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January 29, 2021

Mayor Gallagher and Members of City Council,

Enclosed is the Annual Report for the City's Police Department. The report includes a summary of the many services that we provide. Year 2020 was a unique and challenging year.

The global COVID-19 virus pandemic affected many of the services our department provided throughout the year. The number of prisoners were dramatically decreased due to the court's reduction of in-person appearances. Our officers were encouraged to limit interactions with the public reducing our community engagement, traffic enforcement and training. Nearly a third of our employees were diagnosed at some point throughout the year with the virus. Precautions were taken in scheduling and acquisition of personal protection equipment was prioritized. Despite the nationwide lock downs we still saw a 10% increase in our Calls for Service to 25,864. The entire Cleveland area experienced an increase in thefts of and from automobiles. Brooklyn was no exception. All other crimes decreased.

Anti-police protests took place across the nation including the Cleveland area. While Brooklyn was not directly affected, we prepared and took advantage of our partnership in our regional tactical team – the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) to protect our City and assist Cleveland Police when asked. Six Brooklyn team members participated in SEB's operations. SEB saw a 300% increase in operations from 2019.

We continued contracting with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch – Brecksville Center for our dispatch services. This relationship is a great example of what regional cooperation can provide to a City of our size. We have access to services such as drones, Emergency Medical Dispatch, mobile dispatch and cameras that we could not afford ourselves. Additionally the School Resource Officer (SRO) position was renewed for another 5 years with the Brooklyn School District. The shared full time Animal Control Officer position continued with Parma Heights.

We congratulated Lt. Dave Miller on his retirement after 31 years of service. We lost retired officer Rich Hovan - a lifelong resident, current Special in our auxiliary unit and 33+-year veteran of our Police Department. He suddenly passed in September. We promoted Brian Glandorf and Adam McQuaid to Sergeant, John Knapp and Cindy Eschweiler to Lieutenant and Brett Dalton was assigned to the Detective Bureau. We welcomed 3 new officers in the middle of the pandemic – Kyle Young, Michael Spisak

and Joseph Chessar. We look forward to adding a couple more patrol officers in 2021; one with the help of a Federal COPS hiring grant we secured.

We continued to provide services that many other Police Departments eliminated because of the virus; vehicle lockouts, vacation checks, bicycle patrol, City park checks, and Santa's Annual Visit and Shop with a Cop. Many with changes or social distancing measures.

At the end of 2020 we started to review and revise the department's policies with the help of Lexipol to become certified with the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board. The policy project will continue in 2021. We will be acquiring new body and dashboard cameras along with new mobile data terminals (MDTs) in 2021. . Building a long awaited new police station and city hall officially started in 2020 and will carry through 2021.

We continue to look for ways to benefit our community through partnerships and shared resources with neighboring communities. Partnerships and sharing resources allows us to provide services that individually, our department may not be able to provide.

The Police Department wishes to express our continued gratitude to Mayor Gallagher, the members of City Council and all City departments for their support, assistance, and cooperation through a tough 2020. We are looking forward to a healthy, safe and peaceful 2021.

Respectfully,



Scott Mielke
Police Chief



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

**Annual Year End Report
2020**

Brooklyn Police Department Mission Statement

It is the Brooklyn Police Department's mission to serve as partners with our citizens to maintain a safe and peaceful community. We commit ourselves to the preservation of life, protection of property, and safeguarding individual liberties. We are dedicated to accomplishing this with service, integrity, professionalism, pride, and respect.

The Brooklyn Police Department's Core Values

Service

We will perform our duties impartially for all who seek our assistance

Integrity

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of honesty, truthfulness and ethical conduct.

Professionalism

We are committed to the highest level of professional standards through development of highly trained and motivated employees.

Pride

We take pride in ourselves as individuals, our department as a team and our citizens as a community.

Respect

We will ensure that all persons are treated with equality, dignity and courtesy.



Brooklyn Police Department

2020 Roster

Chief Scott Mielke

Sgt. Cindy Eschweiler

Sgt. John Knapp

Lt Dave Miller (retired 10/3/20)

Patrol

Day Shift

Platoon A

Sgt Brad Esper

Ptl Mark Murphey

Ptl Doug Gasior

Ptl Shane Phillips

Ptl Tony Psota (injured)

Ptl Jared Kochmit

Ptl Phil Bungo

Ptl Kyle Young

Platoon C

Sgt Doug Boyle

Ptl Chris Baxter

Ptl Mike Mackovjak

Ptl James Roach

Ptl TJ Schill

Ptl Brad Washburn

Ptl Mike Spisak

Night Shift

Platoon B

Sgt Adam McQuaid

Ptl Joe Traska

Ptl Steve Reitz

Ptl Brett Dalton

Ptl Joe Chessar

Platoon D

Sgt Paul Stein

Ptl Mario Spremulli

Ptl Tony Aftim

Ptl Dan Celis

Ptl Kyle Pitts

Ptl Terrence Duncan

School Resource Officer

Ptl Dan Meadows

Detective Bureau

Det Sgt Brian Glandorf

Det Chris Frey

Det Joe Bugaj

Animal Control

ACO Miranda Braude

Corrections

CO Mike Balina

CO Tony Kolbosky

CO Marie Neff

LE Clerk

Jackie Ans Kay Ellis

Auxiliary Police

Capt Gary Sundemeier

Sgt Rich Hovan (passed 9/24/20)

Sp Jim Catania

Aux John DeAngelo

Sp Nick Anikienko

Sgt Mike Balina Sr.

Aux Mike DeAngelo

Aux Donna Kennedy

Aux Vernon Cutright

Aux Robert Saggio

Sgt Bob Gerber

Aux Joe Salem

Aux Ray Slimak

School Guards

Brigitte Koontz

Rita Beaver

Ann Pecek

Linda Yankovitz

Sharon Laule

Christine Moralevitz

Joyce Nekl

Sharon Raushenbach

Denny Esper

Jane Sroka

Ron Yankovitz

Linda Mitchell

Chrissy Moralevitz

Gizzela Martincic

Mary Slimak

Part Time Corrections

CO Mike Kovacik

CO Anthony Gordon

CO James Yeager

CO Jerice Bonner

CO Paul Marich

CO James Albert

CO Johnsie Wilson

Part Time LE Clerks

Dianne Williams

Shelly Sudick

Dianna Hager

Reanna Verian



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Animal Control

2020

Animal Control

The Brooklyn Police Department's Animal Control Officer Miranda Braude continued in 2020 as a full time shared employee with the City of Parma Heights. This arrangement continues to benefit both Cities. The ACO's increased availability provides opportunities to be more proactive in responding to complaints and more thorough in follow-ups. This shared position continued to be a valuable addition to our residents.

ACO Braude would like to thank the following animal organizations and agencies that have assisted our department throughout 2020 – the Parma Animal Shelter, Emerald Animal Hospital & Grooming, the Brooklyn Pet Supply Plus, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, the Cleveland APL, The Senior Sanctuary for Dogs, and Cuyahoga County Kennels, Lucky Paws and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

As it has been in the past, it's Brooklyn Animal Control's goal to find a forever home for all healthy and adoptable animals.

There were **608 total calls** for service concerning Brooklyn animals in 2020. This is a 21% increase from 2019.

Impounded Dogs	44
Returned to Owner	33
Adopted –	0
Rescue	11
E/C (euthanized)	0
Impounded Cats	12
Returned to Owner	2
Adopted –	4
Rescue	2
E/C (euthanized)	4
Wildlife	
Nuisance/Sick/Injured –	81
Euthanized -	3



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Community Engagement

2020

Community Engagement

The Coronavirus Pandemic and subsequent shut down orders, severely curtailed our Community Engagement Activities. On March 01, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency and on March 09, 2020 Governor Mike DeWine declared a Statewide Health Emergency due to the Coronavirus. These orders closed our senior center, schools, and many private businesses where the community gathers and we concentrate our community engagement activities.

Bicycle Detail

Despite the Pandemic, schools closing, and reopening on a modified schedule, the bicycle unit dedicated approximately 114 hours to Safe Routes to School. The Safe Routes to School detail utilizes bicycles to promote walking and bicycling to school. We patrol the most common walking and biking paths used by students. We patrol 2 hours before school and 2 hours after school.

The Summer Bicycle Patrol traditionally begins with the Memorial Day Parade and rides through September. We dedicated approximately 358 hours to Summer Bicycle Patrol. The detail rides from in afternoon and weekends focusing on making community contacts and visibility in our parks and shopping centers.

Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop is a community event that our officers look forward to every year. It is an opportunity to spend extended quality time with younger members of our community and their families. So the Police Department was determined to find a way to carry on this tradition despite the Pandemic.

With thoughtful consideration, SRO Patrolman Dan Meadows came up with a solution. Instead of bringing the kids to Shop with a Cop, we brought Shop with a Cop to the kids. 15 Brooklyn Families with 17 kids were adopted. Officers then shopped for gifts, and delivered the presents and a full holiday to them at their homes.

The Police Department looks forward to getting back out into the community and resuming such programs as Coffee with a Cop, Senior Center & School visits after the pandemic subsides.



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Corrections

2020

2020 Corrections Report

Males 477

Females 175

Total 652

29.5% decrease from 2019 Total of 925

Average prisoner stay 1.3 days

Total Cost of Prisoner Food \$2889

Cost of Laundry and Supplies \$2572

Cost of Prisoner Medical Care \$6742





**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Crime Statistics

2020

2020 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2020	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape*	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Robbery*	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	9
Assault*	1	7	3	8	8	3	3	2	1	4	0	3	43
Burglary*	1	0	3	2	2	0	1	4	0	1	0	2	16
Theft*	48	22	29	22	35	44	35	38	48	35	39	39	434
Stolen Auto*	3	4	0	5	2	2	4	2	2	6	9	2	41
Homicide*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson*	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Theft from MV	5	6	3	3	5	11	14	12	11	7	3	6	86

Value of Stolen Property*	72,885	17,711	58,240	11,129	16,660	42,201	50,091	61,311	29,960	49,233	137,662	24,118	\$571,201
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GTMV	3	4	0	5	2	2	4	2	2	6	9	2	41
Total Value	11,900	32,553	0	173,131	42,000	29,000	42,000	82,500	17,000	92,500	121,262	35,000	678,846

COMPARISON TO 2019 STATS

RAPE	57 % DECREASE
ROBBERY	25 % DECREASE
ASSAULT	10 % DECREASE
BURGLARY	44 % DECREASE
THEFT	12 % DECREASE
AUTO THEFT	127% INCREASE
HOMICIDE	NO CHANGE
THEFT from AI	75 % INCREASE
ARSON	100% INCREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	0.2 % DECREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN AUTOS	329% INCREASE

INCREASE
DECREASE
NO CHANGE

FELONY CASES SENT TO CCPO	
MALE	64
FEMALE	14
TOTAL	78

2020

FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	4
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*As reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program

2019 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape*	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	7
Robbery*	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	12
Assault*	1	2	7	3	6	7	3	8	2	2	6	1	48
Burglary*	1	5	3	2	2	2	1	6	1	3	1	2	29
Theft*	37	28	27	42	41	39	48	48	57	49	29	52	497
Stolen Auto*	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	18
Handicap*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armed*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from 29V	1	1	1	6	3	2	3	8	6	6	8	4	49

Value of Stolen Property*	19,155	71,598	11,903	19,660	81,604	27,111	51,867	71,657	101,985	20,672	43,548	51,485	\$572,058
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GTAV	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	18
Total Values	0	48,000	0	0	1,700	8,700	18,000	38,000	7,953	7,000	19,060	9,500	157,923

COMPARISON TO 2018 STATS

RAPE	75 % INCREASE
ROBBERY	14 % DECREASE
ASSAULT	16 % DECREASE
BURGLARY	17 % DECREASE
THEFT	2 % DECREASE
AUTO THEFT	22 % DECREASE
HOMICIDE	NO CHANGE
THEFT from AI	108 % INCREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	11 % DECREASE

INCREASE
DECREASE
NO CHANGE

FELONY CASES SENT TO CCPO	
MALE	74
FEMALE	14
TOTAL	88

FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	4
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2019

*As Reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program

2018 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

2018	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Rape ^a	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Robbery ^a	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	14
Assault ^a	6	2	4	4	7	3	6	8	2	6	5	4	57
Burglary ^a	3	1	1	5	0	1	5	3	4	3	5	4	35
Theft ^a	51	52	36	26	43	41	34	41	54	42	51	37	508
Station Abuse ^a	5	0	1	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	3	1	23
Harassment ^a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest ^a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from Car ^a	1	2	2	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	1	0	24

Value of Station Property ^a	168,544	197,368	25,979	42,697	38,873	38,183	38,737	15,389	18,228	17,995	22,104	17,747	\$641,844
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GT/INV	5	0	1	2	1	4	2	0	1	0	3	1	20
Total Value	147,877	0	10,000	8,900	1,000	77,500	18,500	0	3,000	0	6,000	5,600	278,877

COMPARISON TO 2017 STATS

RAPE	20 % DECREASE
ROBBERY	56 % INCREASE
ASSAULT	12 % DECREASE
BURGLARY	13 % INCREASE
THEFT	17 % DECREASE
AUTO THEFT	32 % DECREASE
HOMICIDE	100 % DECREASE
THEFT from AI	44 % DECREASE
VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY	17 % DECREASE



FELONY CASES SENT TO CPO	
MALE	65
FEMALE	19
TOTAL	84

FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2
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2018

^aAs reported per Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Program



**Brooklyn Police
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Juvenile Justice

2020

2020 JUVENILE COURT FILINGS

Filings by Month:

January	5	<u>FEMALE</u>	
February	3	White	1
March	0	Black	2
April	2	Hispanic	0
May	2	Asian	0
June	0	Other	0
July	5	Total	3
August	8	<u>MALE</u>	
September	4	White	8
October	1	Black	21
November	0	Hispanic	1
December	3	Asian	0
		Other	0
		Total	33

Direct Admissions to DH

Total **0**

Total Filings – 33

January 2, 2021

**City of Brooklyn
Juvenile Diversion Program
2020 Annual Report**

**Statistics: Decrease of 2 Diversion Participants from 2019 to
2020**

**Diversion Participants of Juveniles from the City of
Brooklyn's Diversion Program total 4**

Case Referrals back to Juvenile Court 3 (decreased by 1 from 2019)

Juveniles: Not from Brooklyn 10

Juveniles: From Brooklyn 2

Repeat Offenders: 0 (as Ordered by Juvenile Court)

**Participants: Males 7
 Females 5**

Total Diversion Participants 12

**Total Community Service Hours Assigned by Volunteer Magistrate for the
2019 Year-City of Brooklyn Diversion Participants: 312; 28 less service
hours more than diversion year 2019.**

Prepared by: Lou Galizio, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, City of Brooklyn



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Service and Enforcement

2020

Service and Enforcement Activity 2020

Total Calls for Service 25,864

Up 10% from 2019

January	2548	February	2422	March	1991
April	1516	May	1840	June	2297
July	2208	August	2288	September	2177
October	2263	November	2223	December	2091

Motor Vehicle Accident/MVA Calls 541

Property Damage only 420

MVAs with Injury 121

Private Property/Late MVAs 136

Traffic Citations 2467

Physical Control/OVI Arrests 67

Cell Phone/ FTA Citations 114

Seat Belt/Child Restraint 29

Parking Citations 526

Misdemeanors Arrests 645

Warrant arrests 124

Domestic Violence Arrests 30

Felony Arrests 78



**Brooklyn Police
Department**

Training

2020

Training

The Coronavirus pandemic forced many training facilities to close, limiting in person training. The Brooklyn Police Department overcame this obstacle by utilizing technology such as video and teleconferencing to achieve training goals.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section §109.803, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission is required to set a minimum number of hours for continuing professional training (CPT). The OPOTC bases minimum number of hours upon available funding. No funding was available in 2019 and the commission did not mandate any CPT hours for 2020.

Despite the pandemic and no additional funding, the Brooklyn Police Department recorded approximately 1,434 hours of training. That is approximately 43 hours per officer. Training topics included:

- Legal updates
- Community-police relationships
- Conflict Management
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Implicit Bias
- Mental health and crisis de-escalation
- Refresher training for perishable skills in a reality-based training environment
 - Driving
 - Firearms
- Use of Force policy review