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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The 2019 Annual Report is a summary of the hard work and daily activities of the dedicated men and women of the University Park Police Department. We are comprised of a group of experienced law enforcement professionals who strive to provide proactive, fair, and impartial constitutional police service.

This past year we experienced organizational change as an officer resigned and a lateral officer was hired. We also operated under capacity for 9 months. However, despite our staffing challenges, every employee continued to persevere in their dedication to providing responsive police service.

During 2019, we demonstrated a continued commitment to employee engagement with four All-Staff meetings and quarterly recognition of noteworthy employee performances.

We also started the Safe Route to School Plan to improve traffic flow around University Park Elementary School (UPES) which included the hiring and training of two crossing guards, as well as community outreach.

We also made a concerted effort to incorporate the pillars of the Presidential Report on 21st Century Policing into every area of the department.

As you review the 2019 Annual Report you will see an increase in officer training, an emphasis on enhanced internal and external police communications, and increased community policing activities. Each of these areas will assist our officers in getting to know and understand the community better, while ensuring residents and visitors of University Park feel safe, secure.

I invite you to review the report and learn more about the University Park Police Department and the services that we provide.

As always, I remain humble to serve.

Harvey Baker
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The University Park Police Administration is responsible for establishing the strategic vision of the department. It is staffed by the Chief of Police, a Lieutenant, and an Administrative Assistant. The remaining sworn personnel are assigned to patrol. The University Park Police strategic vision includes recruitment/retention, hiring, community involvement, employee engagement, and administration of the red-light camera program, assignment of residential house checks, processing of rental applications and licenses, and the release of impounded vehicles.

During 2019, the administration concentrated on strengthening organizational structure by flattening the organization and eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy. We attempted to engage and empower each employee by listening to their suggestions and involving them in decision-making.

We developed an automated daily report designed to keep supervisors and officers informed about police activities that occurred during the previous 24 hours. Additionally, a supervisory weekly report was also developed to assist supervisors and officers with tracking work activities in order to meet the department's goals and objectives.

The department also saw a number of changes and additions in regard to personnel.

Table 1. 2019 Personnel Changes

Accepted resignation of Pfc. Dave Johnson	2/20/2019
Hired Pfc. John Morris	4/11/2019
Promoted Cpl. Greg Fuoco	5/17/2019
Added part-time crossing guards Art Garroway and T.J. Hollidge	9/3/2019

The department also initiated a Senior Reassurance Program affording participating senior residents of University Park the opportunity to receive a telephone call once a week to check on their well-being.

The department applied for and received a \$5,000 Body Worn Camera Grant from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). We also assisted in the application process for the Safe Route to School grant awarded to the town of University Park.

In addition to those highlights, the following actions were taken in support of the department's strategic vision:

Table 2. 2019 Department Activities

Action	Number Completed
Citizen Inquiries	1,000
Approved Red Light Citations	269
Residential House Checks Assigned	105
University Park Parking Citations	58
Parking Violations Warning	52
Traffic Violation Warning (Non-electronic)	49
Towed Vehicle Releases	44
University Park Paid or Court Resolved Parking Citations	43
VR 119 Flag Releases	25
Flagged Vehicles due to Parking Tickets	9
Hearings for Red Light Citations	5
Citizen's Complaints	4 (all unfounded)

PATROL ACTIVITIES

Uniformed patrol provides 24-hour-a-day patrols within the corporate limits of University Park to ensure a safe and enjoyable community for its citizens and visitors. In 2019, the University Park Police were dispatched to 837 calls for service while patrolling the town.

Out of those calls, 6 resulted in criminal arrests, 3 resulted in criminal citations in lieu of arrest, 5 required the services of a drug recognition expert (DRE), and 7 required written reports.

There were 76 different categories of dispatched/self-initiated calls for service in 2019. The most common dispatched calls for service included:

Table 3. 2019 Most Common Dispatched Calls for Service

Purpose for Call	Number Completed
Premise Check	77
911 Hang-Up/Disconnect	60
Traffic Complaints	59
Accidents (All Categories)	58
Residential Alarm	54
Miscellaneous Calls for Service	40
Disorderly	17
Suspicious and Unoccupied	15
Suspicious and Occupied	15
Hit and Run	11
Fraud	7
Animal Complaints	5
Domestic/Family Disputes	5
Vandalism	5
Property Damage	4
Noise Complaints/Loud Music	3
School Alarm	2
Other Alarms	1

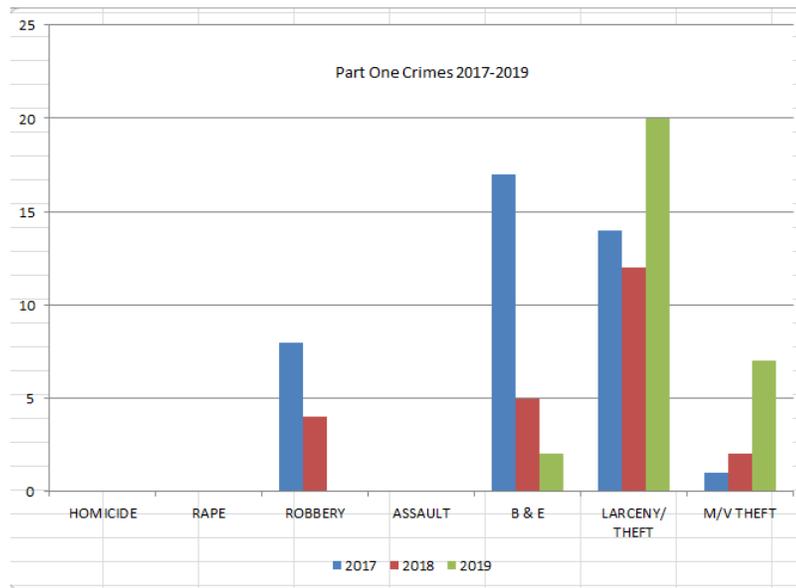
The 2019 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) provides tracking and analysis for certain categories of crimes within the department's jurisdiction.

Table 4. 2019 UCR Statistics

Crime	Number
Larceny/Theft	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Breaking & Entering	2
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Total Incidents	29

In comparison to the previous two years, the UCR noted some improvements in a number of areas, including assaults, robberies and breaking and entering.

Figure 1. 2017-2019 UCR Comparison



Enhancing traffic safety is a significant part of the department’s day-to-day responsibilities within the University Park Community.

Table 5. 2019 Traffic Report

Traffic Stops	804
State Citations Issued	762
State Warnings Issued	618
Safety Equipment Repair Orders Issued	92
Driving Under the Influence	2
Total Violations	1472

Table 6. 2019 Traffic Accident Calls (through 11/25/2019)

No Report	44
Handled Other Jurisdiction	32
Report Taken	28
Hit and Run	6
Total	110

The information in the table above does not include calls dispatched as “property damage,” nor does it include calls where information is exchanged, or nothing was found. For comparison, Figure 2 is included below to show how the 2019 figures compare to traffic accident calls in 2017 and 2018.

Figure 2. Traffic Accident Calls 2017-2019

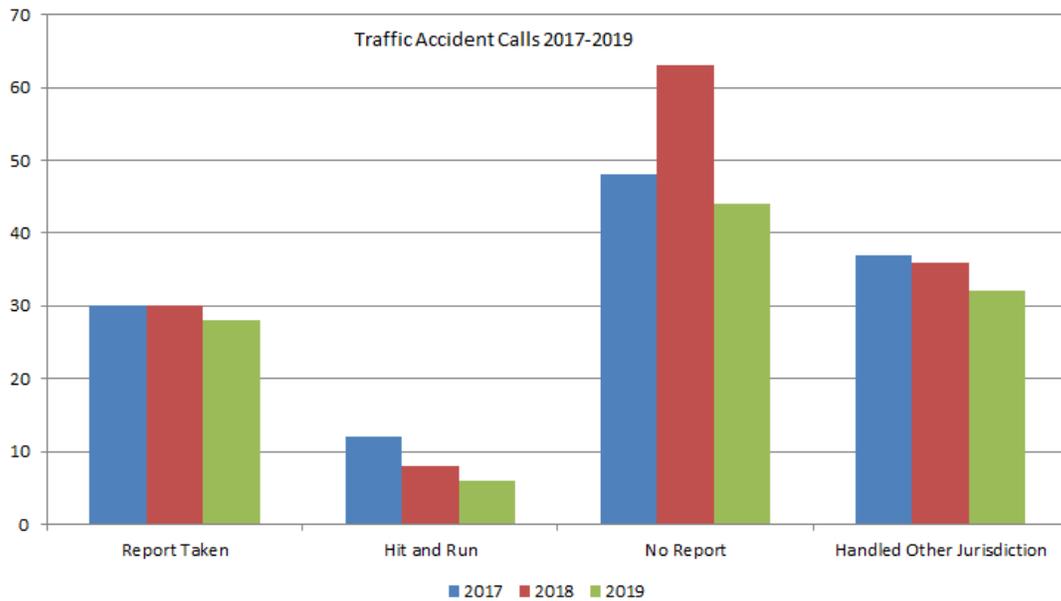
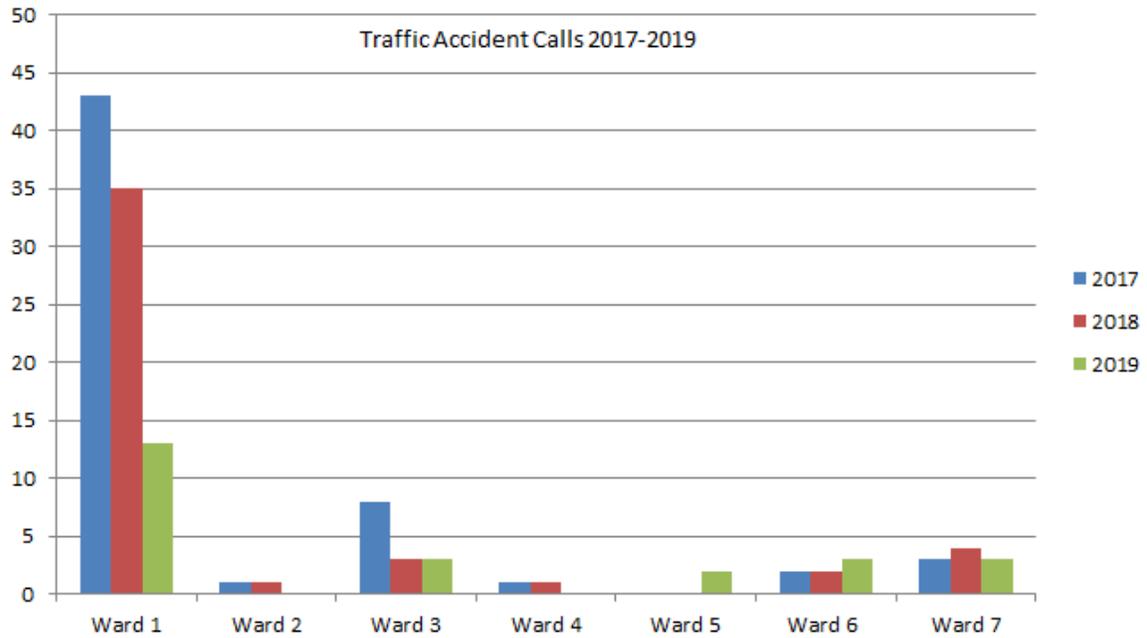


Figure 3 is a comparison of traffic accidents by ward from 2017-2019.

Figure 3. Traffic Accidents by Ward 2017-2019



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community policing includes building relationships with community stakeholders through ongoing communication and interaction during non-enforcement activities. A key component of that interaction is timely, effective, and proactive follow-up regarding both one-time and ongoing community concerns.

In 2019, the chief’s blog, titled “What’s UP?!” was created as a way to improve communication and inform residents of relevant public safety information. The town’s website also continues to be used to communicate the latest police department news and activities.

The University Park Police Department understands the value of meaningful and inclusive community engagement activities. To this end, our department participated in several traditional University Park events and initiated several new community policing activities designed to build community value and confidence while reinforcing our commitment to community wellbeing.

Table 7. Community Building Activities in 2019

UPWC Holiday Decorating Contest	Ward 1 Block Party	Ward 3 Walk and Talk
Shop with a Cop	Ward 5 Block Party	7-Eleven’s “Operation Chill” Program
Christmas Tree Lighting	Back to School Traffic Support	Azalea Classic
Ward 2 Community Meeting	Public Safety Community Day	Bowie Baysox – Building Community Value
Halloween Celebration (issued Glow Sticks to children)	National Night Out	DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back
Trunk or Treat	July 4 th Bicycle Ride	UPES Chief for a Day
Ward 7 Community Meeting	Trolley Trail Day	UPES Bike to School Day
	Community Wide Yard Sale	UPCA Mutt Strut

Participation in local/
regional law enforcement
stakeholder associations

Keeping Seniors Safe
Welfare Check

Senior Fraud Prevention
Discussion

Coffee with the Chief

UPES Annual Dr. Seuss
Green Eggs and Ham
Breakfast

Chief Meet and Greet

TRAINING

In 2019, we attempted to transition the University Park Police Department into a learning organization by providing training for each member of the organization. Our goal was to expand on the department’s existing strengths, while growing a culture of continuous learning to more adequately prepare department employees for the dynamic challenges of law enforcement in the 21st Century.

During 2019, all sworn police personnel completed mandatory Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission (MPCTC) in-service training (24 hours each officer) in May, September, and October 2019. Topics included Use of Force Updates, Tactical Communication Skills, Tactical Patrol Techniques, Surviving Ambushes, and Domestic Terrorism and General Legal Updates.

In 2019, personnel attended 28 training classes, along with in-service and firearms training, for a total of approximately 753 hours of training.

Table 8. Professional Continuing Education

	Completion Date	Hours Accumulated
In-Service Training	5/2/2019	176
Field Training	5/3/2019	80
First Line Supervisor (MD Park Police)	8/23/2019	80
Mental Health First Aid	3/28/2019	64
Instructor School	10/25/2019	40
New Chiefs Training	3/27/2019	40
A.L.I.C.E. Train the Trainer	12/10-11/2019	32
EVOC	5/24/2019	32
MML Summer Conference	06/23-26/2019	24
Understanding Dev. Disabilities	06/10/2019	21
Firearms (Initial-Classroom)	1/4/2019	18
Virtual Reality Training	7/16/2019	16
Implicit Bias Training for Supervisors	10/30-21/19	16
Human Trafficking	8/22/2019	16
Chiefs Training Conference (no Credit)	9/12/2019	16
R.A.D. Training	Various Dates	16
CPID Workshop	06/11/2019	16
Clerical Support Training	08/22/2019	16
ALICE Training	11/8/2019	10
Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment	12/5/2019	9
FTO Training	09/11/2019	8

CPR/First Aid	05/15/2019	8
PGPD Civilian In-Service Training	09/26/2019	8
Leadership	9/30/2019	6
Communication Skills	9/18/2019	6
Fundamentals	9/23/2019	6
Leadership/Management		
Supervisor & Mgmt. Training	3/13/2019	5
Active Shooter	10/18/2019	4

All sworn personnel also completed 8 hours of annual firearms classroom/range qualification training as mandated by MPCTC on October 29, 2019.

Table 9. Ammunition Expended During Firearms and Patrol Rifle Qualifications

	Rounds Expended
9mm	1200 rounds
223 FMG	500 rounds
12 Ga Slug	4 rounds *
12 Ga Buck	16 rounds *

* Only 2 officers requested to be qualified

CODE COMPLIANCE

University Park’s Code Compliance is handled by the department’s Code Compliance Officer. This officer’s work involves daily interaction with residents and property owners ensuring compliance with the town’s code, as well as providing information regarding rental property, permits, and property-related questions.

The Code Compliance Officer aims to provide responsive service to the town and its residents serving as a reference to answer questions regarding ordinances and permitting processes for both University Park and Prince George’s County.

In 2019, the department developed a tracking system to track and manage code cases from inception to completion. Thanks to the improvements in this tracking system, the department can better monitor function and activities related to code compliance in University Park.

Table 10. Code Compliance Officer Activities

	Number Addressed in 2019
Resident Inquiries	175
Code Compliance Cases Completed	55
Rental Inspections	75
Rental Re-Inspections	15
Violation Notifications	45
Tall Grass Notifications	30