

# Yeadon Borough Police Department

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Office of the Chief of Police

## Police Department

Monthly Report: February 01-28, 2018

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Mayor Rohan Hepkins  
Public Safety Committee  
Yeadon, PA 19050

Dear Mayor Hepkins:

It is my pleasure to present to you and Council the Police Department's Monthly Report for the services performed by the members of the Yeadon Police Department for the period February 1-28, 2018.

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**General Information.** Information is a vital part of being able to provide answers to residents that can help others understand the dynamics of law enforcement and the activities that occur daily to make a community safe. This report contains information obtained from the Department's Alert2 Information Records System. Instead of providing you with just totals, I wanted to provide you with reports that provide more information to better understand what goes on in the Borough, and the work of the personnel in the Department.

**Crime Alerts.** Car break ins remain a concern, and while the number of incidents has dropped off significantly due to increased proactive patrols, plainclothes details, and additional arrests, we remain vigilant and continue efforts to alert the public to assist us with reporting suspicious activity. An example of that assistance took place at the end of the month when a neighbor viewed three (3) suspicious persons near their home. The resident knew a Yeadon Officer lived nearby, and called him, then 911. While on-duty Officers responded, the off-duty officer (I use that term lightly, because Police are never off-duty) responded as well, and after a foot chase one of the three subjects was caught, who was charged with Theft and related offenses in reference to car break-ins. Adding to the quality of this police work, our Detectives gained a statement from the offender who admitted to other thefts from vehicles as well in the Borough.

Through continued use of the Borough's Public Website, Nextdoor, and interaction with the public by officers, yourself and Council; residents have been advised to be vigilant in securing property, keeping outside lights on, reviewing video surveillance, and calling police for any and all potential suspicious activity regardless of how insignificant they believe the reports may be, or even if nothing of value was taken from their car or property. Our ability to pinpoint trouble areas and respond and prevent issues is far greater with full public reporting of incidents. Those combined efforts (police and the public) continue, and the positive results can be seen in the aforementioned arrest details.

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### Attached Reports.

1. Calls for Service (707)
2. Parking Tickets Report (458)
3. Part 1 Offenses (47)
4. Part 2 Offenses (34)
5. Persons Charged Report (14)

- a. Part 1 Offenses (6)
  - b. Part 2 Offenses (8)
6. Arrest Details Report (8) (\*Note-does not include names for open investigations, nor does it include arrests for Juveniles.
  - a. Juvenile Petitions (6)
    - i. This is a new statistic that will be part of this report. A Juvenile Petition is an arrest of a juvenile offender that results in a Criminal Record being generated. A Petition is for a felony or misdemeanor offense, which the juvenile has been charged with, and the District Attorney has reviewed and approved related charges.

**Traffic Citations issued: 41**

Officers have recently been trained to use Timing Devices for speed enforcement, and Public Works is assisting with painting speed enforcement lines in problem areas throughout the Borough to provide officers locations for speed enforcement, and a visual deterrent for motorists to reduce speeds. Based on a review of the areas that present repeated problems, complaints from the public, or officer and/or my observations, directed traffic patrols will be continued for resident, pedestrian, and motorists safety.

**Non-Traffic Citations issued: 12**

The most common offense for the month was disorderly conduct. This includes juvenile issues after school dismissal. (Please review Department Activity for more information related to this matter.)

**Patrol miles logged: 5481**

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**Police Department Activity.**

1. Car break-in details and public safety tips continued during the month.
2. The contest for the kids in our schools for a new police patch and car design has ended and the multiple submissions are being evaluated.
  - a. Attached are some examples of the kids work!
3. Continued interaction with the schools continues to make our presence known to students and faculty in a positive manner. Numerous students are calling out to me by my nickname when I see them. The positive change is coming, and some additional programs in the works include:
  - a. Active Shooter training for the faculty and staff.
    - i. NOTE: My training does not use this term which most training uses. I use the term *Active Killer*, because offenders are using different means to effect carnage (stabbing, vehicles, chemicals, explosives, etc.).
  - b. Review of school and police readiness for potential threats.
  - c. Unannounced School Lock down drills for staff and students.
  - d. Police Mentoring Program to have officers and students develop a better understanding of and connection with one another.
  - e. Monitoring when available of school dismissals to prevent disorderly conduct, and issues related to traffic concerns is ongoing. Presence of officers has deterred many problems.
  - f. Recently had an officer meet kids, and read a book at the Head Start Program.
  - g. Future book readings by officers are also slated for the Bell Ave School.
4. Work is in progress to create and outfit Tactical Response Vehicles in the Borough.

- a. I am working on acquiring equipment to include in police units on the street that will provide officers with the means to make entry into a location to stop an Active Killer incident if necessary.
5. The Coffee with a Cop and Kids event took place on February 06, 2018 at 1000am at the Yeadon Library.
  - a. The event was fantastic. Students got a chance to meet Sgt. Burns, Ofc. Irby, and I and have a candid interaction that was very positive. A write up in the Yeadon Pulse was very positive as well, and I look forward to this continued endeavor with students and residents.
6. I visited the Friendship Circle Senior Center to promote the Department on two occasions.
7. Wireless cards for the police cars have been obtained, and the ALERT2 program is now in patrol car computers. This will enable officers to maintain presence on the street to enter incident reports from the cars while on the street. VISIBILITY is a deterrent, and enabling officers to enter reports in the cars is priceless. The cost for the equipment was free and the cost for wireless access is less than a family's monthly phone bill.
8. The new Incident Reporting numbering system is in place in the Department, enabling officers to directly enter information into the ALERT system either at HQ or in the patrol car.
  - a. Handwritten police incident reports are eliminated, with the exception of some other reports that still require this practice.
  - b. DELCOM was instrumental in helping me get this project completed.
9. New computerized Police Daily Reports are now in place, and other handwritten reports are being reviewed and will be adapted to computer based forms. Attached are the old daily report and the new version which is computer based that I created, to give you an idea of the changes that are in place, and what the future will look like in the Police Department.
10. Promoting Yeadon through the use of my twitter account @ChiefChachi\_YPD continues.
11. Flag Day meetings are underway, and the event is receiving considerable review and planning.
12. Attended the monthly Public Safety meeting.
13. The 5K run scheduled for September with Fitz Hospital was evaluated, and I was able to work with Fitz in having them use Holy Cross Cemetery for the run instead of their route which used residential streets which would impact residents, motorists, and our budget. This location provides safety, a great course for the endeavor, and saves not only Yeadon any police OT costs, but also Aldan, Darby, and Lansdowne any costs associated with this race.

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**Police Training.**

1. Seven (7) officers successfully completed Robic Speed Device Training.
2. Mandatory In-Service Training is in full-swing which includes:
  - a. Firearms requalification.
  - b. First Aid.
  - c. Yearly Police required coursework (ACT180).
3. I have 3 Officers assigned to and are training with the Region 1 Tactical Team.
  - a. There are no additional costs to the Department or Borough and the training is honestly training that every officer should have.
  - b. These additional officers including myself give the Borough seven (7) advanced tactically trained officers to handle issues should they arise with advanced skills and abilities.
4. Advanced Active Shooter (Killer) training for every Officer is planned for March.

Training is a vital aspect of a professional police agency, and ongoing education and training will be afforded officers to promote officer development and a quality of service to the public second to none.

**Recruitment, Hiring, Promotional Examinations**

1. Twelve (12) individuals were preliminarily interviewed for Part-Time Police Officer positions.
  - a. Four (4) made it through the first interview phase, and backgrounds are currently being conducted to provide Council with my final recommendations for potentials part-time hires.
  - b. Several Part-Time Officers have acquired full time employment recently.
2. Two (2) potential crossing guards have been interviewed and backgrounds are being completed, again for submission to Council for review for potential part-time crossing guard duties.
3. Work is in progress to add a person to the Civil Service Commission to continue the process to prepare for a potential police officer candidate exam, and an internal promotional exam in the Department.
  - a. One officer is scheduled to retire in May 2018.
4. Work is in progress to obtain costs and associated information from a police testing firm.
  - a. McCann Associates
5. Study guides and test help is in the works for potential candidates for both tests, and I have been in contact with Civil Service to complete this task.

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Anthony R. Paparo