



Hilliard Division of Police

2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • COOPERATION • PROFESSIONALISM



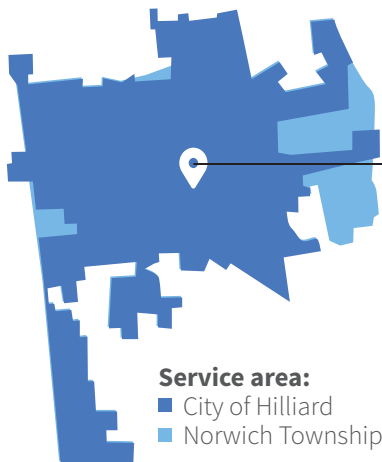
Real People. Real Possibilities.™

Mission Statement



"We, the employees of the Hilliard Division of Police, are committed to serve the Hilliard community to enhance the quality of life by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, preserve peace, enforce the law with respect to the constitutional rights of all citizens, reduce fear and provide a safe community environment. The mission is based on a foundation of **integrity, commitment, cooperation** and **professionalism.**"

HILLIARD DIVISION OF POLICE



Service area:
■ City of Hilliard
■ Norwich Township

36,447
Population served

Hilliard Division of Police
5171 Northwest Parkway
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

How to reach Hilliard Police
Emergencies | **Dial 911**
Non-emergencies | **614-876-7321**

1957
Year established
60th Anniversary

17
Square miles in our
service area

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Meet the Leadership Team



*Chief of Police
Robert Fisher, CLEE*

A Message from Chief Robert Fisher:

On behalf of the men and women of the Hilliard Division of Police, I am pleased to present the 2017 Report to our Community. This publication is a freshened approach to sharing with you, the community that we serve, some valuable information about what your police officers have been focusing on to make Hilliard safe.

I am extremely proud of the members of our organization who seek each day to make our community a better place. We face new and growing challenges in our world today, and HPD is focused on initiatives and collaboration that will directly impact the lives of those we serve. Not only do we play a role in protecting our city, we also strive to promote positive relationships within the community through our presence and engagement.

I am extremely grateful for the partnership that we share with you. It is that partnership that contributes to the strength of Hilliard and makes this a fantastic place to live, work and play. Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of the Division and know that your police team is here to protect and serve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Fisher".

Sincerely,
Chief of Police Robert Fisher, CLEE

Command Staff



*Deputy Chief Eric Grile,
CLEE*



*Field Operations Bureau
Lieutenant Doug Lightfoot*



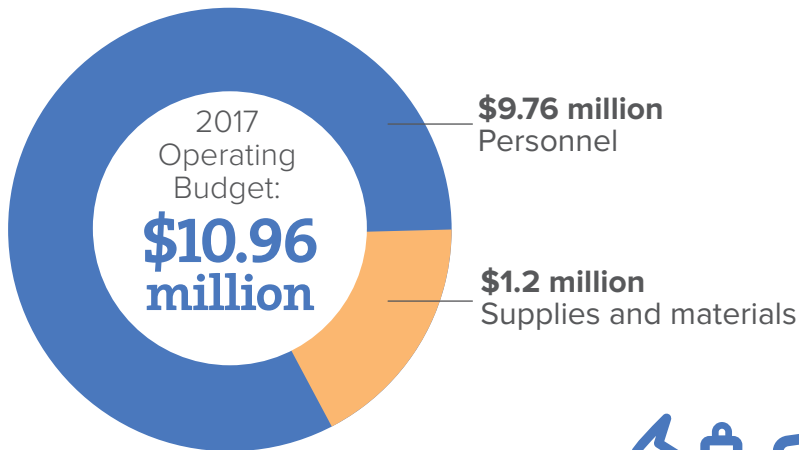
*Investigations Bureau
Lieutenant Ronald Clark,
CLEE*



*Support Services Bureau
Supervisor Natalie Riley*

FLEET AND FINANCES:

A Look at Our Budget and Vehicles



2,184,517

total miles were driven in 2017.



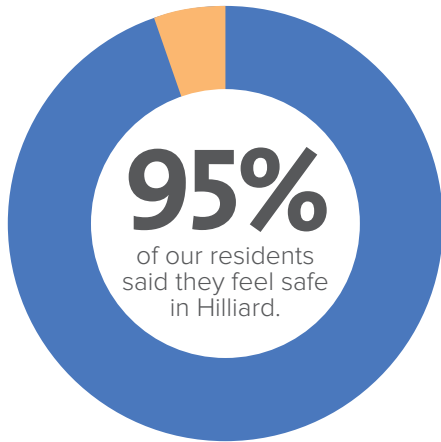
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vehicles, including patrol cruisers, unmarked detective's cars, motorcycles and a crime scene investigation van.



KEEPING HILLIARD SAFE: HPD excels in Community Survey

In fall 2017, the City of Hilliard conducted a community survey. Questions were standardized to assure high quality research methods. Residents were randomly selected to represent all areas of Hilliard. The survey showed how our community rates the Hilliard Division of Police's services.



Other survey comments:

“The Hilliard Police force go above and beyond on a daily basis not only to do their daily job, but to make a personal connection to the citizens of the Hilliard community.”

“In a word: professionalism. Our police department is top-tier, focusing on the important issues in our city while still giving residents the attention they need.”

“Excellent job monitoring and communicating issues using various methods including social media. They work cooperatively with Hilliard Schools and other partners. Keep up the great work!”

PERSONNEL:

The people of Hilliard police

Staffing figures



57 full-time sworn agency employees



11 full-time support services staff

Longevity

32

employees have been with HPD for more than 10 years

27

have been with HPD for more than 15 years

17

have been with HPD for more than 20 years

7

have been with HPD for more than 25 years

1

has been with HPD for more than 30 years



Officer Rich Quigley celebrated 30 years with HPD in 2017.



Officer Jeb Pencil graduated from the Columbus Police Academy, and joined patrol operations in 2017. From left, Lt. Doug Lightfoot, Chief Robert Fisher, Mayor Don Schonhardt, Officer Pencil, Deputy Chief Eric Grile, Lt. Ron Clark and Officer Mark Proud.



Seven officers made the decision to Wear The HPD Badge in 2017. Pictured, from left, are Greg Toczek, Jordan Lyle, Mike Taggart and Josh Howard.



Mayor Schonhardt swears in Public Relations Specialist Andrea Litchfield.



Sgt. Doug Lightfoot was promoted to Patrol Operations Bureau Lieutenant in February of 2017.

SERVICE CALLS: Officers only a call away



911

36,478
Call for services
responded to
by Hilliard police
in 2017.



On average, each of the agency's three K9 teams are used about 150 times per year, mostly for narcotics detection.



92 seconds

Average time it takes for a Hilliard police officer to be on the way from the time a caller dials 9-1-1.

Calls by day of the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4,307	5,304	5,502	5,616	5,532	5,595	4,622

Social Media

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Facebook continues to be the most popular way for the public to follow HPD on social media. The “Funnel Chunnel Challenge” was one of several Facebook events.



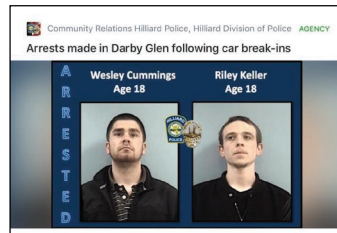
t 10,397

The agency gained its 10,000th follower on Twitter. The follower won a coffee mug filled with “swag” items.



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2017 served as the agency’s first full year on NextDoor after joining in December 2016. The social media site served as a way to promote events and share crime information.



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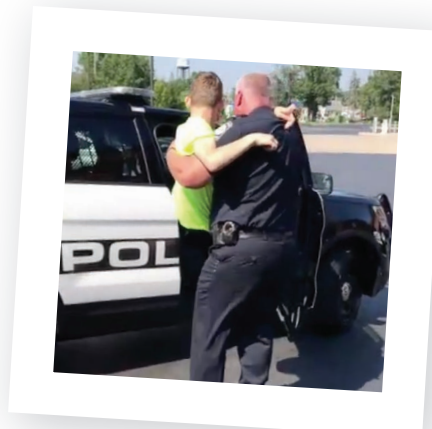
HPD launched its Instagram page over the summer as a way to further connect with the community on social media.



The agency enjoyed several viral videos and stories of the year as a result of social media posts, including a parody of the 1970s cops show “CHiPS” which starred Officer Brandon Long, a member of the Traffic Safety Unit, on his motorcycle. You can view the video on the City of Hilliard’s YouTube page.



Officer Hunter Schweickart received international attention in May when a post about him buying car seats for a family in need was posted to social media.



Lt. Lightfoot and his special friend Johnny appeared on media outlets throughout the state after their special cruiser ride.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is of high priority in Hilliard. In 2015, the agency launched its traffic safety unit. Members are assigned to cruisers and motorcycles and have received specialized training. The traffic safety unit is supplemented by the work of patrol officers.



Officer Shane O'Connor watches traffic to ensure drivers are safely navigating the roundabout at Main Street and Cemetery Road.



Traffic Safety Officer Brandon Long watches for speeders along Cosgray Road near a pedestrian crossing.

1,096

traffic crash reports by Hilliard Police in 2017

977 occurred on public property

92 occurred on private property

5,317

traffic stops made by officers

4,447 of those were for traffic violation.

2,402 traffic citations given out

1,962 warnings given



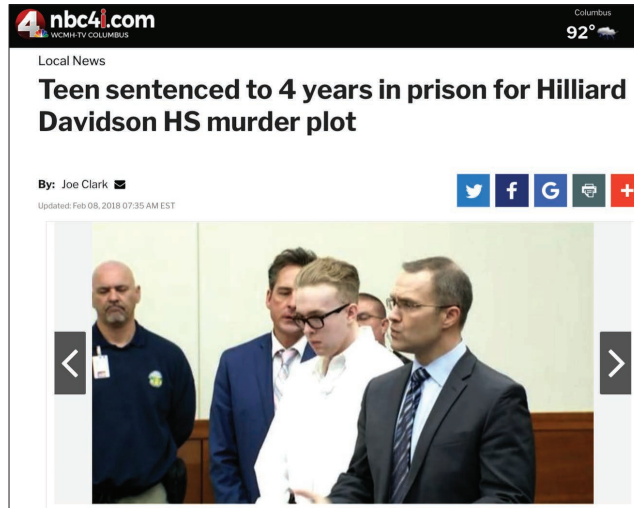
Bright named MADD 'Top Cop'

Ofc. Kyle Bright, a member of the Traffic Safety Unit, received the 2017 Top Cop Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for his OVI arrests and investigations.

Investigations Bureau

CIU: The Criminal Investigations Unit conducts a wide variety of investigations that require special expertise, including: arson, auto theft, burglaries, child abuse, embezzlement, financial crimes, forgery, fraud, homicides, identity thefts, juvenile matters, missing persons, narcotics, rape, robbery and sex crimes. The unit is provided with all the necessary equipment essential to investigating a wide range of offenses from breaking and entering to homicide. To assist with these investigations, detectives frequently receive advanced training in all areas of criminal investigation, including crime scene analysis and evidence collection. This advanced training, coupled with extensive experience, ensures that the citizens of Hilliard receive the best possible service.

617 cases investigated by the Criminal Investigation Unit in 2017.



One of the largest cases the unit investigated, a school shooting plot at Hilliard Davidson High School, resulted in the suspect being convicted of conspiracy to commit murder. The offender received a prison sentence.

SIU: The Special Investigations Unit is the proactive investigation and enforcement arm of the Division of Police. SIU is responsible for investigating narcotics, prostitution and gambling offenses, as well as fugitive apprehension, surveillance operation and search warrant executions. SIU also investigates pattern crimes that affect quality of life for residents. It is supervised by a sergeant and staffed by detectives.

75 cases investigated and 22 warrants served by the Special Investigations Unit in 2017.



Detective Chad Wood received his Master Criminal Investigator certificate from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in October. The program requires 192 hours of courses on various topics, including criminal investigation, sex crimes investigation, computer crimes and death investigation.

Community Relations



CPA: Citizens Police Academy

The 9th class of the Hilliard Citizens Police Academy joined our alumni organization. This interactive program teaches students what it's like to be a police officer, and creates a growing nucleus of well-informed citizens. Every Tuesday for 14 weeks evening students begin by eating dinner — which has been donated by our local businesses — with police and fire personnel. Classes focus on various topics, including criminal investigations, laws, K-9, radar, dispatch (NRECC) and fire.



Fingerprinting The agency debuted its EZ Child ID fingerprinting system in the summer of 2017. This tool allows parents to have their child's fingerprints and physical description at their fingertips should their child go missing. The kit was purchased through a generous grant from the Hilliard Community Foundation and Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS).



WSD: Women's Self Defense

One of our most popular programs is Women's Self Defense. This free course focuses on prevention strategies, with self-defense options which could be used as a last resort if attacked.



*Officers enjoyed the opportunity for casual conversation over a cup of Joe as part of the agency's newest program, **Coffee with A Cop**. This is your chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the law enforcement in Hilliard — one cup of coffee at a time.*



*The agency provides year-round **Station Tours** of its impressive facilities.*

HPD Gives Back

For years, the Hilliard Division of Police has made a conscious effort to implement a community-oriented policing philosophy and build a unique bond with the people of Hilliard. We are more than your average police force. Not only do we play a role in protecting the city, we also strive to promote positive relationships through our presence and engagement within the community.

Our roles in the community go beyond the line of duty to sporting events, city council meetings, community celebrations, educational programs and even volunteer functions. We take pride knowing that our uniform is a beacon to the community as a friendly face and dependable resource.



Shop with A Cop Twelve children enjoyed a Christmas they will never forget thanks to the agency's annual Shop with A Cop event, which is held every December. Officers volunteer their Saturday to take a child shopping at Target. After the shopping frenzy, children are invited back to the police station for lunch, movies and games while Santa's elves wrap their gifts.



More than 20 volunteers joined members of the agency to clean up graffiti in Hilliard. Ofc. Barnett led the effort!

HPD Gives Back - CONTINUED



Special Olympics Torch Run Rain didn't deter Hilliard officers from running in the Special Olympics Torch Run in June. This year, Lt. Clark wore a GoPro on his head during the jog, which raises money for Special Olympics of Ohio.



Penny 4 A Pound In 2017 Hilliard officers partnered with Norwich Township firefighters once again to lift for a good cause. Penny 4 A Pound was created by Lt. Doug Lightfoot in 2016 and continues to grow its philanthropic efforts. Hundreds of dollars was raised for Get Behind the Badge, an organization that provides financial assistance to families of first responders wounded or killed on duty.



In 2017, the agency started a new tradition. Instead of selling impounded bicycles, we're donating them to Goodwill.



Members of the agency's command staff enjoyed serving lunch to Hilliard veterans at the Phyllis A. Ernst Senior Center on Veterans Day. Several members of the leadership team are veterans themselves.

Opportunities at Hilliard PD

A Hilliard police officer performs proactive patrols to ensure compliance with laws and ordinances, answers calls when crime is suspected or an emergency occurs, and takes action to prevent crime and to apprehend criminals.



Training Officer Proud spoke to seniors about being aware of their surroundings, as well as using physical tactics to defend themselves, at the senior center. Situational Awareness was one of the many community classes he taught this year.



Training Ofc. Pencil trains with Officer Proud at the range. Shotgun is one of several weapons we test proficiency on each year.



K9 K9 Officer Eros, a Belgian Malinois, retired in January from the Hilliard Division of Police. In October of 2017, K9 Jawaak became the agency's sixth dog to serve in the Division since the program was established in June of 2005. On average, the Division's K9 unit assists in 60 arrests per year, per team. Each team is used about 150 times per year, mostly for narcotic detection. The unit is often called upon by other law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio for assistance, and works closely with Hilliard City Schools in its dedication to keeping the schools drug-free.

60 arrests per year assisted by each K9 team.



Officer Large and K9 Oz keep watch over the Sept. 11 ceremony at First Responders Park.

Opportunities at Hilliard PD - CONTINUED

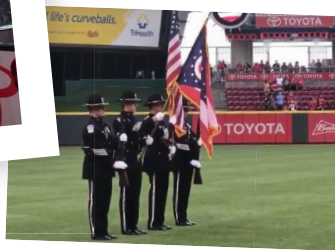


Bicycle Unit These officers received specialized training in bicycle operations, and can easily access areas restricted to automobile patrol. The unit is often spotted patrolling Old Hilliard during summer events.

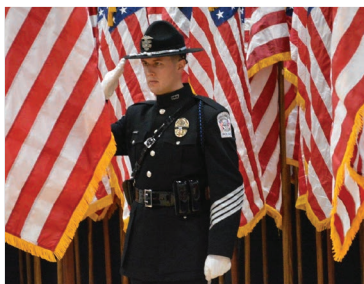
Honor Guard It's an honor to represent our agency, our city and our country. The guard participated in various parades and recognition ceremonies, including the National Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony in May in which we unveiled our newest memorial recognizing local first responders who died in the line of duty. Officer Sean Johnson, who we lost in 2016, was honored as the first — and hopefully last— name on the memorial.



The Division's Honor Guard was invited to present the colors at a Cincinnati Reds baseball game and a Columbus Blue jackets hockey game.



The Honor Guard were among agency members who traveled to Washington D.C. to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in May. Hilliard Officer Sean Johnson, who died in the line of duty in 2016, was among those honored at the 2017 ceremony during National Police Week.



Officer Tony Agosta, a member of the Honor Guard, salutes the American Flag at the Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony, held every May at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio.

Awards & Recognition

Hilliard police officers were recognized by various community institutions, as well as their peers, throughout the year for their work on and off the streets. We're proud to have each of them representing the division.



Sgt. Josh Cohill graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) in November. PELC is an intensive learning experience focused on leadership skills.



Sgt. John Higgins was named the American Legion Post 532 Law Officer of the Year.



Officer Tom Morris received the Police Officer of the Year Award from the Hilliard Optimists Club.



Officer Brandon Long received the Hometown Hero Award from CME Credit Union and Sunny 95. Long serves the community within and outside the agency as a traffic safety officer and volunteer for Special Olympics.



Officer Tony Agosta received the Hilliard VFW Post 4931 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

Awards & Recognition - CONTINUED



Officer Vance was recognized by his supervisor, Sgt. Cramer, for his outstanding work in July, which included performing CPR on a 7-year-old, finding a stolen car and recovering stolen property.



Officer Okey and **Sgt. Settles** were recognized for giving CPR to a non-responsive man. Medical staff credit the two with saving his life.



At the Franklin County Sheriffs Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner, **Officer Hunter Schweickart** received the STAR award.



Officer Jon Gleason, a School Resource Officer at Hilliard Darby High School, accepted the Officer Of The Year Award from Central Ohio Crime Stoppers.