unseen by the members of the public.

The Office of the Chief of Police consists of the Chief of Police, the senior management team and support staff. The Department is led by Chief Timothy Barfield, who has served as the Wellington Police Chief since 2014. Chief Barfield brings 37 years of progressive law enforcement to our agency.

PROPERTY ROOM

In 2018, the property room took in approximately 143 items into evidence. The property room copied and retained approximately 109 body camera videos. Our property room officers work with Prosecutors and the courts to insure that the property collected is tested and available to be used in court.

PUBLIC RECORDS

The dispatchers handle public records requests, in addition to their normal duties. We handled hundreds of records requests which include crash reports and local background checks. Many insurance companies and legal firms regularly request reports, specifically crash reports. In 2018 the department instituted automated crash reporting. Crash reports can now be obtained on-line at no cost.

We submitted 282 BCI/FBI fingerprint checks on behalf of the public.

CAD / RECORDS / REPORTING

In 2018, dispatchers and officers entered hundreds of records into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS). As an agency we continue to use the New World System (NWS) for CAD and LERMS. This system allows the vast majority of agencies in Lorain County share information in a timely basis.

CRIME ANALYSIS

Every report taken and call for service answered by officers generates data. The data gathered from the CAD and LERMS program databases is used to generate crime information contained within this report. The information is analyzed and studied to come up with trends and crime patterns, in order to utilize resources as efficiently as possible.

POLICY UPDATES

The Police Department is in year two of updating our policies and procedures. We are using the LEXIPOL program to issue policies to the officers and staff. Using the LEXIPOL program we can update our policies on an ongoing basis and test staff throughout the year on their knowledge of our manual and procedures. Currently 134 policies have been updated and re-issued, by the Chief of Police.

2018 Statistical Summary



DIVISONS

PATROL

The Patrol Division is comprised of one Sergeant, two Corporals and ten Patrol Officers. The Patrol Division provides services through the following units:

- Patrol
- o Detective Bureau
- (Investigations)
- OVI Task Force
- o Temporary Holding Facility (THF) Jail
- Honor Guard
- Federal Opioid Task Force

The patrol unit is the largest component of the Police Department. The unit is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns. Patrol Officers are responsible for protection of life and property, helping maintain peace, order and safety to all, conducting preliminary investigations, and enforcing traffic and criminal laws.



CALLS FOR SERVICE

Reporting Period	2017	2018
Qrt. 1	1643	1660
Qrt. 2	1580	1692
Qrt. 3	1650	1561
Qrt. 4	1742	1533
Total	6615	6446

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

Type	Qrt.1 2017	Qrt. 1 2018	Qrt. 2 2017	Qrt. 2 2018	Qrt. 3 2017	Qrt. 3 2018	Qrt. 4 2017	Qrt. 4 2018	Total 2017	Total 2018
Fire	5	11	1	9	11	13	4	11	21	44
EMS	40	49	41	49	49	46	47	47	177	191
All Others	12	15	16	23	18	16	10	8	56	72
Total	57	75	61	81	78	75	61	66	126	307

The patrol unit is responsible for traffic enforcement and crash investigations.

CRASH REPORTS

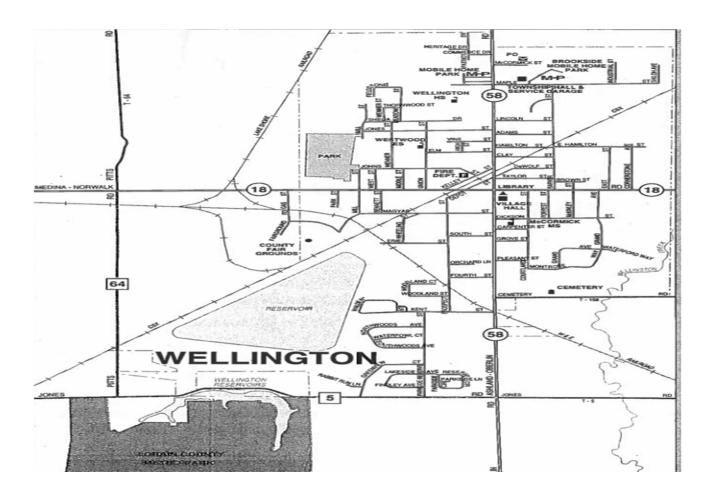
Type of Crash	Qrt. 1 2017	Qrt. 1 2018	Qrt. 2 2017	Qrt.2 2018	Qrt. 3 2017	Qrt. 3 2018	Qrt. 4 2017	Qrt. 4 2018	Total 2017	Total 2018
Crash Non Injury	15	22	21	21	19	18	12	12	67	73
Crash Injury	1	0	4	3	4	4	1	6	10	13
Crash Private Property	6	8	7	5	7	5	7	4	27	22
Crash Hit/ Skip	5	3	2	6	2	1	5	2	14	12
Total	27	33	34	34	32	28	25	24	118	120

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Citation Type	2017 Total	2018 Total
Traffic Citation	238	261
Written Warning	38	96
Summons (Misdemeanor)	47	53
Total	323	410
Traffic Stops	1267	858

Officers continue to forge a partnership with the community and use problem solving skills, thereby forming a better partnership in solving problems within the community. The main objective of traffic enforcement is the reduction of traffic related injuries and fatalities. This is accomplished through proactive enforcement efforts.

The Officers are the first responders to virtually all calls for service in the village. These calls range from the most mundane to the very serious and dangerous emergency situations.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau, which is staffed by the Detective and the Detective Sergeant, continued to maintain a commitment to provide the specialization of this unit to the citizens of the Village of Wellington throughout 2017. Close communication and maximum collaboration with our available resources provided us an opportunity to meet our communities' needs. Recovery of property, gathering of criminal intelligence and case preparation for cases going to trial is ongoing for this division.

The bureau is responsible for, but not limited to, the following types of investigations; homicide, robbery, sex offenses, child abuse / neglect, assault/battery, burglary, theft, fraud, forgery, vehicle thefts, internet crimes against children, burglaries, fraud, forgery,

arson, computer crimes and credit card crimes. Members of this division participate with various task forces, as well as, State and Federal Agencies.

There was a total of 19 cases assigned to the detectives in 2018. The number is a decrease of 1 case over 2017.

JUVENILE REPORT

The Wellington Police Department handled 10 cases during 2018 in which juveniles were either arrested or charges were requested. These cases involved 13 males and 3 females. The numbers of juveniles arrested continue to decline year over year due to the issued Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act Guidelines (JJDP).

We responded to 2 missing / runaway juvenile calls in 2018. Officers investigated a total of 75 complaints involving juveniles.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The Wellington Police Department took delivery of two new patrol cars. All cars came outfitted and ready to be put on patrol. The agency currently has 8 marked patrol vehicles.

The department secured funding to update 17 Tasers, as our current model is no longer supported by the manufacturer. We expect delivery in early 2019.



UCR OFFENSES

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been a starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of nearly 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes.

Туре	Qrt. 1 2017	Qrt. 1 2018	Qrt. 2 2017	Qrt. 2 2018	Qrt. 3 2017	Qrt. 3 2018	Qrt. 4 2017	Qrt. 4 2018	Total 2017	Total 2018
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Burglary	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	3
Breaking and Entering	1	1	0	6	4	2	2	0	7	9
Child Endangering	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	4	3
Domestic Violence or Dispute	17	12	17	18	19	19	13	20	66	69
Assault	3	7	2	3	2	8	3	6	10	24
Fraud	8	2	3	11	7	6	13	4	31	23
Harassment	14	10	20	6	16	17	11	6	61	39

Liquor Offense	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	2
Missing Persons	3	3	2	2	6	6	5	6	16	17
Menacing	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	2
MV Theft	1	2	2	4	3	0	1	1	6	7
Property Damage	12	8	8	9	13	4	11	6	44	27
Type	Qrt. 1 2017	Qrt. 1 2018	Qrt. 2 2017	Qrt. 2 2018	Qrt. 3 2017	Qrt. 3 2018	Qrt. 4 2017	Qrt. 4 2018	Total 2017	Total 2018
Rape/Sex Offense	1	2	1	2	1	5	2	4	5	13
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Suicide Investigation*	0	11	1	3	2	5	5	7	8	26
Theft	16	16	7	13	27	29	15	19	65	77
Trespassing	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	4
Violation of Protection Order	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1
Total	22		14		37		27	55	291	346

^{**} Denotes the number of investigations which includes attempts, not the actual number of suicides.

OVI TASK FORCE

This unit is led by the Lieutenant and is supported by two Corporals and three Patrol Officers. The OVI task force is a Lorain County collaboration. All members are sworn in as Special Deputies through the Lorain County Sheriff's Office.

This unit has participated in OVI checkpoints throughout the county, as well as two within the Village of Wellington. Members have run numerous saturation patrols during peak hours throughout fiscal 2018.

All funds and salaries for the OVI taskforce are provided by a grant to the county from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

In 2018, 15 individuals were arrested in Wellington for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated (OVI). The lowest Breath Alcohol Content (BAC) was recorded as .133 BAC, with the highest being .223 BAC. The legal limit in the State of Ohio is .08 BAC.





TRAINING

In addition to the state mandated training members of the police department attended training in excess of 561.25 hours for fiscal 2018. These training subjects included:

- 1. Courageous Leadership
- 2. Fire Safety
- 3. Suicide Prevention/Detection in a Jail Facility
- 4. Basic Mobile Forensics Analyst
- 5. Self-Aid Buddy Aid
- 6. Radar/LIDAR
- 7. Missing Persons
- 8. Firearms Instruction / Qualification
- 9. Medicolegal Death Scene Investigation
- 10. Reid Technique Interview and Interrogation
- 11. OH-1 Crash Update
- 12. Powerphone for Dispatchers
- 13. First Line Supervision

The Wellington Police Department considers training to be important to the success of the agency and its officers. We will continue to provide the best training possible

TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY (THF) / JAIL

This unit is led by a Corporal, who is the Jail Administrator. The state sanctioned facility is a six hour holding facility which is comprised of Reception, Booking and Secured Holding Cell. All members of the agency are trained in the following disciplines to allow for the successful operation of the facility:

- First Aid
- Suicide Detection and Prevention
- Fire Detection and Suppression
- o AED

Each member of the administration as well as the Patrol Unit is trained in the proper utilization of the THF Facility. The cell is both video and audio monitored. Arrestees are held for a maximum of six hours.

In 2018 the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) changed how THF and Jails across the nation processed juvenile offenders. In many case under the guidelines of the act it prevents many juvenile offenders from being processed in our THF/Jail.

THF/ JAIL USAGE

	2016	2017	2018
Juvenile	8	16	0
Adult	54	46	27
Total	62	62	27



DISPATCH / COMMUNICATIONS / RECORDS

This is unit is led by the lead dispatcher and is staffed by seven dispatchers. The dispatch / communications unit handles all incoming calls as well as calls forwarded from 911.

Dispatchers are responsible for dispatching officers to calls, as well as maintaining records. They're also responsible for helping callers remain calm enough to provide the information officers and first responders need to understand the full scope of the situation. The division enters data into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

The Records Division provides a critical support function for the Wellington Police Department. Records coordinates the Department's record retention program and is responsible for maintaining and disseminating copies of department records concerning crimes, arrests and traffic crashes.

Dispatch / Communications / Records is also responsible for:

- Annual Records Disposal
- Compiling Monthly Reports
- Sunshine Law Requests
- Citation Collections
- Maintaining and Organizing Court Communications
- LEADS Coordination
- Subpoenas
- Records Management System Quality Control
- Create Calls for Service
- Enter Warrants and Temporary Protection Orders
- Enter into LEADS Missing People
- Coordinate with other agencies for Arrests and Stolen Vehicles
- Assist members of the public when they enter the Police Department

INCOMING CALLS

	2016	2017	2018
All Incoming Calls	22,290	32,284	43,014

^{*}Call volume for August, 2017 averaged

ANIMAL CONTROL

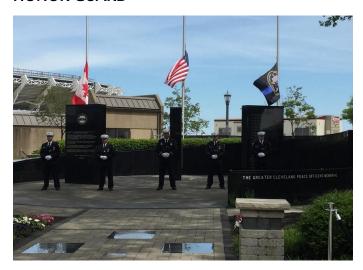
In 2018 officers provided assistance to residents for many domestic and wildlife animal complaints, and responded to 159 animal related calls. 6 dogs were housed at the Police Department in the kennels. These dogs were housed for a short time, not exceeding 2–3 days.







HONOR GUARD





This unit is led by the Lieutenant and a Corporal. It is comprised of 7 members who represent the Village of Wellington and the department at official functions throughout the surrounding areas. The members of this unit volunteer their time to train/attend functions. In 2018 this unit served as Honor Guard or Color Guard for two line of duty deaths of Ohio Police officers. The unit also was the Official Honor Guard of the 2018 Lorain County Peace Officer Memorial Candlelight Vigil.

Wellington Honor Guard Members are:

Investigator Robert Aviles Aux. Patrolman Bruce Hughes

Patrolman Ryan Summerville Patrolman Ryan McClellan

Patrolwoman Kayla Chrosniak

Honor Guard Supervisors: Lieutenant Jeffery Shelton

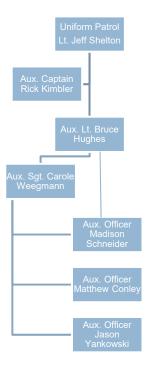
Corporal Adam Smosny

AUXILIARY

The Wellington Police Department Auxiliary unit is a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and services to the police department and the citizens of Wellington. Overseen by the sworn police Lieutenant, the unit is comprised of seven (7) auxiliary officers. These members meet and train regularly and assist the department when needed. They can been seen in the community, providing security, directing traffic, and assisting the public.

In 2018, the Auxiliary unit logged a total of approximately 670 volunteer hours.

WELLINGTON POLICE AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



"IN THE COMMUNITY" OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES / OUTREACH

Members of the Police Department participated in several community outreach programs in 2018.

Local Initiative Networking Compassion (LINC)

The Wellington Police Department, Wellington Fire District and the South Lorain County Ambulance District formed the Local Initiative Networking Compassion (LINC) in conjunction with local government, the Wellington School District, local churches and other volunteers to provide an outreach to addicts and their families who wish to seek treatment and help coping with their addiction. Those seeking assistance will be treated with compassion and connected with the help they need by walking into any of those locations and requesting help.

	2017	2018
Number of Participants	35	29

Standing Guard at the Safety Forces Memorial

Each year on May 4th members of the Wellington Police Department stand sentry at the Wellington Safety Forces Memorial to commemorate our fallen.

- Marshall George Brenner End of Watch -July 17,1883
- Patrolman Edmund Smith End of Watch May 4, 1957



Cpl. Matt Perkins and Aux. Captain Rick Kimbler

National Night Out

National Night Out is one of the Police Department's best opportunities to interact with the community. The event is held each year on Willard Memorial Square. The event features many police and safety forces related activities for families to enjoy, while enjoying free food.



Lorain County Blue Chili Cook-Off

The Lorain County Blue Foundation was created to assist Law Enforcement Officers who have been fatally wounded or critically injured in the line of duty. The goal is to build a stronger relationship between the police and the communities they serve.

Each year members of the department participate in the Pete Soto LOCO Blue Chili Cook-Off. This event raises money for the foundation which is a 501(C) 3. Each year our department has placed in the Top 4 of 25+ teams, and each year we have been awarded equipment that the agency can use.





Chief Barfield, Cpl. Smosny, Invst. Aviles, and members of Team Wellington

Luke Barfield

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop, is a national program that began in California in 2011, and has spread across the globe. The program is built on a simple premise of giving officers and citizens a chance to interact in a neutral environment over a cup of coffee.

Locally, officers and citizens have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other and discuss concerns that may otherwise go unreported.

Coffee with a Cop, has been held the first Wednesday of each month at the Wellington McDonald's.



Public Events



Ptlm. Chaperlo, Ptlm. Gulliford, Ptlw. Chrosniak, Cpl. Smosny, Chief Barfield, Sgt. Poling and Ptlm. Kneisel



Chief Barfield



Disp. Weegmann, Pat Aviles, Brandon Aviles, Cpl. Smosny

In the Community



2018 Wellington Fire Department Event

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Ptlm. Chrosniak, Aux. Schneider



Lt. Shelton

Officer / Dispatcher of the Year

Each year the Wellington Police Department selects an Officer and Dispatcher of the year. This is awarded to the members of the department that have provided exceptional service the prior year.



Chief Barfield and Patrolman Daher



Chief Barfield and Dispatcher Weegmann

Social Media

The Wellington Police Department uses Facebook as a means of communicating important information and interacting with the public and business community. The use of social media in law enforcement and community policing can provide many benefits including:

- Sharing crime alerts with the public
- Promoting public safety and awareness
- Interacting positively with the community
- Spreading information quickly to locate criminals or to find missing persons
- Notify the public of emergencies, or special events and programs
- Aid in crime prevention strategies and ongoing investigations
- Locate the families of dogs placed in our kennels

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Personnel Updates...



Patrolman Ryan McClellan was moved from part time to full time status on December 3, 2018. Ryan came to us from the Linndale Police Department where he served from 08/2000 to 11/2018. During his time at Linndale he rose to the rank of Sergeant.

Ryan is an OPOTA certified firearms instructor and a member of the Wellington Police Department Honor Guard.



Patrolwoman Kayla Chrosniak was moved from part time to full time status on December 17, 2018. Kayla came to us from the Cedar Point Police Department where she served from June, 2016 to December, 2018. During her time at Cedar Point she rose to the rank of Corporal.

Kayla is a member of the Wellington Police Department Honor Guard and the OVI Task Force.

We Welcome ...

This year we welcomed three new officers to the agency.



Patrolman Ethan Chaperlo being sworn in by Mayor Schneider

Patrolman Ethan Chaperlo began serving the citizens of Wellington as a part time patrolman in August, 2018. Ethan comes to us from the Huron County Sherriff's office. He has served as a deputy since September of 2017.



L: Patrolman Jose Delgado R: Patrolman John Ball

Patrolman John Ball began serving the citizens of Wellington as a part time patrolman in February, 2018. John began his career with the Cleveland Police Department as a Patrolman. In addition to his duties with Wellington, he currently serves as a Sergeant with the Cleveland Police Department.

Patrolman Jose Delgado began serving the citizens of Wellington as a part time patrolman in February, 2018. Jose began his career as a Patrolman with the Cleveland Police Department. Jose rose through the ranks and retired as a Sergeant in charge of a SWAT unit within the CPD.

A Fond Farewell...



Dispatcher Richard Hall retired in December, 2018. Prior to serving the citizens of Wellington, Rich served the Village of Sheffield Lake as a police officer, retiring as a Sergeant. Rich began his service as a Dispatcher for Wellington in March, 2004.

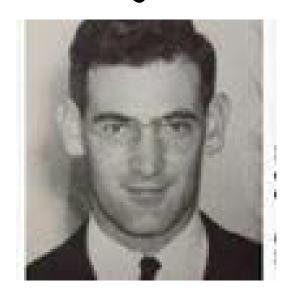
We wish Rich a joyous and relaxing retirement.

We will always remember...



Retired Wellington Police Chief Morris Furcron, passed away this year at the age of 90. Moe served the Wellington Police Department as an officer and later Chief of Police for 29 years. In his retirement years he continued to serve the Wellington community as Village Zoning Inspector.

In the Line of Duty...



End of Watch May 4, 1957

Patrolman Edmund Smith was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance. As he arrived, the suspect fled the scene and Patrolman Smith gave pursuit. The man stopped his car at Barker Street and Maple Street and exited his car. Patrolman Smith and the suspect exchanged shots but Patrolman Smith's gun jammed.

The man fatally shot the wounded officer as he tried to crawl back to his patrol car to radio for help. The suspect was sentenced to death and executed in 1959.

Patrolman Smith was survived by his wife and two daughters.

In the Line of Duty...



End of Watch July 7, 1884

Marshal George Brenner was shot and killed by an 18 year old suspect whom he attempted to stop and question on a local street shortly after midnight. Unbeknownst to Marshall Brenner the suspect, along with another youth, had just burglarized the nearby office of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Depot.

The suspect, who was apprehended a short time later, was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. He died in prison on March 23, 1895.

Marshal Brenner was a Civil War veteran.

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor

"In valor there is hope."

Tacitus

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

Proverbs 28:1

A Rich History of Law Enforcement





Serving Wellington Since 1852



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