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# 2018 Annual Report

Greensburg Police Department

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City of Greensburg

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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 2018

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.

The number one priority of the Greensburg Police Department is the safety of the community and decreasing criminal activity in our area. In 2018 one of our goals was to continue to get narcotics off the streets. I want people that are involved in narcotics to feel uncomfortable. As we continue to fight the narcotics problem, we will see a decrease in other crimes that are related to narcotics i.e. thefts and burglaries.

In 2018 the Greensburg Police Department put their 21<sup>st</sup> officer on the street in January. We immediately felt the impact of having an additional officer. This allowed our agency to increase the narcotics investigation. The Greensburg Police Department saw a significant increase in narcotics arrests and several areas of concerns in the city were rid of high traffic that included narcotics. The Greensburg Police Department knows that we still have to continue to perform at a high level to continue to reduce narcotics in our community.

The Greensburg Police Department is also focused on community policing as being the single most important way to perform our jobs. The Greensburg Police Department continued to participate in several different events where our officers could speak with the community. The Greensburg Police Department Bike Unit had a couple officers added to the team and we were able to increase our patrol hour on the bikes. This is a program that will continue to grow through the years. We also began passing out cards when significant crime was in the area or if there was a violent crime committed. In 2019 the Greensburg Police Department will continue to expand with community policing and communication to serve at a higher level.

<p><b>GREENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> Greensburg, IN</p> <p>OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF VEHICLE BREAK-INS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE GREENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM THEIR CARS AND LOCK YOUR VEHICLES OR YOU ARE SUBJECT TO BEING VICTIMIZED. ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OCCURRING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT THE GREENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DECREASE CRIME.</p> <p>Call (812) 663-3131      Anonymous Hotline (812) 66 - CRIME</p>
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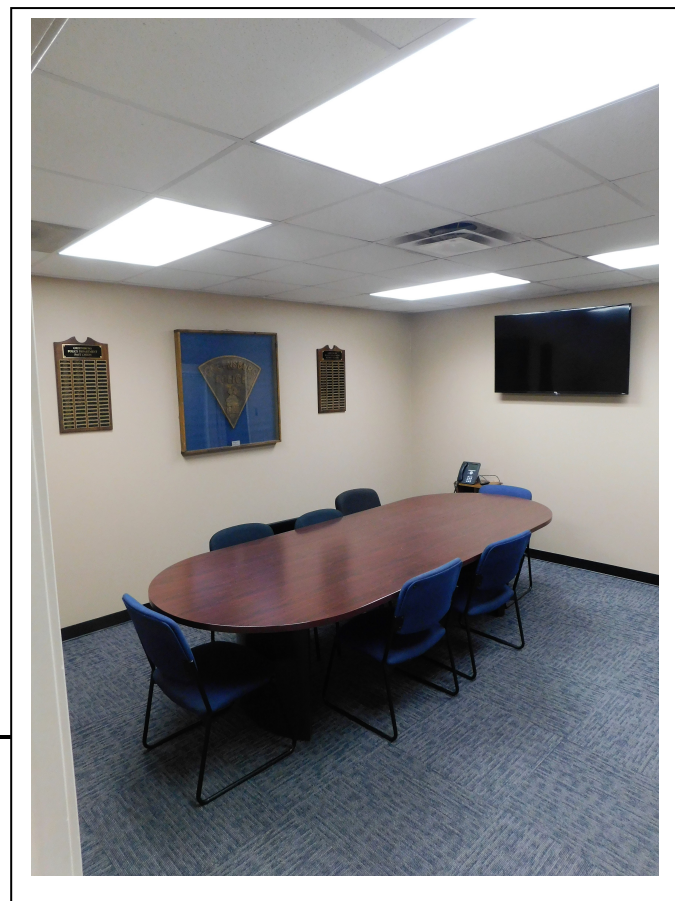
<p><b>GREENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> Greensburg, IN</p> <p>DEAR RESIDENT:</p> <p>A _____ has occurred in your neighborhood sometime between ____/____/____ at ____ am/pm and ____/____/____ at ____ am/pm.</p> <p>Your Police Department is urgently looking for any information concerning this crime including any suspicious activity involving vehicles and/or persons that were in the area around the above noted date and time. We want to solve this crime as quickly as possible so we can prevent any future crimes in your neighborhood.</p> <p>If you have ANY information whatsoever that may assist us in solving this crime or have any questions, please contact _____</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>(812) 663-3131      Anonymous Hotline: (812) 66 - CRIME</p>
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In 2018 the Greensburg Police Department made improvements to our building so that we can continue to serve the community at a high level. The training room was upgraded so that we can look to bring better training to the Greensburg Police Department. New TV's were installed for better visual aid purposes and new office equipment was purchased.

Our conference room was also upgraded with new equipment. This allows the command staff to meet and discuss current trends and areas that we need to approve on. With our Spillman computer aided system and Compstat crime reports, we can show where we are experiencing crimes throughout the city. This allows supervisors to strategically place officers throughout the city to decrease crime.





## **Department Overview**

In the beginning of 2018, the Greensburg Police Department was staffed with 21 officers and 1 civilian employee. Most officers are assigned to patrol shifts. In 2018 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, Assistant Chief, and 1 Patrol Captain. They oversee the daily operations and duties of the Greensburg Police Department.

In 2018 the Greensburg Police Department hired an officer which put the number of 21 officers. This was a great asset to the agency allowing for another officer to be on patrol with in the city.

The Greensburg Police Department is dedicated to providing the best possible service to the community. With the addition of these officers it will allow the Greensburg Police Department to continue more proactive policing which in return reduce the crime rates.

In 2018 the Greensburg Police Department had 2 full time School Resource Officers and 1 Part time SRO. The full time SRO's are in the High School and Jr. High and the part time is in the Elementary. We are looking at putting programs into the Elementary School to reach these kids at a younger age.

We have several specialized units and officers that are trained in several different areas. The Greensburg Police Department has a Tactical Team that currently has 10 members assigned to it. We have two K-9's on shift that are narcotics only. We have two officers dedicated to Narcotics and they currently handle city and county narcotics cases with the assistance of the Indiana State Police. We have two patrol officers that are certified in Drug Recognition which assist in recognizing suspected drivers of operating under the influence of narcotics.

## **Budget Overview**

Our operating budget in 2018 was \$1.5 million. Personnel related expenses make up the most of our operating budget. In 2018 the City of Greensburg and Decatur Co added a Public Safety Tax which will assist in adding personnel and equipment to our public safety sector. In 2018 the Greensburg City Council approved to hire an additional 2 officers to the Greensburg Police Department and those officers are slated to start January 2019.



## 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 2018 year.

- Guided tours of the police department to several organizations
- Began speaking opportunities in the elementary on bullying and other topics with the kids.
- 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
- Special Olympics
- Safety Programs at Developmental Services
- Bike Safety talks



Lt. Jarrod McCalvin (SADD Club) works with the National Guard on a SADD project. Greensburg High School SADD has received statewide awards.





## **Training for 2018**

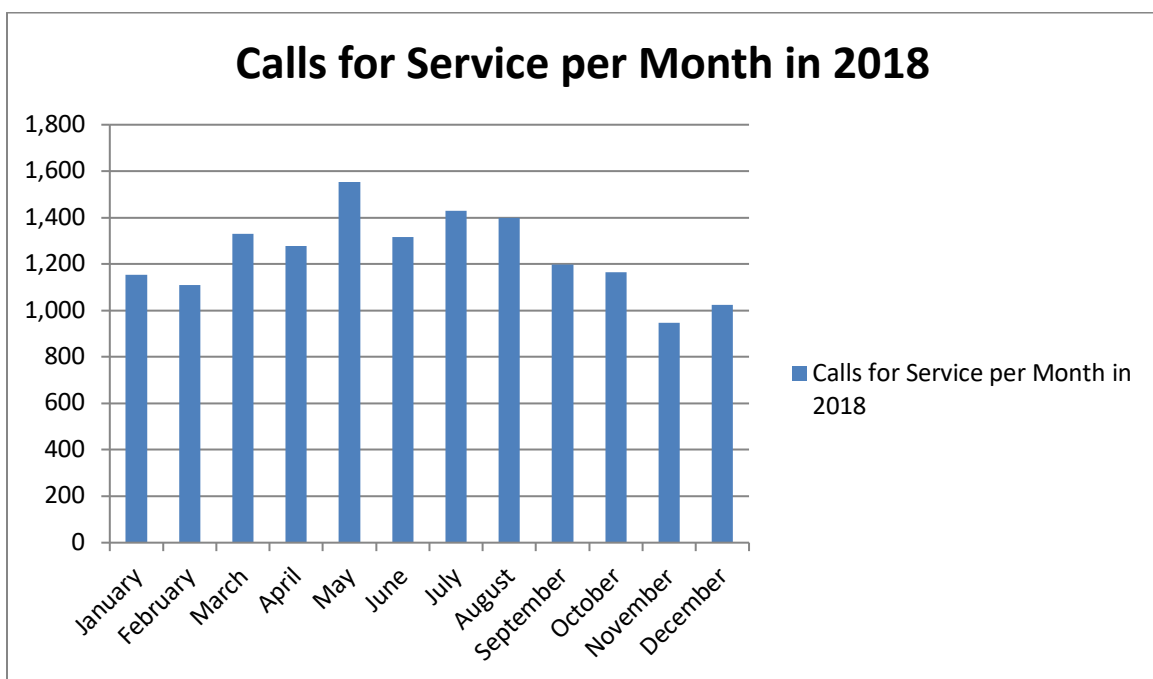
Each year the Greensburg Police Department receives roughly 130 hours of continuing training. This training consist of mandatory training that the State of Indiana Requires law enforcement to maintain. Other training that the Greensburg Police Department receives varies from year to year. With our department 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 in 2018.

- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Blood borne pathogens
- Human Trafficking
- HAZMAT
- Autism
- 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)
- Stop the Bleed Program (Trauma training)
- Drug Interdiction
- Drug Recognition Training



### **Uniform Division**

When a person within the city requests law enforcement assistance for any reason, the Uniform Division is our first response. While these officers respond when citizens call for help (calls for service), they also proactively work hard to protect you and your property. Contained within our Uniform Division are several specialty units – School Resource Officers, K-9 Officers and Bike Patrol Officers.



In 2018 we saw a decrease of a little over 400 calls. The decrease in calls this year can be attributed to officers increasing their patrol activity and an increase of arrests. Officers making quality arrests is placing some of our repeat offenders in jail for extended times.

### **Yearly Total Calls for Service**

**2018**

14,897

**2017**

15,339

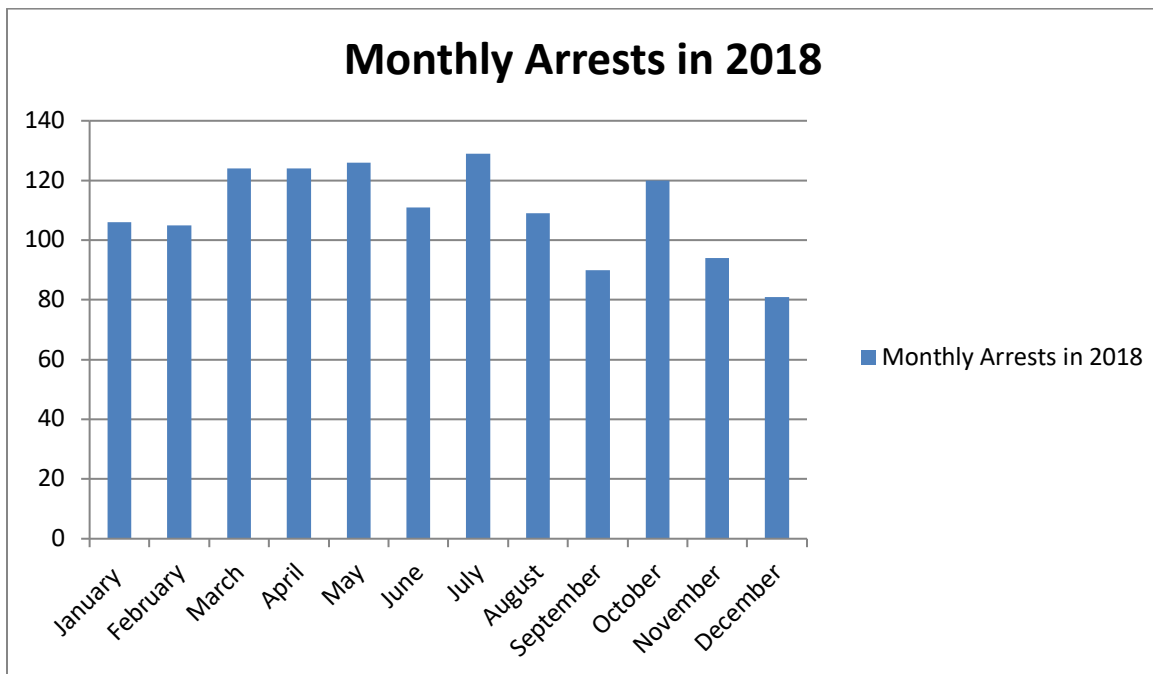
**2016**

14,196



### Criminal Arrests

In 2018 we saw an increase just over 300 arrests. We have seen a large increase in narcotics arrests along with thefts. Another reason for the increase is due to the department being back at full strength. I do not believe we have seen a higher total of arrests in the history of Greensburg. I attribute these numbers due to better trained officers and more officers on the street.



### Yearly Total Arrests

**2018**  
1319

**2017**  
1015

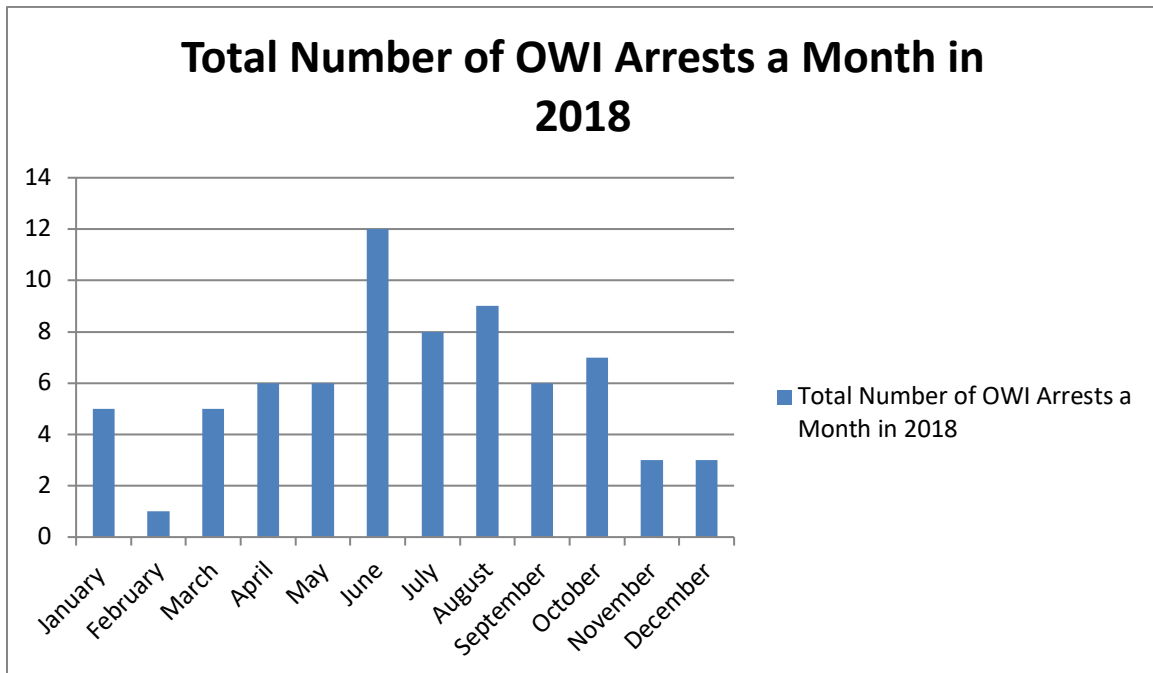
**2016**  
578





### OWI Arrests

In 2018 we saw an increase of Operating While Intoxicated Arrests. One of our goals is to provide safer streets to our citizens when they travel.



### Total Number of OWI Arrests by Year

**2018**  
**71**

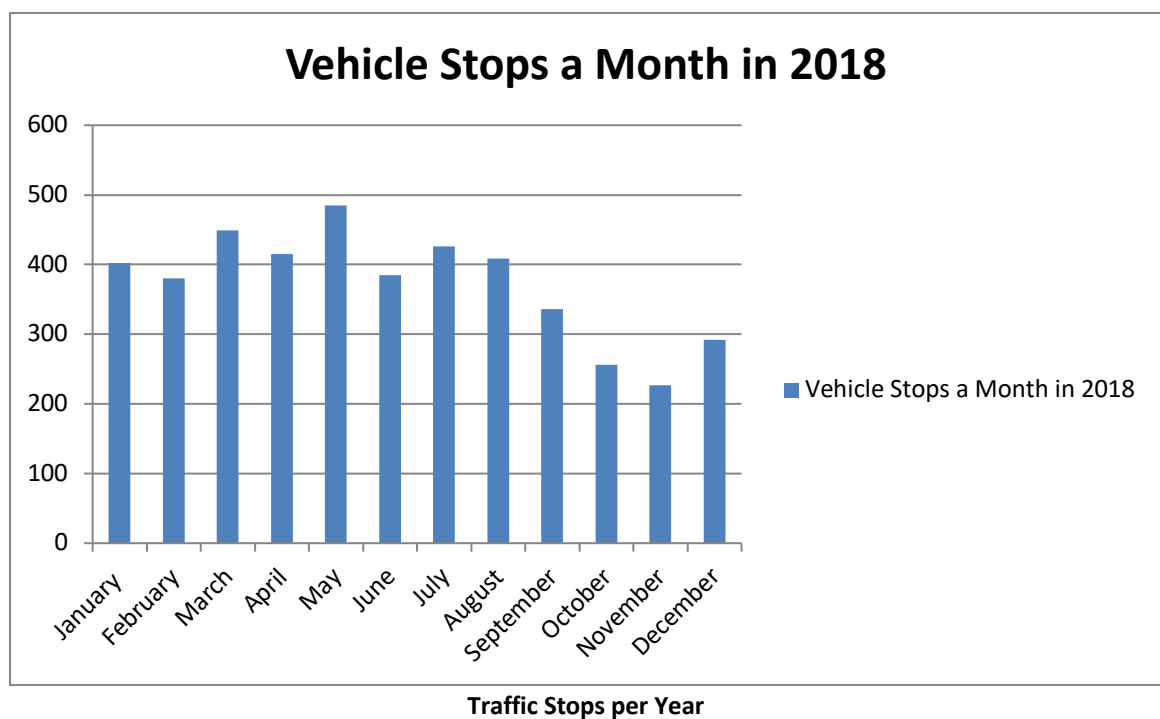
**2017**  
**52**

**2016**  
**55**



### Traffic Enforcement

In 2018 we stopped 4,200 vehicles. The Greensburg Police Department stresses traffic safety throughout the city. The department is currently using tools to assist officer in areas of high traffic volume at specific times.



**2018**  
4,729

**2017**  
4,448

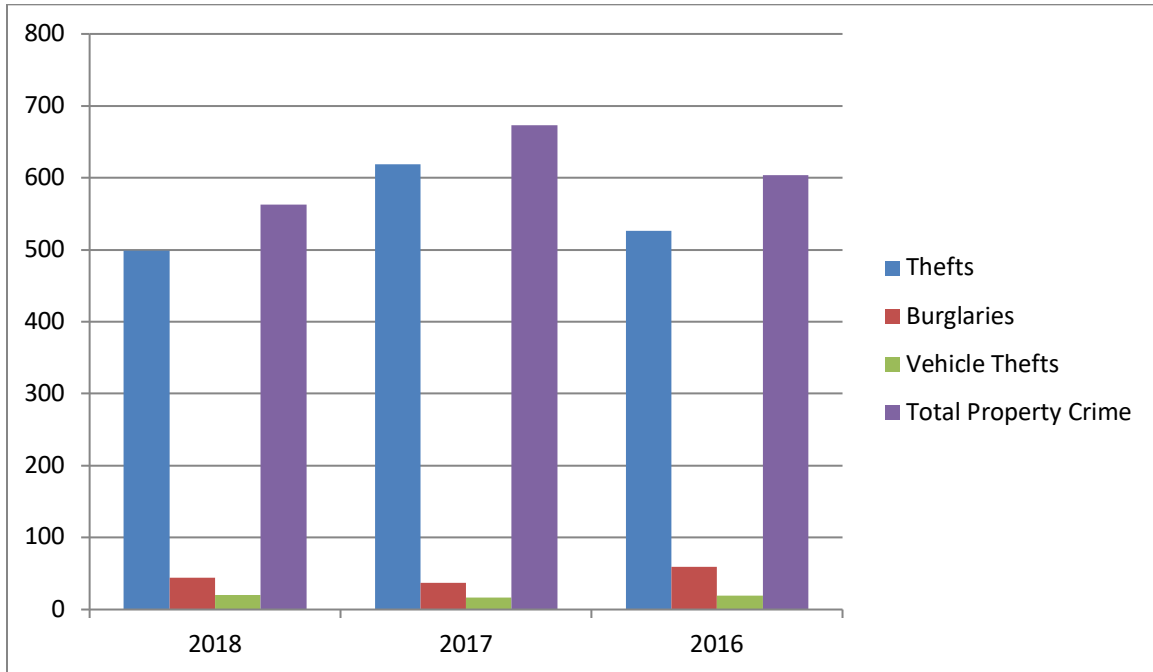
**2016**  
3,843

### Vehicle Accidents

	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
Non-Injury	386	458	573
Injury	33	78	148
Fatalities	1	0	4



## Thefts, Burglaries and Vehicle Theft Calls



### Theft

**2018**  
499

**2017**  
619

**2016**  
526

### Burglaries

**2018**  
44

**2017**  
37

**2016**  
59

### Vehicle Thefts

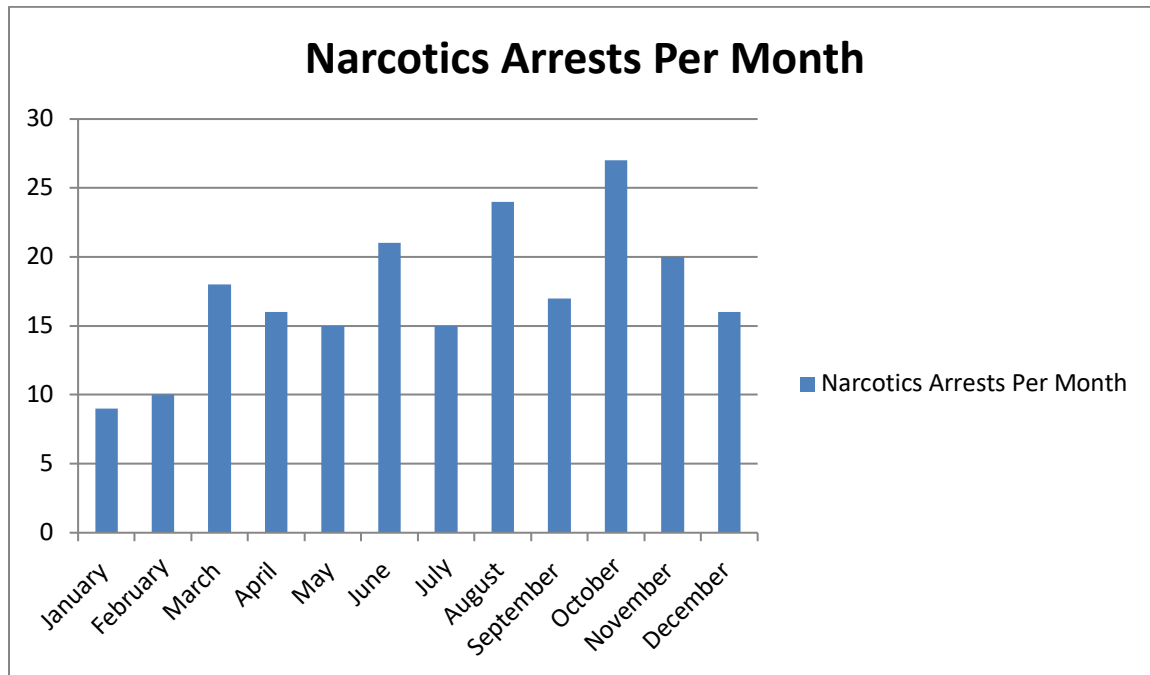
**2018**  
20

**2017**  
17

**2016**  
19



## Narcotics Arrests per Month



## Narcotics Arrests per Year

**2018**  
203



**2017**  
153

203 Drug Arrests  
11 of those arrested suspects were in possession of firearms

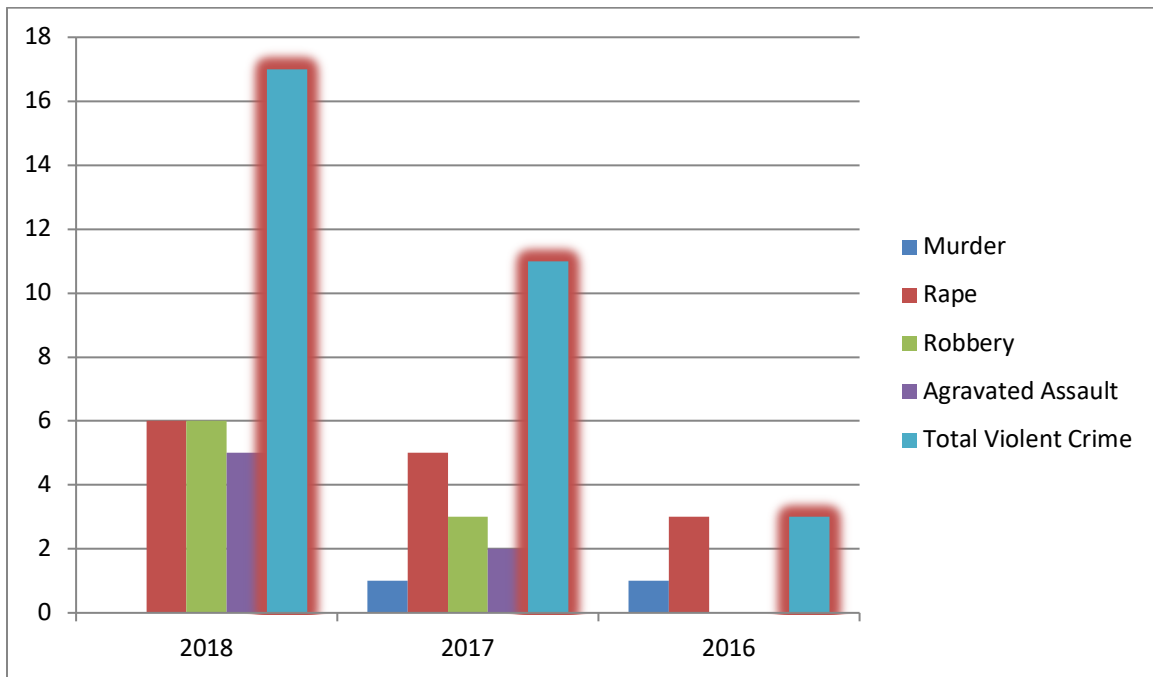
**2016**  
79





## Violent crime

Violent crimes are offenses which involve force or threat of force against a person. Although citizens need to be mindful of securing their personal property in our community, we are a very safe city.





## Investigations

The Greensburg Police Department has 3 full time detectives and a supervisor. 2 of these detectives are full time narcotics officers. Detectives normally handle high felony crimes, but also assist patrol officers who do not have freedom of time to dedicate to a lengthy investigation.

In 2018 Criminal Investigations worked a total of 162 total cases.

In 2018 Narcotics Detectives worked 60 cases. These are separate from what patrol officers investigated in their narcotics investigations.

One detective is assigned to Crimes against Children. In 2018 this detective made 41 trips to Dillsboro for forensic interviews. We rely on these individuals for interviewing children that are witnesses and victims of crimes. (There will be a center in Greensburg in the next year. This will assist in cutting down on travel time for our officers.)

Our Narcotics Detectives also work very close with the Indiana State Police Narcotics Division to assist in our investigations.

In 2019 the Decatur Co Sheriff and I have spoke and we intend to start a Task Force in Decatur Co to better serve both County and City residents.







## GOALS FOR 2018

-Increase Criminal Interdiction patrols to help decrease the number of narcotics that we are seeing come into the City of Greensburg. **In 2018 we saw an increase of 50 narcotics arrest. And an increase of 124 from 2017.**

-Add a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 increasing narcotics arrest. **In 2018 we raised over \$40,000 to secure the purchase of a second K-9 for the department. We received our second K-9 in December 2018.**

-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. **With the increase of narcotics over the past two years we have seen a decrease of 120 thefts. We did see a slight increase of burglaries (+7).**

-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. **In 2018 Chief Bridges began interacting in the Greensburg Elementary. During that time frame he was able to interact with all grade levels in the lunch room. Chief Bridges also expanded his role to include classroom time where he spoke with all grade levels on certain topics and read to several classes. The Greensburg Police Department will continue to have interaction inside the Elementary so that we can reach our kiddos at a younger age.**

-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. **In 2018 we saw an increase of 19 OWI arrests. This is an area that we will continue to expand on throughout the next several years.**



-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. **We were able to increase our interaction with the community by putting several officers out this year on bike patrol. We also attended several safety fair, speaking engagements, school classroom visits, festivals and other community events. Something we started and will improve upon is communication with the citizens. Officers will be handing out business cards with information how they can be contacted. We also have business cards printed with information about major crimes that have occurred or thefts in the area to warn the public of potential issues.**



## BEYOND THE BADGE



## **Goals for 2019**

-Improve the number of arrests for Operating While Intoxicated to 100. The Greensburg Police Department has increased their OWI arrests over the past couple years.

-Build our program in the Greensburg Elementary where more officers are going into the classroom to speak with kids about bullying, social-emotional living and abuse. This will bring the kids closer to officers and bridge the gap that we are seeing.

-Continue to put officers into the best training programs, so we continue to serve the community at high levels.

-Increase Bike Patrol hours to over 200 hours.

-Designate an officer as a Community Officer. This will allow us to gather valuable information from the community.

-Host Coffee with a Cop. Allow community to come to us and talk with us about our concerns.

-Begin working with Recovery Groups to see how we can assist with continuing to make these programs successful.

-Work with the Sheriff's Department to start a Narcotics Task Force for the county.

-Continue to purchase equipment that will assist officers in traffic safety and narcotics investigations.

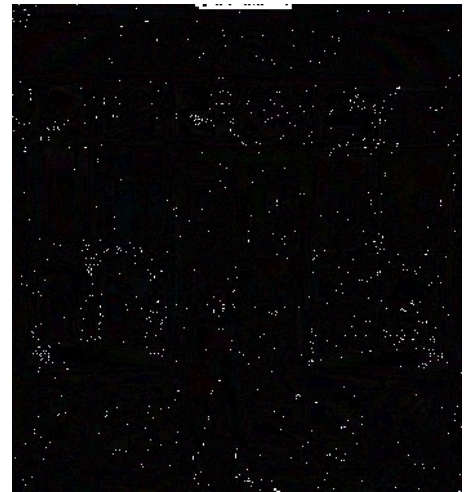
-Apply for more grants that will allow these equipment purchases to be made without burdening the taxpayers.

-Restructure schedule that will put more officers out during the day. We have concentrated on evening and nights which has pushed a lot of our issues to dayshift also.

-Add 3<sup>rd</sup> K-9 to the department.



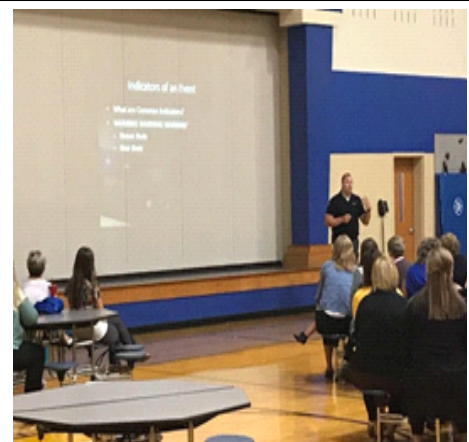
***GPD  
Officers  
training  
for  
Active  
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GPD officers instructing at the Greensburg Schools on Active Shooter with all the school staff.



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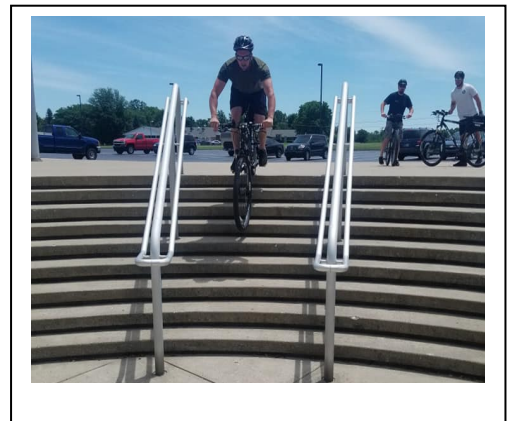


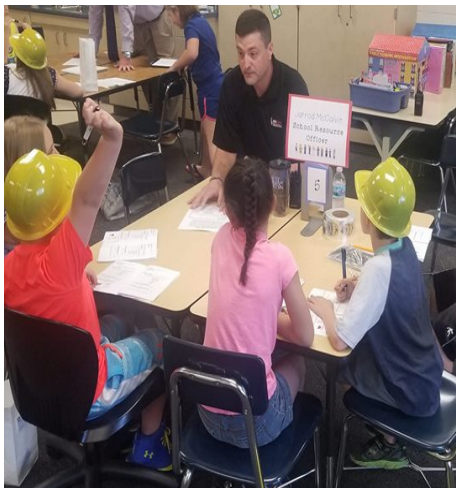


## GPD Bike Patrol



The goal of the Bike Patrol is to find a balance between public relations and enforcement of laws. Using the bicycle is a great tool to interact with the community in a positive manner, but is also very effective in crime reduction. The Bike Patrol Unit is used in parades, high crime areas, routine patrols, bike rodeos and other bike safety education.





Lt. Jarrod McCalvin speaking with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders about being a Police Officer and what it takes to enter into the Law Enforcement field.

Chief Bridges and the Greensburg Elementary staff and students participating in Red Ribbon Week. Several activities were planned for this week.







## Community Involvement



The Greensburg Police Department's vehicle is the vehicle of Indiana Special Olympics Indiana. Certain vehicles have the Indiana Torch Run logo. This photo will be shown at events throughout the state.

The Greensburg High School athletes started Champions Together in 2018. In a spring track meet Greensburg Track and North Decatur Track participating in a Unified Relay between High School Athletes and Special Olympic Athletes.

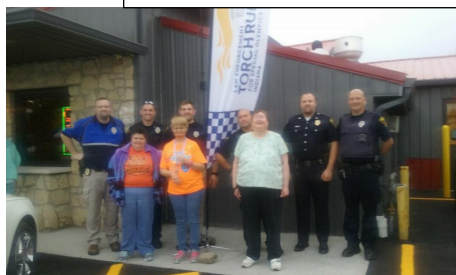


TIP A COP at Pizza King



Greensburg Officers supporting Special Olympics at a Volleyball game.

Greensburg Police Department raising money for Special Olympics





## Greensburg Police Department K-9



Sgt. Chris Bridges and Echo began training in December 2018 and are now on patrol.

In 2018 Ptml. Hershberger and Kato responded to 145 K9 request.

Agency Assist-29  
Drug Investigation-3  
Drug Search-1  
Reckless Driving-1  
Search Warrant-1  
Suspicious Activity-5  
Vehicle Stops-104  
Vehicle Pursuit-1

Ptml. Stephen Hershberger with K-9 Kato began in February 2018.






## New Program

In February of 2019 the Greensburg Police Department will make available a program called Angel Sense to residents in Decatur County who have children on the Autism Spectrum. The Greensburg Police Department is the 1<sup>st</sup> agency in the State of Indiana to offer GPS tracking, free of charge to citizens.



AUTISM REGISTRY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS	
<p><b>PROFILE</b></p> <p>First Name Emergency Contact Emergency Contact 2 Additional Information</p> <p></p> <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p>DOB Full Name Birthname Date of Birth Male or Female Hair Color Eye Color Height Weight Race Disabilities/Conditions Identify Preferred means of communication Recommend the appropriate persons and the assisting techniques</p>	<p><b>EMERGENCY Q &amp; A</b></p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Relationship Phone # Address City State</p> <p><b>COMMUNICATION/MISC. INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Preferred Language Are they verbal? How do you communicate in case of crisis (texting, internet, app)? Do they use communication devices or methods or apps? Preferred and places where this person might be found (see address or location) Behavioral Needs, Triggers Can they swim? Are they drivers or water?</p> <p><b>MEDICAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Current Medical Information Where is currently kept or stored, who Where can ID information be located?</p>

Greensburg Police Department added another program for Decatur Co Residents and Greensburg residents. This allows first responders who are responding to the scene to better understand how to deal with individuals with disabilities. Responders will have information before they arrive on scene on how to interact with individuals.





## **2018 In Review by Chief Bridges**

2018 was a very productive year for the Greensburg Police Department. We saw the most arrests that the city has possibly ever seen. While we do not want this number to increase it shows that the Greensburg Police Department is dedicated to keeping this community safe.

With the amount of arrests we are seeing, in 2019 I would like to see our agency work closely with treatment facilities to get these individuals help. I would much rather gets these individuals help and make them productive members of society, then continuing to incarcerate them.

We made great strides to get even more involved in the community. We have now been able to dedicate officers in three community schools. With officers getting into the Greensburg Elementary, it allows kids to bond with officers and see that we are truly there for them. If we can be mentors to these kids and get programs started this will help officers and the community in the future. Our goal is to show children at a young age how important it is to treat others with respect and to respect others property. This will hopefully follow them into later years so they are making the right decisions. These programs will not work over night and we will not see an immediate impact. But over time I believe that these programs will be successful.

We have increased the number of narcotics investigations. We will continue to dedicate officers to this cause. There are too many lives and families that are being affected by this issue. We will continue to train officers and get them the equipment to allow them to successfully do their jobs. We have to tackle this issue in our community before it takes over the city. The Greensburg Police Department will not allow this community to be overran by drugs. We want this city to be a great place for families to live and raise their families.

I am dedicated to providing the best police department possible for the City of Greensburg. This is an everyday process and I am going to continue to find ways that we can provide the best services possible. I truly feel the more interaction that we have with the community the better results we will see as a city overall.

In 2019 I will be dedicated to making this a safer community for our citizens and children. We will continue to work at a high level for our citizens.

