Niles Police Department

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Annual Report

2018





From the Desk of the Chief

Thank you for taking the time to read our second publicly available annual report. I hope the residents of Niles found last year's report informative and interesting. I plan on adding more information to this report each year. 2018 was a year of progress and stability at the Niles Police Department. The year saw the hiring of two new Patrol Officers. Officers leff Walp and Lucas Haupt joined the force after the retirements of Detective James Robbins and Captain Dave Smathers. Patrol Officer Anthony Roberts was chosen to replace Robbins in the Detective Bureau. Lieutenant Tony Johnson was promoted to the rank of Captain and Patrol Officer Richard Bailey was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The end of 2018 has the Niles Police Department staffing at 34 which is one short of our authorized strength of 35 sworn officers. We plan on filling the vacancy in the first quarter of 2019. We have also received the funds in the 2019 budget to fill a long vacant full time dispatcher position. The city administration continues to support the needs of the department while being good stewards of your tax dollars. The department answered a total of 15,320 calls for service in 2018. Officers only had to use physical force (which is documented if above simple handcuffing or escort holds) nine times during all of those contacts. As 2018 closed, our departmental equipment continued to improve and modernize. Five 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptors were purchased in 2018 continuing the replacement plan for our once aging fleet. That cruiser purchase took the last of our 2007 model cruisers off the road. A 2018 Ford F150 Police Responder was also purchased in 2018 from funds generated by the police impound lot. This vehicle is used as command vehicle by one of our night shift Captains. We are the first department in the area to have one of these new F150's which are purpose built and pursuit rated police vehicles. The department has also completed replacement of the original Tasers purchased for officers over a decade ago. All officers now carry the Taser X2 model which can be discharged twice from the same cartridge if the officer encounters two resistant suspects at the same time. The Safety Complex rehabilitation project should also kick into high gear in 2019. One of my goals for 2019 is to start a full time Street Crimes Unit. The unit will have plainclothes officers in the neighborhoods addressing quality of life problems, drugs, and complaints received by the public. The men and women of the Niles Police Department look forward to serving and protecting Niles in 2019.





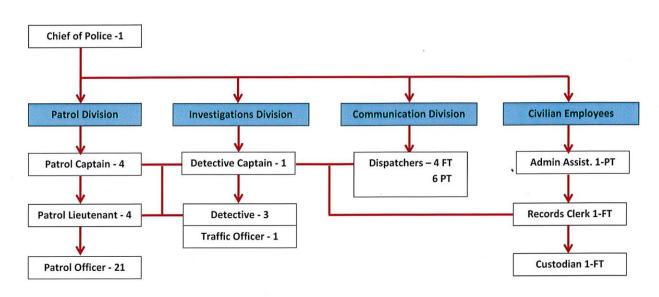
Organizational Chart

Authorized Strength 35 Full Time Sworn Police Officers



NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT Organizational Chart





Supervisor Team 1 (Day) - Capt. Marshall/Lt. Clay

Supervisor Team 2 (Day) - Capt. Villecco/Lt. Adkins

Supervisor Team 3 (Night) - Capt. Johnson/Lt. Bailey

Supervisor Team 4 (Night) - Capt. Miketa/Lt. Cox

Patrol Day Turn - Mannella, Hogan, Marhulik, Mobley, Myers, Townley

Patrol Afternoon Turn - Hewitt, Helmick, Bayless, Reppy, Ombrello, Grabosky, Haupt

Patrol Midnight Turn - Pike, Ifft, Brady, Greene, Young, Walp

School Resource Officer - Corll

Investigations - Capt. Thou, Det. Wright, Det. Aurilio, Det. Roberts, T.O. Crank





Total Calls for Service

15,320

KEY 2018 NPD STATS

Homicide 2

Theft 469

Overdose 102

Assault 124

Burglary 62

Domestic Disputes 247 **Domestic Violence Arrests - 81**

911 Calls to Niles Dispatch Center- 10,126

Alarm Drops 1,078

Traffic Stops 3,144

Traffic Citations 833

Traffic Crashes 635 100 (With Injury) 535 (Non-Injury)

Vehicles Towed 630

Use of Force Incidents 9 (3 with Taser deployments 1 with firearm discharge)





Traffic Crash Statistics



Total Crashes - 635 (100 Injury 535 Non-Injury 1 Fatality)

Top 3 Crash Locations

- 1 US 422 / Youngstown-Warren Rd.
- 2 SR 46 / Niles-Cortland Rd.
- 3 SR 169 / Robbins Ave.





2018 Detective Bureau Activity



Total Cases Assigned - 611

Both homicides the city had in 2018 were cleared by arrest.

- June 11th Maddens Bar U.S. 422 Victim Clayton Bender Cleared by the arrest and conviction (25 year sentence) of Robin L. Caviness Jr., 39, of Howland
- October 13th 361 Warren Ave. Victim Michael L. Tsarnas Cleared by the arrest (trial pending) of Edward Anderson, 20, of Niles

Most severe non homicide crimes:

- April 15th Non-fatal shooting Hideaway Lounge Victim Lawrence Saunders Cleared by the arrest and conviction of Brandon Leech of Warren
- April 29th Aggravated Robbery of Circle K with injury to clerk- Cleared by arrest and conviction of Annalyse Hall (4 year sentence).

17 Sexual Assaults were investigated





2018 Drug Unit Activity

Drug Complaints that warranted investigation in 2018 - 79

Number of individuals whom narcotics purchases were made from in 2018 - 15*

Number of persons charged in 2018 from narcotics buys (including buys made in 2017 but lab reports came back in 2018) – 23

Number of search warrants executed - 4

- *Laboratory results are still pending on other narcotics purchases made and suspects will be charged upon receipt of labs.
- * Statistics may count the joint investigations conducted by NPD Drug Unit and the Trumbull Ashtabula Group Task Force (TAG).







Fleet Status and Mileage

Total Fleet Miles Driven in 2018

236,642



Fleet Roster by Year/Model

2015-2019 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility - 18

2018 Ford F150 Police Responder - 1

2008-2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor - 11

Unmarked/Plainclothes vehicles - 6