



## **Miami County Park District Community Relations & Bias-Based Policing Report Annual Report 2019**

### **Community Relations:**

It is the policy of the Miami County Park District (MCPD) to promote positive relationships between District members and the community by treating residents with dignity and respect. MCPD strives to engage the public safety strategy development and relationship-building activities, and by making relevant policy and operations information available to the community in a transparent manner.

### **Responsibilities:**

- A. Make casual and consensual contacts with community members.
  - 1. Foot patrol, visitor contacts and non-enforcement related, information sharing
  - 2. Meet with volunteer groups, and outside organizations
  
- B. Become familiar with community groups, schools, local businesses
  - 1. Hug the Earth, Eco-Splores camp, Fall Farm Festival, Holiday of Lights, etc.
  - 2. Safe Communities Committee, UVCC Chair of Advisory Committee, Rotary, etc.
  - 3. National Night Out
  - 4. Attend park sponsored school programs and school career days
  
- C. Work with community members to identify MCPD issues and resolve problems.
  - 1. Park Advisory Board
  - 2. Community Surveys
  
- D. Rangers conduct foot patrols

- E. Ranger Activity and Conduct
  - 1. 0 Ranger Complaints
  - 2. 2 Use of Force incidents and reviews
    - a. Reviews of both incidents found that actions of the Ranger were reasonably necessary and within policy and training guidelines.
  - 3. 3 Misdemeanor Citations Issued
  - 4. 1 Written Warring
  - 5. 1 Custodial Arrest
  - 6. Review Appendix 1.0 for traffic stop/ visitor contact review

**Specific Ranger activities to meet and exceed community engagement goals of the MCPD.**

- A. Attend monthly Safe Community Coalition meetings
- B. Attend MCPD school and public programs
- C. UVCC mock interview and career day
- D. Assist with *Click it or Ticket* campaign, *Seat Belt Challenge* all Miami County High Schools
- E. Assist with *Drive Sober or Get Pulled* over campaign
- F. Miami County Fair, Tipp City Mum Festival (Tipp City) and Troy Strawberry Festival
- G. Assist with Teen Safe Driver Billboard Contest (Bradford High School)
- H. Miami County L.E. Memorial
- I. Great Miami River Clean- Up event
- J. LT Ball Elementary School Career Day
- K. Tour De Donut cycle race
- L. West Milton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Parade
- M. National Night Out
- N. Holiday of Lights event
- O. Share information via MCPD social media platforms, public safety, trends, transparency

The afore mentioned programs are community-oriented events where Rangers directly participated and were involved in non-enforcement related contacts. These interactions between the community and Law Enforcement were crucial in our goals for community relations. Feedback on these events, and Rangers' activities are channeled thru our administrative office as well as thru our active social media platforms. (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, website)

## **Biased Base Policing:**

The Miami County Park District is committed to providing Law Enforcement services to the community with due regard for the racial, cultural or other differences of those served. It is the policy of the district to provide Law Enforcement services and to enforce the law equally, fairly, objectively and without discrimination toward any individual or group. The MCPD has not received any biased based policing complaints, and in the event we should receive complaints they will be addressed and made available to the public.

### Responsibilities:

- A. Reason for Contact.
  1. Each report does indicate the reason for the contact, independent of protected characteristics of the individual.
- B. Reporting Traffic stops, and enforcement related contacts.
  1. See attached report on gender, ethnicity or race. APPENDIX 1.0

## **Ranger & Safety Division Survey: Results**

Critical elements we wanted respondents to give the Ranger and Safety division feedback on included: Overall Performance, Overall Competence, Attitude, Behavior, Community Trust, and Safety. We were very pleased to receive the following results:

- When asked if respondents would be more likely to interact with a ranger in which patrol function, 100% responded while the Ranger is on foot patrol, they would most likely interact with the Ranger.
- Respondents further advised they overall feel *Safe* or *Very Safe* while visiting the parks operated and patrolled by the MCPD because of the visibility and presence of Law Enforcement Rangers.
- When asked about their perception of the Ranger Division is, responses were all *Favorable* or *Extremely Favorable*.
- One of the greatest pieces of information derived from the community survey was that respondents *Strongly Agreed* that their greatest expectation for interactions with MCPD Rangers is that their issue would be resolved in a courteous and professional manner.