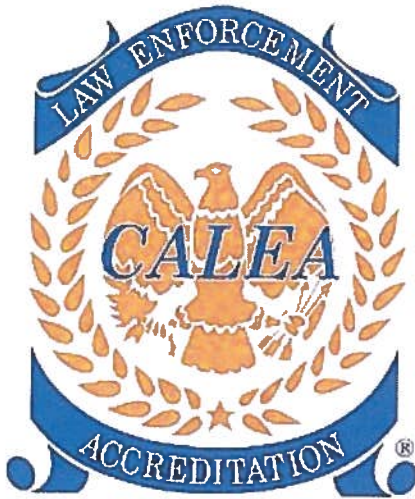


POLICING IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM 2019

"In Partnership with our Community"



This report contains information on Police Department crime statistics, Officers injured, opioid abuse, ICAC cases and related operational statistics for the year 2019. It does not cover everything that the Bethlehem Police Department does. I would like to thank all the Officers, civilian police personnel, Mounted Unit volunteers, Crossing guards, Block Watch leaders, and businesses who work with us each and every day, no matter what the situation is, to make Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a great and safe City to live, raise a family, work and retire.

I would also like to thank all the citizens of Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley who support and assist the Bethlehem Police Department through donations, volunteerism, assisting at events, and everything else they do during the year. Your actions, time and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mark A. DiLuzio
Chief of Police



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Understanding Crime - Breakdown of Offenses

Presently in Pennsylvania, crime statistics are gathered utilizing the Uniform Crime Reporting system. UCR reports were the primary crime reporting system in all 50 states. Within the next two years, the UCR system will be replaced with a newer computerized system called National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

PART I OFFENSES

Part I offenses are serious crimes and considered nationally to be Crime Index offenses. Crime Index offenses are broken down into two categories; Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. The number (0X00) after each of these crimes is the UCR Code number designated for that particular offense by the Department of Justice.

Violent Crimes include the crimes of :

- Murder 0100
- Rape 0200
- Robbery 0300
- Assault 0400

Property Crimes include the crimes of:

- Burglary 0500
- Larceny/Theft 0600
- Motor Vehicle Theft 0700
- Human Trafficking 0800
- Arson 0900

*NOTE – In the past years, a “0800” code was used to show “other Assaults, not Aggravated.” As of 2019, all assaults are now listed under 0400. 0800 is now used to identify Human Trafficking crimes. This simple change will increase the numerical under 0400 in Part I offenses since it now includes all assaults; from Felony Aggravated to Misdemeanor Simple to Summary grade Harassment.

PART II OFFENSES

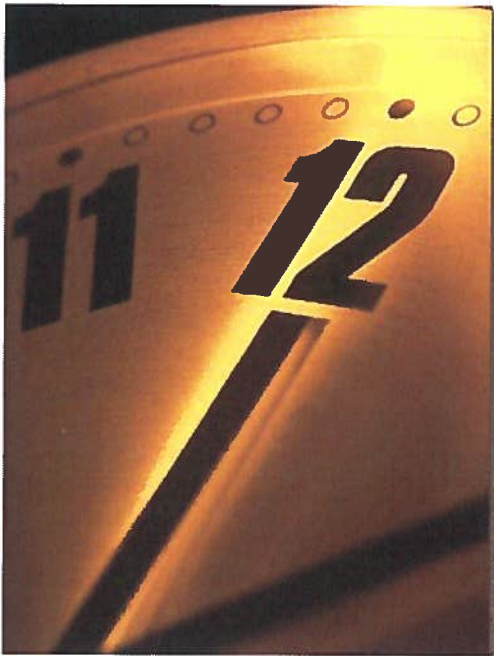
Part II offenses consist of all the serious crimes and minor crimes that are not part of the Part I Crime Index. Although not part of the National Crime Index, we still maintain statistics on these crimes because they affect the victims of those crimes, quality of life issues in our communities and our overall feelings of safety. Part II offenses include the crimes of:

- Forgery/Counterfeiting 1000
- Fraud 1100
- Embezzlement 1200
- Stolen Property 1300
- Vandalism 1400
- Carrying Weapons 1500
- Prostitution 1600
- Other Sexual Offenses 1700,
- Drug Sales and Drug Possession 1800
- Gambling 1900
- Family Offenses 2000
- Driving Under the Influence/DUI 2100
- Liquor Violations/ Underage Drinking 2200
- Public Drunkenness 2300
- Disorderly Conduct 2400
- Vagrancy 2500
- Other Offenses 2600

*NOTE - Some of these crimes are Felony grade crimes. Many are Misdemeanor and/or Summary Grade crimes.

FREQUENCY OF CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL



2018 CRIME CLOCK STATISTICS

A Violent Crime occurred every 26.2 seconds

One Murder every	32.5 minutes
One Rape every	3.8 minutes
One Robbery every	1.9 minutes
One Aggravated Assault every	39.2 seconds

A Property Crime occurred every 4.4 seconds

One Burglary every	25.7 seconds
One Larceny-theft every	6.1 seconds
One Motor Vehicle Theft every	42.2 seconds

PENNSYLVANIA CRIME FACTS

Pennsylvania's violent crime rate is 3.1 incidents per 1,000 people which is lower than the national rate of 3.7 per 1,000.

Pennsylvania's property crime rate is 14.9 incidents per 1,000 people which is well below the national rate of 22.0 per 1,000.

Larceny/Theft is the most common property crime in Pennsylvania, totaling 79% of the State's property Crimes.

Burglary accounts for 14% of all Violent Crime in Pennsylvania

BETHLEHEM CRIME STATISTICS FOR 2019

OVERALL CRIME IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM

OFFENSES	2016	2017	2018	2019
PART I	2109	1985	1517	*2427
PART II	3496	3622	3867	3221
TOTAL	5605	5607	5384	5648

*NOTE – In past years, 0800 was designated to show other Assaults, not Aggravated. In 2019, ALL assaults, Aggravated and lesser, are now listed under 0400. 0800 is now used to identify Human trafficking crimes. This simple change will increase the numerical under 0400 since it now includes all assaults; from Felony Aggravated to Misdemeanor Simple to Summary grade Harassment.

BREAKDOWN - PART I OFFENSES

	2016	2017	2018	2019
0100 Murder	6	0	1	0
0200 Rape	32	33	32	31

(Part I continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019
0300 Robbery	59	61	52	55
0400 Aggravated Assault	491	508	127	*1138
			*includes ALL Assaults in 2019	
0500 Burglary	215	189	217	166
0600 Theft	1235	1130	1017	977
0700 Vehicle Theft	64	57	66	48
0800 *Human Trafficking	-	-	-	0
			*Crimes of Human Trafficking are also counted under Rape & other Sexual Assault Crimes.	
0900 Arson	7	7	5	13
TOTAL PART I	2109	1985	1517	2427

BREAKDOWN - PART II OFFENSES

	2016	2017	2018	2019
0800 Other Assaults	487	498	954	*
			*included under 0400 in 2019	
1000 Counterfeiting	62	26	27	31
1100 Fraud	351	400	404	393
1200 Embezzlement	15	2	0	0
1300 Stolen Property	18	8	12	12
1400 Vandalism	541	652	479	514
1500 Weapons Possession	40	27	30	44
1600 Prostitution	0	3	4	15
1700 Sex Offenses	69	63	112	166
1800 Drugs	314	342	384	412

(Part II continued)

	2016	2017	2018	2019
2000 Family Offenses	29	21	58	56
2100 D.U.I.	391	355	279	287
2200 Liquor	78	74	45	21
2300 Drunkenness	373	370	418	378
2400 Disorderly Conduct	268	271	228	296
2600 All Other Offenses	460	510	433	618
TOTAL PART II	3496	3622	3867	3221

D.U.I. – DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE IN BETHLEHEM

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
DUI ARRESTS	389	406	391	355	279	287

DUI CHECKPOINTS & DUI ROVING PATROL IN BETHLEHEM

*DUI Checkpoints and Roving Patrols are funded through State Grants provided by the Highway Safety Commission.

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Checkpoints	9	7	8	8
DUI Roving Patrols	8	5	12	13

DUI Checkpoint Arrests & Citations

	DUI Arrests	Citations	Warnings
2016	18	72	56
2017	14	64	64
2018	16	51	40
2019	15	66	43

DUI Roving Patrol Arrests & Citations

	DUI Arrests	Citations	Warnings
2016	3	22	57
2017	1	13	39
2018	9	76	109
2019	6	85	98

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN THE CITY

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED CITYWIDE

	Citations	Warnings
2017	5980	2787
2018	6411	2425
2019	7237	2432

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN THE CITY

	ACCIDENTS		DUI RELATED ACCIDENTS	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Reportable	859	840	60	59
Non-Reportable	1912	1927	21	13
TOTAL	2771	2767	81	72

*A reportable accident is one in which a person is injured or the vehicle is towed due to damage. A non-reportable accident includes all other accidents

ACCIDENT FATALITIES (past 5 years)

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2019	4	(4 Vehicle Crashes)
FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2018	1	(1 Pedestrian crash)
FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2017	5	(1 Pedestrian and 4 Vehicle crashes)
FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2016	2	(1 Pedestrian and 1 Vehicle crash)
FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 2015	4	(4 Vehicles Crashes)

TOTAL FATALS 16

POLICE VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS WITH OTHER VEHICLES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	32	47	28	22	22	17
Reportable	8	4	6	4	3	5
Non-reportable	24	43	22	18	19	12
DUI related	2	3	2	2	0	0

BPD'S MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCSAP)

Bethlehem's MCSAP comes under the responsibility of the Traffic Division. Two Bethlehem Officers are among 700 specially trained State Troopers and Municipal Officers that inspect commercial vehicles and their drivers for compliance with federal and state motor carrier safety regulations. Inspections are conducted on these vehicles and depending on the violations, vehicles are removed from the highway. This statewide joint safety program is one way of keeping our highways and streets safe from non-inspected and dangerous trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles.

MCSAP Yearly – 2018 & 2019

	Officer Marks		Officer Manfredo	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Level 1 (full inspections)	44	47	61	54
Level 2 (Brakes not measured)	45	88	63	88
Level 3 (Paperwork only)	58	33	59	86
Hazmat Inspection	0	1	12	13
TOTAL	147	219	195	241
 MCSAP warnings issued	 399	 522	 658	 630
MCSAP citations issued	96	211	216	232

SPECIAL OPERATIONS / VICE UNIT INVESTIGATIONS

The Special Operations / Vice Unit is responsible for all undercover and drug investigations, long term and short term, in the City of Bethlehem. Many of the investigations are multi-jurisdictional. Some are prosecuted at the State level and some at the Federal level. The unit works with various Local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies and task forces.

Special Operations Detectives conduct basic investigations and detail electronic surveillance investigations. Several are members of Federal Task Forces and sworn in as federal agents. They receive training and equipment necessary to complete their job function in the City of Bethlehem and beyond; wherever their case leads them. These Task Forces also provide the City Police Department with many different federal state and county resources whenever needed.

Many arrests were the result of search warrants obtained through undercover investigations, confidential sources, short term and long term and electronic surveillance investigations. The Unit seizes firearms, vehicles and the proceeds of drug dealing under the both State and Federal Drug Forfeiture Acts.

In the fall of 2019, Special Operations Detectives finalized two trafficking investigations involving heroin & fentanyl into the City. As a result of these investigations, approximately \$1,000,000.00 worth of heroin and fentanyl were seized. During the course of the year, Detectives seized every type of controlled substance from Heroin, Fentanyl, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, MDMA, OxyContin, Clonazepam, Methylphenidate, Codeine and multiple other prescription drugs and synthetic drugs

ARRESTS / SEIZURES BY UNIT PAST FOUR YEARS

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Arrests made	133	120	140	98
Search warrants executed		57	45	27
Firearms sized	20	11	16	13
Various agencies worked with	23	24	24	12
State Forfeiture Cash seized	152,207	*90,773	91,248	139,432

***also forfeited \$223,133 & 18 vehicles**

***Does not include cash or vehicles seized under federal forfeiture laws.**

***The above arrest & firearm totals do not include drug arrests & firearms made by Patrol officers and other Units.**

OVERDOSE CALLS AND NALOXONE SAVES BY BPD OFFICERS AND EMS

Americans die each day from opioid overdoses in the United States (approximately 70,000 plus each year). Pennsylvania is third in the nation in overdose deaths. This is a National Public Health crisis that needs to be addressed at Local, State and Federal Levels. We have lost more lives to this crisis than we have in past wars. This issue cannot be handled by law enforcement alone.

The Bethlehem Police Department began the Naloxone Program in January 2016. All 154 Officers are trained in the symptoms of narcotic overdoses and Naloxone administration. Officers were trained in January and February 2016 and began administering Naloxone in March 2016. Within 24 hours of the introduction of this program, a Bethlehem Police Officer utilized Naloxone and saved the life of an overdose victim. The following is a chart of usage and lives saved in Bethlehem broken down by County.

OVERDOSE CALLS RESPONDED TO BY BPD in 2019

Total Lives Saved by BPD	2016	2017	2018	2019
	28	73	72	45
Northampton County - Bethlehem	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lives Saved	26	62	54	38
Lehigh County- Bethlehem	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lives Saved	2	11	18	7
Gender of victim -	2016	2017	2018	2019
Male	26	52	52	37
Female	2	21	19	8
Survival after Administration of Naloxone	2016	2017	2018	2019
Yes	26	72	72	39
No	2*	*1	*1	*7

(*Passed away in Medical facility)

AGES OF OVERDOSE VICTIMS

Age	2016	2017	2018	2019
18-30	11	24	23	11
31-50	13	39	36	28
51-80	4	10	12	7

*NOTE - Bethlehem City Paramedics also administer Narcan / Naloxone along with the Fire Department.

TOTAL LIVES SAVED IN CITY BY POLICE, FIRE & EMS USING NALOXONE

	2017	2018	2019
POLICE	73	72	45
CITY EMS	115	78	81
FIRE	0	15	21
FAMILY	0	0	13
TOTAL	188	165	160

WIND CREEK CASINO COMPLEX

The Wind Creek Casino Complex attracts over 20,000 people a day to Bethlehem. It is one of the busiest Casinos in the State. With any large gathering of people, there are public safety calls and issues. In 2019, 8,334,744 people visited and passed through the Wind Creek Casino Complex.

	2016	2017	2018	2019
POLICE calls to Wind Creek	1094	646	704	1249
Crime Calls –	230	175	245	226
Incidents -	864	471	459	1023
EMS calls Wind Creek	731	476	548	543
FIRE calls Wind Creek	153	130	116	90
TOTAL CALLS	1978	1252	1368	1882

*The vast majority of these calls are non-criminal in nature. Many are EMS assist calls, fire calls, parking issues, minor accidents in the parking deck, welfare checks, suspicious persons, injured persons, disagreements or similar type service calls. Serious crime does occur and many of these crimes are quickly solved with arrests made due to vast number of surveillance cameras and security staff on duty. Considering, on an average, 22,835 people pass through Wind Creek each day, the total number of crimes at Wind Creek Casino in 2019 is again relatively low.

5 YEAR SANDS / WINDCREEK PEOPLE COUNTS

YEAR	TOTAL	DAILY AVERAGE
2015	8,154,039	22,340
2016	8,796,739	24,101
2017	8,896,075	24,373
2018	8,651,993	23,704
2019	8,334,744	22,835
5 YEAR TOTAL	42,833,590	
5 YEAR DAILY AVERAGE	23,470	

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY IN THE CITY

Every year across the United States, Police Officers are injured and killed in the line of duty. In 2019, 147 Police Officers lost their lives in the line of Duty. 48 Police Officers died from Gunfire alone. 1 Officer was killed in Pennsylvania. Approximately 60,000 Officers are assaulted each year.

In Bethlehem, 96 Officers were injured on duty in 2019. 76% of the injuries received were from altercations and actions of individuals who were being arrested or taken into custody. 8 Individuals were arrested and charged with criminally assaulting Bethlehem Officers (felony Aggravated Assault) in 2019.

The following is a five year breakdown of injuries (OJI) of Police Officers by month and year for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019.

BETHLEHEM OFFICERS INJURED (past 5 years)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	14	3	2	4	2
February	8	2	4	5	13
March	6	6	5	3	8
April	8	8	8	5	6
May	5	8	11	8	13
June	9	4	7	11	7
July	6	2	5	8	5
August	6	4	7	5	1
September	6	5	3	4	6
October	10	3	13	8	3
November	12	3	7	6	7
December	3	3	5	7	25
TOTAL	93	51	77	74	96

OFFICER INJURIES BY TYPE AND YEAR

TYPE	2017	2018	2019
Fighting injures from arrests	26	32	35
Falling/Tripping (from chase)	6	12	6
Bites - dogs/humans	5	2	5
Fleas	7	0	0
Body Fluids thrown	13	8	32
Training	9	11	8
Drug Exposure	0	2	1
Other/Misc.	11	7	9
Total	77	74	96

*NOTE- In 2019, there was a 6% increase in officer injures that were a result of fighting, resisting arrest or other resistance/aggressive action by an individual the officer was taking into custody.

BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY

SEX / GENDER OF OFFICERS

SEX	2014	2020
Male	143	144
Female	6	10
Total	*149	*154 (as of 6/2020)

(*Budgeted strength is 154 Officers)

SEX, RACE & ETHNICITY

2014 (149 Officers)

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Middle Eastern	Other
Male	132	4	5	1	1	0
Female	6	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	138	4	5	1	1	0

2020 (154 Officers)

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Middle Eastern	Other
Male	125	5	12	0	2	0
Female	9	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	134	5	12	1	2	0

CITY ETHNICITY

White – 78.7 % (Hispanic -28.5%)
 Black – 7%
 Asian – 2.9%
 Other – 5.8%

POLICE COMPLAINTS BY CITIZENS

Citizen Complaints – a Five year study

2015	38
2016	32
2017	20
2018	11
2019	24

Total 125 / 5 years

Complaints by Sex	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Male	23	19	6	5	14	(54%)
Female	15	13	14	6	9	(46%)
Total	38	32	20	11	24	

Complaints by Race	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL	
White	26	20	13	8	16	83	(66.4%)
Black	4	7	4	1	5	21	(16.8%)
Hispanic	6	5	2	2	3	18	(14.4%)
Other	2		1			3	(2.4%)
Total	38	32	20	11	24	125	

911 CALL VOLUME & ARRESTS FOR 2019

Total 911 call volume for 2019 - 61,471 calls

(*24 complaints out of 61,471 calls.....0.03904 % complaint rate

Average calls per month in 2019 - 5123 calls

Total custodial criminal arrests made in 2019 – 1305 arrests

Total All Arrests made in 2019 - 3308

THE BETHLEHEM POLICE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) UNIT.

The BPD ICAC Unit is part of the ICAC Task Force. A City Detective is assigned to and works with this Task Force. The ICAC Task Force is a national network of 61 coordinated task force units representing over 3000 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child sexual and physical abuse, child exploitation and child pornography involving the internet.

The Bethlehem Detective assigned investigates and prosecutes crimes at both the state and federal levels. He is part of the Pennsylvania State ICAC Task Force which operates out of Delaware County and also the FBI ICAC Task Force. The protection of our children from child predators who navigate the internet is a high priority of this administration.

	2018		2019	
Documented Complaints / Investigations	8		14	
Cyber Complaints Rec'd / Investigations	45		27	
Arrests	4		9	
	State	Federal	State	Federal
Subpoenas issued	15	4	16	0
Search Warrants	20	0	16	0
Electronics Seized:				
Hard Drives seized	15		9	
Cell Phones seized	17		15	

MOUNTED PATROL UNIT – A COMMUNITY UNIT

In 2009, Officers on horseback returned to the Bethlehem Police Department after a 63 year hiatus. 2019 marked the Mounted Unit's ten year anniversary. Presently, the Mounted Unit is composed of a Sergeant and three Officers along with five horses. Except for \$6000 a year in the Police budget, the Unit is funded entirely by donations through "Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police," a 501c3 organization.

The Mounted Unit works with many community groups, businesses, both Lehigh & Moravian University and attends and polices many of the City's 150 plus events and festivals each year plus regular patrol. Volunteers from "Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police" assist the Officers and horses at many events and also at the Mounted Facility with the care, feeding and safety of the animals. Thousands of hours each year are spent by these devoted volunteers. These volunteers perform functions that otherwise the officers would have to do along with their normal duties. Each year, thousands of hours are logged by these devoted volunteers, an expense that city taxpayers do not fund.

Below is a 5 year study of those hours. In 2019 for example, volunteers dedicated 2238 hours to the Mounted Unit. That's an average of 6 hours per day. If we had to pay officers for this, we would be spending anywhere between \$60,538.00 and \$90,796 per year. Over a five year period, Mounted Volunteers spent 11,436 hours and saved city taxpayers anywhere between approximately \$291,802.00 and \$437,727.38.

MOUNTED UNIT VOLUNTEER HOURS BY YEAR

Past 5 YEARS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Barn Hours	1179	1196	1232	1087	1413
Event hours	973	1116	1346	1069	825
TOTAL	2152	2312	2578	2156	2238

TAX DOLLARS SAVED BY THE MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS

Regular pay/hour	\$24.03	\$24.75	\$25.49	\$26.26	\$27.05
*\$\$\$ Saved	\$51,712	\$57,222	\$65,713	\$56,616	\$60,538
Overtime pay/hour	\$36.05	\$37.13	\$38.24	\$39.39	\$40.57
*\$\$\$ Saved	\$77,580	\$85,844	\$98,583	\$84,925	\$90,796

*the above dollar amounts are based on a first year officer regular pay / OT pay scale.

A LOOK AT CRIME IN BETHLEHEM – PAST 13 YEARS

THE NUMBERS

YEAR	PART I	PART II	TOTAL
2019	2428	3221	5649
2018	1517	3867	5384
2017	1985	3622	5607
2016	2109	3496	5605
2015	1849	4372	6221
2014	2072	4533	6605
2013	2230	4376	6606
2012	2225	4612	6837
2011	2109	4951	7060
2010	2340	4606	6946
2009	2188	4348	6536
2008	2696	4514	7210
2007	2354	4593	6947

HIGHS AND LOWS OVER THE PAST 13 YEARS

HIGH / LOW	YEAR	TOTAL
Highest Year Crime Rate	2008	7210
Lowest Year Crime Rate	2018	5384
Highest Year - Part I	2008	2696
Lowest Year - Part I	2018	1517
Highest Year Part II	2011	4951
Lowest Year Part II	2019	3221

ANIMAL CONTROL IN BETHLEHEM

Like any other City, Bethlehem has its share of animal control issues. They range from dogs running at large, to dog bites, to rabies issues, to feral cats and non-domesticated animal complaints; like deer, skunks, snakes, peacocks, alligators, raccoons and bear calls, to name a few.

Being a 3rd class City, the City is responsible for animal control functions and maintaining a kennel/holding facility. Presently, we are working with the State and local Humane Officers and possess a temporary kennel license. Within the next year, we hope to convert our temporarily license to a regular license with the construction of a kennel/holding facility so that the City can be in line with 3rd class City code and State Animal Control laws.

The following are animal control numbers on dogs alone. We have an active Trap, Neuter, Release program (TNR) with No Nonsense Neutering (NNN) and are working with NNN to alleviate our feral cat issues in the City. Since we just started the TNR program last year, at this time I do not have any numbers on that program.

ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS FOR 2018 and 2019

	2018	2019
Total Animal Related Calls	217	217
Total Animals in Custody	1165	1294
Animal calls per Day	3.2 calls	3.5 calls
Total dogs re-united With Owners (%)	70%	72%

CLOSING COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF

The Bethlehem Police Department is a professional and progressive law enforcement agency. The police department is composed of 154 sworn police officers plus civilian personnel. The Bethlehem Police Department is accredited at the national level by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). Of the 17,000 police and sheriff departments nationwide, only 800 are CALEA accredited. The Bethlehem Police Department is proud to be one of the 800.

The Bethlehem Police Department is also accredited at the state level by PLEAC (Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission). Of the 1184 police and sheriff departments in Pennsylvania, only 120 are PLEAC accredited. The Bethlehem Police Department is proud to be one of them and proud to be one of only 4% of law enforcement agencies nationwide that are dually accredited by CALEA and their State (PLEAC).

In Bethlehem, Accreditation has increased and improved the training we supply to our officers, improved operations, updated our technology (in-car dash videos, police body cameras, computers, etc.) and has assisted us in continuing the Community Oriented Police style we utilize. Accreditation provides a police department with a system to maintain the most current and best standards and practices, policies and procedures available to law enforcement. Accreditation provides accountability, transparency and continuous improvement throughout the agency.

Over the past few years, communication between the police and citizens has been stressed due to several violent police-citizen encounters. Each year, Bethlehem Police issues a report on police activity in the City. This report is important to us. The report provides citizen and elected officials a chance to view what their police agency does. It provides openness and transparency of crime information and other important police information.

Not everything the police do is in this report. But each year, we add and will continue to add to it to satisfy the needs and concerns of our community. We believe that the information provided will help civilians and elected officials to gauge the actions, duties and behavior of their police department.

With the death of George Floyd in Minnesota, there have been many questions about police use of force. There have been calls for agencies to release their use of force policy. In Bethlehem, we released our entire policy, as is, for the public to view. As Chief, I believe we have an excellent use of force policy which adopts the highest law enforcement standards, and follows federal and state case law and guidelines.

A use of force report will be released within the next few weeks by BPD. This report will provide the public with detailed information on how often force is used and the type of force utilized. Other informational reports on issues of concern are being researched and will also be released at later dates. We will be releasing these informational reports because transparency and education of the public on issues of concern like use of force is very important to us. Currently, there is a lot of false information on the internet concerning the use of force and other police issues. We believe that it is important to provide the public with factual information and to educate them on what their police department does and how their police department operates.

In Bethlehem, we are listening to and working with our Community members. Partnering with citizens, community groups, Blockwatches, merchants and businesses is extremely important in today's society. Police cannot do the job alone. We need to work together as a community to solve our problems. When Police and the Community work together, crime and other problems, can be solved, creating a better community in which we all live, work, play, raise a family and retire.

As Chief of Police, I am very proud of all the officers of the Bethlehem Police Department and the services they perform for the citizens of Bethlehem. I know this City has an excellent police department. Under accreditation, we will continue to improve our standards and policies to reflect what society's needs are today. We will continue to respond to all calls for help and to function in a progressive, fair and transparent manner. The Bethlehem Police Department is an excellent police department and we will continue to improve and be better.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank You.

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