

City of Willoughby Hills Police Department

Swearing in its first two officers in 1955, and growing into a department staffed with 21 full time officers and 8 part time officers, the mission of the Police Department under the direction of Chief Christopher J. Collins is to enhance the quality of life for its residents by providing a proactive and full range of professional police services, enforcing the law, reducing the fear of crime, promoting joint problem solving for safe, secure neighborhoods, and working in partnerships with the community to preserve life, property, and the constitutional rights of all.

From our humble country beginnings to a modern fast growing municipality, our dedication to service and commitment to excellence will ensure that we meet the present and future needs of our community.



Annual Report 2017

Pride ♦ Courage ♦ Service

**TO: The Honorable Robert M. Weger, Mayor/Safety Director
Councilwoman Nancy Fellows, Council President
City Council Members**

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Willoughby Hills Police Department, I'm pleased to present you with our Annual Report for 2017. The report contains important information and statistics reflecting the commitment of our staff in meeting the various challenges of providing outstanding police services to our community. We're always evaluating our goals, objectives and law enforcement programs to ensure we meet the needs of our community.

Our priority continues to be those crimes affecting the safety, welfare and quality of life in our community. We continue to be progressive in our policing strategies and our search for new equipment and technology to enhance our investigative capabilities. Additionally, we hired two more full time police officers representing the first increase in our manpower in several years. These key positions will enhance our patrol activities throughout the City. I'd also like to mention that Officers Craig Anderson and Cory Planisek were awarded the 2017 Lake County Blue Coats Distinguished Service Award for Heroism for their efforts in arresting the shooting suspect at Classic BMW in September. Both Officers were shot several times and severely injured during that incident.

The police department's community outreach programs continue to be well received especially our Summer Safety Town Program and the "Kids Print" Identification Card System purchased with funds from our Law Enforcement Trust Fund. This system is used to prints ID Cards for children and young adults at several City events and for our seniors during their "Senior Day" activities.

The strength of our department continues to be our police officers, dispatchers and administrative staff. Their dedication and experience is directly responsible for the successful adjudication of our traffic and criminal cases, the high compliance ratings for our in-house jail facility and juvenile intervention programs. We're proud of our strong police-community relationship and the partnerships we share with other city departments and law enforcement agencies.

With a continued spirit of cooperation and teamwork, I look forward to working with Mayor Weger and members of City Council as we continue to make Willoughby Hills a safe and enjoyable community for all.

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Collins
Chief of Police

Review

Willoughby Hills Police Officers Craig Anderson and Cory Planisek were awarded the Lake County Blue Coats Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award for their heroic actions during the critical active shooter incident at Classic BMW on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

The critical, selfless actions of Officers Anderson and Planisek to continue to engage the suspect after both were shot several times and seriously wounded ensured the safety and welfare of the many dealership employees and customers. Without their heroic actions the potential threat to the employees and the public was significant as the suspect shot all the bullets from his gun and had another loaded pistol magazine in his pocket.

The extraordinary manner in which Officers Craig Anderson and Cory Planisek performed their duties demonstrates their enduring commitment to serving and protecting our community. Their outstanding efforts bring great credit upon themselves and the police department, and sets a standard of excellence for all law enforcement officers to emulate.



Photos

RESPONSE DISTRICT

Willoughby Hills	12.5 square miles
Population	9,485
Waite Hill	4.3 square miles
Population	338
Interstate.....	18.8 miles
Total Area	17.0 square miles
Total Resident Population	9,823

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Total Personnel	41
Full Time Officers.....	21
Part-time Officers	8
Full Time Dispatchers.....	8
Part-Time Dispatchers	2
Administrative Staff	2

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Dispatch Center	17,224
Police Calls for Service	13,728
Fire/EMS	2,107
Village of Waite Hill	1,130



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

Assaults	023
Burglar Alarms Business	208
Burglar Alarms Residential	182
Burglaries	014
Breaking & Entering	005
Disable Vehicles	840
Disorderly Conduct	027
Dispatch Calls for Service	17,224
Disputes and Arguments	141
Disturbance General	146
Domestic Dispute	040
Driving under Suspension	173
Erratic Driver	079
Fraud	045
Harassment	035
Juvenile Complaints	041
Motor Vehicle Crashes	474
Motor Vehicle Theft	014
Mutual-Aid Other Departments	264
Noise Complaints	098
Operating Vehicle Under the Influence	049
Parking Violations	242
Pedestrian Contacts	014
Possession of Drugs	153
Prisoner Transports	415
Property Damage	108
Public Assists	057
Robbery	003
Suspicious Conditions	259
Suspicious Persons	121
Suspicious Vehicles	198
Theft	129
Traffic Complaints	158
Traffic Stops	6,119
Vehicle Lockouts	307
Warrant Arrests	257
Welfare Checks	137

2017 Statistics



Sergeant Michael Gerardi and K9 Officer Brix



Officer Tony Mino and K9 Officer Cooper Officer Shannon Vachet and K9 Officer Razor

WHPD K9 Team

ADMINISTRATION

Christopher J. Collins, Chief of Police
Debbie Semik, Executive Assistant/Dispatch Supervisor
James Ours, Community Service Officer



SERGEANTS

Travis Vobornik
Brian Jackson
Matthew Naegele
Michael Gerardi

DETECTIVES

Jamie Onion
Ron Parmertor

FULL TIME OFFICERS

OFC. Craig Anderson
OFC. Frank Bordelon
OFC. Kelly McDermott
OFC. Randy Mullenax
OFC. James Vitale
OFC. Shannon Vachet
OFC. Greg Leonbruno

OFC. Tony Mino
OFC. Michael Jones
OFC. Cory Planisek
OFC. Richard Harmon
OFC. Henry Boepple
OFC. Paul Cocanower
OFC. Anthony Papa

PART-TIME OFFICERS

OFC. Taya Workum
OFC. David D'Eusanio
OFC. Joseph Goudy
OFC. Erik Kupchik
OFC. Nick Luzius

OFC. Michael Walsh
OFC. Rickard Cooper
OFC. Taylor Prugel

DISPATCHERS

Janet Schuller
Angela Love
Kendra Adams

Lindsey Bushman
Sherry Brzeski
Shayna McCoy

Michelle Hudak

PART-TIME DISPATCHER

Christopher Borstnik
Ashley Onion

Roster

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