

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



**ANNUAL REPORT
2018**

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From the Chief:

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department (LPCHPD) is pleased to present our annual report for 2018. Of all the accomplishments, activities and statistics that this report covers for 2018, one of the most prominent is the 50th year of operation for the department. For half of a century, the LPCHPD has served the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. While there are other police departments that may be older, our 50th anniversary is noteworthy since the LPCHPD is the first Police Authority in the Commonwealth. The department was formed through an inter-local agreement between the cities of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park to provide police services to their citizens. This collaborative 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 operating expenses is a wise investment of the taxpayers' resources. The department is a shining example of a form of consolidation that has worked well for over 50 years. As the oldest police authority in Kentucky, the LPCHPD is a perfect example of when good people come together, great things can be accomplished.

The LPCHPD will continue to build upon its strong tradition of 50 years of excellence not only through the continued partnership and support of the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills, but also through the devotion, professionalism, and fidelity of those who wear the badge of a Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Officer. They are among the bravest in Kentucky.

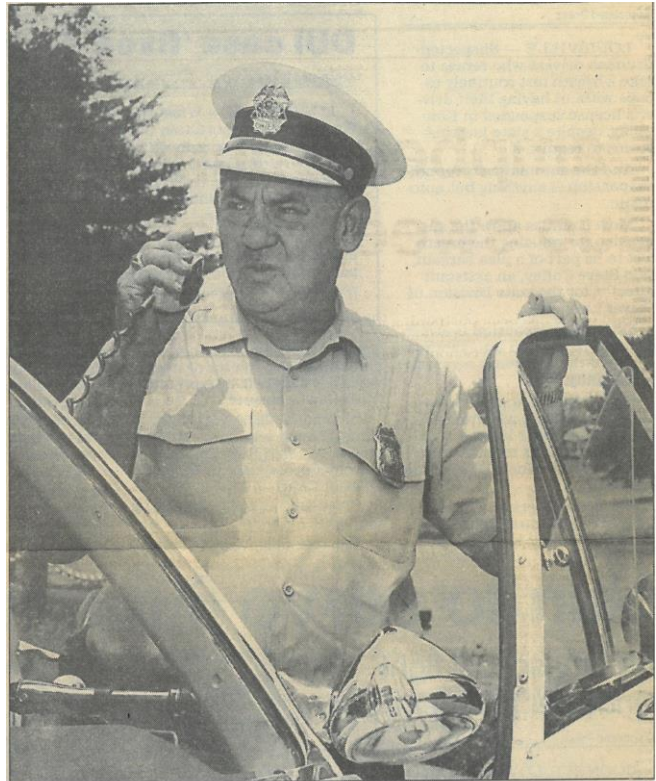
Col. Christopher J. Schutte MPA

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 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.



Ben Snyder was the first Chief of the Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police

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 University, 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 2018

*William Dorsey
(Chairman)*

Crestview Hills Council Member

*Paul Markgraf
(Vice-Chairman)*

Lakeside Park Council Member

David Kramer

Crestview Hills Council Member

Joseph Roesel

Crestview Hills Council Member

Rebecca Stewart

Lakeside Park Council Member

Personnel

The women and men of the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department are dedicated to the protection of the citizens and guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Their professionalism and fidelity to duty is matched only by their compassion and empathy.

<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>2011</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 2018

The following examples are some of the measurable accomplishments for 2018.

- **Fiftieth Anniversary.** The department celebrated 50 years of service in 2018. The department began in 1968. The LPCHPD was the first police authority in the Commonwealth. Its unique and collaborative structure has been imitated, but never duplicated. As such, it was very appropriate to commemorate such an occasion. The department presented an award to the family of Ben Synder who was the first chief of the department, serving from 1968 to 1976.
- **Computer Forensic Examinations.** Detective Jackson attended the United States Secret Service Academy for their certified computer forensic examiner course. This afforded the ability for the department to conduct its own computer forensic investigations. With the proliferation of crimes that involve computers and cyber concepts, this additional resource will allow the department to effectively remain on the forefront of best practices for investigative techniques.
- **Kentucky Law Enforcement Magazine.** The magazine of the Department of Criminal Justice Training and the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council published an article spotlighting the department as Kentucky's first police authority.
- **Department Physical Fitness Program.** The department implemented an enhanced physical training program. The department procured some fitness equipment to facilitate the ability for the department personnel to be able to engage in physical exercise and strive to achieve a higher level of fitness and health.
- **Active Threat Community Training Program.** The department continued to increase the strength and scope of the community Active Threat training program. We have presented this training to schools, churches, professional offices, and other community groups. This critical skillset has afforded our community partners with the knowledge that can increase their chances of surviving an Active Threat event.
- **Citizens Police Academy.** The department presented its 3rd Citizens Police Academy. The first was in 2014, the second in 2016, and our third was in 2018.

While the concept of a citizen police academy is not new, what is noteworthy is that a department of our size is able to successfully present one. This is a true testament to the exceptional caliber of the men and women who comprise the LPCHPD.

- **Predicative Policing.** The department was able to address a chronic traffic issue through a predicative policing model. While predicative policing typically is aimed at crime trends, it can also be applied to traffic issues as well. This traffic issue was responsible for a large amount of auto collisions requiring a significant amount of departmental resources on a consistent basis. Capt. Leberecht studied this issue and then through innovation and research formulated a solution to address it. Capt. Leberecht worked closely with the State Highway Department to implement this solution, which has drastically lowered the amount of collisions at this intersection.

Grants received in 2018

The department was awarded one grant in 2018 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 2018

All officers completed the required 40 hour minimum training mandated by Kentucky Administrative Regulations and offered through the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) for a total of 728 hours of in-service training. The following is the list of DOCJT training courses attended:

- Col. Schutte Police Executive Command Course
- Capt. Leberecht Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Instructor
- Capt. Degenhardt Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Instructor
- Sgt. Goodman Current Leadership Issues for Mid-level Executives
- Sgt. Paolucci Current Leadership Issues for Mid-level Executives
- Ptl. Jackson Law Enforcement Driving Instructor
- Ptl. Jackson Breath Test Operator
- Ptl. Kleier Emerging Issues for Law Enforcement
- Ptl. Henderson Current Trends for Law Enforcement
- Ptl. Henderson Breath Test Operator
- Ptl. Chapman Stress and Wellness
- Ptl. Mullins Firearms Instructor
- Ptl. Amann Firearms Instructor
- Ptl. Ruehl IPMBA Police Mountain Bike Course
- Ptl. Ruehl Stress and Wellness

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. The critical skill training included:

- Firearms qualification and training
- Use of force decision making
- Active Threat response
- Defensive tactics
- Emergency vehicle operations

We also continued our partnership with the Edgewood Police Department for Active Threat response training. The two departments trained together in an effort to facilitate a more coordinated and tactical response to an Active Threat event. The combined total of all critical skill development training was 317 hours.

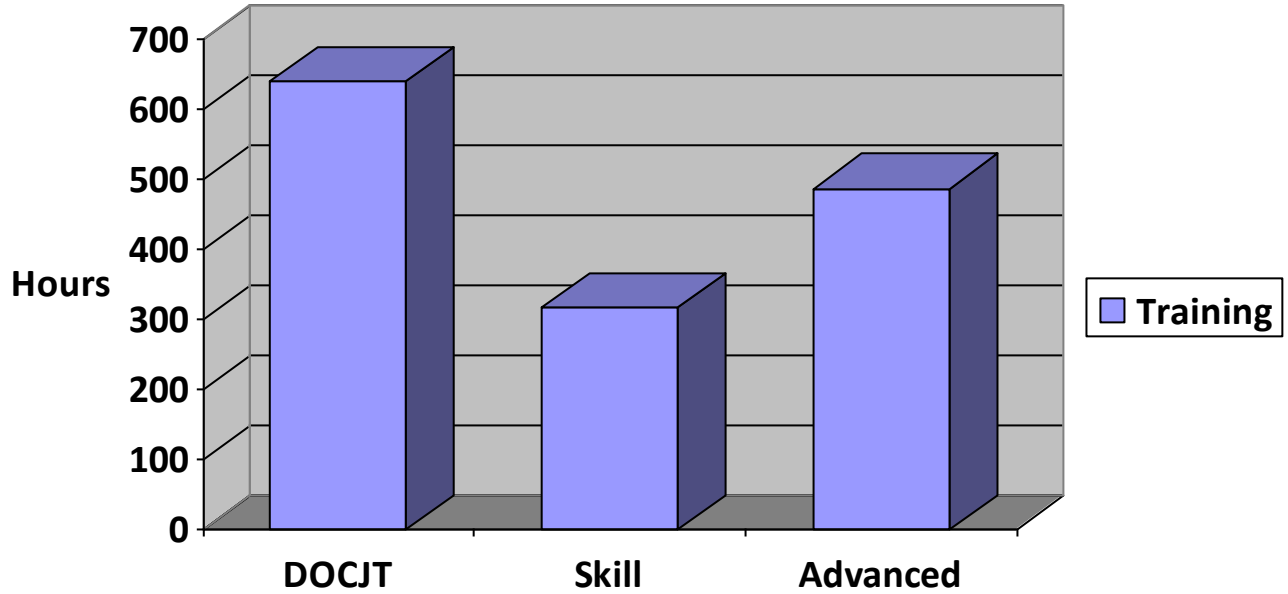
In addition to the regular DOCJT in-service training and the critical skill development training, several department personnel received advanced training through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, the United States Secret Service, Sirchie Forensics, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Kentucky League of Cities for a combined total of 632 hours of specialized training. This advanced training included:

- Col. Schutte KACP Executive Leadership
- Capt. Leberecht FBI National Academy Leadership
- Capt. Degenhardt KACP Executive Leadership
- Capt. Degenhardt Post Critical Incident Seminar
- Capt. Degenhardt Taser Instructor
- Sgt. Goodman FBI National Academy Leadership
- Sgt. Goodman Incident Command System 400
- Sgt. Goodman Incident Command System 300
- Sgt. Goodman SAR – Lost Person Behavior

- Sgt. Goodman Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Sgt. Paolucci FBI National Academy Leadership
- Sgt. Paolucci Incident Command System 400
- Sgt. Paolucci Incident Command System 300
- Sgt. Paolucci Fentanyl Response
- Sgt. Paolucci Drug Recognition Expert
- Ptl. Jackson BCERT - United States Secret Service
- Ptl. Jackson Pursuit Termination Techniques
- Ptl. Amann Crime Scene Investigation
- Ptl. Ruehl Swift Assist Victim Extraction
- Clerk Sies Kentucky Municipal Clerk Institute

All of this training equals a combined **1,677 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.

Training for 2018



<u>Type</u>		<u>Hours</u>
<u>DOCJT</u>	Department of Criminal Justice Training	728
<u>Critical Skill</u>	Firearms, Active Threat, Defensive Tactics, Use of Force Emergency Vehicle Operations	317
<u>Advanced</u>	FBI, US Secret Service, Homeland Security, KACP Kentucky League of Cities, Sirchie Forensics	632
TOTAL		1,677

Statistics for 2018

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

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 - 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.

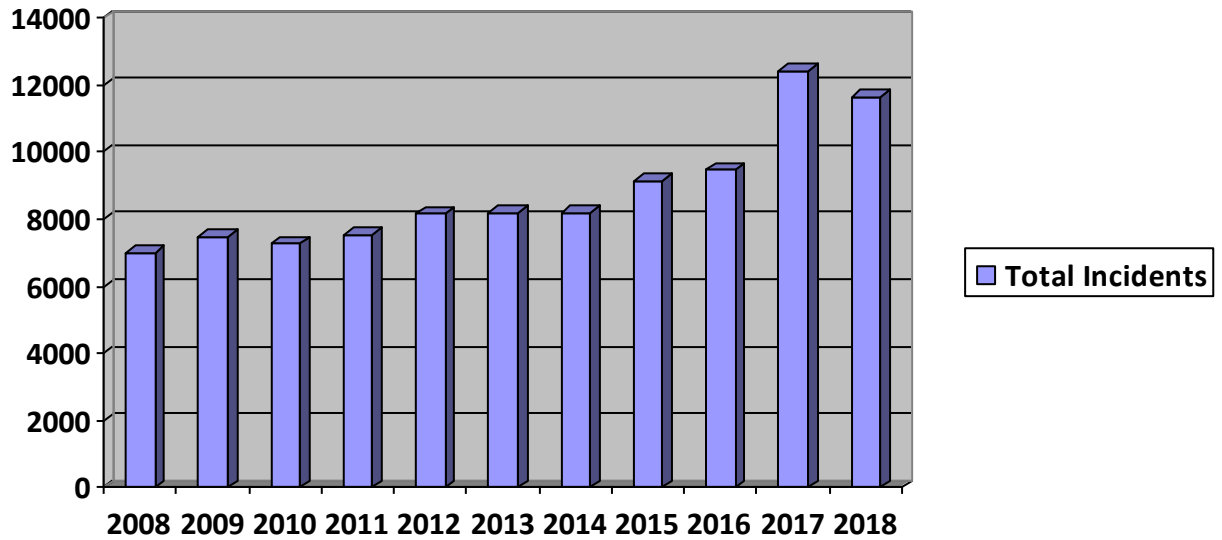
NOTE: The 2018 total incidents, total calls for service, mutual aid, and incidents/calls per city may not be accurate for 2018 since the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center experienced a catastrophic CAD failure in October 2018 causing some data to be potentially lost. The data on collisions and crime is accurate as that is maintained on a different system.

In 2018, the department's total incidents decreased 6.02%. The amount of auto collision investigations decreased 11.73%. The total calls of service decreased 10.84%. The total crime reported to the department increased 23.70%. 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.

The increase in the crime rate is mainly attributable to an increase in thefts. However, this may not be indicative of an increase in the amount of thefts inasmuch as an increase in the amount of reported thefts. The department continues to develop relationships with merchants in the Town Center and educates them on the indicative behavior of shoplifters. As a result, several stores are now reporting more instances of shoplifting than in previous years.

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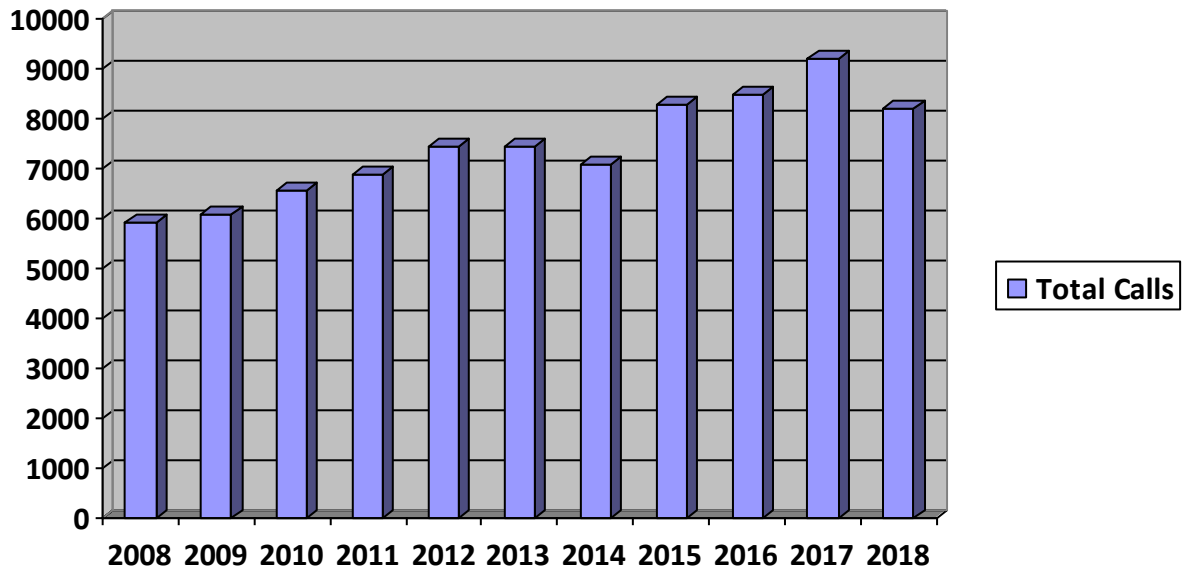
Total Incidents from 2008 to 2018



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
2018	11,662

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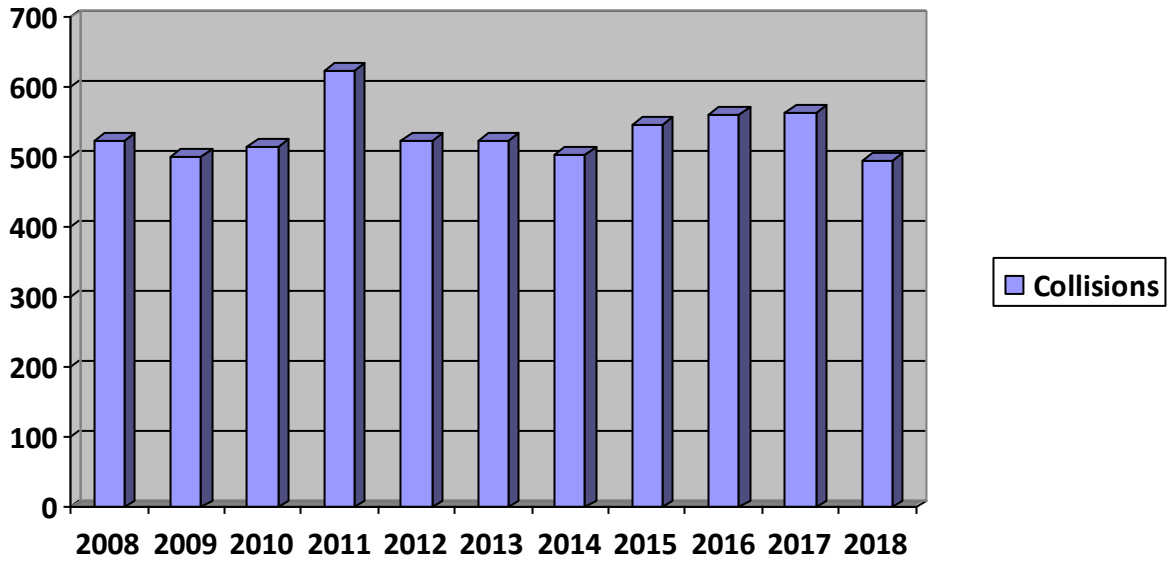
Total calls for service from 2008 to 2018 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
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
2018	8,194

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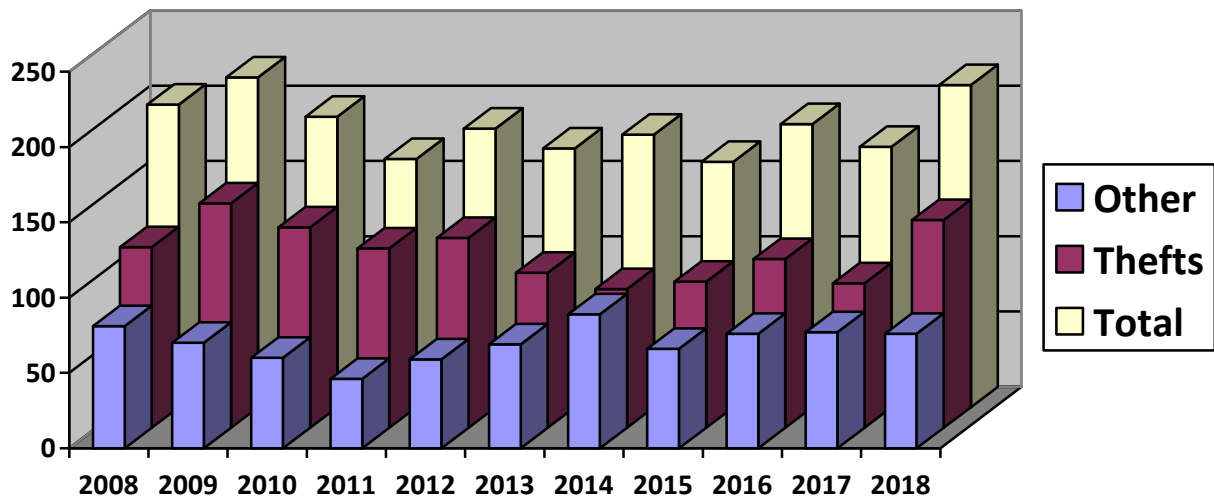
Total reported auto collisions from 2008 to 2018 KSP Auto Collision Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2008	525
2009	501
2010	516
2011	624
2012	523
2013	523
2014	504
2015	546
2016	561
2017	563
2018	497

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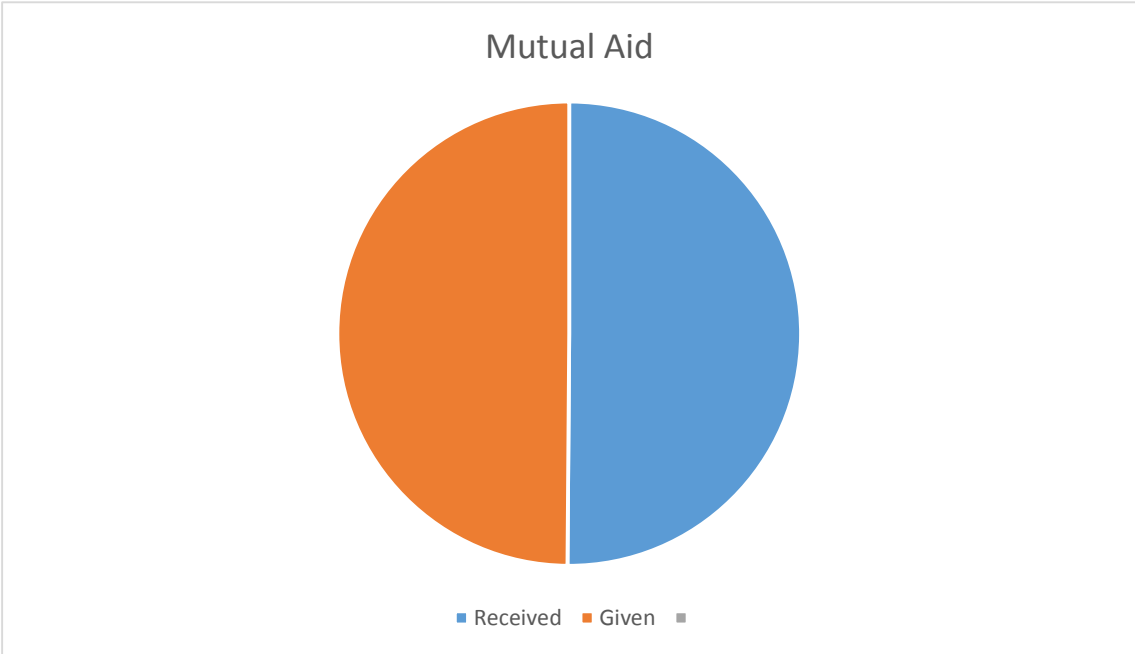
Total crime reported from 2008 to 2018
 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2008	201
2009	219
2010	193
2011	165
2012	185
2013	172
2014	181
2015	163
2016	188
2017	173
2018	214

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Mutual Aid Received and Given

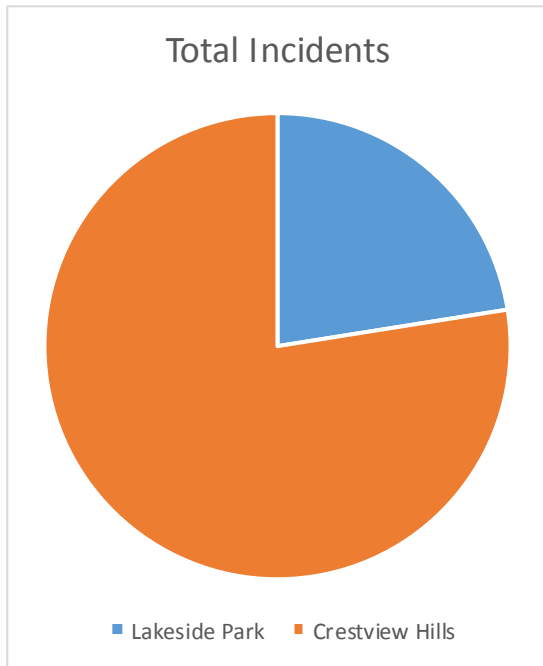


<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Received	1028
Given	1023

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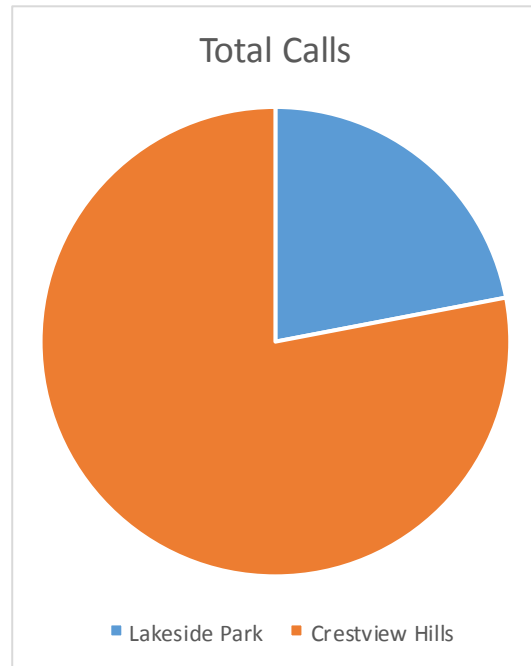
Total incidents 2018

Breakdown by City



Total Calls for Service 2018

Breakdown by City



<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	2,623	22.5%
Crestview Hills	9,039	77.5%
Total	11,662	100%

<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	1,802	22.0%
Crestview Hills	6,392	78.0%
Total	8,194	100%

Community Outreach for 2018

The department continues to maintain a strong community relations program. A police department's community outreach program can define the efficacy of the department's realization of its mission statement. A healthy relationship between the department and community is integral for the department to be able to provide the most effective service possible. As is directed by our mission statement, the following examples demonstrate the department's commitment to developing partnerships within the community.

RAD program - 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. The department has four certified RAD instructors, Ptl. Chapman, Ptl. Ruehl, Sgt. Paolucci, and Ptl. Mullins to teach this critical skill to the women of our community and empowers them to be able to realize their own potential. The department offers this training several times per year as well as assisting other departments with this training.

Child Safety Seat Technician - 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 150 hours this past year for this critical service.

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.

Citizen Observer Program - Multiple officers participated in the Citizen Observer Program or ride a long program. This provides an opportunity for citizens to ride with an officer during a regular patrol shift, thereby affording the citizen a firsthand experience on the many facets of law enforcement.

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 2019

The following goals for 2019 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.

- **Advanced Collision Reconstruction.** The department will seek to acquire training for personnel to become certified collision reconstructionists. Serious auto collisions can require an investigation that incorporates a reconstruction of the collision scene. Currently, the department must request assistance from the Kenton County Police Department for this service. By seeking this training for our own personnel, the department will not only be able to mitigate these investigations, but we will also be able to reciprocate and offer this service in an assistance model with the Kenton County Police Department. This will not only serve as a form of assistance, it was also allow for these investigative skills to be continually honed.
- **Professional Outreach Prevention and Education.** The department will present several opportunities for engagement with our business community to discuss crime trends and preventative strategies. This will be based on a Neighborhood Watch model, however it will be specifically directed to professional organizations rather than private citizens.
- **All Hazard Plan Template.** The department will develop a preparatory plan framework that our business community can utilize to assist them in preparing for any emergency. This template will be able to be used to either create or augment any organization's emergency response and preparation strategies.
- **Student Police Academy.** The department will seek to implement a version of our successful Citizens Police Academy targeted for college students. The goal will be to expose local college students to a career in law enforcement with a high end goal of developing a recruitment pool of qualified candidates

Conclusion

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department will continue to build upon its 50 year tradition of excellence through the support and commitment of the cities of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park. As the first and oldest police authority in the Commonwealth, the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is an example of a successful cooperative and collaborative endeavor to provide the citizenry with the best law enforcement service possible in an efficient and innovative manner. We look forward to another year of protecting and serving the citizens and guests of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park.



LPCHPD

50 Years of Tradition