 **Miami County Park District**

**Policing Annual Report 2024**

**& Administrative Review**

**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 in safety strategy development and relationship-building activities through outreach and by making relevant policy and operations information available to the community in a transparent manner.

Responsibilities:

1. Make casual and consensual contacts with community members.
2. Foot patrol, visitor contacts and non-enforcement related, information sharing.
3. Meet with volunteer groups and outside organizations.
4. Become familiar with community groups, schools, and local businesses.
5. Hug the Earth, Eco- Splores camp, Fall Farm Festival, Holiday of Lights, etc.
6. Safe Communities Committee, UVCC Advisory Committee, etc.
7. National Night Out.
8. Attend Park sponsored school programs.
9. Work with community members to identify MCPD issues and resolve problems.
10. Park Advisory Board.
11. Community Surveys.
12. Park user feedback. (Social media/emails/Complaint forms/phone calls)
13. Chiefs of Police meetings/
14. CIT Advisory Board/OPRA LE section meetings
15. Rangers conduct random and routine patrols.
16. Foot patrols.
17. Bike patrols.
18. Vehicle/UTV patrol
19. Ranger Activity and Conduct
20. 75 Calls for Service
21. 0 Ranger Complaints
22. 1 Ranger commendations or citizen compliments
23. 0 Use of Force incidents and reviews
24. 0 Misdemeanor Citations Issued
    1. 0 Adult 0 Juvenile
25. 0 Written Warning
26. 0 Custodial Arrest
    1. 0 Adult 0 Juvenile
27. 7 Outside agency assistance
28. 5 Responses to individuals in crisis
29. 304.25 Cumulative training hours
30. 1 Citizen ride along
31. Review Appendix 1.0 for traffic stop/ visitor contact review.

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

1. Attend monthly Safe Community Coalition & CIT Advisory meetings.
2. Assist with *Drive Sober or Get Pulled* over campaign.
3. Assist with Teen Safe Driver Billboard Contest.
4. Miami County L.E. Memorial/National Night Out
5. Citizen Ride along upon requests.
6. Hosted sites and program for 2024 Solar Eclipse event
7. Fall Farm Festival/ Holiday of Lights/ Hug the Earth program.
8. Tour De Donut/ Job and Family Services Trunk or Treat event.
9. Share information via MCPD social media platforms, public safety, trends, transparency.
10. Maintain Ohio Collaborative Community Police Adv. Board Certification.
11. Obtained 100% compliance of 2024 C.P.T. mandated by O.P.O.T.A. (24 hours per Ranger) Exceeded these totals

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 through our administrative office as well as through 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, however, any such issues will be addressed and made available to the public.

Responsibilities:

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

**Advanced training and resources:**

In 2024 the Ranger staff completed a mandatory minimum of 24 hours of professional development training on various topics listed below. Rangers are required to complete and are tested on monthly daily training bulletins which are based on practical scenarios and expected behavior outlined in the Miami County Park District Law Enforcement manual.

2024 training topics included:

CPR/ First Aid/AED Legal Updates, Responding to Mental Health Issues, De-Escalation, Marsy’s Law/ Victim Rights, NIBIN. Firearms and less lethal weapons. Lexipol policy updates.

**New Initiatives 2025:**

The Miami County Park District’s Ranger Division is committed to serving the needs of the public, park users and the community with fairness, compassion, and equality. The expectation is that Rangers are to make all reasonable attempts to observe the dignity and safety of the public when having interactions within the scope of their authority.

Initiatives for 2025 will include maintaining certification with the Ohio Collaborative Police Advisory Board. Achieving Gold status for policy management with LEXIPOL. All officers complete O.P.O.T.A. Continued Professional training on Use of Force, Ethics Law, Legal Updates, Search and Seizure, with 16 additional hours on approved topics. Maintain and LEADS/OHLEG certifications. New hires complete CIT Academy and become bike patrol certified. Continue to utilize the vast Flock network to effectively serve the public. Working with Axon to update current body worn cameras, replace 2015 cruiser, enroll Police 1 Academy for Ranger Staff. (Online learning platform through Lexipol). Participate in the Ohio Collaborative Accreditation Certification. Work on becoming a (NIBRS) Reporting agency. National Incident-Based Reporting System. (Become eligible for state grants)

Additional sets of resources are made available and are under review to better assist Rangers in their dealing with subjects in crisis. As always, our goal is that interactions with individuals in crisis can be resolved without force or injury.

Crisis Intervention Law Enforcement Policy Guide

[Crisis Intervention LE Policy Guide V2020.pdf](file:///C:\Users\Weaver\Documents\OH.%20Co\Annual%20Reports\Crisis%20Intervention%20LE%20Policy%20Guide%20V2020.pdf)

1. Lexipol has developed a Use of Force resource for Law Enforcement and the Community

[**https://useofforce.lexipol.com/**](https://useofforce.lexipol.com/)

1. Mental Health First Aid USA MHFA.org

**2024 Annual Administrative Review(s)**

Ohio Collaborative Standards

**Group 1**

Standards

1. Use of Force **Certified**
2. Recruitment and Hiring **Certified No Action Required**

**Group 2**

Standards

1. Community Engagement **Certified**
2. Body Worn Cameras **Certified** Supervisory review of data, Deleted data in accordance with retention schedule. The new policy Body Worn Cameras (432) has replaced Portable Audio Video Recording (420). It has been discussed with Collaborative Board and does meet requirement.
3. Telecommunicator (Exemption) **No Action Required**

**Group 3**

Standards

1. Bias Free Policing **Certified**
2. Investigation of Employee Misconduct **Certified No Action Required**

**Group 4**

1. Motor Vehicle Pursuits **Certified** **No Action Required**

**Group 5**

1. LE Response to Mass Protests/ Demonstrations **Certified**
2. Agency Wellness **Certified No Action Required**

**Group 6**

11. Developmentally Appropriate Policing and Positive Youth Interactions **Certified No Action Required**

12. Crisis Intervention **Certified**  **No Action Required**

**Group 7**

13. Property and Evidence **Certified** **No Action Required**

Miami County Park District Lexipol Policy Manual Review, no issues, all updates, and policies acknowledged and released as needed. Several policies have been updated and acknowledged throughout 2024.

Miami County Park District LE 2024 Annual Report, all goals/ standards met.

**2024 Ranger Training standards**

All Rangers met or exceeded 2024 Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission CPT standards, no training deficiencies recognized or new recommendations for 2025. 24 hours of CPT mandated by OPOTC. Rangers will complete training based on current events, policies, or specialized assignments. Training goals for 2025 will be a minimum of 24 hours per Ranger/ and 12 months of Daily Training Bulletins completed. Topics to include Use of Force, Ethics Law, Legal Updates, Search and Seizure, with 16 additional hours on approved topics. (Officer Trauma and Wellness, Domestic Violence, Vehicle Dynamics, Report Writing, Leadership)

**Miscellaneous:**

The body worn camera program has been put into the 2025 budget to get updated cameras and continue with the Evidence.com platform for use in redaction, record retention, and deletion. Lexipol has released a new BWC policy that will replace the current Mobile Audio/Video recording policy.

No rules and regulation changes have occurred or are being recommended.

To ensure compliance with LEADS security and standards, and for the further protection of CJIS sensitive information, a review and updates have been made to the Park Ride Along form(s). This is to include a non-disclosure statement to be completed as well as our current form. Additional policy updates to include Physical Data protection and Media protection have been added, per LEADS audit.

A cruiser replacement has been put into the 2025 budget. Car 24 a 2015 Ford Explorer SUV with 111,521 miles is scheduled to be replaced.

NIBRS- Reporting through MCSO or built into Park District Report system

Due to a Ranger resigning their full time position a full time Ranger position will be posted in 2025, in accordance with Ohio Collaborative standards on recruitment and hiring, and Miami County Park District policy.

New assets have become available to the park district in 2025 related to vehicle barricades. I will be working with the Operations staff to possibly house or store all or a portion of these assets on behalf of all the agencies within the county. These assets would aid in crowd safety and traffic control.