

**LEADERSHIP IS NOT A  
POSITION OR A TITLE IT  
IS ACTION AND EXAMPLE**



# **TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



*About the Report... The following annual report consists of a summary of activities for calendar year 2019. This will include manpower allocation, resource allocation, criminal reports, traffic reports, education, training and enforcement efforts. This report contains the efforts of the Taylorville Police Department and offers an explanation of the resources used by the City.*

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The 2019 Annual Report is provided as a summary of the accomplishments as well as details of the operation of the Taylorville Police Department. This report is a culmination of efforts of the 27 men and women, full, sworn and non-sworn members of the Department. The hard work from each member of this organization is demonstrated in the dedication to public service and pride they commit to each day they serve this great community. The constant commitment to training and professional development has produced a great working atmosphere. We continued to see great support from our citizens. We also provided our crime prevention programs in 2019, such as the Sex Offender Registration, Community Action Team, and several engagements with the citizens in addition, in 2020 we will be conducting our alcohol and tobacco compliance checks led by Sgt Toberman to crack down on this vaping issue.

I am humbled to see the support and dedication to the Taylorville Police Department by the community and our Department members that serve us each day. It is my pleasure to work for such great men and women of the Taylorville Police Department and I look forward to what 2020 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Wheeler, Chief of Police      Vince Childers, Deputy Chief



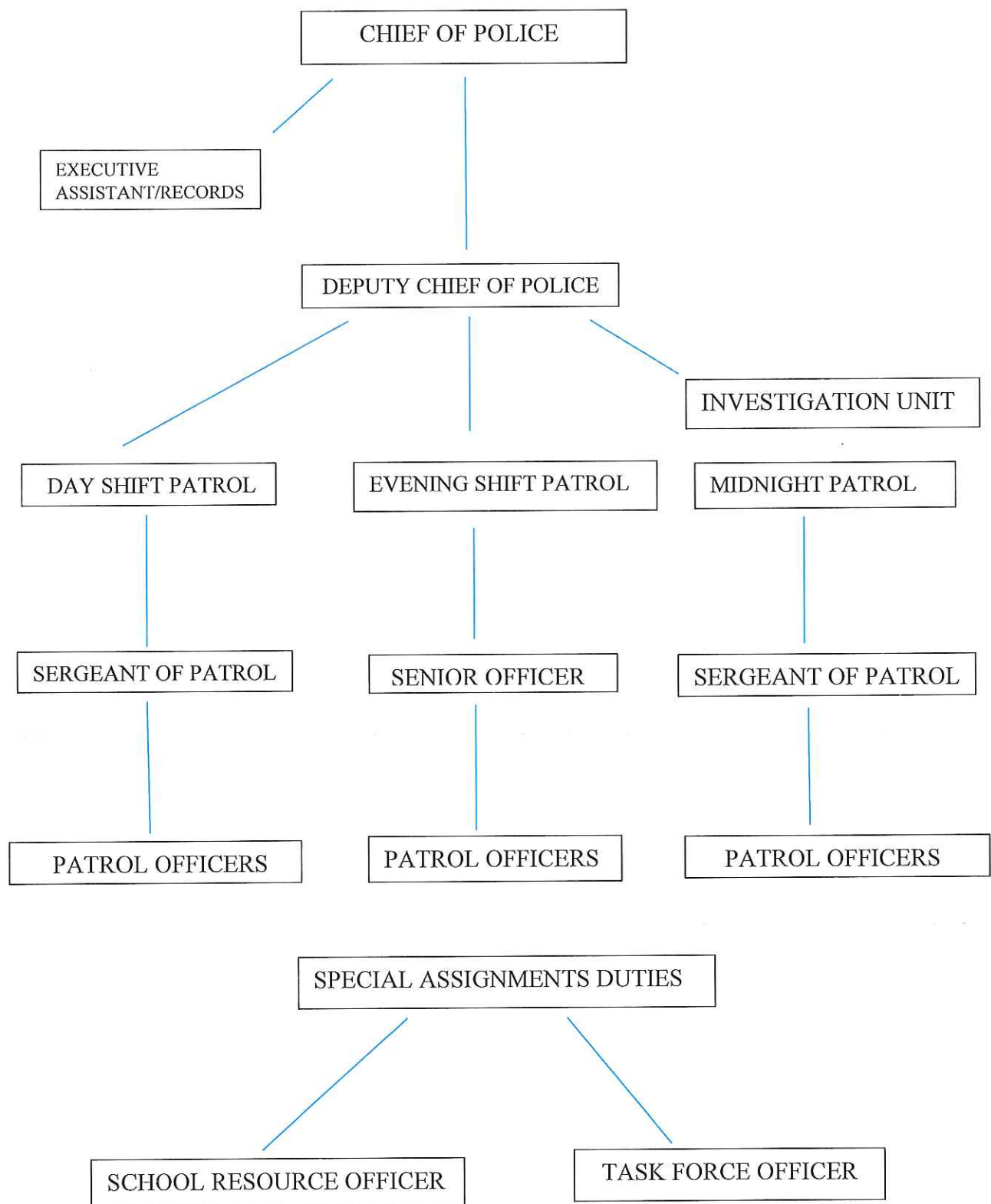
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The Taylorville Police Department, in the interest of providing a safe environment for all and to enhance the quality of life in this community, is committed to enhancing the quality of life by ensuring the safety of the community through the protection of life, liberty and property. Our goal is to foster cooperation by building diverse partnerships and serving the community with integrity, professionalism and compassion. This mission grows from our vision of the relationship between the People of Taylorville and the Taylorville Police.

- ◆ We recognize that the people in the community are our most important customers.
- ◆ We show empathy and compassion for the victims of crime.
- ◆ We enforce the law with dignity, respect and fairness without regard to race, ethnicity, gender or economic status.
- ◆ We exercise integrity in the use of the power and authority that have been given to us by the people.
- ◆ We believe that each employee of the department should exercise leadership in his or her area of responsibility, ensuring our values become part of our day-to-day duties.
- ◆ We can best serve the community by empowering our employees to fulfill their responsibilities with professionalism, knowledge, authority and discretion.
- ◆ We will continue to build diverse partnerships with civic, neighborhood and business organizations.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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## **Population / Personnel**

The Taylorville Police Department is committed to providing the best service possible with prudent spending. To achieve this goal an annual resource allocation study by division is completed. This allocation study helps to identify proper staffing levels per shift. For 2019 the City population is estimated at 11,400 people. Our authorized sworn personnel strength is 19. To help facilitate quality service, we should be at 21. We have one records clerk and four full time dispatchers and one part time dispatcher.

## **Internal Affairs Report**

The Police Department investigated three complaints against members of the department in 2019. In order to ensure that the integrity of the Police Department is preserved, all complaints and accusations made against the department or its members are investigated completely and thoroughly, including anonymous complaints. The findings of each rule violation are included below:

Out of the three complaints two were to be unfounded and one was founded and action was taken according to Taylorville Police Policy and Contract.



## **Criminal Investigations Division**

The Criminal Investigations Division provides the City of Taylorville with professional and skilled investigators who are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Not only does this division handle all criminal investigations and interrogations, these multi-functional employees also process all major crime scenes, personnel background checks, The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all follow up investigations and reviewing details of crimes occurring in the City. This division is comprised of Robert Thomason and Det. Evert Nation.

The unit is a very busy which handles several sexual assault allegations annually. The division will take on several cases monthly that patrol cannot handle due to their first priority is service calls.



## CANINE UNIT (K-9)

The K-9 Unit is comprised of a highly trained narcotic sniffing dog and his specialist handlers. This unit greatly enhances the number of narcotic arrests in Taylorville by performing drug interdiction and assisting other patrol officers. Officer Alwerdt goes above and beyond the call for duty.



## EVIDENCE UNIT

This unit is one of the most important positions in the police department. Officer Darrick Wells is the evidence tech for all evidence. The evidence technician is responsible in receiving incoming **property** and **evidence**. Work involves responsibility for maintaining **evidence** and other **Police property**. ... Handles and secures **evidence** including jewelry, narcotics, firearms, computers and bodily fluids. He is responsible in transporting all narcotics and DNA to the crime lab for analysis. Officer Wells is also responsible for picking up all items from the crime lab. Officer Wells will keep all evidence secure for criminal prosecution.





## Dispatchers

Police dispatchers are emergency communications professionals who are called upon to ensure the successful transmission of information from callers in distress to responding police personnel.

Their work involves providing accurate and timely information to police officers and dispatching the appropriate personnel to incidents and emergencies through a two-way communications system within a city or municipal police department.

The Taylorville Police Department has 4 full time police dispatcher and one part time dispatcher. These dedicated professionals handled 18,379 calls for 2019. We have a team leader dispatcher who is in charge of the daily duties and up keep of all training and standards. The Chief of Police or his designee oversees the office.



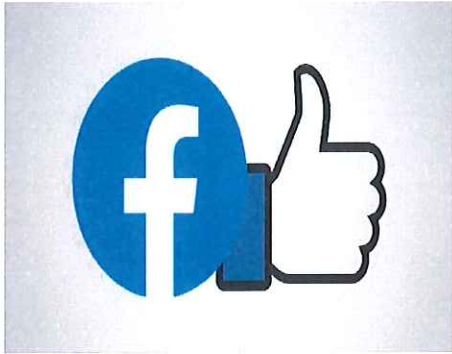
## RECORDS DIVISION/FOIA/ADMINISTRATIVE

Police records clerks are in charge of recording police records, reports and other materials. They must also make copies of all these reports and materials, and then distribute them to the proper personnel or agencies as requested or required the States Attorney. Data also need to be entered in the local or national law enforcements databases.

Our records department is run by Mindy Durbin. Mindy is the **backbone** of the police department. Mindy's duties besides what is perscribed above includes ordering merchandise for the police department and FOIA request. Mindy is very well respected and admired for what she does on a daily basis. We all appreciate her passion and dedication for the job.



# SOCIAL MEDIA



In 2019, Taylorville Police Department has taken a more active role in utilizing social media. In an effort to reach and connect with the public in more mainstream ways, TPD uses social media via Facebook and Nextdoor to share information quickly about significant incidents in town, lost pets, upcoming events, and safety tips. Social media helps humanize our department by allowing TaylorvillePolice to connect with and inform the general public.

TPD has over 5200 followers and counting. Social Media is a great tool to solve crime and connect with citizens that share information with TPD that we use in conducting investigation.

We would like to thank the citizens for sharing information. I would like to thank all the admins in our department that help keep facebook up to date with almost real time information.



## Taylorville Department Fleet

Unit #	Year	Make	Model	Miles	Condition
8	2015	Ford	Explorer	56119	Average
9	2015	Ford	Explorer	46542	Average
11	2015	Ford	Explorer	52788	Average
4	2014	Ford	F150	64196	Average
10	2015	Ford	Explorer	58247	Average
3	2008	Chevy	Tahoe	94324	Poor
15	2016	Ford	Explorer	34452	Good
13	2015	Ford	Explorer	24128	Good
Detective	2012	Ford	Taurus	58167	Good
7	2013	Ford	Taurus	62019	Average
12	2018	Ford	Explorer	14476	Good
K9	2019	Ford	SUV	12300	Good
14	2012	Ford	Crown Vic	83000	Poor
Admin	2018	Ford	Explorer	16540	Good
Admin	2018	Ford	Explorer	14578	Good

## Seizures and Administrative Fee's.

TPD has a responsibility to seize items from alleged narcotic dealers. The law gives us the right to seize the property and let the courts decide if the money will be awarded to the police department. The city recently adopted a policy to charge an administrative tow fee to individuals that get their vehicle towed due to criminal activity.

In 2019 the department seized:

\$3,594.34 in alleged narcotic funds

\$8,000 has been collected in administrative tow fee's

## **Departmental Awards**

*The Taylorville Police Department strives in recognizing officers. The following awards for their actions throughout the year. A common theme is going that extra mile, team work, dedication and selflessness.*

**Officer Bolinger** for her dedication in community engagement.

**Officer Nelson** for winning Officer of the third Quarter.

**Officer Alwerdt** for winning officer of the fourth Quarter.

**Officer Nelson** won an award outside our agency.

**Officer Alwerdt, Officer Ponzel and Officer Dickey** in their bravery for apprehended a suspect in a shooting.

**Detective Evert Nation** in his dedication to fight the war on drugs.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## *NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WHAT A SUCCESS*



## *GOOD DEED OF THE MONTH*





***POLICE AND FIRE VS KIDS***









## ***TURKEY GIVEAWAYS***



## *SEVERAL COMMUNITY SPEECHES*







***SHOP WITH A COP***







## Self Defense Classes held by Sgt Toberman and Officer Withrow



Halloween Party with Police and Fire















# Safe Passage

SINCE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 WE HAVE HELPED OVER 60 CITIZENS FROM TAYLORVILLE SEEK TREATMENT. WE ARE MAKING GREAT PROGRESS WITH THIS PROGRAM. CRIME IS REDUCING AND WE ARE SAVING LIVES. WE HAVE COLLECTED A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DONATIONS SO FAR. THE CITIZENS OF TAYLORVILLE HAVE DONATED THEIR TIME TO BE GUIDES. THIS PROGRAM IS GROWING. WE HAVE PROJECTED IN 2020 THAT WE WILL MEET OR EXCEED 100 CITIZENS. I WANT TO THANK DENISE EVANS AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM.





THE NEWLY FORMED COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM WITH THE HELP OF THE CITIZENS AND THE HARD WORK OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS EXECUTED SEVERAL SEARCH WARRANTS IN 2019. WE ARE WORKING ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT INVESTIGATIONS AT THIS TIME. I AM SO PROUD OF ALL THEY DO AND WE WILL NOT STOP AS LONG AS THE CITIZENS KEEP CALLING.

ACCORDING TO THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTICS IN 2019 WE HAD AN INCREASE OF 188% OF METH ARRESTS THAN 2018. THIS IS IN PART OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

***OUR INTELLIGENCE ROOM IS COMPLETED***



## NEW HIRES AND RETIREMENT

WELCOME MATTHEW NICHOLS AS OF 12-19-2019. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE OFFICER NICHOLS. MATT WAS A DISPATCHER AT TPD BEFORE BEING HIRED AS A POLICE OFFICER. WE ALL WISH HIM WELL.

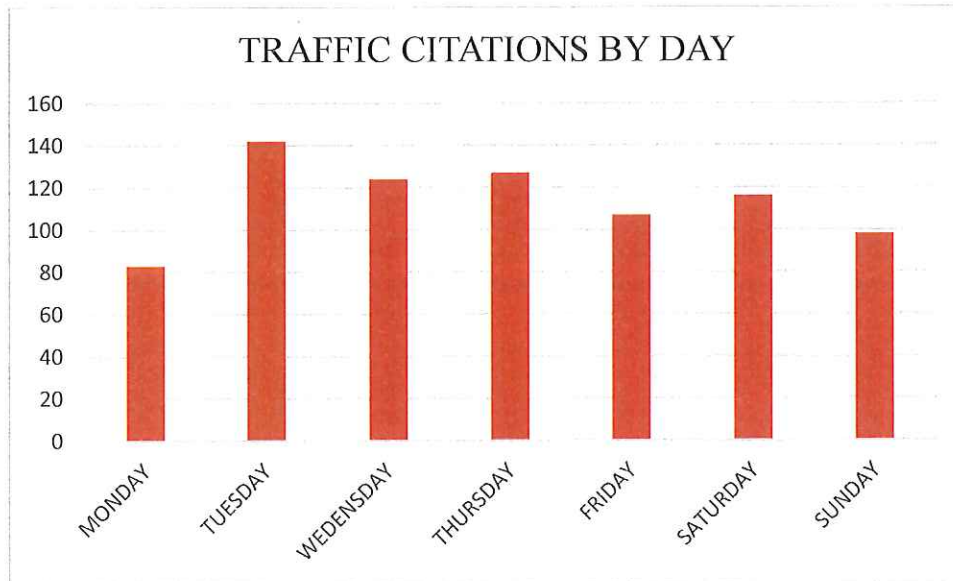


CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN HILE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS OF JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019





## TRAFFIC CITATIONS STATISTICS

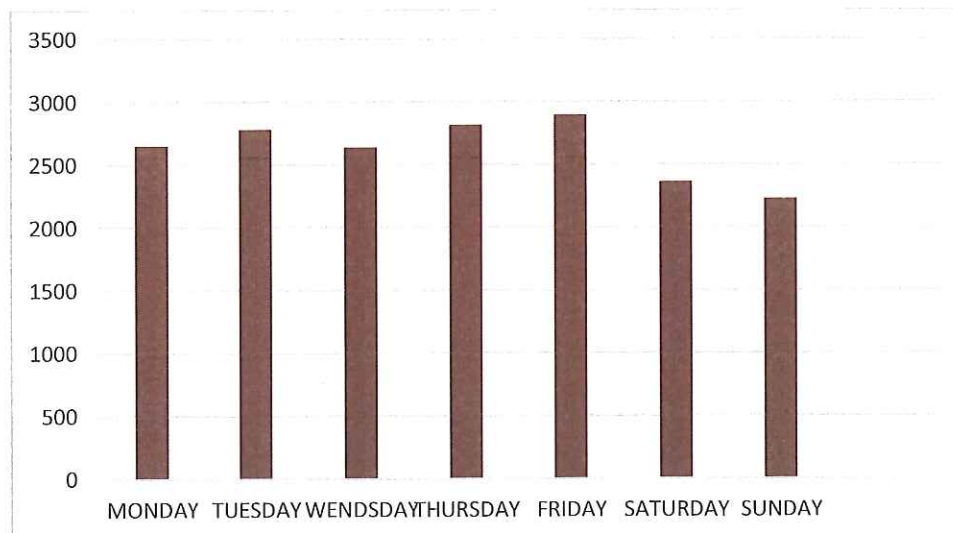


**TOTAL CITATIONS 2019**

**797 CITATIONS**

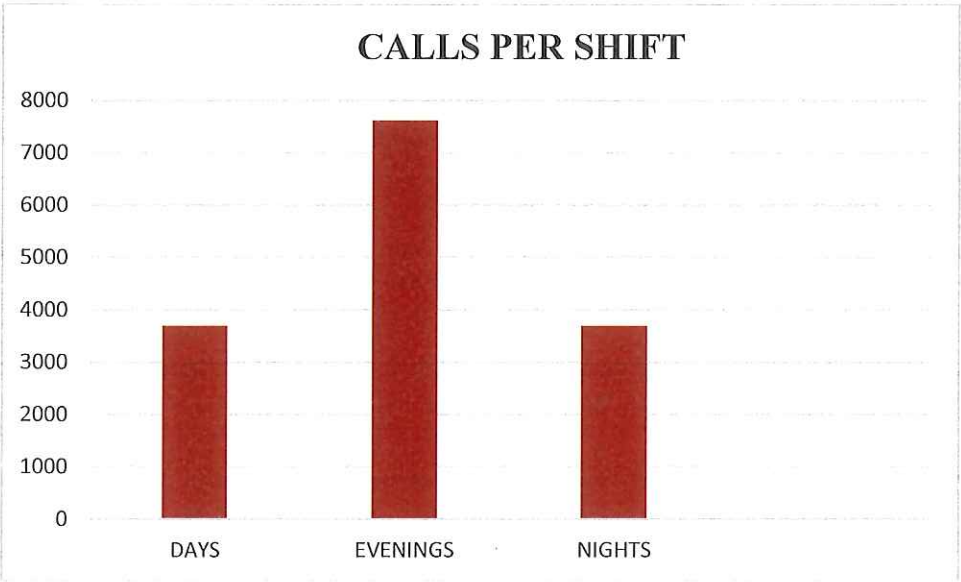
**MOST CITATIONS WRITTEN BETWEEN 5-6PM**

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE**

**18,379**



**DAYS: 7,067**

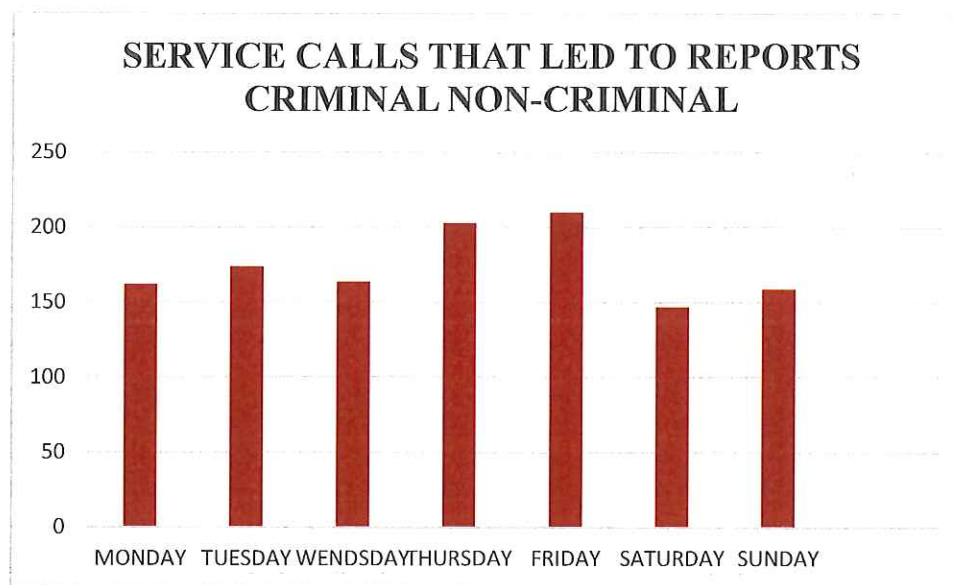
**EVENINGS: 7,618**

**NIGHTS: 3,694**



## STATISTICS 2019 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING REPORT. (UCR)

MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG BATTERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	MVT	ARSON
1	2	1	9	42	123	1	0



TOTAL ARRESTS: 482