White House Police Department White House, Tr

2019 Annual Report



John W. Decker Police Facility



~ Mission Statement ~

We, the members of the White House Police Department, in partnership with, and empowered by the community, are committed to providing quality police service to our community and visitors by providing equality and sensitivity to all; being dedicated, professional and courteous to each other and the citizens; continuing to educate ourselves and our community for evolving needs and trends; protecting the lives, property, and rights of all citizens; having empathy for those in need, and having strength both mentally and physically to meet and overcome the challenges. To fulfill this mission, we will strive to attain the highest degree of ethical behavior and professional conduct at all times.



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~Organizational Chart~

Board of Mayor and Alderman

City Administrator

Gerald O. Herman

Chief of Police

Patrick M. Brady

Internal Affairs

Assigned by the Chief

Administrative Secretary

Elizabeth A. Scannell

Assistant Chief

James F. Ring II

Patrol

Squad A

Sergeant Erinn Martin Officer Kevin Gillingham Officer Jeremy Sisk Officer Taylor Trombley Officer Lars Carlson

Squad C

Sergeant Joel Brisson Officer David Segerson Officer Ryan Spraggins Officer Ethan Hoffman Squad B

Sergeant Brad McMurty Officer Jordan Baker Officer Brandon Waller

Squad D

Sergeant Patrick Bagwell Officer Keith Anglin Officer Hayley Doty **Criminal Investigations Division**

Sergeant Daniel S. Hunter Officer Danny E. Ward

Drug Task Force

Officer Jason S. Ghee

Community Relations

Sergeant Eric M. Enck

Chelsey Hough Susan Johnson

Records

12/31/2019

~ Administration ~



On behalf of the White House Police Department, I am pleased to present to you the 2019 Annual Report of the White House Police Department. This annual report is a historical document for the police department to be kept as a permanent record. This report reflects the hard work, outstanding accomplishments and the professional service provided by the men and women of this department.

2019 was a very successful year for the White House Police Department. There were many personnel changes that occurred. Officer Michael Thomas, Sgt. Tommy Eisenbraun and Officer Ryan Scott all resigned to take advantage of opportunities presented to them. We had one Officer terminated. In October 2019, Officer Taylor Trombley was hired. In December of 2019, Officer Lars Carlson was hired.

The police department received several awards during 2019. In September 2019, at the Tennessee Life Saver's Conference, the White House Police Department received second place in the State of Tennessee for an agency 11-25 officers in the Law Enforcement Challenge. We also received first place in the State of Tennessee for an agency 11-25 officers for our Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Programs, as well as a Special Category Award for our Traffic Enforcement Programs

In 2019, we applied for several grants. One grant was to the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office for overtimes for officers to conduct increased DUI enforcement. We were successful in receiving this grant. This was a \$40,000 grant to cover overtime costs and to purchase two Digital incar cameras, two light bars for the new SUVs and other items of equipment. We also received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to pay for 50% of three bullet proof vests.

Past Police Chiefs

Dudley Knight	1971-1973	Robert D. Mann	1991-2001
Ed Mayes	1973-1974	Stanley L. Hilgadiack	2001-2007
Frank Eatherly	1975-1982	Gerald O. Herman	2008-2012
Morris N. Fisher	1982-1989	Patrick M. Brady	2012-Current
James R. Matthews	1989-1991		

~ Personnel ~

Appointments: Taylor Trombley (October 21st, 2019)

Lars Carlson (December 30th, 2019)

Promotions: Brad McMurty to Sergeant (July 30, 2019)

Demotions: None.

Terminations: Emanuel Manoloules (May 13, 2019)

Resignations: Thomas Eisenbraun (May 21st, 2019)

Michael Thomas (November 5, 2019)

Ryan Scott (November 11, 2019)

Retirements: None.

Transfers: None.

Internal Affairs Statistics	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Investigations	1	0	0	0	3
Exonerated	0	0	0	0	0
Sustained	0	0	0	0	2
Not Sustained	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	0	0	0	1
Discipline Issued					
Verbal Reprimands	0	0	0	0	2
Written reprimands	1	0	1	0	0
Suspensions	2	0	1	0	0
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0
Terminations	1	0	1	0	0

[&]quot;Exonerated" means an incident did occur but the action was consistent with established policy, rules or procedure.

Employees Summary

Total Employed 27

[&]quot;Sustained" means that the allegation(s) is supported by sufficient evidence and further action is recommended.

[&]quot;Unfounded" means that allegation(s) is not valid or is untrue.

[&]quot;Not Sustained" means that there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation(s).

~WHPD Annual Awards ~

The department's Award Committee reviews the recommendations for the calendar year 2019. Each award has standards that must be met for an award to be issued. An Awards Ceremony was held on May 14, 2019.



Officer of the Year Most DUI's Officer Ethan Hoffman

Most Criminal Arrests
Officer Ryan C. Spraggins





Most Citations Exceptional Duty

Officer Jeremy J. Sisk

~WHPD Annual Awards ~

Exceptional Duty
Officer Keith W. Anglin





Citizen Commendation

Michael Vanatta

Citizen Commendation

Amy Claiborne



~ Grants~

<u>Wal-Mart Community Safety Grant</u>: In November, the White House Police Department received a \$2,500 Community Safety Grant. The grant money will be applied towards the purchase of materials for all Crime Preventions/Injury Prevention/Safety Programs sponsored by the White House Police Department.

<u>Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant</u>: In October, the White House Police Department was awarded the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant. The grant will reimburse the police department 50% of the total cost of the vests which will equate to a savings of \$1,200.00.

Governor's Highway Safety Grant: In September of 2019, we were awarded two separate grants due to our hard work and dedication to roadway, bicycle and pedestrian safety. Sgt. Brisson was selected by the THSO to be the Grant Coordinator and liaison for the Middle Tennessee District. With this honor the police department was awarded a \$20,000.00 grant to reimburse the department for any travel and training expenses due to Sgt. Brisson's position and left-over monies could be spent on vital safety equipment for the police department's officers to keep them safe while out on the roadways. We also received an additional \$15,000.00 grant. This money would be split, half used to pay officers overtime to work special DUI enforcement operations and the other to purchase much needed safety equipment while working the roadways such as additional lights, cameras and reflective vests.

~Training~





The White House Police Department employees are well trained to provide exceptional police services to the community. Proper training provides for greater productivity, effectiveness and unity of purpose. Proper training also enhances our ability to act decisively and correctly in our duties and responsibilities. Generally, we try to have officers trained as instructors in specialized areas so they can train our officers.

All of our full-time police officers are required to be certified by the State of Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. To obtain certification, officers must complete the basic course that includes a minimum of 400 hours of training. In addition, all officers must successfully complete forty (40) hours of in-service training each year.

All officers are required to participate in a *Field Training Program* designed to last eight to fourteen weeks depending on the employee's skills and ability. The new employee is with a *Field Training Officer* (FTO) this entire time while performance and knowledge is evaluated daily. At the end of each week, a summary of strengths and weaknesses are documented and signed-off by the new officer, the FTO, the supervisor-in-charge of the *Field Training Program* and the Chief of Police.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Training	1,661	1,960	1,030	2,310.5	1837.5
Hours					

~ Police Department Fleet ~



The Police Department ended the year with 23 motor vehicles: fourteen for uniform patrol; one for Community Relations (D.A.R.E.); two for ERT; two for Investigations; two for court and two for Administration. We also have five bicycles for bike patrol, a John Deere Gator UTV.

We have ordered four 2019 Ford Explorer Interceptors for Patrol. We are still waiting for these vehicles. We are hoping to receive these vehicles in the Fiscal Year 20-21.

~ Communications Center ~



Springfield/Robertson County
Emergency Communications
Center
115 Pinnacle Dr.
Springfield, TN 37172
615-382-6863



Dispatchers are responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency phone calls, data entry, and the dispatching of police, fire, emergency medical services, and public utilities. As of August 1, 2011, dispatching services were moved from the City of White House to the City of Springfield. This consolidation of services was a two year project. The Robertson County E911 Center is equipped to meet the dispatching needs of the future. There was a total of 14,997 calls received, processed and dispatched by the Communications Center during 2019. Many of the calls were related to criminal activity and traffic related incidents, and would require additional, detailed information found in incident reports. The table below shows in detail the breakdown of calls during the 12 month period.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Calls for Service	14,997	17,194	13,234	12,851	13,494
Alarm Calls	470	418	407	474	400

911 DISPATCHERS

Between The Thin Red Line, The Thin Blue Line, and The Thin White Line lies The Thin Gold Line. This narrowest of lines represents those who are rarely seen but always heard and appreciated. The calm voice in the dark; the heroes behind the scenes; the gold link that holds us all together: 911 Dispatchers.

~ Community Policing ~





The Community Relations Sergeant is responsible for providing crime prevention programs for the community designed to bring awareness to crime, educate citizens on the ways they can reduce the chances of becoming a victim and encourage the community to work with the police toward the reduction of criminal activity.

The Community Relations Sergeant works with all types of community groups such as:

- Businesses
- Neighborhood Organizations
- Churches
- Daycare Facilities
- Any and all other interested community groups.

There groups receive education in active shooter, woman's self-defense, fraudulent activity awareness, adult senior safety education, ways to set up neighborhood watch programs, stranger danger and bike safety.





D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program is universally viewed as the most effective model of community policing. The White House Police Department's program, started in one school in 1995 and was taught in one school during 2019. The ten-week curriculum was taught by D.A.R.E. Instructor, Sergeant Eric Enck at White House Middle School.

~ Shop with a Cop/Fireman ~



The White House Police Department and White House Fire Department conducted their 6th Annual Shop with a Cop/Firefighter program on Saturday, December 14th. The program sponsored 24 children who were recommended by our local school system that needed assistance for Christmas. The children were partnered with a police officer or firefighter and allowed to shop at Walmart for Christmas presents for themselves and family Members.

The program is sponsored by the City of White House Rotary Club, who holds an annual golf tournament to help the event. The City held a bowling tournament at Strike and Spare Family Fun Center in Hendersonville to help raise funds. Also, this year we received generous donations from Craig Johnson's Construction Company and Joe Burris of Value Cargo Vans.

Walmart and Subway donate the facility, wrapping paper and lunch.

~ White House Police Explorers ~ Post #406





White House Police Department's Police Explorer's, Post #406, currently has seven active members that are between the ages of 14-21. The post is a member the Tennessee Law Enforcement Explorer's Association. During 2019, they actively participated in Safety Day, Relay for Life, the Chamber of Commerce's Americana Celebration, and all other city park related functions. They meet every other Monday at the Police Department. During 2019, they received classes on The History of Law Enforcement, Officer Safety, Police Officer's Code of Conduct/Ethical Behavior, Basic Criminal Law, Weapons Safety, Community Policing, Defensive Tactics, Domestic Violence Investigation, and Crime Scene Investigations. Officer Jeremy Sisk is the Post Advisor.

~ Wheels in Motion ~





The White House Rotary Club's "Wheels in Motion" project awards a bicycle monthly to elementary school students who exemplify the character of good citizens. Students are nominated and selected by their teachers and school administrators. The Police Department partners with the Rotary Club to deliver the message of safety by presenting a new helmet to go with the bicycle award. During 2019, three schools were visited: H.B. Williams Elementary, Heritage Elementary and Christian Community School.



~ Safe Kid's Coalition ~



Safe Kids is a community safety program that targets the youth with in the city. This program allows us to reach out to parents and children, which open lines of communication between our citizens and our Officers. Officers provide parents with the most recent child safety laws and growing criminal trends to help them keep their children safe. Officers also teach safety to child participants through lecture and demonstration. Officers take the time to talk with children and give out items such as sticker badges, plastic badges, icy pops and free ice cream coupons. Safe Kids is all about teaching safety and opening strong lines of trust and communication to our community.

~ Public Safety Awareness Day ~ "Safety Day"







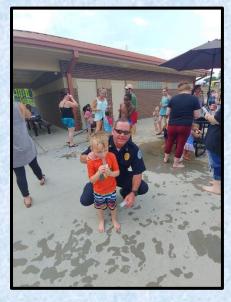
Public Safety Awareness Day (Safety Day) 2019, represented the seventeenth-year history of the event. Held annually on Labor Day, Safety Day represents a unified, long term solution to the prevention of childhood related injuries. It also gives local law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel an opportunity to meet the public, hand out safety literature and display their equipment.

~ Cítizen's Police Academy ~ 19th Annual



The White House Police Department has found education to be the most effective means of gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizen's Police Academy offers citizens insight into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community. In 2019, fourteen citizens attended and graduated from the 19th annual class. The purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. The Academy will create a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices, services, and crime prevention. Graduates of the Academy can share their knowledge and experiences with the community as the opportunity arises. Everyone benefits from enhancing a citizens understanding of the role and function of their police department.

~ Cool off with a Cop ~















~ Drug Take Back Program ~





The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the White House Police Department held two Prescription Drug Take-Back Days during 2019; both at Kroger in April and October. We collected a total of 175 pounds at both events. This was an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates in the United States—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs more than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

~ S.P.E.A.R.E. ~

Self-Protection Environmental Awareness



S.P.E.A.R.E.

(Self-Protection Environmental Awareness and Rape Education) was started by Sgt. Eric Enck in 2009. He, along with the assistance of other qualified helpers, instructed 175-200 women (ages 11-80) in Self Defense Education throughout the community this year.







~ Criminal Investigations Division ~









Detective Danny Ward

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed by a Detective Sergeant and a Detective. The Detective Sergeant is responsible for the management of all criminal cases. This includes case assignment and case clearance. There are many ways in which cases are cleared. The most notable are: clearances when an arrest is made, any unfounded case, the case is referred to another agency, any case where prosecution is declined and/or the victim refuses to cooperate, or after exhausting all leads, we are unable to develop a suspect. Although all cases are not cleared, there are numerous times, through the investigation of a crime that occurred in another jurisdiction, a local crime may be cleared also. The Criminal Investigation's Unit works closely with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Homeland Security, as well as being an active member of local Child Protective Investigative Teams (CPIT) and Child Abuse Response Teams (CART). The Detectives also participate in criminal intelligence meetings will all surrounding agencies, ensuring that vital information on criminal activity is shared.

Case Activity

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Cases Assigned	310	300	285	265	402
Cleared	228	218	181	194	305
Indictments	8	10	14	15	25

^{*}Only included reports taken not all that were investigated.

~ K-9 Unit ~



The White House Police Department has one K-9 Unit, Officer Jason Ghee and his K-9 partner, Kailee (assigned 2016). The K-9 Unit is prepared for call-outs at any time to assist patrol officers in vehicle sniffs. In addition to call-outs, the K-9 Unit is active in community service requests such as demonstrations at community events. Kailee loves to demonstrate her special skills and fascinate people of all ages with her remarkable skill to locate illegal substances.

In April 2019, Officer Jason Ghee was assigned to the FBI Violent Crime and Gang Task Force (Squad 11) as a Task Force Officer. TFO Ghee has made several drug arrests, seizing assets on Federal charges which has removed drugs, property and money off the streets relating to drug or Felony offenses. His attachment provides resources for the White House Police Department to assist in Felony crimes and many other investigations that occur in the city limits of White House. It also helps White House with connections to other federal agencies and resources which benefit the departments investigations.

~ Emergency Response Team ~





Officer David Segerson is assigned to the Sumner County Emergency Response Team. We provide uniforms and some special equipment. They train monthly and are always on standby for call outs to emergency situations, felony warrant service, hostage situations, etc. The Emergency Response Team Call Outs in 2019, ranged from high risk search warrants, high risk arrest warrants, barricaded suspects and fugitive apprehensions.

~ Uniform Patrol~



Police personnel generate incident reports when a complaint is of such a nature that it requires detailed information. Such reports include crime reports, information reports on suspicious circumstances, driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, etc. We, as a local law enforcement agency, participate in reporting crimes that are committed in our respective community to the FBI through the State of Tennessee's Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS). The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation compiles and publishes the data in *Crime in Tennessee*, an annual publication. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) annually publishes *Crime in the United States* which details crime committed in all cities with a population of 10,000 or more residents. The information reported is obtained from local law enforcement agencies. Although the data we submit is very detailed on all crimes committed, the following tables give us a snapshot of the crimes that were committed in the City of White House:

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Serious Crimes Reported					
Crimes Against Persons	142	155	173	147	164
Crimes Against Property	297	372	409	432	489
Crimes Against Society	280	438	292	147	121
Total	727	965	874	726	774
Percent Difference	-25%	+9%	+17%	-6%	+16%
Criminals Arrested	646	767	703	431	399
Percent Difference	-16%	+8%	+39%	+7%	+2%

Crimes Committed in the City of White House in 2019

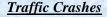
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ALL OTHER OFFENSES	361
ASSAUL AGGRAVATED	16
ASSAULT SIMPLE	75
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	9
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	18
CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE FRAUD	16
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	60
DRUG EQUIPEMENT VIOLATIONS	127
DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	154
DRUNKENNESS	14
EMBEZZLEMENT	3
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	25
FAMILY OFFENSE, NONVIOLENT	3
FORCIBLE FONDLING	2
IDENTITY THEFT	4
IMPERSONATION	11
INTIMIDATION	47
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	8
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	1
RAPE	1
ROBBERY	2
SHOPLIFTING	41
STALKING	1
STOLEN PROPERTY	1
THEFT FROM BUILDING	27
THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	21
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	3
TRAFFIC MISCELLANEOUS	1
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	8
VANDALISM	51
WEAPON LAW VIOLATION	7
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~ Traffic Control ~



Traffic Control is our most visible work product. You see the marked police cars patrolling the city. You see them when they have their overhead lights on at a traffic stop or traffic crash. Sometimes you see them in your rearview mirror and you quickly check your speedometer and make sure to make a complete stop at stop signs. We try to bring order through traffic control devices and enforcement in what otherwise would be complete chaos on the street. Can you imagine an intersection with no stop signs or traffic lights? With a major interstate and three

state routes, the City of White House receives more vehicles traveling through or stopping to visit than many cities the same size. We take pride in the fact that our officers are highly trained in conducting professional, courteous and safe traffic stops for both the motoring public and the officers.





Although we would consider crash reports as incident reports, we have kept them separated for this report. The State of Tennessee requires us to submit a report that has been developed by them. We refer to this as the *Tennessee Uniform Traffic Crash Report*. The State has specific guidelines as to what is a reportable crash and what is not reportable. We are not required to report minor crashes with no injuries and damage less than \$400.00.

The following is a breakdown of crash reports that were reported to the State.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Traffic Crash Reports	446	467	436	414	395
Injury Crashes	42	53	54	51	54
Fatalities	1	0	0	1	0

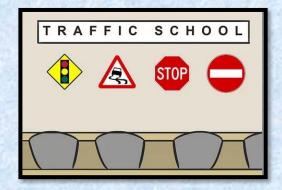
Crashes decreased by 4% this year. Sergeant Brisson is actively involved with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office. Together they keep us involved in traffic safety campaigns such as "Click it or Ticket" and "Booze it and Lose it!" These campaigns are designed to reduce traffic crashes and the severity of injury.

Traffic Enforcement Activity

The following table depicts our efforts in the enforcement of traffic code violations. We cite under many State and Local codes. Most traffic violators are cited into the City of White House Traffic Court, but in some cases we cite them into the General Session's Court in the county of violation.

Enforcement of Traffic Laws	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Written Citations	1,614	1,771	1,604	1,681	2,085
Written Warnings	980	960	887	1,013	1,091
Verbal Warnings	4,623	4,014	2,405	2,100	2,558

Traffic School



Six Traffic Schools were instructed in 2019 by our Certified Instructors, Sergeant Joel Brisson and Officer Jordan Baker. Fifty-four citizens attended Traffic School in 2019. Our instructors are certified by the State of Tennessee Department of Safety to provide driver education courses.

~ Expenditures ~



As with any organization, personnel costs consume a large portion of the police department's budget. Expenditures for all police and communications for the fiscal year 2018-2019 increased by \$186,780 from 2017-2018.

EXPENDITURES: POLICE & COMMUNICATIONS	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
Personal Services	1,760,251	1,591,085	1,107,718	1,365,158
Contractual Services	274,883	264,500	375,951	276,690
Materials and Supplies	94,437	82,354	243,948	64,304
Other	88,739	94,196	171,702	112,781
Drug Fund	4,501	3,896	5,830	35,041
Total	2,222,811	2,036,031	1,905,149	1,853,974
Percent Difference	+8%	+6%	+3%	+3%

~ Local Media ~



~ Miscellaneous Pictures ~



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