
2017 Annual Report

Greensburg Police Department



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Our Mission:

As members of the Greensburg Police Department our mission is to provide a professional community-oriented department. We are committed to creating and maintaining an active community partnership and assisting citizens in identifying and solving problems to improve the quality of lives in our neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life, property, and maintaining order while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

Our Vision:

The Greensburg Police Department is committed to enhancing the safety and security of our citizens by providing effective, efficient, law enforcement and promoting community partnerships.

Our Values:

Integrity – Recognizing right from wrong and the willingness to do what is right, no matter the consequences. Set the example.

Quality Service – Providing the highest level of service to our community. Set the example.

Accountability – Accepting responsibility for our decisions and actions.

RESPECT – Valuing human life while having considerate and courteous regard for all persons. We follow, honor and defend the constitution of this country.



Overview from Chief Brendan Bridges for 2017

I am pleased to present this annual report depicting in summary for the organization and the operations of the Greensburg Police Department over the past calendar year.

In 2017 the City of Greensburg Police Department became fully staffed since 2014. The Greensburg Police Department had a year that we have not seen in the 16 years that I have been on the department. In the past few years all across the country we have seen an increase in narcotics along with other crimes. The number one priority of the Greensburg Police Department is the safety of the community and decreases criminal activity in our area. We are seeing more narcotics coming into our community via outside resources. Toward the end of the year we have been focusing on new ways of policing that we have never seen in our community. By changing the ways we police we have seen a record number of narcotics (street value) taken off the streets.

For the past three years as Chief, we have now hired over half the department. We are hiring at a high level in which we have not seen for a long time. My goal is to put the best product on the street for the City of Greensburg. I want this department to be a department that the citizens talk about and other departments look at for positive policing. So far we have seen this positive policing in 2017 and I know we will increase the department's integrity in 2018. We are a very young department, but we are a department that wants to strive to be the best and we want to learn so that we are putting the best on the street.

The Greensburg Police Department is also focused on community policing as being the single most important way to perform our jobs. We understand that without the support of our community we cannot function as a successful department. The public is vital in how we perform our duties and work our investigations. We have been involved in the public through several different ways in the past year. Later in this report you will see the various ways we are engaging the community and our youth.

In 2017, the Greensburg Police Department purchased and began outfitting each officer and police vehicle with Watchguard 4RE In-Car cameras that will integrate with the body cameras that we have been using since 2015. These cameras that we have purchase have been



very instrumental in several of our investigation. One example was a traffic stop that led to a pursuit. During the pursuit the suspect threw out what ended up being the largest cash amount (street value) of Heroin. We were about to go back and so Prosecutors the exact time that the narcotics were thrown from the vehicle. We have had several outside agencies looking to upgrade their systems to mirror what we are doing in our agency.

In 2017 the Greensburg Police Department fully implemented the Bike Patrol Program. Greensburg Police Officers dedicated 70 hours to patrolling throughout the city limits. The main focus was evening to late night hours due to the increase that we saw with vehicle break-ins.

Another event that the Greensburg Police Department started in 2017 was the 1st Annual Special Olympics Torch Run. This was the 1st time that this event took place in the City of Greensburg and we hope to continue this tradition over the next several years. The Greensburg Police Department also participated in Tip-A-Cop, Polar Plunge, and the 1st ever Unified Relay at the Olympics games where Chief Bridges brought home the Gold Medal. Chief Bridges also participated in the Torch Lighting Ceremonies at the Opening Games at Summer Games in Terre Haute.

In late 2017 the Greensburg Police Department also began working Criminal Interdiction in the City of Greensburg. Our goal is to protect the citizens of illegal narcotics and criminal activity. One major issue that we are seeing is the jail overcrowding. We are seeing individuals that we are arresting back on the streets within a couple days. A couple individuals we have arrested 6 to 7 times within several months.

Part of the Criminal Interdiction that we are working is to ensure that citizens are being protected by placing extra officers on shift due to the increase of crimes that we are seeing. We are being told that this increase of crime will not be resolved until possibly 2021 or 2022 when the new jail is built.

One program that we are still working on is getting officers in the schools to try and make a difference in children's lives to keep them out of trouble and going down a bad path.



Department Overview

In the beginning of 2017, the Greensburg Police Department was staffed with 19 officers and 1 civilian employee. Most officers (16) are assigned to patrol shifts. In 2017 our Detective Division was staffed with 3 investigators in which they covered on call 24/7. The Greensburg Police Department supervisors are made up of the Chief of Police, Captain of Investigations and 1 Patrol Captain. They oversee the daily operations and duties of the Greensburg Police Department.

In 2017 the Greensburg Police Department became fully staffed for the first time in almost three years.

In Dispatch, the Greensburg Police Department had 8 full-time dispatchers and 6 part-time dispatcher that covered a 24/7 period. One major change that the Greensburg Police Department saw was the approval by the 911 Board, County Council and City Council to centralize the City and County Dispatch Centers that would take effect in 2016. The Greensburg Police Department also has an administrative assistant that works 5 days a week and is accessible to the public for reports and other information.

Budget Overview

Our operating budget in 2017 was \$1.5 million. Personal related expenses make up the most of our operating budget. The police department also used funding from Federal Equitable Sharing to purchase Level IV Vest for all officers. The Greensburg Police Department also received a couple of grants to fund different project that implemented in 2017.

The Greensburg Police Department also rose close to \$17,000 in donations for the K-9 Program. Some of those proceeds went back to pay for our large events fundraiser with the T-Shirts.

The Greensburg Police Department will continue to work trying to find different funding to continue with projects that will continue to keep the community safe.



Public Relation and Community Policing

Working with the public is one of the high priorities of the Greensburg Police Department. We understand the relationship with the public can make our department successful in the duties that we perform. The following are just a few services that the Greensburg Police Department participated in throughout the 2015 year.

- Guided tours of the police department to several organizations
- Officers handed out safety information to kids at YMCA Child Safety Fair and spoke with them on Preventing Bullying
- Cross Country bicycle races
- Numerous Parades and Festivals
- Wal-Mart securities (Thanksgiving night)
- Greensburg Prevention Group
- Security at Greensburg High School (Football and Basketball games)
- Decatur County 4Kids programs
- Department Instructor's go outside the department to assist in training at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and other agencies when requested
- Speaking Engagements to businesses or groups that request Law Enforcement
- Provide Road Closures for Benefit Walks and Runs
- Big-N-Blue-Officers bowl with kids from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Speaking engagements at the Community Schools
- 1st Annual Torch Run
- Special Olympics
- Safety Programs at Developmental Services
- Reading Books at the Elementary Schools



Training for 2017

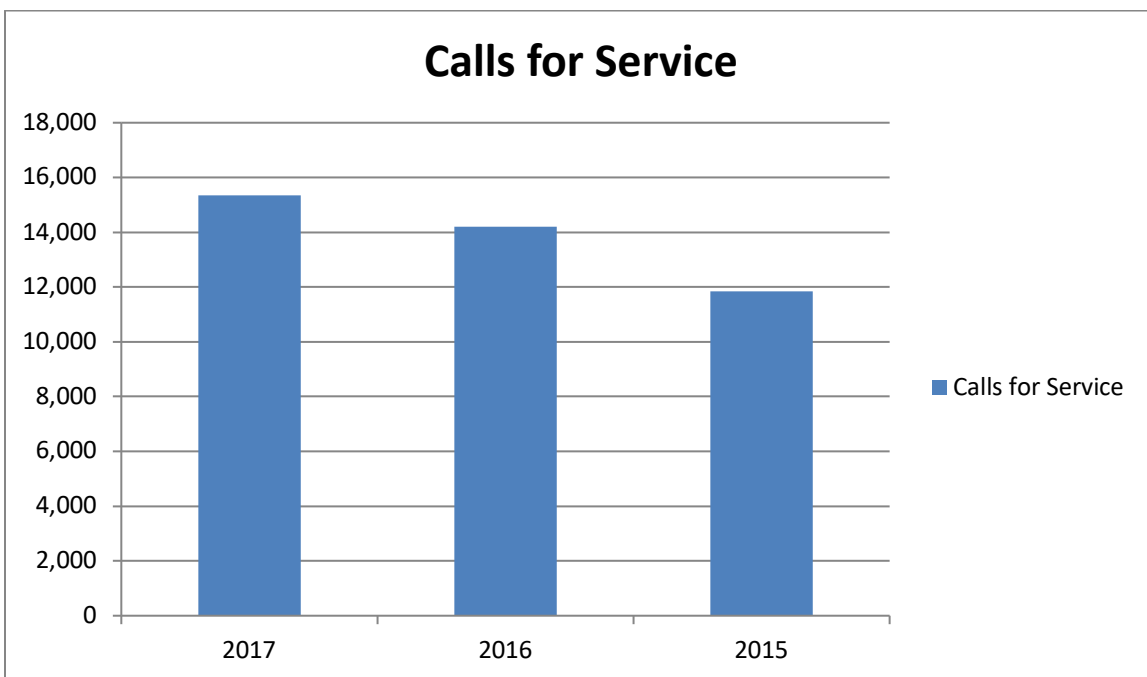
Each year the Greensburg Police Department receives roughly 130 hours of continuing training. This training consist of mandatory training that the State of Indiana Requires law enforcement to maintain. Other training that the Greensburg Police Department receives varies from year to year. With our department being so young it is instrumental to get these officers into training that will benefit themselves and the City of Greensburg. I want to put the best trained officers on the street for our community. Listed below is just some of the training that each officer with the Greensburg Police Department receives yearly.

- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Blood borne pathogens
- Human Trafficking
- HAZMAT
- Addictions (Narcotics)
- Mental Illness
- Alzheimer's, Dementia, Endangered Adults
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
- IDACS
- Active Shooter Training with Simunition (This was done at a military base)
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Physical tactics
- Critical Incident Training
- Response to bombs, biological and chemical weapons
- S.T.O.P.S. (Strategies and Tactics of Patrol Stops) Pedestrian and Vehicle Stops
- CPR
- Firearms (Handgun, Shotgun, Less Lethal, Carbine)
- Spillman (Computer Aided Dispatch System)
- Drug Interdiction
- Drug Recognition Training



Calls for Service

In 2017 we saw an increase of a little over 1,000 calls in 2016 and an increase of 4,000 from 2015. From what we are seeing I look for our calls to surpass 16,000 in 2018. A large reason for these increases is from suspicious persons calls along with thefts and narcotics arrest.



Total Calls for Service

2017
15,339

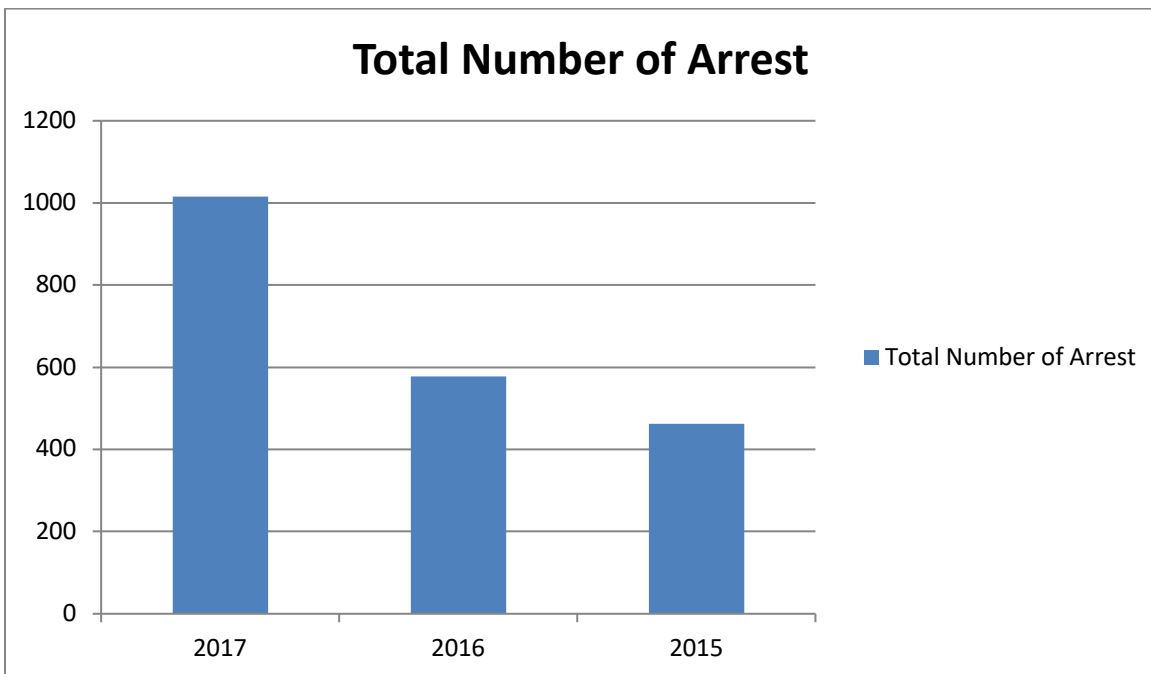
2016
14,196

2015
11,839



Criminal and Juvenile Arrest

In 2017 we saw an increase just less than 500 arrest. We have seen a large increase in narcotics arrest along with Thefts. Another reason for the increase is due to the department being back at full strength. We are already seeing an increase of arrest in 2018. In 20 years we have not seen this amount of arrest at the Greensburg Police Department.



Total Adult Arrest

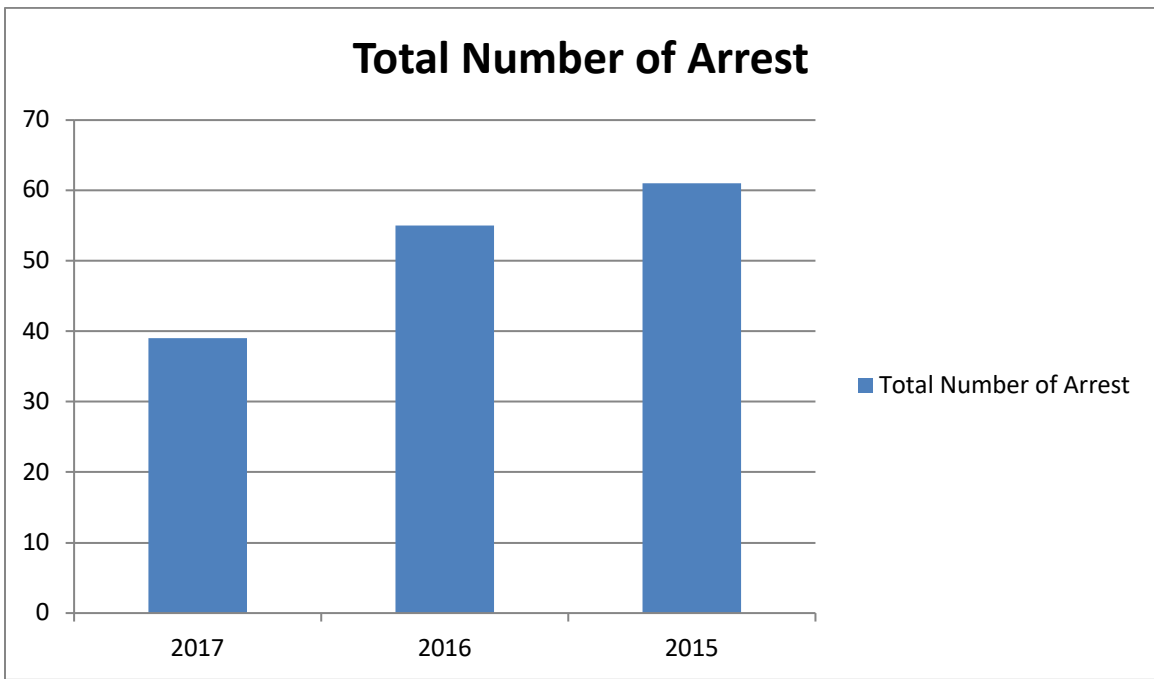
2017
1015

2016
578

2015
463



Juvenile Arrest



Total Number of Juvenile Arrest

2017
39

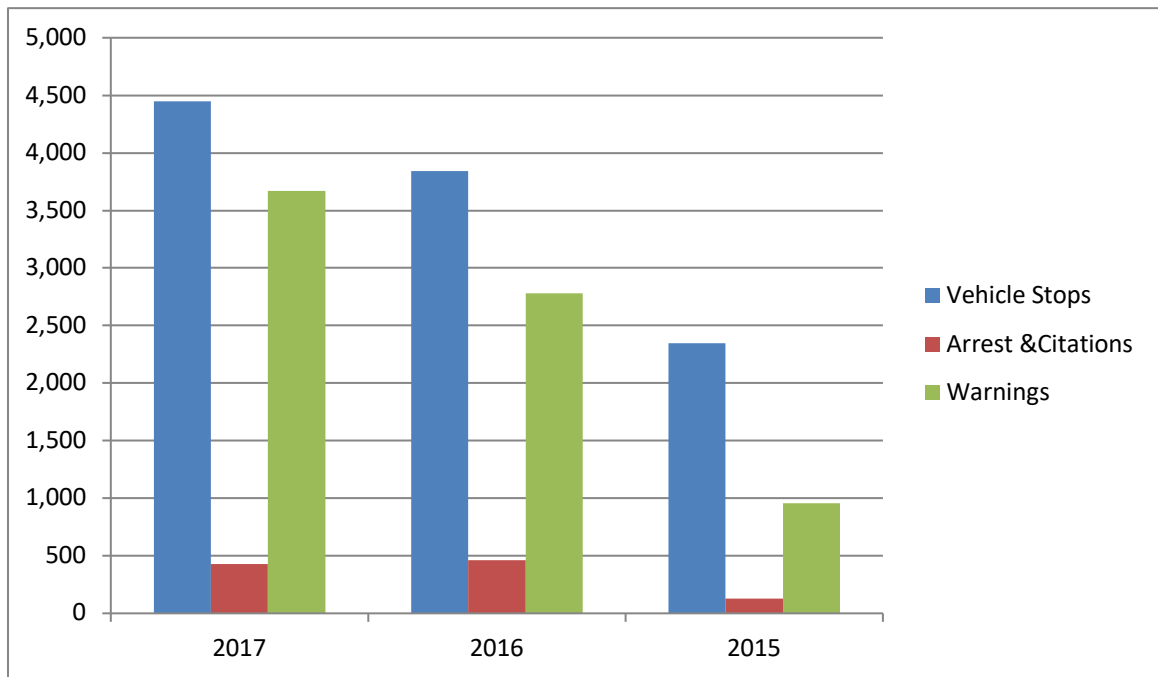
2016
55

2015
61



Traffic Enforcement

In 2017 we stopped just less than 4,500 vehicles. One reason for this increase was the number of accidents we saw over the past couple years and the 4 fatalities that we investigated in 2016. We saw a decrease in all areas of accidents and had no fatalities. We are still seeing a large number of accidents that are occurring on private property in parking lots.



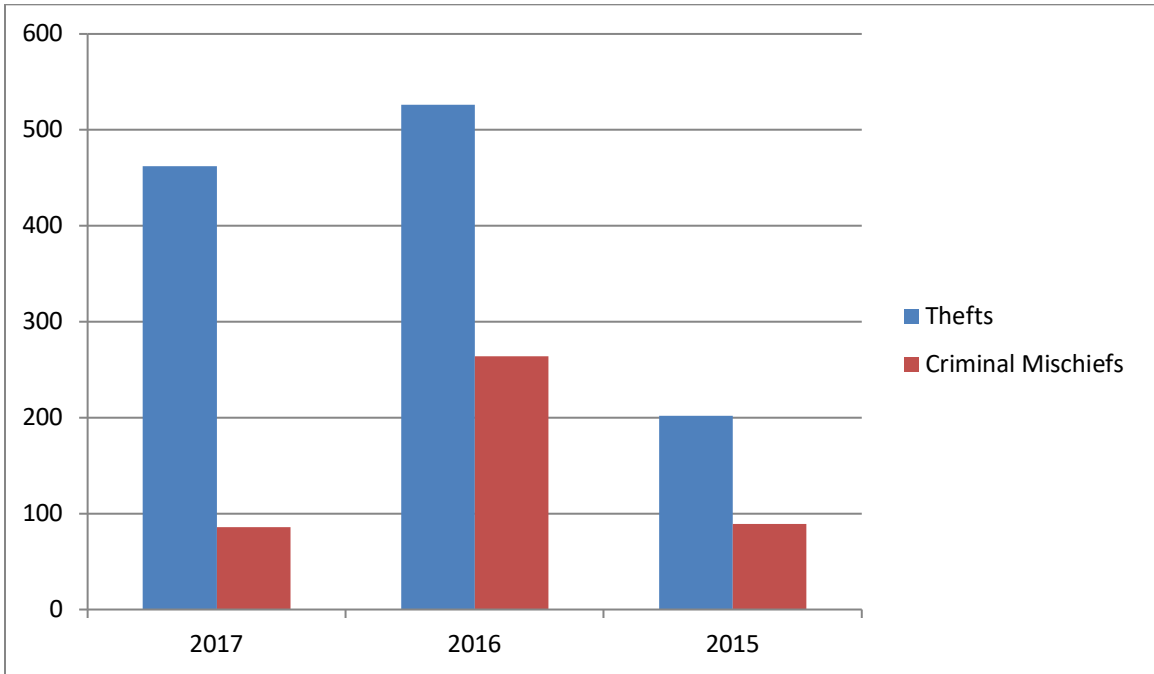
*Not all non-injury accidents resulted in reports

Vehicle Accidents

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Non-Injury	458	573	478
Injury	78	148	65
Fatalities	0	4	0



Thefts and Criminal Mischief Calls



*Past numbers can be off due to different CAD System

Theft

2017
462

2016
526

2015
202

Criminal Mischief

2017
86

2016
264

2015
89



Criminal Investigations

In 2017 CID was comprised of 3 Investigators.

Det. Mike McNealy is a 15 year law enforcement officer and a 12 year veteran of the Greensburg Police Department and has 2 years in investigations. Det. McNealy is the supervisor of CID, Spillman Agency Administrator, property room supervisor, carries a general crimes case load and fulfills other administrative tasks within the department.

Det. Steve Barnes is a 23 year law enforcement officer with 20 years with GPD and a total of 4 years in investigations. Det Barnes is the lead officer on most Crimes Against Children, Carries a majority of the general crimes case load, firearms instructor, and the department lab specialist

Narcotics Det. Mark Naylor is a 7 year law enforcement officer and a 2 year veteran with GPD and has 1 year in investigations. Det. Naylor is the lead investigator for all narcotics investigations and is the departments STOPS instructor.

We are excited to bring in another narcotics detective in January of 2018 to assist Det. Naylor Our 2 general crimes detectives worked 140 cases in 2017. Some of those cases were generated in investigations and some were finishing up cases started by our road officers. Included in the investigations were 4 rape cases. One was a travelling sales person that met a co-worker at a local motel. The second was a local drug dealer who raped his ex-girlfriend and then went on the run for a few months before finally being arrested.

Det. Steve Barnes closed a cold case of a 2011 Child Molestation case that resulted in a Class A felony charge. In another case a disclosure of child molestation from the schools safe body program resulted in a Class A Felony charge as well, these two crimes took place prior to the Felony changes in late 2016.

2 investigations led to the arrest of convicted child molesters on the Indiana Sex offender Registry, one case involved Detective Naylor posing as a juvenile female who was contacted by the offender. The offender requested pornographic materials from the juvenile and solicited sexual contact.



An investigation at a local motel resulted in Level 3 Felony charges on a local man for Aggravated Battery when he severely battered his sister.

All three investigators poured hours into a shooting that occurred at a local trailer court. Det. McNealy ended the investigation with charges on three suspects for Felony Murder as well as other charges.

Crimes Against Children

We continue to see an alarming number of Crimes against Children in this community. These crimes take an enormous amount of time because of the delicateness of the victims, the number of witnesses to talk to and the amount of drive time to see a Child Forensic Interviewer. We investigated 37 Crimes Against Children. We logged approx. 70 hours of drive time to see a Forensic Interviewer.

Narcotics

In 2017 we worked with 6 other agencies to further their and our narcotics cases including local, state and federal agencies. We had a total of 31 narcotics cases. We had a number of drug buys and surveillance on multiple targets. We sent two detectives to the well-respected Indiana Covert Drug Investigation School, 2 to the DEA moving surveillance school, and all three detectives attended Kinesics Interview and Interrogation School.

A multi-agency, multi-month investigation led to the arrest of a Greensburg resident resulting in 3 level 2 felony buys within 500 feet of Greensburg High School.

An investigation beginning in Greensburg led to an undercover buy by our narcotics detective in a surrounding county. The drugs bought were linked to be directly coming back to Greensburg. Another drug investigation led to yet another surrounding county which resulted in multiple high level charges on drug dealers in Columbus, Indiana.

A drug dealer was arrested in Greensburg after making multiple buys from undercover officers and a confidential informant in Greensburg, These drug buys were taking place at a local gas station during busy hours of operation and right next to cars occupied by residents and their families of Greensburg.

Investigations totaled 79 arrests out of the 182 cases assigned.



Goals Set for 2017

Below are goals that I set for the Greensburg Police Department for the 2017 calendar year.

- Add Narcotics Officer to Investigations (**We added a full-time narcotics officer in March of 2017**)
- Begin Funding for K-9 Program (**We as a department raised enough money to purchase a K-9 and the training for the K-9 and officer**) Training began January the 15th 2018.
- Increase number of OWI arrest (**We saw an increase in the number of OIWI arrest in 2017**)
- Begin adding In-Car Cameras in vehicles (**We added an additional 6 cameras in vehicles**)
- Get officers involved in more community services. (**Officers participated in several different community service programs**)
- Continue to work on Public Service Announcements and continue to find ways to lower the amount of accidents that we are seeing in the City of Greensburg. (**Greensburg Officers increased patrols throughout the city and we were able to decrease accidents all around but most importantly fatalities**)
- Increase narcotics investigations by patrol officer. (**In 2017 we saw a large increase in the number of narcotics arrest. We also saw an increase of narcotics weight that was taken off the street**).
- Fully implement the Bicycle Program (**The Bike Program is fully up and running and we are looking to increase the number of hours 4x what we rode in 2017**)



GOALS FOR 2018

-Increase Criminal Interdiction patrols to help decrease the number of narcotics that we are seeing come into the City of Greensburg.

-Add a 2nd K-9 to the Greensburg Police Department. This will allow a second dog to go to the other shift that will cut down on call outs. This will also benefit the city by increases narcotics arrest.

-Increase Narcotics Arrest. If we do not focus on this issue now, then we could easily fall behind. Narcotics goes right along with other criminal activity that we are seeing i.e. Thefts, Burglaries etc.

-Begin having lunch with Elementary Students. I feel that it is important to reach these kids at a young age and educate them. Plus it will allow them to sit with officers and see the other side of who we are. Several programs sometimes focus on only 10 to 15 percent of kids, and I feel that we need to focus on 60 to 70 percent.

-Increase the number of arrest and promotion on Operating While Intoxicated. This is not only with alcohol but narcotics also. We are seeing an increase of drivers under the influence of narcotics.

-More community relations. Put officer's feet on the ground and speak with the citizens about the issues they may be seeing in their community. Also alert them to criminal activity that may be occurring in their neighborhoods.



High Profile Cases of 2017

-Throughout 2017 we received over 100 calls over vehicles that had been unlocked and ransacked or some that had broken into. Greensburg Officers arrested 6 different groups or individuals that had been getting into vehicles throughout the year. Some articles were recovered including firearms.

-On January 11, 2017 around 11:24 a.m., Greensburg Officers were dispatched to the area of a local Greensburg School in reference to a couple complaints of possible gunshots that were heard in the area. Officers with the Greensburg Police Department and Decatur Co. Sheriff's Department quickly responded to the area of the schools and began to investigate the report. An off-duty Greensburg Officer heard the call on the radio and also responded to the area in which officers were being dispatched. The off-duty Greensburg Officer located the vehicle that matched the description that was given by complainant. The Greensburg Officer stopped the vehicle at the I-74 overpass at the 132MM. A local Greensburg resident was arrested and was in possession of a firearm.

-On January 26, 2017 Greensburg Officers were dispatched to 2034 N Moscow Rd in reference to shots fired calls. When officers arrived they began investigating the claims. Officers learned that a male has fired a couple of shots into a vehicle in which a male was nearby. This incident stemmed from a domestic dispute. The male fled the scene and was later arrested. The individual was later found guilty and sentenced to 30+ years in prison.

-In May 2017 Greensburg Officers began investigating a report of a battery that occurred in the 500 Blk of W Main St. Through the investigation 17 felony charges were filed on two local individuals. This incident was caused while one of the subjects was allegedly in possession of a firearm. Other charges that were filed were Burglary, Criminal Confinement, Intimidation, Stalking and Aggravated Battery.

-In May 2017 Greensburg Officers responded to a call at 2034 N. Moscow Rd. While investigating the incident two individuals fled from the trailer from officers. Those two individuals were apprehended after a brief foot pursuit. A search warrant was later



signed and narcotics were located in the trailer. A total of 6 individuals were taken into custody on narcotics charges.

-In June 2017 Greensburg officers began investigating reports of a female that had tried to enter residences and vehicles in the City of Greensburg. The female later stole a motor vehicle from a local business and then tried fleeing the area on a lawn mower. The female was apprehended and charged with several felony charges including Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Narcotics charges.

-In June 2017 Greensburg officers responded to a call of a suspicious male in a local apartment complex. When officers arrived and began investigating the incident they located a male and quickly detained him due to a narcotics investigation. During the investigation officers located over 10,000 in cash, over 2 pounds of Marijuana and several other narcotics including controlled substances.

-In June 2017 Greensburg officers learned that a male that they had investigated for Rape and Criminal Confinement was located and picked up a warrant for these charges. This male was making it known that he was in possession of firearms and was hiding from law enforcements officers. The male was taken into custody after trying to flee and resist officers from the Sheriff's Department.

-Six people are in custody after police recovered a sizable amount of methamphetamine and two firearms when the Columbus Police Department SWAT Team served a search warrant at 1945 Dawnshire Drive Thursday evening. The SWAT team was assisted by JNET detectives and officers from the Greensburg Police Department as well as the Indiana State Police. The search warrant was a result of a ongoing narcotics investigation between JNET and the Greensburg Police Department. During the investigation officers learned that the suspects inside the home were armed and the CPD SWAT Team was requested to assist with the warrant service. Officers arrested six people and recovered approximately 50 grams of methamphetamine, a small amount of marijuana, heroin, and two handguns. One of the suspects sustained a dog bite from a CPD K-9 during the raid. This incident resulted from a narcotics arrest that Greensburg officers made.



-On June 23, 2017 Greensburg Officers were dispatched to I-74 for a possible intoxicated driver. Ptm. Devin Moore located a White Van with an Illinois plate that was called into the dispatch center as the vehicle in question. As the van approached the 134 exit, Ptm. Moore conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and identified the driver of the vehicle as 37 year old Antwain Triplett of Chicago, Illinois. During the stop Lt. Chris Bridges began to assist. During the course of the traffic stop officers began to investigate the stop as a possible narcotics investigation. As officers continued to speak with Mr. Triplett, he was asked to step out of the vehicle. Mr. Triplett then put his vehicle into gear and began to flee from officers. As Mr. Triplett fled, Lt. Bridges was struck by the door frame of the vehicle causing minor injuries to the officers' right arm and right leg. Officers then began to pursue Mr. Triplett on St Rd 3 North. Mr. Triplett came to a stop at N. State Rd 3 and 300 N. Mr. Triplett was then taken into custody by officers. Mr. Triplett was then transported to the Decatur Co Jail. After a lengthy investigation by patrol officers and Greensburg Detectives Mr. Triplett was arrested on several narcotics violations. Officers recovered approx. 200 grams of Heroin and approx. 10 grams of Marijuana.

-In August 2017 Greensburg Officers responded to reports of shot fired with an individual with a gunshot wound. When officers arrived they located a male with a gunshot wound, who was transported to the Decatur Co Hospital where he later died. After several days Greensburg detectives arrested three individuals for Murder and another individual was arrested on Firearm related charges.

-In November 2017 Greensburg officers responded to the 300 Blk of S Broadway St in reference to a narcotics investigation. During the investigation officers arrested a local male on several narcotics charges. Officer located over 6 oz of Marijuana and over 7 grams of wax Marijuana. Other narcotics were located in the residence and the male was charged with several other offenses.



There are several other cases that I could also list. In 2017 Greensburg Police Officers were involved in dozens of high profile arrest. We currently have a department that is performing on high levels and the City of Greensburg should be proud of the officers that have taken focus to protect our citizens from narcotics, property crimes and crimes against persons.

We will continue to focus on narcotics inside the City of Greensburg and narcotics that are coming into our city from larger cities. Narcotics are the driving factor on why we are seeing an increase in property crimes. If we do not continue to take narcotics off the street then you will see a large increase of property crimes and crimes against persons.

The Greensburg Police Department are dedicating to protecting the citizens against individuals that do not respect other peoples properties. Currently we are seeing an increase in vehicles that are being targeted by several groups of individuals. Before long if we do not continue to protect the citizens of Greensburg at a high level we will begin seeing homes broken into. We are dedicated to working with the community to receive information to bring individuals to justice.

The momentum that the City of Greensburg is seeing from the Greensburg Police Department is at an all-time high and I hope with the support of the city and citizens that we continue to perform at these levels. We will continue to train our officers will top level training so that we are putting the best product on the streets to protect Greensburg's citizens and property.