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Owensboro Police Department 2019 Annual Report



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I am very pleased to present the 2019 Owensboro Police Department Annual Report. Officers and civilian members of the Owensboro Police Department work very hard to provide quality service to the residents and visitors of Owensboro. We have created and maintained a strong culture of professionalism and integrity to ensure this organization exceeds the expectations of our community.

Despite the fiscal challenges facing cities and counties across this state, the Owensboro Police Department will continue to provide the quality and professional services that every person in this city deserves. We will continue to be fair, equitable and just in the execution of our duty.

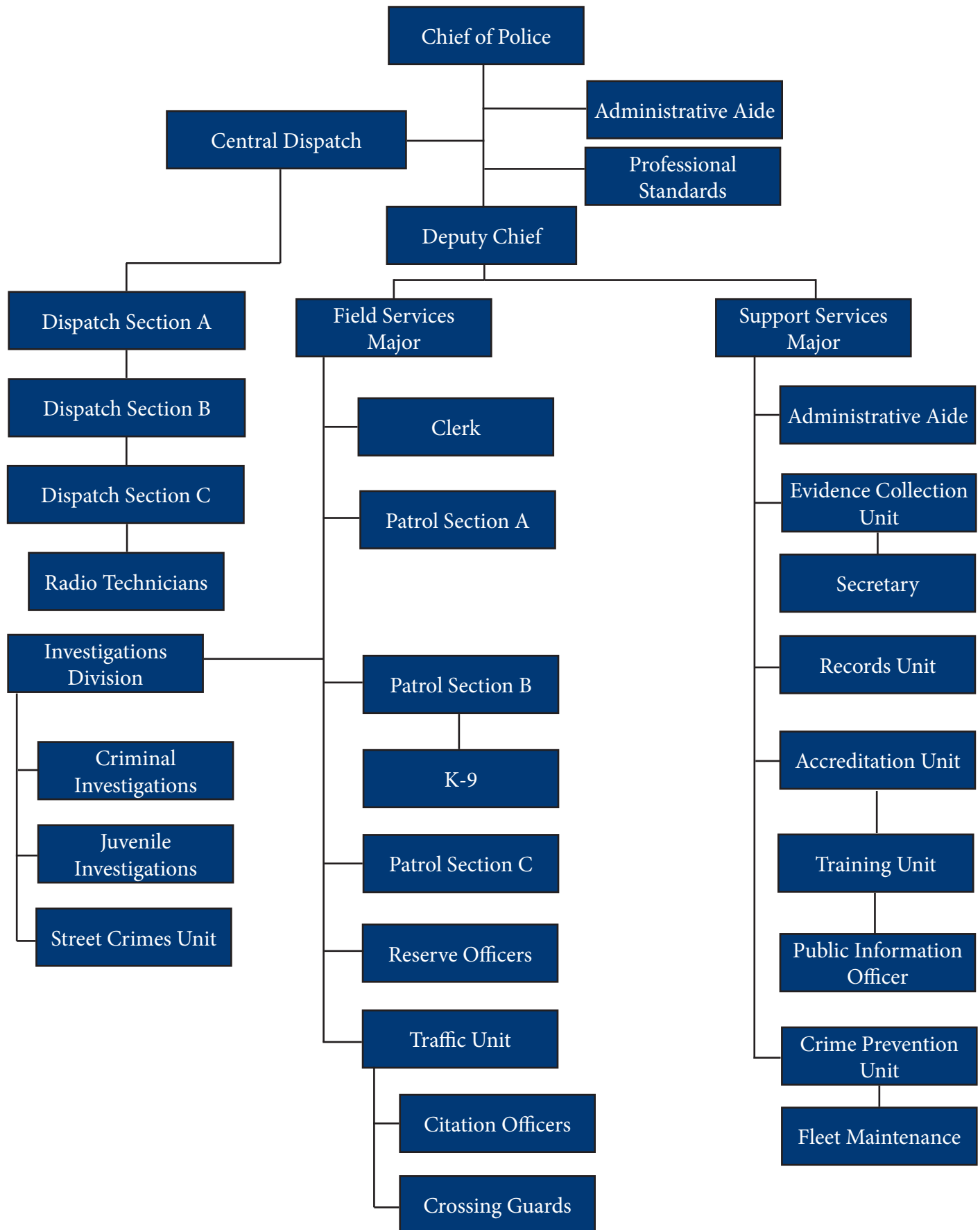
As law enforcement professionals, we have a vested interest in the safety and security of the residents, businesses and visitors to this fine city. We will continue to build upon our philosophy of community oriented policing by creating a culture of togetherness with our various partners. We will provide quality service to all, while continuing to embrace the fact that we are community-owned and operated. We will be responsive to the needs of the citizens whom we are sworn to protect. As always, we are here to serve!

Sincerely,

Colonel Art Ealum, Jr.

Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2019



Sworn Personnel

Chief	1
Assistant Chief	0
Major	2
Lieutenants	6
Sergeants	11
Detectives	12
Officers	71
Reserves	6
Total	109



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Civilian Personnel

Telecommunicators	24
Part time Telecommunicators	4
Dispatch Supervisor	1
Administrative Aides	2
Secretary	1
Clerk Typists/Records Manager	5
Citation Officer Part time	1
School Crossing Guards Part time	5
Radio Technicians/Vehicle Tech	3
Total	46

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Owensboro Police Department is to work in a true partnership with the community, to enhance the quality of life in our city, while maintaining order and protecting the people we serve by reducing incidences of crime, doing so with professionalism, honor and integrity.

Budget Total by Division

Administration	Investigations	Patrol	Radio	Support Services	Total
\$2,258,141	\$1,778,791	\$7,881,342	\$202,850	\$1,993,056	\$14,114,180
Central Dispatch			\$2,898,849		

Field Services -Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department and all other divisions are in support of the efforts initiated in the patrol function. The Patrol Division is commanded by Major J.D. Winkler. The division consists of three patrol shifts, a Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, and the Investigations Division. The Patrol Division responded to calls for service from community members, engaged in proactive policing and provided traffic enforcement as a part of the normal duty day. The Patrol Division provides twenty-four hour service to approximately 59,809 city residents covering 19 square miles and often times they go beyond what is expected of them.

In 2019, patrol officers responded to 40,246 calls for service, conducted 16,311 traffic stops and seized 118 firearms. The men and women of the Patrol Division have embraced the motto, "Pride, Integrity, Service" which embodies the professionalism, dedication, and spirit of all members of the Owensboro Police Department. These officers are committed to ensuring Owensboro remains a safe place to live, work and play.

Thirteen Owensboro area schools have been adopted as part of the Owensboro Police Department Adopt-A-School program, which is a proactive partnership with schools to provide enhanced safety for the community's children. The officers make random visits to his/her assigned schools several times each week to ensure the officer is periodically seen by students and staff. The assigned officers also learn the schools' layouts and lockdown procedures to ensure better responses by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. After school hours, officers are responsible for checking the security of buildings located on school property.

Adopt-A-School	Patrol Section	Visits	Minutes
	A	3,158	67,780
	B	3,870	57,909
	C	3,692	40,454
	Total	10,720	166,143

Uniform Crime Statistics

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) contains official data on crime that is reported to law enforcement agencies across the country who then provide the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Part I of the UCR focuses on index crimes which include murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following chart depicts data collected by the Owensboro Police Department Crime Analysis Unit and the totals represent the department arrests as a whole. The Owensboro Police Department reported the subsequent information to the FBI for the year of 2019.

Part I Crimes	
Category	2019
Arson	7
Assault (Aggravated)	99
Burglary	374
Criminal Homicide	6
Forcible Rape	26
Larceny (Theft)	1847
Motor Vehicle Theft	216
Robbery	40
Total	2,615

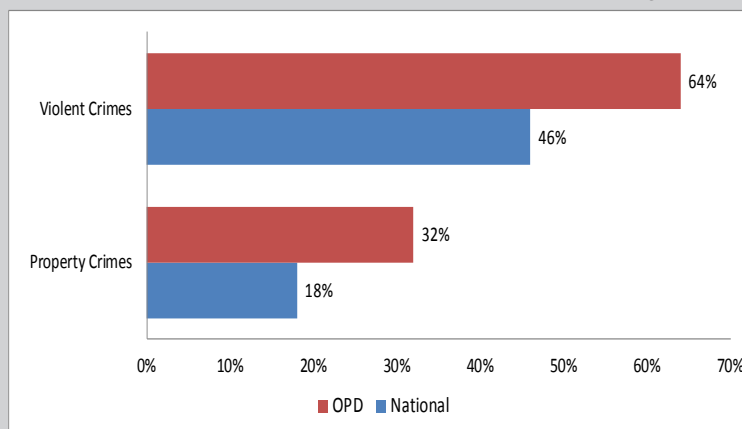
Part I Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)	
Category	2019
Arson	1
Assault (Aggravated)	12
Burglary	13
Criminal Homicide	0
Forcible Rape	0
Larceny (Theft)	105
Motor Vehicle Theft	11
Robbery	8
Total	150

Selected Part II Crimes	
Charges	2019
Assault (Simple)	660
Forgery & Counterfeiting	86
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	29
Vandalism	678
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	69
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	0
Sex Offenses (except rape)	45
Drug Abuse Violations	970
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	21
Driving Under the Influence	313
Liquor Laws	10
Drunkenness	460
Disorderly Conduct	294
Runaway	20
Fraud	103
Total	3,758

Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)	
Category	2019
Assault (Misdemeanor)	83
Domestic Violence	25
Disorderly Conduct	65
Drunkenness	7
DUI	4
Forgery/Fraud	2
Habitual Runaways	20
Narcotics	54
Receiving Stolen Property	18
Sex Offenses (except rape)	5
Vandalism	42
Weapons	14
All Other Offenses	98
Total	437

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for self-initiated and follow-up investigations of assigned cases. These cases are usually serious incidents such as, but not limited to, homicides, death investigations, robberies, sexual assaults, serious physical assaults, and other felony cases that demand unique investigative knowledge, additional time demands, and may require travel outside the local area. Case Management includes conducting thorough criminal investigations, interviewing witnesses and suspects, identifying and arresting offenders, and aiding in the successful prosecution of defendants. Investigators also procure and execute search warrants leading to the seizure of contraband and other evidence of criminal activity. During 2019, there were 2,648 cases investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division.



Clearance Rates

Traffic Unit

The primary function of the Traffic Unit is the strict enforcement of traffic laws. Other responsibilities include planning and traffic control for special events and providing escort service for funerals and dignitaries. The Traffic Unit also manages a Federal Highway Safety Grant. The Traffic Unit is staffed with one supervisor, two sworn officers, one civilian citation officer and five school crossing guards. Traffic officers also attempt to deter accidents through proactive enforcement techniques such as police radar, selective enforcement and state mobilizations. These actions help to reduce the number of accidents that may result in injury or death. Based on the concerns of residents, statistical data, or the officers' personal knowledge of an area, traffic officers will monitor target locations and issue citations in an effort to reduce traffic accidents. In 2019, the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit conducted 240 hours of selective enforcement and initiated 704 traffic stops. They responded to 2,454 calls for service and charged a total of 365 law violations. These violations included: citations for speeding, reckless driving, no motor vehicle insurance, failure to wear seat belt, various criminal arrests, and a large number of city ordinance violations. In addition to enforcement duties, the Traffic Unit provided traffic control and support for 38 special events.

Professional Standards Unit

The primary function of the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is to investigate all citizen complaints against police personnel and, as directed, complaints originating from within the police department itself. In 2019, the PSU conducted a total of 31 administrative investigations. There were 10 external complaints (complaints originating from the public) and 21 internal complaints (complaints originating from within the department). The final Case Disposition of the cases are as follows: 1 Unfounded, 2 Not Sustained, 13 Exonerated, 12 Sustained and 3 Closed without Findings.

Administrative Violation Allegations			
Abuse of Equipment	1	Neglect of Duty	1
Discourtesy	7	Obedience to Rules, Regs, Laws	22
Harassment	4	Property and Evidence Reqs	6
Improper Use of Force	21	Sexual Harassment	0
Improper Vehicle Operation	11	Unbecoming Conduct	34
Intervention	1	Unsatisfactory Performance	9
Total			117

Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender	
Caucasian	68.1 %
African American	30.5 %
Hispanic	0.7 %
Asian	0.7%
Male	81.4 %
Female	18.6 %

Hazardous Devices Unit

The Owensboro Police Department Hazardous Devices Unit was called into service 6 times in 2019. Members of the 3 man unit responded to incidents when requested by Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Western Kentucky. The HDU is trained in the safe handling and response to any suspected explosive device.



Evidence Collection Unit

In 2019, the ECU processed 1,060 drug cases. The Certified Latent Print Examiners processed 336 fingerprint cases. The ECU received 30 callouts, processed 8,591 property items and opened 3,217 cases.



Emergency Response Team

The team consists of specially trained police officers whose goal is to safely resolve dangerous incidents while placing emphasis on the safety of the public, other officers, and the suspect. The team also assists other departments with the protection of dignitaries ranging from the President of the United States, to the governor and others.



Records Division

The Records Division processed 3,275 accident reports, 11,851 Uniform Citations, and 5,211 Offense Reports for a total of 20,337 documents in 2019. The Records Division applied for and received several grants to include Highway Safety \$66,700, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security \$44,000 and Bulletproof Vest Partnership \$4921.05.

Honor Guard

The Owensboro Police Department Honor Guard attended various public and private events, funerals for active and retired officers, community parades and celebrations, presentation and posting of the Nation's colors at public and private ceremonies.



Central Dispatch - Calls for Service

Calls received on non-emergency lines -	139,436
911 cell phone calls -	53,161
911 landline calls -	3,282
VoIP (Voice over Internet) -	3,252
Total Calls -	199,131

Street Crimes Unit

The Street Crimes Unit is a major asset to the Owensboro Police Department. The Street Crimes Unit is a tactical narcotics/vice unit that is responsible for conducting covert drug operations and providing targeted law enforcement to special situations such as gambling, prostitution, or gang activity. The unit is staffed by one Sergeant and four detectives who often work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies in the region combating illegal drugs. The totals shown here are a fraction of all drugs confiscated by the Owensboro Police Department during 2019.

Street Crimes Unit Seizures	
Item	2019
Arrest	182
Charges	413
Meth Labs	1
Vehicles Seized	13
Cash Seized	\$79,593
Guns Seized	45
Marijuana	21.43 lbs
Methamphetamine	17.23 lbs
Heroin	0.42 oz
Cocaine	.25 oz

Support Services Division

Support Services

The Support Services Division provides services that support the Field Services functions of the Owensboro Police Department. The Support Services Division is commanded by Major David Powell. The division consists of six units including: Accreditation, Crime Prevention, Evidence Collection, Public Information, Records and Training.

The **Crime Prevention Unit** provides a wide range of educational programs, such as drug and alcohol awareness, theft and robbery prevention, vandalism and burglary prevention, and personal safety techniques. All programs are focused on a dual concept of eliminating and/or minimizing criminal opportunities while encouraging citizens to share safety responsibilities throughout our community. During 2019, CPU officers made over 100 public speaking engagements, gave 18 guided tours of the police department, conducted the annual Citizen's Police Academy, D.A.R.E. Golf Scramble, Police Awareness Day, and hosted many other programs offered by the Owensboro Police Department.

Programs

Bicycle Recovery	Neighborhood Watch
Business/Residential Security Surveys	Police Awareness Day
Camp K.O.P.S.	Police Explorer Post 766
Character Counts!	Public Speaking
Child Identification Program	School Resource Officer Program
Citizen's Academy	Security House Check
Citizen's Academy Alumni Association	Student Intern Program
D.A.R.E. Program	Vehicle Identification Program
L. A.W. School	Youth Citizen's Academy



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Public Information



The **Public Information Officer (PIO)** is responsible for the collection and distribution of information to the public. This officer coordinates contacts between divisions of the Owensboro Police Department and media representatives by arranging interviews and news conferences. The PIO uses tools such as the OPD website, Facebook, and Twitter to broadcast material that may impact the safety or be of general interest to the public. In 2019, approximately 110 press releases were disseminated on topics such as: missing persons, robberies, road conditions, arsons, bomb threats, and numerous accidents. Included in these releases were special event announcements pertaining to Run from the Cops 5k, No Shave Fundraiser, Operation Santa, and Coffee with a Cop. The PIO is committed to informing the community and maintaining a positive relationship between the Police Department and media outlets.

Training Unit

The **Training Unit** of the Owensboro Police Department strives to provide the best, most up to date, training for our officers. In 2019, the OPD Training Unit in conjunction with the Department of Criminal Justice Training scheduled five, 40 hour, in-service classes for officer's continued education. Furthermore, OPD hosted two, 8 hour, in-service classes for telecommunicators. Fourteen OPD Officers completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training held in Owensboro with four OPD Officers serving as instructors for the weeklong course. CIT training is a collaboration between law enforcement, mental health providers, and consumer advocacy groups. The course is designed to provide better response in dealing with subjects in crisis, who may be suffering from a mental illness. Additionally, the Training Unit distributes training material for review or updates on different subjects throughout the year. Various topics covered in 2019 include Legal Updates, Missing Persons, Fraud Reporting, Search and Seizure, Changes to City Ordinances, and the addition of Owensboro's Entertainment Destination Center downtown. The Training Unit also coordinated many department wide training sessions in 2019. The areas and skills trained include Response to Resistance Firearms Simulator, Range Firearms Qualifications (Day and Night), Vehicle Operations, and Response to Active Shooters.

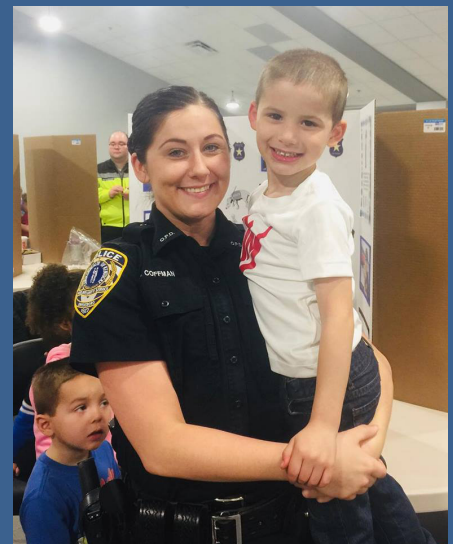
Specialized Training					
Type of Training					
	Emergency Response Team	Hazardous Device Unit	Crisis Negotiations Unit	Defensive Tactics	Accident Reconstruction Unit
Officers	15	3	11	4	7
Hours	2,880	576	224	180	1,344

Training Schedule					
Type of Training					
	In-service Total	Held at OPD	DOCJT Richmond	Other Locations	Online
Officers	109	14	42	58	98
Classes	76	3	37	20	16
Hours	5,642	560	2,575	2,342	382



Range - Firearms Qualifications		
	Spring	Fall
Officers	86	76
Hours	688	556

Telecommunications		
	In-service Training	Academy
Telecommunicators	28	1
Classes	15	1
Hours	607	205







In 2019, the Owensboro Police Department participated in the Real Men Wear Pink Campaign to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. In order to raise funds for this campaign, the department created a Breast Cancer Awareness patch that officers were allowed to wear on their uniforms for the month of October as well as selling t-shirts. The Owensboro Police Department raised a total of \$7,711 for the American Cancer Society through this campaign.



For the 3rd year in a row, members of the Owensboro Police Department participated in the annual Lip Sync Battle fundraiser benefiting Puzzle Pieces. In addition to countless hours of rehearsing their routines, members sought various ways to fundraise for the cause as well. This year, a commemorative autism awareness patch was designed and produced to sell. The colorful puzzle piece background design represented the diversity of the people and families living with autism and the puzzle pattern reflects the complexity of the autism spectrum. An outpouring of support from members of the department as well as the community allowed us to sell nearly 300 patches and raise \$2,000 for the cause.

