

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## **Brunswick Hills Police Department**

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It is a great honor to serve the residents of this community as the Chief of Police. It is my privilege to submit the annual 2019 report for the Brunswick Hills Police Department. Over the past year, I have witnessed our police officers going above and beyond with the highest level of police protection. It is almost impossible to recap everything that they do on their day to day operations while on duty. This report is a descriptive summary of activity and several services provided to the Brunswick Hills community, residents and guests.

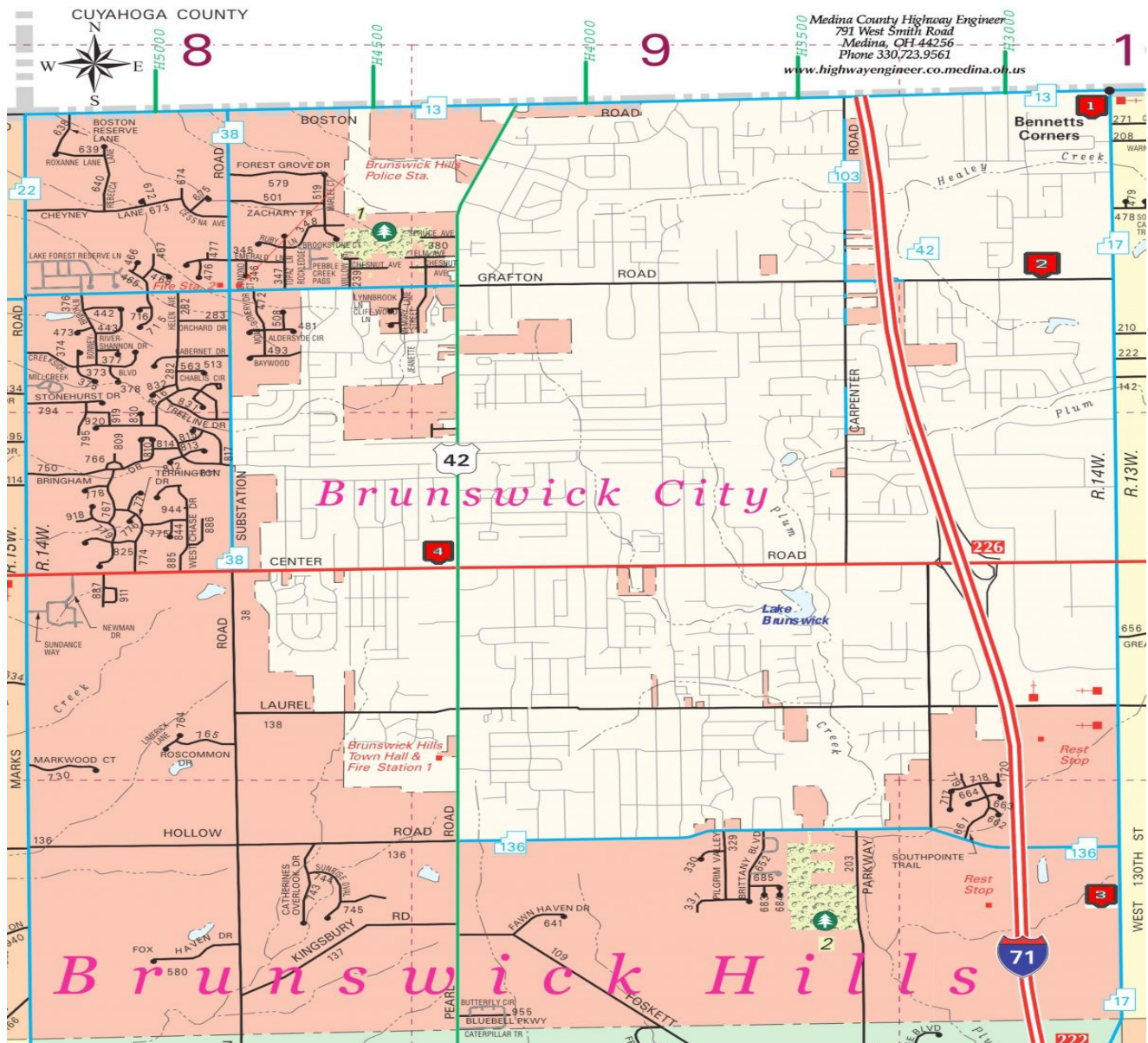
In 2019 The Home Security Advisor ranked Brunswick Hills as the 8th Safest City in the State of Ohio. I am very proud of the dedicated men and women of the Brunswick Hills Police Department that are so committed in providing the best possible police service. It is our goal to continue to grow and build our police department's relationships with the public through community involvement and customer service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Sopkovich  
Chief of Police



**12.1 square miles**





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## **DEPARTMENT VALUES :**

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We take pride in ourselves, our profession and our community. Working as a team, we will be role models for our community by enthusiastically excelling in quality performance.

### **RESPECT**

We consistently treat all people with dignity, compassion, courtesy, and without prejudice. We will protect the constitutional and civil rights of everyone through impartial enforcement of the law.

### **INTEGRITY**

We uphold the public trust by being honest, competent, and consistent in our belief and actions. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

### **DEDICATION**

We dedicate ourselves to improve the quality of life by developing a partnership with the community. We are committed to protecting life and property, reducing fear, and providing a safe environment for all.

### **EXCELLENCE**

We hold ourselves to the highest standards of law enforcement. We will continuously improve the quality of our services through education, training and development.



# Agency Organizational Chart 2019

**Chief** Tim Sopkovich #1301

**Lieutenant**

Vacant #1305

**Patrol Sergeants**

Det. Sgt. Bors #1308

Sgt. Sanford #1307

Sgt. Salveter #1306

**Patrol**

Ptl. Stask #1311

Ptl. Balli #1312

Ptl. Fisher #1317

Ptl. Makrinos #1323

Ptl. Piekut #1324

Ptl. Domingez #1321

Ptl. Getto #1316

Ptl. Milford #1320

Ptl. Nicolai #1318

SRO Ptl. Walsh #1325

**Part-Time Patrol**

Ptl. Chalupa #1322

**Reserve . Ptl.**

Ted Makrinos Sr. #1354

**Auxiliary. Officers**

Aux. Ofc. Davidson #1345

Aux. Ofc. Brubeck #1346

Aux. Ofc. Asad #1347

Aux. Ofc. Barnhardt #1348

The Brunswick Hills Police Department patrol unit is made up of three (3) full-time Patrol Sergeants and ten (10) full-time patrolmen with one (1) part-time patrolman.

There are 3 eight-hour shifts with one Sergeant and three patrolmen assigned to each shift.

These uniformed Sergeants and patrolman are dedicated to all patrol duties responding to all emergencies and calls for services.

The Reserve and Auxiliary Officers are assigned to various community events and assist during emergencies.

Reserve Officers hold the same Ohio Peace Officers Certifications as the full-time officers.



# Accreditation

Governor Kasich signed executive order 2015-04k on April 29, 2015. That executive order created the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board (Collaborative). The Collaborative is a multidiscipline group consisting of a diverse group of Ohioans including, law enforcement, community members, elected officials, academia and the faith-based community. The Collaborative was created after the Governor's Task Force on Community Police Relations completed its work and produced a report with recommendations on how to improve the important relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

At the end of 2015 , the department began the process of achieving the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board accreditation.

## **2017– Final Certification**

- **Use of Force/Deadly Force**
- **Recruitment and Hiring**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Body Worn Cameras**



## **2020 Full Certification anticipated**

- **Bias-Free Policing**
- **Investigating Employee Misconduct**

The Brunswick Hills Police Department Policy Manual provides the framework to perform our law enforcement mission. These policies have been established as a result of an ever-changing assimilation of legal and best practice principles in the law enforcement profession. Police department employees must read and sign that they have knowledge of the policy standards along with maintaining proficiency by taking monthly training by completing quizzes.





Chief  
Tim Sopkovich



Sergeant  
Eric Bors



Sergeant  
Jim Sanford



Sergeant  
Chris Salveter



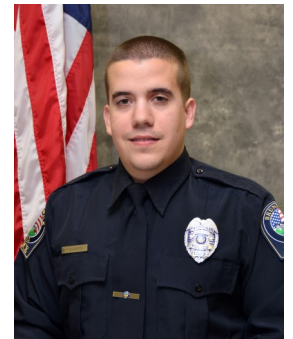
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Officer  
Heather Stask



Officer  
Wayne Fisher



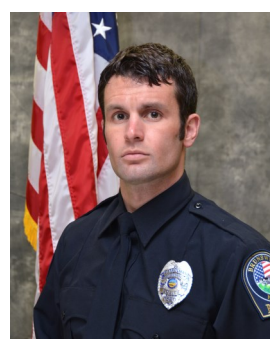
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Officer  
Przemyslaw Piekut



Officer  
Michael Dominguez



Officer  
Jeremy Milford



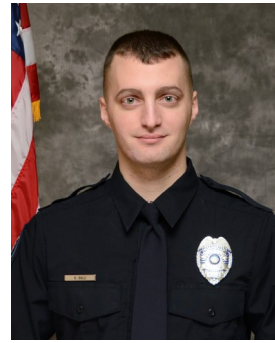
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Officer  
Ray Nicolai



Officer  
Zachary Getto



Officer  
Nick Balli



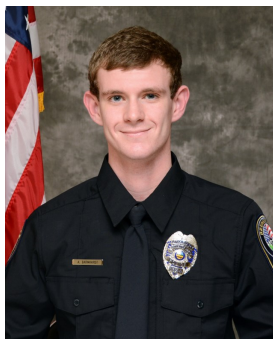
Officer  
Chuck Chalupa



Res. Officer  
Ted Makrinos Sr.



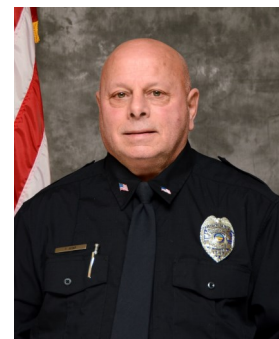
Auxiliary  
Chad Brubeck



Auxiliary  
Austin Barnhardt



Auxiliary  
Jim Davidson



Auxiliary  
Ted Asad



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Brunswick Hills Police Department operates on 3 Police Levies.

2002 Continuing -2.25 Millage—\$516,000.00

2008 Continuing –3.00 Millage—\$799,200.00

2016 5 year– Exp. 2021- 2.50 Millage—\$675,700.00

**Total \$1,990,900.00**

## **2019 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation      **\$2,126,200.00**

**2019 Expenditures      \$1,856,148.13**

The Budget Commission of Medina County Estimated Resources as of September 20, 2019 for the Police District Fund 2191, January 1, 2020, was \$3,412,450.90.

## **2018 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation      \$1,985,800.00

2018 Expenditures      \$1,755,245.02

## **2017 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation      \$1,935,850.00

2017 Expenditures      \$1,507,290.02



## **Top 2019 Expenditures**

<u>12-31-2019</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Salaries	\$ 1,034,000.00	\$ 1,010,486.82
Hospitalization	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 257,025.48
OPERS Retirement	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 172,716.36
Machinery Equipment	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 76,368.22
Payment to Political Sub.	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 62,767.20
Operating Fuel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,669.52
Motor Vehicle	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,253.48
Prof. Tech Svcs.	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 35,478.82
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,604.30
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City of Brunswick	\$ 56,964.57	
Harris mobile/Portable/Station Radio's	\$ 42,423.37	
2019 Explorer Patrol vehicle	\$ 30,675.20	

## 2019 Grants

Medina County Drug Advisory Committee - Brunswick Hills Police Department was awarded the MCDAC Grant in the amount of \$ 38,500.00. The purpose of the MCDAC grant is to provide funding for Police Departments School Resource Officer salary.

Bullet Proof Vest Program -BPVP- Provides funds to purchase new or replace expired police officers ballistic vests. The eligible balance going into 2020 is \$1,518.98 that expires on 08-31-2021





## **2019 Improvements**

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The Police Department upgraded all the patrol vehicles with a 5 camera video and audio recording system along with new officers body cameras. The new technology will record a better angle and perspective of Police Officers interactions with the public.

All Mobile Data Terminals were updated to the state required operating systems.

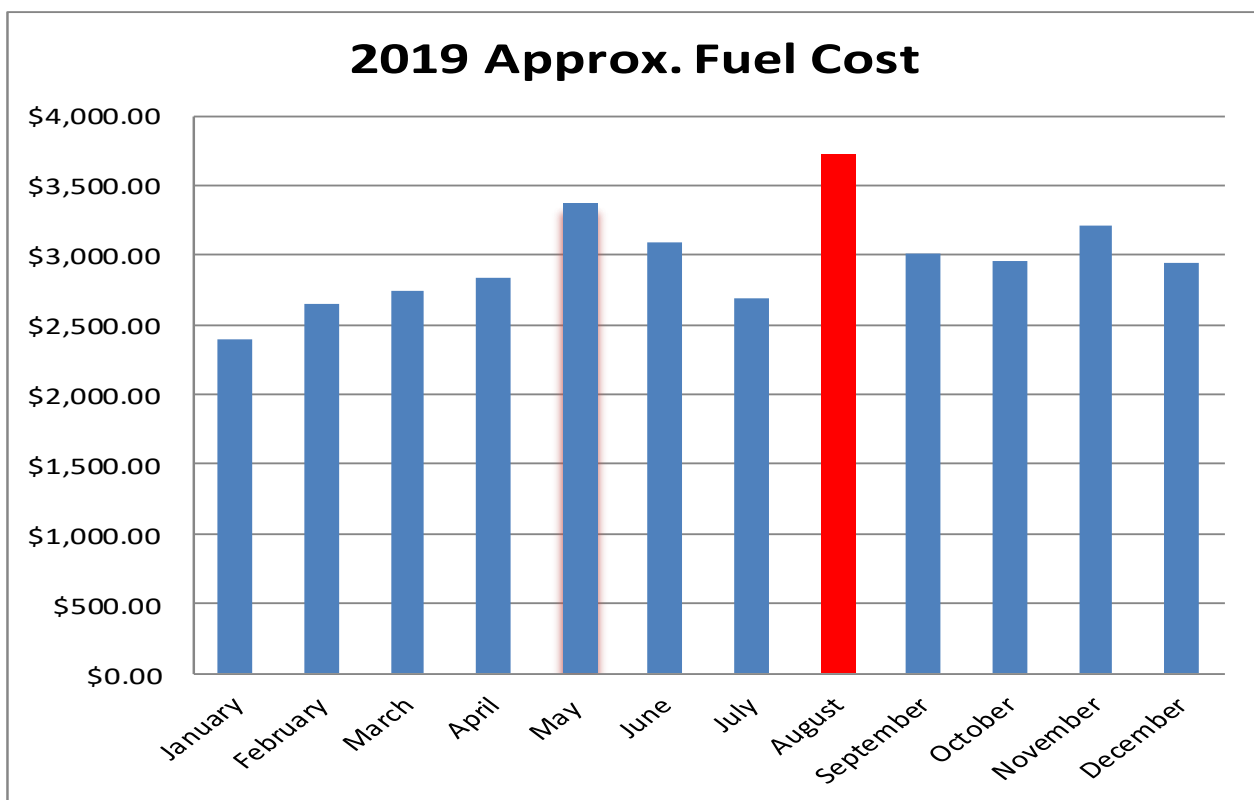


# Vehicles

The Brunswick Hills Police Department currently has 8 marked patrol vehicles and 2 unmarked vehicles. A new 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor was purchased replacing the 2013 Dodge Charger. In 2020 it is my plan to add an additional marked unit to the patrol unit.

2– Police marked vehicles were involved in accidents, 1 car vs car, 1 car vs deer.

In 2019 the Police Department spent over \$24,604.00 in vehicle maintenance and repairs on the patrol vehicles.



# Time of Calls for Service

In 2019 Brunswick Hills Police Department handled **6968** Police dispatched calls for service that is a 14% decrease from the 2018 year.

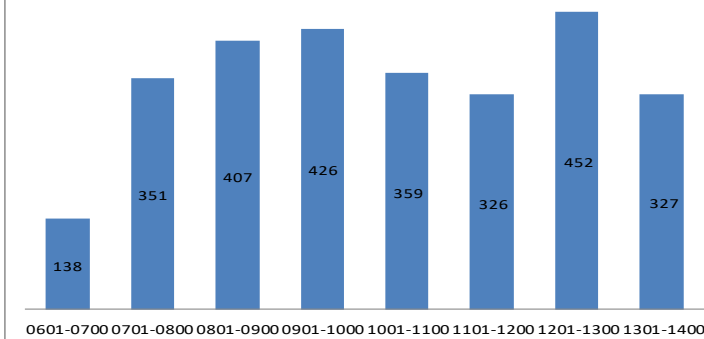
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2nd Shift 1400-2200 2529

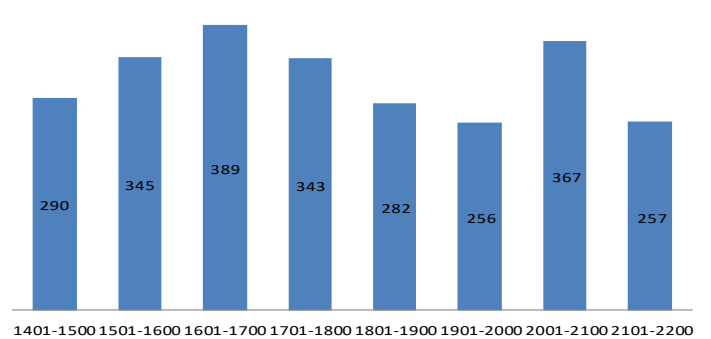
3rd. Shift 2200-0600 1653

Dispatched calls in 2018—7976

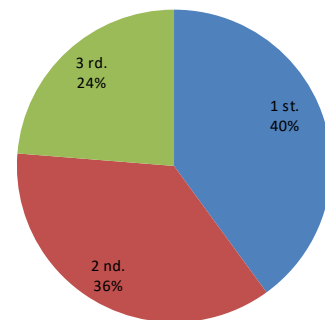
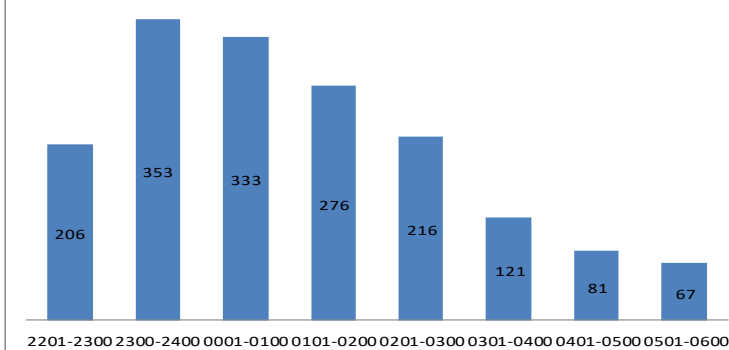
**1st Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown**



**2nd. Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown**

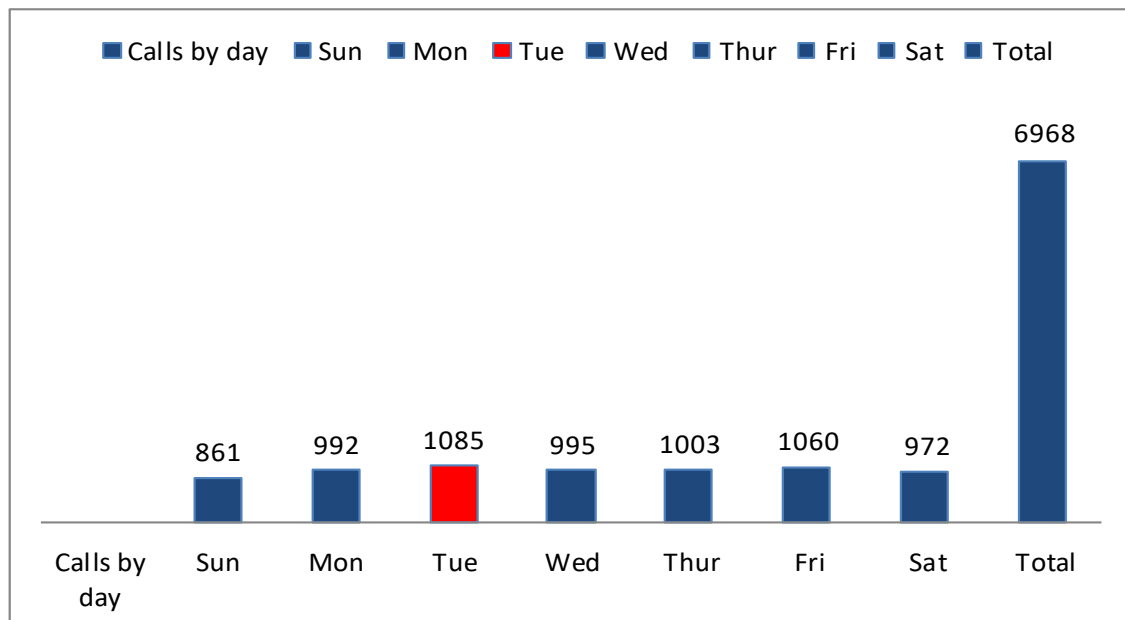
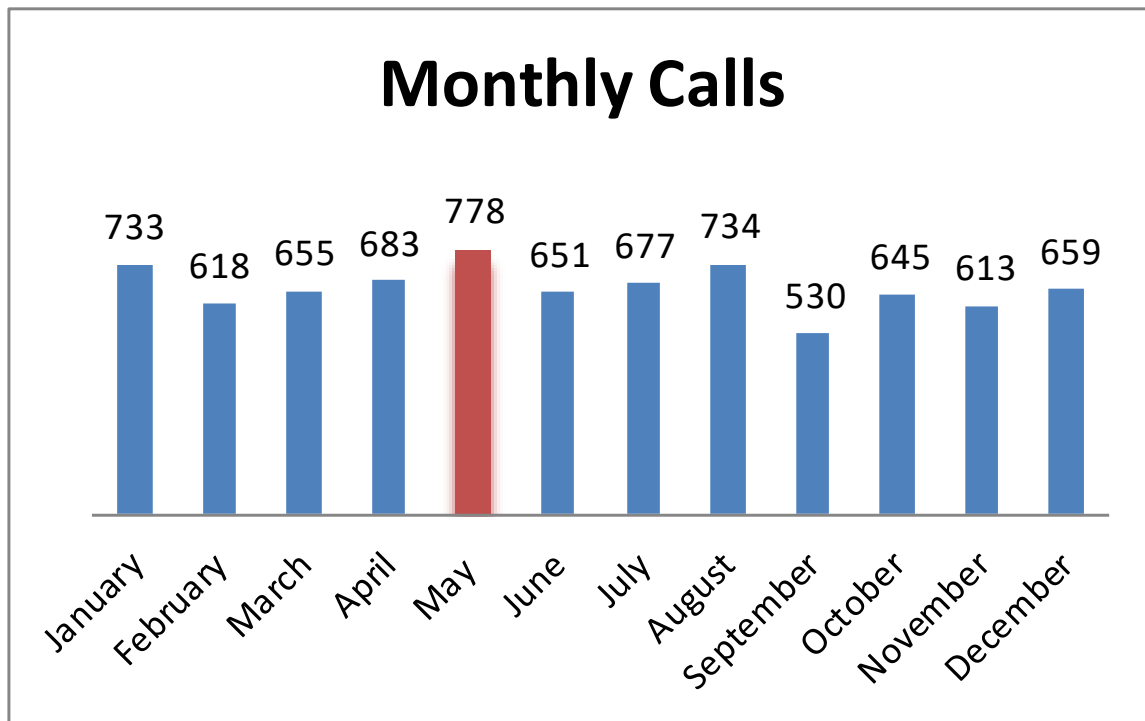


**3rd. Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown**



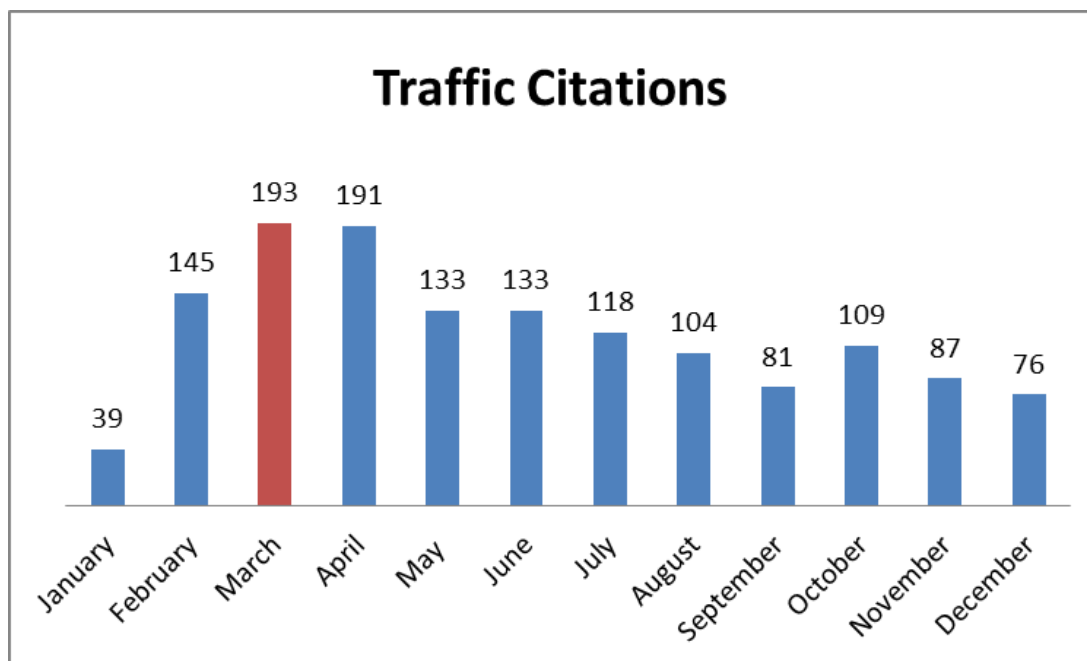
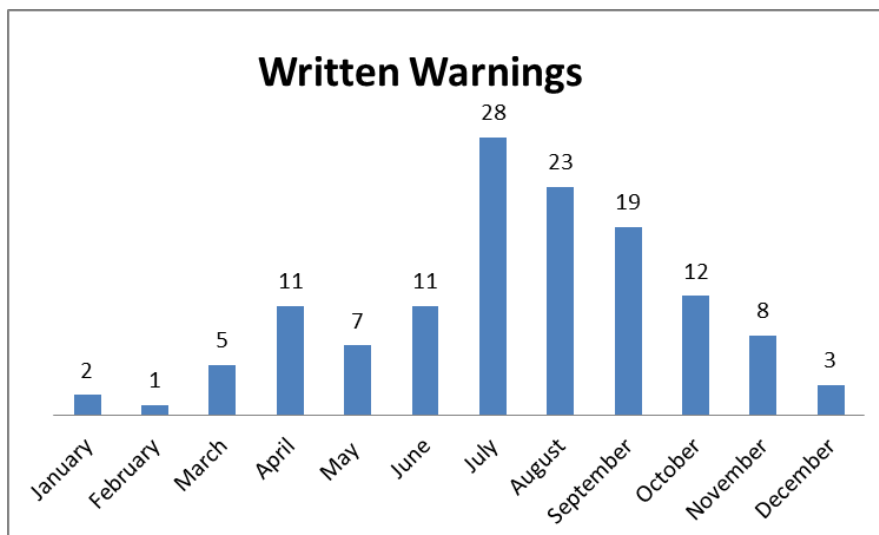


## Monthly Calls for Service Continued



## **Calls for Service** Continued

Brunswick Hills Police Officer conducted 2528 traffic stops issuing 1409 traffic citations, 130 written warnings and 989 verbal warnings.



# Accidents

The Police Department handled a total of **169** motor vehicle accidents , **20** of those accidents people were injured and transported to the Hospital. **10** -Hit Skip Accidents

Total Accidents on main roads

**Pearl Rd. –38**

**Substation Rd.—37**

**Marks RD. - 36**

**Boston Rd. –35**

## **DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS**

**Substation / Center Rd. –16**

**Marks / Center – 13**

**Marks / Grafton -7**

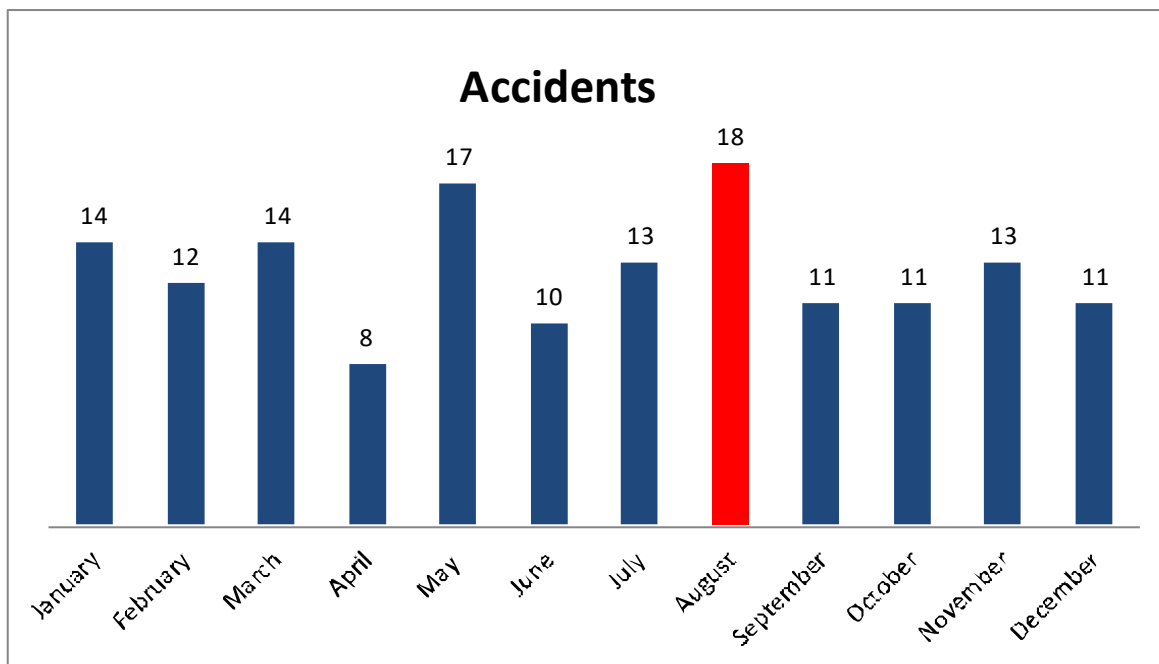
**Pearl / Grafton –9**

**Pearl / Boston – 8**

**17-** Private Property Accidents

**152–** Public Accidents

**1–** Fatality





# Types of Calls for Service

**Calls for Service: 01/01/2019 Through 12/31/2019**

## **Brunswick Hills**

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS 812

SUICIDE 32

ABANDONED VEHICLE 9

ACCIDENT HIT SKIP 10

ACCIDENT INJURY SQUAD CALL 20

ACCIDENT INJURY I71 ACCIDENT INJURY 1

ACCIDENT NO INJURY SQUAD CALL 152

ACCIDENT PRIVATE PROPERTY 17

ALARM AUTO 2

ALARMS POLICE RELATED ALARM 214

ANIMAL CONTROL 100

ANIMAL/MISC. 49

ASSAULT SQUAD CALL 10

ASSIST OTHER PD 26

ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD 1

ATTEMPTED B&E 1

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE SQUAD CALL 4

BICYCLE VIOLATION 1

BREAKING AND ENTERING 7

BURGLARY 1

BURGLARY IN PROGRESS 1

BUSINESS CHECK 260

BUSINESS LIAISON 1

CAR SEAT INSPECTION 8

CARB MONOXIDE NO SYMPTOMS CARB 10

CARB MONOXIDE W/SYMPTOMS CARB 2

CHILD ABUSE 11

CITIZENS MISC. 141

CIVIL MATTER 30

COMPLAINT AGAINST OFFICER 3

COURT 79

CRIMINAL DAMAGE 20

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 5

DEBRIS ON STREET 76

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION 23

DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE 30

DETAIL NON-TRAFFIC 143

DETAIL TRAFFIC 14

DIRT BIKES 6

DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE GAS 151

DISCHARGING FIREARM / WEAP 2

DISORDERLY CONDUCT SQUAD CALL 4

DISTURBANCE MUTUAL AID 49

DOA AND BODY FOUND SQUAD CALL 4

DOMESTIC DISPUTE 35

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 12

DOMESTIC/ COURT ORDERS 13

DRUG ABUSE 6

DUI/ALCOHOL 11

DUMPING 6

E911 PERSONAL WELFARE CHK 39

ESCORT 3

FIGHT 5

FINGERPRINTS 12

FIREWORKS 23

FLOODING 2

FOOT PATROL 10

FOUND PROPERTY 20

FRAUD 25

GAS LEAK-INSIDE GAS LEAK-INSIDE 4

GAS LEAK-OUTSIDE GAS LEAK-OUTSIDE 5

HARASSMENT 34

IDENTITY THEFT 18

IMMOBILIZATION 3

JUVENILES SQUAD CALL 30

# Types of Calls for Service

LOCK-OUT VEHICLE 110	SOLICITING 10
LOCKOUT HOME 6	SPECIAL ATTENTION 268
LOST PROPERTY 5	STALKING 1
LOUD NOISE 60	STREETS\SERVICE 9
LOUD PARTY 7	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY SQUAD CALL 53
MENACING 6	SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/POWDER 3
MENTAL 8	SUSPICIOUS PERSON(S) 79
MISC. MISC. 55	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE SQUAD CALL 164
MISSING PERSON 14	SWAT CALL OUT 2
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE 22	THEFT-CREDIT CARD 7
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK 62	THEFT/ FREE TEXT 32
NOTIFICATIONS 27	THEFT/ FROM AUTO . 2
NSF CHECK 1	THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE 7
ODORS ODORS 28	TRAFFIC ALTERCATION 5
OPEN BURNING 12	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT MISC 31
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW 9	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES 11
PARKING VIOLATION 128	TRAFFIC SPEED COMPLAINT 1
PATROL PARK 39	TRAFFIC STOP 2528
PEACE OFFICER 24	TRAINING/ IN SERVICE 2
PEDEST/ANIMALS ON FREEWAY 1	TRANSPORT BY POLICE 15
PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION 3	TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL 3
PHONE CALLS THREATENING 1	TRANSPORTED TO JUV. DET. 1
POWER OUTAGE 2	TRESPASSING 25
PREVENTATIVE PATROL 1	UNAUTHORIZED USE 1
PRISONER PROCESSING/RELEAS 55	UNRULY JUVENILE 25
PROWLER 1	VACATION CHECK 9
PUBLIC ASSIST PUBLIC ASSIST 3	VANDALISM 5
PURSUIT 3	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH 8
RECKLESS OPERATION ACCIDENT 92	WARRANT 33
REGISTRAION CHECK 1	WATER PROBLEM 4
REGISTRATION CHECK 43	WEAPON OFFENSE 2
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER 74	WELFARE CHECK 115
SEX OFFENSE 21	WIRES DOWN WIRES DOWN 28
SHOTS FIRED 7	
SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS 1	

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# Education and Training

Education and training continues to be a priority for the Brunswick Hills Police Department. Our training far exceeds the minimum levels required by the state.

Listed below are few training classes that various employees attended beyond the state mandates.

- Edge Weapons
- OC Instructor
- Traffic Pursuit Stop Sticks
- ATF Firearms and Explosives Identification
- Advanced Search and Seizure
- OPJOA Training Conference
- Annual Supervisors In-Service training
- Police One Academy Multi- online Departmental Training Courses
- The Ultimate Training Officer
- Alice Conference
- National Child Passenger Safety Certification
- Defensive Tactics
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement
- OPOTA Why Teens Kill
- Taser Certification
- FBI National Academy #275
- Firearms Instructor
- BHPD Monthly DTB's
- Is the Caller the Killer





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## Senior Watch Program

**“Check-In”** program is when he/she will designate a day and time to call or check in with the Brunswick Hills Police Department. If the call is missed, a Police Representative will call back as soon as possible or, if phone contact is not made, visit the home to check on the resident. The benefit of this program is that the resident doesn’t have to be home to call in.

**“Elderly Call”** program is where the senior citizen is part of our “elderly call” list. On Tuesday and Friday (between 8:00 am – 11:00 am) the police department will call the “residents homes” to check on their welfare. Again, if no contact is made an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

**“Senior Watch”** program is for seniors who may need our help more than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. The Police Department or a designated volunteer would visit the resident once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

## Internet Purchase Exchange Location

To help citizens complete transactions safely, the Police Department highly recommends meeting in a highly visible location, public places and is offering up its parking lot and lobby as a “Safe Zone” for buyers and sellers of transactions to meet. No appointment is necessary .



**Drug Drop Box-** BHPD participates in the DEA National RX Take Back. A drug drop box is available 24 hours , 7 days a week in the police departments lobby. The drop box is for pills only. NO Needles and liquids.

## Car Seat Inspections-

BHPD officers are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians through the Safe Kids World-wide Organization and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Schedule an appointments to have your child car seat inspected and we will also show you how to install the child safety seats.

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# **Community Engagement**

## **Senior Fair at the Rec Center**

This event is held in January every year at the Brunswick Rec Center and is put on by the Medina County Office for Older Adults. It is an expo of resources for seniors in Medina County. We offer programs of interest: Senior Watch, Shredding, Pill Disposal and Scam Info.

## **Parade and Breakfast with The Bunny!!**

Our Annual Easter Bunny Breakfast at the Skyview Lodge





# **Community Engagement Continued**

## **Bicycle Safety Courses (Summertime)**



Officer Fisher and Administrative Assistant Ellen set dates with different neighborhoods to learn about bicycle safety and strangers.

We also schedule Safety Lessons at Preschools in the Township.

## **Facebook / Twitter**

Look for us on social media for public safety advise, up coming events, call to action and so much more.

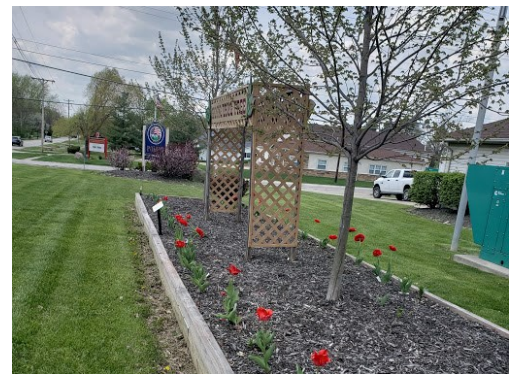


Help keep our streets SAFE. Stop at stop signs and maintain the posted speeds. BHPD has received numerous complaints in the past few days in the Autumnwood and Westbury developments.



## **Department Open House in October.**

The department offers a bunch of activities for kids to do. They can plant a bulb to pledge to be drug free, shoot a basketball to be drug free. The adults play PLINKO and win great prizes. We also have a crafts for the kids to make.



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# **Community Engagement Continued**

## **Trunk or Treat at Hickory Ridge Movie Theater**

Handed out candy out of the back of a police cruiser.



## **Pumpkin Patrol (Trick-or Treating)**

Officers and Auxiliary saturate the township with extra patrols handing out candy and making sure everyone is safe.





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# **Community Engagement Continued**

## **School Supply Collection**

The Brunswick Hills Police Station serves as a drop-off location for school supplies. The collected supplies are provided to students that are in need of them. Whatever we have leftover we donate to Applewood Elementary and Edwards Middle School.



## **Brunswick Hills Food Pantry**

The food pantry only exists because of the overwhelming and tremendous support from the Brunswick Hills residents and the Brunswick Eagles all year around.

Donations such as non-perishable food items gift cards and new packaged toys are collected at the Police Department and provided to any family in need.

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# Community Engagement Continued

## **Light-Up the Station**

This was the 2nd year for this event. We wanted to kick the holiday season off with holiday festivities including a light countdown, caroling and a hot cocoa bar.



## **Annual Breakfast With Santa at Riverstone**

Breakfast for underprivileged families that we help through United Way of Medina County.



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# New to the Department

## **Patrolman Ray Nicolai**

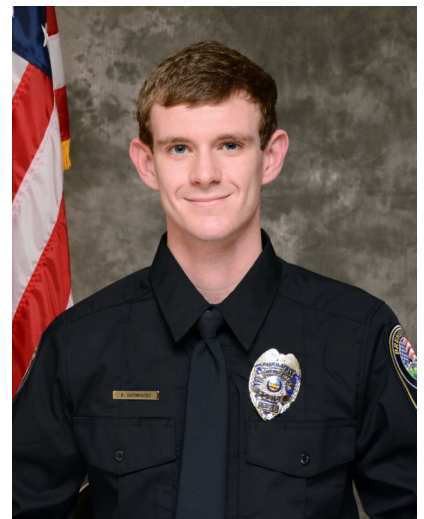
Ray was hired in February of 2019 after taking the Medina County Multi Jurisdictional Police Test. Ray served in the U.S Army from 2007 to 2015 obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and received an Honorable Discharge . Ray is currently in the Army Reserve as a Sergeant First Class. Ray also has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Over the past 10 months Ray has proven himself as a dedicated professional in law enforcement who is always eager to assist and provide the best service to the Brunswick Hills Community.



## **Auxiliary Austin Barnhardt**

Austin is a graduate from Brunswick High School where he completed the Public Safety course at the Medina Career Center. Austin's goal is to pursue a career in Law Enforcement and wanted to start by volunteering his time as a Brunswick Hills Auxiliary Officer.





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# **Medina County Sheriffs SWAT Team**

**The Brunswick Hills Police Department has members assigned to the Medina County Sheriff's SWAT team. The Team is comprised of 20 officers from 7 different law enforcement agencies in Medina County as well as the Life Support Team through the Cleveland Clinic.**

**Our Department currently has 3 active SWAT Members on the Team.**

- \* Officer Ted Makrinos
- \* Officer Mike Dominguez
- \* Officer Jeremy Milford

**Chief Sopkovich along with Sgt. Jim Sanford assist in SWAT callouts, planning and training.**

**In 2019 the SWAT Team was activated 6 times during in Medina County . Members mandatory train as a team once a month along with taking other specialized training throughout the year.**



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# **Child Abduction Response Team (CART)**

Brunswick Hills Police Department participates in the Medina County's Child Abduction Response Team (CART). Sgt. Bors and SRO Walsh make up a team of specially trained police officers from various agencies who are prepared to respond 24/7 to the abduction of a child or for a missing child.

## **Medina County Juvenile Diversion**

Juveniles that are issued minor misdemeanor traffic citations are sometimes referred to the . the Medina County Juvenile Diversion Program, Take Control. Take Control is a unique program available in Medina County to help teen drivers gain the experience and confidence they need in difficult driving situations. New drivers have learned the rules of the road but now it is time to put them in real situations with police officers to help them learn the skills they would otherwise learn through trial and error. While focusing on Medina County teens, the program is open to any teen driver who wants to learn how to be a safer and better driver.





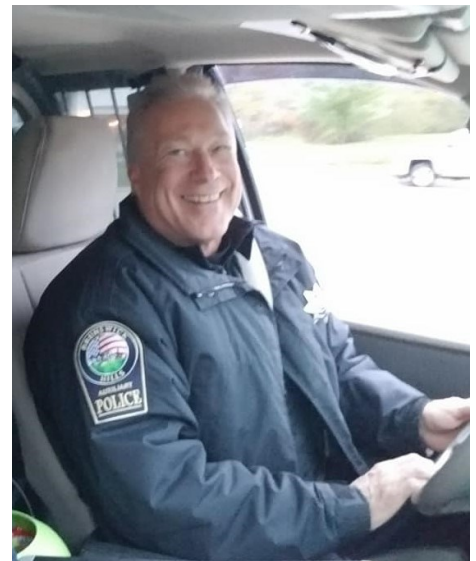
# **Reserve / Auxiliary Unit**

**The Reserve/ Auxiliary Branch of the Department currently has 4 Members:**

- \* Aux. Sergeant Chad Brubeck #1346**
- \* Aux. Officer Jim Davidson #1345**
- \* Aux. Officer Ted Asad #1347**
- \* Aux. Officer Austin Barnhardt #1348**
- \* Reserve Patrolman Ted Makrinos Sr. #1354**

**These units are used for many things and by multiple Township Departments.**

- \* provide escorts for funerals & parades**
- \* assists with traffic, special events and emergencies**
- \* The Reserve Unit is on standby to assist the full-time staff**
- \* During extreme weather situations they are out assessing the township, helping clear roads, reporting downed wires and traffic control**



# Recognition

Serving this community is such a great pleasure and doing so could not be accomplished without the continuing support and working relationship between our residents and business.

**Brunswick Hills Residents**— For the overwhelming amount of donations to the food pantry, toys for holidays, helping at special events and offering any assistance with any local unfortunate incidents including the Fire on Foskett Road.

**RPM International Inc.**—For hosting the Brunswick Hills specialized training “Is The Caller The Killer” for over a hundred Detectives and Dispatchers.

**The Mad Chef**—For providing lunch and Breakfast during the Training at RPM.

**Rustic Oaks Nursery**—For their generous donation of a Christmas Tree that was planted at the Police Station.

**Skyview Lodge**— For hosting the Breakfast with the Bunny.

**Center Marks Storage**— For providing a secure location for extra police equipment and supplies.

**Riverstone Tavern**— Hosting the Breakfast with Santa event

**Brunswick Eagles**- Generous Donation to the Police Departments Food bank.

**Great Scott’s Bakery**- For providing the sweet snacks for the Breakfast with Santa.

**The Arbors and Crossings Community**- Christmas gift cards, new toys and food for families in need during the holidays.

**Brunswick Hills Fire Department**— Stuff the Squad food drive for the Police Departments food pantry.

**Ted Clingan**- Utilization of the range for qualifications and specialized training.

# Awards Recognition



Ptl. Balli received the Medina County Safe Communities award for his outstanding traffic safety enforcement along with the Brunswick Optimist Club Officer of the Year Award.

For the past two years Ptl. Balli has been the leader in traffic stops that have resulted in OVI and drug arrests. Ptl. Balli definitely is out there working hard to keep us all safe.



Brunswick Hills Police Chief Tim Sopkovich graduated from the FBINA National Academy 275<sup>th</sup> Session in Quantico, VA on March 15, 2019.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected law enforcement professionals in the U.S. and around the world.

The 275th Session of the National Academy consisted of two hundred fifty-one high ranking law enforcement executives from 47 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 26 international countries, five military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Chief Sopkovich also completed the final fitness exam called the "Yellow Brick Road" which is a 6 mile run with obstacles built by the US Marines