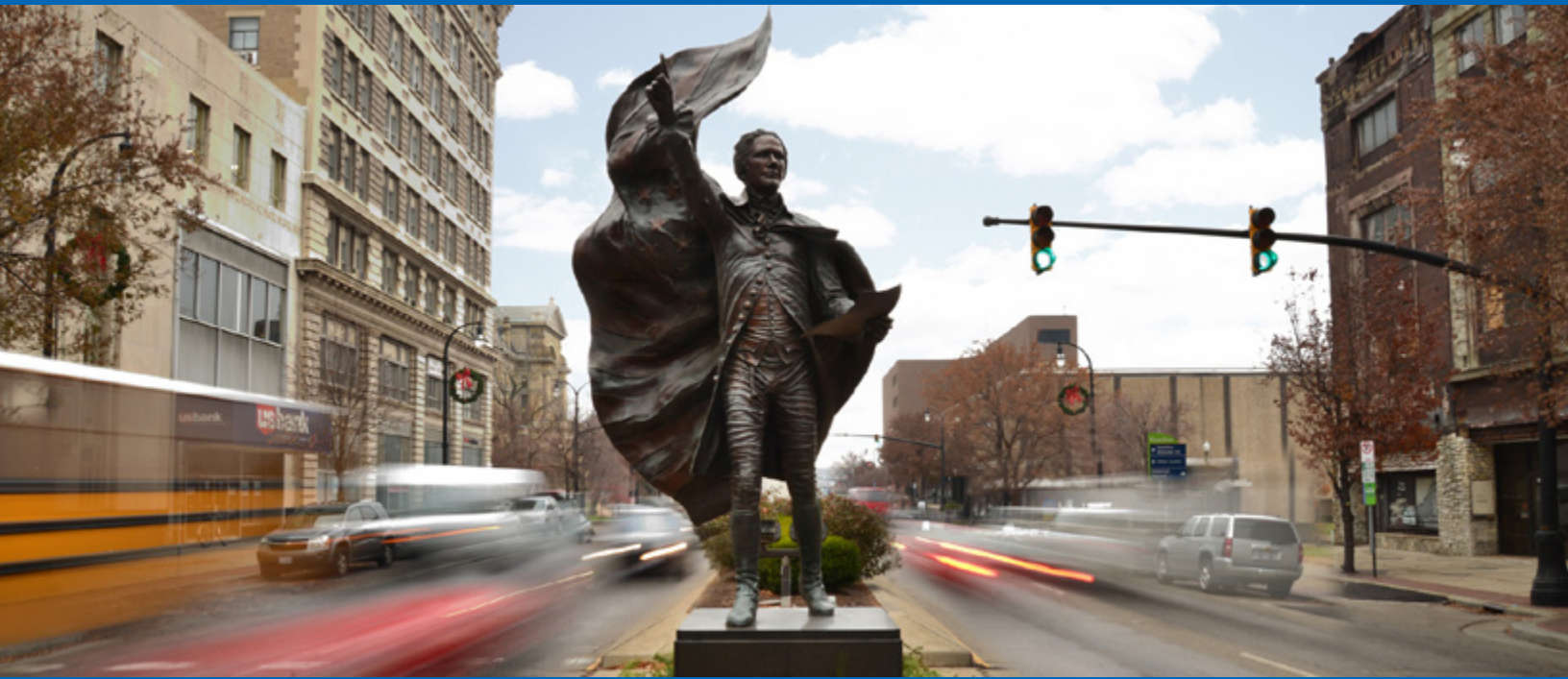




Hamilton Police Department 2019 Annual Report



Our Mission

To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.



Our Values

EMPATHY

We will treat all persons with compassion and understanding, always demonstrating our strong belief that one should always treat others as they would like to be treated. A significant part of our business involves customer service. All personnel who come into contact with citizens shall treat ordinary citizens with extraordinary respect. Each citizen-police encounter should foster a feeling of goodwill that extends throughout the community. We will treat all persons with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, creed, sex, or social position.

INTEGRITY

We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. Our word is our bond. We will be honest in all of our dealings, with justice as our objective. Our decisions will be based on common sense guided by integrity.

EXCELLENCE

Our demeanor, and our appearance, should be above reproach. An unkempt appearance reflects poorly on all of us. We will constantly strive to improve our skills, knowledge, and abilities to improve our performance. By reaffirming our goal of overall excellence, we set the standard for pride in ourselves and in our department, always being mindful that members of the Hamilton Police Department, in both their professional and personal lives, are held to a higher standard than those we serve.

JUSTICE

We are sworn to protect and preserve all human life. We will scrupulously observe the rights of all suspects, but will not coddle criminals. We will give recidivists the scrutiny they deserve.

COOPERATION

We welcome neighborhood involvement and encourage our officers to be role models within the community. We will strive to cooperate with the community and among ourselves. Differences in opinion are not only inevitable, but are also healthy. Conflict in appropriate settings encourages creativity that leads to equitable problemsolving and trust-building. We will be innovative, open-minded, and imaginative when solving problems. How we settle our differences sets the tone for our future working relationships. Whenever possible, we will strive for a “win-win” resolution.



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Letter from the Chief of Police

Mr. Joshua A. Smith
City Manager
City of Hamilton, Ohio

Sir:

The Annual Report of the Hamilton Police Department for 2019 is submitted to you, members of Council, and to the residents of our city. It has once again been an honor to lead such an outstanding organization full of dedicated men and women who are passionate about fulfilling our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.

In 2019, we centered our efforts on three core objectives:

CREATING A PEOPLE-CENTERED ORGANIZATION based on the principle idea that providing for the recruitment, selection, retention, training, and development of our people, and supporting them with the necessary tools and resources, is the foundation upon which all our other efforts are built.

- Recruiting and selection of new officers is the foundation upon which the future of HPD rests. We continue to be guided by our philosophy of recruiting for diversity, hiring for character, and training for excellence. In 2019, we hired 18 new officers and promoted 9 sworn members. The number of new officers is likely the largest number of new hires in the history of the department. While the enormous volume of new officers has created administrative challenges, it has also given us the unique opportunity to significantly and positively shape the future of HPD.
- Our training staff continued our long-standing commitment to providing the best possible training and professional development opportunities. We completed an average of more than 80 hours of training for sworn officers, despite the State of Ohio requiring no ongoing training or professional development for officers this year.
- In support of our officers and at their request, we undertook a year-long review of the patrol shift structures and personnel distribution in 2017. It was determined that we would trial permanent shift assignments at the beginning of 2018 for up to two years. This change was designed to afford a public safety benefit by allowing a greater number of officers to be staffed during times of peak demand while providing the benefit of consistent work hours for our frontline officers. This effort was supported by 92% of all officers in the department. After completing the second and final trial year of permanent shifts, it is

clear there continues to be strong frontline support for the new system. However, given the extraordinary rate at which our frontline staffing has changed over the past two years it is impossible to accurately gauge the true impact of the assignment changes. It was therefore decided that we would continue with the current practice and continue to monitor the impact over a five year period.

ENSURING SAFETY AND SECURITY is our foremost responsibility. While our general efforts primarily involve patrol and response to calls for police service, our directed efforts focus on the people, places, and problems that undermine safety and security in our community.

- We focused on safety and security primarily through the response to 86,789 calls for service and over 7,089 reported crimes investigated. We worked to coordinate our enforcement efforts across all sections and divisions to focus on the most violent and problematic people and places. These efforts have contributed to a double digit decline in many of our major crime categories including murder, robbery, burglary/breaking & entering, and thefts.
- We partnered with the Hamilton City School District to add two additional School Resource Officer (SRO) positions through a cost-sharing agreement. The additions bring our total number of SRO's to seven. Individual SRO's are assigned to Hamilton High School, Freshman School, Wilson and Garfield Middle Schools, and Miami School, while the other two SRO's split their time among the elementary schools. The added security for students, faculty, staff, and parents is substantial and has been well received while providing daily opportunities to build and strengthen relationships.
- We continued to combat a serious opioid epidemic that has gripped communities across our country. While our primary tool in addressing the opioid epidemic is proactive and aggressive law enforcement efforts, we also recognize that this epidemic is too large and too complex to effectively address through any one-size-fits-all approach. In addition to enforcement, we also partner with other agencies and organizations on strategies that



Officer Snyder, Vice-Mayor Ryan and Chief Bucheit congratulate a 3rd Grade Seat Belt winner.



Chief Bucheit reads to the children at Safety Town.

include prevention, education, and treatment. In 2019, our innovative and effective strategies were recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and awarded \$600,000 under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Programs. The grant funding will allow HPD to dedicate additional staffing to this important program over a three year period without diverting any resources from our ongoing enforcement efforts.

INSPIRING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE in our mission is an effort we undertake every day. Our efforts focus on active engagement designed to build and strengthen relationships between the police and people in our community and neighborhoods.

- This past summer, when the school resource officers were not in school they provided support to frontline operations. This allowed us to assign two frontline officers to a special Summer Resource Officer program that included engaging with hundreds of children at events, parks and splash pads all over town. They also spent many days mentoring children at the Boys and Girls Club and Booker T. Washington Community Center.
- We hosted a very successful Citizen Police Academy program as well as two dozen other community education

programs, including our Active Threat Classes, which were attended by nearly 250 participants throughout the year. Our 5th Annual Open House was another huge success with several hundred community members visiting headquarters and enjoying our hospitality.

- Through a sustained and committed effort, HPD grew its online engagement efforts involving social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor.com. This effort resulted in a nearly 20% increase in our social media audience with a daily average engagement of close to 3,500 people. These engagement opportunities included public safety announcements, HPD accomplishments, neighborhood updates, and community events.

I thank you, Director Scrimizzi and City Council, for your support this past year and in the year ahead as we continue to carry out our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton by creating a **People-Centered Organization, Ensuring Safety and Security, and Inspiring Trust and Confidence.**

Craig R. Bucheit, Chief of Police
City of Hamilton Police Department



Officer Lee plays baseball with area youth at Nuxhall Fields.



Officer Rollins displays a cruiser at Miami University.



Officer Padilla helps a citizen clear the snow off of her car.



Officers qualify at In-Service Training.



Officers Kettman, Bryant and Padilla graduated from the Ohio Highway Patrol's Basic Police Academy.





Officer Buchanan at a Women's Self Defense class.



Officer Tom Hurst at Booker T. Washington after school.



Officers Peters and Lamping pose for a recruitment flier.



Officers Arbino and Nichting participated in Health and Safety Day at Fort Hamilton Hospital.



Officer Gibson lends a hand. Officers delivered Meals On Wheels in March.



Leadership Hamilton poses in front of the SWAT truck.

Operations Bureau



The Operations Bureau, commanded by Captain Marc McManus, is divided into the Traffic, Patrol, and Investigations Divisions. These three divisions work to complement each other in their everyday functions. The Patrol and Traffic Divisions are the first responders to emergencies and crimes. The Detective Division provides the follow-up service to bring criminal investigations to successful conclusions.

Investigations Division



The Investigations Division provides support for the Patrol Division by conducting follow-up investigations of reported crimes against persons and property. Our detectives are responsible for identifying the offender, making an arrest and securing a conviction. Our detectives accomplish this by collecting, preserving, processing evidence and interviewing victims and witnesses. During this process

our detectives provide assistance and support to the crime victims, while working closely with the prosecutor's office as the case moves through the criminal justice system. In addition to our follow-up responsibilities we also are pro-active in deterring crime by identifying crime trends through intelligence and our crime analysis program. Some of our detectives are specially trained certified latent print examiners, who process evidence that we collect through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Our section also participates in the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBINS) and we have certified examiners who process firearms evidence that is collected everyday by Patrol and Investigations.



Detective Habig was honored by the Butler County Prosecutor's Office for his excellent work on a case.



Detective Habig shows students the HPD Crime Lab.

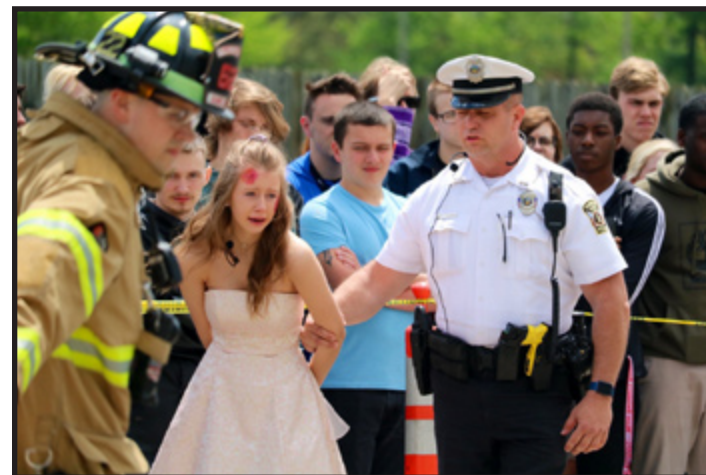
Traffic Section



Throughout 2019, the Traffic Section remained under the purview of day shift patrol. This aided the Traffic Section, which is currently not fully staffed due to retirements and transfers, and has allowed us to utilize a combination of traffic officers and patrol officers to address the increased number of parking and traffic complaints throughout the city. The E311 online system has emerged as an active pipeline for receiving and responding to parking and traffic complaints. The system allows us to keep a more comprehensive complaint history and steps taken to reach resolutions. Throughout the year, we have worked closely with Traffic Engineering assessing traffic issues, conducting speed surveys, reviewing patterns and concerns from throughout the city. During the last half of the year, the Traffic Section participated on a committee with Traffic Engineering, Planning, Zoning and the Health Department and thoroughly reviewed numerous city parking and junk vehicle ordinances. The goal is update the ordinances to enable these city departments to address the influx of parking complaints and junk vehicles with a more comprehensive and efficient process. Our hope is to see the suggested revisions adopted during the first half of 2020.



Officers Browning, Adkins and Coleman participated in the Greater Hamilton Safety Council's Mock Crash at Hamilton High School.



Officers Rollins and Stafford at a traffic detail on the Fourth of July.



Officers Patterson and Bolten arrive at an accident scene on Central Avenue.

Patrol Division



At the Hamilton Police Department, the Patrol Division is divided into three shifts that provide twenty-four hour protection to the citizenry. Each shift is commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by two sergeants. At the end of 2019, Lieutenants Robinson, Erb and Pratt commanded the three patrol shifts.

The Patrol Division answers all initial calls for service. Besides requests for service, officers initiate traffic stops, business checks and school checks. In most cases, citizens call when they witness a crime, need to make a crime report, seek advice, or are unsure of where to obtain a particular service. Patrol officers must be adaptable to a wide variety of situations that they may encounter on their tour of duty. The department’s mission is to provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton. We strive to do our part to make Hamilton a great place to live, work and play.



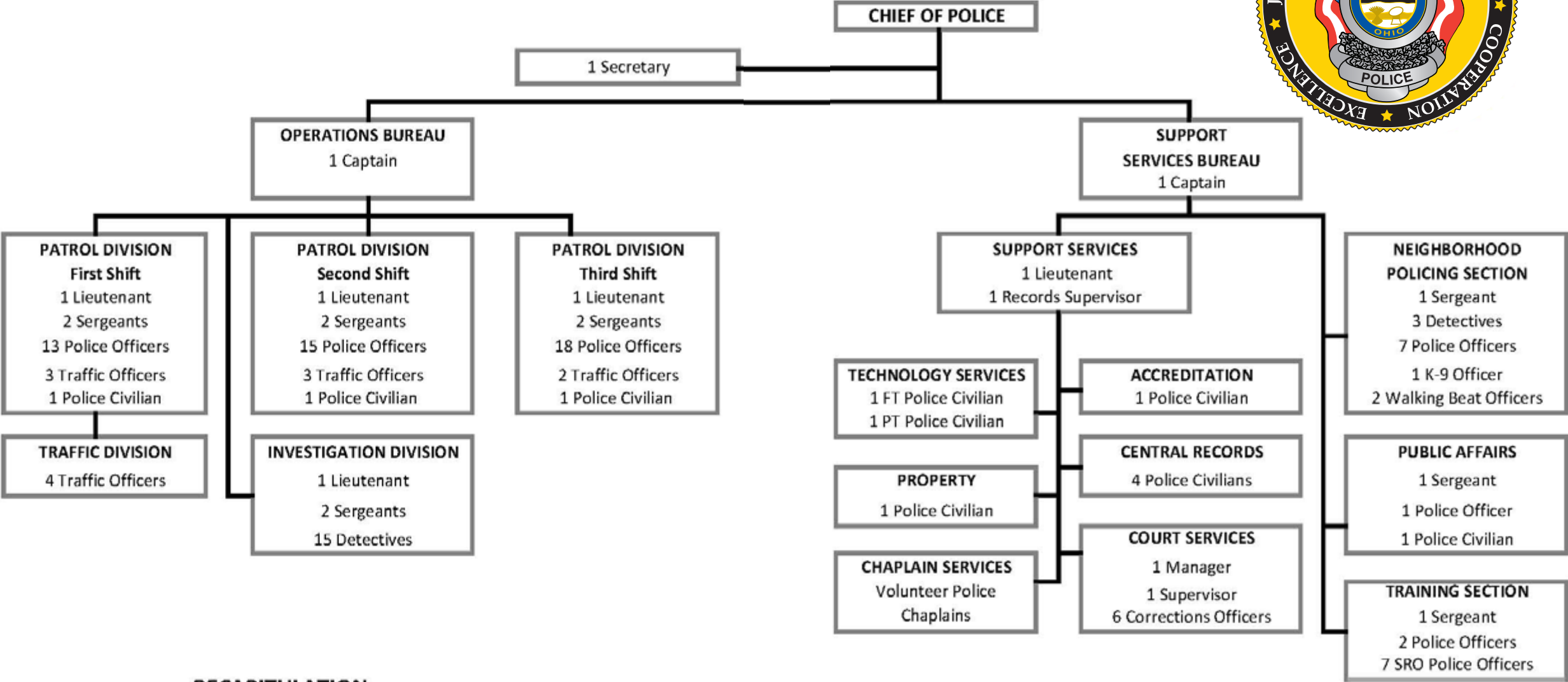
Officers Patterson, Arbino and Murray participated in a clean-up in the North End.



Officer Sora was honored for his work by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

Operations Roster		
OPERATIONS BUREAU COMMANDER CAPTAIN MARC MCMANUS		
PATROL		
DAY SHIFT	AFTERNOON SHIFT	NIGHT SHIFT
Lieutenant B. Robinson	Lieutenant P. Erb	Lieutenant D. Pratt
Sergeants J. Thompson S. Fryman	Sergeants D. Taylor J. Richardson	Sergeants M. Fishwick B. Gleason
Officers B. Bolten T. Bridwell T. Bryant J. Colwell S. Heffernan A. Hickman A. Kiep H. Maus S. McFall A. Murray J. Padilla C. Robinson R. Sherman	Officers G. Arnold B. Bowlin A. Feck S. Figley S. Hillman N. Jackson J. Kettman S. McCarley C. Peters A. Prather A. Roach D. Rollins D. Sorber Z. Strack	Officers J. Aichele D. Anglin J. Bengé M. Blevins J. Boyd R. Brockman J. Gabbard P. Gibbons J. Holmes K. Johnson D. Karwisch T. Kiep K. Ruhl
Desk Officers K. Owens	Desk Officers G. Halcomb	Desk Officers M. Burgess
TRAFFIC		
Lieutenant B. Robinson Police Officer C. Browning Police Officer H. Adkins		
Traffic Officers T. Less D. Patterson C. Stafford	Traffic Officers D. Brown J. Ebbing M. Lee	Traffic Officers P. Root A. Sora O. Zoellner
INVESTIGATIONS		
Lieutenant M. Waldeck Sergeant M. Hayes Sergeant J. Smith		
Detectives G. Baker J. Barker F. Botts M. Gray J. Gross	Detectives J. Habig S. Hamilton R. Horton A. Hucke S. Laney	Detectives M. Nichols E. Taylor B. Ungerbuehler D. Weissinger B. Wynn

Hamilton Police Department Organizational Chart



RECAPITULATION

FULL TIME SWORN (115)		CORRECTIONS/ SPECIAL OFFICERS (8)		NON SWORN (14)	
Chief	1	Corrections Manager	1	Secretary to the Chief	1
Captains	2	Supervisor	1	Records Supervisor	1
Lieutenants	5	Corrections Officers	6	Police Civilian Employees (12)	
Sergeants	11			Accreditation	1
Detectives	18			Records	4
Police Officers	78			Desk	3
				Property & Evidence	1
				Community Engagement	1
				FT/ PT Technology	2

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL 136
TOTAL PERSONNEL 137

EFFECTIVE: 02/05/19
 ISSUED BY:

 Craig R. Bucheit
 CHIEF OF POLICE

Support Services Division



Support Services includes Training, Court Security, Public Affairs, the School Resource Officer Program, SocialMedia, Downtown officers, Neighborhood Policing, Records, and Property. Our team creates a more balanced department and improves operational efficiency through enhanced communication and resource allocation. Personnel are highly trained and extremely passionate about their roles. Our goal is to support both our internal customers (our personnel) and the residents of Hamilton in a focused and coordinated effort.

In 2019, the Support Services side of the department experienced some change, but for the most part remained unchanged. Sgt. Gary Crouch became the Training supervisor and hit the ground running. Sgt. Crouch brought a wealth of training and gang experience to the office that benefited the entire agency. Sgt. Rich Burkhardt remained as the supervisor in Public Affairs and continued his tireless efforts of interacting with the community. His citizen’s police academy was a tremendous success.

Brittney Richardson remained as the records supervisor and immediately began using her expertise with data, teams, and systems to bring a new level of quality and productivity to the office. Brittney has tremendous team building and leadership skills that make for a great environment.

Ashley Tracker started in property right at the end of 2017 and continues to make improvements to our property and evidence handling procedures. She is a dedicated employee who takes great pride in her work.

Carole Walters now serves as the accreditation manager for the department. Her efforts led to the department being reaccredited with glowing reviews. Carole is also responsible for many of the departmental grants and works extremely hard to ensure that we are as up to date as possible.

Sgt. John Fischer and the Neighborhood Policing Section personnel relentlessly pursue those involved in drug and weapon related crimes. Sgt. Fischer is gifted in the area of team building and creating a positive environment in which others enjoy working.



Officers Maus and Collins ride through the Virginia country in the Police Unity Tour.



Officers Lee and Roach play football with students at Wilson Park.

Manager Joe Murray and Supervisor Andy Lymburner ensure that court operations and city building security run flawlessly. In 2019, all court officers became police officers and merged with the patrol bargaining unit. This was a lengthy process, but one that will benefit the agency for many years to come.

Officer Kristy Collins continues to positively impact lives in the community and does a fantastic job of serving as the face of the Hamilton Police Department. She runs the wildly successful Safety Town program, conducts the Third Grade Seat Belt Program, and regularly instructs at self defense classes for the public. Officer Collins is also a tremendous recruiter for the department and we are starting to see many of her students attempting to join the department. Her passion and dedication is both unmatched and sincerely appreciated.

Officer Ryan Beckelhymer and Brian “Bucky” Buchanan are dedicated to providing the most modern training tactics to keep our officers and the public safe. It takes a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to stay one step ahead in the area of training. Both officers are committed to making HPD a great place to serve the community. Kudos to them both.

Ultimately, Support Services is a collection of individuals who are all about making the agency a better place and accomplishing the greater good. My sincere thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone on the Support Services team.



Officer Arbino speaks to area youths at the Hamilton Dream Center.

Neighborhood Policing Section



The Neighborhood Policing Section (NPS) is comprised of uniformed officers and detectives who are tasked with investigating problem people and places in the city, nuisance properties, drug activity and gun violence. Officers are assigned to each of the city’s neighborhoods, including the business districts on the east and west sides.

The officers of the NPS investigate a large variety of neighborhood complaints and also attend neighborhood meetings throughout the community. NPS officers also participate in homeless and opiate outreach.

The goal of NPS is to work in partnership with the community in order to identify those problem people and places and give them the attention that they deserve in order to make Hamilton a better place to live, work and play.

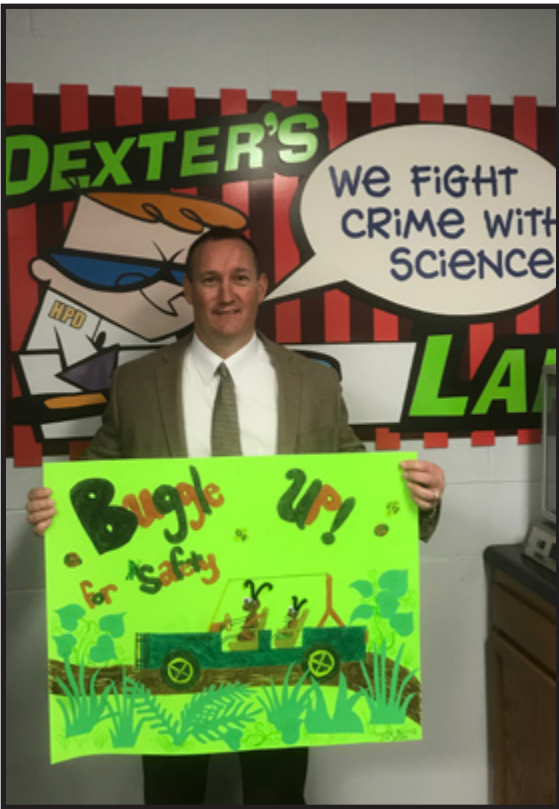


Pedicab gave rides at the HPD Open House.

Officer Wilson speaks to students at Garfield Middle School Career Day.



Officer Todd Hurst participated in Trunk Or Treat.



Detective Wynn holds a 3rd Grade Seat Belt winning poster.



Officers Collins and Gibson judge a Rotary Science Fair project.



Officer Rollins rescued a deer that was caught in a fence.

Public Affairs Section



Officer Collins speaks to 3rd graders at St. Ann's Elementary.



The Public Affairs Section is comprised of one sergeant and one police officer. The section is tasked with assisting with media requests and participating in many community outreach activities. In 2019, we re-focused our attention to our recruitment efforts. For the first time, we used the National Testing Network. The use of the National Testing Network helped us expand our recruitment from regional to national.

In 2019, Officer Kristy Collins was active in many community events and police and school programs. Again in 2019, the Third Grade Seat Belt Program traveled to all of the schools in Hamilton. Safety Town continued to be our most popular summer program. From June and into July, youngsters are taught invaluable safety lessons that will help them in years to come. Also, the calendar year saw an expansion of female self-defense training. This has become a popular class with local groups looking to improve their quality of life. Officers Collins and Maus participated in the 2109 Police Unity Tour. Both officers rode their bicycles over 300 miles from Virginia to Washington DC.



Dienna Becraft presents a check from First Financial Bank, which sponsored the Third Grade Seat Belt Program in 2019.

Again in 2019, Officers Montez Lee and Amanda Cox were assigned to our section in the summer months. Officers Lee and Cox participated in summer camp programs as well as Respect for Law Camp. The two officers also assisted by attending the Butler County Fair each day.

In 2019, we expanded our HPD Open House to include area businesses and community organizations. We were lucky to have such gracious partners that helped make our day a success.



Officers Lee and Cox were leaders in Respect for Law Camp.



St. Peters Elementary School brought in food for officers during Police Week.

We have continued to reach out to our citizens by organizing and attending events throughout Hamilton. In 2019 we participated in these Community Outreach Programs:

- Butler County Fair
- Safety Town
- Active Threat Class
- Third Grade Seat Belt Program
- Operation Pumpkin
- Sixth Grade Science Fairs
- Employee Safety Fairs
- Respect for Law Camp
- Summer Camp Programs
- National Prescription Take Back Days
- Leadership Hamilton
- Women's Self Defense
- Hamilton Police Department Open House
- Police Headquarter Tours
- Career Days
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Pilgrim Church 100 Year Anniversary
- Police Unity Tour
- Salvation Army Show Your Shield
- Fourth of July Parade
- Memorial Day Parade
- Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program
- Art in the Park
- Rock Roll and Refresh
- Summer Playground Movie in the Park
- Hamilton Civics Day
- Sober in October at Miami University
- Walk to School Day
- Miami University Campus Kids
- Trunk or Treats
- Community Blood Drive
- Teen Driving Safety
- Internet Safety Speech
- Veteran's Day Celebrations
- Meals on Wheels

Training & SROs



Sergeant
Gary Crouch

The Training Section is comprised of one supervisor and two training officers. Sgt. Crouch was assigned to the training section after Lt. Robinson’s promotion. Officer Ryan Beckelhymer and Officer Brian Buchanan are assigned to the section. They take care of the day to day operations of the HPD range and training tasks. Members of the training section work together to provide training courses through a multi-day in-service training. All sworn members of HPD are required to attend every year. The mandatory in-service training takes the training section eleven weeks to get all sworn personnel through the required ongoing training. The training section also provides orientation and training for new officers when they are hired. After orientation, a new officer is assigned to a field training officer for completion of the department’s field training program. The training section monitors the probationary officer as they progress through this FTO program. The Training Section is also responsible for overseeing all outside training for HPD employees from the beginning stages of training requests, to registrations and all the way to completion and issuance of certificates. This type of training is often specialized training that we cannot present in house. Sgt. Crouch is also in charge of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, which consists of seven officers permanently assigned to Hamilton City Schools.



Officer Maus and Detective Wynn train on the Taser.



Lt. Fischer practices throwing stop sticks during In-Service Training.



School Resource Officer Huff and Hamilton High School Principal John Wilhelm.



Officer Wilson greets children at Fairwood Elementary.



Officers qualify during In-Service Training.



Officers perform at In-Service Training.

Central Records Section



In 2019, one Records Supervisor (Brittney Geurin) and four full-time clerks (Karen Snyder, Kevin Imfeld, Jessica Rollins, and Sky Arvin) staffed the Central Records Section.

The Records Section validates and maintains numerous reports, such as; crime reports (6,217), arrest reports (6,768), and accident reports (2,031). Copies of reports are

distributed as requested and sent to the state on a weekly basis. Almost 5,000 calls were handled by the department in 2019, with most callers requesting a report copy. The records management system (RMS) is where all data is entered and stored. A total of 8,281 warrants, 4,679 moving violation citations, and 1,773 impounds were entered into RMS. Miscellaneous tasks include; attaching all mugshots, processing vehicle impounds, confirming and filing fingerprint cards, uploading witness statements, domestic violence forms and patient runs. While maintaining all workload the team likes to have fun as shown in the picture.

Monthly statistical data is submitted to the State and FBI. Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov> to learn more.

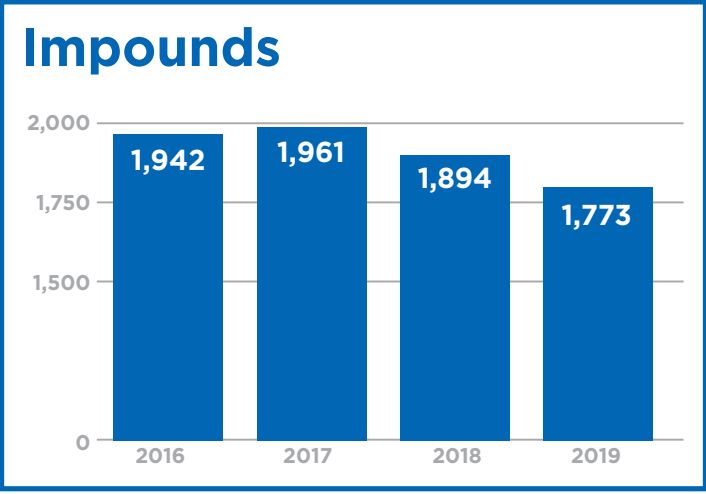
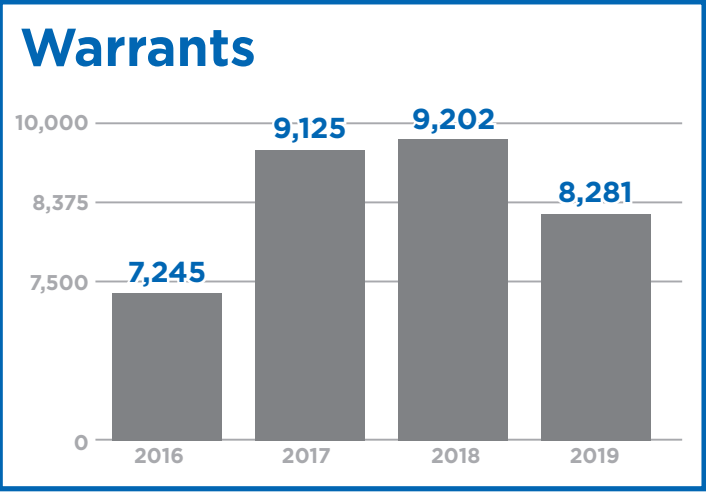
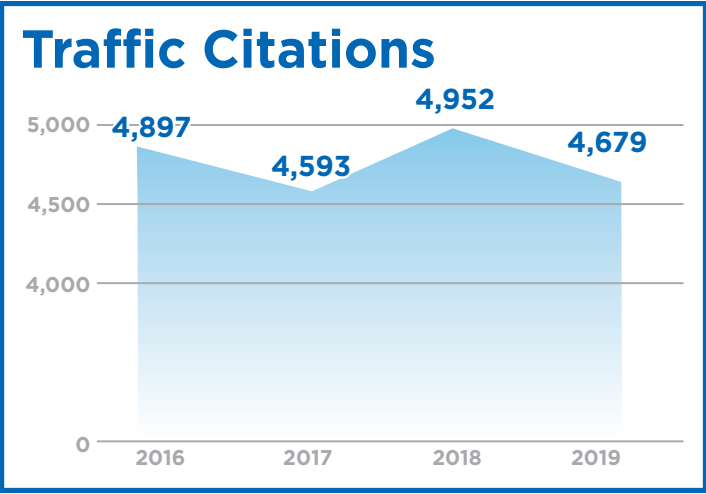
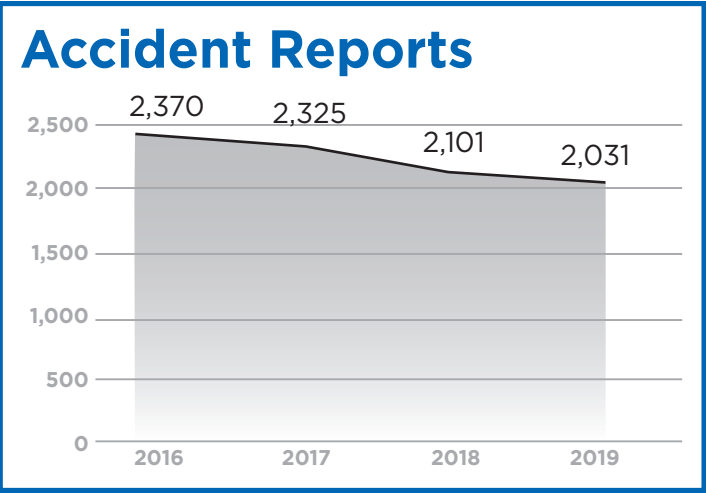
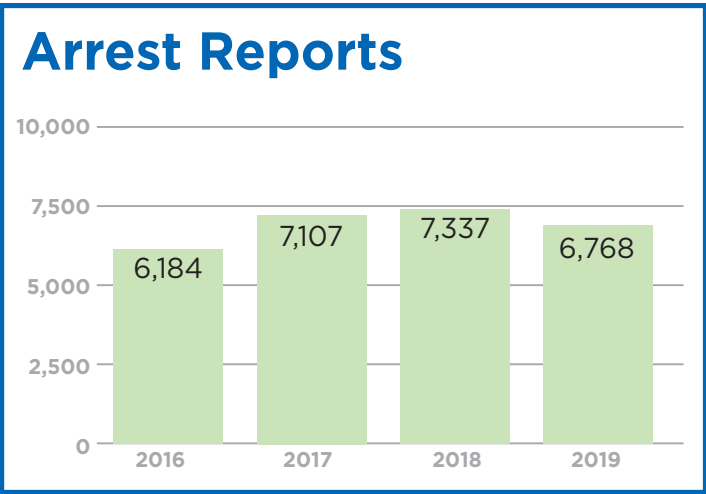
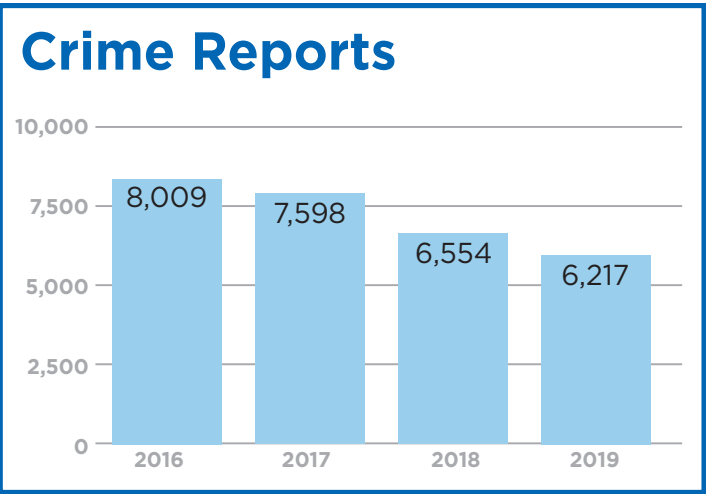


Central Records Clerk Snyder celebrated 25 years with the City of Hamilton.



Chief's Secretary Barb Winkler poses with the actors who starred in the play Hamilton.

Statistics



Court Services



In 2019, Court Services personnel began the process of being assimilated into the patrol/detective bargaining unit. This was great for the individual officers as well as the organization. It affords greater flexibility as well as stability to a unit that has undergone some recent personnel changes.

Our primary function is to provide a safe and secure environment for the courts as well as City Hall. We regularly patrol the common areas of the building as well as the grounds to safeguard our employees and customers that frequent the building.

Our unit continues to supplement patrol by booking and transporting prisoners arrested during our working hours to the Butler County Jail. This service frees our street officers to provide a more uniform coverage to our citizens. The police officers assigned to this unit are proud to be an integral part of the Hamilton Police Department.



Judge Gattermeyer swears-in Officer Hensley at Hamilton Municipal Court.

Support Services Roster

CHIEF OF POLICE CHIEF CRAIG R. BUCHEIT	
Chief's Secretary Barb Winkler	
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMANDER Captain Trent Chenoweth	
TRAINING & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS Sergeant G. Crouch Police Officer R. Beckelhymer Police Officer B. Buchanan SRO L. Ash SRO R. Cardwell SRO E. Huff SRO Td. Hurst SRO T. Hurst SRO R. Snyder SRO R. Wilson	COURT SERVICES Manager J. Murray Corrections Supervisor A. Lymburner Corrections Officer J.L. Benge Corrections Officer J. Carpenter Corrections Officer P. Fackey Sr. Corrections Officer G. Greene Corrections Officer J. Mast
WALKING BEAT OFFICERS Officer Ch. Browning Officer T. Kiefer	PUBLIC AFFAIRS Sergeant R. Burkhardt Police Officer K. Collins
CENTRAL RECORDS ACCREDITATION Supervisor B. Geurin Clerk S. Arvin Clerk K. Imfeld Clerk C. Rollins Clerk K. Snyder Accred. Manager C. Walters	NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING DETECTIVES AND OFFICERS Sergeant J. Fischer Detective C. Gibson Detective C. Johnson Detective P. Webb Police Officer S. Arbino Police Officer T. Nichting Police Officer W. Thacker K-9 Flash
IT SERVICES IT Specialist B. Britt IT Specialist R. Gordon	
PROPERTY Property Manager A. Thacker	

Personnel in Transition

APPOINTMENTS

P.O. Jose Padilla	1/7/19	P.O. Corey Nunn	8/5/19
P.O. Daniel Rollins	1/7/19	P.O. Daniel Trefzger	8/5/19
P.O. Taylor Dodd	1/7/19	P.O. Seth Hillman	8/5/19
P.O. Brittanie Bolten	1/7/19	P.O. Timothy Unwin	8/5/19
P.O. Taylor Bryant	1/7/19	P.O. Nicholas Jackson	8/5/19
P.O. Joseph Kettman	1/7/19	P.O. Corey Kinser	9/3/19
P.O. Tyler Hensley	1/7/19	P.O. Jacob Hiatt	9/3/19
P.O. James Mignery	8/5/19	C.O. Brittney Sorrell	9/30/19
P.O. Alexander Wargo	8/5/19	P.O. Cole Gudgell	11/24/19



Officers Hensley, Dodd, Kettman, Padilla, Bryant, Bolten and Rollins were sworn-in on January 11, 2019.



Officers Rush, Nunn, Jackson, Mignery, Hilltman, Wargo, Unwin and Trefzger started were sworn-in on August 8, 2019.

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. Shawn Fryman	4/1/19
Det. Brian Wynn	4/1/19
Lt. Brian Robinson	4/26/19
Sgt. Jon Richardson	4/26/19
Det. Robert Barker	8/8/19
Lt. Pat Erb	10/28/19
Sgt. Brian Gleason	10/28/19
Det. Chris Gibson	10/28/19



Pat Erb was promoted to Lieutenant. His father Pat Erb retired from HPD as a Sergeant.



Sgt. Fryman, Sgt. Richardson, Lt. Robinson, Det. Wynn and Det. Johnson were promoted in April.

RETIREMENTS

P.O. Melva Baker	1/11/19
Sgt. James Calhoun	3/27/19
Lt. Carl Sigmon	4/26/19
Det. Mark Henson	7/5/19
P.O. James Beeler	7/5/19
P.O. Aaron Laflin	7/19/19
P.O. Michael Coleman	10/11/19
Lt. Joseph Gabbard	10/25/19



Officer Coleman retired from HPD in 2019.



Detective Henson retired in 2019.

MILESTONES

30 Years

Police Officer Ernie Huff
Lieutenant Michael Waldeck
Police Officer James Colwell
Detective David Weissinger

25 Years

Sergeant Mark Hayes
Sergeant Don Taylor
Captain Marc McManus
Detective Mark Nichols
Police Officer Tim Less
Central Records Clerk Karen Snyder

20 Years

Police Officer Rick Cardwell
Police Officer Chris Browning
Detective Eric Taylor
Detective Frank Botts
Police Officer Lanny Ash
Sergeant Rich Burkhardt
Police Officer Steve McFall

15 Years

Detective Greg Baker
Detective Casey Johnson
Corrections Officer Pat Fackey

SEPARATIONS

P.O. Robert Bernhardt	1/23/19
P.O. Seth Proffitt	2/11/19
P.O. Taylor Dodd	3/19/19
P.O. Brittney Sorrell	3/25/19
P.O. Gregory Hopkins	6/15/19
P.O. Lucas Meyer	10/18/19

In Memoriam

Detective James Nugent passed away on January 13, 2019, at the age of 74. Detective Nugent was appointed to the Hamilton Police Department on July 2, 1966 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to detective in 1979. Detective Nugent retired on October 30, 1998, after 32 years of service.

Officer Craig Ruppert passed away on June 22, 2019, at the age of 93. Officer Ruppert was appointed to the Hamilton Police Department on April 27, 1950 as a patrol officer. He retired on January 12, 1979, after 29 years of service.



Officer Craig Ruppert passed away in 2019. In 2015, Chief Bucheit presented Officer Ruppert with a proclamation for saving a citizen's life in the 1960's.



Detective Jim Nugent passed away in January of 2019.



Chief Bucheit honored Merchant Patrolman Harry Baker at the HPD Open House. Baker was killed in the line of duty in 1919. His family members accepted the proclamation.



The HPD Honor Guard marches down Dayton Street in the Memorial Day Parade.



Fallen HPD Officers were honored on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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