

***Marion Police
Department***

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



Office of the Chief of Police

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Marion Police Department

Marion, North Carolina

I am proud to present this Annual Report on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Marion Police Department. Our Command staff has worked hard to prepare this report, which includes relevant and accurate highlights and activities of calendar year 2018. We hope you find the information to be beneficial.

Our department continues to look for ways to improve our overall service to the community by combating crime in our neighborhoods through training and enforcement, staying involved in community projects and business development, and working with other agencies in a combined effort to provide a safe and stable environment for all who live, work, and play inside the City of Marion. Our Leadership has remained vigilant in allocating resources as effectively and efficiently as possible. Our weekly Command Staff meetings allow us to discuss the most significant current issues and encourage us to continue looking forward in constant improvement. We are trying to work smarter in everything we do.

In November of 2018, the Marion Police Department transferred to the NIBRS Federal Reporting System. This change over will occur in all North Carolina law enforcement agencies by 2021. This change in reporting systems combines certain crimes under a single heading, which reduces our ability to report solely on certain crimes that we have in recent years past. These changes will be noted at the bottom of each page.

The men and women of the Marion Police Department are proud to be a part of the City of Marion and will continue to work hard to provide the highest standard of law enforcement and customer service to its citizens. We recognize the challenges the City faces and commit ourselves to being good stewards of the taxpayers' money while never sacrificing the high level of character and professionalism expected and deserved by our community. We thank you for the opportunity to serve and look forward to another successful year.

Highlights for the Year 2018

Support Services:

- The City of Marion Open House was held May 12 where all of McDowell County School 3rd Graders took a tour of all City of Marion departments including the police department. The children were welcomed by officers and staff, then was given on a tour of the building and was shown outdoor displays of police car, police motorcycle and other specialized equipment. The children were told about different topics of safety, dangers of drugs and more, then was allowed to ask questions to officers.
- The department held their annual National Night Out event on Main Street on August 7, offering a night of free food, games, informational booths, and prizes.
- Officer Robert Walker was voted Officer of the Year by department members.
- Officer Jerry Lewis won the Top Gun Award
- The following officers achieved Expert Firearms Award; DJ Barrier, Officer Austin Brooks, Officer Nathan Greene, Sgt. JC Cyr, Sgt. R.J.Hink, Officer Daniel Hoskins, Officer Matt Huggins, Chief Allen Lawrence, Officer Jerry Lewis, Sgt. Corey Loftis, Inv. Travis Maltba, Officer Tyler Puckett, Inv. Eric Rodriguez, Officer Chad Walker, Officer Robert Walker, and Cpl. Christian Wyatt.
- The Annual Department Christmas Dinner was held at the city Depot.
- The department participated in the McDowell High School Job Fair that is held every year.
- On Thanksgiving Day, Marion Police Department once again participated in the Special Thanksgiving Meals Program at the Senior Center. This was the ninth year that Marion Police worked to support this program. This day was given by the Officers free and voluntary with no expectation of recognition. 369 meals were delivered inside the City and another 3000 in the County and Old Fort. Meal delivery started at 10:00am and all meals were placed by noon. The Charles Queen Chapter of Fraternal Order of Police and department members also served meals to 300 citizens at the McDowell County Senior Center.
- Officers and Staff along with other McDowell County law enforcement and emergency personnel participated in the Nebo Crossing Church, December event "Shop with a Hero". McDowell County youth were paired up with emergency personnel for an evening of shopping.
- Department was awarded a NC Governors Highway Safety Grant. An electronic speed sign warning system was purchased and a DWI Simulator.
- The third annual Citizens Police Academy graduated 21 students.
- The agency continued to support both West Marion and Marion East Community Forums throughout the year.

Administrative Division:

- Ordinance Officer Noles and School Resource Officer Mike Hensley participated in the 5th Grade 4-H event held at the McDowell Ag Center.
- Ordinance Officer Noles updated 60 Marion Business Emergency Contacts. The updates was used to maintain the RMS and CAD programs so business owners can be contacted during an emergency.
- Chief Lawrence and Command Staff participated in community unity service held at East McDowell Middle School in September.
- Lt. Rusty Jenkins, Officer Dj Barrier, and SRO Mike Hensley participated in the Call Me Mister Program at Marion Elementary School.
- School Resource Officers conducted School Safety Site Surveys at all of the schools within the city limits of Marion.

Patrol Division:

- Officer's Wilson, Maltba, Davis, and Lewis obtained their POII status.
- Corporal Daniel Hoskins was promoted to Sergeant.
- New Full-Time Hires: Lacey Presnell, Jerry Wagner (Patrol Officer), Randy Caudill and Cole Finley became full time patrol officers (previously reserve officers).
- Department employees participated in more than twenty-seven (27) community events throughout the year. Officers were on hand at many of the events with equipment and informational booths. Various traffic safety checkpoints also took place around the city utilizing various law enforcement agencies.
- Patrol Officers assisted the local FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) in delivering meals that were donated by Anwer Gallini for the elderly of McDowell County.
- K-9 Marsoc and Corporal Christian Wyatt checked on duty, making him the second K-9 unit in the history of the department.

Criminal Investigations Division:

- Members participated and/or assisted with the Lilly's Place Advocacy Center board meetings, weekly meeting with the District Attorney's Office, Crime Stoppers and Region C meetings (at these meetings agencies from Rutherford, Polk, and McDowell County's to discuss crime trends).
- Members participated and/or assisted with the community medicine drop events throughout the city during the year. 60 pounds collected from the medicine drop events were collected.
- Officer Travis Maltba transferred into the Criminal Investigation Division from the Patrol Division.
- SRO Mike Hensley taught 12 Drivers Education Classes at McDowell High School totaling 24 hours.
- Officer Dj Barrier was appointed the agencies full time Training Coordinator.

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Marion Police Department

Mission Statement

The mission of Marion Police Department is to provide a professional level of police service to the citizens and visitors of Marion. We are committed to improving the quality of life, increasing public safety and protecting our community.

Vision Statement

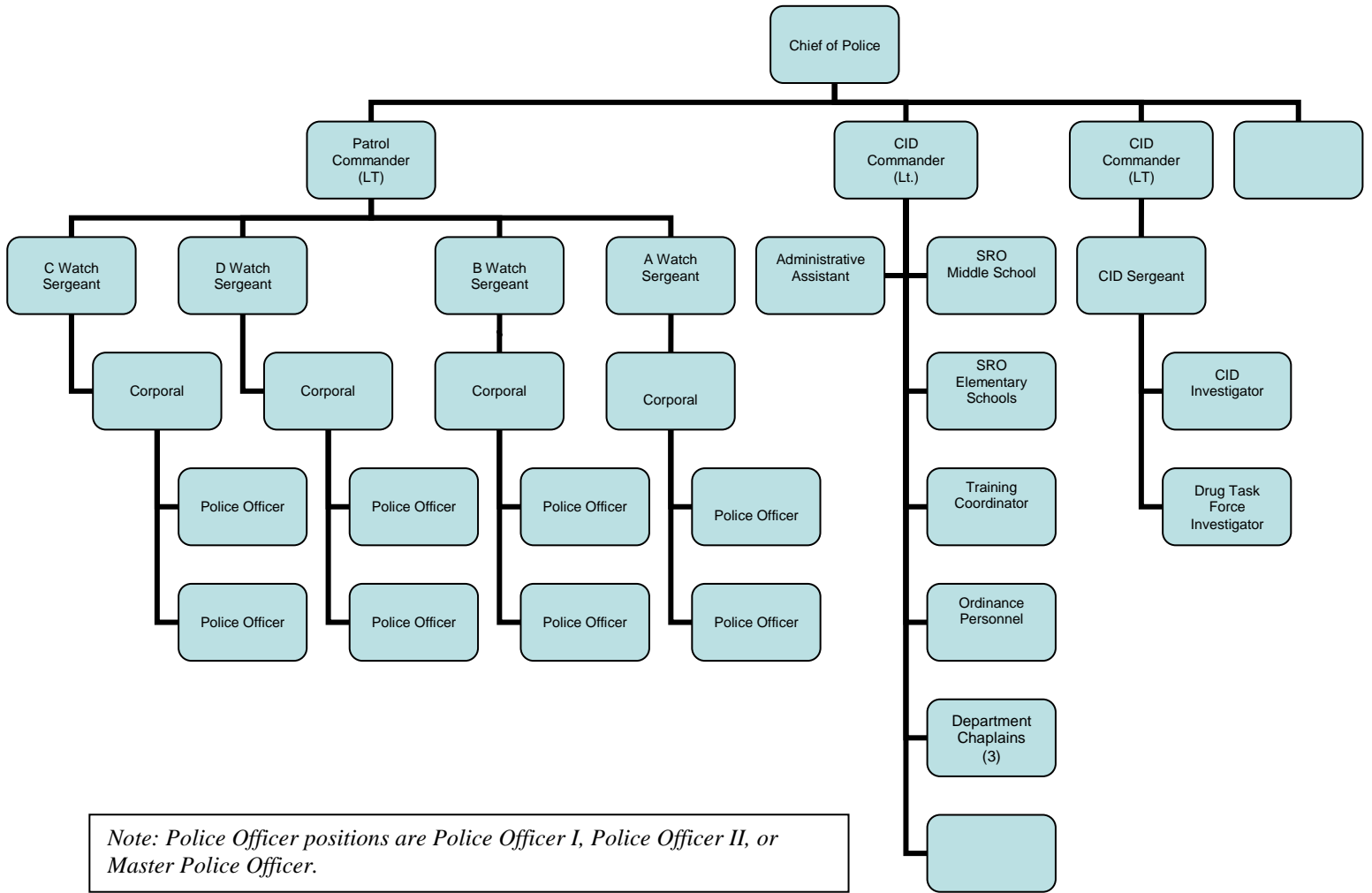
To provide the highest level of service to our community through excellence in performance.

Core Values

Professionalism through *courage*, *leadership* and *teamwork!*

Marion Police Department Organizational Chart

(updated 01/01/19)



Support Services:	Chief	1
	Investigative Lieutenant	1
	Patrol Lieutenant	1
	Volunteer Chaplin	2
Support Services (Full-Time):		0
Support Services(Chaplains):		2

Criminal Investigations Division:	Lieutenant	
	Sergeant	1
	Narcotics	1
	Investigator	1
	Training Coordinator	1
	School Resource Officer	2
	Parking Enforcement / Animal Control (Non-sworn)	1
	Administrative Assistant	1
Criminal Investigations Division (Full-Time Civilian):		2
Criminal Investigations Division (Full-Time Sworn):		5
Criminal Investigations Division (Part-Time Civilians)		0
Administrative Services (Reserve Sworn): #####		

Patrol Division:	Lieutenant	
	Patrol Sergeants	4
	Patrol Corporals	1
	Patrol Officers	11
	vacant position (Officer)	0
	Reserve Officers	6
	Unallocated (vacant) positions (Reserve Officer)	0
Patrol Division (Full-Time):		16

Total Authorized Full-Time: 26 Sworn / 2 Non-Sworn	28
Total Part-Time Civilians: 0 Sworn / 1 Non-Sworn	0
Total Reserves and Volunteers: 5 Sworn / 2 Non-Sworn	6

Part 1 Crime Comparison – Violent Crimes

Cities and states review “Part 1 Crimes” in determining the rise and fall in the crime rates nationally. Uniform Crime Reporting standards work to compare cities and states in a standard way. The crimes captured under the “Part 1 Crimes” category are those used for national comparison.

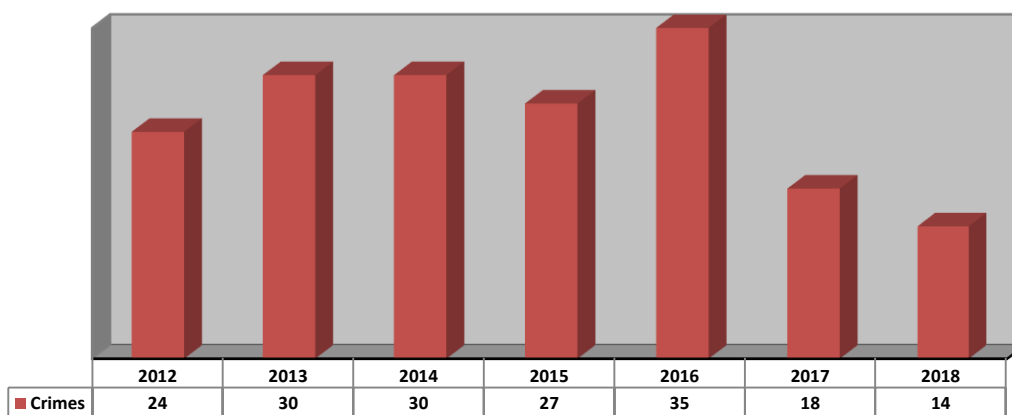
“Part 1 Crimes” is inclusive of two separate break downs of the following categories: violent crimes and property crimes. Numbers for the last four years for violent crimes are depicted in the table and graph below.

Violent Crimes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Murder	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0%
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0%
Robbery	4	4	5	6	6	4	3	-25%
Aggravated Assault	20	26	24	18	27	11	8	-27%
Total	24	30	30	27	35	18	14	-22%

** Uniform Crime Stats are posted in April*

The percentage of change is a comparison of the numbers from the year 2015 to the year 2016 only. During the year of 2016, violent crimes as a whole increased over the previous year.

Part 1 Violent Crimes 2012 through 2016



Part 1 Crime Comparison – Property Crimes

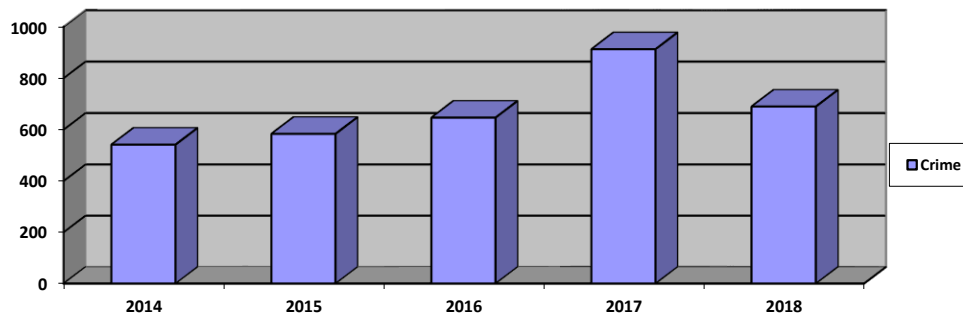
Property Crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Breaking and Entering	171	190	179	232	178	-23%
Larceny	353	377	403	631	474	-24%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	15	30	44	35	-20%
Arson	0	2	0	6	3	-50%
Total	542	542	584	913	690	-24%

* Uniform Crime Stats are posted in April

The percentage of change is a comparison of the numbers from the year 2015 to the year 2016 only. During the year of 2016, property crimes as a whole increased by 11% over the previous year.

Larceny Breakdown	2015	2016	2017	2018
Breaking & Entering to Auto with Larceny	67	23	113	87
B & E to Coin Operated Machines	2	1	2	3
Larceny of Auto Parts or Accessories	7	5	6	8
Thefts from Buildings or Businesses	12	11	91	59
All Other Larcenies	362	371	241	225

Part 1 Property Crimes 2014 through 2016



Communications Center

Calls Received by Center	2015	2016	2017	2018
Calls For Service	38,740	93,396	77,392	85,196
9-1-1 calls	16,352	20,762	19,774	24,840
Processed CAD Police Calls	2015	2016	2017	2018
Police Service Calls	20,762	15,534	21,853	21,637
Property Checks Conducted	1,775	2,100	2,528	1,930
Special Checks Conducted	517	485	160	160
Utility Calls	48	45	74	199
Follow-ups	1,257	2,044	1,267	1,114
Auxiliary Entries	7,054	7,155	4,122	15,366
Total Processed CAD Calls	27,919	25,461	30,727	40,406

Special Checks are conducted for businesses and residences who express a special need for increased security. Property Checks are conducted for vacationing or hospitalized citizens.

Auxiliary Entries included but not limited to; training, meetings, marking and checking tires, special duties, and court.

The data represents the data entry, radio call dispatch and telephone interactivity responsibilities for the McDowell EMS, McDowell Rescue Squad, Marion Police Department and 11 County/City Fire Departments. In 2012 the McDowell County Sheriff Office was merged into the central communications and the data reflects the addition of their calls for service. The Communication Center plays a vital role to the citizens of the City of Marion, McDowell County, Town of Old Fort, and every department they serve.

Patrol Field Operations

Patrol Field Operations	2015	2016	2017	2018
Drug-Related Arrest Charges by Patrol Officers	64	225	293	100
Alcohol-Related Arrest Charges by Patrol Officers	40	38	62	92
Assistance to Other Agencies	90	91	77	100
Officer Initiated Activity	2015	2016	2017	2018
House/Business Checks Conducted	518	653	466	238
All Other Special Checks Conducted	1,775	2,567	2,688	1,830
Walk-ins	545	203	370	389
Call Follow-ups	1257	2,044	1,267	2,308*
Calls for Service	2015	2016	2017	2018
Warrants Served	468	355	486	704
Response to Burglar and Bank Alarms	739	758	646	708
Stranded Motorist Assists / Traffic Hazard	813	1,217	902	849
Domestic Disputes	484	429	528	527
Civil Matters (2014 Civil Disputes / Disturbances)	70	44	42	39
Traffic Accidents Investigated	685	744	1,209	701
Checking Suspicious Person and Vehicles	2,234	1,925	2,319	2,304
Animal Complaints / Dogs at Large	643	529	490	495
Disturbance/Nuisance/Noise (2014 Loud Music / Loud Noise Complaints)	831	792	701	771
Larcenies	659	731	828	713
Stab/Gunshot/Penetrating(2013 Shots Fired / Armed Subject Responses	11	8	7	7
Robbery Responses	4	2	4	7
All other calls for service	8,969	8,541	14,593	15,366
Total Calls for Service	16,182	20,208	21,853	23,191

*2018 Call follow-ups – Combined Telephone follow-ups as well as Officer/Investigative follow-ups.

Extra Duty Activities

Officers are regularly involved in activities that are in addition to their regularly assigned responsibilities and outside of their current work schedules. The majority of these activities consist of city sponsored events such as Mountain Glory, Christmas Parade, City Sidewalk Yard Sales, and New Years Eve Event. Peacekeeping missions that are funded through private parties such as McCloud Center, Walmart and other various organizations pay for off-duty police services, and are critical to the overall management of police activities and resources. Without their assistance, our on-duty staff would often be overwhelmed with calls for service.

Listed below is a breakdown (in man hours) of the top 9 events that took place in the city in 2018.

Event	Man Hours			
	2017	2018		
New Year Event	24	17		
Recovery Rally	12	9.5		
Livermush Festival Concert	10	13		
July 4 Parade and Celebration	12	34		
Mr. Bobs Donut Festival	6	66.5		
National Night Out	96	96		
Mountain Glory	54	68.5		
Christmas Parade	12	24.5		
Big Foot Festival	0	64.25		
Totals	226	393.25		

Other Special Activities or Event's conducted during normal duty hours:

Other Events in 2018

Blue Ridge Bike Run
Church Kids Community Service
Church Safety Events(4)
Verizon Home Fest Event
YMCA Healthy Kids Day
Marion Elementary Spring Fling
MHS Drivers Ed Class Event(5)
Kids Safety Camp – EMS
Walk/Bike to School Day
MTCC Mopar Event
Black Mnt Safety Event
Marion Cruise In's (6)
Mr. MHS Pageant
School Safety Events(2)
4H Safety Field Day (2)
MHS Stream Fair
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Department Tours (4)
8th Grade Field Day
Make an Impact 5K
NCLink Job Fair
First Baptist Daycare Meet Officer Day(4)
Honor War Hero's Wall Event
MHS Safety Carnival
Shop with a COP program
Security Detail for Government Official (7)
Lunch with Leaders at Eastfield (6)
City Open House
McDowell Early College Career Day
Citizen Police Academy
Sidewalk Yard sale
Melodies on Main
Homecoming Parade

Incident and Arrest Comparison for Community Offenses

Incident Comparison for Community Offenses	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aggravated Assault	19	22	17	8
Arson	2	3	3	3
Breaking and Entering	113	106	123	91
Breaking & Entering to Auto with Larceny	61	59	98	159
Damage to Personal & Real Property	79	72	107	175
Forgery & Uttering	3	3	6	46*
Fraud	15	11	24	
Larceny	383	414	375	327
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	30	36	35
Murder	1	2	0	0
Obtaining Property or Money by False Pretense	59	61	32	91*
Rape	2	2	3	3*
Robbery	6	6	3	3
Sexual Assault	4	2	2	1*
Total Incident Comparison for Community Offenses	761	761	818	942

Arrest Comparison for Community Crimes	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aggravated Assault	5	5	3	0
Arson	1	0	0	1
Breaking and Entering	10	9	9	30
Breaking & Entering to Auto with Larceny	9	7	10	0
Damage to Personal & Real Property	7	4	16	17
Forgery & Uttering	3	0	0	-
Fraud	4	1	0	7
Larceny	70	55	60	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	9	6	8
Murder	1	2	0	0
Obtaining Property or Money by False Pretense	9	13	11	26
Rape	1	0	0	0
Robbery	0	2	1	3
Sexual Assault	6	0	0	2
Total Arrest Comparison for Community Crimes	123	107	116	198

NIBRS Reporting Changes

Forgery and Uttering is now reported as Fraud

Obtaining Property by False Pretense is now reported as False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game

Rape is to include Statutory Rape

Sexual Assault is now reported as Sodomy, Incest, Sexual Assault with Object, Human Trafficking, and Commercial Sex.

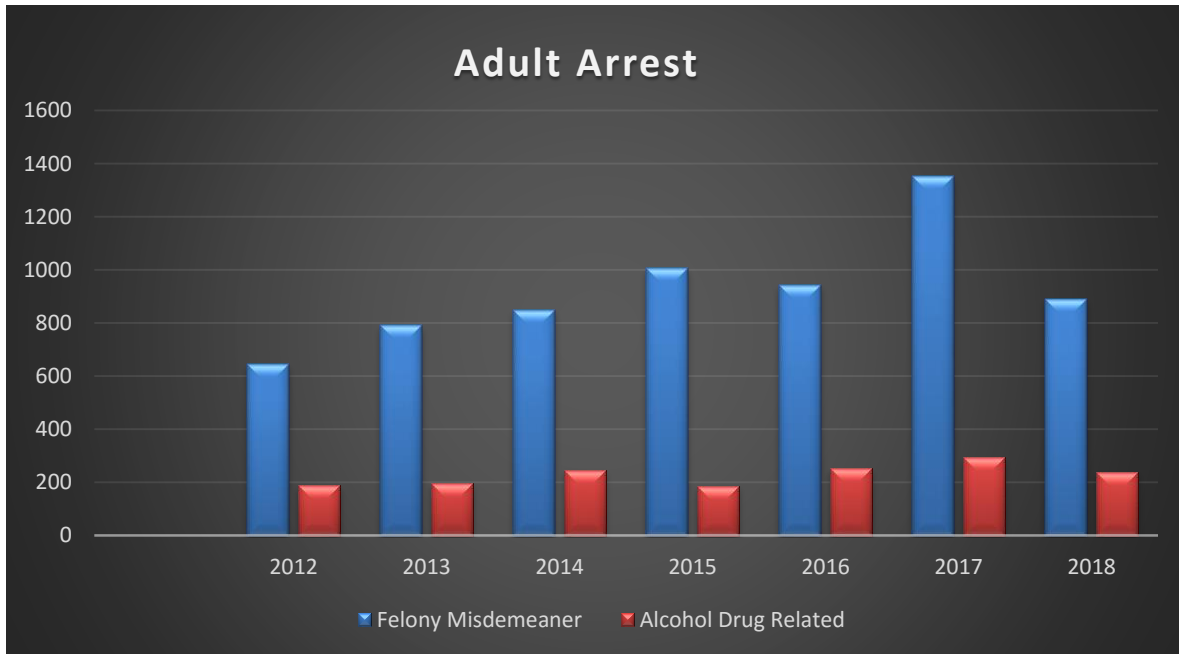
Summary of Arrests

Adult Arrests	2015	2016	2017	2018
Felony and Misdemeanor	1,004	943	1,351	890
Drug / Alcohol Related	186	253	293	239
Total Adult Arrests	1,190	1,196	1,644	1,129

Juvenile Arrests	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Juvenile Arrests	28	38	35	4

Traffic Charges	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Traffic Related Citation Charges	1,825	2,560	3,679	3,146
Total Warning Ticket Citations	5	1	0	1

Warning Tickets are non-punitive and are given as a courtesy by officers for minor infractions. They are not reportable to the Criminal Justice System.



Drug and Alcohol Violation Charges

Drug Violation Charges	Totals
Narcotics Violations	93
Narcotics Equipment Violations	89
Total Drug Violation Charges for 2018	182

Alcohol Violation Charges	Totals
DWI – Driving While Impaired	31
Liquor Law Violations	2
Selling to Intoxicated	0
Consuming Underage	1
Hold to Sober	8
Drunkenness	6
Total Alcohol Violation Charges for 2018	48

Traffic Accident Summary

Traffic Accidents	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accidents with Injuries	93	96	66	83
Accidents with Property Damage Only	592	648	556	618
Total Traffic Accidents	685	744	632	701

Accidents w/ Fatalities, Pedestrians and Hit & Runs	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accidents with Fatality	1	2	0	2
Accidents with Pedestrians Injured	7	7	6	8
Hit and Runs	96	109	79	103

Month	Location of the Fatality	Parties Involved	Fatality
NA	NA	NA	None to Report

Top 5 Accident Locations in 2018		Top 5 Contributing Circumstances	
US 221 Bypass	37	Improper Backing	156
Rutherford Road	20	Failure to Reduce Speed	122
West Henderson Street	12	Improper Turn	59
Sugarhill Road	10	Failed to Yield the Right of Way	55
E Court Street	8	Unable to Determine	53

*286 of the traffic accidents occurred in parking lots

Grandview Station	31	Pilot Truck Stop	20
Loves Truck Stop	11	Verizon Wireless	6

Parking Tickets

Parking Tickets	2015	2016	2017	2018
Parking Tickets Issued	221	268	213	223
Handicap Tickets Issued	9	4	8	2
Total Parking Tickets	230	272	221	225

2017 - 245 parking citations were paid.

2018 - 189 parking citations were paid.

Records Deposits Made to General Fund

Deposits	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
General Fund	\$6,199	\$9,419	\$5,578	\$3,671
Parking	\$280	\$270	\$430	\$60
Total Deposits	\$6,479	\$9,689	\$6,008	

2015-2016 Funds generated from Peddler Permits \$110, Taxi Permits \$0, Fingerprints \$730, Precious Metal Permits \$543, Explorer Dues \$50, NNO contributions \$120, Other \$7,866.

2016-2017 Funds generated from Peddler Permits \$110, Taxi Permits \$175, Fingerprints \$270, Precious Metal Permits \$190, Explorer Dues \$0, NNO contributions \$400, Other \$4,863

2017-2018 Funds generated from Peddler Permits \$50, Taxi Permits \$125, Fingerprints \$330, Precious Metal Permits \$366, Explorer Dues \$50, NNO contributions \$250.00,

The Investigations Division

The Investigations Section is comprised of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Narcotic Detective, and one general Detective that is also assigned to Training Records. The section also has a State Certified Forensic Interviewer and two fully trained Certified Voice Stress Analyzer who utilizes in-house equipment for tests related to Marion Police criminal cases, as well as investigative requests by outside agencies.

Investigators specialize in white collar crime, cybercrime, property crime, crimes against persons, sex crimes, and narcotics crimes. Many investigations are lengthy and time consuming and force investigators to manage heavy caseloads with sometimes minimal resources. Over the past year, Marion Police Detectives have worked closely with numerous agencies to meet the obligations and responsibilities of their assignment, including:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- United States Secret Service
- United States Postal Inspector's Office
- United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Agency
- United States Attorney General's Office
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- North Carolina Army National Guard
- As well as several other local, state and federal agencies

Investigators were heavily involved in organizations and groups throughout the City of Marion during the year in an effort to improve the quality of life for its citizens. Investigators were routinely involved with:

- McDowell County Department of Social Services
- McDowell County Shelter Home
- McDowell County Child Neglect Prevention/Fatality Task Force
- North Carolina Criminal Information Exchange
- McDowell County Crime Stoppers
- McDowell County Child Advocacy Center
- As well as several other civic, school and church based organizations

Detectives and Patrol Officers work together to address criminal activity within the City of Marion. They continue to work towards effective communication with both inside the agency and with the citizens. They regularly coordinate with local media to recognize important crime trends and implications, as well as offer ideas for preventing future incidents.

Investigations Case Assignments

Case Assignment Statistics	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cases Cleared by Arrest	16	24	17	36
Cases Cleared Exceptionally	30	18	5	**
Active Cases to Date	135	308	31	33
Cases Assigned to Division	190	166	68	165
Cases Determined to be Unfounded	9	13	7	9

** Cases Exceptionally Cleared is no longer searchable due to NIBRS

Investigations Division Activity	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrests	43	39	26	36
Illegal Drugs Recovered/Seized	\$30,264	\$55,297	\$17,918	\$13,300
Total Recovered Property-all cases	\$47,087	\$87,500	\$46,861	\$103,866
(CVSA) Calibrated Voice Stress Analysis Given	21	22	32	15

Narcotics Investigations

During the year 2018, the Narcotics Unit Officers continued to assist agencies in various counties, providing support in undercover roles, surveillance, search warrant executions, and buy-bust operations. In turn, officers from outside Marion continued to provide assistance and support whenever needed for investigations inside Marion.

In 2018 The Marion Police Department partnered with the Department of Homeland Security, and Cpl. Eric Rodriguez was assigned as the Task Force Officer (TFO). The Marion Police Department is still an active member in the McDowell County Narcotics Task Force, which has continued their partnership with DEA.

Officers of the Narcotics Unit also received training to assist them in identifying gangs and gang members. As the presence of gangs in the City of Marion continues to show little evidence of activity, the Narcotics Unit continues to monitor activity in surrounding counties and forwards that information to other officers for identifying and prevention of gang related activity.

For the Year	Cocaine Powder (GR)	Crack Cocaine (GR)	Marijuana (GR)	Meth (GR)	Pills (DU)	Heroin (GR)	Bath Salts (GR)
2015	7.7	71	650.67	29.46	143.46	1.61	0.00
2016	44.7	1.7	760.24	1600.73	996.5	2.2	0.00
2017	20.4	9.39	1781.02	4863.66	1122	2	0.00
2018	126.3	17	988.18	2413.5	526.5	12.32	0.00

Narcotics Task Force (MPD, MCSO, NCSBI)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrests	41	80	44	24
Arrests / Arrest outside of McDowell County	*	14/66	20/24	21/3
Illegal Narcotics Seized	*	\$70,475	\$593,046.10	\$24,304
Cash & Property Seized	\$15,301	\$4,671	\$598,854	\$51,574
Vehicle Seizures	0	158	7	0
Total Joint Investigations	70	328	73	121
Cases Opened/Initiated	18	218	13	11

** Information is not available at this time.*

Narcotics Confiscated Amounts

2017 Medicine take-back operations and drop box collections was 110 pounds.

2018 Medicine take-back operations and drop box collections totaled 130 pounds.

- NAFTA Grant was awarded in 2014 to the Marion Police Department for a Drug Drop Box. The box has been installed and is accessible to the public. The general public can drop off any unused or outdated medications (except for liquids) which will be destroyed in order to keep the medications out of the hands of our youth and prescription drug abusers.

Crime Stoppers Activities

Crime Stoppers Statistics	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls Received	42	47	57	68
Total Arrests	24	21	19	17
Rewards Paid	\$2,625	\$2,725	\$1,100	\$1,000

Crime Stoppers activities total are unknown at this time. There has been an Administration change in the organization.

Special Programs

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE

The School Resource Officer Program for the City of Marion had its beginning prior to 2002, when the Marion Police Department formed a community partnership with East McDowell Middle School. This partnership placed a police officer in the school during school hours. In March of 2014 a second School Resource Officer position was established through a grant that was awarded to The McDowell County Board of Education. This SRO position serves two elementary schools within the city of Marion, Eastfield Global Elementary and Marion Elementary. The City of Marion and the McDowell Board of Education are covering the cost that is not being paid by the grant. At the end of the grant, both School Resource Officers position will be paid with McDowell Board of Education agreeing to pick up 50% of the financing for both School Resource Officers while the city pays for the other 50%. Responsibilities of the SROs include: investigation of criminal activities and incidents; enforcement of laws; traffic control; campus parking control; teaching law related education; coordinating the security for school events; interacting with faculty and students to promote mutual respect between the school and law enforcement; and providing counseling for personal, scholastic, family, or law related problems.

SRO Jon Padgett fills the position of SRO for East McDowell Middle School, and serves as the D.A.R.E. Instructor to eighth grade students. SRO Mike Hensley fills the position for both Elementary Schools. SRO Hensley is also serves as the D.A.R.E Instructor for both schools, teaching fifth graders.

School Related Calls for Service	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
East McDowell Middle School	139	154	135	112	135
Eastfield Global Elementary	42	59	40	38	63
Marion Elementary	75	77	66	85	63
Accelerated Education Center	37	35	33	38	1
New Manna (Private School)	17	11	27	32	27
McDowell Technical College	69	62	62	52	97
Totals	361	398	369	357	386

2018 Officers worked an extra duty assignment at Marion Elementary/Eastfield Global Magnet School serving as School Resource Officers. This began in November of 2018 and continued until the school year ended 2019. Total Hours worked in 2018 was 92.31.

MARION POLICE EXPLORERS POST

The Marion Police Department is home to Explorer Post 800 existing of 5 members, sponsored through the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of the program is to introduce young adults age 14-20 to various aspects of law enforcement. Explorers attend monthly meetings where they participate in training conducted by sworn law enforcement officers. In return, Explorers provide services to the department and the city during community activities and public events.

The Post is supervised by Cpl. Jerry Lewis.

COMMUNITY POLICING /CERT

The CERT team was disbanded in 2018

Social Media

The department utilizes Facebook and Nixle as ways of notifying the public of emergency situations. The platforms have also served as educational tools for traffic safety, and have allowed the citizens to assist the agency with identifying possible offenders. On a positive note, Facebook is has also been utilized as a way to showcase agency accomplishments and awards.

of Followers 2018 -6,319

of Likes 2018- 6,285

A Public Service Announcement Video was published on Facebook concerning Crosswalk safety and laws pertaining to protected and unprotected crosswalks.

Training

This report should serve to document and describe the department's in-service educational activity by providing a list of training conducted and the hours involved.

Incident command/SRT 929 contact hours

SRT Training (792 hrs)
Trauma Care for LEO (60 hrs)
Officer Safety Readiness Training (45 hrs)
Special Response Team Training (792 hrs)

Supervision/Management 425 contact hours

Southern Software User Conference Training (32 hrs)
Chief Conference (32 hrs)
Use of Force Risk Management (8 hrs)
Field Training Officer (80 hrs)
WNC Leadership Academy (152 hrs)
FBI Command College (40 hrs)
Grant Writing (12 hrs)
LINC (96 hrs)

Instructor Training 274contact hours

In-Service Coordinator Training (4 hrs)
AR-15 Armor (48 hrs)
Driver Instructor (88 hrs)
Patrol Rifle Instructor Workshop (30 hrs)
Respiratory Protection (48 hrs)
Taser Instructor Recert (16 hrs)
Surviving a Mass Shooting Instructor (8 hrs)
Shoot House Instructor (32 hrs)

Criminal Investigations 112 contact hours

Police Law Institute (76 hrs)
Interview and Interrogations (40 hrs)
Background Investigations (20 hrs)
FBI LEEDA Media and Public Relations (30 hrs)

Field training for New Officers 516 contact hours

Caleb Duyck (516 hrs)

Patrol Training 535 contact hours

Standardized Field Sobriety Training (32 hrs)
SFST Refresher (8 hrs)
Community Oriented Policing (24 hrs)
Taser Conversion (3 hrs)
Basic Intoximeter (70 hrs)

NCAWARE 101 (1 hr)
Terrorism Awareness (8 hrs)
Drug Interdiction (48 hrs)
Basic RADAR (76 hrs)
Intoximeter Recert (21 hrs)
Drug Enforcement for Patrol Officers (24 hrs)
Basic Subject Control (68 hrs)
Alco Sensor Training (56 hrs)
Verbal Judo (16 hrs)
Intro to Traffic Crash (80 hrs)

Mandated In-Service Training (State and Departmental) 986 contact hours

Firearms (252 hrs)
Legal Update
Domestic Violence – Protecting Victims
Blood Borne Pathogens
Taser (29 hrs)
OC (29 hrs)
Narcan (29 hrs)
Baton Training (80 hrs)
Combat Firearms (224 hrs)
Driver's Training (232 hrs)

K-9 553 contact hours

K9 Handler Basic School (400 hrs)
K9 Continuing Training (153 hrs)

School Resource Officers Training 80 contact hours

D.A.R.E. Instructor (80 hrs)

Administrative Training 128 contact hours

Total Structured Training Hours Received 3,438 contact hours