

# Peru Police Department

## Yearly Report

**Date:** February 17, 2020  
**To:** Mayor Harl, Aldermen, and Community Stakeholders  
**From:** Chief Douglas P. Bernabei  
**Month/Year:** Calendar Year 2019 Annual Report

## Laws / Ordinances / Notes of Interest

### **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

February 17, 2020

Mayor Scott Harl, Aldermen, and Community Stakeholders  
1901 4th Street  
Peru, IL 61354

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the men and women of the Peru Police Department, I am honored to present you our 2019 Annual Report.

The information provided throughout this document as well as our monthly reports include the service trends provided to our community and our police programs and partnerships with the community. Please be assured of our continued commitment to the exceptional service, programs and partnerships provided by our staff.

Throughout the year, my staff and I continued to work very closely with City Staff, Leopard Construction, Basalay, Cary & Alstadt Architects, Ltd., MWL Architects and many others during the pre-construction design phase of our proposed new police department. We moved into the first phase of the project in mid-year and have worked diligently in the investigative and design phase. The in-house design team consists of Mayor Harl, Alderman Lukosus, Alderman Payton, City Engineer Carls, Finance Officer Miller, myself and the very dedicated members of the PPD consisting of Deputy Chief Pyszka, Commander Raymond, Detective Sergeant Hocking, Patrol Officers Sines and Biagioni and records clerk Administrative Assistant Wagner.

We remain confident the new police department will enhance our ability to serve our community and be something our staff, City Council, and residents will be proud of for decades to come.

One thing that struck me in this report is the sheer number of calls for service and officer initiated activities. The PPD handled approximately 30,000 calls. At the same we continue to enjoy a major crime decrease over the last 14 years. I'm convinced of our formula; less crime and more service.

Please take some time to review this report and feel free to call on me if you request further information or insight.

Very Truly Yours,



Douglas P. Bernabei  
Chief of Police

# Peru Police Department

## Department Roster (Serving Since)

### Sworn Personnel

Chief Douglas Bernabei	7/1/2006
Deputy Chief Robert Pyszka	10/2/1990
Commander Sarah Raymond	6/20/2004
Sergeant Edward DeGroot	12/28/1995
Detective Sergeant Dennis Hocking	9/25/1997
Sergeant Scott DeGroot	1/9/2000
Sergeant Rick Piscia	6/15/2000
Sergeant Arthur Smith	8/18/2002
Officer Adam Conness	9/16/1996
Officer Mark Credi	9/23/1997
Detective John Atkins	8/12/2002
Officer Amy Sines	9/22/2003
Officer Nick Biagioni	5/7/2007
Officer Ben Bentley	7/30/2007
SIU Detective Brad Jones	10/1/2007
Officer Jeff Paul	11/28/2007
K-9 Officer Matt Peters	1/7/2008
Officer Neil Quartucci	3/17/2008
Officer Jeremiah Brown	6/23/2008
K-9 Officer Ryan Kowalczyk	9/1/2010
Officer David Damron	7/10/2011
Officer Brad Anderson	6/28/2015
Officer Aaron Querciagrossa	9/12/2016
Officer Josh Theisinger	7/31/2017
Officer Brendan Sheedy	9/3/2019

### Full-time Civilian Personnel

Administrative Assistant Michelle Wagner	5/10/1993 F/T 01/01/1996
Community Service Officer Blake Frund	2/26/2018

### Part-time Civilian Personnel

Custodian Jeri Etscheid	12/7/2012
Crossing Guard Beverly Eich	1/14/2002
Crossing Guard Katherine Baker	9/3/2002
Crossing Guard Julie Placher	8/19/2004
Crossing Guard Leslie Brooks	9/5/2008
Crossing Guard Jacqueline Caputo	8/17/2009
Crossing Guard Debra Kurrle	8/23/2010
Crossing Guard Jeri Etscheid	8/21/2013
Crossing Guard Courtney Wagner	8/20/2014
Crossing Guard Paul Etscheid	8/17/2015
Crossing Guard Lisa Vondrehle	11/8/2016

## Personnel

	2019
Number of Sworn Patrol Officers	14
Number of Sworn Patrol Sergeants	4
Number of Sworn Patrol Command (Deputy Chief/Commander)	1
Number of Sworn General Case Detectives	2
Number of Sworn Evidence Officers	0
Number of Sworn Narcotics Detectives	1
Number of Sworn Chief/Admin. Personnel	2
Number of Civilian Personnel	2
Number of Part-time Civilian Custodians	1
Number of Part-time Crossing Guards	10

## Operations Report

	2019
<b>Reports</b>	
Police-total calls for service/officer initiated activities	29,905
Fire-total calls for service	456
Ambulance-total calls for service	3289
IVRD-total calls for service	99,037
Total case reports written	1083
Total Accidents Investigated	730
(State reports) \$1500 damage / injuries	635
(CAD reports) under \$1500 damage	95
911 Emergency Calls	3314
911 Cellular Calls	1237
911 Non-Emergency/Hang-ups/Misdialed	529
Motorist Assist	929
Alarms Received	360
<b>Vehicles</b>	
Total Vehicle Mileage	251,100

## Fines / Fees / Grants / Reimbursements

	2019
Court Dispos/Traffic Fines (to general fund)	\$41,649.37
Administrative Adjudication Fines (to general fund)	\$37,301.00
D.U.I. Equipment Fund (to Midland fund)	\$11,599.94
Drug Enforcement Fund PPD Cases (to Peru Fed fund)	\$5,581.69
Drug Enforcement Forfeitures (to Peru Fed fund)	\$5,294.26
Court Supervision/Squad Car Fund (to Midland fund)	\$2,857.81
Vehicle Impound Fees (to Midland fund)	\$28,162.97
Photocopying Fees (to general fund)	\$1,874.42
Parking Ticket Fines (to general fund)	\$6,580.00
Warrant Fees (to general fund)	\$1,328.23
Grants Rec'd (to general fund)	\$26,210.17
Reimbursements Rec'd (to general fund)	\$10,496.61
Total Police Income for Year	\$178,936.47

## Traffic Enforcement

	2019
<b>Citations</b>	
Total Citations Issued including ADJ	1310
Speeding Citations Issued	140
DUI Citations Issued	14
All Other Traffic Citations Issued	806
Parking Citations Issued	270
Total Number of Traffic Stops	2670
<b>Warnings</b>	
Vehicles stopped & driver given warning (written and verbal warnings)	2024

# Administrative Adjudication Yearly Report

## Citations

2019	
<b><u>Traffic &amp; Non-Traffic Citations</u></b>	
Traffic Charges Filed	139
Non-Traffic Charges Filed	237
Total Charges Filed	376
<b><u>Non-Traffic Citation Break-Down</u></b>	
Animal Violations	5
Burning Violations	2
Criminal Trespass	0
Disorderly Conduct	3
Illegal Consumption/Possession Alcohol	17
Noise Violations	1
Parking	49
Possession Cannabis	29
Possession Paraphernalia	15
Retail Theft	63
All Other Miscellaneous	53

## Dispositions

2019	
Pre-Paid Prior to Hearing	131
Admitted Liable/Pled Guilty	111
Failed to Appear/Default	100
Continued	15
Contested Hearing/Found Liable	10
Contested Hearing/Found Not Liable	2
Contested Hearing/Dismissed For Cause	25

## Fines / Fees / Payments Collected

2019	
Impound Fees Paid	\$27,500.00
Adjudication Fees Paid	\$28,971.00
Fees Collected from Previous Months	\$7,730.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,201.00</b>

## Fines / Fees / Payments Time to Pay Given

2019	
Impound Payment Plan/Collection Pending	\$5,725.00
Adjudication Fees Payment Plan/Collection Pending	\$29,399.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,124.00</b>

## Administrative Officer Fees Paid

2019	
Administrative Officer Fees Paid	\$6,000.00

## Patrol Officer Overtime

2019

### Overtime Hours taken in Pay

Court	67.5
Shift Short	790.25
Mandatory Training	99
Call Out	21.25
Reports/Late Calls	95.75
Community Service	43.5
Meetings	4.5
Holiday Worked	520
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	296
Special Events	132.75
Grants	335
Other	148.5

### Overtime Hours Saved as Comp Time

Court	54.5
Shift Short	212.5
Mandatory Training	93
Straight Time Training	51.5
Call Out	9.5
Reports/Late Calls	56.75
Community Service	3
Meetings	9.5
Holiday Worked	260
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	208
Special Events	62.5
Grants	0
Other	43.75

## Patrol Supervisors Overtime

2019

### Overtime Hours taken in Pay

Court	19
Shift Short	2
Mandatory Training	231.25
Call Out	5
Reports/Late Calls	39
Community Service	6
Meetings	2.5
Holiday Worked	211
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	56
Special Events	67.5
Grants	68
Other	20

### Overtime Hours Saved as Comp Time

Court	0
Shift Short	23.75
Mandatory Training	6
Straight Time Training	29.5
Call Out	2
Reports/Late Calls	6
Community Service	4
Meetings	6
Holiday Worked	55
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	150
Special Events	35
Grants	0
Other	36

## Detective Division Overtime

2019

### Overtime Hours taken in Pay

Court	0
Shift Short	30
Mandatory Training	9.5
Call Out	124.5
Work on Cases/Interviews	102.5
Special Events	82.25
Holiday Worked	80
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	16
SIU	74.25
Grants	10
Other	36

### Overtime Hours Saved as Comp Time

Court	0
Shift Short	0
Mandatory Training	0
Straight Time Training	10
Call Out	1
Work on Cases/Interviews	0
Special Events	0
Holiday Worked	0
Holiday Not Worked (straight time)	56
SIU	0
Grants	0
Other	0

## Civilian Administrative Overtime

2019

### Overtime Hours taken in Pay

Mandatory Training	2.5
Meetings	0
Administrative Adjudication Hearing	24
Holiday Worked	40
Other	24.5

### Overtime Hours Saved as Comp Time

Mandatory Training	2.5
Meetings	3
Administrative Adjudication Hearing	0
Holiday Worked	16
Other	38

## Benefit Time Used in Hours

	2019
<b><u>Sworn Administrative Personnel</u></b>	
Administrative Holiday Time Off	152
Vacation	282
Sick Time	26
Personal Day	48
Workman's Comp	0
Bereavement/Family Leave	0
<b><u>Civilian Administrative Personnel</u></b>	
Administrative Holiday Time Off	88
Compensatory Time	82.25
Vacation	209.25
Sick Time	32.25
Personal Day	24
Workman's Comp	0
Bereavement/Family Leave	0
<b><u>Detective Division Personnel</u></b>	
Administrative Holiday Time Off	112
Compensatory Time	82
Vacation	484.5
Sick Time	118
Personal Day	72
Workman's Comp	0
Bereavement/Family Leave	0
<b><u>Patrol Supervisor Personnel</u></b>	
Compensatory Time	411
Vacation	792
Sick Time	170.25
Personal Day	184
Workman's Comp	0
Bereavement/Family Leave	24
<b><u>Patrol Officer Personnel</u></b>	
Compensatory Time	1687.375
Vacation	1575.25
Sick Time	710.5
Personal Day	504
Workman's Comp	0
Bereavement/Family Leave	32

### 2019

\*\*\*\*\*DOCTOR EXCUSED SICK TIME\*\*\*\*\*

Patrol Supervisors	36hrs.
Patrol Officers	77.5hrs.
Detective	80hrs.

## Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

	2019
Total Number of Requests	246
Manhours Expended	133
Total Employee Cost	\$6,567.66

## Detective Division Report

	2019
Cases Assigned	99
Cases Currently Active	197
Cases Closed by Arrest or Warrant Requested through SAO	47
Number of Defendants arrested or Warrants Sought	56
Cases Closed by Exceptional Means	62
Cases Closed Unfounded	1
Evidentiary Items Received	1951
Total Manhours Evidence Custodian Duties (receiving returns/destroying evidence)	450
Total Manhours Processing Evidence/Crime Scenes	45.5
Total Manhours Evidence to/from State Labs	22
Total Manhours Meeting w/SAO & Delivering Reports	43.5
Total Manhours Testifying in Court & Grand Jury	47.5

## Special Investigation & Enforcement Unit Report

	2019
Cases Assigned	60
Cases Currently Active	63
Cases Closed by Arrest	37
Cases Closed by Warrant Requested through SAO	3
Cases Closed by Exceptional Means	5
Search Warrants Obtained	9
Parole (IDOC) Searches	0
Consensual Residential Searches	0
Total Number of Non-Traffic Charges Filed	9
Total Number of Traffic Charges Filed	32



## Community Presentations and Meetings

DOUGLAS BERNABEI	185
ROBERT PYSZKA	119
SARAH RAYMOND	54
EDWARD DEGROOT	6
DENNIS HOCKING	22
SCOTT DEGROOT	1
RICK PISCIA	1
ART SMITH	4
ADAM CONNESS	0
MARK CREDI	6
JOHN ATKINS	10
AMY SINES	14
NICK BIAGIONI	21
BEN BENTLEY	1
BRAD JONES	2
JEFF PAUL	3
MATT PETERS	2
NEIL QUARTUCCI	0
JEREMIAH BROWN	1
RYAN KOWALCZYK	0
BRAD ANDERSON	2
AARON QUERCIAGROSSA	3
JOSH THEISINGER	1
BRENDAN SHEEDY	0
MICHELLE WAGNER	64
BLAKE FRUND	15
JERI ETSCHIED (custodian)	0
Total Presentations and Meetings	537

## Community Service Officer Report

	2019
Abandoned Vehicles	61
Administrative Duties	150
All Other City Ordinances	70
Animal Complaints	103
Assisted Fire/EMS	67
Assisted Police	77
Assists	123
Building/Zoning	55
Car Seat Installations	53
Community Contacts/School Walk Through	347
Failure to Register (Warrant Issued)	0
Fingerprints	48
Follow-ups/Meetings	775
High Grass/Clippings	101
Information CADs	121
Motorist Assists	243
Parade Details	3
Park Security Checks	619
Parking Complaints	177
Private Property Accidents	19
Property Maintenance	323
Public Works	60
Roadway Obstruction	24
Sex/Violent Offender Registrations/verification	85
Shopping Detail	23
Special Details	33
Traffic Control	66
Vehicle Disposals	25
Vehicle Maintenance	218
<b>Total</b>	<b>4069</b>

### Citations

ADJ	54
Parking	72

<b>Uniform Crime Report Index Offenses</b>	
2005	409
2006	363
2007	342
2008	336
2009	369
2010	284
2011	262
2012	239
2013	197
2014	218
2015	213
2016	172
2017	175
2018	160
2019	191

Includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson.

Over the last 15 years, crime in the City of Peru dropped by a remarkable amount during this period. This is especially noteworthy as the jurisdictional responsibilities has increased and in 2019 handled calls for service and officer initiated activities totalling 29,905. The Peru Police Department is one of the busiest police agencies in North Central Illinois and at the same time enjoys one of the lowest crime rates.

<b>Continuing Education Training Hours</b>	
2007	1900
2008	2817
2009	1745.5
2010	1768.5
2011	1462.5
2012	2468.5
2013	1909.5
2014	1705
2015	1625
2016	2281.5
2017	2022.5
2018	1575.5
2019	2711

Peru Police Officers are some of the most highly trained police officers in North Central Illinois. Above is the number of continuing education hours our officers have received in recent years. In addition to this training summary, you will see a detailed breakdown in the following pages of how well trained of a department we have with the various certifications our staff has.