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On the cover

Friends and supporters gather in front of the La Porte Police Station to honor and support LPPD Officer Jason Kraatz and his family. Officer Kraatz suffered a terrible stroke July 30, 2017. We all offer our prayers and support as he continues to recover.

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Local children from one of the LPPD DARE Summer Safety Camps pose for the camera at the City of La Porte Fitness Center.

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Chief's Message

Dear Citizens:

It is my pleasure to present the La Porte Police Department's Annual Report for 2017. This report summarizes some of the important achievements recognized by the dedicated members of our department, both sworn and civilian, over the past year.
As Police Chief, I am sincerely grateful to each member of our police department for their faithful service. Our success, across all sections, serves as a tribute to the brave, committed, and resourceful nature of these special men and women. Their passion to excel is admirable, their dedication to quality-service steadfast, and their ability to overcome challenges remarkable.

It is also important to note that a vast majority of the accomplishments chronicled in this report would not have been possible without the assistance of our wonderful police volunteers, a supportive City Council, and an engaged public. It is a blessing to serve a community, collectively united towards our common mission of "working in partnership with one another to prevent crime, assist those who are victims of crime, and improve the quality of life for all citizens."

While not without its trials, 2017 marked another outstanding year for our great city, and was highlighted by a 7% reduction in overall crime, securing La Porte's continued status as one of the safest cities in the State. Even with an overall reduction in crime, however, several specific types of crimes, including robberies and assaults, increased for the year. Clearly we will have to focus our police efforts in these areas in the coming year. The opening of our first satellite police neighborhood center on our City's Southside, the adding of several additional patrol officers, and implementing a citywide crime control camera system, all represent steps in this direction.

Our city also endured two significant weather events in 2017, including Hurricane Harvey, which has been named the worst rain-event in recorded U.S. History. Although the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey destroyed or significantly damaged hundreds of homes within our community, our officers served with distinction throughout the event, many working 12 to 16 hour shifts with little respite in order to protect and serve the citizens of La Porte. In the storms aftermath, I was also extremely proud to witness so many of our employees volunteering their personal time to help less fortunate neighbors rebuild and our community speed to recovery. This was a true site to behold and serves as a testament to the strength, cohesiveness, and resilience of our City.

Finally, having passed its 3rd comprehensive on-site inspection by outside auditors from the Texas Police Chief's Association at the conclusion of 2017, it is important to highlight that our police department continues to enjoy its status as one of only a handful of police departments within the State to be recognized as a "Best Practices" organization and leader in the law enforcement community. We are proud of this achievement and remain committed to performing all of our law enforcement mandates in the most effective, efficient, and appropriate manner available. After all, doing "the right thing" is at the heart of everything we do at the La Porte Police Department. It is the source of our strength and is the primary reason for our continued success.

I hope you enjoy learning about our organization and its members. Thank you for your time and continued support, it means a great deal to us. Please know that the members of the La Porte Police Department will continue to work hard to keep and protect your families and property. It is our goal to continue to be the public safety standard and a model for others to follow.

Kenith Adcox
Chief of Police

La Porte Police Department Mission Statement

The mission of the La Porte Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to prevent crime, assist those who are victims of crime, and improve the quality of life within the City of La Porte through the promotion of a strong sense of security. In fulfilling this mission, the officers and civilian staff members of the La Porte Police Department will strive to:

- ***Provide a safe environment for the community we serve through the efficient, effective, and innovative application of available resources.***
- ***Foster an environment of public trust, cooperation, and confidence in the police department by maintaining employee accountability and the implementation of a strong community policing philosophy.***
- ***Implement and embrace best policing strategies, management practices, policies and procedures, and organizational systems that promote open communication, collective responsibility, visionary leadership, fiscal accountability, and organizational effectiveness.***

Officer Anthony Bish, Dispatcher Charlene Fox and Dispatcher Ron Taylor

La Porte Police Department Core Values

Commitment	***We pledge to fulfill our mission by being accountable to our community, our department, and to one another.***
Courage	***We recognize the dangers inherent in our profession and are willing to place the safety of others above that of our own.***
Integrity	***We value and expect truth, honesty, and ethical behavior from the members of our organization. Honesty and integrity are central to all the values we embrace and we accept that honesty and integrity are the foundation of community trust.***
Restraint	***We will exercise self-discipline and control at all times to model behavior for our peers and community.***
Respect	***We recognize the authority we hold and will treat others as we would like to be treated and will, without bias or prejudice, honor our obligation to the community.***
Community Service	***We will develop programs that seek long term solutions to community issues through a partnership with the people we serve.***
Work Ethic	***We advocate a strong work ethic. As a result we will provide high quality service leading to positive results for our community and organization. We endeavor to provide the highest standard of public service.***

DARE Officer Yvonne Stanley with some local youths, admiring her DARE car

Department Overview

The La Porte Police Department employs 109 total personnel, to include 78 sworn officers and 31 civilian members, who serve a community of more than 37,000 spanning an area of approximately 21 square miles. The department is divided in to several bureaus, to include the Administration Bureau headed by the Chief of Police, the Operations Bureau commanded by an Assistant Chief, and the Support Services Bureau, also commanded by an Assistant Chief. The department is assisted in its daily operations and mission by a dedicated group of citizen volunteers from the La Porte Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.

LPPD Youth Explorers and Officer Bish interact with local children at an event

The Administration Bureau includes such duties as administration, recruiting, training, finance, and other responsibilities. The Operations Bureau covers the Patrol Division, which includes patrol operations, traffic enforcement, K9, bicycle patrol, commercial vehicle enforcement and other duties. The Support Services Bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Division, (detectives, street crimes unit, property/evidence, crime scene investigators and the crime victims unit. The bureau also includes the Support Services Division, which is comprised of dispatch/communications, community services, PAR, DARE, school resource officers, animal adoption and control services, and facility services.

Officer M. Roznovak, Lt. M. Daeumer and Sgt. B. Boles receive thank you gifts from members of Life Community Church

The La Porte Police Department draws some of the finest law enforcement professionals in the state. Our average officer
enure in the department is over twelve years of experience investigating all major crimes and complex traffic accidents. Cumulatively, our department's sworn members have over 1,000 years of experience. The Texas Police Chief's Association's Recognition Foundation for Best Practices has recognized the department as a model agency in the state.

Our department values support independent decision making and foster problem solving strategies. Using a community-oriented and partnering policing philosophy, our department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, faith-based community, civic organizations and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting tactics and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community. We strongly believe that preventing crime is a community effort and it is our role, as the Police Department, to provide the training and information necessary to help our citizens take an active part in crime fighting efforts.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the department's web site contains information about crime prevention, statistics, and online services. Our interaction and transparency with our citizens is vital to improving the quality of life for our city, including our Citizen's on Patrol, (COP's), citizen volunteers, and many programs. Every member of the La Porte Police Department is dedicated to our Mission and Core Value statements.

Leadership

Kenith R. Adcox, Chief of Police

Chief Ken Adcox joined the La Porte Police Department in July of 2008, after retiring from the El Paso Police Department. He served with the El Paso Police Department for twenty one years in a variety of assignment and command positions, eventually ascending to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police. During his tenure, Chief Adcox worked a wide range of line, supervisory, and management assignments, including positions in Patrol operations, Gang Task Force, Crimes Against Children, Planning and Research, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics / Vice, Major Crimes, Metro Bikes, Internal Affairs, and Special Operations.

Chief Adcox is also a graduate of the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Institute's Command Leadership College at Sam Houston State University, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, the Penn State Police Executive Development Program, the Southern Police Institute Chief Executive Leadership Course, the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and Senior Management Leadership Program, the IACP Leadership Series, the Texas FBI National Academy Associates Law Enforcement Management Course, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Unit Commanders' Course in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Adcox is a Certified Public Manager (CPM), and has a strong academic background with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, while also earning two graduate degrees. These include a Masters of Public Administration Degree, with an emphasis in Criminal Justice Administration, from the University of Texas at El Paso, and a Masters of Arts Degree in Homeland Security from the United States Naval Postgraduate School. Chief Adcox has further engaged in post-graduate studies while in pursuit of a Doctorate Degree in Organizational Management. Chief Adcox is active within the Community working with the La Porte Rotary Club (Past-President), Chamber of Commerce (Vice President), Lions Club (Vice President), San Jacinto Community College Academic Advisory Board (Past-President), Neighborhood Center, Salvation Army Community Advisory Board, Hidalgo Volunteer Service Board, and the Masonic Lodge.

Leadership Biographies

Ronald K. Parker,

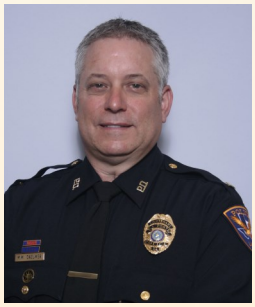
Assistant Chief– Support Services Bureau

Ron Parker joined LPPD in 1984. He transferred to Detectives in 1986 and distinguished himself as an experienced investigator in Crimes Against Persons and Child Abuse investigations. In 1991 he promoted to Sergeant and supervised a Patrol shift, where he earned the Medal of Meritorious Service and the Medal of Valor for actions in the field. In 1997 he promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a watch commander. He transferred to Support Services Division in 2000 as commander. In 2008 Parker was appointed an Assistant Chief. Parker has served in Patrol, Criminal Investigations Division, Support Services Division and Administration. He has received a number of commendations, medals and various awards. He was recognized as the City's Employee of the Quarter, Employee of the Year, and as Manager of the Year several times. He has been recognized by the Texas House of Representatives by Special Resolution for his contributions to law enforcement. Parker currently serves as an assessor for Texas Police Chiefs Association, is a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Coalition, and a Chamber of Commerce volunteer. He holds several degrees including an Associates in Engineering Technology, an Associates in Criminal Justice, a Bachelors in Criminal Justice Administration and a Masters in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management. He has also completed the Leadership Command College, the FBI Executive Leadership Course, the Command Staff Leadership Course and the Certified Public Manager's Program at the William P. Hobby School for Public Policy. He also serves on the La Porte Education Foundation. Parker is a Leadership Fellow with the Texas Municipal League, and has been published by the Texas Historical Society. He is a veteran of the United States Army where he served in Field Artillery.

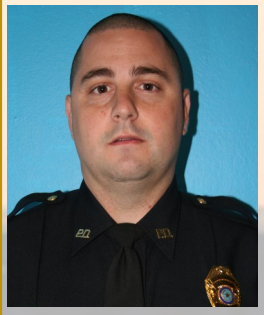
Steve Deardorff,

Assistant Chief– Operations Bureau

Steve Deardorff joined the La Porte Police Department in 1982. He served as a Patrol Officer until April, 1986, when he was promoted to Detective Sergeant. He worked there for several months then transferred back to Patrol. In January, 1997, he promoted to Lieutenant and remained in that division as a watch commander. In 2003, he returned to Detectives as division commander. In August, 2008 Deardorff was appointed an Assistant Chief. He currently commands all Patrol operations to include, Patrol, Bike Patrol, K9's, Traffic Enforcement, Accident Investigations, Field Training, Jail Operations, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Reserve Officers, SWAT, and he also serves as the Department's range master and firearms training expert. He has received numerous awards, including several Chief's Commendations. He holds a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University. He is also a graduate of the FBI Executive Leadership Course and the Command Staff Leadership Course, to name a few.

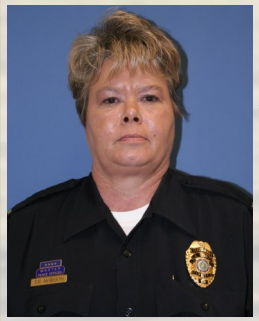


Lieutenant Matt Daeumer currently commands the Support Services Division. He has served the community since 1987, with a background in all divisions of the Department. His other duties include systems administrator of the department's records management system and he is the Department's records custodian. He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership, has completed the Police Executive Development Training Course through Pennsylvania State University, and is a graduate of the Leadership Command College and the FBI Executive Leadership programs. He is also a Certified Public Manager through the William P. Hobby Public Policy Center at the University of Houston.

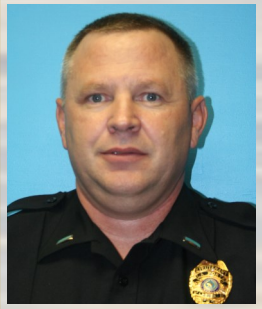


Lieutenant Doug Ditrich started in 1997 as a Patrol Officer, also serving as a Field Training Officer, Bike Officer, instructor, and SWAT since 1999. In 2001 he transferred to Detectives until he promoted to Sergeant in 2007, returning to Patrol. He transferred to Support Services in 2008, and in 2009 to Patrol as a supervisor. In 2014 Doug assumed supervision of the Street Crimes Unit. In 2016 he promoted to Lieutenant and moved to Day patrol. In 2017 Doug assumed command of Night patrol officers. Doug is a certified instructor, firearms instructor, fitness assessor, and a Master Peace Officer. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mountain State University and will be graduating from Sam Houston State with his Masters degree in 2018.

Lieutenant John Krueger is the Evening Watch Patrol commander and is an Army veteran who began his police career in 1997. He has held assignments as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Field Training Officer, Accident Investigator, Drug Expert, Instructor, Emergency Operations, Internal Affairs, Public Information, SWAT, and PT Assessor. He is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, and holds a Masters degree in Adult Psychosocial Development from Texas Tech, as well as an additional Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State. John has also completed the Texas Certified Public Manager Program.

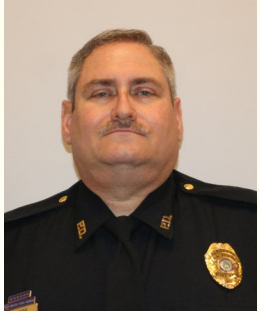


Lieutenant Tammy McBeath is the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. She joined LPPD in 1987 and was initially assigned to Patrol where she served as a Field Training Officer and intoxilyzer operator. In 1996, she was appointed to Detectives, then promoted to Sergeant in 1999. She served as a Patrol supervisor, then was re-assigned to CID in 2000 to assume supervision over Detectives. In 2008, she promoted to Lieutenant and served as the Night Watch Patrol commander. In 2009, she was given command of the Criminal Investigations Division. She has been recognized on several occasions for outstanding work by both the Department and the City.



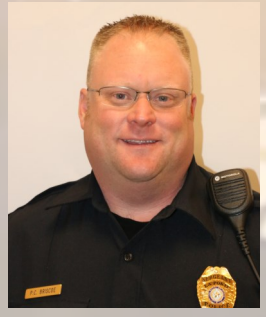
Lieutenant Ed Swenson is the is the Day Watch Patrol commander. He joined the LPPD in January, 1985. He has previously served in Patrol, Detectives and as the commander of the Support Services Division. He is a veteran of the United States Army where he served in Military Police. He is also a Master Peace Officer, and an instructor. Swenson is a graduate of the Leadership Command College, holds an Associates Degree from San Jacinto College, a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, and a Masters degree from Sam Houston State University.

Leadership Biographies



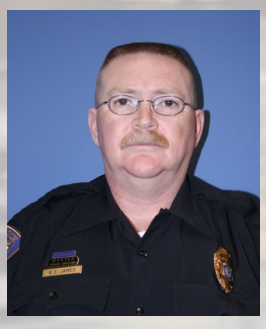
Sergeant Richard Ayers is a native Texan and resides in La Porte with his family. He graduated from Pasadena High School and holds an Associates degree in Law Enforcement and a Certificate in Criminal Justice as well. He joined the La Porte Police Department in 1985 and has served in Patrol and Support Services. His assignments have included Patrol Officer, Police Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Crime Prevention specialist and Community Services Specialist. He is currently assigned as an Evening Watch Patrol supervisor.

Sergeant Bennie Boles is a 18 year veteran of the La Porte Police Department. He promoted to Sergeant in March, 2016 and is currently assigned as the Administrative supervisor, in charge of Recruiting, Internal Affairs and other duties. He previously served as a Patrol supervisor and was a DWI enforcement expert, DARE officer and community volunteer, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Army. He has received various awards and has been recognized for duties in the field, especially for DWI enforcement. Boles is a police instructor. He holds a Bachelor's degree, is a Master Peace Officer and an adjunct professor for the police academy at the University of Houston-Downtown.



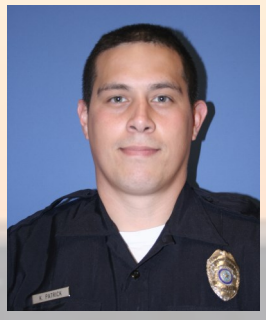
Sergeant Cameron Briscoe joined the La Porte Police Department in 2004 as a Patrol officer. He has held various assignments since then, including Patrol, Traffic Enforcement and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. Briscoe is a certified Intoxylizer Operator and is certified in DOT and traffic enforcement. He is a graduate of the University of Houston Clear Lake and has a Bachelors. He was awarded the Medal of Valor for actions above and beyond the call of duty involving a house fire in 2015. Sergeant Briscoe is currently serving as a Day Watch supervisor.

Sergeant Lance Cook joined the La Porte Police Department in 1989 and has served in Patrol, DARE, Detectives, Patrol supervisor and he is currently the supervisor over Detectives. He holds a Master Peace Officer license and is a Forensic Hypnotist and Crime Prevention Inspector. He also holds a Bachelors degree in Behavioral Science and is a graduate of the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University. .

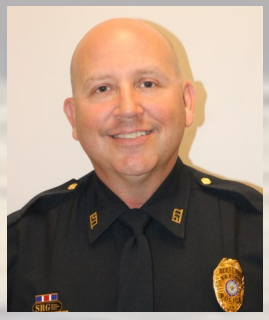


Sergeant Robert James joined the La Porte Police Department in 1983, working as a Patrol officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and assumed a supervisory role in Patrol. He is currently a Night Watch supervisor. For a number of years, Sergeant James has represented the La Porte Police Department in the Police Olympics. He has earned a number of awards and medals in his capacity and in 2014, was inducted in to the Police Olympics Hall of Fame. Sergeant James' family has a rich history in law enforcement as both his brothers were also police officers in Texas.

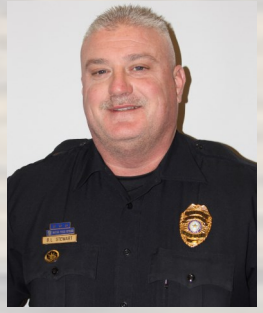
Sergeant Matt Novosad is in his 17th year with the City of La Porte. He was promoted June 1st 2017 to the rank of Sergeant and currently serves as the Night Shift Supervisor. He has held many assignments with the Police Department. He is also decorated with the Medal of Valor and many other commendations and awards. Matt is president of the Police Officer Association and holds a Bachelors degree from Sam Houston State University.



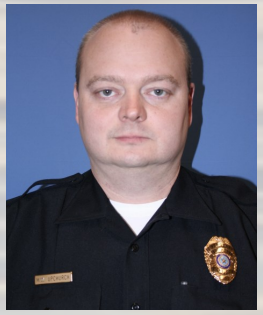
Sergeant Kai Patrick joined the La Porte Police Department in 1999 after attending the Baytown Police Academy. Sergeant Patrick has had assignments as a Patrol officer, Bike Patrol, Bike mechanic, SWAT, Field Training, Detectives and Patrol Supervisor. He now serves as the supervisor for the Street Crimes Unit, a special team of officers that focuses on local hot spots of crime, local narcotics and in areas of crime where special attention is required.. He matriculated at San Jacinto College.



Sergeant Jeff Plemons promoted to Sergeant on June 1, 2017. He began with LPPD in April, 2004 after being honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in November, 2003. While with the USMC, Jeff spent 9 years on active duty and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He attended the College of the Mainland Police Academy, graduating in December, 2004. He has previously served with the LPPD as a Patrol officer, Honor Guard member, Crime Scene Investigator, Field Training Officer and Detective. He is currently one of two Evening Watch supervisors and is a Field Training supervisor.



Sergeant Lee Stewart started in law enforcement in 1995 and transferred to the La Porte Police Department in 1997. He has held special assignments in Field Training, Detectives, and the Narcotics Task Force. He has also served previously in Patrol and Detectives. He is currently the supervisor for the Support Services Division, where he oversees School Resource Officers, DARE, Community Outreach, Citizens Police Academy, the Volunteer Program and Facilities Management. He is a certified Police Instructor and holds a Master Peace Officer certification.



Sergeant Marcus Upchurch is currently the supervisor for Traffic Enforcement. His responsibilities include Accident Investigation, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Traffic Enforcement and Aggressive Driver Enforcement. He began with LPPD in 1998 after seeing duty with the Harris County Constable's, Precinct 8. His previous duties with LPPD have included Patrol, Patrol supervision, DOT/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Support Services. He also previously supervised Jail Operations, Dispatch, and Records. Upchurch holds an Associate's degree from San Jacinto College in Criminal Justice.

Leadership Biographies

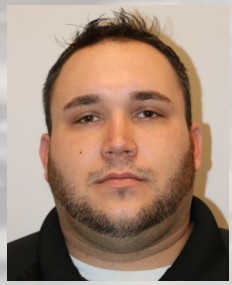
Clarence Anderson started with the La Porte Police Department in 1985 as an Animal Control Officer. He was promoted to supervisor over Animal Control in 2001. He has served several terms as President of the Texas Animal Control Association and has served on that board of directors. He was awarded Employee of the Year for the City of La Porte in 2011 and has received the Warren J. Kilpatrick Award for making a positive difference in Animal Services for Texas in 1994, and has served on the Educational Committee for the State Health Department.

Michelle Bedford began her career with the City of La Porte Parks and Recreation Department in October, 1992. In May, 2004, she transferred to the La Porte Police Department as a secretary to the Chief of Police. She was later promoted to Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. She has been recognized as the City's Employee of the Quarter in 2007, and as the City's Employee of the Year in 2007.

Shamarian Lister is the Supervisor for the 911 Dispatch Center, as well as the Records Section. With over fifteen years of experience she is responsible for the supervision of twelve full time emergency dispatchers, several part-time dispatchers and two records technicians. During her tenure she has received awards for Employee of the Quarter and nominations for Manager of the Year. In 2013 Ms. Lister also joined the Police Chaplain's Corps for the LPPD.

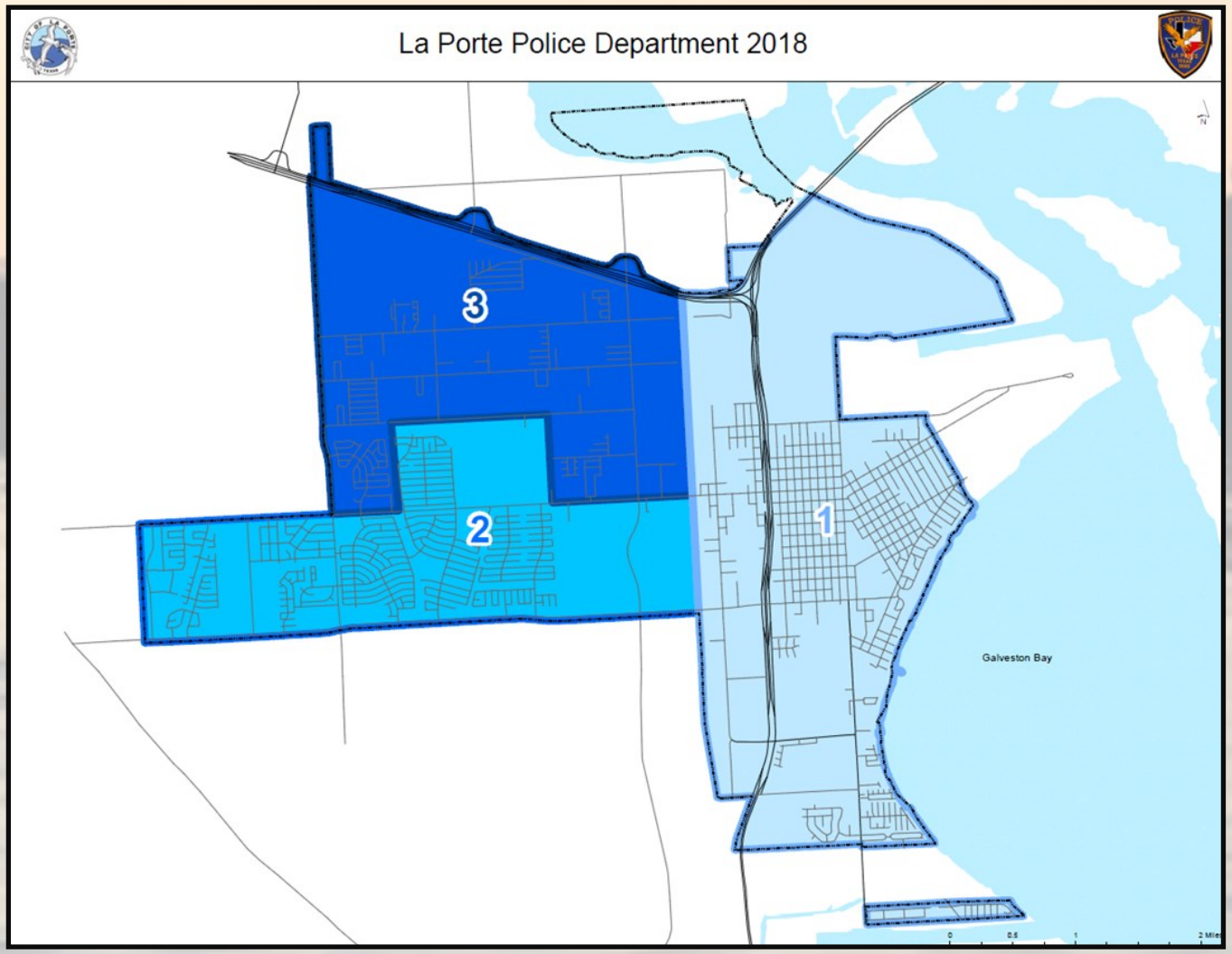
Tammy Adams started with LPPD in 1995. She has served as a Dispatcher and a Dispatch Training Officer. She has received a number of commendations, along with being recognized as Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year. Tammy was promoted to Lead Dispatcher in 2016. She holds an Associate's degree and is actively working on her Bachelor's degree at the University of Houston– Clear Lake. Tammy is also a Master Telecommunications Officer. She is the Day Watch Lead Dispatcher.

Stacey Lippold started her career with LPPD in 2008. In 2010 Stacey left the Department and was a homemaker for several years, restarting her career as a Dispatcher with Humble Police. She then returned to La Porte in 2014. She is a certified training officer and holds a Master Telecommunicator license. She has received numerous commendations including Employee of the Quarter. She is serving as the Night Watch Lead Dispatcher.

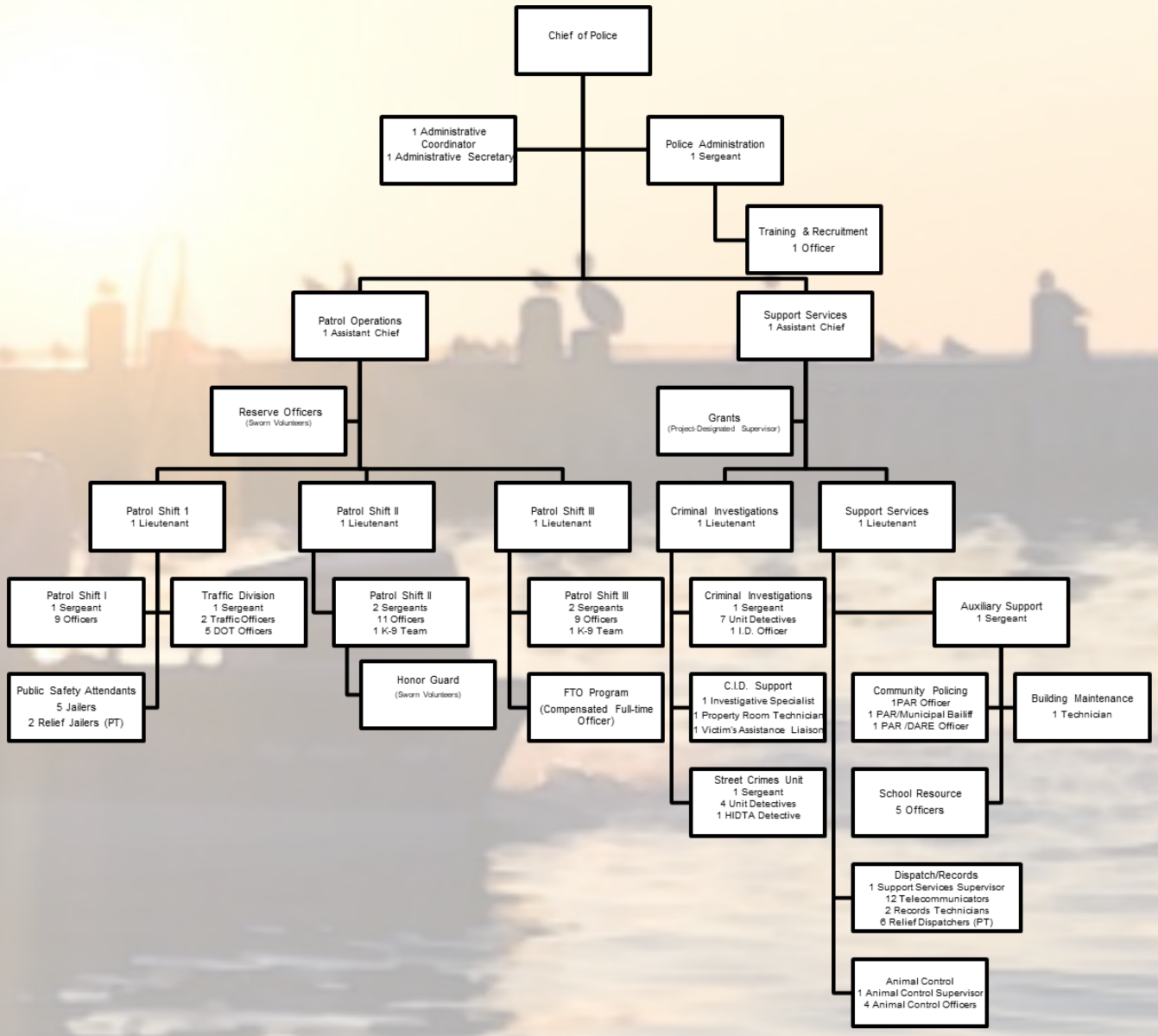


Ronald Taylor is Evening Shift Lead Dispatcher where he is responsible for managing evening shift communications staff. Ron is an Intermediate Telecommunications Operator, licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and an Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatcher certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. He is also trained in crisis communication and has taken several other courses to ensure he is ready and able to help, whenever help is needed.

Patrol Districts



Organizational Chart



The Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation is responsible for gathering these statistics. A number of categories may be accessed through the FBI's website, including Hate Crimes, Numbers of Officers Killed, Annual Crime Reports, and others. See the table below for additional statistics on crime in La Porte and surrounding cities.

Uniform Crime Report for 2017, Comparison against data reported by surrounding Cities.

Neighboring City's Crime Rates for 2017

City	Population	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg Asslt	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Crimes per 1,000
Seabrook	13,656	180	0	7	9	11	37	101	15	13.18
La Porte	35,086	621	0	16	16	65	76	400	48	17.70
Deer Park	33,782	540	0	12	3	23	70	398	34	15.98
Pasadena	153,351	4,485	6	93	195	418	636	2,758	379	29.25
South Houston	17,463	523	0	5	25	32	73	282	106	29.95
Baytown	75,992	2966	6	38	108	136	506	1846	326	39.03

2017 National Averages– Comparison

For comparison purposes, the National Average in 2016 for suburban cities with populations from 25,000 to 49,999 with 857 cities reporting, 2017 figures have not yet been published:

	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft
National Total	818,799	1012	9619	21,403	56,068	124,824	554,893	50,890
National Average 2016	955	1	11	25	65	146	647	59
La Porte 2017	**621**	**0**	**16**	**16**	**65**	**76**	**400**	**48**
Difference	-35%	-100%	45%	-36%	-0%	-48%	-38%	-19%

Other Crimes in La Porte– Annual Comparison

The complete comparison figures for the National Average of 2017 have not been published as yet. However, based on the latest data published by the FBI (2016), La Porte's overall crime index remains far below the average for similarly-sized cities listed in the FBI's comparison group.

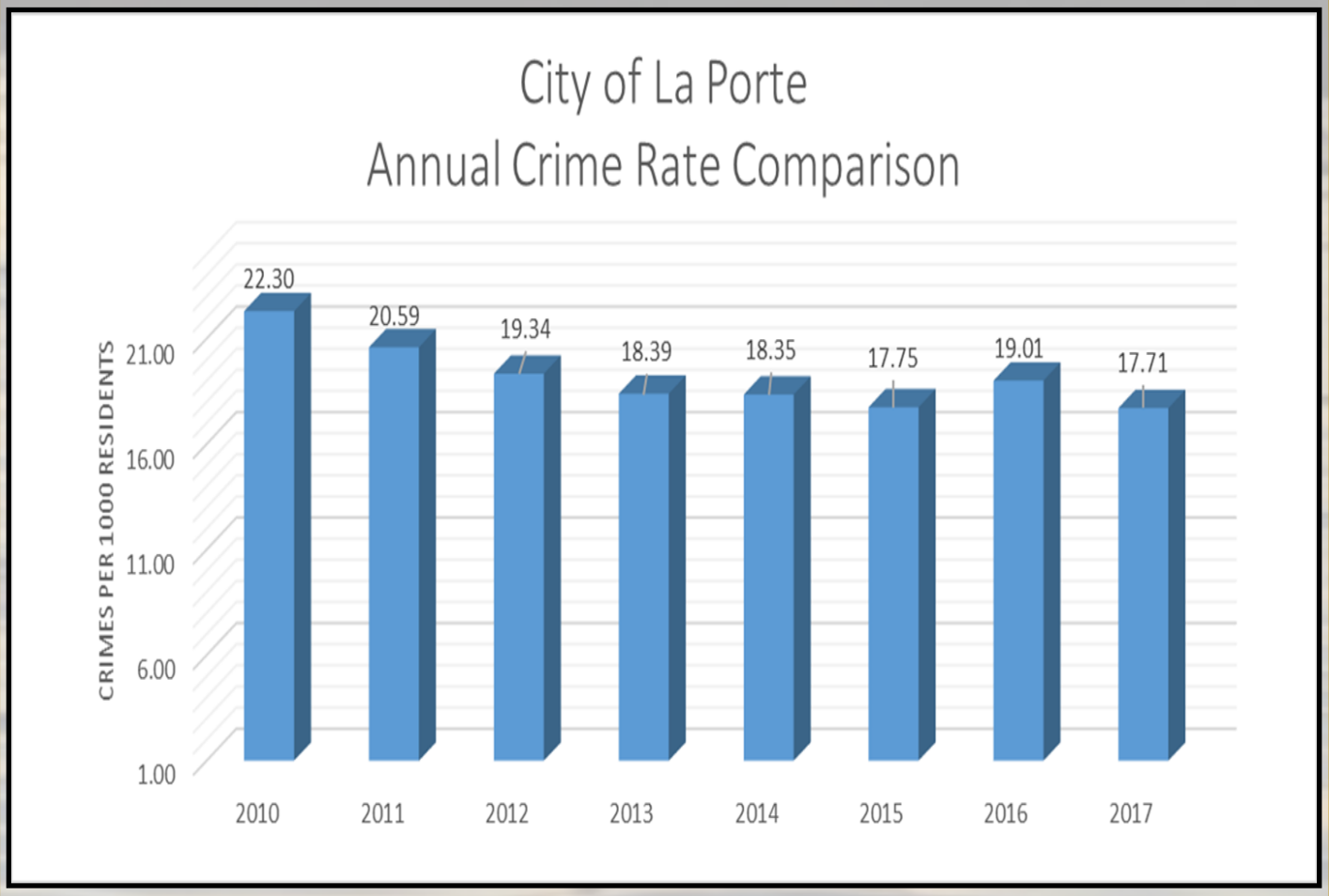
Other Crime	2016	2017	% Change
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	200	190	-5%
Driving Under the Influence	156	193	24%
Drugs/Narcotics	379	248	-35%
Forgery/Counterfeit	33	51	55%
Fraud	106	114	8%
Liquor Law Violations	13	15	15%
Runaway	73	64	-12%
Sex Offenses	19	7	-63%
Simple Assault	469	438	-7%
Weapons Law Violation	**23**	**33**	**43%**
Total	1,471	1,353	-8%

Crime Rate Comparison

For comparison purposes, the chart below lists the Uniform Crime Report numbers for the Ctiy of La Porte, as compared against itself, during calendar years 2016 and 2017.

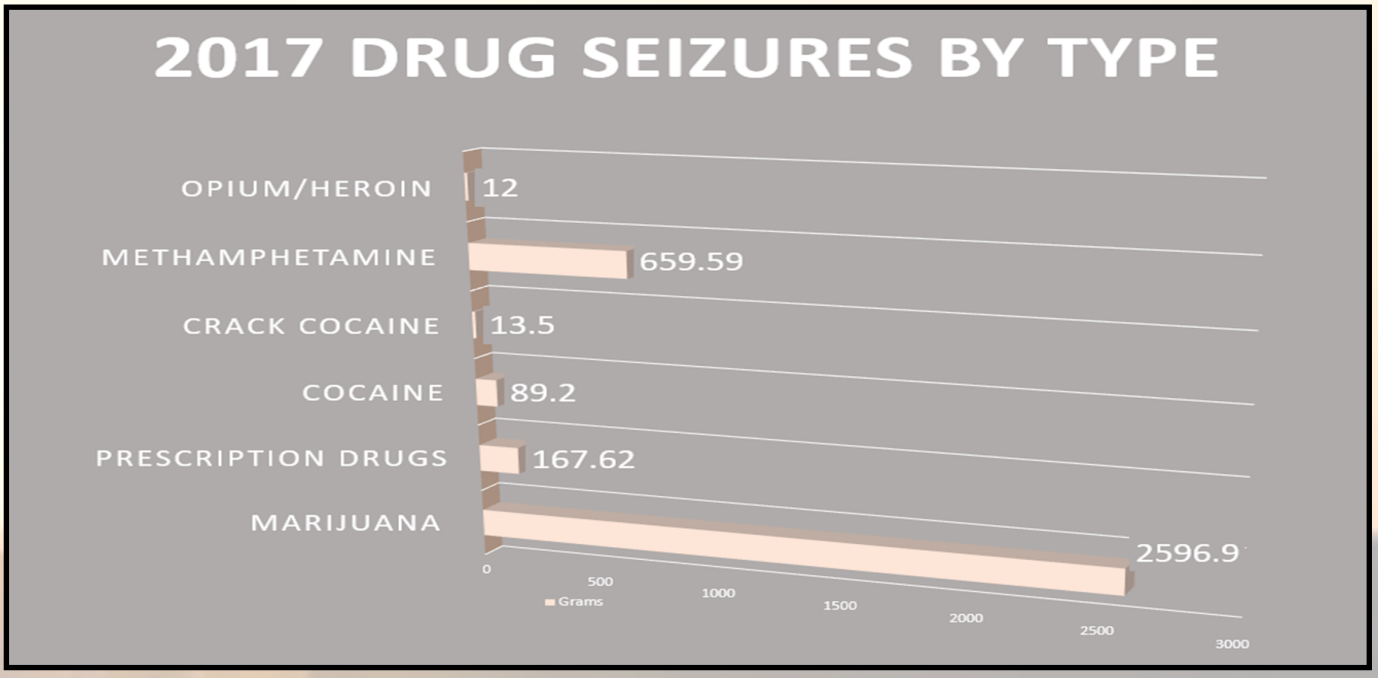
	Crime Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft
2016	668	1	12	12	47	95	430	71
2017	621	0	16	16	65	76	400	48
% Change	**-7%**	**-100%**	**33%**	**33%**	**38%**	**-20%**	**-7%**	**-32%**

City of La Porte Annual Crime Rate Comparison

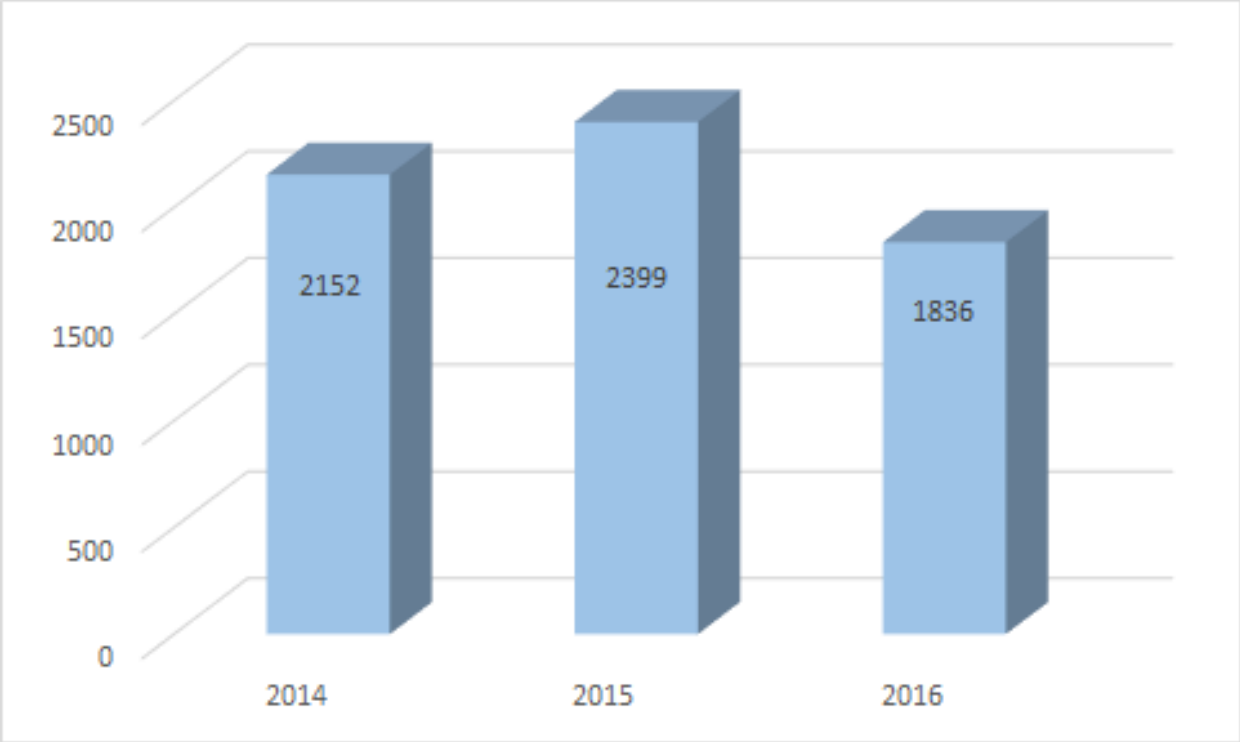


Department Statistics

2017 Drug Seizures by Type



Total Annual Arrests– *Annual Comparison*



Case Clearance Rates

Total Cases

Referred to CID– 1157

Disposition

Cleared by Arrest– 1757

Exceptionally Cleared– 367

Warrant Obtained– 118

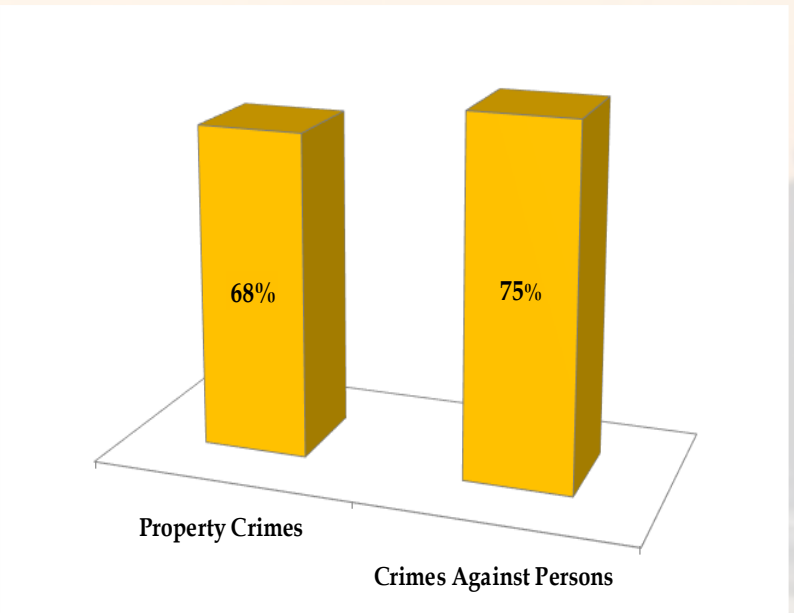
Unfounded– 203

Total 2016 National Avg. for City Clearance Rates

18.3% for Property Crimes

45.6% for Crimes Against Persons

Calls for Police Service *Year by Year Comparison*



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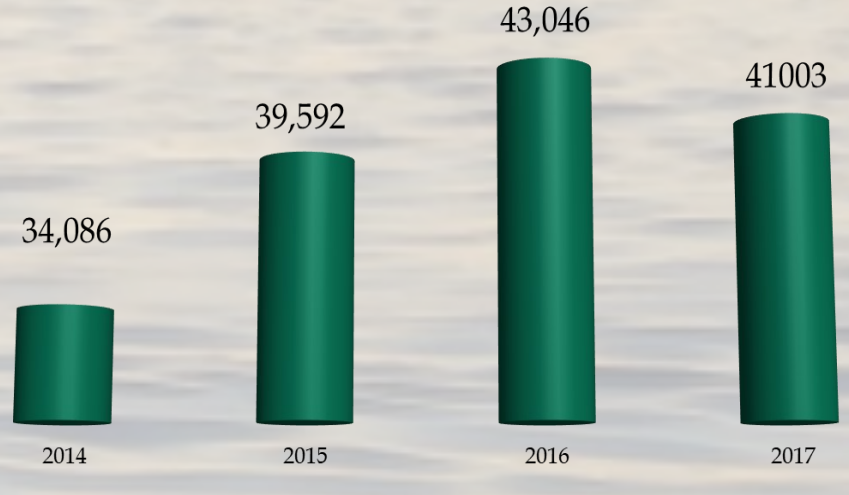

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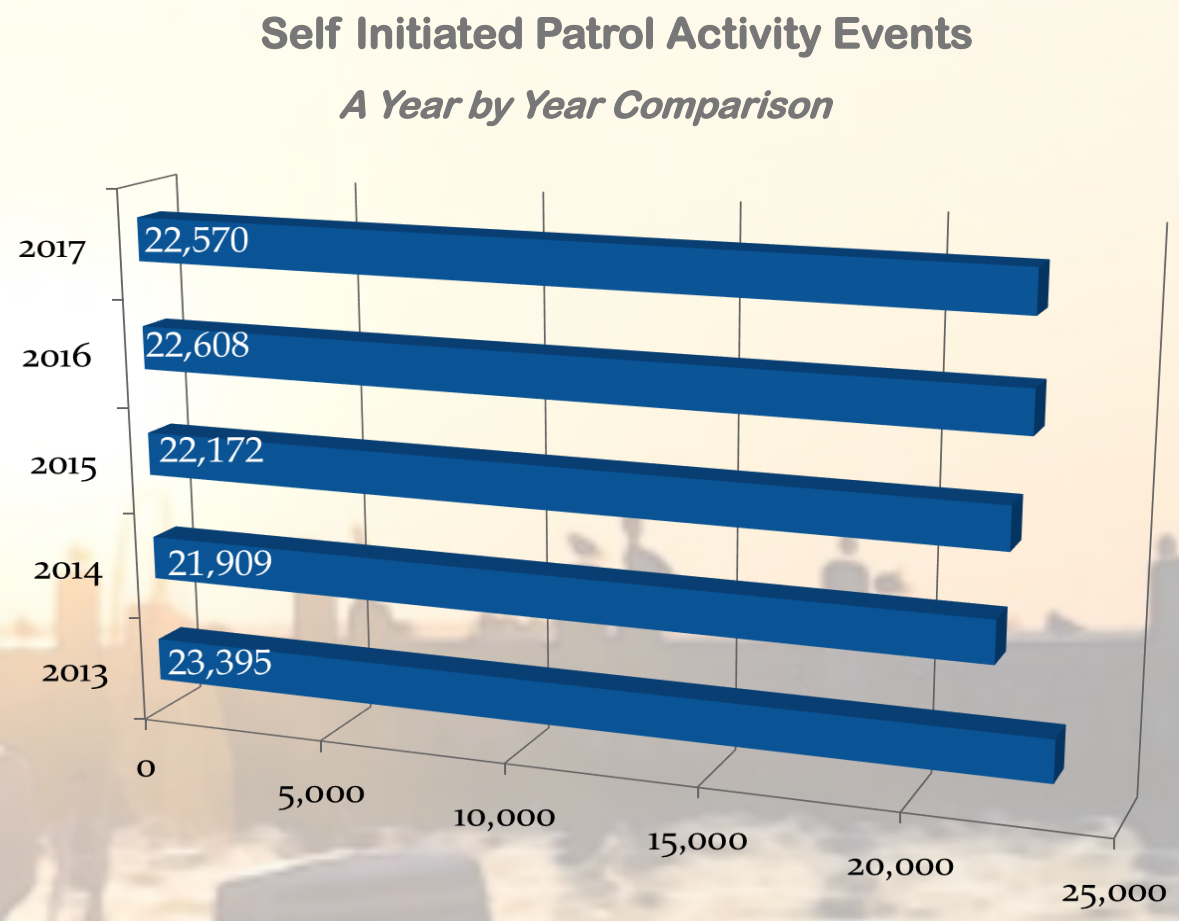
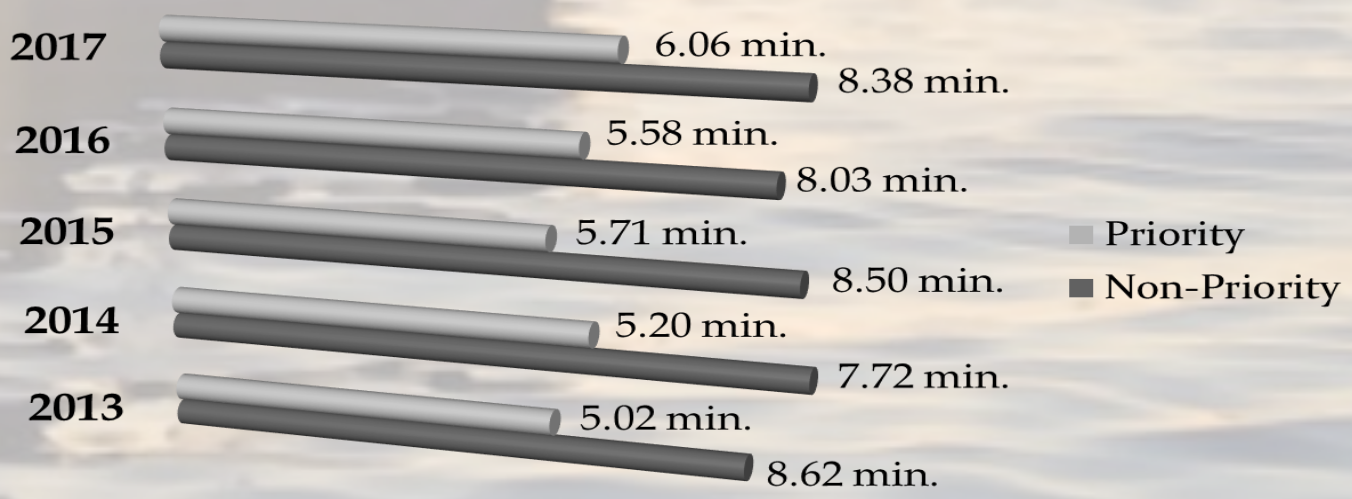
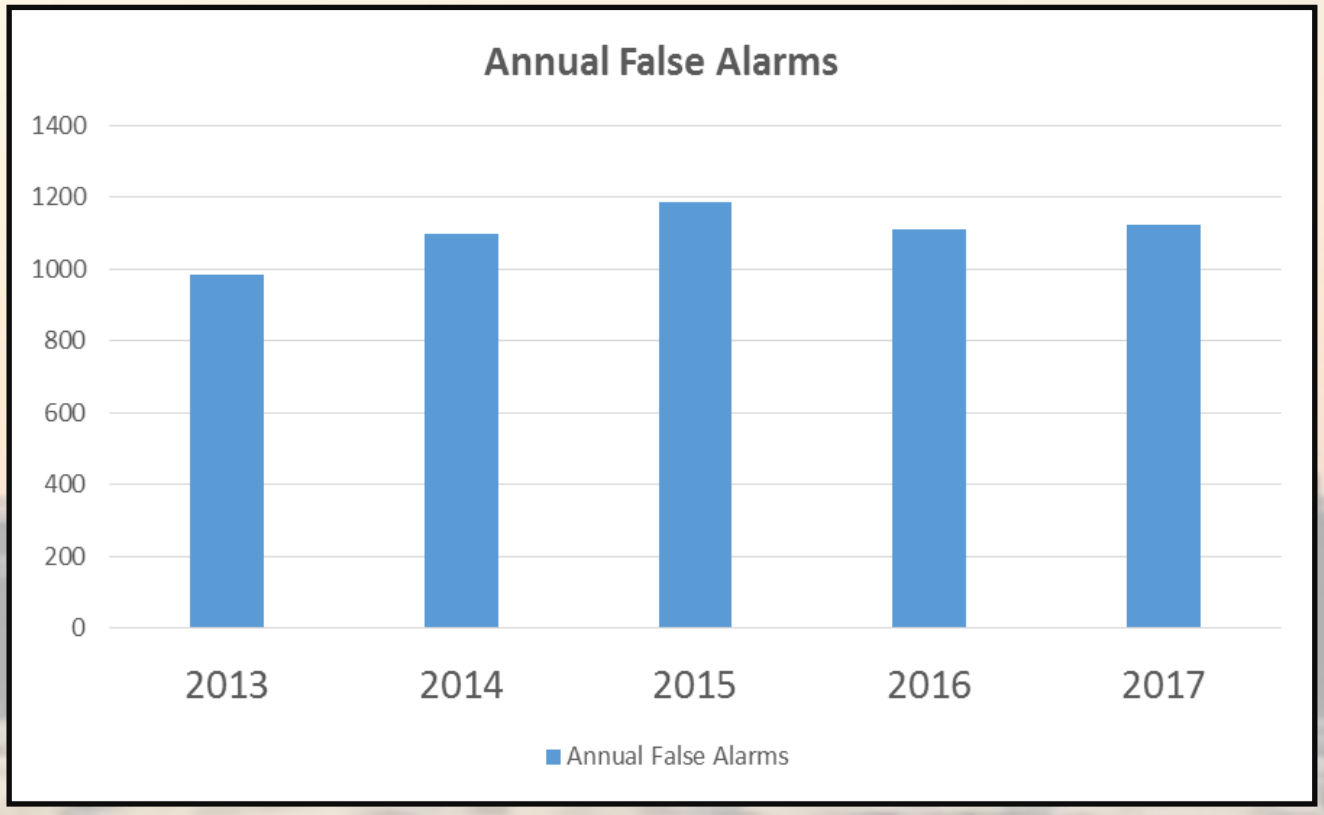
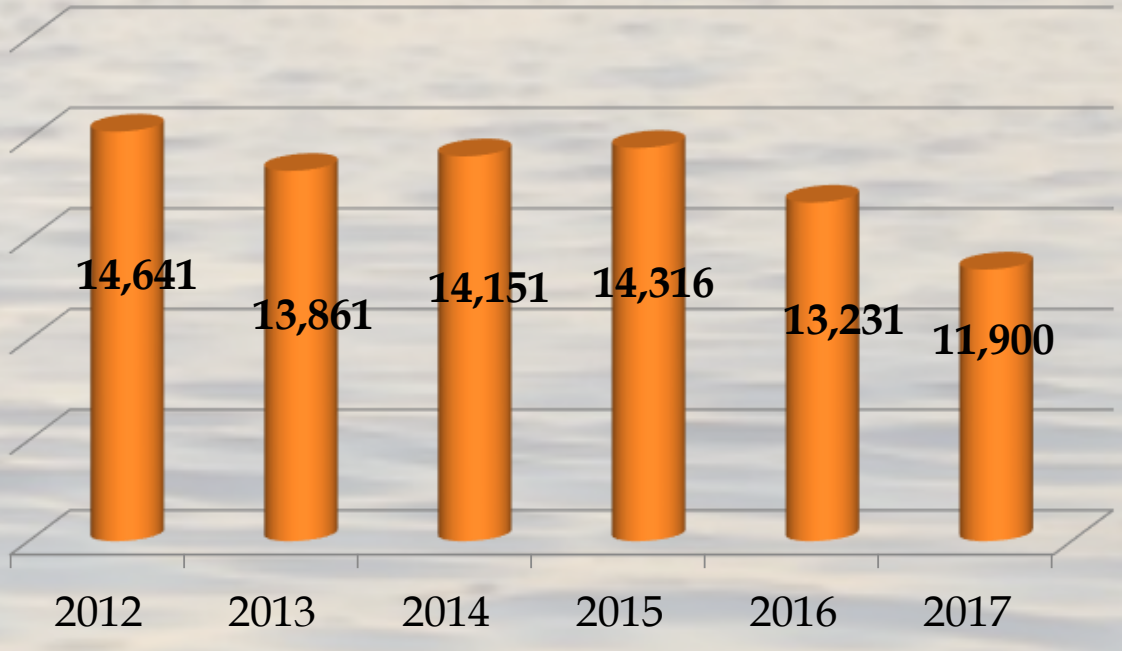




Annual False Alarm Call Totals for La Porte



Annual Traffic Enforcement Statistics



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

DOT/Commercial Vehicle Enforcement reports are submitted to the Department of Public Safety. The reports must indicate the level of inspection of the vehicle:

Level 1 Inspections refer to the North American Standard Inspection. The inspection process requires the Officer to inspect driver documents, vehicle exterior and crawl underneath the vehicle to check all other equipment.

Level 2 Inspections refer to the Walk-Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection. This inspection does not require the inspector to crawl underneath the vehicle.

Action	2016	2017	% Change
Level 1 Inspections	448	503	12.18%
Level 2 Inspections	3,350	3,553	6.06%
Total Inspections	**3,798**	**4,056**	**6.79%**
Vehicles Weighed	2,293	1,433	-37.51%
Weight Charges	502	227	-54.78%
DOT Charges	670	818	22.09%
Total Charges Filed	**1,173**	**1,045**	**-10.91%**

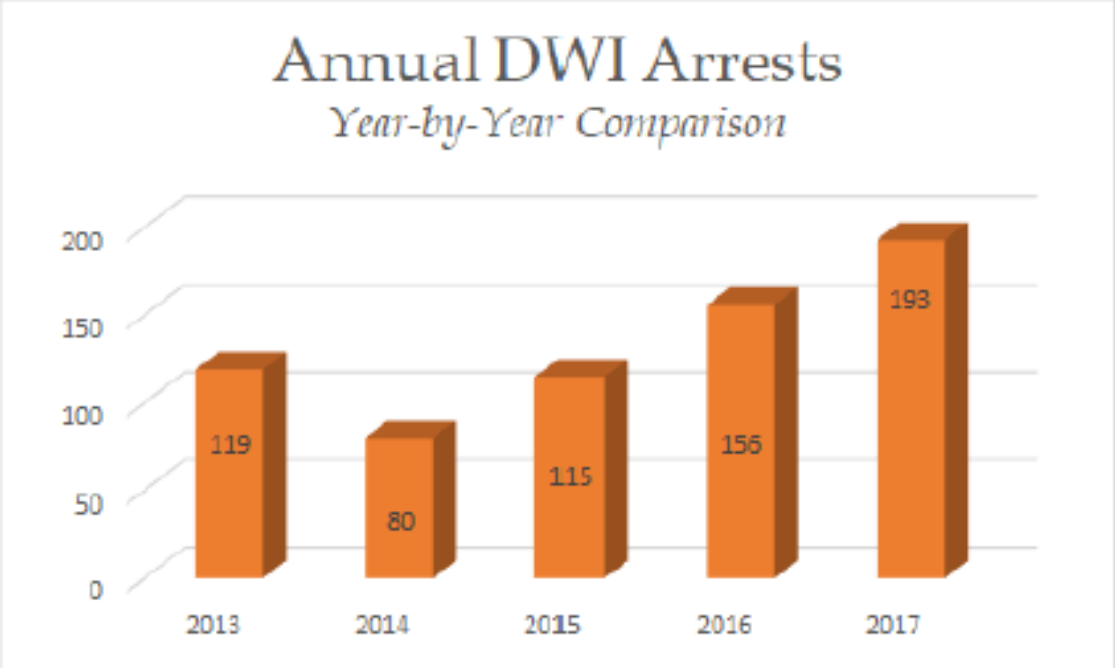
"Do not follow where the path may lead. Instead, go where there is no path and leave a trail. That's what leaders do."

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Traffic Accidents

Category	2016	2017	% Change
Total Crashes	924	899	-3%
Not-injured	871	844	-3%
Injured	53	55	4%
Commercial Vehicle Involved	99	101	2%
Total Fatalities	2	4	100%

Annual DWI Arrests



Department Budget Summary

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Administration	$1,029,154	$990,247	$1,012,607
Patrol	$6,395,268	$6,456,203	$6,955,569
Investigations	$2,317,345	$2,251,897	$2,369,097
Support Services	$2,848,489	$2,876,905	$2,951,344
Department Total	$12,590,256	$12,575,252	$13,288,617

Department Summary by Expenditure Category

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Personnel	$10,436,769	$10,576,129	$11,139,115
Supplies	$400,524	$353,177	$439,996
Services/Charges	$1,548,951	$1,607,546	$1,542,026
Capital Outlay	$204,012	$47,400	$167,480
Department Total	$12,590,256	$12,584,252	$13,288,617

City of La Porte Employee Awards, 2017

Lieutenant Matt Daeumer

City of La Porte

Manager of the Year,

2017

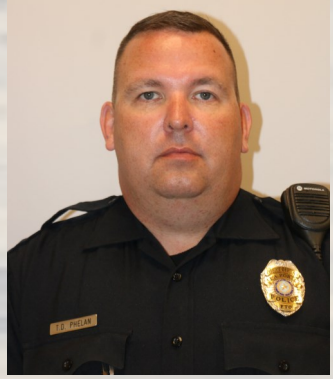
Clarence Anderson

City of La Porte

Employee of the Year,

2017

Police Department Employees of the Quarter, 2017

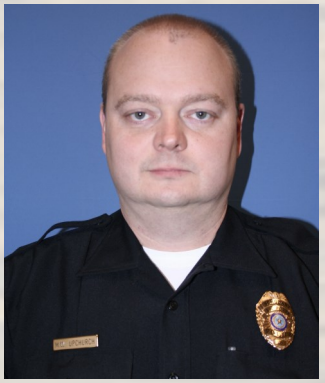


Officer T. Phelan

Employee of the Quarter,

1st Quarter,

2017

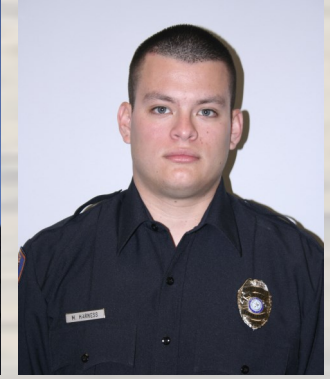


Sergeant Marcus Upchurch

Employee of the Quarter,

2nd Quarter,

2017



Officer Michael Harness

Employee of the Quarter,

3rd Quarter,

2017

Supervisor Clarence Anderson

Employee of the Quarter,

4th Quarter,

2017

Chief's Commendations

M. Avila	R. Ayers	A. Bish	A. Breeding
C. Briscoe	R. Davis	R. Gonzalez	M. Harness
W. Large	M. Novosad	T. Phelan	J. Plemons
Y. Stanley	M. Upchurch		

"Whoever wishes to become great must first become a servant to others."

Jesus of Nazareth

LPPD Dedicated Citizen Volunteer Phil Niewald is recognized by Chief Ken Adcox as the CPAAA Volunteer of the Year for 2017

Below- From left to right– Assistant Chief Ron Parker, Lieutenant Matt Daeumer, Chief Ken Adcox, Webster Police Chief Danny Pressley and Mayor Louis Rigby, receive the Texas Police Chief's Association's Recognition's Award from TPCA

Recognitions

Left: Chief Ken Adcox has just sworn in Trenton "T" Godfrey as an honorary LPPD Police Officer

Left: Chief Adcox receives the 2017 Leadership Award from the Hobby School of Public Affairs at University of Houston

Left: La Porte CPAAA Volunteers are recognized by City Council and Mayor's proclamation

Above: Retired La Porte Police Sergeant Donna O'Conner received the Chief's Citizen's Certificate of Merit for her tireless hours of volunteer work in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey

Above: Citizen John Samuel Ganukos is formally recognized at City Council with a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance to the police department

Right: Officer J. Tippit receives the Joe Atkinson Safety Professional award from the Houston Council of Safety Professionals, for contributions to the trucking industry

Seniority Awards for 2017

S. Deardorff

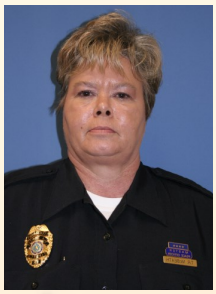
35 years

M. Daeumer

30 years

Danny Jones

30 years

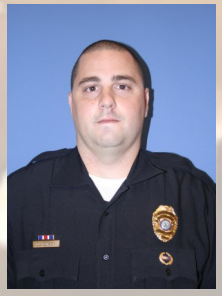


T. McBeath

30 years

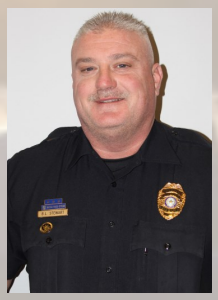
K. Green

25 years



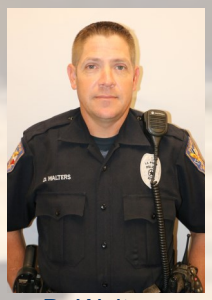
D. Ditrich

20 years



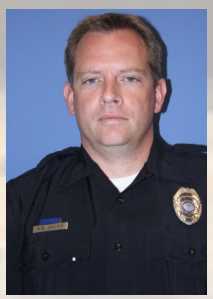
B. L. Stewart

20 years



D. Walters

20 years

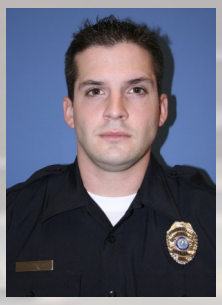


M. Gallion

15 years

J. Arenivas

10 years



B. Boznango

10 years

A. Leathers

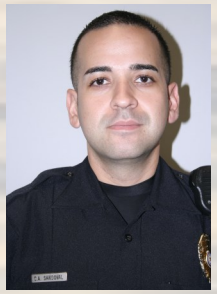
10 years

D. Leos

10 years

C. Sandoval

10 years



J. Weaver

10 years

New Employees for 2017

Chris Cargile

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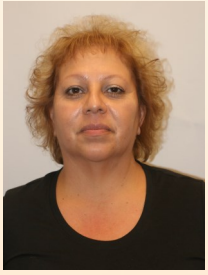
Police Officer



Xochitl Delgadillo

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ACO

Barry Gordon

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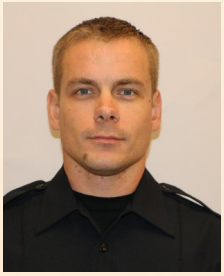

Andrew Heiden

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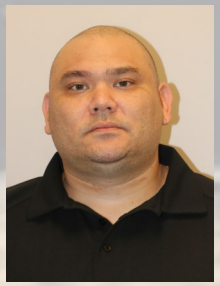
Police Officer

Louis Norman

100917

Police Officer



Paul Strong

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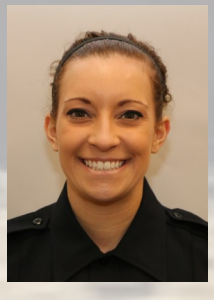
Jailer



Brittany Taylor

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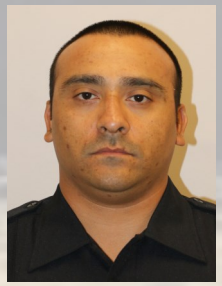
Police Officer



Sergio Torre

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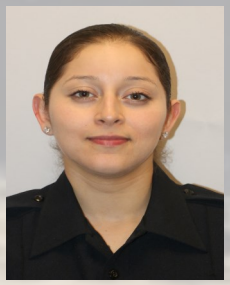
Police Officer



Jessica Ventura

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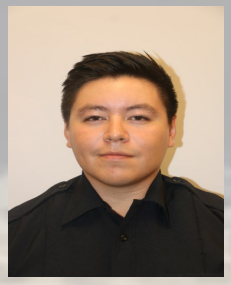
Police Officer



Jason Zuniga

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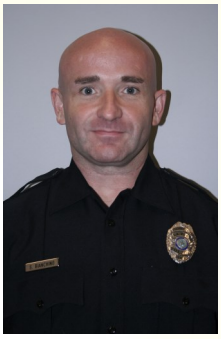
Police Officer

Officer Tracy Phelan at work on an offense report in the station's report writing room

"The greatest leader is not one who does the greatest things. He is the one who inspires others to do the greatest things."

President Ronald Reagan

2017 Honorable Discharges



S. Bianchino

Discharged

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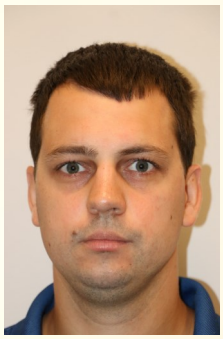

C. Copley

Discharged

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Robert Davis

Discharged

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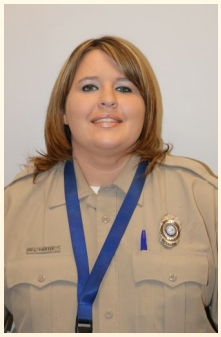

L. Hartis

Discharged

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E. Lucio

Discharged

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S. Spain

Discharged

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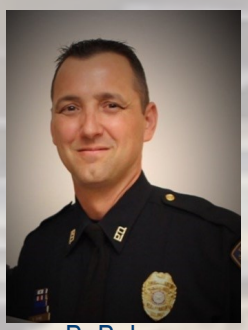
Lauren Hartis with Supervisor Clarence Anderson at the Sylvan Beach Day Parade. This would be one of her last events as a city employee

2017 Transfers



B. Boles

from Patrol to Admin.

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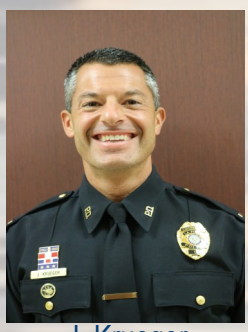

J. Krueger

from Admin. To Patrol

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J. Zuniga

from Patrol to Jailer

110117

Promotions

Matt Novosad, promoted to Sergeant, effective date June 1, 2017. Shown here with wife Hope

Jeff Plemons, promoted to Sergeant, June 1, 2017 Shown here with wife, daughter, uncle and mother

John Krueger, promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant, effective date of promotion, May 22, 2017. Shown above with his daughters and wife, left to right: Lt. Krueger, Josie, Madie and wife Jan

2017 Retirements

Det. David Huckabee retired from the LPPD on Feb. 28, 2017, after 37 years of service. He began his career with La Porte Police on May 9, 1979 in the patrol division as a patrolman. He was designated as a field training officer and then was appointed as a detective, transferring to the Criminal Investigations Division in 1986 as the department's juvenile detective. He eventually became the department's lead child abuse investigator and also specialized in sex crimes. Due to Detective Huckabee's talents and knowledge, he eventually was assigned to the Task Force for Internet Crimes Against Children and was a major contributing investigator at the Harris County Children's Assessment Center for child abuse investigations.

Sergeant Mike Wood initially began his law enforcement career with the Baytown Police Department after serving in the United States Army as a military police officer, spending much of his enlistment in Germany. He transferred to the La Porte Police on July 28, 1986 and was assigned to patrol. During his career he also spent time in assignments with the Harris County Organized Crime Task Force as a narcotics officer, and in the LPPD Criminal Investigations Division as a detective. He eventually transferred to the Support Services Division as supervising sergeant, where he oversaw community outreach programs, DARE, Citizens Police Academy, training and recruiting, and other duties. He then transferred back to detectives as the supervising officer, and completed his career back in patrol as a shift supervisor, retiring on April 17, 2017.

Lieutenant Gary Chastain initially began his law enforcement career with the Jacinto City Police Department before transferring to the La Porte Police Department on December 7, 1982. He spent several years on patrol before being appointed a general assignments detective and transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division in 1986. He eventually promoted to sergeant and transferred back to patrol as a shift supervisor, then promoted to lieutenant in 1997, remaining in patrol as a shift commander. Lieutenant Chastain was decorated with several awards including the department's Life Saving medal for rescuing a drowning child early in his career and was also recognized by the Hundred Club of Houston as Officer of the Year. He honorably retired from service on May 19, 2017.

In Memory of Sergeant Donald R. V. Fields

Sergeant Donald R. V. Fields died on March 12, 2017 at 67 years of age. He began his law enforcement career with Seabrook Police before transferring to La Porte PD on May 3, 1976. He served in patrol, as supervisor of the Special Operations Unit where he and his unit received a chief's commendation, and then returned to patrol as a shift supervisor, retiring on July 31, 2007.

Don as a new LPPD officer

Don as a shift supervisor

LPPD honor guard paying last respects to Sgt. Fields

Assistant Police Chief Ron Parker presenting the flag to Sgt. Fields' widow, Carla Fields with family and friends in attendance

Department Roll Call as of December 31, 2017

Ken Adcox	Marshall Dobson	John Krueger	Carol Scott
Tammy Adams	Melissa Dove	Dutch Lane	Yvonne Stanley
Austin Alberson	Chris Forsythe	Wendy Large	Lee Stewart
Clarence Anderson	Charlene Fox	Brian Larkey	Paul Strong
Jesse Arenivas	Frank Fullbright	Amber Leathers	Ed Swenson
Michael Avila	Mark Gallion	Carley Lee	Brittany Taylor
Richard Ayers	Shawntell Gallion	Dora Leos	Ronald Taylor
Michelle Bedford	Melania Garcia	Stacey Lippold	Jeff Tippit
Ruthshetta Bernard	Rafael Garza	Shaye Bradley– Lister	Sergio Torre
Anthony Bish	Luis Gonzalez	Kenny Martin	Margie Turrentine
Tobie Bogue	Roger Gonzalez	Tammy McBeath	Marcus Upchurch
Bennie Boles	Alvin Goonie	Shane Neal	Jessica Ventura
Brion Boznango	Barry Gordon	Christopher Nelson	Danny Walters
Heather Boznango	Kelly Green	Jody Nixon	Justin Weaver
Ashley Breeding	Jonathan Gutierrez	Louis Norman	Josh Willhoite
Cameron Briscoe	David Guyer	Matt Novosad	Kevin Winebrenner
Steven Britt	Amy Haire	Shane O'Sullivan	Jason Zuniga
Chad Burnett	Michael Harness	Chris Paige	K9 Hooligan
Seth Candelari	John Harrington	Ron Parker	K9 Sullivan
Christopher Cargile	Andrew Heiden	Matt Parsons	
Lance Cook	Jeff Henson	Kai Patrick	
Matt Daeumer	Rene Hernandez	Tracey Pedre	
Jeff Dalton	Dan Hoffman	Jeff Plemons	
Matt Davidson	Robert James	Scott Pullig	
Robyn Davis	Chris Jauregui	Amanda Ramirez	
Steve Deardorff	Danny Jones	Barrence Rodgers	
Xochitl Delgadillo	Kyle Jones	Mark Roznovak	
Ronald Digby	Jeff Kominek	Brett Salter	
Doug Ditrich	Jason Kraatz	Chris Sandoval	

LPPD Personnel Staffing

Full Time Personnel– Effective December 31, 2017

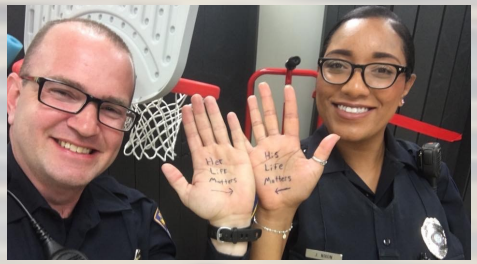
	Chief	Asst. Chief	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Detective	Officer	Civilian	Total
Authorized	1	2	5	10	13	47	31	109
Actual	1	2	5	10	13	43	30	104
Vacant	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5

Full Time Personnel, Gender Breakdown– Effective December 31, 2017

	Chief	Asst. Chief	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Detective	Officer	Civilian	Total	%
Male	1	2	4	10	13	37	19	86	78%
Female	0	0	1	0	0	6	11	18	17%
Vacant	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	5%
Total	1	2	5	10	13	47	30	109	100%

Full Time Personnel, Ethnic Breakdown– Effective December 31, 2017

	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Vacant	Total
Chief	1	0	0	0	0	1
Asst. Chief	2	0	0	0	0	2
Lieutenant	5	0	0	0	0	5
Sergeant	10	0	0	0	0	10
Detective	11	1	0	1	0	13
Officer	30	11	2	0	4	47
Civilian	23	5	2	0	1	31
Total	82	17	4	1	5	109
Percentage	75%	16%	4%	1%	4%	100%



Officers Chad Burnett and Jodi Nixon show support for each other

LPPD Attrition Rate for 2017

Effective December 31, 2017

(Includes Sworn and Civilian Members)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Deceased	0	0	0	0	0
Medical/Injury	0	0	0	0	0
Resigned	6	4	6	3	7
Retired	1	4	3	3	3
Terminated	2	1	1	1	0
Total	9	9	10	7	10
Attrition Rate	8%	8%	9%	6%	9%

Photo left– Asst. Chief Steve Deardorff, Patrol Operations Bureau left, and Lieutenant Matt Daeumer, Support Services Division Commander

Photo below– Left to right, Lt. Matt Daeumer, Chief Ken Adcox and Asst. Chief Ron Parker. Chief Adcox presented with his award for Outstanding Leadership in the Hobby Certified Public Manager's Program

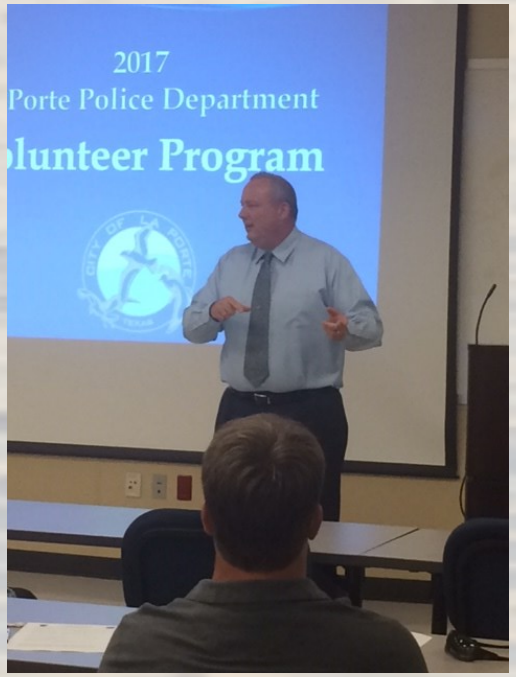
"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

Douglas MacArthur

Administration Overview

The Police Department is commanded by the Chief of Police, Kenith Adcox. The Administration Bureau is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the department, including planning, budget, policy, leadership, direction and control, training, personnel and Professional Standards, to name a few. Administration includes several assistant chiefs who each command the Operations Bureau and the Support Services Bureau.

Above, left to right: Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff, Secretary Melissa Dove, Chief of Police Kenith Adcox, Administrative Assistant Michelle Bedford, Assistant Chief Ron Parker, and Administrative Sergeant Bennie Boles



Left– Chief Ken Adcox instructs a class for the Citizens Police Academy course

Above– Asst. Chief Parker visits with Retired LPPD Chief Richard Reff during a special ceremony

Patrol Operations

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Kenith Adcox
Assistant Chief of Police, Operations Bureau– Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff

Lieutenant Ed Swenson– Day Shift Commander
Lieutenant John Krueger– Evening Shift Commander
Lieutenant Doug Ditrich– Night Shift Commander

Sergeant Marcus Upcurch– DOT/Traffic Supervisor
Sergeant Cameron Briscoe– Day Shift Supervisor
Sergeant Richard Ayers– Evening Shift Supervisor
Sergeant Jeff Plemons– Evening Shift Supervisor
Sergeant Robert James– Night Shift Supervisor
Sergeant– Matt Novosad– Night Shift Supervisor

Lieutenants– 3
Sergeants– 6
Patrol Officers– 29
K9 Officers– 2
DOT Enforcement Officers– 5
Traffic Enforcement Officers– 2

The mission of the Patrol Operations Bureau is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, and visit the City of La Porte. This mission is accomplished by providing timely and professional public safety and policing services to the community utilizing a problem solving analysis and Intelligence Led Policing strategy approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression and apprehension strategies.

The **Operations Bureau** is comprised of various sections and duties to include: Patrol, Traffic Enforcement, Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Accident Investigation, Bicycle Patrol, K9, SWAT, Honor Guard, Bomb Squad and Jail Operations.

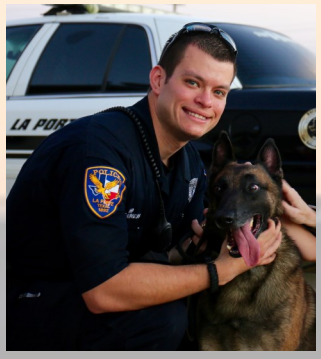
Left to Right: Officers Shane 0'Sullivan, Jeff Plemons, Jeff Tippit, and Danny Walters provide security at a special event

"Leadership consists of picking good men and helping them do their best."

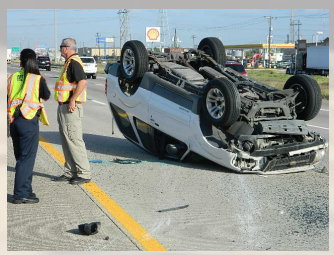
-Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

Patrol Operations

Bicycle Patrol– Patrol bikes are a very popular unit since they place police officers closer to the community they serve. Bicycles also allow officers to be more attentive to the surroundings where crime might be occurring. Bike officers undergo special and grueling training to be certified for bike patrol and are used during special events as well as routine patrol. Photo: Officer Matt Novosad shows off his patrol bike equipment to citizens at a local event.



K9 Unit– The department's K9 Unit is comprised of two dogs and their handlers. These include Officer Michael Harness and his K9 Sylvester, and Officer Barry Groaning and his K9 Hooligan. The dogs undergo regular training and achieve certifications for their skills. They have proven to be valuable assets for the department and are also extremely popular with local children and citizens, who love to interact with the dogs. Photo: Officer Michael Harness demonstrates his K9 partner Sylvester at National Night Out.



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement/DOT– This unit investigates serious motor vehicle crashes, and also is responsible for commercial motor vehicle enforcement, aggressive driver enforcement and DOT enforcement. It is supervised by Sergeant Marcus Upchurch. Investigators undergo extensive training and must be certified for this area of enforcement. Photo: First responders investigate a fatality accident on the highway.

SWAT- The LPPD SWAT team includes highly trained operators who are certified in their special skills. They work in partnership with the Baytown Police Department SWAT Team and can respond to any crisis across Gulf Coast area to handle any threats. The team assets include specialty firearms and weapons, as well as other munitions, armored vehicles, and other resources. Photo: SWAT personnel practice their skills during training.

Bomb Squad– The Bomb Squad is a joint venture with the Bay Area Bomb Squad Team, in conjunction with Pasadena and Baytown Police Departments. The team stays busy across the metropolitan area and responds to hundreds of calls per year. They have also provide assistance during high profile events and in protective duties for the President and other dignitaries. Photo: Bomb technician Brett Salter suited up for action.

Patrol Operations

Some of our Honor Guard members L-R: Sgt. Richard Ayers, Officers. Y. Stanley, C. Burnett, K. Winebrenner, R. Gonzales and B. Salter

Honor Guard– The LPPD Honor Guard Team consists of officers who serve in addition to their regular patrol duties and are dedicated individuals. The team represents the department at special events, officers' funerals, and memorial services honoring those who have served and have fallen. The unit was formed in 2006 and continues to be popular with families and citizens.

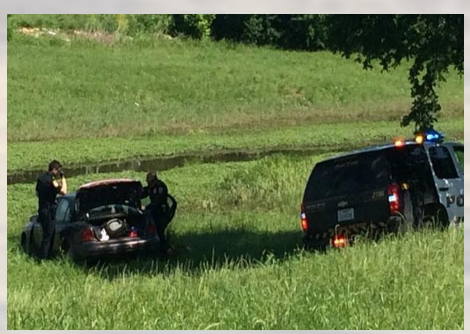
Jail Operations– Personnel in the jail are responsible for the processing and care of prisoners, both male and female. The jail is staffed 24/7 and is manned by professionally trained personnel who desire to make a difference. The facility is a modern one and is equipped with a full kitchen, restrooms, and laundry. The facility is equipped for emergency first aid and fire suppression pending the arrival of other resources.

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't be able to sit for a month."

- Theodore Roosevelt

DOT Officer Dan Hoffman prepares to inspect a large truck

Life Flight Air Ambulance lands on the highway for a crash victim



LPPD Patrol Officers check on passengers in a vehicle that ran off the roadway

"True leadership must be for the benefit of the followers, not to enrich the leader."

- John C. Maxwell

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division, (CID), is led by Lieutenant Tammy McBeath. CID includes Detectives, the Street Crimes Unit, Property/ Evidence, Crime Victims Assistance, and Crime Scene Investigations, as well as a detective assigned and deployed outside the department to special a Task Force in Houston.

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Kenith Adcox

Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau– Assistant Chief Ron Parker

Criminal Investigations Division Commanding Officer– Lieutenant Tammy McBeath

Sergeant Lance Cook– Detectives Supervisor

Sergeant Kai Patrick– SCU Supervisor

Investigators– 12

Criminal Investigations Specialist– 1

Crime Victims Assistant– 1
Property Custodian–1

LPPD Mobile Crime Scene Unit

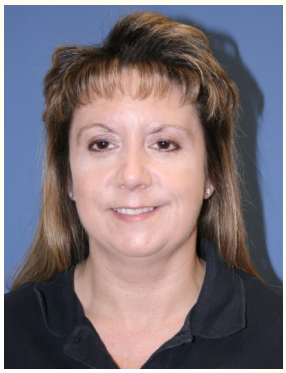
Identification and Crime Scene Investigation Unit– The CSI Unit is staffed with one full time CSI consisting of Investigator Robyn Davis, as well as other part time CSI's assigned to each patrol shift. The unit is the investigative arm of the department that processes critical forensic evidence vital to solving and prosecuting crimes. These specialists are highly trained in fingerprint analysis, DNA evidence, and various other forms of critical evidence and methodologies. Each CSI is equipped with special equipment and photography to fully process a crime scene. The unit also has a fully equipped mobile Crime Scene vehicle to transport and utilize equipment at a scene, to include mobile reporting in the field. CSI's are trained and certified by well respected organizations such as the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Detectives gather at a crime scene to prepare their investigation

"It's always wrong to do wrong. It's never right to do wrong. It's never wrong to do right...period, for no other reason than to do the right thing."

- Neil Jeffrey

Criminal Investigations



Wendy Large

Property Custodian

Carol Scott

Crime Victims Liaison

Sgt. Lance Cook

Detective

Amy Haire

CID Specialist

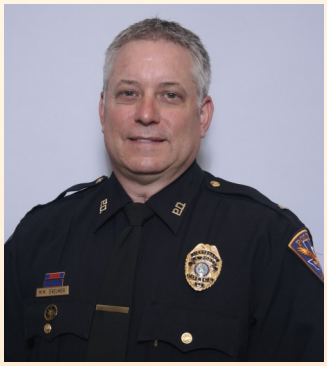
Property and Evidence– Property Technician Wendy Large is responsible for the safekeeping and tracking of evidence in the property room. Many of the items stored there will play a significant role in the prosecution of offenders at trial. Ms. Large has been recognized at the state level for her exceptional dedication and performance and has been awarded Property Technician of the Year in the past. She continues to receive excellent scores in the tracking and custodianship of the items in her trust.

Crime Victims Assistance– LPPD's Crime Victims Liaison is Carol Scott, who ensures that victims of violent crime are afforded their rights under the law. She is a valuable resource to those who have been victimized and have suffered such tragedies. She is able to serve as a victim's advocate, and provides expert advice for those seeking financial restitution, counseling, emergency housing/shelter, and other victim services.

Detectives– Detectives are supervised by Sergeant Lance Cook and include experienced investigators capable and trained to handle the most complex cases. Several of the detectives have been featured in nationally broadcast television programs documenting high profile investigations and cold case homicides. Detectives within this unit include Jeff Kominek, Alvin Goonie, Scott Pullig, Kelly Green, Danny Jones, Brion Boznango and Matt Davidson. They are assisted by Criminal Investigations Specialist Amy Haire.

Street Crimes Unit– SCU is supervised by Sergeant Kai Patrick. Duties of the unit include local level narcotics enforcement, vice, and other special criminal investigations requiring a special and customized approach, along with surveillance. Investigators within this unit consist of Frank Fullbright, Jeff Dalton, Jesse Arenivas, and Dutch Lane. An investigator, Tobie Bogue, is also detached and assigned to the Harris County Narcotics Task Force in Houston.

Support Services Division

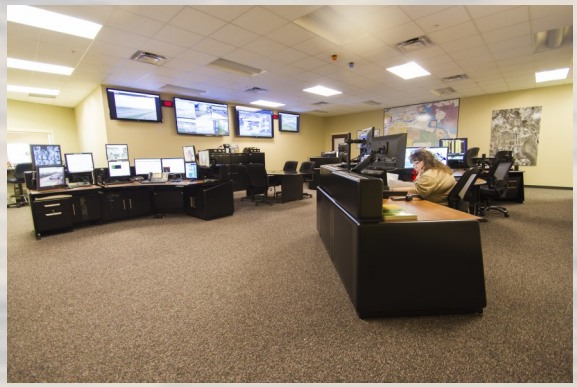


Support Services- is commanded by Lieutenant Matt Daeumer and is composed of various units and sections to include: Records, 911/Dispatch, Animal Control and Adoption Services, Facility Management, Police Area Representatives, School Resource Officers, DARE, and Community Services. Other special duties of this division include Youth Summer Camps, Citizens Police Academy, and other outreach programs for the citizens of La Porte, as well as our Police Chaplains Corps and Dedicated Citizen Volunteers.

Office of the Chief of Police– Chief Kenith Adcox
Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau– Assistant Chief Ron Parker
Support Services Division Commanding Officer– Lieutenant Matt Daeumer

Sergeant Lee Stewart– Support Services Supervisor
Supervisor Shaye Lister– 911/Dispatch/Records Supervisor
Supervisor Clarence Anderson– Animal Adoption/Animal Control Services

Police Officers– 3
School Resource Officers– 5
Dispatchers– 12
Records Technicians– 2
Animal Control Officers–4
Facilities Management Technicians– 1



LPPD 911/Emergency Dispatch Center

911/Dispatch– This unit serves as the nerve center for the police department, receiving 911 emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance, dispatching police officers across the city, checking for warrants, etc. They are the life line for officers and citizens alike. This group includes a very dedicated team of individuals who work under extremely stressful conditions, literally saving lives as they send calls to fire, police and emergency medical services. The unit is supervised by Ms. Shamarian Bradley-Lister.

Dispatch and Records Supervisor

Shaye Lister

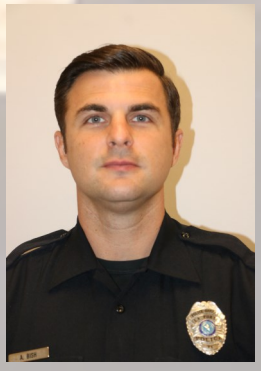
Support Services Division

Sgt. Lee Stewart

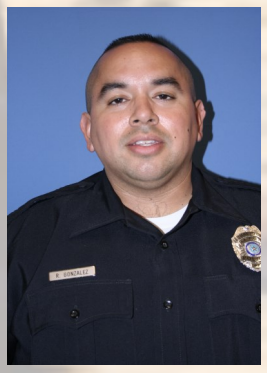
Support Services– Support Services is supervised by Sergeant Lee Stewart and encompasses a wide-ranging scope of duties and services. These include DARE, School Resource Officers, Police Area Representatives (PAR's), Community Outreach, Citizens Police Volunteers and the Police Chaplains Corps. These services are detailed further below.

DARE– The police department's DARE officer is Officer Yvonne Stanley. She is stationed primarily at the La Porte Independent School District's Baker 6th Grade campus, where she teaches DARE curriculum. She also visits other district school campuses where she teaches younger students as well. Officer Stanley is also involved as a PAR officer, where she assists citizens with unorthodox problems and concerns, and she is also deeply involved in the department's summer youth activities and safety camps for city youths.

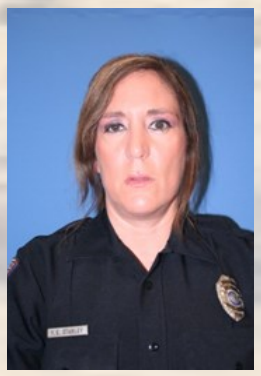
PAR's– PAR's (Police Area Representatives), provide valuable and unique services to citizens who are confronted with concerns and challenges that are non-traditional, yet create real worries. These might include graffiti, illegal dumping of trash, loud noise from neighbors, loose dogs, and other issues. A PAR officer can provide help in such situations where citizens don't know where else to turn to. PAR's can point you in the right direction and help coordinate efforts to solve your concern.



Anthony Bish
PAR District 1
281-842-3124



R. Gonzalez
PAR District 2
281-842-3152



Yvonne Stanley
PAR District 3
281-842-3152

School Resource Officers– SRO's, provide security and serve as mentors at various campuses across the city. SRO's serve as positive role models for children and foster close, positive relationships with both students and school staff. Citizens can support their efforts by calling in crime tips to 281-470-STOP, texting DAWGTIP, plus messaging to CRIMES (274637), or go to www.dawgtip.com.

"Your difficulties do not define you. They simply strengthen your ability to overcome."

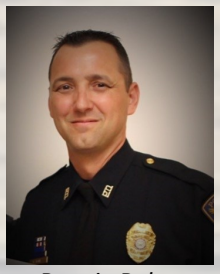
- Maya Angelou

Left to Right SRO's:
Kenny Martin– LPHS
Matt Parsons- La Porte JH
Kevin Winebrenner– LPHS
Chris Paige– Dewalt Alternative HS
Brian Larkey, Lomax JH

Supv. Clarence Anderson

Adoption Services and Animal Control– This unit is supervised by Clarence Anderson and is comprised of dedicated pet lovers who care deeply about the safety and welfare of our furry friends in the city. Animal Control Officers strive to adopt all the unclaimed dogs and cats that find their way to the Animal Adoption Center. Interested citizens are encouraged to visit the center at 10901 Spencer Highway to visit potentially adoptable animals.

Police Chaplains' Corps- The Police Chaplains Corps is a special unit within the police department comprised of local clergy and pastors who desire to provide comfort and spiritual relief to local citizens and police members when the need arises. They perform critical services in time of crisis. They serve the community on a volunteer basis.



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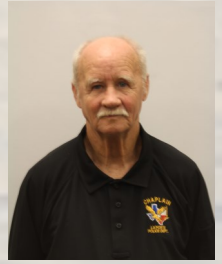
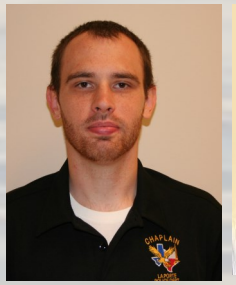
Kevin Gilmore



Herbert Lewis

Shaye Lister



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Calvin Miller

Gig Rohmfeld

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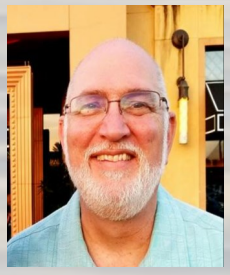


Walter Swaim

La Porte Police Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association- This group of "Dedicated Volunteers" works tirelessly to support the police department in its mission to protect and serve the community. They support the Blue Santa program, and assist the department in various other projects throughout the year, including Citizens on Patrol (COPs), staffing in dispatch, traffic control for parades and events, and many other duties. Citizen volunteers are issued special uniforms and identification cards with full access to the police department once they compete training. They work alongside regular police members and are considered a significant part of the police department's family. For information on joining this special group, call 281-471-3810.

Board of Directors, 2017, LPCPAAA:
President– Brenda Pritchard
1st Vice President– Richard Browder
2nd Vic President- Malinda Juel
Secretary– Riley Pritchard
Treasurer– Vicky Copley

CPAAA Volunteers assist with National Night Out

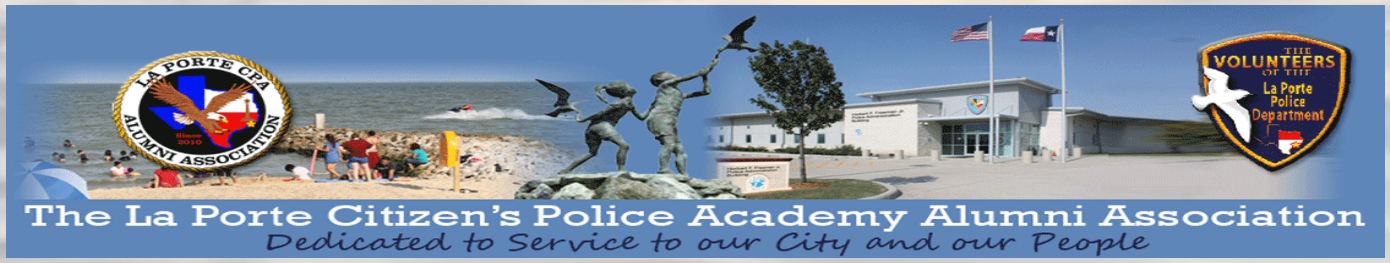
Council Member Nancy Ojeda with Volunteer Debbie Parker

Volunteers April Roden and Shirley Larkey at Safety Fair booths

Blanca Solis and J Elam

Volunteers Gary and Lois Tandy help

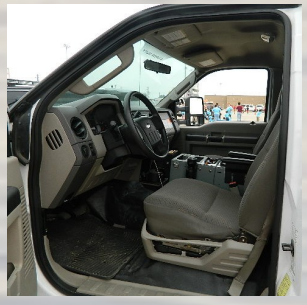
Volunteers gather for the Blue Santa



Department Highlights

Bomb Squad Vehicle placed in to Service– The La Porte Police Department's Explosive Ordinance Detail (Bomb Squad) took possession of new bomb vehicle and trailer to aid in disposal of explosive materials and suspicious packages. The resources were acquired through a grant from the governor's office and put in to service during the 2017 calendar year.

LPPD Mobile Crime Scene Unit placed in to Service- The La Porte Emergency Medical Services provided the police department with an ambulance unit that was scheduled for retirement and converted it to a mobile crime scene unit. The vehicle will be very critical in transporting vital crime scene processing items and resources to crime scenes and is also equipped for mobile reporting capability as well.



Department Highlights

RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Offered by LPPD– Local women were offered special instruction during the year and learned how to defend themselves against would-be attackers. This popular course educated women on how to stay alert in their surroundings and what to do if attacked. The course has been offered for a number of years and remains very popular with women of all ages.

"I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people."

- Mahatma Gandhi

LPD SWAT Team receives Grant Funds from NRA Foundation– The LPPD SWAT team received grant funding from the NRA in order to replace some of the aging protective helmets. The special helmets provide ballistic protection for members and are valuable part of their equipment. Almost $4,000 in grant funding was provided.

Local citizens attended various block parties around the city as well as an open house at the Police Department during National Night Out, 2017

National Night Out- Annually, this is one the La Porte Police Department's most successful events and the most popular with local citizens. The event even draws crowds from other cities in the area, and is attended by hundreds as numerous agencies and businesses come together to provide fun, activities and interesting displays for youths and adults alike.

Above left– Coffee with a Cop at Beacon Credit Union. Above right– Harris County Pct. 8 Constable Phil Sandlin and LPPD Sgt. Lee Stewart with a local citizen at Coffee with a Cop at Shell Credit Union

Coffee with a Cop– Various sites were utilized throughout 2017 for "Coffee with a Cop", including various businesses around the city. The event drew in local citizens who had the opportunity to join in fellowship and visit with various members of the La Porte Police Department, as well as other departments and agencies.

One of the Summer Camp participant groups shown, enjoying the swimming party held at the City of La Porte Wave Pool, along with chaperones

Local youth Brayden Parker enjoys a treat

DARE Summer Youth Camps- LPPD and the City of La Porte started the summer with a 40 hour camp for five to nine year olds. The emphasis this camp was Safety, with equal parts of fun. Topics for safety included: The Annual Bicycle Rodeo Skills Course; Pedestrian Cross Walk; Stranger Danger; Internet Safety; Learning our addresses and parent's cell phone numbers; Water Safety; and Anti-Bullying. With many children being home alone during the summer break, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety course was offered, where students learn what to do if they find a gun. To balance the safety with fun, trips were taken to the City of La Porte's Wave Pool at Little Cedar Bayou, and the Northwest Park Pool..

Chief Adcox with Trenton

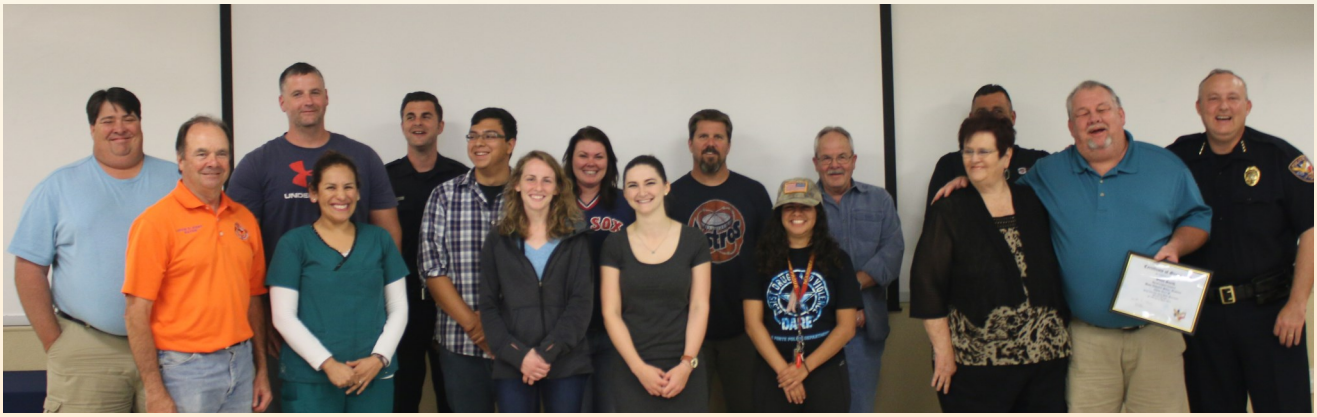
Trenton with his mother,
Christina Salyer and family

Honorary Police Officer Sworn in– Trenton "T" Godfrey was sworn in as an honorary LPPD Police Officer in 2017 by Chief Ken Adcox, with practically the entire police department and other first responders, as well as Trenton's family in attendance. Trenton suffers from *Friedreich's Ataxia*, a serious neurological disease. Twelve year old Trenton took the oath of office and received his badge, pinned on his uniform by Chief Adcox, with a large crowd present. He then went on patrol and also met others in the city' emergency services including SWAT members, EMS, fire department, and Morgans Point Police offices.

"A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves."

- Lao Tzu

Citizens Police Academy– The ultimate goal of CPA is to bring the department and the community closer together in a partnership and to foster better communication between the two. Participation is free and all materials are provided. Applicants must be 18 or older with a clear criminal history. CPA graduates find a rewarding field of volunteering for their community.



Basic Citizens Police Academy Class A, 2017

Basic Citizens Police Academy Class B, 2017

Advanced Citizens Police Academy, 2017

Leadership Expert Mac Tristan during his presentation at the 2017 LPPD Leadership Retreat

Annual Leadership Training for LPPD Leadership Team-

Each year, Chief Adcox presents a Leadership Expert who visits with the LPPD leadership team over a two day period and shares their philosophy on leadership. During 2017, the department had the opportunity to listen to Leadership Expert Mac Tristan, who is the chief of police for Coppell Police Department, TX. Chief Tristan is a firm practitioner of Servant Leadership ideology and is also a lecturer on the subject all over the world.

LPPD Explorers prepare to assist with fingerprinting children for ID kits.

LPPD Explorers practice room to room searches for upcoming competitions.

Explorers suit up to assist with Sylvan Beach Day Parade and related festivities.

Police Explorers– The Explorer program at LPPD is vibrant and active and allows teenagers the opportunity to learn aspects of law enforcement. The LPPD Police Explorers help police officers throughout the year at various events, parades, etc., and also meet monthly for hands on training in police practices. The post also competes at the state level with other Explorer posts and has been recognized for the skills with awards and trophies.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, (MADD) Award- LPPD was named MADD Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency of the Year for 2016. the announcement was made in April, 2017. Of the over 50 law enforcement agencies in Harris and Montgomery counties, the La Porte Police Department was selected to receive MADD's Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency Award. The honor is given annually to a law enforcement agency that is making a difference by going above and beyond in the area(s) of education, prevention, policy or enforcement and whose efforts are makiat the MADD "Take the Wheel: Law Enforcement Award and Recognition Event" on April 27th. In addition to receiving the overall agency award, two of La Porte's officers were specifically recognized for their work in apprehending impaired drivers over the last year (Officer Mike Harness and Officer Christopher Forsyth). La Porte Municipal Court ng an impact in reducing alcohol-related death and injury on Texas' roads. The award was presented Judge Denise Mitrano also received the MADD Judiciary Service Award for Harris County.

PAW Festival for Adoption of Animals– The City of La Porte Animal Shelter and Adoption Facility hosted the Paw Festival as part of the October *National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month*. The adoption efforts started on October 24th and ended on October 28th with the Paw Festival activities. 23 animals were paired with forever homes during this short period of time. The festival included snacks, drinks, and activities such a jump house and a pet costume contest pictured above. This adoption period was partially funded by Triumphant Tails, Inc.

Officer Chris Sandoval

Beards for Blue Santa– The La Porte Police Department gave a reprieve to the normally smoothly shaved faces for all La Porte Police Department (LPPD) uniformed officers who made a donation to the Blue Santa Program this year. Anticipating an increase in need of families in the La Porte Community due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey, LPPD employees were looking for a way to raise funds for the Blue Santa Program. To boost the fund, police employees can make a minimum $50 donation to the Blue Santa Program. Officers who donated could then put their razors down and grow their beards for the months of November and December.

Hurricane Harvey Flood Relief Program– Thanks to a generous donation from a La Porte citizens, the La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA) was able to set up a relief program immediately following Hurricane Harvey. With those funds, the LPCPAAA established a Flood Relief Program designed to provide immediate aid to La Porte Residents and First Responders who had their homes flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Through the Flood Relief Program, the LPCPAAA provided a $500 gift card to qualified applicants to assist them with any immediate needs they had as a result of the storm. This kind gesture to assist our own community was followed by subsequent gifts from several of La Porte's star corporate citizens, including the La Porte Rotary Club, Tri-Star Aviation, Doosan Turbomachinery Services, Air Products, Kaneka, and Noltex LLC. Additionally, Beacon Federal Credit Union, La Porte branch, graciously waved the fee for all gift cards allowing one hundred percent of the donated funds to be given to the qualified recipients. In all, more than $71,000 was received and disbursed to citizens and first responders, who suffered a loss from Hurricane Harvey. Applications for the program were made available to the public from the La Porte Police Department (LPPD). LPPD Officers also went door to door, dropping off applications in some of the harder hit areas within the City Limits. Once the applications were received, a committee formed by the LPCPAAA reviewed the applications focusing on those applicants determined to be in the most need. Once approved, a representative of the La Porte Police Department contacted the recipient and presented them with their gift card to help with repairs.

Chief Adcox accepts the LPPD's Recognition Status from TPCA representative Danny Pressley

Best Practices Recognition Renewal– The La Porte Police Department was awarded "Re-Recognition" for their continued compliance with Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Best Practices Recognition Program for Law Enforcement for the past four years. Webster Chief of Police Danny Presley, Team Leader representing the TPCA Recognition Program, presented the certificate at a City Council meeting. While making the presentation, Chief Presley put the accomplishment in perspective by stating: "There are over 2400 Law Enforcement agencies in Texas, and only 144 agencies have achieved 'Recognized' status. Only 67 agencies have been Re Recognized…..meaning that they have maintained these standards for more than 4 years. The fact that the La Porte Police department has maintained these standards means that your Department is among the top 3% of all police agencies in the State."

Sylvan Beach Day Festival– The Sylvan Beach Day Festival is an annual event that has been very popular with local and area citizens for decades. It draws thousands of visitors to the Sylvan Beach Park, a local tourist attraction that first came in to existence in the late 1800's. The festival features a large parade, beauty pageant, cook-offs, live music entertainment, and lot of vendors and displays. The LPPD plays a significant role in ensuring the event is a success and that citizens are safe during this fun time, as well as providing interactions with citizens in various outreach projects.

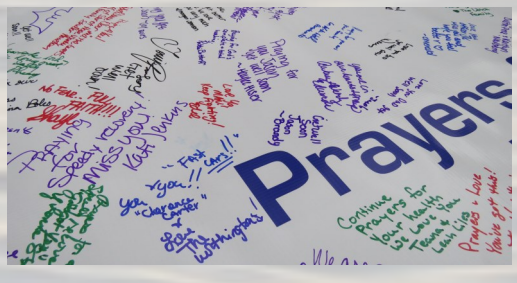
Local youth Brayden Parker prepares to help Officer Yvonne Stanley serve as escort for the parade in the DARE car

Patrol Bike Officers Chris Paige and Tracy Phelan aid with traffic control just prior to the parade's start

City council members kick off the start of the parade in their golf carts

Officer Jason Kraatz

Officer Jason Kraatz Support– LPPD Officer Jason Kraatz suffered a stroke in 2017, which impacted him significantly. As a result, he continues to recover as this publication goes to print. The community showed their continued support throughout the year for the police department and more importantly, for the full recovery of Officer Kraatz, who is assigned as a school resource officer at the high school. Local citizens, businesses and groups sponsored various fundraisers and held prayer vigils and other events throughout the year to support him and his family. Our prayers and support are on-going for Officer Kraatz and his family. Our 2017 Annual Report is dedicated to Officer Jason Kraatz, as featured on the cover.



Local citizens, co-workers and friends gather at the La Porte Police station in support of Officer Jason Kraatz and his family, and in offering prayer for his recovery

2017 Annual Racial Profiling Report

The following report is provided in accordance with Article 2.132 (7) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures. The Code requires that the police department annually report, to its governing body, data collected on the race of ethnicity of individuals stopped for traffic violations and subsequently cited, searched and/or arrested.

Reporting must take place on or before March 1st of each year. This report meets this requirement by providing a detailed analysis of the La Porte Police Department's policies, training, and statistical information on racial profiling for the year 2017. To assist City Council in their examination of the included data, detailed demographic data has also been provided relating to the City of La Porte, Harris County, and the State of Texas.

For the purposes of this report and analysis, the following definition of racial profiling is used: *racial profiling means a law enforcement-initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity (Texas CCP Article 3.05).*

La Porte Police Department Policy/ Training on Racial Profiling

A review of La Porte Police Department Policy 314 and 401.2.6 provide evidence that the department has adopted policies in compliance with Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (see Appendix A).

There are several specific requirements mandated by Article 2.132 that a law enforcement agency's Racial Profiling Policy must address. Each of these requirements are covered in the La Porte Police Department's Racial Profiling Policy, which provides clear direction that any form of racial profiling is prohibited and that officers found engaging in inappropriate profiling may be disciplined up to and including termination.

The regulations also provide a very clear statement of the agency's philosophy regarding equal treatment of all persons regardless of race or ethnicity. All members of the La Porte Police Department have received formal training required by the State of Texas relating to Racial Profiling and have been provided, and signed for copies of, the departmental policy in question. Additionally, the policy is required to be reviewed with all employees by supervisors on a bi-annual basis.

La Porte Police Department Statistical Data on Racial Profiling

In accordance with Departmental Policy, Officers of La Porte Police Department submitted statistical information on all contacts made with motorists in 2017 and accompanying information on the race of the person contacted.

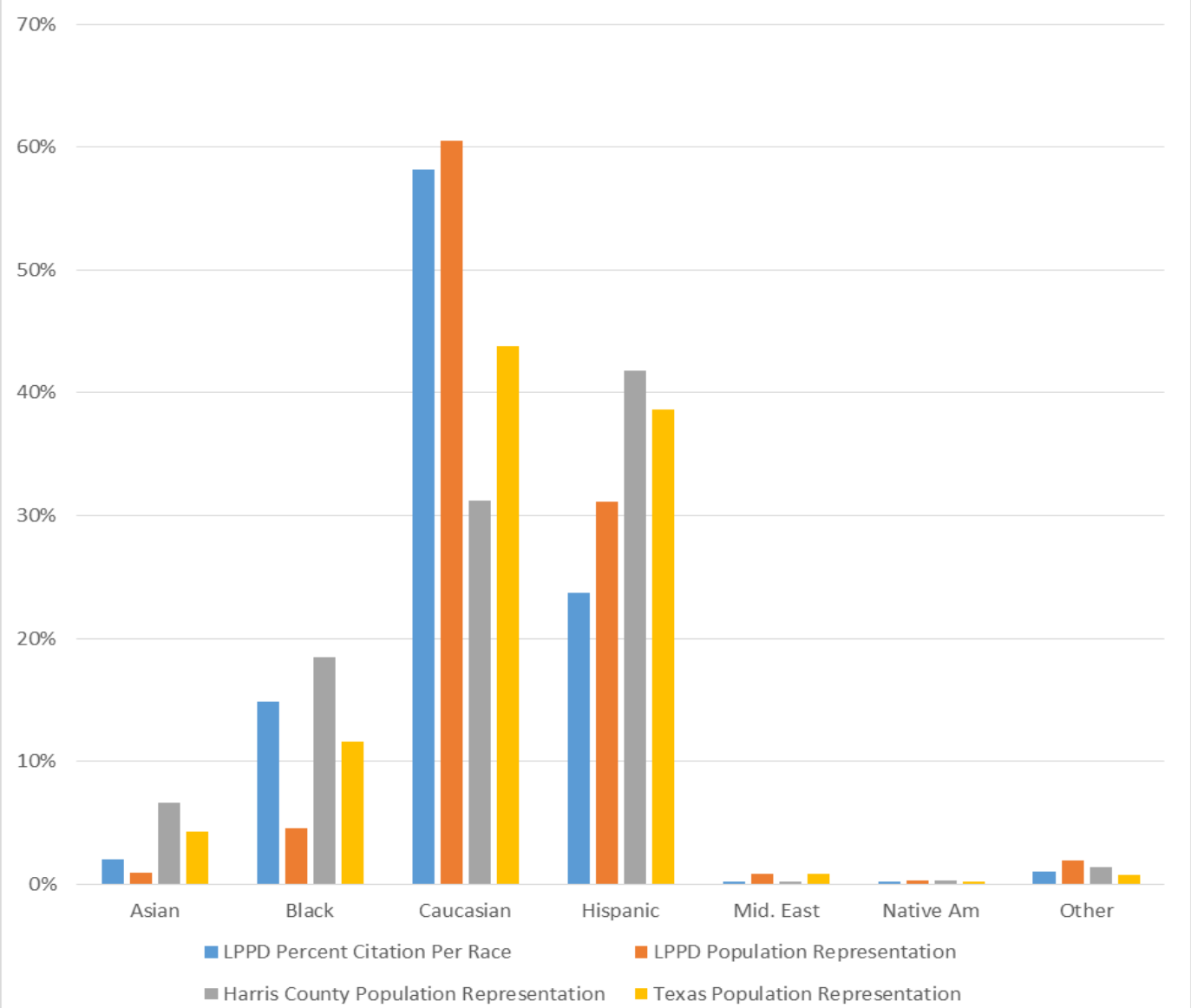
This data has been aggregated and is presented in the following tables, accompanied by relevant information on searches, arrests, and demographic information.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in

moments of comfort, but rather where he stands in moments of challenge and controversy."

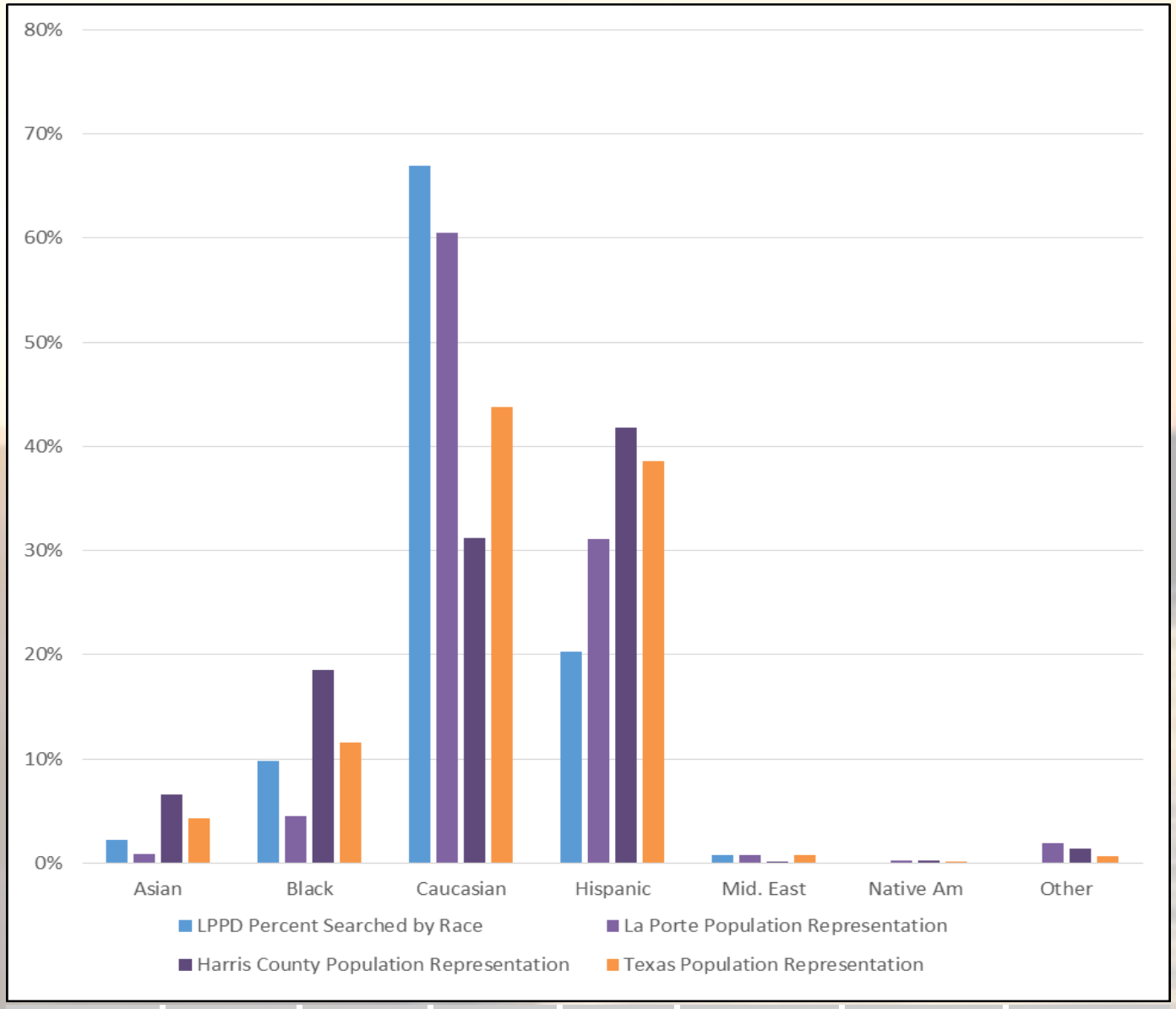
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LPPD Percentage Citations Issued Compared with Overall Race



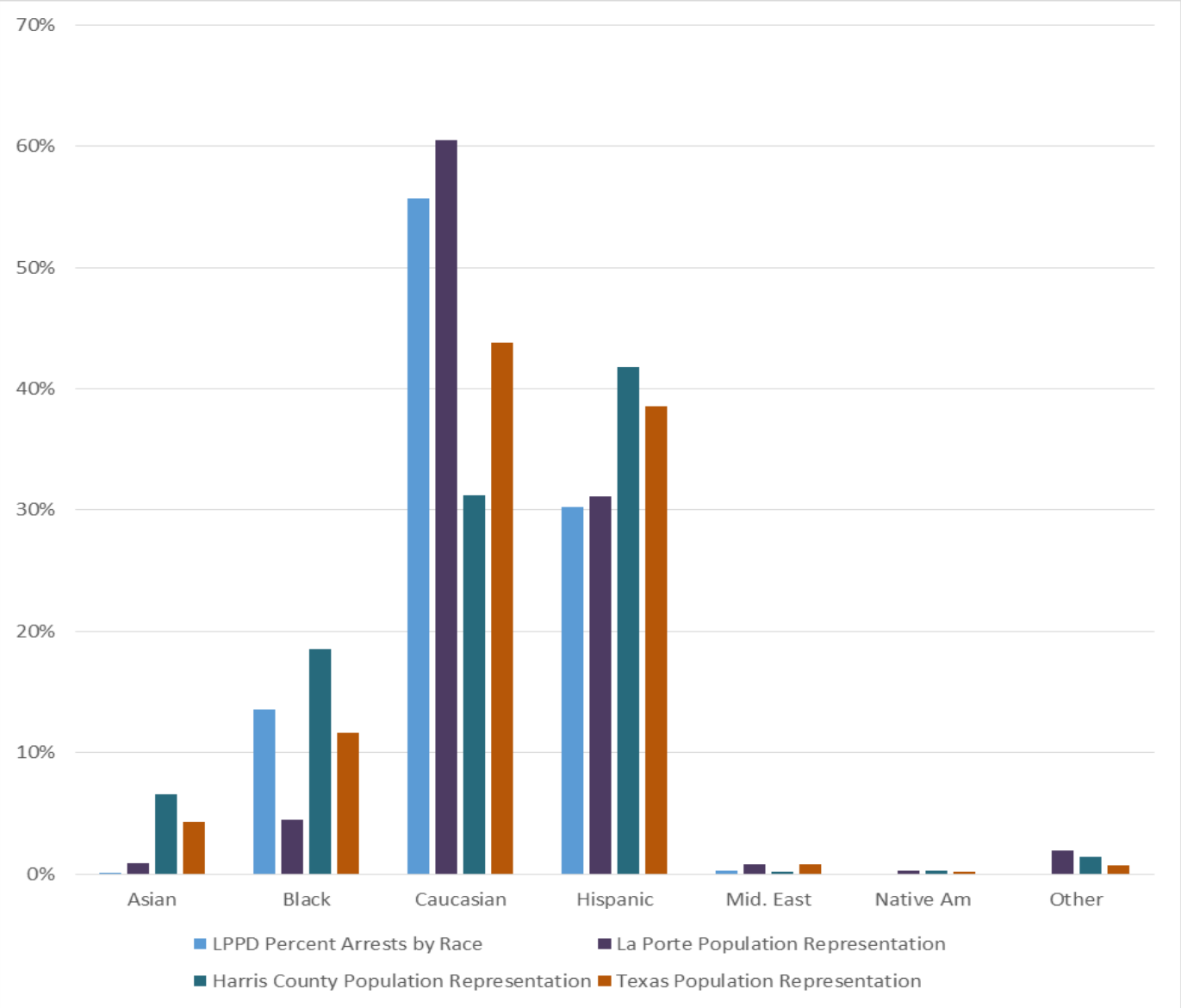
Race	La Porte PD Motorist Citations	LPPD Percent Cited by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representa-tion	Texas Population Representation
Asian	193	1.97%	0.90%	6.60%	4.30%
Black	1,458	14.85%	4.50%	18.50%	11.60%
Caucasian	5,713	58.18%	60.50%	31.20%	43.80%
Hispanic	2,326	23.69%	31.10%	41.80%	38.60%
Mid. East	17	0.17%	0.80%	0.20%	0.80%
Native Am	16	0.16%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%
Other	97	0.99%	1.90%	1.40%	0.70%
Total	9,820	100%	100%	100%	100%

LPPD Searches Compared with Overall Race Representation in Population



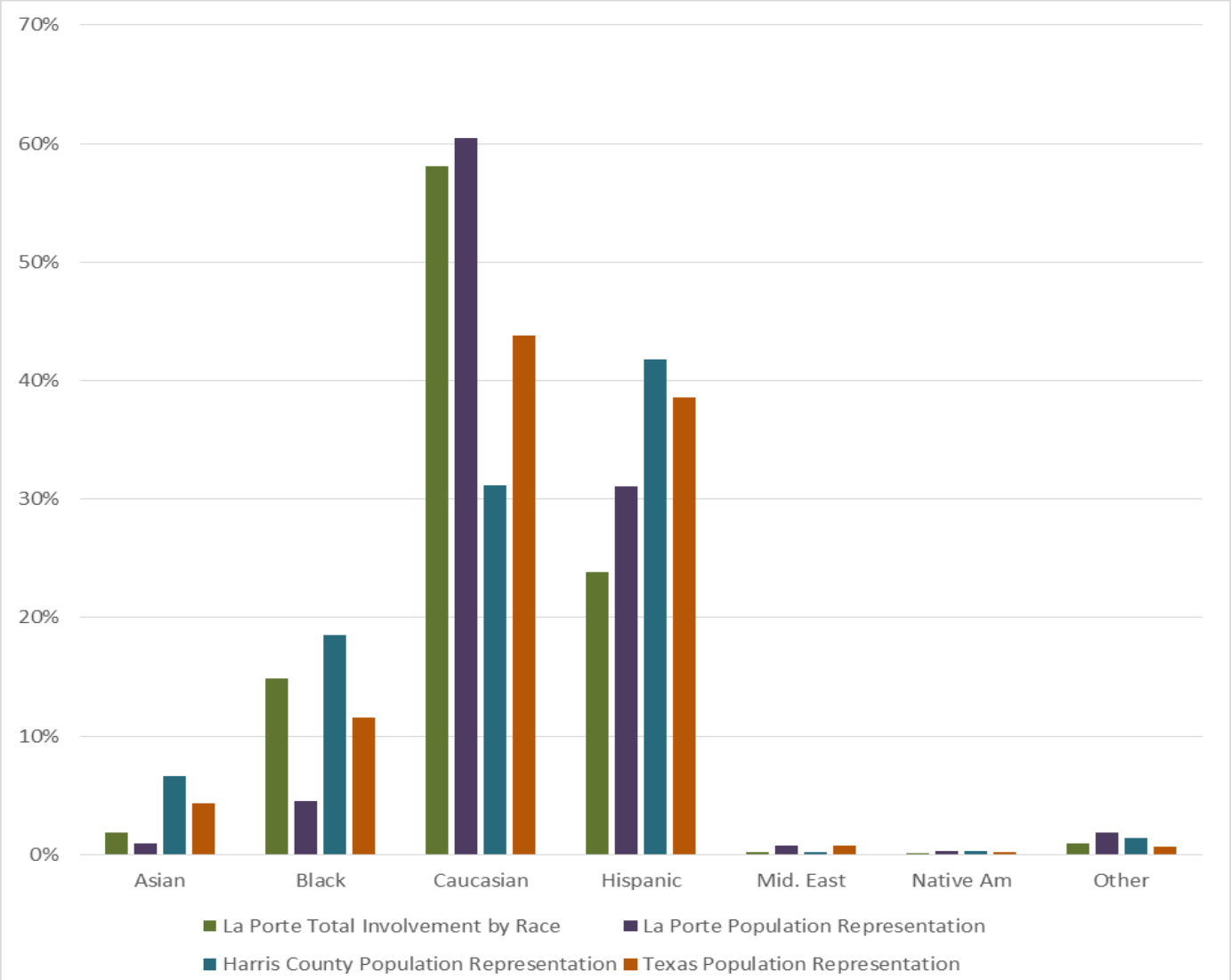
Race	LPPD Searches	Without Consent	With Consent	LPPD Percent Searched by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	3	3	0	2.26%	0.90%	6.60%	4.30%
Black	13	5	6	9.77%	4.50%	18.50%	11.60%
Caucasian	89	49	40	66.92%	60.50%	31.20%	43.80%
Hispanic	27	16	10	20.30%	31.10%	41.80%	38.60%
Mid. East	1	0	1	0.75%	0.80%	0.20%	0.80%
Native Am	0	0	0	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%
Other	0	0	0	0.00%	1.90%	1.40%	0.70%
Total	133	74	56	100%	100%	100%	100%

LPPD Searches Compared with Overall Race Representation in Population



Race	LPPD Arrests	La Porte PD Percent Arrested by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	1	0.14%	0.90%	6.60%	4.30%
Black	95	13.57%	4.50%	18.50%	11.60%
Caucasian	390	55.71%	60.50%	31.20%	43.80%
Hispanic	212	30.29%	31.10%	41.80%	38.60%
Mid. East	2	0.29%	0.80%	0.20%	0.80%
Native Am	0	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%
Other	0	0.00%	1.90%	1.40%	0.70%
Total	700	100%	100%	100%	100%

LPPD Searches Compared with Overall Race Representation in Population



Race	Total Contacts	La Porte Total Involvement by Race	La Porte Population Representation	Harris County Population Representation	Texas Population Representation
Asian	194	1.88%	0.90%	6.60%	4.30%
Black	1,534	14.90%	4.50%	18.50%	11.60%
Caucasian	5,982	58.12%	60.50%	31.20%	43.80%
Hispanic	2,451	23.81%	31.10%	41.80%	38.60%
Mid. East	19	0.18%	0.80%	0.20%	0.80%
Native Am	16	0.16%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%
Other	97	0.94%	1.90%	1.40%	0.70%
Total	10,293	100%	100%	100%	100%

Overall involvement by Race for LPPD Citations and Arrests without Citation

The above statistics seem to indicate that Black drivers were contacted, searched, and arrested incident to t raffic violations at a rate higher than the percentage of their respective residency within the City of La Porte, but lower than the percentage of their respective residency within the greater Harris County Region. As such, while noticeable, easy determinations regarding whether or not La Porte officers have “racially profiled" a given motorist are difficult given the fact that many drivers stopped by police officers are not residents of La Porte and may be traveling within or through the City from other areas of the county/state/country. As detailed above, these areas are much more highly represented by minority populations and may therefore account for larger percentages of non-resident traffic offenders, making comparisons relating strictly to La Porte area populations impractical.

In the interest of being thorough, the police department made a statistical inquiry through the City’s Municipal Court in order to determine actual traffic citations written to La Porte residents, along with respect to percentages by driver’s race. Findings revealed, that overall, approximately 22% of all traffic stops conducted by LPPD involved the citing of La Porte residents. This equates, approximately, to only one of every five citations being written to local residents. Otherwise stated, 78% of all traffic stops made by La Porte Police Officers involve drivers who do not live in the City of La Porte. Furthermore, when broken down by driver race, the majority of citations were overwhelmingly issued to Caucasian drivers (81%). The remaining breakdown by race, regarding La Porte residents cited by La Porte Police Officers in 2017, were as follows: Black - 12%; Hispanic – 6%; Asian, Middle Eastern, Native American, and Other or Unknown - <1% per group.

Additionally, the absence of any verifiable race/ethnicity data on the driver's license is troubling given the possibility that officers may misclassify individuals. This is a particular problem when dealing with citizens who are of mixed racial decent. As such, the validity of any racial/ethnic disparities discovered in the aggregate level data becomes threatened in direct proportion to the number of subjective "guesses" officers are forced to make when trying to determine an individual's racial/ethnic background. This may account for why Hispanic drivers are represented at a rate far lower than local, county, and state population projections, while Caucasian and Black drivers are more highly represented. In other words, officers may, for example, be listing mixed race drivers as being Caucasian or Black, when these individuals may, for census purposes, have identified themselves as Hispanic.

Finally, it is important to note that the included census data represents U.S. Census population figure estimates according to Demographic Profile Data of General Population and Housing Characteristics representing all age groups, yet does not take into account a specific combination of age and race regarding the percentage of the drivers who were actually stopped. Additionally, while population figure estimates are represented here, updates of the actual demographic statistics for the year 2017 are not yet available.

Still, the La Porte Police Department is committed to providing public safety without bias of any type and will continue to closely track, monitor, and regulate employee activities in order to ensure that biased-based policing does not occur. A review of internal administrative records indicated that during 2017 the department received one traffic stop complaint that could be categorized as involving some type of racial profiling allegation. The traffic stop complaint was made by a citizen of Asian descent, who believed they were stopped by the officer strictly based on their race. The complaint was thoroughly investigated by the Department’s Internal Affairs Section and revealed no indication that the officer could have known the race or ethnicity of the driver prior to initiating the stop in question. The investigation further determined that the stop was for a valid, hazardous, traffic violation. Ultimately the investigation was cleared as *not sustained*.

In summary, the foregoing analysis shows that the La Porte Police Department is fully in compliance with all relevant Texas laws concerning racial profiling, including the existence of a formal policy prohibiting racial profiling by its officers, officer training, and the collection of data in compliance with the law. As a result of this analysis, and the listed statistics, it is my belief that the officers of the La Porte Police Department are operating appropriately and without bias relating to individual violator race, ethnicity, or national origin.

2017 Annual Use of Force Report

Following is the 2017 Annual Report regarding documented uses of force within the City of La Porte Police Department. It is a basic analysis of use of force as deployed by LPPD personnel occurring from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The report is required by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Foundation as an element of their Best Practices Recognition Program. The report analyzes data involving use of force.

Statistics were collected from the LPPD's IA Pro internal affairs database and various reports as documented by officers and reviewed by supervisors and Internal Affairs. There were a total of eleven (11) documented deployments of use of force in 2017, consisting of various types for the established time frame. This is an 8% reduction in use of force from 2016. Other uses of force in previous reporting years were as follows:

2016- 12
2015- 18
2014- 9
2013- 11
2012- 11

The charts below provide additional information related to the data:

Justification for the deployment of force: in nine of the situations, the reason for a use of force deployment was due to a suspect resisting arrest once officers attempted to take a subject in to custody. In two other situations, suspects threatened officers with a firearm and pointed it at officers, resulting in deadly force. In both of those situations, the suspects were killed as a result of their actions toward officers.

Type of force deployed:

Electronic control device:	8
Firearms:	2
Empty hands:	1

Electronic control device deployments (ECD) by officers were effective in seven of the eight deployments, (90% success). In 2016, ECD deployments were 60% effective, due to officers being involved in situations where suspect(s) were actively attempting to assault officers and heavily resisting. In 2015, ECD deployments were 100% effective.

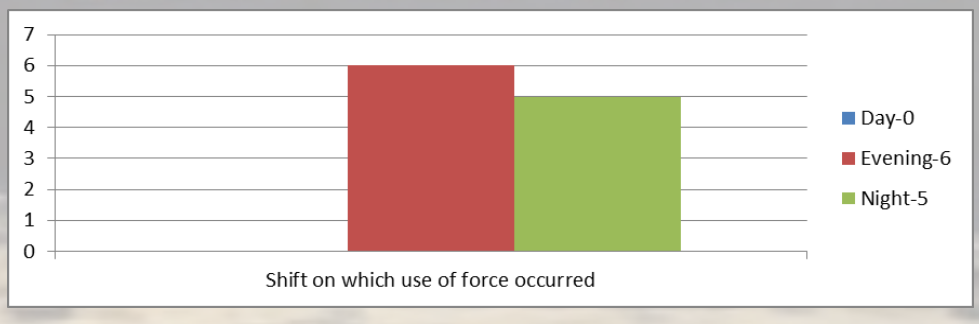
During 2017, when officers had to utilize firearms or empty hands techniques, their deployment was 100% effective in ending threats from assailants.

During 2017, there three officers that utilized use of force on two occasions. The remainder of the officers that utilized documented use of force did so only once each.

We were fortunate as a department in that no serious documented injuries were reported to officers in these situations. However, in all eleven incidents, suspect(s) were actively resisting arrest, attempting to assault officers and in the two incidents where police used deadly force, evidence showed suspects were attempting to murder or assault officers or bystanders. This is a disturbing trend that has only increased since our last annual report in 2016, where in 70% of the deployments of uses of force, suspects showed to engage in substantially violent encounters with our police officers, even when multiple officers were on scene. In those instances, suspects actively resisted with attempts to strike officers with closed fists, knee strikes, etc. The data below show the most dangerous times for officers to be aware are on evening and night shifts.

Shift on which use of force was used:

Day	0
Evening	6
Night	5

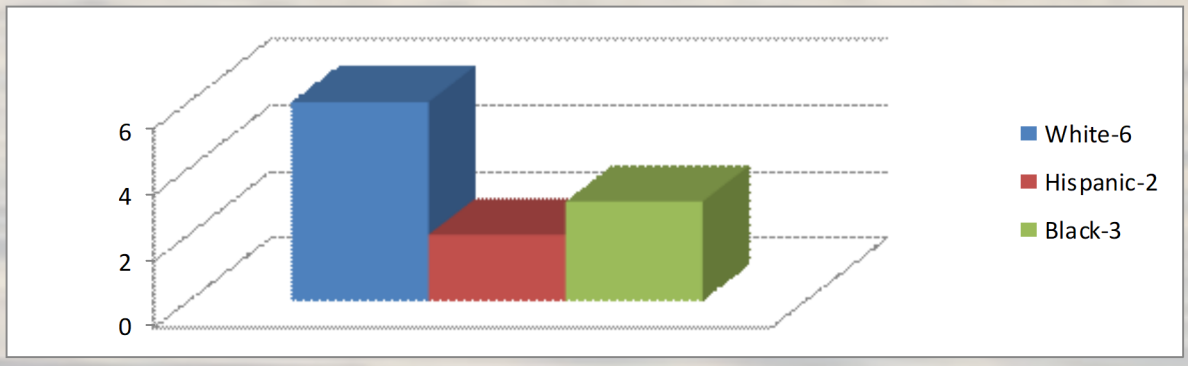


Suspect gender on which use of force occurred:

Male:	10
Female:	1

Suspect race on which use of force occurred:

White:	6
Hispanic:	2
Black:	3



Officer's gender deploying use of force:

Male:	10
Female:	1

Race of officer on suspect (cross-analysis) on which use of force was used:

White officer on white suspect:	5
White officer on Hispanic suspect:	2
White officer on Black suspect:	2
Hispanic officer on white suspect:	1
Hispanic officer on Black suspect:	1

Were additional officers on the scene as backup, when force was deployed?

Yes: 10

No: 1

Officers deploying force by name and number of incidents during the time period:

A. Officer A, effective deployment of ECD on 020617 at approximately 815 PM with a suspect actively resisting the officer inside a house. No party was injured and the use of force was found to be within policy.

B. Officer B used an ECD on 042017 at approximately 554 PM on a black male suspect who was actively resisting arrest in an open space. The suspect was under the influence of and was in possession of illegal narcotics. The ECD barbs made contact with the suspect but one was in loose clothing and thus, failed to be effective on controlling the suspect. However, this was not the fault of the officer and his aim and deployment were correct. Ultimately, the officer was able to control the suspect and take him in to custody with the assistance of other officers once they arrived. There were no documented injuries to either party.

C. Officer C attempted to arrest a white female suspect on 051817 at approximately 803 PM who had led the officer on a pursuit. The suspect brought her vehicle to rest in an apartment complex parking lot in an open space and refused to exit the vehicle on officers' commands. When she eventually did exit, she refused commands to get down on the ground and place her hands on her back, and verbally dared officers to "kill her." Officer deployed his ECD effectively and the suspect was then arrested. No injuries were reported.

D. Officer D was attempting to place a white male in to custody on 051817 at approximately 922 PM. The suspect resisted the officer's attempt inside a home and Officer D deployed his ECD effectively, then placing the subject in to custody. No injuries were reported.

E. Officer E was attempting to place a black male suspect in to custody on 052717 at approximately 1210 AM when the subject began resisting arrest in an open space. The officer deployed his ECD effectively ending the resistance and he was able to place the subject in to custody without any injuries.

F. On 073017 at approximately 929 PM, Sergeant F and Officer G responded to a residence for a disturbance that resulted in other family members being assaulted by the white male suspect. He was under the influence of an illegal narcotic and violently resisted the officers. The officers' both deployed ECD's and made contact with the suspect, but he pulled the barbs out and continued to resist and assault both officers. The officers then attempted empty hand and knee strikes and holds to no effect as each time, the suspect flung the officers off and continued to react violently. Both officers then swarmed the suspect, and placed him on the floor and attempted to hold him down as they made an "assist the officer" call over the radio. Again, he was able to throw the officers off, assault both, and then ran out the doorway to the street. Sergeant F then had to use his flashlight as an impact weapon but the suspect took the flashlight away after being struck and threw it to the ground. Other officers began arriving and finally after a substantial resistance in the street they were able to place the suspect in to custody. Several officers suffered minor injuries and the suspect was transported to the hospital due to minor injuries and his influence under narcotics.

G. On 082817 at approximately 1115 PM, Officer E responded with other officers to a disturbance involving a firearm. This incident occurred in the middle of substantially poor weather during Hurricane Harvey. As officers arrived they could observe there was a significant threat from the white male suspect who was armed with a shotgun and the officer fired his service weapon to protect other individuals inside the house, and officers. The use of force ended the threat with the suspect deceased.

H. Officer D attempted to arrest a Hispanic male on 091717 at approximately 159 AM in an open space when the subject resisted. Officer D was able to effectively deploy empty hands techniques to subdue the subject and place him in to custody. The suspect received minor injuries as a result.

I. A number of officers responded to a call on 091917 at approximately 737 PM involving a white male suspect walking down a street and aiming a rifle at neighbors. Officers determined the subject had entered a home where he resided nearby and as they attempted to make contact, the subject kept coming out his doorway threatening officers who had taken up safe positions nearby. After a short standoff and an attempt to negotiate with the subject, he exited the house with a rifle and aimed it at officers, who fired their weapons in order to defend themselves. The threat was ended with the suspect deceased. This incident directly involved Detective H, Sergeant F and Officer I, who all fired their weapons, (patrol rifles).

J. Officer J attempted to place a Hispanic male under arrest for an offense when the subject resisted the officer, on 102817 at approximately 1156 PM. The officer effectively deployed his ECD, ending the threat and placing him in to custody without further incident or injury.

K. On 121017 at approximately 105 AM, Officer K attempted to arrest a white male in an open space, who resisted the officer. As a result of the physical resistance the officer deployed his ECD effectively ending the threats, placing the subject in to custody. There were no injuries.

Summary: All deployments involving use of force were found to be within policy and appropriately utilized. In 2018, the department will continue to require mandatory training and re-certifications on firearms and electronic control devices. It is recommended that we offer close quarter combat tactics to include empty hands techniques, verbal de-escalation techniques and other use of force subject matter in order to better train our officers for situations where use of force is appropriate. It should be noted that ECD deployments in 2017 were all properly utilized and with adequate aim and barb placement. However, in several instances, suspects were able to either remove the barbs due to insensitivity to electric current via narcotics use, or the barbs deployed in to loose clothing the suspect wore. Our personnel should also be reminded that there continues to be substantial violence toward police and they should always be vigilant in encounters with persons. They should try to always have a backup officer or jailer present in potentially violent situations.

" The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders, and continually develops them".

-John Maxwell

2017 Annual Pursuit Report

This document is the 2017 Annual Report on Pursuits, involving the City of La Porte Police Department. It is a basic analysis of LPPD pursuits occurring from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The report is required by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Foundation as an element of their Best Practices Recognition Program. The report analyzes data involving pursuits such as:

A. Shift on which the pursuit occurred;
B. The time of day at which the pursuit was initiated;
C. The probable cause or initial offense prior to the pursuit;
D. The maximum speed of the pursuit;
E. The range of distance of the pursuit in miles;
F. Did the pursuit result in a motor vehicle crash;
G. Were there injuries resulting from the pursuit;
H. Was there an arrest as a result of the pursuit;
J. Was the pursuit within existing policy guidelines?
K. Utilizing the above criteria, an analysis was conducted of the documented pursuits involving La Porte Police units/ officers during the 2017 calendar year.

It was found that there were six (6) documented entries to the pursuit database of the IA Pro database that occurred in 2017. This is in comparison to:

3 pursuits in 2016
4 pursuits in 2015
4 pursuits in 2014
4 pursuits in 2013
5 pursuits in 2012
3 pursuits in 2011
2 pursuits in 2010
4 pursuits in 2009

2009 was the first year we began tracking such data due to Best Practices being initiated at that time. The chart below provides additional information related to the pursuits for 2015. In summary, two pursuits were discovered to be out of policy guidelines. The officer was counseled in one of those. In the other pursuit, it was determined too many officers were involved in the pursuit as allowed by policy and counseling and/or disciplinary measures are pending completion of Internal Affairs documentation. The other entries were found to be within policy after supervisory review and review by the Assistant Chief- Patrol Operations.

It appears that the number of pursuits has remained relatively consistent in recent years and no troubling patterns are noted. However, supervisors and shift commanders should remain vigilant in their reviews of pursuits and pay close attention to activity on their shifts, in order to enforce policy when necessary. Periodic reviews of the Pursuit Policy should also continue to take place to ensure our employees understand the risks involved and that they follow policy. See chart below for further details.

Date	011317	030217	051817	101317	120917	122117	122717
Shift?	Night	Night	Evening	Evening	Evening	Day	Evening
Time of Day?	2328	0056	2003	1633	1705	1105	2056
Original Offense?	Ran Red Light	Traffic Infraction	Speeding, Reckless Driv.	Suspicious Vehicle	Speeding	Robbery	Reckless Driving
Maximum Speed?	Unknown	45 mph	60 mph	78 mph	40 mph	91 mph	90 mph
Distance?	Unknown	0-1 miles	0-2 miles	0-2 miles	0-1 mile	5-10 miles	4-5 miles
Primary Officer	Officer A	Officer B	Officer C	Officer D	Officer E	Officer F	Officer G
Secondary Officer	Officer H	Pasadena PD	NA	NA	Sergeant I	Officer J	Officer K
Suspect Vehicle Type?	Pickup	Car	Car	Car	Motorcycle	Ambulance	Car
Did Pursuit Result in Crash?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Injuries?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Suspect Arrested?	Yes- Evading	No- Susp fled	Yes- Evading	Yes- Narcotics	Yes- Evading	Yes- Evading	Yes- Evading
Pursuit Terminated?	Yes by supervisor.	No	No	No	Yes by officer	No due to nature	Yes by supv
Within Policy?	Yes, pursuit term by supervisor, suspect caught later after being located as stuck in a ditch and arrested.	Yes, as determined by Asst. Chief. Pursuit only ½ mile long and less than 1 minutes before suspect stopped vehicle and fled on foot. Not apprehend-	Yes, as determined by supervisors.	No, employee counseled.	Yes. Suspect later located after wrecking his motorcycle, uninjured, placed in to custody.	No, too many officers were in pursuit as allowed by policy. Disciplinary and/ or counseling actions are pending as of this report.	Yes, pursuit term by supervisor. Suspect was later located after he crashed in to a tree. Not injured, placed in to custody for Evading and DWI.

2017 Annual Police Vehicle Crash Report

This report is an analysis of vehicle crashes involving police department vehicles during the calendar year of 2017. The data was gathered from Incident Report forms completed for Human Resources and Risk Management, and our IA Pro database.

There were a total of eight crashes involving LPPD vehicles during the year of 2017. This is a 38% reduction in police fleet crashes from 2016. There were thirteen crashes in 2010, five in 2011, seven in 2012, twelve in 2013, eleven in 2014, ten in 2015, and thirteen in 2016.

There were four crashes on day shift, two on evening shift and two on night shift. In five of the eight crashes police personnel were found to be at fault. This amounted to 62% of the crashes being our fault, up from 38% in 2016, 40% in 2015 and 55% in 2014. There were no injuries to officers in any of the crashes.

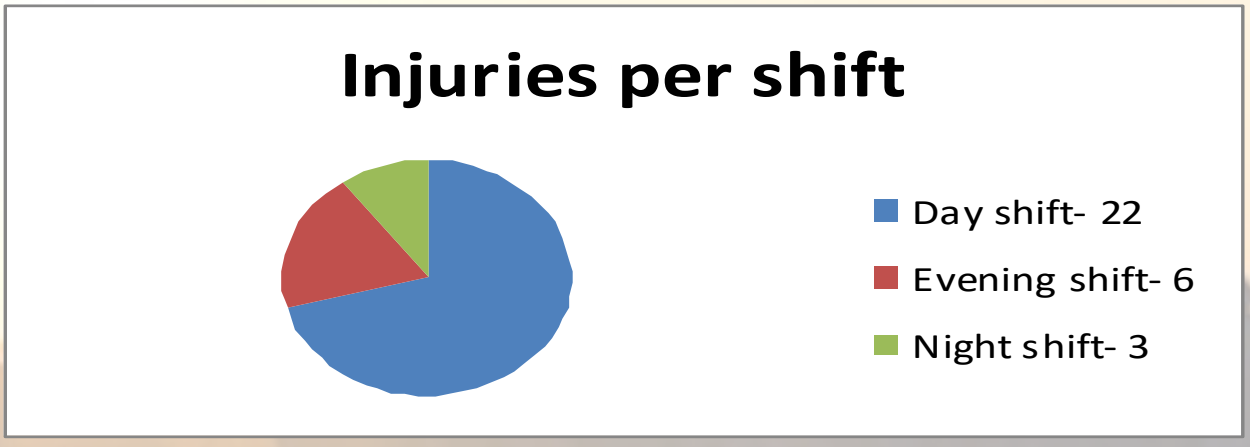
In the five crashes where police employees were found to be at fault, the reasons were attributed to driver inattention. It should be noted that driver inattention was also the leading cause when police personnel were at fault in 2015, 2014 and 2013 as well. It appears that when police employees were at fault, proper procedures were followed in urinalysis testing and in following disciplinary policy. Our personnel should remain vigilant and alert while in operation of their vehicles to avoid such incidents.

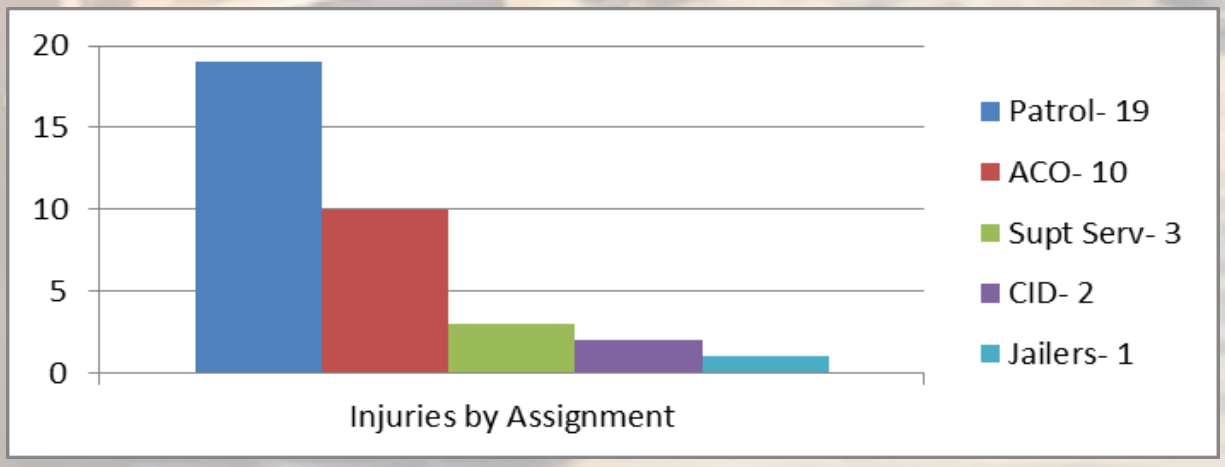
It is recommended that we continue to strive to provide counseling and appropriate refresher training when appropriate, in situations where our personnel are listed at fault. In addition, pursuant to your previous directions, monthly speed audits are conducted to determine If personnel are adhering to policy and traffic laws. See chart on following page for more details related to police fleet crashes.

Date/ Time	Officer	Shift	Officer Injured	Details	Officer at Fault/Cause
041017 at 0418	Officer A	Nights	No	Off. working xjob, exited vehicle to check a situation and car rolled back, striking object.	Yes, inattention by officer, did not place car in park.
051217 at 1900	Officer B	Evenings	No	PISD school bus clipped police car while at COLP 125 celebration.	No, inattention of part of other driver.
053017 at 1915	Officer C	Evenings	Yes	Off. backed bomb truck in to light pole while at demo for CPA class.	Yes, inattention by officer, no proper lookout while backing.
080317 at 0853	Officer D	Days	No	Turned in to light pole base on Kroger lot while on patrol of area.	Yes, inattention by officer while driving.
100117 at 0304	Officer E	Nights	No	Off. providing backup on traffic stop. His unit was struck by citizen. Suspect fled scene.	No, inattention by citizen driver who fled scene after striking police car. Unable to apprehend.
101617 at 1155	Officer F	Days	No	Off. stopped at red light and rear ended by citizen.	No, inattention by citizen driver who rear ended officer.
121417 at 1000	Officer G	Days	No	Off. performing inspection at DOT pad, struck CMV while moving police car.	Yes, inattention by officer.
121617 at 0750	Officer H	Days	No	PPO backed in to object while attempting to leave a scene.	Yes, inattention by officer.

2017 Annual Personnel Injury Report

There were thirty one (31) events reported, documenting thirty five (35) injuries or other line of duty medical/health issues with police personnel in the IA Pro database. This is compared to twenty four (24) events last year, a 46% increase. Each of these incidents was also documented on incident report forms, as required by our Human Resources Division, and our Risk Manager. A summary of the events follows:





Officer A was assisting other officers in attempting to apprehend a female suspect who had escaped from custody during a DWI investigation. As he attempted to stop her after a short foot pursuit, both suspect and officer lost footing and fell to the asphalt. Officer sustained minor injuries consisting of abrasions to his legs and knees. Treated and released by EMS. Incident was not preventable as suspect was resisting. 17-01-020.

ACO B responded to an animal at large. She attempted to load a large dog without assistance and strained her back, resulting in lost time at work while she recovered. Treatment was sought at the city clinic. Incident was preventable as ACO should have sought assistance from other personnel. The employee was counseled. 17-01-022.

Officer C was working traffic enforcement when he attempted to flag down a vehicle for enforcement. The vehicle fled and was located in a nearby strip center. He had exited his vehicle and was walking away when confronted

by the officer. As the officer was attempting to interview him he observed the suspect's hand go near a knife protruding from a pants pocket. The officer grabbed the suspect and he resisted aggressively. They fell to the ground and the suspect landed on officer's knee, injuring it. The officer activated his emergency alert button. As the officer attempted to hold the suspect at bay, assisting officer arrived and took control of the situation. Officer received minor injuries consisting of a tear to a ligament and lost time. Not preventable. 17-01-025.

ACO D was taking care of animals at the Adoption Center when she accidentally dropped a can of food on her foot. It started hurting her later that evening after she left work. Preventable as employee should have had a better hold on articles. 17-02-003.

Records Technician E fell in the front parking lot of the police station. She was unable to stand without assistance and assistance was summoned. She was later examined by medical professionals and released back to work with no restrictions. Preventable as employee did not maintain adequate footing. 17-02-023.

Officer F was preparing to transport a county prisoner when his hand was pierced by a backless earring. He was directed to have EMS check it, which they did. No further action. Preventable, all personnel should use caution when handling suspect property, and property bags. 17-03-020.

Sergeant G was attending an SRG training event for civil unrest. He was directed to run in to formation for a skirmish line and stepped in to a hole/rut in an open field where training was taking place. Received minor strain to a knee. Not preventable as event was taking place in open field where such hazards were not easily located. 17-04-024.

Officer H was attempting to stop a traffic violator when the suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Officer gave chase and suspect jumped over a wooden fence. As the officer attempted to jump over, he cut himself with an exposed nail in the fencing. Suspect was able to evade and officer had his laceration checked and cleaned by EMS. No further action. Not preventable as incident occurred as a result of suspect fleeing area. 17-04-016.

Adoption Center Volunteer I was walking one of the dogs for exercise and spending time playing with the puppy, when the dog accidentally contacted her hand with its mouth. Several small puncture marks were observed but she desired no medical attention. Not preventable, 17-04-019.

Supervisor J was picking up a large dog that had bitten someone. As he was loading the animal it bit him on the right hand. After the event, he drove to EMS and they treated and cleaned the wound. Incident was not preventable, given that the animal was responding out of fear and aggressiveness. 17-05-005.

Maintenance Technician K was assisting at the Adoption Center/Animal Shelter. During an incident where Supervisor Anderson was using a syringe on a cat, waved his arm over the syringe, causing the needle to prick his skin. Incident was deemed as preventable and Anderson was counseled by his lieutenant to "slow down on such situations" and not rush through them. 17-05-011.

Officer L was involved in SWAT training and participating in a practical exercise of an assault on a target. As he moved to a position, he tripped over a person acting in the exercise. In the resulting fall, Saldivar injured his right thumb. He was treated on the scene by EMS and released. Preventable due to inattention on part of officer and for not moving the acting participant prior to the assault movement. 17-06-014.

Supervisor M was demonstrating to a new employee (ACO) how to lift a large dog. During the demonstration he injured his shoulder by straining it. Preventable due to not using proper assistance on such a large animal. He was treated and released after several weeks of rest. 17-07-003.

Shelter Volunteer N was assisting with cleaning cat cages. During the process a kitten scratched her on the hand. She did not require any medical attention but a quarantine process was carried out for 10 days. Preventable, gloves should have been utilized. 17-07-025.

Detective O was at the Fort Bend County Probation office when a probationer became combative in the building. He ran to assist other officials in restraining the subject and in the process, injured his right arm. Not preventable as subject was very combative and resisting officers. 17-08-023.

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ACO P was euthanizing an animal when she pricked her finger. She did not require medical attention but incident was preventable. Employee was counseled to slow down on such procedures and to wear gloves. 17-08-010.

Officer Q was processing a violent prisoner when he was spit on by the prisoner. He cleaned the area of exposure thoroughly. Not preventable due to a violent prisoner. 17-08-020.

Maintenance Technician R was helping move a cat at the shelter when he was scratched on the arm. He cleaned the wound and no further attention was required. Preventable as gloves should have been utilized and shelter employees should have handled this incident. 17-08-022.

Officer S was attempting to place a resisting prisoner in to the back seat of his patrol car. The prisoner leaned in to Weaver, causing him to fall backward and he sustained an injury to his elbow. Not preventable due to resisting prisoner. 17-09-002.

Officer T responded to a violent subject call and on arrival, suspect aimed a rifle at arriving officres. During incident suspect pointed his rifle and officer kneeled to get out of line of fire, injuring his knee. Not preventable under dangerous circumstances. 17-09-019.

ACO U was washing bowls at the shelter when she was bit by a bug. Medical attention was required at city clinic and there was redness around the bite. Not preventable given the circumstances. 17-10-012.

Lieutenant W was performing an inspection of the jail when a jail door closed on his foot, causing pain. He sought treatment at the city clinic the next day. Preventable, due to inattention. 17-10-018.

Lieutenant X was using the dolly to move some furniture to the sergeant's office when he got his finger caught in some items and pinched his hand. After a day of the blood building up under the nail, he went to the clinic to have a technician drill a hole and relieve the pressure. Preventable, should have used more caution.

Officer was using the heavy duty battery charger when he strained his shoulder lifting it. Sought treatment at the city clinic. Preventable, should have used a dolly, cart and/or assistance. Preventable. 17-11-028.

Detective Y Davidson was participating in SWAT practice in Baytown and using a ram to dislodge a door. He got his hand caught between the ram and a door causing bleeding and pain. The clinic treated but no signs of fractures. Preventable. 17-11-017.

Officer Z was checking the perimeter of a building during an alarm and stepped in to a hole, straining his ankle. Not preventable. 17-11-018.

Sergeant AA was working bike patrol during a special event when he became dizzy and fell off his bike to the pavement, fracturing his nose. Transported by EMS. Not preventable. 17-12-008.

Jailer BB was dealing with an aggressive prisoner when other officers had to step in to assist. As the resistance continued, Strong fell to the floor and received a strike to his face. Not preventable officers had to deal with removing an aggressive prisoner from a car after he had further resisted arrest at the initial scene. Officer Torre, Ventura, Pedre and Henson, as well as Sgt. Upchurch all received minor injuries consisting of scratches and strains during the resistance of the prisoner. Not preventable. 17-12-017.

Of the incidents reported, seven (7) were attributed to issues that involved combat with resisting suspects. Seven of the total incidents fourteen (14) were found to be preventable. Compared to last year's report, there were twenty four (24) documented injuries. The department has seen an increase in injuries over the past two annual reports, in 2017 and 2016. Animal Control Services continues to have an abnormal rate of injuries compared to other assignments. Lieutenant Daeumer has already mandated changes in that section, with increase mandatory safety training, required wearing of gloves during euthanasia, etc. Officers continue to also suffer injuries when dealing with prisoners and/or suspects. We should continue to require training that offers verbal tools to de-conflict situations, use of less lethal weapons, etc. The city has also recently named a risk manager and safety officer, which will also lead to potential improvements.

A Look at our Past in Photographs

Left- La Porte Police Officers in riot gear line up in the background to restrict access to protestors against the deployment of U.S. troops and military equipment leaving Barbour's Cut Terminal in 1991 for the Gulf War. The event ended peacefully with no arrests.

Right– LPPD Patrol Boat of the La Porte Police Marine Division. Circa late 1990's.

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Swearing in ceremony for various officers and ranks by Municipal Judge J. B. Williamson– left to right: Sergeant Donna Cook, Sergeant Dwayne Spann, Chief Bobby Powell, Assistant Chief Aaron Corrales, Lieutenant Steve Deardorff, Lieutenant Gary Chastain and Judge Williamson, approximate year is 1997

Left to right: Officer Richard Broome, Chief Herbert F. Freeman, Jr. and Officer James Lafitte. Broome and Lafitte are being recognized as Officers of the Year, 1973

Above- Search and Rescue, mid-1990's

Left-*Left to right: Assistant Chief Robert (Roy) Hall, Officer Jackie Williams, Officer Ed Butchee and Officer Gary Rice, circa 1977.*

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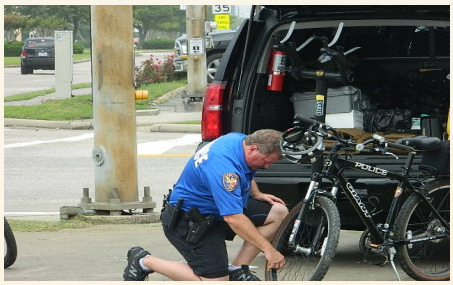

Officer Robyn Davis prepares his patrol bike for duty

La Porte children enjoy a tour of the new Mobile Crime Scene Unit during Summer Safety Camp

Lieutenant Doug Ditrich and Morgan's Point Chief Sherri Ditrich attend LPPD Christmas luncheon

Three local siblings enjoy their new adopted kittens at the Animal

Youth Brayden Parker enjoys the SWAT display at local event

Officer Stanley with helpers to escort parade

Detective Matt Davidson hard at work on a case

Blues brothers Officers Shane O'Sullivan and Tracy Phelan

City Mgr. Corby Alexander speaks at CPA

Lieutenant Matt Daeumer spends time with local youths at National Night Out

Volunteer Debbie Parker and Council Member Nancy Ojeda at Health and Safety Fair.

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Volunteers April Roden and Shirley Larkey help out with display booths at local event

LPCPAAA President Brenda Pritchard addresses a crowd

Officer Brett Salter poses with a potential adoptive pet for Animal Control Services

Officer Chris Paige on the "Mule", for patrol at a local event

Volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tandy assist Officer Jeff Tippit with traffic control at Sylvan Beach Day parade

Officer Chris Nelson ready for patrol duty on the streets of La Porte

Retired officers Donna O'Conner, Gary Rice and Pat O'Conner share a laugh with Officer Jeff Tippit

LPPD Youth Explorers practice felony traffic stops for upcoming competition

Detectives and patrol officers investigate a crime scene

Area children participate in DARE Safety Camp, focusing on Bike Safety in this particular course

Officer Kyle Jones poses with retired police chief Richard Reff at a LPPD function

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