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## BEE CAVE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT







# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

We are pleased to present our Bee Cave Police Department Annual Report for 2020. This report contains statistical and informational data about our department and our daily activities. There is value in reviewing your work, from a daily review to this look back at an entire year, as we continue to serve as guardians for this community.

The Covid-19 pandemic was a major influence on every activity this past year. From in person citizen contacts, response to calls, traffic stops and arrests, every role and responsibility of this department was altered for the safety of our citizens and our officers. Some of the statistical data contained in this report was significantly impacted from prior years. Officers were suddenly wearing N-95 face coverings on all in person contacts. We responded to calls for service for violations of orders issued by the Travis County Judge and the Governor's Office, as rules were adopted to limit the spread of this virus. And officers faced an invisible danger to their health, one we had little preparation or training for. As we begin 2021, with the knowledge vaccines are available, the precautions we have taken will continue for months to come.

This annual report contains significant accomplishments from 2020. Even with the pandemic, we continued in person response to most calls for service and strengthened our relationship with the business community. And the support we continued to receive, from our citizens and visitors, provided support for our officers as guardians of our community. Although many communities witnessed an erosion of public trust between their police departments and their citizens, we built on our foundation of trust and we believe are stronger for that effort.

It truly is an honor to lead this agency and have a committed group of police officers and civilians who strive to provide excellent service to our community. In conclusion, we look forward to 2021, and the opportunity to "Protect the Hive."

<mark>Chíef Gary Míller</mark> Bee Cave Police Department

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Criminal Investigations Command

LT. VICENTE MONTEZ



CID is a support command that conducts criminal investigations, internal affairs complaints, municipal courtroom security, arrest warrant service, Department accreditation, property and evidence management, and records maintenance. CID is also tasked with special events and community relations



Detective Sergeant Ryan hall(y



Senior Warrant Officer JOHN MEINERS Records Clerk KATE CARGILL

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### "Protecting the Hive Since 2005"

Patrol Operations Command is the uniformed and primary first responders of the Police Department. These police officers respond to calls for service, traffic collisions, assist outside police agencies and fire departments, and conduct proactive patrol operations to support their primary mission of crime prevention and public safety.



Sergeant

G. NAVARRO



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Senior Officer A. MARTINEZ



Senior Officer

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Officer

G. HAWKINS



The Bike Patrol provides numerous advantages to the department and officers. Bicycles allow a quiet response, great mobility, and can navigate traffic easily as officers are able to make use of sidewalks, running trails, and rough terrain. The cost of a bicycle is much less than a patrol vehicle and the operation and maintenance cost is much less as well. Probably the greatest benefit is public relations, as officers are able to interact with the citizens on routine patrols.

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S. ROSENBAUM



Officer

M. STEVKO



For 2020, Senior Officer Scott Olson was selected as the Officer of the Year for the second time in three years. The selection is not for one outstanding arrest or incident, but for a series of acts over the entirety of the year and may include notable or unusual arrests or incidents.

Although Officer Olson continues to be in the top performance level in comparison to his peers, the quality of his work stood out to supervisors and to individuals outside the police department.

Olson serves as the Selective Traffic Enforcement Supervisor for our department, as a Field Training Officer, and is a Drug Recognition Expert and assists other officers with drug related DWI arrests. Olson appeared in a department video announcing a DWI enforcement weekend, worked many of the STEP hours during the year, and passed recertification for Drug Recognition Expert. Officer Olson was recognized by the Bee Cave Municipal Court Judge and Prosecutor for his excellent court testimony and demeanor.



Officer Katayama assisted our department by production of a various public service videos on topics from vehicle burglary, DWI enforcement, COVID safety protocols and a blood drive held at Bee Cave Police Department. Officer Katayama willingly took on this project and recorded, reviewed, and edited the video and presented a professional grade product.

Additionally, Katayama created and manages a Department website, Instagram account, and YouTube channel. These various platforms paved multiple avenues for information and productions to be disseminated to the public and increased our visibility, transparency, and professional appearance as a Department. After becoming aware of a shortage of blood in the local blood bank, Officer Matthew Stevko took the initiative and contacted We Are Blood to book a mobile blood drive in the Bee Cave Police Department parking lot. The event was booked solid. Officer Stevko led by example as he donated blood and convinced both the City Manager and Police Chief to be donors. Over the next few months, Officer Stevko booked three additional mobile blood drives, all of which were a success. More than 100 people donated vitally needed blood due to Officer Stevko's initiative.

Sergeant KEITH HOWARD Officer GARRETT HAWKINS

Sgt. Keith Howard was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the Bee Cave Police Department for his efforts as a patrol supervisor in assisting his officers in their DWI enforcement efforts. Sgt. Howard has encouraged each officer to make DWI enforcement a priority for his shift. For helping in every way and for encouraging a professional effort from his officers, Sgt. Howard was selected to receive this honor. Officer Garret Hawkins was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the Bee Cave Police Department for leading the department's efforts in enforcement of driving while intoxicated statutes. Hawkins was also recognized in 2019 for his efforts. Every DWI arrest is a potential lifesaving event and Officer Hawkins efforts and his professional and accurate report writing and field sobriety testing is an asset to this agency.

### Fittest Guardian SGT. JOE REID

For attaining the highest score in the annual Concept II Row test, Sgt. Joe Reid is recognized as the Fittest Guardian. Sgt. Reid also supervises the Fittest Shift, and encouraged and led those officers by example, to be physically ready for their daily duties.

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Fittest Shift

SGT. JOE REID, OFFICER SHAYNE CASTRO, OFFICER MARIA KATAYAMA

Detective Sergeant

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RYAN HALLEY

Sgt. Ryan Halley was recognized for his proficiency with department issued firearms during our annual firearms qualification. Sgt. Halley also serves as our Taser instructor.

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Senior Warrant Officer

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Senior Officer John Paul Meiners received his Master Degree in Public Administration from University of Texas Permian Basin.

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The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 166 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights.

While similar in nature to the national accreditation program, the Best Practices Recognition Program is easier to administer, lower in cost and is designed specifically for Texas Law Enforcement. The Texas Legislature demands a great deal of professional law enforcement in Texas and the Best Practices were specifically designed to aid Texas agencies in meeting those demands and providing the best quality of service to the people of our State.

The Bee Cave Police Department was re-recognized in 2020 and has been a recognized agency since 2012.

#### STEP Grant

Texas' Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is a federally funded law enforcement grant program run by the Traffic Safety Division at the Texas Department of Transportation. STEP enforcement is focused on reducing crashes and crash-related injuries and deaths in and across Texas. Any accredited law enforcement agency in Texas is eligible for funding through STEP, though priority to receive the funds and the maximum funding amount an agency may receive is based on the number and type of crashes occurring in the applicant jurisdictions.

Agencies participating in STEP must use crash data provided by the Texas Crash Reporting Information System (CRIS), and analyzed and plotted by the Texas Department of Public Safety's Highway Safety Operations Center (HSOC), to develop Enforcement Zones, which are limited in number and size to help magnify the impact of the enforcement efforts on troublesome crash areas.



Texas

traffic counts have increased, we have managed to hold the number of accidents at a similar level over the last five years.



Officer Stevko completed the Texas DPS Fitness Institute Program, an extensive, rigorous six-week course.

OFFICER STEVKO & DET. SGT. HALLEY

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We were awarded a new Concept 2 rower from the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

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FITNESS WELLNESS UNIT



The program prepares individuals to become certified personal trainers as well as Physical Fitness instructors for their respective law enforcement agencies. Officer Stevko was recognized as one of the top performers and a member of the "300 Club". He joins Detective Sgt. Halley as the second BCPD officer to graduate from the course.



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Virtual Marathon

#### DERRICK JOHNSON & BRANDON AQUINO

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Our student interns from Huston Tillotson University who completed 120 hours observing Bee Cave officers on patrol duties and criminal investigations.



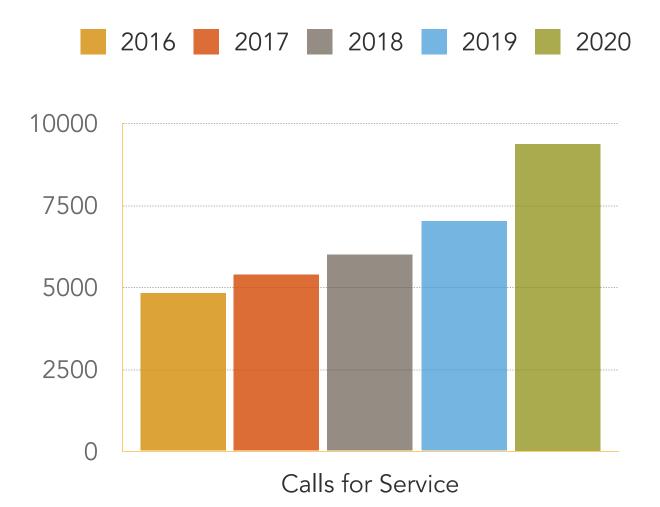
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Halloween 2020, COVID style.

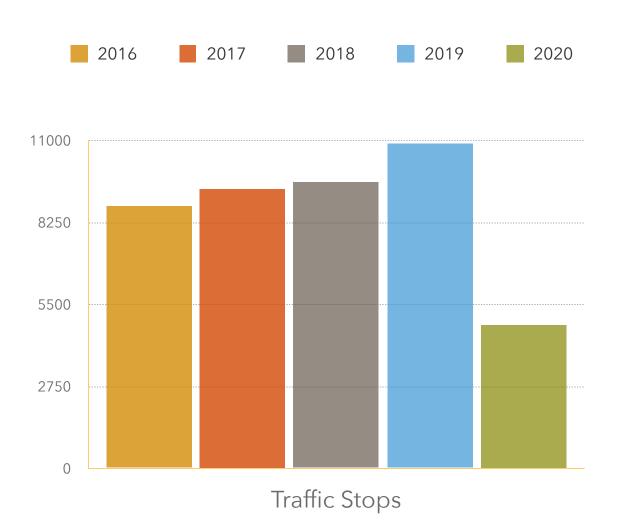


Workload	2016		2018	2019	2020
Calls for Service	4834	5408	6022	7010	9392
Traffic Stops	8793	9376	9620	10882	4830
Citations	4202	5417	5125	5393	2440
Warnings	4731	5733	6522	6620	3848
Arrests	563	531	537	416	267
D.W.I.	148	118	156	134	94
Motor Vehicle Crashes	217	230	268	228	220
Crime Index	160	179	208	165	205

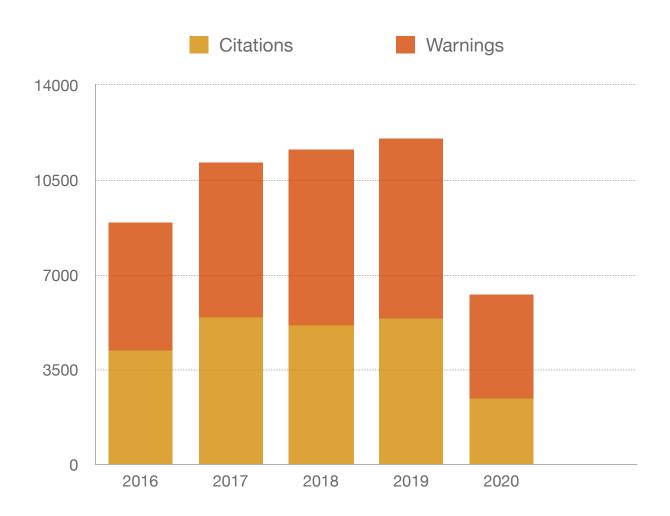






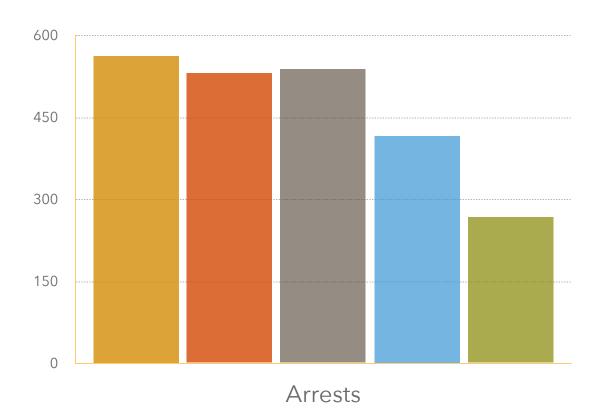




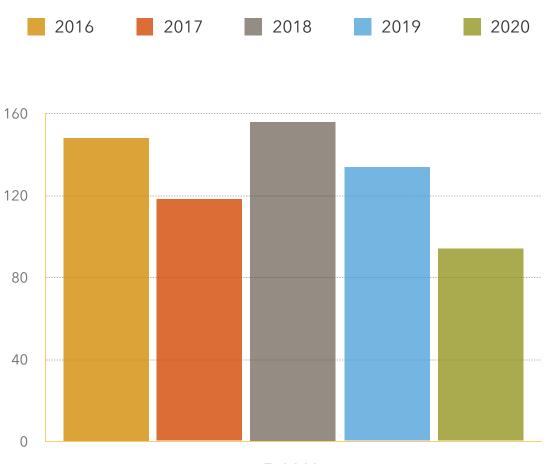






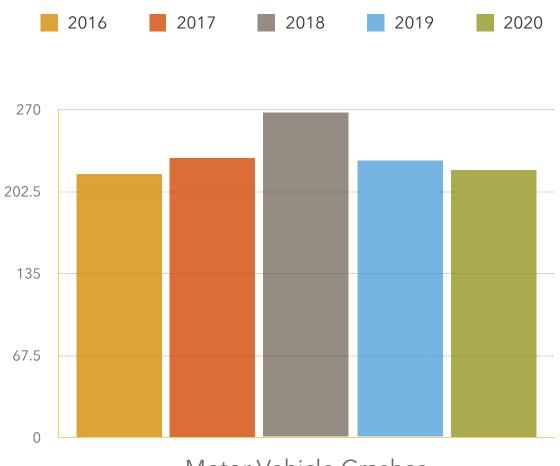






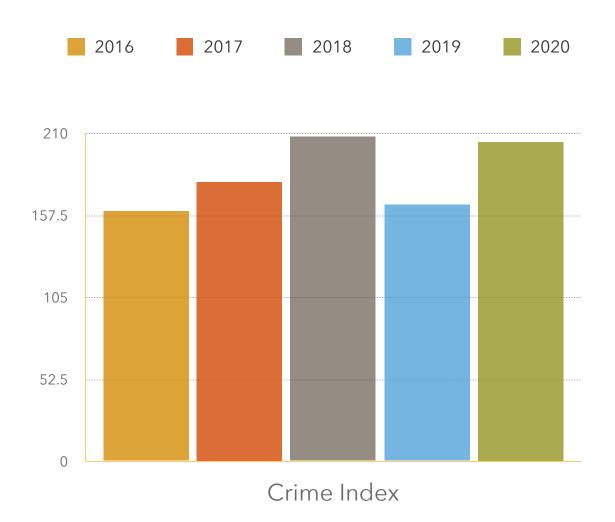
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## Motor Vehicle Crashes





#### **CORONA VIRUS 2020 - BEE CAVE GUARDIANS**

"For meritorious service during the period March 1, 2020, though December 31, 2020, displayed outstanding professional service to the Bee Cave community during the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest which impacted our nation. The dedication and outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the standards of the Bee Cave Police Department as guardians of our community."

Chief Gary Miller, Pastor Jimmy Roquemore, Mrs. Kate Cargill, Lt. Vincent Montez, Lt. William Pitmon, Sgt. Guadalupe Navarro, Sgt. Joseph Sanchez, Sgt. Ryan Halley, Sgt. Keith Howard, Sgt. Joe Reid. Senior Police Officers John Paul Meiners, Stephen Moring, Alex Martinez, Scott Olson, and Police Officers Scott Rosenbaum, Garrett Hawkins, Matthew Stevko, Maria Katayama, Shayne Castro, Guadalupe Navarro Jr, Aaron Bruns. "We are thankful and appreciative to the families who support us." FEBRUARY 12, 2021