



SHERIFF

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

**WILLIAM P. MULLEN,
SHERIFF**

**KEVIN M. KRAUS,
CHIEF DEPUTY**

FIREARM LICENSES ISSUED



20,845

In 2019, the Sheriff's Office offered 5 satellite sites to make the LTC process more accessible for citizens.

PRISONER TRANSPORTS

PRISONER TRIPS	7,755
PRISONERS TRANSPORTED	28,338



WRIT SERVICES

31,431

The Sheriff's Office serves nearly 135 writs each day.



SHERIFF'S SALES

2,029

Due to the implementation of the Save Your Home program in Allegheny County, sheriff's sales have decreased each year since 2009. In fact, sales are down 57% since Sheriff Mullen took over the office in 2006 (4,727 in 2006).

PFA WEAPON CONFISCATION

In 2018, Act 79 was passed which made significant changes to the PFA process. One of which is that any law enforcement agency can keep these weapons, whereas the Sheriff's Office was the only agency permitted to prior to this legislation.

114

WEAPONS



CALLS FOR SERVICE



59,197

ACSO had the second most calls for service in Allegheny County behind the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

UNFOUNDED	9
SUSTAINED	1
PENDING	3



USE OF FORCE

PRESENCE	79	TASER DRIVE STUN	0
VERBAL	81	TASER PROBES	7
PHYSICAL	67	IMPACT	1
OC SPRAY	2	FIREARM BRANDISHED	26
TASER DISPLAY	8	DEADLY FORCE	2

FINANCIAL REPORT

2019 REVENUES

GENERAL FEES	\$2450,261.21
FIREARMS LICENSE FEES	\$392492.00
GENERAL REVENUE	6,335.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEES	\$2,849,088.21
FEDERAL ASSET SHARING ACCOUNTS	\$357,206.38
2019 SURPLUS (POST-CLOSING)	\$2,873.00

K9 DETAILS

In 2019, the Sheriff's Office K9 Division completed 808 daily sweeps of courthouse facilities, including the Allegheny County Criminal Courthouse, Family Division Complex, City County Building, County Office Building and Pittsburgh Municipal Courts.



BOMB THREATS 19	TRACKS 16
EXPLOSIVE SEARCHES 24	DEPLOYMENTS 63
NARCOTIC SEARCHES 7	APPREHENSION 8
PATROL 6	BITES 0
PUBLIC DEMOS 37	

WELCOME, K9 RIKY!

We are proud to welcome Riky, a certified drug and patrol dog, to the K-9 Unit. Since joining our agency in August, Riky, a German Shepherd, has been assigned to assist detectives in our Investigations Division in the location and apprehension of high-risk fugitives and associated contraband. Riky's deputy sheriff handler, Michael Bello, is a veteran of the K-9 Team. Deputy Bello was previously partnered with Nico, who retired from service last year.



MISSING PERSON SEARCH AND RECOVERY... K-9 Ranger, our affectionate bloodhound, has found multiple missing persons this year. In addition to locating an elderly dementia patient who wandered from a church event in August, Ranger is responsible for finding two suicidal individuals: one a juvenile and the other, an armed individual who threatened his mother with a knife. Ranger loves people. It is because of him that lost and missing persons, desperately in need of care, are quickly found unharmed and reunited with loved ones.



WARRANT OFFICE

In 2019, the Sheriff's Warrant Office received a daily average of 40 new warrants for review, research and entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Wanted Person database.

Once new warrants are issued, Warrant Center Communication Technicians are responsible for obtaining each wanted individual's credentials, including height, weight and identifiable physical characteristics, and ensuring that information is electronically and accurately inputted into the NCIC system.

Communication Technicians entered 14,800 new warrants in 2019, in addition to performing a host of other functions to maintain daily, around-the-clock operations within the Warrant Office.

ARRESTS & WARRANTS

PHYSICAL ARRESTS	5,064
ARRESTS BY EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE	918

ARREARS CLEARED - NON-SUPPORT WARRANTS	\$11,055,187
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LIFE-SAVING RESPONSE TO STORE ROBBERY... In the late evening hours of January 18, 2019, Deputy Sheriff Richard Buha and Deputy Sheriff Carlos Jativa responded to a Pittsburgh Family Dollar Store for an armed robbery in progress.

First to the scene, the deputies entered the store, where they observed a male, later identified as Timothy Frank, pointing a pistol at store employees. The actor observed the deputies and immediately began firing multiple gunshots at them. The deputies returned gunfire, each firing multiple rounds at the actor. Surveillance video shows that the actor was shot in one of his legs. He ran into a nearby aisle and collapsed from the wound.



The actor subsequently rose from the floor, hopped on one leg to the end of the aisle and again began firing multiple rounds at Deputies Buha and Jativa. The deputies returned fire and shot the actor in the leg. At this juncture the actor, who was bleeding profusely, surrendered. He was given critical, life-saving aid by the deputies before he was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Deputy Buha and Deputy Jativa were each presented a Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor for the exceptional courage they displayed the duration of this incident, where they placed themselves in direct jeopardy to protect the community at large.



INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION & EXTRADITION...

In February, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office and the Pittsburgh Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) announced the apprehension of Moshe Journo, who in 2004 was arrested for an alleged sexual assault in Dormont, PA. Following arrest, Journo posted bond, fled the country and remained a fugitive from justice for 15 years. Through joint efforts with local, state, federal and international law enforcement partners, the Sheriff's Office and F.B.I. located Journo in Israel. Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Richard Manning, along with F.B.I. Special Agents, traveled to Israeli and returned home with Journo. The Sheriff's Office is appreciative for the extraordinary efforts taken to bring overdue justice to Journo, an individual who has gone to extreme and appalling lengths to avoid prosecution for intolerable sex crimes performed in Allegheny County.

PROJECT D.U.M.P.

Through Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unused Medications Properly), Allegheny County residents can have a deputy sheriff evidence technician personally visit their home to take possession of unwanted or expired narcotic prescription medications. All participants remain completely anonymous.

HOME VISITS	230
MEDICATION COLLECTED	2,700 lbs
SCHEDULED/CONTROLLED PILLS COLLECTED	165,000
COMMUNITY AWARENESS & DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS	95

To schedule an appointment, call the Project D.U.M.P. hotline at 412-459-5000.

INFANT HOSTAGE SITUATION... Sheriff's detectives were commended for their work leading to the arrest of Joshua Currington, a highly sought-after fugitive wanted on a total of ten warrants, and for ensuring the quick recovery of Currington's infant child, who the actor used as a hostage during the incident. At the time of arrest, the actor emerged from a bedroom holding and shaking the baby, while grabbing for his waistband and asking for Deputies to shoot him. Deputies were able to safely take custody of the actor while also ensuring the safety of the child, who was returned to the custody of her mother.

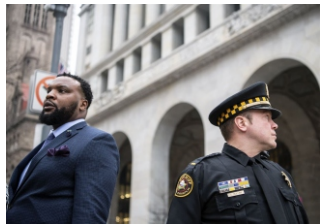
ROSFELD TRIAL SECURITY OPERATION ... The March 2019 trial of Michael Rosfeld, indicted for the shooting death of Antwon Rose II following a felony traffic stop, was the culmination of a divisive, nine-month buildup amongst factions of the Greater Pittsburgh community.

The Sheriff's Office was tasked with fulfilling a comprehensive plan, which included round-the-clock security details for the presiding judge and out of county jury, the safety of the defendant, victim's family and witnesses, the strict enforcement of court orders, the deterrence of any action potentially causing a mistrial and the protection of all court facilities.



Due to the coordinated efforts of our agency's

s w o r n workforce, the Michael Rosfeld trial concluded peacefully, without any incident of violence, breach in security or situation disparaging to the reputation of Allegheny County Courts.



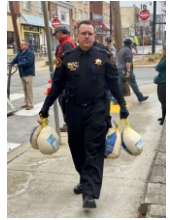
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE ACTIVITY

TOTAL ITEMS SEIZED	701
TOTAL ITEMS DISPOSED	1,096
CRIMINAL ITEMS SEIZED	366
CRIMINAL FIREARMS SEIZED	27
DRUG/PARAPHERNALIA SEIZED	322
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SEIZED	221
TOTAL CURRENCY SEIZED	\$54,311



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Shop with a Sheriff
Polar Plunge
Law Enforcement Torch Run
for Special Olympics
Sweats for Vets
Western Pennsylvania Greater
Pittsburgh Toy Run
Diaper Drive
MDA Lockup
Project Safe Halloween
Presents from Police
KDKA Turkey Fund Drive
Allegheny County Camp Cadet
Tree of Hope
Turkey Roundup



RESERVES UNIT

The Uniform Division of the Sheriff's Reserve Unit is comprised of 20 volunteers who dedicate their free time providing security at community and charitable events throughout Allegheny County.

From church festivals and community day celebrations to holiday parades, wellness walks and medical fundraisers, Reserve Deputy Sheriffs perform a range of traffic control, site patrol and first response duties to ensure participants are safe.

In 2019, 20 Reserve Deputies worked a total of 85 security details over the course of 3,454 hours. Six of these Reserve Deputies also provided the Child Identification program at seven different events, working a total of 103 hours for such services last year.

***Uniformed members are obligated to hold current PA ACT 235 Certification; which entails 40 hours of instruction. Members must also participate in a regimented 120 training hours per year. Training, uniforms and equipment are funded by the Reserve Unit.**

IN MEMORIAM - DEPUTY BARTLEY HENNESSY

We are incredibly saddened to experience the loss of recently retired Deputy Bartley "Bart" Hennessy, a 32-year member of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office, who passed away in August.

For most of his career, Bart was a delegated task force member for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). He was highly conversant regarding Western Pennsylvania's firearms-related criminal activity and trafficking problems, and was deeply committed to reducing violence in our communities. He was cited by the ATF and Drug Enforcement Administration for his contributions to a variety of operations and is a two-time Law Enforcement Agency Director's Award honoree.

Bart was especially well-respected and liked by his co-workers and superiors. His compassionate and gregarious disposition easily earned him the confidence and cooperation of others. Through his life's work, Bart has made a lasting impact within the law enforcement community. His exemplary service to our agency will long be remembered.

