

Bath Township Police Department

2018 Annual Report



Lyle Lindemulder
Chief of Police
Bath Township, Michigan

Annual Report 2018

2018 was an exceptional year for the department. Our Officers were very proactive catching many criminals in the act of committing crimes. With this commitment from the Officers the robbery and burglary rate for the year has dropped by half.

Our 2018 goals included updating older equipment, re-applying for a Community Oriented Policing Officer grant, training our new command staff and engaging with the community during numerous community events.

The Officers and command staff were able to attend more than 15 different unique trainings during 2018. These classes were in addition to the department wide training that we do on an annual or semi-annual basis.

The department was able to replace our old firearms and upgrade to the newest models. We will save money with these new firearms with less costs for practice and duty ammunition.

We were not able to apply for the community oriented policing grant as the grants have been on hold while a law suit gets settled at the federal level. However, we have still been able to attend many community functions and events throughout the year.

With the purchase of the new evidence program in 2017 came the daunting task of change-over from the old program to the new. Officer's Decker and Siedelberg have worked many hours and are more than half way through the 14 years of old evidence. They are striving to have the changeover completed in 2019.

Our 2019 Goals include upgrading two patrol cars, continuing our education, updating a county wide active violence policy and engaging with our citizens throughout the year.

Within this report you will see the numbers of all major and minor crimes along with traffic enforcement and traffic accidents. Major crimes within the township have dropped by one per thousand residents. Also included is the total number of calls for service the department received for the last five years. The total number of incidents for the department recorded by our computer aided dispatch are up by about 1400 from 2017.

As always, it is the Officers who are out there every day protecting and serving our community. They make our community safe and comfortable to live in or visit.

Chief Lyle Lindemulder

BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF—2018/19

“TO PROTECT AND SERVE”

Chief Lyle Lindemulder	November 1989 Chief October 2017
Lieutenant Gary Smith	May-Oct 1993 March 1996 Lt. 2018
Sergeant Matt Mardigian	March 2002 Sgt. 2012
Sergeant Christopher Hamilton	February 2005 Sgt. 2018
Officer Thomas Decker	December 2000
Officer Michael Lapham K9 Partner Aiko	January 2007 March 2014
Officer Greg Welch	January 1995-2005 January 2010
Officer Marcus Siedelberg	November 2012
Officer Bryan Miller	February 2013
Officer Avery Lyon	February 2015
Officer Trenton Bailey	May 2015
Officer Payton Warner	January 2018
Reserve Officer Clifford “Kip” Harman	January 1986
Reserve Officer John Moe	June 2013
Reserve Officer Lenny Thayer	January 2018
Administrative Assistant Kristi Colby	June 2002

2018 CRIME REPORT

PART I: SERIOUS FELONY CRIMES

Bath Charter Township has continued to grow and change in population. Population increases directly relate to the number of dangerous and serious felony crimes that are committed in an area. Bath Township Police vigorously patrol areas that have experienced high growth rates in an effort to keep crime rates in check. This year the Index crime rates have slightly decreased.

INDEX CRIMES REQUIRING A WRITTEN REPORT

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	
Murder/Manslaughter	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	17
Robbery	1
Burglary	21
Larceny	74
UDAA (stolen vehicle)	6
Arson	0
Aggravated Assault	4
TOTAL INDEX CRIME REPORTS	124

PART II: CRIMES AND OTHER OFFENSES (LESS SERIOUS)

Part II Crimes are usually classified as misdemeanors. However, felony exceptions may occur based upon:

- Value of items
- Amount of cash involved
- Number of prior convictions pertaining to a certain offense

Vigorous enforcement of these types of crimes has a tremendous impact on keeping the local non-index crime rate low.

NON-INDEX CRIMES REQUIRING A WRITTEN REPORT

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	
Negligence Causing Death	0
Non-Aggravated Assault	35
Fraudulent Activities (including Retail Fraud)	38
Stolen Property Possession	1
Damage to Property	24
Weapons Offenses	23
Prostitution & Vice	0
Drug Laws	16
OWI (Drunk Driving)	20
Public Peace/Disorderly Conduct	16

PART III: OTHER OFFENSES

OTHER OFFENSES REQUIRING A WRITTEN REPORT

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	
Warrant Arrest	90
DWLS (Suspended License)	62
Hit and Run	22
Trespassing	1
Stalking/ Intimidation	3
Family Abuse/ Neglect	7
Suicides	3
Death Investigations	10
Missing Persons	16
Assist Other Agencies	22
Obstruction Police/Justice	6
Lost & Found Property	14
Alarms	170

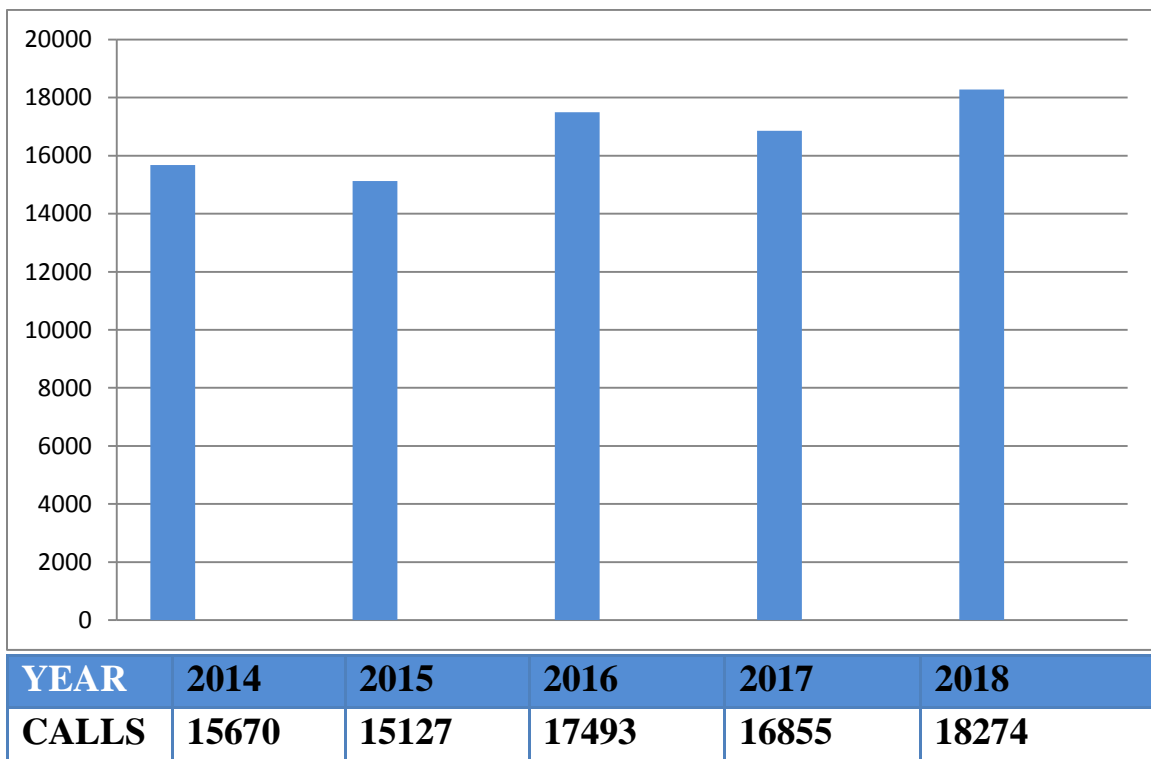
PART IV: ANNUAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

WARNINGS	1882
CITATIONS	435

PART V: TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

PROPERTY DAMAGE ACC.	203
INJURY ACCIDENTS	31
FATALS	1
TOTAL	235

PART VI: ANNUAL COMPLAINT (INCIDENT) CALLS



2018 DEPARTMENT TRAINING

All Bath Township Police officers participated in annual training including:

- Active Violent Incident (AVI) Training
- Defensive Tactics Training
- Firearms Proficiency
- Legal Updates
- First Aid CPR and AED (instructed by Officer Welch)

The following classes for specialized training were attended to by one or more Officers:

COURSE:
Street Survival
Use of Force Instructor
Law Enforcement Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)
Crisis Intervention
LEIN Certification
Leadership Coaching for First Line Supervisors
Stress Management in Law Enforcement
Michigan Tactical Officers workshop
Taser Instructor
K-9 Re-Certification
Detective/Criminal Investigations
Background Investigations
Civil Liability

Firearms Training Day



Bath Police Administrative Secretary processed 283 pistol sales records and purchase permits. She also attended TAC training, RMS group user class, FOIA class, TRI SORT (sex offender) update, and a Pistol Permit Disqualifier class in 2018.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bath Township Police completed **7482** Property and Business Checks. Property Checks consist of citizens registering property/vacation checks with the department. Officers stop at the residence until the date given when the residents return. Officers check businesses regularly during their patrol to ensure doors and or gates are secured.

Community Policing had over **293** entries and include items such as parade road blocks, Bath Days Festival, Park Lake Summer Solstice, Neighborhood Watch meetings, Girl/Boy Scouting discussions and many school functions. These help enhance police and community relations.

Officer Bailey provided Bath Community School with crossing guard training to promote safe entrance to school for walkers. We also teamed up with Bath Parks and Recreation to host a public birthday celebration for our K-9 Officer Aiko. It was held on a Thursday Farmer's Market and many people attended.

The Department is also very busy with community events during the holidays such as Shop with a Hero. Bath Police and Bath Fire team up with Meijer of Bath Township to Christmas shop with local school children. We also participate with Clinton County Sheriff's Department Shop with a Cop, held in St. Johns.

We participate in "Fill a Cop Car" with other area Police agencies. We gather community donated groceries to then give to the local food bank. Old Newsboys is another fun yearly event that we participate in. Several officers gather donations for a spoof Lansing State Journal. One hundred percent of the money donated goes to buy shoes, boots and socks for local area needy children, many of whom live in our township/county.

We also send an officer to help box and deliver baskets for "No Senior Citizen without a Christmas". Several area senior citizens received a basket, sponsored by TRIAD. Another worthwhile event is the Bath High School "Teacher Lock up", which raises funds to help local families at Christmas.

Other Police Services: A Neighborhood Watch email goes out weekly to hundreds of residents as well as community block captains. It informs the public on police activity and alerts them to crime and potential local scams. Lt. Smith and Officer Siedelberg are both trained in salvage vehicle inspections. Officer Siedelberg completed **38** inspections in 2018. There are very few officers in our area trained to do these inspections for the public. Sgt. Matt Mardigian is the Team Commander of the Clinton County Special Operations Team and Sgt. Chris Hamilton serves as the Co-Commander. Reserve Officer Kip Harman is the only Clinton County representative of the Tri-County Dive Team.

Did you know?? Our lobby has a phone that contacts Clinton County Central Dispatch. That lobby is open 24/7 to assist the public with police contact when the office is closed. Our inner office lobby (open only when the office is) has a medicine disposal box. This is to help keep unused medicine off the street, out of little hands and out of our water table.

Officer Lyon at Bath High School with staff and students during “Teacher Lock Up”



Officers competing against Bath Fire at the Bath Tub Race



Bath Police & Fire Shop with a Hero



Leading a Parade in Bath



Aiko “Pawty”



A gift of authentic sombreros from Mr. Lopez, a resident.

BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE FACEBOOK

Once again, we had a very active Facebook year. Officers Lapham, Lyon and Bailey put together the posts. Our page is followed by thousands of people, both local and afar. It is beneficial in solving crimes as well as disseminating information to the public such as road and weather conditions. We also use it for public awareness items like local scams and area crime spree. Frequently we list information for substance or domestic abuse assistance for those who need it, or have loved ones struggling with it.

We have an ongoing fun “rivalry” with East Lansing Police and both departments posted a singing karaoke video challenge to one another this year. Many times our officers have to interact with other departments on dangerous and/or unpleasant scenes. This is one small way to promote a brotherhood/sisterhood with other area departments with a positive spin. One of our posts about our patrol cars even got a shout out from Jimmy Fallon on “The Tonight Show”. All comedy aside, several postings have solved cases such as the stolen tractor from Bath High School Football Club and turfing at the soccer field. When people are looking to see the fun posts, we get to use that to our advantage to get the word out for items we need help with. Many of the posts are done by the three officers when they are not even on duty. They are very committed to making sure our Facebook stays relevant and informative to those depending on it.

Our local media outlets call on a very regular basis requesting knowledge, comment or opinions from Bath Township Police due to postings they have seen on the department’s page. Our department has benefited from developing a good relationship with our local Lansing area news providers.

It has proven to be a wonderful way to communicate with not only our township residents, but those we may never meet or have the chance to visit our community.

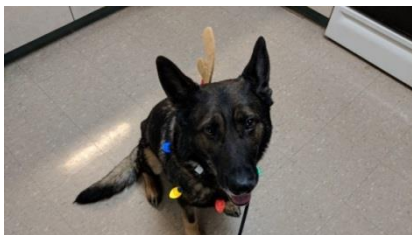
K-9 AIKO

In addition to the numerous calls for assistance by Bath Township Officers and agencies within Clinton County, Officer Aiko and his handler Officer Mike Lapham, assisted agencies in Ingham County, Shiawassee County and Eaton County with various requests. These include narcotics detection and seizures, tracking suspects and missing persons including several requests for assistance in locating missing children and searching structures for suspects hiding inside. Officer Aiko has assisted with several apprehensions of suspects in the area. Officer Aiko's ability to detect subjects and alert other Officers continues to make him a valuable asset to keeping the community safe and for the safety of the officers working with him. They are also routinely called to assist Bath Schools with numerous sweeps during the school year for narcotics.

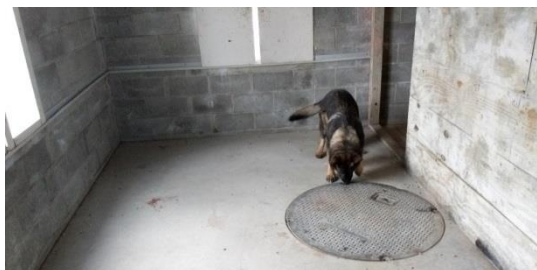


GRAND
MARSHALLS at 2018
Bath Days Parade.

They led the parade
and participated in
some events including
the Bath Tub Races!



Here he is getting ready for the Holiday Parade in St. Johns. He dressed up as Max, the Grinch's faithful sidekick.



Officer Aiko locating a decoy hiding in the sewers during a building search scenario. This type of training is designed to test both the canine and their handler.



After successfully locating two lost children in a swamp, Officer Aiko was rewarded with a gift of an upgraded new patrol kennel from American Aluminum. It was installed in early 2018 and is still keeping him safe and comfortable.



Aiko has become a local celebrity and Facebook star due to his hard work and dedication. A resident even sent over goodies for National Law Enforcement Day.

2018 INVESTIGATION HIGHLIGHTS

FATAL HUNTING INCIDENT:

On 11/16/2018, the family of Chong Moua Yang went looking for him after he did not return from hunting after dusk. He was found fatally shot in a remote part of the Rose Lake State game hunting area near the 8500 block of E Clark Road. A backpack Yang was known to carry and his firearm were not recovered at the scene. Bath Township Police evidence technicians Officer Decker and Siedelberg processed the scene and collected evidence. Bath Township Police have been assisted by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State Police, and Michigan State University Police Department in the investigation. This investigation is ongoing as all tips are being investigated.

LARCENY FROM BUILDING, LARCENY FROM COIN OPERATED DEVICE:

On 08/21/2018, the owner of the Soap n Suds Laundromat on Main Street in Bath reported that a group of subjects had broken into a washing machine coin dispenser and stole an undisclosed amount of money. They also broke into a storage closet and took various tools. The business had surveillance cameras inside the building.

A third party posted the surveillance photos on Facebook, and with the help of the citizens from surrounding communities, all suspects were identified. Detective Miller interviewed the suspects and witnesses and discovered that John Adams and an unnamed suspect were the ones that broke into the coin operated device and storage closet. During interviews, the unnamed suspect confessed to breaking in and taking items from the business. John Adams refused to provide a statement when interviewed at the Shiawassee County Jail where he was lodged for a separate charge.

John Adams pled guilty to both the larceny in a building and the breaking and entering of a coin box. He is awaiting sentencing. The unnamed suspect took a plea deal which included that his name not be publicly released.

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT:

Bath Township Police investigated numerous sexual assault complaints in 2018. Those involving juvenile victims were interviewed with the assistance from the Voice for Clinton County's Children Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in St. Johns. Their office supplies a certified forensic interviewer using state mandated protocol in these delicate situations.

The most notable sexual assault investigation of 2018 involved two students from Michigan State University. After gathering statements from the victim and several witnesses, the suspect, Wei Dong, refused to speak to law enforcement. The case was sent to prosecution and eventually was presented before a circuit court jury. After three days of testimony Wei Dong was found guilty on two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the 3rd degree. He is awaiting sentencing.

LARCENY FROM AUTO, POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY:

On 08/21/2018, a Hawks Ridge resident called 911 after observing two males getting into several vehicles. Officers Decker and Warner responded and apprehended two suspects, Mohamed Mohamud and Mohamed Khalif. Upon investigation they found that the suspects had arrived in a vehicle that was stolen out of South Dakota. They also discovered several stolen credit cards and other stolen property in their possession. The stolen cards and property came from automobile break-ins in Bath Township, Perry, Lansing, Lansing Township, and Delhi Township. Property that was readily identifiable was returned to the rightful owners including items stolen out of vehicles within Bath Township. While Detective Bryan Miller was interviewing suspect Mohamed Mohamud, he confessed that he and Mohamed Khalif took items from unlocked cars.

Both suspects agreed to a plea agreement of (2) felony counts of possession of stolen financial transaction devices (credit cards).

LARCENY FROM BUILDING:

On 07/02/2018, Officer Lyon arrested Jason Wolf for operating while intoxicated while he was operating a John Deere riding lawn mower on the roadway. A Facebook post including the mower was put on the Bath Township Police Facebook page. On 07/16/18, the Bath High School reported that the baseball field grandstand/storage was broken into and baseball equipment and a John Deere riding mower were stolen. The mower impounded from Wolf's OWI was still at American Towing and was identified as the mower stolen from the school after being seen on the police department's Facebook page. Detective Miller interviewed Wolf about the stolen items and he confessed to breaking in and taking the mower and baseball equipment. He provided the location of the baseball equipment in his father's basement and it was recovered and returned to the school.

Wolf pled guilty to Larceny \$1,000-\$20,000, served time in jail and has to complete probation.