

**CITY OF MORGANTON  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**



**Proudly Protecting Lives and Property**

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

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On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Morganton Department of Public Safety I am honored to present our 2018 Annual Report. We are pleased to provide our partners and community members with the opportunity to learn about our agency's work and revisit some important activities from the past year.

In 2018, the men and women of the Morganton Department of Public Safety remained committed to the foundational principals of building trust and nurturing legitimacy by working to reduce crime and increasing community engagement. Our overarching goal is to have a community where our citizens, business owners and visitors feel safe. Public safety is the very thing that drives the success of a city. The members of the Morganton Department of Public Safety are committed to achieving our goals and we dedicate training and resources to ensure that we have the best technology and operations to combat crime and fight fire.

The mission and vision of the Morganton Department of Public Safety are rooted in our commitment towards building positive relationships with our community. Our members resist the pull of status quo and constantly strive for continuous improvement. Throughout the year, our organization has been involved in community events, dialogues, and civic association meetings intended to develop and nurture healthy communications between our department and the people we serve. Through community feedback and ongoing specialized training, our department is evolving to provide the utmost in public safety services in a modern and rapidly-changing environment. Our values of Integrity, Professionalism, Honor, Accountability, Respect and Equality guide our decision making as we work to enhance safety and quality of life in the City of Morganton.

It is only through community partnerships, compassion and innovation that we are going to experience success combating the growing opioid epidemic and curtailing the mounting homeless population. It is paramount that our City, County and Community leaders pursue avenues that allow two-way communication, transparency, collaboration and relationship building in an effort to solve continually evolving social issues facing our communities.

I am proud of the members of the Morganton Department of Public Safety. They remain vigilant and engaged in the constant endeavor of improving the quality of life for our citizens. In the coming year we will continue to explore and consider advancements in policing and firefighting strategies. We are honored to serve the citizens of Morganton by delivering the highest standard of law enforcement, fire services and customer service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronnie D. Rector". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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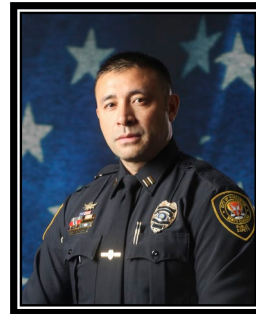
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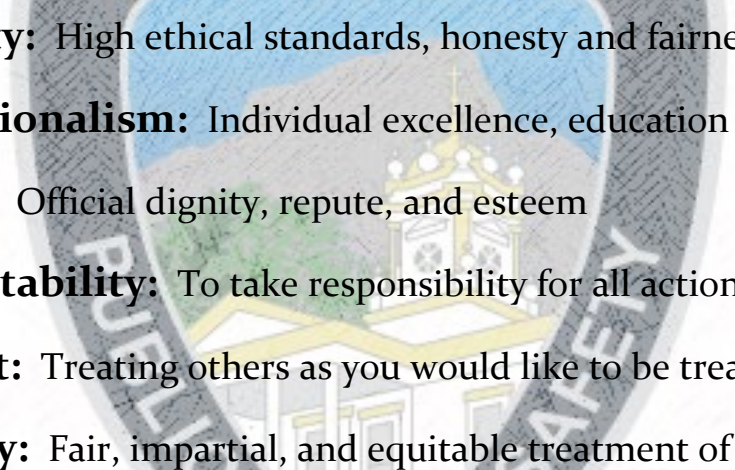
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# *Mission Statement*

## *Our Mission:*

We, the members of the Morganton Department of Public Safety, are committed to protect the lives, property, and Constitutional Rights of all residents and visitors of OUR community by providing professional law enforcement and fire protection services.

## *Our Values:*

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- The logo is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top, the word "MORGANTON" is written in a semi-circle. At the bottom, "NC" is written in a semi-circle. The left side of the shield contains the words "PUBLIC SAFETY" and the right side contains "SAFETY". The central part of the shield features a stylized illustration of a town with a church steeple and a fire station.
- ♥ **Integrity:** High ethical standards, honesty and fairness
  - ♥ **Professionalism:** Individual excellence, education and training
  - ♥ **Honor:** Official dignity, repute, and esteem
  - ♥ **Accountability:** To take responsibility for all actions and decisions
  - ♥ **Respect:** Treating others as you would like to be treated
  - ♥ **Equality:** Fair, impartial, and equitable treatment of all people

## *Our Vision:*

The *Morganton Department of Public Safety* strives to be a leader in the delivery of public safety services combining law enforcement and fire protection. Our employees strive to be leaders in OUR community in name and deed conducting themselves in a manner to which others will aspire.

# Retirements



**Captain Trent Devinney**  
Retired February 1, 2018  
29 Years of Service

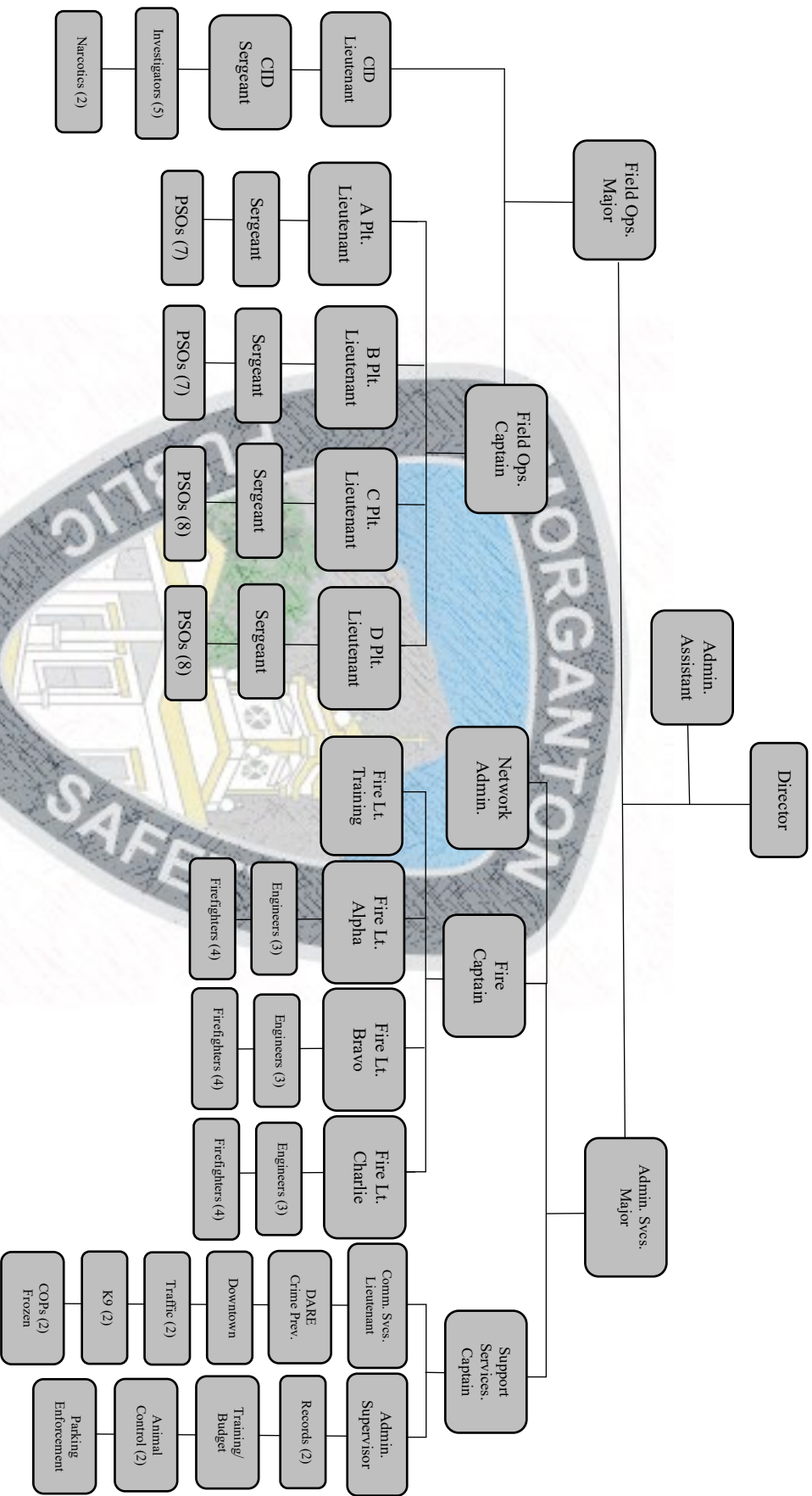
# Department Personnel Allocations

## January 2019

Department Position	Allocate	Assigned	Frozen	Vacant
Public Safety Chief	*1	*1		
Major	*2	*2		
Captain	*2	*2		
Lieutenant	*6	*6		
Sergeant	*5	*5		
PSO	*45	*40	*2	*3
Fire Capt	1	1		
Fire Lt	4	4		
Engineers	9	9		
Firefighters	12	11	1	
Admin Supervisor	1	1		
Admin Manager	1	1		
Admin Specialist I	2	1	1	
Network Admin	1	1		
Customer Serv Rep	2	2		
Parking Enforcement	1	1		
Animal Control	2	1		
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Total Sworn*	*61	*56	*2	*3
Total Civilian	36	34	1	1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Indicates sworn personnel

# Morganton Department of Public Safety





# Highlights & Accomplishments

## 🛡️ Promotions

- 🛡️ **Sergeant Tim Corriveau** promoted to Lieutenant
- 🛡️ **PSO Tayler Johnson** promoted to Sergeant
- 🛡️ **PSO Marty Coward** promoted to Sergeant

## 🛡️ Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates

- 🛡️ **Lieutenant Brad Buchanan**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **Sergeant Nick Edwards**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **Sergeant Marty Coward**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **PSO William Miller**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **PSO Joseph Beaver**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate

## 🛡️ Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificates

- 🛡️ **Sergeant Ben Carswell**, Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **PSO Casey Kinard**, Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate
- 🛡️ **PSO TJ Hall**, Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate



**Lieutenant Brad Buchanan** successfully completed the *Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP)* at N.C. State University. AOMP is a twelve-week on-site Management and Leadership Education program designed specifically for Law Enforcement Professionals. This unique educational experience, operated as part of a nationally accredited Public Administration Program, offers participants the opportunity to earn fifteen college credits. AOMP is a continuing education activity of the Public Safety Leadership Initiative (PSLI) in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) at North Carolina State University.

# Boards & Committees

- ♣ **Chief Ronnie Rector** – Burke County Homeland Security Taskforce, Burke County Domestic Violence Task Force, Burke Substance Abuse Network, Burke County Communication Technical Advisory Board (CTAB), Burke County Narcotics Task Force Board of Directors, Downtown Parking Committee, HMF Inc. Board of Directors ex-officio member, member of Advisory Board for Public Safety Leadership Initiative for N.C. State University, Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers, Inc. – ex officio member
  
- ♣ **Major Ryan Lander** - Burke County Homeland Security Taskforce, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, NC Training & Standards LE Accreditation Committee
  
- ♣ **Major Tony Lowdermilk** – Domestic Violence Task Force, Burke County Homeland Security Taskforce, Burke Substance Abuse Network
  
- ♣ **Capt. Keith Bowman** – Burke County United Way, A Caring Alternative, N.C. Coalition Initiative, Partnership for Change and New Dimensions School
  
- ♣ **Capt. Jason Whisnant** – Burke Substance Abuse Network, Burke/Catawba Crisis Collaborative and Overdose Prevention Program
  
- ♣ **Lt. Tim Corriveau** – Morganton-Burke Crimestoppers, Inc. Coordinator/MDPS
  
- ♣ **Administrative Supervisor Jason Smith** – City of Morganton Safety Committee
  
- ♣ **Inv. Donny Dellinger** – Burke Substance Abuse Network
  
- ♣ **Inv. Kyle Goforth** – N.C. Gang Net Association member
  
- ♣ **Inv. Cody Storie** – Child Advocacy Center – Child Abuse Prevention Team
  
- ♣ **PSO Stacey Huffman (K9 Handler)** – NC Governors Highway Safety Coordinator
  
- ♣ **Administrative Specialist Renee Carswell** – Morganton-Burke Crimestoppers, Inc. Treasurer; CTAB Secretary, City of Morganton Communications Team; NC Crimestoppers Board of Director

# Grants

Public Safety received and implemented the following grants in 2018:

## 🛡️ **Governors Crime Commission Grant**

- Rapid Deployment Surveillance System - \$18,000
- Body-Worn Cameras - \$119,150

## 🛡️ **Walmart Foundation Community Grant**

- Funds to go to our Law Enforcement Explorers program - \$1,800

## 🛡️ **Morganton Community Enrichment Grant**

- Funds to go towards our annual D.A.R.E. Safe Haven Summer Camp - \$2,500

## 🛡️ **United Way 4BK Grant**

- Funds to go towards our annual D.A.R.E. Safe Haven Summer Camp - \$1,641

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Our people serving in the community...



# Part 1 Crimes

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines track eight “Index Crimes,” known also as Part 1 crimes. The UCR system includes crimes that are most likely to be reported to the police and to occur with sufficient frequency to provide an adequate basis for comparison. Part 1 crimes are further divided into two categories, **Violent** and **Property**. Below is analysis of Part 1 crimes reported to Public Safety (*The below percentage change is a comparison of 2017 to 2018*):

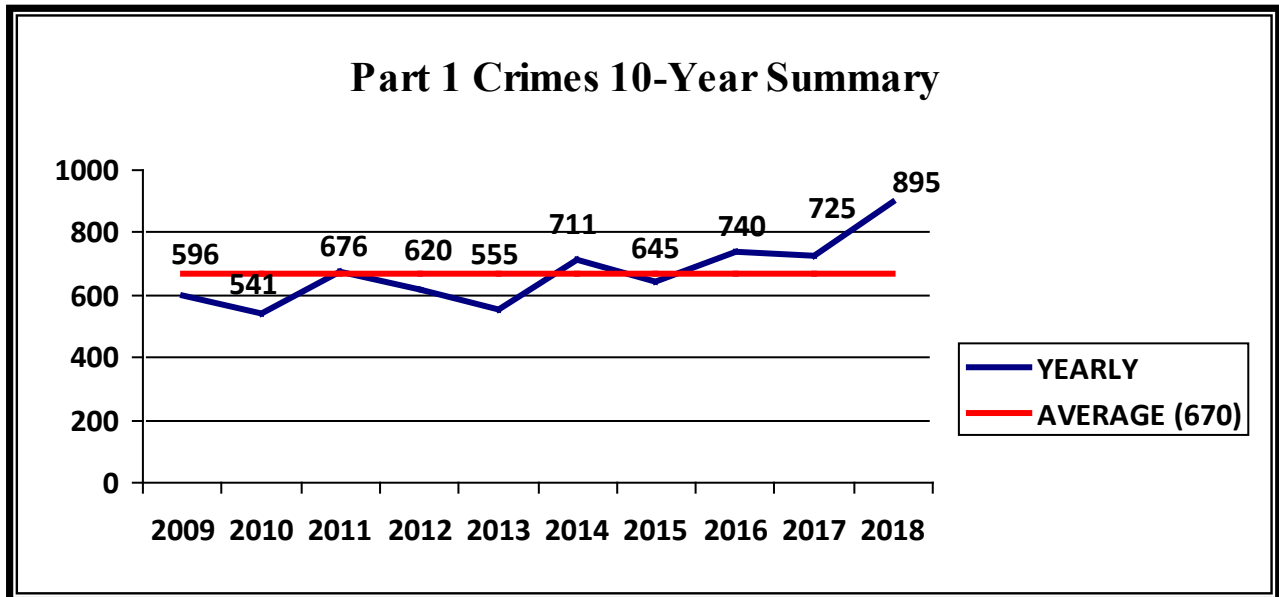
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	1	0	0	2	+200%
Forcible Rape	4	11	15	19	+21%
Robbery	16	12	11	23	+108%
Aggravated Assault	56	59	52	43	-18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>+10%</b>

<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Burglary	132	154	223	327	+32%
Larceny	413	474	415	461	+10%
MV Theft	20	28	7	18	+157%
Arson	3	2	2	2	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>+20%</b>

<b>2018 Part 1 Summary</b>													
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
<i>Rape</i>	2	0	1	0	5	1	3	4	0	2	1	0	<b>19</b>
<i>Robbery</i>	6	2	0	0	1	3	1	4	4	1	1	0	<b>23</b>
<i>Assaults</i>	0	7	6	2	5	5	1	4	5	0	2	6	<b>43</b>
<i>Burglary</i>	24	24	26	23	24	37	35	29	32	27	24	22	<b>327</b>
<i>Larceny</i>	41	41	40	35	39	47	22	38	47	40	32	39	<b>461</b>
<i>MV Theft</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	7	<b>18</b>
<i>Arson</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>895</b>

# Part 1 Crimes Continued

<b>10-YEAR SUMMARY</b>										
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	2
<i>Rape</i>	3	4	5	3	8	6	4	11	15	19
<i>Robbery</i>	12	12	6	17	21	11	16	12	11	23
<i>Assaults</i>	31	25	31	32	23	47	56	59	52	43
<i>Burglary</i>	139	127	144	172	133	149	132	154	223	327
<i>Larceny</i>	390	357	461	374	351	466	413	474	415	461
<i>MV Theft</i>	19	13	29	19	18	18	20	28	7	18
<i>Arson</i>	2	3	0	2	1	11	3	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>895</b>



# Part 1 Crimes Continued

<b>2018 PART 1 CRIME ARRESTS</b>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Rape</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Robbery</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Assaults</i>	6	12	13	13	10	7	12	16	1	6	8	12	116
<i>Burglary</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Larceny</i>	66	63	70	62	43	65	38	40	34	52	56	61	650
<i>MV Theft</i>	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	6	15
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>788</b>

Note: Arrests are higher than incidents due to incidents involving multiple Subjects, warrant service outside jurisdiction, service of warrants for unreported incidents, etc.

Part 1 Crimes Arrests	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Murder	1	0	0	2	+200%
Forcible Rape	2	3	9	3	-66%
Robbery	25	8	16	1	-94%
Aggravated Assault	64	90	125	116	- 7%
Burglary	47	71	108	1	-99%
Larceny	528	616	672	650	- 3%
MV Theft	9	18	9	15	+60%
Arson	3	4	0	0	No Change
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>-16%</b>

*The above percentage change is a comparison of 2017 to 2018*

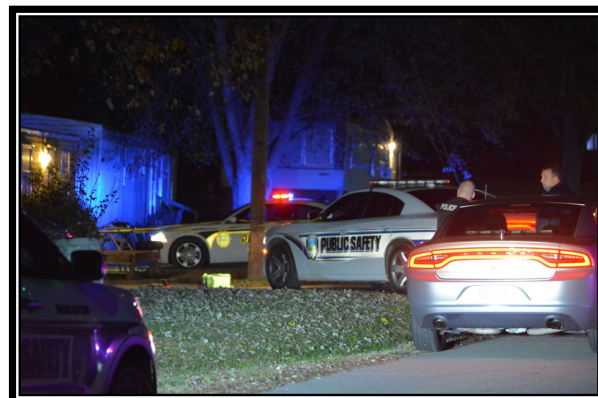


# Calls For Service

## 2018 Top-10 *Calls For Service*

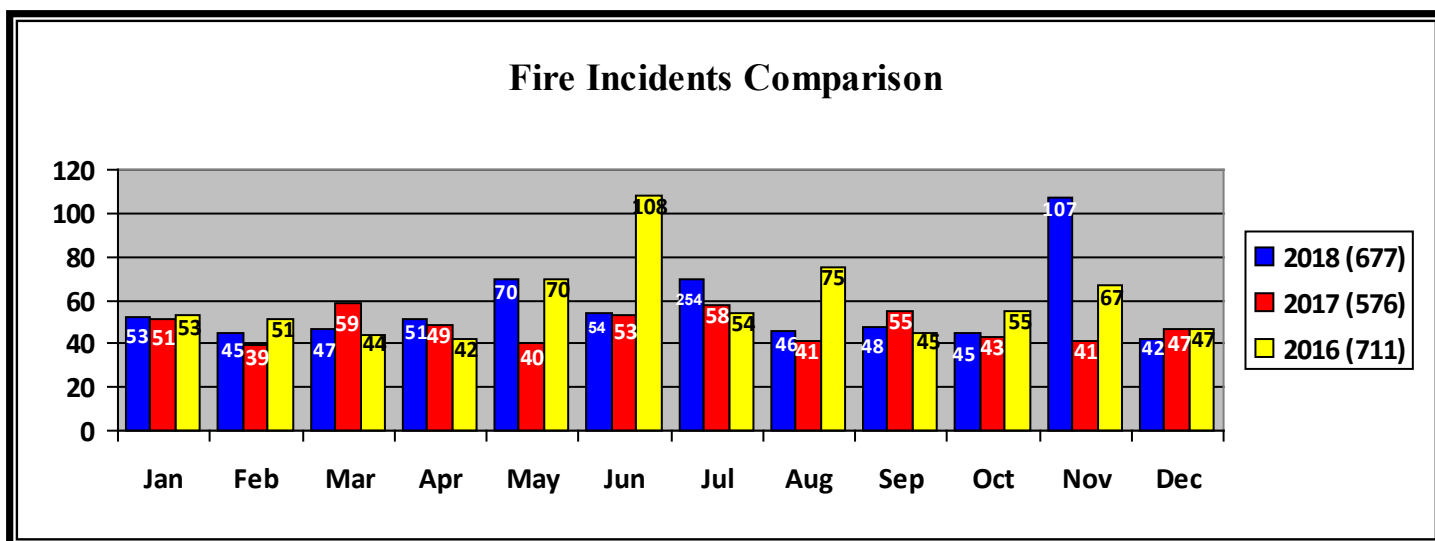
Calls For Service (125 categories)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Vehicle Stop	6,805	7,219	6,001	6,797
Security Check	3,157	6,827	8,689	5,174
911 Hang-up	3,093	3,570	2,850	2,893
Speak to Officer	1,129	1,397	1,875	1,819
Extra Patrol	3,187	2,518	2,290	1,795
Alarm Activation	1,469	1,500	1,497	1,552
Follow-Up	1,212	1,372	1,484	1,411
Suspicious Person	1,360	1,221	1,187	1,262
Property Damage MVA	1,135	1,633	1,192	1,206
Disturbance	944	1,048	945	886
All other calls for service	16,663	16,611	14,122	13,865
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,426</b>	<b>44,712</b>	<b>42,132</b>	<b>38,660</b>

- ♣ The total *Calls For Service* decreased **8%** from previous year
- ♣ Public Safety responded to an average of *106 Calls For Service* each day utilizing 6-8 personnel per 12-hour shift



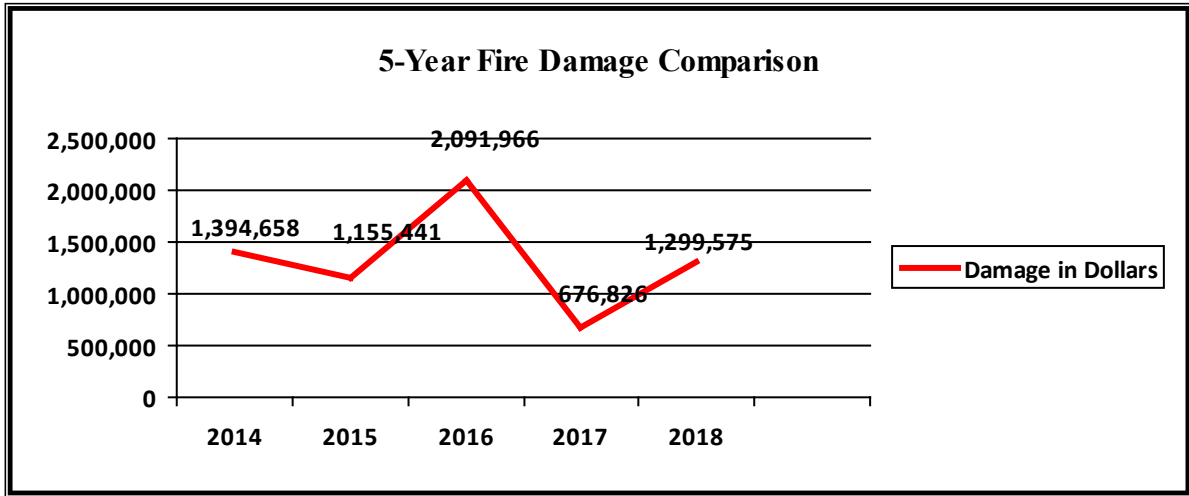
# Fire Statistics

<b>MAJOR INCIDENT FIRE RESPONSE</b>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<i>Number of Calls</i>	52	45	47	51	70	54	70	46	48	45	107	42	677
<i>Property Damage</i>	\$1,000	\$25,300	\$13,500	\$13,000	\$4,830	\$4,245	\$1,056,400	\$150,100	\$5,000	\$200	\$25,000	\$1,000	\$1,299,575
<i>Man Hours Spent</i>	130:01	149:15	153:53	186:13	338:18	173:23	314:10	264:39	199:24	166:11	279:31	118:16	2,513:13





# Fire Statistics Continued



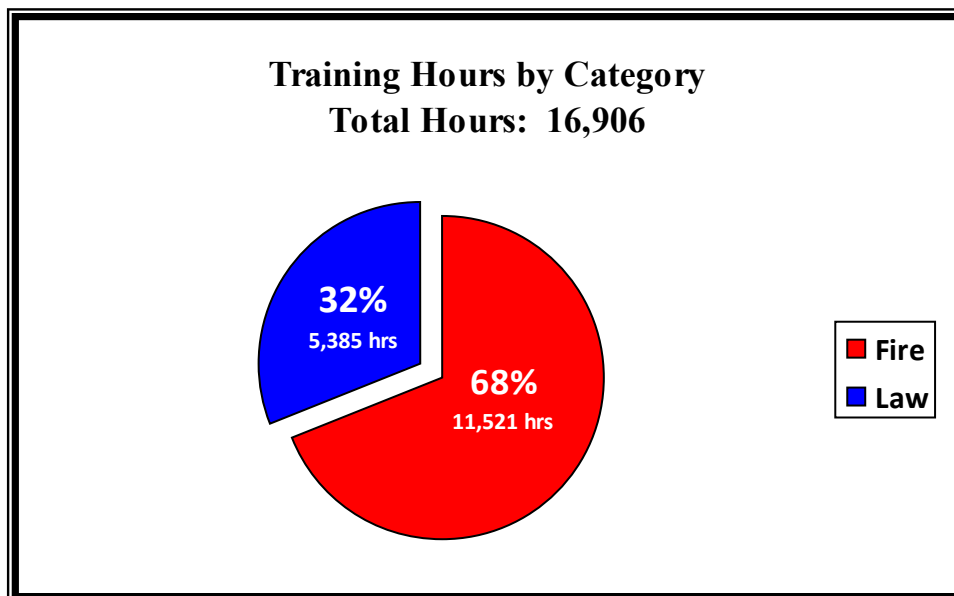
# Traffic Analysis

<b>5-YEAR SUMMARY – TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>					
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Accidents Reported</i>	1,027	1,203	1,200	1,104	1,209
<i>Number Injured</i>	252	293	286	230	236
<i>Fatalities</i>	2	2	3	1	0
<i>Acc. Arrests/Citations</i>	655	933	979	891	959
<i>Property Damage</i>	\$2,932,099	\$3,528,638	\$3,518,898	\$4,082,463	\$4,119,086

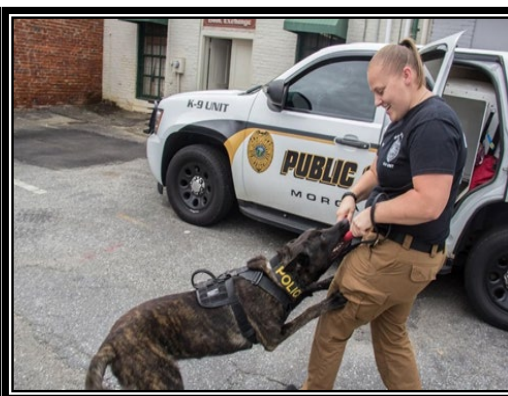
<b>5-YEAR SUMMARY – DWI ARRESTS, CITATIONS</b>					
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>DWI Arrests</i>	249	211	345	356	343
<i>Traffic Citations</i>	4,677	4,836	5,378	4,341	5,1871



# Training



- 🛡️ Total police-related training for 2018 was 5,385 hours, resulting in each sworn officer (60) averaging 90 hours of training
- 🛡️ Total fire-related training was 11,521 hours, resulting in each firefighter (90) averaging 128 hours of training for the year
- 🛡️ 7 personnel attended the WPCF Fire Academy at 464 hours each



# SWAT (Special Weapons & Tactics)



Public Safety's **SWAT** team is comprised of 10 members and is responsible for; hostage situations, barricaded persons, sniper incidents, aggravated suicide attempts, high-risk building searches & arrest warrant service, crowd control and other potential life threatening incidents that exceed the routine response of on-duty Public Safety personnel. SWAT highlights from 2018:

- 11 call-outs to include stand-offs, executing high-risk warrants and assisting the Burke County Narcotics Task Force and Burke County Sheriff's Office

## K9 (Canine)

Our canine program is comprised of two handlers each assigned to a K9. PSO William Miller retired K9 Kimo due to health issues and recently purchased a new canine – Radar. PSO Stacey Huffman handles K9 Jaros and due to Kimo's health issues for a good part of 2018 was the only canine available. Canine units are responsible for apprehension of fleeing suspects, article searches, tracking suspects or missing persons, building searches and narcotics detection.

- All canines accrued over 159 training hours during 2018
- Conducted over 12 searches of buildings
- Drug Seizures:

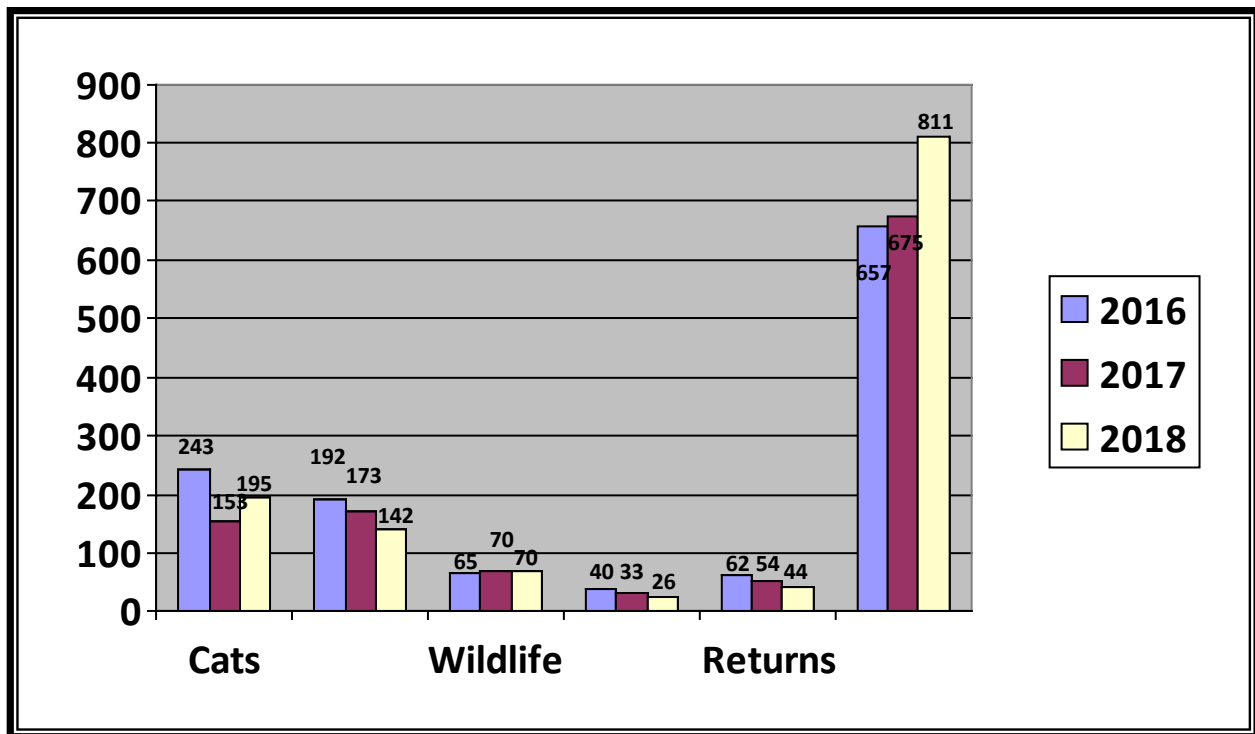


- Marijuana - **2.60 kilos (Street value \$37,535)**
- Methamphetamines - **508 grams (Street Value \$9,240)**
- Cocaine/Crack - **25 grams (Street Value \$3,037)**
- Heroin - **259 grams (Street Value \$31,640)**
- Money - **\$7,256**
- Weapons - **4**

# Animal Control

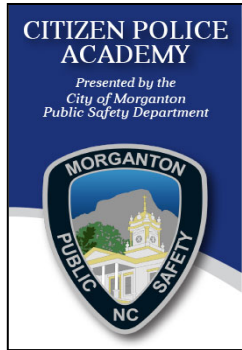
	2016	2017	2018
<i>Calls for Service</i>	1,259	1,307	1,288
<i>Citations Issued</i>	95	149	174

## Category Breakdown



# Special Events/Section Highlights

## 2018 Citizen Police Academy:



In 2018 Public Safety hosted its second annual *Citizen Police Academy*. A 13-week community-oriented program that offers participants the chance to learn more about public safety. The goal of the Academy is to open lines of communication between citizens and Public Safety so that participants are better informed about what the police profession entails. A graduation ceremony was held at the CoMMA recognizing 15 participants pictured below.



## Explorers Program – Post 226:

In 2018 Public Safety continued its *Law Enforcement Explorers* program. A hands-on career-oriented program that gives youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 20 years old the opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement and firefighting. In 2018, 15 youth participated in our bi-weekly program supervised by Public Safety personnel.



## Community Services



- ☛ **“Coffee With A Cop”** is a national event that focuses on connecting community members with Law Enforcement. In 2018 Public Safety hosted this event at ten businesses including The Grind, CHS Blue Ridge, Pat’s Snack Bar, Allison’s Family Restaurant and Chick-Fil-A.
  
- ☛ In 2018 our **D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)** program was presented to 5th graders at New Dimensions School, Morganton Day School and at Morganton Public Safety Headquarters to several groups of Burke County homeschoolers. The D.A.R.E. curriculum uses national research based educational techniques to teach youth better decision making skills to help them avoid negative influences in life.
  
- ☛ Public Safety’s annual **“Blue Elves”** toy drive reached nearly 250 children in the city of Morganton with assistance from The Marine Corps League Toys for Tots, Morganton Housing Authority, Morganton-Burke Fraternal Order of Police and other donors. These partnerships have allowed Public Safety to facilitate an event that includes toys, snacks and activities for youth and parents. Additional toys were donated to The Outreach Center where over 500 families were assisted with food, clothing and toys.
  
- ☛ **“Operation Safe Haven”** provided a week-long summer camp for children who successfully completed the D.A.R.E. program:
  - Team-building activities with local fire and law enforcement
  - Fun Depot in Asheville; games, go-carts and laser tag
  - Swimming and canoeing at Lake James State Park
  - Carowinds and Carolina Harbor Waterpark
  - Community service projects
  - Meals & transportation the entire week
  - Awards Banquet with a meal for the children’s families



## Traffic Checkpoints:

Public Safety conducted **63** traffic checkpoints during 2018 at various locations throughout the city resulting in citations and arrests.

## Fire Prevention:

Fire Prevention efforts included presentations to more than **5,000** citizens at **41** different events throughout the year. Events were at local elementary schools, recreation centers and community events and included information on fire prevention and life safety. Tours of our facilities were also conducted allowing citizens to observe the specialized equipment used in firefighting. This division also assisted hearing-impaired citizens with proper installation of smoke detectors.



Fire Captain Israel Gibson teaching youth about the importance of fire safety

## Breast Cancer Awareness

Public Safety showed its support in the fight against breast cancer by designing and selling t-shirts and keychains during October's *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* and raising/donating over \$2,300 to Blue Ridge Healthcare Foundation to help fund mammograms for those in need.



## Active Shooter Training



In an effort to inform and equip local businesses in defending against potential active-shooter incidents, Public Safety conducted six training presentations in 2018. The primary purpose was to inform and educate businesses about the need for an Emergency Operations Plan in place prior to an incident occurring and to offer assistance in helping develop those plans.



## Partnership for Change

In October 2017, Morganton Department of Public Safety formed a group comprised of faith-based, education, medical and law enforcement leaders in an effort to build relationships through transparency, communication, trust and networking. Bringing leaders together face to face at a time when the community needs to know and understand what we all have in common and how we can overcome our differences is already making a positive impact.

In 2018, the group has continued to meet on a quarterly basis with each meeting highlighting an area of concern in our community including Drug Addiction, Mental Health, Education, Community Relations and Building Family Leadership.

