

## CRPD COST AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

### 6 similar Boroughs in LV (Macungie, Coopersburg, Freemansburg, Coplay, Walnutport, and Alburdis)

-What do all of these boroughs have in common? None of them are part of a regional police department and each has its own dedicated police department. All of these police departments are small in size, and staffed by a few full-time officers and supplemented with a handful of part-time officers. Bath is part of a regional department. We do not employ part time officers. To say Bath pays the highest salary is not accurate. Bath pays its portion of the overall budget which is approximately 12%. Salaries can be compared to a number of variables, all of which can be valid, however when taken out of context and not fully detailed it can be misleading.

Below are the same boroughs for comparison. All of this information was gathered online from the published borough budgets of 2017. Walnutport data was not posted for this comparison. As you can see, Bath currently falls right in line along all the other boroughs for what their costs are for public safety. When compared to similar other boroughs in the Lehigh Valley, Bath is paying a comparable cost to all other departments. Bath is also not paying a large portion of their overall budget towards police either. Bath's 22% is the second lowest proportion on this comparison. Bath also pays the second lowest cost for police services at \$413,536.

Similar Borough Comparisons						
Municipality	Population	Size (sq miles)	Total Borough Budget (expenses)	Police Budget	% of Budget for Police	Cost Per Resident
Bath	2,701	0.9	\$ 1,828,273	\$ 413,536	22%	\$ 153
Coplay	3,230	0.6	\$ 2,213,329	\$ 445,117	20%	\$ 137
Freemansburg	2,620	0.8	\$ 1,607,026	\$ 395,078	24%	\$ 150
Coopersburg	2,411	0.9	\$ 3,217,800	\$ 789,000	24%	\$ 327
Macungie	3,127	1.0	\$ 2,969,666	\$ 687,129	23%	\$ 219
Alburdis	2,412	0.7	\$ 1,537,824	\$ 525,186	34%	\$ 217

### Cost per officer

-Again this is a misleading statistic because Bath does not pay for a specific number of officers. Bath pays its portion of the budget for the entire department which includes 25 sworn officers and 2 civilian positions. Bath's portion of the total police department budget is around 12%. Stating that Bath pays the most per officer compared to Freemansburg, Macungie, Alburdis and Coplay is inaccurate unless you are only comparing the cost based on the total number of full-time officers for each municipality. It's not accurate to state that Bath pays for 3 officers. The Cost Overview originally printed does not clarify and compare this aspect to show a comparison figure. A more accurate number to evaluate is cost per resident. Stated above in the chart, you can see how Bath falls far below the average of the compared boroughs at \$153/resident. The average is \$200/resident.

**2016 Part 1 and 2 UCR Crime Statistics for Bath**

-The below listed statistics were obtained from the 2016 Colonial Regional Police Department Annual Report. This is a breakdown of all Part 1 and 2 offenses as defined by Pennsylvania State Police for inclusion into the annual Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reports. Since there was concern regarding how incidents/crimes were recorded, we decided to use the official 2016 UCR reports for all of the municipalities that CRPD was compared to in the original Bath Informational Packet.

- Manslaughter by Negligence 1
- Rape 1
- Other Sex Offenses 1
- Robbery 0
- Assaults – minor 5
- Burglary 12
- Theft 44
- Vehicle Theft 2
- Forgery/Fraud 15
- Vandalism 20
- Arson 1
- Drugs – Sales/Manufacturing 2
- Drugs – Possession 16
- Alcohol – DUI 16
- Alcohol – Drunkenness 5

Total UCR reportable offenses in Bath: **141**

**Comparison of Bath UCR Crimes to Similar Boroughs**

-When Bath is now compared to the previously stated similar boroughs, you can now more clearly compare the individual municipalities referenced in the Bath Informational Packet. Walnutport is not listed because they have not reported any of their UCR crimes.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u># of Reported UCR Crimes</u>
Moore Twp.	9,258	265
Bath	2,701	141
Coplay	3,230	98
Freemansburg	2,620	92
Coopersburg	2,411	73
Macungie	3,127	42
Alburtis	2,412	27

**2015 CRPD crime % within Northampton County**

-In the informational packet it was printed that in 2015 CRPD accounted for only 6.6% of the total crime in Northampton County, assuming this was to inform the citizens that overall this was a small percentage of crime CRPD handled. Although the percentage is correct as shown in the 2015 Pennsylvania UCR Report, it failed to show the remaining percentages of the county so the citizens and council have something to compare that percentage with. The most recent 2016 UCR Crime Reporting percentage of reported crimes in Northampton County are shown on the following chart. Viewing the entire county one can now see a clearer picture of what the breakdown is of reported crime in the county. (see chart below)

**2016 UCR Crime Reporting**

Municipality	% of Reported Crime in Northampton County	UCR Reported Crimes	Population
Bethlehem City	33%	4,649	75,169
Easton City	10.8%	1,518	27,116
Colonial Regional PD	7.3%	1,030	20,152
Bethlehem Twp.	6.6%	924	23,900
Wilson Boro	4.2%	598	7,809
PSP Belfast	3.7%	522	N/A
Palmer Twp.	3.5%	491	21,002
Slate Belt Regional PD	3.4%	484	12,419
PSP Bethlehem	2.3%	318	27,266
Lower Saucon Twp.	2.2%	309	10,797
Forks Twp.	2.0%	276	15,334
Lehigh Twp.	1.9%	262	10,415
Moore Twp.	1.9%	265	9,258
Bangor Boro	1.6%	229	5,224
Hellertown Boro	1.6%	228	5,848
Lafayette College	1.6%	220	N/A
Northampton Boro	1.6%	219	9,912
Bushkill Twp.	1.4%	201	8,433
Nazareth Boro	1.4%	198	5,706
Northampton CC	0.9%	129	N/A
Lehigh University	0.8%	107	N/A
Upper Nazareth Twp.	0.8%	109	6,712
Moravian College	0.8%	113	N/A
Washington Twp.	0.7%	101	5,181
Freemansburg Boro	0.7%	92	2,620
N. Catasauqua Boro	0.6%	89	2,843
Roseto Boro	0.3%	46	1,557
Easton School Dist.	0.3%	52	N/A
Tatamy Boro	0.2%	30	1,136
Portland Boro	0.2%	35	513
E. Bangor Boro	0.2%	24	1,613
Stockertown Boro	0.1%	6	920

## **Specialized Units**

-K-9 usages in Bath

2012 8 incidents/3 arrests

2013 17 incidents/4 arrests

2014 11 incidents/3 arrests

2015 7 incidents/1 arrest

2016 5 incidents/1 arrest

-Motor Carrier Enforcement

Our annual statistics are posted every year for the public to view as well as distributed to each municipality for their information. Just because a truck travels through Bath does not mean it has a violation. This statistic only accounts for the 1 certified Motor Carrier Officer we have. The other 24 officers have cited dozens of trucks for a variety of other moving violations that are not documented as motor carrier enforcement incidents. An example is when the mayor reached out to us about speeding dump trucks on Main St. We went out and cited several trucks for speeding but that is counted towards the total traffic citations, not motor carrier violations. The issue of those same dump trucks being overweight has also been addressed and resulted in dozens of citations being issued for weight violations. These citations are also not counted as motor carrier statistics either.

-Drug Task Force

The Northampton County Drug Task Force is a county run program. It is not funded in any way by Bath. So any drug task force time accounted in Bath or anywhere else in the county is paid for by the county. To show some statistics about our participation in the NCDTF, from 2012-2016 we seized \$55,709 and a total of 7 vehicles. The CRPD has been very proactive in addressing the drug issues in the borough.

## **Ordinances**

-The CRPD does enforce local ordinances; the printed figure shown in the packet can be obtained by viewing the CRPD Year End report which is distributed every year to each municipality. "Ordinance Violation" is only one of several incident types that cover actual local ordinance violations. Local ordinance violations also include uniform parking regulations (parking tickets), barking dogs, neighborhood solicitation, burning violations and other nuisance related issues. Reviewing only the parking tickets issued from 2010-2015, CRPD issued 916 parking tickets in Bath. The informational packet only printed content that gave the perception of the CRPD not enforcing local ordinances. Our correct statistics paint a much different picture when the complete list of ordinance violations and associated citations/arrests are accounted for. A complete list of all incident types can be found in the CRPD annual reports.

## **DARE Program**

-26 million kids nationwide in 75% of school districts across the country have a DARE program. The last page of the Informational Packet cited outdated studies that implied the current DARE program is not effective. The Time Magazine study and others conducted in the late 90's were correct in finding little to no benefit of the DARE program. In the early 2000's the entire program curriculum was re-evaluated and new techniques and methods were implemented to better suit the needs of school age children and adolescents. For understanding, Officer Kovach is teaching the new version of the DARE curriculum at George Wolf and Sacred Heart Elementary Schools. A more recent and relevant study, an independent randomized control sample evaluation of the D.A.R.E. Primary program was carried out in 2015/2016 using a sample of over 50 schools and 1500 young people. The evaluation was carried out by Nottingham Trent University's Professor Andromachi Tseloni and showed that the program had a significantly statistic effect on:

- Increasing knowledge surrounding drugs, alcohol and substance abuse
- Making safe and responsible choices
- Communication and listening
- Getting help from others

My point in citing a different study is this, the DARE program is debatable as to the statistics of its benefits. But our DARE program is offered because the Northampton Area School District requests it. George Wolf and Sacred Heart Elementary are the two schools in our jurisdiction that continue to support and request the DARE program.

## **Bike Patrol**

-Bath's main use of Bike Patrol is during special events like the Halloween Parade. Each year at least 3 bicycle officers patrol the route along with several other officers positioned through the downtown area both on foot and in vehicles.

## **Shop with a Cop**

-The sole purpose of this annual event is to give under privileged kids a Christmas. The meals for the kids are donated by the restaurants and all the money that each kid gets to shop with is donated by the community. For the past 11 years we have hosted this event and provided a fun filled day for over 100 kids from all over the Greater Bath-Nazareth area.