

BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**Scott D. Rose
Chief of Police**



As I look back at last year and compare it to any other year since 1989, I become instantly aware that 2016 was special, very special. It was not because of a murder, robbery or rape investigation. It was not because of a retirement, promotion or a new hire. What made 2016 special was that lives were saved. Not one life, but many lives.

Over the years I have seen officers save a life and this is truly a special occasion. It is special and usually very rare. In the past 27 years here at Bath it has only occurred a few times. Last year officers saved several people's lives. And if that was not enough, the fire department saved several more. In no other year was there the number of lives saved as there were in 2016.

Two of those saves came with the use of the AED (automatic external defibrillator). Our officers carry the AED's in the patrol vehicles and coupled with training in CPR they are able to respond very quickly, giving residents the best possible chance of survival. On two occasions that "chance of survival" was more of a miracle. Instead of two more people dying, it was two people with more life to live. One of those people I have known since I was a part-time officer here at Bath. There may be no greater feeling of pride then when you speak to someone who would not be alive but for one of your officers.

On a cold wintery day last year I happened to be working late. As I responded to a report of a woman who fell through the ice at Rose Lake learned that one of our officers fell through the ice as well. My stress soon changed to pride. I soon found out one of our young officer's helped save his partner from peril and then both of them went on to help save the woman's life. Without a doubt the actions of the neighbor, officers and firefighters were critical to the incident being a success. That said, this woman possessed an absolute iron will to live. To say that she is strong may be an enormous understatement.

I once attended a seminar and the key-note speaker stated that you want to surround yourself with bright people. As I look around I am surrounded by brilliant, highly motivated, highly trained, brave officers. So as I look toward the future and attempt to devise a plan to deal with new problems that we must face, I am supremely confident. It's not that I don't think there could be a better group of officers out there because I do think it's possible. I just don't think it is likely!

Sincerely,

Chief Scott D. Rose

Vision

The Vision of the Bath Township Police Department is to set the standard for how law enforcement is administered. We want every citizen to have the highest level of respect for the department as well as each and every person who comes in contact with the department. Our Vision is to be leaders in the law enforcement community and to be the yard-stick to which other departments are measured. These are lofty goals. In order to attain this vision we must constantly strive to be better tomorrow than we are today.

Values

Values are those principles that we hold ourselves to so that we can accomplish our mission and vision. Our values guide our professional and personal lives so that the public will have an exemplary level of trust and faith in each officer and in the department as a whole. Our values are:

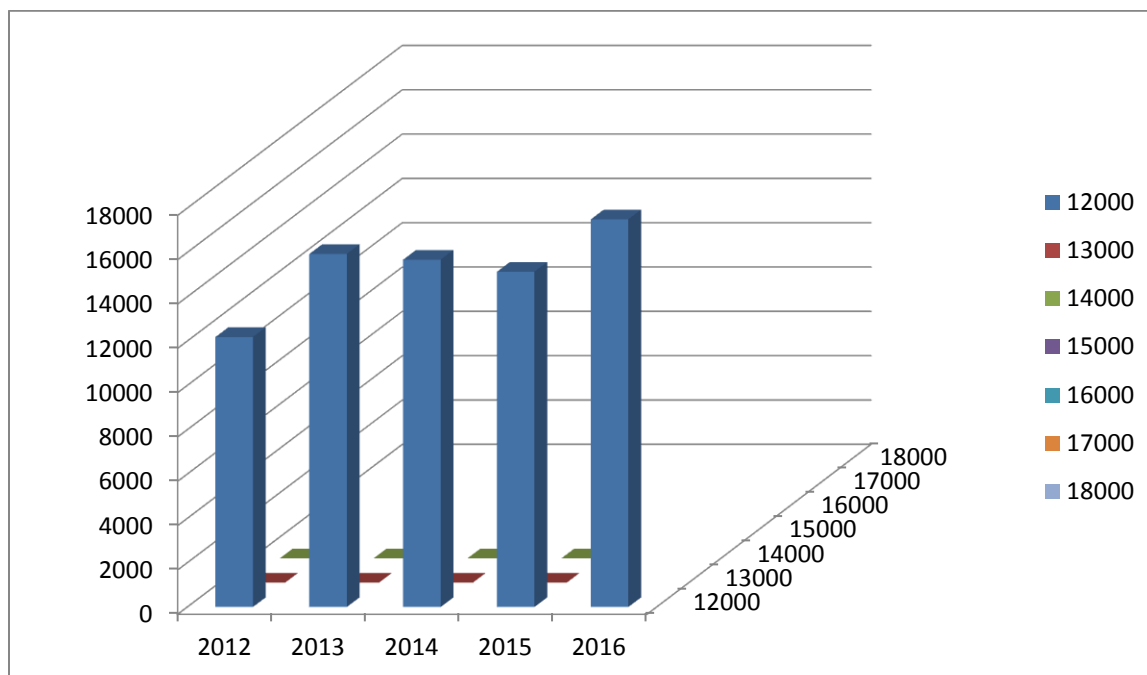
- Advocate:
 - To be an advocate for victims, citizens and those unable to stand up for themselves. To be an advocate for the rights of every individual, including victims and suspects so as to ensure those persons who are guilty will be punished and those that are innocent will be protected.
- Dedication
 - To be dedicated in our role as a police officer, public servant and community leader. This means being relentless in our efforts to make each resident's life safer and more enjoyable.
- Trust
 - Our livelihood is based on the public having trust in each of us. We must perform knowing that we must maintain and build on that trust. Everything we do will either build on that trust or take away from it.
- Teamwork
 - We must work as a team with the community, with the other township departments, with other police departments and with each other within the police department. One person acting alone cannot make a difference. One community can.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Bath Township Police Department is to provide high quality, progressive and proactive law enforcement services. Our mission is to preserve and even improve the quality of life for the residents, visitors and people just passing through, by working as a partner with the community. Lastly, our mission is to maintain a highly trained and highly motivated group of officers so that we can better serve the community.

Annual Complaints

Complaints are anything the officers do each day. Complaints include crimes but they also include things like found property, civil disputes, directions etc. Overall, complaints are a common way to show activity. As an example, in the year 2000 the department had 6556 complaints. In 2016 we had 17492.



2016 Investigations Highlights:

Detective Sgt. Gary Smith

Assault with intent to Murder

On May 22, 2016 at 0155hrs Officers were dispatched to the Village at Chandler Crossings Apartment Complex, building #2 for a shots fired complaint. As our officers were in the area, they heard yet even more gunshots coming from the parking lot area. Witnesses report after an altercation at a party on the 3rd floor, an older male subject began shooting at a younger male subject both inside of building #2 and out in the parking lot. Due to this being a weekend there were several parties occurring in building #2, with dozens in attendance. After a lengthy investigation involving nearly 30 witnesses, the two subjects who were involved in the altercation were identified. It was discovered that the older male subject identified as Donald Keith Nowell 62 years of age had shot at victim Koi Shanear Trice 21 years of age with a .45 caliber handgun 7 different times and at various locations around the apartment complex. The stray bullets struck cars and various apartment buildings with one bullet traveling through an exterior wall and into the bedroom of an apartment of a neighboring building. Miraculously no bystanders were struck by the bullets that were found lodged in the apartment building and cars that were nearby. In the end, Nowell was charged with Assault w/intent to Murder, however he took a plea bargain and pled guilty to Assault w/intent to do Great Bodily Harm less than Murder. BTPD#16-00403

Taft Road Homicide

On September 18, 2016 at 0309hrs Deputies from the CCSD were dispatched to a shots fired complaint at 2378 W. Taft Road. While en route dispatch learned that one of the subjects in the house was shot at least once and possibly twice. Upon arrival it was learned that victim Juawan Gaylor Butler age 28 was shot while in his bedroom. Butler died of his injuries moments later. During the shooting there were 4 others inside of the residence that were unharmed. Detective Smith was requested to assist detectives from the CCSD with this homicide investigation. During the investigation it was learned that at least one of the subjects while fleeing the residence ran directly through a patio screen door and in the process, dropped a baseball cap at the scene. Originally this cap was sent to the MSP Crime Lab who originally stated there were too many DNA donors to identify any one donor. Through numerous phone calls and working my way

through the MSP Crime Labs chain of command, I was able to get the crime lab to agree to section off the rim of the baseball cap and only test a small section of the baseball cap for DNA. The lab then retested samples from a smaller section and came back with a CODIS hit from DNA that was on the baseball cap. Now that detectives from CCSD had a name, they began what turned out to be a lengthy investigation that would last for years. Eventually 5 subjects would be charged in the death of Butler. The main suspect, Tyron Jamar Butler 33 years of age goes to trial for his involvement in this incident in Clinton County in February of 2017. CCSD #13-002432

Vulnerable Adult Fraud

On May 22, 2016 Jamie Diamond reported a fraud complaint on behalf of her father, Harry Kenneth Jones (72 years of age). After a lengthy investigation it was learned that Jones began dating Joanne Colleen Stallone (62 years of age) in 2014. When Jones initially met Stallone his family reported he was in great health, as the relationship with Stallone wore on his health began to deteriorate. Jones was first admitted into hospital for internal bleeding. Later Jones began experiencing muscle weakness, numbness and eventually a stroke while he was in Texas with Stallone. This stroke left Jones unable to live on his own any longer and he requires constant care. While Jones was receiving rehabilitation services Stallone obtained power of attorney for financial affairs over Jones. Stallone immediately transferred \$20,000 out of an account she shared with Jones to an account Jones does not have access to. While Jones was in rehab, Stallone presented a Quit Claim Deed to Ingham County Register of Deeds for a house on Lake Lansing that Jones was selling on a land contract. Stallone also has a Quit Claim Deed for Jones' condo on Park Lake. The proceeds from the Land Contract were Jones' only source of income during his retirement years. Jones does not recall ever deeding any of his property to Stallone. Days before Jones was to be released from rehab, Stallone moved her possessions out of his house and down to Keller, Texas. On 1-6-17 the Clinton County Prosecutors Office charged Stallone with 2 counts of Vulnerable Adult Fraud over \$100, 000 and 1 count of Larceny by conversion. BTPD #16-00634

Home Invasions

In April of 2016 our department began taking numerous breaking & entering complaints from the Village at Chandler Crossings Apartment Complex. During these breaking & entering's the suspect(s) would enter the unlocked apartment and steal various electronic items including TV's, game consoles, laptop computers, phones, etc. Officers let the management office know this fact and on April 22, 2016 a manager called 911 and reported seeing what she believes was stolen property in Apt#236 at the Village Apartments. While Detective Smith was en route to the scene, he learned that the only tenant of Apt#236 showed up and was being detained by officers on scene. After speaking with the suspect, Christopher Edward Ethridge (25 years of age) Detective Smith was able to obtain consent to search his apartment. Upon searching the

apartment, numerous stolen items were located as well as narcotics, bullets and fake \$100 bills. After a thorough investigation, Ethridge' key fob was shown being used in each of the 8 buildings where breaking & entering's were reported and just prior to the breaking & entering's occurring. One victim was able to pick Ethridge out of a photo lineup where Ethridge was caught in the act of stealing items from the victim's apartment. Ethridge was charged with Possession of a narcotic, Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property over \$1,000, Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property under \$1,000 and Home Invasion 1st degree. BTPD#16-00337 & others.

Armed Robbery/Home Invasion

On February 14, 2016 at 1240hrs officers were dispatched to 16400 Upton Road, Lot #105 for an Armed Robbery/Home Invasion. The victim, a 42 year old female, reported that someone knocked on her trailer door and when she opened the door to see who it was, 2 black males forced their way into her residence. At the time, the victim was home with her 3 special needs children. While one suspect forced her to the floor and held her at gun point the other ran to the back of the trailer where her son's room is located and stole a shotgun and ammunition. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction.

The victim recognized one of the suspects as a previous friend of her sons. When Detective Smith looked into the background of one of the suspects identified as Andrew Lee Harris B/M DOB: 05-09-96, he learned he was a suspect in numerous other armed robbery incidents near Kalamazoo, MI. Harris was never charged in any of the other incidents as the victims always refused to prosecute with police. After a thorough investigation, Harris was charged with 2 counts of Felony Firearm and 1 count of Armed Robbery. The MSP fugitive team was able to apprehend Harris in Lansing MI. Harris was sentenced to 4-20 in prison on June 20, 2016.

During this investigation the getaway driver and vehicle were identified. The driver, a Bath Township resident cooperated fully and denied he knew at the time, that the others were going to rob anyone. The driver identified the second suspect as Mykal Shavon Stinson B/M DOB: 10-08-98, a resident of Bath Township. Stinson later pled guilty to lesser charges. Through his attorney, Stinson returned the stolen shotgun. BTPD#16-00139

2016 INDEX CRIMES BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

VIOLENT CRIMES:

MURDER	ROBBERY	CSC (1 & 3)	AGG/FELONY ASSAULT
0	3	9	3
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
0	.24	.73	.24

PROPERTY CRIMES:

BURGLARY	LARCENY (ALL)	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
52	97	14	0
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
4.2	7.34	1.1	0

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:

PERSONAL INJURY	32
FATAL ACCIDENTS	2
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	173

*BASED ON 2015 CENSUS ESTIMATE OF 12,391

2015 INDEX CRIMES BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

VIOLENT CRIMES:

MURDER	ROBBERY	CSC (1 & 3)	AGG/FELONY ASSAULT
0	6	9	8
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
0	.52	.78	.67

PROPERTY CRIMES:

BURGLARY	LARCENY (ALL)	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
54	104	6	2
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
4.66	8.9	.51	.17

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:

PERSONAL INJURY	26
FATAL ACCIDENTS	1
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	115

*BASED ON CENSUS 2010 POPULATION OF 11,598

2014 INDEX CRIMES BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

VIOLENT CRIMES:

MURDER	ROBBERY	CSC (1 & 3)	AGG/FELONY ASSAULT
1	4	7	9
RATIO PER THOUSAND	.34	.60	.76

PROPERTY CRIMES:

BURGLARY	LARCENY (ALL)	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
71	100	6	0
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
6.12	8.6	.52	0

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:

PERSONAL INJURY	37
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	119

*BASED ON CENSUS 2010 POPULATION OF 11,598

2013 INDEX CRIMES BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

VIOLENT CRIMES:

MURDER	ROBBERY	CSC (1 & 3)	AGG/FELONY ASSAULT
0	1	5	15
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
0	.08	.43	1.3

PROPERTY CRIMES:

BURGLARY	LARCENY (ALL)	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
45	94	14	3
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
3.8	8.1	1.2	.26

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:

PERSONAL INJURY	33
FATAL ACCIDENTS	1
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	125

*BASED ON CENSUS 2010 POPULATION OF 11,598

2012 INDEX CRIMES BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

VIOLENT CRIMES:

MURDER	ROBBERY	CSC (1 & 3)	AGG/FELONY ASSAULT
1	6	2	19
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
.09	.52	.17	1.6

PROPERTY CRIMES:

BURGLARY	LARCENY (ALL)	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
44	56	8	7
RATIO PER THOUSAND			
3.8	4.8	.69	.60

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS:

PERSONAL INJURY	29
FATAL ACCIDENTS	1
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	139

*BASED ON CENSUS 2010 POPULATION OF 11,598

Department Goals

Short Term Goals

The department is in solid shape and continues to maximize efficiency in lieu of staffing. Staffing is an important ingredient in success. One short term goal is to enable officers to address people in a mental health crisis using Crisis Intervention Training. Officers will begin to receive this training in 2017. The goal would be to add one additional officer and then an officer would be promoted. This would enable a command officer to supervise the response to a mental health crisis type of incident. Having a command officer respond reduces the chance of an officer involved shooting and ensures that follow-up care for the individual occurs.

One of the nation's most prevalent issues is the Opioid crisis. Bath Township has not escaped the wrath of deaths countrywide. The statistics seem to indicate that we are likely to continue to experience an increase in deaths in the future. In order to address this problem we will have to use un-conventional methods to become more successful in battling this crisis.

Long Term Goals

The department needs to continue to train the command officers to become the next leaders of this department. In the future command officers will be involved in more executive decisions, interact with boards and commissions and attend management oriented training courses.

This group of officers is very well trained and highly motivated. The key to the department's long term success is to assist the officers in carrying out the constant changes in our role as police officers. The Opioid epidemic is an example of un-foreseen changes and how our role must change to address problems in society. I believe our officers are very prepared to deal with these changes.