

CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

LT. Robert Brown
Officer in Charge

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To: Mayor Julia Fahl, Lambertville City Council
From: LT. Robert Brown, Officer in Charge
SUBJECT: Annual Report 2018
Date: February 4, 2019

The City of Lambertville Police Department is a progressive, pro-active, community oriented law enforcement agency. We are a full-service department staffed by nine police officers and one special officer that is operational around-the-clock, seven days a week. Primarily a uniformed patrol based operation we also provide a criminal investigative function through the assignment of a detective (when feasible) and conduct periodic specialized patrol in the form of a Bicycle Patrol Unit. Our police officers receive continuous, up-dated in-service training relating to both existing and new policies, procedures, firearms proficiency, and other areas relevant to the law enforcement function. Most of our officers have attended advanced classes, covering many diverse topics that include traffic accident and criminal investigations, Interview and Interrogation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Terrorism, Internal Affairs, Narcotics Enforcement, Methods of Instruction, Handling the Emotionally Disturbed, Evidence Management, Autism Awareness, and Computer Crime/Identity Theft. I am proud to say that the caliber of our officers and civilian staff is second to none.

It is the philosophy of this department to perform our duties consistent with modern, community policing practices. We routinely solicit citizen input in addressing crime and quality-of-life issues and always strive to identify and solve problems by maintaining open lines of communication with the community. We take these responsibilities seriously and continually look for ways to improve our performance.

I respectfully submit for your review the 2018 Annual Report for the City of Lambertville Police Department. This report details operational statistics, administrative activities and functions and a general assessment of department productivity in a variety of areas.

In 2018 we continued to operate with a reduction in force of one police officer (10% of department) that took effect in 2011. This staff reduction resulted in the elimination of a dedicated investigator position. This slot had been crucial with respect to our ability to conduct timely and efficient initial and follow-up investigation of reported crimes, and all other type of investigations such as background checks, domestic violence case follow-up, ABC, firearms, taxicab, and vending machine licensing. These responsibilities are presently assigned to Detective Vincent Albani. However, he remains assigned to the regular duty chart and is still required to perform all routine patrol duties and respond to calls for service. Detective Albani also serves as the department's Evidence/Property and Project Medicine Drop Program Officer. Due to the increased workload for the

detective, I will have to assign an additional officer to assist Det. Albani on a part-time basis in 2019.

In 2018, the department handled 10,468 calls for service. The department conducted 165 investigations and 919 non-criminal investigations. We saw a huge increase in major infrastructure projects with both the Suez Water and Elizabethtown Gas companies implementing extensive upgrades throughout the city. These projects required the assignment of 1-2 police officers for traffic control on almost a daily basis. In order to fulfill the need for this extra coverage, officers were often required to work double shifts throughout the year.

In 2018 the department experienced slight decline in arrests with the exception of DUI arrests (6 additional arrests). Parking summonses increased by 510 additional summonses. See Table #1 for additional statistics.

Part I UCR crimes in 2018 totaled 46, compared to 51 in 2017. See attachment B for detailed analysis.

There were 153 motor vehicle accidents in 2018, compared with 160 reported in 2017. No fatalities resulted from these accidents. Six (6) pedestrians were struck by motor vehicles in 2018. Four motor vehicle accidents resulted in DUI arrests. The top two accident locations were once again occurred in the general vicinity of Routes 165/ 518 (7) and Route 165/179 (11).

Although the responsibilities and challenges to police departments in general have become increasingly demanding, all of our members remain steadfastly committed to providing first-class police service and a safe, secure environment for all Lambertville residents and visitors.

Respectfully,

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MISSION STATEMENT

“The City of Lambertville Police Department’s primary mission is to protect lives and property and provide the highest quality police service to all persons; professionally, impartially and within the framework of community policing ideals. We are committed to achieving this mission by adhering to the highest ethical standards and developing a well trained and disciplined workforce.”

TABLE #1: LCPD KEY DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS DECEMBER 2018

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Total Calls	781	741	831	1054	925	873	963	929	833	939	780	819	10468
Criminal Investigations	8	7	11	8	10	15	26	6	13	12	21	28	165
Non-Criminal Investigations	57	46	54	73	70	62	90	89	78	70	89	141	919
Service Calls	18	21	46	23	33	31	25	23	23	22	21	20	306
Administrative Assignments	3	8	5	5	17	13	7	4	7	9	5	16	99
Fire Calls	5	3	15	3	8	11	6	10	11	12	12	10	106
EMS Squad Calls	33	34	33	42	38	32	30	31	42	33	48	24	420
M.V. Accidents	11	10	10	11	24	7	13	17	11	15	12	11	152
Parking Summonses	113	105	96	309	348	386	336	443	319	451	360	244	3510
Moving Violations	100	106	151	202	196	121	124	130	124	97	80	114	1545
Indictables	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	9
Disorderly Persons Arrests	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	12
DUI Arrests	3	1	2	3	4	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	22
CDS Arrests	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	3	16
Warrant Arrests	5	2	2	5	1	0	5	3	2	1	2	1	29
Domestic Incidents	2	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	9	23
Juvenile Incidents	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	5	2	1	2	24
Alarms	15	13	13	7	11	5	17	14	18	14	12	19	158
Assist Other Agencies	5	9	8	7	8	2	4	3	4	11	5	15	81
Overtime (Hours)	163.5	94.5	70	40	99	66	50	41.5	71	94	30	71.5	891
Sick Days	6	3.50	1	1	13	2	1.5	4	7	4	5	12	60

TABLE #2: LCPD INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS ANNUAL ACTIVITY 2018

OFFICER	M.V.	PARK	IND	DP	DUI	SICK	VAC	OT HRS	TRN HRS	CDS	ORD VIOL	WARR	JUV
LT. BROWN	377	92	2	0	5	6.5	10	260.5	68	2	9	1	2
SGT. MEMOLO	68	23	1	4	6	24	12.5	46.5	38	1	4	3	0
SGT. GRAMLICH	183	37	0	0	3	4	8	54.5	77	0	4	2	0
PO WEBER	56	30	1	0	0	9.5	20	36	49	0	1	1	0
PO ALBANI	47	21	2	0	3	3	13	153.5	85	1	4	0	2
PO BAST	253	35	0	4	3	1	7	108	48	6	11	12	2
PO WURPEL	145	20	0	1	0	1	7	57.5	109	1	3	2	1
PO BALAITY	253	38	1	2	2	5	5	43.5	251.5	1	5	4	0
PTL. CZERNIAK	126	225	2	1	0	0	0.5	0	391	2	1	2	2
SPO. GOCCIA	6	904	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0
SPO. JONES*	30	230	0	0	0	3	16	131	33	0	0	1	0
SPO. CLARK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PEO VECCHIO	N/A	1701	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEO T BARLOW	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
				N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEO TOWNES*	N/A	143	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1545	3499	9	12	22	57	99	891	1194.5	14	42	28	9

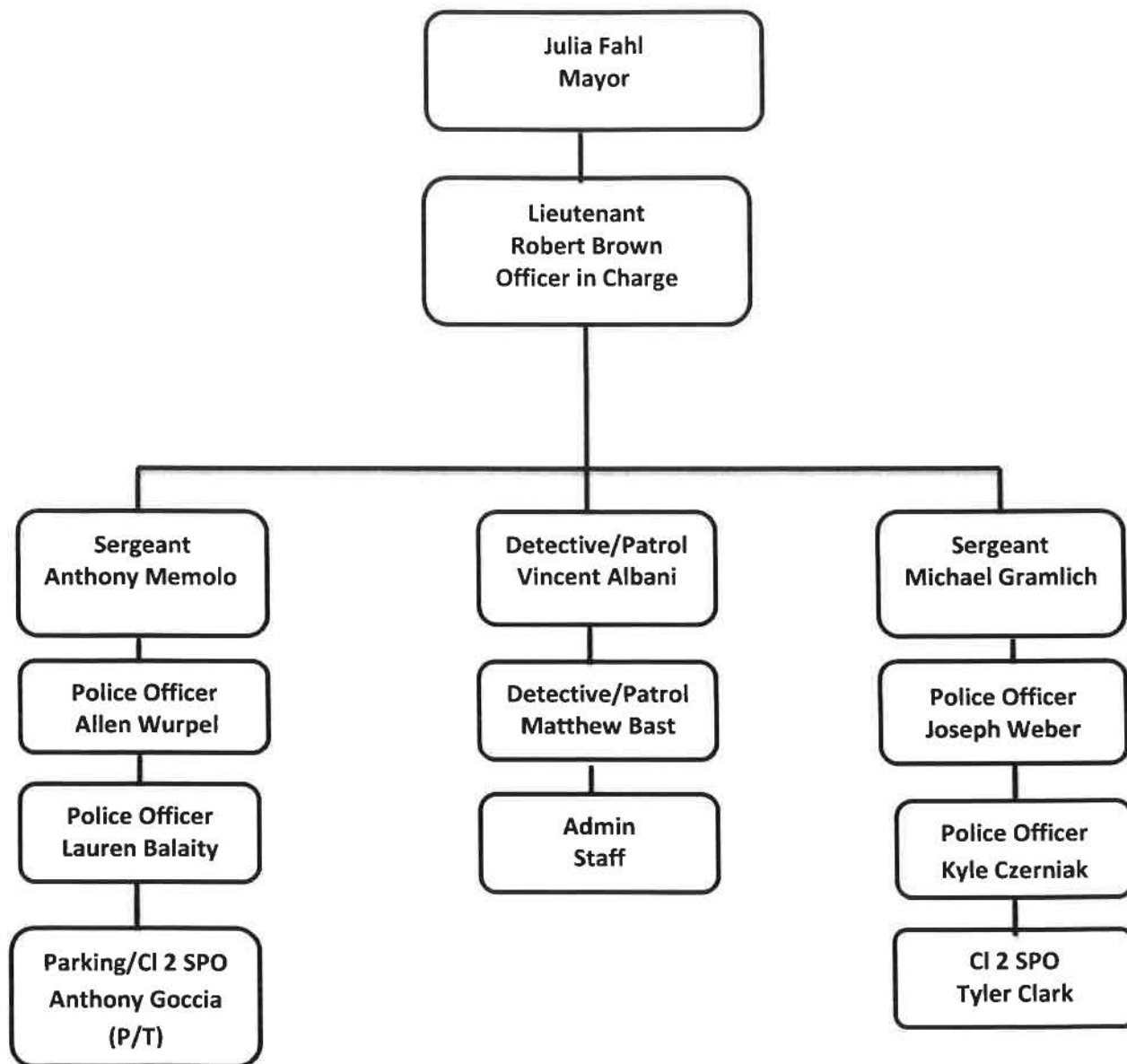
OT BREAKDOWN: SHIFT (699.5), OPER (110), TRAINING (69), COURT (12.5) TOTAL 891 HOURS

NOTE (S): SPO. JONES RESIGNED 10/12/2018, PEO. TOWNES RESIGNED 5/25/2018

UCR Statistics

<u>Crime / Offense</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
1. Homicide	0	0
2. Rape	0	0
3. Robbery	2	0
4. Aggravated Assault	3	1
Simple Assault (part 2 offense)	13	12
5. Burglary	5	5
6. Larceny	37	34
7. Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	6
8. Arsons	1	0
Total UCR Crimes (Part 1 offenses only)	51	46

LAMBERTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART 2018



Administrative/Support Staff

Sally Lelie-Administrative Assistant

Tara Barlow-P/T Secretary

Michael Vecchio-Parking Enforcement Officer

Vernon Barlow-School Crossing Guard

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PERSONNEL ROSTER

January 4, 2019

<u>RANK/TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>OPER. #</u>	<u>DATE APPOINT.</u>
Lieutenant	Robert Brown	Op # 2	July 15, 1996
Sergeant	Anthony Memolo	Op # 3	February 6, 2003
Sergeant	Michael Gramlich	Op # 4	February 1, 2004
Police Officer	Joseph Weber Jr.	Op # 10	March 18, 2002
Detective	Vincent Albani	Op # 11	May 20, 2005
Detective	Matthew Bast	Op # 12	May 1, 2014
Police Officer	Allen Wurlpel	Op # 13	December 29, 2014
Police Officer	Lauren Balaity	Op # 14	December 19, 2017
Police Officer	Kyle Czerniak	Op # 15	February 27, 2018
Class 2 SPO	Tyler Clark	Op # 16	December 11, 2018
P/T CL 2 SPO	Anthony Goccia	Op # 20	May 14, 2018

SUPPORT STAFF

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>DATE APPT</u>
Office Mgr.	Sally Lelie	Mon-Fri (0800 X 1530)	June 22, 1992
P/T Secy.	Tara Barlow	Mon-Fri (1330 X 1630)	Aug 18, 2014
Parking Enforcement Officer (F/T)	Michael Vecchio	Mon-Fri (various)	Mar 18, 2015
School Crossing Guard	Vernon Barlow	Mon-Fri (various)	Dec 18, 2014

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ANNUAL TRAINING

All police officers received mandatory in-service, semi-annual training (28- hours) in the following areas: Firearms Proficiency, Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, Domestic Violence, Pepper Spray-ASP Baton Use and Tactics, Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Materials Awareness, CPR, AED Certification and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. Members also attended advanced training at certified academies and training facilities throughout the state in: Cultural Diversity, Criminal Investigation, Bias Crime Reporting and Investigation, Dealing With Special Needs Individuals/Mental Illness, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training relating to handling emotionally disturbed individuals, Recognition, Response and Risk Management, Street Smart Pro-Active Patrol Tactics, AlcoTest Operator Course, Bail Reform Act training, Work Zone Safety, NJSP CJIS TAC Officer Update, Uniformed Crime Reporting Update, Evidence Management, and Internal Affairs Investigations.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OTHER DIRECTIVES

The Department continued to review existing policies and procedures and updated or promulgated directives as necessary. Additionally, various Prosecutors' Office directives and Attorney General Directives and/or guidelines were received and disseminated as appropriate.

Four post conditions and five personnel orders were issued in 2018. These directives covered areas that included community policing and enforcement activities, directed patrols, post assignments, personnel appointments, special event coverage and other operational and/or administrative subjects.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

In 2018 the department investigated two citizen complaints (1 Demeanor, 1 procedural violation), one anonymous complaint (1 procedural violation) and one departmental initiated investigation (1 procedural violation). A total of four Internal Affairs Investigations were conducted.

Two of the cases were Sustained, one case was Not Sustained, and one case was Administratively Closed.

SPECIAL EVENTS/DETAILS

- Annual Shad Festival
- Annual Hunterdon Healthcare Shad Run
- Annual Memorial Day Parade
- Lambertville Unity Celebration/Picnic
- Public School Events
- River to Sea Benefit Run
- Major Taylor Cycling Club of NJ Annual Bicycle Ride
- Enhanced December Holiday Patrol Coverage
- LPS Walking School Bus program
- Annual Pet Masquerade
- Annual Historical House Tour
- "Mischievous Night" and Halloween Deployments
- Annual Halloween Parade (LPS)
- Annual Holiday Tree & Menorah Lighting
- Drive Sober
- Zombie Crawl

- Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot
- Various Block Parties
- Various road repair/construction projects throughout city requiring contractual traffic control details
- Lambertville-New Hope Celebration Parade
- Friday Night Fireworks

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Child Safety Seat Installation Program
- Bicycle Registration Program
- Bicycle Patrol Unit
- Project Child Safe Gun Lock Program
- Increased Patrol Details at LPS

PERSONNEL

Ptl. Kyle Czerniak appointed (2/27/18)

P/T Parking/Special Police Officer -Anthony Goccia appointed (5/14/18)

Class II Special Police Officer Jeff Jones resigned (10/12/18)

Police Director Bruce Cocuzza retired (11/30/18)

Class II Special Police Officer Tyler Clark appointed (12/5/18)

Officers' Additional Assignments

- Lieutenant Robert Brown- Officer in Charge, Training Officer, IT-TAC Officer, Terrorism Task Force Representative, Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Special Event coordinator.
- Sergeant Anthony Memolo- Firearms Training/ Department Armorer. Evidence/Property Supervisor, Internal Affairs Officer.
- Sergeant Michael Gramlich- Radar Instructor, AlcoTest and PBT coordinator, Alternate TAC Officer, School Security Coordinator.
- Officer Joe Weber- Primary UCR Reporting Officer, Press Releases.
- Officer Vincent Albani- Criminal, background and other investigations, Gang Officer, Juvenile Officer, ABC Licensing Inspections, Vending Machine Inspections, Primary Evidence/Property Officer, MAGLOCLIN Representative, Project Medicine Drop Coordinator.
- Officer Matthew Bast- Firearms Application Investigations and Processing, Backup UCR Officer.
- Officer Allen Wurpel- Bicycle Patrol Child Car Seat Inspection/Installations, Motor Vehicle Accident Analysis and Reporting.
- Officer Lauren Balaity - Probationary Officer
- Officer Kyle Czerniak- Probationary Officer
- Administrative Assistant Sally Lelie- Office Manager, Customer Service, Records Maintenance/Processing, OPRA.
- Part-time Police Secretary Tara Barlow- Discovery, Daily Data input, Reports, Customer Service.

- Parking Enforcement Officer Michael Vecchio- parking enforcement, meter revenue processing, meter maintenance, mail runs, motor pool coordinator and court security. Monitors social websites and reports to Police Director regarding any issues impacting city. Worked all special details for department during year.
- School Crossing Guard Vernon Barlow- Dependably protecting LPS students throughout the year and working special details for P.D.

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