

CITY OF LA PORTE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018 Annual Report



Pictured left to right: Lt. John Krueger, Chief Ron Parker, Jonathan Gutierrez, Sgt. Mark Roznovak, Sgt. Anthony Bish, Officer Emily Navarro, Danika Michaleik, Officer Ashley Breeding

The 2018 Annual Report of the La Porte Police Department

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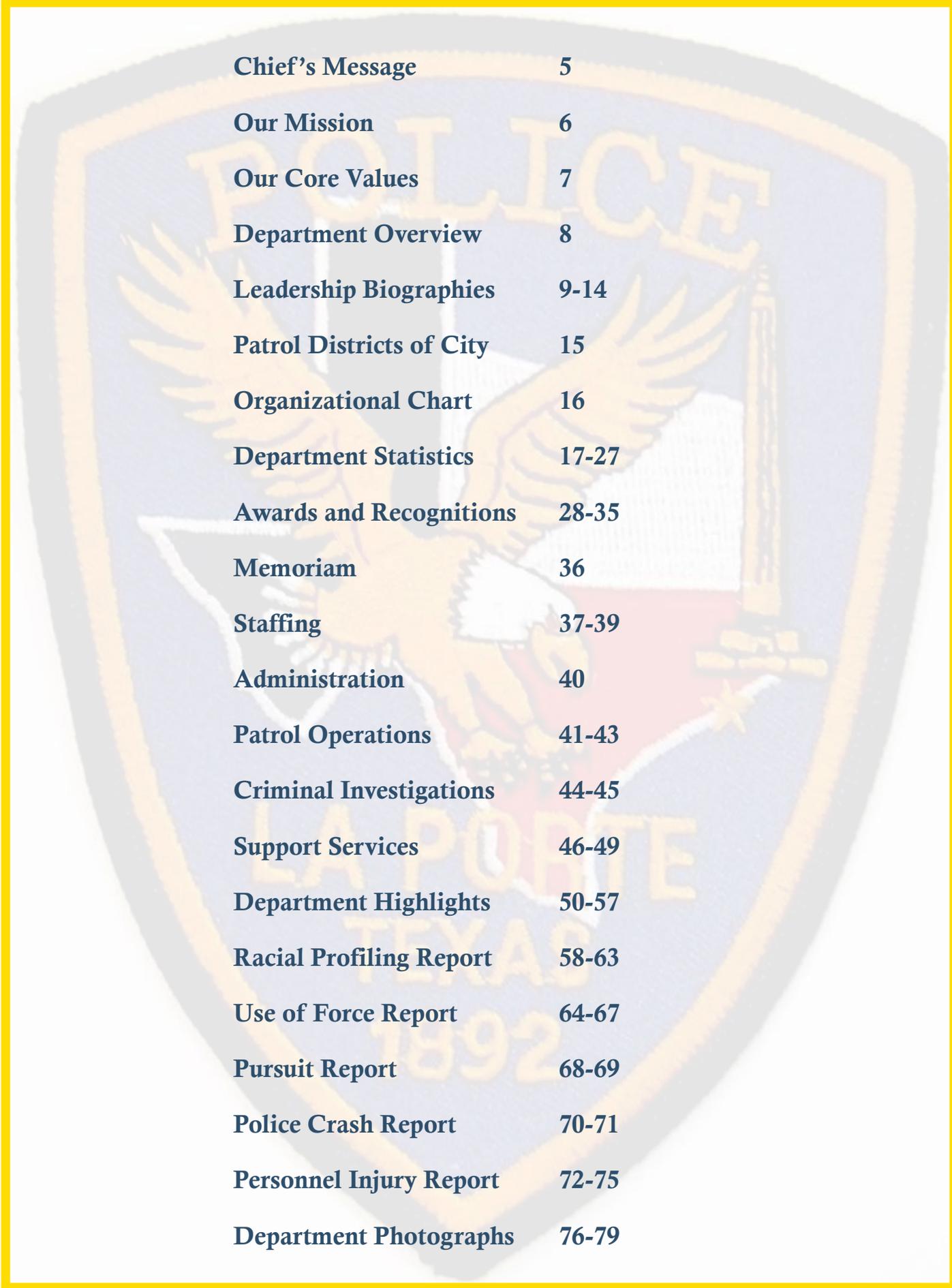
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It is with great honor and pride that I present the La Porte Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. This report summarizes the department's commitment to make La Porte one of the safest cities in the nation. 2018 proved that we indeed, enjoyed lower crime rates than many cities our size and that our department's team of dedicated sworn officers and civilian personnel collaborate effectively with the community to form a strong partnership in this effort. We could not achieve these accomplishments without the invaluable support from our citizens, city council, and our city's leadership team.

The department showed that it is committed more than ever to maintaining a transparent, open, and honest organization that has a trusted partnership with the community. Our personnel are trained in proper uses of force, to respect the Constitutional Rights of every individual, and to be courteous and respectful in their interactions with the public we serve. In addition, our community outreach efforts and positive involvement with the community at large is something we strive to remain highly dedicated to.

We offer a number of programs that foster positive relations with our citizens and enhance our community partnerships to include: National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Rape Aggression Defense, Citizen's Police Academy, strong social media presence, DARE, youth summer camps, Youth Explorer program, Citizens Volunteer program, Citizens on Patrol, Police Chaplains, Blue Santa, Active Shooter Seminars, Police Speakers' Bureau, and many others. Our South Broadway Police Neighborhood Center reminds citizens of our commitment to be involved in the community and to bring services to them. The department worked diligently to continue to build trust and confidence within our city. We attended community forums to discuss community concerns. The department understands the importance of having open communication and providing information as expeditiously as possible.

I am very humbled to have been appointed as chief of police, after the retirement in 2018 of our previous chief, Kenith Adcox. He was inspirational in his leadership and will be sorely missed. I am also very proud to work with such a wonderful group of professionals in our ranks at LPPD. It is a blessing to serve a community, collectively united towards our common mission of working in partnership with one another to prevent crime, assist those who are victims of crime, and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Finally, having passed our comprehensive on-site inspection by outside auditors from the Texas Police Chief's Association, it is important to highlight that our police department continues to enjoy its status as one of only a handful of police departments within the State to be recognized as a "Best Practices" organization and a leader in the law enforcement community. We are proud of this achievement and remain committed to performing all of our law enforcement mandates in the most effective, efficient, and appropriate manner available. After all, doing "the right thing" is at the heart of everything we do at the La Porte Police Department. It is the source of our strength and is the primary reason for our continued success.

This report includes more details about these initiatives, various statistics, and updates on other programs including what makes LPPD so successful. It is an honor to work with the dedicated and professional staff within the La Porte Police Department. Their dutiful efforts, dedication, commitment, loyalty and service are reflected throughout this report. Thank you for your continued support.

Ron Parker, CPM
Chief of Police

**The mission
of the La Porte
Police Department
is to work in partnership
with the community
to prevent crime
and improve the
quality of life within the
City of La Porte.**

H *onor:*

Maintaining high ethical standards and respecting all.

I *ntegrity:*

Always honest.

P *rofessionalism:*

Expert delivery of services through high standards and best practices. 

Department Overview

The La Porte Police Department employs 110 total personnel, to include 79 sworn officers and 31 civilian members, who serve a community of more than 37,000 spanning an area of approximately 21 square miles. The department is divided in to several bureaus, to include the Administration Bureau headed by the Chief of Police, the Operations Bureau commanded by an Assistant Chief, and the Support Services Bureau, also commanded by an Assistant Chief. The department is assisted in its daily operations and mission by a dedicated group of citizen volunteers from the La Porte Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.

The Administration Bureau includes such duties as administration, recruiting, training, finance, and other responsibilities. The Operations Bureau covers the Patrol Division, which includes patrol operations, traffic enforcement, K9, bicycle patrol, commercial vehicle enforcement and other duties. The Support Services Bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Division, (detectives, street crimes unit, property/evidence, crime scene investigators and the crime victims unit. The bureau also includes the Support Services Division, which is comprised of dispatch/communications, community services, PAR, DARE, school resource officers, animal adoption and control services, and facility services.

The La Porte Police Department draws some of the finest law enforcement professionals in the state. Our average officer tenure in the department is over twelve years of experience investigating all major crimes and complex traffic accidents. Cumulatively, our department's sworn members have over 1,000 years of experience. The Texas Police Chief's Association's Recognition Foundation for Best Practices has recognized the department as a model agency in the state. Our department values support independent decision making and foster problem solving strategies. Using a community-oriented and partnering policing philosophy, our department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, faith-based community, civic organizations and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting tactics and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community. We strongly believe that preventing crime is a community effort and it is our role, as the Police Department, to provide the training and information necessary to help our citizens take an active part in crime fighting efforts.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the department's web site contains information about crime prevention, statistics, and online services. Our interaction and transparency with our citizens is vital to improving the quality of life for our city, including our Citizen's on Patrol, (COP's), citizen volunteers, and many programs. Every member of the La Porte Police Department is dedicated to our Mission and Core Value statements.



Assistant Chief Daeumer with local Boy Scouts



Youth Explorer Program during National Night Out



Response to a major accident

Leadership

Ronald K. Parker

Ron Parker joined the La Porte Police Department in January, 1984 where he was assigned to the Patrol Division as a patrol officer. During his first year of service, he was recognized as “Rookie Officer of the Year”. In September, 1986 he was assigned as a detective to the Criminal Investigations Division. In July, 1991 Parker was promoted to the rank of sergeant, working as a supervisor in patrol. During this tour of duty, he was awarded the Medal of Merit and the Medal of Valor for actions in the line of duty. In July, 1997, he was again promoted to the rank of lieutenant and was made a watch commander. Parker was transferred to the Support Services Division as commanding officer in August, 2000.

On February 4, 2008 Parker was appointed as Assistant Chief of Police and assumed command of the Support Services Bureau. Parker served as Interim Chief of Police on several occasions throughout his career and on October 8, 2018 he was appointed as the department’s fifteenth Chief of Police by City Manager Corby Alexander.



During his tenure with the LPPD, Parker has received numerous commendations, several medals, awards for City of La Porte Employee of the Quarter, Employee of the Year and Manager of the Year. He was recognized by the American Legion of Texas as the State of Texas Police Officer of the Year in 1994 and was also recognized for this award by the Texas House of Representatives by special resolution.

Chief Parker holds several degrees, including subjects in Engineering Design Technology, Criminal Justice, a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership, and he is a graduate of the Leadership Command College of the Law Enforcement Management Institute at Sam Houston State University. He has also completed the Certified Public Manager’s program through the William P. Hobby Public Policy Center at Texas State University, the FBI Executive Leadership course, the Command and Staff Leadership School and he is a Leadership Fellow with the Texas Municipal League. He has been published by the Texas Historical Society. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer’s license.

Chief Parker is a member of the American Legion, Rotary International, Leadership Command College Alumni Association, Texas Municipal Police Officer’s Association, Houston Area Police Chief’s Association, Texas Police Chief’s Association, International Police Chief’s Association, the National Coalition for Domestic Preparedness, Sam Houston State University Lifetime Alumni member, and the First United Methodist Church of La Porte. Parker also serves as a volunteer for the La Porte Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, the La Porte Independent School District, and Habitat for Humanity. He is a board member of the La Porte Education Foundation, and sits on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee for San Jacinto College.

Chief Parker is veteran of the United States Army where he served in field artillery, infantry (Airborne), and combat engineers. He and his wife Debra reside in La Porte.

Matt Daeumer

Assistant Chief– Support Services Bureau



Matt Daeumer currently commands the Support Services Division. He has served the community since 1987, with a background in all divisions of the Department. His other duties include systems administrator of the department's records management system and he is the Department's records custodian. He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership, has completed the Police Executive Development Training Course through Pennsylvania State University, and is a graduate of the Leadership Command College and the FBI Executive Leadership programs. He is also a Certified Public Manager through the William P. Hobby Public Policy Center at the University of Houston.

Steve Deardorff

Assistant Chief– Operations Bureau

Steve Deardorff joined the La Porte Police Department in 1982. He served as a Patrol Officer until April, 1986, when he was promoted to Detective Sergeant. He worked there for several months then transferred back to Patrol. In January, 1997, he promoted to Lieutenant and remained in that division as a watch commander. In 2003, he returned to Detectives as division commander. In August, 2008 Deardorff was appointed an Assistant Chief. He currently commands all Patrol operations to include, Patrol, Bike Patrol, K9's, Traffic Enforcement, Accident Investigations, Field Training, Jail Operations, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Reserve Officers, SWAT, and he also serves as the Department's range master and firearms training expert. He has received numerous awards, including several Chief's Commendations. He holds a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University. He is also a graduate of the FBI Executive Leadership Course and the Command Staff Leadership Course, to name a few.





Lieutenant Lance Cook joined the La Porte Police Department in 1989 and has served in Patrol, DARE, Detectives, Patrol supervisor and he is currently the night shift Patrol Lieutenant.. He holds a Master Peace Officer license and is a Forensic Hypnotist and Crime Prevention Inspector. He also holds a Bachelors degree in Behavioral Science and is a graduate of the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University..



Lieutenant Doug Ditrich began his career on patrol in 1997 and has served in many capacities as well as all divisions within the Police Department. His experiences include patrol, field training, bikes, criminal investigations, support services and SWAT. While working as a detective he promoted to Sergeant in 2007. In 2016 he was promoted to Lieutenant and lead patrol operations on both day and night shifts before returning to the Support Services Division where he oversees a variety of operations and manages the police vehicle fleet and SWAT team. Doug is a certified instructor, firearms instructor, and fitness assessor. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Mountain State University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University.



Lieutenant John Krueger is a US Army veteran, who began his policing career in 1997, and has since held various specialty assignments as an Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He holds a Masters degree in Adult Psychosocial Development from Texas Tech, as well as an additional Masters degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University. John is a Christian husband and father who places his greatest importance in maintaining a strong marriage, and the overall development of his children.



Lieutenant Tammy McBeath is the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. She joined LPPD in 1987 and was initially assigned to Patrol where she served as a Field Training Officer and intoxilyzer operator. In 1996, she was appointed to Detectives, then promoted to Sergeant in 1999. She served as a Patrol supervisor, then was re-assigned to CID in 2000 to assume supervision over Detectives. In 2008, she promoted to Lieutenant and served as the Night Watch Patrol commander. In 2009, she was given command of the Criminal Investigations Division. She has been recognized on several occasions for outstanding work by both the Department and the City.



Lieutenant Ed Swenson is the is the Day Watch Patrol commander. He joined the LPPD in January, 1985. He has previously served in Patrol, Detectives and as the commander of the Support Services Division. He is a veteran of the United States Army where he served in Military Police. He is also a Master Peace Officer, and an instructor. Swenson is a graduate of the Leadership Command College, holds an Associates Degree from San Jacinto College, a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, and a Masters degree from Sam Houston State University.

Leadership Biographies



Sergeant Richard Ayers is a native Texan and resides in La Porte with his family. He graduated from Pasadena High School and holds an Associates degree in Law Enforcement and a Certificate in Criminal Justice as well. He joined the La Porte Police Department in 1985 and has served in Patrol and Support Services. His assignments have included Patrol Officer, Police Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Crime Prevention specialist and Community Services Specialist. He is currently assigned as an Evening Watch Patrol supervisor.



Sergeant Bennie Boles is a 18 year veteran of the La Porte Police Department. He promoted to Sergeant in March, 2016 and is currently assigned as the Chief of Staff, in charge of Internal Affairs, Public Relations as well as many other duties. He previously served as a Patrol supervisor, DWI enforcement expert, DARE officer, and community volunteer. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He has received various awards and has been recognized for duties in the field, especially for DWI enforcement. He holds a Bachelor's degree, is a Master Peace Officer, and an adjunct professor for the police academy at the University of Houston Downtown.



Sergeant Anthony Bish started his Law Enforcement career in 2006 with The City of South Houston Police Department where was assigned to the Patrol Division and later the Criminal Investigations Division. In October of 2011 Anthony began working for La Porte Police Department. Anthony worked mainly night shift patrol before being transferred to the Support Services Division in 2016, where he served as the District 1 Police Area Representative (PAR) Officer. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer Certificate with TCOLE. Anthony is the recipient of several accolades to include Employee of the First Quarter of 2018 and several Chiefs commendations. Anthony was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2018. He is married to his beautiful wife Maria and they have 2 beautiful children.



Sergeant Brion Boznango is an 11 year veteran of the La Porte Police Department. He is currently assigned to Night Shift Patrol as the Shift Sergeant. Prior to promoting to the rank of Sergeant in August 2018, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division where he worked as the Sex Crimes and Crimes Against Children Investigator for several years. Sergeant Boznango is also an FAA certified UAS Pilot and was instrumental in developing the La Porte Police Department Drone Program. Since joining the department in August 2007, Detective Boznango has worked as a Crime scene Officer, Field Training Officer, Crime Analyst, Detective, Field Training Supervisor, and Patrol Sergeant. Outside of work, he enjoys spending all his time with his wife and their 5 children.



Sergeant Robert James joined the La Porte Police Department in 1983, working as a Patrol officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and assumed a supervisory role in Patrol. He is currently a Night Watch supervisor. For a number of years, Sergeant James has represented the La Porte Police Department in the Police Olympics. He has earned a number of awards and medals in his capacity and in 2014, was inducted in to the Police Olympics Hall of Fame. Sergeant James' family has a rich history in law enforcement as both his brothers were also police officers in Texas.



Sergeant Matt Novosad is in his 17th year with the City of La Porte. He was promoted June 1st 2017 to the rank of Sergeant and currently serves as the Night Shift Supervisor. He has held many assignments with the Police Department. He is also decorated with the Medal of Valor and many other commendations and awards. Matt is president of the Police Officer Association and holds a Bachelors degree from Sam Houston State University.



Sergeant Kai Patrick joined the La Porte Police Department in 1999 after attending the Baytown Police Academy. Sergeant Patrick has had assignments as a Patrol officer, Bike Patrol, Bike mechanic, SWAT, Field Training, Detectives and Patrol Supervisor. He now serves as the supervisor for the Street Crimes Unit, a special team of officers that focuses on local hot spots of crime, local narcotics and in areas of crime where special attention is required.. He matriculated at San Jacinto College.



Sergeant Jeff Plemons promoted to Sergeant on June 1, 2017. He began with LPPD in April, 2004 after being honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in November, 2003. While with the USMC, Jeff spent 9 years on active duty and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He attended the College of the Mainland Police Academy, graduating in December, 2004. He has previously served with the LPPD as a Patrol officer, Honor Guard member, Crime Scene Investigator, Field Training Officer and Detective.



Sergeant Mark Roznovak started his law enforcement career in 2000 after graduating Central Texas College and transferred to the La Porte Police Department in 2011. Mark has worked as a field training officer, crime scene investigator, TASER instructor, firearm instructor, training & recruiting coordinator and holds a Master Peace Officer license through TCOLE. In May 2018, Mark was promoted to Sergeant and is currently assigned to day shift patrol. Mark has been married to his wife since 2000 and has two children.



Sergeant Lee Stewart started in law enforcement in 1995 and transferred to the La Porte Police Department in 1997. He has held special assignments in Field Training, Detectives, and the Narcotics Task Force. He has also served previously in Patrol and Detectives. He is currently the supervisor for the Support Services Division, where he oversees School Resource Officers, DARE, Community Outreach, Citizens Police Academy, the Volunteer Program and Facilities Management. He is a certified Police Instructor and holds a Master Peace Officer certification.



Sergeant Marcus Upchurch is currently the supervisor for Traffic Enforcement. his responsibilities include Accident Investigation, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Traffic Enforcement and Aggressive Driver Enforcement. He began with LPPD in 1998 after seeing duty with the Harris County Constable's, Precinct 8. His previous duties with LPPD have included Patrol, Patrol supervision, DOT/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Support Services. He also previously supervised Jail Operations, Dispatch, and Records. Upchurch holds an Associate's degree from San Jacinto College in Criminal Justice.

Leadership Biographies



Clarence Anderson started with the La Porte Police Department in 1985 as an Animal Control Officer. He was promoted to supervisor over Animal Control in 2001. He has served several terms as President of the Texas Animal Control Association and has served on that board of directors. He was awarded Employee of the Year for the City of La Porte in 2011 and has received the Warren J. Kilpatrick Award for making a positive difference in Animal Services for Texas in 1994, and has served on the Educational Committee for the State Health Department.



Michelle Bedford began her career with the City of La Porte Parks and Recreation Department in October, 1992. In May, 2004, she transferred to the La Porte Police Department as a secretary to the Chief of Police. She was later promoted to Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. She has been recognized as the City's Employee of the Quarter in 2007, and as the City's Employee of the Year in 2007.



Stacey Lippold Stacey Lippold started with the City of La Porte Police Department in 2008. She is the Supervisor for the 911 Dispatch Center, as well as the Records section. With over 10 years of experience she is responsible for the supervision of twelve full time dispatchers, several part-time dispatchers and two records specialists. She is a certified training officer and also holds a Master Telecommunications License. During her tenure she has been awarded Employee of the Quarter and received several Chief Commendations.



Tammy Adams started with LPPD in 1995. She has served as a Dispatcher and a Dispatch Training Officer. She has received a number of commendations, along with being recognized as Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year. Tammy was promoted to Lead Dispatcher in 2016. She holds an Associate's degree and is actively working on her Bachelor's degree at the University of Houston– Clear Lake. Tammy is also a Master Telecommunications Officer. She is the Day Watch Lead Dispatcher.

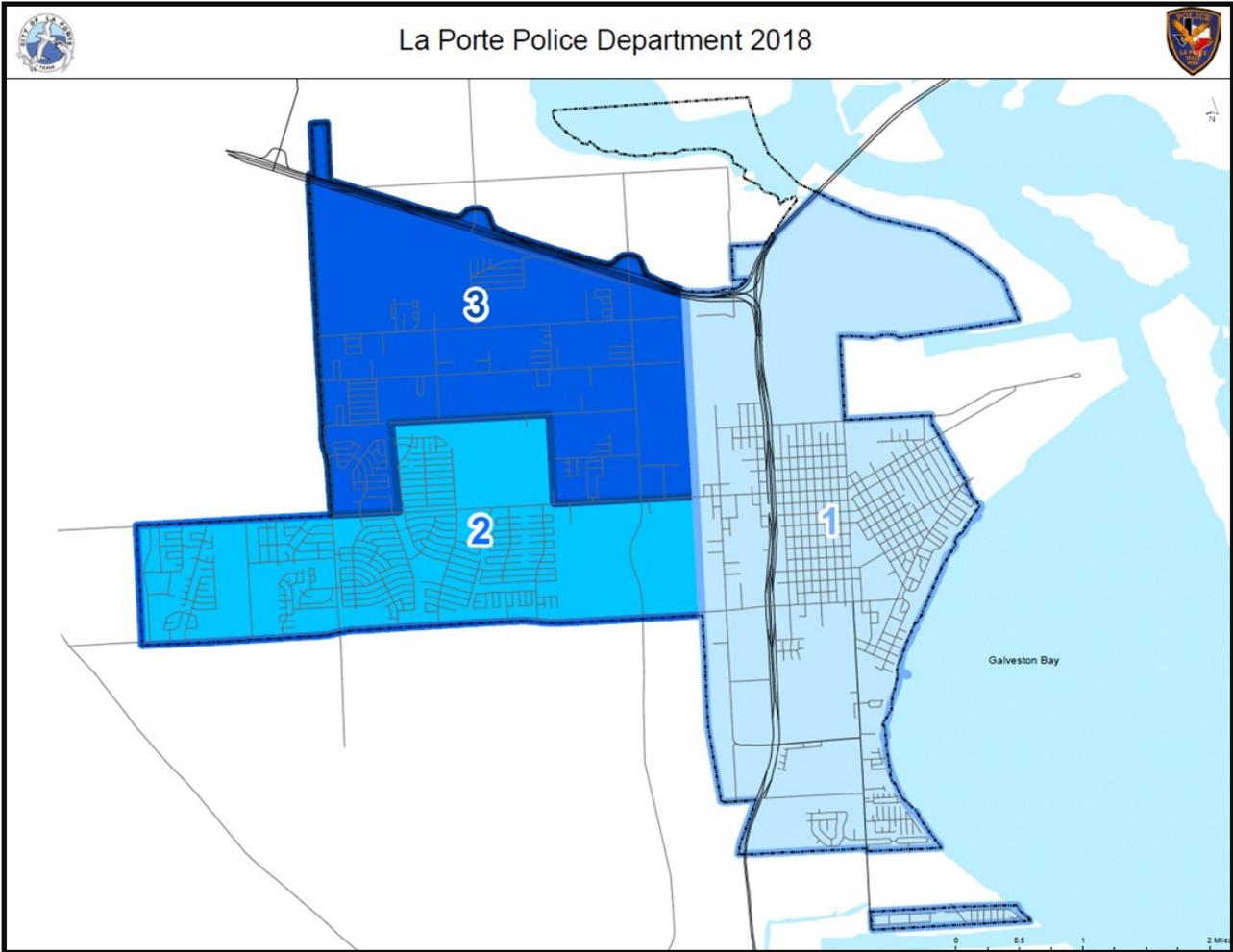


Marshall Dobson began his career with the La Porte Police Department in June of 2014 as a jailer. In August of 2016 he may a decision to take his career in a different direction and trained to become a dispatcher for the department. In October of 2018, he became a lead dispatcher and was assigned to the Evening Shift. He enjoys working with some great dispatchers and looks forward to continue working to be the best leader he can be for his dispatchers and the citizens we serve. He has been married for 12 years and has 3 boys. Mr. Dobson has a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and will soon begin degree studies in Spanish

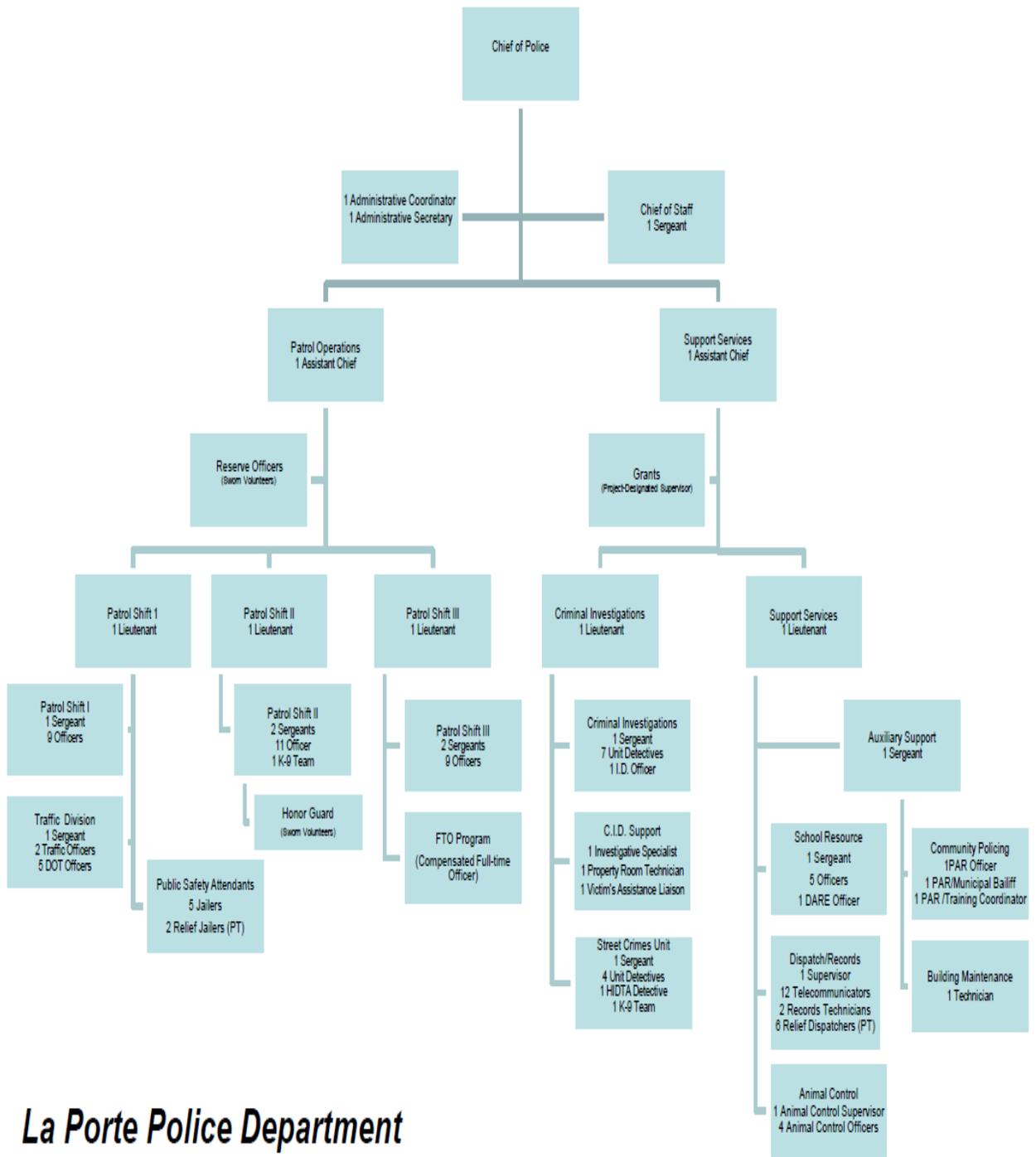


Ron Taylor is Evening Shift Lead Dispatcher where he is irresponsible for managing evening shift communications staff. Ron is an Intermediate Telecommunications Operator, licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and an Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatcher certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. He is also trained in crisis communication and has taken several other courses to ensure he is ready and able to help, whenever help is needed.

Patrol Districts



Organizational Chart



La Porte Police Department

Organizational Chart

Effective 06-01-2019

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation is responsible for gathering these statistics. A number of categories may be accessed through the FBI's website, including Hate Crimes, Numbers of Officers Killed, Annual Crime Reports, and others. See the table below for additional statistics on crime in La Porte and surrounding cities.

Uniform Crime Report for 2018, Comparison against data reported by surrounding Cities.



Neighboring City's Crime Rates for 2018

City	Population*	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Crimes per 1,000 Persons
La Porte	35,371	518	2	14	11	33	72	333	53	14.64
Deer Park	33,891	526	0	6	5	18	64	388	45	15.52
Pasadena	153,520	4485	6	93	195	418	636	2758	379	29.21
S. Houston	17,563	658	1	5	35	200	73	244	100	37.47
Baytown	76,804	3193	3	35	94	153	379	2029	500	41.57

*<http://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities>

2018 National Averages– Comparison

For comparison purposes, the National Average in 2017 for suburban cities with populations from 25,000 to 49,999 with 857 cities reporting, 2018 figures have not yet been published:

	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft
National Total	818,799	1012	9619	21,403	56,068	124,824	554,893	50,890
National Average 2016	955	1	11	25	65	146	647	59
La Porte 2017	518	2	14	11	33	72	333	53
Difference	-35%	100%	45%	-36%	-49%	-48%	-38%	-19%

Other Crimes in La Porte– Annual Comparison

The complete comparison figures for the National Average of 2018 have not been published as yet. However, based on the latest data published by the FBI (2017), La Porte’s overall crime index remains far below the average for similarly-sized cities listed in the FBI’s comparison group.

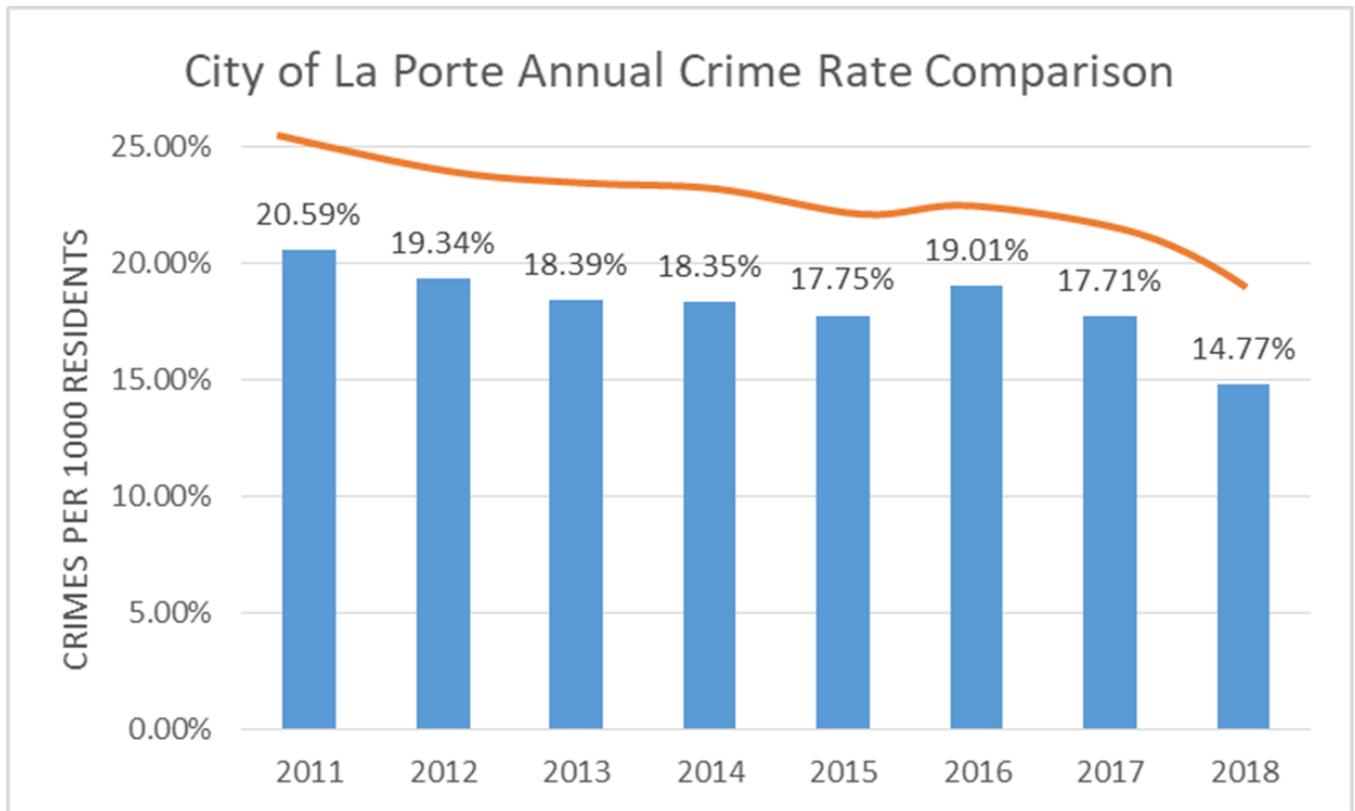
Other Crime	La Porte 2017	La Porte 2018	% Change
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	190	160	-16%
Driving Under the Influence	193	263	36%
Drugs/Narcotics	248	107	-57%
Forgery/Counterfeit	51	22	-57%
Fraud	114	147	29%
Liquor Law Violations	15	18	20%
Runaway	64	45	-30%
Sex Offenses	7	39	457%
Simple Assault	438	444	1%
Weapons Law Violation	33	29	-12%
Total	1,353	1274	-6%

Crime Rate Comparison

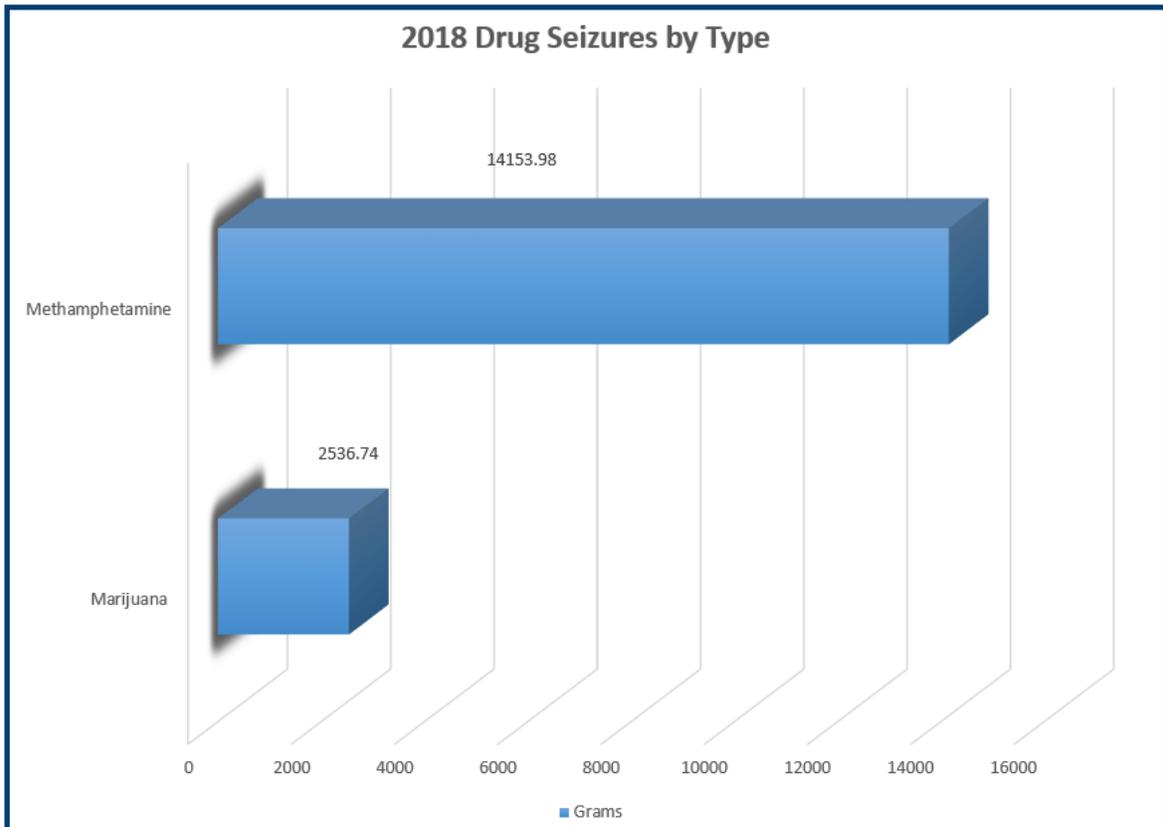
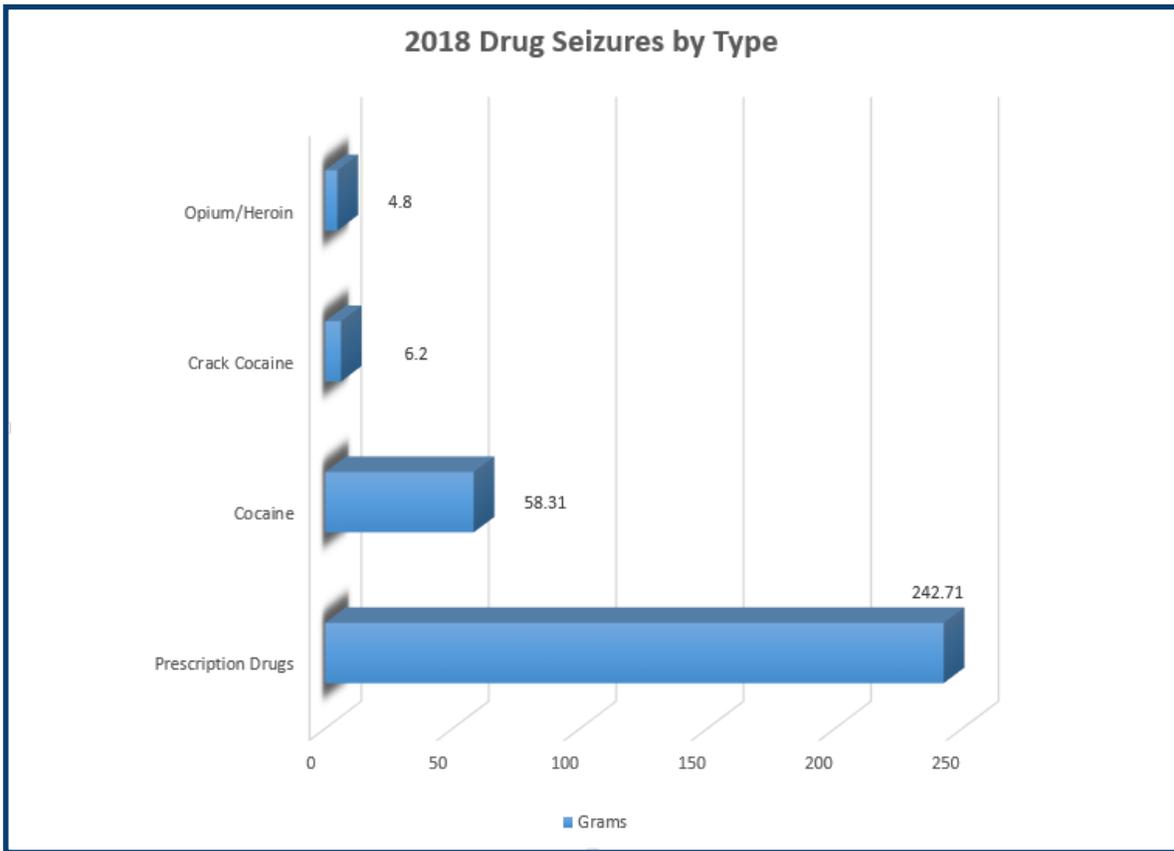
For comparison purposes, the chart below lists the Uniform Crime Report numbers for the City of La Porte, as compared against itself, during calendar years 2017 and 2018.

	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft
2017	621	0	16	16	65	76	400	48
2018	518	2	14	11	33	72	333	53
% Change	-17%	200%	-13%	-31%	-49%	-5%	-17%	10%

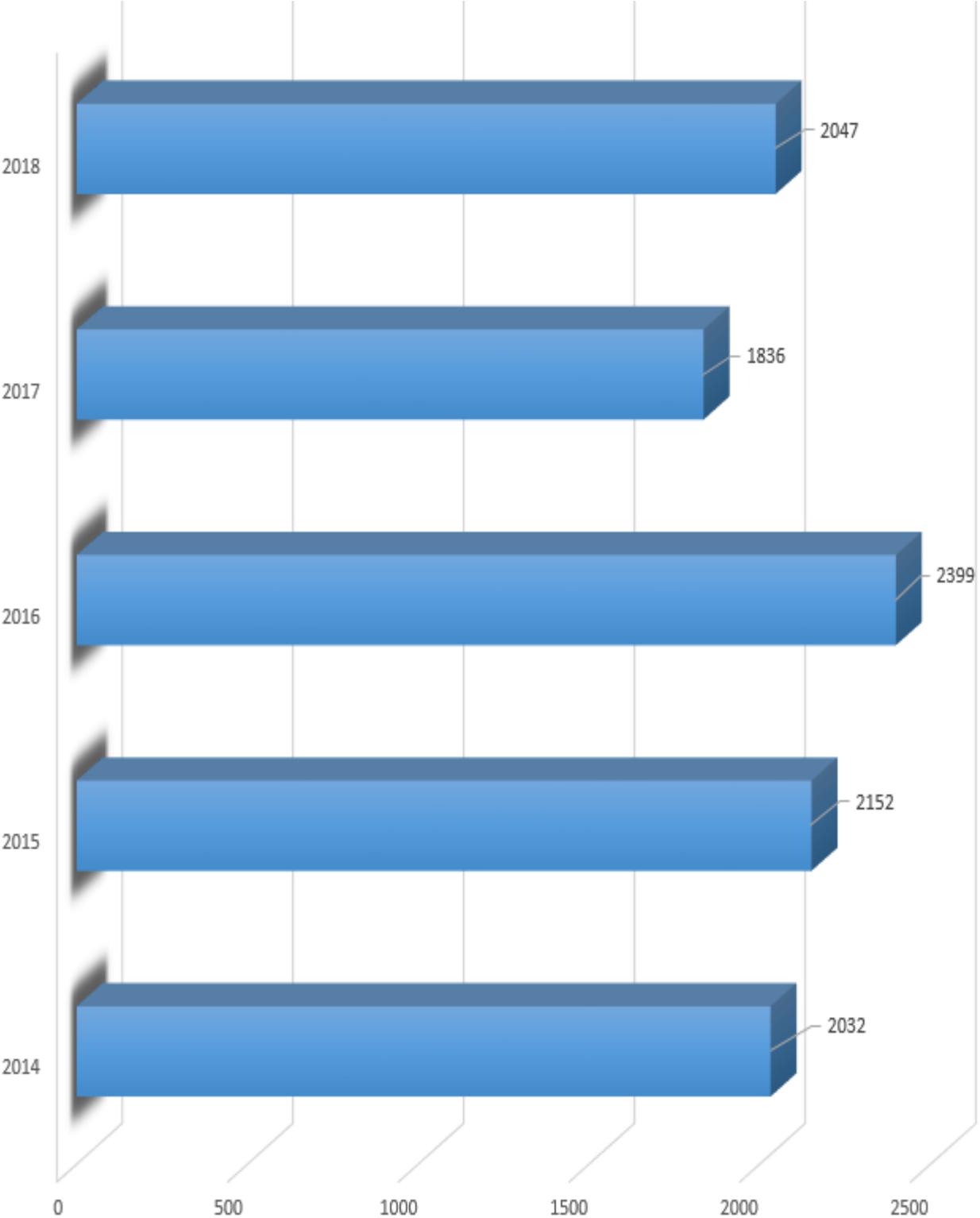
City of La Porte Annual Crime Rate Comparison



2018 Drug Seizures by Type



Total Annual Arrests— *Annual Comparison*



Case Clearance Rates

Total Cases

Referred to CID- 1071

All Cases Disposition

Cleared by Arrest- 1939

Exceptionally Cleared- 317

Warrant Obtained- 141

Unfounded- 230

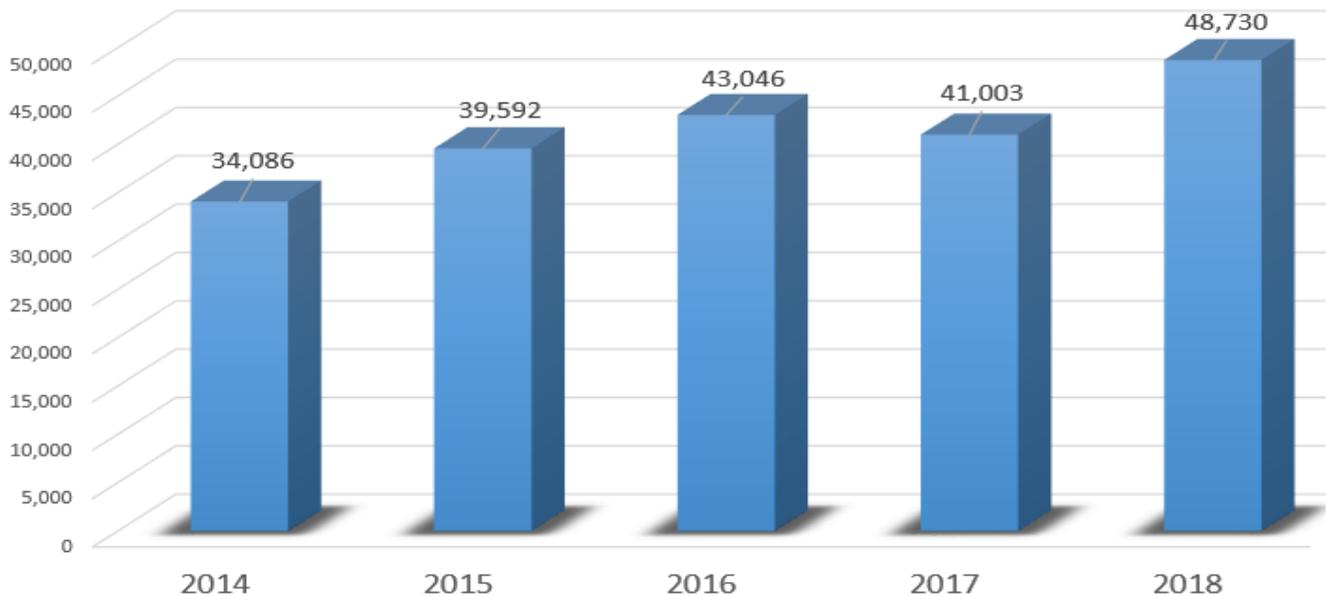
*Total 2017 National Avg.
for City Group IV Clearance Rates*

22.2,4% for Property Crimes

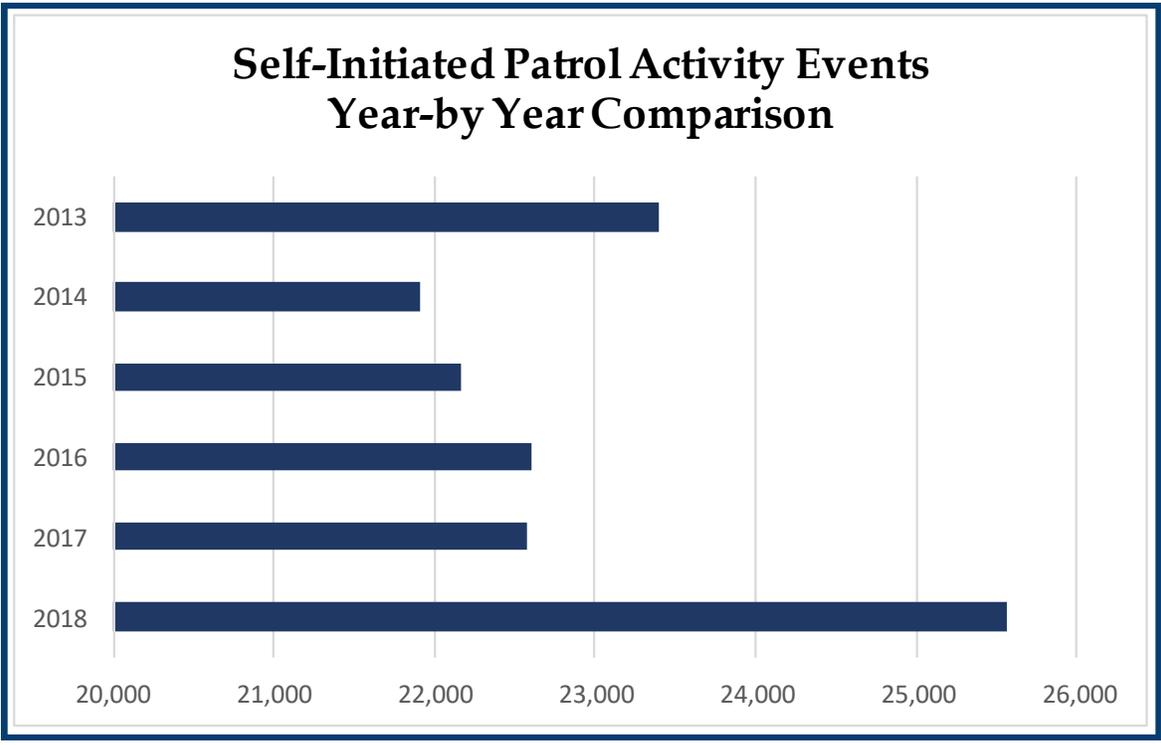
48.1% for Crimes Against Persons



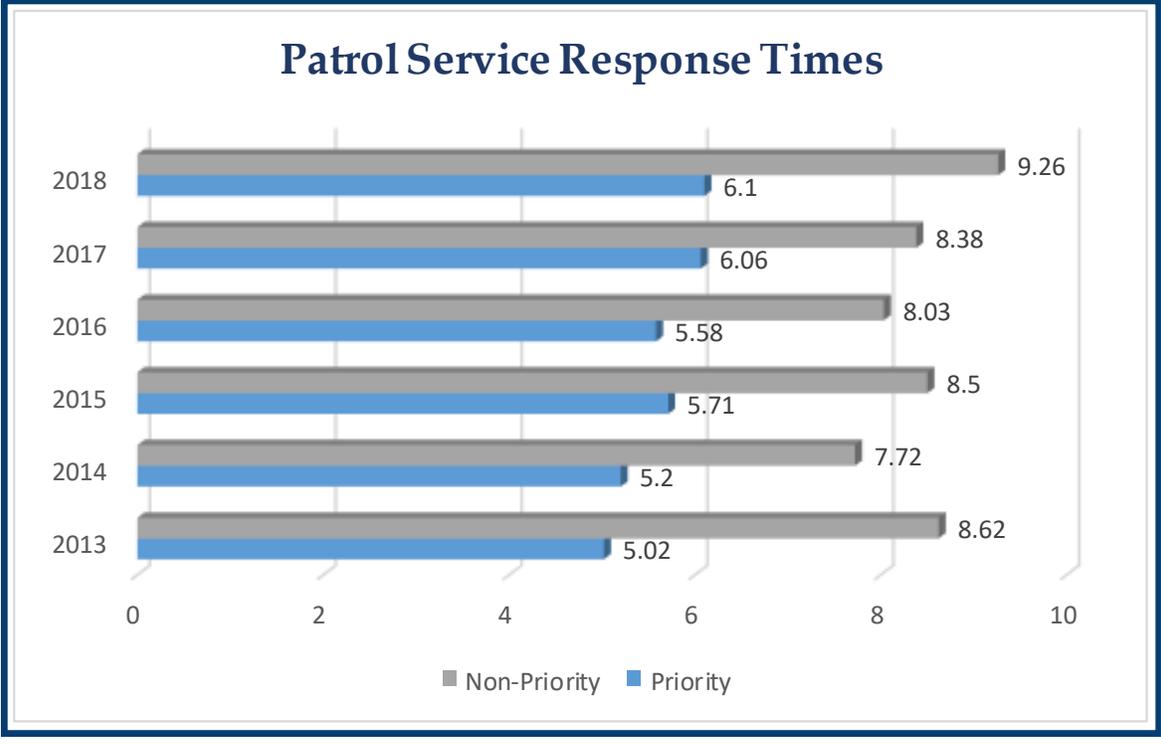
Total Calls for Police Service Year by Year Comparison



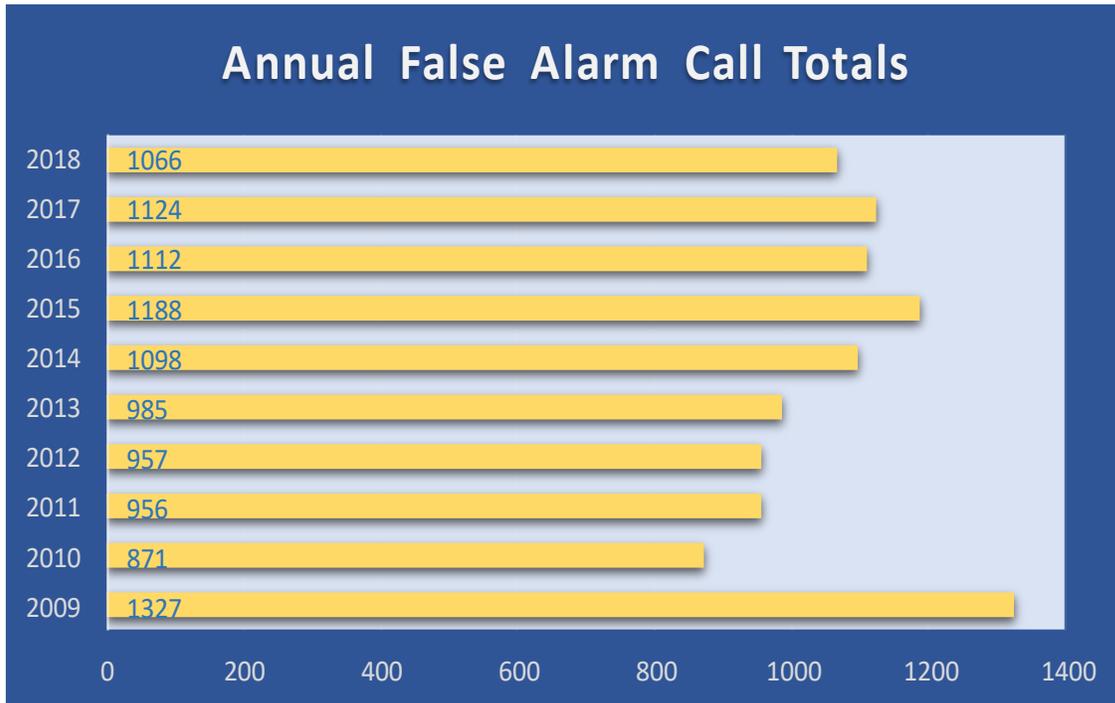
Self Initiated Patrol Activity Events



Patrol Response Times *A Year by Year Comparison*

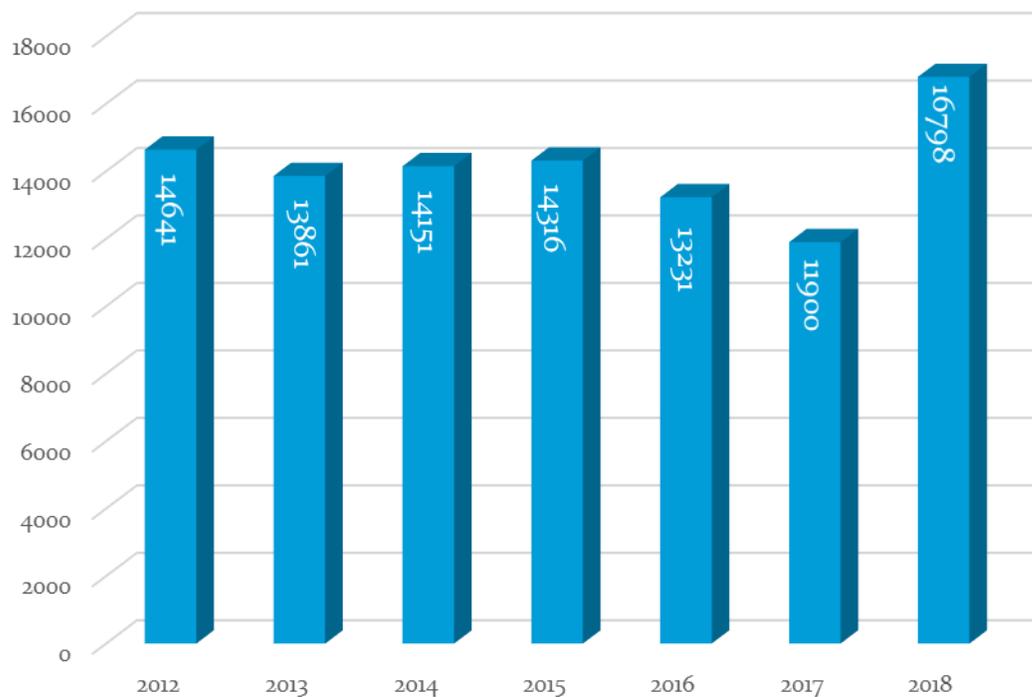


Annual False Alarm Call Totals for La Porte



Annual Traffic Enforcement Statistics

A Year by Year Comparison



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

DOT/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement reports are submitted to the Department of Public Safety. The reports must indicate the level of inspection of the vehicle:

Level 1 Inspections refer to the North American Standard Inspection. The inspection process requires the Officer to inspect driver documents, vehicle exterior and crawl underneath the vehicle to check all other equipment.

Level 2 Inspections refer to the Walk-Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection. This inspection does not require the inspector to crawl underneath the vehicle.

Action	2017	2018	% Change
Level 1 Inspections	503	582	15.71%
Level 2 Inspections	3,553	4,092	15.17%
Total Inspections	4,056	4,674	15.24%
Vehicles Weighed	1,433	1,915	33.64%
Weight Charges	227	342	50.66%
DOT Charges	818	1065	30.20%
Total Charges Filed	1,045	1,407	34.64%

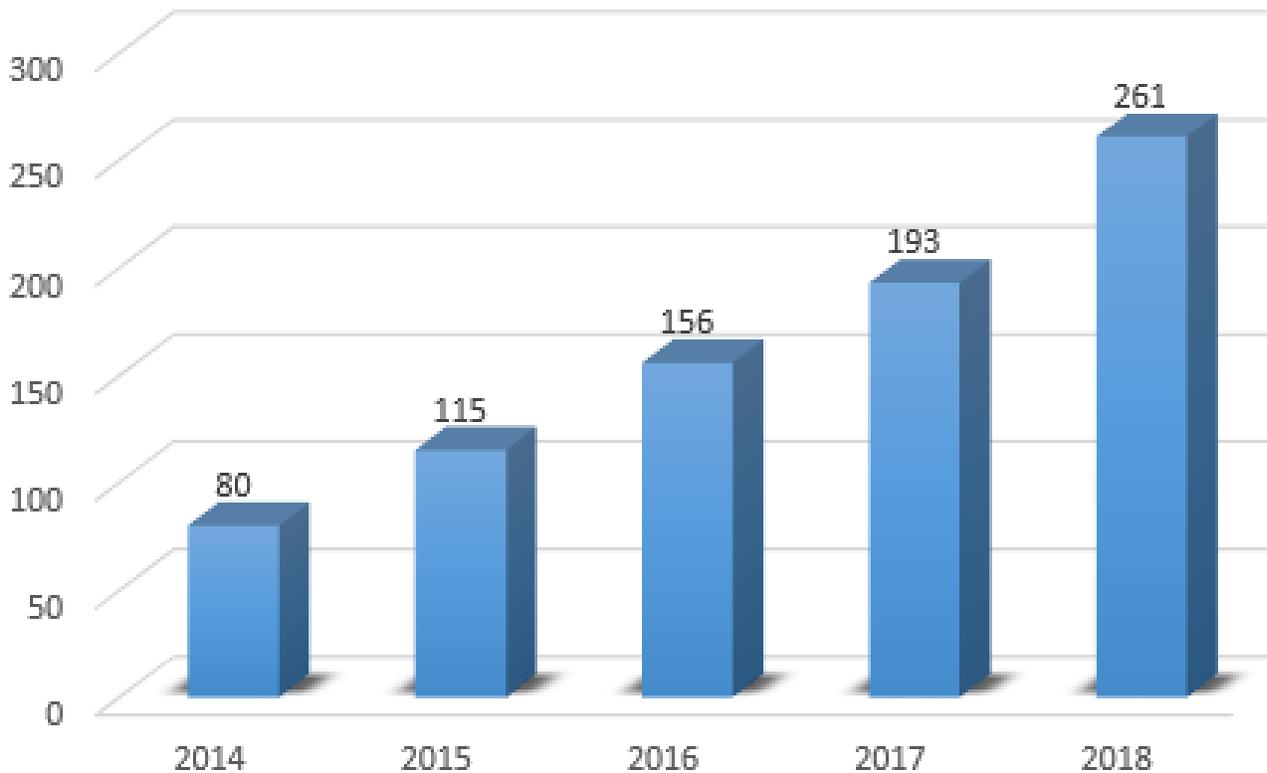
“Do not follow where the path may lead. Instead, go where there is no path and leave a trail. That’s what leaders do.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Traffic Crashes

Category	2017	2018	% Change
Total Crashes	899	822	-9%
Not-injured	844	778	-8%
Injured	55	44	-20%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	101	107	6%
Total Fatalities	4	0	-400%

Annual DWI Arrests



Department Budget Summary

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Administration	\$994,745	\$1,083,381	\$1,053,569
Patrol	\$6,498,418	\$7,101,022	\$6,966,115
Investigations	\$2,251,897	\$2,440,494	\$2,479,685
Support Services	\$2,878,947	\$3,116,973	\$3,173,769
Department Total	\$12,634,007	\$13,741,870	\$13,770,764

Department Summary by Expenditure Category

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Personnel	\$10,576,129	\$11,511,125	\$11,873,324
Supplies	\$368,019	\$445,335	\$395,990
Services/Charges	\$1,615,131	\$1,522,924	\$1,480,950
Capital Outlay	\$83,728	\$262,486	\$20,500
Department Total	\$12,634,007	\$13,288,617	\$13,770,764

Awards and Recognitions

City of La Porte Employee Awards, 2018



Employee of the 1st Quarter

Officer Anthony Bish

Employees of the 3rd Quarter

Officer Barrence Rodgers

Officer Sergio Torre

Officer Joshua Willhoite



Police Department Employees of the Quarter, 2018

Anthony Bish, Patrol Sergeant

Employee of the Quarter,

1st Quarter, 2018



Christopher Forsythe, Patrol Officer

Employee of the Quarter,

2nd Quarter, 2018

Margie Turrentine, Records Clerk

Employee of the Quarter,

3rd Quarter, 2018



Ron Digby, Training & Recruiting Officer

Employee of the Quarter,

4th Quarter, 2018

Chief's Commendations

Roger Gonzalez

Marshall Dobson

Carley Lee

Ashley Breeding

Yvonne Stanley

Wendy Large

Michael Harness

Life Saving Medal Award

Barrence Rodgers

Sergio Torre

Joshua Willhoite

Christopher Cargile

Christopher Forsythe

Chad Burnett



Officer Forsythe

Officer Harness

Officer Willhoite

*Recognized by Mothers Against
Drunk Driving for their relentless
pursuit of intoxicated drivers in
June of 2018.*

Awards and Recognitions



The Police Department was well represented during the February 26, 2018 City Council meeting. During the meeting Lieutenant Matt Daeumer was announced as the City's Manager of the Year for 2017 and Animal Control Supervisor, Clarence Anderson was announced as the City's Employee of the Year for the Year 2017.



Lt. Matt Daeumer shaking hands with Asst. Chief Parker after receiving the Manager of the Year award.

Asst. Chief Ron Parker, Lt. Matt Daeumer, Chief Ken Adcox, Animal Control Supervisor Clarence Anderson and Mayor Louis Rigby announcing Mr. Anderson's recognition as Employee of the Year.



SENIORITY AWARDS



R. James
35 years



J. Tippit
25 years



D. Ditrich
20 years



M. Upchurch
20 years



J. Henson
10 years



B. Gordon
5 years



R. Hernandez
5 years



S. O'Sullivan
5 years



J. Willhoite
5 years

Congratulations on your service anniversaries.

**Thank you for your years of
hard work and dedication
to the Department and the City,
providing invaluable service to
the citizens of the City of La Porte.**

Awards and Recognitions

NEW HIRES



Nadiya Brown

111218

ACO



Emmanuel Garcia

010218

Jailer



Juan Gonzalez

070918

Officer



Hannah Mason

080618

Police Officer



Emily Navarro

080618

Police Officer



Shawn Margison

110518

Police Officer



Eli Rivera

010818

Police Officer



John Tristan

112618

Police Officer

**For current openings within the Police
Department please visit,
www.laportetx.gov,
and click on the Human Resources link
for available positions.**

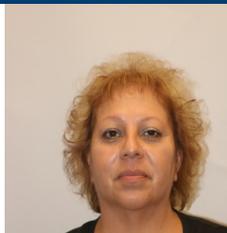
HONORABLE DISCHARGES



K. Adcox
081018



P. Briscoe
080818



X. Delgadillo
062718



C. Scott
082618

TRANSFERS



D. Ditrich
102418



R. Hernandez
102918



C. Lee
021518



S. Lister
101518



J. Locke
052118



M. Novosad
0430188



J. Plemons
102918



K. Winebrenner
060418

Top Row: Lt D. Ditrich from Night Shift Patrol Lieutenant to Support Services Lieutenant, R. Hernandez from Patrol Officer to Patrol Area Representative Officer, C. Lee from Jailer to Telecommunicator, S. Lister from Support Services Supervisor to Crime Victims Liaison, J. Locke from part—time to full-time Jailer. **Bottom Row:** Sergeant M. Novosad to School Resource Officer Sergeant, Sgt. J. Plemons from Day Shift Patrol Sergeant to Criminal Investigations Sergeant, K. Winebrenner from Patrol Officer to School Resource Officer.

PROMOTIONS



A. Bish
102918



B. Boznango
080918



L. Cook
102918



M. Daeumer
102418



M. Dobson
102918

Top Row: A. Bish to Sergeant, B. Boznango to Sergeant, L. Cook to Lieutenant, M. Daeumer to Assistant Chief, M. Dobson to Lead Telecommunicator

Bottom Row: S. Lippold to Support Services Supervisor, R. Parker to Chief, M. Roznovak to Sergeant.



S. Lippold
101518



R. Parker
100818



M. Roznovak
052818

Awards and Recognitions

LPPD's K-9's Score as Top Dogs at National Conference



K-9 Officer Barry Groaning
Canine "Huligan"



K-9 Officer Michael Harness
Canine "Sylvester"

From Left to Right:

Posing with Chief Kenith Adcox, receiving Chief's Commendations

Top Row - Officer Michael Harness, Anthony Bish, Yvonne Stanley, Roger Gonzales,
New Officer Eli Rivera Second Row - ACO Supervisor Clarence Anderson, New ACO Barry Gordon,
New Jailers Emmanuel Garcia and Joshua Locke Bottom Row - Bradley Kennedy and Phil Niewald



2018 Retirements

Chief Ken Adcox retired from the City of La Porte on August 10, 2018. He began his law enforcement career in El Paso, and came to La Porte as Chief of Police in July 2008. During his time as Chief he established a legacy of building strong community relationships, mentoring and developing internal staff members, and working hard to see that the police department is appropriately equipped and trained to keep the neighborhoods and residents of La Porte safe. Under his tenure the department was also named by the Texas Police Chief's Association as one of the only a handful of Texas agencies recognized as a "Best Practices" organization.



Left: Sara Urich presents a gift from the LPCPAAA to Chief Adcox.

Middle and right: Members of the Department enjoy fellowship while celebrating Chief Adcox' retirement.



Carol Scott, Crime Victims Liaison retired, August 26, 2018 after serving the citizens of La Porte for 22 years. She began her career as a dispatcher and became the City's first ever, Crime Victim's Liaison. Her co-workers and family were happy to be by her side, celebrating and honoring her work and dedication to the City of La Porte.

In Memory of **CAROL J. SCOTT**

Ms. Carol Scott served as the Victims Assistance Liaison at the time of her retirement, in August of 2018. She passed away just after retiring from her position with the City of La Porte. Ms. Scott's career with the City of La Porte began September 23, 1996 and ended when she retired on August 26, 2018.

On October 30, 2018, the Department dedicated the Victim's Liaison Suite to Ms. Scott and hosted a ceremony honoring her service to the City and her life. A plaque is hung, in the hall by the entrance to the suite, which reads:

CAROL SCOTT SERVED AS THE VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE LIAISON FROM 2002-2018. CAROL WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO SERVE IN THE POSITION AND BUILT THE PROGRAM TO WHAT IT IS TODAY. HER HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO BUILDING SUCH A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IS UNPARALLELED. CAROL WAS A BEACON OF LIGHT TO THE VICTIMS WHO WERE OTHERWISE IN A VERY DARK PLACE. DURING HER 16 YEARS AS THE VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE LIAISON, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CAROL SERVED OVER 7000 VICTIMS. CAROL WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DESIRE TO SERVE HER FELLOW MAN AND HER COMMITMENT TO HELPING THOSE WHO NEEDED IT THE MOST.



*If you don't love something,
you're not going to go the
extra mile, work the extra
weekend, challenge the status
quo as much.*

- Steve Jobs



*It's not what you achieve,
it's what you overcome.
That's what defines your
career.*

- Carlton Fisk

Tammy Adams	Chris Forsythe	Dutch Lane	Mark Roznovak
Austin Alberson	Frank Fullbright	Brian Larkey	Brett Salter
Clarence Anderson	Mark Gallion	Carley Lee	Yvonne Stanley
Jesse Arenivas	Emmanuel Garcia	Dora Leos	Lee Stewart
Michael Avila	Melania Garcia	Stacey Lippold	Ed Swenson
Richard Ayers	Rafael Garza	Shaye Bradley– Lister	Ronald Taylor
Michelle Bedford	Juan Gonzalez	Shawn Margison	Jeff Tippit
Ruthsheta Bernard	Luis Gonzalez	Kenny Martin	Sergio Torre
Anthony Bish	Roger Gonzalez	Olivetti Martin	John Tristan
Tobie Bogue	Alvin Goonie	Hannah Mason	Margie Turrentine
Bennie Boles	Barry Gordon	Tammy McBeath	Marcus Upchurch
Brion Boznango	Kelly Green	Shane Neal	Danny Walters
Heather Boznango	Jonathan Gutierrez	Christopher Nelson	Justin Weaver
Ashley Breeding	David Guyer	Jody Nixon	Josh Willhoite
Steven Britt	Amy Haire	Louis Norman	Kevin Winebrenner
Nadiyah Brown	Michael Harness	Emily Novarro	Jason Zuniga
Chad Burnett	John Harrington	Matt Novosad	K9 Hooligan
Christopher Cargile	Andrew Heiden	Shane O’Sullivan	K9 Sullivan
Lance Cook	Jeff Henson	Chris Paige	
Matt Daeumer	Rene Hernandez	Ron Parker	
Jeff Dalton	Dan Hoffman	Matt Parsons	
Matt Davidson	Robert James	Kai Patrick	
Robyn Davis	Chris Jauregui	Tracey Pedre	
Steve Deardorff	Danny Jones	Jeff Plemons	
Ronald Digby	Kyle Jones	Scott Pullig	
Doug Ditrich	Jeff Kominek	Amanda Ramirez	
Marshall Dobson	Jason Kraatz	Eli Rivera	
Melissa Dove	John Krueger	Barrence Rodgers	
Charlene Fox	Wendy Large	Chris Sandoval	



LPPD Personnel Staffing

Full Time Personnel– Effective December 31, 2018

	Chief	Asst. Chief	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Detective	Officer	Civilian	Total
Authorized	1	2	5	10	13	47	31	109
Actual	1	2	5	10	13	46	29	107
Vacant	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2

Full Time Personnel, Gender Breakdown– Effective December 31, 2018

	Chief	Asst. Chief	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Detective	Officer	Civilian	Total	%
Male	1	2	4	11	11	42	11	82	75%
Female	0	0	1	0	0	6	19	26	23%
Vacant	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2%
Total	1	2	5	11	11	49	31	110	100%

Full Time Personnel, Ethnic Breakdown– Effective December 31, 2018

	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Vacant	Total
Chief	1	0	0	0	0	1
Asst. Chief	2	0	0	0	0	2
Lieutenant	5	0	0	0	0	5
Sergeant	11	0	0	0	0	11
Detective	9	1	0	1	0	11
Officer	32	14	2	0	1	49
Civilian	17	7	5	0	2	31
Total	77	22	7	1	3	110
Percentage	70%	20%	6%	1%	3%	100%



New graphics supporting the LPPDCAREERS.COM website were added to police fleet cars in 2018 to assist in recruitment efforts.

LPPD Attrition Rate for 2018

Effective December 31, 2018

(Includes Sworn and Civilian Members)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Deceased	0	0	0	0	
Medical/Injury	0	0	0	0	1
Resigned	4	6	3	7	7
Retired	4	3	3	3	2
Terminated	1	1	1	0	2
Total	9	10	7	10	12
Attrition Rate	8%	9%	6%	9%	11%



Photo left– Asst. Chief Steve Deardorff, Patrol Operations Bureau left, and Lieutenant Matt Daeumer, Support Services Bureau Commander

Photo below– Left to right, Lt. Matt Daeumer, Chief Ken Adcox and Asst. Chief Ron Parker. Chief Adcox presented with his award for Outstanding Leadership in the Hobby Certified Public Manager's Program



“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.”

Douglas MacArthur

Administration Overview



The Police Department is commanded by the Chief of Police, Ron Parker. The Administration Bureau is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the department, including planning, budget, policy, leadership, direction and control, training, personnel and Professional Standards, to name a few. Administration includes two assistant chiefs who each command the Operations Bureau and the Support Services Bureau.

Left to right: Chief of Staff Bennie Boles,, Assistant Chief Matt Daeumer, Chief Ron Parker, Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff, and Office Coordinator Michelle Bedford

“The most powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example.”

-John Wooden

With the retirement of former Chief Adcox in August, 2018 former Assistant Chief Parker (right) was promoted to Chief of Police and former Lieutenant of Support Services, Matt Daeumer (left) was promoted to Assistant Chief over the Support Services Bureau.



Patrol Operations

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Ron Parker

Assistant Chief of Police, Operations Bureau– Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff

Lieutenant Ed Swenson– Day Shift Commander

Lieutenant John Krueger– Evening Shift Commander

Lieutenant Lance Cook– Night Shift Commander

Sergeant Marcus Upchurch– DOT/Traffic Supervisor

Sergeant Mark Roznovak– Day Shift Supervisor

Sergeant Richard Ayers– Evening Shift Supervisor

Sergeant Anthony Bish– Evening Shift Supervisor

Sergeant Robert James– Night Shift Supervisor

Sergeant– Brion Boznango– Night Shift Supervisor

Lieutenants– 3

Sergeants– 6

Patrol Officers– 29

K9 Officers– 2

DOT Enforcement Officers– 5



The mission of the **Patrol Operations Bureau** is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, and visit the City of La Porte. This mission is accomplished by providing timely and professional public safety and policing services to the community utilizing a problem solving analysis and Intelligence Led Policing strategy approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression and apprehension strategies.

The **Patrol Operations Bureau** is comprised of various sections and duties to include: Patrol, Traffic Enforcement, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Accident Investigation, Bicycle Patrol, K9, SWAT, Honor Guard, Bomb Squad and Jail Operations.

Patrol units responding to a plane crash.



Patrol Operations



Bicycle Patrol– Patrol bikes are a very popular unit since they place police officers closer to the community they serve. Bicycles also allow officers to be more attentive to the surroundings where crime might be occurring. Bike officers undergo special and grueling training to be certified for bike patrol and are used during special events as well as routine patrol. *Photo: Officer Matt Novosad shows off his patrol bike equipment to citizens at a local event.*

K9 Unit– The department’s K9 Unit is comprised of two dogs and their handlers. These include Officer Michael Harness and his K9 Sylvester, and Officer Barry Groaning and his K9 Hooligan. The dogs undergo regular training and achieve certifications for their skills. They have proven to be valuable assets for the department and are also extremely popular with local children and citizens, who love to interact with the dogs. *Photo: K9 enjoying National Night Out.*



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement/DOT– This unit investigates serious motor vehicle crashes, and also is responsible for commercial motor vehicle enforcement, aggressive driver enforcement and DOT enforcement. It is supervised by Sergeant Marcus Upchurch. Investigators undergo extensive training and must be certified for this area of enforcement. *Photo: A commercial truck was involved in a crash.*

SWAT- The LPPD SWAT team includes highly trained operators who are certified in their special skills. They work in partnership with the Baytown Police Department SWAT Team and can respond to any crisis across Gulf Coast area to handle any threats. The team assets include specialty firearms and weapons, as well as other munitions, armored vehicles, and other resources. *Photo: SWAT Personnel National showing equipment on National Night Out.*



Bomb Squad– The Bomb Squad is a joint venture with the Bay Area Bomb Squad Team, in conjunction with Pasadena and Baytown Police Departments. The team stays busy across the metropolitan area and responds to hundreds of calls per year. They have also provide assistance during high profile events and in protective duties for the President and other dignitaries. *Photo: Bomb technician Brett Salter suited up for action.*

Patrol Operations

Honor Guard– The LPPD Honor Guard Team consists of officers who serve in addition to their regular patrol duties and are dedicated individuals. The team represents the department at special events, officers’ funerals, and memorial services honoring those who have served and have fallen. The unit was formed in 2006 and continues to be popular with families and citizens.



*“Duty, Honor, Country.
Those three hallowed words reverently dictate
what you ought to be, what you can be, what you
will be..”
- Douglas MacArthur*

Jail Operations– Personnel in the jail are responsible for the processing and care of prisoners, both male and female. The jail is staffed 24/7 and is manned by professionally trained personnel who desire to make a difference. The facility is a modern one and is equipped with a full kitchen, restrooms, and laundry. The facility is equipped for emergency first aid and fire suppression pending the arrival of other resources.



*Left: In processing
of an in inmate.*



*Right:
Jailer preparing
breakfast for inmates.*

Criminal Investigations



Lieutenant Tammy McBeath

The Criminal Investigations Division, (CID), is led by Lieutenant Tammy McBeath. CID includes Detectives, the Street Crimes Unit, Property/Evidence, Crime Victims Assistance, and Crime Scene Investigations, as well as a detective assigned and deployed outside the department to a special Task Force in Houston.

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Ron Parker

Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau– Assistant Chief Matt Daeumer

Criminal Investigations Division Commanding Officer– Lieutenant Tammy McBeath

Sergeant Jeff Plemons– Detectives Supervisor

Sergeant Kai Patrick– SCU Supervisor

Investigators– 12

Criminal Investigations Specialist– 1

Crime Victims Assistant– 1

Property Custodian–1

Identification and Crime Scene Investigation Unit– The CSI Unit is staffed with one full time CSI consisting of Investigator Robyn Davis, as well as other part time CSI's assigned to each patrol shift. The unit is the investigative arm of the department that processes critical forensic evidence vital to solving and prosecuting crimes. These specialists are highly trained in fingerprint analysis, DNA evidence, and various other forms of critical evidence and methodologies. Each CSI is equipped with special equipment and photography to fully process a crime scene. The unit also has a fully equipped mobile Crime Scene vehicle to transport and utilize equipment at a scene, to include mobile reporting in the field. CSI's are trained and certified by well respected



LPPD Mobile Crime Scene Unit

organizations such as the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Detectives gather at a crime scene to prepare their investigation



Wendy Large

Property and Evidence— Property Technician Wendy Large (pictured left) is responsible for the safekeeping and tracking of evidence in the property room. Many of the items stored there will play a significant role in the prosecution of offenders at trial. Ms. Large has been recognized at the state level for her exceptional dedication and performance and has been awarded Property Technician of the Year in the past. She continues to receive excellent scores in the tracking and custodianship of the items in her trust.

Crime Victims Assistance— LPPD’s Crime Victims Liaison is Shaye Bradley Lister (pictured right), who ensures that victims of violent crime are afforded their rights under the law. She is a valuable resource to those who have been victimized and have suffered such tragedies. She is able to serve as a victim’s advocate, and provides expert advice for those seeking financial restitution, counseling, emergency housing/shelter, and other victim services.



Shaye Bradley Lister



Sergeant Jeff Plemons

Detectives— Detectives are supervised by Sergeant Jeff Plemons and include experienced investigators capable and trained to handle the most complex cases. Several of the detectives have been featured in nationally broadcast television programs documenting high profile investigations and cold case homicides. Detectives within this unit include Jeff Kominek, Alvin Goonie, Scott Pullig, Kelly Green, Danny Jones, Dutch Lane and Matt Davidson. They are assisted by Criminal Investigations Specialist Amy Haire (pictured right).



Amy Haire

Street Crimes Unit— SCU is supervised by Sergeant Kai Patrick. Duties of the unit include local level narcotics enforcement, vice, and other special criminal investigations requiring a special and customized approach, along with surveillance. Investigators within this unit consist of Frank Fullbright, Jeff Dalton, Jesse Arenivas, and Dutch Lane. An investigator, Tobie Bogue, is also detached and assigned to HIDTA.

Support Services Division

Support Services- is commanded by Lieutenant Doug Ditrich and is composed of various units and sections to include: Records, 911/Dispatch, Animal Control and Adoption Services, Facility Management, Police Area Representatives, School Resource Officers, DARE, and Community Services. Other special duties of this division include Youth Summer Camps, Citizens Police Academy, and other outreach programs for the citizens of La Porte, as well as our Police Chaplains Corps and Dedicated Citizen Volunteers.

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Ron Parker

Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau– Assistant Chief Matt Daeumer

Support Services Division Commanding Officer– Lieutenant Doug Ditrich

Sergeant Lee Stewart– Support Services Supervisor

Stacey Lippold– 911/Dispatch/Records Supervisor

Supervisor Clarence Anderson– Animal Adoption/Animal Control Services

Police Officers– 3

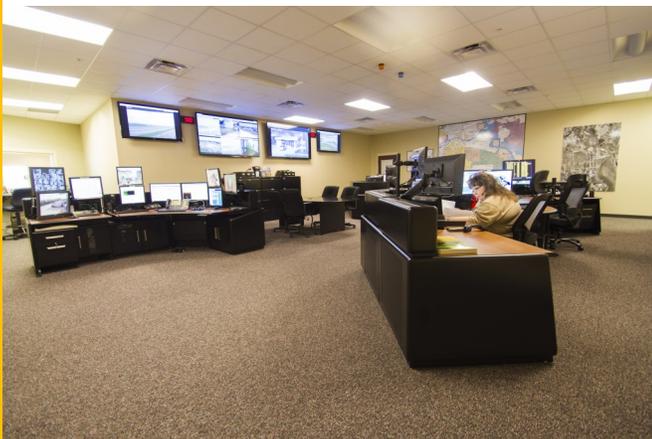
School Resource Officers– 5

Dispatchers– 12

Records Technicians– 2

Animal Control Officers–4

Facilities Management Technicians– 1



LPPD 911/Emergency Dispatch Center

911/Dispatch– This unit serves as the nerve center for the police department, receiving 911 emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance, dispatching police officers across the city, checking for warrants, etc. They are the life line for officers and citizens alike. This group includes a very dedicated team of individuals who work under extremely stressful conditions, literally saving lives as they send calls to fire, police and emergency medical services. The unit is supervised by Ms. Stacey Lippold.



Dispatch and Records Supervisor



Sgt. Lee Stewart

Support Services– Support Services is supervised by Sergeant Lee Stewart and encompasses a wide-ranging scope of duties and services. These include DARE, School Resource Officers, Police Area Representatives (PAR’s), Community Outreach, Citizens Police Volunteers and the Police Chaplains Corps. These services are detailed further below.

DARE– The police department’s DARE officer is Officer Yvonne Stanley. She is stationed primarily at the La Porte Independent School District’s Baker 6th Grade campus, where she teaches DARE curriculum. She also visits other district school campuses where she teaches younger students as well. Officer Stanley is also involved as a PAR officer, where she assists citizens with unorthodox problems and concerns, and she is also deeply involved in the department’s summer youth activities and safety camps for city youths.

PAR’s– PAR’s (Police Area Representatives), provide valuable and unique services to citizens who are confronted with concerns and challenges that are non-traditional, yet create real worries. These might include graffiti, illegal dumping of trash, loud noise from neighbors, loose dogs, and other issues. A PAR officer can provide help in such situations where citizens don’t know where else to turn to. PAR’s can point you in the right direction and help coordinate efforts to solve your concern.



*Rene Hernandez
PAR District 1
281-842-3124*



*R. Gonzalez
PAR District 2
281-842-3152*



*Yvonne Stanley
PAR District 3
281-842-3152*

School Resource Officers– SRO’s, provide security and serve as mentors at various campuses across the city. SRO’s serve as positive role models for children and foster close, positive relationships with both students and school staff. Citizens can support their efforts by calling in crime tips to 281-470-STOP, texting DAWGTIP, plus messaging to CRIMES (274637), or go to www.dawgtip.com.

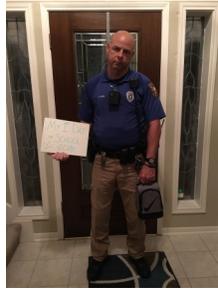
Support Services



Left:
School Resource Officers with lunches packed and ready for the first day of school. Sgt. Matt Novosad, Kevin Winebrenner, Kenny Martin and Chris Paige shown.



Above:
Left to Right School Resource Officer's:
Kenny Martin- LPHS
Matt Parsons- La Porte JH
Kevin Winebrenner- LPHS



Adoption Services and Animal Control—This unit is supervised by Clarence Anderson and is comprised of dedicated pet lovers who care deeply about the safety and welfare of our furry friends in the city. Animal Control Officers strive to adopt all the unclaimed dogs and cats that find their way the Animal Adoption Center. Interested citizens are encouraged to visit the center at 10901 Spencer Highway to visit potentially adoptable animals.

Police Chaplains' Corps—The Police Chaplains Corps is a special unit within the police department comprised of local clergy and pastors who desire to provide comfort and spiritual relief to local citizens and police members when the need arises. They perform critical services in time of crisis. They serve the community of a volunteer basis.



Supervisor
Clarence Anderson



Bennie Boles



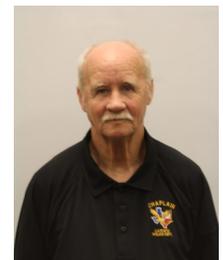
Brian Christen



Windell Gill



Kevin Gilmore



Herbert Lewis



Shaye Lister



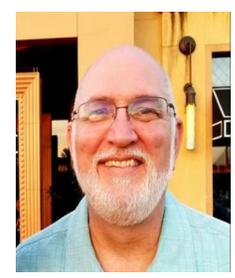
Nathan Menefee



Calvin Miller



Gig Rohmfeld



Walter Swaim

Neighborhood Center Grand Opening

Lieutenant Matt Daeumer and Volunteer Brenda Pritchard shown with a local child who attending the event.



LPCPAAA Volunteers and La Porte Youth Explorers helped make this event a success.



Local children enjoying some treats!



Chief Ken Adcox and Corby Alexander, City Manager



*The first
La Porte Police
Department Neighborhood
Center was opened in
February 2018.*



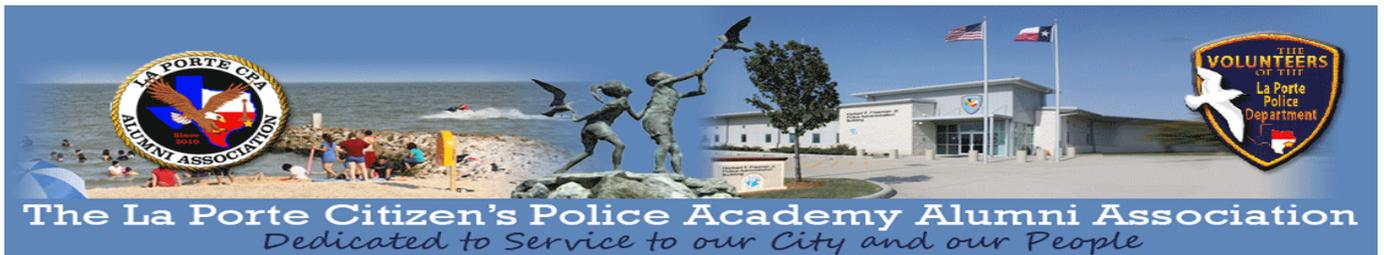
New Mule

*The Police Department
acquired a brand new All Terrain Vehicle in 2018.
We were delighted to be able to
showcase this new equipment
during the Neighborhood Center Grand Opening.*

Support Services

La Porte Police Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association-

This group of “Dedicated Volunteers” works tirelessly to support the police department in its mission to protect and serve the community. They support the Blue Santa program, and assist the department in various other projects throughout the year, including Citizens on Patrol (COPs), staffing in dispatch, traffic control for parades and events, and many other duties. Citizen volunteers are issued special uniforms and identification cards with full access to the police department once they complete training. They work alongside regular police members and are considered a significant part of the police department’s family. For information on joining this special group, call 281-471-3810.



Board of Directors, 2018, LPCPAAA:

President– Brenda Pritchard

1st Vice President– Richard Browder

2nd Vic President- Malinda Juel

Secretary– Riley Pritchard

Treasurer– Vicky Copley





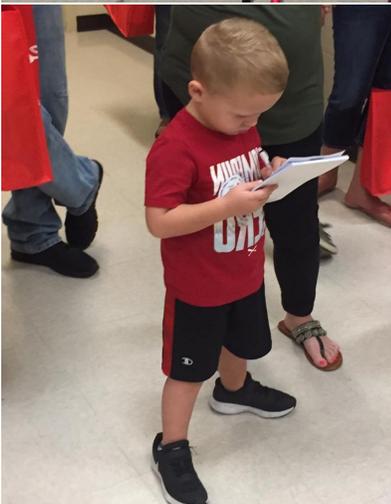
RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Offered by LPPD–

Local women were offered special instruction during the year and learned how to defend themselves against would-be attackers. This popular course educated women on how to stay alert in their surroundings and what to do if attacked. The course has been offered for a number of years and remains very popular with women of all ages.

“I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

National Night Out- Annually, this is one the La Porte Police Department’s most successful events and the most popular with local citizens. The event even draws crowds from other cities in the area, and is attended by hundreds as numerous agencies and businesses come together to provide fun, activities and interesting displays for youths and adults alike.



Local citizens attended various block parties around the city as well as an open house at the Police Department during National Night Out, 2018.



Department Highlights

Coffee with a Cop– Various sites were utilized throughout 2018 for “Coffee with a Cop”, including various businesses around the city. The event drew in local citizens who had the opportunity to join in fellowship and visit with various members of the La Porte Police Department, as well as other departments and agencies.



DARE Summer Youth Camps- LPPD and the City of La Porte started the summer with a 40 hour camp for five to nine year olds. The emphasis this camp was Safety, with equal parts of fun. Topics for safety included: The Annual Bicycle Rodeo Skills Course; Pedestrian Cross Walk; Stranger Danger; Internet Safety; Learning our addresses and parent’s cell phone numbers; Water Safety; and Anti-Bullying. With many children being home alone during the summer break, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety course was offered, where students learn what to do if they find a gun. To balance the safety with fun, trips were taken to the City of La Porte’s Wave Pool at Little Cedar Bayou, and the Northwest Park Pool..



DARE Officer, Yvonne Stanley and participants of Summer Camp on a field trip.

Citizens Police Academy— The ultimate goal of CPA is to bring the department and the community closer together in a partnership and to foster better communication between the two. Participation is free and all materials are provided. Applicants must be 18 or older with a clear criminal history. CPA graduates find a rewarding field of volunteering for their community.



*2018 BASIC A
GRADUATING CLASS—April 10, 2018*

Graduating Class Members were: Frank Nance, Randy LeBlanc, Kathie Webster, Dannette Grant, Servando Canales, Robert Shaul, Serena Ramsey, Riley Ramsey, Tom Hudgins, Marilyn Blankenship, Alan Wilson. Also shown are LPCPAAA member, Sara Urich, Officer Anothony Bish, Chief Kenith Adcox and City Manager,



*2018 BASIC B
GRADUATING CLASS—November 13, 2018*

Graduating Class Members were: Maria Anaya, Alex Arriaga, Felipe Arriaga, Raquel Arriaga, Elyza Guzman, John Billings, Janet Buckner, Carl Crame, Betty Fox, Ronnie Fox, Richard Nguyen, Ronald Perry, Robert Revilla. (not all graduates shown).. Staff members from left to right are: Assistant Chief, Matt Dauemer, Lieutenant Doug Ditrich, Chief Ron Parker and Sergeant Anthony Bish.

Department Highlights

*2018 ADVANCED
GRADUATING CLASS—July 31, 2018*



Graduating Class Members were: Maria Anaya, Joshua Burton, Ralph Fellows, Laura Goins, Tom Hudgins, Joseph Sobezak, Norma Sobezak, Robert Shaul, Edith Strybos, Kathie Webster and Ted Webster. Also shown are Chief Ken Adcox and Officer Anthony Bish.



*2018 Advanced CPA Graduates
along with several of the members of the La Porte Citizens
Police Academy
Alumni Association.*



Annual Leadership Training for LPPD Leadership Team-

Each year, the Department has a Leadership Expert who visits with the LPPD leadership team over a two day period and shares their philosophy on leadership. During 2018, the department had the opportunity to listen to Leadership Expert John Forquer, who specializes in leadership and ethics. Mr. Forquer has an extensive background, including teaching for the FBI National Academy and being a leadership instructor around the country for Regional Police Command Colleges. He concluded a 31 year, active duty career in the United States Marine Corps, where his career was primarily focused on Law Enforcement.

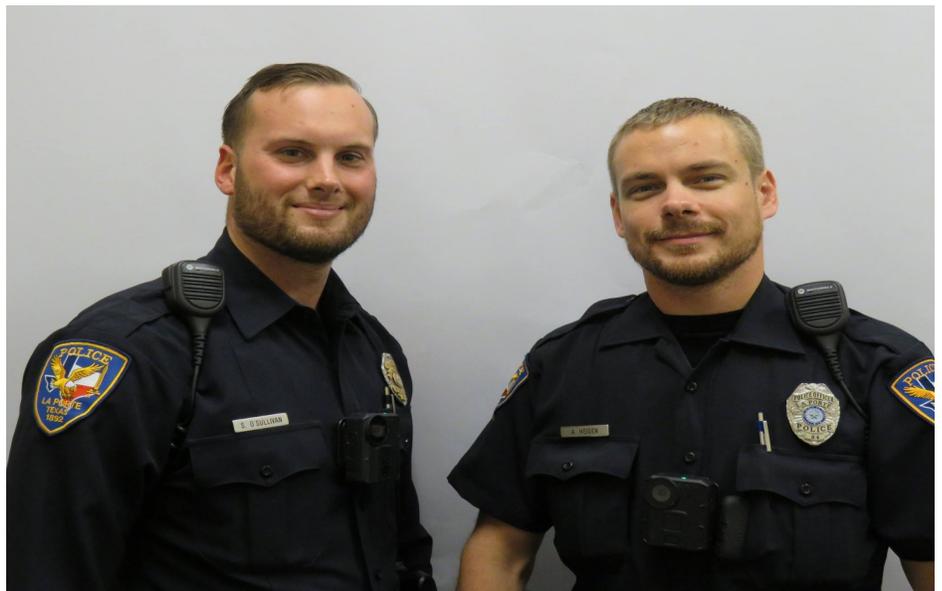
Mothers Against Drunk Driving, (MADD) Award-

In June 2018, during the 2017 Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization recognized La Porte K(Officer Michael Harness, and Officers Christopher Forsythe, and Joshua Willhoite for their relentless pursuit of drunk drivers. The three police officers are known locally and now region-wide for their dedication to keeping area roadways safe for law-abiding drivers.

Officer Harness, was honored as La Porte's top DWI enforcement officer for 2017, with a total of 52 DWI arrests. Officer Forsythe took the number two spot with 48 DWI arrest in 2017. Officer Willhoite, made 21 DWI arrests in 2017. He additionally assisted new officers in Field Training with DWI arrests.

Beards & Jeans for Blue Santa-

The La Porte Police Department gave a reprieve to the normally smoothly shaved faces for all La Porte Police Department (LPPD) uniformed officers who made a donation to the Blue Santa Program this year. Due to the success of the program in 2017, staff also allowed civilian staff members the opportunity to wear jeans for a contribution. Female officers were also allowed to color their hair in non-traditional ways with approval and a donation. The minimum donation is \$50 to the Blue Santa Program. Program participation was limited to the months of November and December.



Department Highlights

Best Practices Recognition Renewal– The La Porte Police Department was awarded “Re-Recognition” for their continued compliance with Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Best Practices Recognition Program for Law Enforcement for the past four years. Webster Chief of Police Danny Presley, Team Leader representing the TPCA Recognition Program, presented the certificate at a City Council meeting. While making the presentation, Chief Presley put the accomplishment in perspective by stating: “There are over 2400 Law Enforcement agencies in Texas, and only 144 agencies have achieved ‘Recognized’ status. Only 67 agencies have been Re Recognized.....meaning that they have maintained these standards for more than 4 years. The fact that the La Porte Police department has maintained these standards means that your Department is among the top 3% of all police agencies in the State.”



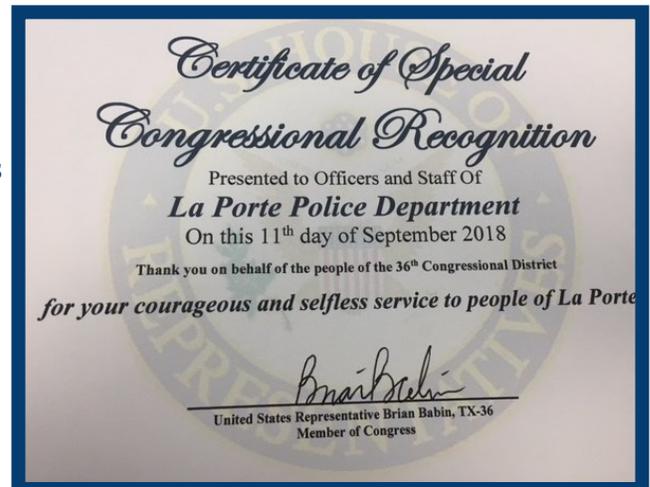
Chief Adcox accepts the LPPD's Recognition Status from TPCA representative Danny Pressley



Spirit Ride– On May 31, 2018 the travelling Spirit Ride continued its unique journey in La Porte. The ride began in June of 2017 to promote awareness of the Move Over law. The ceremonial spirit casket will have passed hands in over 300 cities with truck processions totaling over 10,000 trucks from towing, fire police and EMS.

This ride is to raise awareness of the Slow Down, Move Over law that each state of the Union has, designed to make driver's more aware of the reason for the law.

Congressional Recognition– The La Porte Police Department received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman. Brian Babin, 36th Congressional District, for courageous and selfless service to people of La Porte. This was quite an honor and distinction for our Department.



Sylvan Beach Day Festival– The Sylvan Beach Day Festival is an annual event that has been very popular with local and area citizens for decades. It draws thousands of visitors to the Sylvan Beach Park, a local tourist attraction that first came in to existence in the late 1800's. The festival features a large parade, beauty pageant, cook-offs, live music entertainment, and lot of vendors and displays. The LPPD plays a significant role in ensuring the event is a success and that citizens are safe during this fun time, as well as providing interactions with citizens in various outreach projects.



DARE car participating in the Sylvan Beach Day Parade.



LPPD's HUMVEE participating in the Sylvan Beach Day Parade.



2018 Annual Racial Profiling Report

The following report is provided in accordance with Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. The Code requires that the police department annually report, to its governing body, data collected on the race or ethnicity of individuals contacted on all motor vehicle stops, regardless of the enforcement action taken. Reporting must take place on or before March 1st of each year.

The following report meets this requirement by providing a detailed analysis of the La Porte Police Department's policies, training, and statistical information on racial profiling for the year 2018. To assist City Council in their examination of the included data, detailed demographic data has also been provided relating to the City of La Porte, Harris County, and the State of Texas. For the purposes of this report and analysis, the following definition of racial profiling is used: *racial profiling means a law enforcement-initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity (Texas CCP Article 3.05).*

La Porte Police Department Policy/ Training on Racial Profiling

A review of La Porte Police Department Policy 314 and 401.2.6 provides evidence that the department has adopted policies in compliance with Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. There are several specific requirements mandated by Article 2.132 that a law enforcement agency's Racial Profiling Policy must address. Each of these requirements are covered in the La Porte Police Department's Racial Profiling Policy, which provides clear direction that any form of racial profiling is prohibited and that officers found engaging in inappropriate profiling may be disciplined up to and including termination. The regulations also provide a very clear statement of the agency's philosophy regarding equal treatment of all persons regardless of race or ethnicity. All members of the La Porte Police Department have received formal training required by the State of Texas relating to Racial Profiling and have been provided, and signed for copies of the departmental policy in question. Additionally, the policy is required to be reviewed with all employees by supervisors on a bi-annual basis.

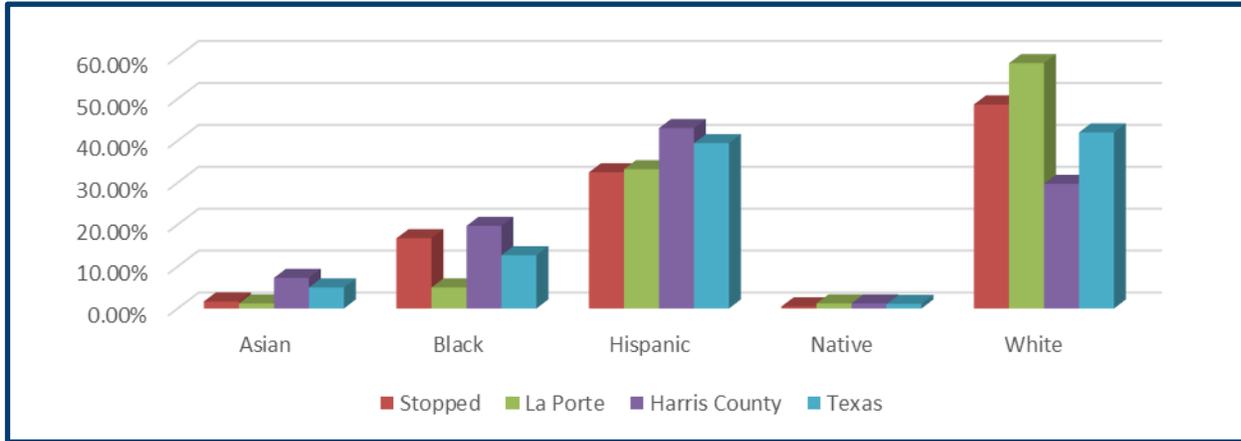
La Porte Police Department Statistical Data on Racial Profiling

In accordance with Departmental Policy, Officers of La Porte Police Department submitted statistical information on all motor vehicle stops in 2018 and accompanying information on the race of the person contacted. This data has been aggregated and is presented in the following tables, accompanied by relevant information on searches, arrests, and demographic information.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but rather where he stands in moments of challenge and controversy."

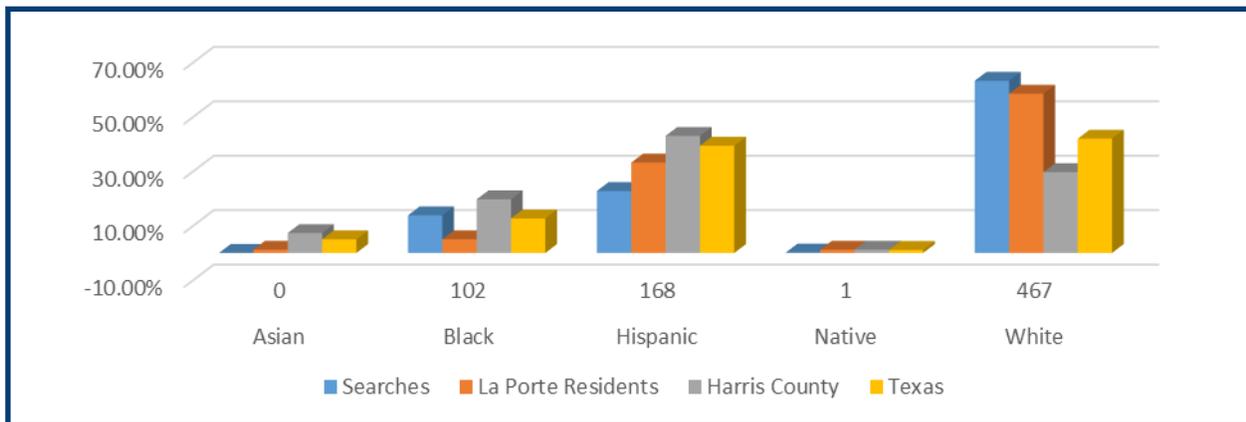
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Percentage Stops Compared with Overall Race Representation in Population



Race	La Porte PD Stops	LPPD Percent Stopped by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	387	1.67%	1.20%	7.30%	5.00%
Black	3889	16.74%	5.00%	19.70%	12.70%
Hispanic	7543	32.47%	33.20%	43.00%	39.40%
Native	109	0.47%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%
White	11301	48.65%	58.50%	29.70%	42.00%
Total	23229	100%	99.10%	100.90%	100.20%

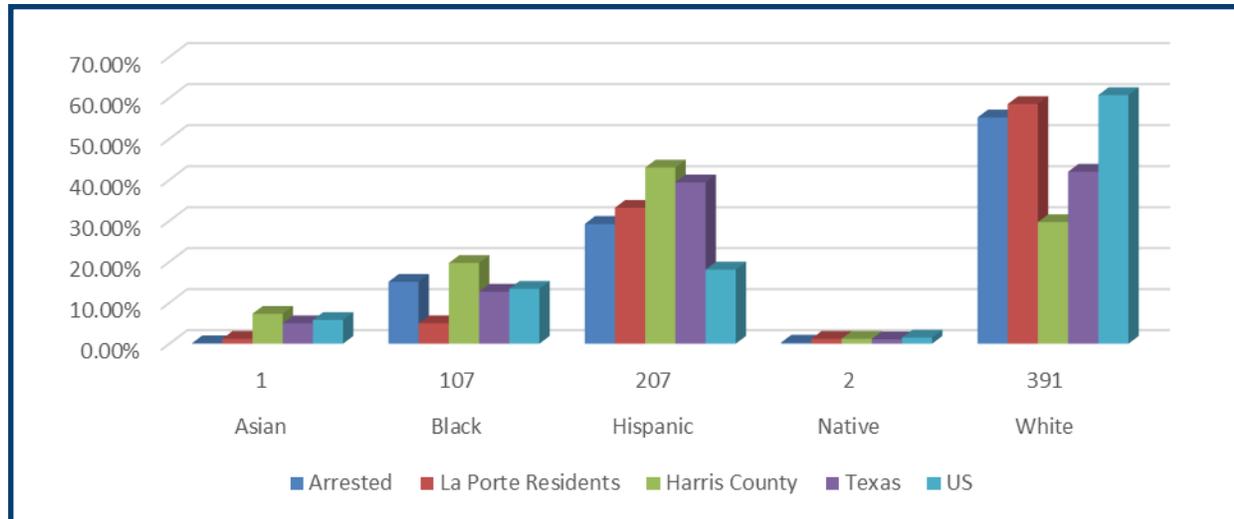
Searches Compared with Overall Race Representation



Race	LPPD Searches	La Porte PD Percent Searched by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	0	0.00%	1.20%	7.30%	5.00%
Black	102	13.82%	5.00%	19.70%	12.70%
Hispanic	168	22.76%	33.20%	43.00%	39.40%
Native	1	0.14%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%
White	467	63.28%	58.50%	29.70%	42.00%
Total	738	100.00%	99.10%	100.90%	100.20%

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LPPD Arrests Compared with Overall Race Representation in Population



Race	LPPD Arrests	La Porte PD Percent Arrested by Race	La Porte Population Re- presentation	Harris County Population Re- presentation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	0.14%	1.20%	7.30%	5.00%	5.80%
Black	15.11%	5.00%	19.70%	12.70%	13.40%
Hispanic	29.24%	33.20%	43.00%	39.40%	18.10%
Native	0.28%	1.20%	1.20%	1.10%	1.50%
White	55.23%	58.50%	29.70%	42.00%	60.70%
Total	100.00%	99.10%	100.90%	100.20%	99.50%

The above statistics seem to indicate that black drivers were contacted, searched, and arrested incident to motor vehicle stops at a rate higher than the percentage of their respective residency within the City of La Porte, but at a lower rate than the percentage of their respective residency within the greater Harris County Region. As such, while noticeable, easy determinations regarding whether or not La Porte officers have “racially profiled” a given motorist are difficult given the fact that many drivers stopped by police officers are not residents of La Porte and may be traveling within or through the City from other areas of the county/state/country. As detailed above, these areas are much more highly represented by minority populations and may therefore account for larger percentages of non-resident motor vehicle operators, making comparisons relating strictly to La Porte area populations impractical.

In the interest of being thorough, the police department made a statistical analysis of the data in order to determine actual motor vehicle stops of La Porte residents, along with respect to percentages by driver’s race. Findings revealed, that overall, approximately 20% of all motor vehicle stops conducted by LPPD involved La Porte residents. This equates, approximately, to only one of every five motor vehicle stops conducted, involved local residents. Otherwise stated, 80% of all motor vehicle stops made by La Porte Police Officers involved drivers who do not live in the City of La Porte. Furthermore, when broken down by driver race, the majority of stops were overwhelmingly white drivers (69%). The remaining breakdown by race, regarding La Porte residents stopped by La Porte Police Officers in 2018, were as follows: Hispanic – 17% black - 13%; Asian - 0.75%; Native American – 0.19%.

Additionally, the absence of any verifiable race/ethnicity data on the driver's license is troubling given the possibility that officers may misclassify individuals. This is a particular problem when dealing with citizens who are of mixed racial descent. As such, the validity of any racial/ethnic disparities discovered in the aggregate level data becomes threatened in direct proportion to the number of subjective "guesses" officers are forced to make when trying to determine an individual's racial/ethnic background. This may account for why Hispanic drivers are represented at a rate far lower than local, county, and state population projections, while Caucasian and Black drivers are more highly represented. In other words, officers may, for example, be listing mixed race drivers as being Caucasian or Black, when these individuals may, for census purposes, have identified themselves as Hispanic.

Finally, it is important to note that the included census data represents U.S. Census population figure estimates according to Demographic Profile Data of General Population and Housing Characteristics representing all age groups, yet does not take into account a specific combination of age and race regarding the percentage of the drivers who were actually stopped. Additionally, while population figure estimates are represented here, updates of the actual demographic statistics for the year 2018 are not yet available.

Still, the La Porte Police Department is committed to providing public safety without bias of any type and will continue to closely track, monitor, and regulate employee activities in order to ensure that biased-based policing does not occur. A review of internal administrative records indicated that during 2018 the department received no motor vehicle stop complaints that could be categorized as involving some type of racial profiling allegation.

In summary, the foregoing analysis shows that the La Porte Police Department is fully in compliance with all relevant Texas laws concerning racial profiling, including the existence of a formal policy prohibiting racial profiling by its officers, officer training, and the collection of data in compliance with the law. As a result of this analysis, and the listed statistics, it is my belief that the officers of the La Porte Police Department are operating appropriately and without bias relating to individual violator race, ethnicity, or national origin.



2018 Annual Use of Force Report

Following is the 2018 Annual Report regarding documented uses of force within the City of La Porte Police Department. It is a basic analysis of use of force as deployed by LPPD personnel occurring from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The report is required by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Foundation as an element of their Best Practices Recognition Program. The report analyzes data involving use of force.

Statistics were collected from the LPPD's IA Pro internal affairs database and various reports as documented by officers and reviewed by supervisors and Internal Affairs. There were a total of seventeen (17) documented deployments of use of force in 2018, consisting of various types for the established time frame. This is a 55% increase in use of force from 2017. Other uses of force in previous reporting years were as follows:

2017- 11
2016- 12
2015- 18
2014- 9
2013- 11

The charts below provide additional information related to the data:

Justification for the deployment of force: in 15 of the situations, the reason for a use of force deployment was due to a suspect failing to follow officer's verbal commands and actively resisting or assaulting the officers. One use of force was due to the suspect going completely limp and refusing to move or comply with the officer's commands during an arrest. Finally a suspect failed to follow verbal commands while being arrested for a felony warrant, resulting in the officer discharging a firearm and injuring the suspect. Once officers attempted to take a subject in to custody. In two other situations, suspects threatened

Type of force deployed:	
Electronic control device:	15
Firearms:	1
Empty hands:	1

Electronic control device deployments (ECD) by officers were effective in 11 of the 15 deployments, (73% success). In 2017, ECD deployments were 90% effective and in 2016, ECD deployments were 60% effective.

During 2018, when officers had to utilize firearms or empty hands techniques, their deployment was 100% effective in ending threats from assailants.

During 2018, there was one (1) officer that utilized use of force on four (4) occasions and one (1) officer that utilized use of force on three (3) occasions. The remainder of the officers that utilized documented use of force did so only once each. There were no patterns in any of these use of force applications.

We were fortunate as a department in that no serious documented injuries were reported to officers in these situations. However, in 16 of the 17 incidents, suspect(s) were actively resisting arrest, attempting to assault officers and in the one incident where police used deadly force to apprehend a wanted felon, evidence showed the suspect had access to a firearm posing a threat to the officer. This is a disturbing trend that continues to increase as illustrated in our last two annual reports. In 2017 100% and in 2016 70% of the deployments of uses of force, suspects showed to engage in substantially violent encounters with our police officers, even when multiple officers were on scene. In those instances, suspects actively resisted with attempts to strike officers with closed fists, knee strikes, etc. The data below show the most dangerous times for officers to be aware are on evening and night shifts.

Shift on which use of force was used:

Day	5
Evening	4
Night	7
Street Crimes	1

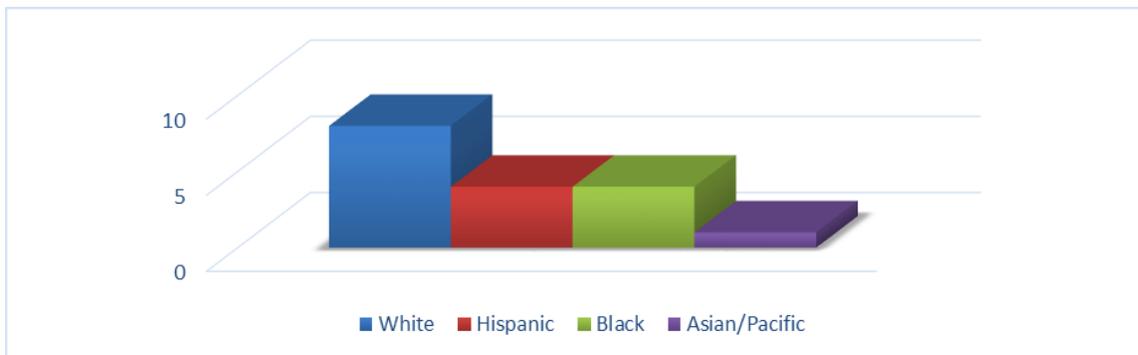


Suspect gender on which use of force occurred:

Male:	14
Female:	3

Suspect race on which use of force occurred:

White:	8
Hispanic:	4
Black:	4
Asian/Pacific:	1



Race of officer on suspect (cross-analysis) on which use of force was used:

Officer's gender deploying use of force:

Male:	17
Female:	0

White officer on white suspect:	6
White officer on Black suspect:	3
White officer on Hispanic suspect:	1
White officer on Asian/Pacific suspect:	1
Hispanic officer on white suspect:	3
Hispanic officer on Black suspect:	1
Hispanic officer on Hispanic suspect:	2

Use of Force Report

Were additional officers on the scene as backup, when force was deployed?

Yes: 10

No: 7

Officers deploying force in incidents during the time period:

Effective deployment of ECD on 012718 at approximately 12:40 PM with a suspect actively resisting the officer at the hospital for an Emergency Detention Order. A Harris County Sheriff's Deputy was injured and the use of force was found to be within policy.

Effective deployment of ECD on 020618 at approximately 10:54 PM on a black male suspect who was actively resisting arrest, by laying on top of his arms, in an open space. There were no documented injuries to either party and the use of force was found to be within policy.

Attempted to arrest a suspect involved in an accident on 021118 at 2:00 AM. The suspect was in the back of the ambulance and became agitated. He refused to allow officers to handcuff him and kept bending at the waist, keeping his hands under his body. Officer effectively deployed his ECD effectively and the suspect was then arrested. There were no documented injuries to either party and the use of force was found to be within policy.

Attempting to place a black female in to custody on 021418 at approximately 11:20 PM. The suspect resisted the officer's attempt in an open space. She bit the officer and kicked at him. Officer deployed his ECD effectively, then placing the subject in to custody. Officer sustained a non-incapacitating injury from the bite. The use of force was found to be within policy.

Officers were speaking to a suspect in a disturbance in his home on 022018 at approximately 6:00 PM. Suspect was intoxicated and became uncooperative. Suspect struck officer in the face with a closed fist. Officer deployed his ECD effectively ending the resistance and he was able to place the subject in to custody. Officer suffered non-incapacitating injuries. The use of force was found to be within policy.

On 030218 at approximately 9:38 AM, officer was searching for a runaway at 9806 Charmont Rd. He located another runaway, who he was aware had an outstanding warrant for UUMV. Upon contact, suspect stuck his right hand in his pocket and appeared very nervous. Officer deployed taser for fear that suspect may be concealing a weapon. Upon asking suspect to remove hands from pocket he fled on foot. Due to the close proximity to suspect and the possibility of him concealing a weapon officer deployed taser which struck a backpack that he was wearing, rendering it ineffective. No injuries, use of force was found to be within policy.

On 042618 at 1816 hours officer was dispatched to a welfare concern / Accident at 1200 South SH 146 South Bound Feeder. Vehicle had left the roadway and flattened the right tires. suspect, B/M 05/07/1988, who was trapped by his own seatbelt. Suspect was observed by bystanders with his feet above the passenger side dashboard, and his head in the driver side foot well. Subject was aggressive in his response, arms waving, but bystanders were unable to understand his verbal responses and believed him to be intoxicated. Officer attempted to assist the subject exit his vehicle, subject was resisting to the point of fearing for his safety exiting the vehicle into the roadway, Officer used the Drive Stun of his TASER to help subdue him. After using 2 trigger pulls on the TASER, the subject was handcuffed. No TASER barbs were deployed. Subject would not answer questions, and was grinding his teeth. LPEMS was called to the scene to check the subject. Subject was transported to hospital, after Paramedics examined him and noted signs of possible drug overdose. Officer went to the hospital to attempt to get a blood draw warrant, after finding a loose Tylenol 3 tablet in the backseat of the vehicle, and an expired Rx bottle with an unreadable name and a 2015 fill date. At the time of this Blue Team. Use of Force within policy.

On Monday 04/30/18 at approx. 1042 hours Officer observed a suspect known to him to have a warrant at 4010 Red Bluff Rd., Pasadena, TX 77503. 4010 Red Bluff Rd is a gas station named Phillips 66. Officer perceived a threat from the suspect and engaged the suspect with his duty weapon striking suspect, suspect vehicle, and unit 56-65. Suspect was transported to hospital. Pasadena police are investigating the incident. Officer received no known injuries from incident. Officer was no billed and use of force was ruled within policy.

On 050518 at 12:30 AM, Officer was on a traffic stop with two males detained. Suspect (passenger), who gave a false identification, resisted detention upon being handcuffed by pulling away from the officer and fleeing on foot. Officer gave chase, told the suspect not to run and deployed his Taser with one cycle from one cartridge striking the suspect in the back. Officer was mindful of the area and chose to deploy the Taser since the suspect had actively resisted and was in an area that was grassy to prevent unwanted injury when the suspect fell to the ground upon being struck. Taser was effective, suspect arrested and seen by EMS for complaints of heart issues in his past. Suspect was cleared medically by paramedics and later booked into the city jail with no injuries. Use of force was ruled to be within policy.

On 051318 at 1:05 AM, while taking suspect into custody, he resisted by taking a defensive posture, pulling away and swinging elbows. Officers took him to the ground using physical force. In doing so, Officer landed on the knee he has previously injured. The struggle continued on the ground and Officer tased suspect with a three point hook up, using one cartridge for one 5 second cycle that was effective. After the event, Officer completed a yellow form in reference to his knee indicating that it had been re-injured. Use of force ruled to be within policy.

On 051718 at 6:20 PM, Officer was dispatched to 809 Canyon Springs concerning suspicious persons and a disturbance. Officer arrived on scene and observed a vehicle stationary in the middle of the roadway impeding traffic flow. Officer instructed the driver to pull up into the driveway. As Officer started to walk up the driveway, Suspect, exited the vehicle, disregarded Officer commands and ran into the garage of the residence, entered the home, ran through the living room, and exited the rear door to the backyard. The suspect refused to take his hands out of his pockets and was Tased by Officer. EMS was dispatched to the scene, removed TASER probes from Suspects back, and noted no other injuries requiring medical assistance. Use of force found to be within policy.

On 073018 Officer and Officer were dispatched to a disturbance (road rage) involving a male and female. The two parties were in a relationship and an argument ensued over a breakup. The white female began ramming her vehicle numerous times. The last and final time occurred in the Taco Bell parking lot. As officers arrived suspect was displaying a knife and would not obey officer's commands to drop it. Payne was extremely belligerent and was wielding the knife as officers were trying to remove her from the vehicle. Officer was on the passenger side where she had moved and drive stunned her and it was somewhat ineffective. Officer was on the driver's side and deployed his taser with barbs due to suspects erratic behavior still wielding the knife in such close proximity to Officer. The barbs struck suspect in the chest and possibly the right breast. LPEMS transported suspect to San Jacinto Hospital due to her erratic/excited state. No injuries and use of force found to be within policy.

On 083118, at 1242 AM, Officers were dispatched to 8300 Spencer Hwy, to investigate a reported intoxicated driver near the gas pumps. Once on scene, they made contact with an adult male, who was seated in the driver's seat of his running vehicle and showed physical signs of severe intoxication. As officer spoke to him, suspect repeatedly reached his hand underneath his pants leg and ignored officer commands to show him his hands. Fearing the suspect may have had a weapon, Officers removed suspect from the vehicle by grabbing his arms and pulling. During this time, suspect allowed his body to go fully limp. As Officers laid him down on the concrete to be handcuffed, suspect struck his head on the pavement which resulted in a small laceration above his left eye. La Porte EMS was immediately notified and responded to the scene to treat the injury. Suspect was cleared by EMS. Use of force was found to be within policy.

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On 09118, at approximately 2:44 AM, Officer was dispatched to 705 S SH 146, America's Inn and Suites, in reference to a suspicious male subject on the property advising the reportee that he was on the run from law enforcement. Second officer also responded to the call. On their arrival at the location, officer observed a male subject, matching the description provided by the reportee, standing in the parking lot of the business. The officers made contact with the male who provided them with his identification card. Officer provided dispatch with the subjects identifying information, and they responded that the suspect, had two outstanding warrants out of La Porte. As the radio traffic was transmitted, it is believed the suspect recognized the radio terminology and stated out loud "I have warrants". At that time the officers approached the suspect and told him they were going to place him under arrest. As officer tried to bring the suspects arms behind his back, the suspect pulled away from him. Officer then took the suspect to the ground. Officer advised the suspect to stop resisting. officer told the suspect to comply or he would use his Taser. The suspect continued to actively resist the officer's attempts to secure him. The bodycam footage from officer was reviewed and clearly showed the suspect not only resisting by pulling away, but also using one of his hands to grab the arm of officer. Officer then un-holstered his Taser to gain compliance, but the suspect continued to pull away from officers. At that time, officer utilized his Taser and used a "drive stun" technique on the lower left back area of the suspect. The drive stun was not effective in gaining compliance as the suspect continued to resist. Officer then deployed his Taser with the barbs striking the suspect in the lower left abdomen. The suspect then began flailing on the ground and rolling, which caused the Taser wires to be disconnected from the Taser itself. Officers were then able to secure the suspect with handcuffs. EMS was immediately requested by the involved officers and responded to the scene. During medical evaluation, EMS believed the suspect to be on an unknown narcotic due to his high heart rate and made the decision to transport him to Bayshore Medical Center for treatment. Officer's maintained custody of the suspect throughout medical treatment and upon his release from care, he was transported back to LPPD where he was booked in without incident for the LP warrants. No injuries incurred and use of force found to be within policy.

On 091618 at 8:59 AM, Officer was dispatched in reference to a disturbance. Suspect has a current criminal trespass warning (CTW) for the residence because of the issues he has caused at the address. Officer recently filed and criminal trespass warrant through Harris County, but it has not been posted, yet. When Officer arrived on scene, he attempted to handcuff suspect, but suspect fled south towards Pecan Dr. Officer radioed the foot pursuit and drew is Taser. Officer told suspect to stop running, but he did not. As suspect attempted a westbound turn, Officer deployed the Taser and suspect dropped to the ground. Other officers arrived momentarily. Officer handcuffed suspect and I asked for EMS to check by. EMS checked suspect by running an EKG and also bandaged a cut on suspects finger. Photographs were taken of suspects minor injuries. Suspect was transported to LPPD jail and booked on evading charges. Use of force ruled to be within policy.

On 092718 at 9:58 AM, officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Montana St. in reference to an aggravated assault in progress. A woman was reported stabbing people in the street. A 38 yoa female victim was stabbed more than once by a female suspect with a butcher knife. The assault occurred on the front porch area and ended in the street. Officer was assigned to the call and was first on scene. The female suspect was seen by Officer, walking southbound in the middle of the street towards the female victim and a witness, the victim was lying in the street wounded as the witness was attempting to render aid. The suspect was seen with a butcher knife still in her right hand as she was approaching the victim and witness. Officer drew service weapon and gave verbal commands for the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect dropped the knife in the street but then failed to comply with all other verbal commands given by Officer. After failing to comply with commands the suspect turned to face Officer and began walking towards him. Officer had already holstered his service weapon and switched to less lethal by drawing his Taser X26 with a standard 21 ft. cartridge. Officer at this time was alone as a backup officer had not yet arrived on scene. The suspect continued to disregard verbal commands and advanced on Officer.

Due to the totality of circumstances, knowing that the suspect had violently stabbed another person and not knowing if the suspect was in possession of any other weapons as she advanced, Officer fired his Taser, striking the suspect with the barbs for an effective deployment. The suspect fell to the ground and was detained at that point. The suspect was not injured during this incident, she was checked by LPEMS once at the booking area of the city jail. Use of force found to be within policy.

On 120218 at 11:35 PM, officers dispatched to a disturbance at Bayshore Motel. Upon officer arrival, just as he was getting out of the car, he heard several, what he thought was shots fired, so he put it out as shots fired, with numerous units responding. It was found that what he heard was a suspect trying to break the window to unit 53. As officer was approaching, he thought he heard several gunshots, and drew down on everybody. He deployed his Taser due to threat and resistance and ended the situation.. Suspect was found to have Deer Park warrants, so he was transported to our jail, where EMS checked him, and removed the barbs. No injuries and use of force found to be within policy.

Summary: All deployments involving use of force were found to be within policy and appropriately utilized. In 2018, the department will continue to require mandatory training and recertifications on firearms and electronic control devices. We are scheduling close quarter combat tactics to include empty hands techniques, verbal de-escalation techniques and other use of force subject matter in order to better train our officers for situations where use of force is appropriate in the summer 2019 department block training. It should be noted that ECD deployments in 2018 were all properly utilized and with adequate aim and barb placement. However, in several instances, suspects were able to either remove the barbs due to insensitivity to electric current via narcotics use, or the barbs deployed in to loose clothing the suspect wore. Our personnel should also be reminded that there continues to be substantial violence toward police and they should always be vigilant in encounters with persons. They should try to always have a backup officer or jailer present in potentially violent situations.



2018 Annual Pursuit Report

This document is the 2018 Annual Report on Pursuits, involving the City of La Porte Police Department. It is a basic analysis of LPPD pursuits occurring from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The report is required by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Foundation as an element of their Best Practices Recognition Program. The report analyzes data involving pursuits such as:

- Shift on which the pursuit occurred;
- The time of day at which the pursuit was initiated;
- The probable cause or initial offense prior to the pursuit;
- The maximum speed of the pursuit;
- The range of distance of the pursuit in miles;
- Did the pursuit result in a motor vehicle crash;
- Were there injuries resulting from the pursuit;
- Was there an arrest as a result of the pursuit;
- Was the pursuit terminated by a supervisor;
- Was the pursuit within existing policy guidelines?

Utilizing the above criteria, an analysis was conducted of the documented pursuits involving La Porte Police units/officers during the 2018 calendar year.

It was found that there were five (5) documented entries to the pursuit database of the IA Pro database that occurred in 2018. This is in comparison to:

- 6 pursuits in 2017
- 3 pursuits in 2016
- 4 pursuits in 2015
- 4 pursuits in 2014
- 4 pursuits in 2013
- 5 pursuits in 2012
- 3 pursuits in 2011
- 2 pursuits in 2010
- 4 pursuits in 2009.

***Brayden Parker,
grandson of Chief
Ron Parker,
showing his pride
and honor for
Law Enforcement.***



2009 was the first year we began tracking such data due to Best Practices being initiated at that time. The chart below provides additional information related to the pursuits for 2018. In summary, two pursuits were discovered to be out of policy guidelines. In summary, two pursuits were discovered to be out of policy guidelines. The officers were counseled in these for excessive speed for initiating the pursuits. The other entries were found to be within policy after supervisory review and review by the Assistant Chief- Patrol Operations.

It appears that the number of pursuits has remained relatively consistent in recent years, but it is troubling that two or the five pursuits were initiated for speeding violations only which is outside of policy. The officers involved were counseled for their actions. However, supervisors and shift commanders should remain vigilant in their reviews of pursuits and pay close attention to activity on their shifts, in order to enforce policy when necessary. Periodic reviews of the Pursuit Policy should also continue to take place to ensure our employees understand the risks involved and that they follow policy. See chart on following page for further details.

Date	040818	081618	092418	101918	102718
Shift?	Day	Night	Day	Night	Night
Time of Day?	0942	0330	0954	0319	0038
Original Offense?	Failed to Maintain Single Lane	UUMV	Speeding	Speeding	Speeding
Maximum Speed?	60 mph	95 mph	55 mph	95 mph	100 mph
Distance?	Unknown	0-2 miles	0-2 miles	0-2 miles	5-10 mile
Primary Officer	T. Phelan	M. Harness	S. O'Sullivan	C. Cargile	C. Forsythe
Secondary Officer	NA	M. Avila	NA	NA	H. Mason
Suspect Vehicle Type?	Car	Truck	Car	Truck	Truck
Did Pursuit Result in Crash?	No	No	No	No	No
Injuries?	No	No	No	No	No
Suspect Arrested?	Yes- Evading	Yes - Evading	Yes- Evading, UCW	Yes- DWI, Evading	No - Terminated
Pursuit Terminated?	No	No	No	No	Yes by Supervisor
Within Policy?	Yes, as determined by supervisors	Yes, as determined by Asst. Chief. Pursuit only 2 miles long and less than 2 minutes before suspect stopped vehicle. Watch Commander monitored entire incident.	Yes, as determined by supervisors. Pursuit less than 2 miles and only 4 minutes in duration. Sgt. monitored entire pursuit.	No, employee counseled.	No, terminated by supervisor. Employee counseled.

2018 Annual Police Vehicle Crash Report

The report is an analysis of vehicle crashes involving police department vehicles during the calendar year of 2018. The data was gathered from Incident Report forms completed for Human Resources and Risk Management, and our IA Pro database.

There were a total of nine (9) crashes involving LPPD vehicles during the year of 2018. This is up one (1) from 2017, but we enjoyed a 38% reduction in police fleet crashes from 2016 to 2017. There were thirteen (13) crashes in 2010, five (5) in 2011, seven (7) in 2012, twelve (12) in 2013, eleven (11) in 2014, ten (10) in 2015, thirteen (13) in 2016 and eight (8) in 2017.

There were two (2) crashes on day shift and seven (7) on evening shift. In four (4) of the nine (9) crashes police personnel were found to be at fault. This amounted to 44% of the crashes being our fault, down from 62% in 2017, 38% in 2016, 40% in 2015 and 55% in 2014. There were injuries to officers in one (1) of the crashes.

In the four (4) crashes where police employees were found to be at fault, the reasons were attributed to driver inattention. It should be noted that driver inattention was also the leading cause when police personnel were at fault in 2017, 2015, 2014 and 2013 as well. It appears that when police employees were at fault, proper procedures were followed in urinalysis testing and in following disciplinary policy. Our personnel should remain vigilant and alert while in operation of their vehicles to avoid such incidents.

It is recommended that we continue to strive to provide counseling and appropriate refresher training when appropriate, in situations where our personnel are listed at fault. The four (4) officers at fault in these crashes have been scheduled for Safe Police Vehicle Operations training, by TMLIRP. In addition, pursuant to your previous directions, monthly speed audits are conducted to determine if personnel are adhering to policy and traffic laws. See the chart below for additional details:

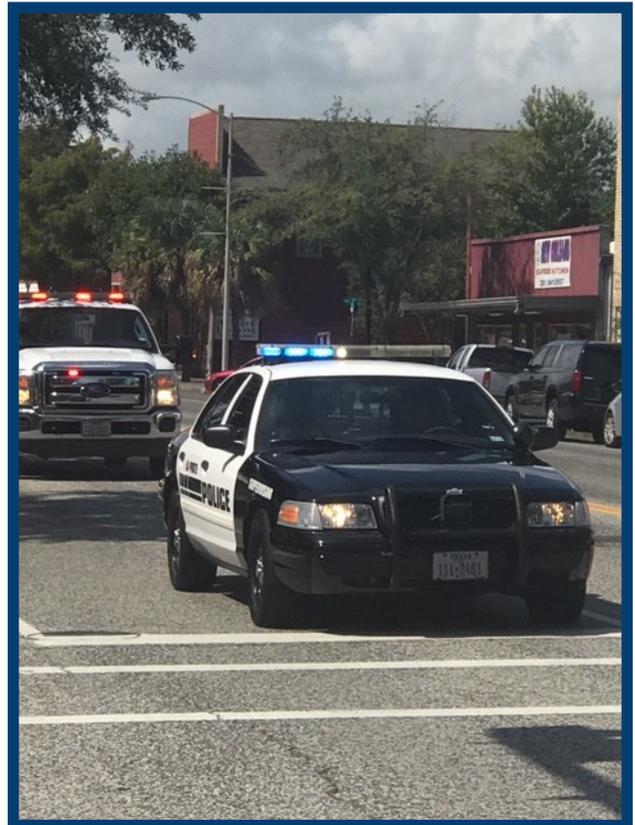


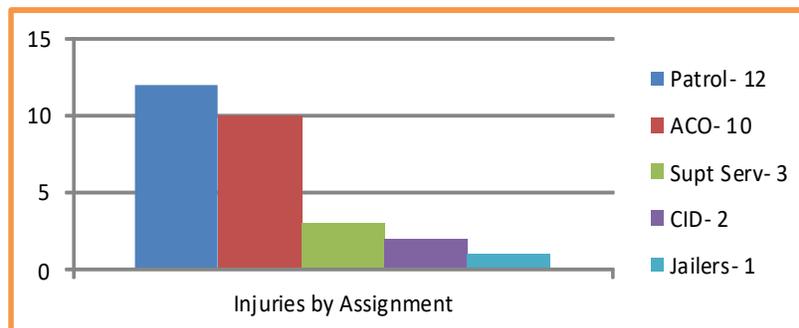
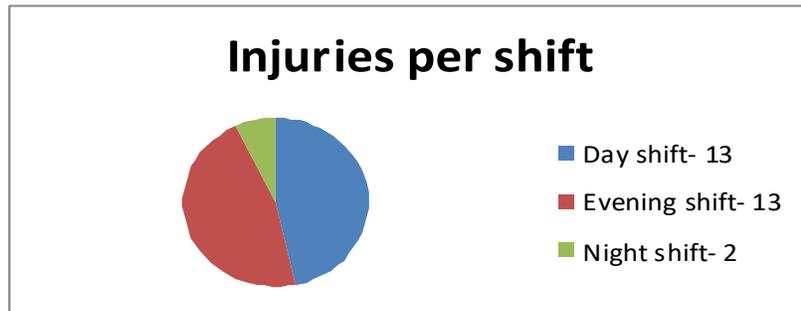
Chart of Police Crashes:

Date/ Time	Shift	Officer Injured	Details	Officer at Fault/Cause
010518 at 1826	Evenings	Yes	Officer ran into the back of a vehicle that slammed on the brakes	Yes, inattention by officer, failed to control speed.
031018 at 2222	Evenings	No	Officer stopped in turn lane, accelerated and struck rear of vehicle in front of them.	Yes, inattention of part of officer looking at computer.
050118 at 1241	Days	No	Officer pulled out of parking lot and was backed into by other vehicle.	No, inattention by other driver, cited for unsafe backing.
081518 at 1527	Evenings	No	Officer was conducting traffic stop in parking lot. Vehicle unoccupied and was backed in to.	No, inattention by other driver, unsafe backing.
090518 at 1701	Evenings	No	Officer sitting in traffic, struck from the rear by another vehicle.	No, inattention by citizen driver who failed to control speed, cited for violation.
092618 at 1947	Evenings	No	Officer backed into a utility pole.	Yes, inattention by officer, unsafe backing.
101518 at 1717	Evenings	No	Officer investigating crime scene. Wrecker driver backed tractor into unoccupied patrol car.	No, inattention by citizen, backed without safety.
111918 at 1008	Days	No	Officer parked behind suspect vehicle. Suspect backed into unoccupied patrol vehicle.	No, inattention by citizen. Driver arrested for DWI.
112718 at 2040	Evenings	No	Officer backed vehicle into parking space, struck unoccupied vehicle.	Yes, inattention by officer, unsafe backing.



Annual Personnel Injury Report

There were twenty seven (27) events reported, documenting twenty eight (28) injuries or other line of duty medical/health issues with police personnel in the IA Pro database. This is compared to thirty one (31) events last year, a 13% decrease. Each of these incidents was also documented on incident report forms, as required by our Human Resources Division, and our Risk Manager. A summary of the events follows:



On 01/11/18 ACO was moving a feral cat when it got away from her. She caught the animal and wrapped the animal in a towel and held it by the back of the neck. While trying to open the isolation door the kitten was able get loose scratching her on the left hand around the thumb area and biting her on the base of the middle finger on the knuckle. HR was contacted and she was sent for medical care. She was released to full duty. Incident ruled non-preventable.

On 01/16/18 while assisting with a motor vehicle accident on the Fred Hartman Bridge, Officer slipped on the ice on the roadway and landed on his rear. Officer B stated he was not hurt or scraped but his rear was probably going to be bruised. I advised him to complete a yellow form. Officer was on the same scene. He did not witness the fall, but confirmed that there was ice covering the roadway. HR was notified, Blue Team was created and the yellow form was completed. No medical treatment needed. Ruled non-preventable.

On 01/17/18 while walking near the jail entrance at the Police Department, Officer stepped on a patch of ice and fell to the ground. He stated he did not need medical assistance, but the fall caused pain in his hip. The incident was witnessed by other Officers. There could be video of this incident. A Blue Team and Yellow form were completed. HR chain of command were notified. Ruled non-preventable.

- On 01/23/18 Sergeant was injured serving a swat warrant with Baytown PD. He cut his left hand while breaching a window and treated by swat paramedics on scene (Baytown EMS Chaplin). The medic advised he appears to need stitches. Detective took him to the industrial clinic for follow up. Yellow form and PD "blue team" complete and HR notified. Ruled non-preventable.
- On 01/29/18 Officer advised that he had re-injured his finger at the Adoption Center. He advised that he was moving a dog trap in the covered parking area at the Adoption Center. He stated that he grabbed that trap with both hands sticking his fingers through the wires of the trap. The trap in question has two handles on it but he did not use them. He was moving the trap to get to another piece of equipment. He stated that when he was moving trap it twisted bending the finger back. Ruled preventable.
- On 02/11/18 Probationary Period Officer is with Field Training Officer who were investigating a one car accident on top of the Fred Hartman Bridge. The suspect in the case was being evaluated in the back of La Porte EMS ambulance. The suspect was arrested while in the back of the ambulance and he resisted. Both officers struggled with the suspect and during the incident Probationary Period Officer hit his knee on what he believes was an oxygen bottle. Probationary Period Officer felt pain in his knee, but it became more noticeable while at the PD completing paperwork. He did not require medical attention. Yellow Form completed, Assistant Chief notified and Human Resources notified. Ruled non-preventable.
- On 02/28/18 Officer was investigating a domestic disturbance. Officer began to place individual in custody, but suspect struggled and fell to the ground with officer. Officer fell on top of suspect, whereupon officer's body camera (positioned mid-chest) impacted suspect's shoulder once parties reached the ground. This fall, in turn, led to a forceful impact of the officers sternum area, via body camera. Other officers assisted in securing suspect, and the injured officer was soon-after evaluated by LPEMS at the La Porte jail facility. LPEMS suggested possible torn or bruised cartilage and/or ligaments around the officer's sternum area, upon which officer was transported to Bayshore Hospital for Physician Evaluation. Meanwhile, City Human Resources and Department Assistant Chief's notified of event, and yellow form completed. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- On 04/15/18 Officer was driving marked unit 53-30, a 2017 Chev Tahoe bearing TX Exempt 130 3281 on evening shift patrol. Officer was rear-ended by another motorist in a 1998 Toyo 4Runner bearing OK ERN 809 at the intersection of W. A St. and S Broadway St. Officer advised she was at the stop sign and began to proceed into the intersection when she saw another vehicle with right of way. She stopped again to yield to that vehicle and was rear-ended by the 4Runner. Officer complained of neck pain and requested LPEMS. LP1183 arrived and advised they were transporting Officer to Clear Lake Regional Hospital. Yellow forms were completed. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- On 04/24/18 volunteer advised she had been bitten by a cat inside out shelter on 04/21/2018. A short time later volunteer came to the Adoption Center and pointed out what cat it was that had bitten her. She advised that she had cleaned the cage and went to pet the cat when it bit her on her right hand index finger. HR notified, ruled non-preventable.
- On 05/01/18 Officer stated that his shoulder began to hurt while in SWAT school while performing the vigorous exercises required by the school. He made Officers aware of the injury. After graduating from SWAT school on Friday, May 4th, he thought the pain in his shoulder would go away, but it has not. I counseled Officer on reporting the possible injury within hours of the occurrence. I recommend he be referred for medical evaluation ASAP. Injury ruled preventable.
- On 05/02/18 ACO advised that he was loading and moving litter from the storage building. He loaded a trash can with litter about half full and pulled it back into the shelter. He advised the next day it started hurting. He did not report the incident thinking that it would quit hurting. He reported the incident to me on 05/14/2018. Injury ruled preventable.
- On 05/03/18 ACO advised that she was dumping a can of cat litter into another trash can. She advised that when she was dumping the can she pulled the can that she was dumping into towards her and it caused the one that she was dumping to move and she felt a pulling sensation in her right shoulder. ACO was released back full duty with no restrictions. Injury ruled preventable.

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- On 05/24/18 ACO stated that she was walking a Belgian Malinoise mix dog out of the yard on the north side of the shelter for an adopter. The dog was rambunctious and as she was removing the leash, her right thumb was caught in the leash as the dog began to twist her head causing pain and a twisting injury to her right thumb. ACO applied ice shortly after the injury. Minor swelling was observed at 1830 hrs. ACO stated that she did not need medical attention at this time. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- 05/26/18 Officer advised that she had fallen. Officer described the incident in a Yellow Form as follows: "I was dispatched to the 1400 block of W. Fairmont Pkwy in reference to a traffic hazard (shopping cart in moving lane of traffic). I arrived on scene and located cart and as I began to move it from the roadway the wheels on the cart caught on an unknown object, causing the cart to abruptly stop and send me thrown over the top of the cart and landing on my right hip into a large puddle of water. It was also pouring raining at the time of the incident. Officer's initial phone call, she stated that her hip had "popped" She later said that she did not think she was injured but was embarrassed to have fallen in the street. Injury ruled preventable.
- On 06/18/18 ACO was in the east P play yard when she was knocked down by a dog that she was allowing to run. I spoke with ACO after the incident and she advised that she was not hurt. She advised me on the morning of the 19th that is started hurting overnight. I have video of the incident. HR was notified and she was sent to the clinic. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- On 07/06/18 Reserve Officer was attending ALERT training at the high school and suffered an injury to his lower back in the tailbone area. He advised that during one of the scenarios he struck his lower back on the edge of a piece of furniture, possibly a filing cabinet. He was experiencing soreness and was walking tenderly. A LPEMS paramedic was at the training assisting and looked at the reserve officer and advised Lt. there was some apparent swelling. Lt. contacted HR and gave the details and was informed to send reserve officer to the city clinic for further evaluation. Injury ruled preventable.
- On 07/17/18 Volunteer was helping clean the kennels inside the main building when she slipped and scraped her right arm just above the wrist area on the latch. The area was cleaned and bandage at that time. She did not want any medical attention. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- On 07/24/18 During Active Shooter Refresher training officer was struck on the nose with a simunition round causing an abrasion and nose bleed. Officer immediately washed his nose with water from the tap and applied a band aid. EMS personnel were on location during the training and treated officer. Officer sent to the Texas Industrial Clinic for follow-up after training had ended for the day. Officer received a return to work and was advised he had received a contusion. Sgt. was conducting the active shooter refresher training, where Lt. is an observer and assisting in the training. Detective was the actor in the scenario that discharged the simunition round striking on the nose. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- 07/24/18 Officers, while on a call with an intoxicated subject, were exposed to a cigarette potentially coated with PCP. Both officers expressed they were feeling no signs of intoxication, yet wanted to report the exposure in the event symptoms arise. Yellow forms completed, AC HH & HR staff notified of event, and Blue Team completed. Exposure ruled non-preventable.
- On 07/25/18 An animal shelter volunteer was unloading a basket full of items that were donated to the Adoption Center. She picked up a bag that she could not tell what it was and got stuck with a hypodermic needle that was not secure in the bag. The volunteer notified me immediately. I contacted Lt. and HR and took volunteer to the Texas Industrial Medical Clinic for treatment. The syringe, and medication was taken and placed into evidence and a informational report was done. Injury ruled preventable.
- On 08/18/18 An adult student was participating in a RAD class on 08/08/18. She was practicing kick moves on the pads. She slipped, fell to the floor and began to complain of severe knee pain. La Porte EMS was dispatched and she refused treatment. The student drove herself home and did not complete the class. A yellow form was generated and HR notified. Injury ruled non-preventable.
- On 08/28/18 Detective received an injury to his right foot. During a search warrant executed at 121 S 4th St La Porte, TX 77571 Detective was assigned to a window rake and brake team at the D1 window. After the rake of the D1 window Detective moved to a more advantageous position and in doing so the broken glass on the grass went up into the side of his right boot and punctured his foot. After the residence was cleared of suspects Sergeant took Detective on to the EMS station. After treatment at EMS, Detective was then transported to the Texas Industrial Clinic for further treatment and follow-up. Incident report completed and HR notified. Injury ruled non-preventable.

On 08/31/18 while on the scene of a BMV, Officer was processing the burglary vehicle for latent prints. During this process, one of the car doors closed on her left thumb. Officer left thumbnail began to turn purple at the base of the nail. She was later sent to Texas Industrial Clinic for evaluation. I notified HR and AC of the incident. A yellow form was completed and returned with a release for full duty dated for today, 08312018 with no follow up appointment. Injury ruled preventable.

On 09/11/18 while leaving Citizens Police Academy located at the La Porte Police Dept, participant stated her feet and cane got crossed and fell on her left hip just before leaving the main doors into the lobby. La Porte EMS dispatched and responded to the scene. After a quick assessment, they transported her to Bayshore Hospital. Injury ruled non-preventable.

On 09/21/18 Officer entered the La Porte Police Department dispatch office and complained of rapid heart rate and not feeling well. Dispatchers contacted La Porte EMS to have him checked. EMS responded and checked officers vital signs and found nothing of concern. Officer refused transport claiming he felt better. Dispatchers stated that officer had looked pale when EMS was called. Coworker advised that officer had stated that he did not feel well. Talking with officer revealed that he had participated in SWAT training that morning (4 hours) but they had not had a hard workout and had remained indoors. Officer added that he had been fighting sinus congestion this week and had been eating less carbs in an effort to cut weight. Officer and coworker had eaten dinner at 17:30 hrs. Officer advised that he had been doing a Burglary Investigation (18-03586). Officer stated that he entered a hotel room at 902 South SH146, and had noticed smoke in the room and a strong smell of a burned substance that he originally thought was type of cigarette smoke, or odor from a vape pen. PPO stated that he wondered if it might be a type of Kush / synthetic marijuana. Injury ruled non-preventable.

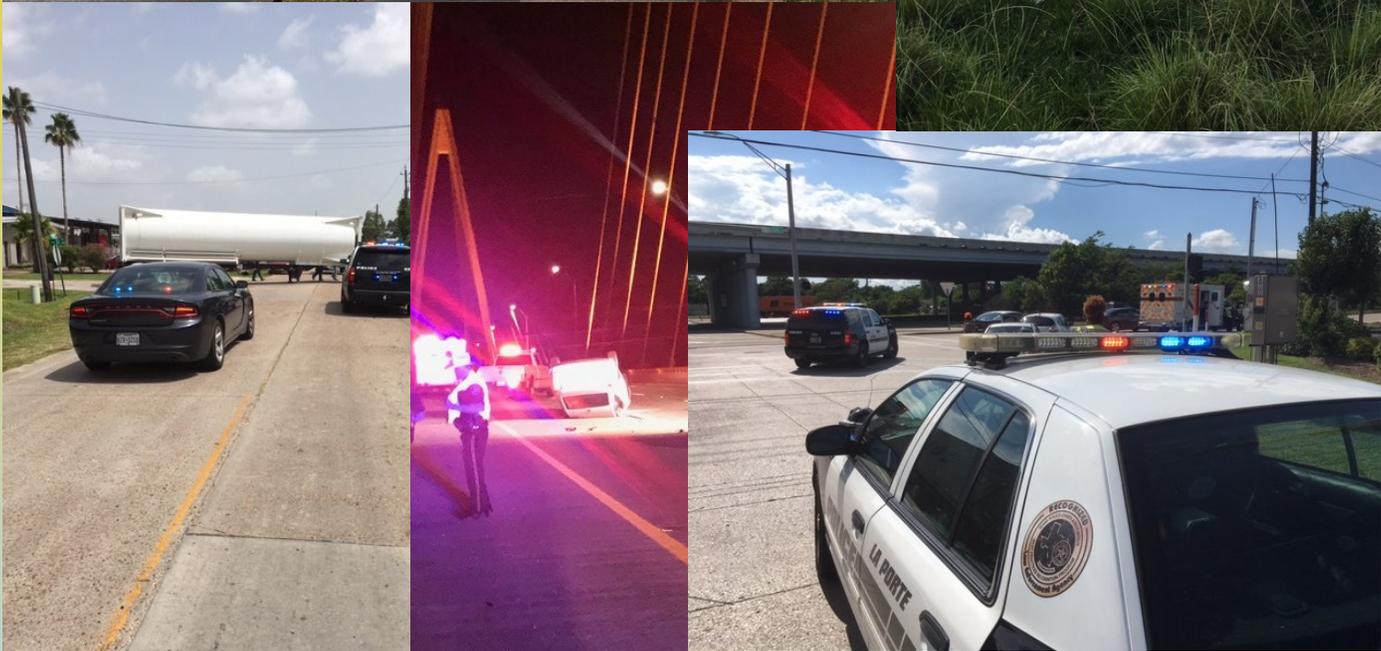
On 10/19/18 Officer contacted and advised she had a "pop" in her knee as she stood up from her desk while assigned as the DARE Officer at Baker 6th Grade campus. The pain took her breath away and she had to sit back down. She was able to eventually put weight on the knee and finished her tour of duty. When she arrived at home she noticed her knee was swollen and she contacted me and stated the event occurred earlier in the day at approx. 1330 hrs. I notified HR and Lt. of the incident. I had Officer drive to the clinic to seek medical attention. She was provided medical care and was released to full duty by the clinic at approx. 1730 hrs. I made contact with Lt. and advised him of the situation. Yellow form and Blue team completed on Monday 10/22/18. Injury ruled non-preventable.

On 11/14/18 Public Safety Attendant, while booking subject in to La Porte jail opened subjects wallet and cut himself with a razor blade that was concealed inside. Public Safety Attendant cleaned and bandaged his own finger and did not request EMS. HR notified. Injury ruled preventable.

Of the incidents reported, two (2) were attributed to issues that involved combat with resisting suspects. Nine (9) incidents were found to be preventable. The department has seen a decrease in injuries over the past year. Animal Control Services continues to have an abnormal rate of injuries compared to other assignments. They have five (5) employees and numerous volunteers, yet they attributed for ten (10) of the twenty eight (28) injuries or thirty six (36) percent of all injuries. One ACO attributed for four (4) of the injuries, but she is no longer with the City. Lieutenant has already mandated changes in that section, with increase mandatory safety training, required wearing of gloves during euthanasia, etc. It appears that a great deal of our injuries are due to not paying attention. Supervisors need to be more vigilant in stressing to employees to be aware of your surroundings. The city's risk manager has also help us analyze accident trends to help mitigate future injuries through training and awareness.

Department Photographs





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TRAINING



ALERT Training



Alternative light source training.

The department is very focused on training our officers and employees. We look for innovative ways to train our employees and increase their skill and knowledge levels.



Leadership Training



SWAT Training





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