

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

## *Avon Lake Police Department*

This report is a summary of the activities and events the police department has encountered throughout the year.

Chief Duane Streator

3/3/2017



# Police Department Personnel

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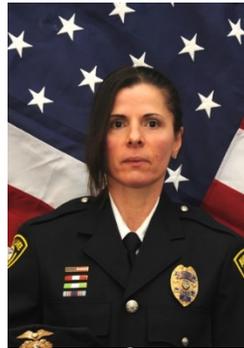
## Administration



Chief  
Duane Streator



Administrative Lieutenant  
Scott Fishburn



Administrative Sergeant  
Victoria Rightnour



Administrative Assistant  
Rachel Burson

## Detective Bureau



Detective Sergeant  
Reed Reikowski



Detective  
Mark Pickering



Detective  
Caleb Robinson



Detective  
Justin Ludwig

## School Resource Officer



Officer  
Brian Hurd



# Police Department Personnel Continued

## Platoon A



Lieutenant  
Vince Molnar



Sergeant  
Alex Giardini



Officer  
Shawn Rinker



Officer  
Ron Canteberry



Officer  
Brian Bringman



Officer  
Don Godlewski



Officer  
Anthony Fabrizi

## Platoon B



Lieutenant  
Sean Bockelman



Sergeant  
Fran Tibbitts



Officer  
Tim Schleicher



Officer  
Nate Toth



Officer  
Tom Anadiotis



K-9 Officer  
Jared Rudduck



K-9  
Ady



# Police Department Personnel Continued

## Platoon C



Lieutenant  
Mike Bulger



Sergeant  
Les Carrender



Officer  
Bernard Koltiska



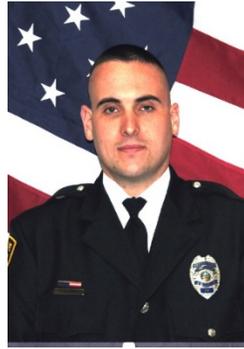
Officer  
Keith Biczynowski



Officer  
Kirk Seekins



Officer  
Jim Valencic



Officer  
Robert Walborn

## Dispatch



Dispatcher  
Patty Schroer



Dispatcher  
Libby Reinker



Dispatcher  
Cindy VanBuren



Dispatcher  
Mike Cipro



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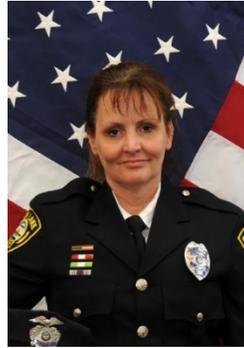
## Part Time Officers



Officer  
Tim Gareau



Officer  
David Dolezal



Officer  
Elizabeth Reese



Officer  
Keith Riggs



Officer  
Randy Bennett



Officer  
Jason Melda



Officer  
Sean Yonkers



Officer  
Tony Ciresi

## Part Time Dispatch



Dispatcher  
Dawn Lucey



Dispatcher  
Vicky Haag



Dispatcher  
Kathleen Starkey



Dispatcher  
Jennel Trifiletti



Dispatcher  
Kaylie Imbrogno



# Police Department Personnel Continued

## Support Staff



Maintenance  
David Ferguson



Chaplain  
Ken Bublinec

## Coming and Going



In March of 2016 Officer Luke Hagedorn left the Avon Lake Police Department to pursue a career as a police officer with the United States Capital Police Department.



In 2016 Part Time Dispatch Julie Martin left the department to work in the insurance industry.

July 2016, Anthony Fabrizi was sworn in as full time Avon Lake Police Officer.



# Education and Training

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In 2016, The Ohio Attorney General's Office mandated that all police officers in the state of Ohio receive 12 hours of training in the following five areas: Community-Police Relations, Crisis De-escalation, Constitutional Use of Force, Human Trafficking, and General Law Enforcement.

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

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

- Drivers' Training
- Time Management/Organization (attended by all administrative employees)
- Interview and Interrogation
- Combat Thinking
- Glock (handgun) Armorer
- Death Investigation
- Fraud Trends
- Consortium Against Adult Abuse
- Auto Theft Conference
- Photography for Investigators
- Evidence Technician

In 2016, The Avon Lake Police Department joined other county agencies in implementing Project Lifesaver. Avon Lake officers were trained with specific equipment and methods that will help to quickly return individuals who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, dementia, or similar disorders.

In December 2016, Sgt. Reed Reikowski graduated as a member of Class 70 of the Police Executive Leadership College. P.E.L.C. is sponsored by the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation and provides over 100 hours of advanced leadership training to police administrators.



# Community Engagement

## Social Media

Facebook continues to be Avon Lake Police Department's most followed social media tool. Social media provides an easy way to inform residents of road closures, weather alerts, safety tips, events, and press releases.

The ease with which people can share information we post greatly increases the volume of people informed. All of our Facebook posts are automatically posted to our Twitter account.

Facebook's design allows almost immediate interaction with residents. With options like private messages, publicly posting on our timeline, and replying to our own posts, residents feel comfortable contacting the police department with feedback, questions, concerns, and encouragement that we typically would not receive from them by telephone.



## Safety Town

Each year an officer is sent to Safety Town to meet the kids and review issues including bike & helmet safety, crossing the street, what to do in an emergency, and review other safety rules they have learned earlier in the week. Each child in Safety Town also gets a child ID.

## Coffee with a Cop



The Avon Lake Police Department continued hosting Coffee with a Cop once a month at the Old Firehouse in 2016. This gives residents the chance to get to know the City's police officers, ask questions, voice concerns, and learn about police work in their city.



# Community Engagement Continued

## Community Police Academy

The Avon Lake Community Police Academy continued to be a success in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. Throughout the 10 week program the public is given an inside view of police work through lectures, demonstrations, and student participation. The academy topics cover dispatch, firearms, driving, patrol, drugs, interrogation, and computer forensics.



Interacting with the community in this way has proved to be an asset in giving a real-life perspective of police work to the public as well as strengthening the rapport between the police department and the citizens.



## Big Trucks

Big Trucks is one of the most popular City-held events. Departments from all over the city participate in the event educating and entertaining the public. State and Federal agencies as well as area charities also set up informational booths and bring vehicles. People from all over the area get the opportunity to tour the Police Department, Municipal Court, and Fire Department while stopping at booths and climbing around in the City's vehicles.



## ID Cards

The Avon Lake Police Department provides Child ID Cards at many city events. Each year hundreds are done at Big Trucks alone. Child IDs provide parents an identification card with their child's current information to give to the police in the event that their child goes missing.

In addition to the Child ID cards, ALPD designed and prints City IDs for many City of Avon Lake Employees as well as designing and printing boat launch passes for the Miller Road Park Boat Launch.

KIDS IDENTIFICATION CARD	
Name: Mary Smith	
DOB: 09/25/2008	
Height: 3'5"    Weight: 44	
Guardian: Mr. Smith	
Address: 1234 Walker Rd Avon Lake, Ohio 44012	



# Specialized Units

## K-9 Unit

Ady is a Belgian Malinois trained for both narcotics and patrol work. K-9 Ady and his handler Officer Rudduck have been working together for the police department since 2011. The K-9 unit responds to calls involving tracking, vehicle sniffs, school searches, luggage sniffs, and building sniffs. Officer Rudduck and Ady regularly attend training throughout the year.

In 2016, in addition to their regular patrol, the ALPD K-9 unit completed 12 vehicle sniffs, 14 school sniffs, 1 area search, 1 building search, and 2 call outs. Officer Rudduck and Ady also made appearances and demonstrations at community events.



## Bike Patrol



The Avon Lake Bike Patrol is manned by Sgt. Carrender, Sgt. Tibbitts, Ptlm. Toth, Ptlm. Biczkowski, Ptlm. Pickering, Ptlm. Bringman, Ptlm. Godlewski, Ptlm. Valencic, Ptlm. Walborn, and Ptlm. Melda.

In 2016 the bike patrol underwent a new training program as well as specialized training with the Cleveland Police Department and Tiger Mountain Tactical to prepare for the Cleveland Republican National Convention.

During the summer months, Avon Lake Police Bike Patrol logged over 60 hours patrolling Avon Lake in locations inaccessible by regular patrol vehicles. In addition to time spent patrolling Avon Lake, the bike patrol also participated in the Cleveland Republican Convention providing security and crowd management. Bike Patrol Officers also participated in the Avon Lake City Schools Bike Rodeo. This event helps teach children about helmets and general bike safety.

Police mountain bikes provide accessibility of police officers to the public and reduce opportunities for criminal activity by enforcement through proactive policing.



# Specialized Units Continued

## Lorain County SWAT Team



The Avon Lake Police Department continues to support the Lorain County Swat Team. Sgt. Tibbitts (Operator) and Officer Rinker (Sniper) are assigned to the SWAT Team, Lt. Bockelman and Officer Schleicher are assigned as negotiators.

The L.C. SWAT Team operates under the authority of the Lorain County Sheriff's Department. The L.C. Swat Team originally started with only 13 members, but has since grown to over 27 members including dedicated Tactical Emergency Medics (T.E.M.) from the Avon & Avon Lake Fire Departments.

This is a multi-jurisdictional team, currently consisting of team members from; Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake, LaGrange, L.C. Sheriff's Department, N. Ridgeville, Oberlin, Wellington and Vermillion. Lorain County Sheriff Chief Dennis Cavanaugh is in command of the SWAT Team.

Lorain County SWAT members are on call 24/7 operating as sworn Sheriff Deputies. They have full powers of arrest and have the authority to go anywhere within Lorain County. The average response time for the team within Lorain County is approximately 45 minutes. Drug Raids, Suspect Searches, High Risk Incidents, Dignitary & V.I.P. Protection, Barricaded Suspects, Hostage Situations, and Rapid Deployment Against Active Shooters are some of the specialized operations L.C. SWAT performs.

Lorain County SWAT regularly trains and constantly reviews and updates their skills and techniques to keep up with current standards. Several members have served in the armed forces.

## Department Chaplain

2016 was Pastor Ken Bublinec's second year as the Avon Lake Police Department Chaplain. Pastor Bublinec volunteers his services and offers specialized guidance, counseling and assistance when requested by the department.



# Specialized Units Continued

## Motor Unit

The Avon Lake Police Motor Unit consists of Sgt. Carrender, Ptlm. Biczynowski, Ptlm. Ludwig, and Ptlm. Riggs.

The Motor Unit is operated during the summer months as the weather allows. During the 2016 season the Motor Unit had over 95 interactions with the public. These interactions consisted of traffic enforcement, response to calls for service, and police escorts. In addition to regular patrol operations, the Motor Unit assisted with local parades, charity runs, memorial rides, and funeral escort services.



## SRO

The School Resource Officer program is a partnership between the ALPD and AL City Schools. 2016 was the 9<sup>th</sup> year Officer Hurd held the position of SRO. The SRO program continues to maintain a beneficial working relationship with the students, parents, school personnel and law enforcement.

Throughout the 2016 school year SRO Hurd was involved in many activities throughout the city schools. He was involved in classes including topics of Internet Safety, Drug Awareness, Altered States of Conscience, Observation Skills, Psychology and Contemporary Social Issues which included taking students to Grafton Correctional Institution. The high school prom was held at Ritz Carlton Hotel and Officer Hurd conducted Safe Driving Awareness to the students prior to Prom. ALHS came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the county Buckle Up Bowl. This is a program where students are tallied up for seat belt usage as they enter the school parking lot. SRO Hurd continues to work with the student group S.A.D.D. as well as the Positive Community Choices team made up of school administrators, parents, local government, and safety forces. Both of these groups work to keep kids safe and help them make good choice. Officer Hurd also conducted safety drills for the school district utilizing the A.L.I.C.E procedure.



The relationships this program builds between students, law enforcement, and schools is a valued asset to the City.



# Specialized Units Continued

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## Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau consists of 4 full time detectives. The members of this unit are Sgt. Reikowski, Detective Pickering, Detective Robinson, and Detective Ludwig.

Detective Ludwig began his first year as a Detective in 2016. He filled the vacancy in the Bureau left by Detective Schleicher. Officer Schleicher requested to go to road patrol at the end of 2015 after serving 12 years in the Detective Bureau.



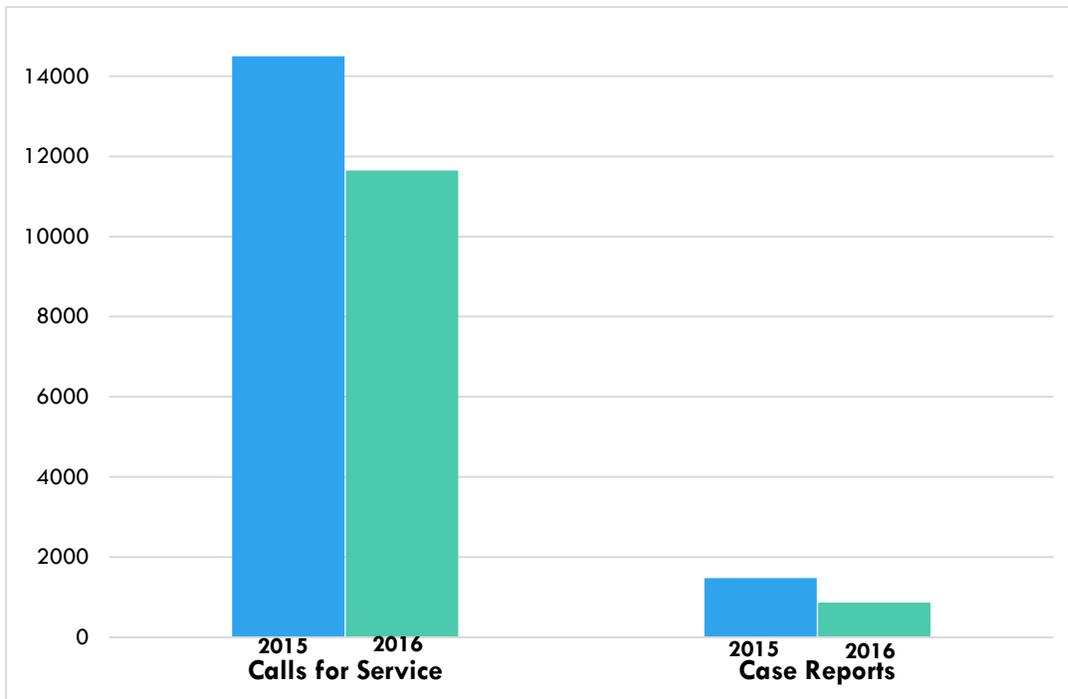
The cases worked by this unit in 2016 include but aren't limited to burglaries, theft complaints, sexual assault cases, fraud investigations, auto theft, and drug investigations. The Avon Lake Detective Bureau participates in the Lorain County Violent Fugitive Task Force. Each of the 3 detectives spends 1 day per week with the task force and helps to locate subjects wanted on warrants involving violence. The detective bureau serves as the main conduit in obtaining and executing search warrants on cases these tools are required. Detectives are also responsible for housing and cataloging evidence as well as the court approved disposal of evidence. The detective bureau regularly donates unclaimed bikes nonprofit charities.

A case of interest from 2016 involved the identification of a house in Avon Lake that was producing methamphetamine. The Avon Lake Detective Bureau worked collaboratively with the Lorain County Drug Task Force and developed a suspect in this case. Arrest and search warrants were obtained and the suspect was arrested. The subsequent execution of the search warrant revealed a clandestine methamphetamine operation. The Lorain County Clandestine Response team responded and removed the hazardous materials.

The Detective Bureau has worked with the patrol division in initiating a burglary prevention detail. This program works to educate the residents on current burglary trends. The officers/detectives on this detail pass out educational fliers with relevant information, talk with residents, and work to lessen exposure to burglary and property crimes. Officers look for conditions in the neighborhood that may lend themselves to criminal behavior and work to make those conditions unattractive to criminals.



# Calls For Service



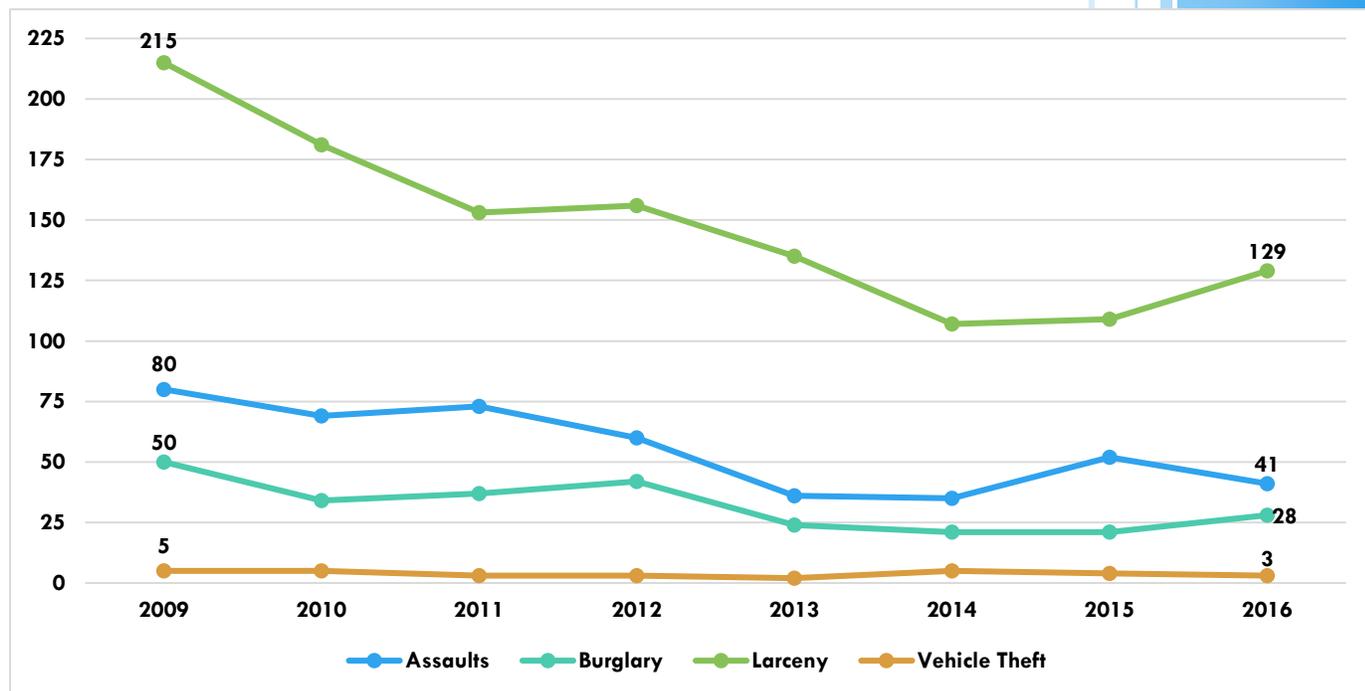
The Avon Lake Police Department received 11,651 Calls for Service in 2016. This is 20% decrease from the 2015 total. This drop can be attributed to changes in our call log system. In October 2015 the police department switched from our CAD call logging and reporting system to New World. One of the benefits of the New World system is now officers' locations are logged in a separate part of the system called Mobile.

Of these Calls for Service, 867 resulted Case Reports. This is also a decrease from the total in 2015 and can also partly be attributed to how data is entered into the New World system. For example when warrants are served they no longer generate a new separate Case Report.



# Calls for Service Continued

Between 2015 and 2016 the City experienced a 21% decrease in Assaults and a 25% decrease in Vehicle Thefts. Burglaries increased by 7 more reports and Larceny increased by 20 reports. In the chart below you can see the rate of all of these report types have significantly decreased over an 8 year period. Between 2009 and 2016 Assaults have decreased 49%, Burglaries decreased 44%, Larcenies decreased 40%, and Vehicle Thefts have decreased 40%.



Domestic violence reports (which are included with the Assaults in the chart above) continued their decreasing trend. In 2016 the total was 30 cases, in 2015 they totaled 35, and in 2014 the total was 46 case reports. This equates to a 35% decrease in domestic violence cases since 2014.

Arson cases remained at zero between 2015 and 2016. Aggravated Robbery cases were also at zero for 2016.

Avon Lake Police Department believes that our department's preventative measures through educating and interacting with the community as well as increased patrol in targeted neighborhoods have helped lead to the long term decreases the City has seen in these types of crimes.



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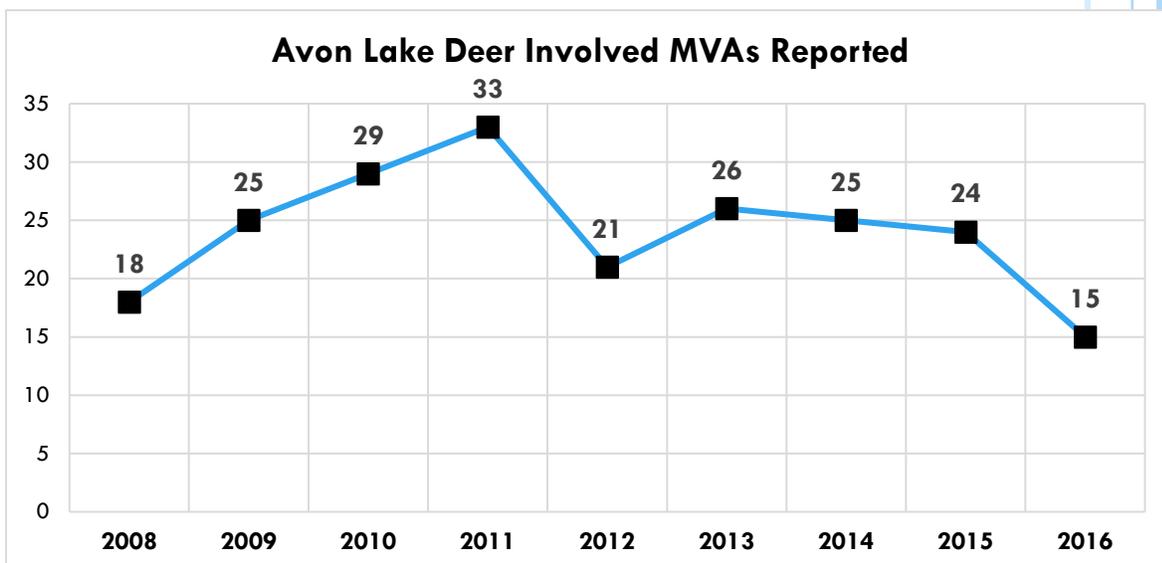
## Traffic

Traffic patrols and enforcement are a large portion of a Police Officer's duties.

Traffic Crash reports on public road ways continued to decrease as illustrated in the graph below. In 2016 these reports totaled 257. In 2015 the total was 265 and in 2014 the total was 298. Traffic crashes that resulted in a person being injured decreased from 36 last year to 29 in 2016.



Reported deer involved crashes continued their decline in numbers since the peak reached in 2011. Totals in 2016 reached the lowest number seen since 2008.



# Calls for Service Continued

Officers initiated 1,501 traffic stops in 2016, 20 of which lead to arrests. The year-end ticket stats are as follows: 315 traffic citations were issued, 73 correction orders issued, 175 written warnings were given out, and 742 verbal warnings were given.

