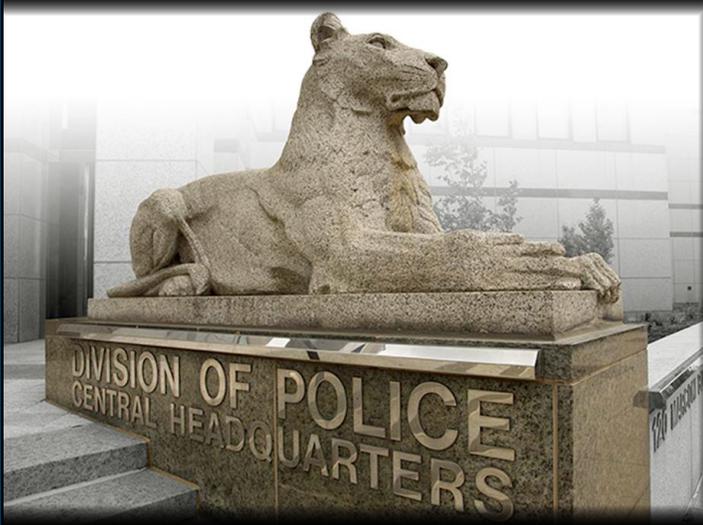




COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE



2021 Annual Report



Columbus, Ohio Division of Police

Year organized	1816
Proposed General Fund Budget (FY21).....	\$350,796,631
Personnel	\$323,810,123
Supplies	\$4,204,614
Services.....	\$12,674,469
Other (Claims)	\$10,093,572
Capital	\$- 0
Transfers	\$13,853

Sworn Personnel	(As of 12/31/2021)
Chief	1
Assistant Chief.....	1
Deputy Chief.....	6
Commander.....	19
Lieutenant.....	56
Sergeant.....	223
Officer.....	1511
TOTAL SWORN.....	1816

Civilian Personnel	
Civilians	232
Recruits	100
TOTAL	332

Estimated Population (per MORPC).....	909,686
(per Census).....	905,748

Percentage of sworn assigned to:	
Patrol	59%
Investigative.....	20%
Support	16%
Administrative	5%

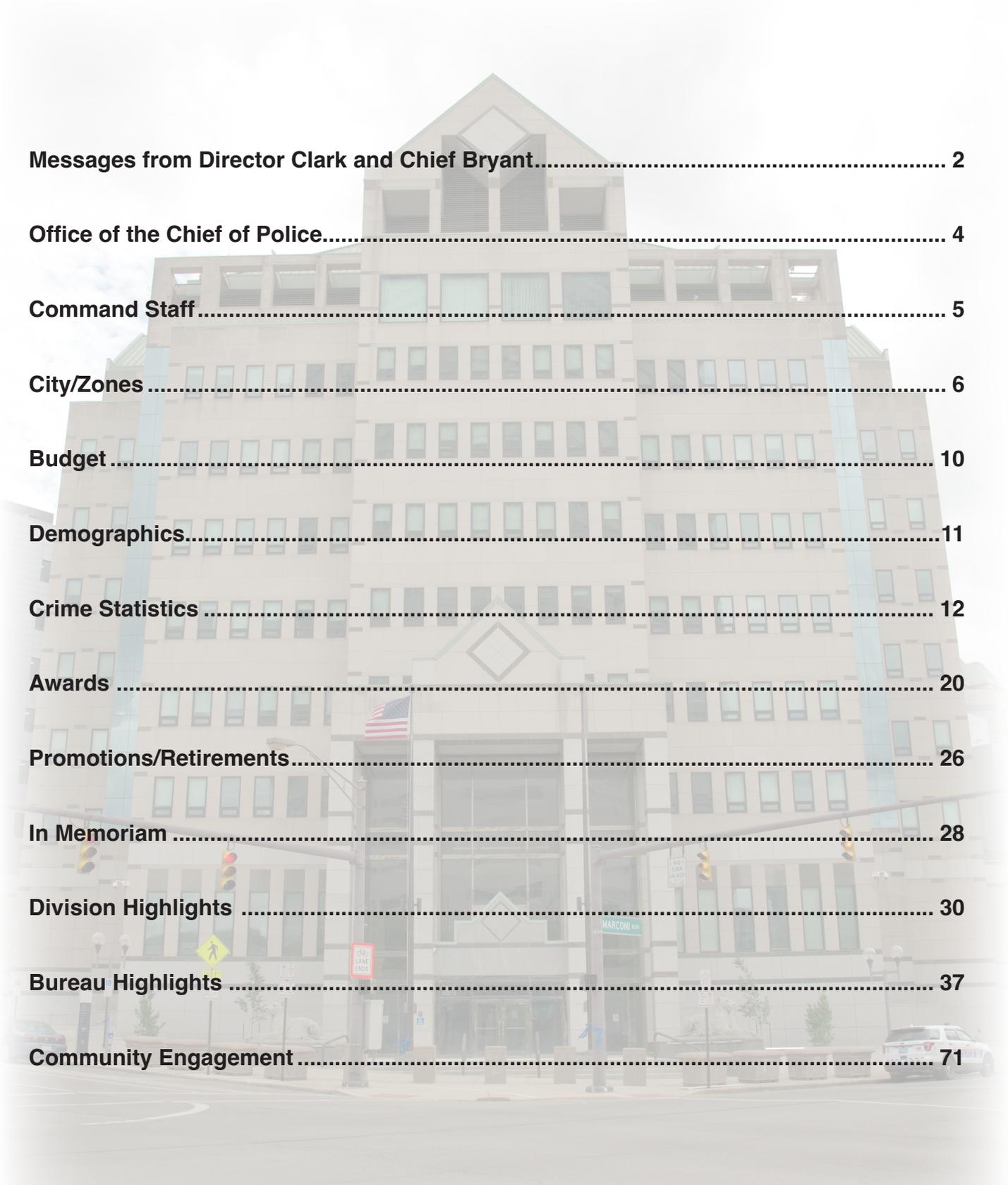
Boats	3
Bicycles	285
Canines	11
Facilities.....	27
Helicopters.....	5
Horses	9
Marked vehicles.....	473
Motorcycles	28
Unmarked vehicles	106

Specialized Teams.....	
BAC Operators	95
Bicycle-certified Officers	420
Crisis Intervention Team Officers.....	544
Community Response Team Officers	46
DICE/DRE Officers	63/14
Dive Team Members.....	14
Field Training Officers.....	179
Hostage Negotiators.....	10
Honor Guard Members.....	47
SWAT.....	25

Emergency 911 Calls Received.....	640,853
Non-Emergency Calls Received.....	535,105
Total Calls Received by Communications Bureau.....	1,175,958
Dispatched Calls for Service	335,758
Officer Self Initiated Responses	103,511



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Director's Message



Robert W. Clark
Director of Public Safety

2021 was another year of historic challenges and changes for the Columbus Division of Police. Still facing the threat of a resurgent pandemic, our women and men also faced down the menace of record violence in our city. We also lost four of our own. We will always honor and never forget the brave service of Officers Gary Adkins, Lolita Perryman, James Strozyk and Darryl McKissick.

You faced the uncertainty of changes in leadership. Chief Bryant arrived in Columbus in June, and I had the honor of assuming my role as your Director of Public Safety in September. With each of you that I've had the opportunity to meet, my respect and regard for this Division has deepened- as has my commitment to providing you the resources and support that you need to do the toughest job in America.

We announced funding commitments toward a new substation on the Hilltop, and a state-of-the-art Real Time Crime Center. I am proud to see the vision of the Public Safety Wellness Center come to fruition- a safe haven for you and your fellow first responders to process the trauma and strain that few outside of this profession can understand. We are committed to investing in you, your health and your future. It is my sincere hope that you take advantage of every resource at your disposal and prioritize your mental fitness as much as your physical fitness.

I have great pride and confidence in the women and men who make this Division what it is. Challenges and change are certainties in law enforcement and in life. You have adapted, kept your focus, remembered your oath, and always put the safety of our residents first. I could not be prouder to stand among you.

With gratitude and respect,

Robert W. Clark

Robert W. Clark
Director
Department of Public Safety

Chief's Message



Elaine R. Bryant
Chief of Police

I am proud to present the 2021 Annual Report for the Columbus Division of Police. Former Interim Chief Michael Woods led the Division from January 28, 2021, until I took over on June 25, 2021. I would like to thank Chief Woods for his 33 years of service to the City of Columbus and the Division of Police.

Upon being hired, I became both the first African American female as well as the first outside Chief selected to run the Division of Police for the City of Columbus. I understand and take pride in these historic accomplishments. I began my tenure as your Chief by listening, asking questions, and evaluating all aspects of the Division. It is my intention to continue doing the things we do well, making adjustments where beneficial, and adding new methods where necessary.

During 2021 there were so many examples of wonderful things happening and great work being done by members of the Division of Police. The construction of a new Wellness Center began and I am excited for its opening to give our first responders and their families a private, safe space to focus on their physical and mental health. The 134th and 135th recruit classes graduated during 2021 adding more highly trained officers to the division. The Division of Police served and participated in numerous community events from partnering with Starfish Assignment programs, the Summer Block Party Series, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, and the first Cram-A-Cruiser event. In addition to serving our own community during 2021, the Division of Police sent seventy members to Washington, D.C. to assist with the Inauguration of the President of the United States of America.

These are just a few examples of the phenomenal work being done by the Division of Police during 2021. I encourage everyone to read the 2021 Annual Report and see all of the amazing work the women and men of this great division accomplished. Thanks and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine R. Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Elaine R. Bryant
Chief of Police

Office of the Chief of Police



Chief of Police Elaine R. Bryant



1st Assistant Chief LaShanna Potts



Mr. Jeff Furbee
Legal Advisor



Commander
Timothy Myers
Special Projects Commander

Executive/Command Staff



Deputy Chief Timothy A. Becker
Criminal Investigations Subdivision



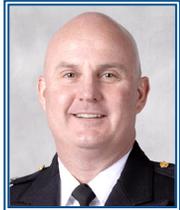
Commander Kelly Weiner
Special Victims



Commander Robert Strausbaugh
Major Crimes



Commander Joseph Echenrode
Drug Crimes



Deputy Chief Richard A. Bash
Public Accountability Subdivision



Commander Elrico Alli
Internal Affairs



Commander David Griffith
Professional Standards



Deputy Chief Gregory Bodker
Community Services South Subdivision



Commander Mark Gardner
Zone Two



Commander Joseph Schrader
Zone 3



Commander Smith Weir
Zone Five



Deputy Chief Kenneth J. Kuebler
Special Operations Subdivision



Commander Robert Meader
Communications/
Special Projects



Commander Robert Sagle
Special Services



Commander Terry Moore
Traffic



Deputy Chief Thomas Quinlan
Support Services Subdivision



Commander Alex Behnen
Support Operations



Commander David Hughes
Wellness



Manager Angela Farrington
Forensic Services



Manager Tiffany Fields-Williams
Records Management



Deputy Chief Jennifer Knight
Community Services North Subdivision



Commander Michael Gray
Zone 1



Commander Dennis Jeffrey
Zone 4



Commander Nicholas Konves
Community Response



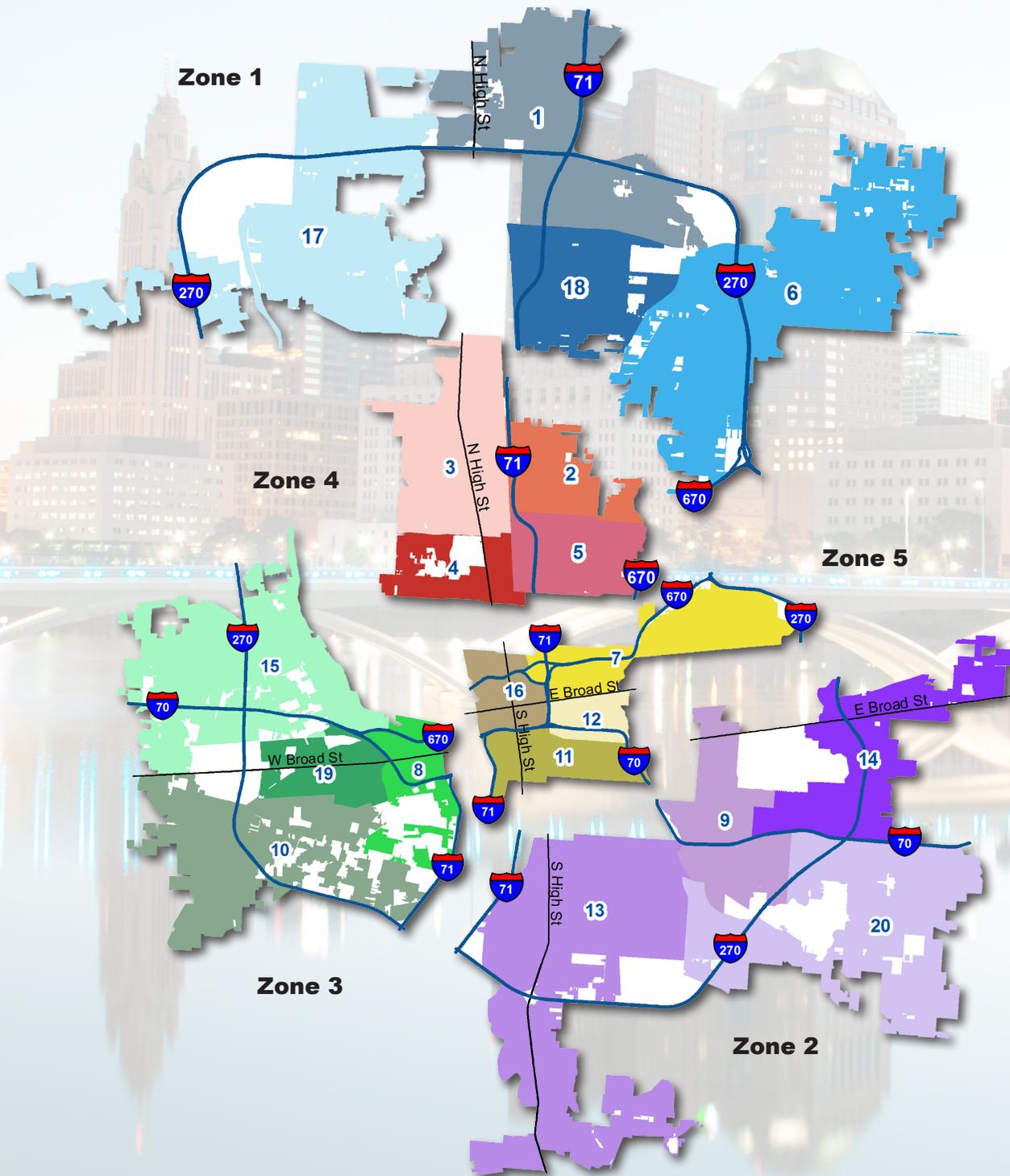
Commander Scott Hyland
Property Crimes



Commander Mark Lang
Training

City Zones

Each Patrol Zone serves a separate and distinct part of the City of Columbus. Zone 1 is the “Northern Cap” of the city. Zone 2 is traditionally referred to as “the Southside” and “the Eastside.” Zone 3 is traditionally referred to as “the Westside.” Zone 4 is commonly known as The Ohio State University off-campus area. Zone 5 is primarily “Downtown” and “the Near Eastside.” The five zones divide the nearly 226 square miles which compose the City of Columbus. While each of these zones has different demographics, economic composition, neighborhood identification, and distinct opportunities for improvement, patrol officers’ duties are consistent across the spectrum.



City Zones

Zone 1 is the most populous zone in the City, and one of the most visited areas due to shopping experiences available. 1 precinct serves the corridor surrounding Polaris Mall. 6 precinct serves the northeast, the area surrounding Easton Mall, and the Hamilton Road and Morse Road area. 17 precinct serves the northwest and a large business area surrounding Tuttle Mall. 18 precinct serves the Morse Road area, filled with culturally diverse businesses and neighborhoods.



Zone 2 is the largest and one of the busiest zones in the city. 9 precinct serves the Berwick area on the Eastside. 13 precinct serves Merion Village, and stretches to the far southern point of the city near Scioto Downs. 14 precinct serves the Far Eastside of the city surrounding Mt. Carmel Hospital East. 20 precinct serves the Far Eastside in and around the Brice Road area.

City Zones

Zone 3 is an area of historical significance and deep pride among the residents.

8 precinct serves historic Franklinton.

10 precinct serves the Far West side around Big Run River, an area also home to Hollywood Casino.

15 precinct serves the Far West side and is home to the Columbus Police Academy off North Hague Avenue.

19 precinct serves the Hilltop, a historic area working toward revitalization.



Zone 4 includes neighborhoods which are a diverse mixture of ethnic cultures and economic groups. 2 precinct serves the North Linden area. 3 precinct serves the Clintonville area, which includes a combination of neighborhoods and numerous small businesses. 4 precinct serves the University District, as well as the northern part of the Short North. 5 precinct serves the South Linden area, a historic area currently working together toward revitalization.

City Zones

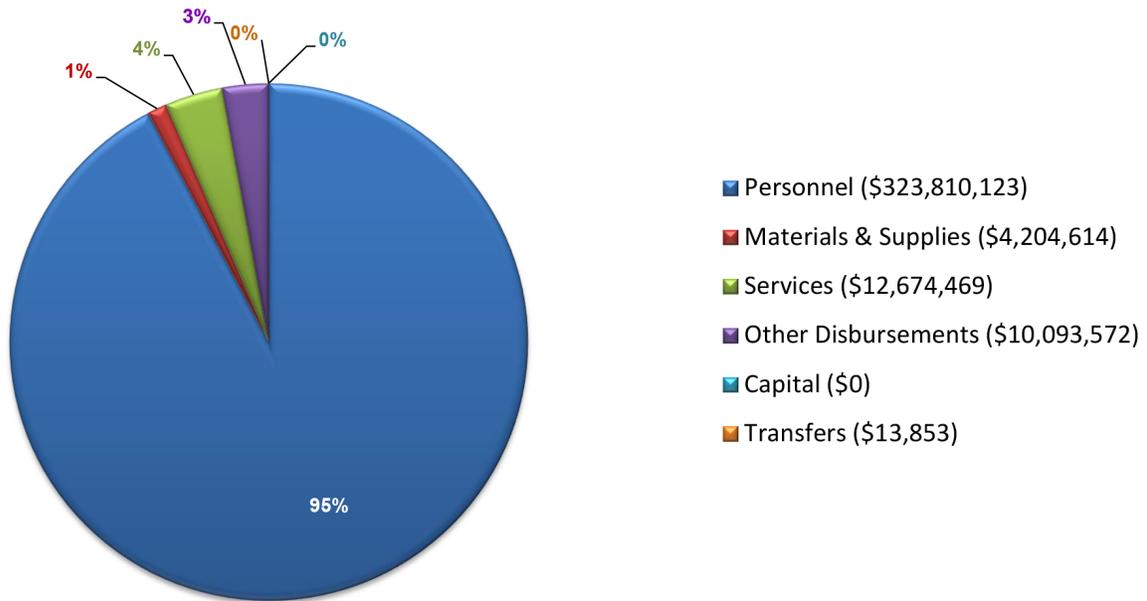
Zone 5 is an area with historically significant neighborhoods. 7 precinct serves the King-Lincoln and Milo-Grogan areas. 11 precinct serves the German Village area and the northern part of Merion Village, as well as Driving Park and Southern Orchards. 12 precinct serves the community surrounding the Main Street corridor, as well as Old Towne East and Franklin Park. 16 precinct serves the downtown business and residential areas.



Regardless of zone assignment, the role of the patrol 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.

Budget

2021 Operating Budget (Actual)



Code	Character	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
01	Personnel	\$290,406,394	\$304,312,682	\$320,601,174	\$325,799,186	\$331,269,658	\$323,810,123
02	Materials & Supplies	\$3,563,571	\$3,708,126	\$3,899,750	\$4,408,560	\$4,670,898	\$4,204,614
03	Services	\$11,543,377	\$12,158,618	\$13,289,941	\$14,728,962	\$13,786,953	\$12,674,469
05	Other Disbursements	\$469,769	\$263,561	\$431,000	\$968,407	\$319,422	\$10,093,572
06	Capital	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	Transfers	\$8,835	\$8,201	\$8,714	\$10,820	\$14,059	\$13,853
	TOTAL	\$305,991,946	\$320,451,189	\$338,275,579	\$345,915,935	\$350,060,990	\$350,796,631

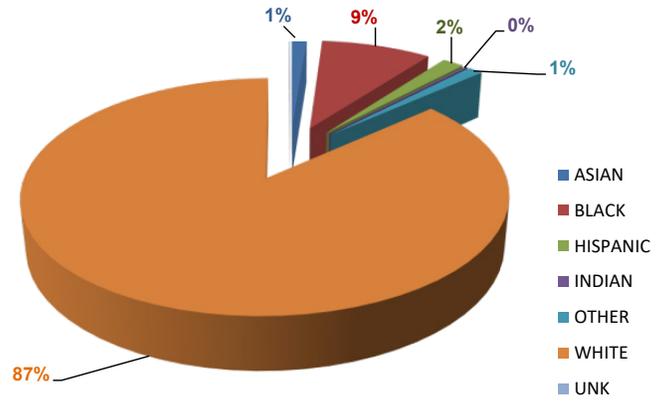
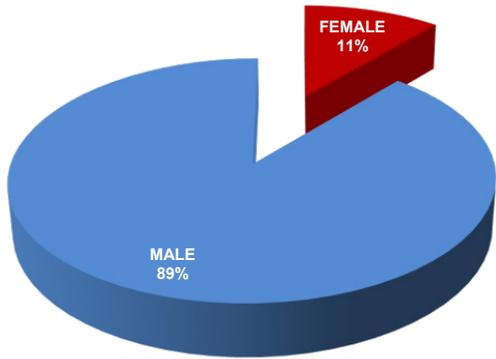


Demographics

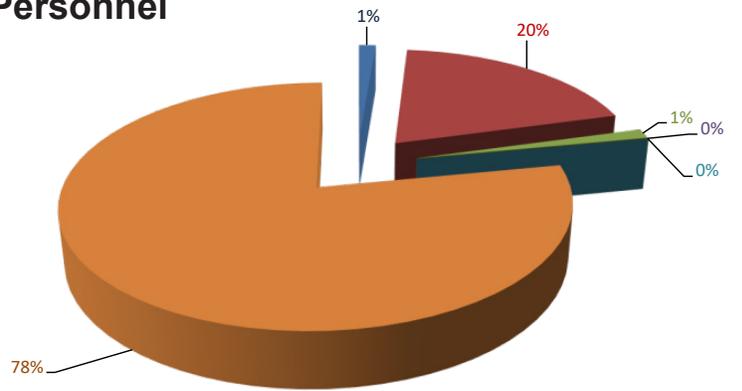
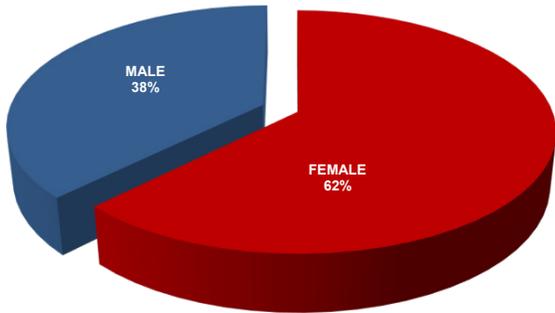
Gender

Race

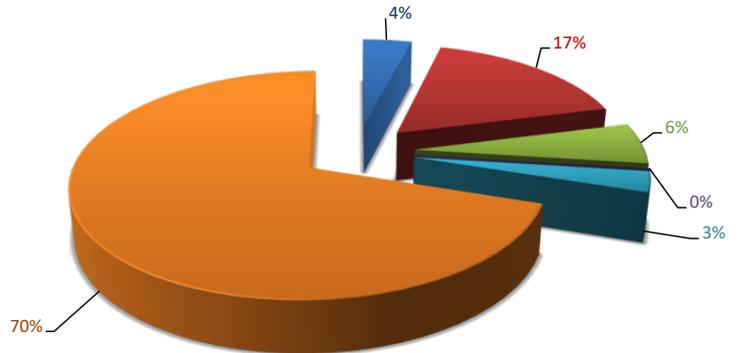
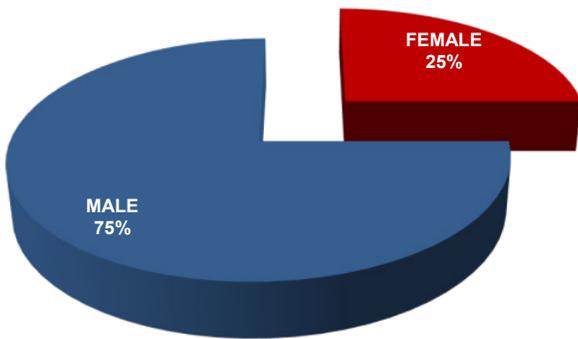
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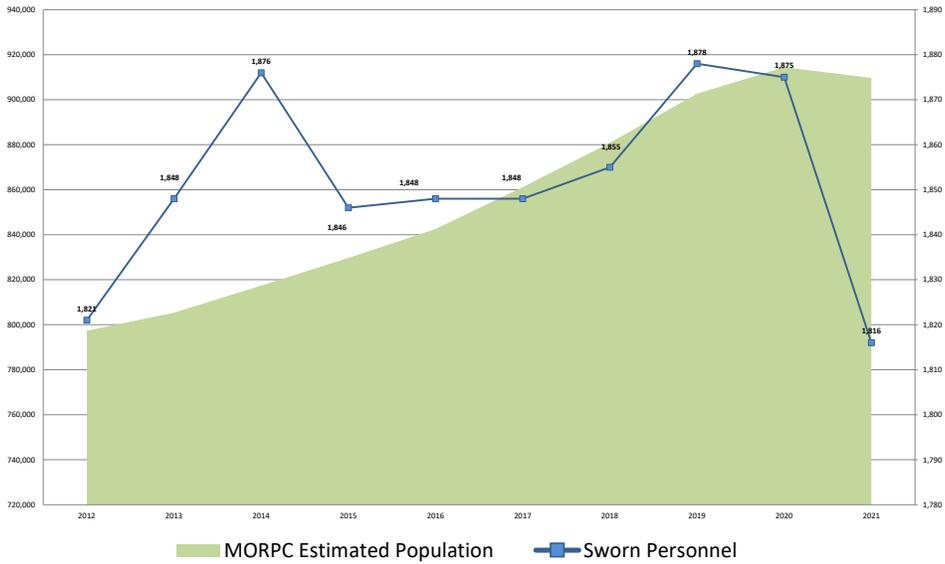


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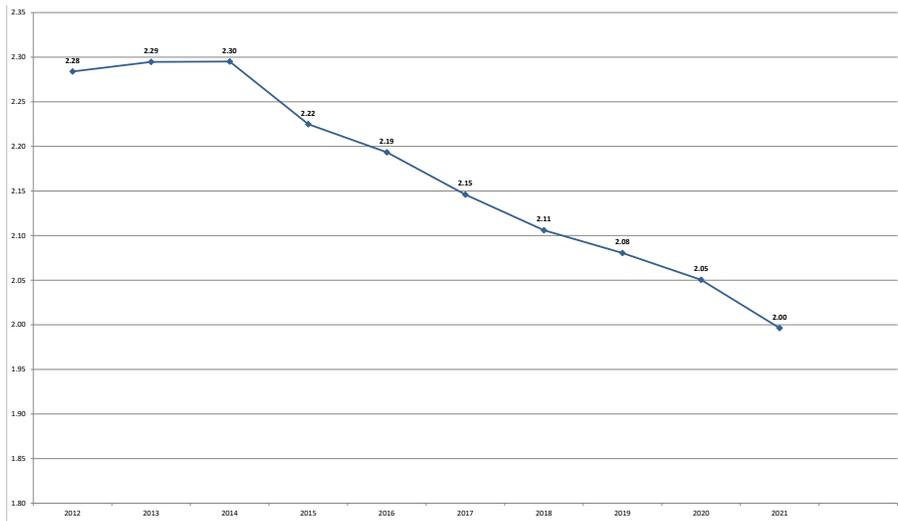


Crime Statistics

10 Year Comparison of Population to Sworn Strength



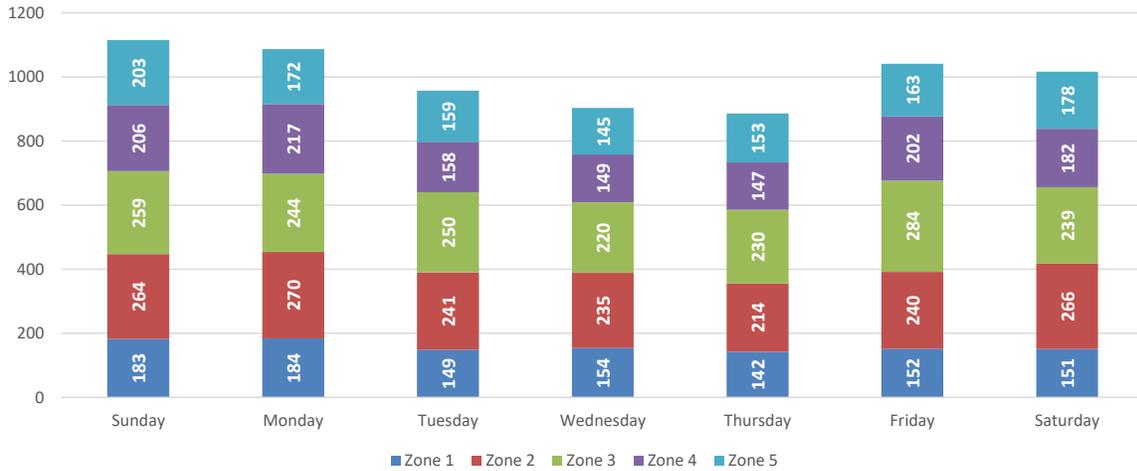
Sworn per 1,000 Population



Crime Statistics

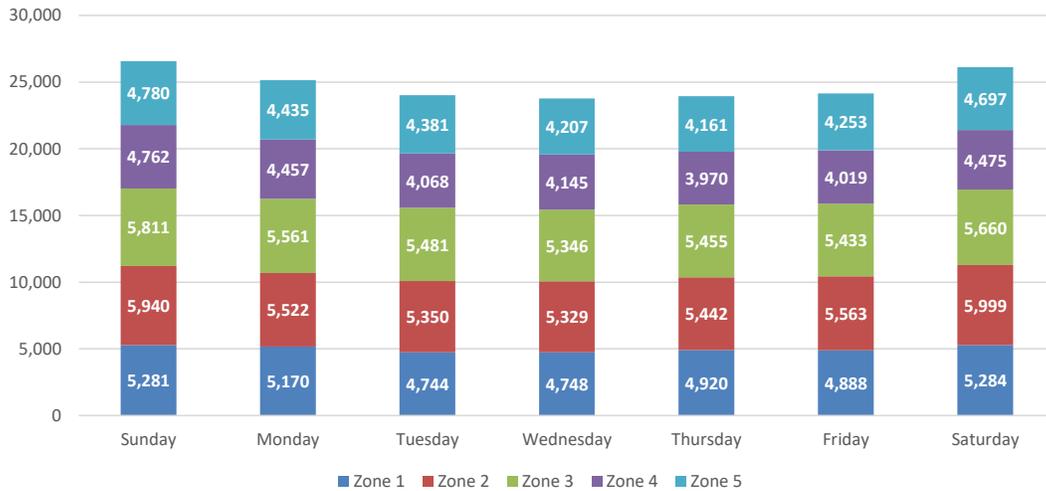
Priority 1 Calls for Service by Zone and Day

Life threatening crimes or situations likely to result in serious physical harm to a person



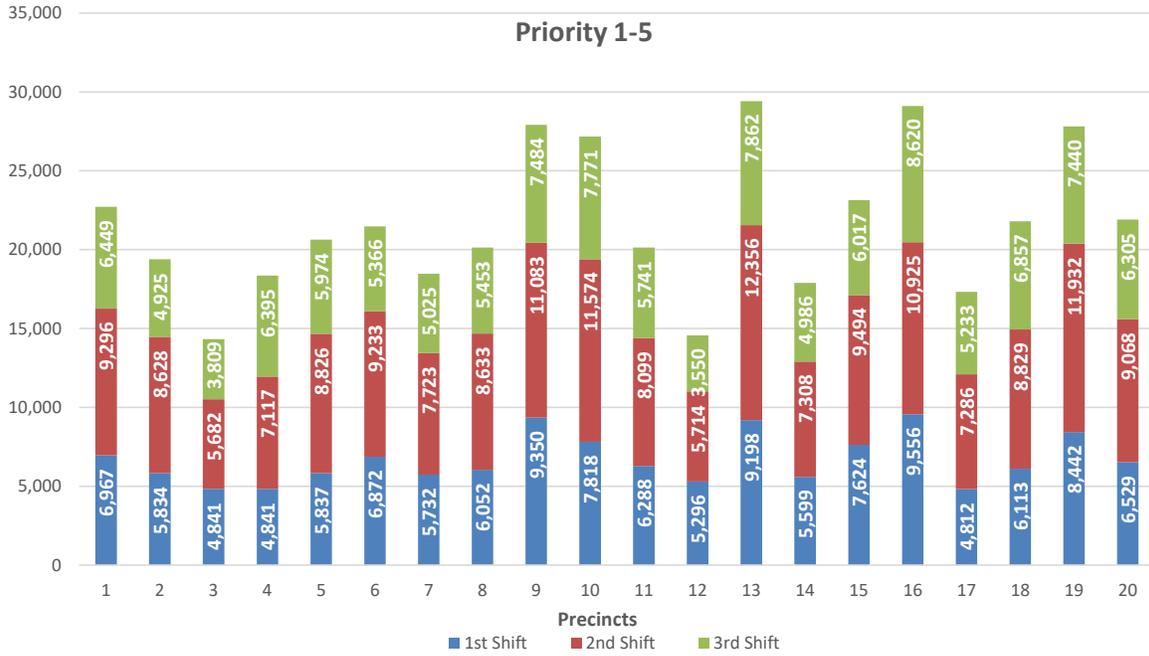
Priority 2 Calls for Service by Zone and Day

Felony crimes in progress or crimes that have just occurred, incidents in progress that present the potential for injury or property damage/loss

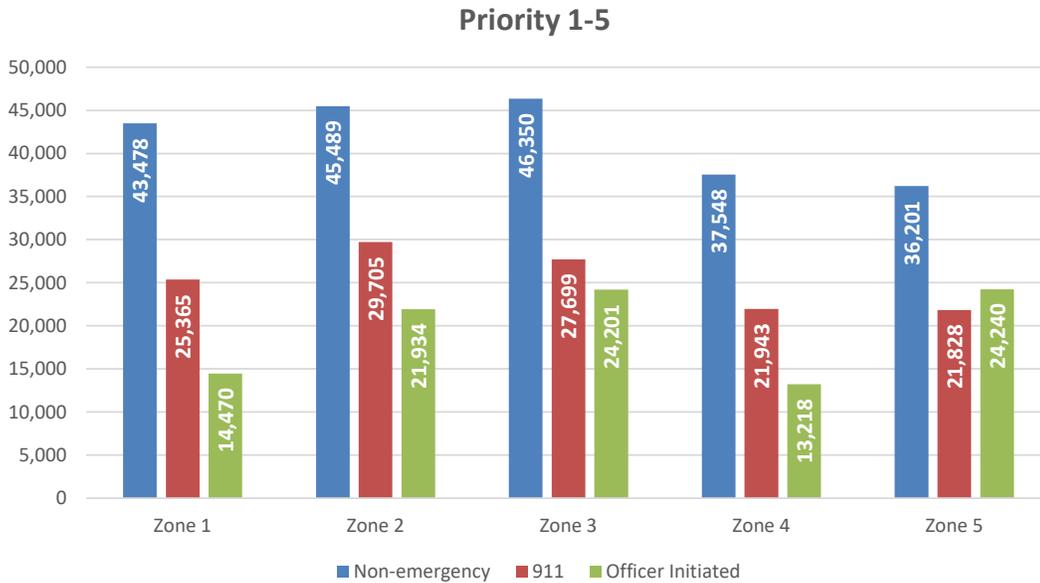


Crime Statistics

Calls for Service By Precinct and Shift



Calls for Service By Zone and Source

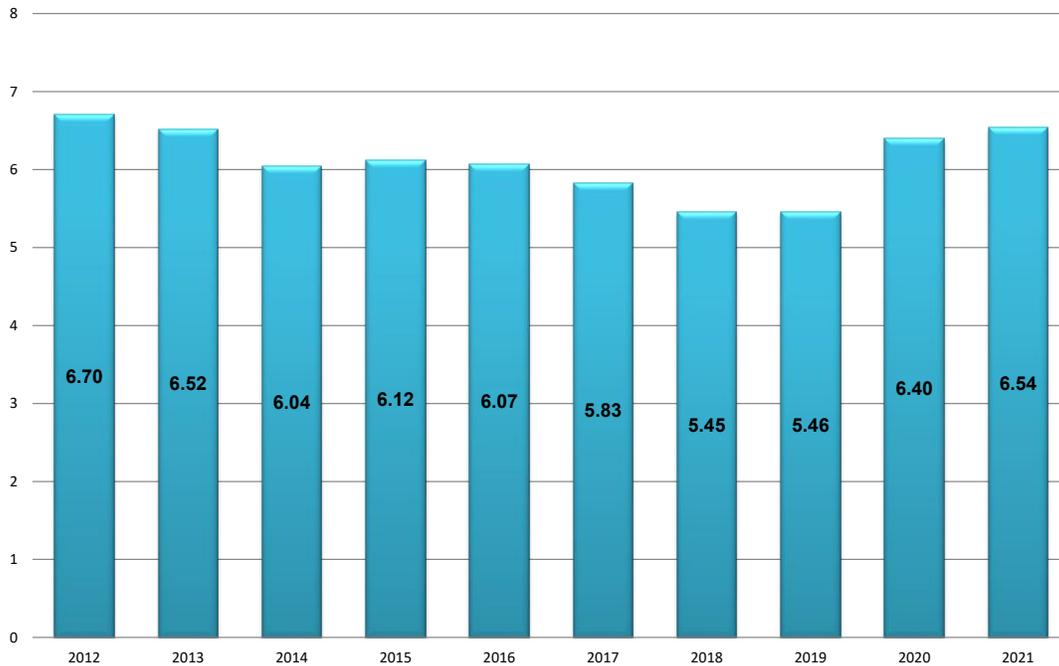


Crime Statistics

10 Year Comparison of Part I Violent Crime



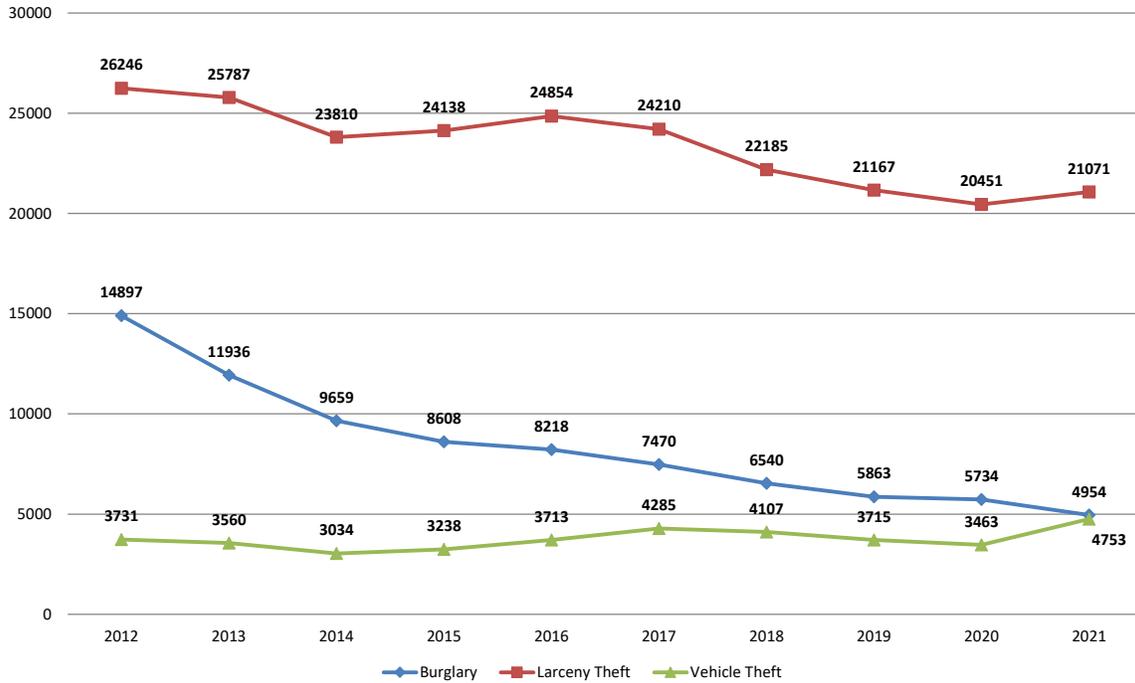
10 Year Comparison Number of Part I Violent Crimes per 1,000 Population Part I Violent Crimes-Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault



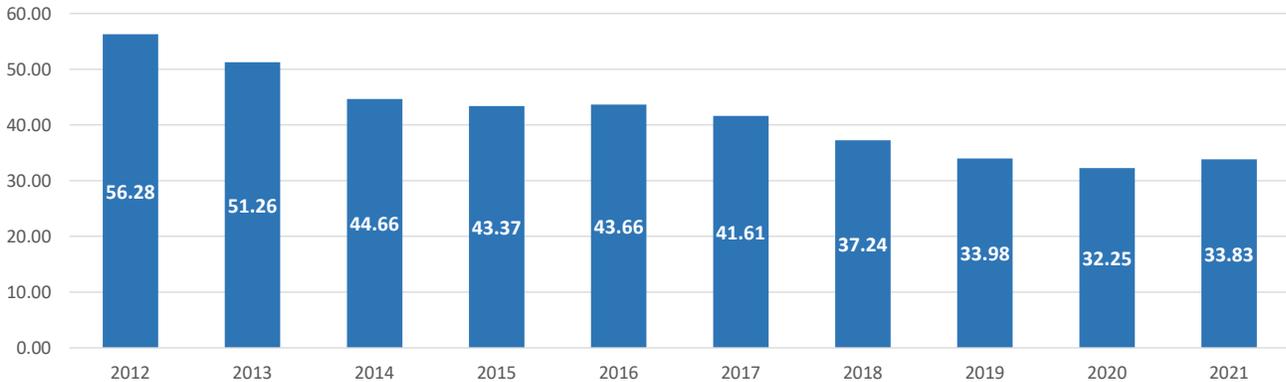
Part I Violent Crimes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	90	92	92	99	106	151	111	104	177	205
Rape	1,054	944	790	902	954	979	863	854	788	760
Robbery	3,055	2,494	2,134	2,308	2,326	2,196	2,024	1,913	1,929	2,070
Aggravated Assault	1,144	1,721	1,919	1,765	1,729	1,673	1,796	2,040	2,883	2,911
Total	5,343	5,251	4,935	5,074	5,115	4,999	4,794	4,911	5,777	5,946
MORPC Estimated Population	797,322	805,348	817,383	829,690	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686
Rate per 1000 Population	6.70	6.52	6.04	6.12	6.07	5.81	5.44	5.44	6.32	6.54

Crime Statistics

10 Year Comparison of Part I Property Crimes NIBRS Data from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Part I Property Crimes - Burglary, Larceny Theft, Vehicle Theft



Number of Part I Property Crimes per 1,000 Population Part I Property Crimes - Burglary, Larceny Theft, Vehicle Theft

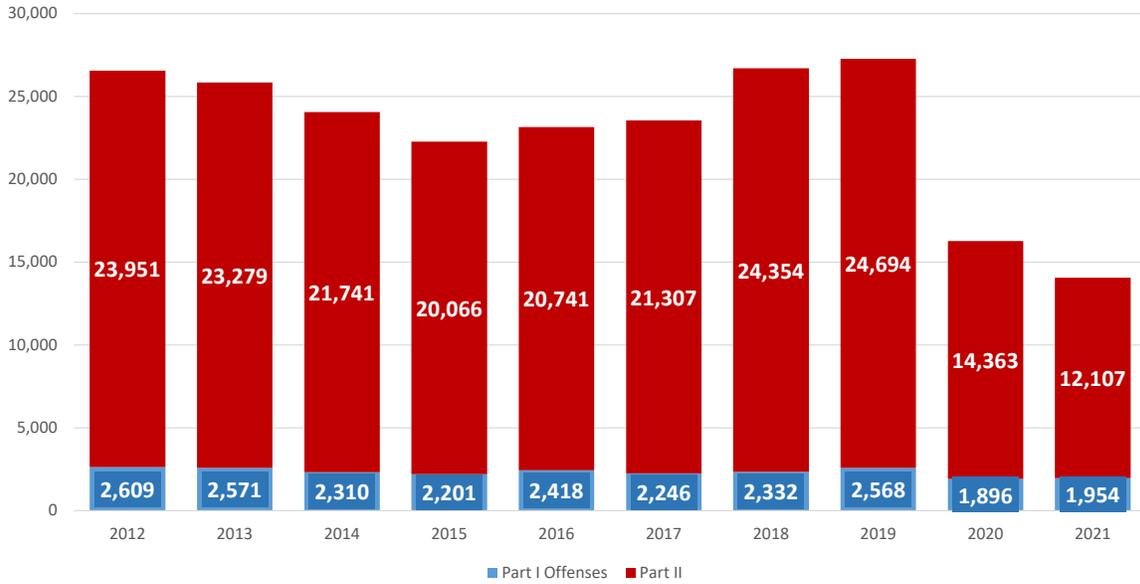


Part 1 Property Crimes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Burglary	14,897	11,936	9,659	8,608	8,218	7,470	6,540	5,863	5,734	4,954
Larceny Theft	26,246	25,787	23,810	24,138	24,854	24,210	22,185	21,167	20,451	21,071
Vehicle Theft	3,731	3,560	3,034	3,238	3,713	4,285	4,107	3,715	3,463	4,753
Total	44,874	41,283	36,503	35,984	36,785	35,965	32,832	30,745	29,648	30,778
MORPC Estimated Population*	797,322	805,348	817,383	829,690	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686
Rate per 1000 Population	56.28	51.26	44.66	43.37	43.66	41.61	37.24	33.98	32.25	33.83

Crime Statistics

Total Number of Part I and Part II Arrests per Year

Part I Arrests - Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny Theft, Vehicle Theft
 Part II Arrests - All Other

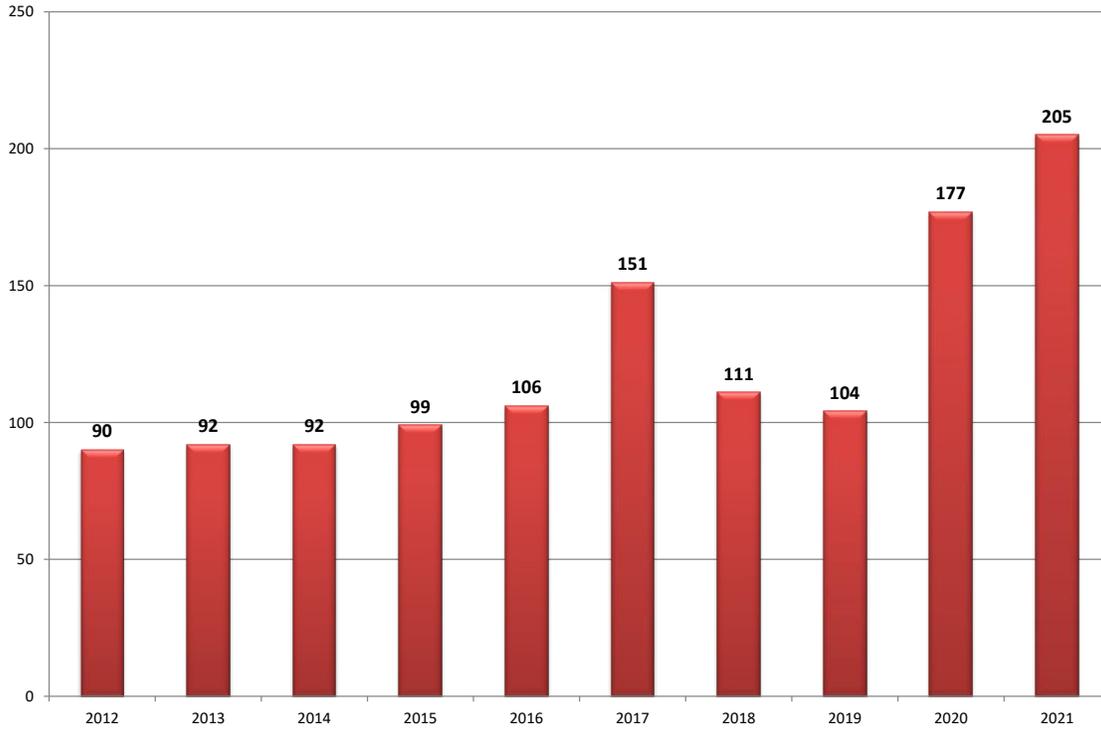


Arrests	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Part I Offenses	2,609	2,571	2,310	2,201	2,418	2,246	2,332	2,568	1,896	1,954
Part II	23,951	23,279	21,741	20,066	20,741	21,307	24,354	24,694	14,363	12,107
Total	26,560	25,850	24,051	22,267	23,159	23,553	26,686	27,262	16,259	14,061



Crime Statistics

10 Year Comparison of Homicides Numbers from Assault/Homicide Section



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicides Per 1000 Population	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.18	0.13	0.12
MORPC Estimated Population	797,322	805,348	817,383	829,690	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686
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Summary of 10 Year Comparisons

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Vehicle Theft	3,731	3,560	3,034	3,238	3,713	4,285	4,107	3,715	3,463	4,753
Total	50,217	46,534	41,438	41,058	41,900	40,987	37,633	35,672	35,500	36,724
Estimated Population**	797,322	805,348	817,383	829,690	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686
Rate per 1000 Population	62.98	57.78	50.70	49.49	49.73	47.60	42.72	39.52	38.82	40.37

* Murder numbers as reported by Division Homicide Unit

**MORPC-Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission figures update for 2017

OIBRS-Ohio Incident Based Reporting System reported by Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services

OIBRS Part I Violent Crimes- Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault

OIBRS Part I Property Crimes - Burglary, Motor Vehicle Thefts, Larceny/Theft

Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

Citizen Complaints

Citizen Complaints	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Contacts Received	2,774	2,673	2,464	2,502	3,163	3,281
Citizen Complaints Received	382	308	246	236	364	441
Citizen Complaints Cancelled	9	55	26	36	37	43
Total Allegations in All Complaints	784	701	501	520	912	927
Bias-based Profiling Complaints	24	11	13	9	11	19

Most Frequent Type or Nature	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Actions Taken/Not Taken	176	159	100	65	181	243
Investigative Actions	99	83	85	121	124	200
Rude/Discourteous Language/Actions	116	81	68	82	150	141
Force	70	75	48	41	187	56
Search/Seizure	89	53	52	59	89	59
<i>% of all complaint allegations for the year</i>	70%	64%	70%	71%	80%	75.4%

Use of Force

Level	Type of Response	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	Pushing/Causing Collision	5	2	6	5	3	1
2	Use of Mace	177	164	147	128	81	57
3	Use of TASER	143	162	173	158	127	119
4	Striking with Hands or Feet	89	103	72	88	64	39
5	Striking with a Weapon	5	6	2	0	0	1
6	Canine Bite	1	2	0	0	2	4
7	Less Lethal Weapons*	0	0	0	0	3	0
8	Use of Firearm	15	13	16	12	15	13
	TOTALS	435	452	416	391	295	234

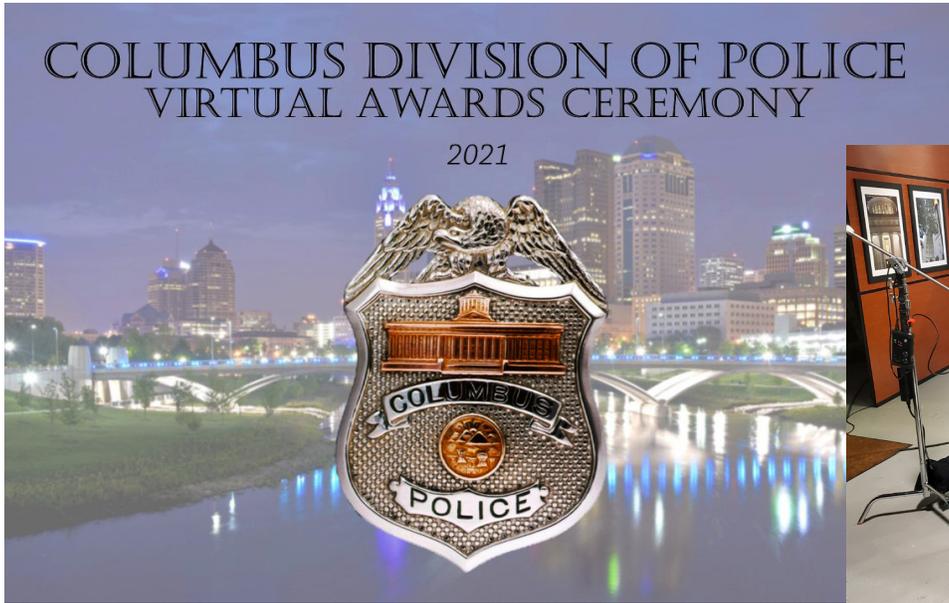
Information provided by PO Patrick Vehr who completes the Use of Force Analysis Report.

*Zero incidents when used as control. As a distraction device it is a Level 0 and not tracked as a UoF.

311 Requests- CPD Responses	18,755
Critical Incident Team (CIT) Responses to Mental Health Runs	15,187
Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) Responses to Mental Health Runs	3,535
<p>The Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) conducted 8,322 outreach attempts on 5,270 overdose survivors, resulting in 705 direct patient contacts of 3,647 unduplicated patients. Of the 705 patients, RREACT linked and transported 349 directly to treatment services</p>	

Awards

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, a formal in-person Awards Ceremony was unable to be held in 2021. However, a Virtual Awards Ceremony video was compiled with assistance from Columbus Government Television (CTV) and Interim Chief Woods, and the listed personnel were recognized for their receipt of a Division Award. Congratulations to these Division employees for their achievements.



Medal of Valor

Kenneth Coontz
Shawn Delgado
Paul Grekian
Justin Gross

Silver Cross

Ryan Dingfelder
John Johnson
Matthew Lausch
Sammuel Rippey
Traci Shaw

Purple Heart

Andrew Mott

Distinguished Service Medal

Benjamin Mackley
Daryl Weidmann

Medal of Merit

David Angevine
Susanna Bell
Christopher Betts
Sierra Caldwell
Levi Dotson
Ryan Erney
David Feltner
Erinn Frazer
Joshua Grice
Adam Hardwick

Carl Harmon
Art Hughes
Justin Jones
Joshua Kinzel
Joseph Kullman
Joe Lannoye
Robert Layton
Robert Martin
Thomas Melton
Charles Radich

Nicholas Reaper
Marc Rees
Robert Reffitt
Julien Roffey
Norman Russell
Francis Sclafani
James Shockey
Nicholas Siers
Kendall Specht

Jonathan Specht
Ross Sturgeon
Teresa Sweet
Brian Thatcher
Duncan Thompson
Paul Tobin
Wendell Tolber
Brian Wilson
Emanuel Woods

Blue Star

Cody Banks
William Brubaker

Joshua Buck
Emily Johnson

James Marsh
Lt. Joseph Ritch

James Strozyk
Emanuel Woods

Awards

Special Commendation

David Angevine
Sgt. Keith Barker
Lt. Scott Bartholow
Ben Crawford
Andrew Fogle
Aaron Fraker
Cameron Gibbs

Jeffery Gubernath
Charles Harshbarger
FF Brandon Johnston CFD
Joshua Kinzel
Scott Manny RPD
CIA Elizabeth Mengali
Vincent Miller

Austin Morgan
Jonathan Nogay
Sgt. Travis Parker
Isaac Pifer
Jonathan Randle
Samuel Rippey
Zachary Rosen

Kenneth Sauer
Captain Zac Saum CFD
Bryan Shepard
Austin Staab
FF Jacob Warner CFD
Sgt. Eric Westbrook

First Aid/Lifesaving

Autumn Akins
Sgt. Charles Albers
Timmeka Alexander
Alec Anderson
Matthew Andrachik
Timothy Baker
Angela Barney
Shane Bass
Derek Beck
Scott Branch
Benjamin Branford
Matthew Cannell
Josh Cavener
Christopher Chapman
Brian Connelly
Harry Dorsey
Charmaine Drake-Johnson
Jack Duncan
Sgt. Dylan Evans
John Fleming
Sgt. Ryan Fowler
Shelly Gates
Kevin George

Cody Gueli
Troy Hammel
Connor Hughes
Mark Johnson
Emily Johnson
Robert Kemp
Sgt. Chance Knox
Michael Knudsen
Kylie Lavey
Jeffrey Lazar
Ryan (Brooks) Lee
Sgt. Paul Lively
Charles Lovejoy
Anthony Lowery
Caleb Lowry
Kelly Melvin
Michael Moriarty
Patrick Nance
Aaron Napoli
Jonathan Nogay
Robert Porter
Daniel Yandrich

Nicholas Powell
Jack Randall
Jennifer Reynolds
Adam Robinson
Jessica Rock
Julien Roffey
Phillip Rogers
Melvin Romans
Daniel Schlaegel
Brian Schmiedebusch
Michael Segna
Joe Shalek
Kevin Smith
Justin Stechenfinger
Paul Stewart
Blair Stewart
Austin Summers
Duncan Thompson
Lt. Charles Waldenga
Zachary Walker
Elijah Walls
James Wells



CFD - Columbus Division of Fire

RPD - Reynoldsburg Division of Police



Awards

Officer of the Month



February
Sgt. Stephen Oboczky



April
Todd Cress



May
Lt. Scott Evers



June
Arthur Hughes



July
Dennis Prestel



August
Aaron Dennis

Civilian of the Quarter



1st Quarter
Charlotte Smith



2nd Quarter
Dan Albers / Teresa Baisden



4th Quarter
Tiffany Myers

Amercian Legion

Sgt. Steve Oboczky was presented with the American Legion Law Officer Of The Year award from the Don Gentile Post #532; for his accomplishments as the PACT (Police And Community Together) Sergeant. Sergeant Oboczky joined the Columbus Division of Police on December 7, 2003, and served the citizens in the Linden Area until being promoted to Sergeant on July 8, 2012. On August 11, 2019, Sergeant Oboczky accepted the Police and Community Together (PACT) Sergeant assignment which was a newly created unit. Sergeant Oboczky wrote the unit SOP for PACT and has been instrumental in training PACT Unit officers to address solicitation concerns throughout the city. He credits his officers for working well together to tackle issues affecting neighborhoods and helping get victims connected to much needed resources.



Awards



CIVITAN

Since 1995 the Central Columbus Civitan Club Badge of Honor has been awarded annually to recognize those Firefighters and Police Officers who are true heroes in their communities and reflect the motto of Civitan International, "Builders of Good Citizenship." CME Credit Union is honored to continue this tradition.

Columbus Police Sergeant Matt Harris and Columbus Firefighter Peter Bolen received the 2021 Annual CIVITAN Badge of Honor Award. The 2020 recipients of this award, Officer Dean Collins and Firefighter Chris Klein were also presented their award, as last year's ceremony was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Sergeant Matt Harris has served with the Columbus Division of Police since 1997. During his career, Sgt. Harris has been involved with the Crisis Intervention Team and helps provide Crisis Intervention Team training for fellow officers. Sgt. Harris was pivotal in the creation and expansion of the Mobile Crisis Response Unit (MCR). The MCR Unit is made up of specially trained CPD officers and clinicians who are committed to providing a professional and compassionate specialized response to mental health consumers, families, and partner agencies. Sgt. Harris assists partner agencies with de-escalation training, serves as a liaison with local hospitals and regularly makes himself available to provide guidance regarding these type of calls. Sgt. Harris also responds to calls for service alongside the officers on his unit, who are "awestruck by his relentless efforts to enhance the program in hopes of better serving each and every citizen in our community."

CLEE Chief Kallai Award

Commander David "Blake" Griffith was awarded the Chief Kallai award from the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Program. The award is given to the member of the CLEE cohort for academic excellence and community engagement. Commander Griffith graduated with the CLEE XXV cohort and was the first Division member to receive this honor.



FCSO STAR Award

Officer Ed Chung was the Columbus Division of Police recipient of the annual Franklin County Sheriff's Office STAR award. This award is presented to an officer who embodies Selflessness, Teamwork, Accountability, and Respect.

Awards

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Franklin County

Officer Frank Sclafani was honored as the 2021 NAMI Franklin County CIT Officer of the Year award. Officer Sclafani is a member of the Columbus Police Mobile Crisis Response Unit (MCR). As a member of MCR, he responds to mental health related calls for service. Each day Officer Sclafani engages community members in crisis with compassion, empathy and respect. "In 2020, Officer Sclafani responded to more than 1,000 calls related to mental health and substance abuse. He handles each call with trauma-informed sensitivity and professionalism ensuring resources are provided to those in need," said Lt. Lokai, of the Wellness Bureau.

Congrats
Officer
Sclafani
NAMI CIT Officer of
the Year



Ohio Federal Security Director's Patriot Award



On September 10, 2021, the City of Hilliard partnered with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to host a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Personnel from the military, law enforcement, emergency services, security services and public servants who made significant contributions to the security of the United States and the state of Ohio were honored. Awardees received the Ohio Federal Security Director's Patriot Award, and the recipients from the Columbus Division of Police were Commander Robert Sagle and Officer Shawn Delgado. Commander Sagle has served for 21 years with CPD. In 2019 he was promoted to Commander and now oversees the Special Services Bureau, which includes Homeland Security, SWAT, and Aviation. Officer Delgado has been with CPD since 2019 and prior to that served in the US Marine Corps for nearly 20 years. He served in the first Gulf War, Afghanistan, and also in Iraq as a member of Lima Company.

Awards

Salute to Excellence Law Enforcement Award

Officer John Cooper received the prestigious HAI (Helicopter Association International) Salute to Excellence in Law Enforcement Award. Officer Cooper received this honor for his advancement of helicopters in support of law enforcement activities. "You're a phenomenal asset to this Unit. You've



been a safety training officer since 1996. Your value and contributions to our Unit are going to be incredibly missed. Your impact will be everlasting," said Commander Robert Sagle, also a pilot trained by Officer Cooper. After serving the citizens of Columbus for 33 years, Officer John Cooper retired April 27, 2021.

Sons of the American Revolution

Officer Paul Coulter was recognized by the Ohio Society's Sons of the American Revolution - Benjamin Franklin Chapter. Officer Coulter first volunteered to serve his country in the Navy, and spent four years in the Navy serving in the Pacific fleet. Wanting to continue public service after the Navy, Officer Coulter enrolled in OSU to study education. After completing his degree, Officer Coulter realized that his true calling was to serve the community as a Columbus Police Officer. He was hired on November 22, 1992, and began working in the Ohio State campus area. Officer Coulter has worked in the campus area for almost 28 years and during his career, has worked tirelessly to make the off-campus area safer. Officer Coulter retired from the Division of Police on May 5, 2021.



Promotions

Sworn Promotions

Sergeant Wayner, Christopher	3/7/21
Sergeant Mallernee, William	3/7/21
Sergeant Curmode, Joseph III	3/7/21
Sergeant Reiser, Devin	3/7/21
Sergeant Dover, Matthew	3/7/21
Lieutenant Ritch, Joseph	3/7/21
Commanader Mabry, Duane	5/2/21
Lieutenant Edelsberg, Dan	5/2/21
Lieutenant Alicea, Jennifer	5/2/21
Lieutenant Coleman, Justin	5/2/21
Sergeant Sweeny, Brian	5/2/21
Sergeant Weber, Matthew	5/2/21
Sergeant Evans, Dylan	5/2/21
Sergeant Beine, Jeffrey A.	5/2/21
Sergeant Hostettler, Christopher	5/2/21
Sergeant Bennett, Alan	5/2/21
Sergeant Westbrook, Eric	8/27/21
Sergeant Hamrick, Autumn	8/27/21
Sergeant Knox, Chance	8/27/21
Lieutenant Mackinnon, Gregory	8/27/21
Lieutenant Hawkins, John	8/27/21
Lieutenant Carr, Stephen	8/27/21
Sergeant Husband, Kiara	8/29/21
Sergeant Morefield, Levon	8/29/21
Sergeant Resatar, Matthew W.	8/29/21
Sergeant Ruark Jr, James	8/29/21
Commander Myers, Timothy	12/21/21

Civilian Promotions

Human Resources Analyst David Hamon	1/11/21
Public Safety Manager Jonathan Schrig	2/21/21
Office Manager Heidi Maynard	5/30/21
Public Safety Manager Tiffany Fields-Williams	7/25/21
Management Analyst II Hathryn Hartshorne	8/8/21
Human Resources Manager Jennifer Dieringer	8/8/21



Retirement

Sworn Retirements



Rank	Entered	Retired	Years
Police Officer Spragg, Jimmie	12/17/95	1/2/21	25
Police Officer Pagniano, Shawn	12/17/95	1/3/21	25
Lieutenant Harris, John	10/4/87	1/4/21	33
Police Officer Wolf, Paul	12/24/89	1/5/21	31
Police Officer Garrison, Anthony	6/14/87	1/8/21	33
Police Officer Jones, Eric	9/3/89	1/15/21	31
Police Officer Shaw, Karl	11/22/92	2/1/21	28
Police Officer Stephens, Jerome	12/24/89	2/1/21	31
Police Officer Martin, Francis	12/11/88	2/1/21	31
Police Officer Williams, Eric	12/13/87	2/1/21	32
Police Officer Mathys, James	10/28/90	2/6/21	33
Sergeant Mcfadden, James	9/26/93	2/16/21	30
Police Officer Pappas, Peter	12/18/94	2/10/21	26
Police Officer Siniff, Paul	10/28/90	2/19/21	30
Lieutenant Bardar, Andrew	6/1/97	2/19/21	23
Lieutenant Brust, Ty	12/24/89	3/4/21	31
Sergeant Beyer, Douglas	4/17/88	3/3/21	32
Police Officer Skala, Sarah	12/17/07	3/3/21	13
Police Officer Fofana, Jacqueline	12/11/88	3/4/21	32
Police Officer Stephens, April	12/11/88	3/4/21	32
Police Officer Sprague, Wallace III	10/16/88	3/5/21	32
Police Officer Blackmon, Allen	4/17/88	3/5/21	32
Police Officer Covey, Carl III	12/13/87	3/5/21	33
Police Officer Ickes, Lisa	12/17/95	3/5/21	25
Police Officer Parton, Steven	9/3/89	3/5/21	31
Police Officer Halbakken, Timothy	11/6/94	3/4/21	26
Police Officer Croom, Dana	10/4/87	3/19/21	33
Police Officer Shepard, Timothy	6/14/87	3/25/21	33
Lieutenant Ohl, Paul	9/30/89	3/26/21	31
Lieutenant Wood, Melanie	10/16/88	4/2/21	32
Commander Schrader, Joseph	10/4/87	4/2/21	33
Sergeant Rudolph, Jerry	4/17/88	4/2/21	32
Sergeant Podolski, Joseph	12/24/89	4/2/21	31
Police Officer Scruggs, Steven	10/6/85	4/2/21	35
Police Officer Thiel, John	12/29/96	4/1/21	24
Police Officer Wolfram, Gregory	4/17/88	4/2/21	32
Police Officer Burley, Kevin	9/3/89	4/2/21	31
Police Officer Gibson, Jarratt	10/28/90	4/2/21	30
Police Officer Hawkins, Jeffrey	5/21/95	4/5/21	25
Police Officer Hondros-Walls, Sara	12/18/94	4/13/21	26
Police Officer Fox, Christine	5/19/96	4/15/21	24
Police Officer Lush, Michael	4/17/88	4/16/21	32
Sergeant Brown, Stevan	12/3/78	4/17/21	42
Deputy Chief Woods, Michael	4/17/88	4/23/21	33
Police Officer Flaherty, Craig	12/24/89	4/23/21	31
Police Officer Cooper, John	4/17/88	4/27/21	33
Police Officer McCaul, Gregory	12/12/99	4/29/21	21
Sergeant Boxhill, Chantay	12/24/89	5/15/21	31
Police Officer Paige, Thomas	11/10/91	5/7/21	29

Police Officer Coulter, Paul	11/22/92	5/5/21	28
Sergeant Dennewitz, Cynthia	4/17/88	6/16/21	33
Sergeant Ferguson, Larry	6/16/85	6/18/21	36
Sergeant Curmode, Joseph	11/18/84	6/18/21	36
Police Officer Ferguson, George	7/8/01	6/16/21	19
Police Officer Reed, Kevin	5/22/94	6/17/21	27
Police Officer Ackley, Jeffrey	12/24/89	6/18/21	31
Police Officer Clinger, Scott	11/6/94	6/24/21	26
Police Officer Sandford, Thomas	12/17/95	6/26/21	25
Police Officer Swisher, Lisa	9/24/95	6/17/21	25
Police Officer Mccracken, Shea	7/8/01	7/2/21	19
Police Officer Wells, Leroy	10/4/87	7/9/21	33
Lieutenant Painter, Andrew	12/13/87	6/4/21	33
Police Officer Garrett, Douglas	12/10/00	6/4/21	20
Police Officer Smith, Steven C.	10/6/85	6/4/21	35
Police Officer Chamberlin, Scott	9/26/93	6/4/21	27
Police Officer Crum, Ricky	4/17/88	6/4/21	33
Police Officer Jackson, Dean	10/16/88	6/4/21	32
Police Officer Grooms, Kevin	12/23/90	6/11/21	30
Police Officer Wolfangel, Steven	11/22/92	6/12/21	28
Police Officer Best, William	2/28/93	6/12/21	28
Police Officer Huston, Timothy	5/27/90	6/12/21	31
Sergeant Saari, Michael	9/15/91	5/27/21	29
Police Officer Smart, Arthur	12/11/88	5/21/21	32
Police Officer Shoopman, John	12/24/89	5/29/21	31
Police Officer Thissen, Robert	7/13/21	7/13/21	0
Police Officer Huck, Kenneth	12/11/88	8/6/21	32
Police Officer Cline, Christopher	7/8/01	8/6/21	20
Police Officer Townsend, Joseph	4/10/94	8/3/21	27
Police Officer Estep, James	12/19/05	8/3/21	15
Police Officer Caudill, Chad	12/19/05	8/5/21	15
Lieutenant Knight, David	7/19/92	8/12/21	29
Lieutenant Weiner, Paul	5/27/90	8/20/21	31
Police Officer Wilson, Brooke	10/16/88	8/6/21	32
Police Officer Dilello, Aisha	5/16/99	8/14/21	22
Police Officer Waddle, Christopher	9/15/91	8/29/21	29
Police Officer Siniff, Ronda	2/28/93	9/4/21	28
Police Officer Powers, Robert	9/26/93	9/2/21	27
Police Officer Williams, Joseph W.	7/17/06	9/2/21	15
Police Officer Mccague, William	5/22/94	9/1/21	27
Police Officer Johnson, Marc	7/9/12	8/22/21	9
Police Officer Mccague, Daniel	12/23/90	10/1/21	30
Police Officer Little, Richard	11/3/96	10/1/21	24
Police Officer Jacobs, Roger	6/14/87	10/1/21	34
Police Officer Farr, Fletcher	10/16/88	10/8/21	32
Police Officer Georskey, Adoree	12/29/96	10/15/21	24
Sergeant Fisher, Sally	11/3/96	10/6/21	24
Police Officer Hilsheimer II, Richard	12/24/89	12/4/21	31



In Memoriam

Officer Gary Adkins

October 15, 1966 - April 19, 2021

The Division of Police lost a faithful servant, Officer Gary Adkins #1684, on April 19, 2021. Officer Adkins proudly served the Division of Police and the citizens of Columbus for more than 27 years. Officer Adkins entered the Training Academy in 1993, and then spent the majority of his career on the West Side, specifically 8 precinct, where he proudly earned his "Eight Ball." He became a veteran officer who other officers would come to for advice, not only about work, but about life. In early 2021, Officer Adkins took an assignment as a Detective in General Property Crimes Unit, after working 8 A Company for the past decade. Officer Adkins will be remembered as a dedicated officer, partner, husband, and father who was known for his amazing stories, wealth of knowledge, and ever-present love for his family.



Officer Lolita Perryman

May 20, 1966 – July 3, 2021

The Division mourns the loss of Officer Lolita Perryman, who passed away on July 3, 2021. She began her Columbus Police career as a member of the 71st recruit class in December 1987. During her career she served in a variety of assignments including D.A.R.E., Special Victims, Missing/Exploited Children, Background Investigations, and Crime Stoppers. Her last assignment was working with Fleet Services. Though she had no children of her own, Lolita cultivated meaningful relationships with her nieces and nephews, her D.A.R.E. students, and anyone she saw in need. Her kind heart led her to quietly give service by providing food, clothing, housing, and mentorship to many. Most recently, Lolita saw a need while working special duty at Faith Mission. She wanted to ensure that EACH resident could have a filling home cooked meal. So, she mobilized her siblings, nieces, and nephews to assist her in giving service. She will be greatly missed.

Officer James Strozyk

January 29, 1972 – October 13, 2021

Officer James Strozyk #1773, affectionately known as "Jim" throughout the Division, succumbed to complications of illness while fighting Covid-19. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was also a dedicated officer, beginning his career with CPD on December 7, 2003. Officer Strozyk spent his entire 17 year career serving the people of Columbus in Patrol assignments on Zones 1 and 2. Officer Strozyk's commitment and dedication to his family, the Division, and the community is a tremendous loss that will not be filled.



Officer Darryl McKissick

February 6, 1969 – December 29, 2021

Officer McKissick began his career with Columbus Police as a member of the 82nd recruit class. During his 29 year career he worked in various assignments, however, spent the majority of his career working with VICE and Narcotics. His most recent assignment was working with the PACT team and helping combat human trafficking. He had numerous commendations/recognition letters and citizen compliments including a letter from Attorney General Dave Yost for his assistance with the statewide initiative "Operation 4th & Goal." Darryl had a strong love for muscle cars and was an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns and the Buckeyes. Officer McKissick was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and a great detective and even better friend. He will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In Memoriam

Remembering Reverend Ellsworth



Reverend Richard Ellsworth graced the Columbus Division of Police with his kind heart, comforting words and unwavering friendship for nearly 50 years. He served for decades as a chaplain for CPD and CFD as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol and touched the lives of many officers and their families. We are forever grateful of his service. Rev. Ellsworth served in the United States Army during World War II and following the war, worked as a field and research engineer at Borden Dairy and Ice Cream Co. and Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus before being called to the ministry. He graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in June, 1960, and continued to serve as a pastor for the rest of his life. Rev. Ellsworth passed away August 25, 2021. He was 96 years old.

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New Chief of Police Selected

Following a nationwide search, Mayor Andrew J. Ginther announced on June 2 the selection of Elaine Bryant as the next Chief of Police. Chief Bryant was one of four finalists in the selection process, and most recently served as a deputy chief with the Detroit Police Department. Interim Chief Woods welcomed Chief Bryant to the Division, and she officially assumed her new role June 25. Chief Woods remained with the Division to assist with the transition until his retirement.



Meet The Chief

Columbus Police Chief Elaine Bryant made history as CPD's first chief from outside the Division, and its first African American female Chief. Chief Bryant came to Columbus after more than two decades with the Detroit Police Department. She started her career in law enforcement in August of 2000. In 2006, Chief Bryant was promoted to the rank of sergeant. During her tenure as sergeant, her assignments included Domestic Violence, Office of the Chief Investigator and Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator office.

In November of 2013, Chief Bryant was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. As lieutenant, she served as the Training Director for the Detroit Police Academy. She was reassigned to Chief's Neighborhood Liaison, where she had the opportunity to work closely with the community on many projects such as CITI (Children in Trauma Intervention) Camp, National Night Out, Chief's Cupid Senior Valentine's Day Dance, National Crime Victims' Rights Week and PAL's (Police Athletic League) Team Up program just to name a few. During her time at Chief's Neighborhood Liaison, she was responsible for the Neighborhood Police Officer program, Reservists, LGBTQ Liaison program, Junior Cadets and Explorers programs, Chaplains and Traffic Safety.



In April of 2016, Chief Bryant was promoted to captain. Her first command as captain was the Tenth Precinct, where she was responsible for the overall operation. In July of 2016, she was reassigned as the Commanding Officer of Homicide. In that role, her top priorities were to ensure that every investigation and complaint received the highest level of service, which included providing social services to victims' families.

In September 2017, Chief Bryant was promoted to the rank of Commander. She served as the Commanding Officer of Major Crimes where she oversaw Homicide, Arson, Missing Persons, Special Victims Units (Sex

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Crimes, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse), Crime Scene Services, Commercial Auto Theft and General Assignment Unit. Chief Bryant was reassigned as the Commanding Officer of Professional Standards Bureau in January of 2019, which consisted of Internal Affairs, Force Investigations, Integrity Unit and Disciplinary Administration Unit.

In September 2019, Chief Bryant was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief, serving as the Deputy Chief of Neighborhood Policing Bureau-East. She also oversaw Metropolitan Division, which included Special Response Team, Tactical Services Section, Traffic Enforcement, Air Support, Canine, Harbormaster, Mounted, and Homeland Security.

Chief Bryant holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration; Community Development from Central Michigan University where she graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude). She also holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Bowling Green State University where she graduated with honors (Summa Cum Laude). Chief Bryant is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). The title she holds dearest is that of Mom to her two sons.

"I am deeply honored to serve as Columbus' next police chief," said Bryant. "This is a pivotal moment to be stepping into this role, and I am firmly committed to embracing change, diversity, and clear and open communication to improve safety, enhance accountability and rebuild trust between officers and the community."

New 1st Assistant Chief



In addition to the historic hiring of the first outside Chief of Police, a newly created position of Assistant Chief was added to the Division's ranks this year. The 1st Assistant Chief to be named was LaShanna Potts, who joins Chief Bryant in moving to the Columbus Division of Police from the Detroit Police Department. 1st Assistant Chief Potts served for 24 years in Detroit. She is a proud graduate of the Michigan Association of Chief of Police New Chief's School as well as a

graduate of both Michigan State University's School of Staff and Command and Wayne State University's Leadership Academy. Of her dedication to the policing profession, 1st Assistant Chief Potts said, "It's a passion I have. I have a long list of law enforcement in my family. My mother served with distinction within the Detroit Police Department. So I grew up early on, knowing that I wanted to make a difference."



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Interim Chief Michael Woods Retirement



After 33 years of service, Chief of Police Michael Woods retired from the Division of Police on July 9, 2021. As an officer and a sergeant Chief Woods held assignments in Patrol, S.C.A.T., In-TAC, and was the Division's P.I.O. In 2006 Chief Woods was promoted to lieutenant, in 2011 he was promoted to commander, and achieved the rank of deputy chief in 2013. On January 29, 2021, following one of the most challenging years in Division history, Chief Woods was appointed Chief of the Columbus Division of Police.

Though Chief Woods' career with the Columbus Division of Police came to a close this year, his impact as a highly respected member of the Division, and more importantly

a leader and a friend, will remain forever. An informal celebratory gathering was held at the Training Academy which allowed Division personnel to stop by and wish the Chief well in his retirement, and the Honor Guard also honored Chief Woods' many years of service with a traditional walkout and escort ceremony from Division Headquarters.

In August, it was announced Chief Woods was chosen as the next deputy chief for the Hilliard Division of Police, and will eventually take over as Chief of Police when the current chief retires. The Columbus Division of Police looks forward to continuing a collaborative relationship with Chief Woods and is grateful for his many years of service.



Graduations

134 Class Graduation – February 12, 2021

On February 12, 2021, 46 new officers were sworn in at a graduation ceremony at the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy. 39 recruits will be Columbus Police Officers, and the remaining 7 will be working for neighboring agencies. This class includes many success stories, such as Davis Messbarger, who was a former Columbus Police Explorer (now called the Public Safety Corps program for youths 14-21 years old) and upon graduation he achieved his dream and became an officer with the City of Columbus!

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135 Class Graduation – July 16, 2021



On July 16, 2021, 52 new officers completed more than 1,200 hours of training and graduated from the Training Academy. The group of graduates included the first female arson investigator, who started her career as a paramedic and will now serve the community in a new way.

One family celebrated three generations of police services. Officer Edward J. Powell IV, son of Homicide Sergeant Edward J. Powell III, graduated with the 135 recruit class and will wear his grandfather's badge. "It started off with my grandfather being in Columbus Police Academy in the 35th class. He was in the 35th recruit class. I am in the 135th. Which is a hundred classes later, and that is pretty unique."



CPD assisted with Presidential Inauguration



Deputy Chief Richard Bash, Commander Robert Meader and a group of 70 Columbus Division of Police personnel reported to Washington, D.C. to help protect our nation's capital for the presidential inauguration. In the fall of 2020, the Columbus Division of Police was asked by D.C. Metro Police to send officers to help with security, which became even more important following the attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021. The officers who traveled to DC were all volunteers, and ranged from veterans to newer officers, but all felt it was an honor to protect and serve for a historic event. "Officers don't often get the opportunity to go and represent the Columbus Division of Police nationally. I'm really looking forward to that opportunity for the officers to be there, to show their professionalism and to assist in something that is nationally important" Deputy Chief Bash said.

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Organizational Changes – Human Resources, Fiscal and Communications

Per changes in the City of Columbus 2021 budget, the employees in the Fiscal and Human Resources Bureaus will no longer be part of the Division of Police, but report to the Department of Public Safety. These employees were moved from their respective division funding sources to the Public Safety Director's office effective March 21.



Effective May 30, the Communications Bureau no longer reports to the Division of Police but instead became part of the Division of Support Services within the Department of Public Safety. Communications Commander Robert Meader reported the Communications Bureau dispatched the first “radio car” in 1930 and they have been providing exemplary service for over 90 years. The Emergency Communications Center will remain a vital component in the mission to provide public safety to the City of Columbus, and remain the first “first responders.”

One Little Girl Lifts Many Hearts

Izabella decided she wanted to thank police for the amazing job they do and made “tickets” with a Thank You for each officer at Columbus Police. She was concerned that if an officer didn't receive one they would be disappointed so she insisted on making one for each officer. On April 30, Izabella and her family stopped by a police substation to present the tickets, and it was a wonderful gesture that touched so many hearts. We surprised Izabella too with a visit by some 4-legged officers, members of our Mounted and K9 Units.



Teens Recognized for Stopping Burglar



On September 5, two teenagers, Aaron Hunt, 15, and Desmar Woods, 14, were riding their bikes to the park and noticed a man hopping fences and going into backyards of nearby residences. They found the man attempting to enter an 80-year-old man's residence through a back window. They confronted the man and with the help of a neighbor were able to contain the suspect in the yard until officers arrived. The boys then gave statements to detectives, allowing them to file charges against the suspect. Later in September, CPD and the Starfish Assignment surprised the boys with a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the Division's facilities including the Mounted Unit and SWAT buildings. The detectives also noticed the boys' bikes weren't in the best of shape, and thanks to a Starfish donor, the boys got two brand new bicycles.

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TAPS

The Division continues to bridge the gap with teens in our community through the Teens and Police Service Academy (TAPS). The TAPS Academy is currently working with several Columbus City Schools middle schools. TAPS tackles subjects like bullying and gun violence and allows students to meet with officers to talk and build relationships. On May 4, 16 students at Starling STEM Pre K-8 graduated from the TAPS Academy, and on May 21, the first TAPS Summit Day was held. The Summit gathered officers and teens together at the Academy for a day of fun and relationship building. The event was led by former at-risk teens and graduates of CCS and featured demonstrations by some CPD specialty units.



Carry the Load

On May 18, CPD paid respects to first responders and military members who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving during the "Carry The Load" event. The CPD Community Liaison Officers along with the Honor Guard and the Mounted Unit met at Vets Memorial and then headed over to the CPD Memorial for a short ceremony. Carry The Load is a cross-country tour that culminates in a Memorial Day celebration in Dallas to recognize and pay tribute to all those who have served.



Honor365 Walk

Honor365, an organization with the mission of providing resource and referral services to veterans, first responders and their families, hosted a Walk at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. Members of the Columbus Division of Police honored those whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001 by participating in the honor guard during this event.

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Operation Unity



Operation Unity was a three part initiative in 2021 designed to target and reduce crime in specific areas. State, local and federal partners joined CPD along with community stakeholders and community resources to combat crime in designated hot spot areas over a 24 hour period. Part of these operations also included wraparound services provided to the community through the Columbus CARE Coalition. The first phase of Operation Unity took place on Zone 2, and resulted in 251 traffic stops, 18 Felony arrests and 10 Misdemeanor arrests, as well as search and arrest warrants served and a large number of narcotics recovered. 1st Assistant Chief

Potts stated, “We are committed to decreasing the gun violence but also engaging the community to fill the gap.”

Phase 2 of Operation Unity was completed on Zone 3 in the Hilltop area. Per Commander Tim Myers, this was an effort led primarily by volunteer officers who work on Zone 3 each day who do not want to stand for disorder and violence in the area they work. 45 total arrests were made, with 30 being felonies during this operation, and 8 firearms and 5 stolen vehicles were recovered. The amount of illegal narcotics that were removed from the street valued over \$25,000.

Phase 3 of Operation Unity took place in the Linden area. This operation included patrol officers, Intelligence units, Major Crimes detectives, SWAT, Drug Crimes Unit, Traffic Control Unit, and others who served felony warrants and initiated targeted enforcement designed to specifically address violent offenders and recover firearms.

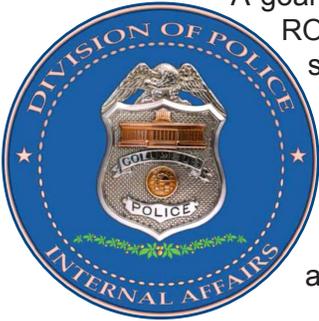
The goal of this operation was to remove violent felons, firearms, and narcotics from the streets of the Linden neighborhood and surrounding communities. The result of this collaborative operation resulted in 20 felony suspects apprehended, 4 stolen vehicles recovered, 17 illegal firearms recovered, 13 search warrants served, 12 misdemeanor arrests, large amounts of narcotics and cash seized and 209 traffic citations issued. During Operation Unity, while the Columbus Police Mounted Unit engaged area residents at local parks, the unit also safely recovered a loaded gun that had been left in the grass. Part of Operation Unity also included a week-long focus to reduce celebratory gunfire through a partnership with community leaders and continued efforts by Community Liaison Officers.



Bureau Highlights

Public Accountability Subdivision

Internal Affairs Bureau



A goal in 2021 was to cease the practice of including discs, such as CD-ROMs and DVD-ROMs, with hard copies of completed investigations. These discs were recorded by IAB to save photos, videos, and other digital evidence related to investigations, however newer desktop computers being used are no longer built with disc drives installed. Therefore, a forward-thinking change was necessary. With the help of the PoliceNET unit, a shared folder on the Division's network drive was created. This folder was programmed with customizable permissions to ensure proper security and access. The bureau now uploads the digital evidence related to investigations to the shared folder in order to allow easy access for chains of command both now and in the future.

Professional Standards Bureau

Lieutenant Matt Bobo transferred into the Accreditation Lieutenant assignment in 2021 and along with MAIs Teresa Baisden and Dan Albers helped the Division achieve Meritorious Accreditation through CALEA and also ensured we maintained certification with the Ohio Collaborative. Management Analyst II Baisden and Albers were also recognized as Civilians of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter in 2021.

During 2021, the Staff Inspections Section was integral in implementing the new Uniform Ordering Site and revising the annual Uniform Inspection process. Lieutenant Jason Garner and Marc Helder were both part of the project team that worked on the overhaul of the



inspection and uniform ordering processes, and also provided concentrated training to all Division lieutenants in preparation for the implementation of the new site. The new uniforms will be officially rolled out in 2022.

PSB held its annual Holiday Drive and with the help of the Starfish Assignment, CLOs, and other Patrol personnel, adopted two families to receive donations.



Bureau Highlights

Training Bureau



The 134th Recruit Class was the first class to complete the newly created Community Immersion Training, which runs as a collaborative effort between the FTO office, Franklin University, and the City Attorney's Office.

The **Community Immersion Project** includes discussions on racism, discrimination, stereotypes, prejudices and attitudes, and classes on topics such as the African American community, Autism/ Special Needs, the New American Population, the LGBTQ+ Community, Human Trafficking, Homelessness and Addiction. At the Recruit level the class is introduced to the needs in the community and resources that may be available

to assist them. Once the probationary officers are released from Field Training, they complete a forty-hour week of training at the academy consisting of a Community Immersion review and identifying a specific need in the community. The probationary officers will work one on one in the community at several locations around the city that offer resources to the public. They will volunteer their time, learn about the resources offered and do interviews with community members. During the second phase of the Community Immersion Project the officers will come up with a plan of action for the issue they have discovered. During the final phase of the Community Immersion Project the officers will write a five-page report and provide presentations to their classmates, Academy Staff, Chain of Command, Executive Staff, Community Partners and Community Leaders.

The **136th Recruit Class** began with seventy recruits on June 14, 2021 and is set to graduate in early 2022.



The **Defensive Tactics Unit** conducted two phases of in-service training for sworn personnel which focused on de-escalation and officer safety. DTU personnel also trained two recruit classes, completed three expert witness reports, and served twice as expert witnesses for the Grand Jury in 2021. DTU Officer Fredrick 'Rick' Hannah serves as the Community Education Officer and trained over 3,000 citizens this year in classes including Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) and Civilian Self Defense/Rape Prevention. Officer Hannah provided Recruiting Demonstrations and public service announcements to the media, and also served on the OSU Safety Task Force.



Bureau Highlights

Special Operations Subdivision

Special Services Bureau SWAT Section

The persistent rise in violent crime in 2021 throughout the city continued to increase the workload for SWAT. Total requests for service saw a significant increase to 987, compared to 872 the previous year. SWAT made 357 felony arrests with over 600 felony warrants served and 59 of those warrants were for Murder. Search warrant service rose to pre-pandemic levels at 107, as compared to 75 in 2020.

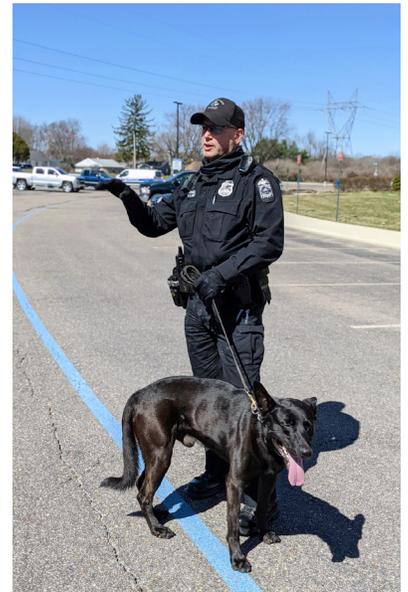
SWAT continues to assist in addressing the violence by remaining active in searching for and apprehending dangerous felons. They also assist detectives with furthering their investigations through the service of search warrants, which will continue to have a positive impact on reducing violent crime.



SWAT training remained a focus to ensure safe and peaceful resolutions during incidents. Monthly training was conducted throughout the year for operators to remain efficient and gain new knowledge. SWAT personnel also participated in a full-scale Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack training day in August 2021 at the Anheuser-Busch facility in north Columbus. This exercise included role-players to make the incident as realistic as possible, along with a debrief conducted later by a retired SWAT officer who acted as an observer during the training.

K-9 Unit

The utilization of the Canine Unit grew in 2021, with better availability with the addition of two more teams in 2020. The unit conducted 187 building searches, compared to 100 the previous year. The two explosives detecting canines were used throughout the year at different events. Their search statistics will continue to grow as the teams continue to develop partnerships around the area. Upon retirement of Officer Timothy Shepard and canine Lucky, the unit welcomed new members Officer Ray Guman and his partner canine Boef, who completed approximately 6 weeks of initial handler training along with countless hours of additional training.



Bureau Highlights

Aviation Section



The Helicopter Units continued to suffer the effects of a parts shortage and supply chain disruption caused by the pandemic, and operated on reduced hours throughout the year. Although the hours were reduced due to the lack of aircraft, consistency of flying in support of patrol became the focus. This was especially important with the rise in violence throughout the city. The statistics show that although the flight time was nearly the same as 2020, the unit contributed to 195 felony arrests compared to 112 in 2020. They were also available to participate in all Operation Unity projects, along with special enforcement operations targeting illegal motorcycle and ATV operations throughout the city.

The Section welcomed a new Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) after the retirement of long time CFI John Cooper in April. Officer Roger Howard took over the position after assisting Officer Cooper for several years while he was assigned to the DMW flight crew. Officer Howard quickly adjusted to his new position and looked for innovative ways to conduct training more efficiently. He was able to complete transition and re-currency training for several officers and supervisors throughout the year and also established training goals for 2022, which includes training other members of the unit to become flight instructors.



Homeland Security Section

In 2021, the Homeland Security Section continued producing informational reports which were distributed daily to command staff and other stakeholders. The Counter Terrorism Unit created the Ohio Intelligence Group (OIG), which is a statewide information sharing network with other department leaders who may be impacted by various incidents or trends throughout the nation.

CTU detectives also participated in the full scale Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack exercise held in August. They were utilized throughout the intelligence portion in the weeks leading up to the exercise, along with operations on the day of the exercise both in the command post and in the field.

Although many of the large events were postponed or canceled in 2021 due to COVID, several were still held requiring a response to provide safe environments. The Ohio State University chose to hold a full football schedule in the fall. CTU staffed a total of 22 JHAT missions throughout the year, including all home OSU football games. CTU Sergeant Brian Bruce was also recognized for his 32 years of service at one of the home football games.

Bureau Highlights

Traffic Bureau



Freeway Unit

Freeway Patrol responded to and investigated a total of 1,524 traffic accidents during 2021. The Freeway Patrol conducted traffic enforcement throughout the freeway system issuing the following citations: construction zones 227 citations; speed enforcement throughout the freeway system 2,224 citations; and 4,310 other citations for a total of 6,761. The unit made 173 OVI arrests and assisted 3,038 stranded motorists. In an effort to further promote roadway safety to the motoring public and the citizens of Columbus, the Freeway Patrol and Commercial Enforcement Units, focused attention on commercial vehicles carrying hazardous material (HAZMAT) in and around the City of Columbus. Freeway Patrol personnel cited 445 drivers for the "Improper Transport of a Hazardous Material" illegally through the City of Columbus.

Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit patrols approximately 3,308 lane miles of arterial streets within the City of Columbus. During the school year, the Motorcycle Unit conducts speed enforcement in school zones throughout the city and issued 544 citations for school zone speed violations. The Motorcycle Unit issued 2,840 Speed violations, 1,903 Suspension/No Ops Citations, 2,262 construction zone violations, 11 pedestrian violations, 784 Seatbelt violations, 25 Child Restraint violations, and 3,099 other violations for a total of 11,468 citations. In addition to its work on 3-1-1 and School Zone complaints, the MCU also conducted over 220 dignitary, sports and funeral escorts over the course of 2021, in either an on-duty or Special Duty capacity. MCU was also utilized at nearly every parade held in the City of Columbus, and at most special events. MCU was also responsible for providing traffic control and security at Columbus vaccine locations during the COVID-19 pandemic.



OVI Countermeasures

In 2021, the Division showcased its newest tool to combat impaired driving, the Mobile Breath Testing Vehicle (MBTV). The MBTV contains an evidentiary breath testing instrument and will respond roadside for officers to obtain a breath test. There will be no need for officers to transport the impaired driver to an alternate test site. This will be extremely beneficial to patrol and cut down the time an officer is tied up on an impaired driving arrest. This vehicle will be operated by one of our Driving Impaired Criminal Enforcement (DICE) officers, who is also able to assist with blood search warrants when needed.

Bureau Highlights

Special Events Unit and Special Duty Office

The Special Events Unit worked with various City Departments and private sponsors on 65 Special Activities Permits for City Parks and helped plan, coordinate, and implement 8 Special Events that took place in and around the City. Personnel also processed 207 liquor permits and 50 block party permits.

The Special Duty Office supported 1,305 police officers working special duty and city overtime in 2020 and accounted for 312,598 hours of special duty hours worked, totaling more than \$18,599,581.00. Scheduled overtime by the Special Duty Office amounted to 2,883 overtime hours or \$193,218.66.

Event Management Unit

The year 2021 was very busy for the Event Management Unit, as they presented numerous incident action plans for the response to the continued civil disturbances and for the Division's COVID-19 response. EMU partnered with Columbus Public Health to routinely coordinate all response activity as directed by the Chief of Police and other leaders from the Division. The coordination produced successful outcomes and also identified opportunities to enhance. In addition to the incident planning for civil unrest and COVID-19, EMU participated in the O'Shaughnessy Dam Exercise and Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack exercise. In total, the EMU operated the emergency operations center for 24 incidents/events.



Accident Investigation Unit

The Accident Investigation Unit experienced a 27.6% increase in fatal crashes in 2021 when compared to 2020. The unit initiated 166 major crash investigations in 2021. Of those 166 crashes, 98 crashes resulted in 104 fatalities and 68 serious injuries. In addition to investigating major cases, the unit reviewed 4,722 misdemeanor hit skip crashes, of which, 1,556 were assigned for investigation.

Mounted Unit

In 2021, the Mounted Unit was a valuable asset helping to manage large crowds at the downtown civil disturbance locations. In addition to providing crowd control, the unit engaged in community outreach by visiting congregant living establishments to provide a break from the COVID-19 restrictions. In most cases, the unit paraded around the grounds while residents interacted from a distance.

The Mounted Unit was hooves on the ground while Chopper was eye in the sky in parking lots of shopping centers during holiday shopping times to prevent car break-ins and theft. The Mounted Unit also took part in many community events this year, including events hosted by The Starfish Assignment and National Night Out. The Mounted Unit also engaged with the community in local parks during phases of Operation Unity.



Bureau Highlights

In Memoriam



The Division lost a valuable member of the police family in 2021. Liberty, a 17 year-old Percheron/Friesian mare assigned to the Mounted Unit, had to be euthanized following a courageous battle with a recently diagnosed disease. A ceremony to honor Liberty's life and service was held at the Mounted Unit barn on June 10, officiated by Father Leo Connolly. Retired Sergeant Bob Forsythe, Liberty's long-time partner, was in attendance to receive Liberty's ashes. Liberty was a valuable asset to the unit and to the Division and served the City with distinction since 2015. She participated in numerous patrols, directed patrols, searches, parades, community engagement and major city events. Liberty also served the citizens of Mobile, Alabama during their 2018 Mardi Gras festivities and the citizens of Cincinnati during the 2015 Major League All-Star Game. She was deployed to assist Athens, Dayton, and University of Dayton Police on

multiple occasions. In addition, Liberty served the nation providing security during Presidential visits, during the 2016 Republican National Convention and assisted the U.S. Park Police in providing security for events in Washington D.C.

Drug Crimes Bureau

Human Trafficking Task Force

On November 3 and 4, 2021, the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force with the assistance of CPD In/Tac, CPD SWAT, CRT Zone 1, and patrol officers from Zones 3 & 4 executed 3 search warrants at locations on the west side of Columbus and Linden area. A total of 917 grams of Crack Cocaine and Fentanyl, \$188,905.00 in cash, two firearms (one stolen), and a large amount of electronic evidence related to the investigation was seized on November 3rd. Information discovered during the initial two search warrants led to a third search warrant on November 4, 2021.

The Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force received multiple tips regarding a 14-year-old Columbus female who was possibly being trafficked in 2021. The juvenile's grandmother filed a missing persons report and Detective Charles Radich obtained information that the missing teen was in the Detroit suburb of Southfield, Michigan. Det. Radich notified the Southfield Police Department and the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force to report the information and obtain assistance. With the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Detroit Human Trafficking Task Force, on



November 22, 2021, officers were able to locate the missing teen at a Southfield area hotel. Hundreds of sex advertisements for the missing girl were also found posted on illicit websites. A 30-year-old male from Texas was identified in connection with this case. The victim has been reunited with family and is receiving assistance.

Bureau Highlights

In/TAC Unit

On October 27, 2021, the In/Tac Unit conducted a narcotics search warrant at a location on South Powell Avenue. Upon entry, detectives located 4 suspects inside this residence. Also found during the search was 298 grams of crack, 1,485 grams of marijuana, 6 pistols, 1 rifle and \$13,000 in cash. This location is directly across the street from West High School and came to In/Tac's attention from a concerned citizen.



Criminal Intelligence Section Lieutenant Thwarts Bank Robbery



On November 22, 2021 a 29-year-old male suspect entered a bank on North High Street and demanded money from a bank teller. The suspect also implied that he had a weapon by grabbing his waist band. Unbeknownst to the suspect, a Columbus Police Lieutenant was in the bank and observed the entire robbery. The lieutenant apprehended the male in the bank while he was holding cash taken from the teller. The arrest came without injury to any persons in the bank. "Thanks to the quick actions of this plain clothes lieutenant this robbery is solved," said Detective Herman of the Robbery Unit. The suspect was driving a stolen vehicle from Cincinnati that was also recovered, and also in possession of a stolen check that he forged to himself that belonged to the owner of the stolen vehicle.

Bureau Highlights

Criminal Investigations Subdivision

Major Crimes Bureau

Columbus had an unparalleled year in 2021 with an increase in violent crime, breaking the previous 2020 homicide record. Citizens and law enforcement were also still dealing with the impact of the pandemic. However, Major Crimes Bureau personnel continued to be dedicated to their duties, and accomplished many goals. This included working toward placing an “Unsolved Murders” link on the Division’s internet page, in a prominent location, similar to one used on the Ohio Attorney General’s website. This allows community members to view unsolved homicide cases and provide tips to assist us in getting these cases solved.

MCB Personnel worked the Driving Park Christmas Toy Give Away and also attended the Starfish events at Barrack Recreation Center and The Far East Recreation Center, numerous National Night Out Events, the Glenwood Recreation Center community event, and the Family Fun Fest organized by the Mother of Murdered Children.



Assault/Homicide Section

Personnel assigned to the Homicide Section, comprised of the Felony Assault, Homicide, and Homicide Cold Case Units, use experience, skills, tactics, procedures, technology, and forensic techniques to investigate crimes against persons resulting in the loss of human life, serious physical harm to a person or persons, and other events of a serious or high profile nature.

Burglary/Robbery Section

Personnel assigned to the Robbery/Support Section, comprised of the Robbery Unit, the Burglary Unit, and the Gun Crimes Unit enhance public safety by conducting quality investigations into serious crimes which often involve robberies, burglaries, and guns.

Between March 19 and April 4, there were at least 15 incidents of armed robberies of hotels and Asian-owned Spas. Robbery detectives worked with multiple surrounding jurisdictions and charged a 20 year old male with the crimes. Robbery detectives also worked during the summer with Mifflin Township, Westerville, and Whitehall police to charge a career criminal with armed robbery after he had committed 18 or more robberies of North side gas stations and one bank. This male was apprehended by SWAT right after he committed an armed robbery.

Beginning in August and lasting until November, there was a string of armed robberies of pharmacies and at least one phone store. The suspect would typically spray mace into the faces of the store employees during each successful robbery. Robbery detectives worked with Upper Arlington, Westerville, Grove City, and Madison Township police on this series of robberies. On November 26, 2021, the suspect was arrested immediately after the robbery of a T-Mobile store on North High Street by patrol officers.

Bureau Highlights

Investigative/Support Section

The Investigative/Support Section, comprised of the Task Force Officers, Administrative Support Unit, and Criminal Intelligence Analysts provide specialized investigative support and assistance to personnel in the Major Crimes Bureau.

Victim/Witness Services Unit



This unit was created in 2020 and continues to be staffed by one officer. Officer Brian Newsome works hand in hand with the Homicide Section and provides support to the families of homicide victims. In 2021 an email address was created for victim/witness services and a victim's services link was added to the Division's Internet page for victims to have additional resources. The victim/witness officer attended more than 30 meetings and community events and communicated with well over 200 victims and witnesses including victims of robbery, felonious assault, homicide, suicide and accidental overdoses.

Task Force Officers

ATF Task Force

MCB added four additional TFOs and a Sergeant to the ATF Task Force Unit in June of 2021. These additions were to create a Columbus CGET (Crime Gun Enforcement Team) in partnership between the ATF and CPD. Since June 2021, the CGET has had 30 cases, 21 Felony arrests, 6 warrants filed and 37 firearms recovered. These cases have resulted in 68 felony charges.

A continued goal of the MCB is to create a Columbus Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), which will be an interagency collaborative initiative between the Division and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives that is focused on the reduction of violent gun crime in Columbus, Ohio. The

Columbus CGIC will work with urgency and precision to identify and investigate linked criminal shooting events and serial shooters through the use of National Integrate Ballistics Network (NIBIN), Crime Gun Tracing, personnel, partnerships, and other technologies. Using these comprehensive investigative services and techniques, Special Agents and Task Force Officers will conduct state and federal investigations that will support CPD's Major Crimes Bureau.



Crime Gun Intelligence Center Initiative — The evolution of NIBIN and CGIC as an investigative tool to target gun crimes by using real-time forensic ballistic information to connect gunshot incidents.

Photo: <https://crimegunintelcenters.org/>

Bureau Highlights

Operation Northern Heat

The ATF Task Force began an investigation into suspected firearms trafficking from Columbus, Ohio to Canada in 2019. Three loads of firearms (a total of 33 firearms) were interdicted at the Canadian border, and each of them originated from Columbus. After many search warrants/arrests were completed, it was determined 23 loads of firearms had gone to Canada in eight months for a total of 250 handguns. The individuals were charged with Conspiracy to Illegally Transfer Firearms. Fourteen individuals were sentenced and there is one remaining fugitive out in this case. The sentences were as follows: 1 person received 6 years and nine individuals received a sentence of 1-5 years in prison. Most of these individuals have probation upon release. The remaining four individuals received 4 to 5 years' probation.

MS13 Sentencing

Task Force Officers were instrumental in dismantling the Columbus Locos faction of MS-13 who was responsible for significant violence in the community. This violence included seven murders (5 in central Ohio), extortion, narcotics trafficking, committing weapon offenses, and engaging in money laundering with the proceeds of this criminal activity being sent to El Salvador to further aid in the operations of the gang. Twenty-three individuals have been sentenced and there is one remaining fugitive out in this case. The sentences were as follows: two received one or more life sentences, eight individuals received 30+ years, four individuals received 10-20 years, two were sentenced to 5-10 years and even received a sentence of time served up to five years.



US Marshall SOFAST Task Force

The SOFAST TFO serves as a liaison between the Division and the USMS Fugitive Task Force. The Task Force investigates and locates state and federal wanted violent felony arrest warrant subjects as well as identified high risk missing's. The Task Force also assists in investigating unregistered sex offenders within the Southern District of Ohio. The TFO coordinates with SWAT on federal resources for felons who flee and enter the Columbus area.

Bureau Highlights

Special Victims Bureau Blueprint for Safety



The Blueprint for Safety is a grant funded project in which stakeholders work collectively to develop practical policies, protocols and training aimed to maximize safety for victims of domestic violence and hold offenders accountable while offering opportunities to change. Commander Kelly Weiner, Lieutenant Brian Truax and Sergeant Rick Ketcham actively participated in this project throughout 2021. The Blueprint for Safety relies on a strong partnership among criminal justice practitioners and community-based advocates to build an interagency response to domestic violence crimes.

The High Risk Domestic Violence Offender Program pairs specially trained uniformed police officers with a Municipal Court probation officer to identify the top 3% - 5% of high risk domestic violence offenders and target them for intervention. The officers meet these offenders at their home or place of work to check compliance and hold them accountable to their probation terms. In 2021, the officers made contact with 64 probationers, made 18 arrests and made 6 referrals to victims. This project was funded through the Blueprint for Safety grant and was spearheaded by Domestic Violence Unit Sergeant Ketcham.

Domestic Violence Unit

The Domestic Violence Unit detectives partner with advocates and court personnel to work towards breaking the cycle of violence. Detectives respond to conduct on-view felony domestic violence investigations, while patrol officers conduct the majority of misdemeanor domestic violence investigations. Of the 122 felonious assault cases investigated by the Domestic Violence Unit in 2021, 27 (22%) of them were strangulation related. In addition, detectives processed 37 abduction/kidnapping cases, 48 aggravated burglary cases and 57 stalking cases. Domestic Violence detectives provide 3rd shift coverage for the Physical Child Abuse Unit and Missing Persons Unit which resulted in the investigation of 21 high risk missing persons and 15 physical child abuse cases.

Celebrate One

In the fall of 2021 Commander Kelly Weiner was appointed as the Division's liaison to the Celebrate One working group in which community partners collaborate to reduce the community's infant mortality rate and cut the racial health disparity gap. This includes developing strategies to reduce premature births, eliminate sleep-related deaths and connect the disconnected.

Missing Persons Unit

Missing Persons detectives began the "High Risk Runaway Project" in 2021 by creating a list of repeat runaway/missing children that could potentially be at risk for sexual exploitation. If appropriate, detectives contact the Human Trafficking Task Force to link the high risk missing child and parent/guardian with available resources. Missing/Exploited Children Unit Sergeant Scott LeRoy was the lead on this project.

In 2021, Missing Person Detective Timothy Hedrick began focusing his investigative efforts on missing person cold cases. This included a systematic review of each cold case file to ensure that all documents in the packet were current and make a determination if additional investigative efforts could be taken in hopes of locating the missing person. Detective Hedrick used social media and the Division's website to highlight missing persons in hopes of generating leads to resolve the cases.

Bureau Highlights

On September 12, 2021, at approximately 11:30am, OSU Police notified the CPD that they were responding to a report of a vehicle stolen from OSU East Hospital with an infant in the back seat. OSU Police advised that they would be handling the investigation and were in the process of initiating an AMBER Alert. Missing Persons Detective Charles Radich obtained a copy of the surveillance video and printed an image of the suspect and circulated the photo to patrol officers working in the area, hoping to identify the suspect. Within minutes, officers positively identified the suspect. Detective Radich also drove around the area searching for the vehicle. At approximately 1:30pm,



Missing Persons Detectives Searching for a Missing Person after Receiving a Tip



Detective Radich located the stolen vehicle and found the infant still strapped into the child safety seat. The child appeared to be unharmed, but was sweating profusely due to the high temperature outside. A cruiser arrived with two officers on board, so Detective Radich asked the officers to transport the infant to OSU East to be evaluated and also be reunited with his mother. Shortly after the vehicle was recovered, patrol officers located the suspect and took him into custody. The suspect was turned over to the custody of OSU Police and subsequently charged with Grand Theft Auto and Kidnapping.

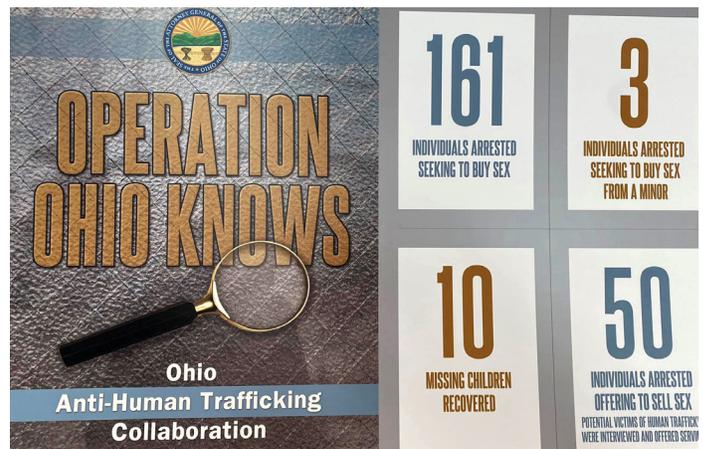
Exploited Children Unit

The Exploited Children Unit investigates pandering obscenity involving a minor reports and other offenses related to child pornography and child exploitation. Their main area of responsibility includes internet predators, child pornography and inappropriate texts/emails on cell phones/computers attempting to coax minors to send nude images. The trend in the use of

cell phones as a means for juveniles to send naked and sexually oriented pictures of themselves is increasing. The proliferation of these cases prompted the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office to create a program that educates these juvenile offenders and attempts to change behavior as an alternative to prosecution.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

According to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, "Operation Ohio Knows" was the largest human trafficking sting in the state's history. The operation was conducted in the fall of 2021 and addressed issues that fuel sex trafficking in Ohio. Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Detective Jane Junk had an active role in this operation which led to the arrests of 161 men trying to buy sex, three of these cases involved children. Fifty men and women were arrested for offering to sell sex and ten missing children were located.



Bureau Highlights

Physical Abuse Unit

The Physical Child Abuse Unit is located on the 6th floor of the Central Safety Building. Detectives investigate allegations of physical abuse and the neglect of victims under the age of 18 or under the age of 21 who are also a client of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD). Detectives also respond to scenes of on-view felony incidents involving the serious physical harm to a child. Approximately 75% (2,268) of the 2021 caseload was generated from county children service agency referrals. The unit received 789 other referrals of endangerment and neglect in 2021. Each referral undergoes a comprehensive screening process in which some cases are investigated and others are not investigated. Of the 3,157 referrals, a total of 735 cases were assigned for investigation in 2021.



For the 7th year in a row, Physical Child Abuse Detective Andre Edwards undertook Operation Thin Blue Line during the Christmas holiday. This is a charity event in which Detective Edwards collects money, toys, clothing, etc. and distributes them to children in need. In 2021, Detective Edwards collected over 2,000 gifts from over 100 donors and donated items to 77 children. The recipients were chosen from a list of children in need provided by the detectives in the Physical Child Abuse Unit. Detective Edwards along with his family and his friends shipped, wrapped, and delivered the gifts. Physical Child Abuse Detectives Henslee, Milner and Tucker also assisted in delivering the gifts.

Sexual Assault Units

The Sexual Assault A and C Units work at the Center for Family Safety and Healing (CFSH). The detectives in these units investigate the alleged sexual abuse committed against victims age 15 and younger, as well as victims age 21 or under who are developmentally delayed. While working at the CFSH, detectives coordinate their investigative efforts by working with partners including Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) caseworkers, clinical practitioners and medical staff from Nationwide Children's Hospital. The total number of cases investigated by the Sexual Assault A and C Units in 2021 was 990. This is a 1% increase from the 966 cases investigated in 2020.

The Sexual Assault B, D, and E Units detectives investigate allegations of sexual offenses committed against victims 16 years of age and older. These offenses include kidnaping, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, voyeurism, public indecency, serial sex crimes and AMBER Alerts. Detectives often work closely with sexual assault nurse examiners and victim advocates to best serve adult survivors. The total number of cases investigated by Sexual Assault B, D and E Units in 2021 was 1,300. This is a 13% increase from 2020.



Therapy Dog Simon assists a young woman who was a victim of sexual assault and stood by as she recounted her story as a survivor.

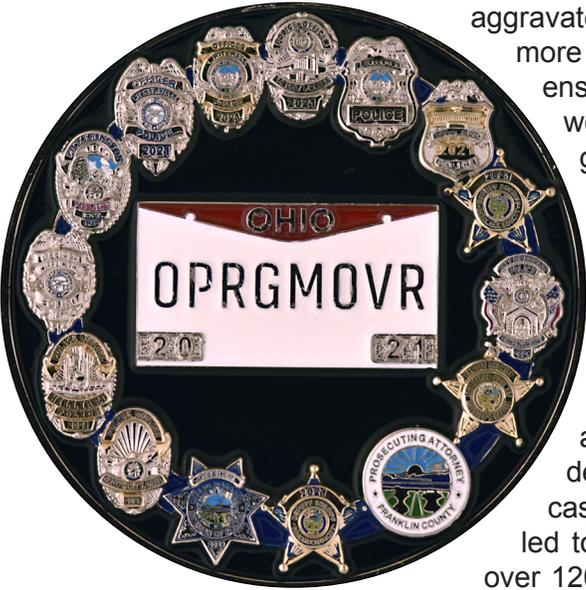
Bureau Highlights

Property Crimes Bureau

The Property Crimes Bureau includes two sections, the Investigative Section and the Investigative Support Section. The Investigative Section is comprised of generalist detectives. These detectives investigate most felony property-related crimes. The Investigative Support Section consists of Economic Crimes, Covert Support Unit, and Zone Investigators. Economic Crimes detectives investigate economic-related crimes over \$25,000, the Covert Support Unit investigates thefts from autos and supports all investigative bureaus, and Zone Investigators investigate misdemeanors and hate crimes. After experiencing an 84% turnover in 2020, PCB has held a 92% retention rate in 2021. PCB processed approximately 56,000 reports in 2021.

Operation Game Over

This project began in 2020 with the majority of the activity of this operation taking place in 2021. The Property Crimes Bureau shifted attention to a crime pattern involving youth ages 14-22 committing a series of purse snatchings and stealing automobiles. The stolen cars were linked to robberies, aggravated assaults, attempted murder, guns, retail thefts, and many more crimes. This project had a multifaceted approach that included ensuring multi-jurisdictional and multi-bureau communication, and working with prosecutors and the courts on ensuring the identified group of suspects are addressed appropriately. This project was made possible by the efforts of PCB Criminal Intelligence Analyst Elizabeth Mengali. This was a data driven operation, and CIA Mengali completed research on the group of juvenile suspects and completed an electronic timeline as a visual aid to complement the investigations. Once the pattern and involved group was identified by CIA Mengali and Zone 1 Crime Analyst Cynthia Leland, the project was launched publicly. Detectives Gubernath and Rosen, and Patrol Officer Ed Reichenbach along with many detectives from the Generalist Section worked the stolen vehicle cases identified by the analysts. The dedication of these personnel led to 39 felony and 49 misdemeanor charges filed, and there were over 120 additional charges filed by foreign agencies in connection with the investigations.



Operation 52

In July of 2021, Deputy Chief Jennifer Knight requested Zone Investigations Unit assistance on a new project seeking to address an ongoing issue of citizens engaging in dangerous and reckless behavior related to operating off-road vehicles on city streets. One such accident related to this illicit behavior resulted in a traffic fatality and life altering consequences to another participant. CIA Mengali and ZIU detectives were tasked with providing additional investigative support to a Patrol-directed operation. Through their diligent work, several arrests were made and many off-road vehicles were impounded. During this operation, CPD partnered with agencies like the Franklin County Sheriff, Gahanna, and Whitehall police to actively enforce dangerous and illegal operation of ATVs and dirt bikes on city streets and new legislation was passed by City Council that includes fines of \$1000. CPD and the partner agencies plan to continue to identify and arrest those offenders that are using our city streets as their personal playground.

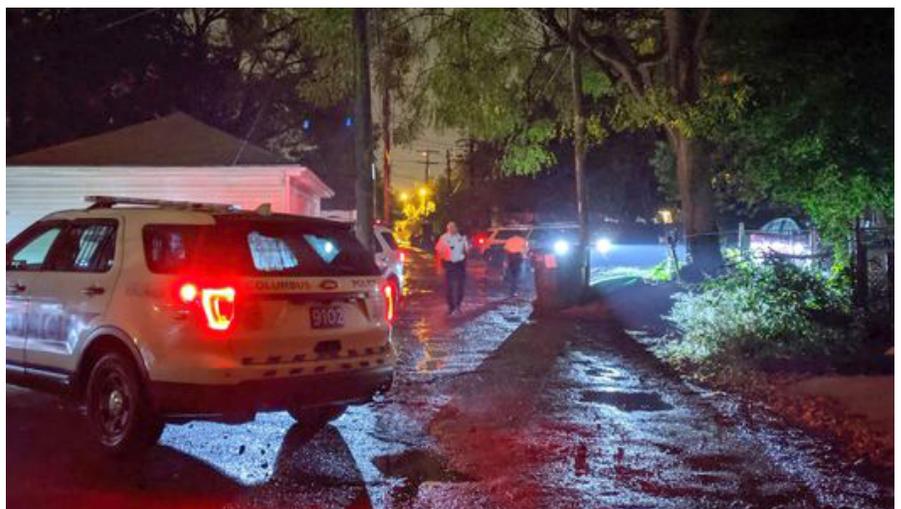
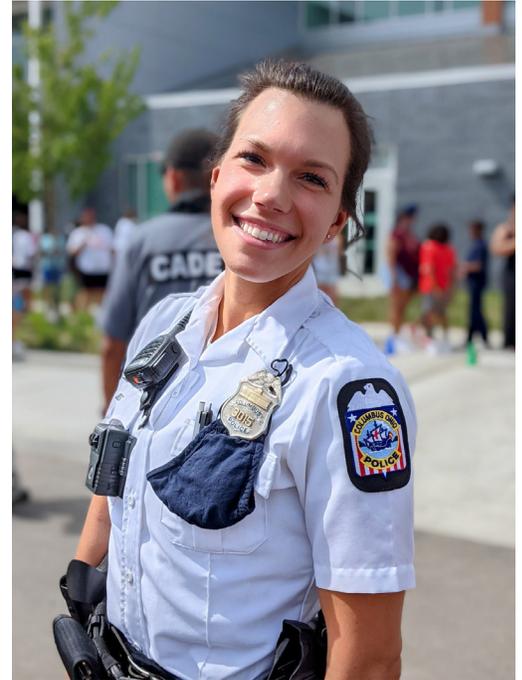


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Community Service North and South Subdivisions

Community Services North and South – “Patrol”

Patrol is defined in its broadest sense as the primary and first responding law enforcement function responsible for protecting life and property, enforcing laws, and taking all appropriate measures to combat crime. The five Zones of the Patrol Operations Subdivision are committed to enhancing public safety by fostering a positive relationship and cooperative interaction between the Division of Police and the community.



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Zone 1

One notable accomplishment on Zone 1 for 2021 was the identification of the “Game Over” pattern of purse snatchings and vehicle thefts. Working together with other zones, other area jurisdictions, Property Crimes, and the Juvenile Prosecutors, personnel on Zone 1 identified more than 45 juveniles who were committing these crimes, and most of them are now incarcerated. Zone 1 personnel also initiated a number of Crime Pattern Advisories that resulted in arrests, including Robberies to Asian Spas, Commercial Robberies, Waffle House Robberies and Drugstore Robberies.



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Zone 2

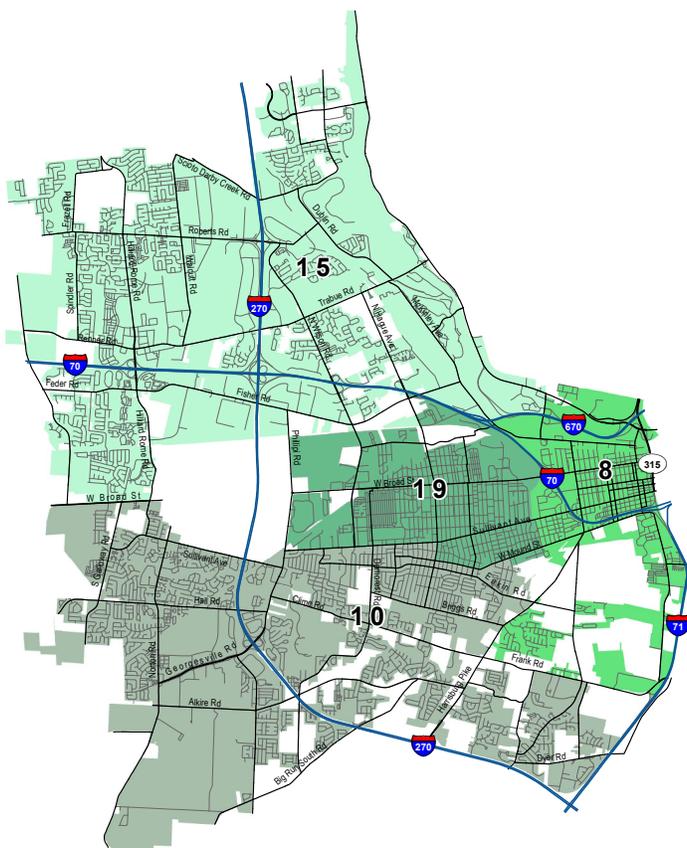
On 13 precinct, first shift officers worked with Code Enforcement and cleaned up multiple homeless camps across areas around South High Street. 13 Precinct personnel also worked with Code Enforcement to address several houses along Benfield Avenue that were involved in felony thefts across the city. On 20 precinct, personnel continue to work with Starfish Assignment to build relationships within the community and positively impact those in need. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, officers handed out blessing bags provided to individuals and families who would have otherwise gone without presents or food. During the summer, 20 precinct personnel along with Metro Park Rangers recovered 230lbs of marijuana plants discovered by a CPD Helicopter pilot and observer, growing in an extremely overgrown and wooded area of the Three Creeks Metro Park with an approximate value of \$250,000. The investigation was turned over to Drug Crimes detectives.



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Zone 3

Zone 3 personnel continued to devote time to building positive relationships in the community through participation in numerous events. Zone 3 officers participated in events such as Books and Badges, Cops and Gobblers, and attended many community meetings and block parties. Officers from 8 and 19 precincts assisted with a neighborhood trash pickup event in Franklinton, and Zone 3 officers and Starfish Assignment volunteers repaired and delivered 75 refurbished bicycles to citizens living in the Hilltop area. CRT3 officers ensured the safety of Christmas carolers during the Songs of Sullivant event, and Zone 3 officers provided charitable donations to those in need over the holiday season. Zone 3 personnel also continued to proactively address crime in the community, through participation in the Safe Streets program and Operation Unity. CRT3 also initiated a long term investigation into violent gang activity which resulted in numerous arrests of violent offenders.



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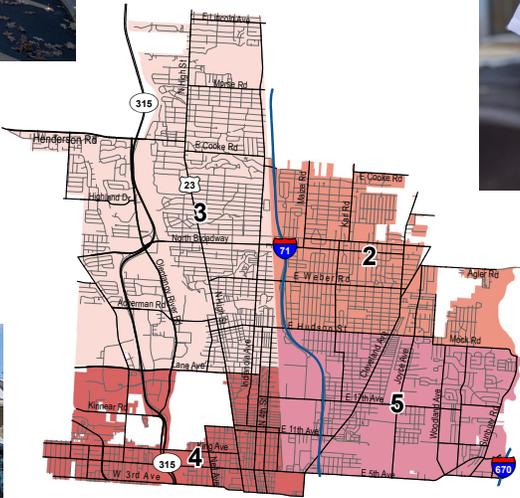
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Zone 4

In order to combat the increasing numbers of stolen vehicles on Zone 4, officers conducted a joint operation with OSHP to deploy a bait car. The operation was very successful and resulted in numerous arrests of violent individuals. Zone 4 also deployed a directed patrol to address the thefts of vehicles manufactured by Hyundai and Kia due to a defect with the key fob start mechanism. These officers made 23 arrests, filed 21 charges, recovered 25 stolen vehicles, 6 firearms and numerous narcotics including marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl, and prescription pills. Zone 4 personnel also engaged in multiple Starfish Assignment events to include distributing Thanksgiving dinners and winter coats to those in need in the Linden Community.



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Zone 5

The “Cram A Cruiser” event was held on December 4, at the Driving Park Community Center on Zone 5. The event was organized in order to collect toys for children in the families of homicide victims. Families with children were identified to the Division of Police. Zone 5 officers attended along with the Mounted Unit and many other officers to show support for the community they serve.



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Community Response Bureau



Though 2021 continued to provide challenges to the Community Response Bureau, personnel continued to rethink the way in which services are delivered to the community. The bureau was successful in continuing interactions with block watches, community members and businesses through various media platforms and teleconference technology and responded to service requests from various city agencies, Columbus Public Schools, the City Attorney's Office, neighborhood groups, and business organizations.

Community Liaison Section

The Community Liaison Unit is divided into two units, North and South. One Community Liaison Officer (CLO) is assigned to each of the 20 patrol precincts.

The unit's mission is to provide law enforcement

services to the assigned precincts by collaborating with the public to reduce incidents that affect quality of life issues. The Community Liaison Unit serves 285 community groups including 200+ neighborhood block watches.

CLOs attend monthly meetings, which provided city-wide information to the block watch leaders and led to innovative approaches to handling issues within the communities. Despite the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, community groups are using social networking programs Zoom, Webex, and Facebook to allow liaison officers to engage with their community. This innovative way of engaging the public is now an accepted practice with a number of community groups.

Throughout 2021, several liaison officers were heavily involved in the abatements of problematic hotels. They work as part of a larger group known as the "Hotel Nuisance Abatement Group" or HONAG. They collaborate with the City Attorney's Office, State Fire Marshall, Code Enforcement and others to address health and safety issues at these businesses. The goal is to ensure the hotels meet health, safety and business regulations. Other Liaison officers are working with the City Attorney's Office and Code Enforcement to address nuisance homes that are having a negative impact on the community and precincts.



In 2021, the Community Liaison Officers participated in a variety of community engagements throughout the city. They conducted numerous presentations at schools throughout Central Ohio on topics such as stranger danger, gun safety, phone and social media use, consequences of decision making, drug use and bullying. CLOs also spoke to several groups about current crimes targeting the elderly. CLOs also completed numerous CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) evaluations for local businesses, churches and the City Prosecutor's Office in cases involving possible abatements. CLOs worked with Code Enforcement on shutting down nuisance properties. CLOs investigated/resolved 2,164 "311" citizen requests for service. This was a 20% increase from 2020.

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Community Impact Section Police and Community Together (PACT) Unit

The PACT Unit, through the use of team enforcement action, community engagement, investigative techniques, coordination with social services, and other elements of the criminal justice system, responds to complaints and crimes related to prostitution, liquor, tobacco, gambling and nuisance businesses. The PACT Unit focuses on reducing the recruitment of men and women into prostitution and provides access to advocacy groups, medical treatment and drug counseling for those engaging in sex work. The PACT Unit utilizes a comprehensive approach to reducing both supply and demand for prostitution.



In April, the PACT Unit participated in a 2 day prostitution sting led by the Attorney General Dave Yost's office called "Operation 614." The PACT Unit arrested 12 men and 12 women during this operation. Victims were provided services and resources by the Salvation Army, Out of Darkness, She Has A Name, and a CATCH Court peer mentor.

The PACT Unit participated in "Operation Ohio Knows" in the fall of 2021. This operation was coordinated through Attorney General Dave Yost's Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission and was a collaborative effort amongst over 90 partner agencies to address issues that contribute to

sex trafficking in Ohio. 161 individuals seeking to buy sex were arrested, three of which were willing to pay to have sex with minors. CPD's PACT Unit arrested 52 males out of the state's 161 total arrests. One arrest was a sex offender who had a 2-year-old child in his vehicle. CPD's PACT Unit also seized multiple guns and recovered a missing juvenile.

The PACT Unit also teamed up with the Ohio Casino Control Commission in July to shut down an illegal gambling establishment on the city's west side. Columbus Police PACT officers and State Agents seized 98 machines, a gun and a large amount of cash.



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Recruiting Unit



Goals of the Recruiting Unit continue to include a focus on increasing the diversity within the Division and engaging the community by way of mentoring youth. The Columbus Division of Police Cadet and Public Safety Corps programs fall under the Recruiting Unit and provide youth in the community with insight and experience in the law enforcement profession. The Recruiting Unit was able to attend, recruit, and mentor at various events throughout 2021 including 20 college, university, and high school career fairs (in-person and virtual); TAPS Summit; Public Safety Advisory Commission meetings; informational sessions at Tiffin University, The Ohio State University and



Central State University; National Night Out; African-American Male Wellness Walk; Yorktown Back to School Bash; and various community block parties. The Recruiting Unit also created a new recruitment commercial with Film Forge for the 2021-2022 police officer hiring campaigns; hosted the first annual Women Focused multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement Job Fair, and completed continuous mentorship hours in the “Bigs in Blue” program, sponsored by the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Cadet Program

The Cadet Program is designed as a pipeline that leads underrepresented youth from Columbus into a career with the Columbus Division of Police. In August 2021, the Division partnered with Columbus State Community College to provide Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy training and certification to

10 Cadets from Classes #1 and #2. In early 2021, an additional Cadet class was approved and funded by the City. On October 4, 2021, 13 Cadets started their training as members of Class #3. 62% of the class was made up by members from minority groups.

Three Cadets passed all testing and background investigation steps and were hired as part of the 136th Columbus Police Recruit Class that started police training in June 2021. Seven additional Cadets were hired as part of the 137th Columbus Police Recruit Class that started training in December 2021. Eight Cadets are in the hiring process for the June 2022 police recruit



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class. Community service continued to be a top priority for the Cadet Program. In 2021, the Cadets participated in numerous community service events including the Starfish Assignment Coats for Kids Holiday Coat drive, Starfish bike giveaways, RREACT events, the Light Ohio Blue Campaign, Afterschool All-stars, TAPS Summit, Memorial Tournament, Cops & Barbers, and Neighborhood Block Parties. Classes #1 & #2 finished the year with 160 community service hours.

Public Safety Corps

The Public Safety Corps is a youth mentorship program designed to introduce young adults ages 14-20 to a career in Law Enforcement. Due to COVID-19 restrictions hampering in-person visits the last two years, the PSC program held its first open house since 2018 in November of 2021. 56 individuals attended this event which led to 15 new members signing up for the

PSC Program. PSC members also participated in numerous classroom and scenario-based training sessions this year, including topics such as domestic violence, building searches, traffic stops, traffic crash investigations, crime scene search, online safety, physical fitness, first aid, CPR and defensive tactics was provided throughout 2021. Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.) was added to the annual curriculum and delivered by DTU personnel.

Volunteerism and community service are at the heart of the PSC program. Members participated in multiple events where they were responsible for directing traffic, issuing event programs, ushering



guests, providing information, distributing food, and staffing parking areas. The PSCs also participated in competitions and training conferences. During these events, members were provided with the opportunity to train and learn from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies from around the country. These events also afforded the PSCs with ample opportunities to network with other law enforcement program members and share insights on what their respective organizations are doing for them. In 2021, the two competitions the PSC program participated in included the Heart of Ohio in Medina, Ohio and the PSC Summer Showdown in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



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Support Services Subdivision

Forensic Services Bureau



The Columbus Police Crime Laboratory is accredited in the field of Forensic Science Testing by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). Accreditation is a voluntary, continuous process based on the assessment of the laboratory's technical qualifications and competence for conducting specific testing activities. The Crime Lab was awarded two grants in 2021 that will be used to fund laboratory improvements in 2022. The DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Act award of \$309,036 will allow the Crime Lab to purchase equipment, supplies, and fund training opportunities for the DNA Section. The Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act award of \$53,746.23 will be used to fund training,

equipment and supplies, with \$27,848.14 of this award specific for use in combatting the opioid abuse crisis.

In August, Therapy Dogs Eddie and Simon met with some very special and talented people who work at the Division's Forensic Services Center. The men and women who work in our Crime Lab are the Forensic Experts in processing evidence from every type of crime scene imaginable. Services including DNA and Body Fluid Identification, Firearms Examinations, Latent Fingerprint Processing, and even Document Examination all take place there. The Division of Police could not process items of evidential value from a crime scene without the employees at our Forensic Services Center.

Throughout 2021, Forensic Services Bureau personnel participated in numerous events to educate and inform students, community members, and other stakeholders on Crime Lab operations. This included giving tours of the Crime Lab facilities to Division employees, as well as officers from the Dublin Police Department, and high school and college students. Opportunities to "shadow" Forensic Services employees were also provided to local students, who were able to experience what a day in the life of a crime laboratory analyst is like. Forensic Services personnel also answered interview questions, attended virtual meetings with partners such as COSI and ShotSpotter, assisted outside agencies, and assisted prosecutor's offices with needed information for an upcoming trial. The Firearms Section provided two weapons from the reference collection for a news story about the similarities between BB guns and real firearms.



Quality Assurance Section

Latent Prints Units

The Latent Print Comparison Unit significantly reduced average case turnaround time. The average turnaround time in 2021 was 21 days compared to 98 days in 2020. The Latent Print Comparison Unit continues to use the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to assist with the identification of suspects and decedents. In 2021, there were 1,345 prints entered into AFIS, resulting in 368 identifications and 96 reverse identifications. In October 2021, the Latent Print Comparison Unit assisted detectives with linking a serial robber to several cases.

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DNA Section

The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) continued to be used to aid investigations of crime. In 2021, there were 518 profiles entered into CODIS, resulting in 192 CODIS hits. DNA Analysts provided testimony in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on 17 occasions. Also in 2021, the DNA section was faced with an unexpected Supervisor vacancy, and left without a Technical Leader and CODIS Administrator. Forensic Scientist II Lynnndsey Simon took over the role of DNA Technical Leader while FSII Mandy Fashano took over as CODIS Administrator. The remaining section personnel filled in roles the previous supervisor completed. Even with these adjustments, the section was able to continue to meet court dates and limit the backlog on requests for violent crimes.



Drug Identification Section



The Drug Identification Section significantly reduced the average case turnaround time, with the average in 2021 taking 31 days, as compared to 131 days in 2020 and 159 days in 2019. Eighteen new drug compounds were entered into casework and reported in 2021. Over the last year, the section has seen a continuous increase in the number of clandestine tablets being requested for drug identification. Also in 2021, an improved system was created to store pending drug evidence, and software and electronic tracking was also upgraded or incorporated to improve work performed by section personnel.

Firearms Section

The Firearms Section continues to be ranked as a top 20 NIBIN site for quantity of entries produced each month. In August, the Firearms Section was ranked eighth in the country for quantity of NIBIN entries. A total of 6,213 cartridge cases were entered into the NIBIN database, resulting in 1,677 investigative NIBIN leads. The section assisted the US Attorney's Office with a pending federal RICO case, which consisted of five firearms comparison requests submitted for re-testing firearms evidence out of eight comparison cases dating back as early as 2011. Firearms examiners also provided testimony in Franklin County Common Pleas and Juvenile Courts, Delaware County Common Pleas Court and Richland Common Pleas Court.



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Records Management Bureau

In 2021, Ms. Tiffany Fields-Williams was promoted as the new Public Safety Manager of the Records Management Bureau. Ms. Fields-Williams brings exceptional knowledge and years of experience obtained during her CPD career to this new leadership role.

The employees of RMB participated in “Blue Jeans Friday,” donating \$2.00 each Friday to wear jeans to work and help those in need, especially during the Holiday season. The committee collected enough Division-wide to help 22 families (76 children) with gifts, food, and clothing. The ID Unit again collected for a pet food drive and the opportunity was extended to everyone in the RMB.

Public Records Unit

In 2021, Ms. Kathy Hartshorne was promoted



to MAIL and became the supervisor for the Public Records Unit. The PRU, on average, was assigned 120 public record requests per week for a total of 6,285 requests. In addition, the PRU also fills all internal requests for audio and video. An “internal request” is defined as a request submitted by Division personnel, City Attorney’s Office staff to include City Prosecutors, or County Prosecutor’s Office staff for a criminal investigation. The PRU has seen an increase each year in BWC requests. Due to the COVID pandemic, there was a significant decrease in audio file requests in 2020, but a dramatic increase in 2021. CVS requests have increased since 2019, but are starting to plateau because of the full integration of body-worn cameras.



Identification Unit



In 2021, the ID Unit continued to work alongside the PACT Unit to process arrestees that are involved in prostitution. These events included street prostitution and hotel operations. The mobile ID equipment and personnel were deployed in September, October, and December in association to PACT operations that targeted prostitution and human trafficking. ID Unit personnel processed the arrestees in various staging areas. The use of the equipment proved to be a success, enabling the efficient processing of 58 arrestees.

In May 2021 FPT Alexander Weaver volunteered to help repair bikes for the Division’s Bikes and Badges event. As a group the volunteers repaired/refurbished approximately 480 bikes. FPT Terry Ingmire put together care packages that were distributed to the patrol officers to thank them during the holiday season.

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Support Operations Bureau

The mission of the Support Operations Bureau is to provide support to those engaged in field operations. The staff assists with handling of evidence and property, towing and impoundment of vehicles, printing and publication of various documents and materials, photography-based needs, and technological support. The bureau also provides support by serving as the liaison with the City's Fleet and Facilities Management Divisions and the Department of Technology.



Evidence, Facilities, and Fleet Section Crime Scene Search Unit



The caseload for the Crime Scene Search Unit increased as a result of the increase in violent crime in 2021. 205 homicides occurred in 2021. CSSU responded to 1,632 calls for service in 2021, while the 5-year average is 1,568.

Digital Forensics Unit

In 2021, the Digital Forensics Unit received 469 new cases, a decrease of only 10 cases from 2020. The unit also processed/mapped 1,449 devices in 2021. Sergeant Robert Welday, and Detectives Wyatt Wilson and Adam Worthington processed digital evidence used by the Delaware County Prosecutor to convict a male suspect in an

aggravated murder case of a female victim, and he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The Delaware County Prosecutor also asked Detective James Howe to enhance a video of a suspect in a homicide. After the video was improved, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was able to make a positive ID and issue a warrant for the suspect's arrest. The man was charged with murder in connection to a body found in a bin at Alum Creek State Park by a kayaker in the summer.

Property Management Section Impounding Unit

On January 1, 2021, there were 2,083 vehicles stored on the Police Impound Lot, a reduction of 39% from 2020. The vehicles on the lot were greatly reduced since junk motor vehicles were not being impounded and vehicle impound inspectors began assisting with processing vehicles on the lot.



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Property Control Unit



Three property clerks were hired in 2021, which significantly reduced the amount of overtime worked by the property clerks. The shortage of clerks had created a backlog of property items that must be processed for disposal, which includes court ordered destruction, items to be sold at auction, return to owner, or disposal in the trash.

Technical Services Section

After a lengthy RFP process and field testing program, Axon has been selected as the provider for new body-worn cameras, cruiser video



systems and interview room cameras. Implementation is expected to begin in 2022. TSS assisted in the search, testing, and implementation of new in-car and body-worn cameras from Axon. This will allow integration between the cruiser video and the body-worn camera video. The in-car systems will be added to all marked Division of Police vehicles, with a phase out of the current Arbitrator and WatchGuard systems to allow the Division to operate on one consolidated body-worn, cruiser, and interview room camera system.

Wellness Bureau

The mission of the Wellness Bureau is to enhance and improve the quality of life for employees within the Columbus Division of Police, thereby improving any interaction between those employed by CPD and anyone they encounter. The Wellness Bureau is comprised of the Mental Health/Addiction Services (TRACT) Section, the Court Liaison Section, the Headquarters Operations Section along with the Police Chaplains, Peer Assistance Team (PAT), Officer Support Team (OST) and Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT).

New Wellness Center



In 2020, funding was approved to renovate the former Shepherd Library branch into a Police and Fire Joint Wellness Center. This building will house EAP



counselors, Peer Assistance Team members from both CPD and CFD and the police chaplains to provide mental health counseling and teaching resiliency techniques for all Columbus first responders and public safety dispatchers.

Construction began in late 2021, and the building includes a podcast recording studio and multi-purpose rooms to house yoga classes and group therapy sessions. This Wellness center will be the first of its kind in the nation to hold three different Departments under the same roof with the same mission to help all first responders with their mental health and wellness. The center is expected to open in 2022.

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Therapy Dog Unit

The TDU consists of three officers with assigned therapy dogs. Each handler has successfully graduated from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Therapy K9 School, achieved Canine Good Citizen certification, and finished certification with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Although the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 prevented many school visits and group meetings, the unit was still able to maintain many citizen contacts using social distancing. The TDU was deployed 466 times throughout 2021. Of the 466 deployments, 186 of those were for internal use within the Division including Roll Calls with Patrol, Family Support meetings, and well-being checks for Officers and their families.



During the Pandemic, TDU Officers were utilized at vaccination sites throughout the city for both residents being vaccinated as well as the Health Care Professionals administering the vaccines. The TDU also assisted crime victims and witnesses. Officer Gagnon and "Eddie" assisted witnesses and employees at Polaris Mall during an active shooter incident. Officer Rogers and Paulins with "Ollie & Simon" responded to St. Ann's Hospital assisting medical staff and other employees after an Officer-involved shooting in the ER. Officer Paulins and "Simon" continued working with a Netcare Caseworker in visiting Netcare Clients in assisting them in meeting their behavioral goals. Officer Paulins and "Simon" also assisted a 12 year old sexual assault victim in his courtroom testimony resulting in a conviction of the suspect. Officer Rogers with "Ollie" met with a juvenile victim of sexual abuse and assisted the family as well as the investigating Detective.

Mobile Crisis Response (MCR)

The Mobile Crisis Response Unit is led by Sergeant Matthew Harris, and consists of five Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers paired with social worker co-responders. There is also one MCR officer assigned to the Columbus Division of Fire (CFD), who bridges the gap between MCR and the CFD Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT). Many clients cross over between both teams. MCR's goal is to provide a comprehensive follow-up with residents who are experiencing crisis, along with better case management. It is expected that in 2022, new CPH clinicians will be fully functional partners with the MCR team. In 2021, only two transports out of the 1,172 completed by MCR (or .001%) resulted in arrest. These mental health encounters also resulted in very few reported uses of force by MCR team members.

2021 Therapy Dog Unit Stats	
Citizen Contacts	9,282
Meetings/Events Attended	466
Callouts by Patrol	280
School Visits	22
Roll Calls Visited	59
Average time of each event	53 minutes

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In 2021, City Council initiated funding steps to assist police and fire who are responding to persons in mental crisis or needing social services. Columbus Public Health was given funding to hire additional social workers to become crisis intake screeners at the Emergency Communication Center to take calls for service which would have normally been dispatched to police officers. A work group continued to meet in 2021 to develop best practices and policies on steps moving forward.



REACT

The Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) is a coordinated effort between firefighters, police officers and social workers to help combat the opioid epidemic in Franklin County. The Columbus Division of Police has officers on this task force who are supervised on-site by The Columbus Division of Fire. In 2021, RREACT conducted 5,192 outreach attempts on 3,273 overdose survivors, resulting in 649 direct patient contacts of 519 unduplicated patients. Of the 519 patients, RREACT linked and transported 349 directly to treatment services and provided treatment service referrals to 29 additional patients.

Also in 2021, RREACT conducted 136 community outreach events, which were held at schools, community



agencies, gas stations, churches, fire stations, food banks, and in grocery store parking lots. Through these and other community events, RREACT distributed over 4,000 Naloxone kits to the public. RREACT members also partnered with the FCSO Hope Task force, OSU, FCPH, and Southeast Health to conduct Naloxone training and targeted outreach in zip codes with high rates of overdose. Over a four-week period, "Operation Recovery" was responsible for training over 2,368 individuals in Naloxone use. The Columbus Division of Fire hosted a RREACT Community Safety Day event as a part of the DEA National Drug Take-Back day, which was attended by over 800 individuals. Additionally, in an effort to provide continuous recovery support to program participants, RREACT helped form RREACT Alumni, a self-organized group of individuals in recovery who received or continue to receive RREACT services. The mission of RREACT Alumni is to create opportunities for its members to stay connected, support one another and give back to others in the community.

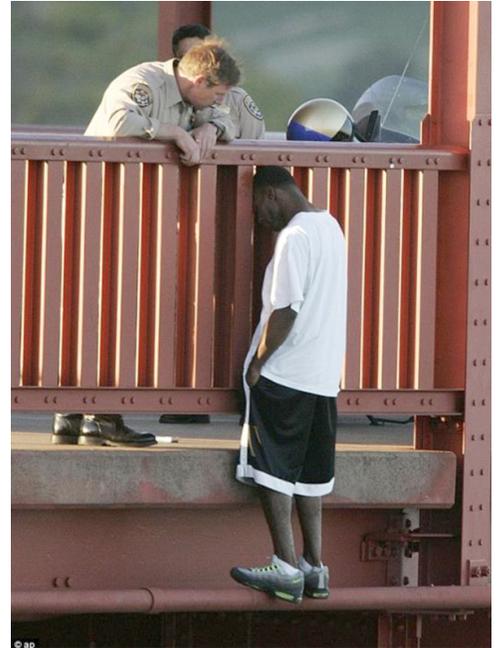
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Crisis Intervention Team

In 2021, five basic CIT classes (40 hours) and one advanced (8 hour) CIT courses were held which focused on suicide prevention techniques for first responders. ADAMH funded two guest speakers to speak to over 200 first responders in Franklin County. The speakers were retired California Highway Patrol Sgt. Keven Briggs and Mr. Kevin Berthea. Sgt. Briggs was assigned to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and successfully negotiated with over 200 suicidal individuals who were threatening to jump. One of these 200 survivors was Mr. Kevin Berthea who bonded with Sgt. Briggs following his attempt and they now tour the country sharing their experiences from both sides of this important topic.

Headquarters Operations Section

The Headquarters Operations Section is crucial to daily patrol operations, management of guard duties, and supervising officers on restricted duty or relieved of their assignments. The sergeants and officers managed 58,548 total hours of guard duty over the course of the year at various scenes. Additionally, the assigned supervisors managed 135 sworn personnel who required some type of restricted duty or re-assignment due to administrative reasons.



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Headquarters Operation Section set up a temporary call center with restricted duty officers to take reports over the phone instead of dispatching an officer to respond to the scene. This call center has proven very effective and something the Division hopes to continue. In 2021 the restricted duty officers assigned to the call center received 47,195 calls by the community. Out of the 47,195 citizen contacts, 20,244 police reports were generated. The effect provided uniformed officers greater proactive patrol time.

Court Liaison Section

The Court Liaison Section is an extremely busy group, tasked with coordinating needs between prosecutors and officers who need to respond in some capacity for criminal and traffic cases. Court Liaison Officers process OVI packets, attend arraignments, preliminary hearings, waiver hearings, and present cases to the Grand Jury. The Fugitive Unit is tasked with transporting prisoners from jails within the State of Ohio and helping facilitate out of state transports with our prisoner relay contractor. It is estimated that Court Liaison saves the Division an extraordinary amount of money by helping to determine when officers must appear for court.



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Peer Assistance Team

The Peer Assistance Team (PAT) is coordinated through Commander Rob Sagle and the City's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). All PAT members have been trained in the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) model, a partnership which extends confidentially for officers using the program. 2021 was an extremely busy year with the most peer-to-peer interactions in the program's history at 2,010. There are over 100 PAT members covering all three shifts and work locations throughout the Division and several who are veterans of our armed services.



Officer Support Team

The Officer Support Team is coordinated through Lieutenant Clifton Dean and consists of 140 members. The OST is to provide support to officers who have been involved in a duty-related traumatic incident. The OST's primary mission is to help navigate officers through the administrative process while providing understanding and empathy through common experience. The OST serves as a voluntary outlet for officers who need to discuss any feelings, conflicts or difficulties they are experiencing as a result of their traumatic incident.



Police Chaplains

The Police Chaplains Program consists of eight volunteer chaplains and in 2021 continued to host monthly "Family Nights" for family members of police officers to provide support and confidential group counseling at their places of worship. These family nights were very therapeutic and helpful for families who were experiencing stress and anxiety being related to law enforcement officers. The chaplain ministry flourished in this unprecedented year through relationship building. Chaplains married, baptized, showed up at roll calls, and participated in ride-a-longs, graduations, and retirements of Division employees, further strengthening their commitment to the Division.

In 2021, the Division welcomed Chaplain Dalyn Dunn to the Columbus Division of Police Chaplain Corps. Chaplain Dunn comes to the Division with 25 years of preaching experience

and an extensive community service background that includes working with IMPACT Community Action Agency, Christians Overcoming Cancer, Leaders of Today and Tomorrow Programs, LLC and Amethyst Inc.



Community Engagement

The Starfish Assignment

Over the years, The Columbus Division of Police has worked closely with the non-profit organization The Starfish Assignment. When officers identify a need in the community, they make contact with Starfish Assignment to determine how they may be able to help. The Starfish Assignment then utilizes social media networks and volunteers to provide support. In 2021, the Starfish Assignment completed many individual assignments referred by Division personnel. Some examples include putting a family living in horrific conditions up in a hotel and collecting donations for a new house, obtaining a phone for an elderly woman with medical issues and no means of communication, the purchase of cribs and baby supplies for a mother in need, and many more.

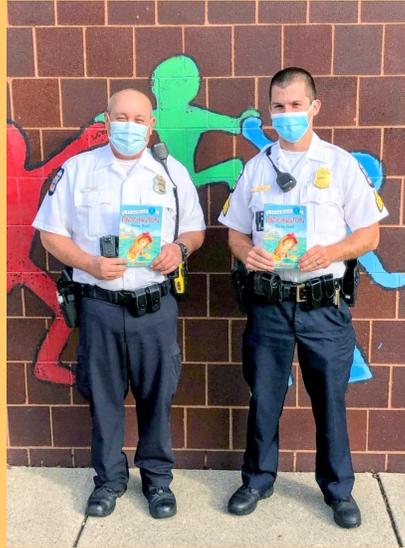


The Starfish Assignment also works with the Columbus Division of Police to bring officers and community closer together through a variety of activities including the Books & Badges program, summer Block Parties, winter coat giveaways, Bikes & Badges, Cops & Barbers, and Cops & Gobblers. The Starfish Assignment has also connected CPD with organizations such as Sahara-Columbus who donate Blessing Bags several times a year for officers to pass out to community members; Walmart who donated turkeys for Cops and Gobblers, school supplies for book bag giveaways, and hand sanitizer and wipes; and Lowes who provided door security bars for community members whose homes needed additional safety measures.



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Books & Badges



Bikes & Badges



Cops & Barbers



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Cops & Gobblers



Blessing Bags



CPD/AEP Coat Drive



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Summer Block Party Series

In July, Starfish kicked off a Summer Block Party Series with CPD and Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. The first block party was held in Linden with all sorts of games for kids, parents, and officers to enjoy together. The remaining events were held at the Barack, Far East, Adams and Glenwood Community Centers over the month of July. Activities at the block parties included things like basketball, sack races, water balloon fights and “Dunk an Officer” in a dunk tank! Kids also received items from a prize wheel, CPD swag, and amazing books and items from other partners. The RREACT Team gave away Naloxone and gun locks. Sponsors and Community Partners included Byers Auto Group, Walmart, Pepsi, Roosters, Kona Ice, 2nd & 7th Foundation, Sahara Columbus.



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National Night Out

National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that helps promote police-community partnerships. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) nationally and locally by the Columbus Division of Police. On the first Tuesday in August, more than 150 community events were planned throughout the City in 2021 including live music, porch light vigils and cookouts. NNO enhances neighborhood unity and provides a great opportunity to bring police and residents together under positive circumstances.



Hilltop Tigers

In 2017, Zone 3 Commander Scott Hyland along with resident Aden Mohamed and several others, came together to figure out a way to help kids in the Wedgewood Village Apartments, known as the location of many shootings and homicides in recent years. They started the Hilltop Tiger soccer team, a program designed for the kids who lived in the complex. Commander Hyland was able to have positive interactions with the young residents of a neighborhood plagued with

violence, and began to make an impact. In a news interview, Co-Director Siyat Mohamed said having mentors like Hyland makes a difference. "It really shows [police officers] are human, they are no different than us. They serve and protect," Siyat said. In 2021, it was the kids' turn to be there for the commander. Commander Hyland was diagnosed with throat cancer over the summer, and his team wanted to show their support. The soccer team had its first annual tournament in the fall and kept their mentor in their hearts, and on their backs. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 9 paid for team jerseys with Hyland's name on the back. "Whether it's one goal, or win a game or a championship, possibly with my name on their shirts, I can't even begin to tell you how humbling and uplifting for me it has been," Hyland said.



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Trick or Treat

Some of our officers and 1st Assistant Chief Potts, now better known as “Pirate Potts” went out to deliver candy to the kids of Columbus during Trick or Treat! Meanwhile, other officers and CPD Cadets interacted with community members at “Trunk or Treat” events at places like Linden Rec Center. They had fun dressing up in costume, handing out candy, and interacting with the kids of Columbus!



Cram-A-Cruiser

In partnership with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, the Division held a successful holiday toy drive called “Cram-A-Cruiser.” The event was held at Driving Park Rec Center and hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars were collected to brighten the holidays for kids throughout Columbus.



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In March, Officer Heidi Graber (13 pct. Patrol) and Officer Robin Medley (11 pct. CLO) helped distribute food boxes to those in need. The food items were from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and the event was held at Southwood Elementary School.



Therapy Dogs Simon and Eddie spent some time thanking the nurses at Riverside Hospital, Grant Hospital and St. Ann's Hospital for Nurse Appreciation Week. We thank all the frontline healthcare professionals for all they do!



Columbus Police Deputy Chief Jennifer Knight took the fight against human trafficking to new heights. She rappelled 330 feet down the side of the Chase Tower in downtown Columbus to raise awareness and money for Gracehaven, a non-profit organization that serves victims of child sex trafficking.

Thank you to the church community at Family Missionary Baptist Church for having the Columbus Division of Police and the Columbus Division of Fire out at the "Annual Community Fest," where our cadets interacted with youth and promoted the CPD Cadet program.



In August, the Columbus Leadership Academy, in conjunction with Columbus Police Recruiting Unit and Cadets, met together for a mentorship discussion and tour of the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy.

