



COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE
2023 ANNUAL REPORT
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Year Organized: 1816

Proposed General Fund Budget (FY23): \$372,181,328
 Personnel: \$350,314,628
 Supplies: \$4,063,361
 Services: \$15,760,547
 Other (Claims): \$2,029,190
 Capital: \$0
 Transfers: \$13,602

Columbus Estimated Population (per MORPC): 912,274
(per Census): 913,175

Sworn Personnel (As of 12/31/2023)

Chief: 1
 Assistant Chief: 2
 Deputy Chief: 6
 Commander: 17
 Lieutenant: 60
 Sergeant: 225
 Officer: 1,501
TOTAL SWORN: 1,812

Civilian Personnel

Civilians: 234
 Recruits: 88
TOTAL: 322

Percentage of Sworn Personnel Assigned to:

Patrol: 53%
 Investigative/Administrative: 47%

Equipment

Boats: 6
 Bicycles: 285
 Canines: 11
 Facilities: 27
 Helicopters: 4
 Horses: 11
 Marked Vehicles: 434
 Motorcycles: 25
 Unmarked Vehicles: 240

Specialized Teams

BAC Operators: 110
 Bicycle-certified Officers: 513
 Crisis Intervention Team Officers: 732
 Community Response Team Officers: 52
 Dialogue Team: 28
 DICE/DRE Officers: 69/14
 Dive Team Members: 11
 Field Training Officers: 199
 Hostage Negotiators: 9
 Honor Guard Members: 62
 SWAT: 26

Total Texts/Calls Received by ECC: 1,152,904
 Emergency 911 Calls Received: 682,813
 Emergency Texts to 911 Received: 2,975
 Non-Emergency Calls Received: 467,116
 Dispatched Calls for Service: 339,201
 Officer Self-Initiated Responses: 133,459



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2023 was a year of strong progress on important priorities for the Columbus Division of Police. Our officers, under the leadership of Chief Bryant, were relentless and focused in their work to improve safety and build meaningful relationships with our residents.

After achieving significant decreases in violent crime in 2022, the Division of Police held crime levels to far below their peak from 2021. Homicide detectives achieved an impressive solve rate of 92% - locking up more violent criminals and bringing answers to grieving families. Our officers also took a record number of guns off the street.

The Central Ohio Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), a powerful partnership with the ATF, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, opened in July. The CGIC focuses exclusively on investigating and preventing gun violence. It combines the expertise of firearm evidence examiners, intelligence analysts and investigators under one roof to rapidly collect, analyze and share information about guns used in violent crimes. The centerpiece of the CGIC is the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), developed by the ATF to help law enforcement connect gun crimes nationwide. Through the CGIC, gun crime evidence that previously took 40 to 50 days to trace, can now be processed within hours.

Through initiatives like "Safe Streets" and "Operation Moonlight," officers were strategically placed in high-traffic, highly visible positions around the city, protecting parks and community events. "Operation Moonlight" resulted in nearly 34,000 positive resident contacts.

We continued to invest in public safety, with three recruit classes per year to put more officers in our neighborhoods, and secured a \$1,000,000 grant to support our recruiting efforts.

Our first-of-its-kind Public Safety Wellness Center completed its first year and was received enthusiastically by our frontline responders. The Wellness Center offers critical support from Police and Fire Peers, Chaplains, and EAP (Employee Assistance Program) staff. It was created to support our personnel through the traumas and challenges they face every day on the job, and to help them be their best for their families and the community we serve.

Our officers doubled down on their community engagement efforts, building relationships and trust through countless community events, and the return of our Citizen's Police Academy and the INSPIRE Sports Academy, formerly known as the Police Athletic League.

Even with the best training available and great strides in police-community relations, the dangers of the job are ever-present. Our officers suffered 151 assaults while on duty in 2023, some resulting in critical injuries. We must never lose sight of the sacrifices and risks our men and women face as they work to keep us safe. We must continue to honor the dedication and service exhibited by our officers. They deserve our gratitude and respect.



Kate McSweeney-Pishotti
Director of Public Safety



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I am honored to share the Columbus Division of Police 2023 Annual Report.

2023 was a year of important milestones for us and the community we serve. We saw three classes of highly-trained new officers graduate, promotions for deserving leaders looking to be the example to others, strengthened recruitment and training, important progress in police-community relations, and countless examples of exceptional police work.

Every page of this report demonstrates the commitment of our officers and civilian professionals to our mission and core values of Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Enthusiasm. Whether it is in the dramatic increase in our homicide solve rate, the record number of guns taken off the street, or the many hours spent engaging with our community and youth, our officers live these values every day.

We continuously strive to enable and equip our officers to better serve our residents, in ways that are visible to the community and some that may not be. One of those major efforts was the creation of a sixth patrol zone. This reorganization helps balance calls for service more evenly across busy zones, reduces response times, and keep neighborhoods together within service areas.

We can't reflect on the work of our officers without also recognizing the dangers they face on the job.

This year brought those dangers into sharp focus with multiple high-profile incidents that left officers critically injured. As we rallied around them and their families, we also saw the community stand with us. We thank you for supporting our people when it matters most.

This year, like every other, we gathered to memorialize our fallen officers, both retired and active duty. Our memorial ceremony reminds us of the profound courage and dedication of those who served before us. They are sorely missed, but their legacies live on through the many lives they touched.

As I look back on 2023, I'm filled with pride in the achievements of our personnel, who are working every day to strengthen public safety and community trust. We know there is more work to do. We stand ready to do the work necessary to build a stronger, safer, more connected community. We can't do it alone - so as I thank our men and women, I also thank our partners, and the people we serve, for your collaboration.

We are always stronger when we stand together.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine R. Bryant".

Elaine R. Bryant
Chief of Police





MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Constitution, our Core Values, and steadfast adherence to ethical conduct, we are in service to safeguard the lives, property, and rights of all.

VISION STATEMENT

The Columbus Division of Police will contribute to a safer city by valuing its employees and the community it serves. The Division will be dedicated to embracing change, building relationships, and treating all with dignity while upholding the law.

CORE VALUES



Professionalism
Respect
Integrity
Discipline
Enthusiasm

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



Chief of Police Elaine R. Bryant



**Legal Advisor
Jeff Furbee**



**Organizational Accountability
Lieutenant Amber Rich**



**Public Relations Advisor
Melanie Amato**
* Postion Vacant beginning 6/9/2023



**Executive Officer
Sergeant Joseph Albert**



**Special Projects
Commander Mark Lang**
* Postion Vacant following retirement 9/1/2023

EXECUTIVE/COMMAND STAFF



1st Assistant Chief LaShanna Potts
Support Branch



Assistant Chief Gregory Bodker
Operations Branch



Deputy Chief Tim Myers
Support Services
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Robert Sagle
Special Operations
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Nick Konves
Public Accountability
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Elrico Alli
Patrol North
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Kelly Weiner
Patrol South
Subdivision



Deputy Chief Smith Weir
Criminal Investigations
Subdivision



**Forensic Services
Manager
Angela Farrington**



**Special Events
Vacant**



**Professional Standards
Commander
Jeffrey Lipp**



**Zone 1
Commander
Kyle Scholl**



**Zone 2
Commander
Shaun Dillon**



**Homicide
Commander
Mark Denner**



**Support Operations
Commander
Melissa McFadden**



**Special Services
Commander
Justin Coleman**



**Internal Affairs
Commander
Jeffery Lokai**



**Zone 4
Commander
Christine Nemchev**



**Zone 3
Commander
Gregory Parini**



**Major Crimes
Commander
Erik Babcock**



**Wellness
Commander
Alexander Behnen**



**Organized Crime
Commander
Aimee Haley**



**Training
Commander
Lowell Rector**



**Zone 6
Commander
Scott Evers**



**Zone 5
Commander
Duane Mabry**



**Special Investigations
Commander
Joseph Echenrode**



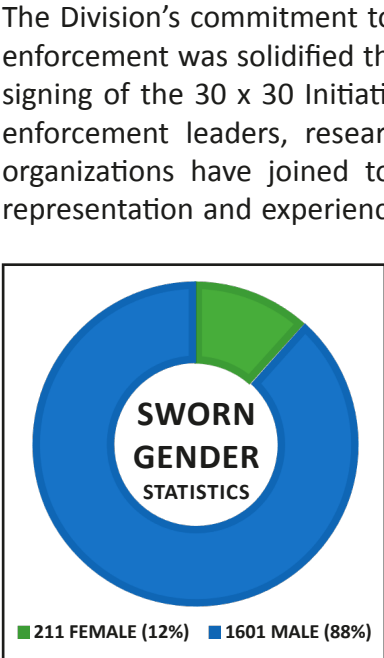
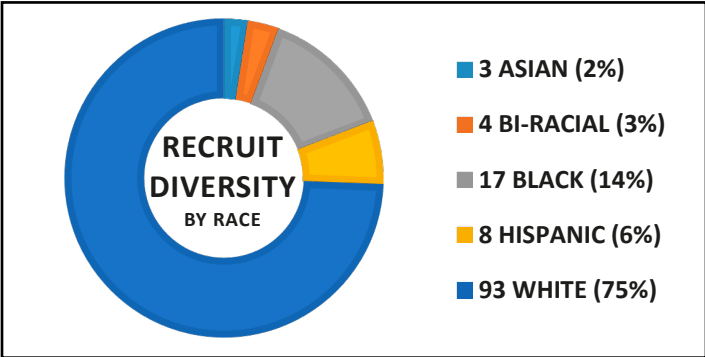
**Records Management
Manager
Tiffany Fields-Williams**



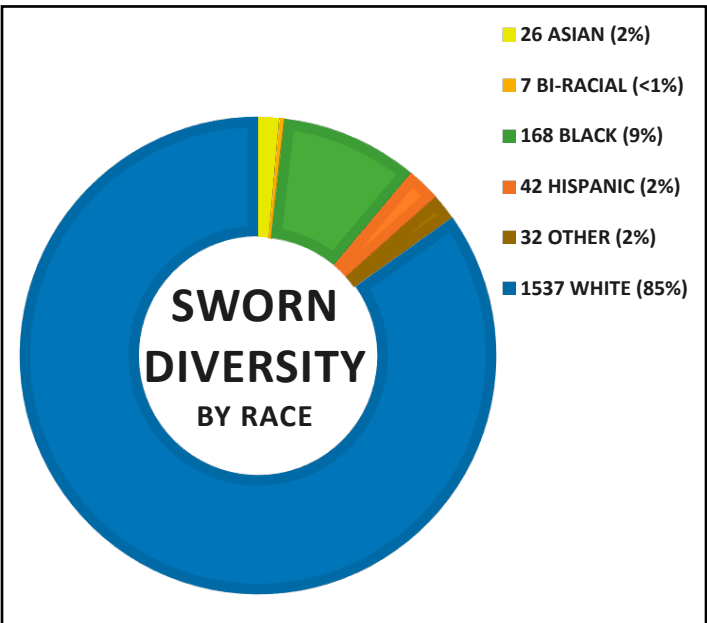
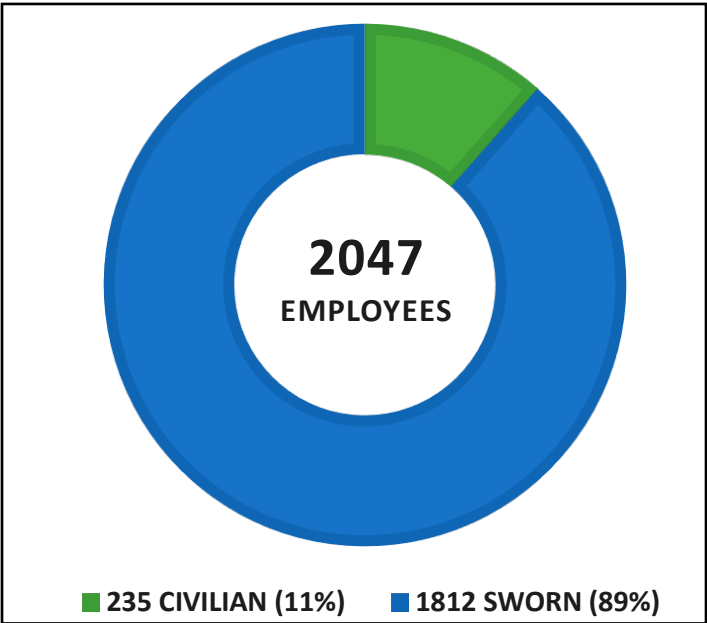
**Property Crimes
Commander
David Hughes**



The Columbus Division of Police is dedicated to identifying, recruiting, and developing a diverse and talented pool of candidates to serve as law enforcement officers. Our expanded outreach initiatives help in our continued attempts to yield a larger number of qualified candidates.

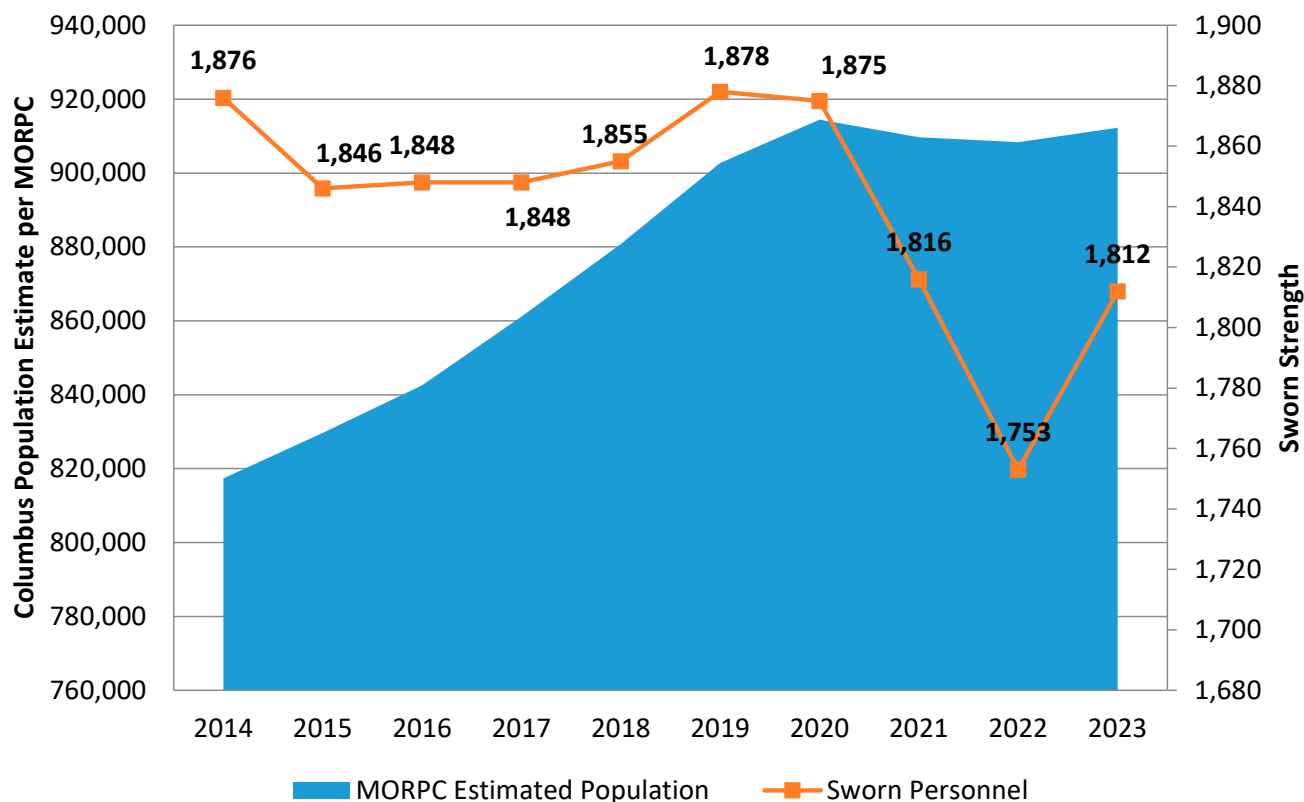


The Division’s commitment to gender diversity in law enforcement was solidified this past year through the signing of the 30 x 30 Initiative. This coalition of law enforcement leaders, researchers, and professional organizations have joined together to advance the representation and experiences of women in policing across the United States. We joined the pledge to advance the representation of women in our own agency, with the ultimate goal of achieving 30% female representation in police recruit classes by 2030.



SWORN STRENGTH AND POPULATION GROWTH

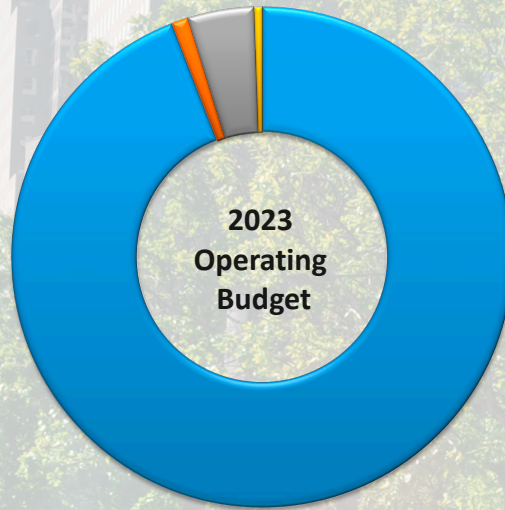
Ten Year Comparison Sworn Strength to Population Growth



Year	MORPC Estimated Population	Sworn Personnel	Sworn per 1000 Population
2014	817,383	1,876	2.30
2015	829,690	1,846	2.22
2016	842,528	1,848	2.19
2017	861,141	1,848	2.15
2018	880,828	1,855	2.11
2019	902,674	1,878	2.08
2020	914,450	1,875	2.05
2021	909,686	1,816	2.00
2022	908,386	1,753	1.93
2023	912,274	1,812	1.99



2023 CPD BUDGET



■ Personnel (\$350,314,628)

■ Materials & Supplies (\$4,063,361)

■ Services (\$15,760,547)

■ Other Disbursements (\$2,029,190)

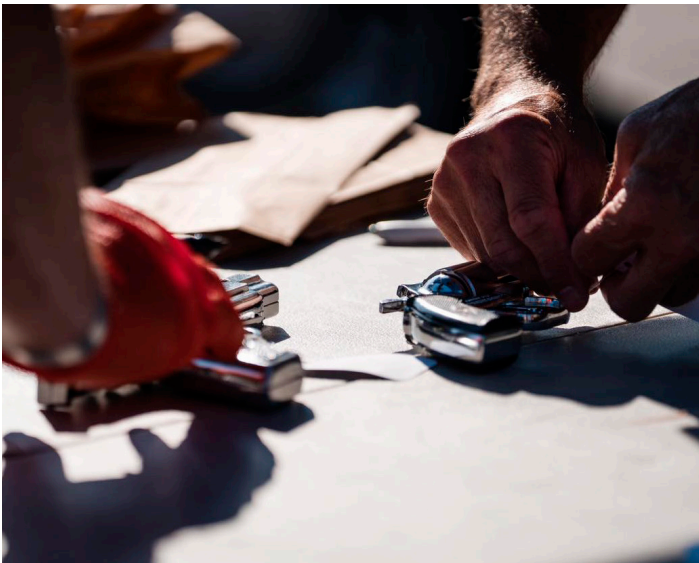
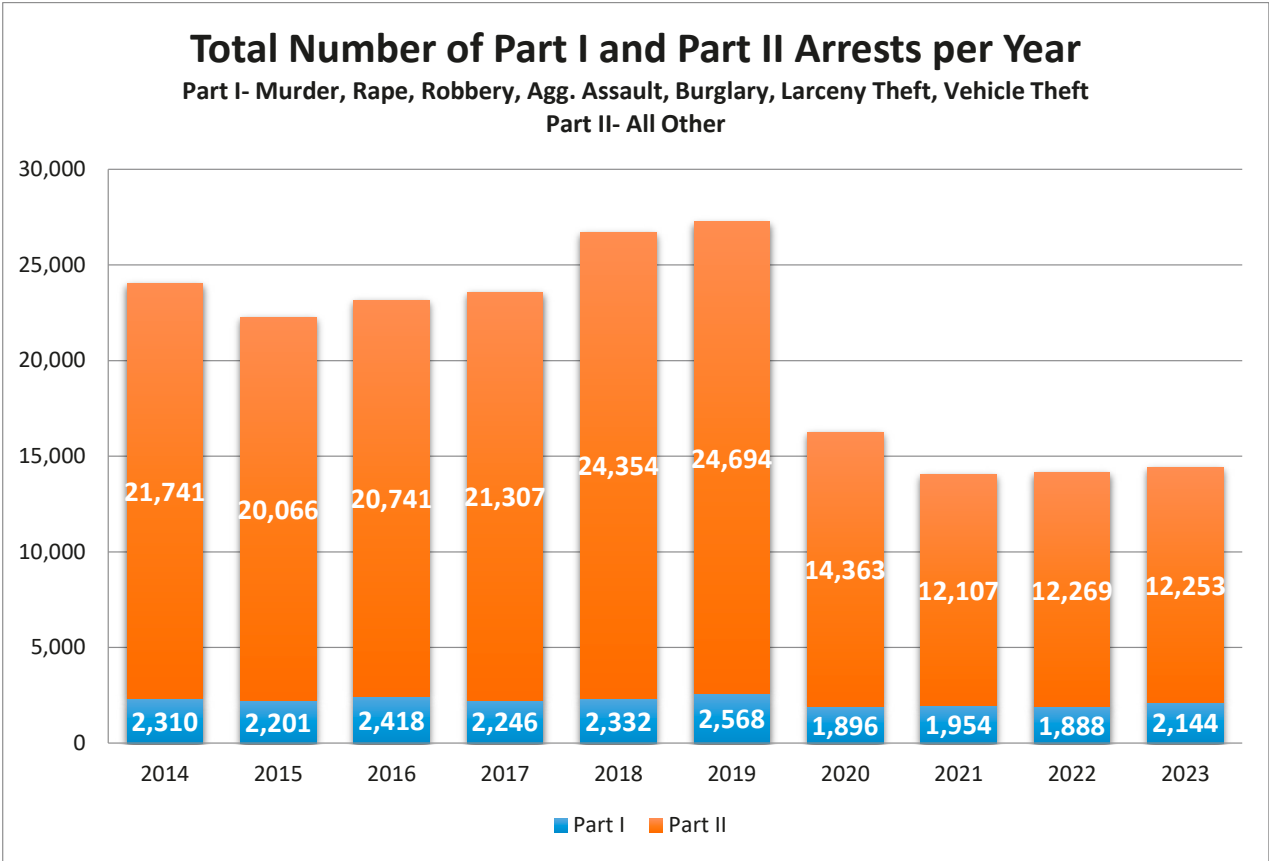
■ Capital (\$0)

■ Transfers (\$13,602)



CRIME STATISTICS

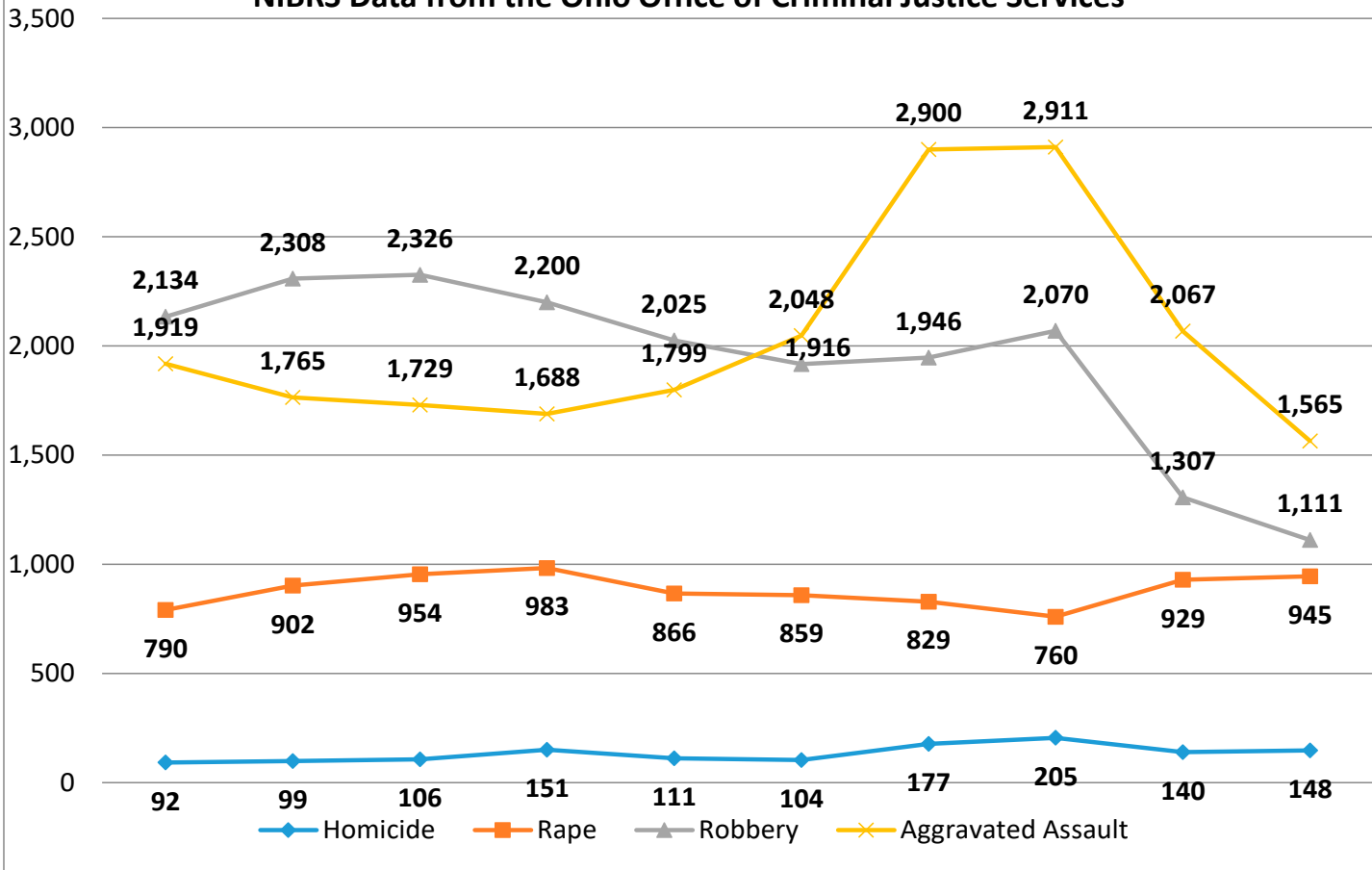
ARRESTS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Part I Offenses	2,310	2,201	2,418	2,246	2,332	2,568	1,896	1,954	1,888	2,144
Part II	21,741	20,066	20,741	21,307	24,354	24,694	14,363	12,107	12,269	12,253
Total	24,051	22,267	23,159	23,553	26,686	27,262	16,259	14,061	14,157	14,397



CRIME STATISTICS

10-Year Comparison of Part 1 Violent Crimes

NIBRS Data from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

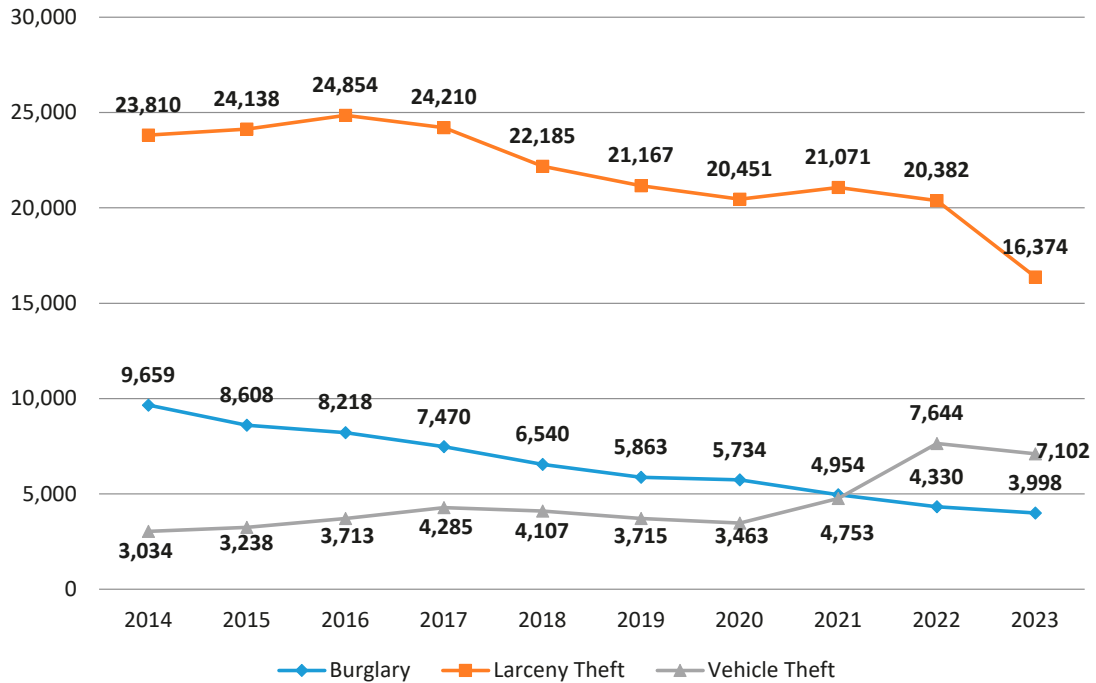


CRIME STATISTICS

10-Year Comparison of Part I Property Crimes

NIBRS Data from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Part I Property Crimes- Burglary, Larceny Theft, Vehicle Theft



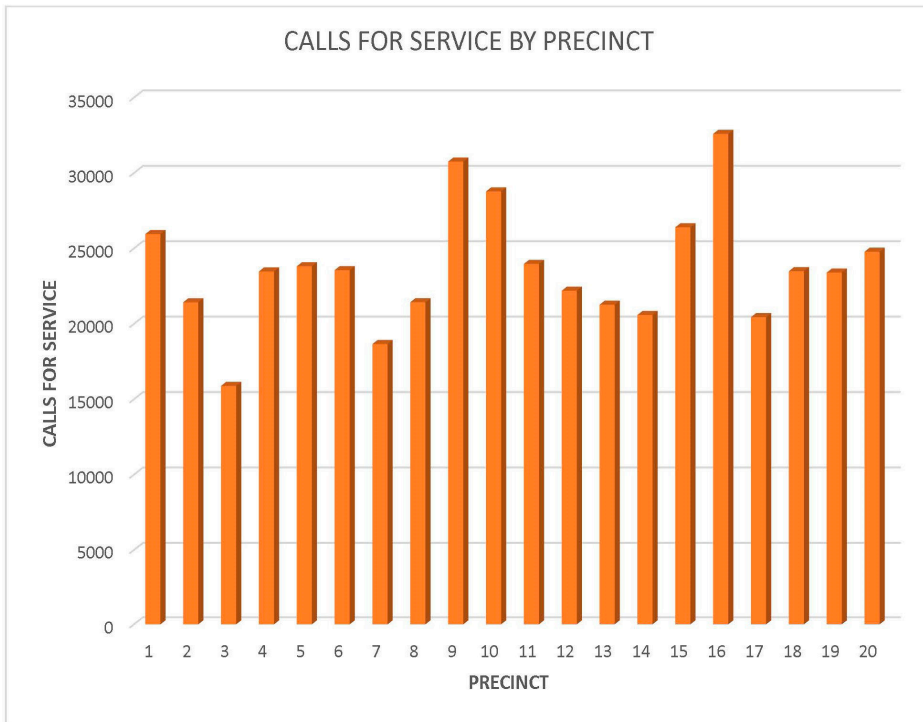
OFFENSES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	92	99	106	151	111	104	177	205	140	148
Rape	790	902	954	983	866	859	829	760	929	945
Robbery	2,134	2,308	2,326	2,200	2,025	1,916	1,946	2,070	1,307	1,111
Aggravated Assault	1,919	1,765	1,729	1,688	1,799	2,048	2,900	2,911	2,067	1,565
Burglary	9,659	8,608	8,218	7,470	6,540	5,863	5,734	4,954	4,330	3,998
Larceny Theft	23,810	24,138	24,854	24,210	22,185	21,167	20,451	21,071	20,382	16,374
Vehicle Theft	3,034	3,238	3,713	4,285	4,107	3,715	3,463	4,753	7,644	7,102
Total	41,438	41,058	41,900	40,987	37,633	35,672	35,500	36,724	36,799	31,243
Estimated Population	817,383	829,690	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686	908,386	912,274
Rate per 1000 Population	50.70	49.49	49.73	47.60	42.72	39.52	38.82	40.37	40.51	34.25



UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

The city's population and growth are key variables that help put crime statistics into perspective. Looking at crime statistics in this context also allows for more accurate annual comparisons. Crime rates (the number of crimes per 1,000 citizens) are included in these statistical reports to provide a clearer picture of the potential for victimization and which crime trends have been occurring in CPD jurisdiction.

CALLS FOR SERVICE



ZONE	PRECINCTS	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
1	1, 6, 18	72,971
2	9, 14, 20	76,082
3	8, 10, 15, 19	99,958
4	3, 4, 17	59,782
5	11, 12, 13, 16	99,977
6	2, 5, 7	63,890



USES OF FORCE

The Columbus Division of Police defines a "Use of Force" as the following:

The exertion of energy or the actions of personnel in the performance of their duties used to direct or control another's movements or actions. A use of force may be implemented to control resistive or aggressive behavior toward the involved personnel, other personnel, third parties, or property.

Level	Type of Response	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	All Level 1 Uses of Force	1689	1251	1131	1130	1124
2	Use of Mace	128	85	61	51	106
3	Use of TASER	158	130	123	150	151
4	Striking with Hands or Feet	88	68	39	57	97
5	Striking with a Weapon	0	0	1	2	3
6	Canine Bite	0	2	4	1	1
7	Less Lethal Weapons	0	3	0	0	0
8	Use of Firearm	12	15	13	11	30
	TOTALS	2075	1554	1372	1402	1512

**These numbers indicate the total number of incidents in which force was used, rather than each officer who used force*



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Citizen Complaints	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Contacts Received	2,673	2464	2502	3163	3,281	2399	1946
Citizen Complaints Received	308	246	236	364	441	803	1946
Citizen Complaints Cancelled	55	26	36	37	43	486	1644
Total Allegations in All Complaints	701	501	520	912	927	666	881
Bias-based Profiling Complaints	11	13	9	11	19	8	7

**First full year of statistics available from Department of the Inspector General*

Most Frequent Type or Nature	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Actions Taken/Not Taken	159	100	65	181	243	157	360
Investigative Actions	83	85	121	124	200	136	20
Rude/Discourteous Language/Actions	81	68	82	150	141	86	123
Force	75	48	41	187	56	52	118
Search/Seizure	53	52	59	89	59	54	44
% of all complaint allegations for the year	64%	70%	71%	80%	75%	73%	75%

DIVISION AWARDS



MEDAL OF VALOR

Donald Finch
John Kifer

PURPLE HEART

John Klinebriel

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Seth Eckel	Joshua Puccetti
Lt. John Hawkins	Nicholas Reardon
Mary Hitchings	Daryl Wiedmann

MEDAL OF MERIT

Jason Bauchmoyer	David Mancini
Sgt. Robert Beeson	Bryan Maselli
Brandon Bright	Kyle Mathie (Res.)
Sgt. Fred Brophy	Douglas McClain
Bryan Brumfield (x2)	Sgt. Greg Meyer
Sgt. Caroline Castro	Nicholaus Nessley
Eric Clouse	Sgt. Jonathan Nogay
Adam Dague	Jerry Orick (x2)
Kenneth Daniel	Mark Paul (Ret.)
Ryan Dingfelder	Nicholas Reaper
Jared Duncan	Adam Reidling
Amanda Hill	Jessica Rock
Joseph Houseberg	Lt. Kyle Scholl
Wesley Hurley	Robert Schuler
Sgt. Ron Jacobs (Ret.)	Michael Shannon
Geffrey Kinzel	Aaron Shotwell
Randall Kinzel	Seth Smith
William Lang	Stanford Speaks
Matthew Lausch (x2)	Sgt. Christopher Spohn
Thomas Livingston	James Watkins
Mark Lovett	Tyler Whitcraft
	Joshua Wright (x2)



DIVISION AWARDS



BLUE STAR

Seth Browning
Jacob Capretta
Kelsie Schneider
Stephen Schoessler
Robert Vass

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

MA II Dan Albers	Lt. Ron Kemmerling (Ret.)
Sgt. Kirk Alt	Sgt. Roy Lisath
FF Daniel Arnold CFD	Storekeeper Angie McEwen
FF Ryan Birt CFD	Sgt. Jonathan Nogay
Michael Church	Jacob Pawlowski
David Feltner	Michael Severance FCS
Lt. Jason Garner	Zackary Townsley
Lt. Marc Helder	Lt. Luke Wendt CFD
John D. Jones	



CITIZEN COMMENDATION

Anthony Deangelo	Caleb Greenland
Amy Hoover	Cole Greenland

FIRST AID/LIFESAVING

Jansen Adkins	James Dickson	Otta Jallaq	Danielle Renza
James Agans	Harry Dorsey	Benjamin Johnson	Travis Runyon
Matthew Anderson	David Drenning	John D. Jones	Daniel Schlaegal (x3)
Stephen Asch (Ret.)	Seth Eckel	John Kifer	Stephen Schoessler
Cody Banks	Scott Eckert	Austin Kinzel	Sgt. Joshua Seymour
Susanna Bell	Michael Exline	Randall Kinzel	Jared Shafer
Brianna Belmonte	Dakota Freeman	Jeffrey Lazar	Steven Stark
Adam Bower	Christopher Gibat (x2)	Andrew McBane	Garrin Stiltner
Benjamin Brown (x2)	Cameron Gibbs (x2)	William McLane	Tamir Thomas
Seth Browning	Paul Gray	Zachary McPherson	Jared Truxall
Kyle Brust	Joshua Grice	Kelly Melvin	Payne Vantilburg
Michael Burgett	Ryan Gross (Res.)	Shane Mills	Brian VanVranken
Sierra Caldwell	Thomas Hammel	Sgt. James Murawski	Jacob Velas
Michael Clemmer	Nathan Hanna	Steven Murphy	Justin Viau
Cody Cook	Carl Harmon	Sgt. Jonathan Nogay	Larry Whitman
Joshua Cramer	Nicholas Hennessy	Donald Paden	
Shawn Delgado	Tyler Hicks	Thomas Pezzott	

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER



1st Quarter 2023 - PoliceNet Unit

Officers Greg Colarich, Robert Layton, Chris Velas, Paul Welch, Robert Griffin, and Matt Brown



2nd Quarter 2023 - Detective Lowell Titus



3rd Quarter 2023 - Sergeant Stephen Oboczky



4th Quarter 2023 - Officer Michael Church

CHIEF'S SPOTLIGHT



Officer Brian Carter and K9 Odja were recognized with the Chief's Spotlight award for their outstanding service to the Columbus Division of Police. Officer Carter has served the Division since 1991, and has been a member of the K9 unit since 2008. Odja is a Belgian Malinois, born in France, who joined the Columbus Division of Police in 2019. The pair have been partners since 2019 and have demonstrated how valuable they are by assisting in evidence, building, and narcotic searches, as well as helping SWAT arrest some of Columbus' biggest criminal offenders. K9 Odja is most notably known for his ability to jump, and loves showing off his skills to kids at community events.

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER



1st Quarter 2023 -
Cynthia Gates, OAIL & Mary Tomi, OAIL



3rd Quarter 2023 - Cynthia Leland, Crime Analyst



4th Quarter 2023 - Angela McEwen, Storekeeper II

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR



2022 Criminal Investigations Subdivision Detectives of the Year (inaugural award presented in 2023):

Homicide Bureau, Felony Assault Unit: Detective Frank Miller

Major Crimes Bureau, Robbery Unit: Detective Phillip Thomas

Property Crimes Bureau, General Property Crimes Unit: Detective Charles Jarvis

Special Investigations Bureau, Domestic Violence Unit: Detective Laurie Carney



2023 Criminal Investigations Subdivision Detectives of the Year:

Property Crimes Bureau, Zone Investigations Unit: Detective Zachary Rosen

Special Investigations Bureau, Physical Abuse Unit: Detective Andre Edwards

Homicide Bureau, Crime Scene Search Unit: Detective Gary Cooper

Homicide Bureau, Homicide Unit: Detective Delbert Chapman

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM AWARDS

In 2014, the Division sought to expand and formalize a Chaplain Program in anticipation of the retirement of long time Division Chaplain Reverend Richard Ellsworth. In 2015, the Division's Strategic Plan included implementing a comprehensive chaplaincy program that included a diverse team of official Division chaplains. The goal was to provide a Division-wide ministry, accessible 24/7 to all Division employees desiring this level of care.



At that time, Commander Aimee Haley was selected to facilitate a committee to select and seat the team of chaplains. Officer Rob Polta served on the selection committee and assisted in getting the Chaplain program up and running. Each Chaplain applicant's suitability was based on seven categories: experience, accessibility, sincerity, connectivity, commitment, motivation, and affinity toward law enforcement. On October 30, 2015, the Director of Public Safety swore in the Division's new team of Chaplains dedicated to serving personnel.

At the 2023 Retirement and Recognition Banquet, Lieutenant Jen Alicea, who oversees the Chaplain Program as part of the Internal Wellness Center, presented the Chaplain Service Award to those Chaplains who have served the Division since 2015. Commander Aimee Haley and Officer Rob Polta were also honored with the Chaplain Program Development Award.





Officer Kelly Melvin
Northland Community Officer of the Year



Operation Santa's Sleigh Junior Police Chief Boone Melton

CONGRATULATIONS!



STAR Academy Certification Award



Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL DISTINGUISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

Awards presented by Attorney General Dave Yost on October 25, 2023



The Community Service Award

Officer Shawn Lutz is a seven-year veteran who serves the Linden neighborhood. He acts as a liaison, both in Linden and in the LGBTQ+ community. Officer Lutz is a resource for marginalized citizens, helping them navigate the criminal justice system and providing information about filing reports, requesting charges or protection orders, and making public records requests. Lt. Paul Szabo stated in his nomination, "There is no possibility of adequately describing Officer Lutz's positive impact on the Division, other city departments, the criminal justice system and the citizens he serves."

The Group Achievement Award

The Central Ohio OOCIC/HIDTA Drug Task Force is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional law enforcement initiative focused on dismantling drug trafficking organizations operating in central Ohio. In May and December of 2022, task force members were able to identify two separate local drug trafficking organizations operating in central Ohio flooding the region with large quantities of cocaine and fentanyl from Mexico. Hundreds of hours of surveillance and diligent investigation led to the dismantling of both trafficking rings. Together, the two investigations resulted in 10 executed search warrants and six individuals arrested and indicted on 78 felony counts.



The Training Award

Throughout his 22-year career, ATF Task Force Officer Jerry Orick has worked to expand and share his knowledge of the technology used to investigate firearms violations and link previously unconnected shootings.

His devotion to training has provided fellow officers tools to enhance their criminal investigations. In 2022, he trained more than 250 personnel from various agencies on how to mine data from digital media and how to enter evidence into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and use the NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS). Officer Orick has been instrumental in the development of central Ohio's Regional Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) and contributed to the training of 100 CGIC investigators.



The Mark Losey Service Award

Sergeant Lindsay Alli made an impact in youth recruiting while overseeing the Public Safety Corps, a mentorship program aimed at young adults ages 14 to 20, and helping build the Cadet Program, a three-year paid internship for adults 18 and older. Cadets undergo a 16-week training program and are then assigned rotating positions within the Division. To date, 22 Cadets have pursued careers with the Division or with other public safety agencies. Numerous PSC members have gone on to college, the military, and careers in law enforcement.

AWARDS FROM NATIONAL/STATE ORGANIZATIONS



Central Ohio Crimestoppers Officer of the Year
Detective Terry Kelley



Sons of the American Revolution Award
Officer Steven Kinsey (pictured along with CFD Recipients)



U.S. Secret Service National Computer Forensics Institute
Top 100 Digital Forensic Examiners
Detectives Adam Worthington, Sean Taylor, and Wyatt Wilson



TSA Patriot Award
Officer Patrick Cooney (Lt. Col. Army National Guard) and
Commander Justin Coleman



Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa A. Schiffel honored as
"Top Cops" for their response to the I-71 Shooting:
Luke Velie, Greg Hudson, Hunter Rennie, Aaron Getzinger,
and also Joseph Valiski, Nathan Komisarek, and Samuel Rippey
(not pictured)



Award of Excellence: Officers Robert Barrett, Fred Kaufman,
Sarah McBane, Jessica Rock, and Blair Stewart
Central Ohio Top Cop Award: Officer Christopher O'Neall
Central Ohio Community Justice Award: Sergeant Adam Barton

AWARDS FROM NATIONAL/STATE ORGANIZATIONS



American Legion Award
Officer John Kifer & K9 Carr



American Legion Award
Officer Brad Foul



American Legion Award
Officer Joshua Puccetti, and (not pictured) Officers Justin Gross,
Adam North, and Justin Stechenfinger



Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Award
Detective Roger Dickinson, JTTF



World Police & Fire Games - Gold Medal
Columbus Marauders 35+ Basketball Team



World Police & Fire Games - Silver Medal
Columbus Marauders Open Basketball Team

FINAL ROLL CALL

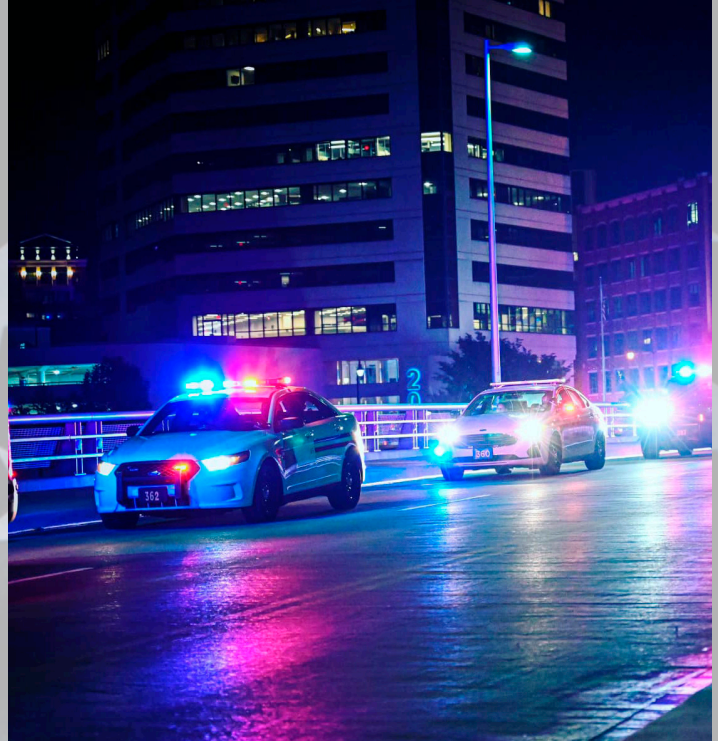
	Entered Service	Retired	Deceased
Lieutenant Harold E. Moore	10/31/66	01/25/97	01/04/23
Officer Andre M. Leon	12/07/03	12/07/13	05/28/20*
Sergeant August C. Sims	03/16/70	03/22/97	01/26/23
Sergeant Daniel Kline	02/19/68	07/11/98	02/13/23
Officer Rick V. Thompson	12/24/89	07/02/19	02/14/23
Property Clerk Charles R. Teeters	10/02/88	05/21/04	02/22/23
Deputy Chief Robert R. Kern	12/16/60	01/20/01	03/08/23
Officer David R. Morris	06/09/69	08/08/08	03/14/23
Officer Stephen H. Thrall	08/09/65	01/29/94	03/25/23
Officer Marland C. Johnston	03/14/71	03/13/93	02/24/23
Equipment Operator I John B. MacDonald	08/20/89	03/15/09	04/17/23
Sergeant Carlos D. Dale	10/21/79	10/30/08	05/02/23
Officer James D. Legg	10/31/66	01/07/89	05/08/23
Commander Michael P. Gray	10/28/90	05/02/23	05/26/23
Officer Stephen E. Asch	12/17/07	02/06/23	05/31/23
Officer Joseph E. Harmon	02/23/67	02/29/92	05/25/23
Officer George W. Ames	10/01/67	03/02/91	07/27/23
<i>Vehicle Impound Inspector</i>	03/04/91	07/01/16	
Officer Margaret A. Dennis	12/03/78	03/27/95	07/29/23
Officer Gregory J. Pychewicz	08/01/71	06/02/96	08/03/23
Officer Shannon L. David	02/28/93	07/13/22	08/31/23
Officer Richard E. Foulk	02/15/52	02/15/77	09/04/23
Officer Dale R. Neitman	09/15/91	06/01/18	09/08/23
Officer William E. Miller Jr.	06/14/87	02/11/16	09/19/23
Officer Steven C. Smith	10/06/85	06/04/21	09/21/23
Officer Richard L Neff	02/01/57	07/14/84	10/13/23
Officer Dennis J. Cassidy	03/14/71	01/23/99	10/28/23
Sergeant Paul R. Miller	08/09/65	07/22/89	10/28/23
Officer Joseph P. Williams	06/06/71	10/02/10	11/04/23
Officer William J. Cooper	05/09/71	01/19/02	11/21/23
Sergeant Steve M. Tarini	09/03/89	05/06/17	11/25/23
Sergeant Dennis M. Matko	12/30/73	02/14/04	12/19/23
Officer Dennis C. Flaig	01/03/78	06/03/99	12/28/23

* Late notification

IN MEMORIAM



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. During this week, the Division's fallen officers are honored as part of the Honor Guard Memorial Ceremony and the Division also recognizes the good work of those officers still serving the community with an Awards Ceremony. The Division also participates in the Light Ohio Blue campaign and caravan, which honors those who have died in the line of duty and shows support to those currently serving. Members of CPD also travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the candlelight vigil and other events commemorating Police Week.



OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

<i>Patrolman Cyrus Beebe</i>	<i>April 27, 1854</i>	<i>Patrolman Campbell K. Jenkins</i>	<i>January 9, 1939</i>
<i>Officer John Manning</i>	<i>November 17, 1888</i>	<i>Patrolman John M. McCullough</i>	<i>January 18, 1942</i>
<i>Detective Abe Kleeman</i>	<i>September 15, 1899</i>	<i>Patrolman Thomas E. Webb</i>	<i>August 17, 1956</i>
<i>Patrolman Daniel Davis</i>	<i>June 7, 1908</i>	<i>Patrolman Richard E. Taylor</i>	<i>January 19, 1963</i>
<i>Patrolman Harry E. Campbell</i>	<i>December 24, 1908</i>	<i>Lieutenant Allen E. Fraley</i>	<i>November 6, 1964</i>
<i>Patrolman Frank P. Ward</i>	<i>June 9, 1911</i>	<i>Patrolman Robert F. Lisska</i>	<i>May 26, 1965</i>
<i>Patrolman William Sexton</i>	<i>March 25, 1913</i>	<i>Patrolman Daniel Alfred Redding</i>	<i>July 27, 1965</i>
<i>Patrolman Joseph Lavender</i>	<i>June 26, 1913</i>	<i>Patrolman William G. Wells</i>	<i>December 21, 1965</i>
<i>Patrolman James Ballard</i>	<i>November 9, 1914</i>	<i>Auxillary Officer Lawrence Kipfinger</i>	<i>October 13, 1969</i>
<i>Patrolman John Laufhutte</i>	<i>August 22, 1916</i>	<i>Patrolman Curtis L. Staton</i>	<i>March 22, 1972</i>
<i>Detective William Rourke</i>	<i>November 24, 1917</i>	<i>Patrolman Joseph "Andy" Edwards</i>	<i>August 28, 1972</i>
<i>Patrolman David L. Jenkins</i>	<i>February 8, 1919</i>	<i>Sergeant Dale W. McCann</i>	<i>June 7, 1974</i>
<i>Patrolman Adolph G. Schneider</i>	<i>September 23, 1920</i>	<i>Officer Roger L. Brown</i>	<i>August 11, 1976</i>
<i>Detective Charles E. Tiller</i>	<i>October 28, 1920</i>	<i>Officer Michael J. Smith</i>	<i>August 11, 1976</i>
<i>Patrolman Jesse Reall</i>	<i>February 26, 1921</i>	<i>Officer Martin W. Yawarsky</i>	<i>September 6, 1980</i>
<i>Patrolman Granston P. Koehler</i>	<i>November 28, 1922</i>	<i>Officer Gordon J. Rich</i>	<i>April 5, 1986</i>
<i>Patrolman Troy C. Stewart</i>	<i>April 22, 1924</i>	<i>Officer Richard Fickeisen</i>	<i>June 1, 1987</i>
<i>Patrolman Harry E. Shaffer</i>	<i>March 29, 1925</i>	<i>Officer Jane E. Thompson-Bowman</i>	<i>March 9, 1989</i>
<i>Detective Walter O. Womeldorf</i>	<i>May 29, 1925</i>	<i>Officer Robin Nye</i>	<i>January 4, 1991</i>
<i>Patrolman William Sweinsberger</i>	<i>January 7, 1926</i>	<i>Officer Raymond E. Radel</i>	<i>April 25, 1991</i>
<i>Patrolman Horace D. Elliott</i>	<i>March 29, 1927</i>	<i>Officer Chris E. Clites</i>	<i>December 10, 1993</i>
<i>Patrolman Thomas Day</i>	<i>July 7, 1931</i>	<i>Sergeant Marc Muncy</i>	<i>April 5, 1995</i>
<i>Patrolman Leslie Green</i>	<i>October 4, 1931</i>	<i>Officer Keith L. Evans</i>	<i>July 9, 1995</i>
<i>Patrolman Ross Porter</i>	<i>July 23, 1934</i>	<i>Lieutenant Christopher N. Claypool</i>	<i>April 29, 2001</i>
<i>Patrolman Edward J. Murphy</i>	<i>May 11, 1935</i>	<i>Officer Melissa Foster</i>	<i>December 4, 2004</i>
<i>Chief Frederick Kundts</i>	<i>March 22, 1936</i>	<i>Officer Bryan Hurst</i>	<i>January 6, 2005</i>
<i>Patrolman John P. Sears</i>	<i>November 30, 1936</i>	<i>Officer Thomas R. Hayes</i>	<i>January 20, 2011</i>
<i>Detective Robert R. Cline</i>	<i>February 5, 1938</i>	<i>Officer Steven M. Smith</i>	<i>April 12, 2016</i>

RETIREMENTS

Sworn Retirements

Deputy Chief Timothy Becker	12/11/1988 - 1/13/2023
Deputy Chief Kenneth Kuebler	11/6/1994 - 1/9/2023
Deputy Chief Jennifer Knight	11/3/1996 - 1/9/2023
Deputy Chief Thomas Quinlan	12/24/1989 - 1/13/2023
Officer Helen Lake (Disability)	5/19/1996 - 1/7/2023
Officer Larry Nelson	12/10/2000 - 1/20/2023
Officer David Eubanks	4/10/1994 - 1/20/2023
Officer Michael Knudsen	6/1/1997 - 2/7/2023
Officer Stephen Asch (Disability)	12/17/2007 - 2/9/2023
Sergeant Timothy Balmert	6/1/1997 - 3/9/2023
Lieutenant Wade Spears	9/3/1989 - 3/22/2023
Officer John Groom (Disability)	12/6/2010 - 4/1/2023
Officer Patrick Seaman	12/17/1995 - 4/1/2023
Officer Larry Justice	5/19/1996 - 4/3/2023
Sergeant Aaron Ward	7/8/2001 - 4/6/2023
Officer Russell Henslee	6/1/1997 - 4/15/2023
Commander Michael Gray	10/28/1990 - 5/2/2023
Commander Mark Gardner	5/21/1995 - 5/22/2023
Officer Stephen Banks	5/27/1990 - 5/27/2023
Officer Robert Perry	4/10/1994 - 6/2/2023
Officer Theresa Kalous	9/24/1995 - 6/3/2023
Officer Daniel Skunza	12/18/1994 - 6/23/2023
Officer Kerry Kaiser	5/22/1994 - 6/30/2023
Sergeant Michael Ramsey	12/18/1994 - 7/4/2023
Officer Jennifer Haas	6/25/2000 - 7/7/2023
Officer Stephen Hill	9/6/1998 - 7/8/2023
Officer Andrew Starner	11/3/1996 - 7/17/2023



RETIREMENTS

Officer Lisa McKissick	11/3/1996 - 8/1/2023
Officer Jackson Rennie	11/22/1992 - 8/1/2023
Officer Daniel Perez	9/24/1995 - 8/4/2023
Officer Matthew Springer	11/6/1994 - 8/31/2023
Officer Christopher Tussing	11/16/1997 - 9/1/2023
Commander Mark Lang	5/16/1999 - 9/1/2023
Officer Don McCray	9/24/1995 - 9/22/2023
Officer Michelle Henry	10/16/1988 - 10/3/2023
Officer Robert Wachalec	6/20/1993 - 10/12/2023
Officer Gregory Sheppard	6/20/1993 - 10/20/2023
Sergeant Dana Hess (Disability)	12/17/2007 - 11/11/2023
Officer Michael R. Robison	11/6/1994 - 11/13/2023
Officer Michael Longworth	9/26/1993 - 12/8/2023



Civilian Retirements

Office Assistant II Linda Smoot	6/1/1980 - 1/13/2023
Office Assistant I Janet Fonner	10/26/2015 - 1/31/2023
Management Analyst I Deborah Payne	3/20/2011 - 1/31/2023
Police Property Clerk Richard Brienzi	9/14/2015 - 7/19/2023
Office Assistant I Kerri Vawters	5/17/1987 - 7/31/2023
Fingerprint Technician Jerry Hocker	10/22/1995 - 9/30/2023



MEET THE DEPUTY CHIEFS



Due to the Deputy Chief retirement incentive program, there were four Deputy Chief vacancies to fill in early 2023. Following an interview and selection process, Chief Elaine Bryant announced in January that Commanders Elrico Alli, Nicholas Konves, Timothy Myers, and Robert Sagle would be promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. They served as Acting Deputy Chiefs until their official swearing in ceremony in February. Upon their promotion, they joined current Deputy Chiefs Kelly Weiner and Smith Weir as part of Executive Staff.

Chief Bryant said, "Each Deputy Chief has been recognized for their extraordinary leadership qualities and professional aptitude. I have no doubt they will serve with distinction as they take on the new challenge of leading their respective subdivisions." At 36, Deputy Chief Myers was sworn in as the youngest deputy chief in the Division's history, though his colleague Deputy Chief Konves has him beat in age by only one year.





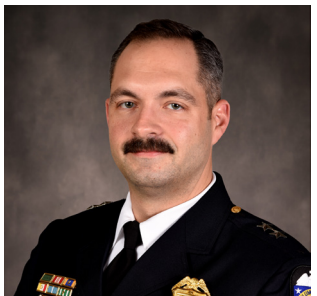
Patrol North Subdivision: Deputy Chief Elrico Alli

Deputy Chief Alli started his law enforcement career with the Youngstown Police Department in 1997, and joined the Division in 2003. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2010, Lieutenant in 2017, and Commander in 2020. Deputy Chief Alli has served as a backup for the Public Information Officer; a subject matter expert for the Civil Service Commission; and a member of the Teens and Police Service Academy (TAPS). He also serves as a member of the Peer Assistance Team (PAT). Deputy Chief Alli is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College and the Leadership Columbus Signature Program. Deputy Chief Alli holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Capital University and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School.



Public Accountability Subdivision: Deputy Chief Nicholas Konves

Deputy Chief Konves joined the Division in 2007. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012, Lieutenant in 2018, and Commander in 2020. Deputy Chief Konves is a regional coordinator for the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program, an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and has certifications in National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Advanced Crisis Communications. He is also a Certified Mediator and a Certified Protection Professional. Deputy Chief Konves holds an Associate of Arts in Fire and Emergency Services from Hocking College, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration from Tiffin University, an MBA from Ohio University, and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School.



Support Services Subdivision: Deputy Chief Timothy Myers

Deputy Chief Myers joined the Division in 2008. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012, Lieutenant in 2015, and Commander in 2020. In addition to his service to the Division, Deputy Chief Myers also serves as a Judge Advocate in the United States Army Reserve, currently as Trial Defense Counsel. He serves as Executive Vice President for the Starfish Assignment and also actively participates in the organization's work. He also serves as a board member for the Community Crime Patrol. Deputy Chief Myers is a graduate of the School of Police and Command Staff program at Northwestern University as well as the FBI National Academy. Deputy Chief Myers holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School.



Special Operations Subdivision: Deputy Chief Robert Sagle

Deputy Chief Sagle has been with the Division since 2000. As an officer, he began in patrol assignments and then served as pilot in command and tactical flight officer with the Helicopter Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012, Lieutenant in 2017, and Commander in 2019. Deputy Chief Sagle is certified in Group Crisis Intervention and Infrastructure Protection. Deputy Chief Sagle is also one of the coordinators for the Division's Peer Assistance Team. Deputy Chief Sagle has been involved with both the Starfish Assignment and the First Responders Bridge. He attended the School of Police and Command Staff program at Northwestern University and was a recipient of the TSA Ohio Patriot Award. Deputy Chief Sagle holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University.



Patrol South Subdivision: Deputy Chief Kelly Weiner

Deputy Chief Weiner, who has served the Division since 1997, was promoted to Sergeant in 2004, Lieutenant in 2008, and Commander in 2010. Upon her promotion to Deputy Chief in 2022, she became only the third female to achieve that rank in Division history. She was also the first female from CPD to attend both the FBI National Academy and the Major Cities Chiefs Police Executive Leadership Institute. She is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), has been a board member of the PELC Committee since 2012, and has served as a trustee on the Police Executive Leadership College Alumni Association (PELCAA) since 2020. Deputy Chief Weiner holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Spanish from The Ohio State University and an MBA from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.



Criminal Investigations Subdivision: Deputy Chief Smith Weir

Deputy Chief Weir started his law enforcement career with the Charleston Police Department in 1999 and joined the Division late that same year. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2011, Lieutenant in 2015, and Commander in 2019. Deputy Chief Weir has been involved in the development and implementation of many programs within the Division such as ShotSpotter, NIBIN enhanced investigation, Police Emergency Response Team, and the Re-Route anti-violence initiative. He is a graduate of the Public Safety Leadership Academy conducted by The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs, as well as the FBI Nation Academy. Deputy Chief Weir holds a Bachelor's of Science in Sociology and Criminology from Ohio University.

PROMOTIONS



Deputy Chief Robert Sagle	2/9/2023	Sergeant Jonathon Goodrich	2/26/2023
Deputy Chief Elrico Alli	2/9/2023	Sergeant Cody Rostorfer	2/26/2023
Deputy Chief Timothy Myers	2/9/2023	Sergeant Matthew Jenkins	2/26/2023
Deputy Chief Nicholas Konves	2/9/2023	Sergeant Jonathan Nogay	2/26/2023
Commander Scott Evers	2/26/2023	Sergeant Ian Wilkinson	2/26/2023
Commander Justin Coleman	2/26/2023	Sergeant Andrew Sinchok	2/26/2023
Commander Gregory Parini	2/26/2023	Sergeant Bret Woodyard	2/26/2023
Commander Erik Babcock	2/26/2023	Commander Shaun Dillon	4/30/2023
Commander Kyle Scholl	6/7/2023	Commander Lowell Rector	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Joseph Curmode III	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Christopher Smith-Hughes	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Paul Szabo	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Devin Reiser	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Amber Rich	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Joshua Van Dop	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Shannon Dearwester	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Rick Mollette	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Franklin Lucci	2/26/2023	Sergeant Mark Murray	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Tyler Wells	2/26/2023	Sergeant Aaron Yonek	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Kenneth Kropp	2/26/2023	Sergeant Errich Taylor	4/30/2023
Lieutenant Donald Dawson Jr.	2/26/2023	Sergeant Rory Menard	4/30/2023
Sergeant Brian Sweeny	2/26/2023	Sergeant Frank Lemak	4/30/2023
Sergeant Alex Mottinger	2/26/2023	Sergeant Tonya Ginther	4/30/2023
Sergeant Mark Wolf Jr.	2/26/2023	Sergeant Nathan Bruggeman	4/30/2023
Sergeant Brad Bolog	2/26/2023	Sergeant Joseph Morgan	4/30/2023
Sergeant Chase Rogers	2/26/2023	Sergeant Adam Callander	4/30/2023
Sergeant Emily Bryant	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Christopher Wayner	12/3/2023
Sergeant Christopher Biggers	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Ty Stoneking	12/3/2023
Sergeant Joshua Seymour	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Kiara Husband	12/3/2023
Sergeant Nathan Anstine	2/26/2023	Lieutenant Jeffrey Beine	12/3/2023

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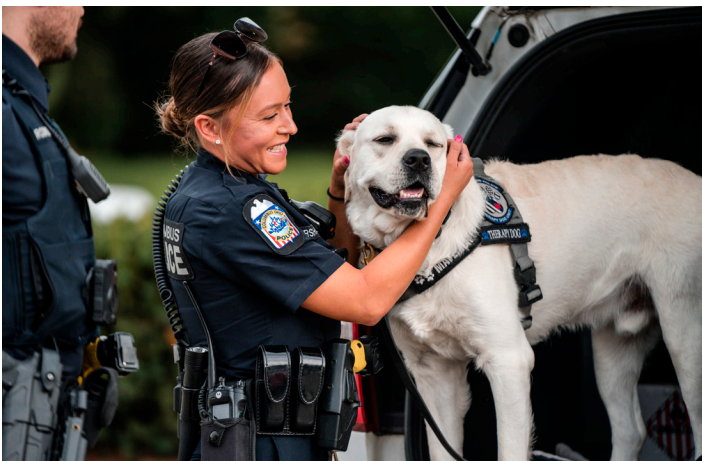
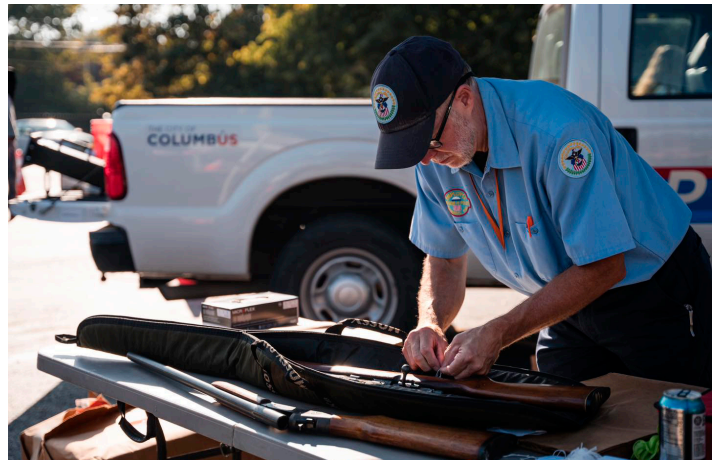
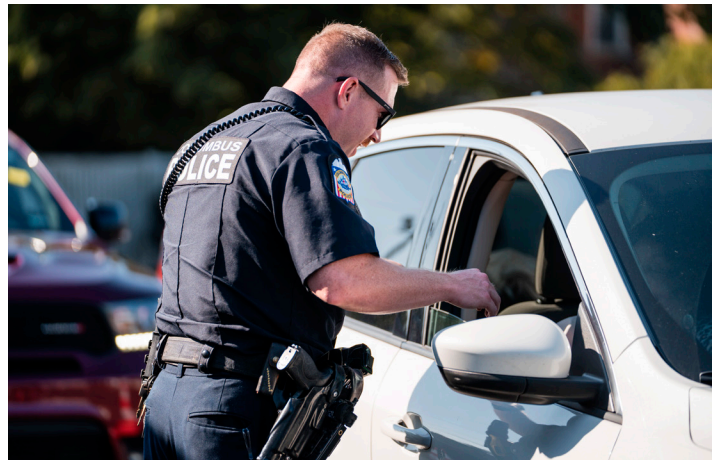
Lieutenant Dianne Yandrich	12/3/2023
Sergeant Joel Dobney	12/3/2023
Sergeant Adam Saddler	12/3/2023
Sergeant David Schultz	12/3/2023
Sergeant Lauren Foster	12/3/2023
Sergeant Nathan Scherger	12/3/2023
Sergeant Andrew Hawkins	12/3/2023
Sergeant Ryan Lee	12/3/2023
Sergeant Brad Foulk	12/3/2023
Sergeant Paul Parsons	12/3/2023
Sergeant James Diehl	12/3/2023
Sergeant Nicholas Reaper	12/3/2023
Sergeant Roger Newton	12/3/2023
Fingerprint Tech Supervisor Terry Ingmire	1/22/2023
Records Tech Supervisor Clayton Foster	1/22/2023





DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS





CREATION OF ZONE 6 AND REDISTRICTING



In 2023, the Division restructured the Patrol Zones which divide CPD jurisdiction to help better serve the needs of the growing city. The 226 square miles of the City of Columbus was previously broken down into five police zones, each containing four precincts. This restructuring created a sixth zone, with the goal of balancing calls for service more evenly across busy zones, while keeping neighborhoods together within service areas. Zone 6 became operational on April 30, 2023.

“Adding a Zone 6 now will allow the Division to accomplish several important things,” said Chief Elaine Bryant. “One of the most significant is shifting precincts to ensure that our personnel are closer to the areas they serve. We hope this will not only decrease response times, but also allow our community to better know their patrol officers.” This restructuring more evenly distributes workloads throughout patrol, for both officers and supervisors.

Zone 6 consists of 2 Precinct, which was previously on Zone 4 and covers north of East Hudson Street and south of East Cooke Road; 5 Precinct, which was also on Zone 4 and covers south of East Hudson Street and north of East 5th Avenue; and 7 Precinct, which was previously on Zone 5 and covers west of I-270 East, north of East Broad Street, and south of East 5th Avenue.

Patrol Zones - Areas of Responsibility

Zone 1 • 1, 6, and 18 Precincts
Northeast side, Easton and Polaris Malls

Zone 2 • 9, 14, and 20 Precincts
East side, Berwick, and Brice Road areas

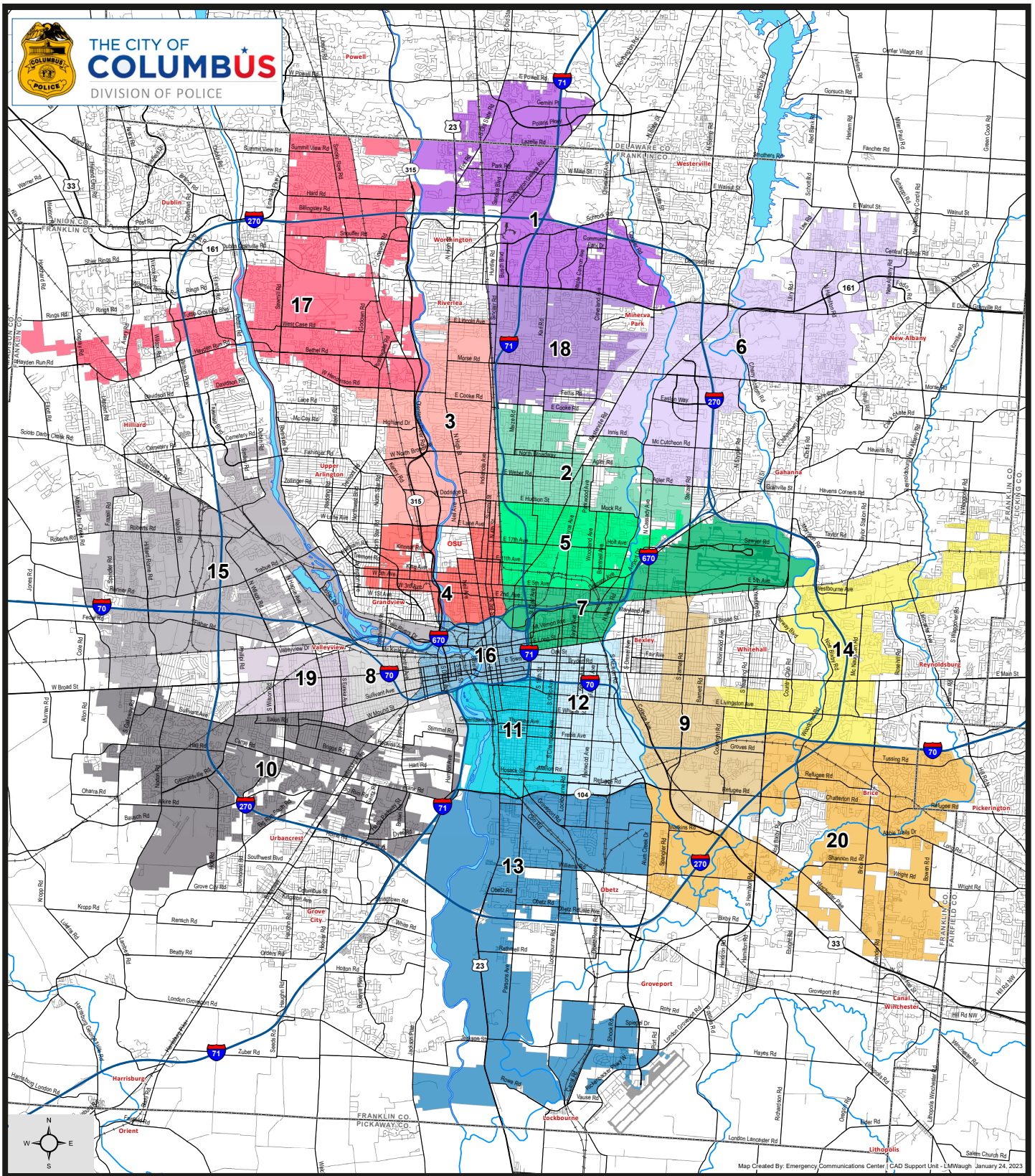
Zone 3 • 8, 10, 15, and 19 Precincts
West side, Franklinton, and Hilltop areas

Zone 4 • 3, 4, and 17 Precincts
Clintonville, University District, Northwest Side

Zone 5 • 11, 12, 13, and 16 Precincts
Near East Side, South Side, and Downtown

Zone 6 • 2, 5, and 7 Precincts
Linden, King-Lincoln, Milo-Grogan areas

NEW ZONE MAP



MAP LEGEND

Patrol Zone 1

- 1 Precinct
- 6 Precinct
- 18 Precinct

Patrol Zone 2

- 9 Precinct
- 14 Precinct
- 20 Precinct

Patrol Zone 3

- 8 Precinct
- 10 Precinct
- 15 Precinct
- 19 Precinct

Patrol Zone 4

- 3 Precinct
- 4 Precinct
- 17 Precinct

Patrol Zone 5

- 11 Precinct
- 12 Precinct
- 13 Precinct
- 16 Precinct

Patrol Zone 6

- 2 Precinct
- 5 Precinct
- 7 Precinct

- Interstates
- Major Roads
- Street Centerlines
- County Boundaries
- Waterbodies
- Airport Runways
- Rivers & Streams
- Railroads

RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATIONS



On January 27, each of the 49 men and women from the 138th recruit class were sworn in to begin their new roles with the City of Columbus and several neighboring agencies. Their graduation date followed 30 weeks of intense academic, physical, and practical training. The class consisted of 31 CPD officers, 2 Arson Investigators for the Columbus Division of Fire, and 16 officers going to partner agencies, including Bexley, Dublin, Hilliard, New Albany, The Ohio State University, Reynoldsburg, Westerville, and Worthington. Noted at the graduation ceremony, for the first time in history, the class president (elected by his peers) was a CFD Firefighter!



On April 21, the Division proudly welcomed 31 new officers as they swore their oath on graduation day. The 140th recruit class was comprised of 32 officers, 31 with CPD and one representing the Gahanna Police Department. "Graduation is the culmination of countless hours of commitment from our recruits, instructors, and partners," said Chief Elaine Bryant. "These men and women have dedicated themselves to serving the public, and I am proud to lead this team and stand with the newest generation of committed and compassionate police officers."

RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATIONS



On July 14, the 141st Recruit class graduated from the Training Academy. This group of 44 officers included 34 officers being welcomed to CPD, as well as 10 officers representing partner agencies, including Bellefontaine Police Department, Delaware County Sherriff's Office, Delaware Police Department, Dublin Police Department, and Reynoldsburg Division of Police. For the first time, a female recruit earned the top spot of this Academy class, with the highest overall score based on categories such as physical fitness, academics, and shooting precision.



On December 1, the newest class of officers graduated the Training Academy, ready to "hit the street" and serve their communities. The group of 27 officers included 17 officers with CPD, as well as 10 officers from the Delaware County Sherriff's Office, Dublin Police Department, Hilliard Police Department, and Newark Police Department. Following their Academy graduation, the newest Columbus officers will continue to receive training in community engagement to help them connect with the community and better solve crimes.

DIVISION-WIDE OPERATIONS



OPERATION MOONLIGHT put officers in specific locations throughout the city during planned events and also increased patrols in community areas such as parks. This allowed resources to be deployed where needed and increased security at events such as school and sporting events drawing large crowds.

OPERATION OVERDRIVE was a multi-phase initiative targeting criminal organizations for drug-related gun violence, overdose deaths, and drug trafficking offenses. Columbus was selected to work with the DEA and the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and a total of 53 arrests were made on charges including homicide, possession of weapons, and distribution of controlled substances. A total of 50 firearms were seized, including 4 rifles, 4 shotguns, and 42 handguns, along with controlled substances.



OPERATION SHUTTERS was a successful joint operation where multiple search warrants were executed in response to a known drug house directly affecting the Reeb-Hosack, Hungarian Village, Vassor Village, and Merion Village neighborhoods. Zone 5 Safe Streets officers, Zone 5 and Zone 2 Patrol officers, Organized Crime Bureau personnel, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, and Columbus City Code Enforcement worked together to seize guns, drugs, and cash, and to board up a property.

OPERATION BURNOUT	
SHORT NORTH FRIDAY, MAY 19 & SATURDAY, MAY 20	
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	224
MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS	31
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	4
FELONY ARRESTS	7
ARREST ON WARRANTS	8
FIREARMS RECOVERED	7
INCIDENTS OF DRUGS SEIZED	4
PARKING CITATIONS	297
VEHICLES IMPOUNDED	107

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OPERATION BURNOUT was launched in partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, where officers worked to shut down "street takeover" events from happening around Columbus. Increased enforcement efforts by the Division personnel continued across the city into the summer months to ensure both residents and visitors remain safe.



OPERATION BUYER'S REMORSE was a statewide crackdown on human trafficking, with the Division teaming up with Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and dozens of other law enforcement agencies. The Police and Community Together (PACT) Unit conducted operations in various neighborhoods, targeting individuals attempting to purchase sexual services. Over the course of the week, 62 "johns" were arrested, with one 75-year-old man arrested twice on the same day. The youngest "john" arrested was 17 years old and the oldest was 84 years old.



OPERATION UNITY

In response to violent crime trends and complaints, the Division continued to implement phases of **OPERATION UNITY** in 2023, continuing the successful collaboration of law enforcement and social services working together in specific neighborhoods to reduce crime and increase safety.

Personnel from Patrol, the Criminal Intelligence Units, the Major Crimes and Organized Crime Bureaus, SWAT, Traffic Operations Section, and other local and statewide partners worked together to address violent offenders, recover firearms, and confiscate narcotics. This targeted enforcement campaign also included traffic stops and citations, seizing vehicles, recovering stolen vehicles, and serving warrants.

Throughout the year, Operation Unity was conducted in various neighborhoods spanning across the entire City of Columbus, including the following areas:

- Hilltop
- Franklinton
- Southwest Columbus
- Wedgewood Village Apartments
- Linden
- Weinland Park
- Old North Columbus
- Clintonville
- University District
- King-Lincoln
- Mt. Vernon
- Eastgate
- Milo-Grogan
- Hungarian Village
- Vassor Village
- Deshler Park
- South Side
- Southern Orchards
- Old Oaks
- Livingston Park
- Olde Towne East

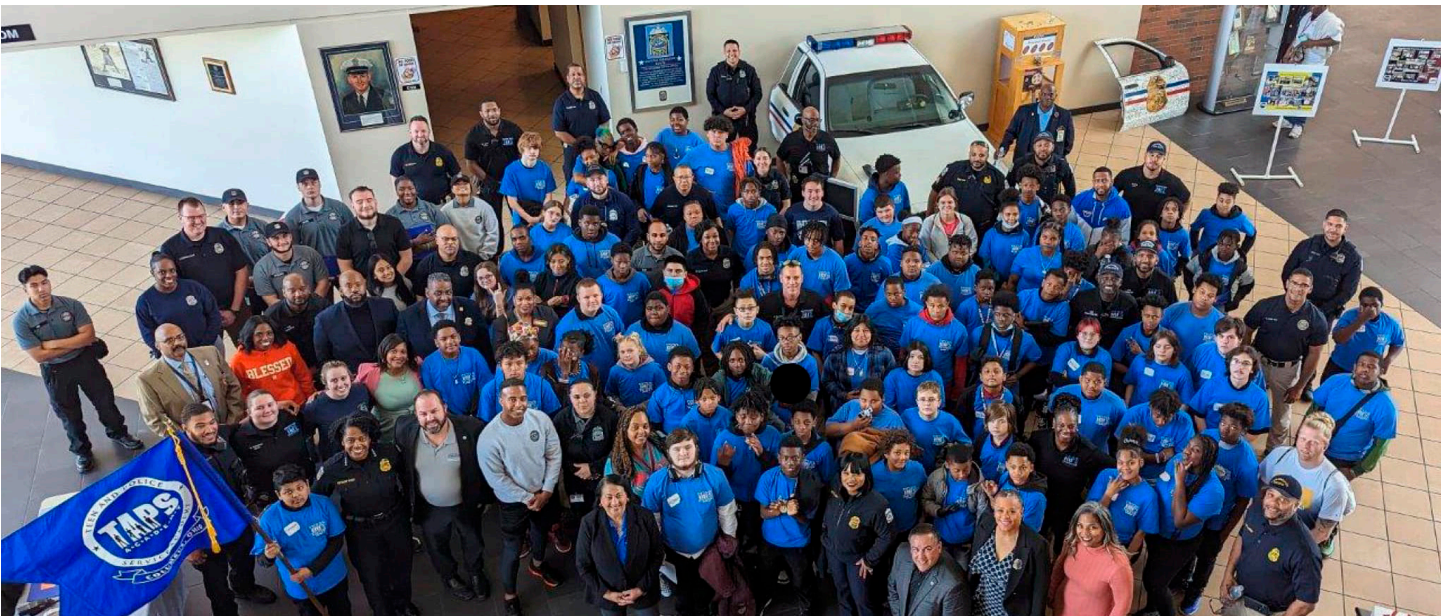
In August, a city-wide "Junk Car Blitz" was also conducted in combination with Operation Unity, with the goal of removing abandoned vehicles from neighborhood streets. 198 vehicles were impounded across the City of Columbus during this time; 47 of those vehicles were towed from Zone 5 alone.



TAPS



Since 2014, more than 2,500 Columbus City School students and 150 Columbus Police Officers have participated in the Teens and Police Service Academy (TAPS), which joins together students with officers to reduce the social distance between youth and police. The continued goal is to strengthen the bond between the community and law enforcement and reduce the number of violent crimes committed by or against juveniles in our community. Officers and students joined together again for a day of fun and education at the third annual TAPS Summit Day. Teenagers who recently graduated from the Teen and Police Service Academy got the opportunity to participate in interactive learning sessions, first aid and naloxone training, and meet the Columbus Police Therapy Dogs.



TAPS Partner Schools in 2023

Berwick Alternative
Mifflin Middle School
Buckeye Middle School
Johnson Park Middle School



BUCKEYES BECOME OFFICERS FOR THE DAY



Members of The Ohio State University Men's Hockey team got to see first hand what it takes to become a Columbus Police officer. The players traded in their hockey sticks and pucks for a tour of the Columbus Police Training Academy, met with training staff, and experienced training scenarios. The visit from the team was a lead-in to the annual First Responder Face-Off game that benefits the First Responder Face-Off Foundation and their Hockey Helping Heroes initiative. This initiative helps First Responder families with things ranging from scholarships and financial assistance to advocacy and mobility accommodations.



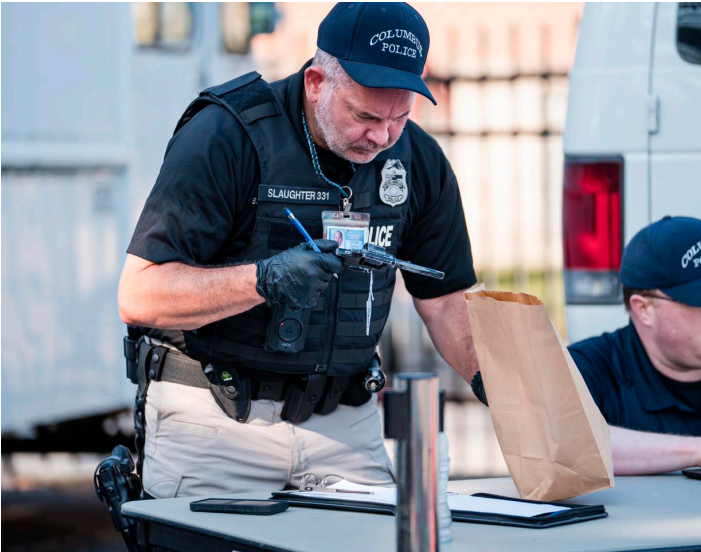
DC POLICE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Commanders Aimee Haley, Organized Crime Bureau, and Christine Nemchev, Patrol Zone 4, graduated from the DC Police Leadership Academy, hosted by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department. This program included law enforcement agencies from across the United States and around the world. DCPLA helps develop leaders who demonstrate high standards of integrity, trust, openness, humility, and respect.



GUN BUY BACK



The Division teamed up with the Columbus Office of Violence Prevention to help remove unwanted firearms from the community and create safer homes for families. Through their support of the event and voluntary surrender of firearms, community members demonstrated dedication to fostering a safer and more secure environment for everyone. Together, we can build a better and safer community.

GUN BUY BACK RESULTS

201 Handguns

75 Shotguns

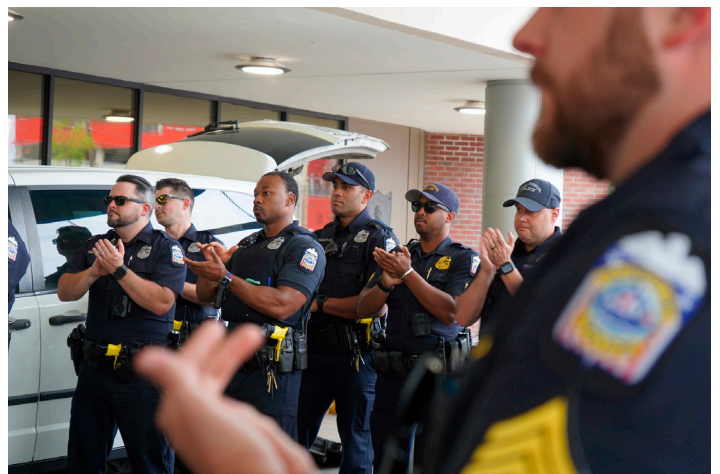
68 Rifles

\$136,000 Gift Cards Given

CLAP OUTS FOR INJURED OFFICERS



On August 18, 43 days after being shot and critically wounded, one of our own finally headed home. Following a bank robbery, suspects led officers on a pursuit that ended with a shootout on the freeway. Officers from across central Ohio showed up to support our injured officer and provide a "clap out" as he was released from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center after weeks of physical therapy and rehabilitation. Our injured officer shook hands with his colleagues before receiving a hero's escort home.



On Wednesday, October 11, an officer was struck by an excavator while directing traffic. Responding officers immediately applied a tourniquet to the officer's leg and medics transported him to the hospital. The officer, a 26 year veteran with the Division, was treated for serious injuries. On November 16, law enforcement personnel and the amazing staff at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical center gave a heartfelt "clap out" to the officer as he was released from the hospital and began the road to recovery.



COLUMBUS POLICE P.R.I.D.E





SUBDIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



The Public Information Section (which includes the Public Information Unit and Crimestoppers Coordinator), the Executive Officer, the Executive Protection Unit, the Mayor's Protection Unit, and the Organizational Accountability Aide report directly to the Chief of Police.

The 1st Assistant Chief oversees the Support Branch, which includes the Public Accountability Subdivision, the Special Operations Subdivision, and the Support Services Subdivision, with an overall mission of providing internal and external support to the Division and also to the citizens of Columbus. The Public Corruption Task Force, Background Investigators, and Recruiting Unit also report directly to the 1st Assistant Chief. The Recruiting Unit includes the Cadet Program and the Public Safety Corps.



An Assistant Chief oversees the Operations Branch, which includes the Criminal Investigations Subdivision and both Patrol North and South Subdivisions with a mission of promoting public safety and enhancing the quality of life of the citizens of Columbus through preventative, investigative, and enforcement services.



RECRUITING



The Recruiting Unit plays a pivotal role in attracting and retaining qualified individuals to serve the community in a law enforcement career. These officers serve as ambassadors for the Division, engaging with potential candidates, conducting recruiting efforts, and facilitating the recruitment process.

Expanded outreach initiatives this year yielded a larger pool of qualified candidates through targeted marketing campaigns, social media engagement, and active participation in job fairs and community events.

In 2023, the Recruiting Unit attended 101 community events and 19 college career fairs, made 3 military visits and 7 recreation center visits, and spent 3 days at the annual Arnold Sports Festival.

Addressing the issue of prolonged waiting times for Civil Service testing, the Recruiting Unit advocated for monthly testing. Testing is now administered on a monthly basis, which ensures an updated eligibility list each month, facilitating more efficient Background processing. To maintain candidate interest and involvement throughout the hiring process, the Recruiting Unit also revamped its engagement programs, including informational sessions at the Academy and "COPFIT" physical fitness sessions.



2023 Recruiting Statistics		TOTAL
Applications		1959
Appeared for Phases 1-3 of Civil Service Testing		895
Number of Applicants on Eligibility List		463

CADETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY CORPS

The Cadet Program is a three-year paid program for young adults exploring a career in law enforcement. The program begins with an 18 week academy. Cadets then transition to job assignments throughout the Division, such as the Public Information Office, Impound Lot, Property Room, Horse Barn, Photo Lab, and Special Duty Office, for three days a week with continued education and community engagement two days a week.

Cadet Class #5 started in October 2023. This class had the highest number of female Cadets in the history of the program with 11 females in a class of 17 cadets. To date, there are 15 current officers working the street from the Cadet Program, including two of the Division's first Nepali officers.

The Cadet program logged 1,927 hours of community service this year, continued partnerships with East Linden Elementary and the Worthington Food Pantry, and volunteered for numerous community events, including Red, White, & Boom; Division holiday events; Starfish Assignment events; Community Safety Day; trash pick-ups; and many more.



The Public Safety Corps (PSC) program offers mentorship opportunities for teens and young adults aged 14 to 20 who are interested in pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. Comprised of students from across central Ohio, the program provides valuable insights, training, and experiences to prepare participants for future roles in public safety.

The program uses a revolving curriculum which ensures the best exposure to basic law enforcement functions, provides instruction and mentorship, and encourages a focus on public service. The PSCs volunteered at 26 community events in 2023.

In 2023, the PSC program represented the Division at one regional competition and one national competition. At the Heart of Ohio Police Exploring Conference/Competition, the PSCs earned All-Around High Marks, First Place in the Air Pistol Event, and Third Place in the Crisis Intervention Event. At the Public Safety Cadets Summer Showdown in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the PSCs earned First Place in the Physical Fitness Males 17-20 category and Second Place in the Physical Fitness Females 17-20 category.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SUBDIVISION

MISSION:

To conduct specialized investigations of crimes against persons and property, leading to the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of offenders, and provide support in evidence collection, digital forensic analysis, and intelligence to increase the solvability of crimes.

HOMICIDE BUREAU

The Homicide Bureau investigates serious and violent crimes in the City of Columbus. This bureau is comprised of the Homicide Section and Felony Assault Section, which includes Felony Assault Units and the Accident Investigation Unit.



The Homicide Unit moved to a 24/7 rotational team concept operation in 2022. Since this change, the unit finished 2023 with the highest in-year solve rate of 75% and an overall solve rate of 92% (including previous years' solved cases). This concept allows detectives to spend more time working on their assigned cases.

The Felony Assault Units investigated a total of 2,221 cases in 2023. The units also expanded from 20 detectives to 37 detectives in 2023, as these units have averaged over 2,000 cases per year for the last three years. The expansion across units and shifts allows detectives to have a more manageable caseload and focus additional resources and time on each case. The Victim/Witness Program is staffed by one officer, who works hand-in-hand with the Homicide and Felony Assault Units to assist the victims of these violent crimes and their families.

MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

The Major Crimes Bureau is comprised of the Criminal Investigations Section, which includes the Gun Crimes, Covert Support and Robbery Units, and the Evidence Processing Section, which includes the Crime Scene Search Units and Digital Forensics Unit.

The Covert Support Unit detectives are trained in covert surveillance of suspects involved in violent crime. On October 24th, Judge David Hejmanowski wrote a letter of appreciation for their work on a case involving missing juveniles. Two missing 17-year-old females were in the company of a 36-year-old male who is a registered Tier 1 sex offender. Detectives quickly responded to a hotel on Columbus jurisdiction, and apprehended the juveniles and stopped and identified the male registered sex offender. The male was arrested by a court officer and was incarcerated.

The Digital Forensics Unit specializes in collecting evidence contained in computers, cell phones, and many other digitally based applications. The detectives within the unit are highly trained experts in electronic evidence collection, which often requires specialized training and rigorous advanced certification. In 2023 the unit processed/mapped 1,939 devices, which is an increase of 314 devices or 19.3% from 2022. In 2023 the unit received 807 new cases, which is an increase of 289 cases or 55.8% from 2022.

The 5th Floor Podcast, an official Columbus Division of Police audio program, returned this year to cover another case. The podcast team revisited the unsolved homicide of Charles "Chico" Ballard, a 22-year-old student at The Ohio State University. Chico, a well-liked mechanical engineering student from Shaker Heights, Ohio, was tragically found murdered in his off-campus apartment on February 8, 2000, leaving the community in shock and his family searching for answers. Decades later, they hold hope that someone with information will come forward. Listeners can find *The 5th Floor* on their preferred on-demand podcast platform.



PROPERTY CRIMES BUREAU

The Property Crimes Bureau strives to provide a positive impact on the quality of life of residents and visitors of the City of Columbus through excellent investigations and collaboration.



Beginning in June 2023, the Property Crimes Bureau took over the investigations of Forgery, Fraud, Passing Bad Checks, and Theft of Negotiables up to \$25,000 from the Economic Crime Unit.

In 2023, the Property Crimes Unit saw decreases in multiple crime categories from the previous year, to include Breaking and Entering and Burglaries (including attempts). There were also slightly fewer Auto Thefts in 2023, as compared to 2022. Roughly 50% of all Auto Thefts were Hyundais or Kias.

Felony Thefts from Motor Vehicles, Theft from the Elderly or Disabled, Theft of License Plates, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicles, Passing Bad Checks, Forgery, Frauds, Theft of Negotiables, and Theft of Firearms all decreased from the previous year. While Motor Vehicle Thefts decreased slightly from the previous year, there was still a dramatic increase when compared to the year 2018 (5 year comparison).



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Special Investigations Bureau advocates for victims of physical abuse, family and sexual violence, and missing persons by conducting thorough investigations, assertively prosecuting predators, and by collaborating with our partnering agencies to provide recovery and support services.

In early 2023 the former Special Victims Bureau was reorganized under a larger plan involving the entire Criminal Investigations Subdivision. The bureau transitioned to become the Special Investigations Bureau to better reflect the mission and responsibilities of our personnel.

On April 4, 2023, Ohio law went into effect making the strangulation of a person a felony offense. This was estimated to significantly increase the caseload of the Domestic Violence and Felony Assault Units. Staffing demands on the Division did not allow for any additional detective positions to take on these investigations, so Lieutenant Jason Garner of the Family Crimes Section proposed an innovative solution. The creation of the Strangulation Team Operations for Prosecution (STOP) Program trained and equipped over 50 volunteer officers from Patrol. With assistance from Detective Laurie Carney, the officers were provided 80 hours of instruction covering investigative procedures, evidence collection, victim assistance, and prosecution process. In 2023 the team investigated over 200 felony strangulation cases.

In December, Detective Andre Edwards of the Physical Abuse Unit led the 9th annual Operation Thin Blue Line Holiday event. Over \$7,500 in gifts and meals were distributed to nearly 100 children. Recipients were nominated by fellow detectives. His team wrapped and delivered each gift to the deserving child in the true spirit of the season. Detective Edwards was honored for his community service at the Columbus Blue Jackets First Responder Recognition game. He was also recognized as the 2023 Detective of the Year for the Special Investigations Bureau.



PATROL NORTH SUBDIVISION

PATROL MISSION:

To coordinate and provide police services that positively impact the public both directly and indirectly. Patrol is a generalized function with the primary mission of preventing, identifying, and neutralizing crime and hazards that threaten public order, individual safety, or property. The mission is accomplished by directed preventive patrol techniques, responses to calls for service, preliminary investigations of offenses, traffic law enforcement, and the development of partnerships with community members and organizations.

ZONE 1



Zone 1 Safe Streets focused on violent crime hotspots along the State Route 161 and Morse Road corridors between I-71 and Cleveland Avenue in 2023. Zone 1 Safe Streets officers accomplished 25 on-view felony arrests, 27 fresh felony warrants filed, 10 CCW arrests, and 8 stolen vehicle recoveries.

Community Response Team 1 worked on special projects on the zone, including writing and serving search warrants on drug houses, initiating federal charges on a suspect who fired shots at a Top Golf location, and apprehending suspects who were committing Thefts from Autos targeting off-duty police officers and firefighters.

In addition to patrol duties and special investigations, officers on Zone 1 attended many community events such as events with the Starfish Assignment, block parties, bike rides, and bike and turkey giveaways.

ZONE 4



Officers on Zone 4 participated in many community events throughout the year, including a Trunk or Treat event at Weinland Park Elementary, and ensured that the students at Ohio State had a safe celebration at "Chitt-Fest" on Chittenden Avenue in the University District.

On March 29th, officers on Zone 4 worked with various bureaus to conduct an Operation Unity mission. The operation proved to be a success with 17 felony arrests, 15 misdemeanor arrests, \$3,724 seized, 11 guns recovered, and several grams of narcotics recovered.



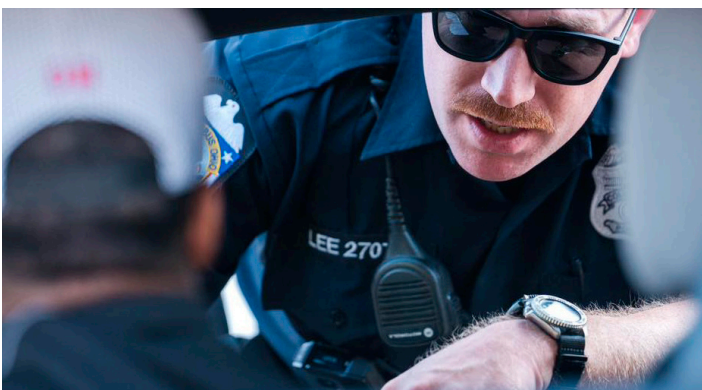
In March, Sergeant Brian Vegh launched the first Community Response Team for Zone 4. Sergeant Vegh established equipment, personnel, and training. The CRT 4 officers worked on several projects on Zone 4, including identifying suspects in robberies of OSU students, and the arrest of a suspect who was responsible for over 50 incidents of tire and rim thefts in the OSU Campus and surrounding areas.

In 2023, Zone 4 personnel met with the security team for Battelle Headquarters, which is located on Zone 4 to develop a Security Aggressor Plan to coordinate efforts in case of an emergency. Battelle conducts research and development to deliver critical services for government and commercial customers.

ZONE 6

Officers on Zone 6 spent countless hours engaged in the community through non-enforcement contacts and positive interaction. Some of the events attended by Zone 6 personnel included the Linden Trunk or Treat, the Division's Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway, and the Starfish Assignment "Cops & Gobblers" event.

Zone 6 personnel also participated in the Summer Safe Streets initiative, and worked closely with partners in the area to identify violent individuals and achieve immediate arrests. Officers on first shift also identified the importance of continued improvement in the use of NIBIN, capitalizing on the commencement of the Crime Gun Intelligence Center in July 2023. These officers realized some shell casings were not being recovered from scenes on second and third shifts, when it becomes more difficult to see and retrieve them. This team of officers follow up on Shotspotter calls to collect shell casings and canvass for witnesses to the incident. The team located three guns that were previously not located at the scene, which led to several federal Weapons Under Disability charges. They also recovered shell casings which helped solve a homicide that occurred on the zone.



PATROL SOUTH SUBDIVISION



The role of the police officer is to serve and protect the public. Division personnel aspire to professional excellence when engaged in any activity related to the performance of their duties. The safety and protection of all citizens remains the highest priority and shall supersede all personal considerations. Honesty and integrity remain guiding principles during the performance of all duties, displayed in both professional and personal activities.

ZONE 2



Over the course of several months, Zone 2 personnel helped address a housing crisis at Colonial Village Apartments. With the assistance of City Attorneys, Code Enforcement, and other strategic partners, over 1,300 individuals were moved out of the apartments and into safe housing before winter.

The Safe Streets program on Zone 2 was a hybrid of Community Response Team 2 and additional officers. The Safe Streets team focused their effort on residences selling narcotics and violent career criminals. The Zone 2 Safe Streets team completed 83 traffic stops, addressed 25 "311 complaints," seized \$344,765 in cash, and recovered 25 firearms. In addition to their efforts during Safe Streets, CRT 2 recovered an additional 26 firearms throughout the year, seized \$200,000 in jewelry, and also assisted in large-scale events around the city and attended community events throughout the year.

ZONE 3

Zone 3 personnel devoted time to building positive relationships in the community through participation in numerous events such as the trash pickup in Franklinton, turkey giveaway at 19 Substation for the holidays, and participation in National Night Out.

Officers on Zone 3 also proactively worked to curb violent crime on the west side of Columbus. Community Response Team 3 logged over 271 hours on their bicycles getting out in the community and attended 19 large-scale community events. In 2023, CRT 3 made 38 on-view felony arrests, 42





arrests for felony warrants, filed 17 felony charges, made over 50 misdemeanor arrests, and filed 33 misdemeanor charges. CRT 3 assisted a group of officers who created the “Wedgewood Enforcement Team” to address the major issue of gang activity in the Wedgewood neighborhood. This is an ongoing effort that will continue in 2024.

There were also two Operation Unity events conducted on Zone 3 on February 22nd and July 13th. The goal of the operations was to target violent offenders. This mission was accomplished through traffic enforcement in targeted areas and the execution of arrest warrants of violent offenders. Officers from Zone 3, CRT 3, and the Zone Safe Streets team, as well as specialized tactical units all participated in these operations to truly make an impact in the neighborhoods on Zone 3.

ZONE 5

In 2023, Community Response Team 5, in collaboration with the Criminal Intelligence Unit and INTAC, conducted an extensive investigation spanning over a year. The inquiry originated from a "311 complaint." During this operation, the officers obtained indictments on seven individuals related to various criminal activities, including Narcotics Trafficking, Possession and Manufacture; Weapons Violations; and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (RICO).



Zone 5 also participated in the Summer Safe Streets initiative, an Operation Unity mission that focused on addressing violent offenders and seizing weapons and narcotics, and conducted a "Project Clean Sweep" initiative that addressed community concerns surrounding a homeless camp on the Southside. Officers on Zone 5 also participated in many community events, including a Community Safety Conversation with the Southside Area Commission, Coffee with a Cop, a community safety bike ride with CFD, and a first day of school “Clap-in” at Columbus City Schools.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY SUBDIVISION

MISSION:

To ensure the Division earns the trust of the public by establishing policies and procedures that hold Division personnel accountable to standards of excellence, reviewing personnel actions to validate they are adhering to those standards, and ensuring the Division adheres to fair practices in discipline.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

Within PSB, the Accreditation Section is responsible for maintaining the Division's international law enforcement accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the State's law enforcement certification through the Ohio Collaborative. In July 2023, the Accreditation Unit facilitated a successful CALEA off-site assessment.

Maintaining their yearly tradition of supporting families in need during the holiday season, the R&D Unit, representing PSB, partnered with Nellie's Catwalk for Kids (NC4K). This nonprofit organization is dedicated to assisting pediatric cancer patients and their families. Through NC4K, PSB personnel had the opportunity to adopt a family, bringing some much needed joy to their holiday season.



The Staff Inspections Section Lieutenants ensure operational integrity by conducting Staff Inspections across each organizational component. These lieutenants evaluate personnel, equipment, facilities, vehicles, and operational procedures and offer a detailed assessment of each component's functionality.

Staff Inspections also assist with the Division's Annual Uniform Inspection and undertake Special Inspections as directed by Executive Staff. In 2023, Staff Inspections completed 83.6% of Division component inspections. The lieutenants also completed a Special Inspection of the Property Room, an assessment of school safety plans, and a case audit of the Accident Investigations Unit. The lieutenants also identified improvements for firearms inventorying for the Ordnance Unit and assisted the Property Management Section with narcotics and firearms destruction.

The Discipline-Grievance Section is staffed by two dedicated lieutenants tasked with representing the Division in discipline and grievance matters. Their comprehensive evaluation of disciplinary cases involving sworn personnel, along with their expert advice, ensures that Division leadership delivers fair, impartial, and transparent disciplinary actions.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

The Internal Affairs Bureau upholds the integrity of the Division by conducting unbiased, thorough investigations of alleged employee misconduct while seeking the truth, safeguarding rights, and ensuring all persons involved are treated with dignity and respect.

Due to the implementation of the Department of Inspector General (DIG), IAB only receives citizen complaints on sworn personnel if the DIG forwards the complaint to IAB for investigation or review of criminality. IAB received 14 total citizen complaints from the DIG in 2023.



The administrative sergeants at IAB are responsible for liaising with the Department of Inspector General. These sergeants processed 231 DIG investigations in 2023. They assist the DIG in the collection of relevant materials for ongoing DIG investigations. The administrative sergeants receive investigations from the DIG, enter the information into the IAB database, send investigations to the chains of command, and then process the investigations once they return from the chains of command to send back to the DIG.



TRAINING BUREAU

On February 6, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost recognized the Columbus Police Training Bureau as a STAR Academy program. The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) awarded the Training Bureau with the STAR designation because of the extra mile given by each member of the bureau and those who volunteer their time to the training mission to ready our future officers to better serve the residents of Columbus. The STAR designation is a direct reflection of the hard work of all members of the Division of Police engaged in training police recruits.



Class	Start Date	Graduation Date	# of Graduates
138	June 27, 2022	January 27, 2023	49 (31 CPD)
140	September 19, 2022	April 21, 2023	32 (31 CPD)
141	December 12, 2022	July 14, 2023	44 (34 CPD)
142	May 1, 2023	December 1, 2023	27 (17 CPD)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION

MISSION:

To provide citizens with a comprehensive emergency management solution to catastrophic events, whether man-made, technological, or natural; provide aerial assistance and tactical support to other subdivisions; and provide the safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on city streets and freeways. This subdivision is also responsible for conducting specialized investigations of organized crime including gang activity, human trafficking, and drug-related crimes.



SPECIAL EVENTS BUREAU

In 2023, the Traffic Bureau was renamed the Special Events Bureau. The Community Liaison Section moved to the Special Events Bureau, joining the Traffic Operations Section and the Special Events Section.

The Special Events Unit and Special Duty Office revised traffic patterns for home OSU Football games, reviewed liquor permits, coordinated 87 community events, supported 1,275 officers working special duty and city overtime, and accounted for 198,028 hours of special duty hours worked. The Event Management Unit activated the Emergency Operations Center nine times to support major events in the City.

Members of the Mounted Unit acquired Equine-Facilitated Learning (EFL) Certification from the HERD Institute. After 3 months of intensive studying with their program, the entire unit is now equipped to offer sessions to fellow officers in the Division, as well as colleagues in the Division of Fire.

The Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) address quality-of-life issues and interact with community groups, block watches, civic associations, businesses, and schools across the city. In 2023, they did safety presentations, career day events, and read to students through the Books & Badges program. CLOs also spent time at community recreation centers, hosted their annual summer day camp sessions with CFD, attended many National Night Out events, and participated in “Shop with a Cop” near the holidays.



The Columbus Blue Jackets honored Officer James Poole, Motorcycle Unit, with a surprise visit from Captain Boone Jenner. The visit was a “thank you” for all the great work done by Officer Poole, including his bicycle trip across the United States last summer in support of first responders' mental health resources and raising money for the First Responders' Bridge, and his work in the community with the Starfish Assignment. The motorcycle unit was also honored on First Responder Night at the CBJ game.

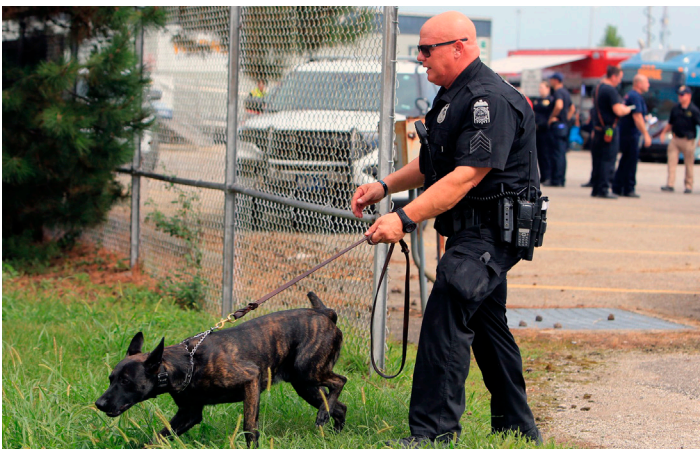


SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU

The Special Services Bureau is comprised of the Aviation Section, SWAT Section, and Homeland Security Section. The sections are further divided into the Helicopter Unit, SWAT Units, Canine Unit, and Counter Terrorism Unit. SSB also includes the Marine Park Unit and Hostage Negotiation Team.



In 2023, SWAT units fulfilled 876 requests for assistance. SWAT made 253 felony arrests with over 579 felony warrants served. The section also focused on training, with members attending training courses on rifle operation, tactical rappelling, executive and witness protection, full scale Active Shooter exercises and training conducted by the US Secret Service.



The Canine Unit continued to support Patrol and SWAT functions and was heavily utilized for area searches, building and evidence searches, and assisting SWAT on felony arrest services, search warrants, and barricade situations. The two explosives-detecting canines continued to partner with CFD on different missions. There were 2,770 K-9 runs in 2023, with 770 total searches (including buildings, evidence, vehicles, narcotics, and explosives)

Underwater Search and Rescue Dive Safety Officer Cory Kahoun was recognized during the Ohio State lacrosse game on March 26, 2023. Officer Kahoun's playing career started at Worthington Kilbourne High School. He also played for the Columbus Landsharks of the NLL and the Rochester Rattlers of the MLL. Officer Kahoun is active in the Worthington Youth Lacrosse program, mentoring and coaching with the program 10-29 Lacrosse. 10-29 Lacrosse is a non-profit organization committed to developing current and future Worthington High School lacrosse players.



Helicopter Unit personnel flew 2,179.2 hours in support of patrol, and assisted in the recovery of 13 missing persons. The Helicopter Unit handled 4,929 calls for service and contributed to over 207 arrests, 188 of which were felonies. The unit also participated in several trainings and completed numerous "fly-ins" at community events.

ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU



This bureau is responsible for interdicting the trafficking of illegal drugs, investigating and prosecuting suspects, and gathering, analyzing, and disseminating criminal intelligence information.

In 2023, the Investigative Tactical Units conducted 417 missions, assisted Patrol, completed search warrants, undercover officer and confidential informant rescues, and surveillance operations. The Investigative Tactical Units also conducted 330 covert buys of illegal narcotics for detectives in various units.

In 2023, the Economic Crimes Unit investigated 46 felony suspects, totaling 86 criminal charges for offenses including Felony Theft, Theft from a Protected Class, Forgery, Burglary, Telecommunications Fraud, Misuse of a Credit Card, Possession of Criminal Tools, Money Laundering and Tampering with Records. The total losses suffered by the victims equaled \$1,532,071.

SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION

MISSION:

To provide services and overall support to all other subdivisions within the Division. This subdivision is also responsible for forensic laboratory services, property and evidence management, facilitating employee wellness, and providing public records services to the community.

Analysts in the Drug Identification Section participated in a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Study, which aimed to measure the unintentional occupational exposure to illicit drugs among workers in law enforcement forensic science, to evaluate current practices, and to recommend methods and potential controls to reduce and remove exposure to illicit drugs.

FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

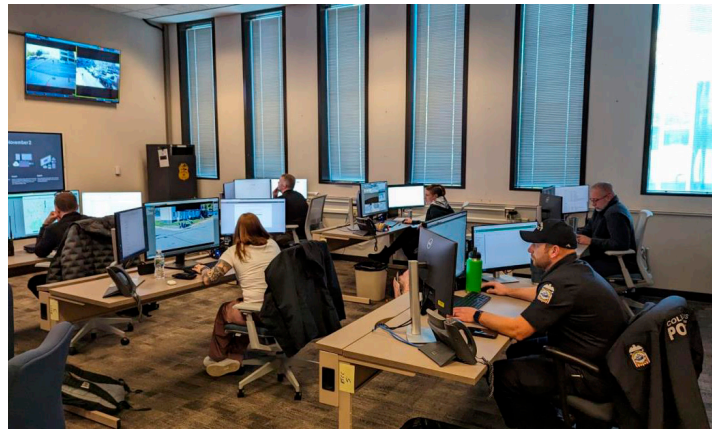
The Columbus Police Crime Lab provides forensic science services to law enforcement agencies in a manner that demonstrates the highest level of quality, impartiality, integrity, and professionalism. ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) completed an off-site surveillance document review in 2023 which found no non-conformances.



The Crime Lab continues to be ranked as a top NIBIN site for the number of entries completed each month. A total of 7,350 cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database, resulting in a total of 4,665 investigative leads in 2023. Since its inception, the lab's NIBIN program has exceeded 80,000 entries.



SUPPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU



In July 2023, the Real Time Crime Center was established, with limited hours utilizing restricted duty personnel and overtime. The RTCC monitored numerous Neighborhood Safety Cameras, Park Mobile cameras, Flock cameras, and the Shotspotter system. The RTCC assisted with several downtown area community events, monitored protests, and monitored sporting events. The RTCC documented assisting officers on 657 incidents, 19 of those incidents resulting in an arrest made. The RTCC responded to requests for follow-up on many incidents, ranging from hit-skip accidents and missing persons to arsons and homicides. The RTCC also operated a tip line to assist with several investigations.

In 2023, the Technical Services Section deployed Division-issued cell phones to all sworn and select civilian personnel. These phones will assist in communication and efficiency, as officers can utilize apps and software on the phones while in the field. TSS was also responsible for the installation of Axon cameras in various interview rooms, as well as initiating the migration of video evidence from the WatchGuard system to Axon's Evidence.com platform.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT BUREAU

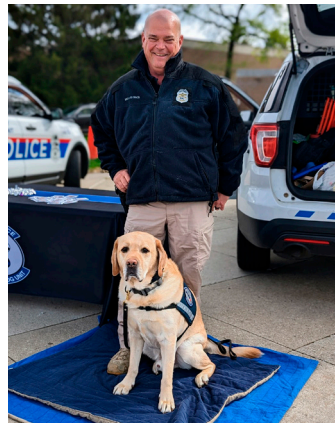
The Records Management Bureau supports officers and the public by providing them with quick and accurate information. The total number of public records requests has steadily increased over the last several years. In 2018, the Division received an average of 345 public records requests per month. In 2023, the average was 480 requests received per month. In 2020, the Division began tracking which public records requests asked for body-worn camera (BWC) and cruiser video system (CVS) records. The proportion of records requests asking for video records increased from an average of 20% in 2020-2022 to 33% in 2023.

In 2023, citizens could begin to report non-injury traffic crash reports through the Coplogic website. Throughout the year, the Telephone Reporting Unit received almost 16,000 incident reports through the automated system and almost 23,000 reports through the Coplogic website. These numbers represent a 5% decrease in the number of reports submitted via phone and a 17% increase in the number of reports submitted online annually.

WELLNESS BUREAU

The Center for Public Safety Wellness saw its first full year of use in 2023. A renovated library building now provides spaces for the Divisions of Police and Fire to utilize the Employee Assistance Program and other Wellness resources. The facility includes smaller spaces for one-on-one counseling, larger areas for group classes such as yoga or support meetings, a meditation patio, a physical fitness area, and staff offices. The Peer Assistance Team and Division Chaplain Program are also accessible to personnel via the Wellness Center.

The Therapy Dog Unit continued to make a positive impact in the community by visiting schools, hospitals, and community events, assisting detectives with sensitive interviews, and being used in the courtroom. They also provided internal assistance by appearing at critical incident debriefs, roll calls, and making visits to various units across the Division. In 2023, TDU logged 21,630 citizen contacts. TDU officers also gave presentations on the use of therapy dogs in law enforcement at several conferences across the state.



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Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) consists of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers paired with Columbus Public Health clinician co-responders. MCR provides comprehensive follow-up to citizens experiencing crisis. MCR handled 11.8% of the total mental health-related calls received by the Emergency Communications Center in 2023 and made 857 transports.

The Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) is a coordinated effort between the Divisions of Police and Fire, as well as social workers to help combat the opioid epidemic in Franklin County. RREACT attempts to make connections to available recovery support services for those in active addiction. In 2023, RREACT participated in 128 community events, providing training, information and Narcan distribution.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



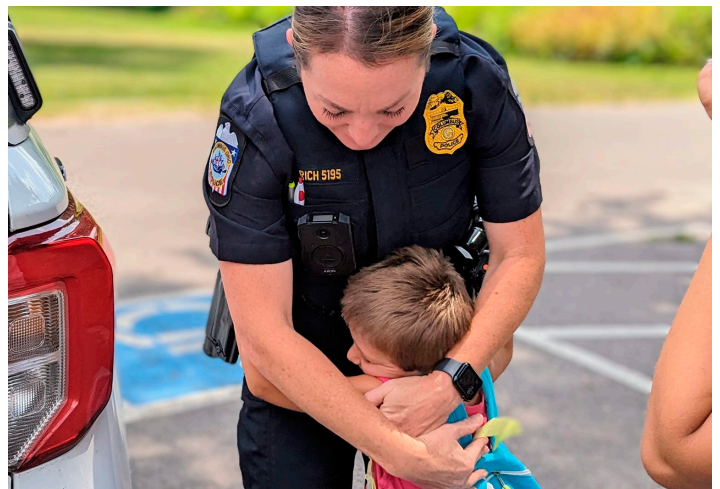
IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

In 2023, the Division continued its commitment to serve the community in unique ways and increase public trust in the agency. Part of this mission includes annual events sponsored by the Division; participating in community events like National Night Out; and partnering with local schools, recreation centers, and other organizations to allow community members to interact with Division personnel in a positive way. This year the Division held its annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event on Marconi Boulevard, a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway at 6 different substations across the city, and the Cram-A-Cruiser holiday drive, which provided new toys for over 80 children whose lives had been impacted by violent crime. The Division also hosted the Citizen's Police Academy, held the annual "Shop with a Cop" event, held the first Youth Summit, and partnered with Columbus Public Health for a drug take-back event.



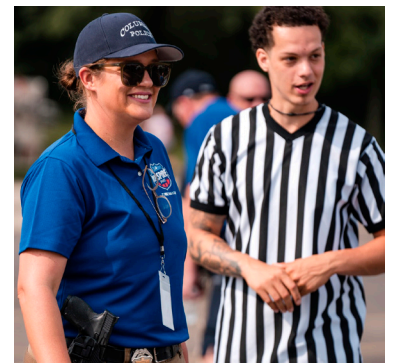
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In 2023, the Division continued its partnership with The Starfish Assignment, an all-volunteer charity devoted to strengthening the bonds between law enforcement and the community. The Starfish Assignment helps to bridge the gap with many initiatives throughout the year and also assists law enforcement personnel who come across a community member in need, connecting them to much-needed resources and assistance. The Division once again participated in Starfish initiatives such as Books and Badges, Bikes and Badges, Summer Block Parties at local recreation centers, backpack stuffing event, winter coat drive, and holiday events such as Easter Basket giveaways and the Cops & Gobblers turkey giveaway. The Division appreciates all the hard work that goes into each event and assignment and looks forward to continuing this important work with the Starfish Assignment to fulfill its mission.





Partnering with other agencies and government entities like the Columbus Division of Fire and Recreation and Parks Department; neighborhood block watches and civic groups; and local businesses and non-profit organizations allows the Division to serve the community in many ways outside of responding to calls for service. Personnel participate in events like Peletonia and Race for the Cure to raise money and awareness, partner with groups such as Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children and We Are Linden to better understand the needs of our community members, and interact positively with the youth of the city through programs at local schools, sports camps, recreation centers, and more. The Division is committed to building a safer Columbus!





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