

Richfield Police Department 2019 Annual Report



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Chief of Police

Michael Wheeler
Mayor

Honorable Michael Wheeler
Mayor, Village of Richfield
RE: Annual Report, 2019

Mayor Wheeler,

On behalf of the Richfield Police Department, attached is the 2019 annual report.

There have been significant changes in leadership within the police department in 2019, following the retirement of Chief Keith Morgan. Assistant Chief Fister and I are excited to serve under your command and continue to lead the Richfield Police Department into the next decade. Promoting from within the ranks of the police department has created much needed opportunity for growth. As a result of our promotions, Officer David Polak was promoted to sergeant, Officer Ryan Kellackey was appointed as detective, Officer Michael Testa was promoted from part-time to full-time and Jacob Totten was hired as a part-time officer.

In addition to Chief Morgan's retirement, Animal Control Officer Cindy Clark, Part-time Officer Rich Dobson and Part-time Officer James Kalal also retired. These officers will truly be missed and we are actively recruiting new officers. Richfield Township resident, Kim Bonker, was hired as the new Animal Control Officer.

The communications division continues to provide dispatch services for the Peninsula Police Department (covering Boston Township), Valley Fire and Rescue (providing services to Peninsula, Boston Township, and Boston Heights) and the service departments of Richfield, Richfield Township, Peninsula and Boston Township. In 2019, (3) part-time dispatchers were hired to fill vacancies.

We are looking forward to serving the Richfield Community into 2020 with increased goals in training and interdepartmental growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Swanson
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The Men and Women of the Richfield Police Department are committed to being a professional and caring organization dedicated to the concepts of personal excellence, continuous improvement, integrity, teamwork, and service to our community.

We believe in the dignity of all citizens and desire to protect individual rights. We aspire to contribute to the quality of life in the community of Richfield by providing efficient Law Enforcement services. We take pride in our professional performance and image.

**Richfield Police Department
Summit County, Ohio**

Mayor Wheeler

Citizens



Chief Swanson

Patrolman Scott Dressler

Detective Kellackey

Detective Petrovich

Assistant Chief Fister

Investigation

SRO

Accident Investigation Patrol Jail Animal Control FTO/Range Equipment/Maintenance BAC Dispatch Property/Evidence

Sgt. Polak
Ptl. Gilbert

Sgt. Polak

Sgt. Kostandaras

Sgt. Fyffe

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Sgt. Kostandaras

Dispatch Supervisor
Baker

Sgt. Polak

Ptl. Padula
Ptl. Meister

Kim Bonker

Ptl. Gaydosh
Ptl. Dressler
Ptl. Padula
Ptl. Prhne
Ptl. Hetzel

Ptl. Michel

Senior Operators

Dispatchers

Ptl. Dressler
Ptl. Randolph

First Shift Supervisor

Second Shift Supervisor

Third Shift Supervisor

Det. Petrovich
Ptl. Prhne
Ptl. Hetzel

Sgt. Polak

Patrol Officers

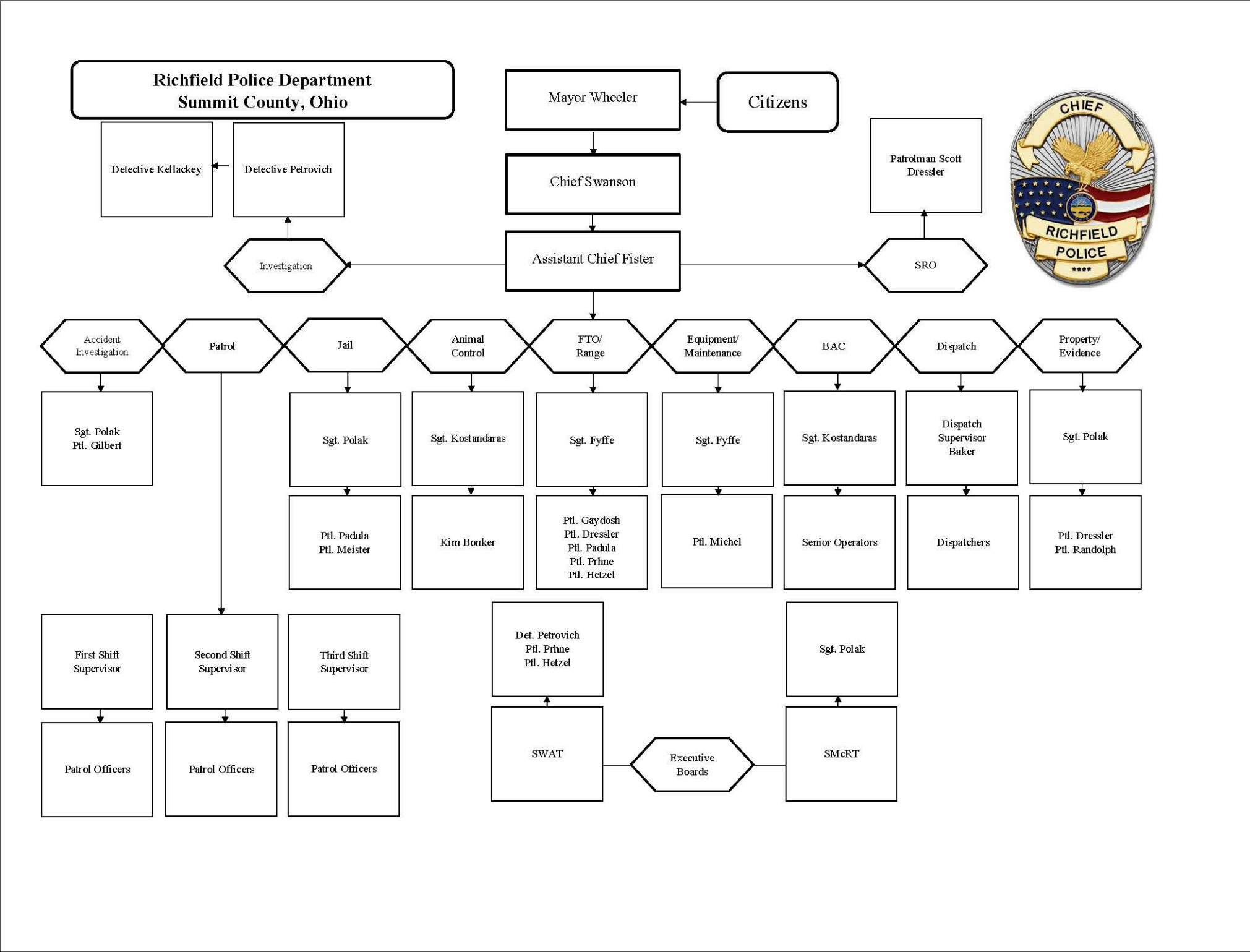
Patrol Officers

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SWAT

Executive Boards

SMcRT



Richfield's Law Enforcement History

The Richfield Police Department can trace its law enforcement tradition back to 1816. The first law enforcement official was a constable who was elected to office. Two of the first known constables were John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins. One of the most colorful constables was Arthur Scobie who served from 1920 to 1935. Constable Scobie wore boots and a western style hat. He rode a horse in order to perform his duties.

Web Orcutt and Joseph Smith also served as constables in the 1920's, while Preston Fauble was the first motorcycle officer. In the early 1930's, Orcutt, Smith and Fauble changed careers and were each elected to the office of Justice of the Peace.

William Guthrie was the last constable of Richfield and the first to have a car with two-way radio. An auxiliary Captain, Charlie Palmer, and Virgil Newton served as deputies. The constable system was replaced by the Summit County Sheriff in 1962. Three local men, Tom Fisher, Ed Peffer and Lee Weber were sworn in as deputies. The Summit County Sheriff continued to serve in Richfield until 1970, shortly after the Village of Richfield was formed. The formation of the Village resulted in two entities: Richfield Township and Richfield Village.

In 1970 the Richfield Village Police Department was formed. Tom Fisher was chosen to be the police chief, a position that he held until 1988. The Township continued its affiliation with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Richfield Township did have a police chief, Dave Arbogast, who was appointed in 1984. Chief Arbogast worked in conjunction with the Sheriff's department. The Township formed their own department with six additional officers joining Chief Arbogast. In 2001, the Richfield Township Police Department was dissolved. Richfield Township contracted with the Richfield Village Police Department for police services and has since that time. In 2002 the Richfield Village Police Department moved into a new facility.

John Walsh was appointed as Tom Fisher's replacement in 1988. Chief Walsh served in the capacity until 2001. Chief Merlin Canter was the third police chief for the Richfield Police Department with his appointment in 2001. Chief Canter served in the capacity until 2012. Chief Keith Morgan was the fourth police chief with his appointment in 2012. Chief Morgan served in the capacity until 2019. Chief Michael Swanson was the fifth and current police chief with his appointment in 2019.

There have been many changes since John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins took their oaths of office in the early 1800's. However, the law enforcement mission remains the same--to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield.

CHIEFS OF POLICE

John Walsh
1988 to 2001



Dave Arbogast
Richfield Township



Tom Fisher
1962-1988



Dale Canter
2001-2012



Mike Swanson
2019-Present



Keith Morgan
2012-2019

Personnel Information

The Richfield Police Department is currently staffed with 36 employees as follows:

Chief

Assistant Chief

2-Detectives

3-Patrol Sergeants

11-Full-Time Officers

3-Part-Time Officers

1-Animal Control Officer

Dispatch Supervisor

7-Full-Time Dispatchers

6-Part-Time Dispatchers



As previously indicated, there has been significant changes within the police department in 2019. Chief Keith Morgan retired after serving over 36 years in law enforcement. Chief Morgan began his service as an officer with the Twinsburg Township Police Department. He then served as an officer with Peninsula Police Department where he was promoted to sergeant, captain, then police chief.

While employed with the Richfield Police Department, Chief Morgan served as a computer crimes expert, property room manager, was promoted to sergeant, then to police chief. As clearly indicated above, Chief K.D. Morgan is undoubtedly a Born Leader who possessed a very unique style of leadership--that will truly be missed.

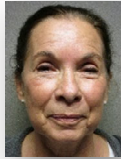
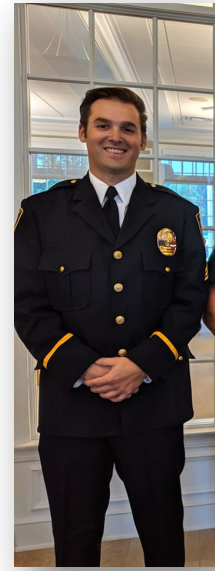


I worked closely with Chief John Walsh, Chief Dale Canter and Chief Keith Morgan throughout the years, both as a detective sergeant and assistant police chief. This aided in a smooth transition with my promotion to chief of police. Assistant Chief Fister brings a vast amount patrol experience and dedication to his position. Assistant Chief Fister and I both have over 20 years with the Richfield Police Department, which provides us with an overall organizational advantage. We are both looking forward to serving the Village of Richfield in our new roles and leading the police department into the next decade.

In 2019, Dave Polak was promoted to patrol sergeant and joined the supervisory staff of the department. Dave Polak has been a member of the Richfield Police Department since May 7th 2012.

In 2011, Dave earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University. Also, in 2011 he attended the University of Akron Police Academy where he became certified to be a police officer in the State on Ohio.

Since Officer Polak's appointment to the Richfield Police Department, he has been assigned as a property room officer which is a very daunting and demanding assignment. Dave is also a member of the Summit Metro Crash Team, which is activated in Richfield and throughout Summit County when there is a serious traffic accident. Officer Polak has eagerly pursued these assignments and has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in both assignments--as well as in his day to duties.



Also, in 2019 Animal Control Officer Cindy Clark retired after serving 35 years with the Village and Township of Richfield. Cindy's dedication and commitment to the position will truly be missed.

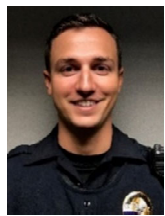
Kim Bonker was appointed as the new animal control officer. Kim and her husband have been Richfield Township residents for the past 15 years. Kim brings a vast amount of experience to the position and has an in-depth knowledge of working with *all* types of animals.



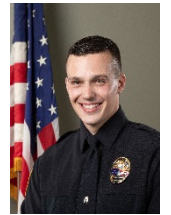
Officer Thomas "Bart" Randolph was promoted from part-time to full-time status in 2019. Bart Randolph is a graduate of Wadsworth High School and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Walsh University. Bart majored in Business Management and was a member of the Walsh University football team. Bart attended the police academy at the University of Akron in 2015 and was previously employed by the Summit County Metro Parks as a park ranger.

Officer William Sprit was hired as a part-time officer and worked with Officer Randolph at the Summit County Metro Parks. Bill served in the United States Marine Corp from 2010-2015. He is currently a United States Air Force reservist and is a very welcome addition to the police department.

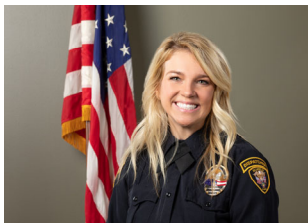
Part-time Officer James Kalal retired in 2019. Officer Kalal officially retired on 01-01-20, after serving over 31 years with the Richfield Police Department with a total 43 years in law enforcement. Jim served in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1975. He retired after 35 ½ years with AT&T. He began his law enforcement career in December 1977 as an Auxiliary Officer with Parma Police, where he worked until December 1988. Officer Kalal completed the Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy on April 18, 1987. Officer Kalal began his career as a part-time police officer with the Richfield Police Department on May 4, 1988 and served under 4 police chiefs. Officer Kalal has been a very dependable officer and he too will be missed.



Following the retirement of Chief Morgan, Officer Michael Testa was promoted from part-time to full-time status. Mike is a graduate of Walsh High School and attended the University of Cincinnati, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Testa has been working as a part-time Richfield Police Officer since 2017. Jacob Totten was hired as a part-time officer. Jacob is a Richfield resident, a Revere graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Baldwin Wallace University. Jacob is another very welcome addition to the department.



In 2019, there were also some significant personnel movement in the dispatch department. Nick Sanders was promoted from part-time to full-time dispatcher. Nick has been with department since 2016 and has proven to be a very reliable dispatcher. Brandy Murphy, Jodi Meyer and Paige Bruder were hired as part-time dispatchers. Jodi has since taken a full-time position with another agency and she will be missed, while Brandy and Paige continue their service to the community.



Police department applicants are at an all-time low; however, our recruitment and hiring process have become a priority--with a focus on hiring good character. Recruitment and hiring are an extremely important as we are shaping the future of the department. Over the past years, we have implemented a much more stringent hiring process. This includes a more thorough back-ground investigation and the utilization of an outside firm to conduct testing and in-depth psychological exams--specific to law-enforcement. In 2020, the personnel of the Richfield Police Department remain dedicated to provide the citizens of Richfield with the best possible police service available.



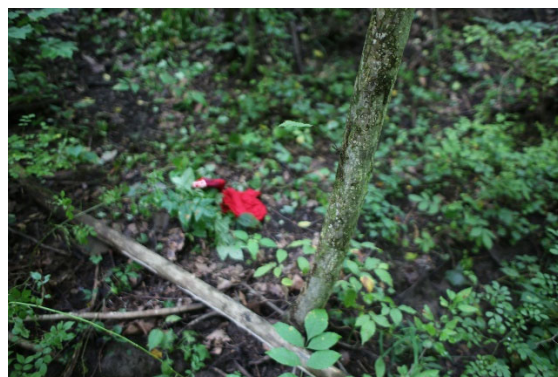
Detective Bureau

The detective bureau is currently staffed by Detective John Petrovich and Detective Ryan Kellackey. Detective Petrovich also serves on the Metro SWAT Team and was offered a position with SWAT Command Staff as the Administrator this year. The detective bureau still maintains a close working relationship with School Resource Officer Scott Dressler to address investigations involving juveniles.

In 2019 the detective bureau investigated 156 cases. Among the investigations were 60-thefts/fraud/forgeries, 7-B&E/burglaries, 5-assaults/domestics, 8-sex crimes, 20-harassment/menacing cases, 6-deaths and 6-drug overdoses, one of which resulted in arrest warrants for aggravated drug trafficking and manslaughter charges against the drug supplier.

Six search warrants were prepared and served in 2019, along with numerous subpoenas and court orders. Additionally, 18-felony arrest warrants and 18-misdemeanor arrest warrants were obtained in 2019.

Below are crime scene photos taken during a search for a missing female, who was found in a densely wooded area adjacent to I-271. The incident response required the joint efforts of multiple police jurisdictions, the Richfield Fire Department and aerial support from the Ohio State Patrol.



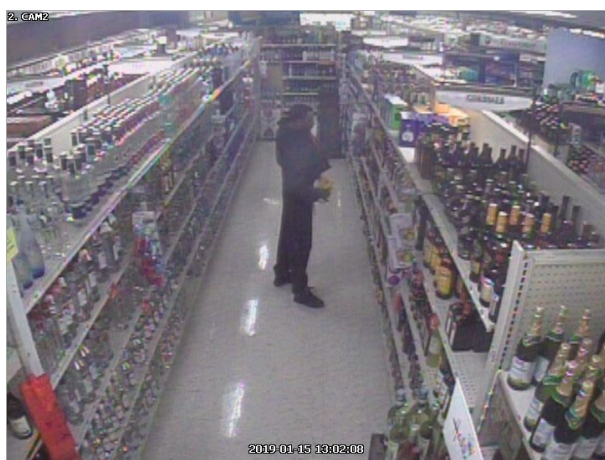
All of the case work involves countless hours of investigation which includes, but is not limited to, crime scene processing, victim-witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, report writing and warrant preparation. Additionally, many hours are spent coordinating efforts with the Summit County Common Pleas Court, the Akron Municipal Court, the Summit County Juvenile Court and their prosecutor's offices, as well as other state and federal agencies.



These photographs were taken from a crime scene in which Richfield Police Officers apprehended three suspects stealing copper piping from Richfield Elementary School valued at over \$8,000. The suspects were arrested and charged with multiple misdemeanors and felonies.



The pictures below were captured on security video from a local business, relating to a grand theft that was investigated in which the suspect was identified in 36 separate thefts over a time period of four months. It was determined that the suspect shoplifted 149 bottles of liquor valued at over \$9,000. He was charged, convicted and is currently serving a prison term in Marion Correctional Facility.



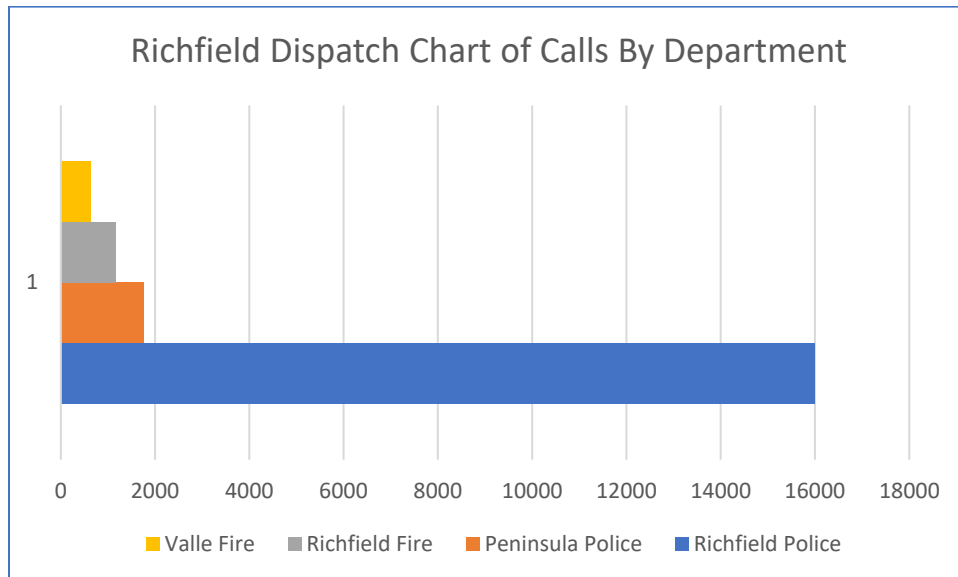
The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for police department applicants and other Richfield employees. This is a very involved process that requires hours of research and investigation into the applicant's background. It includes interviews of the applicant, their past employers and references. The background investigation process is similar to any other investigation, which is why it's typically assigned to the detective bureau.

Communications Division

The communications division of the Richfield Police Department is supervised by Tim Baker. There are seven (7) full-time and six (6) part-time dispatchers that, in 2019, were responsible for all communications incoming and outgoing for the following communities;

Richfield Village	Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments
Richfield Township	Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments
Village of Peninsula	Police and Service Departments
Valley Fire (Peninsula, Boston Twp. and Boston Hts.)	Fire and EMS Services

The dispatch center fielded 21,915 calls for service in 2019.



Richfield Police	15,991
Peninsula Police	1,766
Richfield Fire	1,169
Valley Fire	635

The remaining calls were handled with our service departments and miscellaneous calls handled by dispatchers or walk-ins into the station.

In 2019 we replaced out 911 equipment to a newer version with power mapping. The new system will allow us to transfer calls as well as to pin point a caller on the map with GPS coordinates. The new system is in compliance with all the State of Ohio ESINET (Emergency Services IP Network) standards. In order for Richfield to maintain their PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) status, we had to comply with the new State of Ohio standards, and upgrading our equipment with up to date software and equipment was just one of the many standards we are in compliance with.

Over the past 3-4 years with the support of the Mayor, Police Chief and all of Council, we have been able to update our center to a much more user friendly and up to date equipment for better ease in doing the job when an emergency should arise. Thank you to all involved in making this process happen.

Animal Control

January 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

A message from Cindy Clark, Richfield Animal Control Officer from July 1, 1986 through July 31, 2019.

This year in my report I wanted to touch on many years, and not just the last one.

Much has changed over the years that I have served the Richfield Community, good changes and surprising ones. When I started, Richfield was more rural with a smaller population of people, but a large population of animals. At the time, one of the most used excuses for resident's dog's running around at large was "but it's the country and my dogs can run free here". This mindset took some time to change, but over the years with persistence and lots of impounding, it did change. I believe people are more aware and more responsible for their pets now.

In the past, litters of kittens and puppies were frequently abandoned in dumpsters and boxes. I picked up many abandoned female dogs and cats who were pregnant. I am happy to say this is no longer a frequent occurrence. I believe low cost spay and neuter programs have made a significant difference in unwanted puppies and kittens.



Wild critters have always found themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time, this has always demanded attention. Raccoons have surprised resident's in attics, basements, sheds, chicken coops, and even a dishwasher. Groundhogs tunnel under foundations. Beavers leveled tress in a yard for a dam. Deer have become entangled in volleyballs nets, and leaped through the woods to become stuck and hanging ten feet high in the V of a tree.

Bats lived in chimney's, and flew around the highest point of cathedral ceilings. Opossums played dead in living rooms when brought into the house by a proud canine resident. Of course, kittens went up tress and wouldn't come down. Even a dog went up a tree and wouldn't come down. Ducklings tumbled into storm drains, and emus strolled through Country Counter parking lots. Cows and horses have gotten loose. Pigs have even visited Downtown Richfield. Snapping Turtles have slowly crossed busy streets. Fawns have been found in unlikely places, including flower beds, new construction basements, and in the middle of yards. Snakes sun themselves on porch steps, and hide in bathrooms. There is a growing population of skunks that find Richfield a nice place to set up housekeeping.





I have seen new animals join our community in more recent years. Wild turkey and coyotes are seen in yards and fields regularly. Foxes are making a comeback.



Coyotes have been a source of much concern since they first moved into the area. With education, residents have come to understand that coyotes are now a part of our town's landscape. Education about their habits and predatory instincts towards cats, small dogs, and children have helped.

Over the years barking dogs have been a constant. I have made an interesting observation about these situations. While the neighbors are kept awake and disturbed by the barking dog next door, the dog owner most often hears nothing. Until roused from a deep sleep by my pounding on the door. In cases like this, the barking was chronic and the owners are not interested in being good neighbors. These types of calls result in court citations.



The best part of my work was with the children in the community. Working with Safety Town and with the Hobbits Pre School, have been very rewarding. It was fun teaching the little ones how to be kind and gentle with pets, but also safe around them. My dogs Blackie and Sasha were my helpers when I worked with the children. Blackie is gone but Sasha retired with me.

I have so many stories, some happy, sad, funny, crazy and at time freighting. Not many people get to work in a job that is so interesting, rewarding and challenging. -Cindy Clark

Training

The Richfield Police Department recognizes the importance of training, the Department continually strives to ensure both sworn and civilian police employees are provided with the knowledge and education to perform their service to the community in a professional and safe manner. It is the direction of the Richfield Police Department to direct a training program that will provide for the professional growth and continued development of our officers and dispatchers. Going forward, the Richfield Police Department will make certain that our personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of Richfield.



The intentions of the Richfield Police Department training program are as follows: enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public, increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of our personnel, and provide for continued professional development of department personnel. As a result of recent promotions, restructuring of command staff, and new officer assignments; the department will proceed in providing officers with training in: core criminal investigation procedures, advanced search and seizure procedures, field training instruction for future officers, administration of our jail, armorers for our police weapons, taser instruction and implementation, and standard field sobriety instruction to aid in enforcement of impaired driving.



The Richfield Police Department is going to continue in its partnership with Richfield Fire in the continuing education in Narcan readiness in reaction to the opiate epidemic. The Richfield Fire Department will also provide training in First Aid and AED usage for our officers. The Richfield Police Department will also look forward to be trained by the Metro SWAT team in how to respond to active shooters, and close quarter combat with armed assailants. Richfield police officers will also learn and work through the All Hazard Plan developed by the Richfield Fire Department in response to Active Shooters or other hazard incidents.



Lastly, the Richfield Police Department has re-focused its Active Shooter Education Program that is available to Richfield local businesses, local religious organizations, and schools. The revamped program still teaches aspects of the ALICE Program but now focuses on three main points: run away from threat, hide from threat, and as last resort fight. The program has been redesigned and condensed into a 30-35 minute program to replace the antiquated 60-90 minute program.

Property Room



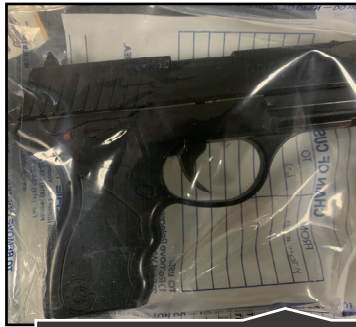
The property room is to be an efficient and secure management of property and evidence. The proficiency of the property often makes the difference in a successful outcome of a criminal case. The property room is staffed by Sgt. Dave Polak, Ptl. Randolph, and Ptl. Dressler. There is a constant flow of property and evidence that passes through the property room each year. In 2019, 515 pieces of property/evidence were packaged, labeled, logged and properly stored. This procedure was done while maintaining a proper chain of custody. Digital media such as dash camera, body camera, and photos taken are considered property/evidence and are submitted and recorded regularly.

Officer Bart Randolph is a new member of the property room in 2019. Sgt. Polak is replacing Sgt. Fister as Officer in charge of the property room. Officer Bart Randolph has filled Sgt. Polak's position. Officer Randolph completed Evidence Room Management from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. Officer Randolph has embraced his new role in the property and continues to be detailed oriented. Ptl. Dressler is still actively involved in the property room as he is the full-time School Resource Officer with Revere School District.

The day to day operations of the property room are managed among three officers on their respective shifts while also performing their other assigned duties. Many pieces of evidence are submitted to the crime lab each year for analysis, this process is managed through the property room. The evidence must be prepared for submission, and after analysis it's returned to our property room. The accompanying lab reports that follow then must be filed appropriately and or forwarded to the prosecutor's office. In March of 2019, Sgt. Polak and Officer Dressler completed a destruction of property. Sgt. Polak and Officer Dressler, with the assistance of Chief Mike Swanson, compiled a list of evidence that their respective cases were closed and beyond the limit of retention. A list was compiled of such evidence and presented to a prosecutor and Judge at Akron Municipal Court. The judge reviews the evidence up for destruction and signs off if

everything meets the criteria. Sgt. Polak and Officer Dressler received a signature from the Judge and returned to the Richfield Police Department and disposed of evidence in regard to Ohio law.

Examples of evidence/property that have been taken in throughout the year of 2019:



"BB" gun removed from vehicle



Firearm and ammo removed from suspect



Syringes removed from a theft scene

As you can see above, the "BB" gun very closely resembles the firearm in picture 2. Officers did an excellent job in safely retrieving the "BB" gun with

Summit Metro Crash Response Team



The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT) is Summit County's first multi-jurisdictional crash response team. Investigators are assembled from 15 police agencies throughout Summit County and include officers from Bath, Boston Heights, Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Peninsula, Richfield, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Streetsboro PD, and the Summit County Sheriff's. SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineer's Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner, and our municipal and county prosecutor's offices.

The Unit is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. One or more members of each team are Level III Crash Reconstructionists or Level II Technical Crash Investigators who have training in Vehicle Dynamics, Crush Deformation, Low Speed Impact, Commercial Vehicles, Motorcycles, Occupant Kinematics, Lamp and Tire Analysis, Evidence Collection and Court Room Testimony. Other team members are Basic Crash Investigators who assist the Reconstructionists in data collection and evidence preservation.

The Unit is investigative only and does not initiate any enforcement action. Investigators support and advise the requesting agency as to the causes and factors involved in the crash and can provide an agency with a professional and scientific analysis and reconstruction of a serious crash. Participation in the Unit serves to multiply our resources in a crash emergency, both in terms of manpower as well as equipment which is shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation.

Sergeant Polak is an active member of the SMcRT and has been a team member since 2014. Sergeant Polak is a traffic crash reconstructionist. He attended the Pennsylvania State Police 19th Annual Collision Reconstruction Seminar in Gettysburg PA. Sergeant Polak was accompanied by Deputy Chris Boyd, Deputy Corin Usinksi, and Deputy Disabado of the Summit County Sheriff's Office. During the conference, two staged crashes were conducted and statistics and

measurements were recorded and analyzed. Instructors from around the nation came to the conference and gave detailed seminars in subjects such as distracted driving, scene documentation, impaired driving, electronic data recovery, etc.



The Summit Metro Crash Response team holds training once per month with the exceptions of June, July and August. SMCRT visited the headquarters of Goodyear to conduct training on their track. Goodyear's track consists of multiple road surfaces and has the capability of doing tests on wet pavement. The team was able to verify and conduct in-house training that is comparable to published data. Additional training included an update from FARO. FARO conducted a webinar for team members that are certified to run the FARO scanner. Sergeant Polak has completed training to run the FARO scanner and completed the update. FARO's latest ultra-portable Focus^S Laser Scanner series enables you to capture fast, straightforward and accurate measurements of complex objects and buildings. A built-in 8 mega-pixel, HDR-camera captures detailed imagery easily, while providing a natural color overlay to the scan data in extreme lighting conditions

During 2019, Richfield did not have any fatal accidents. There were only 7 accidents with reported injuries on scene. Richfield Police Officers have made traffic enforcement a high priority. Due to the increase in traffic enforcement, we believe that this could contribute to the less serious traffic accidents and fatal traffic accidents.

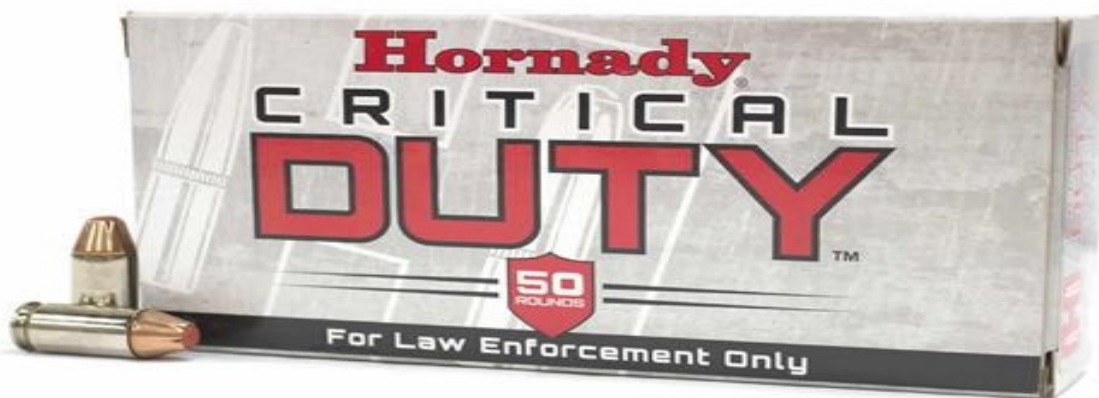
Firearms/Range

The Richfield Police Department range and firearms program consists of four firearms instructors (Ptl. Gaydosh, Ptl. Dressler, Ptl. Padula, and Ptl. Hetzel). The program and range are overseen by Sgt. Fyffe with Ptl. Gaydosh being the lead instructor for the program.

Officers must qualify at least one time a year with their pistol, rifle, shotgun and with any secondary backup weapons. The Richfield Police Department used approximately 7,000 pistol rounds, 5,000 rifle rounds and 250 shotgun rounds during qualifications and practice throughout the year. The pistol qualifications are currently being completed at the Richfield pistol range while all other qualifications are performed off site.

The patrol cars are equipped with a patrol rifle and a shotgun, which provides officers the ability to respond to any type of call. Officers are trained in combat marksmanship, which is a multiday training consisting of approximately 500 rounds of ammunition each. The course incorporates movement drills, skill development drills and several other “real life” training drills. The Richfield Police Department currently uses the Smith & Wesson M&P pistol in 45 ACP or 9mm.

In 2019, the Richfield Police Department has incorporated a new duty ammunition made by Hornady Manufacturing Company. The new ammunition has been proven and tested and is currently being used by all Federal Law Enforcement agencies. The ammunition is called Critical Duty and is only available to Law Enforcement.



Police Vehicles



The Richfield Police Cruisers are easily identified and recognized as protectors of peace. They are Black with White Letters and Numbers on sides, and front fenders, American Flag design, and a reflective strip on the back. The Richfield Police Department added two Police Rated Chevrolet Tahoe's to marked patrol division. The Chevrolet Tahoe's are much larger than the Ford Explorer and are capable of holding much more needed equipment. Scott Dressler the Revere School Resource Officer (SRO) has been issued a Ford Explorer to be used for SRO duties. The Cruiser Inventory of vehicles presently consists of 13 vehicles. Within the Cruiser Inventory are Ten Marked Road Patrol Units, and Four Unmarked Units.



The marked road patrol cruisers are equipped including: communication equipment, emergency lighting, crash equipment, weapon retention equipment, mobile data terminals, automated external defibrillator (AED) which also contain two doses of Narcan, and in-car video cameras. The in-car video system is now paired with body-worn cameras that officers wear throughout their shift. The marked road patrol cruisers also are equipped with ready bags located in the front compartment of each cruiser, which contain extra ammunition, and first aid supplies for an officer to take with them to high risk incidents. Lastly, located in the trunk of each marked patrol cruiser are: flak jackets, helmets, low profile police uniforms, and chemical suits in addition are gas masks for our first responder police officers.



Police Interceptor, Police Rated Explorer and Chevrolet Police Tahoe

Car #01	2016 Ford Police Explorer (SRO)	91797 Miles
Car #02	2016 Ford Police Explorer	79261 Miles
Car #03	2018 Ford Police Explorer	44500 Miles
Car #04	2017 Ford Police Interceptor	81212 Miles
Car #05	2017 Ford Police Interceptor	72235 Miles
Car #06	2018 Ford Police Interceptor	59400 Miles
Car #07	2018 Ford Police Interceptor	45112 Miles
Car #08	2018 Ford Police Interceptor	50120 Miles
Car #09	2019 Chevrolet Police Tahoe	21100 Miles
Car #10	2019 Chevrolet Police Tahoe	16240 Miles

Total miles driven on patrol in 2019 is approximately 216,288 miles which is up 10,000 miles from 2018. This is almost 600 miles of patrol per day in a 24-hour time period.

In addition to the Richfield Police Cruiser Inventory are two vehicles assigned to the Detective Bureau, one vehicle assigned to Chief of Police, and one vehicle assigned to Animal Warden. These vehicles are not marked, but they are equipped with police radios, and weapon retention equipment. These vehicles carry all necessary equipment for detectives' assist them at crime scenes, and to transport all evidence back to police department. The vehicle assigned to Animal Warden is used and equipped to aid her in her duties and is marked similar to our Road Patrol.

The entire fleet is on a weekly maintenance program set up through our department with Sgt. Fyffe, Ptl. Michel, and the Village's mechanics Chuck Soulek, Ken Horn, and John Luther.

This is an effort to maintain efficient service at a minimal cost and to make every effort to provide a safe and properly working vehicle for a Richfield Police officers.



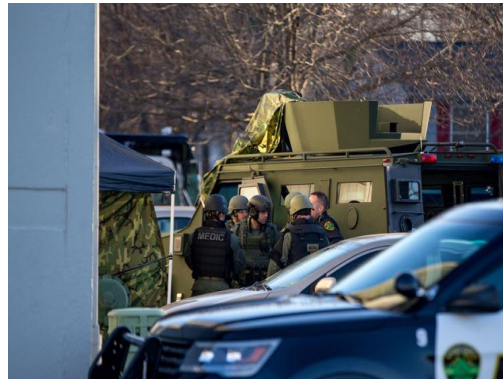
SAFETY TOWN

The 42nd Richfield Safety Town was held on June 17-21, 2019 from 9:00am-12:00pm daily. The program had 58 pre-Kindergarten students enrolled with 57 middle school and high school student volunteers. My role involved scheduling outside presenters for Pet Safety, Bus Safety, GASP, Tornado and Fire Drills and Burn Safety. I also reserved Revere Middle School and ordered and prepared supplies, handouts and applications. Applications were distributed to area preschools and daycares, as well as the Richfield Rec Center, Richfield Library, Revere Middle School and Richfield Elementary for their Curious About Kindergarten program. Applications were also posted on the Village of Richfield website via the Richfield Police Department. This year we had the welcomed addition of the Richfield Safety Town tarp, which allowed us to set up and take down the “safety road” in record time. It also looked so much nicer than the painter’s tape road we’ve been taping down each year for the last 10+ years. Throughout the program, student volunteers supported students in learning their addresses and phone numbers, bike and traffic safety, water and gun safety, as well as 911, good touch and bad touch, ALiCE and Self-Defense instruction. This year students graduated at the conclusion of the last day on Friday, June 21 @ 12:30pm at Revere Middle School. Police Chief Morgan, School Resource Officer Dressler, Richfield Safety Town staffers Alex Piepenbrink and Carla Piskac were in attendance and helped graduation run smoothly. Students sang songs, received their certificates and enjoyed a slideshow presentations of pictures demonstrating what we accomplished throughout the week. Once students were dismissed, volunteers enjoyed a pizza party before receiving their certificates. It was another successful year of the program organized by Rachel Alaimo and School Resource Officer Scott Dressler.

Metro SWAT

Metro SWAT Police Officers from Summit and Portage Counties make up the Critical Response Team known as Metro SWAT. There are 19 board members comprised of member agency police chiefs. Of this nineteen, three are chosen to serve on the executive board of directors. Richfield is an active member of the regional unit.

The team was formed so member communities could combine their resources to deal with an unusual situation that would exceed the capabilities of individual departments.



The Richfield Police Department contributes three members to the team. Officers Rudy Prhne and John Hetzel serve as Tactical Operators and Detective John Petrovich serves as the Administrator to the team. Richfield Fire Lt. Mike Lester is the lead Tactical Medic on the team.



These photographs were taken from the Richfield Police Department's open house and community days.



The team is activated when a crisis situation develops. The team is trained to cope with problems that a regular Police unit is neither equipped nor trained to handle. These situations include active shooters, snipers, barricaded suspects, hostage incidents, violent felons and high-risk warrants. The team is also activated in search and rescue missions, crowd control, VIP dignitary protection and other circumstances that would require a department needing additional manpower.

B.A.C. Datamaster

(Blood Alcohol Content)

Sergeant Nick Kostandaras is responsible for the Breathalyzer Equipment; Patrolman Michael Testa assists him.

The B.A.C. Datamaster is an Infrared Electronic Breath Alcohol Measuring Instrument used for determining the alcohol concentration in a person’s breath. The B.A.C Datamaster is approved by the National Traffic Safety Administration and by the Ohio Courts. The B.A.C. Datamaster measures the grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The B.A.C. Datamaster is an essential tool used for the prosecution of impaired drivers and for the prosecution of underage consumption. In the State of Ohio, the Prima Facie Evidence for a subject under the influence of alcohol is .08 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

The B.A.C. Datamaster instrument check is required every seven days, not to exceed 192 hours. The operation and instrument checks are overseen by Sgt. Kostandaras with Ptl. Testa assisting. The instrument checks are done to ensure the integrity of the tests and the instrument. A Senior Operator who has been certified by the Ohio Department of Health can only conduct an instrument check. The Richfield Police Department has twelve Senior Operators and six Standard Operators. The Standard Operator may only administer a test to a subject and are not authorized to conduct an instrument check. The Standard Operators have also been certified by the Ohio Department of Health.

The B.A.C Datamaster was used 34 times by five different Law Enforcement Agencies, from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for OVI’s and alcohol related calls for service.

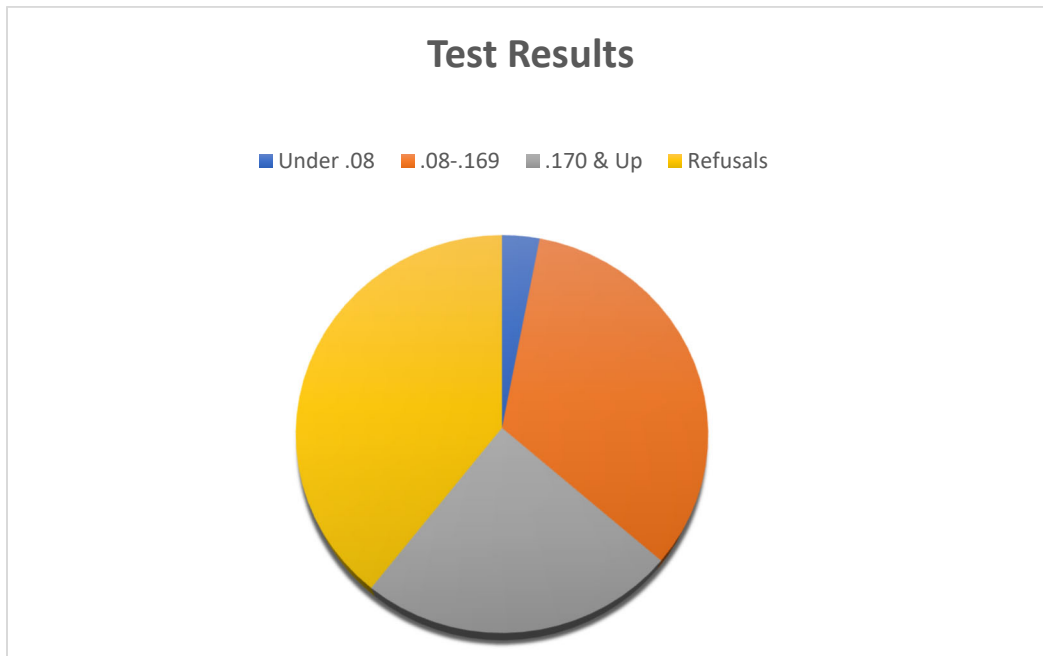
The Following is a breakdown of the B.A.C Datamaster for 2019.

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Arrests</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Richfield Police	22	16	6
Peninsula Police	5	4	1
Ohio Highway Patrol	4	3	1
National Park Service	2	2	0
Bath Police	1	1	0
Totals	34	26	8

<u>Break Down by Test Results</u>	
Under .08	1
.08-.169	11
.170 and up	8
Refusals	13
Faulty Machine	1
Highest Test Given	0.235

<u>Breakdown by Shift</u>	
Day Shift	1
Afternoon Shift	9
Midnight Shift	24
Total	34

<u>Breakdown by Month</u>			
January	3	July	3
February	4	August	0
March	2	September	3
April	2	October	3
May	3	November	2
June	6	December	3



The B.A.C Datamaster was also used by several Police agencies in Summit County for proficiency testing of officers. Statistics nationwide reveal that impaired drivers cause a fatal accident once every fifteen minutes. The number listed in this report do not tell how many lives may have been saved by removing 34 OVI suspects from the roads. Fortunately, we will never know because they were taken off our roads before a fatality occurred.

Richfield Jail



The Richfield Jail Staff are expected to follow and maintain the standards set forth by the state of Ohio. The Richfield jail is located within the police department; the facility consists of three 12-day jail cells a holding cell, and a detox cell. These cells can be used to detain adults for a maximum of 288 hours. The jail is available to detain individuals at any time our department warrants it, once the jail is occupied with a detainee it is to be staffed by Road Patrol officers. The detainee is evaluated by a Booking Officer (Road Patrol) to determine what classification the arrestee is to held under.

The Richfield Jail staff along with Richfield Road Patrol sustain their duties in a manner that will preserve the high standards of professionalism expected by the community of Richfield. The Richfield Jail has policies and procedures to direct staff members in the performance of their job, tasks, and duties while inmates reside in the jail. These policies and procedures along with an onsite inspection are reviewed annually by the State of Ohio. The inspection consists of assessing compliance of the Richfield Jail with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio formulated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The Richfield Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a "Compliant Jail", for 2018.

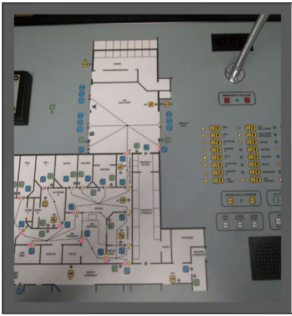


View Looking into Dayroom A and Cell #1

View looking out from Cell #2 into Dayroom A



Control Panel for Jail in Jail Control



The Richfield Jail is staffed by all members of the Patrol Division. The Jail Staff consists of Administrator Sgt. Dave Polak, Jail Assistant Administrator Ptl. Tony Padula, and Jail Assistant Ptl. Joel Meister who are responsible for the day to day activities. The Richfield Jail Staff are responsible for weekly jail checks, and maintaining standards set forth by the state of Ohio to continue the title of a “Compliant Jail”.

The Richfield Jail Staff belongs to the North Coast Correction Manager's Association (NCCMA). The association is comprised of Jail Administrators, Corrections Officers from County Agencies, Local Municipalities, and State Correctional Facilities throughout the region. Meeting several times, a year which fosters collaboration and sharing of information between State, County, and Local agencies to improve process and provide continuing education for Administrators and Corrections Officers.

In 2019 the Richfield Jail continued its partnership with University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, as our Medical Control under the direction of Dr. Anthony Daher. Dr. Daher and the staff are available on a 24-hour basis to handle medical situations that occur within the jail. Ahuja Medical Center continues to provide meals for inmates under the direction of Steve Savanick, General Manager of Nutritional Services. Dr. Daher is also responsible in training the Richfield Police Department Officers on such issues as: Medical Intake of Inmates, Suicide Prevention, and lastly educate the officers of the Opioid Epidemic and how it relates to the Richfield Jail.

In 2019, the Richfield Jail had a total of 59 prisoners, the offenses ranged from: Warrants, Alcohol Involved Arrests, Violent Crimes, Theft and Fraud, Drug Involved Crimes, Fleeing, Domestic Violence, and Felony Warrants. Felony Warrants are initially processed through Richfield Jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail to await trial. The Richfield Jail held prisoners for an approximate total of 214 hours for the following offenses.

In early December of 2019, Cutting Edge Decorative Concrete completed work inside the jail as well as in the sally port. The jail was closed for approximately 12 days. During this time, if Richfield Officers had an arrest or needed to use a BAC machine, they were to respond to Bath Police Department for assistance. Bath PD was helpful and was able to assist. Cutting Edge ground up the floors and re-sealed them (Pictures below). The floors inside the jail have not been serviced since the creation of the jail. This service was needed inside the jail as well as the sally port. The finished product came out excellent.