

Richfield Police Department 2018 Annual Report



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Bobbie Beshara
Mayor

Mayor Beshara,

The changes that occurred in 2018 are a precursor of things to come. As you know, this will be my final year as chief of the department. Changes were proposed and implemented at the end of the year that will hopefully provide a smooth transition to new leadership.

Last year saw the retirement of Officer Ben Gentile, Detective Amy Ellis and Lieutenant Joe Davis. Between the three officers there was nearly ninety years of combined law enforcement experience. Lieutenant Davis has been an instrumental figure within the community for over thirty years. His list of accomplishments will be detailed later in this report.



The Richfield Police Department was once again charged with planning and implementing a protection detail for the President of the United States. In March, President Donald Trump visited the Ohio Operating Engineers training facility on Newton Road. There are few departments of our size that can say that they were a part of one Presidential detail let alone two. In September 2003, President Bush also paid a visit to the Newton Road facility.

Following President Trump's visit, all members of the police department received a departmental unit citation. Lieutenant Joe Davis and Detective Sergeant Mike Swanson received commendations for the planning, organizing and implementation of the Presidential Protection Detail.

In late 2018, we had a temporary malfunction of the 911 call answering equipment. Although repairs were possible it was discovered that most of the equipment is obsolete to the point that we are no longer able to purchase a service agreement for repairs. Communications Supervisor Tim Baker, with council approval, began the process of purchasing a new 911 system. The Next Generation equipment is digital instead of analog and will allow SMS communication and other advancements. The new equipment is slated to be installed in February 2019. New Badges were also purchased. Pictures of the new badges can be found on the cover.

It has been my pleasure to serve the community of Richfield for seventeen plus years. Although my eight years as police chief has had some trying moments, I am grateful for the opportunity that you have provided.

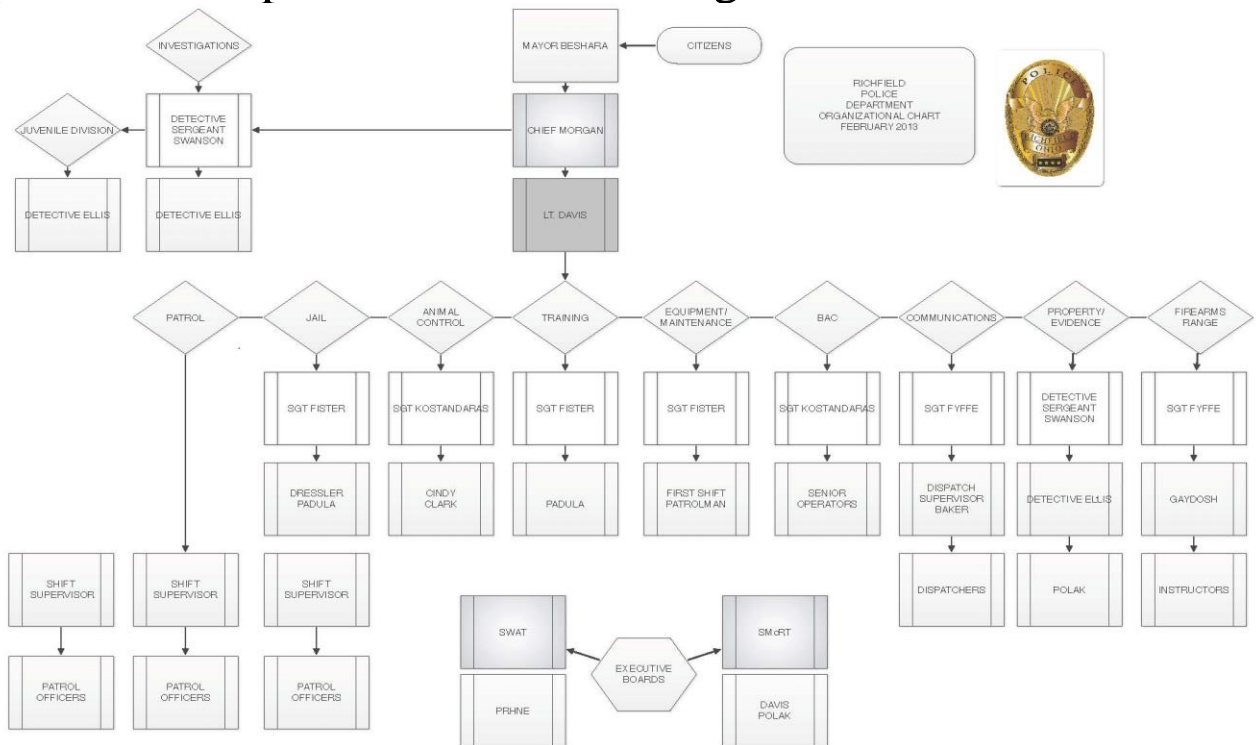
Sincerely,

Keith D. Morgan

MISSION STATEMENT

The Men and Women of the Richfield Police Department are committed to being a professional and caring organization dedicated to the concepts of personal excellence, continuous improvement, integrity, teamwork, and service to our community.

We believe in the dignity of all citizens and desire to protect individual rights. We aspire to contribute to the quality of life in the community of Richfield by providing efficient Law Enforcement services. We take pride in our professional performance and image.



Richfield's Law Enforcement History

The Richfield Police Department can trace its law enforcement tradition back to 1816. The first law enforcement official was a constable who was elected to office. Two of the first known constables were John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins. One of the most colorful constables was Arthur Scobie who served from 1920 to 1935. Constable Scobie wore boots and a western style hat. He rode a horse in order to perform his duties.

Web Orcutt and Joseph Smith also served as constables in the 1920's, while Preston Fauble was the first motorcycle officer. In the early 1930's, Orcutt, Smith and Fauble changed careers and were each elected to the office of Justice of the Peace.

William Guthrie was the last constable of Richfield and the first to have a car with two-way radio. An auxiliary captain, Charlie Palmer, and Virgil Newton served as deputies. The constable system was replaced by the Summit County Sheriff in 1962. Three local men, Tom Fisher, Ed Peffer, and Lee Weber were sworn in as deputies. The Summit County Sheriff continued to serve in Richfield until 1970, shortly after the Village of Richfield was formed. The formation of the Village resulted in two entities: Richfield Township and Richfield Village.

In 1970 the Richfield Village Police Department was formed. Tom Fisher was chosen to be the police chief, a position that he held until 1988. The Township continued its affiliation with the Summit County Sheriff's office. Richfield Township did have a police chief, Dave Arbogast, who was appointed in 1984. Chief Arbogast worked in conjunction with the Sheriff's department. The Township formed their own department with six additional officers joining Chief Arbogast.

John Walsh was appointed as Tom Fisher's replacement in 1988. Chief Walsh served in that capacity until 2001. Chief M.D. Canter was the third police chief for the Richfield Police Department with his appointment in 2001. In that same year, the Richfield Township Police Department was dissolved. Richfield Township contracted with the Richfield Village Police department for police services. In 2002 the police department moved into a new facility.

There have been many changes since John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins took their oaths of office in the early 1800's. The law enforcement mission remains the same, to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield.

CHIEFS OF POLICE

John Walsh
1988 to 2001



Dave Arbogast
Richfield Township



Tom Fisher
1962-1988



Dale Canter
2001-2012



Keith Morgan
2012-Present

Personnel Information

As I mentioned earlier, 2018 was an exceptionally active year in terms of personnel moves.

In January, Timothy McAleese and Joel Meister were sworn in as part-time patrol officers. They were joined in April by Thomas “Bart” Randolph who also joined the force.

Joel Meister is 2017 graduate of the Polaris Career Center police academy. Joel is beginning his law enforcement career after serving in the United States Navy from 2008-2016. While serving as a Seabee he was stationed in Mississippi, Washington D.C. and India. He was also deployed to the Philippines, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Yemen and Guam.



Timothy (Sonny) McAleese is a graduate of Green High School and the Akron University Police Academy. He completed the police academy and has served as a part-time police officer with Peninsula since May 2017. Sonny’s father has been a police officer for over twenty-years and is highly regarded throughout Summit County.

Bart Randolph is a graduate of Wadsworth High School after which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Walsh University. Bart majored in Business Management and was a member of the Walsh University football team.

Bart attended the police academy at the University of Akron in 2015 and is now employed by the Summit County Metro Parks as a park ranger.



On April 1, 2018 Officer Ben Gentile retired from the Richfield Police Department after serving since 1991. Officer Gentile was a full-time detective with the Regional Transit Authority. He retired from RTA several years ago. Officer Gentile was honored for his service at the June 5, 2018 council meeting.

Officer Dave Arbogast was also honored during the meeting for his many, many years of service to both Richfield Township and Village.



Detective Amy Ellis also retired from the force this year. Amy began her career in 1996 after earning her degree from the University of Akron. She also attended the police academy at Akron and was chosen as the Vice-President of the academy class. Amy was assigned to the patrol division from 1996-2005. While in patrol, Amy also served as the juvenile officer for the department. She was responsible for investigations that dealt with juvenile offenders and victims and she also coordinated the juvenile diversion program. The juvenile diversion program provides an alternative for handling youth offenders rather than referring them to the juvenile court system.

In 2005 Amy was assigned to the detective bureau where she continued her work with juveniles and assumed additional investigative duties. The detective bureau is responsible for following up every incident and conducting full-scale investigations when necessary. This includes, but is not limited to: crime scene processing, evidence handling and testing, victim-witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, warrant preparation and execution and court case preparation. The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for every employee that the village hires.

Since 2012, Amy was the primary property room custodian. The property room contains hundreds of items of evidentiary articles that must be meticulously catalogued and inventoried to insure the chain of custody. Items must be carefully packaged and preserved for testing by off-site labs. Any complications with the chain of custody could taint the evidence making it inadmissible in court and would jeopardize the prosecution's case. Amy was responsible for the collection and distribution of digital evidence as well.



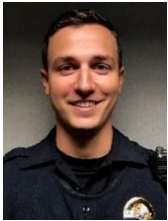
As Amy's reputation as an expert in dealing with juvenile matters continued to grow, so did her involvement with the Revere School District. Amy met with Revere staff members and Bath Police officers on a monthly basis in order to help provide an exceptional level of security and safety to the students of Revere. Amy assisted the school with investigations, truancy matters and social media advances prior to the formation of the joint SRO program initiated several years ago. She continued to assist the SRO and participated with many joint juvenile investigations with the Bath Police Department.

In addition to her juvenile and general investigative duties Amy's specialized in sexual assault crimes. Sexual assault crimes are one of the most difficult to investigate for a variety of reasons including delays in reporting, in the inadvertent destruction of evidence by victims and or medical professionals. Obviously, the most important part of the investigation is dealing with the victims of the assaults. Something that Amy was able to accomplish with compassion and professionalism.

John Petrovich was assigned to the detective bureau following Amy's retirement. John has over twenty-years in law enforcement and has been a full-time officer with Richfield serving in the patrol division since 2012.



Officer Joel Meister moved from part-time to full-time status following Detective Ellis' retirement.



Michael Testa was hired as a part-time officer in September. Mike is a graduate of Walsh High School. He also attended the University of Cincinnati where he earned a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice.

After college, Mike attended the University of Akron police academy. He has been working as a part-time police officer since 2017.

In December, Lieutenant Joe Davis retired after serving with the department since 1985.

Joe attended the Medina County Law Enforcement Academy, and was certified as a peace officer in the State of Ohio in December of 1983 he was a part-time police officer for Twinsburg Township. Joe began his career as a part-time police officer with the Richfield Police Department in April of 1985.



In August of 1986 Joe was promoted to full-time status by Chief Tom Fisher.

In 1999 Chief Walsh promoted Joe to Sergeant serving as a shift supervisor in the patrol division. A patrol sergeant is a field supervisor who is responsible for the direct supervision of operations, conduct, appearance and performance of personnel assigned under their command.

When Chief Walsh retired in 2001, Joe served as co-interim chief while the village conducted a search for a new police chief.

Chief Canter was appointed in late 2001 and took note of the administrative abilities of then Sergeant Davis and promoted him to Lieutenant in January of 2002.

As administrative Lieutenant Joe was second in command of the police department and was the commander of the patrol division. His duties included scheduling, training coordination, grant writing, and special detail scheduling to name a few.

It is safe to say that Joe spent thousands of hours in training during his thirty plus years as a police officer.

In 2002 Joe attended the Police Executive and Administrative Leadership program. From January 2006 through March 2006 Joe attended the 224th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy held at Quantico Virginia. The FBINA is considered one of the most esteemed law enforcement trainings available, with participants in attendance from police departments worldwide. Academy coursework included intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist



mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science.

Joe is also a certified law enforcement instructor and is certified to teach Firearms, Cultural Diversity, Missing, Abused and Abducted Children investigation, Domestic Violence investigation, Alcohol Detection and Prosecution and Speed Measurement devices at the police academy level. He is also an ALiCe instructor and has assisted with teaching the local school district staff, religious organizations, police and fire departments and many of the businesses in Richfield. It provides individuals and organizations alternative responses to the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter. He has prepared safety plans for businesses and religious organizations in order to provide safer environments in the event of an emergency.

Joe has served on the Revere School Safety committee that meets and discusses safety concerns and responses to help protect the children of the Revere School District. He helped formulate the school district's action plan and has participated in tabletop exercises at the state, local and federal level.



In 2003 Joe was instrumental in organizing the necessary personnel to insure the safety of President Bush during his visit to Richfield. He received recognition from the United States Secret Service for the exceptional preparation and implementation of the action plan.



Last year, Joe postponed a medical procedure so that he could again coordinate the protection of the President of the United States when President Trump gave a speech in Richfield.

Since 2005 Joe has been a member of the Summit County OVI Taskforce. He has participated in countless DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the county. In addition, he served as the public information officer for the taskforce and the police department. He was responsible for preparing press releases and served as the media spokesperson for television, radio and print publications.

In addition to these duties Joe served as a grant writer for the police department. Due to his prowess the department received grants for License Plate Readers, Bullet proof vests, computer equipment, RADAR devices, vehicle mobile data terminals, thermal imaging equipment, and several portable radios. He obtained surplus military equipment including workout machines, ballistic vests, ballistic shock plates, helmets, gas masks and most notably surplus AR15 rifles. Thanks to Joe, all of the police vehicles are equipped with military grade equipment and all of the officers are trained and qualified to use more advanced weaponry to protect themselves and the public should a dire emergency arise.

Several years ago, in order to improve community-police relationships the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board was formed. The focus was to provide standardized rules and regulations for police departments in the several different areas. Joe was given the task of reviewing our current policies and conforming them to state standards. He developed new policies

and provided training to all police employees. After extensive review Richfield became a certified agency in 2018.

Joe has been the recipient of many awards including:

Department firearm proficiency award in 2002

Department Unit citation following President Bush's visit in 2003

Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy graduate 2006

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Top Cop Award

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Deuce Award Finalist 2014

Department Unit Citation following President Trump's visit 2018

Department Commendation following President Trump's visit 2018

I think that it is safe to say that Joe broke the mold for all police officers that follow him at the Richfield Police Department. Joe for more than thirty years, approached every day of his career, from the beginning to the end, with the same energy and exuberance.



Presidential Protection Detail

On Thursday March 22, 2018 the department was contacted by the Secret Service regarding a potential dignitary passing through the Village of Richfield. We were asked to attend a meeting on Friday, March 23, 2018 regarding the event but were provided no details.



Lt. Davis, Detective Sergeant Swanson, and I attended a briefing on Friday in the late afternoon where we learned that President Trump would be visiting Richfield on Thursday March 29, 2018. The Secret Service provided a tentative motorcade route and site location.

As the hosting agency the Richfield Police Department coordinated with the Secret Service but we were inevitably responsible for providing personnel for inner security, perimeter security and road and driveway closures during the motorcade. All of the planning and personnel assignments needed to be completed on Wednesday for the event on Thursday.

Lieutenant Joe Davis, who was scheduled for knee surgery on Wednesday and Detective Sergeant Swanson immediately began formulating a plan. They had roughly five days to assemble the 86 police personnel and 13 Service Department members needed to accomplish a successful visit. Twenty-two roadways and 183 driveways needed to be barricaded and secured during the motorcade. The forty-two-acre parcel had to be secured and patrolled by police personnel prior to and during the event. The location of the President's speech, a 16,000 square foot all-weather training building with an additional 7,000 square foot classroom and office space also had to be protected before and during the event. Crowd control along the motorcade and at the event were also a priority.

They had five days to complete a plan but were done in four.

Members from the following departments were contacted and provided invaluable assistance:

Richfield Police	Copley Police	Ohio State Highway patrol
Bath Police	Fairlawn Police	Hinckley Police
Brecksville Police	Summit Metro Parks	Summit County Bomb Squad
Metro SWAT	Cleveland Metro Parks	Kent Police Department
	Mounted Unit	

We also enlisted the assistance of the Richfield Service Department who provided help with road and driveway closures after having completed their extensive clean up efforts to beautify the

Village. Members of the Presidential Motorcade remarked to me that the Service Department members were especially impressive as were the roads and properties throughout the Village.

All participants were presented a letter and certificate to commemorate the event and provide a small thank you for all of their work. Members of the police department were awarded a unit citation. In addition, Lieutenant Davis and Detective Sergeant Swanson were awarded commendations for their efforts. They were recognized and presented their commendations during a meeting of council.



Award for first time recipients

Award for second time recipients

Commendation





THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT UNIT CITATION to:

Sergeant Paul Fister

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service on March 29, 2018 while serving as an employee of the Village of Richfield Police Department. Following notification of the impending visit to Richfield from President Donald J. Trump, department members began an initiative to provide safety and security to the motorcade route, event venue and the spectators. Myriad tasks had to be accomplished before the arrival of the President. Despite cold temperatures and inclement weather members of the department enthusiastically spent many hours procuring the equipment, vehicles and manpower to accomplish their task. The event venue was transformed into an operational, secure facility well ahead of even the most optimistic schedule. The department's hard work and long hours, under adverse conditions and time limitations resulted in a safe, pleasant and historic visit from the President of the United States. The dedication, pride and professionalism displayed by the Richfield Police Department reflects well upon each member.



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Bobble Engstrom
Mayor

March 27, 2018

On Thursday, March 29, 2018 Richfield will receive a visit from the President of The United States.

A motorcade will pass through the area before and after the event which is being held at the Operating Engineers facility on Newton Road in Richfield Township.

The Secret Service has requested that each driveway be coned off while the motorcade passes. Your driveway will have cones placed at the end early Thursday morning.

We anticipate that the cones will be placed across your driveway at or near 1:15 PM and will be removed by 3:00 PM. The cones will then be completely removed shortly thereafter. We ask that you not access your driveway while the cones are placed in the drive.

In addition, there will be traffic delays on most of the roadways throughout Richfield. Those roads that will experience closures during the motorcade include Brocksville Road, S.R. 303 (Streetsboro Road), Oviatt Road and Newton Road. Obviously, the intersecting streets will also have limited access or be closed at that intersection during the motorcade.

We certainly apologize for the inconvenience to your families and or businesses during the President's visit and we will make every effort to minimize the impact that the motorcade will cause.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call my office.

Sincerely,
Keith D. Morgan
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Chief

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Animal Control

Cindy Clark serves as the Richfield Police Department's Animal Control Officer. In 2018, she responded to 931 calls for service.

Calls for service include

- Impoundment of stray dogs and cats
- Nuisance animal trapping
- Resident complaints such as barking dogs, animals-at-large.
- Animal abuse and/or neglect
- Animal quarantine in response to bite
- Veterinarian treatment for potential adoption
- Adoption services
- Animal enforcement in Richfield Village; The Township enforcement is handled by the Summit County Animal Warden
- Cleaning, maintenance and supplying a 24-hour animal kennel

In addition, Cindy is a participant in the annual Safety Town program focusing on safety around animals, domestic and wild.

2018						
Date	Hours	Animals	Released	Fines	Calls	Akron
1-1/1-7	45	1	0	0	31	0
1-8/ 1-21	55	2	2	0	40	0
1-22/2-4	55	0	0	0	36	0
2-5/2-18	55	0	0	0	31	0
2-19/3-4	56	2	2	0	31	0
3-5/3-18	53	0	0	0	37	0

3-19/4-1	56	0	0	0	34	0
4-2/4-15	54	0	0	0	37	0
4-16/4-29	56	2	2	25.00	40	0
4-30/5-14	55	2	1	0	41	0
5-15/5-27	56	5	5	80.00	54	0
5-28/6-10	54	1	1	0	37	0
6-11/6-24	55	1	1	0	39	0
6-25/7-8	53	0	0	0	40	0
7-9/7-22	53	1	1	0	37	0
7-23/8-5	56	1	0	0	40	0
8-6/8-19	56	2	2	0	33	0
8-20/9-2	56	1	1	0	42	0
9-3/9/16	55	1	1	0	33	0
9-17/9-30	55	4	4	0	32	0
10-1/10-14	54	1	1	0	35	0
10-15/10-28	53	1	2	0	29	0
10-29/11-11	56	4	4	25.00	30	0
11-12/11-25	50	1	1	0	28	0
11-26/12/9	56	1	1	25.00	31	0
12-10/12-23	56	1	1	0	33	0
Totals	1414	35	33	155.00	931	0

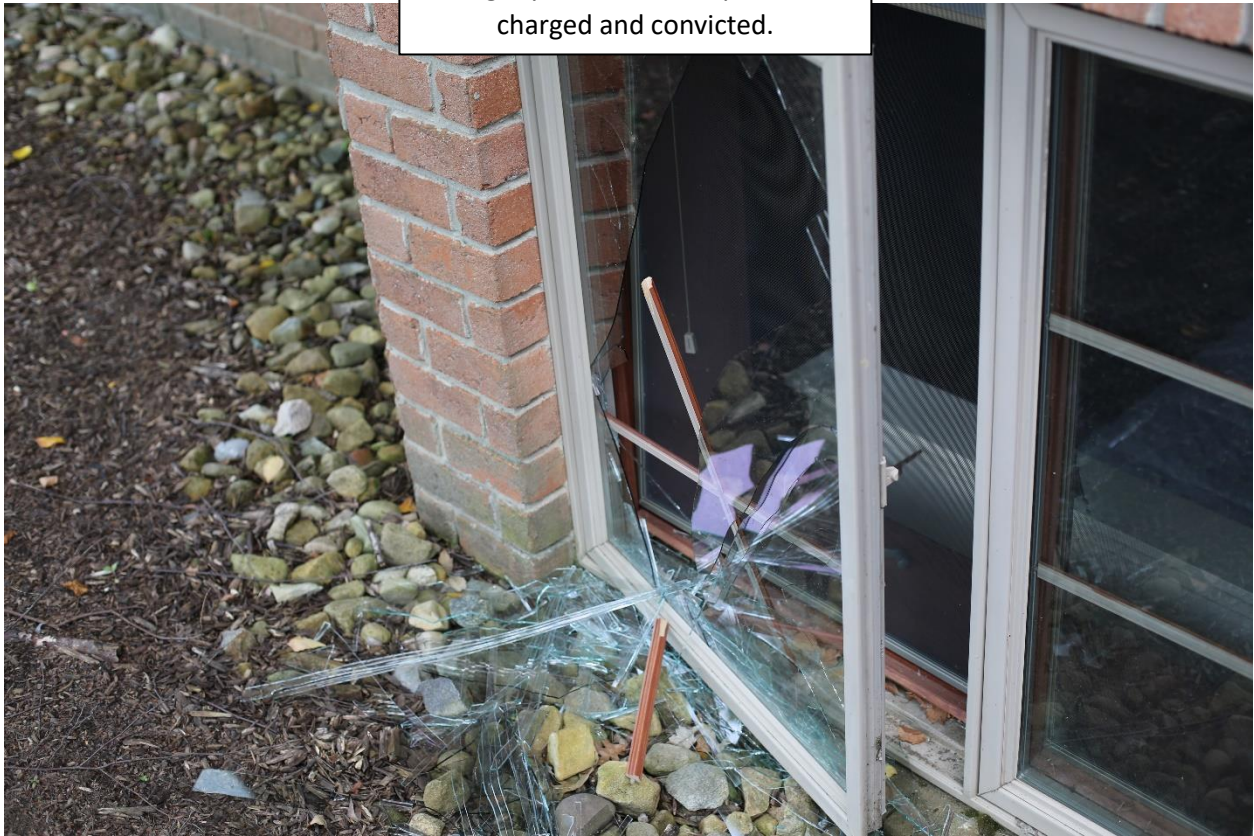
Detective Bureau

Detective Amy Ellis retired in 2018 after serving over 12 years in the detective bureau. Detective Ellis' passion for investigations will truly be missed. The detective bureau is currently staffed by Detective Sergeant Mike Swanson and Detective John Petrovich. Detective Petrovich also serves on Metro SWAT and maintains both assignments. In regards to juvenile investigations, the detective bureau continues to work closely with School Resource/Juvenile Officer Scott Dressler.

In 2018, the detective bureau investigated 118 cases. Among the investigations were 34-thefts/fraud/forgeries, 11-B&E/Burglaries, 5-Assaults/Domestics, 7-Sex Crimes, and 5-Deaths.

3 search warrants were prepared and served in 2018. Numerous subpoenas and court orders were also obtained. Additionally, 19-Felony arrest warrants/indictments and 6-Misdemeanor arrest warrants were obtained in 2018.

Below is a point of entry in a 2018 Burglary, in which a suspect was charged and convicted.



All of the case work involves countless hours of investigation, which includes but is not limited to, crime scene processing, victim-witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, report writing and warrant preparation. Additionally, many hours are spent coordinating efforts with The Summit County Common Pleas Court, The Akron Municipal Court, The Summit County Juvenile Court and their prosecutor's offices, as well as other state and federal agencies.

Below is tire impression evidence used to convict a suspect involved in a 2018 Theft/B&E.



The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for police department applicants and other Richfield employees. This is a very involved process that requires hours of research and investigation into the applicant's background. It includes interviews of the applicant, their past employers, references and neighbors of the applicant. The background investigation process is similar to other investigations, which is why it's typically assigned to detective bureaus.

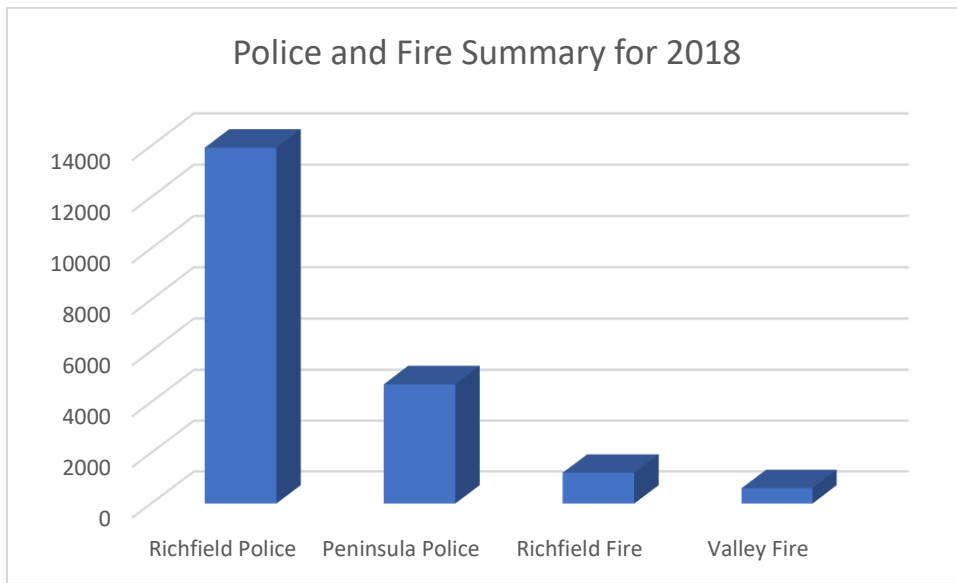
In 2019, there will be additional personnel movement within the detective bureau. The detective bureau will continue its level of service to the residents of Richfield by aggressively investigating all crimes.

Communications

The communications division of the Richfield Police Department is supervised by Tim Baker. There are six (6) full-time and five (5) part-time dispatchers that, in 2018 were responsible for all communications incoming and outgoing for the following communities;

Richfield Village	Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments
Richfield Township	Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments
Village of Peninsula	Police and Service Departments
Valley Fire (Peninsula, Boston Twp. and Boston Hts.)	Fire and EMS Services

The dispatch center fielded 21,336 calls for service in 2018.



Richfield Police	13,928
Peninsula Police	4,701
Richfield Fire	1,216
Valley Fire	608

The remaining 883 were handled with our service departments and miscellaneous calls handled by dispatchers.

Although in 2017 our dispatch center went through a major remodel project, we continue to update our equipment that is approaching the end of support or is no longer operational to our center anymore.

In 2018 we continued with our P-25 800 MHz radio system through Summit County and with the completion of this project we were able to enhance our radio coverage for our Safety Forces as well as Public Works. Our old system is still in operation but is only utilized as a back-up if the need ever arises.

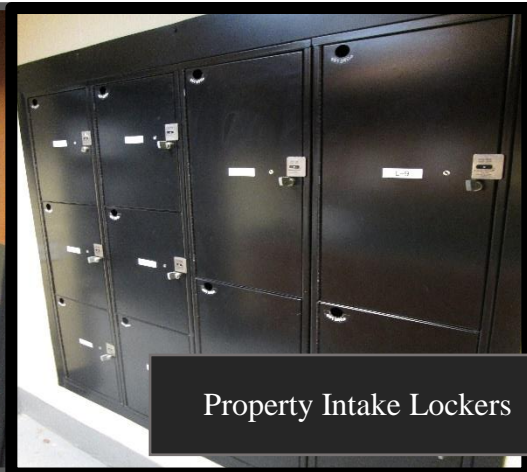
We continue to do Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) for all the communities we serve. The benefit of providing pre-arrival instructions to people who are in need of medical help will provide the responding units a better and clearer picture as to what they are going to be addressing when they get to a medical emergency. In 2018 all of our dispatchers recertified for another 2 years.



Property Room Annual Report 2018



Property Room Intake Area



Property Intake Lockers

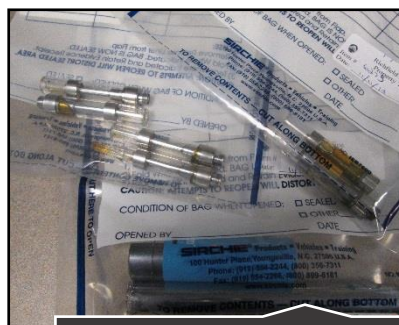
The property room is to be an efficient and secure management of property and evidence. The proficiency of the property often makes the difference in a successful outcome of a criminal case. The property room is staffed by Officer Scott Dressler, Officer Dave Polak and Sergeant. Paul Fister. There is a constant flow of property and evidence that passes through the property room each year. In 2018, 351 pieces of property/evidence were packaged, labeled, logged and properly stored. This procedure was done while maintaining a proper chain of custody. As compared with in 2017, 181 pieces of property/evidence were packaged, labeled, logged, and properly stored.

The day to day operations of the property room are managed among three officers on their respective shifts while also performing their other assigned duties. Many pieces of evidence are submitted to the crime lab each year for analysis, this process is managed through the property room. The evidence must be prepared for submission, and after analysis it's returned to our property room. The accompanying lab reports that follow then must be filed appropriately and or forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Examples of evidence/property that have been taken in throughout the year of 2018:



A loaded handgun taken off the streets



Full and empty vials of THC (Marijuana Oil)



Marijuana in a jar along with smoking device

Summit Metro Crash Response Team



The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT) is Summit County's first multi-jurisdictional crash response team. Investigators are assembled from 15 police agencies throughout Summit County and include officers from Bath, Boston Heights, Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Peninsula, Richfield, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Streetsboro PD, and the Summit County Sheriff's. SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineer's Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner, and our municipal and county prosecutor's offices.

The Unit is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. One or more members of each team are Level III Crash Reconstructionists or Level II Technical Crash Investigators who have training in Vehicle Dynamics, Crush Deformation, Low Speed Impact, Commercial Vehicles, Motorcycles, Occupant Kinematics, Lamp and Tire Analysis, Evidence Collection and Court Room Testimony. Other team members are Basic Crash Investigators who assist the Reconstructionists in data collection and evidence preservation.

The Unit is investigative only and does not initiate any enforcement action. Investigators support and advise the requesting agency as to the causes and factors involved in the crash and can provide an agency with a professional and scientific analysis and reconstruction of a serious crash. Participation in the Unit serves to multiply our resources in a crash emergency, both in terms of manpower as well as equipment which is shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation.

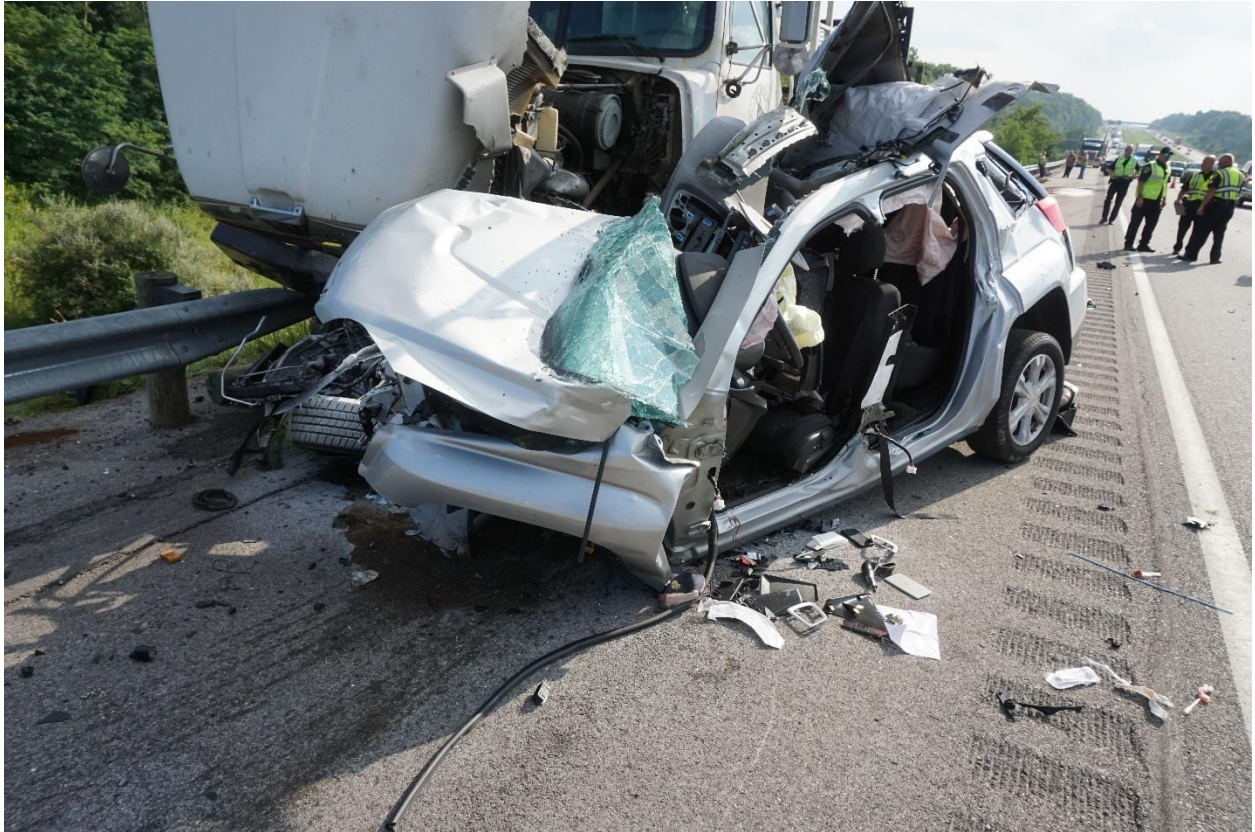
Officer Polak is an active member of the SMcRT and has been a team member since 2014. Officer Polak is a traffic crash reconstructionist. He attended the Pennsylvania State Police 18th Annual Collision Reconstruction Seminar in Gettysburg PA. Officer Polak was accompanied by Officer

Dan Biada of Twinsburg Police Department and Officer Brian Battaglia of the Hudson Police Department. During the conference, two staged crashes were conducted and statistics and measurements were recorded and analyzed. Instructors from around the nation came to the conference and gave detailed seminars in subjects such as distracted driving, scene documentation, impaired driving, electronic data recovery, etc. Officer Polak also attended crime scene photography training at The Ohio Peace Office Training Academy in Richfield.



The Richfield Police Department triaged SMcRT for two separate crashes. Traffic Crash 2018102 was a two-vehicle traffic crash that resulted in a fatality. The traffic crash occurred near 4021 Brecksville Road. An individual operating a 2016 Ford Escape entered the roadway causing an individual operating a motorcycle to T-bone the Ford. The motorcyclist was propelled from the bike resulting in fatal injuries. After the investigation, the operator of the Ford was charged criminally and arrested.

The second was traffic crash 2018143 which was a two-vehicle crash that resulted in fatality. The crash occurred August 27, 2018 on Interstate 271 near the 9-mile post. An individual operating a 2017 GMC Terrain was traveling southbound on I-271. The vehicle crossed the median and entered northbound traffic, striking an oversized flatbed head-on. The operator of the GMC succumbed to his injuries after life flight transported the individual to the hospital. Final investigation determined that the operator possibly dropped his phone resulting in the operator to violently jerk the wheel as they were reaching for it, resulting in the vehicle to enter on-coming traffic.



The team also introduced a piece of equipment known as The Faro Scanner. The Faro Scanner sends an infrared laser beam into the center of its rotating mirror. The mirror deflects the laser beam on a vertical rotation around the environment being scanned. Scattered light from the surrounding objects is then reflected back into the scanner and the scanner collects the data. The scanner also captures 3D photos of the surrounding scene. All the data is then transferred into Faro Software. In the software, precise measurements can be recorded and documented. The Faro Scanner significantly reduces the amount of time the team spends on a scene due to the speed of the device capturing the data. Officer Polak attended the one-week training course that was put on by Faro.

The Summit Metro Crash Response Team has required monthly training. During the training in 2018, the team attended Bridgestone Tire in Akron Ohio to learn about the effects of tire rubber on the roadway. The team also attended DriveTeam where sample skid tests were conducted and studied. Other training consisted of math review, photography, crashes that the team responded too, and equipment maintenance.

Police Vehicles



The Richfield Police Department added three Police Rated Interceptors and one Police Rated Explorer to marked patrol. The Explorer was added to the fleet to replace a previously damaged cruiser involving a drunk driver. The Cruiser Inventory of vehicles presently consists of 12 vehicles: Nine Marked Road Patrol Units, and Four Unmarked Units. A total of 206,038 miles were patrolled.

The marked road patrol cruisers are equipped with communication equipment, emergency lighting, crash equipment, weapon retention equipment, mobile data terminals, automated external defibrillator (AED) which also contain two doses of Narcan, and in-car video cameras. The in-car video system is now paired with body-worn cameras that officers wear throughout their shift.

The marked road patrol cruisers also are equipped with ready bags located in the front compartment of each cruiser, which contain extra ammunition, and first aid supplies for an officer to take with them to high risk incidents. Lastly, located in the trunk of each marked patrol cruiser are: flak jackets, helmets, low profile police uniforms, and chemical suits in addition are gas masks for our first responder police officers.

In addition to the Richfield Police Cruiser Inventory are two vehicles assigned to the Detective Bureau, one vehicle assigned to Chief of Police, and one vehicle assigned to Animal Warden. These vehicles are not marked, but they are equipped with police radios, and weapon retention equipment. These vehicles carry all necessary equipment for detectives to assist them at crime scenes, and to transport all evidence back to police department. The vehicle assigned to the Animal Warden is used and equipped to aid her in her duties and is marked similar to our Road Patrol.

The entire fleet is on a weekly maintenance program set up through our department with Sgt. Fister and Officer. Kellackey, and the Village's mechanics Chuck Soulek, Ken Horn, and John Luther. This is an effort to maintain efficient service at a minimal cost and to make every effort to provide a safe and properly working vehicle for a Richfield Police officer.

Safety Town

The 41st Richfield Safety Town was held on June 18-22, 2018 from 9:00am-12:00pm daily. The program had 41 pre-Kindergarten students enrolled with 41 middle school and high school student volunteers.

My role involved scheduling outside presenters for Pet Safety, Bus Safety, GASP, Tornado and Fire Drills and Burn Safety. I also reserved Richfield Elementary and ordered and prepared supplies, handouts and applications. Applications were distributed to area preschools and daycares, as well as the Richfield Rec Center, Richfield Library, Revere Middle School and Richfield Elementary for their Curious About Kindergarten program.

Applications were also posted on the Village of Richfield website via the Richfield Police Department. Throughout the program, student volunteers supported students in learning their addresses and phone numbers, bike and traffic safety, water and gun safety, as well as 911, good touch and bad touch, ALiCE and Self-Defense instruction.

This year students graduated at the conclusion of the last day on Friday, June 22 @ 1pm at Richfield Elementary. Police Chief Morgan, Richfield Safety Town staffers Alex Piepenbrink and Carla Piskac were in attendance and helped graduation go smoothly. Students sang songs, received their certificates and enjoyed a slideshow presentation of pictures demonstrating what we accomplished throughout the week. Once students were dismissed, volunteers helped clean up Safety Town at Richfield Elementary and enjoyed a pizza party before receiving their certificates.

It was another successful year of the program organized by Rachel Alaimo and School Resource Officer Scott Dressler.

Rachel Alaimo



Following this-years program we decided to purchase a tarp specially printed for use with Safety Town. In past years street layouts were done with tape, which often did not stick due to humid weather.

School Resource Officer

The school resource officer is Scott Dressler; as mentioned in the Personnel Section of this report, Scott is in his first year in this position. The past three years have been a Bath Police officer. Officer Dressler is responsible for all schools in the Revere district.

The schools comprising the Revere Local School District are Hillcrest Elementary, Bath Elementary, Revere Middle School and Revere High School. Hillcrest is in the Village of Richfield while the other schools are in Bath Township.

Officer Dressler works closely with the superintendent and building principals to make sure the students, staff and visitors are safe in the buildings and around the campus. He also attends parent meetings to help address community concerns with our students. The primary duties for him are safety, security, leadership, mentoring and mediator.

In his first few months as SRO, Scott has handled numerous calls at all four buildings and has been assisted by the Bath and Richfield Police Departments. He handles residency and truancy issues with the help of school staff.

In 2018 a motorized bike was purchased in order to provide quicker access to the buildings. This year has been especially challenging due to construction of new facilities in the district.



Metro SWAT



Metro SWAT Police Officers from Summit and Portage Counties make up the Critical Response Team known as Metro Swat. There are fifteen board members comprised of member agency police chiefs. Of this fifteen, three are chosen to serve on the board of directors. Richfield is an active member of the regional unit.

The team was formed in 1990 so the member communities could combine their resources to deal with unusual situations that would exceed the capabilities of individual departments.

The Richfield Police Department contributes two members to the team. Officer Rudy Prhne serves as a tactical officer and Officer John Petrovich serves as command security and technical support to the team. Richfield Fire Department also contributes Paramedic Mike Lester to the team as a Swat Medic.



Officer Prhne and Petrovich were recognized for completing five years of service with Metro SWAT at their annual awards program.



The team is activated when a crisis situation develops. The team is trained to cope with problems that a regular Police unit is neither equipped nor trained to handle. These situations include active shooters, snipers, barricaded suspects, hostage incidents, violent felons and high-risk warrants. The team is also activated in search and rescue missions, crowd control and other circumstances that would require a department needing additional manpower.

This year, in addition to their normal activations, the team was tasked with providing protection during a second amendment rally held at Kent State University.



Gun rights and anti-gun activists clashed during the rally and several arrests were made.

The rally was mostly peaceful due to the planning and preparation completed by law enforcement agencies.



Richfield Jail

The Richfield jail is located within the police department; the facility consists of three 12-day jail cells a holding cell, and a detox cell. These cells can be used to detain adults for a maximum of 288 hours. The jail is available to detain individuals at any time our department warrants it, once the jail is occupied with a detainee it is to be staffed by Road Patrol officers. The detainee is evaluated by a Booking Officer (Road Patrol) to determine what classification the arrestee is to be held under. Sergeant Paul Fister is the Jail Administrator; he is assisted by Officer Tony Padula.

The Richfield Jail has policies and procedures to direct staff members in the performance of their job, tasks, and duties while inmates reside in the jail. These policies and procedures along with an

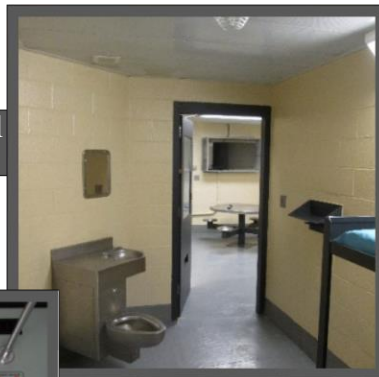


View Looking into Dayroom A and Cell #1

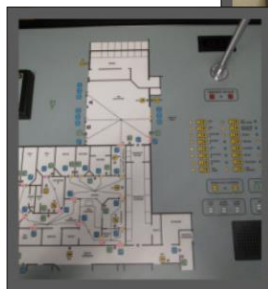
onsite inspection are reviewed annually by the State of Ohio.

The inspection consists of assessing compliance of the Richfield Jail with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio formulated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

View looking out from Cell Dayroom A



The Richfield Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a “Compliant Jail”, for 2018.



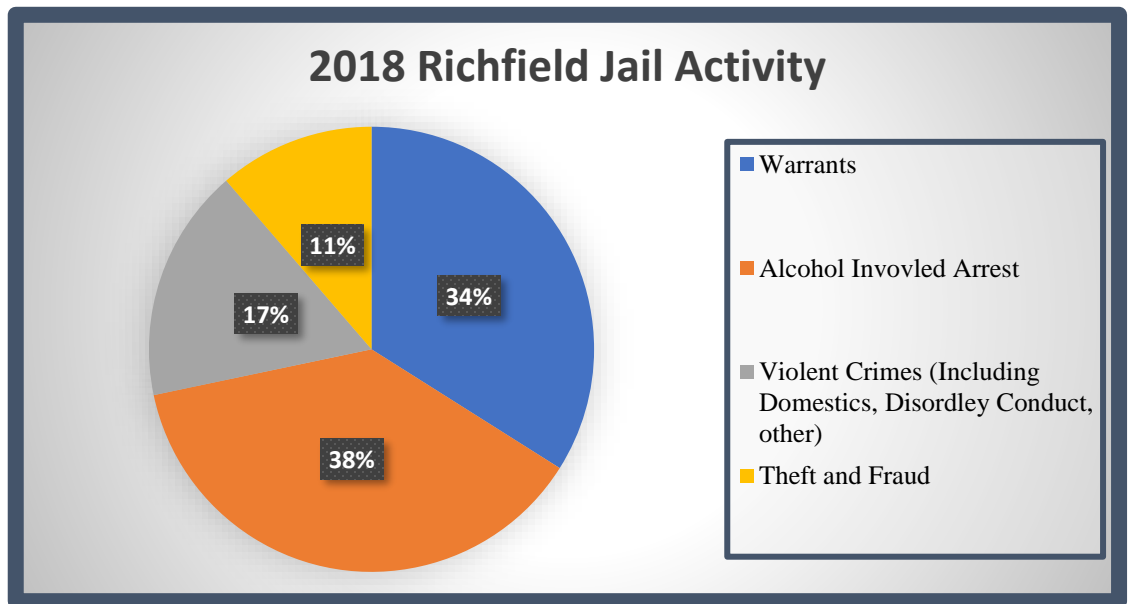
Control Panel for Jail in Jail Control

The Richfield Jail Staff belongs to the North Coast Correction Manager's Association (NCCMA). The association is comprised of Jail Administrators, Corrections Officers from County Agencies, Local Municipalities, and State

Correctional Facilities throughout the region. Meeting several times, a year which fosters collaboration and sharing of information between State, County, and Local agencies to improve process and provide continuing education for Administrators and Corrections Officers.

In 2018 the Richfield Jail continued its partnership with University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, as our Medical Control under the direction of Dr. Anthony Daher. Dr. Daher and the staff are available on a 24-hour basis to handle medical situations that occur within the jail. Ahuja Medical Center continues to provide meals for inmates under the direction of Steve Savanick, General Manager of Nutritional Services. Dr. Daher is also responsible for training the Richfield Police Department Officers on such issues as: Medical Intake of Inmates, Suicide Prevention, and lastly educate the officers of the Opioid Epidemic and how it relates to the Richfield Jail.

In 2018, the Richfield Jail had a total of 50 prisoners, the offenses ranged from: Warrants, Alcohol Involved Arrests, Violent Crimes, Theft and Fraud, Drug Involved Crimes, and Felony Warrants. Felony Warrants are initially processed through Richfield Jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail to await trial. The Richfield Jail held prisoners for an approximate total of 273 hours for the following offenses.



REMARKS

Remarks by President Trump on the Infrastructure Initiative

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THE PRESIDENT: What a group. Remember, you can't win unless you win the state of Ohio. Right? You can't. (Applause.) And I'm thrilled to be back in Ohio. And I'm proud to be here with the incredible carpenters, laborers, all of the members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18. I appreciate all of you. Your support has been amazing. Your support has been so great, right from the beginning. (Applause.) And each of you is living proof that American workers are truly the best in the world. Right? The best. (Applause.)

Rick Dalton and Mike Totman, thank you very much for hosting us. Where are you guys? Where are they? Where are you? Thank you, fellas. Nice-looking guys. Nice-looking guys. (Applause.)

We're also pleased to be joined by two members of my Cabinet: Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao and Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta. (Applause.) They've done a fantastic job.

We're especially happy to have some of our great Ohio leaders with us today: Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor — Mary — (applause) — State Auditor Dave Yost — (applause) — thank you — Congressmen Bob Gibbs, Bill Johnson, and Jim Renacci. Good. Great people. (Applause.) Thank you. Good. Great people. They're tough congressmen, I will tell you that. But they're for the workers. Right? They're for the workers. They're for the country. I can tell you that. They are for the country.

Joined by our friends here in Ohio, my administration is fighting every day to protect, and defend, and grow American jobs. And you see what's happening all over the country. It's in Ohio, but it's all over the country — pouring back plants and factories, pouring back into our country. They can't come back fast enough.

Even if you look — Apple, going to invest \$350 billion. When I heard \$350 billion, I said, "You must mean \$350 million." That's still a big plant. But they're going to be investing \$350 billion. So many others coming back with massive amounts of money. They all want to be back in the USA. A lot of them left; they're coming back. We've eliminated a record number of job-killing regulations. That's one of the reasons they're coming back. Right? (Applause.)

And we're not finished yet. In some cases, you have statutory limitations where you have to go 30 days and wait, and then you have to go 90 days and wait, and then you have to go 15 days and wait, and then you go 90 days again. And then you know what happens? We kill the regulation. And it's a thing of beauty. And we have filled out every form, every legal application.

And we still, actually, have a long way to go on regulation. And we're going to have regulations. You need regulations for safety and for the environment. But not where you couldn't do anything, you couldn't move. So I think that's been a big, big success and a reason for our success.

And we've made history by massively reducing job-killing taxes. (Applause.) And we didn't have one Democrat who voted for that. They want to raise your taxes.

And they want people to come in from the border. And they want — I guess, want — I can't imagine they want — but, certainly, drugs are flowing across borders. We need walls. We started building our wall. I'm so proud of it. We started. We started. We have \$1.6 billion, and we've already started. (Applause.)

You saw the pictures yesterday. I said, "What a thing of beauty." And on September 28th, we go further and we're getting that sucker built. And you think that's easy? People said, "Oh, has he given up on the wall?" No, I never give up. I never — we have \$1.6 billion toward the wall, and we've done the planning. And you saw those beautiful pictures, and the wall looks good. It's properly designed.

That's what I do, is I build. I was always very good at building. It was always my best thing. I think, better than being President, I was, maybe, good at building. Like you people, you're good at building. (Applause.) You know, I think maybe we'll be better at President even. That would be good.

But we are building a really state-of-the-art, very, very efficient — have to be able to see through; it makes a lot of sense. You have to be able to see who is on the other side. Nobody would even think of it. We've done prototypes all over, and we have something special happening.

We have reversed the dangerous defense cuts and we are giving our warfighters the tools, funding, and equipment they need to fight and to win. (Applause.)

We have — really, we're building up our military to the highest level it has ever been, and it was not in good shape. But it's now going to be, very soon, the highest level it has ever been. And by the way, that means jobs, too. That's defense — always number one. Defense is number one. (Applause.) Even you jobs folks would say defense is number one. But it's a lot of jobs. Millions of jobs.

We've unleashed American energy independence. Energy exports are at a record high, and foreign imports are at their lowest level in much more than a decade.

We have stood up for the American workers by finally cracking down on unfair trade that steals our jobs and plunders our wealth. They've stolen our wealth. They've stolen our jobs. They've stolen our plants and factories. No more.

We are not letting other countries take advantage of us. Even our friends took advantage. Our friends are friends. They're wonderful people, but we said, "You can't do that anymore. Those days are over." Frankly, our friends did more damage to us than our enemies. Because we didn't deal with our enemies, we dealt with our friends and we dealt incompetently. Because we're now finally putting America first. America first. (Applause.) Right?

Just this week, we secured a wonderful deal with South Korea. We were in a deal that was a horror show. It was going to produce 200,000 jobs, and it did — for them. That was a Hillary Clinton special, I hate to say. "This will produce 200,000 jobs." She was right, but it was for them. It wasn't for us.

So we've redone it, and that's going to level the playing field on steel and cars and trucks coming into this country. (Applause.)

And I may hold it up until after a deal is made with North Korea. Does everybody understand that? Do you know why? Right? Do you know why? Because it's a very strong card, and I want to make sure everyone is treated fairly and we're moving along very nicely with North Korea. We'll see what happens. Certainly the rhetoric has calmed down just a little bit, would you say? (Applause.) Would you say?

And we'll see how it all turns out. Maybe it will be good, and maybe it won't. And if it's no good, we're walking. And if it's good, we will embrace it. But it's going to be very interesting over the next period of time. And South Korea has been wonderful, but we'll probably hold that deal up for a little while. See how it all plays out.

We are keeping our promises, and the results are in: 3 million new jobs since Election Day. Three million. (Applause.) And if I would have said that to you during the campaign, where we had tremendous support in this great state, the state of Ohio — if I would have said 3 million jobs, they would have said, the fake news, "He's exaggerating." (Laughter.) Oh, they're fake.

Unemployment claims are at their lowest level in 45 years. The lowest level — 45 years. (Applause.) African American unemployment has reached the lowest levels ever recorded. (Applause.) Remember? Remember I said, "What do you have to lose? What do you have to lose?" And I'm so happy about that.

Hispanic American unemployment rate has also reached the lowest levels ever recorded. (Applause.) And wages are rising at the fastest level in more than a decade. Finally — 19 years, 21 years. People were making — last year, were making less money than they made 20 years ago. Now wages are rising because more jobs are happening.

And very important, just like we're going to have choice at the VA, we're going to have choice for these great people. You're going to also have choice with jobs. (Applause.) You're going to have choice with jobs. Our veterans are going to have choice, and you're going to have choice with jobs. (Applause.)

And now, with our friends in Ohio, we're launching the next phase of America's economic comeback. We're going to rebuild America's crumbling infrastructure. Now, we're going to probably — (applause) — we have a very important election coming up, and they don't like the winds we've been getting. They don't like that the economy — the Democrats — they don't like that the economy is so strong. They don't like that they don't have one vote on the tax cuts. Not one vote. And they're all now saying, "You know, those tax cuts are tough." What they're saying to each other is not pretty if you're a Democrat. And we should do well.

History says that when you win the presidency, that party doesn't do so well in the midterms, because people get complacent. They get complacent. We cannot be complacent. We've got the greatest economy, maybe, ever — maybe in history. We have the greatest economy we've ever had.

You know the expression from — I guess it was Bill Clinton — "It's the economy, stupid." Well, it is the economy. If we have produced, in a short period of time — because, believe me, if our party, if we, altogether — it's "we" — if we didn't win, this economy would be a wreck. They would have added more regulations. You wouldn't have 3 million jobs; you'd probably go negative. Your 3.2 GDPs and 3 and 2.9 would have been below — in my opinion, would have been below 1. This country was headed in the wrong direction. We can't lose that by getting hurt in the midterms. So we can't be complacent.

There's never been an economy like this. Everyone says it's the most important thing. And I don't know that it is or that it isn't. But, politically, they always say it's the most important thing. We cannot let anything happen to stop what we're doing and where we're going. And all of the workers and all of the jobs, we want to keep them.

And we want to protect our Second Amendment. You saw the other day where a very important — (applause) — where a very important, and respected, in some circles, Democrat, said we want to get rid — we should get rid of our Second Amendment. In other words, get rid of it. That's really —

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Tyranny!

THE PRESIDENT: It's tyranny. (Laughs.) Could be right about that. So we're going to protect our Second Amendment. That's not going to happen.

We have the best judges. We put on a tremendous amount of great federal district court judges. We'll be setting records. We are setting records. Appeals court judges. A Supreme Court judge — fantastic — Justice Gorsuch. (Applause.) And we'll continue. But your Second Amendment will always be your Second Amendment. We're not doing anything to that. (Applause.) Not doing anything.

We will breathe new life into your very run-down highways, railways, and waterways. We'll transform our roads and bridges from a source of endless frustration into a source of absolutely incredible pride. And we're going to do it all under budget and ahead of schedule. You ever hear those words in the public world — “under budget and ahead of schedule”? (Applause.)

And, you know, one of the things — and I just want to go on a little detour for a second. One of the things that wasn't mentioned by the folks in the back that we got recently in the bill was school safety. And we've got — the STOP School Violence Act was passed. That's the Sandy Hook people, the great people of Sandy Hook. They wanted it so badly. That was done.

We fixed, very strongly, the background checks. We got rid of the bump stocks. The bump stocks, now, are under very strict control, which I think everybody agrees is fine. And we really did a job. Nobody reported it. Doesn't get reported. If somebody else does it, it's like a big story, but it didn't.

And you know, fixing the background checks was so important. And it's a very, very strong fix of background checks. So I wanted to add that while we talk about infrastructure, while we talk about school safety — so important — but while we talk about all of these other things, that was part of what we got approved.

And another part — so important for Ohio, because I know you have a bigger problem than most — is opioids and drugs. We got \$6 billion but nobody talked about — \$6 billion — \$6 billion to fight the opioid problem and the drug problem. So it's another thing. (Applause.) And we got the down payment, \$1.6 billion on the wall. And we got a lot of other things.

Frankly, if we have had more Republican votes we wouldn't have had to give away what we gave away, which many of the people in this room, including me, don't like. Because it was a waste, in many cases. But the Democrats want things. They don't want to focus on crime, and borders, and people pouring into our country — many of whom are not the people we want to come in. We want a merit-based immigration system. We want people to come in on merit, not based on a lottery; you pick a ticket. (Applause.)

So there's no better place to begin the campaign of infrastructure than right here in Ohio at the state-of-the-art training site. They've done a fantastic job right in this building, where the awesome skills of the American worker — (applause) — are forged and refined. It's true.

I've been in construction and building all my life. I love it. I love the smell of a construction site. Right? There's just something about it. And you know, we didn't always get — although, in this case, we did nicely — but we didn't always get the union leadership of the big unions, but we got the workers. We got the workers.

And some of those leaders had big problems because the workers were with Trump, because they know I hired the Teamsters — thousands of Teamsters — and I hired all of the carpenters, and the electricians, and all of the people that built a lot of buildings in Manhattan and all over the place. And they got it — the workers got it. And now I think the leadership is actually getting it. I really believe that. (Applause.) I think the leadership is getting it.

Because you're going to have a great friend, and now I have proven — you know, before I used to say, “You're going to have friend.” But now I have proven you've got a friend in the White House. (Applause.) That's why we're building all these projects.

So many of these projects, which were just dead — dead projects like the Keystone Pipeline. It was dead. It wasn't going anywhere. Hillary wasn't going to approve it. Nobody was. It was a dead project. I got in almost, like, right at the beginning, I approved that Keystone XL Pipeline, and I approved the Dakota Access Pipeline; both of them. Forty-eight thousand jobs, environmentally great. There's, like — it was nothing. It was quick. It was easy. And it was done. And it was done properly.

And they'll be flowing in — and that's better than trucking over the roads. That's better than any other way. And it wasn't going to get approved. There was so many jobs like that. You know those two because they were getting a lot of attention.

You know the amazing thing? I approved them. I thought we would have, like, some commotion. Right? Some commotion. Like, some protest — nobody. I approved it. The pickets, they picked up their stuff and they left. That was the end of it. (Applause.) They left a mess, I have to tell you. You know about the mess. Became an environmental wasteland, what they left. You know about that. But, I approved it and they left.

We did that on a lot of things. Whether it's Jerusalem, where we approved Jerusalem. That was a big thing. (Applause.) Every politician was in support, and then they became President, and guess what? All of a sudden, it was, “Jerusalem? I don't know anything about Jerusalem.” They didn't want to know about it. Well, I fulfilled my campaign promises.

And I have to tell you, I believe — and a couple of people have said it — and it's very early yet — you know we're only into about 15 months, but I think I have approved much more than I've promised. And no politician — really, I have gotten done much more than I promised. I promised certain things. We've done a lot of things that I didn't even promise because I figured it couldn't happen.

And now, with so many of our great Secretaries and leaders, we're doing incredible things on healthcare because Obamacare is a disaster. We got rid of the, as you know, the individual mandate, which forced you to spend money for the privilege of not having to have to pay for health insurance. Okay? You figure that one out. It's gone, folks. It's gone. It's gone. (Applause.)

And Alex Acosta, Secretary of Labor, is doing an incredible, incredible plan for co-ops and for various different elements where you go in and you get together as a group, and you're going to get incredible healthcare, highly bid. Highly bid. You're going to get so many different bids from — and you're going to have great healthcare at a very, very low price. There's going to be a lot of people signing up, and that's going to be out over the next couple of months, Alex. Right? You've been working on it, and it's going to come out. Nobody even thought of it.

Co-ops and all sorts of people, they're going to get together and they're going to buy their healthcare together. And it's going to be so inexpensive. It's a thing of beauty. That's going to be a big percentage of Obamacare, too. A big percentage. And we have other things. (Applause.) And we have other things.

Nearly 40 percent of our bridges were built before — think of this — before the first moon landing. You know, you go to some countries — they're building bridges all over the place. All over, you have bridges going up. One particular country — I won't use it because they're very friendly to me. They weren't friendly to us as a nation, but now they're friendly. They're building 29 bridges. We don't build bridges like very much anymore. A little bit every once in a while.

But our roads are clogged. We have — average drivers spend 42 hours every year stuck in traffic, costing us at least \$160 billion annually. Our mass transit systems are a mess. They're dilapidated and they're decayed.

Nationwide, we average 300 power outages per year, compared to just five per year in the 1980s. A total mess. And a lot of it is because some of these power companies — they have the money, they have the wherewithal — they couldn't get their approvals; they couldn't get their permits. For years and years and years, they're trying to get permits. Now, they get them really fast. Now, they're getting them so fast. One man told me, "What the hell happened? We've been fighting for years. All of a sudden, I got a call. We just were approved. We didn't even try."

And some consultants are going to be making a lot of money. They're going to say, "Sir, we need \$2 million for the great job we did on getting you approved." They didn't do a damn thing. (Laughter.) Except Trump got elected. That's about all. (Applause.) That's about all.

How about — I tell this, because, you know, being a builder we can all talk as friends. We're all builders in this room. Look at these people back there. You better believe they're builders. Right? (Applause.) They're builders. No game.

But I tell the story about Keystone, where years and years — you've watched it. Years and years, they spent hundreds of millions of dollars. They were even ordering their pipe. Everything is going great. They're going to build. It's years, but they're happy. They don't get approved. They spend billions on pipe. They ordered the pipe, and they're not getting it approved.

So anyway — so that was dead for a couple of years, and no chance. I get elected, I approve it almost, like, in the first day. Right at the very beginning. And I just say to myself, can you imagine the boss of whatever the hell company it is — who never actually called me to say thank you, but that's okay. (Laughter.) We'll remember. So this guy is sitting behind his beautiful chair in a certain place — I know exactly where. Nice place. Big company. And the consultants march into his office to tell him what a great job they did. They were dead. They had no chance. They failed. I got it approved. And I did it because it's 48,000 jobs between the two of them. And I did it because it's also better. It's better. (Applause.)

"Sir, I believe we're entitled to a \$10 million fee for that." Oh, those people. And they're probably Democrats. Can you believe it? (Laughter.) Probably not for long, however.

In recent years, Americans have watched as Washington spent trillions and trillions of dollars building up foreign countries while allowing our own country's infrastructure to fall into a state of total disrepair. Look at Korea. We have a border at Korea. We have a wall of soldiers. We don't get paid very much for this, do we?

We have — you look at that. Nobody comes through. But our own border, we don't take care of it. Think of it. We spend billions of dollars in other countries maintaining their borders, and we can't maintain our borders in our own country. Is there something a little bit wrong with that? (Laughter.)

Think of it. We spend billions and billions of dollars. Look, North and South Korea — 32,000 soldiers, the finest equipment, barbed wire all over the place. We protect that whole thing. Nobody comes through. But our country, we don't do it.

Things are changing, folks. But now is the time to rebuild our country, to take care of our people, and to fight for our great American workers for a change. (Applause.)

We spent — and I was against it from the beginning. They try and say, "Well, maybe not." I was against it from the beginning. And, by the way, we're knocking the hell out of ISIS. We'll be coming out of Syria, like, very soon. Let the other people take care of it now. (Applause.) Very soon. Very soon, we're coming out. We're going to have 100 percent of the caliphate, as they call it — sometimes referred to as "land." We're taking it all back quickly. Quickly. But we're going to be coming out of there real soon. We're going to get back to our country, where we belong, where we want to be.

But just think of it: We spent, as of three months ago, \$7 trillion — not billion, not million — \$7 trillion, with a "T" — nobody ever heard of the word "trillion" until 10 years ago. We spent \$7 trillion in the Middle East. We'd build a school; they'd blow it up. We'd build it again; they'd blow it up. We'd build it again; hasn't been blown up yet, but it will be.

But if we want a school in Ohio to fix the windows, you can't get the money. If you want a school in Pennsylvania or Iowa to get federal money, you can't get the money. We spent \$7 trillion in the Middle East. And you know what we have for it? Nothing.

Remember I used to say, "Keep the oil"? As a civilian, I used to say — did anybody hear me say that? That's before I decided to go on this journey with all of you. I got tired of watching. I used to say, "Keep the oil." We never kept the oil. If we kept the oil, we would have been okay. If we kept the oil, we wouldn't have ISIS.

Because you know who kept a lot of the oil? ISIS. That's how they funded themselves. They kept the oil. We didn't keep the oil. Stupid. Stupid.

But we spent \$7 trillion, but we barely have money for the infrastructure. We have to fight for our military. But we're becoming so strong again. And you watch. We're not going to take very long.

I have asked Republicans and Democrats in Congress to come together and deliver the biggest and boldest infrastructure plan in the last half-century. I don't think you're going to get Democrat support very much, and you'll probably have to wait until after the election, which isn't so long down the road. But we're going to get this infrastructure going.

The plan generates an unprecedented \$1.5 trillion investment in American infrastructure. We probably have to wait until after the election. (Applause.) Because the Democrats say, "Don't give him any more wins. Don't give him any more wins." Regulations, cut taxes, Supreme Court, judges all over the place.

You know, when I got in, we had over 100 federal judges that weren't appointed. Now, I don't know why Obama left that. It was like a big, beautiful present to all of us. Why the hell did he leave that? (Applause.) Maybe he got complacent.

But now we have about 145 federal district judges. We have 17 court of appeals judges. And as I said, we have the one Supreme Court justice. But think of 145 district judges. That's world-changing, country-changing, USA-changing. And we're going all out. We have unbelievably talented, smart, great people being put in those slots.

But we were left a present. I never said this before. It was like the gift from Heaven. We were left judges. They're the ones that judge on your disputes. They judge on what's fair on the environment and what's not fair; where they're going to take your farms and factories away, and where they're not. Amazing. It was the gift. Thank you very much, President Obama. We all appreciate it. Thank you. (Applause.) What happened? How did he do that? How did he do that?

We are going to be repairing roads, delivering clean water, and we're going to have crystal, clean water. We're going to have clean, beautiful air. But we're not going to pay a trillion dollars to be in the Paris Accord, where it puts us way back, way back where we are put at such a tremendous disadvantage. That was a disaster for this country. We couldn't use the kind of assets that we have. We would have had to close up factories and companies in order to qualify. We would have had to pay large amounts of money to other countries because they were developing. As far as I'm concerned, we're developing. Pay us some money. Right? Pay us. (Applause.) We're developing. Maybe we'll call it we're "redeveloping," because we're redeveloping. But it was unfair.

We're going to be investing in our workers and improving our healthcare facilities for our incredible veterans. We're making some changes that are good. And we've made a lot of progress with the veterans, but I want to get them choice. And they didn't give us choice. The Democrats didn't want the vets to have choice.

When the vets are online — because there's a 25-day wait; there's a 6-month wait. Guys are online, and women — they're vets, they're great; they're our greatest people. And they'll be — they got a problem, and it could be fixed. By the time they see the doctor, it's over. It's over. Not going to happen. We're going to have real choice. That's why I made some changes, because I wasn't happy with the speed with which our veterans were taken care of. I wasn't happy with it.

And we made a lot of progress. The Accountability Act, for years they've been trying to get it. For decades, they've been trying to get VA accountability. When somebody does a bad job in the Veterans Administration, they couldn't do anything about it. They were protected; you could do anything. They had sadists that treated our vets horribly, horribly. Worse than a movie. They had people that wouldn't work. You couldn't do anything.

I had passed the VA Accountability — they're accountable — the Accountability Act. And now, when they're bad to our vets or when they're not working for our vets we say, "Hey, Jim. You're fired. Get out of here, Jim. Get out. Get out." (Applause.) That was a big deal. That was a big deal. No accountability.

We got that passed. Nobody talks about it. They don't talk about it. They don't want to talk about it. But I'm doing that for the vets. And we made changes because we want them taken care of. We want them to have choice, so that they can run to a private doctor and take care of it. And it's going to get done.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, honey. It's going to get done. We'll always protect the people that have protected us. We have. And that goes for law enforcement. We're going to protect our law enforcement, our military, our vets. (Applause.) Right?

The plan I have outlined in Congress is built on four key principles. It can be passed in one bill or in a series of measures. What matters is that we get the job done.

First, we'll invest in the American worker. My Council of Economic Advisers estimates that our plan will create up to 400,000 new infrastructure jobs almost immediately. (Applause.) For workers without a college degree, these jobs offer wages that are 32 percent higher than other occupations. These are great people, great workers. And they're great-paying jobs.

I also want more Americans to learn from the best, just like you have, really, learned — the people in this room, so many of you — you've learned from the best. Local 18's groundbreaking apprenticeship program — (applause) — true — has become one of the largest anywhere in America, and we want to replicate your success all across the country. And we're studying exactly what you've done here.

That's why I'm asking Congress to improve federal student aid to include high-quality, short-term training programs that equip Americans to succeed in construction and the skilled trades. (Applause.)

A word that you don't hear much, but when I was growing up, we had what was called vocational schools. They weren't called community colleges, because I don't know what that means — a community college. To me, it means a two-year college. I don't know what it means.

But I know what vocational — and I tell people, call it “vocational” from now on. It's a great word. It's a great word. Call it vocational, and technical, perhaps. But use vocational, because that's what it's all about. People know that means. We don't know what a community college means.

We want every American to know the dignity of work, the pride of a paycheck, and the satisfaction of a job well done. (Applause.)

And speaking of a job well done, we have two of my daughters here today. Ivanka, who's working hard on infrastructure — Ivanka. (Applause.) And Tiffany.

America's greatest treasure is our people. And I saw that during the campaign. They came from everywhere. Remember, they said, “There's no way that Donald Trump can get” — the people — they had people that they didn't know existed. Now the Democrats are trying to figure out who the hell you are. (Laughter.)

You know who you are? You're hardworking people. You work your asses off. And you got sick and tired of the people that you were supposed to be voting for, and you stopped. But you came out for us. And you know what? Now you're very happy, because this was a movement like they've never seen before. (Applause.) They've never seen any movement like this, and I appreciate it, and you're going to appreciate it. You already do. Thank you.

We will completely transform the horrible, and costly, and broken permitting process. The current permitting system is a disaster; it takes forever. It adds tremendous costs and years and years of endless delay to infrastructure projects all across the country.

As just one example of how broken the system is, Secretary Chao recently gave a final approval to an environmental review in Alaska that started all the way back in 1975. It's been going on for more than 40 years. And we just got it, right? Just got it. Elaine. (Applause.) Just got it. In fact, the people of Alaska, they couldn't believe it. They said, we don't believe it. And I said, “You got it.”

We'll get rid of the bureaucracy that wastes time and kills jobs. We had a highway in a certain wonderful state that was going to be a quick, easy road to build. That was 17 years ago. It was going to cost a very small amount of money, couple of million dollars. It ends up costing close to \$300 million. Got their approvals recently.

The road is no longer a straight shot. It's now — not good if you're not feeling so good behind the wheel. (Laughter.) Got to make another turn. They had to take care of all the nesting. It has cost a lot of money and took many years, and it's out of control, and we're going to stop that nonsense. We're going to stop it. (Applause.)

Under our plan, every project will have one point of contact that will deliver one decision — yes or no — for the entire federal government. Yes or no. You have to go through different agencies. You go through Labor. You go through Transportation. You go through another one, another one. EPA, where we've really streamlined the system; where we have really made it possible for people to get things done. So many projects are under construction right now that would never, ever in a million years have gotten built.

And guess what? We also turn down projects if they're wrong. We know if they're wrong. They know if they're wrong. We turn down projects. But if you get turned down, you get turned down quickly. You don't go along for 15, or 18, or 22 years. I mean, some people have spent an entire lifetime trying to get a project approved, and they don't get it approved. And their working career is, like, mostly over. That can't be a good feeling. Right? How about that? Can't be a good feeling.

But if you get turned down, we're going to say it. America build the Empire State Building in one year. Think of it: one year. It was actually like nine months. Can you believe that? It was the tallest building in the world at the time. Now it can take 10 years just to get permits to build a roadway; a tunnel; even, in some cases, a building. And that's an insult to America's great building heritage, and we will not accept it, and we're changing it rapidly. It's already been changed. We're going to do even better.

I hope to get it down to a one-year period. We have a lot of them down to two years now. But it's from 2 years from 20 and 18, and 15, and 12. But we're going to try getting it down even quicker. We're going to protect the environment, and cut the permit approval time. And we're going to get things done. We're going to get them built. Or we're going to tell you, “No good for the environment. Sorry. Don't bother.” But for the most part, it's going to happen.

We're going to provide a \$50 billion commitment to build infrastructure in rural communities, which are too often left behind. They've been forgotten. They've been forgotten. We're going to spend a lot of money on the rural communities that have not been taken care of. And these are incredible people. These are hardworking people. And they haven't been taken care of by the Democrats. These funds will help ensure that every community is connected and has access to modern infrastructure, including broadband Internet, which has been left out. (Applause.) Very unfair.

Fourth and finally, we'll expand the reach of federal dollars through smart state and local partnerships. We're going to have some really smart partnerships. Our plan calls for a new incentive program that provides billions of dollars in federal funding to projects in which states and local governments and the private sector are willing to invest their own resources, as well as the federal government. So there will be an incentive to get things done and get things done properly, and in the right location and the right bridge, or road, or tunnel, or whatever you are going to build.

By combining federal tax dollars with the resources of state and local governments, and partnering with the private sector, this incentive program will kickstart funding needed to build new projects and repair existing ones.

The first elements of this plan have already been put in place. We have made so much progress. It's not progress that you read about or hear about. Of course, if it were, they wouldn't print it anyway. But that's okay. (Laughter.) They don't do that.

I've signed an executive order to speed up permitting and to expand the rural broadband. We're cutting through mountains of red tape. We've secured more funding for highways, airports, railroads, and our nation's water infrastructure. In addition to the \$1.6 billion for the wall, we've got \$21 billion approved for infrastructure in the current bill that a lot of people don't hear about. We've obtained from Congress an additional \$2 billion to improve veterans medical facilities. That's everything they wanted. (Applause.) Two billion dollars for the veterans.

Congress now has the opportunity to build on this momentum and to act on a commonsense plan that will make our economy stronger, our roads faster, and our families safer. We want a safe country. We want safety. (Applause.)

It's a plan for building a stronger America. For most of our history, American infrastructure was the envy of the world. True. Go back 30, 40, 50 years; they would look at us like — now we are like, in many cases, a third-world country. It's an embarrassment. And we're the ones that had the imagination and the drive to get it done. But we got that again.

Other nations marveled as we connected our shores with transcontinental railroads, and brought power to our cities that lit up the sky like no other place on Earth, and built mile after mile of Internet capabilities and interstate highways to carry American products all across the country and around the globe. Nobody did it like us.

We dug out the Panama Canal. Think of that. Thousands of lives were lost to the mosquito. To the mosquito — malaria. We dug out the Panama Canal.

We transformed our skylines with towering works of concrete and steel, and laid the foundation for the modern economy. To rebuild this nation, we must reclaim that proud heritage. Have to reclaim it. And we're on our way. (Applause.)

We must recapture the excitement of creation, the spirit of innovation, and the spark of invention. We're starting. You saw the rocket the other day. You see what's going on with cars. You see what's going on with so much. NASA, space agency, all of a sudden, it's back. You notice? It was dormant for many, many years. Now it's back, and we're trying to have the private sector invest the money. Why the hell should we do it? Right. Let them invest. If they want to send rocket ships up, they're rich, let them do it. (Laughter.)

When I looked at the rocket that went up three weeks ago, where the tanks came back — nobody has ever seen; it looks like Star Wars. But I looked at it and I heard the cost — I think they said \$85 million. If the government did that, you're talking about billions of dollars, and maybe it wouldn't work so well.

But I thought it was fantastic thing. But we're working with the private sector and NASA. And we're doing a great job. We've made so much progress in the last year. Don't forget it's just been a little more than a year. But we've made so much progress and other people are putting up a lot of money.

They're using our facilities. I feel like a landlord again. (Laughter.) We're leasing them facilities. Not so bad. Not a bad idea. And they're doing a great job. America is a nation, like you, of builders. It's a nation of pioneers. A nation that accepts no limits, no hardship, and never, ever gives up. We don't give up. We don't give up. (Applause.)

We will tear down every obstacle, break down every barrier, and stare down every challenge, because our hearts — they bleed red, white, and blue, and we love our great American flag, don't we? (Applause.) Right?

Anything we can dream, you can build. You will create the new highways, the new dams and skyscrapers that will become lasting monuments to American strength and continued greatness.

You will forge new American steel into the spine of our country. You will cement the foundation of a glorious American future. And you will do it all with those beautiful American hands — powerful hands, powerful heart, and powerful American pride. (Applause.) Right? Powerful American pride.

You are the ones who share our shaping and our destiny. You are the ones who are restoring our prosperity and our pride. You're restoring pride in this country again. Our country had very little pride. Look back — see what was happening. Our country had very little pride.

You look at what's going on in California — Orange County — they've had it. There's a revolution going on out there. Sanctuary cities, where they protect criminals. They protect murderers. They protect people that you don't want on the streets. Other places in California said, "We don't want that." First time they're speaking up.

Even look at Roseanne. I called her yesterday. Look at her ratings. Look at her ratings. (Applause.)

I got a call from Mark Burnett. He did "The Apprentice." He's a great guy. He said, "Donald, I called just to say hello and to tell you, did you see Roseanne's ratings?" I said, "Mark, how big were they?" They were unbelievable. Over 18 million people. And it was about us. They haven't figured it out; the fake news hasn't quite figured it out yet. They have not figured it out. (Applause.)

So that was great. And they haven't figured it out. But they will. And when they do, they'll become much less fake. (Laughter.) May take a while, but it's happening.

But you're the ones who are truly making America great again. We're going to work together. We're going to work with the state of Ohio. We're going to work with everybody. And we're going to bring our country to a level of success and prominence and pride like it has never, ever seen before.

Thank you. And God bless America. Thank you. (Applause.)

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