

***LAKESIDE PARK – CRESTVIEW HILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT***



**ANNUAL REPORT
2017**

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From the Chief:

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is pleased to present our annual report for 2017. As this report is published, we will have begun our 50th year of collaborative success between the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. The department has grown from its humble beginning in 1968 from a one man agency to an accredited thirteen person professionally run department. As the first and currently only Police Authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is the exemplification of service above political interests. Its uniquely successful cooperative structure has been imitated but never duplicated. This form of consolidation has worked well for half a century. While each city has experienced the benefits of a professional police force, the ideal winners are the citizens of both cities. By combining their resources together, the citizens of each city get to enjoy the benefits of their own police department while saving money on the operation of it. As such, the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills are leaders within the Commonwealth of Kentucky for their vision of a strong collaborative effort to provide the essential and necessary service of law enforcement public safety.

Sir Robert Peel, the founder of modern day policing had opined that “The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it”. The women and men of the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department strive to realize that principle as a core tenet of our operating ethos.

This annual report will afford the reader with an overview and highlights of the accomplishments and activities of the department for 2017. It will also outline several noteworthy accomplishments along with various goals and milestones for 2018. It is our hope that this information is useful for our citizenry, for whom we are sworn to protect and serve.

Col. Christopher J. Schutte MPA

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills Police Authority to form a partnership with the community and work within that partnership to maintain the public peace and improve the quality of life by providing fair and impartial police services in a professional manner.

History

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department was officially formed on September 16, 1968 with the signing of an inter-local agreement by the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Previously, in that year, the city councils of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills approached each other to discuss the possibility of establishing a joint police department. While both cities were small, they were growing and perceived the need for a professional police force. Combining resources, they established the first Police Authority in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The department started with one employee, Bernard Snyder as the Chief of Police. The department has grown over the years to its current compliment of thirteen employees consisting of twelve sworn officers and one civilian police clerk. The department's authority based structure was innovative in 1968 and has proved a wise investment of taxpayers' resources for almost 50 years. The Chief of Police is responsible to the Police Authority Board which is comprised of five members of the respective councils. The councils alternate years of majority. This collaborative structure has afforded both cities the opportunity to have direct control in a police department with only paying a portion of the costs.

The department has jurisdiction throughout all of Kenton County, however, the department's area of responsibility includes the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Both cities have a core component of suburban neighborhoods. Lakeside Park is a largely residential community with several places of worship. It is also home to the Dixie Branch of the U. S. Post Office and Barleycorn's Tavern, at Dixie Highway at Turkeyfoot Road, which is the site of the old toll house. Crestview Hills has a large residential

neighborhood presence as well, however Crestview Hills is also home to Thomas More College, a Professional Research Park, and the Crestview Hills Town Center. Many of the major traffic thoroughfares in Kenton County traverse through Lakeside Park or Crestview Hills. These include I-275, Turkeyfoot Road (KY 1303), Buttermilk Pike (KY 371) and Dixie Highway (US 25).

Governance

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is overseen by the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Authority Board. The Board is comprised of council members from each city. The cities alternate years of majority and the chairmanship rest with the majority city.

Police Authority Board for 2017

<i>Paul Markgraf (Chairman)</i>		<i>Lakeside Park Council Member</i>
<i>William Dorsey (Vice-Chairman)</i>		<i>Crestview Hills Council Member</i>
<i>David Kramer</i>		<i>Crestview Hills Council Member</i>
<i>Dennis Landwehr</i>		<i>Lakeside Park Council Member</i>
<i>David Leonard</i>	<i>(January – October)</i>	<i>Lakeside Park Council Member</i>
<i>Rebecca Stewart</i>	<i>(November – December)</i>	<i>Lakeside Park Council Member</i>

Personnel

The women and men of the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department are committed to the protection of the citizens and guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Their dedication to duty is exemplified through their honor, integrity, and courage. These values are a core component of the operating philosophy of the department to fulfill the primary mission of Law Enforcement, the protection of the public.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year started</u>
<i>Command Section</i>	
<i>Colonel Christopher J. Schutte MPA (Chief of Police)</i>	<i>1996</i>
<i>Captain Russell Leberecht</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Captain Bradford Degenhardt</i>	<i>2000</i>
<i>Patrol Section</i>	
<i>Sergeant Sam Goodman</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Sergeant Michael Paolucci</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Patrolman James Jackson (Detective)</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Patrolman Shawn Kleier</i>	<i>2008</i>
<i>Patrolman Jonathan Henderson</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Patrolman Amy Chapman (Detective)</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Patrolman Brett Mullins</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Patrolman Todd Amann</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Patrolman Autumn Ruehl</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Support / Administrative Section</i>	
<i>Police Clerk Melissa Sies</i>	<i>2005</i>

Accomplishments for 2017

The following examples are some of the measurable accomplishments for 2017.

- **Reaccreditation.** The department received its first five year accreditation certificate from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police in 2002. The second in 2007, the third in 2012 and in 2017 the department received its fourth five year accreditation. This accreditation ensures that the department is operating under principles and guidelines that have been accepted as best practices within the profession.

- **Personnel Professional Development.** Professional growth of the department's personnel is necessary for a vibrant organization and could be considered the key to the organization's success. The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department has continued to encourage, support, and assist the employees in seeking out higher educational opportunities to augment the already strong professional work force. As an example of this, all supervisory personnel are now graduates from the FBI National Academy. Less than 1% of Law Enforcement officers nationwide are selected to attend this prestigious institution. It is a testament to the professionalism of the department where five of the current officers have been selected for this honor.

- **Active Shooter Response.** This has become a sustained priority for the department. As such, the department aggressively trained in active shooter response which included several combined trainings with the Edgewood Police Department. The department also actively offered instruction to our community partners such as schools, businesses, and churches on active threat preparation and response tactics and techniques. It is an unfortunate reality in our society today that we have to prepare for an event such as an active shooter. However ignoring the possibility will not lessen the chances of it occurring. As such, the women and men of the department are devoted to keeping our citizenry as safe as possible

through the aggressive and unwavering commitment to training and steadfast preparation.

- **Community Survey.** The effectiveness of the police department is measured not only in the crime rate and the degree of safety in each city, but also the awareness of police efficiency. To ascertain the public's perception of the department, a survey was developed. This insight by the citizenry can be a valuable barometer of the efficacy of the law enforcement responsibility imposed on the cities. The results of the survey will assist in guiding the department to offer the best and most appropriate level of service to the citizens of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. In an effort to minimize associated costs, the survey was conducted in an online format. Furthermore, notice of the survey was conveyed via door hangers that were delivered to every residence in both cities by the officers. This not only saved postage funds, it also afforded the opportunity for interaction between the citizens and the officers.
- **Expansion of Diminishing Skillset Training.** The department continued its strong emphasis on providing the officers with continued training in the three major areas of diminishing skills. These include Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and Defensive Tactics. 2017 was the first year where the department had the ability to offer all three skillsets on a consistent basis in an in-house capacity. Diminishing skills require a steady training approach to ensure the maximum possible proficiency. Having certified instructors on the department translates into more regular training for the officers at a significant cost savings for the cities.

Grants received in 2017

The department was awarded one grant in 2017 for a value of \$4,000.00

- Kentucky Department of Highway Safety Grant - \$4,000.00. This is a continuation grant that provides funding for personnel overtime to be used for traffic enforcement activities. The end goal is to increase the safety for the community through the realization of a decreased rate of collisions through aggressive enforcement of traffic safety laws.

Training for 2017

All officers completed the required 40 hour training mandated by Kentucky Administrative Regulations and offered through the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) for a total of 480 hours of in-service training. The following is the list of DOCJT training courses attended:

- Col. Schutte Police Executive Command Course
- Capt. Leberecht Current Leadership Issues for Mid-level Executives
- Capt. Degenhardt Current Leadership Issues for Mid-level Executives
- Sgt. Goodman Values Based Leadership
- Sgt. Paolucci Current Leadership Issues for Mid-level Executives
- Ptl. Jackson Criminal Investigation II
- Ptl. Kleier Current Issues for Patrol Officers
- Ptl. Henderson Current Issues for Patrol Officers
- Ptl. Chapman Sexual Assault Investigations
- Ptl. Mullins Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Ptl. Amann Basic Officer Skills
- Ptl. Ruehl Crisis Intervention Team Training

The department also continued its commitment to officer skill development and enhancement through critical skill training. This critical skill training is aimed at the diminishing skillset for law enforcement. These skills need to be practiced and honed on a regular basis so the officers are sharp in their techniques and tactics. This can translate into an increased level of officer and community safety. This training included firearms qualification and training, active shooter response, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations. The department held firearms qualification and training 5 times in

2017. We also continued our partnership with the Edgewood Police Department for active shooter response training. The two departments trained together multiple times in an effort to facilitate a more coordinated and tactical response to an active shooter. Additionally, the department held 2 defensive tactics trainings in 2017. Lastly, the department held emergency vehicle operations training 2 times in 2017. The combined total of critical skill development training was 285 hours.

In addition to the regular DOCJT in-service training and the critical skill development training, several department personnel received advanced training through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, DOCJT, and the Kentucky League of Cities for a combined total of 600 hours of specialized training. This advanced training included:

- Capt. Degenhardt Post Critical Incident Seminar
- Sgt. Goodman FBI National Academy
- Sgt. Paolucci Basic Breath Test Operator
- Ptl. Jackson Sexual Assault Investigations
- Ptl. Mullins Active Shooter Response Instructor
- Ptl. Amann Legal - Constitutional Procedure
- Ptl. Ruehl Strategies & Tactics of Patrol Stops
- Clerk Sies Kentucky Municipal Clerk Institute

All of this training equals a combined **1,365 hours** of training completed by the department personnel. This number represents a strong emphasis that the department has placed on the continued professional growth for all personnel.

Statistics for 2017

The following graphs show the statistics for crime, auto collisions, calls for service, total incidents, calls per each city, and mutual aid ratios.

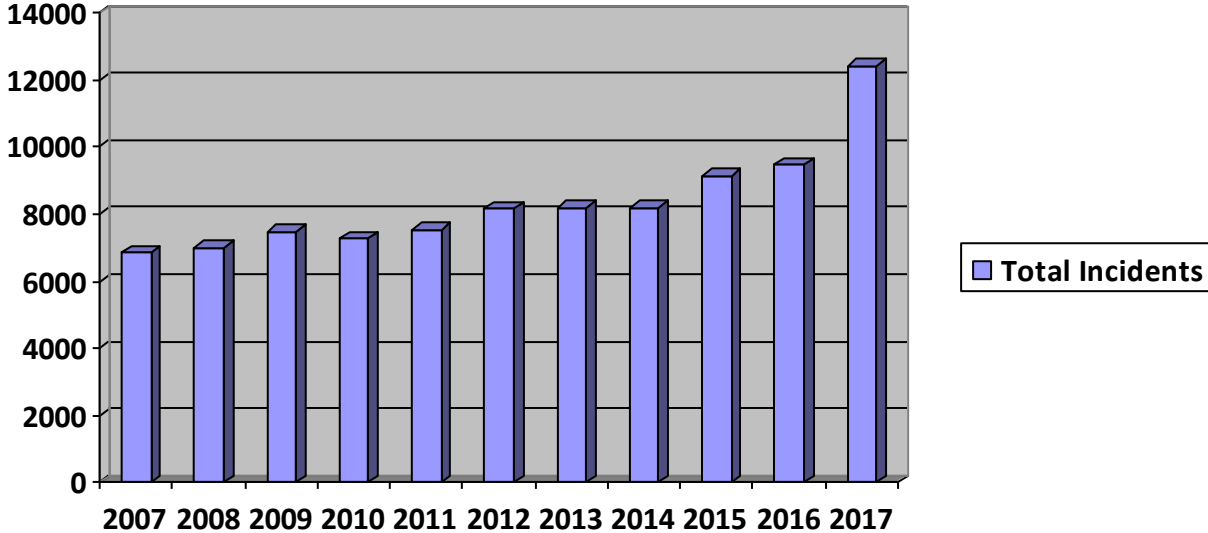
Total Incidents include all activity. Total Calls for Service include all radio dispatched activity. Total Auto Collisions show all auto collisions and Total Crime include all cases of crime including misdemeanors and felonies. There are also graphs that depict mutual aid ratios - the times the department gave assistance as compared to the times the department received assistance. Lastly, there are graphs which illustrate an analysis of incidents per city and total calls per city.

In 2017, the department's total incidents increased over 30.96%. The amount of auto collision investigations essentially remained the same with only a 0.35% increase. The total calls of service increased 8.55%. The total crime reported to the department decreased almost 8%. Some of the cases that the department opened an investigation for included assault, identify theft, fraud, theft, forgery, burglaries, robbery, motor vehicle theft, and drug crimes, including trafficking.

The significant increase in total incidents is attributable to the addition of a twelfth officer, since more officers can equate to more proactive police activity. However, this can have an inverse corollary effect on the crime rate as proactive activity can affect reactive activity. As such, the decrease in the crime rate, although small, may be attributable to the additional personnel resource that the department was allocated in 2017.

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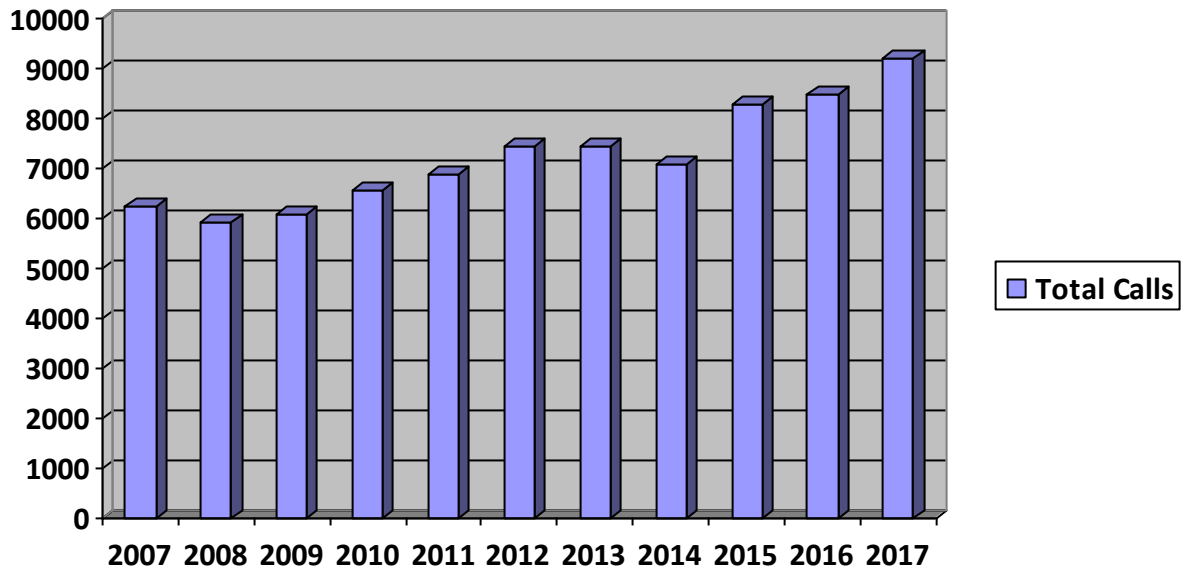
Total Incidents from 2007 to 2017



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	6,856
2008	7,005
2009	7,483
2010	7,266
2011	7,530
2012	8,165
2013	8,194
2014	8,209
2015	9,132
2016	9,475
2017	12,409

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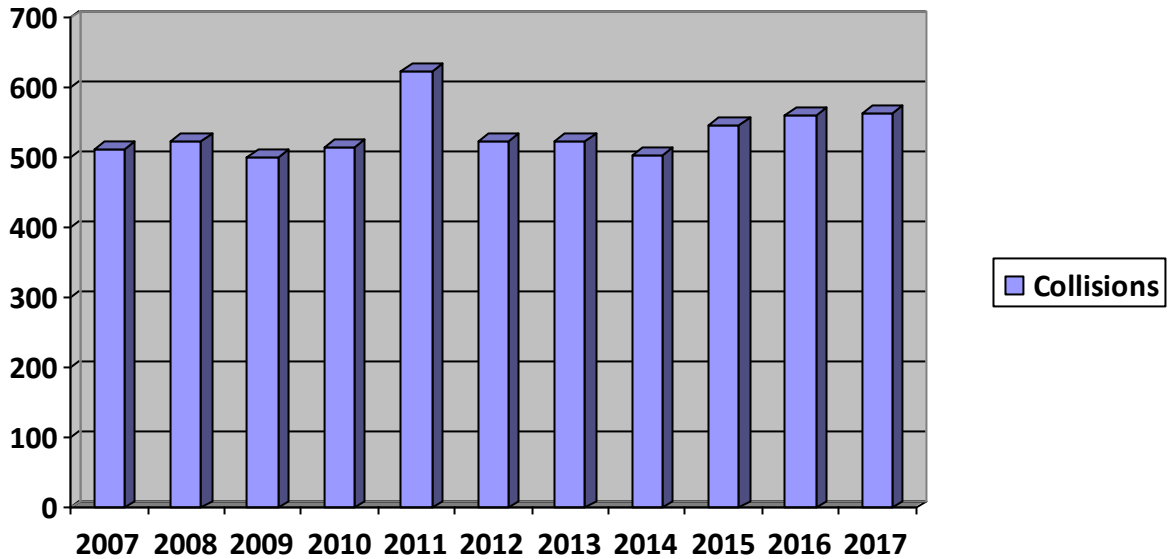
Total calls for service from 2007 to 2017



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2007	6,233
2008	5,902
2009	6,079
2010	6,567
2011	6,878
2012	7,440
2013	7,447
2014	7,082
2015	8,272
2016	8,466
2017	9,190

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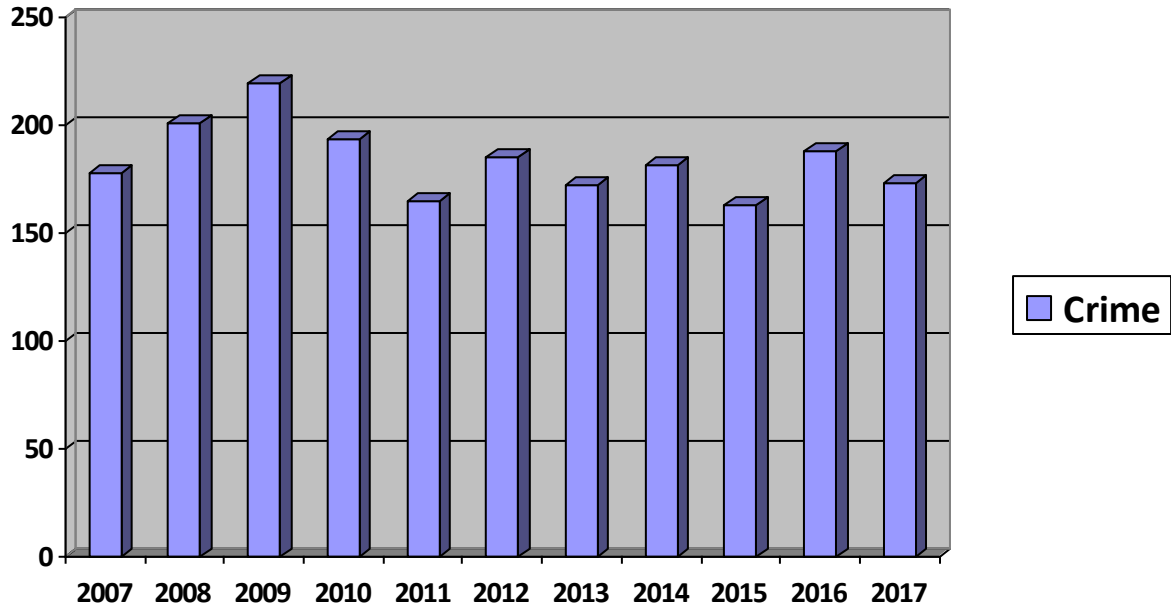
Total reported auto collisions from 2007 to 2017 KSP Auto Collision Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2007	512
2008	525
2009	501
2010	516
2011	624
2012	523
2013	523
2014	504
2015	546
2016	561
2017	563

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Total crime reported from 2007 to 2017 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards



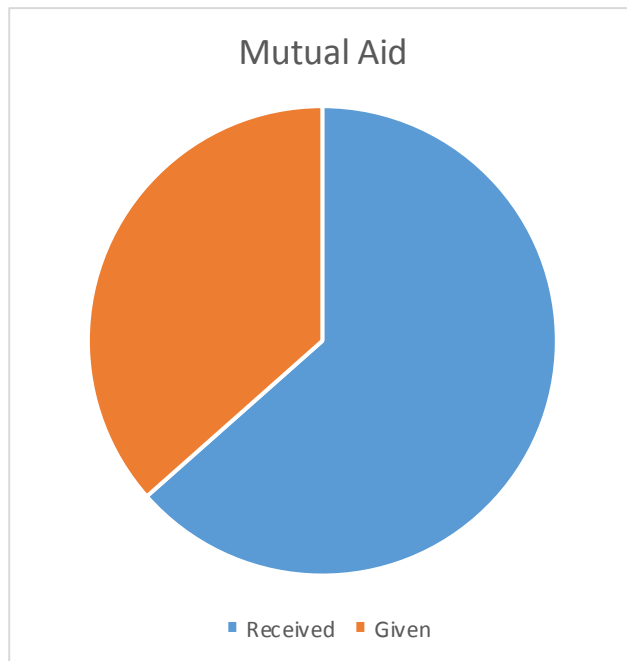
<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2007	178
2008	201
2009	219
2010	193
2011	165
2012	185
2013	172
2014	181
2015	163
2016	188
2017	173

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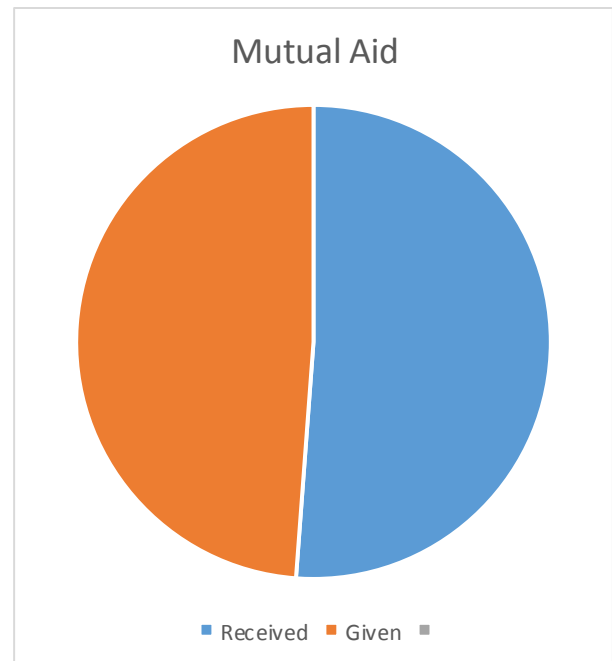
Total calls for service for 2016 and 2017

Mutual Aid Received and Given

2016 (11 Officers)



2017 (12 Officers)



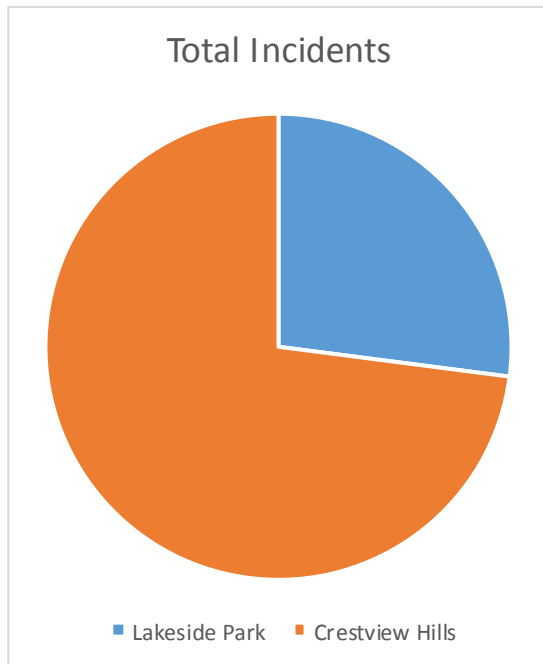
<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Received	2,924
Given	1,683

<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Received	1,910
Given	1,822

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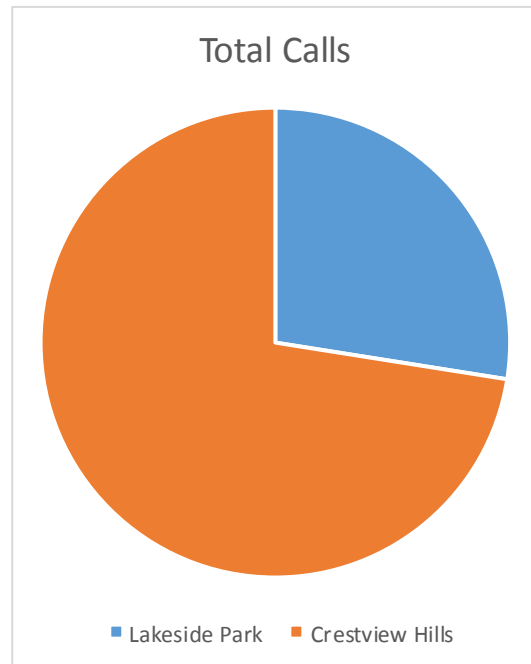
Total incidents 2017

Breakdown by City



Total Calls for Service 2017

Breakdown by City



<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	3,356	27.1%
Crestview Hills	9,053	72.9%
Total	12,409	100%

<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	2,527	27.5%
Crestview Hills	6,663	72.5%
Total	9,190	100%

Community Outreach for 2017

A police department is only as strong as the relationship that it shares with the community that it serves. This relationship needs to be a partnership where the police take an active interest in the community and the community takes an active interest in the police. The community and the police should work for the common goal of an environment where justice can flourish through the impartial implementation of law enforcement activities. The following examples demonstrate the department's commitment to developing partnerships within the community.

Capt. Degenhardt and Ptl. Ruehl continue to hold certifications as child safety seat installers. Their expertise is called upon quite often by expectant parents and grandparents for the proper installation of the child safety seat for their little ones. This valuable knowledge that they impart upon these citizens has the potential of a lasting impact on their lives by increasing the safety of their families while on the road. Both officers logged over 100 hours this past year for this critical service.

Sgt. Paolucci continued the department's summer tradition of presenting a bicycle rodeo for children to learn safe, effective bicycling techniques by affording them with the opportunity to ride through an obstacle course designed to enhance their riding ability and improve their safety. Participants also learned how to conduct safety checks on their bicycle, proper hand signals, and maneuvering techniques.

Ptl. Chapman, Ptl. Ruehl, Sgt. Paolucci and Ptl. Mullins teach Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes. RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense is a self-defense class taught exclusively to women. It has gained national recognition as a premier self-defense program for women. RAD's core four principles of awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance are coupled with basic physical defensive moves, all of which when combined, afford a woman the option to defend herself. Additionally, the department hosted an instructor class in 2017, which enabled the department to acquire the instruction certification for no charge. As was mentioned, the department now has

four certified instructors to teach this critical skill to the women of our community and empowers them to be able to realize their own potential.

Officer Ruehl is an instructor for the 10-10 program which seeks to educate those who are re-integrating into society after an intervention with the Criminal Justice System. This knowledge can help guide those individuals on the straight and narrow path to success.

The department participated in various other events throughout the year in both cities. Some of these events included the Crestview Hills Business Appreciation Luncheon, Crestview Hills Summer Concert Series, Lakeside Park Senior Citizen Luncheon, Lakeside Park Halloween event, and other notable events throughout each city. The officers spoke on a wide array of topics to a diverse group of people, from elementary and high school students to senior citizens, to neighborhood residents and business communities.

Projects for 2018

The following goals for 2018 are representative of projects that are intended to continue to move the department in a positive direction, while providing an exemplary level of service to the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills.

- **Predictive Policing.** The creation of a model to analyze crime data in a more standardized fashion to utilize the possibility of the precision allocation of department resources to mitigate crime within the jurisdiction. While data has always been examined, this predictive model will be of a more standardized format accomplished on a regular basis. To ensure the success of this program, this responsibility will be assigned to a Captain who will coordinate all crime analytics for the department.

- **Presentation of a third Citizens' Police Academy.** The department presented its first Citizens Police Academy in 2014 and it's second in 2016. This venture continued the growth of the department's positive interaction with the citizenry. During the first two academies, every officer taught at least one topic with most officers teaching multiple ones. This presented the opportunity for a positive community department interaction, however, it also gave the opportunity for the officers to grow as professionals. Additionally, the officers teaching the classes offered a tremendous opportunity to have healthy interaction and growth between the department and the community.

- **Forensic Computer Investigations.** With our society becoming more interwoven with technology on a daily basis, the need to possess the ability to conduct forensic examinations of computer devices is becoming a priority for the law enforcement profession. Therefore, the department will seek to acquire specialized training for the detectives from subject matter experts and institutions to afford the department the ability to be able to adequately investigate these highly complex technologically laced cases.

- **Commemorate the Department's 50th Anniversary.** The department will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018. Since this is a milestone of great achievement, not only for the department, but also for the cities as well, it is appropriate to commemorate it. The department will seek to memorialize this achievement proudly through an opportunity to be able to celebrate where the department has come from with an emphasis on the successes and accomplishments from all the individuals who donated their talents over the years that have made the department one of the best law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth.

Conclusion

For half of a century, the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department has provided the critical and necessary service of law enforcement to the citizens of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills and will continue to do so going forward. What is noteworthy is not necessarily the length of time inasmuch as the method by which it has been delivered. The pooling of resources through the formation of the police authority structure was innovative in 1968 and still very appropriate in 2018. The ability for a city to possess an ownership of their police department with only having to pay a portion of the operation expenses in a wise investment of the taxpayers' resources. The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department will continue to build upon its strong tradition of 50 years of excellence through the continued partnership and support of the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills.