
2017

PATROL OPERATIONS



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Patrol Operations, which includes the Traffic Unit, is the largest and most visible section in the Lorain Police Department. Units within Patrol, other than Traffic, include the K-9 Unit and the Lorain Police Auxiliary. Specialty assignments include the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, the Bomb Squad, Hostage Negotiators, the Community Partnership Team, Field Training Officers (FTO), The School Resource Officer Program (SRO) and the Honor Guard. The Department has an authorized strength of 113 officers but only a budgeted strength of 98 Sworn Officers.

In 2017, staffing shortages and a reduction in the financial resources allotted to the Department continued to create challenges for Patrol and required a shifting of resources. Creative staffing allowed the Operations Division to permanently assign three officers to Mercy Hospital as well as to form a Community Partnership Team that was funded through Mercy Hospital and Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority. (The Mercy Hospital postings will be discontinued in January of 2018, as the hospital will be forming their own Police Department.) These postings, along with the income realized from the SRO program (funded in part by the Lorain City Schools) will allow the city to recoup approximately a quarter of a million dollars and not dramatically affect our mission or the services we provide to our citizens. However, fluctuations in staffing continue to be anticipated due to anticipated retirements and unexpected separations in 2017, by which Patrol will remain understaffed

Members of the Department continue to receive a minimum of ninety hours of training each year, which far exceeds all other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies training mandates. This training, while varied each year depending on needs, always includes blocks on use of force and relevant legal updates pertaining to our profession. Additionally, we are able to further augment the officers training by hosting various training seminars each year, and entering our officers in these courses at no cost to the City.

The Patrol Division had several notable accomplishments in 2017 . A retired Officer, Joseph Kopronica, was awarded the Departments Police Cross Medal, for exhibiting extraordinary heroism in the defense of another officer. Officer Kopronica flew in from his home in Arizona to receive this award. Four Officers , Timothy Thompson, Mark Tomlin, Eric Runyan, and Miguel Salgado, were awarded Life Saving medals in 2017 for preventing the deaths of two of our residents. Officers Salgado and Runyan were recognized by City Council for their efforts. As in years past, we continue to actively participate in a variety of community events, including Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, and Safety Town.

CANINE SUMMARY REPORT

2017 Police Canine Teams

- Officer Jesse Perkins & K-9 Scotty
- Officer Jamie Ball & K-9 Titan
- Officer Wes Fordyce & K-9 Argo

The Canine Unit consisted of three teams at the start of 2017. However in the middle of the year, Officer Wes Fordyce sustained an injury putting his team off of work for the rest of the year. Officer Fordyce is still recovering from his injury.



The Canine Unit consisted of four individual teams during 2016. All are dual purpose canines that provide support to the Patrol Division as well as other departmental divisions during critical incidents, or when called out. Duties include alarm deployment, building/residential searches, article searches, narcotic searches, tracking fleeing subjects/missing persons, crowd control, and proving general officer safety.

Canine units also participated in community demonstrations and public appearances throughout the year, promoting their uses and abilities.

Each K-9 team participated in twenty hours of in-service training monthly. Each team receives training in excess of 240 hours consisting of obedience, building searches, area searches, evidence searches, tracking, subject apprehension, and narcotics detection.

Canine teams hold valid certifications through the Ohio Police Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and with the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA).

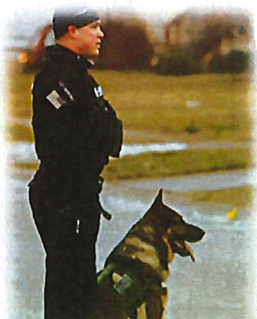
2017 Unit Deployment Statistics:

Total Deployments:	250
Narcotic Deployments	108
Tracking Deployments	51
Total Apprehensions	51
No Bite: 46	Bite: 5

2017 Narcotics Seized

Heroin:	39.3 grams
Cocaine:	131 grams
Marijuana:	469 grams
Fentanyl:	51.4 grams
Methamphetamine:	1 gram

Seized Firearms: 10 guns (K-9 located only)



2017 SWAT REPORT



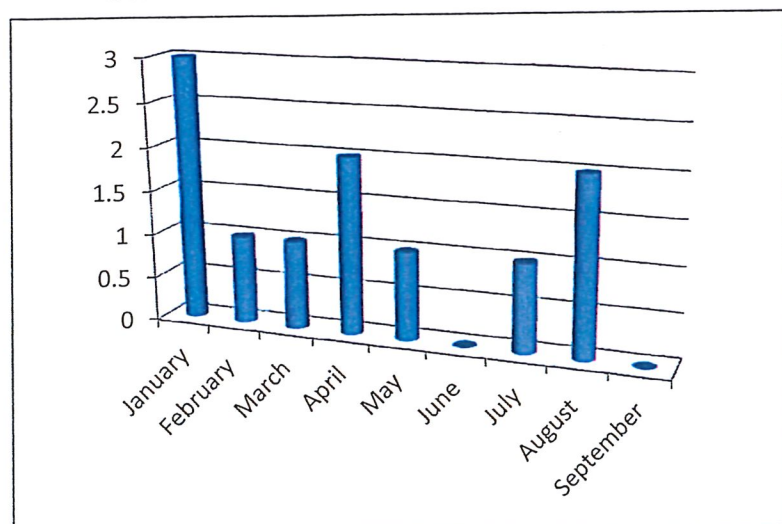
Members of 2017 Team:

Sergeant Ken Zapolski
 Sergeant Dennis Camarillo
 Officer Kurt Graupmann
 Officer Mark Pultrone
 Officer Anthony Cambarare
 Officer Juan Rodriguez
 Officer Eric Manicsic
 Officer Timothy Thompson
 Officer Randall Leiby
 Officer Marcus Haring
 Officer Wesley Fordyce
 Officer James Ventura
 Officer Tom Orlosky
 Officer Bryant Halsey
 TEMS Bill Janson
 TEMS Matt Babika

2015 Training Dates:

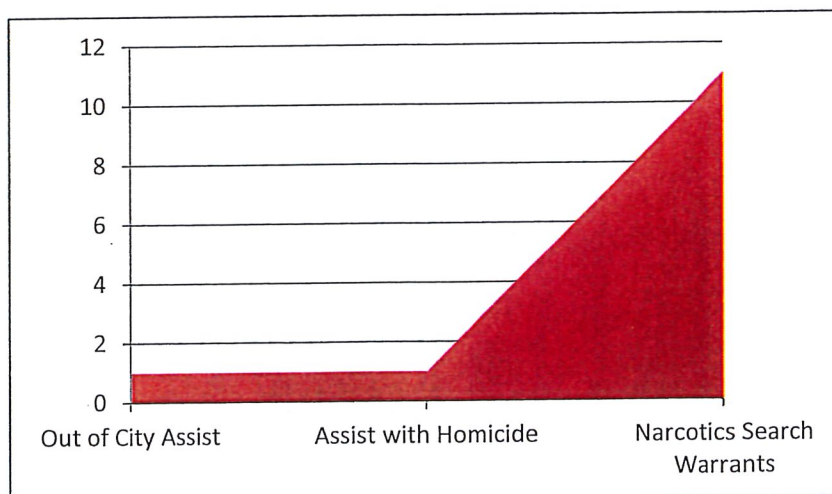
Jan 3, 17, Feb 14, March 14,
 April 18, May 2, 16, June 13,
 July 11, August 15, September 12,
 October 3, 17, November 14,
 December 12

INCIDENT OCCURRENCES BY MONTH



In 2017, the Swat Team was activated for 14 incidents. The incidents consisted of 11 narcotic search warrants, 1 out of City arrest, 1 barricaded subject, and 1 assist with a homicide. There were a total of 14 arrests involving 11 locations where drugs were recovered and 6 locations where guns were recovered.

TYPE OF INCIDENTS



2017 CRISIS NEGOTIATING TEAM

Team members:

- Sergeant Rick Soto
- Officer Dave Kuszniir
- Detective Brian Denman
- Detective Jason Orellano



The Crisis Negotiations Team responded to 3 incidents where assistance was requested.

Below is a brief summary of the incidents:

Sunday, September 3rd (20:34) the CNT responded to 919 West 18th Street in regards to a male who was standing on the second story roof ledge, threatening to jump off.

Sgt. Soto responded and began to communicate with the subject, and then transitioned CNT member Detective Orellano into the primary negotiator position. Detective Orellano was able to convince the male to move back off the ledge and eventually into his bedroom window. The male was transported to Mercy Regional Medical Center for an evaluation.

Sunday, November 11th, CNT member, Officer Kuszniir responded to 1043 West 17th Street in regards to a suicidal male, having barricaded himself and threatening to shoot and kill his family.

Officer Kuszniir was able to convince the male to surrender without any further incident. The subject walked out of the home and was transported to Mercy Regional Medical Center for an evaluation.

Saturday, November 25th, the CNT responded to 1155 Reid Avenue in regards to a barricaded male, with a possible hostage. The male, had fired one shot from a handgun, and threatened to shoot his girlfriend.

CNT member, Detective Orellano, was able to make contact with the male via bullhorn and convinced the male to surrender without any further incident. The male was then transported to Mercy Regional Medical Center for an evaluation and subsequently charged.

CNT members hosted Dallas Police Department SWAT/CNT Officer JD Byars who presented a training program on tactical tie-offs during “jumper” incidents to the CNT and SWAT officers.

Prepared by Sergeant Rick Soto

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

The Lorain Police Department has one School Resource Officer: Officer Tom Orlosky assigned to the Lorain City Schools. This includes Lorain High, New Beginnings, three middle schools and eight K-5. In addition, the SRO also provides support and services to several alternative schools and Catholic grade schools.

It is the mission of the SRO to ensure every student obtains an education and prepare for their futures in a safe and protected learning environment. To accomplish this, the SRO followed four principals, all of which have been established by the National Association of School Resource Officers, to include:



1. Create and maintain a safe environment for the students and staff of the Lorain City Schools.
2. Work closely with parents, principals, teachers, staff and students to provide criminal justice, legal and educational information.
3. Serve as a liaison between the community and city officials to ensure students and staff obtains necessary and supportive services.
4. Serve to maintain and create a positive image toward law enforcement, police officers and the Lorain Police Department; through professionalism, integrity, and commitment.

The School Resource Officer's presence in these roles has made him/her a part of the fabric of the schools rather than an outsider, which strengthens the relationship with students, staff, visitors and stakeholders. The school is in essence a community in itself, and building those relationships helps ensure that the school community is safe.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Assigned to and investigated 52 cases
- Issued 36 Summons for criminal acts
- Participated and trained staff and students on ALICE
- Attended and awarded credential as SRO with State of Ohio
- Participated in the Do-The-Right-Thing Program
- Organized bike donation to Elyria Bicycle Education Center
- Participated in 8 Career Day talks at various schools
- Member of Lorain Active Transportation Plan
- Conducted multiple Ant-Bullying presentations
- Participated in multiple Open Forum Discussions with High School students

LORAIN MARINE PATROL 2017 YEAR END REPORT

The Lorain Marine Patrol is an ongoing partnership between the Lorain Police Department and the Lorain Port Authority, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Watercraft. The mission of the Lorain Marine Patrol is to make the water safer for recreational use through inspections of vessels and safety equipment as well as enforcement of state and local boating ordinances. The 2017 boating season proved to be highly successful for the Lorain Marine Patrol unit on a number of fronts.



The 2017 Lorain Marine Patrol consisted of the following officers:

▪ Patrolman Mark Tomlin	Lorain Police Department
▪ Special Deputy Edward Favre	Lorain Port Authority
▪ Special Deputy Tom Davis	Lorain Port Authority
▪ Special Deputy Terry Stephens	Lorain Port Authority
▪ Special Deputy Todd Pierce	Lorain Port Authority
▪ Special Deputy Jeremy Tavenner	Lorain Port Authority
▪ Special Deputy Keith Riggs	Lorain Port Authority

NOTE: All Port Authority officers deputized by Lorain County Sheriff's Office to perform law enforcement duties on Lake Erie and the Black River.

Lorain Marine Patrol 2017 Statistics

Safety Inspections	131
On Water Spot Checks	1126
Citations / Arrests	1
Written Warnings	182
Boating Accident Investigations	3
Search and Rescue Cases	8
Lives Saved	11
Vessels Assisted	77
Persons Assisted	242
Educational Programs	5
Public Special Events Supported	14

Continued Training

During the 2017 boating season the Lorain Marine Patrol attended multiple continuing education courses. Lorain Marine Patrol officers also attended multiple classes provided by the Ohio Division of Watercraft to include updates on the Tactical Boat Operator Course. Lorain Marine Patrol officers also earned Customs Officer Exempted status as a result of a US Customs provided class.

Inspection Program and Enforcement

The Lorain Marine Patrol's primary mission continues to be safety, and promoting safe recreational use of the City of Lorain's waterfront. With this in mind LMP conducted 131 vessel safety inspections as well as 1126 spot checks of boats on the water. These inspections/checks resulted in 182 warnings being issued for violations, most of which stemmed from missing or malfunctioning safety equipment, as well as a handful of citations/arrests for flagrant violations.

Support of Public Events

The Lorain Marine Patrol provided safety support/assistance for numerous public special events to include Port Fest, International Festival, Black River Clean-up, Kayak-a-thon, as well as multiple Triathlons, Concerts on the water. The LMP was instrumental in facilitating, and providing safety patrols for the Cabela's Walleye Tourney in which over 250 vessels participated. The LMP also participated in numerous Lorain Police Department sponsored community outreach events.

Boater Assistance / Search and Rescue

During the 2017 boating season the Lorain Marine Patrol assisted 77 vessels and 242 boaters with everything from advice on marine forecasts, to general boater safety advice.

The LMP also responded to 8 search and rescue calls in which 11 persons were saved / removed from danger.

As always the Lorain Marine Patrol stands ready and prepared to respond to any water related mission as tasked should we be called upon.

Prepared by Officer Mark Tomlin

UNDERWATER RECOVERY TEAM SUMMARY REPORT

ID #	Name	Title
800	Sgt. Mike Hendershot	Team Commander / Operational Diver
2157	Ptln. Mark Tomlin	Senior Operational Diver/ Team Trainer
3246	Ptln. Adam Ehrke	Operational Diver
3306	Ptln. Zac Ferenec	Operational Diver
3311	Ptln. Todd Hite	Operational Diver
LFD	Cieslak, Mike	Operational Diver
LFD	Webber, Ben	Operational Diver
LFD	Radman, Chris	Operational Diver
LPD Aux.	Lt. Don Szudarek	Senior Line Tender
LPD Aux.	Lt. Noel Santiago	Senior Line Tender
LPD Aux.	Sgt. Abner Santiago	Senior Line Tender
LPD Aux.	Ptln. Carlos Hernandez	Line Tender

Rescues: 0
Body Recoveries: 1
Evidence Recoveries: 0
Vehicle Recoveries: 0
Training Days: 11



The Lorain Police Underwater Recovery Team had one (1) body recovery in 2017. The body of a twenty year old male was recovered within twenty minutes of water deployment. The drowning and recovery occurred in the waters located in the swimming area of Century Park on July 4, 2017.

The Lorain Police Underwater Recovery Team was requested by the Lorain Port Authority to conduct an integrity survey of the break wall on the east side of the black river located on the property of Riverside Park. The survey was conducted during regular training during the month of July, with the results being forwarded to the Lorain Port Authority.

As always, the Lorain Police Underwater Recovery Team stands as ready to serve when called upon.

Prepared by Sergeant Mike Hendershot

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM SUMMARY REORT

Lorain County has had a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) since 2002. We have been a part of that program since the very beginning. According to the CIT International web site, the following is their answer to the question "What is CIT?".

"Police officers are frequently called upon to respond to crisis situations, many times involving persons with serious mental illness. Historically officers who respond to these calls often lack any specialized training or knowledge in dealing with the mentally ill and their families. In 1988, The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model emerged in Memphis, Tennessee, and is often referred to as the "Memphis Model."

The CIT Program seeks to bridge this gap between police response and mental health care by forming a partnership with behavioral health and human services professionals, consumers, their families and law enforcement. The alliance was the catalyst in developing and implementing a safer, proactive method for resolving explosive crisis situations. The CIT Program, is just that, a "Program" of which just one component is the training of law enforcement. But CIT is much more, built on a foundation of community collaboration and the development of a responsive and accessible Community Behavioral Health Crisis System.

CIT programs are designed to educate police officers on effective interaction with individuals who may be in crisis and/or consumers of the mental health system. Incorporated in this training is the belief that a relationship with professionals of the mental health system, as well as family members of consumers, is crucial to providing the best possible care for these individuals as well as for resolving many situations that arise from their unique needs.

Numerous disciplines assist with the facilitation of the Advanced Officer 40-Hour CIT training and ongoing access to services. Experts from various fields, throughout the community, all work together on this program. The CIT Program, however, is much broader than simply training. Equally important redesigning how behavioral health services are delivered in the community and ensuring that seamless access for law-enforcement becomes the norm.

CIT programs create community collaboration and improves lives. Some of the benefit from this program are noteworthy, including the goals of:

- Increased Safety: Education on mental health issues increases safety for officers and citizens through specialized tactics, techniques, and communication training.*
- Catalyst for Improved Access to Treatment: CIT programs seek to bridge the gap between police response and mental health care. By creating relationships between law enforcement and mental health services, CIT facilitated agreements to get people quickly transferred to behavioral health treatment, while reducing the burden on police. Speedy transfers to treatment save law enforcement time and money, and reduce the need for costly emergency psychiatric services.*
- Diversion: Individuals with a mental illness may be diverted from the criminal justice system into the behavioral health system for community treatment, when appropriate. The linking of individuals to appropriate treatment, frequently has a positive impact on fostering recovery and reducing recidivism.*
- Collaboration: Through the establishment of partnerships and relationships developed through CIT with healthcare professionals, consumers, and related organizations, further collaborative opportunities and programs can be utilized, when addressing law enforcement concerns/problems through a community based policing model.*

- *Professionalism and Community Confidence: Develop increased professionalism and community confidence in law enforcement agencies.*

Through this combination of training, collaboration and improvements in accessing community behavioral health systems, CIT makes a measurable effect. When a system is place that is responsive to the needs of law enforcement officers, officers will access these behavioral health crisis facilities/services. This improved access and utilization results in countless reductions in incarceration, linkages to critical long-term treatment opportunities and criminal justice cost savings, thus improving the quality of life for all in our community. CIT is Community-Based Problem Solving Policing at its Best!"

Each year, the Lorain County Board of Mental Health, in conjunction with the Nord Center, and local area Police / EMS departments holds a 40 hour class, for volunteer officers from Lorain County Agencies. I instruct the introduction for that class, as well as the de-escalation portion. I also proctor the final practical exam at the end of the 40 hour week. I am also active in the planning of Lorain County's yearly CIT class, as well as new county-wide initiated called "Stepping Up". This program meets monthly and is currently working towards; reducing the number of mentally ill people within our county, providing them with the best treatments available, best using our resources, as well as, reducing the number of mentally ill people incarcerated.

In the year 2017, we sent 6 Patrol Officers through the 40 hour CIT class. In addition to that, I attended an 8 hrs "CIT trainer course". Since 2002 the Lorain Police Department has sent 62 people through the 40 hour class. 6 of those people were Detention Officers and 2 were Auxiliary Officers.

2017 HUMANE OFFICER/CODE ENFORCEMENT

NARCAN/AED REPORT

In 2017, I responded to **589** reports of loose dogs. This is a **15%** reduction in loose dog complaints from 2015, even though more citizens are now aware LPD will now respond to these calls in a humane manner. **465** dogs were located and safely apprehended. **240** of these dogs were returned to their owners as they had valid county licenses or owners identified through social media and the dogs returned after purchase of valid dog licenses. **225** dogs were released to the Lorain County Dog Kennel. **23** dogs were taken using tranquilizer darts fired from a pneumatic rifle. **52** summons or written warnings were issued. I responded to **23** crime scenes, search warrants or other emergency incidents to remove dogs from the scene to allow officers or EMS personnel to safely perform their duties. I was called out to assist officers or detectives from off duty for **18** incidents involving reportedly aggressive dogs, either loose or at emergency scenes or search warrants. Deadly force was not used on any dogs in 2017.

I investigated **155** reports of animal abuse or neglect, individually or in conjunction with Lorain County Humane Officers. Of these, only **13** incidents were substantiated. The other reports were from concerned citizens who were unaware of what constitutes animal cruelty. **74** animals were seized or voluntarily surrendered to Friendship Animal Protective League. Of these, **40** small animals, such as rabbits and chinchillas and birds, were seized from a hoarding or illegal home business **joint investigation by Lorain County Humane officers, Lorain BHP Inspectors, Lorain County Health Sanitarians and Lorain Fire Marshalls and I**. No criminal charges were filed by me, but the report was forwarded to the Building Department and Income Tax Department for possible charges for running an illegal home business and tax evasion.

I investigated or mediated **95** neighbor complaints involving animals. I responded to **29** incidents of injured or sick wild animals. Some of these animals were humanely euthanized, other removed from private property if they did not appear sick or injured.

Working with BHP office and Law Department, I assisted Building, Health and Fire inspectors serving **58** search warrants on vacant or abandoned structures to facilitate their demolition. Using LPD computer records, LEADS and LERMS, I identified **57** delinquent property owners for issuance of arrest warrants by the Law Department. **Two** M-4 summons were personally issued for failure of the property owner to comply with court orders after conviction on MM summons issued by BHP inspectors.

I gave Summary Officer Testimony to **95** sessions of the Lorain County Grand Jury.

In 2017, Lorain Police Officers responded to **267** reported opiate overdoses. Officers gave Narcan as first responders in **97** of these incidents, EMS personnel arriving first or simultaneously gave Narcan to an additional **112** victims. Confirmed opiate overdose fatalities totaled **24** with **6** deaths suspected, but not yet confirmed by the Lorain County Coroner's Office as opiate overdoses. **One LPD officer** succumbed to an accidental exposure to opiates and was treated with Narcan by other officers and EMS. To prevent a recurrence of this near tragedy, officers have been issued protective equipment kits to reduce the risks of accidental exposures.

All **12** AEDs owned by the Lorain Police Department were serviced and **three** additional AEDs were purchased and put into service. This number allows an AED on each floor of the police department and the substation and AEDs are assigned to OIC's or pool cars, equipping each shift with at least two AED's available around the clock. None of the AEDs were used in 2017.



Apprehended lost dog, returned to owner.



Two dogs removed from suicide scene investigation. Later returned to owner.



Apprehended loose dog, returned to it's owner.



Two dogs secured during Narcotics Bureau search warrant. Both later released to family members.

TRAFFIC UNIT SUMMARY REPORT

In 2017, the Lorain Police Department Traffic Unit consisted of two Police Officers and a Sergeant:

- Sergeant Ricardo M. Soto
- Police Officer Robert Hargreaves
- Police Officer Kyle J. Gelenius

Duties of the Traffic Unit include, but are not limited to the investigation of all fatal, serious and property damage traffic crashes that occur within the jurisdiction of the City of Lorain. The officers also investigate hit-skip traffic crashes, along with parking violations, parking complaints, and enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

Additional duties of the Traffic Unit officers include the processing of salvage/junk vehicles, the auctioning of vehicles, immobilizations and vehicle forfeitures that derive from court proceedings.

The Traffic Unit provides all traffic control for the City of Lorain sponsored events, to include the Dr. Martin Luther King March, Memorial Day parade, Cinco De Mayo parade, Lorain International Festival & Bazaar parade, Juneteeth parade, Winterfest/Light Up Lorain parade, and local 5K Run/Walks.

They also provide a Traffic presence during the El Centro Block Party, Fire Fish Arts Celebration, and other community events upon request.

Funeral escorts are also provided when directed by the Chief of Police. For 2017, the Traffic Unit assisted the Ohio Police Officer's Training Academy with training for area police departments in the Crash Reconstruction field.

The Traffic Unit oversees Safety Town, which is provided to all kindergarten aged children from the City of Lorain. This program is a 4-week course for the children and a new facility was built at the new Lorain High School this year. An opening ceremony was held on the first day of the 2017 Safety Town.

The Traffic Unit participates in the Lorain County Safe Communities Coalition, Lorain County Fatality Review Board, FFY 2018 IDEP/STEP Traffic Enforcement Grant, Lorain County OVI Task Force, and Project Lifesaver.

Sergeant Soto is the Lorain Police Departments Auxiliary Police liaison and assists with the processing of applications, training and planning of auxiliary activities and duties assigned to support the police department's mission.

TOP ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS

W. 21 st St. & Reid Ave.....	13 traffic crashes
W. 21 st St. & Washington Ave.....	13 traffic crashes
Leavitt Rd. & W. 40 th St.....	11 traffic crashes
W. 21 st St. & Broadway Ave.....	9 traffic crashes
W. 21 st St. & Oberlin Ave.....	9 traffic crashes
Leavitt Rd. & Jaeger Rd.....	8 traffic crashes
Colorado Ave. & Missouri Ave.....	7 traffic crashes
Leavitt Rd. & Tower Blvd.....	7 traffic crashes
Oberlin Ave. & Meister Rd.....	7 traffic crashes
W. 21 st St. & Oakdale Ave.....	6 traffic crashes

TOP ACCIDENT SECTIONS OF ROADWAYS

W. 21st St.....Broadway Ave. to Oberlin Ave.
Leavitt Road.....Meister Rd. to Jaeger Rd.

TOP ACCIDENT LOCATIONS/PRIVATE PROPERTY

4380 Leavitt Road / Wal-Mart 38 traffic crashes
4330 Leavitt Road / The Home Depot6 traffic crashes

TRAFFIC CRASHES

YEAR	PUBLIC ROADWAY	INJURY	PRIVATE PROPERTY	ALC/DRUG RELATED	ALC/DRUG FATAL	TOTAL FATAL
2017	1354	620	423	76	0	0

- During 2017, the Traffic Unit investigated 0 fatal traffic crashes and 8 serious traffic crashes.
- One fatal traffic crash occurred in the City of Lorain and was investigated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.
- During 2017, The Traffic Unit investigated 2 train/pedestrian crashes that resulted in death.

TRAFFIC CRASHES BY DAY OF WEEK AVERAGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
178	186	173	196	200	249	172

- For the 2017 year, there were a total of 1,354 traffic crashes reported.
- For the 2017 year, the highest volume of traffic crashes occurred between 3:00pm-5:00pm.

HIT SKIP TRAFFIC CRASHES

- For the 2017 year, 142 hit-skip traffic crashes were investigated by the Traffic Unit. 41 hit-skip traffic crashes were closed by arrest/citation.

LOCKOUTS

- The Traffic Unit assisted with 390 requests for vehicle lockouts in 2017.

SALVAGED & AUCTIONED MOTOR VEHICLES

- The Traffic Unit impounded 1,304 motor vehicles. Of those vehicles impounded, the Traffic Unit processed 327 junk motor vehicle affidavits. 20 of these vehicles were sold at auction, and 5 are currently being used by city department from the City of Lorain.

PRIVATE PROPERTY TOWED VEHICLE REQUEST

- The Traffic Unit completed 49 requests for removal of an abandoned vehicle from private property request.

OFFICER INVOLVED TRAFFIC CRASHES

- The Traffic Unit responded to 16 officer involved traffic crashes and 2 auxiliary officer involved traffic crashes.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS/WARNING CITATIONS

- The Traffic Unit issued a total of 392 traffic citations and 116 warning citations.
- The Lorain Police Department issued total of 3152 traffic citations and 2027 warning citations.

OFFENSES	TOTAL
SPEEDING	828
RED TRAFFIC LIGHT VIOLATION	491
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	809
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	200
OPERATING VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED	155
SEAT BELT VIOLATION	150
OTHER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	252

PARKING COMPLAINTS

- The Traffic Unit responded to 373 parking complaints, and issued 323 parking tickets.

SAFETY TOWN

- Officer Kyle Gelenius conducted Safety Town from June through July. A total of 160 children attended the Safety Town program in 2017. A new Safety Town was built for the beginning of the Safety Town season at the new Lorain High School.

TRAINING

- Traffic officers attended the 2017 Pennsylvania Crash Reconstruction seminar in Gettysburg, PA., for continuing education in the Traffic Crash Reconstruction field. Officers also assisted the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy with traffic crash training held at the Lorain County Community College.

PROJECT LIFESAVER

- Sergeant Soto heads the Project Lifesaver program for the Lorain Police Department. There are 2-participants in the program for 2017.

MUTUAL AID

- The Traffic Unit assisted in the investigation of a single motor vehicle fatal traffic crash for the Sheffield Village Police Department.



2017

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SUMMARY REPORT

low is the standardized format for investigated crime statistics for 2017:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Investigated</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Cleared by: Arrest</u>	<u>Cleared: Pending Arrest</u>	<u>Cleared by: Other Means</u>	<u>Suspended</u>	<u>Active</u>
Homicide	7	7	7	5	2	1	0	4
Rape	42	33	24	4	0	20	4	5
Felony Assault	143	34	27	9	0	18	6	1
Robberies	92	35	11	8	1	4	16	8
Burglaries	579	60	25	12	3	10	22	13
Larceny	1423	67	42	20	2	20	14	11
Auto Theft	111	10	3	1	0	2	4	3
<u>Misc. Investigations</u>	<u>6225</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>
Total	8622	742	520	160	16	349	125	97

The total number of cases for 2017 increased by 241 cases, an increase of 3 percent. The most notable drop is for Burglaries, which dropped from 1263 to 579, a reduction of 54 percent. This reduction is attributable to the exceptional work by Patrol Officers and Detectives. They were able to develop several cases over the last 18 months against a multitude of very prolific burglars. *

* *NOTE:* These statistics address cases that were strictly investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division and some of these cases were carried over from 2016.

CID staffing:

- Lieutenant Ed Super-CID Supervisor

PROPERTY CRIMES

- Sergeant Dennis Camarillo
- Detective Jacob Morris
- Detective Brian Denman
- Detective John Dougherty

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- Sergeant Buddy Sivert
- Detective Chris Kovach
- Detective Tabitha Angello
- Detective Jason Orellano

United States Marshall Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force

- Detective Kurt Graupmann

2017: Homicides

There were seven (7) homicides in the city of Lorain in 2017. The victims are listed below:

1. Brandon Williams II (35 months), 11/17/17, Father in custody
2. Kristen Nicole Malinowski (24 YOA), 8/19/17, Suspect deceased-suicide
3. Keshawndrae Ammon Carter (19 YOA), 07/02/17, Suspect in Custody
4. Nicholas Joseph Carter Cooper (3 months), 03/26/17, Charges Pending Against Juvenile Offender
5. Ricardo Santiago Calloway (19), 03/22/17, Suspect in Custody
6. Erica Lynn Dervic (27), 02/12/17, Suspect Charged (Negligent Homicide)
7. Albert Ross III (26), 01/04/17, Warrants issued, Suspect Still at Large

All of the homicide cases in 2017 were solved.

2017 Notable Accomplishments

We coordinated with Frank Perhacs, Ohio HIDTA Coordinator, and had training brought to our department to learn how to input data into their Opioid Case Database. All department detectives attended this training. We also gained a resource to analyze cell phone records to track criminal movement through HIDTA. This resource has been useful in two homicide cases in 2017.

We hosted training on the new FARO unit that was attended by two detectives from each of the three involved agencies (Elyria, Lorain and the Lorain County Sheriff's Office). Since the training, the FARO unit has been used by both the LCSO and this department to document crime scenes.

Detectives Chris Kovach, Jason Orellano and Tabitha Angello attended Child Sexual Predator training that was sponsored by the Ohio BCI. A work station has been set up in the Criminal Investigation Division, which is specifically designated for Underage Solicitation cases.

Detective Angello attended Homicide Investigations Training at the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Kentucky.

We worked with the Lorain County Sheriff's Office and the Elyria Police Department to draft a protocol for a Critical Incident Response Team. Although the protocol was not formally adopted by the three agencies, the LCSO initiated a call for assistance (from our department), under that protocol, after a subject committed suicide during the execution of a search warrant. Deputies had deployed a Taser just before he committed suicide.

As listed above, there were seven homicides in the city in 2017. All of these cases have been solved.

NARCOTICS AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The focus of the NSI Unit this year was the rampant distribution and usage of heroin within the city. Over the past couple of years heroin usage and overdoses have increased exponentially. The NSI Unit has actively pursued as many distributors within the city that time has allowed and has investigated several overdose deaths in conjunction with the Detective Unit. The biggest issue we have seen during 2017 was the introduction of several opioid alkaloids such as methyl fentanyl and carfentanil. Both of these substances are several hundred to several thousand times more powerful than heroin. In addition, alkaloids were fairly inexpensive and easy to get through mail order from China. Unfortunately with as much success as the NSI Unit has had with local trafficking in heroin/fentanyl investigations, the overdoses and deaths resulting from opioid substances has continued to grow in the city.

The NSI Unit conducted one hundred forty-eight (148) controlled purchases of narcotics in 2017 which led to fifty one (51) search warrants/ knock and talks. The Unit conducted sixty (60) controlled buys more than the previous year. The NSI Unit also conducted two (2) controlled deliveries with the Federal Postal Inspectors. Additionally, the NSI Unit successfully completed forty one (41) forensic cell phone examinations related to Trafficking cases.

Additionally, the NSI Unit followed up on several opioid related deaths in which two individuals were successfully indicted for their involvement in the death of another. The Unit attempted to interview as many overdose victims as possible in the hopes of identifying their supplier. The NSI Unit also successfully conducted 21 forensic cell phone examinations related to the opioid overdoses.

The NSI Unit, in conjunction with the training officer, developed a new policy and procedure for handling the new opioid alkaloids. Several of these substances can be ingested by contact or inhalation and officers throughout the country have been accidentally exposed. In fact, one Officer from LPD was inadvertently exposed and was taken to the hospital for treatment. A formal training block was created and all officers within the Lorain Police Department were provided with this information. Additionally, the Police Department equipped each officer with personal protective equipment for handling opioids.

Several cases were adjudicated in Common Pleas court with their seized assets being forfeited to the Lorain Police Department. A little over fifty one thousand dollars (\$51,000) was forfeited into the LETF account and an additional three thousand eighty nine dollars (\$3,089) into the MDFF account of the Lorain Police Department.

The NSI Unit will continue to aggressively attack the epidemic heroin trade that has plagued this city for the past several years, along with any other drug related crimes that are discovered. Additionally we are currently in the process of developing an addiction assistance program in which we will be able to help addicts locate and enter a treatment facility. There are several programs that are currently being utilized throughout the country and we are currently researching several to find which one would be most beneficial to the Lorain Police Department.

NARCOTICS/SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT
SUMMARY OF CASES

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total NSI self-initiated investigations	54	96
Total Narcotics Reports	348	382
Total Narcotics Arrests	276	311
Total Search Warrants/knock and talks	44	51
Cell phone Warrants		41
Total Controlled Buys	88	148

<u>SEIZURES</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cocaine (powder)	1637 g	285 g
Cocaine (crack)	75 g	236 g
Marijuana	6312 g	3535 g
Hashish	0	0
Heroin	664 g	167 g
Fentanyl	31	135 g
LSD	0	0
PCP	0	0
Methamphetamine	0	2 g
MDMA (XTC, Ecstasy)	0	0
Ketamine	0	0
Schedule II, III, IV, V pills	663 doses	199 doses
Cash Seized	\$178,129	\$43,151
Vehicles Seized	13	3
Firearms Seized	23	18
Real Estate Seized (residences)	2	0

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

<u>CHARGE:</u> (Arrests)	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Conveying into a detention facility	9	4
Corrupting another with drugs	6	6
Cultivation of Marijuana	5	7
Drug Abuse; Marijuana	96	88
Drug Abuse; Cocaine/Crack	93	66
Drug Abuse; Heroin	57	93
Drug Abuse; LSD	0	0
Drug Abuse; Schedule II, III, IV & V Pills	47	15
Engaging in Corrupt Activity (RICO)	25	0
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	0	0
Permitting Drug Abuse through Real Estate	12	4
Permitting Drug Abuse through a Motor Vehicle	9	5
Possession of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance	0	0
Possession of Criminal Tools	41	29
Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments	38	19
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	170	113
Tampering with Evidence	11	4
Trafficking in Counterfeit Controlled Substances	0	0
Trafficking in Marijuana (All weights)	3	5
Trafficking in Cocaine & Crack (All weights)	16	26
Trafficking in Heroin (All weights)	44	62
Trafficking in LSD	0	0

OFFICERS ASSIGNED 2017

Sgt. Tom Nimon
Detective Chris Colon
Detective Howard Heathcoat
Detective Matt Bonkoski
Detective Ryan Vrooman

Respectfully submitted,
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Narcotics and Special Investigations Unit

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

- In 2017, the Lorain Police Department Evidence Room was under the full supervision of Sergeant Mark McCoy. Sgt. Dennis Camarillo acted as a backup officer to Sgt. McCoy. In the 4th quarter of 2017 Officer Craig Payne took over the day to day evidence functions.
- In 2017, the evidence room logged in a total of 3018 evidence items. This represents a 44% decrease on the amount submitted in 2016.
- In 2017, 56 Sexual Assault Kits and accompanying clothing were submitted into evidence. All SAK kits and clothing has been centrally relocated to Evidence Room 2. All SAKs were further transported and submitted to BCI&I per the Ohio Attorney Generals directive.
- In 2017, Lorain Police Department submitted drug items into evidence from 649 cases. Additionally 626 paraphernalia and drugs equipment items were also submitted.
- In 2017, 672 pieces of drug evidence were transported and submitted to the Lorain County Crime Lab for testing.
- In 2017, 1,063 evidence items from 103 different cases were transported and submitted to BCI&I for testing.
- In 2017, 1,060 evidence items were researched and prepped for disposal via court order.
- In 2017, 129 firearms were submitted into evidence.
- In 2017, \$55,807.74 in cash was seized in 58 various cases and deposited into the Lorain Police Evidence Account. Yearend balance of the Evidence account is **\$345,665.32**.
- 9 checks were issued from the Evidence account totaling \$56,962.02
- 120 items entered into the Property and Evidence room were returned to their original owners.
- 77 Notice to Claim letters were mailed to property owner instructing them to claim their property.
- 803 audio/video CDs and DVDs were submitted into evidence. This is a 58% increase over last year. It is attributed to all the cruiser cam video being submitted and recordings in older homicide cases that were never documented.
- 374 case documents were submitted into evidence.
- In 2017 bar coding of all evidence was completed in 1 year and 11 months.
- New metal wire frame shelving was installed in Evidence Room #2 replacing decade's old wood shelves and now conforming to LAPE standards.