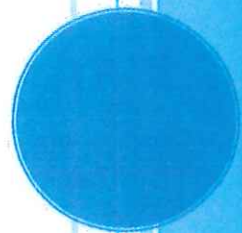


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March 4, 2019

Ms. Arledge, Village Council Members and Members of the Community,

I am proud and honored to present the Fowlerville Police Department's Annual Report for 2018. The annual report is created to provide information and insight regarding the outstanding work performed by the employees of the Fowlerville Police Department. This report demonstrates the hard work, outstanding performance, integrity and compassion that each of the officers exemplify at the Fowlerville Police Department.

The Fowlerville Police Department will continue to work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners in Livingston County. The many law enforcement agencies work well together and are great assets when we reach out. As the Village grows in population we will continue to focus our attention on community policing and working with other community stakeholders such as our schools, service and faith-based organizations, businesses and our residents to ensure we all do our part to preserve a safe, robust and thriving community. We will continue to provide the high level of community policing this community has come to expect and deserves as in years past.

As the community continues to grow we look forward to solving the challenges increased population and service requirements pose. This coming year I will be focusing more on how to deal with the rising opiate addiction that is plaguing communities across the nation. I am reaching out to other agencies to see what types of programs or resources they are using to combat this epidemic. Again, I would like to thank you for your support, faith and opportunity that you have given me and the members of the Fowlerville Police Department.

Respectfully,

John J. Tyler
Chief of Police

Village of Fowlerville Police Department's Mission Statement

Our mission is to preserve, defend and uphold the constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan and to provide the highest level of Public Safety service to our community through an effective community policing philosophy. To this end, we are committed to the equal protection of the law while preserving the rights and dignity of the individual. In this endeavor, we will be responsive, ethical and will respect each other while enforcing the laws of the State and ordinances of the Village and in the prevention and investigation of crime.

Village of Fowlerville Police Department's Vision Statement

To be an agency that leads rather than follows. To be recognized as the example by which others are measured. To provide a level of community policing that is unmatched and are at one with the community we serve.

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Fowlerville Police Department Roster 2018

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Separation Date</u>
Chief John Tyler	03/11/2008	
Officer Eric Sorenson	05/09/1994	
Sergeant Jeffrey Soli	07/18/1996	
Canine Hank	08/2018	
Officer Rebecca Kuzdek	01/12/2012	
Officer Brad Feister	10/15/2013	
Officer Ryan Edmonds	08/17/2015	
Officer Colleen Cain	05/02/2016	
Officer James McMahon	08/29/2016	
Officer Dylan Lorenz	05/24/2017	
Officer Paul Miller	10/04/2018	
Canine Niko - Retired	09/2012	07/2018
 <u>Administrative Assistant</u>		
Lorraine Ritchie	07/16/2007	

Administration

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department administration is directed by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is assisted by the Sergeant and the Administrative Assistant.

The Chief of Police is responsible for the following duties; budget management, bi-weekly reports to Council, personnel administration, policies and procedures, payroll, special events, purchasing, oversight of law enforcement distribution (302) funds, training, discipline, press releases, and supervision of personnel.

The Chief is also a member of the Mid-Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MMACP), the Fowlerville Rotary, and is a CARE Project/Round Table member. He is also on the Child Death Review team and Livingston County's Major Crime Task Force.

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for the following duties: police records management and retention, personnel records, training records, provides copies of police reports to citizens, insurance companies, and attorneys, LEIN work for officers, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, portable breath tests (PBT's), accounting for Public Act 302 funds to the State of Michigan, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) administrator, Terminal Agency Coordinator (T.A.C.), mobile computer terminal administrator, name merging coordinator, submitting state data electronically, property intake and property room evidence tech, registration of sex offenders, issuing License to Purchase for hand guns, personnel scheduling, and submitting warrant requests electronically to the Prosecutors office. This list is in no way all inclusive.

Patrol Division

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department is a full service department. The patrol division works two – twelve hour shifts. Day shift (0700 – 1900 hours), night shift (1900 – 0700 hours). The full time staff work in "teams" covering the 24 hour per day schedule.

The Village of Fowlerville is approximately 2.38 square miles with a population of approximately 2900 people. The Village of Fowlerville Police Department provides 24 hour, seven day per week service for the Village of Fowlerville residents. The Fowlerville Community Schools are also located within the Village of Fowlerville. The department responds to calls received through Livingston County Central Dispatch (911) and also calls received at the department. In addition to the calls received through 911 and the department, officers also self-initiate calls. The patrol division responded to 17,811 calls for service in 2018.

In 2018 the Village of Fowlerville Police Department retired our Canine Officer, Niko. Canine Niko retired July 31, 2018 after serving the Fowlerville community for six years. Niko was replaced by K9 Hank. Hank was placed into service August 1, 2018.

The Fowlerville Police Department also hired a new part-time patrol officer. Officer Paul Miller was sworn in on October 4, 2018.

Training

Date	Training	Attendee
01/23/18	Strangulation Investigation	Chief Tyler, Sgt. Soli, Ofc. Feister
01/25/18	MILO Training, PPCT	All Sworn Staff
02/01/18	Strangulation Investigation	Ofc. Kuzdek, Lorenz, & Edmonds
02/07/18	Strangulation Investigation	Ofc. Sorenson
02/07-09/18	M.A.C.P. Conference	Chief Tyler
03/06/18	School Reunification	Chief Tyler, Sgt. Soli
4/16-17/18	Women in Law Enforcement	Ofc. Kuzdek
04/17/18	Theft Investigation	Ofc. Sorenson
06/14/18	Range	All Sworn Staff
06/26-28/18	SEPLA	Sgt. Soli
06/27/18	Project Sticker Shock	Chief Tyler
07/05/18	Active Shooter	All Sworn Staff
09/04/18	Tourniquet Training	Ofc. Feister
09/13-14/18	LERMA Training	Lorraine Ritchie
10/15/18	SFST Training	Ofc. Kuzdek
10/23/18	T.A.C. Training	Lorraine Ritchie
10/24/18	DRE Training	Ofc. Kuzdek
11/26/18	Sexual Assault Training	Chief Tyler

School Liaison Officer

In April 1997, the Village of Fowlerville Police Department and the Fowlerville Community School District implemented a School Liaison Officer (SLO) position. The position has been in effect ever since and has become a vital part of the educational process. In September 2004, the Fowlerville Community Schools approved the addition of a canine partner for the SLO. This has been a vital component in helping to keep the school district drug free.

The SLO has an office on the school campus and works directly with school administrators to ensure a safe and orderly environment for all students, staff, and visitors. As a police representative in the schools, the SLO performs police related duties and enforcement of criminal laws while assisting the administrative staff with non criminal violations. The SLO also serves as a role model and mentor to students while providing students a safe and confidential environment in which they can speak to a trusted authority figure about everyday issues.

The SLO also performs follow up investigations for road patrol officers when the violation involves a student or is directly related to the Fowlerville School District.

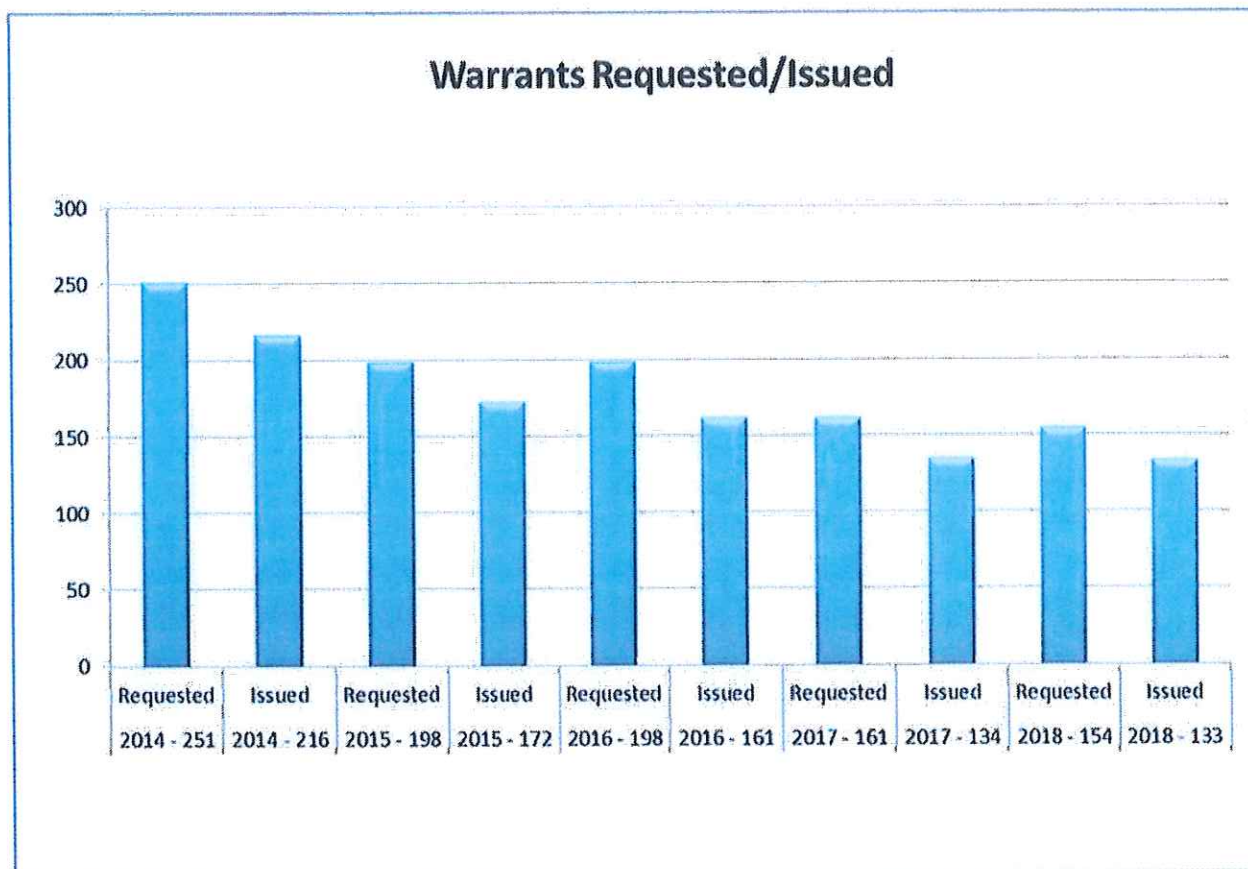
The SLO attends major sporting events and high school/junior high school dances. He also gives presentations and participates in the elementary school parades.

During 2018 the SLO responded to 634 incidents. This number reflects criminal as well as non-criminal complaints encompassing all schools in the Fowlerville School District.

The SLO position is funded by the Village of Fowlerville Police Department, the Fowlerville Community School District, Conway Township, Handy Township, and Iosco Township.

Police Records Bureau

The Livingston County Prosecutors Office requires that each agency submit all warrant requests electronically. The Records Bureau (administrative assistant) is responsible for preparing, scanning, and attaching, all pictures, witness statements, and requested forms to the police department's case file and to the prosecutor's case file. The Records Bureau is also responsible for entering impounded/abandoned vehicles, breath, blood, urine test reports, stolen vehicles, articles, and weapons into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). The Village of Fowlerville Police Department submitted 154 warrant requests in 2018. Of the 154 requests sent, 19 felonies and 114 misdemeanors were authorized.

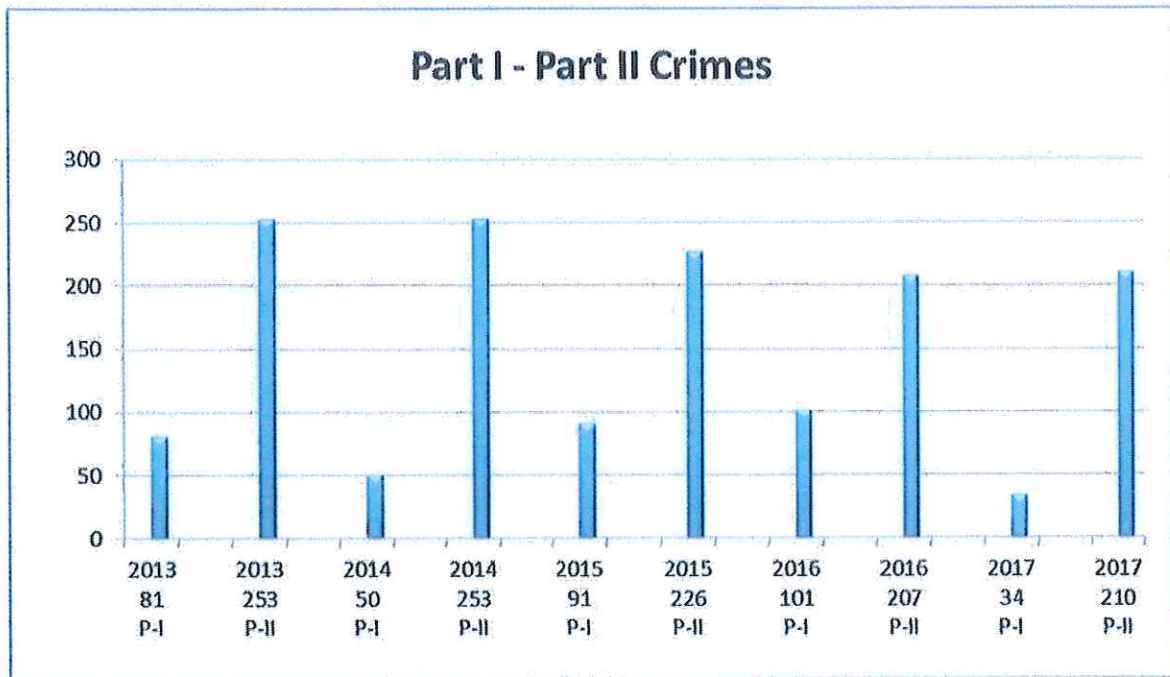


Reports and Calls for Service

The county wide records management system is designed to comply with National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) guidelines. Criminal data is electronically submitted monthly to the State for the compilation of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a State mandated and nationwide crime reporting system. It provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The crime data is submitted either to a state UCR program or directly to the national UCR program which is administered by the FBI.

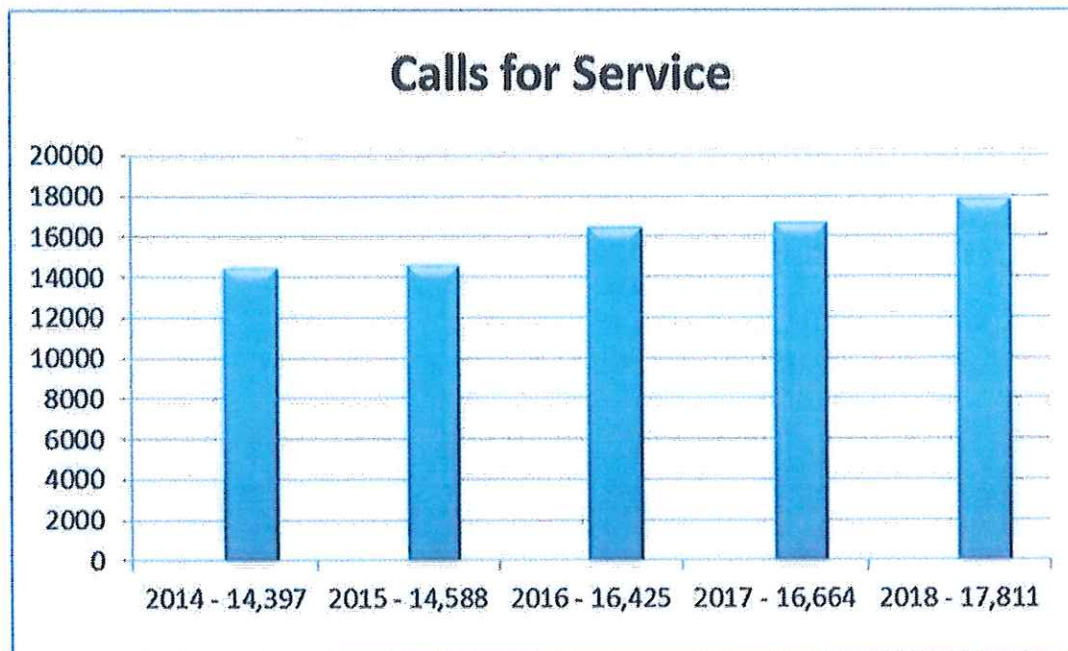
Crime reporting data is broken down into the following categories: violent (Part 1 crimes) and non-violent (Part 2 crimes). Part 1 crimes consist of the following offenses: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, arson, and motor vehicle theft. Part 2 crimes are less serious in nature and encompass the following categories: simple assault, curfew offenses and loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drug offenses, fraud, gambling, liquor offenses, offenses against family, prostitution, public drunkenness, runaways, sex offenses, stolen property, vandalism, vagrancy, and weapon offenses.

Reflected in the chart on the following page is five years worth of statistics for the police department. You will notice that the data is only reflected through 2017. This is not an error, as of the printing of this report the 2018 data has not been compiled and published by the FBI. The 2018 data will be reflected in the 2019 annual report.



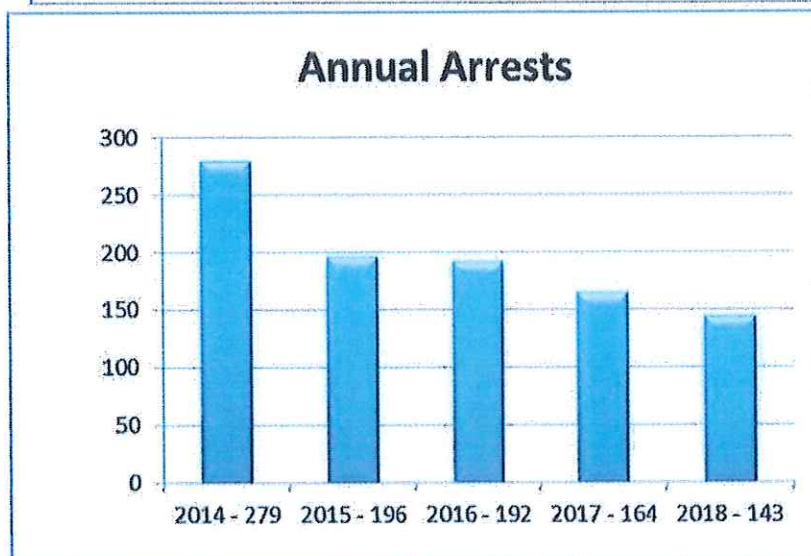
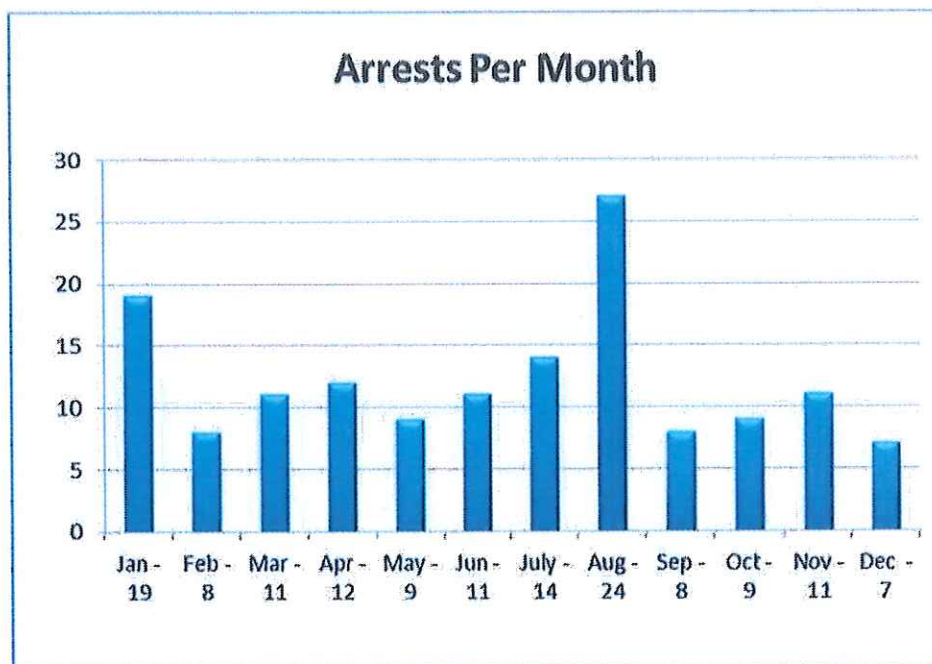
Calls for Service

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department is committed to providing excellent service to the citizens of the Village of Fowlerville. During 2018, officers responded to 17,811 calls for police service. These calls encompass all aspects of police activities and are not exclusively criminal incidents.



Annual Arrests

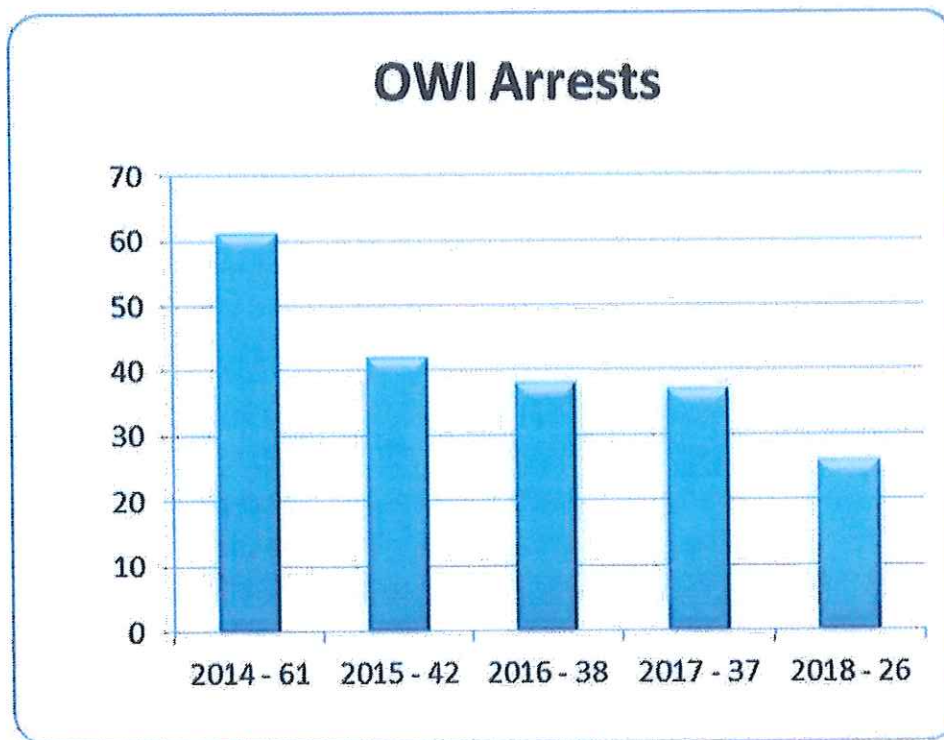
The Village of Fowlerville Police Department arrested 143 subjects in 2018. Of the 143 arrests 23 were for felony offenses.



Traffic Enforcement

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department has a high level of commitment to traffic safety through the enforcement of traffic laws and traffic safety education. Our goal is to reduce hazardous violations that contribute to personal injury and property damage crashes. During 2018 there were 707 traffic and parking citations issued.

The enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a high priority for our department. There were 26 drivers arrested for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs during 2018. Of the 26 arrested, 4 were arrested for Operating While Intoxicated/High Blood Alcohol Content (B.A.C.) To be arrested for High B.A.C., the driver must have a B.A.C. of .17% or higher and be the first OWI offense.



Criminal Investigations

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department was involved in several noteworthy cases in 2018. Listed below is a summary of these incidents.

Violation of Controlled Substance Act and Misdemeanor Warrant Arrest

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to a residence in the Village in reference to a verbal argument between the caller and her daughter. Officer Edmonds arrived on location and began speaking with the homeowner. The homeowner stated her daughter was out of control and possibly under the influence of drugs. Officer Edmonds interviewed the daughter who appeared highly intoxicated. Officer Edmonds ran a file check on the daughter through Livingston County Central Dispatch and was notified that the daughter had a valid misdemeanor warrant out of the 53rd District Court in Howell. Officer Edmonds arrested the suspect and during the arrest discovered the suspect was in possession of four controlled substance pills that she did not have a prescription for.

Domestic Violence

Officer Feister was dispatched to a residence in reference to a physical domestic in progress. The caller advised that his step-son had assaulted him and his wife and then left the residence. Officer Feister arrived on location and made contact with both victims. The step-father stated that his step-son came over and was highly intoxicated and was yelling at them. The step-father advised he asked the step-son to calm down and that is when the step-son threw him to the ground. The mother of the suspect stated that she was trying to stop her son from assaulting her husband and that is when the suspect shoved her. Officer Feister observed marks on both victims.

Officer Feister located the suspect who was highly intoxicated and refused to cooperate with the investigation. Officer Feister placed the suspect under arrest for two counts of domestic violence. The suspect was charged as a habitual offender due to his prior domestic violence criminal history.

Domestic Violence, Strangulation

Officer Feister was dispatched to a residence in reference to a physical domestic. Officer Feister made contact with the victim who stated she and her boyfriend were at a friend's house playing card games and drinking alcohol when her boyfriend became mad at her. The two went into the bathroom to talk and that's when he began punching her in the face and then started to strangle her. The victim advised she passed out and when she woke up she left the residence and went to the neighbor's house to call 911. Officer Feister observed marks on the victim consistent with her statement. The victim refused medical treatment but was provided with a list of resources if she needed any help.

Officer Feister was able to locate the suspect who was arrested for domestic assault and strangulation.

Operating While Intoxicated, 3rd Offense

Officer Lorenz was on patrol in the Village when he noticed a vehicle travelling at a very slow rate of speed and coming to a stop in the roadway several times. Officer Lorenz initiated a traffic stop. The driver was highly intoxicated and was unable to complete sobrieties. Officer Lorenz arrested the suspect and transported him to the Livingston County Jail. Once at the jail, the jail staff advised Officer Lorenz that he would need to transport the suspect to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital – Livingston to get medical clearance due to the suspect's level of intoxication. Once the hospital staff gave medical clearance, the suspect was transported back to the jail and lodged without incident.

Domestic Violence, Interfere with 911 Communications

Officer Lorenz was dispatched to a physical domestic in progress. Officer Lorenz made contact with the victim who advised she was assaulted by her boyfriend. The victim stated her and her boyfriend were arguing about taxes when he grabbed her by the arm and assaulted her. The victim also stated that she tried to get away from her boyfriend and to call 911 four times but that her boyfriend prevented her from doing so. Officer Lorenz observed bruising on the victim's arm but she refused medical treatment.

The suspect was arrested for domestic violence and interfering with 911 communications.

Officer Involved Shooting

Officer Feister was requested to assist a trooper from the Michigan State Police Brighton Post on a suicidal subject in Handy Township. Dispatch advised that the subject had access to several knives and had locked himself in a room in the basement. Upon arrival, Officer Feister met with the Trooper in the basement of the residence. The suspect had locked himself in a room and was not responding to the trooper's commands to open the door. The Trooper and Officer Feister made entry into the room and found the suspect lying on the floor with knife wounds to his neck and both wrists. When the trooper and officer went to render aid, the suspect lunged at them with a knife in his hand. Officer Feister deployed his taser but the taser had little effect on the suspect. The suspect was advancing on Officer Feister still wielding the knife. Officer Feister then discharged his firearm three times at the suspect striking him. The suspect still continued to advance toward Officer Feister. The suspect was subdued when another officer arrived on location and discharged his taser.

During the altercation the Trooper was struck with a ricochet bullet in his thigh. The suspect and trooper were transported to the University of Michigan Hospital. The Trooper was released with minor injuries. The suspect was treated and recovered from the wounds and was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and two counts of resisting and obstructing.

Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm at Fowlerville Community Schools

Officer Kuzdek, Sgt. Soli and I were dispatched to the Fowlerville High School gymnasium in reference to shots being fired inside the school. A wrestling tournament was being held when an off duty Flint officer accidentally discharged his off duty firearm into the floor. The off duty officer adjusted his waistband and accidentally pulled the trigger firing the weapon. The incident was investigated and the wrestling tournament resumed after a short period of time. The off duty officer was charged with unlawful discharge of a firearm.

Possession of Stolen Property (vehicle) and Driving While License Suspended

Officer Kuzdek stopped a vehicle for driving all over the road. When Officer Kuzdek made contact with the driver he appeared nervous and gave her inconsistent stories of where he was coming from and where he was going. Officer Kuzdek ran the driver through LEIN and noticed the driver was driving on a suspended license and that the vehicle he was driving was stolen out of Flint. Officer Kuzdek made contact with the vehicle owner and she advised that the vehicle was stolen out of her driveway and

she had no idea who had stolen her vehicle. The driver was arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and for driving on a suspended license.

Operating While Intoxicated – 3rd Offense, Driving While License Suspended

Officer Edmonds conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for having a burnt out headlight. When Officer Edmonds made contact with the female driver he determined that she was driving under the influence of alcohol and was driving on a suspended license. The driver was arrested for OWI 3rd (felony) and for driving on a suspended license.

Operating While Intoxicated – 2nd Offense, Weapons Violation X 3

Officer McMahon and Officer Lorenz were working together during the Easy Rider's Rodeo and conducted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and drugs. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun, doubled edged knife and a taser. The driver was arrested for OWI, three counts of carrying a concealed weapon and several traffic misdemeanors.

Violation of Controlled Substance Act (possession of morphine), Drunk and Disorderly and Driving on an Expired License

Officer Sorenson was dispatched to Fowlerville Medical Center for an intoxicated and very aggressive patient who had been asked to leave by office staff. The patient subsequently pushed one of the office staff and then took off on foot from the facility. While Officer Sorenson was conducting his investigation he noticed that the suspect had returned to the parking lot. Officer Sorenson went out to the parking lot to make contact with the suspect. Officer Sorenson observed the suspect to be highly intoxicated. The suspect was belligerent, cussing loudly and not making any sense when talking. The suspect again took off on foot and was located in a neighboring subdivision. The suspect was arrested for drunk and disorderly, operating while intoxicated and resisting and obstructing. A search of the suspect's vehicle revealed morphine that was not prescribed to him.

Resisting and Obstructing

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to a possible domestic in progress between a girlfriend and boyfriend. Officer Edmonds arrived on location and began conducting his investigation. Officer Edmonds separated the two subjects and observed the female subject to be highly intoxicated. She refused to calm down and would not stay away from the male subject. Officer Edmonds was stopping the female suspect

from entering the residence when she started to punch and kick him. She was arrested for resisting and obstructing and for a fugitive warrant out of Livingston County.

Community Events

The Fowlerville Police Department started a Youth Police Academy. We graduated 20 cadets in 2018. Sgt. Soli, Chief Tyler and Officer Lorenz taught the cadets marching, physical fitness requirements, traffic stops, building searches, responsibilities of a K9 officer and his partner, firearms safety, marksmanship and also the MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) requirements to be a Police Officer. The class was a combination of hands on and classroom. The academy was a huge success based on the feedback that was received from the cadets, parents, and also the community.

The Fowlerville Police Department also conducted three Hunter Safety classes administered by Hunter Safety Instructors Officer Sorenson and Officer Lorenz. The Fowlerville VFW was gracious enough to lend the space for the classes free of charge and were great hosts for the class. Officer Sorenson and Officer Lorenz graduated around 70 area students and community members. Officer Sorenson and Officer Lorenz taught the students hunter safety, hunting rules and regulations and firearms safety. The feedback from students, parents and the community was wonderful.

The Trick or Treat event was held at the Fowlerville District Library this year. There were approximately 1,000 children that attended. We passed out cider, donuts, candy and Halloween trinkets. The Fowlerville Department of Public Works and the Fowlerville Area Fire Department also attended this event.

We also attended the Livingston County Police, Fire, and EMS, Trunk or Treat event, held at the Livingston County Sheriff Department. Each agency in attendance had an agency representative pass out candy and interact with the public. We estimated around 2,000 community members at the event. This was a wonderful event to build working relationships with other agencies and also community rapport.

The Fowlerville Police Department also takes a very active part in other youth and community events such as attending local Cub Scout meetings, Safety Day at the Little Glad Center, Prevention in the Park, Fun in The Ville, Project Sticker Shock,

C.O.P.S. police appreciation event, Kids Fall Festival at the fairgrounds, Celebrity Server at Olden Days Café, Christmas in the Ville, 4th of July Parade, Fowlerville Police Food Drive for Family Impact Center, Shop with a Cop and Scarecrows across the Ville just to name a few.

We held Opiate Awareness at the United Brethren Church. This event is geared toward educating the public on the dangers of opiates, heroin and fentanyl. We had speakers from the Livingston County Prosecutors Office, Livingston County Sheriff Office, Livingston County Community Alliance, Catholic Charities, Celebrate Recovery and also community members suffering from addiction.

Sgt. Soli and Chief Tyler conducted an Opiate Awareness program at the Fowlerville High School. The students watched a PowerPoint presentation that showed statistics locally and nationally regarding the opiate epidemic. There were three local recovering heroin addicts who explained how heroin and other illegal drugs effected their lives. The message the speakers brought to this presentation had the most powerful impact on the students. Each student that graduates from the Fowlerville Community School District will attend the Opiate Awareness program.

Chief Tyler conducted a Senior Scam presentation at the United Brethren Church. This presentation made senior citizens and their families aware of the scams that are targeting the elderly.

Goals for 2019

This year I would like to expand some already existing community programs such as the Youth Academy and the Hunter Safety Course. For the Youth Academy I would like to add more topics to the program and possibly extend the program by an additional day. This year for Hunter Safety I would like to add two or three additional courses. In the past, there has been a high demand for the course.

I am committed to increasing education regarding the dangers of vaping not only in the Fowlerville Community Schools but also in the community itself.

I plan to continue educating seniors and the family members that care for them on fraudulent scams and how to spot them. This is an ongoing problem for not only our

community but for all communities in Livingston County. Seniors are especially vulnerable to scams in this electronic age.

It is getting increasingly difficult to be able to provide adequate training to the Fowlerville Police Department officers due to budget constraints and shift coverage. Therefore, I have enrolled the department in an on-line learning academy. This academy provides over 200 training courses that the officers have access to 24/7. The officers will be able to request training courses through the on-line learning academy. Once I have approved the requested course the officer will be able to log into their on-line learning account and take the course. Once the course is successfully passed the information will be forwarded to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to be added to the officer's training portfolio. The officer will also be able to print a certificate for their training file at the police department. The Administrative Assistant will also have access to courses in the on-line learning academy that will be geared specifically for administrative duties.

Summary

I plan on continuing with the community policing model. The Village of Fowlerville is unique in the aspect that we provide a high level of service to our citizens well above and beyond what many other police agencies provide in their communities. I believe that in today's society, we the police, need to be seen more conducting and attending as many functions as we can in support for this community.

I would like to thank the Village Manager, the Village Council and all of the citizens we serve. I am honored to serve as Chief of Police for such a great and supportive community. The Police Department and I look forward to continuing our high level of police service to the community. We will strive to change with the demands of the job and needs of our community. I look forward to being a part of a growing community that cares about community and family values.

Respectfully written,

John J. Tyler, Chief of Police
Fowlerville Police Department