



Town of Cuba Police Department

2017 Year End Report

During 2017 the department underwent some changes that I feel are for the betterment of the Police Department and the Cuba community. Calls to service decreased by 6% and the number of criminal cases has increased by 4.8%. The decrease in calls to service numbers can be directly attributed to a more visible presence with officers monitoring the school zones and walking the school hallways daily as well as selective traffic enforcement grants to place more officers on the lake to deal with the rising speeding issues. I hope the trend continues and the calls to service rate move to a lower and lower number as the years move forward. I am proud to report that the Cuba Police Department has increased our services to the Cuba Community by continuing to offer a neighborhood network, gun safety classes, bullying seminars at the schools, driver education classes at the high school, child safe ID programs, pill drops, car seat installations and a booth at the garlic festival with free information and gun locks handed out. These increases have been made without any cost to the tax payer. The special assignment of school resource officer by partnering with the Cuba Rushford Central School continues to be an added value to our department and the school system. We have also continued as a satellite training facility for the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy. This allows us to train police officers on the firing range as well as in security courses. We have been in our new facility for over 2 years and the transition into our new facility has made our department more efficient by providing adequate evidence storage as well as proper interview and interrogation space for integrity of evidence and victim/suspect privacy. This facility more accurately represents the quality of police work that the officers of our agency invest into the Cuba Community. Our agency was honored with a plaque commemorating our 25 year participation with the “shop with a cop

program”. Our agency continues to work with other outside agencies in a professional manner. We received 3 large grants this year with no match required by our agency. The first grant is the STOP DWI grant valued at \$3800.00, the second grant is the bullet proof vest grant valued at \$5500.00 and allowing for the purchasing of bullet proof vests for our officers. The final grant is the Police Protective Grant valued at \$4400.00 allowing for the purchase of protective equipment and patrol rifles to combat school shootings. Although there is still continued controversy across the country as it relates to police officers and the tough job they must do, we feel a continued overwhelming amount of support in our community and our officers are of the highest quality in my opinion. One of the activities that our officers participate in that I am most proud of is their continued commitment to community service. Some of these events this year included “Shop with a Cop”, “Coffee with a Cop”, and 2 female firearms courses, riding on school buses with children and taking the time to mentor them, eating lunch at the school with students. We have also initiated a partnership with the non-for profit organization Kids Escaping Drugs Inc. and members of our office have volunteered their time to help mentor kids who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. These actions speak volumes to the type of Police Department Cuba has and I am very proud to be able to be the Police Chief for such a professional and caring group of men. These officers make me look so good every day and they make our profession look good.

Going forward the Cuba Police Department hopes that there will be continued cooperation between the new Town and Village Boards as well as other government agencies to enhance the quality of life for the Cuba community. After review of this report, I welcome any comments that you may have.

Respectfully,

**Dustin T. Burch
Chief of Police**

Definitions

1. **Closed** – Indicates that the cases have been closed by arrest or by investigation. Closed by investigation represents cases where no criminal prosecution is being sought or where a warrant has been issued for an individual’s arrest.
2. **Open** – Cases that still remain open under investigation.
3. **Exceptionally Cleared** – Case is cleared due to unusual circumstances. Example: suspect has died or is in jail on other charges where the cases were merged together.

Statistics

Category (2016 vs 2017)	2016	2017	% of change
1. Calls to service	3150	2943	-6 %
2. Vehicle Stops	622	584	-6%
3. Criminal Investigations	394	413	+4.8 %
4. Juvenile Crimes	17	21	+23 %
5. Motor Vehicle Accidents	145	171	+17.9 %
6. Traffic Tickets Issued	384	349	-9%

Information

Criminal Investigations:

The department conducted 413 criminal investigations for 2017. Of these 265 were closed by arrest, 51 were exceptionally cleared, 97 remain open.

During 2017, 265 arrests were made a 10% increase from 2016. 31 were felonies, 159 were misdemeanors, 75 were violations and 26 were warrants. * These numbers include arrests were multiple charges applied to one person*

Domestic Disputes:

There were 76 domestic disputes reported and handled for 2016 a 3.79% decrease.

Vehicle stops:

During 2017 there were a total of 584 vehicle stops conducted by our department and 349 uniform traffic tickets issued. Town – 123, Village – 75. Lake – 116, I-86 – 35. These numbers show that our department has issued several warnings allowing for motorist to feel comfortable driving on our roads while still ensuring a totality of highway traffic safety. The issuing of traffic tickets is an unpleasant but necessary part of the patrol officer's job. By curbing cell phone, seat belts and speeding violations, along with making DWI arrests, their efforts make the streets a safer place for us all.

Motor Vehicle Accidents:

During 2017 a total of 171 motor vehicle accidents were handled/investigated. Of these 150 were property damage, 21 were personal injury, and 0 was a fatal accident.

Parking Citations:

18 Parking citations/complaints were issued/handled for 2017.

Pill Drops:

During 2017 the Cuba Police Department hosted 1 pill drops that coincided with the Drug Enforcement Agency's official national drug take back day. One was held in April. There were a grand total of 55 cars that dropped off narcotics. We also received pill drop offs at our police station by residents utilizing our drug drop box monthly. The grand total of narcotics taken in at the Cuba Police Department pill drops and drop box were 165 LBS of narcotics being taken off the street. Total conservative street value of narcotics is approximately \$6000.00.

SRO:

2017 was our first full year with the School Resource Officer program in full effect. This is funded by the school and we have seen a nice change in tone and relationship between the students and the police department. Officers are in the schools daily and also attending field trips, sporting events, dances and even eating lunch with the students. Several classes have been taught by the SRO's also. SRO's also confiscated 1 can of pepper spray, 3 knives and 1 set of metal knuckles from students. Listed below are a breakdown of all activity completed in 2017 by CPD SRO's.

Ambulance Assists -1	First Aid - 4	Fire Calls - 2	Police Calls - 49
Violations - 8	Misdemeanors - 14	Felony's - 4	Mental Health - 7
Tickets in School Zone - 22	Accidents - 1	CPS Calls - 6	Probation - 4
PINS Petitions - 2	K9's -2	Parent Meetings-18	Student Mentor - 26
Super. Hearings - 3	Classes - 10	SRO Meetings - 5	Admin. Meetings -3
Dances - 4	Sports Games - 7	Field Trip - 1	Graduation - 1

Warrants

Warrants received:

The Cuba Police Department received 26 warrants in 2017. 2 were felony level, 24 were misdemeanor level, 2 were traffic related, 9 were violations and 2 were search warrants. 21 were executed. 0 were cleared by the court. 0 remain open due to a person living in another state or out of extradition boundaries. *It should be noted that these number include our

warrants as well as warrant cases in which our office arrested an individual for another agencies warrant and turned them over to that agency.*

Vehicle Lock Outs

The Cuba Police Department unlocked 70 vehicles for motorists in 2017. 42 were for Cuba residents. 28 were for non-residents. Upon checking with locksmith rates the Police Department has saved Cuba residents a grand total of \$4000.00.

Larceny/Burglary Theft and Recovery

During 2017 \$24,202.00 in goods/cash/firearms/jewelry/vehicles were reported stolen to the Cuba Police Department. \$ 10,787.00 was recovered and returned to residents/victims of these burglaries and larcenies.