



LAW ENFORCEMENT

Since its founding, the police department is responsible for all segments of law enforcement service within Township. The department is levy supported.

The police department prides itself with one of the lowest crime rates in Clermont County and has an exceptional closure rate with cases solved which is higher than the national average. The department believes in a commitment to Community Oriented Policing, knowing that by listening and working with our citizens makes a safer community. Some examples of our community engagement are National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy, Daily School Checks, Shop with an Officer, Senior Services Senior Visit program, Vacation Checks, and the Junior Police Academy. Other examples of community engagement have been started by our officers and are unique only to Pierce Township. These include The Golden Ticket Program, Alzheimer's Dementia Reporting System, and a gift card disbursement program where officers voluntarily have a small percentage of their pay taken out and gift cards purchased to give to people they encounter in need of immediate help.

The department strives to keep our residents better informed with the daily operations of the department and instituted a Facebook page which has been met with great success. The department provides crime mapping so residents can see what type of crimes are being reported in their neighborhoods. The department also provides pertinent information on crime trends and even asks for the community's help in identifying suspects in cases where there is surveillance footage of unknown suspects.

The vision of the police department is to continue to provide the safest community for our residents as possible, while maintaining the excellent partnership with our residents that exist today. The department is committed to fiscal responsibly and continuous quality improvement which place a premium on training, education, and professional development. This year, officers received an average of 32 hours of advanced training. In 2017 the department voluntarily participated in the State of Ohio's Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board certification process. This program developed a set of common standards for law enforcement agencies in areas like Community Engagement, Use of Force, and Hiring. Participating agencies are assessed by outside evaluators on their compliance to the state's standards; Pierce Township Police Department was awarded certification in January 2017. Also, in 2017 the department received the "Gold" award by Triple AAA, the highest rating available, for traffic safety making Pierce Township one of only 17 agencies in the Tri-state to be recognized for its traffic safety programs.

The officers are proud of their police department and the excellent job they do on a daily basis. They have a sense of pride in the community and enjoy the close working relationships with our residents, evident in the wave and smile you will see from the officers while on patrol or out on foot interacting with the residents.

FIRE AND EMS

When minutes count the Pierce Township Fire Department is prepared to respond to a multitude of different emergencies. The strength of the department is due to the cross-training of personnel in fire suppression, emergency medical care, and numerous other incident types. With constant training and modern equipment, the department provides the finest possible service twenty-four hours per day. The department currently provides services from two fire stations, one of which is in Pierce Township while the other is in Ohio Township.

The Pierce Township Fire Department is highly rated with the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO). When not responding to emergencies; the members are active in our schools through various fire prevention and education initiatives, service and maintain fire hydrants, conduct commercial life safety inspections and pre-incident surveys, install smoke detectors, conduct car seat installations, teach CPR and First Aid, maintain the stations and equipment, and strive to support, build, and better our community. The department is levy supported.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Pierce Township service department provides quality maintenance services to township roadways, storm drainage systems, public park areas and Township cemeteries to ensure public safety and enhanced quality of life for the community.

The service department maintains over 55 miles of roads with a six- person work crew. The Department works to ensure all township roads are clear of snow, ice, fallen debris and potholes on a year-round basis.

Some of the services performed in road maintenance include asphalt patching, crack sealing, roadside ditch cleaning, chip sealing, gravel road grading, dust control application, installation and maintenance of all signage, roadside mowing, snow and ice control, roadside shoulder repair, tree and brush trimming and dead animal removal from road right-of-way's, and storm water drainage system repair.

In addition, the department maintains township owned buildings and open spaces including two parks and a cemetery. This includes mowing, trimming, installing footers, open/closing of the graves, and maintenance of two ball fields.

WASTE/RECYCLING

Waste and recycling for the residents of Pierce Township are through a waste levy that covers the costs associated with waste pick up which includes a 95-gallon trash bin and an 18-recycling bin. Weekly trash and recycling pickup with Rumpke providing trash and recycling bins.

ZONING

Pierce Township's Zoning Department is comprised of two full time staff; an Administrative Assistant and a Planning and Zoning Administrator which is charged with issuing zoning certificates for all new building projects and use changes taking place in the Township, based upon the proposal's compliance with the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution. This document includes a Zoning Map that denotes a specific zoning designation for each parcel within the Township's boundary lines. In addition to this responsibility, the department monitors the site conditions of all business and residential properties relative to potential nuisance violations and reacts to any such violation accordingly.

Development and use of property is regulated through the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution. The Zoning Resolution outlines all regulations in each zoning district in the Township. The Zoning Commission is comprised of five community volunteers who review all zoning amendments and make recommendations to the Pierce Township Trustees.