Overview of the Goals Set for 2018

Three goals were set for the Department to be accomplished during 2018:

☐ First, to increase staffing of the part-time officers. Postings were put up at the Acme and the U.S. Post Office back in March. In addition, we listed an opening on The University of Akron employment page. Ultimately, we reviewed applications from six candidates; interviewed three and selected two. The two new part-time officers were hired effective July 26, 2018 [Lucas Dies] and September 10, 2018 [Matthew Mihalik]. Our Field Training Manual was updated as a result to keep pace with the changes in our policies and procedures. Grant VanFossen and Ben Falconer are two of our field training officers. Officer Rob Young attended the OPOTA Field Training Officer Program in October and will be our third FTO for the department. Our department also participated in a Part-time Employment Job Fair at The University of Akron October 17, 2018. At that time, we were looking to fill a part-time communications specialist position. Subsequently, we did hire Nick Sanders as a part-time Communications Specialist November 19, 2018.

☐ Secondly, we were determined to promote within the Department and accomplished this by having a captain’s and sergeant’s test on May 26, 2018. Three members took the captain’s test, and seven members took the sergeant’s test. Steve Brown was selected and promoted to Captain on June 18, 2018 and Rob Griffith was promoted to Sergeant on August 6, 2018. Testing and assessments were conducted by Pat Ramsey and Associates.

☐ The commitment to provide inside and outside training opportunities to members was ongoing throughout the year. Listed below are outside trainings that department members attended during 2018:

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| Officer Chapman | - Active Shooter Simunition Training 4.3.18  
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Advanced Public Records 5.10.18
All department members (officers and dispatch) were required in August to watch two webinars “A Respectful Workplace” and “Sexual Harassment” presented by Margie Roop, LPCC-S, of LifeServices EAP and all members have signed off in compliance.

In house training - November 5-6, 2018: Craig Morgan, Deputy Chief Prosecutor for the City of Akron came and gave a legal issues review and provided an opportunity for questions and answers. Detectives Lance and Gabel conducted the Practical Use of Force training and additionally, Officer Reilly reviewed the use of Tasers with the officers. All officers were in attendance.

Firearms Qualifications – May 29-31, 2018 and October 15-17, 2018

CPR Training – April 9 and 10, 2018
Matt Null from the Bath FD conducted CPR training for our department. Fourteen officers, three detectives, three dispatchers, and the administrative assistant attended and completed the training. Newly hired Communication Specialist, Tayerle, completed CPR training on August 20, 2018. We appreciate the staff of the Bath FD providing this service to our department members when needed.

Continuing Professional Training for 2018
Last year, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission/Academy did not mandate specific online training courses to be completed by officers as they had required in the past. However, as Chief of Police, I felt that it was extremely important to not neglect trainings, and I designated the following eOPOTA courses to be completed by officers before December 31, 2018:

- Ethics & Professionalism
- RxAbuse: The scope of the problem
- LE Sexual Harassment Awareness
- Dose of Reality Modules 1-5
- Use of Force, Liability and Standards
- Policing Culturally Diverse Communities
- Career Survival: Professional Policing and the Public
- De-escalating Mental Health Crises

Compliance in completing these requirements was met by 100% of the department members.

Captain Brown has for a number of years and continues to be involved in setting up quarterly retail security meetings with businesses located in our community. The purpose of these meetings is to share information about current criminal activity as well as disseminate information and trends in law enforcement. Our detective bureau, likewise, participates in quarterly meetings with detectives from other local law enforcement agencies.
Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification

The Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board was set up in 2015 to oversee implementation of task force recommendations. The Collaborative offers a certification process for police departments that consists of two major components:

1. Establishing professional standards for law enforcement to meet; and
2. Administering a voluntary assessment process by which law enforcement departments can be recognized for meeting best practices.

Bath Police Department began the process in early 2017 and met the first two standards:

- Standard 1 – Use of Force
- Standard 2 – Recruitment and Hiring

By March 2, 2018, the department received certification on the next three standards:

- Standard 3 – Community Engagement
- Standard 4 – Body Worn Cameras
- Standard 5 – Telecommunicator Training

By August 1, 2018, the department received certification on two more standards:

- Standard 6 – Bias Free Policing
- Standard 7 – Investigation of Employee Misconduct

During the next three years, five more standards are expected to be implemented and in 2021, the department will have an onsite review from an assessor assigned by the Collaborative to review all the standards as well as our level of compliance maintained during this timeframe.

Compliance to the standards set by the Ohio Collaborative is an involved process. Accurate record keeping, testing and assessment of department members’ knowledge and skills, and maintaining the highest level of professionalism at all times is imperative. Bath Police Department ranks in the upper 50th percentile in law enforcement agencies in the state which have achieved compliance with all seven standards to date. We are proud of this accomplishment and the skillset of all of our department members.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is particularly important to the overall satisfaction and perception of the police department via public comments and interactions. We have been responsive to our community and the results are reflected through positive feedback. We generally receive this feedback by way of our Facebook page, and we have added a link to our webpage where citizens can email concerns directly to me as Chief of Police. Other times, we have received this feedback by letters sent directly to the department. Listed below are several of the groups and/or activities in which the department was involved in 2018:

- St. Hilary’s “Angel” Students – Grades K-5 Fall and Spring Visits
- Herberich Primary 4th Grade Student Council brought snack bags to the officers
- National Drug Take Back Day [Acme Fresh Market, Montrose] April 28, 2018
- Grace Church volunteers - Cruiser Cleanup & Garage Clean Out on April 29, 2018
- Hope United donated four *Love Bears All* [teddy bears] for officers to give to children of families experiencing an opiate crisis.
- First Tee of Greater Akron – Putting with the Police July 20, 2018
- Safety Forces Day at the Summit County Fair – July 26, 2018
- “Fill A Backpack” Charity Flag Football [first-time event] – August 18, 2018
- Safety Forces Day at Old Navy – September 29, 2018
Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks – October 3, 2018
Fall Into Nature – October 13, 2018
Guardians Advocating Child Safety and Protection (GASP) Luncheon – Chief Sinopoli was the keynote speaker – October 17, 2018
National Drug Take Back Day [Acme Fresh Market, Montrose] October 27, 2018
Halloween at the Haunted Jail – October 28, 2018
Cub Scout Pack 3385 Visit to PD – November 13, 2018
Wye Road Bridge Lighting – November 23, 2018
Christmas with a Cop – December 15, 2018

Special recognition for community engagement goes to Safety Town and the staff and volunteers who dedicate a week of their time and energy to make this a successful program every year. Lisa Baker, Communications Specialist, coordinates this event. Officers Ben Falconer from Bath and Scott Dressler of the Richfield Police assisted with leading short talks on various issues related to safety for the children. This past year [June 11-15, 2018], 82 children participated.

Police department visits by children (with adult supervision) are always a highlight to our day because the children are not only well-behaved, but they frequently ask insightful questions, and they are often in awe of our officers and what is expected from them every day. During the week of October 29, 2018, we had nine students from the Barberton High School Criminal Science Technology class ride along with our afternoon shift officers for six hours per student. The purpose of the experience was to provide students with the opportunity to see community policing. This opportunity may encourage some of the students to pursue law enforcement as a career in the future.

Department Policy Changes in 2018
The following General Orders were updated in 2018:
- Uniforms, Equipment, and Appearance
- Bias Free Policing
- Body Worn Cameras
- Complaints upon Department Members
- Internal Control Policy
- Interstate Highway Response

New General Orders were instituted in 2018:
- Community Engagement
- Death Investigation
- Telecommunicator Training
- Emergency Radio Communications and Mobile Data Communications
- Bicycle Patrol Operations

All department members received a copy of the General Orders, both revised and new, and are required to sign off an acknowledgment of having received the orders. A written and/or oral test (as required for the Ohio Collaborative) was given to department members on the following General Orders:
- Bias Free Policing,
- Complaints upon Department Members,
- Response to Aggression,
- Body Worn Cameras,
• Employment Process,
• Community Engagement, and
• Telecommunicator Training.

A copy of all General Orders issued by this department are maintained in Dispatch as well as in the patrol squad room. The General Orders are also available to officers online. After a hiatus of ten years, our Bicycle Patrol was reactivated. Officer Lane Watson attended the IMPBA Police Cyclist Course in July and has been designated as Bike Patrol Coordinator for the department. Officer Watson is in charge of maintenance and inventory of the equipment. Officer Eric Shaffer is also certified in Police Bicycle Patrol and we anticipate other officers looking to become involved in Bicycle Patrol in 2019. Officers Watson and Shaffer participated in the Bath Bicentennial Parade on August 4, 2018. They were able to interact with parents and children on the sidelines of the parade route.

Letters of Commendation and Letters of Appreciation

As Chief of Police, I feel that it is my responsibility to convey to the detectives and officers via a letter of commendation when they have gone above and beyond in the line of duty. There were many examples of this nature and this past year was no exception to the superb performance of duty. The following individuals received letters of commendation for exceeding job performance and expectations during 2018:

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• Presidential Security Detail – President Trump’s visit to Richfield on March 29, 2018
  Officers Chapman, Falconer, VanFossen, Wolf, Young, Det. Gabel, and Chief Sinopoli participated in shifts from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event occurred without incident.

Letters of Appreciation are generally received from the public, myself, or other law enforcement agencies for a variety of reasons. Once received, the staff is made aware of the letter and it is then added to their personnel file. The following staff received letters of appreciation this past year:

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- Officer Yarchek
- J. Andrews, Dispatch
- L. Baker, Dispatch – 3 letters

**Staff Changes**
Officer Debra Yarchek retired from the department on November 8, 2018 after 39 years and one day of service. Her last seven years were part-time in patrol. Officer Matt Mihalik was hired as a full-time officer effective December 30, 2018 [from part-time status]. Officer Mihalik has been with the department since September 10, 2018.

**Technology**
Through a generous donation in June by a member of the community, our department was able to purchase [through a grant from the Susteen Corporation] the Burner Breaker, a forensic tool to break protected passwords on cell phones that are confiscated in criminal investigations. Sgt. Griffith and Officer Watson are trained in the use of this software package and we anticipate that this will be a valuable tool to our criminal investigations in the coming months. If needed, other local law enforcement agencies may utilize this service.

At this time, we are looking into alternative funding and grants to replace and upgrade the portable radios that the officers use on a daily basis during their patrol shift. The technology changes at an ever increasing rate and we need to keep pace, but this also comes at a cost. The department did purchase 4 APX6000 Motorola [portable] radios at a cost of $13,866.46. The last time we purchased radios was in 2007 and those models are no longer being supported should they malfunction. Ultimately, we need one portable radio per officer. We are constantly being challenged in law enforcement with these kinds of expenses.

In addition, we were able to purchase one [hand-held] digital video LiDAR LaserCam 4 unit. This unit has the capability to capture photos and/or video. This advanced technology greatly enhances our speed enforcement efforts.

**Grants**
Two grants for bulletproof vests were submitted this year. The first, administered through the U.S. Department of Justice, was approved on October 3, 2018. This grant requires a 50% match from our department for approved vests. The second, The Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program funded through the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, [Bureau of Worker’s Compensation] was approved on September 11, 2018. The grant allows us to purchase 8 bulletproof vests on a 75% to 25% match. We are extremely appreciative of both grants being awarded to the department.

Captain Brown submitted a funding proposal to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Department of Justice in October and this request will allow us to purchase 5 portable radios with a 10% match. The amount of the grant request was $20,000. We will not receive notification of grant approval until March 2019.

In coordination with Coffee with a Cop October 3, 2018, the Akron Community Foundation encouraged communities to host *On the Table Greater Akron* discussion groups. We participated in that venture at Starbucks in Montrose. Twelve people were in attendance; 5 from
our department; 4 from the Revere Local Schools; and two from the local community. The topic discussed was pedestrian interference and soliciting as it impacts the Bath/Fairlawn/Montrose business district. As a result of brainstorming, we submitted a grant proposal to ACF November 8, 2018. Grant awards will not be announced until March 1, 2019.

Statistics
Total calls for service for the Police Department in 2018 were 8,829. This represents a 7% decrease from 2017 which had 9,462 calls for service. In comparison, all calls for 2016 equaled 12,158 (calls) which shows a downward trend for the last two years. There is no one reason that we can point to explain these statistics. Rather, it is the nature of law enforcement to be flexible and respond to emergencies as and when they occur. However, the department made significant headway in the areas of traffic enforcement based on the number of traffic stops initiated as well as the number of OVI arrests. Officer Young continues to participate in the Summit County Sheriff’s Department OVI Task Force with the specific goal of identifying and arresting impaired drivers. We also heightened our security of the two local synagogues in light of the mass killing that occurred in Pittsburgh in late October. This year we also had several critical arrests in relation to drug possession and counterfeiting money. The charts in the appendices highlight several key areas requiring police presence, and our level of interaction with the public remains unbiased.

Detective Bureau Statistics: All three of our detectives, Lt. Munsey, Det. Gabel, and Det. Lance were actively involved in resolving a variety of crimes during 2018. Thirty-nine of these cases listed below were opened in either 2016 or 2017 and resolved this year.
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New cases assigned in 2018 and still active: 61/118 [52% Resolved]

Dispatch – Communications Center
The Dispatch Communications Center was faced with several challenges in 2018. First, staffing was particularly difficult as we were initially unable to retain three part-time dispatchers who did not complete their training. Secondly, one seasoned full-time dispatcher was on medical leave for a four month period of physical recuperation and this resulted in significant overtime to fill this shift. Ultimately, we did hire a full-time dispatcher and a part-time dispatcher both of whom came to our department with prior dispatching experience from other departments.

Dispatch Calls:
For the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, the Dispatch-Communications Center handled 10,256 calls. For the Police Department, they fielded 8,829 calls. Police calls accounted for 86% of all calls.
False Alarms and Billing
As special note of interest, there were 839 alarm calls in 2018. Under Bath Township Resolution 2005-01 Amendment No. 01 and Ohio Revised Code Section 505.511, the false alarm fee schedule was established to redistribute the cost of our department covering calls back to home and business owners accordingly. There were 51 invoices sent out during the year that amounted to $7,000 in fines. Of that amount, $5,900 was paid back to the Township.

Goals for 2019
☐ Public Safety Issues
Continuing to monitor school safety remains at the top of the list of goals for 2019. During this past year, several meetings have been held with the Revere High School Administration. Our officers are present at all safety drills held in the various buildings throughout the school year. Emergency Response Plans have been reviewed and are in place. During this upcoming year, our department will remain actively involved in monthly safety meetings with the elementary, middle school and high school personnel and SRO to ensure that student safety is never compromised.
Also, in relation to this issue of public safety, is the reality that our places of worship are not immune to physical threats of violence. To this end, our department is being proactive to reaching out to our religious leaders to inform and educate as to ways in which to enhance security measures at churches, temples, and synagogues. An informational meeting was set up November 29, 2018 and 54 people from 15 places of worship attended. John Karabatsos, Director of Safety for Grace Church presented a PowerPoint presentation that captured the essential issues and ways to mitigate potential danger. A very lively question and answer period followed and attendees were asked to complete an evaluation form. Feedback was gathered from the evaluation that will help us in planning future sessions. Overall, the comments were very positive. We anticipate further follow up with the places of worship to assist in developing safety plans.

☐ Communications Dispatch Services
As State of Ohio standards and technology change in the area of emergency dispatch, the Bath Police Department must change to adapt. We anticipate capital improvements with dispatch equipment starting with our Dispatch Phone Recorder at a cost of $20,982. In addition, this upcoming year will potentially see a new Next Gen 9-1-1 system implemented at a cost of $134,180.00. The pricing includes five years of warranty on all hardware and software support and one full year of 24/7/365 on site support. In addition, there may also be a realignment of duties among the dispatchers as well as additional hiring of part-time dispatchers. This may also relieve the amount of overtime accrued by the current staff. I have also been informed of the anticipated retirement of at least one full-time dispatcher mid-summer 2019.

☐ Officer Expectations and Performance Standards
Productivity is always of concern and a unique goal to try and achieve for 2019. We want to increase the number of preventative patrol and house checks. Statistically, it would appear that our officers were lacking in a number of areas, however, realistically, the number of calls for service are on par for the year. A department goal is to train each of the shift supervisors on issues of motivation and how to best supervise the department members to utilize and maximize
their skills accordingly. The Captain and Shift Sergeants will continue to review officer
performance in accordance to the Ohio Collaborative Standards that we have not only obtained
but must continue to achieve in 2019. Lastly, as Chief of Police, I will be setting up standards
for the officers to complete by way of the online courses available through the Ohio Peace
Officers Training Academy.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Vito F. Sinopoli
Chief of Police
Officer Falconer assists the volunteers outside with the children who are learning a new skillset when they are in "traffic".

Graduation Day is always exciting for the students and parents. Officer Dressler briefly reviews what was accomplished during the week, and the children perform the various "safety" songs that they learned during the week.

Chief Sinopoli and Lisa Baker are celebrating another successful year.
This was the first year for Bath Police Department to participate with The First Tee of Greater Akron, “Putting with Police”. It was a beautiful day, very well attended by children and adults [over 200 in attendance], and Chief Sinopoli participated in a round table discussion/podcast. Students had thought-provoking questions that they asked the chiefs who were there.
This year, Officer Falconer volunteered to participate in the semi-annual Safety Forces Day at the Summit County Fairgrounds. Thanks to a generous donation from Sam’s Club, Officer Falconer was able to pass out bottles of water to adults and children as well as candy and gummy fruit snacks. In addition, children and (some adults) picked out their favorite colored wristbands marked with the Bath Township and Police-Fire-Rescue 9-1-1 logo. Safety information, coloring books, crayons, and magnets [Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over] from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office were given out. Over 200 children and adults met Officer Falconer in a three hour period of time. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to children and answer questions in a fun and casual setting. Everyone had a good time.
We are happy to have the return of the Bicycle Patrol after a hiatus of ten years.

Being able to navigate the parks and crowded retail parking lots will be an added bonus to patrol operations. The community benefits in the long run.

Officer Lane Watson
Bicycle Patrol Coordinator

Officer Eric Shaffer
This charity event, spearheaded by Officer VanFossen, was well-attended by Copley and Bath Township fans on August 18, 2018. Bath officers emerged victorious and many school supplies were donated.
SAFETY FORCES DAY AT THE OLD NAVY STORE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018
OFFICER OUBRE
REPRESENTING THE BATH PD
COFFEE WITH A COP
STARBUCKS – MONTROSE
OCTOBER 3, 2018

Chief Sinopoli, Captain Brown, Detective Gabel, Officers Watson and Chapman and Admin. Assist. Bartlett from Bath PD join community members from the Revere Local Schools to discuss public safety issues and brainstorm possible solutions.
Fall Into Nature has become an annual event in Bath Township. The Police Department had a table set up for crafts and games. This year it was staffed by Lisa Baker, Communications Specialist and Detective Mike Gabel. Chief Sinopoli was also on hand to help as well as greet parents and children.
GUARDIANS ADVOCATING CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION (GASP)
LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 17, 2018
CHIEF SINOPOLI
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Well-versed in the subject of child safety, Chief Sinopoli was a natural fit as the keynote speaker for the Annual Fall Luncheon of GASP held at the Portage Country Club on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.
As a part of our recruitment process, the Police Department participated in a job fair at The University of Akron this past fall. The Administrative Assistant, Sue Bartlett, answered questions about the department and gave our brochures and job applications to students looking for a part-time job or an entry-level position for criminal justice/law enforcement careers.
The Bath Community enjoyed an evening at the Haunted Jail. With the collaborative efforts of officers and their families, many parents and children experienced a delightful spooky jail experience.
WYE ROAD BRIDGE LIGHTING
NOVEMBER 23, 2018
BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

This is an annual event in the community to mark the start of the Christmas Season. The police department has a strong presence to help with traffic control and to assist wherever needed.
Sixty-five places of worship from the Bath, Richfield, Fairlawn, and Copley communities were invited to a round table discussion on worship safety and possible ways to avert dangerous situations. Fifteen churches responded and 54 people attended the session. Law enforcement from Bath, Copley, Richfield, and Fairlawn were also in attendance. Chief Sinopoli welcomed the group and introduced John Karabatsos who gave a PowerPoint presentation. The group also asked thought-provoking questions and was given a risk assessment to take with them.
Officers Watson and Reilly participated in a fun-filled morning with five children from the Bath Community. They had breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus followed by a shopping trip to the local Walmart to select toys and other items for family members. The Bath Police Department has been a part of this local tradition for many years.
Officer Watson explores the technology and ability of the Burner Breaker System to crack an encrypted passcode on a cellphone. This software program has been designed to allow law enforcement agencies such as Bath Township to open cellphones that are locked and download critical information that may enhance criminal investigations. Sgt. Griffith has also been trained to use this new equipment.
OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
CERTIFICATION
BATH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
2018

OHIO COLLABORATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Provisional Certification
Bath Township Police Department
Community Engagement, Body Worn Cameras, Telecommunicator Training

has been deemed provisionally compliant with the above standards as established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board

February 28, 2018
Date
Karlton F. Masom, Executive Director

OHIO COLLABORATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Provisional Certification
Bath Township Police Department
Bias Free Policing, Investigation of Employee Misconduct

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July 25, 2018
Date
Karlton F. Masom, Executive Director