

**Mayor  
Katherine Gallagher**

**The City of  
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**Police Department  
Scott Mielke, Chief**

January 28th, 2019

**Mayor Gallagher and Members of City Council,**

Enclosed is the Annual Report for the City's Police Department. The report includes a summary of the many services that we provide; Animal Control, Service and Enforcement, Crime Investigation, Juvenile Justice, Corrections and others.

In 2018 we saw a 9% decrease in our Calls for Service to 20,215. Across the board we saw a decrease in all types of calls for service, most crimes, accidents, and arrests. In 2018 we saw an unusual number of assaults against our officers resulting in 2 officers out for extended periods of time. Additionally, our department saw Det. Alex Zambluaskas retire after 25 years of law enforcement service; 16 years serving Brooklyn.

Heroin overdoses remain a problem for our community but we did see a small decrease in these related calls. Patrol Officers still carry Naloxone; it continues to be very valuable in saving lives.

We continue to provide services that many other Police Departments have eliminated; vehicle lock outs, vacation checks, R-U-OK?, bicycle patrol, Drop In visits, City park checks, and Santa's Annual Visit and Shop with a Cop. We extended our drop in visits to include schools and banking institutions in the City.

Our main goal for 2019 will be transitioning from the Parma Regional Dispatch over to Chagrin Valley Regional Dispatch located in Brecksville. Every member of the department will be working to make the transition as trouble free as possible. This change is being made to provide better service for our residents and officers.

Training continues to be a point of emphasis as officers averaged 72 hours each in 2018. In 2019 the department will continue to sharpen skills in firearms and driving and look to acquire new knowledge by attending Ohio Peace Officer Training courses in person and online.

The Brooklyn Police Department will work to achieve our mission of serving the Brooklyn community through our core values in our everyday acts.

The Police Department wishes to express our gratitude to Mayor Gallagher, the members of Council and all City Departments for their support, assistance and cooperation throughout 2018. We are looking forward to a safe and peaceful 2019.

Respectfully

  
Scott Mielke  
Police Chief



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Annual Year End Report  
2018**

# Brooklyn Police Department

2018 Active Roster

Police Chief Scott Mielke  
Sgt. Dave Miller      Sgt. John Knapp

## Patrol

### Day Shift

**Platoon A**  
Sgt Brad Esper  
Ptl Mark Murphey  
Ptl Chris Baxter  
Ptl Jamie Roach  
Ptl Tony Psota  
Ptl Tony Aftim  
Ptl Phil Bungo

**Platoon C**  
Sgt Doug Boyle  
Ptl Doug Gasior  
Ptl Mike Mackovjak  
Ptl Shane Phillips  
Ptl TJ Schill  
Ptl Brad Washburn

### Night Shift

**Platoon B**  
Sgt Cindy Eschweiler  
Ptl Joe Traska  
Ptl Steve Reitz  
Ptl Brett Dalton  
Ptl Kyle Pitts

**Platoon D**  
Sgt Paul Stein  
Ptl Adam McQuaid  
Ptl Mario Spremulli  
Ptl Jared Kochmit  
Ptl Dan Celis

**School Resource Officer**  
Ptl Dan Meadows

## Detective Bureau

Det Sgt Joe Tenhunfeld  
Det Brian Glandorf    Det Chris Frey    Det Alex Zamblauskas\*  
Det Joe Bugaj

\*Retired September 7 2018

## **Animal Control**

ACO Miranda Braude

## **Corrections**

CO Mike Balina

CO Rob Turner

CO Marie Neff

## **Civilian**

LE Clerk Kay Ellis

## **Auxiliary Police**

Capt Gary Sundemeier

Sgt Rich Hovan

Aux Donna Kennedy

Sp Jim Catania

Aux Vernon Cutright

Aux John DeAngelo

Aux Robert Saggio

Sp Nick Anikienko

Sgt Bob Gerber

Sgt Mike Balina Sr.

Aux Joe Salem

## **School Guards**

Brigitte Koontz

Sharon Raushenbach

Ritz Beaver

Denny Esper

Ann Pecek

Jane Sroka

Linda Yankovitz

Ron Yankovitz

Sharon Laule

Linda Mitchell

Christine Moralevitz

Chrissy Moralevitz

Joyce Nekl

Greg Fiodorowicz

## **Part Time Corrections**

CO Rich Tolve

CO Russ Jaenke

CO Anthony Gordon

CO Paul Marich

CO James Yeager

CO James Albert

CO Jerice Bonner

CO Johnsie Wilson

## **Part Time LE Clerks**

Dianne Williams

Dianna Hager

Jen Hickie

Shelly Sudick



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Animal Control**

**2018**

## Animal Control

The Brooklyn Police Department's Animal Control Officer Miranda Braude continued in her part time status throughout the year. Discussions began with the City of Parma Heights on the idea of sharing the position of a full time ACO. Ultimately the end of 2018 brought both cities coming to terms and contracting to share a full time Animal Control Officer for the benefit of residents. ACO Braude was scheduled to serve both cities in January 2019.

The revision of Brooklyn's Animal Control Ordinances was completed in late 2018 with the assistance of Law Director Kevin Butler and City Council. A number of ordinances were tweaked or added in order to bring them up to date since their last revision in 2007.

ACO Braude would like to thank the following animal organizations that have assisted her throughout 2018 – the Parma Animal Shelter, Emerald Animal Hospital, Pet Supply Plus, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, the Cleveland APL, Cuyahoga County Kennels, and Quick Fix Spay and Neutering.

As it has been in the past, it's Brooklyn Animal Control's goal to find a forever home for all healthy and adoptable animals.

There were 350 total calls for service and 108 phone calls received by the ACO concerning Brooklyn animals in 2018.

<b>Impounded Dogs</b>	51
Returned to Owner	34
Adopted –	0
Rescue	15
E/C (euthanized)	2

<b>Impounded Cats</b>	44
Returned to Owner	2
Adopted –	26
Rescue	8
E/C (euthanized)	8

<b>Wildlife</b>	
Nuisance/Sick/Injured –	45
Euthanized -	7



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Crime Statistics**

**2018**

## 2018 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2018	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape*	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Robbery*	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	14
Assault*	6	2	4	4	7	3	6	8	2	6	5	4	57
Burglary*	3	1	1	5	0	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	35
Theft*	51	52	36	26	43	41	34	41	54	42	51	37	508
Stolen Auto*	5	0	1	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	3	1	23
Homicide*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Theft from MV	1	2	2	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	1	0	24

Value of Stolen Property*	168,544	197,368	25,979	42,697	38,873	38,183	38,737	15,389	18,228	17,995	22,104	17,747	\$641,844
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GTMV	5	0	1	2	1	4	2	0	1	0	3	1	20
Total Value	147,877	0	10,000	8,900	1,000	77,600	18,500	0	3,000	0	6,000	5,600	278,477

### COMPARISON TO 2017 STATS

RAPE	20 % DECREASE
ROBBERY	56 % INCREASE
ASSAULT	12 % DECREASE
BURGLARY	13 % INCREASE
THEFT	17 % DECREASE
AUTO THEFT	32 % DECREASE
HOMICIDE	100 % DECREASE
THEFT from AI	44 % DECREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	17 % DECREASE

INCREASE

DECREASE

NO CHANGE

FELONY CASES SENT TO CCPO	
MALE	65
FEMALE	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>

# 2018

FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2
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\*As reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program



## 2017 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2017	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape*	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Robbery*	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	9
Assault*	7	6	5	10	2	5	1	5	8	8	5	3	65
Burglary*	3	3	1	3	3	6	2	2	3	2	1	2	31
Theft*	53	41	43	35	52	52	50	52	66	63	52	53	612
Stolen Auto*	3	3	7	2	1	4	2	1	4	2	2	3	34
Homicide*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Arson*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from MV	4	6	8	2	5	4	2	4	2	3	2	1	43

Value of Stolen Property*	53,997	49,852	55,422	17,163	51,405	114,245	128,417	77,539	59,225	39,378	43,219	85,054	\$774,916
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GTMV	3	3	7	2	1	4	2	1	4	2	2	3	34
Total Value	17,500	7,655	12,100	8,900	1,000	77,600	33,000	20,000	29,500	19,300	3,500	57,000	287,055

### COMPARISON TO 2015 STATS

RAPE	25 % INCREASE
ROBBERY	40 % DECREASE
ASSAULT	2 % DECREASE
BURGLARY	30 % DECREASE
THEFT	5 % INCREASE
AUTO THEFT	23 % DECREASE
HOMICIDE	50 % DECREASE
THEFT from AUTO	34% INCREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	11 % INCREASE

INCREASE

DECREASE

NO CHANGE

FELONY CASES SENT TO CCPO	
MALE	97
FEMALE	26
TOTAL	123

# 2017

FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	5
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\*As reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program

## 2016 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2016	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape*	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Robbery*	1	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	15
Assault*	9	9	9	2	6	9	4	2	4	4	4	4	66
Burglary*	4	1	3	2	1	4	7	4	8	3	3	4	44
Theft*	36	40	48	53	59	45	44	35	61	54	52	58	585
Stolen Auto*	3	3	4	3	5	3	6	4	2	2	1	8	44
Hit&Run*	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Arrest*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from MV	1	1	4	5	1	2	4	3	1	2	6	2	32

Value of Stolen Property*	36,212	31,871	45,729	43,379	27,719	38,117	150,686	42,272	118,763	37,811	46,610	77,812	\$696,491
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GT&V	3	3	4	4	3	5	3	6	4	2	2	1	8	44
Total Value	4,500	10,000	14,000	9,453	9,800	16,700	70,274	34,000	37,000	18,000	16,000	41,100	280,827	

### COMPARISON TO 2015 STATS

RAPE	33% INCREASE
ROBBERY	114% INCREASE
ASSAULT	8% INCREASE
BURGLARY	15% DECREASE
THEFT	12% INCREASE
AUTO THEFT	52% INCREASE
HIKIDING	200% INCREASE
THEFT FROM AUTO	52% DECREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	78% INCREASE

INCREASE

DECREASE

NO CHANGE

### FELONY CASES SENT TO CCPO

MALE	84
FEMALE	22
TOTAL	106

# 2016

\*As reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Community Engagement**

**2018**

# Community Engagement

## Drop Ins

We continued and expanded our “Drop In” outreach program in 2018. Officers visited the Senior Center every Tuesday for their Soup and Sandwich day and every Thursday for their Luncheons. The visit consists of a brief visit, without an agenda or formal topic of discussion. Officers introduce themselves and entertain any conversation with our seniors.

Additionally, officers dropped in at The Buddy Club Basketball & Baseball program at the school’s gym and the Rec Center’s ball field throughout the year. The Buddy Club programs are offered for individuals with special needs to include their family and friends. The focus will be on developing skills as well as increasing social interaction with friends in a community based setting.

Officers also started drop ins at the Brooklyn City Schools, Heritage Christian School and St Thomas More. Officers walk through the building not only providing a presence but interacting with teachers, staff, students and parents.

Drop ins also began at all banking institutions in the City – Huntington on Memphis and Giant Eagle, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> on Tiedeman, US Bank and Dollar Bank at Ridge Park Square. Officers park their marked vehicles nearby and drop in on the staff inside the bank, again not only providing a presence but interacting with the employees and customers alike.

Great feedback was received from all on our “Drop Ins”.

## Bicycle Unit

The bicycle unit is another facet of our department’s proactive approach to law enforcement and service to our community. The bicycle unit, comprised of 8 officers, is both an aid to furthering positive community relations as well as a sensible approach to patrolling the unique districts in the City of Brooklyn. These include areas such as our school campuses, alleyways, business parking lots as well as our parks and community events.

The Bicycle Detail dedicated 360 hours to Safe Routes to School. We dedicated 576 hours to Summer Bicycle Patrol.

The Safe Routes to School detail started in May following spring break through the end of the school year. We patrol before school and after school. The Summer Bicycle Patrol begins with the Memorial Day Parade and rides through September. The detail rides on Thursday afternoons and most of the day on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

## Coffee with a Cop

We held 2 Coffee with a Cop events this year throughout the city. Coffee with a Cop is a program that brings police officers and the community we serve together over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. By removing the cars, the radios and other distractions that usually accompany a citizen-officer encounter, you can have a normal conversation, in a casual atmosphere. Over the course of an hour we build rapport and get to know members of the community by sharing experiences, and discussing the issues facing the community.

## School Resource Officer

Our SRO program entered its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Officer Dan Meadows continued to be a valuable asset to our department in his role in bridging the gap between the Police Department and School campus. His ability to quickly respond to situations from lost students to his intervention and mediation skills allows him to provide a level of service that was never offered before to the schools. Officer Meadows initiated and participated in the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce's "*Is it Worth the Risk?*" Internet Safety presentation for families at Brooklyn High School in March.

## Other Events

In addition, BPD participated in the Brooklyn City Schools' "Get a Clue Field" Day, Touch a Truck and Bike Rodeo, the Walking School Bus, the City's Memorial Day Parade and Gather & Grill, Fall Fest, 2 Halloween events, Home Depot's Safety Day and 2 Shop with a Cop events.

Santa Claus' visit to Brooklyn occurred in December as it has for over 50 years. The Brooklyn Police Auxiliary Unit escorted Santa Claus to every street in Brooklyn over the course of 2 days handing out candy canes and posing for photos with anyone that asked.



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Corrections**

**2018**

# Corrections Report

**Males                    730**

**Females                420**

**Total                    1,150**

*8% decrease from 2017 Total of 1,252*

**Average housed per day    4**

**Average prisoner stay    2.3 days**

**Total Cost of Prisoner Food                    \$12,633**

**Cost of Laundry and Supplies                \$5,536**

**Cost of Prisoner Medical Care                \$7,880**



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Juvenile Justice**

**2018**



## 2018 JUVENILE COURT FILINGS

### Filings by Month:

January	6	<u>FEMALE</u>	
February	3	White	10
March	1	Black	7
April	6	Hispanic	0
May	9	Asian	0
June	2	Other	<u>0</u>
July	4	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
August	1	<u>MALE</u>	
September	12	White	10
October	1	Black	16
November	1	Hispanic	3
December	1	Asian	0
		Other	<u>1</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

### Direct Admissions to DH

**Total**        **3**

**Total Filings – 47**

January 2, 2019

City of Brooklyn  
Juvenile Diversion Program  
2018 Annual Report

Statistics:           Decrease of 10 diversion participants from 2017 to 2018

                          Diversion Participants from the City of Brooklyn's  
                          program total       8

Case Referrals back to Juvenile Court           4 (increased by 1 from 2017)

Juveniles:           Not from Brooklyn       6

Juveniles:           From Brooklyn           2

Repeat Offenders:       0 (as Ordered by Juvenile Court)

Participants:       Males                   6

                          Females                 2

Total Diversion Participants                   8

Total Community Service Hours Assigned by Volunteer Magistrate for the  
2018 Year-City of Brooklyn Diversion Participants: 196, 196 less service  
hours than diversion year 2017.

Referrals to Project REAL:                   0

Prepared by: Lou Galizio, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, City of Brooklyn



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Service and Enforcement**

**2018**

# Service and Enforcement Activity 2018

**Total Calls for Service    20,215**

Down 9% from 2017

January	1778	February	1742	March	1988
April	1674	May	1893	June	1520
July	1698	August	1816	September	1727
October	1618	November	1467	December	1294

<b>Motor Vehicle Accident/MVA Calls</b>	818
Property Damage only	421
MVAs with Injury	125
Private Property MVAs	272

**Traffic Citations** 4,973

OVI Arrests 118

Cell Phone/ FTA Citations 422

Seat Belt Citations 105

**Parking Citations** 641

**Misdemeanors Arrests** 1,240

Warrant arrests 402

Domestic Violence Arrests 32

**Felony Arrests** 84

Domestic Violence Arrests 2

**Towed Vehicles** 284



**Brooklyn Police  
Department**

**Training**

**2018**

## Training

In 2018 the State of Ohio recommended each sworn police officer participate in 40 hours of continuing professional education. The Brooklyn Police Department participated in approximately 2,309 hours of training in 2018. Each officer of the police department averaged approximately 72 hours of training per sworn officer.

Aside from our annual firearms and state mandated trainings other courses included Search & Seizure and Legal updates, Crisis Intervention, Drug Interdiction, Interrogation and Confessions and many others.

Officers attended trainings across Northeast Ohio and Columbus and took full advantage of OPOTA's online courses.

Monthly trainings are held with officers that participant in the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) Tactical and Hostage Negotiator Teams. Two trainings are held each month in 1 of the 19 communities that belong to the regional response teams.

Additionally, 3 officers from our department began to train with the newly formed Mobile Field Force Division of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB). The Mobile Field Force was organized in response to the SEB members' desire to have officers trained to respond to large scale events such as parades, riots, protests, and the like. Brooklyn officers received their initial training and equipment with more trainings scheduled for 2019.

The Police Department also trained with the Brooklyn Fire Department on deploying a cooperative rapid response team in case of an active shooter event. Both Departments took advantage of the opportunity to conduct the training on the Brooklyn Schools' campus while classes were out. The training allowed both departments to simultaneously responded and work together to not only neutralize a threat but to get medical treatment to the injured as soon as possible.