

**CITY OF LOGAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the men and women of the Logan Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2019 annual report. Through the narrative and statistics within this report, I hope to provide the residents of Logan further transparency between the police department and the community which we serve.

I am exceedingly proud of my sworn officers and civilian staff who bring to life this police department. Their hard work and diligence provide stability amongst the challenges of the always fluctuating criminal justice environment. We understand that building and maintaining strong relationships within our community is essential to achieving the critical relations needed to better serve and protect the City of Logan. For this reason, in conjunction with our community outreach initiatives, we will continue forward with our mission of preservation of life, reduction of fear and crime, and the protection of persons and property within our community.

I am truly honored to lead this organization. As we look ahead to the challenges of 2020, it is through mutual respect and support that allows us to succeed and grow as a community. We look forward to gaining new community partnerships and nurturing existing ones as we move forward in 2020. The Logan Police Department remains committed to keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family and we will do so through effective policing and community partnerships.

DEPARTMENT MISSION

The mission of the Logan Police Department is to create a safer Logan by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our citizens, and building trust in partnership with our community.

DEPARTMENT MOTTO

The Department's motto is to "Serve and Protect". Personnel pride themselves on the personal touch service offered to the community. The department believes in its philosophies of grass roots policing and strive to be proactive rather than reactive. It is for this, and other reasons, that the community continues to strongly support its police department.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The cornerstone of the organization's philosophy is its community oriented, grass roots, customer-based service style policing effort. Employees strive to fulfill this goal by providing the citizens of Logan with a full range of police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Both the Department and its employees are committed to providing exceptional service and maintaining an excellent "quality of life" environment for the public. Throughout the year, officers and staff can be seen at local festivals, motorcycle runs, and many other local events.

2019 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- One full-time Dispatcher retired in May.
- One full-time Dispatcher was hired in May to fill a vacant position.
- One Patrolman was hired in May to fill a vacant position.
- Two part-time Dispatchers were hired in September to fill vacant positions.
- One SRO was hired in October to fill a position at Central Elementary School.
- The Police Department participated in many community outreach programs (see Community Outreach Initiatives section for a full list).
- Assisted Athens PD with the 2019 Fests, which were unremarkable.
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- The Logan Police Department received a donation of K9 body armor from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc for K9 Anni

BUDGET

The Logan Police Department's annual revised budget appropriation for 2019 was \$2,320,071.42. This was funded almost exclusively by the City's General Fund, which accounted for \$1,920,603.53 of the overall budget. The remaining \$399,467.89 was funded through Capital Improvements.

GRANTS RECEIVED

- USDA Rural Development Grant- \$129,000.00
- OHLEG LE Body Armor Grant -\$14,444.39
- Federal Ballistic Vest Program (BVP)- \$3069.92

STAFFING and ASSIGNMENTS

The following spreadsheets reflect staffing for the calendar year.

Full-Time Position. Police Department.	Authorized Strength	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Captain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Detective	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Patrolman	9	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
SRO	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Full Time Dispatcher	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part Time Dispatcher	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Records Clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Absent Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

CRIME STATISTICS

Included within this report are several tables and figures analyzing Calls for Service (CFS) data, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data and self-initiated traffic stop data for our agency. **Tables 1 and 2** found in this section of the report show the last three years of data on an annual basis and should be used for comparison. **Figures 1 through 5** found in this section of the report are specific to 2019 data only.

Self-initiated traffic stop data, **Figures 6 through 8** of this section are specific to August through December 2019 data only. The Logan Police Department was unable to collect this data electronically for the first two quarters of 2019.

CFS DATA – **Table 1** is a detailed listing of all CFS to the Logan Police Department. This list reflects the CFS as they were reported from the caller to the Dispatcher. This table does not reflect changes made to the original CFS due to a status change such as unfounded or a change to a more accurate call type.

Table 1: CFS Data.

Type of Call for Service	2017	2018	2019
911 Hang ups	112	116	73
Accident/Property only	236	262	221
Accident/Injury	23	35	35
Accident-Hit/Skip property	78	81	70
Accident-Hit/Skip injury	2	0	0
Alarm Calls	216	211	203
Animal Complaint	18	42	58
Assault	62	60	76
Assist other unit	134	239	290
Bad Check/forgery	12	5	9
Burglary	47	70	97
Civil Complaints	59	78	92
Criminal Damaging	6	15	38
Criminal Mischief	7	4	33
Criminal Trespass	31	57	100
Disorderly Conduct	43	33	75
Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles	42	65	95
DOA	14	3	10
Dog Bite	4	7	5
Domestic/Disturbances	248	244	225
Drug Complaints	94	88	105
Drunk	101	94	90

Emergency Squad needed	26	15	0
Escorts/Parades	6	45	75
Explosions	0	1	1
Fight	100	116	96
Fire Calls	37	37	41
Follow-ups	21	44	15
Found Property	10	69	107
Homicides	0	1	0
Investigative Complaints	537	869	1083
Juvenile Complaints	124	142	162
Theft	434	543	520
Mental	53	68	67
Missing Persons/Returned	26	40	29
Motorist Assists	75	416	396
Person with a gun/knife	13	13	20
Nature Unknown	56	49	64
Neighbor Complaints	65	113	71
Prowler	30	47	56
Rape	1	8	6
Other Sexual Offenses	8	14	29
Road Blocked	4	24	8
Robbery	4	3	5
Shooting/Shots fired	5	9	10
Stabbing	2	1	4
Stolen Vehicle	31	44	38
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	3	14	15
Special Detail	5	9	5
Suicide/Suicidal	60	63	67
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	377	464	536
Unknown	97	69	57
Vandalism	42	54	35
Threats/Harassment	122	147	142
Open Door	29	27	29
Traffic Offense	1797	212	66
Traffic Stops ¹	326	1160	970
Warrant/Civil Process	119	191	203
Welfare Checks	123	202	239
All other misc. call types	46	66	44
Total	6403	7218	7311

1 Call type started late 2017. Most of the previous call types for this will be under Traffic Offenses.

REPORT DATA

Table 2 is an abbreviated listing of actual offenses. This table does not reflect all offenses for 2019, only those reports that are typically considered of general interest to the public.

Table 2: Report Data.

Offenses	2017	2018	2019
Assault: all	64	84	98
Breaking and Entering	5	13	49
Burglary	20	42	45
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	14	24	28
Criminal Mischief	60	85	123
Criminal Trespass	61	79	94
Disorderly Conduct	153	223	218
Drug Offenses	133	108	105
Drug Para/Instruments	131	73	110
Domestic/Disturbances	56	85	64
Harassment	7	10	17
Homicides	0	1	0
Menacing	28	44	56
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	13	11
OVI	25	21	19
Rape	5	10	14
Other Sex Crimes	17	20	32
Robbery	4	4	6
Theft	317	410	444
Totals	1107	1349	1533

Figure 1: Number of CFS by days of the week.

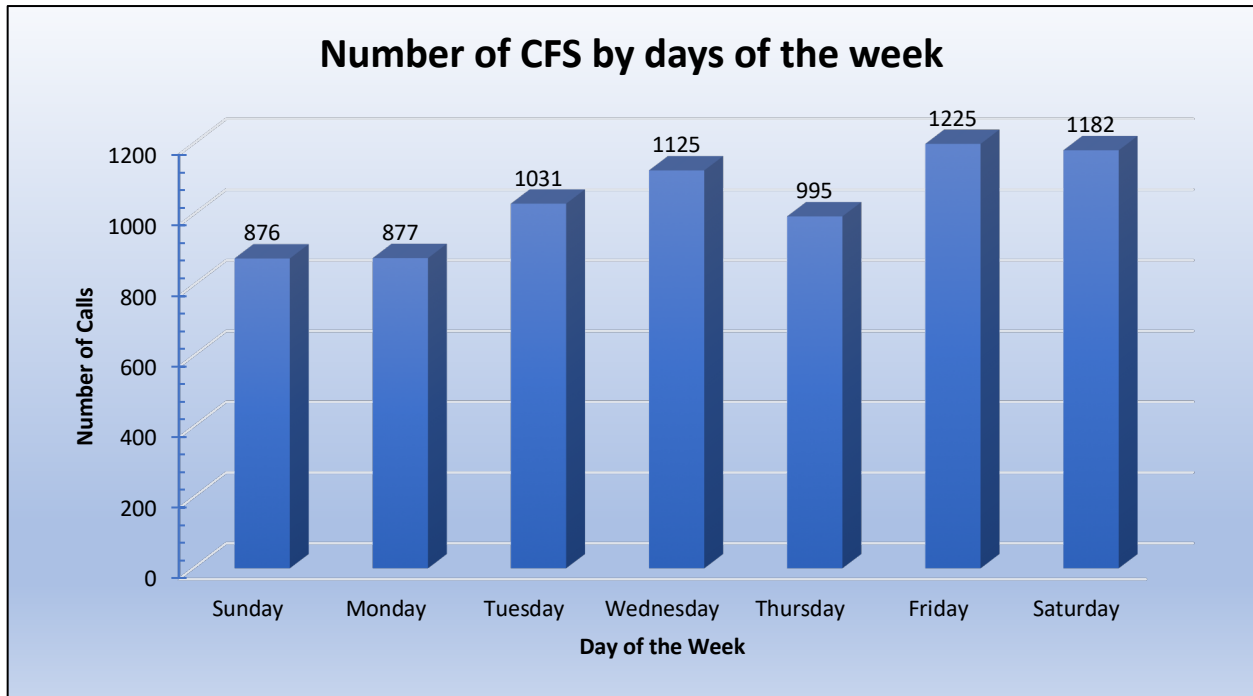


Figure 1 illustrates that CFS volume rises as the week progresses. The majority of CFS occur on Fridays and Saturdays, which is typical of our community.

Figure 2: Number of CFS per shift with and without Traffic Stops (TS).

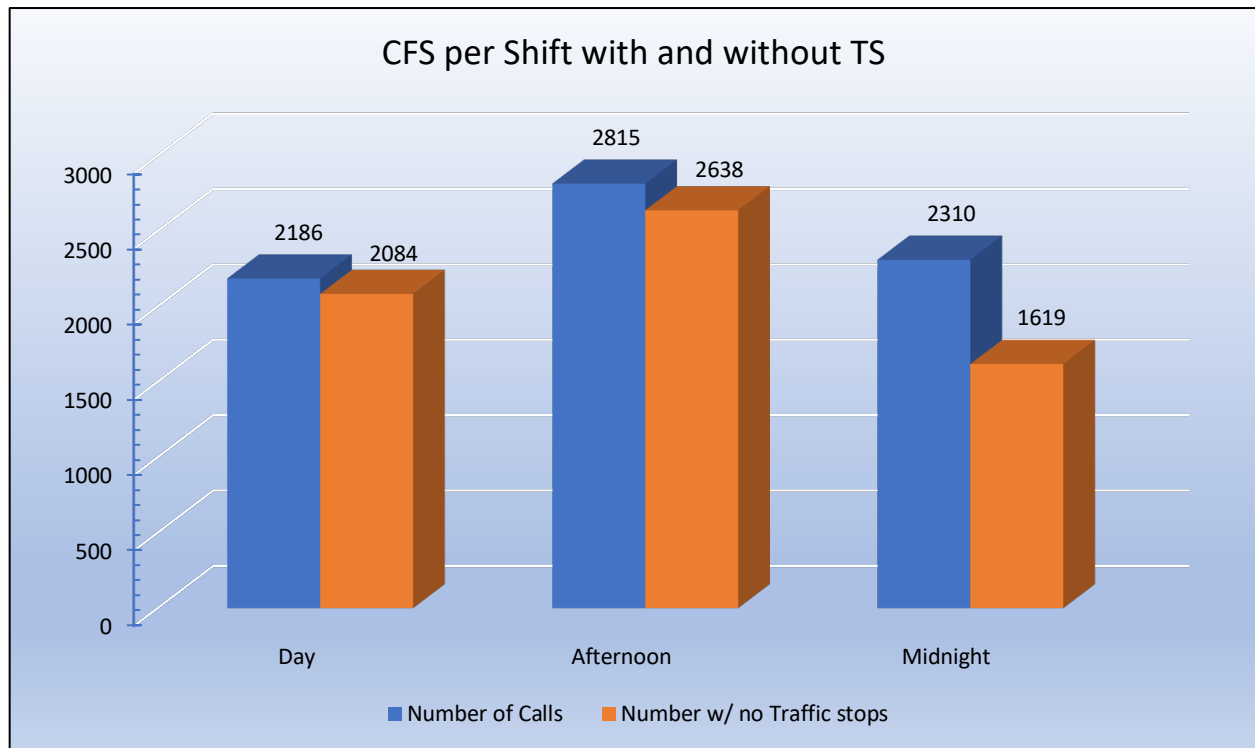


Figure 2 These charts illustrate that CFS volume typically peaks during the second shift hours from 2 pm to 10 pm.

Figure 3: Number of offenses by days of the week.

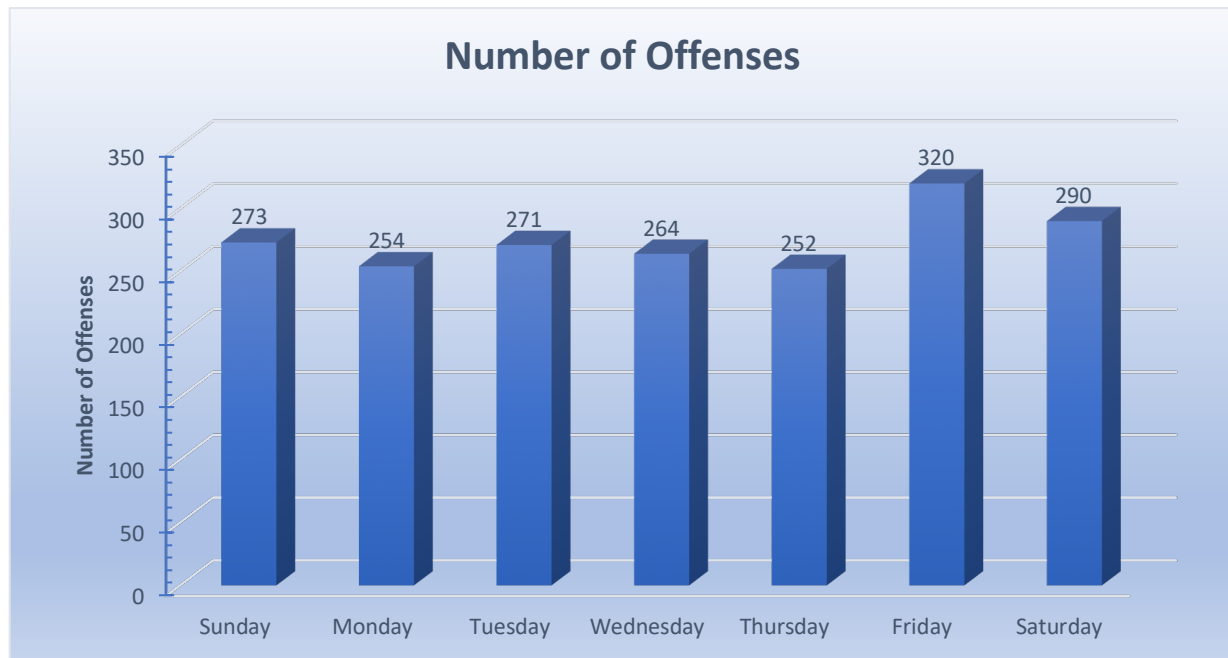


Figure 3 illustrates that the number of offenses rise as the week progresses. The majority of offenses occur at the beginning of the weekend.

Figure 4: City of Logan Geocode map.

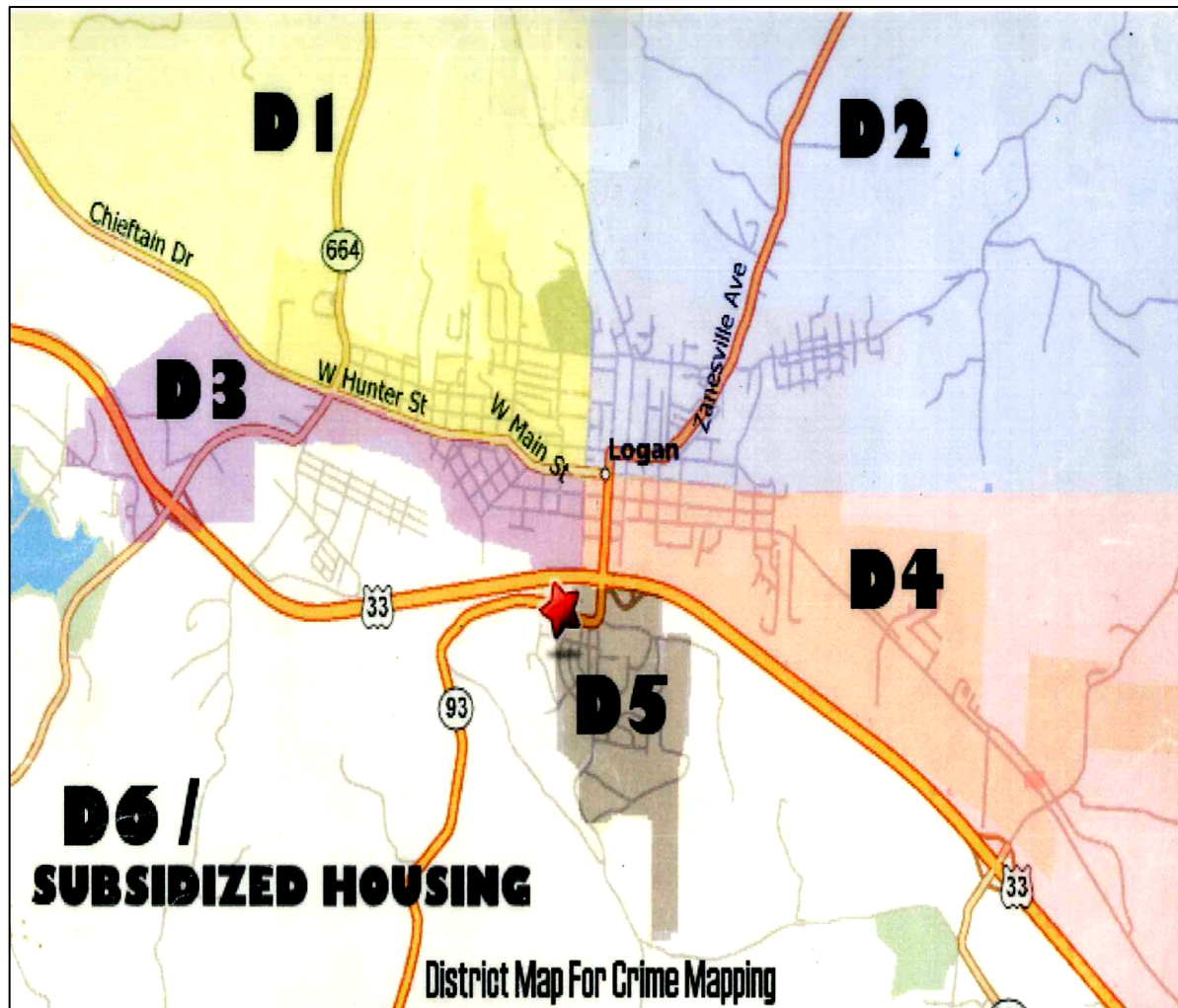


Figure 4 illustrates the districts of the City of Logan broken down into Geocodes for CFS reporting purposes.

Figure 5: Number of CFS per Geocode.

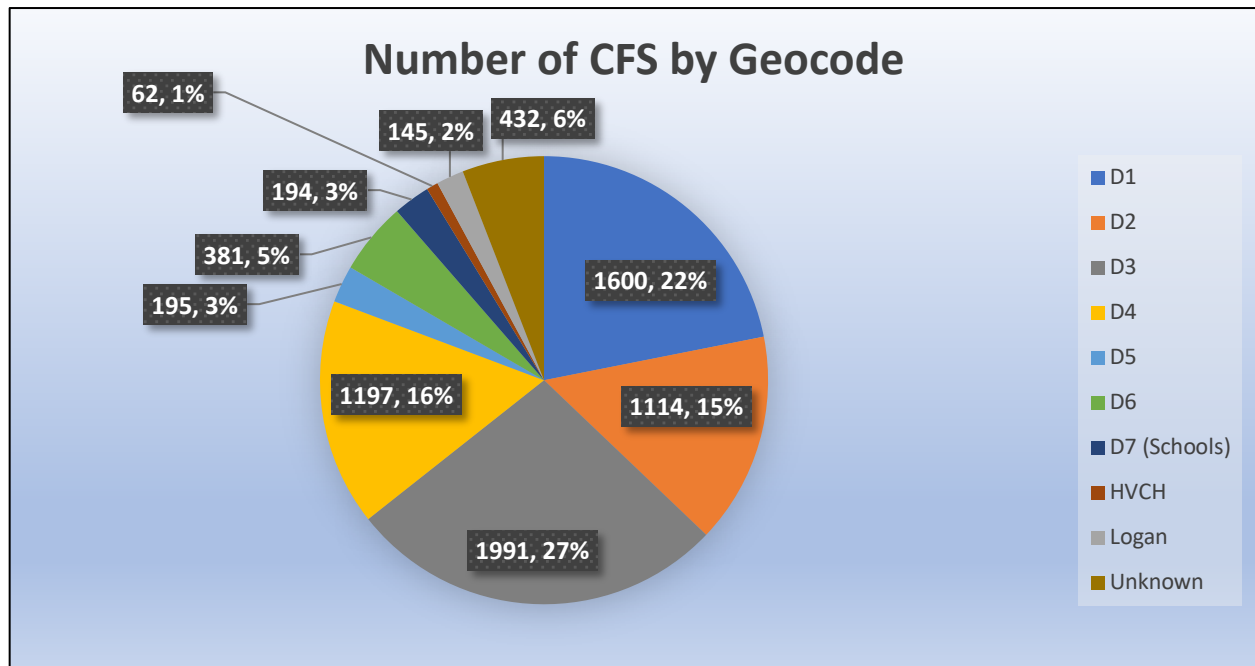


Figure 5 illustrates the CFS per Geocode district. Geocode D6 is under reported and “Unknown” is over reported due to the unknown nature of the Geocode when a CFS is taken.

Note: HVCH is Hocking Valley Community Hospital.

Figure 6: Self-initiated traffic stops by race.

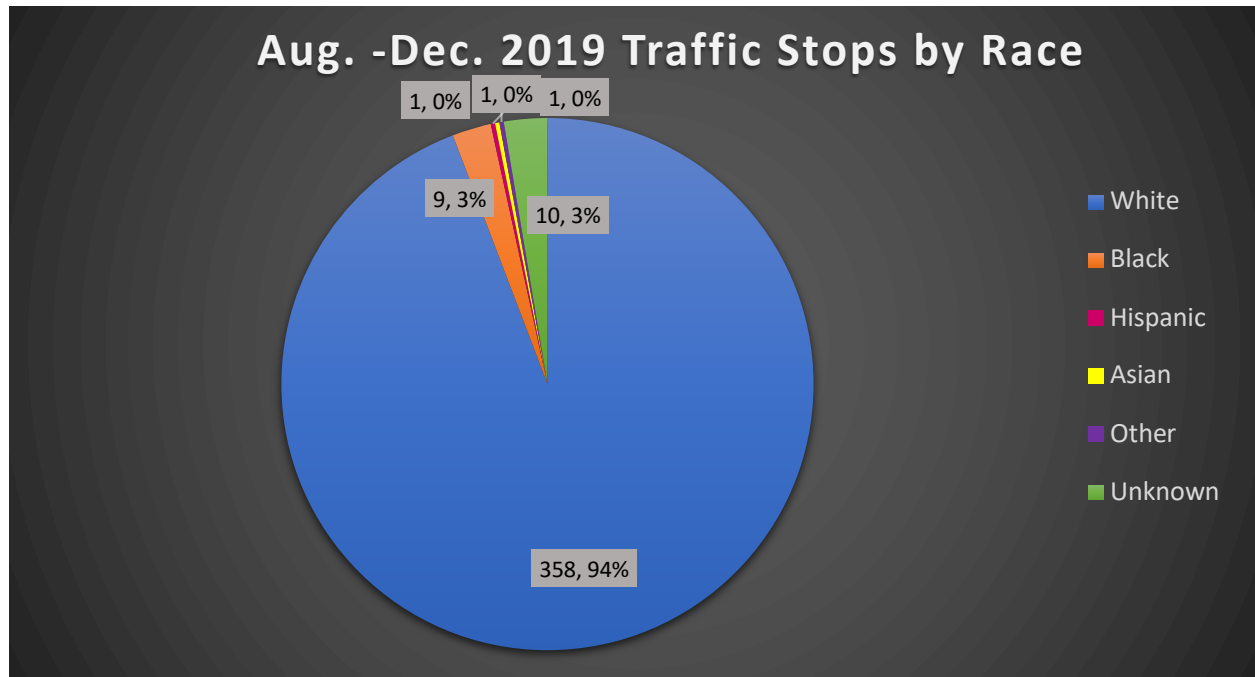


Figure 7: Total self-initiated traffic stops data chart.

Total Stops Aug-Dec	380	
Total Stops with Citations	66	
Total Stops with Warnings	312	
Stops with no data	2	
Total Males	256	
Total Female	114	
		Percentage
White	358	94.21
Black	9	2.37
Hispanic	1	0.26
Asian	1	0.26
Other	1	0.26
Unknown	10	2.63

Figure 6 and **Figure 7** illustrate the number of self-initiated traffic stops by race and the percentage of total self-initiated traffic stops that number represents.

Figure 8: Self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings.

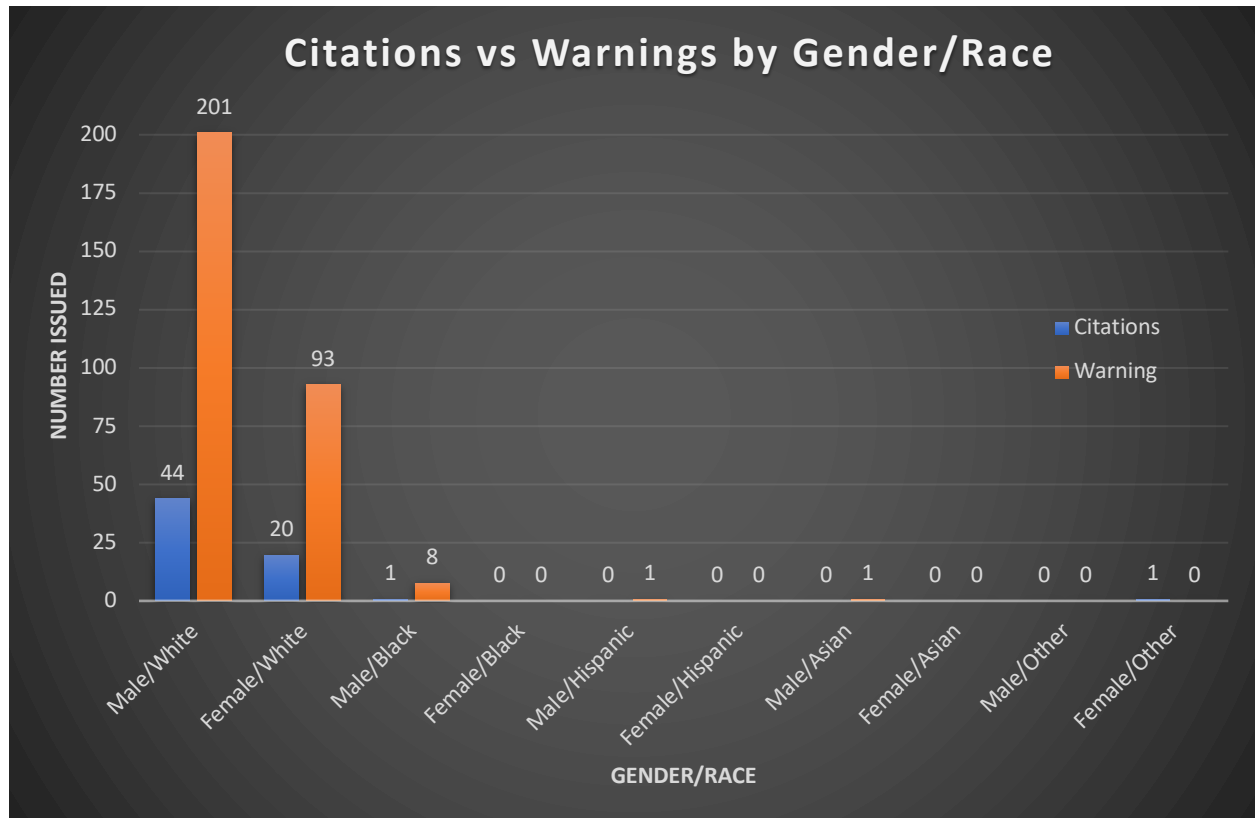


Figure 8 illustrates the number of self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings as they relate to race and gender.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL):

Since its inception in 2019, the Police Athletic League has provided opportunities for children in the community to participate in positive, wholesome sports, recreational, and extracurricular activities - providing children between the ages of 5 and 18 with an alternative to life on the streets. With 228 registered participants, PAL hopes to divert children from negative influences and enhance a child's individual self-esteem, discipline, and actualization. PAL coaches help provide good role models for the children to interact with as they develop into adulthood. Additionally, the Logan PAL program provides adult classes, which focus on the same core values as the traditional PAL children's program.



SHOP WITH A COP:

Taking place during the Christmas season, this unique experience provides for a number of children in need throughout the community while creating positive relationships with law enforcement. Annually, uniformed first responders from various local and state offices volunteer their time to shop with the children at the local Walmart. In 2019, the Shop with a Cop program assisted 148 families throughout our community with a total contribution of just over \$14,000.



COFFEE WITH A COP:

Coffee with A Cop was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 with a focus on finding ways for Law Enforcement to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our community has changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded outside of the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.



K9 OFFICER DEMONSTRATIONS:

Throughout the year, K9s Bungge and Anni travel throughout the community providing demonstrations to local charitable organizations as well as to our local schools. Additionally, the Logan Police Department K9s present demonstrations to members of Tri-County Technical High School's criminal justice program and participates in their annual job fair.



SAVE CHRISTMAS FROM THE GRINCH:

A local realty business in Logan, initiated a program this year, “Save Christmas from the Grinch”. The local business donated a Santa Mailbox in front of their storefront, where local children could send a letter to Santa and it would be answered. The other part of the program involved the business posting on social media, the local newspaper, and radio stations about the “Grinch” being seen locally trying to steal the letters from the mailbox. The program culminated with an event in downtown Logan, where local children were given “Heart” stickers and when the “Grinch” arrived, Officers from the Logan Police Department arrested the Grinch and the children placed the heart stickers on his costume. The Grinch was transported by the Logan PD officers in marked cruisers and then brought back a short time later to the event. When the Grinch emerged from the cruiser, officers advised that his heart grew while in jail thanks to the children, so they let him out. The Grinch then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and lead in the singing of Christmas Carols. Children were allowed to have pictures taken with the Grinch and the participating Officers after the event. Due to the popularity of the event, it’s scheduled to continue next year.



LPD MOUNTED POLICE PROGRAM:

Established in 2019, by Patrolman John Sharp, the mounted unit worked the Veterans and Christmas parades as well as several Athens events in support of the Athens Police Department. The unit has established itself as popular community relations tool as well as an effective crowd control measure.



ANNUAL BICYCLE GIVEAWAY:

Annually, the Logan Police Department takes the many bicycles that have been recovered, impounded, or seized and donates them back to underprivileged members of the community. During this event, members of the community that receive a bike can make a donation that goes towards Shop with a Cop.



POLICING FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

Created in 2017, Policing for our Community is a Department authorized Facebook Page and community outreach program initiated by Midnight shift personnel. The program allows the midnight shift to post timely crime watch information, safety tips, and explanations of various city ordinances to keep the public informed and educated concerning local police matters. The program has also donated thousands of dollars' worth of toys, bicycles, gift cards, and other goods to members of the community while out conducting patrol duties. This program has become hugely popular in the community, garnering nearly ten thousand followers.

DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE:

In 2019 the police department teamed up with the Major Crimes Unit for the nationwide annual Drug Take Back Day in April, where 17 pounds of prescription medications were collected, and again in October, where 21 pounds were collected. The grand total for the year was 38 pounds of prescription medications that were received and properly disposed of from our community. This program keeps these medications out of our water supply and out of our landfills. In addition, disposing of these drugs properly keeps them out of homes where thefts or misuse of these medications could be a possibility.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM:

Initiated in early 2000, this is the first major community relations program initiated by the Logan Police Department, and it's still the most popular and well-known community program in the department. The SRO program has evolved from simply having a patrol officer based at the school for public safety, to a comprehensive program involving elementary, middle school and high school students throughout the school district. The SROs conduct educational programs at the schools that include: drug and alcohol prevention, cyberbullying awareness, safe driving, and general health and wellness education to students in the community. The SROs serve as mentors, counselors, and advocates for at risk students in the schools. They provide a positive role model for many kids who lack any structure or positive influence in their homes.

OFFICER PHIL:

The Officer Phil safety program teaches children about stranger danger, the negative effects of bullying, fire safety, and internet safety through fun interactive lesson plans, with the idea of bringing child safety lessons to elementary schools. These programs are continued throughout the year by our School Resource Officers.

THE BEAT:

This year, the local radio station WLGN, requested our participation in a new segment airing weekly called “The Beat”. The program consists of local first responders discussing issues related to public safety, crime prevention, agency programs, and local topics. The Logan Police Department was the first agency to air on the show. The radio station received numerous compliments on the program, and it will continue throughout the year, with the Logan Police Department establishing a partnership to participate annually.

2019 GOALS (revisited)

- Maintain full staffing levels. (Complete)
- Secure grant funding for the addition of 2 unmarked and 1 marked cruiser. (Complete)
- Secure grant funding for the purchase of a fingerprint scanner in order to fulfill State mandates. (Complete)
- Secure continued funding for the Shop with a Cop program. (Complete)
- Secure grant funding for body armor through the Bullet Vest Partnership. (Complete)
- Secure grant funding to replace outdated handheld and mobile radio units. (Incomplete, funding not available)

2020 GOALS

- Maintain full staffing levels.
- Integration of a CAD/RMS system with Hocking 911.
- Integration of a fingerprint scanner in order to fulfill State mandates.
- Send 2 Patrolmen to First Line Supervisory school.
- Secure continued funding for Shop with a Cop.
- Secure grant funding to replace outdated handheld and mobile radio units.
- Continued coordination with Enterprise towards the establishment of a City vehicle lease program.
- Send Patrolman Baker to a School Resource Officer Basic course.