

Elsmere Bureau of Police

2017

Annual Report



Chief Laura M. Giles

Elsmere Bureau of Police

2017

Highlighted Events

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The seal of the Elsmere Bureau of Police is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a scale of justice, a sword, and a banner. The shield is surrounded by a blue ring with the text "ELSMERE BUREAU OF POLICE" at the top and "DELAWARE" at the bottom. The seal is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the table of contents.

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Section 1



Organization Chart

Elsmere Bureau of Police

2017

Organization Chart

Chief of Police
Laura Giles

Lieutenant
Gregg Shelton

Admin.Assistant
Linda Sommermann

Sergeant "A" Squad
Philip Young

Sergeant "B" Squad
Stephen Smith

"A" Squad
S/Cpl. Scot Sowden
Cpl. John Mitchell
PFC Ben Wingate
Ptlm. Kevin Kerrigan

"B" Squad
S/Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan
Cpl. Andrew Davis
PFC John Giles
PFC Steven West

Part-Time Officers
Ptlm. Anthony Fortino
Ptlm. Earl McCloskey
Ptlm. Keith Parlier
Ptlm. Elliott Singleton

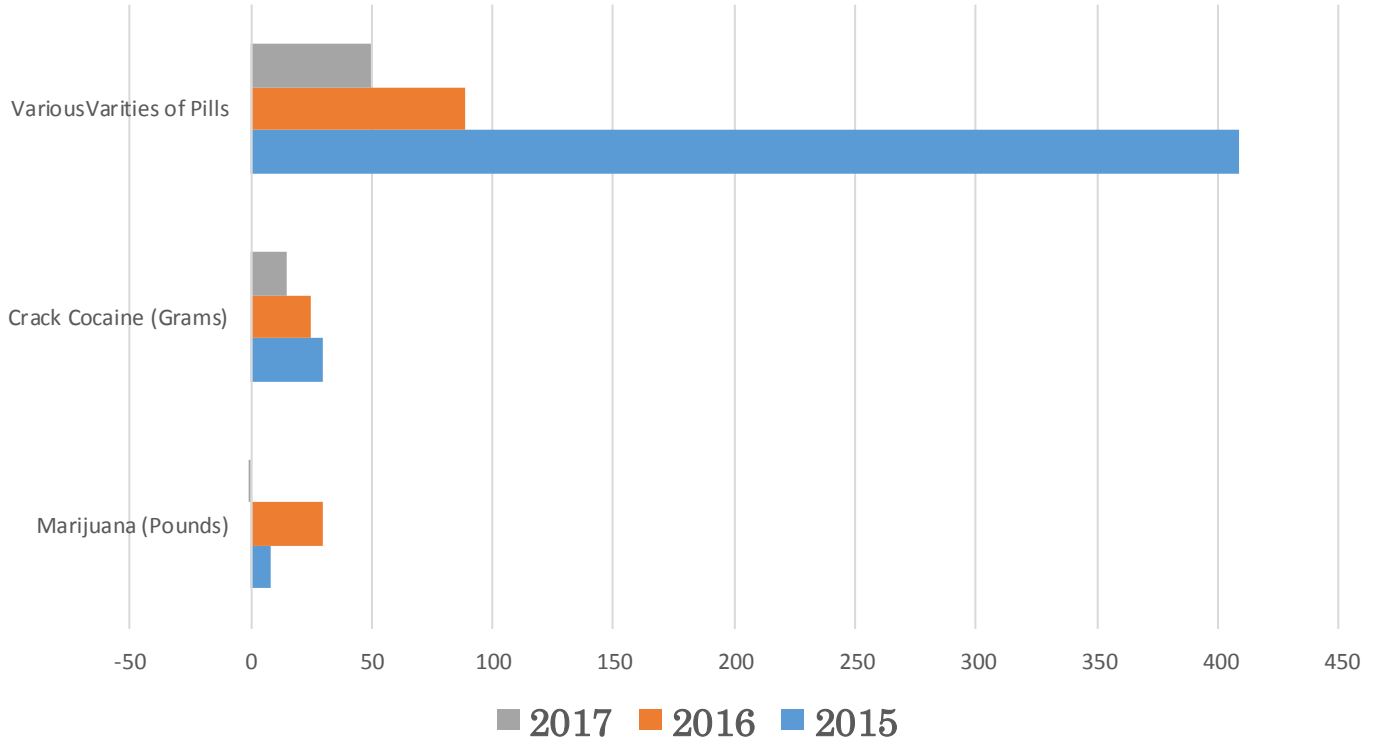
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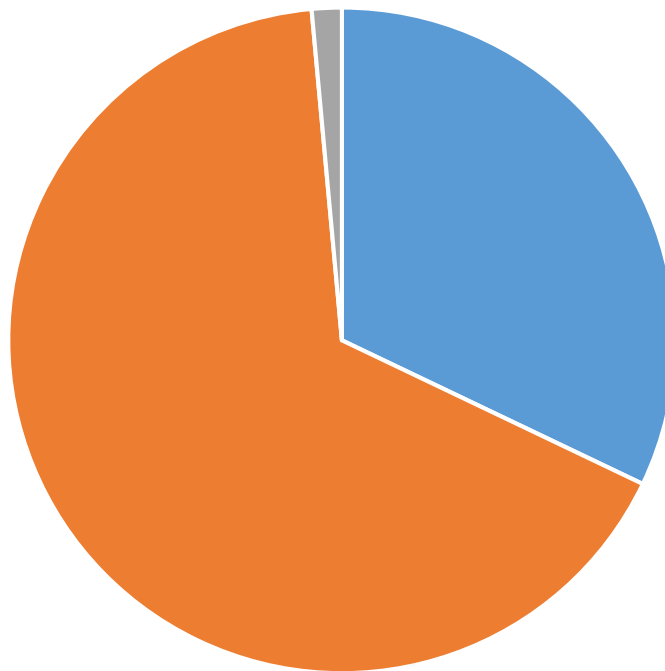
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Highlighted
Events

Seized Drugs

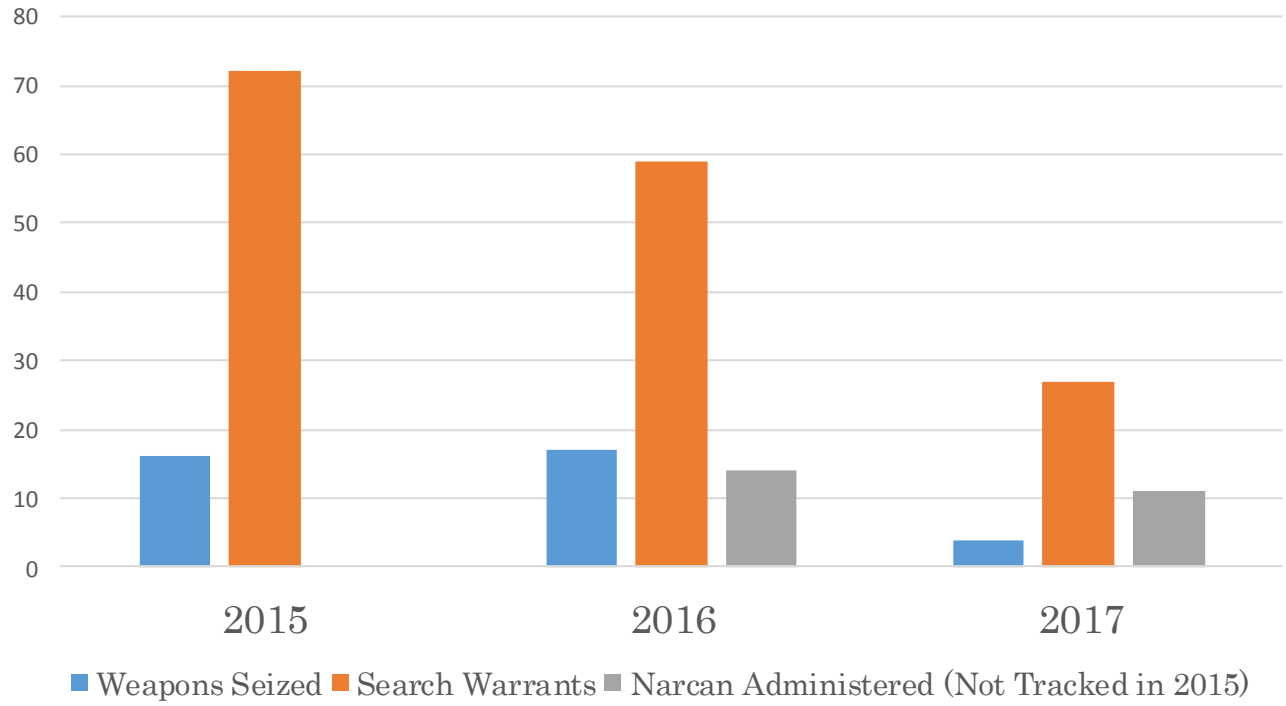


Heroin (Bags)

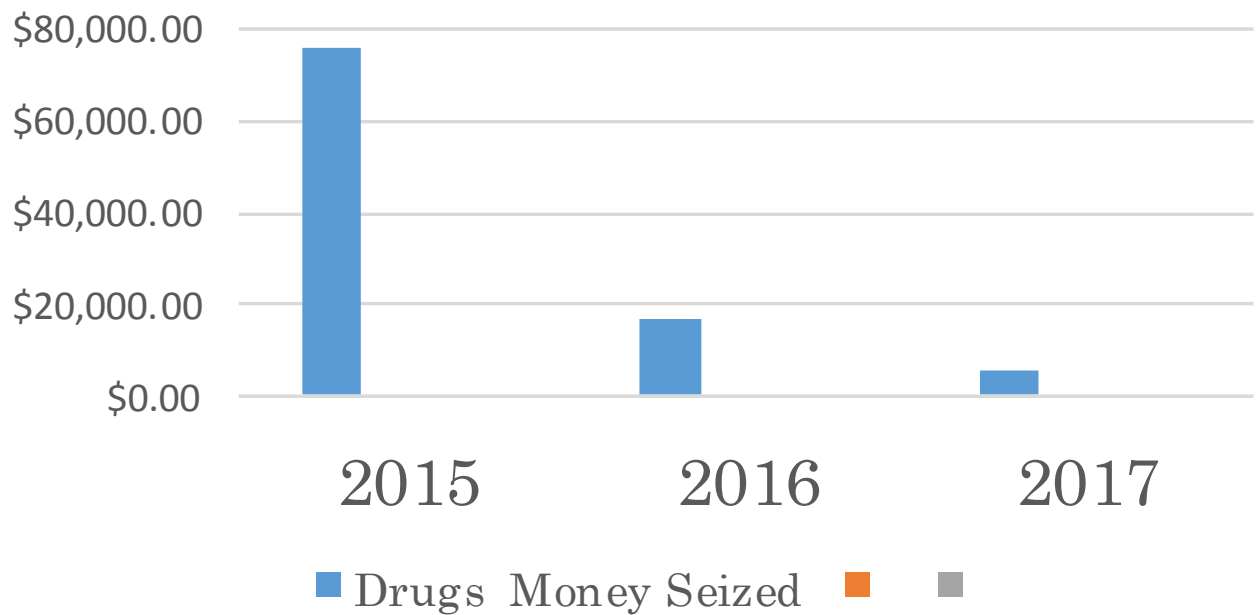


■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017

Seizures



Money Seizures



Town of Elsmere Ranked Safest City

On February 22, 2017, WDEL reported that the National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked the Town of Elsmere as the safest city in the state.

The National Council for Home Safety and Security said Elsmere is the safest place in the state that provided a complete crime report to the FBI with a population of at least 5,000 residents. Elsmere ranked below the national and state averages in violent and property crimes. Elsmere's violent crime average was 2.27 for every 1,000 residents and 17.21 for property crimes.

Burglary In Progress

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at approximately 10:40 p.m., Cpl. Davis, PFC Wingate and New Castle County PD officers responded to the unit block of Harvey Place for an occupied burglary in progress.

Upon arrival, officers observed three suspects along the side of the residence attempting to gain entry through a side window. All three suspects fled on foot. One subject was apprehended and officers are attempting to identify the two subjects still at large.

Officers arrested John Shields of the 400 block of S. Jackson Street, Wilmington. Defendant Shields was charged with Burglary 2nd, Possession of Burglary Tools, Conspiracy, Criminal Mischief and Resisting Arrest. Def. Shields received \$8,600.00 secured bail and was committed to Howard Young Correctional Institution.



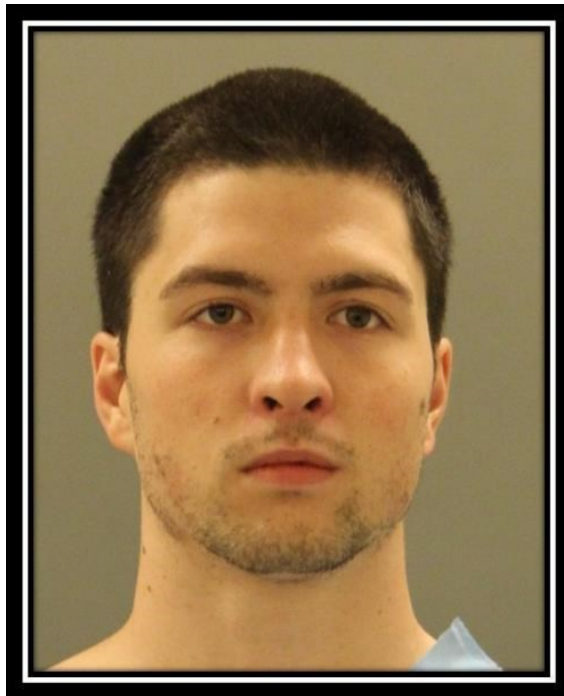
John Shields

Child Abduction

On May 8, 2017, Colonel Bond of the New Castle County Police Department held a news conference announcing the arrest of Daniel M. Santucci, Jr. in connections with the April 6th abduction and sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl from the community of Village of Plum Run.

During Colonel Bond's news conference, he acknowledged the Elsmere Bureau of Police for providing investigators with the lead that ultimately led to Daniel Santucci as the primary person of interest.

Daniel M. Santucci, Jr, of the 600 block of New Road in Elsmere, was charged with first-degree attempted murder, first-degree kidnapping, unlawful sexual contact with a person under 13 years old, and possession of child pornography. He was arraigned and committed to Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post \$1,076,000 cash only bail.



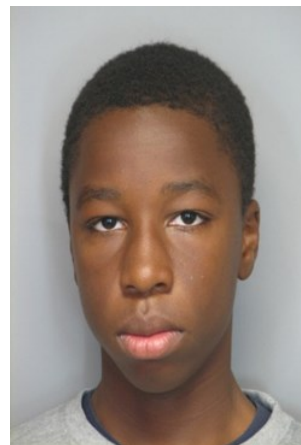
Daniel M. Santucci, Jr.

LATE NIGHT FOOT PATROLS CATCH BURGLARS IN THE ACT

On Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 3:00 am, PFC Giles and PFC Wingate were conducting foot patrol along Maple Avenue. While in the area of Maple Avenue and Tamarack Avenue, officers observed two suspects breaking in to parked vehicles. Officers hid behind parked vehicles and continued to watch the suspects from a distance. When the suspects reached Maple Avenue, the officers quickly emerged and took them in to custody before they could had a chance to flee. The suspects were identified as 20-year-old Michael Sanders of the 2600 of Bowers Street, Wilmington and 18-year-old Nijir Lee of the 1900 block of Prospect Road, Wilmington. Officers located stolen property on both suspects and both were charged with the following; Night Prowling, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Trespassing 3rd Degree, Burglary 3rd Degree, and Theft. Both suspects were released on \$2000.00 unsecured bail and ordered to have No Contact with the entire Town of Elsmere.



Michael Sanders



Nijir Lee

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEILLANCE CAMERA CATCHES BURGLAR IN THE ACT

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, PFC Wingate responded to the 100 block of Ohio Avenue for a residential burglary. The estimated value stolen from the residence was valued over \$2,000.00. PFC Wingate was able to identify a suspect due to a neighbor having surveillance cameras, which captured Defendant Tyler Wilson from the 200 block of East Greenbank Road, Wilmington, gaining access into the residence.

Wilson was arrested and charged with Burglary 2nd, Theft, Theft By False Pretense and Selling Stolen Property. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace and released on \$6,000 unsecured bail.



Tyler Wilson

OFFICER ATTEMPTING TO RENDER MEDICAL AID TURNS IN TO DRUG DELAING ARREST

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, PFC John Giles was clearing an incident in the area of the Elsmere Police station. PFC Giles noticed a vehicle parked in the neighborhood with a subject slumped over the center console and stopped to check on the subject who was later identified as Terrance Caldwell of the 2500 blk. of N. Van Buren Street, Wilmington.

While approaching the vehicle, PFC Giles noticed a cap of a syringe near the driver side door. Several attempts were made to get the attention of Caldwell from outside the vehicle with no success. Fearing Caldwell could be suffering from a medical emergency; PFC Giles opened the door and attempted to awaken Caldwell. While awakening Caldwell, PFC Giles observed him grab his waistband and grasped an unknown object. Caldwell was patted him down for officer safety and a folding knife, 1.9g crack cocaine packaged for sale, 52 bags of heroin and \$300+ in suspected drug proceeds.

Caldwell was charged with Possession of a Controlled/Counterfeit Substance with the Intent to Distribute (x2). He was released on \$20,000.00 unsecured bail.



Terrance Caldwell



Shots Fired At Officer

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, at approximately 6:45 pm PFC West and Ptlm. MacDowell assisted New Castle County PD with a robbery that had just occurred in Westover Hills. An NCCPD officer was checking the area and located a person matching one of the suspect's descriptions. When the officer attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect drew a firearm from his waistband and fired at the officer. The officer returned fire and a foot pursuit ensued. Ptlm. MacDowell was the first unit to the officer and assisted in taking the suspect into custody. PFC West arrived shortly after and advised responding units the direction of travel of the two suspect still at large.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON APPREHENDED AFTER FOOT CHASE

On Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at approximately 9:30 pm, PFC Giles was patrolling the area of Vilone Village to address several recent complaints of nighttime vehicle break-ins. While in the area of Casapulla Avenue and Junction Street, the officer observed William Sharp, from the unit block of Vincent Ct. Bear, carrying a book bag and acting suspiciously near a parked vehicle. As the officer approached, he began to walk away from that vehicle and pretend he was talking on the phone. The officer stopped Sharp on Casapulla Avenue and asked what he was doing in the area. When the officer attempted to identify Sharp he immediately fled on foot. PFC Giles chased Sharp through several yards and caught him in the unit block of Vilone Road where he continued to resist arrest. As the officer was able to place Sharp in custody, several officers from the New Castle County Police responded to assist in checking the development for any apparent vehicle break—ins. The investigation determined Sharp was not in possession of any stolen property, but that he had \$50,000.00 CASH capias issued for failing to appear for a drug and firearm trial. Sharp was additionally charged with Resisting Arrest and committed to Howard Young Correctional Center for failing to post bail.



William Sharp

CONVERSATION DURING TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO BURGLARY ARREST

On Wednesday, August 16, 2017, Ptlm. Macdowell conducted a traffic stop for a seatbelt violation in the development of Rosemont. While identifying numerous occupants in the vehicle, Ptlm. Macdowell determined that the information he received from one passenger was not adding up. The officer continued to investigate the information and was ultimately able to identify the suspect as Ericka Jenkins of the 100 block of Stamm Blvd., New Castle, DE. Jenkins was wanted on a burglary warrant and was taken into custody and turned over to Wilmington Police Department.

Officers are often asked why they need to identify all occupants during a stop. This is just one example how an alert officer's conversation during a stop was able to apprehend a wanted person. When subjects do not have proper identification, officers may ask several questions to verify the identity of that person.

If you happen to find yourself or a friend stopped by a police officer you may better understand the line of questioning and appreciate the officer's responsibility/obligation in properly identify all subjects stopped.



Ericka Jenkins

SUSPECT IDENTIFIED AFTER OFFICERS USE NEW FINGERPRINT SCANNER

On Friday, September 1, 2017, at 11:30 pm PFC Giles and Ptlm. Fortino stopped Jose Diaz, a 36-year-old male from the unit block of Barclay Hall, Newark, for not having proper lighting on his bicycle. While attempting to identify the subject, Ptlm. Fortino suspected he was giving a false name. Ptlm. Fortino asked several standard questions used to help verify a person's identity. Diaz had trouble answering all of these questions and PFC Giles used a newly obtained fingerprint scanner to assist.

While the officers returned to their vehicle to use the scanner, Ptlm. Fortino remained alert and observed Diaz attempting to throw items from his pocket in a grassy area. Diaz was detained and the items proved to be 6 bags of heroin, 1 bag of crack, and 1 bag of cocaine. When the officers told Diaz that they were waiting for confirmation from the scanner, he bowed his head and stated, "OK, you got me". It was then learned that the New Castle County Police also wanted Diaz for Assault and New Castle City Police for Resisting Arrest where he ran from officers attempting to identify him after being stopped for bicycle violations on 08/31/2017.

In addition to his outstanding warrants, Diaz was charged with the following: Improper Bicycle Lights/Reflectors at Night, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Crack, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Criminal Impersonation. He was committed to Howard Young Prison after failing to post cash bail.



Jose Diaz

Coffee for Cops

As you all know on June 27, 2017, Natalie VanDzura and her mom, Carri stopped by the Elsmere Police station to drop off \$5 gift cards to the officers. Natalie wanted to do something special for all law enforcement officers after the tragic murder of Cpl. Ballard, so she started a lemonade stand to raise money. Natalie raised \$1,550.00, which resulted in 311 gift cards from WAWA and Dunkin Donuts.

Yesterday, Natalie and her grandfather, George Tyler attended the Delaware Police Chief's Council's monthly meeting. Natalie thank all the chief's for making her community safe and handed out gift cards, so the chiefs could take them back to their officers.



JUVENILE STOPPED ON A BICYCLE LEADS TO DRUG ARREST

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, Ptlm. Macdowell stopped a 17 year old male from the 200 block Linden Ave. in Elsmere for numerous bicycle violations. Ptlm. Macdowell recognized the male from previous interactions and was aware that he had an active capias for his arrest. During the stop Ptlm. Macdowell located 25 individual containers of crack packaged for sale in the suspect's pocket. Ptlm. Macdowell obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence which was executed by Elsmere and Wilmington Police Officers. The 17 year old suspect was charged with the following: Failing to Have a Required Helmet (Delaware law requires persons under 18 wear a helmet while riding a bicycle), Failure to Signal a Turn While Riding a Bicycle, Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Crack, and Possession with the Intent to Deliver Crack. He was released to his parent on \$1,300.00 unsecured bail. A name and arrest photo will not be released due to the defendant being a juvenile.



Drug and Money Seizure

As a result of a month long drug investigation, officers from the Elsmere Police Department were able to arrest Carl Harris (56 years old) and Shawn Marshall (23 years old) for drug dealing charges. Officer MacDowell was the lead investigator and acquired a search warrant for the unit block of Tamarack Avenue. On September 26, 2017, the search warrant was executed with the assistance from the Wilmington Police Department's SWAT Team. Crack cocaine and marijuana that was packaged for sale was seized. \$1,371.55 in drug proceeds was also collected.

Both Harris and Marshall were charged with drug dealing and associated drug charges. Harris was released on \$8,050.00 unsecured bail on the drug charges. Marshall was released on \$3,000.00 unsecured bail on his charges.

If anyone would like to report any drug related activity in the Elsmere Community, please feel free to call the Elsmere Police Station and ask to speak to Sgt. Young (302-998-1173 ext. 201). This can be done anonymously!



Section 3



Calls for
Service by
Classification

Calls for Service by Classification

Initial CAD Call Type	County by CAD Call Type
	1
911D Cellular	1
911D Hangup Call	16
911D Land Line	16
911D Open Line	16
Abandoned Vehicle	28
Abuse/Neglect	11
Abuse/Neglect - In Progress	1
Accident Departmental	1
Accident PD	134
Accident PD H/R	62
Accident PI	31
Accident PI H/R	4
Accident Unknown	7
Accident Unknown H/R	1
Accidental Emergency Activation	3
Added Information	22
Alarm Burglary	227
Alarm Holdup/Panic	32
Alarm Vehicle	3
Animal	16
Animal w/Danger	4
Assault	17
Assault - In Progress	13
Assault - Just Occurred	5
Assault w/Weapon	2
Assault w/Weapon - In Progress	4
Assault w/Weapon - Just Occ'd	1
Assist Fire/EMS	140
Assist Other Agency	132
Barking Dog	6
BOLO Local	1
Booking	38
Burglary	29
Burglary - In Progress	39
Burglary - Just Occ'd	12
Capias	2
Check on the Welfare	99
Civil Matter	9
Community Policing	1
CPR in Progress	28

Criminal impersonation	1
Criminal mischief	31
Criminal Mischief - In Progress	8
Criminal Mischief - Just Occ'd	4
Custody dispute	11
Cutting/Stabbing - In Progress	1
Death Investigation	26
Disabled vehicle	45
Disorderly group	19
Disorderly person	182
Disorderly Premise	1
Dog Bite	2
Domestic	28
Domestic - In Progress	361
Domestic - Just Occ'd	47
Domestic Verbal	4
Domestic w/Weapons - In Progress	18
Domestic w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	1
Drug Violation	34
Drunk/Intoxication	14
Fight	2
Fight - In Progress	37
Fight - Just Occ'd	4
Fight w/Weapons - In Progress	3
Fight w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	1
Fire - Mutual Aid	2
Fire - Structure Fire	1
Fireworks	11
Follow Up	214
Foot Pursuit	2
Found person	3
Fraud	25
Fraud - In Progress	2
Fugitive	41
Gun Violation	17
Harassment	35
Harassment - In Progress	6
Harassment - Just Occ'd	8
Indecent Exposure	3
Injured Person	1
Kidnapping - In Progress	1
Known Location of Missing Person	2
Liquor Violation	2
Lost/stolen tag	3
Loud Music/Party	55

Medical - CPR/DOA	2
Medical - Sick Person	4
Medical - Unk. Medical Problem	1
Megans Law	5
Menacing	3
Mental patient	16
Mental Patient Violent	13
Miscellaneous Invest	73
Missing Person	31
Missing Person Special	7
Noise Complaint	31
Offensive Touching	10
Officer in Trouble	2
Open door or window	14
Overdose	4
Overdose - In Progress	43
Parking Violation	88
Pay Job/Special Duty	20
Pedstrian Stop	96
Person Screaming	3
Person with Gun	10
Person with Weapon	1
PFA Service	14
Prevent Breach of Peace	65
Property check	117
Property found	35
Public Relations/Assist	66
Pursuit	1
Rape	2
Reckless Endangering	1
Relay/Transport	56
Rescue	1
Resisting Arrest	7
Return of Missing Person	6
Robbery	3
Robbery - In Progress	3
Robbery - Just Occ'd	3
Robbery w/Weapons - In Progress	9
Robbery w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	5
Sexual Offenses	3
Shooting	3
Shooting - In Progress	2
Shooting - Just Occ'd	1
Shoplifting	9
Shots fired	6
Strange Phone Call	1

Structure Fire	3
Suicidal Person	4
Suicidal Person - In Progress	45
Suicidal Person w/Weapon-In Prog	14
Suicidal Person w/Weapons	1
Surveillance	9
Suspicious noise	3
Suspicious person	181
Suspicious vehicle	128
TAC	15
Terror. Threatening-In Progress	6
Terror. Threatening-Just Occ'd	5
Terroristic Threatening	9
Terroristic Threatening by Phone	16
Terroristic Threatening Weapons	4
Theft	85
Theft - In Progress	36
Theft - Just Occ'd	12
Theft from Vehicle	49
Traffic service	22
Traffic Violation	44
Trespass	5
Trespass - In Progress	36
Trespass - Just Occ'd	3
Unauthorized Use	10
Unknown	29
Vehicle Fire	2
Vehicle Recovered	11
Vehicle Stolen	26
Vehicle Stop	1394
Violation of No Contact Order	4
Violation of PFA	6
Warrant Attempt	23
Weapon Relinquishment	2
Grand Total	5672

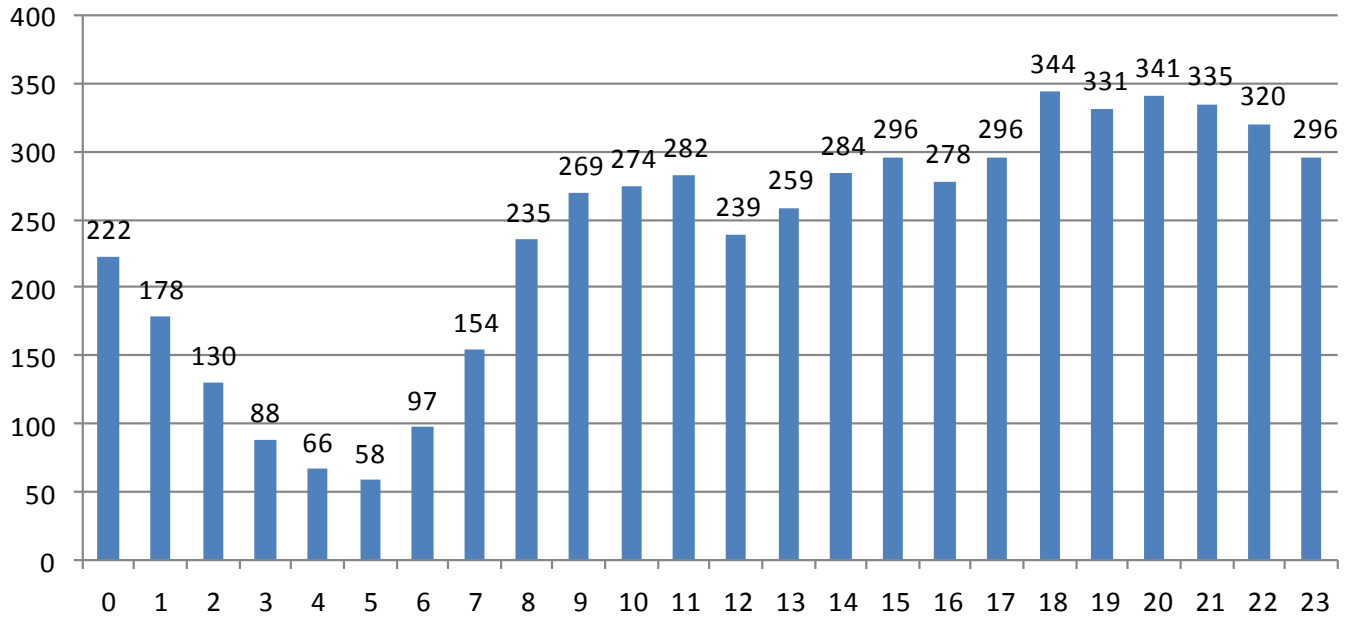
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Call Volume Analysis by Date & Time

Count of Incident ORI

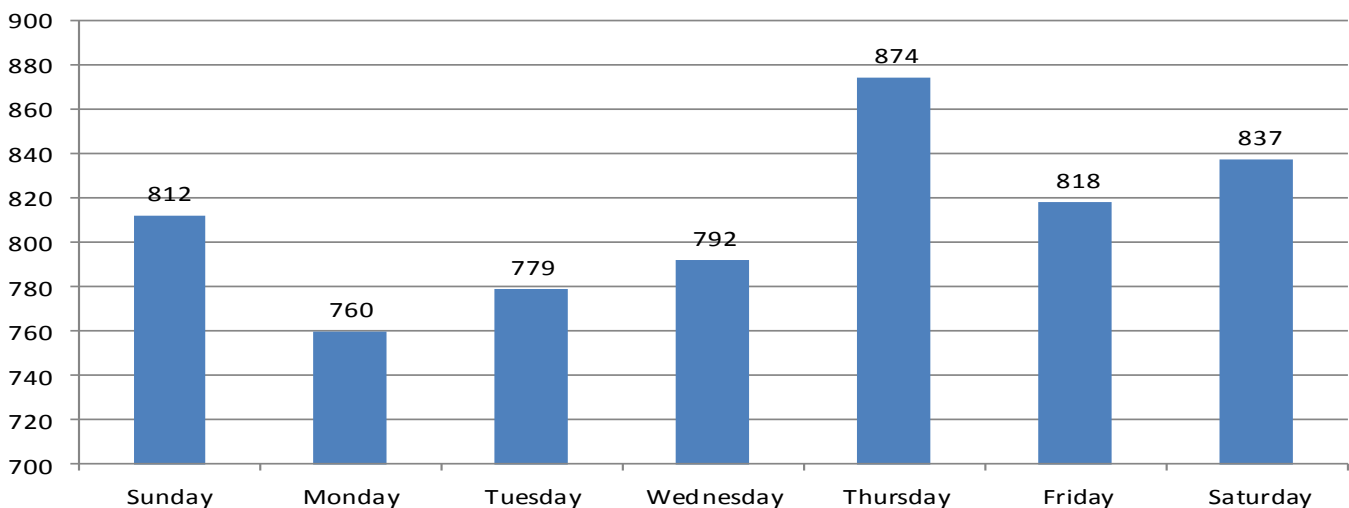
Incident Count by Hour of Day



Incident Hour of Day ▾

Count of Incident ORI

Incident Count by Day of Week



Incident Day of Week ▾

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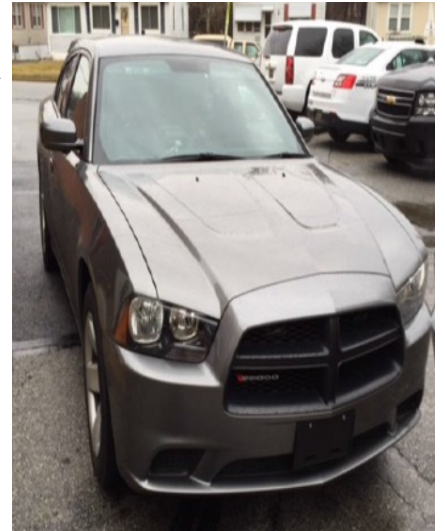


Fleet
(2017)

2012 Dodge Charger

35-1

- ◆ 54,000 miles
- ◆ Upper intake repaired and the lower intake manifold and gaskets were replaced
- ◆ Front and rear brakes and rotors replaced
- ◆ Driver and passenger side control arms were replaced
- ◆ Alternator was replaced (under warranty)
- ◆ New heater hose and bypass hose replaced
- ◆ New serpentine belt
- ◆ New water pump
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2013 Ford Interceptor

35-2

- ◆ 34,234 Miles
- ◆ Fuel pump recall (under warranty)
- ◆ Rear Brakes and rotors replaced
- ◆ Battery replaced (under manufactures warranty)
- ◆ Siren replacement
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2014 Chevrolet Tahoe

35-3

- ◆ 25,700 miles
- ◆ Passenger side under hood cooling fan assembly fixed (under warranty)
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2013 Ford Interceptor

35-4

- ◆ 45,000 miles
- ◆ Fuel pump recall (under warranty)
- ◆ CV joint and boots were replaced (under warranty)
- ◆ Front brakes and rotors were replaced
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2017 Ford Explorer

35-5

- ◆ 4,200 miles
- ◆ Vehicle placed in service on November 1, 2018
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2009 Chevrolet Tahoe

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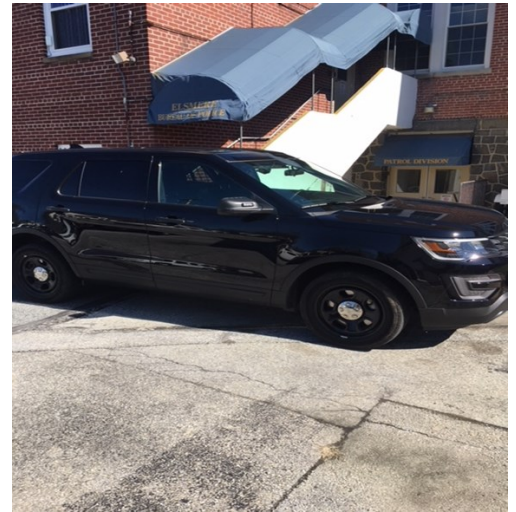
- ◆ 78,000 miles
- ◆ Heater lines ruptured and were replaced
- ◆ Broken wire in Driver's side door prevented window from operating (repaired)
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2017 Ford Explorer

35-7

- ◆ 13,500 miles
- ◆ Vehicle was placed in service on May 09, 2018
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance throughout year



2017 Ford Explorer

35-8

- ◆ 19,000 miles
- ◆ Placed in service January 2017
- ◆ Battery replaced (under warranty)
- ◆ Regular oil, lube and filter maintenance



Section 6



Training

2017 Training

- ◆ AED & CPR Recertification
- ◆ ALLERT Training
- ◆ Applying Adverse Childhood Exposure to Fatal Reviews
- ◆ Certified Instructor Course
- ◆ DEA Presentation
- ◆ Delaware Centralized Purchasing Training
- ◆ Delaware Police Chief's Conference
- ◆ Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Training
- ◆ EVOC Training
- ◆ Eyewitness Identification Training
- ◆ Field Training Officer Training
- ◆ FOIA Training
- ◆ Fraud Investigations
- ◆ Healing Justice Training
- ◆ ICS 300 & ICS 400
- ◆ Identifying & Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- ◆ Legal Marijuana Issues and Drug Issues
- ◆ Legal Updates
- ◆ Protecting Delaware's Children
- ◆ Rifle Training
- ◆ Reflective Leadership
- ◆ SAKI Presentation
- ◆ TASER Recertification
- ◆ Top 10 Things That Get Cops In Trouble
- ◆ 5 Concurrent Themes for Success

2017 Training Hours

♦ Chief Laura Giles	38 Hrs
♦ Lt. Gregg Shelton	33 Hrs
♦ Sgt. Stephen Smith	23 Hrs
♦ Sgt. Philip Young	26 Hrs
♦ S/Cpl. Scot Sowden	51 Hrs
♦ Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan	27 Hrs
♦ Cpl. John Mitchell*	3 Hrs
♦ Cpl. Andrew Davis*	22 Hrs
♦ PFC John Giles	19 Hrs
♦ PFC Steven West	28 Hrs
♦ PFC Benjamin Wingate*	3 Hrs
♦ Ptlm. Kevin MacDowell	48 Hrs
♦ Ptlm. R. Elliott Singleton**	16 Hrs
♦ Ptlm. Anthony Fortino**	16 Hrs
♦ Recruit Roman Franzone	Academy
♦ Recruit John Frey	Academy

* Officers who resigned during the year

** Part-Time Officers

Section 7



Grants

2017 Yearly Grant Report

Total Grant Funding Received

\$50,282.16

Combat Violent Crimes—\$25,080.00

Technology Updates and Officer Overtime

EDIE—\$4,118.28

Drug Overtime and Enforcement/Prevention

Office of Highway Safety—\$15,900.00

Pedestrian & Operator Safety Enforcement

SALLE—\$5,183.88

Community Services & Training

Section 8



Departmental Improvements & Challenges

Departmental Improvements/Challenges

Improvements

- ♦ Naming the Police Department—John J. Jaremchuk, Jr., Public Safety Building
- ♦ Began Implementing the Policy Management Software (LEXIPOL) to officers.
- ♦ Purchased 1 New SUV Patrol Vehicle
- ♦ Hired 3 Recruits to Attend DE State Police Academy
- ♦ Hired 4 Part-Time Officers
- ♦ Town of Elsmere Was Named the Safest Town in the State of Delaware

Challenges

- ♦ Losing 3 Full-Time Officers to other police departments
- ♦ Having 1 Supervisor Out on Workman's Compensation for a whole year
- ♦ Retention—1 Recruit quit the academy

Section 9



Community Affairs

Community Affairs

Special Olympics:

February 23, 2017

March 2, 2017

April 1, 2017

June 7, 2017

December 7, 2017

All Saints School 1st Responders Breakfast

Child Safety Seat Check Point

Corpus Christi Carnival

Delaware City Day

Easter Egg Hunt

EPD Needy Family Crab Feast

Halloween Spooktacular

Independence Day Celebration

Movies In the Park

Special Community Helper Visit—Richey Elem.

Town Holiday Parade

Town Wide Clean-Up

Tree Lighting Celebration

