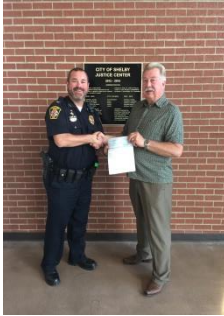


SHELBY POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



CALLS FOR SERVICE 2017

Calls for Service are the number of calls or “details” that our officers responded to throughout the year. In some cases, the call turns out not to be what was reported. In others, they led us to other crimes or problems, or issues that may require reclassification. Not every call for service generates an arrest, enforcement action or even a criminal complaint. Not included here are “follow up” calls – periods of time spent by officers working on cases by way of phone calls, interviews, research or notes, and does not include times that the officer is “temporarily out”, where an officer stopped to pick up a drink, food or piece of equipment. It also does not include “departmental details” where an officer might have come on station to fill overtime or complete other administrative duties. All jail calls in our Records Management System are listed as jail calls. We are required to keep a separate log that breaks down individual jail events. The jail calls include everything from booking prisoners, to serving meals, giving medications, cleaning the jail, and hour checks and daily prisoner counts. Aside from all of those exceptions, the following represent the number of calls for service that we responded to in 2017. This also includes the addition of a new call for service, “Exterior Property Maintenance”. Junk vehicles were moved from the vehicle complaint category to this new category, along with all other exterior property maintenance complaints we receive.

Offenses Against Persons	350	Property Offenses	577
Assault	53	Theft	271
Domestic Violence	47	Bad Checks	8
Sexual Assault	21	Fraud/Forgery	56
Child Abuse	11	Breaking and Entering	26
Robbery	4	Burglary	18
Fights	31	Auto Theft/Unauth Use	15
Man w/ Gun	1	Counterfeiting	7
Man w/Knife	1	Damage to Property	70
Suicide	2	Criminal Damaging	31
Stalking	4	Criminal Mischief	27
Menacing	53	Vandalism	9
Telephone Harassment	121	Littering	17
Prostitution	1	Trespassing	21
		Arson	1
Drug Offenses	84	School Resource Officer	2,395
		Pioneer	1,879
		Shelby (half year)	516

Disturbances	833	Traffic Calls	1,002
General Disturbance	234	Traffic Stops	589
Disorderly Person	96	Traffic Control	35
Fireworks	9	Reckless Operation	41
Trouble with Neighbor	76	Drunk Driver	30
Suspicious Person	240	Driving Under Susp	1
Suspicious Vehicle	177	Non Injury Accident	126
Loitering	0	Injury Accident	24
Prowler	0	Hit Skip Accident	26
Liquor Violation	1	Private Property Acc	56
		Road Hazard	50
		Railroad Crossing	24
Service/Assistance	3,476	Juvenile	307
Lockout/Assist Person	889	Juvenile Complaints	228
Open Building	13	Unruly	33
Civil Matters	335	Runaway/Missing	44
Assist Other Agencies	209	Tobacco Violation	2
Assist Fire	154		
Open Burning	29	Utility Matters	127
Residential/Business Alarms	271		
911 Hang Up	77	Warrant Service Attempts	241
Vehicle Complaint	462		
Animal Complaints	214		
Threatening Suicide	48		
Funeral/ Business Escorts	250		
House Checks	17		
Welfare Checks	144		
Lost/Found Property	179		
Repossessed Vehicle	67		
Business Complaints	3		
Health Dept Complaints	0		
Solicitor Permits	2		
Mental Health Issues	6		
Missing Adult	14		
Violation of Protection Order	11		
Alzheimer Notification	5		
Exterior Property Complaint	77		
Patrol Calls for Service Total	9,409		
Jail Calls for Service Total	9,506		
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2017	18,915		

OFFENSES 2017

Offenses differ greatly from Calls for Service. While a Call for Service indicates a time that an officer was alerted to, or dispatched to a possible crime, the officer must determine whether or not a crime was actually committed. Once that determination is made, the officer puts the call for service into a reportable format and creates an "Offense Report". Offense reports are used as the basis for investigations and court proceedings, as well as statistical analysis. All law enforcement agencies in Ohio submit data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by either using an aggregate method via Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) or by using an incident based method via Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (OIBRS). OIBRS mirrors the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). We have been using OIBRS exclusively for several years. Our Records Management System (RMS) pulls data from each offense report and electronically submits the required data to OIBRS. OIBRS data is available for online viewing at <http://ocjs.ohio.gov/oibrs/>. Basic offense reports and accident reports generated by the Shelby Police Department are available online via the City of Shelby website at <http://shelbycity.oh.gov/visitors/police/9-uncategorised/214-shelby-police-reports-online>.

Offenses Against Persons	154	Property Offenses	375
Assault	34	Theft	207
Domestic Violence	45	Bad Checks	7
Sexual Assault	18	Fraud/Forgery	16
Child Abuse	10	Breaking and Entering	18
Robbery	1	Burglary	16
Resisting Arrest	8	Unauthorized Use MV	4
Vehicular Assault	1	Unauth Use Property	0
Menacing	35	Counterfeiting	1
		Criminal Damaging	35
Juvenile Offenses	49	Criminal Simulation	3
Tobacco	6	Criminal Mischief	29
Unruly	22	Vandalism	3
Curfew	5	Criminal Trespass	17
Runaway	8	Misuse of Credit Card	2
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	5	Receiving Stolen Prop	5
Disseminating Harmful Juveniles	2	Possession of CrimTools	0
Pandering Obscenity Involv Minor	1	Safecracking	0
		Tampering w/Coin Mach	0
		Arson	2

Drug Offenses	187	Weapon Offenses	5
Possession of Drugs	56	Illegal Conveyance	7
Possession of Drug Instruments	27	Weapons Under Disability	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	61	Improper Handling MV	1
Permitting Drug Abuse	0	Carrying Concealed Weapon	0
Trafficking in Drugs	0	Throwing or Shooting Missiles	1
Deception to Obtain Drugs	0		
Illegal Assembly of Drugs	2	Traffic Offenses	61
Illegal Conveyance	0	Driving Under the Influence	42
Overdose	39	Driving Under Suspension	8
Controlled Substance or Script Label	1	Other Traffic	11
Other Offenses	145	Animal Offenses	9
Disorderly Conduct	46	Barking Dog	3
Falsification	4	Location of Barn/Coop	1
Complicity	3	Confining/Restraining Dog	5
Impersonating Peace Officer	0		
Open Container	12		
Underage Consumption	10		
Obstructing Official Business	13		
Telecommunication Harassment	31		
Junk Vehicle	14		
Violation of Protection Order	2		
Public Indecency	1		
Escape	3		
Failure to Report Death	1		
Littering	2		
Tobacco Use in City Building	1		
Inducing Panic	2		
TOTAL OFFENSE REPORTS GENERATED 2017	1,197		

CITATIONS/ARRESTS 2017

Calls for service and offenses may result in citations, summons, felony charges, or any combination of the three. In 2017 we issued the following charges. For purposes of our statistics, each category is counted as an arrest.

Traffic Citations	412
Misdemeanor Summons	385
Felony Charges	37
TOTAL	834

Shelby City Jail

The Shelby City Jail was opened in April 2014 and is designated a 12 day holding facility with a maximum capacity of 11 inmates. The jail undergoes a yearly inspection by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The 2017 inspection checked compliance with 107 jail standards set by the State of Ohio. The Shelby City Jail was in compliance with 83 standards and failed to comply with 24 standards.

In 2017 there were a total of 305 inmates booked into the jail, 238 males and 67 females. The inmates served a total of 1647 days in jail with the average length of stay being 5.53 days.

The inmates are provided with meals from Crestwood Care Center. The jail pays \$4.00 dollars per meal and spent approximately \$15,000.00 dollars on inmate meals. Inmate uniforms, bedding and towels are laundered by Colonial Coin Laundry and approximately \$3500.00 dollars was spent. The jail is required to provide personal hygiene items to each inmate. The jail also provides the inmates with cleaning supplies daily to clean each occupied pod of the jail.

Because the jail is designated as a 12 day facility is only permitted to house inmates for 12 consecutive days or 288 hours. The inmate must then be released or transferred to a full service facility. Approximately \$95,000.00 dollars was spent to house inmates at full service facilities. We attempt to minimize that cost by permitting low risk inmates to serve their sentence in 12 day increments. We release the inmate after 12 days and they return 2 days later to serve an additional 12 days. This continues until their sentence is completed. Other inmates are held for 12 days, transferred to a full service facility and then returned to our jail for their final 12 days.

Inmates that require routine medical or dental care during their incarceration are taken to Shelby Wellness Center. Inmates with serious medical issues are taken to OhioHealth Shelby Hospital for treatment. The Shelby Wellness Center also provides a Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for inmates that are drug dependent.

The shower floors in each pod and the booking area were a slip and fall hazard, and also had minor drainage problems. After extensive research and discussions with the general contractor and building architect, the shower floors were re-finished with a non-slip surface and the floors were also sloped greater to provide better drainage. Individual cell floors were also re-finished with the non-slip surface to minimize falls.

The Shelby Police Department continues to be committed to providing a safe, secure and efficiently run jail in 2018.

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

In 2017 officers of the Shelby Police Department executed three Search Warrants and five Consent Searches on residences within the City of Shelby that resulted in the seizure of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, synthetic marijuana and prescription medications. Also as a result of the investigations officers seized three firearms, one vehicle and \$12,605.00 in U.S currency which were all believed to be the “Fruits of Illegal Activity”. The seizures were criminal seizures, and not civil forfeiture actions. Numerous suspects were arrested and convicted on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of drug abuse instruments, possession of drugs, aggravated trafficking in drugs and having weapons while under disability. Officers also investigated several cases which resulted in the execution of five cell phone search warrants, five social media search warrants and one DNA search warrant.

In 2017, we handled 147 misdemeanor or felony drug offense cases, including Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments, Possession of Drugs, Aggravated Drug Trafficking and Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals for the Manufacture of Drugs.

Officers responded to 39 drug related overdoses in 2017. Two resulted in fatalities. In 2017, we partnered with the Ohio Department of Health and Project DAWN and received training in the administration of Naloxone and enough Naloxone kits for each patrol car and each housing unit in the jail as well as for officers on station. We also received a generous donation from a local business that allowed us to create “Go-Bags” for each cruiser. These are tactical backpacks that contain a number of items that officers can use in the field. The bags also carry our supply of Naloxone, which allowed officers to successfully administer 6 doses of Naloxone to overdose victims; all of which aided in the revival of the subject.

Through the Richland County Opiate Board, we trained and participated both in a pilot and continuous Opiate Response Team program, which puts officers, a treatment provider and an advocate out to make contact with an overdose victim within 48 hours of an overdose, with the goal of steering them to treatment. In our case, our Departmental Chaplain is notified, along with our sergeants and command staff of every overdose immediately. Chaplain Gates puts himself at the scene of every overdose within minutes. We believe this gives us an even better opportunity to advocate for treatment, .

The addition of a School Resource Officer in the Shelby City Schools also brought back the DARE Program for 5th grade students in the 2017/18 school year. This education component is essential in ensuring that we can provide an even bigger educational component to our drug abuse response.

In a continued partnership with the METRICH Enforcement Unit Shelby officers submitted 79 drug intelligence forms which provided information in regards to drug trafficking offenses in Shelby. These crime tips were the result of complaints received from citizens and outside agencies. In August of 2017, uniformed Shelby Officers assisted the METRICH Enforcement Unit and the US Marshal’s Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force with a county wide drug sweep that targeted 7 suspects within Shelby as a result of trafficking cases that were initiated at METRICH.

USE OF FORCE/FIREARMS TRAINING

Part of the 2017 CPT training was updated training for officers in defensive tactics. Both Captain Mack and Captain Rath are OPOTA trained defensive tactics instructors and were able to offer this training at no cost to our agency. During our scheduled training times we offered this training to other agencies at no cost. This training included:

- Legal considerations when applying force
- Constitutional Law
- Weapon retention
- Principle of ground fighting/defense
- Defense against choke holds/restraints

All officers and dispatchers were all re-certified in the use of the Taser in 2017.

All officers and dispatchers maintained certification in the use of OC spray in 2017.

All officers and dispatchers were trained and tested quarterly in our Use of Force policy.

All officers successfully completed the minimum state requirement for the handgun, shotgun, and patrol rifle. All Shelby officers receive firearms training 4 times per year. This is above the state minimum requirement (once per year).

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Ohio Administrative Code requires that all certified peace officers in the State of Ohio must complete a number of hours of Continuing Professional Training as determined by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, the body that sets standards for training and certification of Ohio Peace Officers. The Commission sets the hours and topics for which every law enforcement officer is required to complete for that year. By statute, this is all based on available training reimbursement funds that OPOTC has at their disposal. Upon completion of the training, a set reimbursement amount is disbursed to those agencies showing compliance. Those funds can only be used for training, also set by statute. In 2017, OPOTC set the number of training hours at a minimum of 20, for the following topics:

- Trauma Informed Policing (6 hours)
- Practical Application of Force (4 hours)
- Blue Courage (4 hours)
- Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy (4 hours)
- Legal Update (2 hours)

The Trauma Informed Policing and Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy courses were done either by attending an in person seminar, or via webcast. Blue Courage and the Legal Updates were completed by taking an online course through OPOTA. Because we are fortunate enough to have two Defensive Tactics Instructors, and an instruction area large enough, we were able to hold our own Practical Application of Force classes at no cost. In order to help other agencies complete this course, we hosted numerous sessions of this course at no cost and trained officers from Plymouth, Lexington, Greenwich, Crestline, New Washington, and the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. All officers completed this training.

Because there are no reimbursement funds available to OPOTC, they have only suggested training and are not mandating any Continuing Professional Training for 2018. We will be looking at conducting more in-house, hands on training on our own in 2018.

USE OF FORCE

The Shelby Police Department continues to operate with the goal of maintaining low rates of Use of Force Incidents. Although a complete rewrite of the Use of Force Policy is complete, we continue to review and tweak it based on emerging law enforcement trends, court cases, and to continue to guide our compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Our goal is still attaining and maintaining full CALEA Accreditation, which is considered the hallmark of a professional law enforcement agency. We have joined the State of Ohio Accreditation Resource (SOAR) and will work to integrate an accreditation manager into their events in order to help guide us to CALEA Accreditation.

We continue to evaluate and review our uses of force, and we log and document every use of force both in reporting by policy and also by a spreadsheet that is used to evaluate our encounters over a period of time, in an attempt to identify any trends or obvious problems.

When an officer uses force, a packet is completed and sent up the chain of command, reviewed at each step, ultimately being reviewed by the Mayor/Safety Service Director.

Our body camera inventory has expanded and nearly every officer is assigned their own body camera. In 2017 we also moved toward replacing all in car video systems with a product by the same company that supplies our body cameras, in an attempt to have a seamless view of as many points of view as we can of any encounters with the public.

In 2017, we had only 3 incidents that involved the use of force by Shelby Police Officers. Out of nearly 19,000 calls for service including 589 traffic stops, and 834 arrests, officers used force only three times in all of 2017. Those three incidents included the following types of force, moving up the force continuum:

- Verbal commands/Officer presence – 3 times
- Assistance from other officers – 3 times
- Escort position – 1 time
- Joint manipulation/Pressure Points – 2 times
- Takedowns/Grounding techniques – 1 time
- OC Spray/Chemical agents – 1 time

The types of calls that resulted in a Use of Force Incident included:

- Arrest on warrant – 1 time
- Suspicious person – 1 time
- Threatening suicide/mental health crisis -1 time

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Shelby Police Department Computer Network continues to be the backbone of our operation. Below is a list of our IT accomplishments for 2017

ADDITIONS

- Pfsense HA (High Availability) firewalls (Replaced Adtran Firewall)
- Spectrum Backup internet.
- Two 24-port PDU's (Power Distribution Units), Allows remote access to reboot a devices.
- Wi-Fi Access point for video uploads from Digital Ally in car cameras.
- Started dispatching and records management hosting for Plymouth Police Department, in addition to current hosting for Shelby, Ontario and Lexington Police Departments
- New surveillance camera in the Evidence Room
- 3 additional in car printer for E-Citation, for a total of 6
- Body cams now issued to all officers
- Yearly maintenance agreement for the proximity door locking system/camera system

NETWORKS MAINTAINED

- Windows Server 2008 SBS
- Windows 2012 R2 DB Server
- Windows 2012 R2 APP Server
- Windows 2012 Video Server (Body Cam Storage)
- VOIP phone system
- Maintain and host multi-agency records management system (Sundance)
- Email server and archive
- Alchemy document archive server
- 12 Desktop computers
- 6 laptop computers
- 1 digital fingerprint system
- NAS file backup system
- 51 Camera video monitoring system
- Audio/Visual recording system
- Phone call recording system
- Proximity device door locking system
- P25 Digital radio system
- Inmate video visitation system
- City-wide fiber network system
- Observium Network Monitoring System

UPGRADES

Shelby Police Department local NAS (Network Attached Storage)

OTHER

- Maintained OIBRS crime reporting compliance 2017
- Maintained partnership with Ontario, Lexington and Plymouth hosting the Sundance RMS/CAD System
- Maintained online reporting for offense reports/accident reports

Issue(s)

- 2 major network outages both caused by switches going bad. Both were covered under warranty and the network was offline less than 12 hours for the longest outage. We now have a backup switch in case of future outages.

Training

- 3 employees received training on how to program the proximately door lock system, and the camera system.
- 1 employee to Lenexa Kansas for body camera/in car camera installation/operation conference.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

In 2017 Sgt. Bushey conducted 9 drug evaluations on subjects arrested for OVI. Of the 9 evaluations 8 were males and 1 female. In addition to conducting DRE Evaluations for the Shelby Police Department Sgt. Bushey conducted 3 evaluations for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Upon receiving toxicology results from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab the following drugs were found in urine samples obtained during Sgt. Bushey's evaluations: marijuana, cocaine, morphine, buprenorphine(Suboxone), alprazolam(Xanax) & clonazepam. None of the evaluations involved alcohol. All of the impairment detected was due to either prescription medication, illicit drugs or a combination of both.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

In 2017 Shelby Police Department again applied for a Federal Grant that assists with reimbursement of up to 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests for full time officers. This year 3 officers received new vests at a total cost of \$2043.00. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program reimbursed the City of Shelby \$815.81 or approximately %40 of the total cost.

Shelby Police Department has utilized this grant since it was first offered in 2000. To date we have been reimbursed a total of \$13,692.02 to provide bulletproof vests to all of our full time officers, which is not only required by labor contract, but allows us to have the most up to date ballistic protection for our officers.

PIONEER SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Paul Zehner is the assigned School Resource Officer for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center. Officer Zehner completed School Resource Officer Training through the Ohio School Resource Officer Association, of which he is an annual member. The assigned duties of the SRO are:

Crime Prevention

- Presence in the hallways, cafeteria, parking lots and classrooms
- Formal and informal interaction with the students and staff
- PCTC Health and Safety Committee
- PCTC Safety and Security committee
- Participate, advise and train, if necessary, on the PCTC School Safety Plan

Law Enforcement

- Issue citations, if needed
- Issue detentions and reminders on a daily basis
- Truancy meetings, formal and informal hearings
- Assist other law enforcement agencies with issues concerning PCTC students

Education

- Presence in the hallways, cafeteria, parking lots and classrooms
- Spend time in the classrooms to discuss and answer questions on the Fourth Amendment and other laws and crimes.
- Open door policy for students and staff to discuss legal issues and questions
- Positive interaction with the students on a daily basis
- Assist in Safety Drills including fire, tornado and lock downs

Disruptive behavior within Pioneer decreased slightly over the previous school year. Total criminal calls were up, but there were over 120 more students in the 2017 school year than in 2016.

In the 2017 school year, Officer Zehner responded to 20 criminal complaints within the school, resulting in 21 summonses issued. It was also reported to Officer Zehner by the head of the maintenance that since the SRO program started there has been a decrease of tens of thousands of dollars worth of unreported vandalisms to the Pioneer property. The Shelby Police Department and Pioneer are exceptionally satisfied with this program, which results in a positive interaction with students and staff .

SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Keith Swisher is the current SRO for Shelby Senior High, Shelby Middle School, Dowds Elementary, and Auburn Elementary school. His office is currently at Shelby Senior High. Officer Swisher completed School Resource Officer Training through the Ohio School Resource Officer Association, of which he is an annual member. The assigned duties of the SRO are as follows:

Traffic Enforcement / Safety

- Presence in the area on the roadways / parking lots enforcing traffic laws, and watching the overall safety of students / staff while walking on foot.
- Ensuring that proper vehicle, pedestrian, and bus routes are being followed
- Parking enforcement

Crime Prevention

- Presence both in and outside the buildings during arrival / dismissal times, parking lots, hallways, cafeteria, classrooms, and special events
- Formal and informal interaction with the students, staff, and visitors
- Participate, advise, and train, as needed on the Schools Safety Plan

Law Enforcement

- Issue citations / warnings or other alternative enforcement
- Handle habitual truancy complaints within the district / home visits as needed, also conduct informal / formal meetings
- Assist other SPD Officers in conducting follow up investigations
- Assist other Law Enforcement Agencies concerning Shelby District students
- Investigate all Law Enforcement related matters

Education

- Presence in the hallways, cafeteria, parking lots, classrooms, assemblies, or special events
- When called upon discuss topics in the classroom as the topic relates to Law Enforcement.
- Assist in Safety Drills including lock-down (A.L.I.C.E.), Tornado, and fire evacuation.
- Implemented Tobacco Education / Driving Education
- DARE Instruction Shelby Middle School

The SRO is a new position within the district and was implemented at the beginning of the 2017 school year. So far this school year Officer Swisher has received positive feedback from Parents, Students, Administration, and staff about how the implementation of the SRO has impacted the district in a positive way. In addition, to ensure coverage at both Pioneer and Shelby Schools, Officer John Magers was also trained and is a member of the Ohio School Resource Officer Association. He is assigned to fill in at both Pioneer and Shelby City Schools in the event that Officer Swisher or Officer Zehner are absent or in training. He is also assigned during his regular workday to assist the School Resource Officers as time allows.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Program has been in existence for several years in the City of Shelby. Specific neighborhoods in the city worked with the Police Department and have started their own Neighborhood Watch. Park Village, Meadow Estates, Myer Meadows and West Park Drive have established their own Neighborhood Watch Programs. Informational meetings and training sessions have been attended by residents to teach them skills and enhance their ability to detect and report crime in their neighborhoods.

Our goal for the Neighborhood Watch Program is to continue to make programs available for any interested neighborhoods and be as involved as the neighborhoods would like us to be. For 2018 the department is hoping to conduct annual town hall style meetings within the Shelby Justice Center.

AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

In 2017 the auxiliary unit finished the year with one active uniformed member after Aux.Ofc. Brooke Darnell left the unit to take full-time employment with a sheriff's department in southern Ohio. We will continue to expand the auxiliary unit until we reach a more stable number. The Auxiliary Unit is provided training and some basic equipment, but overall each officer is responsible for the cost of most of their own uniforms and equipment. Each auxiliary officer is required to volunteer a certain number of monthly hours, and they are required to complete the equivalent of a full time officer's complete field training, as well as maintain the same training and certification as their full time counterparts. Auxiliary Officers are used to both assist full time officers in their duties and to be called upon in times of emergency. If their training is current, they may work in place of a full time officer if a vacancy cannot be filled.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our overall departmental goal is to be an integral and transparent part of the community. In order to that, we must be actively engaged with our residents. Not just being seen, but taking an in-hand approach to improving the community; taking both leadership and support roles, but always being positively engaged. This goes beyond responding to crimes, writing reports, and walking aisles and hallways. It means being approachable, reliable, trustworthy, kind, compassionate and respectful. We must only seek to dispel myths and rumors with facts and the truth. To that end, we are very engaged in social media, using the platforms of Twitter, Facebook, and NextDoor. We also use an opt-in notification text and web system, Nixle to get out real time information to the community.

We conduct an annual pre-Christmas toy drive for the less fortunate, which results in hundreds of dollars of wrapped children's presents that are distributed based on need, with leftover presents going to Shelby Helpline. This has brought a tradition of classes, civic groups and even individuals coming to the station to bring presents and have their pictures taken with an officer.

We conduct a free in-town "taxi" designated driver service at Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, ensuring that those who might have had too much to drink can get home safely and those that are out and not drinking can get where they need to go more safely.

In cooperation with the Red Cross, we held 3 blood drives in March (a regular drive), one in July (Battle of the Badges), and one in November (OSU vs Michigan Blood Battle). We had a total of 111 prescheduled slots available, with 87 scheduled prior to the date of the drive, and a total of 78 pints of blood donated.

The Fraternal Order of Police has purchased large quantities of candy for officers to hand out in neighborhoods during Halloween, and gas and food gift cards to hand out to good drivers during the Christmas Holidays.

We conduct an active ride-along program, having provided ride along experiences for over xxx people in 2017. We also conducted xxxx tours of the police department to civic groups, mostly youth scouting groups. Sgt Scott initiated a program through Richland County JV Court that gives at-risk juvenile offenders the chance to ride with an officer and get to know who we are and why we do what we do.

We continue to look toward a citizen police academy which was slated for 2017, but was difficult to start due to severe staffing issues. This is a program that we will establish when we are able to bring our staffing levels up to the appropriate levels.

We continue to look at ways that we can serve the community, continue in positive interactions and engagements, and to work to make Shelby a safe and enjoyable community.