

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT



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CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE MAYOR

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Mayor Schertzer,

2022 was once again a busy year for the men and women of the Marion Police Department. We had several challenges as an agency, but there were also many accomplishments that make us proud. One of the things that makes us the most proud is that about 2/3rds of the respondents to the annual community survey were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall performance of the Marion Police Department.

Our members responded to 32,422 calls for service in 2022. Of all those calls for service, 558 calls resulted in felony charges being sought by officers for the most serious offenses. Our community suffered three homicides in 2022. The murders of Charles Feliciano and Jameer Douglas were solved, and suspects have been charged in each case. The murder of Kaitlyn Cole was a murder/suicide. These murders still leave our community grieving. Members of the Marion Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office were also involved in a fatal use of force in December after confronting an armed methamphetamine trafficker, who fired a gun towards officers. That incident, and our response after the fact, has shown the professionalism of this agency in more ways than we can count.

Fatal drug overdoses continue to be a major issue for our community. At the time of this report being written, Marion County has 24 confirmed fatal drug overdoses. That is below the 34 we had in 2021 but 17 autopsies are still pending, and it is likely that our numbers will be higher than 2021 and be around the same as 2020 (42), which was an all-time high. We are working in partnership with MARMET, the Marion County Prosecutor, drug addiction service providers and Marion General Hospital on ways to reduce this tragic number for our community.

The biggest internal challenge we faced was a being effected by a national shortage of applicants for police officers. Our numbers of people applying continued to be dramatically less than we saw even just a few years ago. An increase in participation in job fairs, online posting, visiting Ohio police academies and encouraging all our members to help us recruit helped enable the Police Department to still attract an acceptable number of applicants, but we must continue to do more to attract outstanding men and women to our agency. We have re-started an Explorer Post and we have many of our officers who teach at the Marion Technical College law enforcement academy, where many of our applicants come from but more must be done.

We were fortunate to receive a grant to hire a police officer and we also had to replace Lieutenants Mike Radcliff, Mike Shade and Officer David Dunaway. MPD canine Six also retired in 2022. Officers Mason Kent, Kegan Pelphrey, Michael Starrs and Matthew Mauldin all began the academy in 2021 but began their policing careers in 2022 after a successful completion of their training. Officers Bryce Lowry and Bryon Doubikin were hired and sworn in to MPD in 2022 and joined the other new officers in serving the citizens of our great community. Lastly, MPD canine Ranger joined our department this year as well.

Speaking of K9 Ranger, he was purchased with the support of the community. Led by local travel agent Jill Chitwood, an effort was undertaken to raise the necessary funds to purchase Ranger. We are so grateful that the



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

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Marion Community supports MPD and we were able to purchase Ranger without tax dollars being spent. We would like to thank each person who contributed, especially Jill!

The Marion Police Department continued its department wide focus on our commitment to make an MPACT in our community in 2022. MPACT is an acronym for "Marion Police and Community Together" and it is not just a slogan, it is strategy for continuing to drive down crime rates and building upon our positive relationship with the community.

Our TAPS program; Books and Badges; the women's self defense classes; National Night Out; Light Ohio Blue; the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics; the Citizen's Police Academy; Cops, Cookies and Cocoa; Cops and Kids Christmas program and numerous other #MPACT and community events allowed us to grow relationships in our community and our officers enjoy them as much as the members of the community they interact with.

Our relationship with our law enforcement partners have never been stronger. We continue to work with the Marion County Sheriff's Office every single day through our drug task force (MARMET) and our combining special response team. We also work together on many of our #MPACT events. The Ohio State Highway Patrol continues to be a reliable partner by assisting us with traffic crashes and in a training capacity. Marion's own Chuck Jones was named Superintendent of the Highway Patrol in 2022 and we were honored to attend his swearing in. The FBI continues to be a valued partner to our detectives, and they are heavily involved in keeping Marion safe. BCI provides a fantastic service through their crime lab to the Marion Police Department.

In response to community complaints, City Council and the Mayor were able to fund a traffic enforcement program in 2022 that resulted in 483 traffic stops. Out of those stops, 231 citations were issued, including 62 for driving with no license or a suspended license, 8 for impaired driving, 3 cases dealing with illegally possessed firearms and 7 charges for drug related offenses. This was a very positive result to one of our main issues according to the community.

Officers Chris Coburn and Dylan Reese became Lieutenants Coburn and Reese in 2022. These two outstanding officers joined the department on the same day and were promoted on the same day. It is exciting to think about what these two leaders will accomplish and the #MPACT they will make during the remainder of their careers.

Officer Dan Ice was selected by his peers to be the 2022 Officer of the Year. Lt. Rob Musser was named the Supervisor of the Year. I am thrilled to have both on our team and appreciate the #MPACT they have made in our community. There were many other employees who deserved recognition in this or similar manners throughout 2022, which makes the selections of these three officers for their honors all the more impressive.

Officer Katrina Rostorfer won a prestigious Award of Excellence for her work in enforcing impaired driving laws in Marion. This award is well deserved for Officer Rostorfer and Major Gruber, Lt. Musser and I were honored to attend the ceremony where she was recognized for her outstanding work.

All of the above listed highlights for 2022 are done with an eye on better protecting and serving our community. We have continued to do that very effectively, thanks to the hard work and skills of the members of the Marion

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Police Department.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agg. Murder/Murder	1	1	1	4	3	2	3	2	3
Agg. Assault / Felonious Assault	35	46	34	29	31	35	32	27	42
Assault	207	255	268	177	190	169	115	126	182
Domestic Violence	253	314	329	319	309	293	325	358	473
Agg. Burglary / Burglary	387	464	343	208	179	164	97	93	95
Breaking and Entering	253	325	177	128	103	101	64	50	63
Agg. Robbery / Robbery	40	44	38	34	27	29	11	23	7
Theft	842	957	775	648	600	630	501	486	496
Rape	29	50	24	36	10	35	33	27	38
Drug Abuse	263	314	449	536	585	619	619	651	658
Drug Overdose Response	n/a	n/a	n/a	244	262	254	292	274	219

Our crime numbers have seen increases in domestic violence and assault calls. We are currently evaluating these calls to see if we can make internal changes to lower the impact of these violent crimes on our community. Property crime remains well below the levels from the previous years. Drug abuse reports continue to rise.

Our community remains a safe place to live, work and raise a family. I believe this is due in large part to the exceptional work of the officers of the Marion Police Department. I am proud to be a member of the Marion Police Department TEAM. I am proud of the men and women who protect and serve this community. They do a fantastic job, and it is an absolute honor to lead them.

We are very appreciative of the support we receive from Mayor Scott Schertzer, Safety Director Randy Caryer, City Council members and, most of all, the Marion community. Not every law enforcement agency receives that support, and we know how lucky we are.

Respectfully,
Jay McDonald
Chief of the Marion Police Department

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Chief of Police Chief Jay McDonald

Operations Division Major BJ Gruber

1st Shift

Lt. Eric Marsh #7
Lt. Josh Harris #11
Lt. Jared Robinson #12
Ofc. Dan Ice #22
Ofc. Nick Esterline #28
Ofc. Rob Gery #30
Ofc. Dana Jagger #34
Ofc. Faith Combs #43
Ofc. Gavinn Scheff #53
Ofc. Corey Galyk #51
Ofc. Michael Starrs #59
Ofc. Bryce Lowry #62

2nd Shift

Lt. Rob Musser #10
Lt. Mike Kindell #14
Lt. Chris Coburn #15
Ofc. Justin May #38
Ofc. Mason Bischoff #42
Ofc. C.J. Flach #44
Ofc. Dylan Kelley #45
Ofc. Nick Geurkink #48
Ofc. Ryan Kelly #52
Ofc. Ryan Beveridge #55
Ofc. Mason Kent #56
Ofc. Bryon Doubikin #63

3rd Shift

Lt. Mark Elliott #9 & K9 Ranger
Lt. Richard Wheeler #13 & K9 Joker
Lt. Dylan Reese #16
Ofc. Andy Isom #21
Ofc. Bret Thomas #32
Ofc. Matt Cochell #41
Ofc. Caleb Rector #50
Ofc. Sebastian Walker #47
Ofc. Hannah Greer #54
Ofc. Kegan Pelphrey #57
Ofc. Katrina Rostorfer #58
Ofc. Matt Mauldin #60

Investigations Division Major Chris Adkins

Detective Bureau

Lt. Jim Fitsko #6
Det. Scott Sterling #20
Det. Mike Diem #31
Det. Erica Delp #39

Crime Analyst

Sabrina Wittkugle

MARMET

Lt. Jamie Ralston #8
Det. Matt Creps #26
Det. Matt Baldrige #29
Det. Colin Lowe #37 & K9 Stash

Operations Division

MPACT - SROs

Ofc. Shane Gabriel #25
Ofc. Todd Monnette #27
Ofc. Joe McDonald #33
Ofc. Dena Benroth #46

Administration Division

Reserve Officers

Randy Caryer #101
Tim Rowe #301
Norm Ratterman #302
Kirby Brandenburg #304
Dave Troutman #305
Mike Radcliff #307
Jeff Clewell #309

Administration Division Major Jon Shaffer

MPACT Coordinator/ SRO Supervisor

Lt. Ed Brown #5

Code Enforcement

Ofc. Casey Thomas #24

JV MPACT Officer

Ofc. Montel Smith #40

Field Training

None

Academy

Aaron Adair #65
Walter Childers #66

Administrative Assistant

Dustin Evans

Records Clerk

Nicole Trent

Property Caretakers

Amanda Adkins
Nicole Wheeler

Fleet Manager (Part time)

Jerry Parker

Security Desk (Part time)

Juanita Rosvanis
Steve Walton

Scheduling Clerk (Part time)

Dave Clark

**Unit numbers changed 1/1/2022*

STAFFING TABLE



Chief of Police

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1	1

Operations Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
Lieutenants	9	9
Patrol Officers	27	32
School Resource Officers	4	4
Military Leave	0	N/A
Total Sworn	41	46

Administration Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
MPACT Lieutenant	1	1
JV MPACT Officer	1	1
Code Enforcement Officer	1	1
Field Training	0	N/A
Academy Training	2	N/A
Leave of Absence	0	N/A
Total Sworn	6	4
Records / Secretary	2	2
Property Caretaker	2	2
Fleet Manager (Part time)	1	1
Security Desk (Part time)	2	2
Scheduling Clerk (Part time)	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	8	8

Investigations Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
Lieutenants	2	2
Detectives	6	6
Total Sworn	9	9
Crime Analyst	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	1	1

Reserve Unit

Total Sworn Reserve	9	N/A
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Actual Sworn

57

Actual Non-Sworn

9

Approved Sworn

61

Approved Non-Sworn

9

Total Actual Personnel

66

Total Approved Personnel

70

*Sworn officers approved at one time was 69 if funding was available. Totals do not count Reserve Officers.

RETIREMENTS

Lt. Mike Radcliff retired on January 3, 2022 after 30 years of service to the city of Marion. He started with the police department in 1991 and is a 1989 graduate of Hocking Technical College and Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. He graduated high school from Vinton County High School in 1987.

Prior to joining MPD, Lt. Radcliff was a police officer at McArthur Police Department and was also a Seasonal Ranger with the Ohio Department of Natural Resource (ODNR) at Jackson Lake State Park.

Lt. Radcliff was promoted to Lieutenant in 1998 and held that position for 24 years, which is the longest tenure of any member at MPD for the position. He was the first supervisor of the K-9 Unit, led the Police Mountain Bike Unit and started up and was the lead on the Hostage Negotiation Team. He was the department's lead instructor for drunk and drugged drivers and also an instructor for Subject Control/Defensive Tactics as well as the first instructor for the Women's Self Defense Class through Marion Victim's Assistance Program. He also received several different awards and accommodations which included 10 uniform ribbons and the MADD Award.

In 2000, he became a certified instructor for the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy and began instructing in the Marion Law Enforcement Academy for Marion Technical College. He is still currently in that position and is the longest serving Instructor. He was Commander of Marion Technical College Law Enforcement Academy during 2003 and 2004.

Lt. Mike Shade also retired on January 3, 2022 after 25 years of service to the city of Marion. He was hired by Marion PD on November 11, 1996. Lt. Shade graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1991 in Business Administration.

From 1991 to 1996, he was an Investigator with the Marion County Child Support Enforcement Agency. In 1996, he attended the Law Enforcement Academy at Marion Tech.

Lt. Shade was a FTO from 2000 to 2003 and a detective from 2003 to 2004. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2004. He stepped down as LT for a short time, but was promoted again in 2017. In 2016, he was selected by his peers as Officer of the Year.



Mike Radcliff
Lieutenant



Mike Shade
Lieutenant

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Officer Dave Dunaway retired in October of 2022. Officer Dunaway started in 1998 and has filled several roles at the PD, including as a Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer at Grant Middle School, and most recently the School Resource Officer at Harding High School.

Dave is a graduate of Marion Harding High School and attended the Marion Technical College where he graduated from the law enforcement academy.

Beginning in January of 2023, Dave started as a Deputy at the Marion County Sheriff's Office and as the School Resource Officer for Elgin Local Schools.



Dave Dunaway
Officer

— HAPPY —
Retirement

PROMOTIONS

Lt. Chris Coburn was promoted on March 28, 2022 to the rank of Lieutenant. He started with the Marion Police Department in July of 2015 and is a graduate of Marysville High School in Union County.

Lt. Coburn joined MPD from the OSU Medical Center where he worked since the beginning of 2015 as a Security Officer. Before that, he attended the University of Cincinnati where he obtained his OPOTA certification. Lt. Coburn is a current member of the Ohio Air National Guard since 2012, and has deployed overseas two times.

Prior to being promoted, Lt. Coburn served as a Field Training Officer. Lt. Coburn was assigned to 2nd shift when he was promoted and became the department's very first official Wellness Coordinator. In early 2023, he was also selected as the Drone Coordinator.



Chris Coburn
Lieutenant

Lt. Dylan Reese was promoted on March 28, 2022 to the rank of Lieutenant. He started with the Marion Police Department in July of 2015. He is a graduate of North Union High School in Union County.

Lt. Reese joined the PD from Jenco Wireless in Marysville. Just prior to that, he worked over two years at the Multi-County Correctional Center in Marion.

Lt. Reese attended Marion Technical College and obtained his associate degree as well as his OPOTA certification.

Lt. Reese was assigned to 3rd shift when he was promoted.



Dylan Reese
Lieutenant

Congrats

SUPERVISOR & OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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Supervisor of the Year

Lieutenant Rob Musser was chosen as the 2022 Supervisor of the Year. Lt. Musser was selected through a vote of all department members.

Lt. Musser started with the Marion Police Department in November of 2003. In January of 2017, he was promoted to Lieutenant. He has served the department and community in a variety of ways, including as a member of the MARMET Drug Taskforce, Field Training Officer Supervisor, and as a Field Training Officer (FTO). He is also a trained Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor.

Lt. Musser was also selected as the Officer of the Year in 2007.

Lt. Musser received the "Top Cop" award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Ohio for the central Ohio region in 2018. Under his leadership as a 2nd shift lieutenant, he led the effort to crack down on drunk drivers, both alcohol and drug impaired. Because of his leadership, OVI arrests increased 229% from 2015 to 2017.

Lt. Musser is a 1992 graduate of Harding High School. After high school, he joined the Army and was stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas, and South Korea.

Lt. Musser is very well-respected by the rank and file and other supervisors. He is and has been an incredible asset to his community and the department throughout his career.



Rob Musser
Lieutenant

Officer of the Year

The Marion Police Department is excited to recognize the 2022 Officer of the Year, Officer Dan Ice. Officer Ice was nominated by his supervisors and selected through a vote of all department members for this honor.

Officer Ice started his career with MPD in March of 1998. During his time here, he has served as a detective in the MARMET Drug Taskforce, a Field Training Officer and as a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT).

Officer Ice graduated from Shelby High School in 1989 and served four years in the United States Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal. He was an officer with the Lexington Police Department for two years before joining Marion PD.

Officer Ice is very well-respected by his peers and throughout the department. He is very well-deserving of this honor.



Dan Ice
Officer

NEW OFFICERS

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Officer Bryce Lowry was hired on April 11, 2022 and sworn in as a police officer on his 21st birthday in May of 2022. Bryce is a 2019 graduate of Pleasant High School and graduated in 2022 from the Marion Technical College law enforcement academy.

Bryce attended Otterbein University where he played football. Prior to started at Marion PD, he was a dispatcher for the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

When he was released from field training, he was assigned to 1st shift.

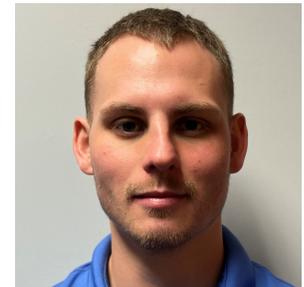


Bryce Lowry
Officer

Officer Bryon Doubikin was hired on April 11, 2022 and sworn in as a police officer in May of 2022. Bryon is a graduate of River Valley High School and graduated in 2022 from the Marion Technical College law enforcement academy.

Bryon also attended University of Northwestern, Ohio and Cuyahoga Community College where he played baseball. Before joining Marion PD, he was a dispatcher for Morrow County Sherriff's Office and also worked at Hord Family Farms and Professional Pavement Services.

When he was released from field training, he as assigned to 2nd shift.



Bryon Doubikin
Officer

Officer Aaron Adair was hired on August 22, 2022. Aaron is a 2017 graduate of Delaware Hayes High School and graduated in January of 2023 from the law enforcement academy at the Ohio State Highway Patrol

Aaron attended the Delaware Area Career Center where he studied to be a firefighter. Prior to joining Marion PD, he was a pool builder for Envision Pools.

When he completes field training, he will be assigned a shift for the remainder of 2023.



Aaron Adair
Officer

Officer Walter Childers was hired on August 22, 2022. Walter is a 2018 graduate of Elgin High School and graduated in January of 2023 from the law enforcement academy at the Ohio State Highway Patrol

Walter was in the Infantry of the U.S. Army for several years. Prior to joining Marion PD, he was a corrections officer for the Marion Correctional Institution.

When he completes field training, he will be assigned a shift for the remainder of 2023.



Walter Childers
Officer

NEW EMPLOYEES

Steve Walton was one of the two ever security screeners hired by the city of Marion to provide security for the front lobby of City Hall, which includes persons visiting Marion Municipal Court. He was hired in January of 2022.

Steve is a 1976 graduate of River Valley High School and also attended the College of Wooster. Steve was a firefighter for the city of Marion Fire Department from 1989 to 2015. When he retired, he worked at Snyder Funeral Homes and the city of Marion Transit Department as a driver before joining Marion PD.



Steve Walton
Security Screener

Juanita Rosvanis was the other one of two ever security screeners hired by the city of Marion to provide security for the front lobby of City Hall, which includes persons visiting Marion Municipal Court. She was hired in January of 2022.

Juanita is a 1996 graduate of Marion Catholic High School. She also attended Ohio Northern University and Fortis College. She works at the Marion Walmart and was a Preschool Aide for the Marion City Schools before joining Marion PD.



Juanita Rosvanis
Security Screener

Prior to starting with Marion PD, Juanita was involved with the MPACT program and continued to be after she was hired.

Sabrina Wittkugle was hired in April of 2022 as the department's first Crime Analyst. Sabrina is a 1989 graduate of Marysville High School and also attended Columbus State University.

Prior to coming to Marion PD, Sabrina worked for the Delaware County Sheriff's Office as an Operations Specialist where she had similar duties to the crime analyst position.



Sabrina Wittkugle
Officer

Dave Clark was hired in March of 2022 as the department's first part-time Scheduling Clerk. He is a 1994 graduate of Bucyrus High School and also attended North Central Technical College and Mt. Vernon Nazarene College for computer programming. Dave served in the Air National Guard for many years.

Dave retired from Marion PD in 2014 as a Lieutenant after being hired in December of 1989.



Dave Clark
Scheduling Clerk

OPERATIONS REPORT

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The Operations Division of the Marion Police Department is comprised of Uniformed Patrol, MSRT (Marion Special Response Team), HNT (Hostage Negotiation Team), K9 and School Resource Officers. Over seventy-five percent of Marion PD's sworn staffing is assigned to the Operations Division.

The Officers assigned to uniformed patrol respond to calls for service ranging from parking complaints, traffic crashes and missing children to domestics, burglaries in progress, assaults and homicides. Patrol is the most visible aspect of the police department, and we deliver patrol services through 4 shifts, 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

In this Operations Division annual report, I will highlight some of the significant calls that our officers responded to and discuss other events relevant to our Division for each month of 2022.



BJ Gruber
Major

January

In January of 2022, we had 25 Patrol Officers assigned to the Patrol Division (approved staffing is 32) and 7 Lieutenants (approved staffing of 9) to provide that 24-hour coverage. Lt. Shade retired near the end of 2021 and Lt. Radcliff retired at the start of 2022, creating two vacancies in our supervisory ranks. Staffing continued to be an enormous challenge in 2022 and we were thankful to have four new officers graduate from the Academy in January and begin their field training with MPD. Officers Mauldin and Starrs graduated from the OSP Academy and Officers Pelphrey and Kent graduated from the Columbus Police Academy.

1-16-22 Off Reese and Off Duke got out with a male walking in the street on Oak St at Chestnut St. The male lied about who he was and guarded his left side. When they tried to place him in handcuffs he resisted. During the resisting, he told officers he had a gun on his person. The suspect was later identified and had multiple warrants. He also said the gun was most likely stolen as he had purchased it on the street.

1-19-22 Officers Greer and Geurkink were working around a known drug house on the west end when Officer Greer heard gunshots, one of them "whizzing" by her vehicle. Officer Greer marked out that the shots were coming from the west as the calls started coming in. It was found that the shots came from a house on Clinton St and five spent shell casings were located at the rear of this address. Officers Walker, Greer, and Geurkink were able to eventually get the truth out of the residents and a female was charged with Pointing and Discharging.

February

In February, Jill Chitwood and her group kicked off the "K9 Project" fundraiser which sought to collect donations in support of MPD and MCSO's K9 Programs.

2-18-22 Officers responded to a residence on Monroe St. for the report of a stabbing. A female called in advising her son had just cut another person's head open with a large knife. The son was then saying he was now going to kill himself. He threw some items busting out windows from inside and refused to come out. He then lit the house on

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fire upstairs while still inside. Once the fire grew, he moved down stairs and was approached by SRT members from the front door. Lt. Harris was able to talk him out as he held a knife to his throat while the fire department battled the fire from outside.

2-23-22 Lt Harris and Marsh were sent to Hocking and Senate St for a person passed out behind the wheel of a blue in color RAV4. The white male driver was still passed out when officers arrived on scene. Lt Harris woke the male up and told him to put the vehicle in park. The driver took off and a vehicle pursuit started. The vehicle ended up going through Quarry Park and this is where MPD officers ended the pursuit. OSP ended up finding parts of the vehicle in the roadway north of town and found where it had driven through the gate at the quarry located in the 820 block of Kenton Galion Rd. MCSO found the vehicle abandoned in the quarry. A perimeter was set up with MPD, MCSO and OSP units. The male had gotten outside the perimeter and walked onto the porch of a house on Stephanie Dr and asked the residents there if he could come inside. They called into Marion Central Dispatch and units were directed to that exact area. The male was located and taken into custody without further incident. The vehicle he was operating had been reported stolen to MPD on 2-20-22. The tags that were now on the vehicle were reported stolen out of Columbus. He is also a suspect in the stolen Ford Bronco that was lit on fire, and a theft on Greenlea Dr.

2-12-22 Officers responded to Fies Ave for a domestic violence call. When they arrived they could hear screaming inside and the door was locked. Ofc. Rector kicked the door open and shortly after, the suspect appeared with a machete, and he swung at Ofc. Rector before fleeing to the back of the house. Ofc. Rector was not injured. SRT and Negotiators were called in. After refusing to come out and threatening officers for over an hour the suspect just walked out and surrendered.

March

In March, Officers Coburn and Reese became Lieutenants Coburn and Reese which brought our Patrol supervisory ranks to full staffing. By the end of March, we had 24 Patrol Officers (32 approved) and 9 Patrol Lieutenants (9 approved) in the Patrol Division.

3-9-22 we received a call for a shooting that just occurred on London St. Several officers and detectives immediately responded to the scene and a victim was located. The victim was loaded into an ambulance and taken to MGH. Shortly after he was flown to Columbus, but later succumbed to his injuries. After the shooting, the suspect fled the scene in a vehicle but crashed a short distance away. He then fled on foot. K9 Six was called in and completed a successful track to a residence. The suspect had already fled from that residence before the track was complete. Modern investigative techniques were used and the suspect was located and arrested in Delaware within hours of the homicide.

3-14-22 A male called in to advise he had been abducted, held against his will, and tortured at one of his neighbor's house. He claimed this has been going on for quite some time. He had obvious injuries to substantiate his story, which included some severe burns to his arms. He claimed these burns were caused by a knife being heated with a torch, then placed against his skin. Investigations assisted by obtaining a search warrant for where he had been held, then executed the search warrant. Several items of evidence were located and taken. Charges of kidnapping and felonious assault were submitted to the prosecutor.

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3-16-22 It was reported to the victim advocate at the County Prosecutors Office that a male was being held against his will somewhere on Owens St. This person who reported it to the victim advocate had heard it from someone else who did not want to be involved. Officer Esterline figured out the location of the house. Lt Marsh and Officer Esterline went there to attempt contact and while knocking, someone quietly locked the deadbolt on the front door. No one would answer. Officer Esterline ended up figuring out through a great investigation who the female reporting party was. He was able to locate and interview her further and obtained more details that we did not previously have. Officers responded back to the location and surrounded it while waiting for a search warrant. While waiting, someone came outside and cooperated. Officers entered the house and found the suspect, the victim, and a witness all inside. A search warrant was still obtained and the premises was searched by investigations, resulting in significant criminal charges.

3-11-22 OSP was in a vehicle pursuit in the city, beginning at S Prospect St and W Columbia St (for no lights) with it ending in the 700 block of Blaine Ave. They requested our assistance after the driver bailed from the moving vehicle, which ended up going through front yards and crashing into a parked car. Our units quickly arrived and set up a solid perimeter for a K9 search. Officers Duke and Kelly went to the last known location and located drugs along with a loaded pistol in the street, which OSP collected. As Lt Wheeler arrived and was getting K9 Joker out for a track the suspect ran right past Officer Geurkink, who was set up in the perfect spot blacked out in his cruiser. After a very short foot pursuit the suspect gave up and was taken into custody without incident. Officers even located the suspect's shoes and jacket which he dropped in back yards. After interviews with the suspect by Sgt Smith with OSP and our units the driver admitted to the pursuit, gun and drugs.

3-12-22 Officers were dispatched to the area of 500 block of W. Center St for a male doing "Kobra Kai Moves" in the road-way. Eventually the male was located by Lt Wheeler on Davids St and Bennett St, with Officers Beveridge and D. Kelley assisting. As Officer Beveridge went to make contact with the male, he took off running south toward the warehouse buildings. We thought the male was cornered against the building, but he quickly scaled two sets of ladders to the roof of the warehouse buildings (close to 3 stories high) with Officers D. Kelley and Beveridge giving chase. Once on the roof the male ran north then slipped down the east side of the roof, at the last-minute clutching onto a piece of metal sticking up with his lower half hanging off the edge of the roof. The Fire Department had no ladders that would reach him. Officers Geurkink, D. Kelley and Beveridge with their quick thinking, grabbed a ratchet strap and tossed it down to the male and pulled him up to safety. He was safely brought down, admitted to being high on mushrooms, was evaluated by EMS and transported to jail.

3-20-22 Officers responded to Glad St for a disturbance between a father and his son. During this incident a witness called out that the male with the son had a gun on him. Officers Kelly and Pelphrey detained the juvenile and located a loaded S&W 9mm 539 tucked in his pant leg. At first, he claimed he found it in a bush before admitting he bought it off someone who he would not name. He said he had it on him for protection due to the recent homicide.

April

4-10-22 We received a call about a domestic on Sugar St that was quite active. While Officers were in route, they were told the victim had been stabbed and then shot. Several dayshift and second shift officers responded to the scene. They ended up finding out the suspect had stabbed and then shot the victim. The suspect then took his own

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life. Officers spent a significant amount of time performing CPR on the victim before being relieved by medics. It was a very involved scene that was professionally contained and processed.

4-1-22 Officer Walker and Officer Greer responded to the 300 block of Libby Lane on the report of loud music. During the course of their investigation Officer Walker noticed the truck appeared to have been freshly painted, still having masking tape on the front bumper. This vehicle was found to be reported as stolen out of Columbus and the license plate from Grove City. They were able to interview witnesses and identified the suspect who painted the truck. He was arrested for receiving stolen property. The truck was impounded at CPD's request and the license plate was secured into evidence. During the inventory it was found the suspect had a "Happy Birthday" card in the glove box from his dad.

4-29-22 A caller on Wood St said that a male entered his house with a shotgun. He was looking for someone that lives there and told the caller if he finds him he's going to kill him. He then left. He was found on Superior St using his ankle monitor and he was with another male. The suspect was in the backseat of a car and had the shotgun with him. He was arrested and eventually charged with Agg Burglary, Agg Menacing, Weapons under Disability, Weapons while Intoxicated, CCW, and PV. A second male had a silver .22 in his pocket and was arrested and charged with Complicity to Agg Robbery, CCW, and Obstructing Official Business.

May

The K9 Project held a fundraiser at OSUM in Marion and numerous people attended to support the MPD and MCSO K9 programs.

Officers Lowry and Doubikin were sworn in as our two newest officers and began their field training with MPD. In May, MPD had 27 Officers in Patrol (32 is full staffing) and 9 Lieutenants. Two Officers were in their field training process.

5-07-22 Officers responded to N Greenwood St. for a disturbance call. A female from Cardington was being followed by her ex-husband of Mount Gilead, when she was pulled over by MCSO. She was cited for speeding, but did not adequately describe the situation at hand and the ex-husband then followed her to N Greenwood St. When he started following her after the stop, she called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office who stayed on the phone with her while their dispatch relayed information. Their deputy heard a disturbance as her Ex tried to pull her vehicle door open. The ex-husband then left, but was again located by MCSO where he was given a warning not to have contact with her. He was asked to go to MPD to speak with officers when he again started to text and call her after the warning. He was arrested in the back lot where he had a pickup truck with a gun inside as he is a CCW holder out of Morrow County. The gun was secured. This was a complicated call and the ex-husband was arrested on multiple charges.

5-11-22 Several storage units were broken into on Davids Street. Officer Ice and Officer Starrs were able to obtain video from the storage unit company. Lt. Harris reviewed the video and was able to locate information on the suspect vehicle. Photos of the suspect vehicle were sent out in a department wide email. The suspects were quickly identified and an ongoing investigation continued.

5-28-22 Lt Elliott and Officer Beveridge did a mental health transport to Mount Carmel at 0300 hours. While

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they were returning on 23 (in Delaware County) they came upon a two-vehicle crash with entrapment and one vehicle being on fire. They were able to control/extinguish the fire and assess the scene until OSP and Delaware County S.O. units arrived. This turned into a drunk driver call who also had a loaded pistol in the car with him.

June

In June, MPD had 29 Officers assigned to the Operations Division (32 is full staffing) and 9 Lieutenants. Two Officers were in Field Training.

6-2-22 Around 0345 hours Lt Wheeler was flagged down about a possible B&E which had just occurred. The renter of a storage unit claimed he had just caught someone in the act of breaking into his unit on W Center St and the male was now walking south on Blaine Ave. A description was given over the radio with units converging on the area. Officer Thomas began checking the alley on foot west of Blaine Ave with Lt Wheeler on foot on Blaine Ave. The suspect saw this and fled from his hide south crossing W Church St right in front of Officer Cochell who gave chase running south down the alley, directly at Officer Greer. The suspect was arrested on obstructing; B&E charges are being forwarded.

6-17-22 Officer Walker responded to a threats/menacing report. The caller advised they were receiving threatening messages/phone calls from the suspect. He had reportedly brandished a pistol in these messages threatening to show up at the caller's house and shoot the caller and his family. While Officer Walker was taking the report the suspect face timed the caller. Officer Walker attempted to speak with him, but he was uncooperative and pointed a pistol at the phone camera before hanging up. This person was found to be under disability and the caller signed charges against him. He was ultimately located at his mother's home in Green Camp. He was in his bedroom behind a locked door. SRT, HNT, and Investigations were activated and he was arrested for Weapons Under Disability and Aggravated Menacing.

July

The Marion K-9 Project raised \$40,000 in support of the MPD and MCSO K9 Fund. This was a tremendously impactful undertaking thanks to Jill Chitwood, BMI and her numerous volunteer partners. Brad Belcher, owner of local treatment facilities provided a large donation to the project which played a key part in the overall success of this initiative.

August

National Night out was held again this year at Grant Middle School. This is one of the most popular and well attended events that we do each year as it pulls the community together for a day of positive activities that serves to further improve the relationships between our officers and the community they serve.

Staffing in August for Patrol was at 27 Officers (32 is full staffing) and 9 Lieutenants.

8-12-22 Officer Mauldin located a male in the area of Fairview Ave. and Paula Dr. He had an active felony warrant issued out of Franklin County. This male was less than cooperative initially but Officer Mauldin was able to place him under arrest. Following the arrest Officer Mauldin located a loaded .25 caliber pistol in his waistband. He was

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held on charges of Weapons Under Disability as he has multiple prior violent felony convictions.

8-19-22 Officers responded to Adams St in reference to a shooting, which soon evolved into a homicide investigation. Major Adkins, Major Gruber, MARMET, and Investigations responded, taking over the investigation. An 18 year old male was charged with the murder of the 17 year old victim. The suspect fled after the shooting and was not located until January of 2023 thanks to the on-going and hard work of investigators and the assistance of the U.S. Marshal's office.

September

MPD provided a watchful eye over yet another relatively uneventful Popcorn Festival in 2022. In the last couple years, the Festival has resulted in minimal arrests and very few issues of a serious nature.

In September, MPD had 28 Officers assigned to the Operations Division (of 32 approved) and 9 Lieutenants with 2 Officers attending the Academy.

9-3-22 Officers were sent to Toledo Avenue for an in-progress burglary. The homeowner said his nephew entered through a window and then went into his crawl space and would not come out. He claimed to have a gun on him as well. The house was sufficiently secured and he refused to come out, thinking the Feds were going to kill him (he was high on meth). After several hours we were given the ok by Major Gruber to use 40mm OC Impact Rounds, which Officer Beveridge did a fantastic job of deploying. He shot a second round 10 minutes later and when the suspect went near a vent opening, Lt Reese was able to use his mace spray on his face. The combination of the two was more than he could take and he came out with no further issues.

9-9-22 Officers responded to an assist other agency report on Woodrow Ave. A large dog attacked two individuals at this location. There were numerous children present and one was able to escape to call 911. Everyone else was in the home barricaded in bedrooms with the aggressive dog preventing ambulance staff from responding. Officers arrived and the dog was ultimately dispatched. The primary victim was the children's mother and she was transported to a Columbus Hospital. The children's aunt responded and took custody however she had nowhere suitable to house the children. The police department put the aunt and children up in a hotel for the night. Nice job Officer Bischoff getting this situation under control as safely as possible.

9-18-22 1st shift officers took on the task of locating a suspect from a stabbing at the end of 3rd shift. Officers eventually found themselves on Oak Grove Ave. where the suspect was believed to be. We could not get any cooperation at the house, but the suspect was contacted by phone. After hearing Lt. Robinson's strategically sounded siren next to the house, the suspect didn't hang up in time and it was confirmed he was inside. He eventually came out without incident. Lt. Wheeler and Officer Pelphey continued with the investigation for hours after their shift, ultimately closing the case. Excellent work by Officers Galyk, Combs, Starrs, and Scheff on apprehending a very dangerous individual without any further incident!

9-27-22 Officers were sent to Davids @ Columbia for an injury crash. We arrived to find an Acura sedan with heavy front end damage. The driver was lying on the ground moaning. The front passenger was unconscious. Both

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were transported to the ER. Off Thomas and Off Kent handled the crash scene, and Off Rostorfer and Off Rector handled the OVI at the ER. The passenger had internal bleeding in multiple locations, and likely a brain bleed. He was flown to Columbus immediately and did not gain consciousness. The driver had a shattered pelvis and femur and was believed to be high. Lt Musser and Off Rostorfer prepared a blood warrant/affidavit, and just about the time it was completed, we got word that the driver was also about to be flown to Columbus. We met Judge Ballinger at her house and the warrant was granted. The blood drawl was completed just as Med Flight was there to pick the suspect up. The passenger ultimately died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash and the driver was charged with felony offenses related to the crash.

October

Officer Dunaway retired from MPD in October after nearly 25 years of service to the citizens of Marion, the last several of which were spent as the SRO of Grant Middle School and later Harding High School. His commitment to this community will be missed.

10-16-22 Officers were sent to the 600-blk of Henry St for shots fired. Off Doubikin and Off Scheff arrived and found the location to be in the alley to the west of 645 Henry St. Three casings were located and the shooting was captured on a Ring camera. A maroon Ford Fusion drove by and slowed, shot three times, and continued S/B in the alley. Shortly after, Off Lowry located a maroon Ford Fusion leaving a nearby house on Henry St. Off Lowry stopped the car and ultimately the driver admitted that he shot a Glock 19 out the window and his reason for doing so was "for fun". He said he left the gun at another house on Henry St. Officers made contact at Henry St and, after a big ordeal, the resident signed a permission to search form and the gun was recovered. The driver of the car was arrested. This was EXCELLENT work by everyone involved:

10-19-22 We received a call about a male holding his girlfriend at gunpoint then leaving the residence on E. Mark St and possibly going out looking for another male the victim had been talking to. We pinged his phone and located him at his house on Cottage St. The Sheriff's Office assisted and we were able to arrest the suspect and locate the firearm.

10-26-22 At 1517 Hrs we received a 911 call reporting a shooting had just occurred in the 400 Block of N Greenwood St. When officers arrived in the area it was discovered two houses and one vehicle had been struck by gunfire. No one was found to have been shot or injured. A suspect was developed and officers responded to the 500 block of E Mark St. Officers stood by while a search warrant was obtained for the residence. Road patrol officers were assisted by the administration, investigations, and MARMET. Through the investigation it was determined that a dispute between two juveniles was at the heart of the shooting. One 16-year-old male was arrested and transported to the Family Resource Center in connection to this investigation. Formal charges were forwarded to the Marion County Juvenile Prosecutor.

10-30-22 A female called in to report that she shot her boyfriend in the shoulder because he attacked/strangled her. Officers arrived to find the male with one gunshot wound to his left clavicle area. The female said she shot the male in self-defense. The gun and other evidence were recovered at the scene. Maj Gruber responded to the scene, and Detectives Delp and Diem were called in. Off Doubikin handled the victim portion at the ER before he was

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flown to Grant. Off Kent and Det Delp were the primary interviewers of the female. Off Beveridge, Off Kelly, and Det Diem processed the scene and collected the evidence.

November

Officer Ice and Lt. Musser were voted Officer of the year and supervisor of the year by their peers in November of 2022. We are proud of both of these officers and the commitment they have to the community they serve.

11-5-22 While at the hospital for an unrelated incident Officer Mauldin handled a reported stabbing. A male was brought to the hospital with a single stab wound to the leg and the hospital called to report. After further investigation by several officers, it was determined the stabbing took place in an apartment on Executive Dr. His girlfriend was ultimately arrested for Felonious Assault and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

11-14-22 Officer Galyk and Lowry handled a suicide threats call where a male was threatening suicide with a handgun after his girlfriend broke up with him. He had taken off in his car with the handgun. Officers located the male and after speaking with him for a while, were able to talk him into going to the hospital. Officer Galyk was also able to obtain the handgun and secure it at MPD for safekeeping.

11-27-22 Dispatch received an anonymous call that there was a two year old who had overdosed, and is at the hospital. Dispatch called the hospital and confirmed that this was accurate. Officer Kelly responded and spoke with the child's mother. Mom believed that her child may have gotten into her mother's methadone. The child was intubated and flown to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The child's outcome is unknown at this point as the Dr. stated that the child went without oxygen for an unknown length of time. Major Gruber and Major Adkins were notified. Grandma was arrested and felony charges are being sent up on mom and aunt out of this incident.

December

Ofc. Rostorfer was given an award of excellence by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Columbus. Ofc. Rostorfer truly set herself apart with distinction in her pursuit of impaired drivers in 2022 and we are truly proud of her hard work.

Lieutenants Kindell and Wheeler graduated from STEP supervisory training in Columbus. Each of our new supervisors are put through this rigorous, weeks-long training to better prepare them for their responsibilities as front-line supervisors.

12-14-22 Two brothers got into a physical altercation on Davids St, which led to one pulling out a knife and stabbing the other in the leg. The suspect was located by Officer Isom and Officer Geurkink, who admitted to stabbing the victim and showed officers where the knife was located. The victim was transported to Grant with non-life threatening injuries. the suspect was arrested for felonious assault.

The MSRT (Marion Special Response Team) was engaged in a fatal officer involved shooting on December 20th of 2022.

COVID

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While COVID would prove to be far less of a challenge in 2022, it did continue to be a lingering issue which resulted in multiple officers missing time throughout the year with sickness. 2022 was the first year since 2019 that the Operations Division was not significantly impacted in terms of staffing shortages due to sickness and deviations in response protocols. It is our hope that the virus becomes even less of a factor as we move forward into 2023.

Marion Special Response Team

The merger of the MPD and MCSO Special Response Teams was finally realized near the end of 2022 with board approval to officially combine these two teams into one. The MSRT Control Board is comprised of Marion Police Chief Jay McDonald, Marion County Sheriff Matt Bayles, Marion City Law Director Mark Russell and Marion County Prosecutor Ray Grogan. The Board meets regularly throughout the year to make high level decisions affecting the operation of the team.

This was a long and arduous journey that required a tremendous amount of time and effort to research and compile policies that provide for the effective operation of a joint team. We are blessed to have such a great working relationship with the Marion County Sheriff's Office that allow us to so intimately participate in joint ventures that serve to benefit both agencies and the citizenry of both the City of Marion and Marion County.

Hostage Negotiation Team

I worked with Lt. Brown of MPD and Capt. Zempter over the last year in our efforts to also combine our crisis negotiation teams. This is an on-going project that we anticipate will be fully completed by the middle of 2023. The goal is to create a structure very similar to the combined SRT team. There were multiple activations in 2022 in which HNT was deployed with both MPD and MCSO members responding and working jointly on a crisis call. We look forward to the completion of this process.

K-9

K9 Six was officially retired in the summer of 2022. His presence will surely be missed as he was an incredibly effective K9 and was wildly popular with the community. Six's handler, Lt. Mark Elliott was assigned K9 Ranger in replacement of Six and we are eager to see how Ranger places his own mark on MPD In what we hope will be a long and successful career.

Child Abduction Response Team

The Marion Police Department joined the Central Ohio Child Abduction Response team in late 2022. We will participate in monthly meetings after joining this regional response team. Upon joining this team and participating in meetings, we commit our resources and personnel to respond to areas within the region to assist with a reported child abduction incident. Additionally, we now have access to the resources of this group in the event that we have a child abduction incident in our jurisdiction.

Respectfully,
Major BJ Gruber

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

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The investigation Division of the Marion Police Department is made up of two units. The Detective Bureau, led by Lieutenant James Fitsko, and the Drug Task Force Unit (MARMET), led by Lieutenant Jamie Ralston.

During 2022, we had staff changes that included Det. Sam Walter leaving the department which left the sexual assault detective position unfilled for most of the year. The workload from this position was shifted to the other members of the unit. In September, Det. Mike Diem was assigned as the new sexual assault detective.

At the end of 2022, the Investigations Unit consisted of Det. Scott Sterling, Det. Erica Delp, and Det. Mike Diem. They worked extremely hard this year with limited staffing to ensure that victims get justice and that quality cases get submitted to the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office. Lt. Fitsko and his staff worked on many major crimes and crimes scenes that occurred in the City of Marion. They reviewed well over 581 cases this year and submitted them for charges.

We continue to have a great working relationship with the members of the Marion County Sheriff’s Office Detective Division and work on cases closely with them.

The detectives of the Investigation's Unit work hard and solve the most difficult and complex crimes which occur inside the City of Marion. Their dedication to the citizens of Marion and the Marion City Police does not go unnoticed. I am proud of all of them for all they do.

In 2022, there was a slight decrease in the number of cases submitted from the previous year.

Sex Offense which includes Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) take up a vast amount of time and resources. Often sex offense cases involve some type of social media application which takes time to obtain warrants and sort through all the data sent by social media provider. Detectives are constantly training in this area to improve their skills.

ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children)

Detectives worked on 12 total ICAC cases for 2022. Several of these cases were closed out with arrests and convictions with most of the defendants getting many years if not decades of time in prison.

One case was worked in conjunction with Michigan and led to the arrest of an 18-year-old male sending nude photos of himself to a juvenile in Marion.



Chris Adkins
Major

Month	2020	2021	2022
January	52	31	34
February	40	51	59
March	41	63	55
April	39	49	41
May	44	53	58
June	54	41	42
July	81	34	28
August	40	66	57
September	42	53	54
October	34	75	52
November	20	43	47
December	49	49	54
Total:	508	608	581

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Homicides

22-01082: On March 9, 2022, patrol officers were sent to 134 London Street on a shooting call. Charles Feliciano was located with gun shots wounds and later died. Within hours of the shooting, Christian Gutierrez age, 19 was in Delaware County and arrested for murder. A Marion County Grand Jury indicated Gutierrez for aggravated murder with a death penalty specification. This case is pending.

22-01640: On April 10, 2022, patrol officers responded to 567 Sugar Street for a shooting call. Kaylyn Cole had been killed by her boyfriend after a domestic incident. The suspect, Seth Nead killed himself prior to officers' arrival.

22-04118: On August 2, 2022, patrol officers were dispatched to 576 E. Adams Street for a shooting. A 17-year-old juvenile was shot in the middle of the roadway after an altercation. The juvenile later died as a results of the shooting. 18-year-old Marquis Adams was identified as the suspected shooter and was on the run until January 2023 where he was located by the U.S. Marshall's Office in Detroit, MI. The case is still pending in court.

Notable Calls

22-01218: On March 16, 2022, a person came into the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and explained that he had information about a person being held against his will on Owens Street in Marion. Members of the Marion Police Department went to 348 Owens Street and encountered Smith, who lived at the residence. In the upstairs of the residence, officers found the victim, who had a swollen eye, a broken arm, two lacerations on his leg, ligature marks on his wrists, and bruising on multiple planes of his body. The victim explained to officers that it was Smith who had beaten him.

22-02736: On June 6, 2022, a parent reported their 9-year-old daughter was sexual assaulted by the adult uncle while he was staying with the family in Marion. Det. Diem took over the case and with assistance, located Rakeem Ginyard. He was later interviewed to confessed to have sexual relations with the female family member. He is awaiting trial and faces life in prison.

22-04429: On September 9, 2022, Det. Diem started an investigation involving child pornography. The suspect was identified as Justin A. Martin of National Dr. A thorough investigation led to the arrest of Martin for possession child pornography. His case is still pending.

22-04783: On September 26, 2022, a shooting took place at the Circle K on North Main Street. Video was obtained of the suspect, Michael Howze. Detectives took over the case and combed through hours of video and were able to locate Howze several days later held up in the home of his girlfriend. Howze was arrested for weapons under disability and felonious assault. Magnificent work by the detectives in locating Howze who has ties to Toledo, Ohio, and Michigan.

22-05093: On October 12, 2022, Det. Sterling took over investigation involving the illegal sale of residential property within the City of Marion. This case involved 8 homes and is still pending. The suspect in this case would "Quick Claim Deed" homes into their name from those who are deceased, or the home was set for foreclosure. The case has been submitted for charges.

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22-05285: On October 26, 2022, patrol officers were sent to N. Greenwood Street and Adams Street for a shooting investigation. Two homes in the area and a car had bullet holes in them. The shooting occurred after an altercation between two juveniles. The suspected shooter was only 16 years old. The shooter and the firearms used by him after a search warrant on E. Mark Street were found. The 16-year-old suspect later pleaded guilty in juvenile court. Detectives spent many hours working on this case with a successful resolution.

Notable Convictions in 2022

On February 12, 2022, Ziair Green now 18 years old was found guilty after a one-week jury trial of killing Ricco McGhee. This incident occurred in January of 2021. Green was given 18 years to life in prison.

On August 4, 2022, Cedrick Riley pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Robbery, with gun specifications. He was then sentenced to 20-27 years in prison out of a 2021 case.

On September 26, 2022, Jonathan Welch was sentenced by Judge Matthew Frericks to life in prison. Last month, Welch pleaded guilty to murdering Jasper Braddy.

On October 29, 2021, Don Etgen was sentenced by Judge Edwards to 22 to 25 ½ years in prison for convictions of Attempted Rape, two counts of Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor, and Gross Sexual Imposition. The victims in this case were Etgen's daughter and stepdaughter.

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins

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The Administrative Division has a support role within the Marion Police Department and aids Operations and Investigations throughout the year. Some of the responsibilities within the Administrative Division include the MPACT program, records, property room, computer operations, quartermaster, training, grant applications, policy, and vehicle fleet management. Also included as a duty of this division is the compilation of monthly reports, this annual report, and other tasks as assigned by the Chief to assist in the day-to-day and long-term goals of the department.

MPACT

MPACT stands for Marion Police and Community Together. This community-based program is led by Lt. Ed Brown. Included in this annual report is very detailed report from Lt. Brown covering the impact that the program had in 2022.

Also, under the MPACT umbrella is the JV MPACT Officer. This position was made possible by the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant from 2020. The focus of this position is to provide mentoring and police-initiated diversion to middle school-aged students in Marion City. Officer Montel Smith was in this position for the entirety of 2022 and has a report dedicated to it in this annual report, as well.

The Code Enforcement Officer is Casey Thomas. Officer Thomas has made quite an impact in removing or gaining compliance for junk motor vehicles, removing tires from the City's right-of-way, and more. He was in this position for the entire 2022 year. He will retire in February of 2023 and will be missed. Officer Dan Ice will take over full-time as the Code Enforcement Officer when some of the officers in the academy complete academy and field training.

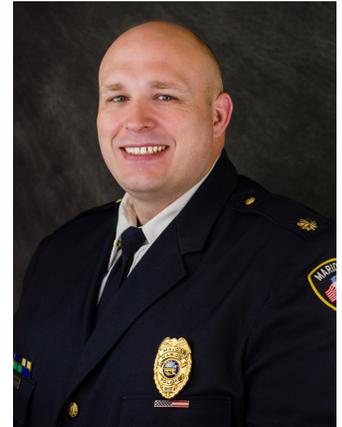
Cadets/Explorers

Grant Middle School SRO Joe McDonald, in cooperation with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, continued the Explorer program in 2022. The Explorer program looks to give 14–20-year-old students a chance to learn about the law enforcement field in a very hands-on way. The Sheriff's Office had several former Explorers enter the LE field previously, and, with the recruiting challenges all LE face right now, it is a good way to try to broaden our reach of perspective applicants.

Near the end of the year, it was decided to transition the Explorer program to the Public Safety Cadets program. It's basically the same as the Explorer program with the same goals.

Administration/Records

Nicole Trent is the Records Clerk for MPD. Most of her day consists of filling public records requests, both written reports as well as body camera video. With the seemingly increased number of body camera requests, this has become a very time-consuming and detailed task. Each body camera is redacted per public record laws, then reviewed by me as an extra quality assurance step. Nicole also handles the sealing and expungement of records sent from the courts, fingerprint checks for the public, and attaching files to reports.



Jon Shaffer
Major

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Dustin Evans is the Administrative Assistant for the police department. Dustin takes care of all things purchase order or invoice-related for the police department. He also is very helpful with any additional administrative tasks that are required.

Dustin filled in for Nicole when she was off for an extended period at the end of the year. Dustin has been through several training classes covering public record requests and was able to step right in to help with this very involved task. His work during this time with the added task of record requests was greatly appreciated.

The department was fortunate to also have Heather Schramm fill in for the time Nicole was off. Heather was also able to assist in a multitude of ways throughout the year and her help was also greatly appreciated.

As part of our upgrade to Evidence Library Cloud (ELC) with a grant, we were able to add CommandCentral as well. This has significantly streamlined the body cam redaction process even though actual redaction remains a very tedious process.

Property Room

Amanda Adkins and Nicole Wheeler handle all property room duties. Any property that comes to the PD to be secured as evidence, found property, or safekeeping goes through them. They do a fantastic job managing the large amount of property that comes in daily. Amanda completed a more detailed report as part of this annual report.

Records Management

In the first quarter of 2022, the police department teamed up with the Sheriff's Office to purchase an update CAD/RMS/Mobile CAD software system. After a difficult time in 2021 with the previously selected vendor, the department signed on with CentralSquare and their updated platform. This new contract will save the police department money each year as well as add several features including an online web portal for the public, field training software online, and integration with the county prosecutor's software.

The process of switching from one platform to another is very detailed and time-consuming. It includes several meetings each week normally as well as a lot of setup and testing. It has been the main focus of my job duties for 2022.

The PD, SO, and dispatch center will go live with the new system in late of 2023. While it will be a huge change for all employees, it is a needed change.

Grants

The department continued the work of the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant from 2020 that provided for three police officers with Officer Montel Smith as the lead. 2023 will be the last year for this grant.

The department also applied for a grant through the State of Ohio to supplement and upgrade the department's body-worn camera program. This \$93,092 grant provided for 19 new V300 body cameras, transfer stations,

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docks, licenses for all users, and online video storage through Evidence Library Cloud (ELC). With the help of Jacob Boldin and Rick Young from City IT, we switched completely to V300 cam usage and ELC in the last quarter of 2023. We applied for another grant for 10 more body cameras and are still waiting word back on that request.

In cooperation with the Marion County S.O., they applied for a crime reduction grant through the state of Ohio. This includes many things to assist in the reduction of crime, including LPRs, a crime analyst, and more that will benefit all of Marion County, including the city of Marion.

Through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the department applied for a grant for two drones and accessories. The grant was approved near the end of 2022, and we continue to work through that process.

Chief McDonald and Major Gruber applied for a wellness grant from the State of Ohio. It was approved for funding near the end of 2022 and is also in process. Of the several things included, it provides for the hiring of an additional officer, bringing the authorized sworn total to 61 for 2023.

Lt. Brown applied for a grant to assist with the Cadet program near the end of 2022. That process is ongoing as well.

Fleet/Training/Recruitment & Hiring

Vehicle fleet, training and recruitment & hiring are covered as separate sections of this annual report.

City Hall Security Desk Screeners

At the beginning of 2022, Steve Walton and Juanita Rosvanis were hired, trained, and began their duties as part-time security screeners. Both have proven to be great assets to the police department and city of Marion and bring consistency to the security desk.

Scheduling Clerk

The department added a Scheduling Clerk as well. This part-time position helps take some administrative load off the lieutenants as well as me. Dave Clark was hired to fill this position. His main duties include bi-weekly payroll and filling overtime and special duty slots.

Respectfully,
Major Jon Shaffer

The Marion-Metrich Drug Task Force, better known as MARMET, is charged with investigating drugs and vice crimes within Marion County. Comprised of members from the Marion Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office, and Marion County Prosecutor's Office, the local drug task force is part of a greater regional unit known as MET-RICH based out of Mansfield, Ohio and is governed by a Board consisting of Sheriff Matt Bayles, Chief Jay McDonald, and Prosecutor Raymond Grogan.

Drugs continue to be the main crime problem in Marion County. The drug problem leads to the thefts, burglaries, robberies, prostitution, and assault calls. MARMET continues to work aggressively with the court system to address the problem as best we can, but this epidemic is not limited to Marion County. More people die from opiate related deaths in Ohio than from vehicular accidents. Employers have often reported that they experience trouble finding potential employees because of drug related issues. MARMET remains committed to assisting Marion County by aggressively pursuing drug traffickers who bring these lethal drugs into our community.

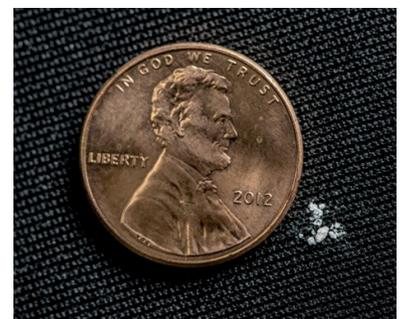
In previous years, heroin has been the most prominent drug abused in Marion County. Heroin continues to be the deadliest drug in our county, especially when it is combined with other drugs. Although recently, we are seeing that the most popular drug of choice tends to be methamphetamine and cocaine. Methamphetamine is the most dangerous drug for law enforcement personnel to encounter, requiring a great deal of training for our detectives. All of these drugs have taken a strong hold in this community, and they continue to affect numerous lives.

While there are still several results that we do have back yet, Marion County ended the year with at least 36 lives lost due to drug overdose and at least 205 non-fatal overdoses. Marion repeatedly sees heroin laced with the powerful prescription drug, Fentanyl. This includes fentanyl analogs such as Furanylfentanyl and Carfentanil which we are still seeing being detected in fatal overdoses. Fentanyl is reported as being 50 times more potent than heroin and up to 100 times more potent than morphine. Carfentanil is the most potent fentanyl analog detected in the United States and is approximately 10,000 times more potent than morphine, 100 times more than fentanyl, and 50 times more than heroin.

Recently, the most common analogs that we have been coming across are para-fluorofentanyl and the resurgence of acetyl fentanyl. Studies suggest that acetyl fentanyl's potency is 5 to 15 times that of heroin. All of these fentanyl analogs are extremely dangerous and can be disguised in or as several other different types of drugs, such as heroin or prescription pills. Counterfeit pills may contain fatal amounts of fentanyl or methamphetamine and are extremely dangerous because they frequently appear identical to legitimate prescription pills, and the user is likely unaware of what they are truly using and just how lethal they can be.



Jamie Ralston
Lieutenant



Of the 36 fatal overdoses in 2022, so far at least 20 (55%) of them have come back as fentanyl or fentanyl mixed with another drug. These additives are so dangerous that MARMET has taken preventative steps to try to ensure our officers are not negatively impacted to them through an accidental exposure. To give a better understanding of how dangerous fentanyl really is, there are a couple pictures attached below. The second picture is 2 milligrams of fentanyl, which is a lethal dose in most people.

On a day-to-day basis, MARMET is led by Lt. Jamie Ralston of the Marion Police Department with the assistance of Captain Ken Rittenour from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. For the beginning of 2020, the unit was led by Major Chris Adkins, until later in the year when he was promoted to Major of Investigations. Major Adkins still assists the Drug Task Force anytime that is needed. MARMET consists of Detective Colin Lowe, his partner K9 Stash, Detective Matt Baldrige, and Detective Matt Creps from the Marion Police Department. Along with Detectives Stacy McCurry and Aaron Marburger of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Briana Outcalt serves as the analyst for MARMET.

MARMET continues to be assisted by the Investigations units of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department. Marion County Sheriff's Office Investigations unit is led by Captain Ken Rittenour along with Detectives Christy Utley and Katie Barber. Marion Police Department Investigations unit being led by Major Chris Adkins and Lt. Jim Fitsko along with Detectives Erica Delp, Mike Diem, and Scott Sterling. MARMET also works closely with Marion County Adult Probation and Ohio Adult Parole Authority, who provide a great deal of information that is very valuable to the Task Force.

MARMET is a self-sufficient operation, with tax dollars being spent only towards the salaries of the persons assigned to the unit. All other operating costs are met through monies seized from offenders of drug investigations. In 2022, the Drug Task Force seized in total \$62,265.00.

Lt. Ralston continues to help and be an active member of the MARC Court (Drug Court) treatment team with Judge Teresa Ballinger. MARMET will continue to support Judge Ballinger in her efforts to help Marion County. In 2022, Members of MARMET Drug Task Force had in total provided at least 15 drug awareness education trainings or presentations. MARMET knows it cannot arrest everyone connected to illegal drugs in Marion County and make the drug issue go away. It also knows that enforcement cannot be left off the table either and must be a vital part of any plan to reduce the impact of drugs in our community.

In 2022, Marion County saw a decrease in non-fatal overdose calls with the total being 205, which is 66 less than we had in 2021. Marion County also saw an increase in overdose deaths in 2022 with a total of 36, this is 2 more overdose deaths than we had in 2021. This number is not solid as autopsy reports are still being completed.

MARMET continues to have available a TIPS line for the public to call in information and remain anonymous if they would like to do so. This year the TIPS line received around 1,000 calls. In 2021, MARMET had also launched an online tips portal where people can send in tips anonymously via a website to give citizens an additional way to share information with law enforcement. People who would like to send in tips are also able to do so by email or by contacting The Marion Police Department or Marion Sheriff's Department Facebook pages. We are always looking to engage with the community in any way possible to receive information about drug trafficking activity or concerns in

their neighborhood.

Technology, funding, and the ever-changing drug world remains MARMET's biggest challenges. Drug dealers adapt to what law enforcement has figured out and change their way of transportation and concealment. MARMET continues to do its best to stay at the forefront and always stay one-step ahead. We would like to thank Judge Theresa Ballinger, Judge Warren Edwards and Judge Matthew Frericks for their support of law enforcement in Marion County, Ohio.

Respectfully,
Lt. Jamie Ralston

2022 Noteworthy MARMET Cases

January 31: MARMET detectives, along with assistance of the Marion Police Department, executed a search warrant at the 400 block of 405 Mound St. Det. Lowe deployed his partner K-9 Stash. K-9 Stash alerted to several locations throughout the residence. Detectives seized 61.03 grams of Fentanyl and 4.18 grams of cocaine.

February 1: MARMET Drug Task Force detectives, along with assistance from the Marion Special Response Team, served a search warrant for an address on Henry St. Detectives seized 255.8 grams of Methamphetamines, 167.4 grams of cocaine and 7.73 grams of Fentanyl. \$7,556 was also seized.



March 18: MARMET Drug Task Force detectives, along with assistance from the Marion Special Response Team, served a search warrant at the 200 block of Barnhart St. Detectives seized 221 grams of cocaine and a firearm.

May 4: MARMET detectives, along with the assistance of the Marion Special Response Team, executed a search warrant at the 300 block of Columbia Ct. Detectives seized 34.2 grams of Methamphetamines, 38.2 grams of Fentanyl, 615 Grams of Marijuana and 3 guns.

August 12: MARMET executed a search warrant at the 700 block of S Prospect St, referencing an ongoing narcotics investigation. In total, 46 guns were seized along with 18.8 grams of Meth and 5.39 grams of Fentanyl.

August 20: MARMET detectives, along with assistance from



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the Marion County Sheriffs Office, conducted a traffic. During this traffic stop detectives, seized 35.38 grams of cocaine, 19.74 grams of fentanyl and \$884.00.

September 20: MARMET detectives obtained and served a search warrant for an address on Owens St. Detectives seized 2 handguns, 171 grams of suspected Methamphetamines and 1.081 grams of Marijuana. Also, \$5,200.00 in cash was seized.



The information below is collected from Marion Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Post of the State Highway Patrol:

MAJOR DRUG STATISTICS FOR MARION COUNTY

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Cases	611	575	548	326	184	266	265
Indictments	585	518	581	546	426	591	419
Search Warrants	271	257	193	186	184	163	145
Drug Education Programs	21	49	40	34	20	24	15
Money Seized	\$123,195.00	\$69,716.00	\$783,088.00	\$80,310.49	\$100,947.35	\$79,625.00	\$62,265.00
Heroin/Fentanyl (grams)	843.63	1083.30	546.34	469.00	1214.41	1835.30	2196.40
Cocaine (grams)	906.86	169.20	163.20	521.20	215.94	524.60	645.70
Crack Cocaine (grams)	496.62	299.90	335.90	344.70	272.60	927.40	789.30
Prescription Drugs (pills)	3923.50	4160.00	1523.60	2115.30	1288.80	1037.00	5519.00
Guns	81	77	187	236	210	196	236

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What an awesome year we had with the MPACT program. We continue to build relationships and expand on the ones that we already have for the betterment of our community. Our friends at Starfish Assignment continue to be huge supporters. Not only do they provide us with books for our Books and Badges program, but they also have provided us with door clubs to help victims of violent crime feel safer in their homes, book bags at the beginning of the school year and Kroger gift cards to hand out to families in need both at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Along with Starfish, the 2nd and Seven Foundation has also provided us books for our Books and Badges program. Because of their generosity, we were able to go into the schools and read with the kids in grades kindergarten through 5th grade a total of twenty-one times. In most all of these incidents, we visited multiple classrooms at once.

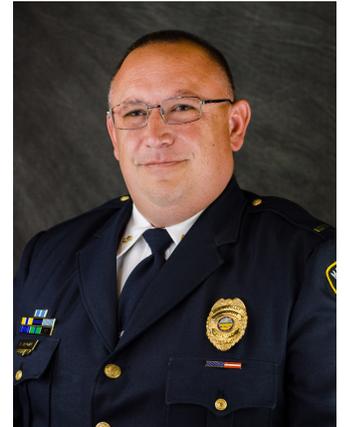
Starfish also put us in touch with a non-profit organization called Sahara Columbus. This organization is run by kids. They provided us with snack bags for kids this summer as well as blessing bags full of non-perishable food items for families in need both at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

We were also fortunate enough to receive snack bags from an organization called Feed the Kids Columbus this summer. We were able to hand out bags for all the kids to take home with them at our summer events, including Hotdogs and Heroes. We held five of these events this year and we were joined by different groups at each one including the Marion City Fire Department, Harding football team, and Marion Disk Golf Association.

Our Explorer program started off extremely well this year. During the school year, they met every other week. When school let out, we held a week long day camp for the Explorers which allowed us to be able to go more in depth into topics like crime scene processing, building searches and team building. We then held another day camp this summer and invited youth that we had from our TAPS program. We did this as an extension to TAPS for the first year as we were familiar with the kids. This will be a program we will expand upon in 2023 as it seemed to be a very beneficial program.

These positive interactions with the youth are a huge portion of MPACT and this year was not exception. We held our annual softball game with a local 12u team as well as our volleyball game this fall with the Harding Varsity team. This year, we worked with the YMCA quite a bit and visited their summer day camp as well as played kickball with the kids and even had a basketball game there. We also visited the Boys and Girls Club not only for their open houses but we also had a kickball game with the kids and staff. In addition, we spoke with different groups of their kids about internet safety on two different occasions.

The Marion Public Library also asked us to put on a series of classes for the kids this summer on internet safety. We did an entire four part series for them broken down into different age groups. We did a robbery presentation



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Lieutenant



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for Pillar Credit Union and multiple scam presentations for our senior living centers. I completed six different security assessments for local businesses this year as well. By far, though, the most popular community education presentation this year was the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events course that we present.

Not only did we do CRASE presentations for the Marion City Schools, we assisted Elgin, Tri Rivers, Marion Prep and St. Mary's Schools, as well. We also presented this to almost a dozen local businesses and churches as well as the Community Safety Council.

Literacy is an issue we attempt to address through our Books and Badges program. During the summer months, we continued to stress this by assisting with the Marion Public Library and Jerzee's Story Time programs.

We were also able to help with multiple other community events this year including the Victory Center's Easter Egg Hunt, five locations around the city during Beggar's Night and the Thanksgiving lunch at Garfield Elementary School. This year, we also worked with some of our faith leaders, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff's Office to host a free community holiday dinner. Well over 200 people received dinner from this event. Our friends at Buckeye Community School also sent people home with boxes of produce from this dinner.

Our MPACT program also became involved in several other new and exiting programs in Marion this year. We have constant interactions with the clients at MARCA and Wings of an Angel from talking to them about safety issues to multiple kickball games over the summer. Our biggest kickball game of the year, though, is with the Special Olympic Athletes at the DD board facilities. This is the second year for this game and we provide hotdogs and chips after the game as well as water and popsicles.

We also got involved with helping Project Noelle which is a new organization to Marion. They are a state wide non-profit who focuses on helping the children of parents caught in the opioid epidemic. We helped to deliver meals to those who could not get out of their houses with Meals on Wheels and have been working with the ADAMH Board on their Cornerstone of Hope program who helps the survivors of loss due to traumatic death.

I have continued to work with the Marion County Sheriff's Office's Victim's Assistance Program. Not only in assisting victims but also with a new initiative called "Remember My Name." The purpose of this is to address the incidents of intimate partner homicides that have had a recent uptick in our community.

In addition to this, we continue to work with the Drug Free Marion Coalition. We have attended two Community Anti Drug Coalition Conferences with them this year and are preparing for the roll out of the Handle with Care program at the beginning of the new year. This program will allow first responders to notify the schools whenever we have interaction with a youth who has experienced trauma to get them assistance. This will hopefully reduce the affects that these "Adverse Childhood Experiences" (ACEs) have on the youth. I have been appointed as the chairman of the DFM Board for 2023-24.

In addition to this, I have begun working with Hand of Hope and am currently the vice president of this board. Hand of Hope is working with a multitude of community partners to assist the homeless in our community with a resource center that will address multiple variables of life to get people from homeless to self-sustaining. This will in-

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clude temporary housing, a medical clinic, financial literacy, parenting and drug dependency courses and more.

I have also been in contact with the Columbus Blue Jackets and am working with them to try and develop some programming for our community.

This year we once again ran our Citizen's Police Academy in the fall. This year, we had over twenty applications for the ten week program and ultimately graduated fourteen people from the class. Of those, seven have joined the related alumni association. In our partnership with Victim's Assistance, we also held a spring and fall Women's Self Defense Class. This was exceptionally well received and we even held a separate one for the Victory Center church.

Our biggest event of the year, as in the past, was National Night Out. This is always held on the first Tuesday in August. We had another great turnout this year. We also held our first ever Faith and Blue event. This is a national program that the faith community helped us with and it was held at the Nazarene Church. For the first year, this was a very nice event and we will continue with this in the future, as well.

Our Cops, Cookies and Cocoa event this year was the largest it has ever been. Much like most of what we do, we could not have done this without the support of our community. This year, we had four different school districts help us with this. Santa also had a reindeer there this year. It was once again held in the Grant Middle School cafeteria and the line went around the room, out the door and to the parking lot almost all night long.

I look forward to next year to build upon our program to continue to make an MPACT on our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Ed Brown

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COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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At the start of 2022, I resumed my duties as the Juvenile MPACT officer from a brief after a brief stint on the road due to manpower. Shortly after, three new TAPS programs were set up for 7th and 8th graders at Marion Prep and students at Grant Middle School. At Grant we started with 11 students and graduated with five. While at Marion Prep, we started with fifteen 8th graders and twenty-three 7th graders. All these students at Marion Prep were given certificates for their participation as this was not a voluntary program that worked out with the school.

After having completed the Active Attack training, I started assisting Lt. Brown with these presentations. This was a great opportunity for both our programs to build relationships with different local businesses and community leaders.

While in my stead, Lt. Brown started visiting students in ALC to talk with them about poor decisions and making better choices. I continued this effort by periodically meeting with various students. Typically, I was able to speak with the students while they met with the Assistant Principal. I started intercepting students prior to the meeting for disciplinary action to have a more intimate conversation about what happened during the incident they were involved with. This allowed the students to tell their side of the story while offering a sort of “devil’s advocate” to their reasoning. Most students are receptive of this tactic and leave admitting fault to the principal.

During the summer, Lt. Brown and I started a summer camp for students that had participated in the TAPS program and graduated. We looked at all students from Grant and Marion Prep. The programming entailed visiting local sites around the city of Marion to show the students the rich history of Marion and not just the crime aspect. We visited the fire department, a tour of the police station, took a tour of the Harding Museum and was lucky enough to be allowed entry into the Harding Memorial, which then led to a partnership with the Harding society for our (at the time) Explorers program. We also did some fun team building activities and Lt. Brown gave a short introduction to fingerprinting and crime scene investigation.

The summer began with numerous staff vacancies at the middle school that were filled throughout the summer vacation. That said, coming back in August, many new faces were introduced. The new staff seem to be acclimating to the Grant environment well.

During the start of the fall school year, I began visiting the new GXL class during the end of the day, 10th peri-



Montel Smith
Officer



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od. These are students that have difficulties in a regular class setting but do not quite fit the behavioral criteria for Withrow alternative school. There has been significant improvement in some of the students' academics and their relationship with SRO Ofc. McDonald and myself. This year has brought a significant increase in students stopping by the office to chit chat or requesting help with problems they are having and/or homework. Having both Ofc. McDonald and I in the office allow us to offer a wider range of services for the students.

Also, at the start of the new school, a new partnership with St. Mary's and TAPS began. We started a program with their 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, totaling 22 students. Like Marion prep at the end all the students were presented with a certificate and goody bag as this was not a voluntary program.

Regarding my other duties as the Family Court liaison, we started monthly meetings with department heads at Family Court to allow everyone to be on the same page and discuss cases that need significant attention. We have had three meetings and I have already seen an improvement in communication amongst the various areas of juvenile diversion.

In December, I began revamping the JV MPACT diversion template by creating our own PowerPoint presentations to focus on the issues locally.

Respectfully,
Ofc. Montel Smith

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Officer Dunaway started the 2022 calendar at Harding High School after the holiday break. COVID brought staffing shortages which caused school closings at the beginning of the year. Mental health issues were a common concern with several students being transported to Marion General Hospital for evaluations.

By March, COVID cases were minimal. We were hopeful that COVID was behind us and to not have another school year affected by it. All SRO's, Lt. Brown and Officer C. Thomas spent an afternoon in March with the entire staff at Harding High School and trained them on active shooter situations. Spring activities kept the end of the school year busy and were conducted as normal. Harding High School was able to enjoy prom at the Palace and graduation took place in the Harding Stadium this Spring.

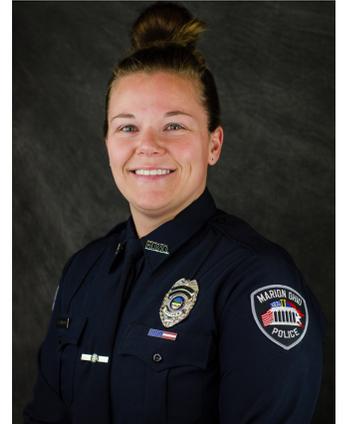
Officer Dunaway began the 2022-2023 school year at Harding High School in mid-August then enjoyed the bourbon chicken, corn dogs and funnel cakes as he worked his last Popcorn Festival in September. He retired from Marion Police Department at the end of October. I fully took over the position of the School Resource Officer at Harding High School upon his retirement.

Toward the end of the year the school's administration, teachers, and I have been more present in the hallways. With greater presence there are less confrontations and fights between students and less vandalism in the restrooms. I have built many positive relationships with the students and teachers in the few months that I have been at Harding High School. The Marion City Schools are one of our greatest community partners. Together we will accomplish our goals of making the community better and keeping our kids safe.

Criminal Filings are as follows:

- Agg. Riot—1
- Theft- 1
- Illegal Conveyance of Weapons--2
- Resisting Arrest---1
- Inducing Panic---1
- Assault-- 3
- Felony Assault---3
- Assault on LEO-- 1
- Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia—1
- Poss. of Marijuana-- 1

Respectfully Submitted,
SRO Dave Dunaway



Dena Benroth
Officer

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The 2022 school year was a learning experience. It had some highs and lows. At the beginning of the year we started the Explorer program. We had around nine juveniles join our class. They all seemed eager to learn about law enforcement. Students came and went but we were able to maintain about five students the entire year.

At the end of the 2021/2022 school year I was able to go to Washington DC with the 8th grade class. The students seemed to have a great time visiting the capital and all the land marks. It was a very memorable trip. I was grateful for the invitation by Grant staff.

We had our first Explorers camp the first week of July. It was held at Grant, the students did team building exercises, learned about crime scenes, and how to process them. Lt. Brown taught the students about finger prints. We discussed domestic violence. They were able to respond to some mock domestic violence calls. They had to use radios, interview witnesses, determine if the crime actually happened, then arrest the suspect. We worked on building searches as well, at the end of the camp we had a Nerf gun war.

The beginning of the 2022/2023 year was an interesting one. The staff was warned about the upcoming 6th grade class, and their behavior. One of the 6th graders ran from the building, when I intercepted him he resisted and punched me. He was charged with the assault. The same student a few weeks later assaulted a student in the hallway. He then later assaulted a staff member because he didn't get his way. The student was transferred to the WEC, plus the assault charges were going forward and by-passed Diversion.

Grant hosted National Night out, officers were able to sit in the dunk tank. Kids were able to play on the bouncy houses. Hotdogs and water were supplied and handed out. It was a great time for all. MPD did not win the dance off, but there is always 2023.

I was at Grant on Halloween, I handed out plenty of candy and it was a good time.

Santa came to grant again in 2022, the turnout doubled the previous year. I was concerned we would run out of cookies, I believe we had half a tray left at the end of the night.

Respectively Submitted
SRO Joe McDonald



Joe McDonald
Officer

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During the year I continued my assignments at Taft Elementary, Benjamin Harrison Elementary, George Washington Elementary, and the Withrow Equity Center. The year saw the completion of my fourth year as a School Resource Officer and then the start of my fifth year. During that time I have built very good relationships with the staffs at the schools and with the students. I try to make sure I am at each building at least once a day. I will adjust my schedule from time to time to try and address any problems that might be occurring at either drop off in the morning or at dismissal in the afternoon. I am often contacted by the schools for different situations such as custody disputes, assaults, students leaving the buildings, thefts, property damage, and many other criminal and non criminal situations. I also attended several events outside of school hours such as literacy night, Trick or Treat, Fall Festivals, National Night Out, Cops and Kids, and Christmas Events. I have also worked at several Marion Harding sporting events, The Homecoming Dance, and Prom.

I help teach at the Safety City Program and I'm on the Safety City Board. I teach the students about 911, gun safety, and crossing the street safely. During 2022 I taught these topics to 23 different kindergarten classrooms. Almost all the schools in Marion County send their students through the Safety City Program. I also help Lt Brown coordinate Books and Badges reading events and participated six times reading to different grade levels.

During the year I forwarded 8 cases to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office for charges. 3 assaults, 3 criminal damaging, 1 rioting, and 1 aggravated menacing.

Respectfully,
SRO Gabriel



Shane Gabriel
Officer

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The 2022-2023 school so far has been great even though there have been some issues with discipline, bussing, and staff shortage. School staff has adapted and helped out where they are needed to make the school day a success.

I help out with student looper lines. Gives me a chance to greet the students as they come and go from school.

Building a rapport with students by going into the classrooms like gym, recess, instruction time, and break times.

Book and Badges reading program is going great. Students participate by reading along with the officer. Students love the part where they get to sign the officer's book then the officer signs their book which they get to keep.

Involved in many Holiday events like serving Thanksgiving meals at Garfield Elementary, handing out of perishable food items and gift cards to families in need, and Cops, Kids, and Cocoa. Students invited me into their classrooms for Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

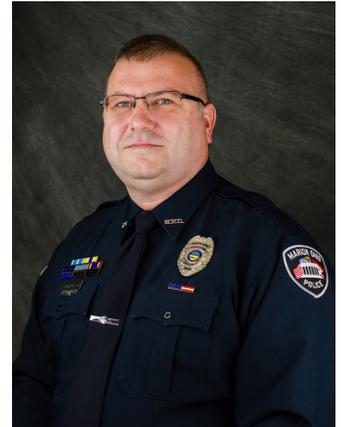
Assisted Ms. Stroupe's class with making pumpkin bread.

I worked the ESP's in locating and getting students with attendance issues back into the school setting.

Tornado, Fire, and Active Attacker drills are current.

Two reports have been sent to Juvenile Prosecutor Office for charges.

Respectfully submitted,
SRO Monnette #27



Todd Monnette
Officer

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The Marion Police Department handled **226** cases during 2022 in which juveniles were either arrested or charges were requested. These cases involved **171** males and **55** females. Of the **226** cases, **152** were filed by the prosecutor's office, **57** sent to Diversion, **17** were closed without filing charges.

Breakdown of 2022 offenses:

Crimes of Violence

Felonious assault 3
Assault 38
Domestic Violence 35
Aggravated Robbery/ Robbery 0
Aggravated Menacing/Menacing 9

Crimes Against Society

Disorderly Conduct 28
Obstructing Official Business 9
Falsification 3
Underage Consumption 8
Conveyance of Deadly Weapon to School 7
Resisting Arrest 5
Inducing Panic/Making False Alarms 3
Agg Riot/Riot 9

Juvenile Related Offense

Unruly, Curfew, or Wayward 40
Illegal Use of Tobacco 0
Probation Violation 5

Drug Related Offenses

Possession of Drugs 10
Trafficking 1
Drug Paraphernalia 3

Property Crime

Theft 18
Criminal Trespass 2
Agg Burglary/Burglary 2
Breaking & Entering 4
Criminal Damaging/Mischief 15



Montel Smith
Officer

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Receiving Stolen Property 0
Agg. Arson/Arson 0
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle 0

Sex Offenses

Rape 2
Gross Sexual Imposition 1
Human/ Sex Trafficking 0
Pandering obscenity w/minor 2
Disseminating harmful material 4

Traffic Citations

A total of 41 traffic citations were issued to juveniles in 2022.

Respectfully,
Ofc. M Smith

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Lt. Wheeler & K9 Joker
Det. Lowe & K9 Stash
Lt. Elliott & K9 Ranger

2022 brought big changes within our K9 Unit. In July of 2022, K9 Six retired after serving the citizens of Marion for nearly 9 years. This was soon followed by Lt Elliott stepping down as the K9 Unit Coordinator, with the position being filled by Lt Wheeler. We also welcomed a new K9 to the Unit, K9 Ranger. K9 Ranger began training in August, and began working the road in September. We also began using a new K9 reporting system. Which aids our Unit in tracking statistics and linking our training with other teams using this program.

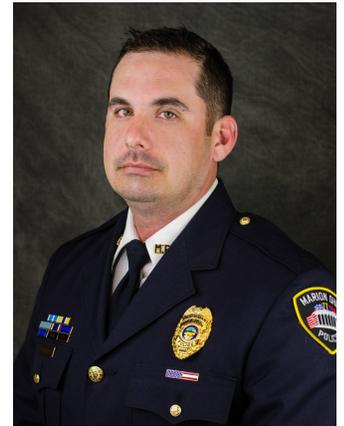
As a Unit, we had 237 deployments for the year. These ranged from narcotic detection, building searches, evidence searches, and searching for suspects. Although the deployments for public demonstrations are not included in these numbers, we performed many of them as well.

Currently we have two cruisers outfitted for our dual purpose K9's, Ranger and Joker, who are assigned to the Patrol Division. These cruisers have nearly 100 and 90 thousand miles on them, respectively. The cruisers assigned to our Unit are running more frequently than those assigned to the Patrol Division and have a significant amount of idle hours. This is done to keep the temperature in the cruiser suitable for our K9 partners. With this said, it is a goal for 2023 to have at least one new cruiser assigned to the K9 Unit.

Our cruisers are not the only things aging, so are our K9 partners. K9 Stash will be 10 years old and K9 Joker will be 9 years old this coming year. It has been decided a new handler will be sought, along with his/her K9 partner, this year. We will be working with Storm Dog Tactical in the selection, purchase, and training of our new K9 Team.

2023 is upon us and we are excited for it. As a Unit, our goal is to always find work for our K9 partners to do.

Lt. Richard Wheeler

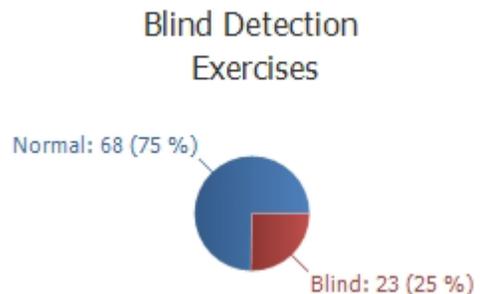
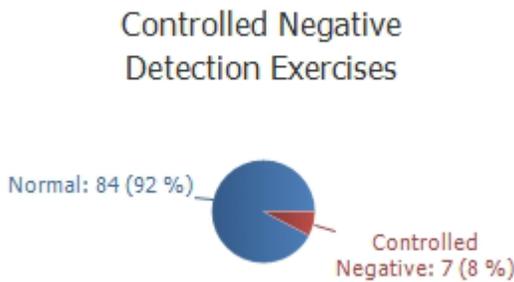
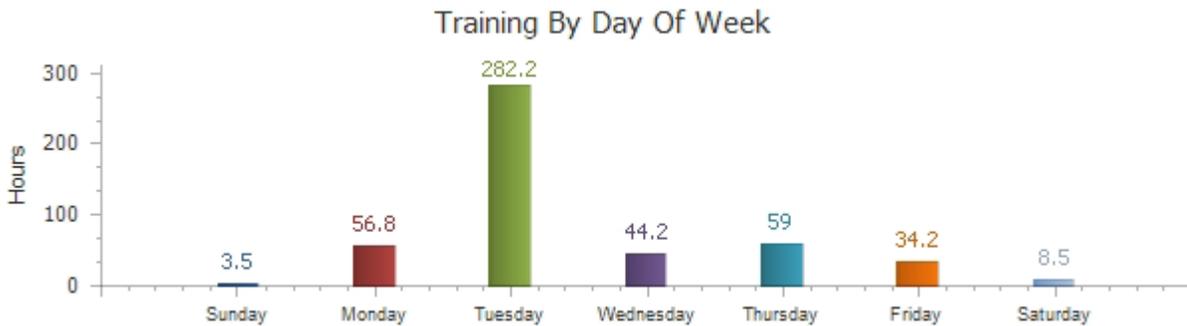


Richard Wheeler
Lieutenant

K9 REPORT

IMPACT

In 2022, the Unit trained for over 488 hours. These hours do not include any time the handler does routine daily events with their handler at home, off duty.

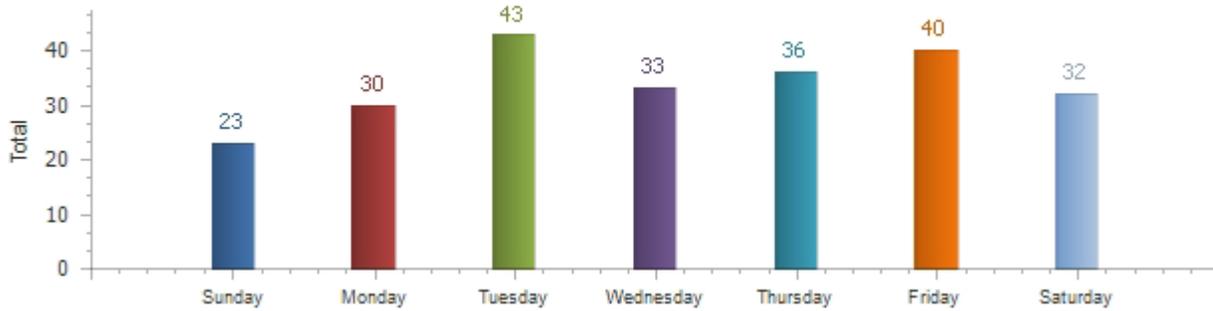


K9 REPORT

IMPACT

In 2022, the K9 Unit had 237 deployments, 211 of them being narcotic detection related, and the other 26 patrol related. We were deployed to support Officers within our own department, as well as several other agencies around Central Ohio. Below is a breakdown of deployments and narcotics seized.

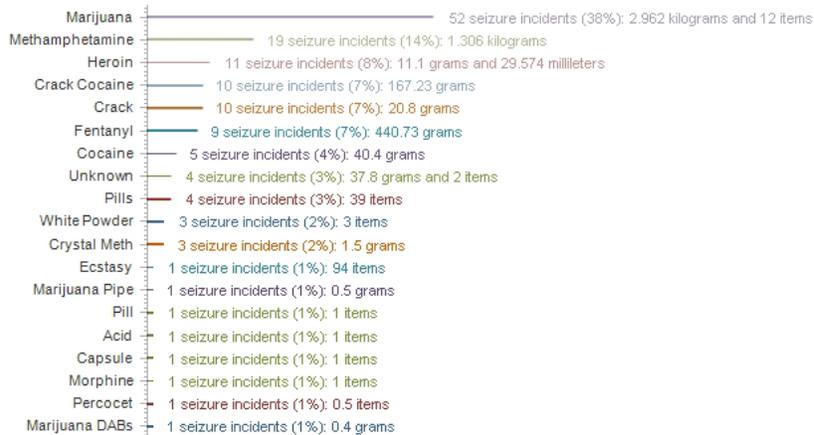
Deployments By Day Of Week



Deployments By Month



Drug Indications



K9 JOKER

IMPACT

K9 Joker had 119 deployments

In May of 2022, K9 Joker turned 8 years old.

Lt Wheeler and K9 Joker attended a week long training in Indiana with the American Tactical K9 Association.

Lt Wheeler and K9 Joker attended in-service training with Storm Dog Tactical in October.

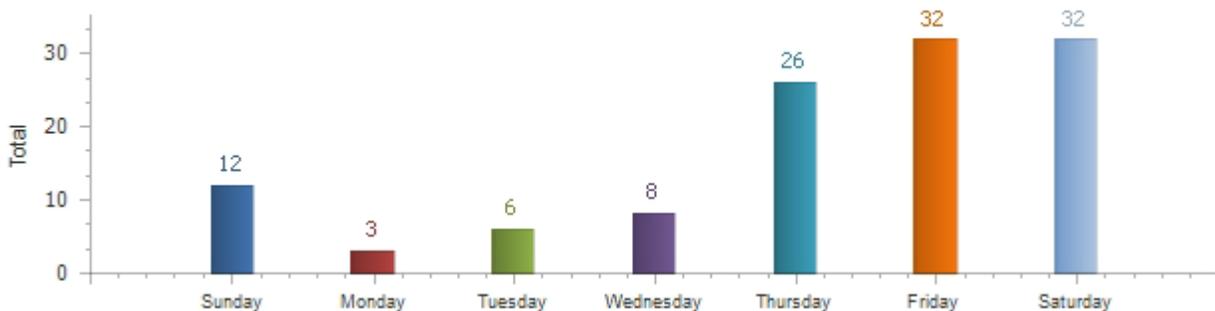
Through Jokers hard work, over 638 grams of narcotics and four firearms were seized.



K9 Joker



Deployments By Day Of Week



K9 STASH

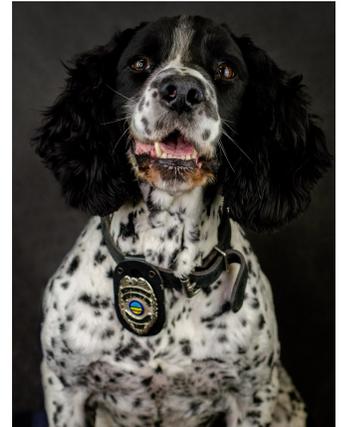
IMPACT

K9 Stash had 27 deployments

K9 Stash turned 9 in 2022.

K9 Stash works directly with MARMET Detectives and is responsible for aiding in the seizure of large amounts of narcotics.

Thanks to Stash's hard work, about 4 kilograms of narcotics were seized due to him.



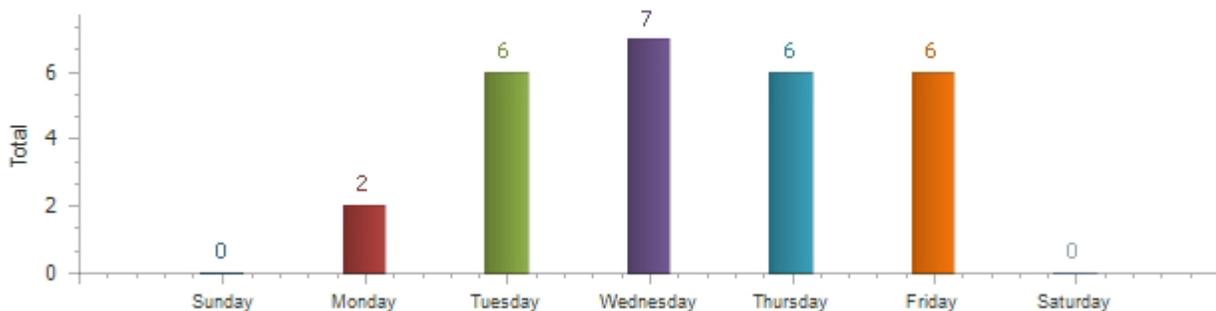
K9 Stash



Drug Indications



Deployments By Day Of Week



K9 RANGER

IMPACT

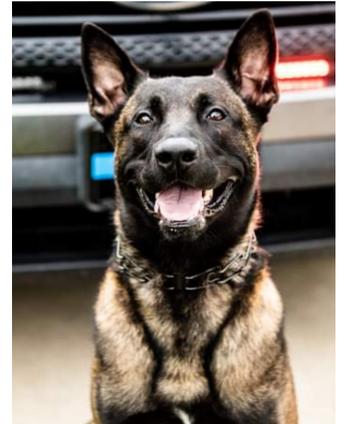
K-9 Ranger had 30 deployments



Ranger turned 2 years old shortly after being paired with Lt Elliott.

K9 Ranger and Lt Elliott began their initial training in August of 2022. After this, they began patrolling the following month.

Lt Elliott and K9 Ranger attended annual in-service training with Storm Dog Tactical.



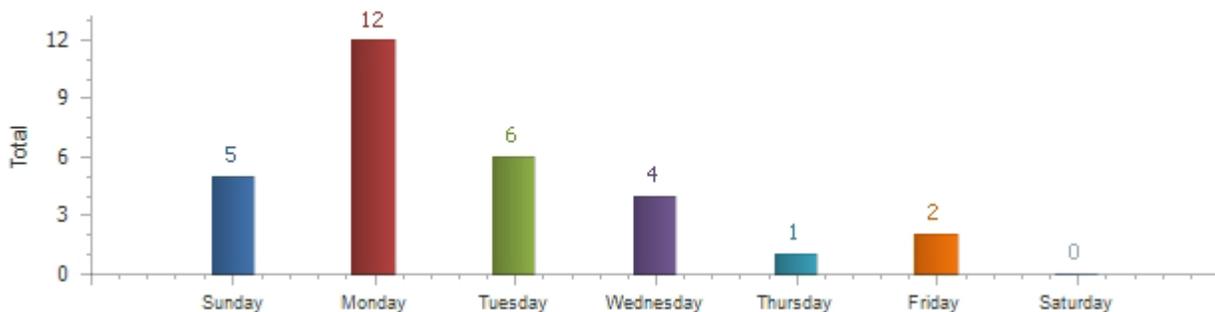
K9 Ranger

of 52 grams of narcotics. Along with that, are various items of paraphernalia and other narcotics not measured in weight.

K9 Ranger quickly became acclimated to working and is responsible for the seizure



Deployments By Day Of Week



K9 SIX

IMPACT

K-9 Six (retired) had 61 deployments

K9 Six turned 11 years old in June of 2022, retiring from the Police Department the next month. With K9 Six retiring at his age, combined with when he began serving the citizens of Marion, he set a record by becoming the longest serving Police K9 in Marion's history.

K9 Six was an instrumental piece of the MPACT Program. He attended nearly every public function and was loved by everyone who met him. He continues going places and meeting new people even in retirement.

K9 Six aided Officers from this agency and others in getting dangerous drugs and criminals off of the street.



K9 Six



OVI REPORT

IMPACT

In 2022, Officers continued to remove drug impaired and alcohol impaired drivers from the streets. In 2022 Officers made 157 OVI arrests, a nearly 20% increase from 2021 and a 44% increase from 2020. Officers of the Marion Police Department are committed to arresting impaired drivers and making the roadways safer.

The 2022 OVI Excellence Award was earned by Officer Katrina Rostorfer. Off Rostorfer was also recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization for her commitment in removing impaired drivers. Off Rostorfer made 27 OVI arrests in 2022. Off Rostorfer also has training in detecting “drugged drivers” and aggressively pursues impaired drivers. Off Ryan Kelly, Off Keegan Pelphrey, and Off Hannah Greer also made an impact with OVI arrests.



Rob Musser
Lieutenant

Alcohol vs drug impaired driver arrests:

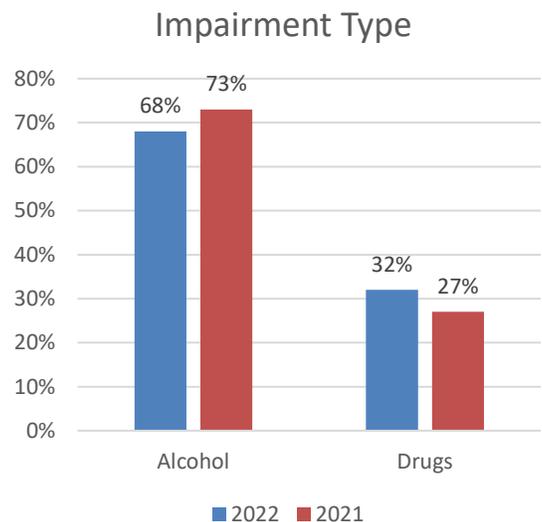
*2022 68% alcohol impaired & 32% drug impaired

*2021 73% alcohol impaired & 27% drug impaired

OVI training continues to be a priority. MPD is sending Officers for advanced training in detecting drugged drivers. We are responding to frequent calls of drivers who had overdosed. We are seeing an increase of toxicology results with multiple drug combinations, two of the most common being methamphetamine and fentanyl mixtures, as well as prescription pills.

2022 OVI Highlight

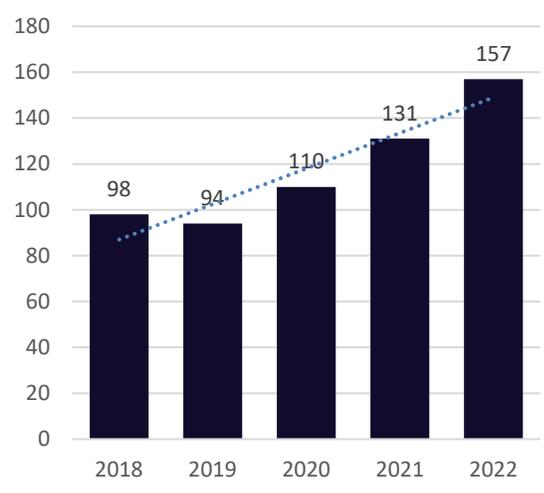
Officers Were sent to the area of Davids St @ Bennett St for a hit/skip crash, with information that the vehicle fled South. Officer Beveridge was on an unrelated call saw the suspect vehicle headed E/B on Barks Road, back towards the city. At this time, the vehicle had crossed the lane and went left of center, almost causing another crash. Lt Coburn and Off Ryan Kelly located the vehicle as it was turning S/B on Delaware Ave from Barks Rd. A traffic stop was attempted and the vehicle did not stop, resulting in a short pursuit. The vehicle turned into a trailer park, the driver parked, got out, and he was arrested. The driver was found to be extremely drunk, with a BAC of .298%, nearly four times over the legal limit. This is a great example of Officers locating and arresting a dangerous driver.



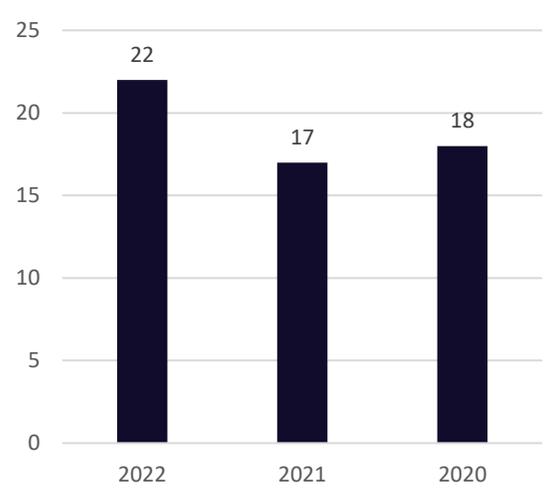
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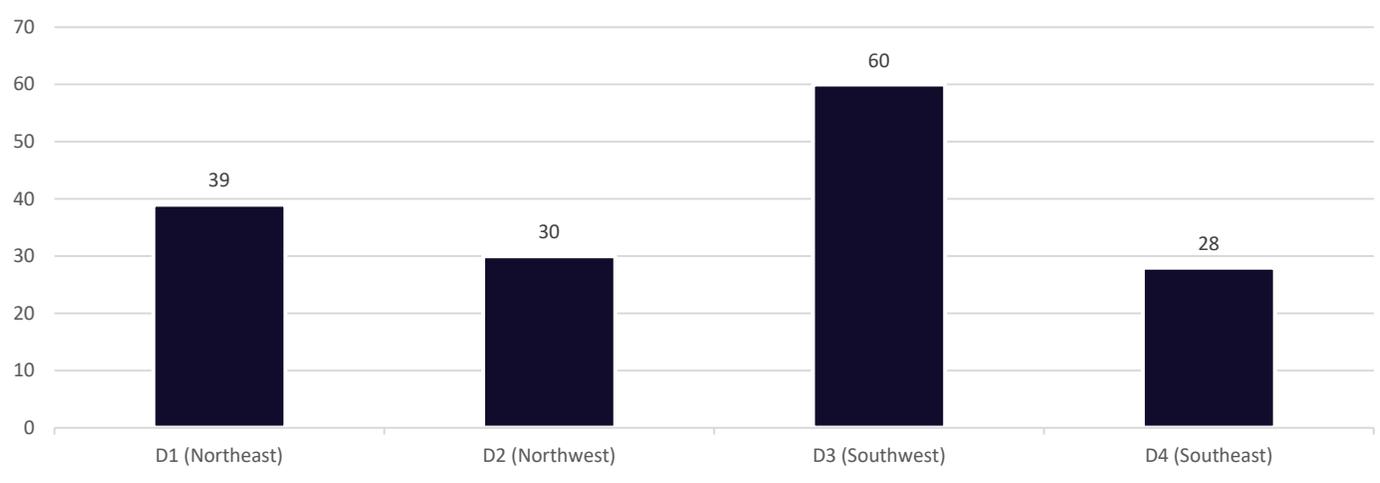
By Year



Repeat Offenders



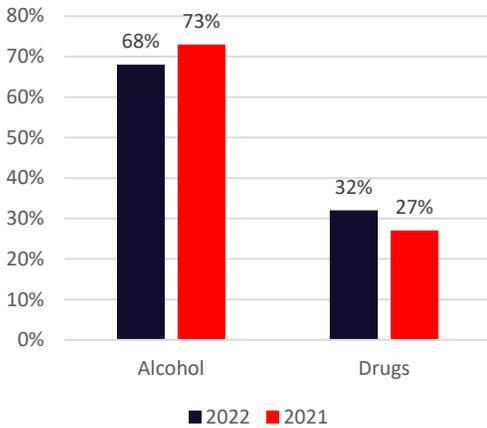
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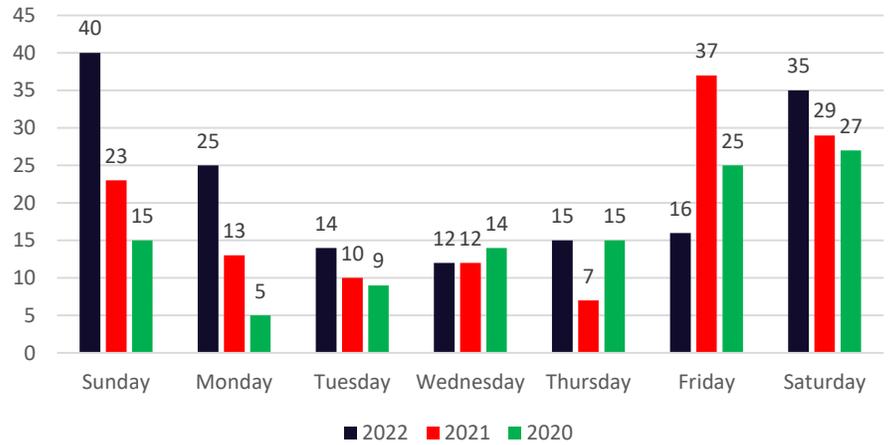
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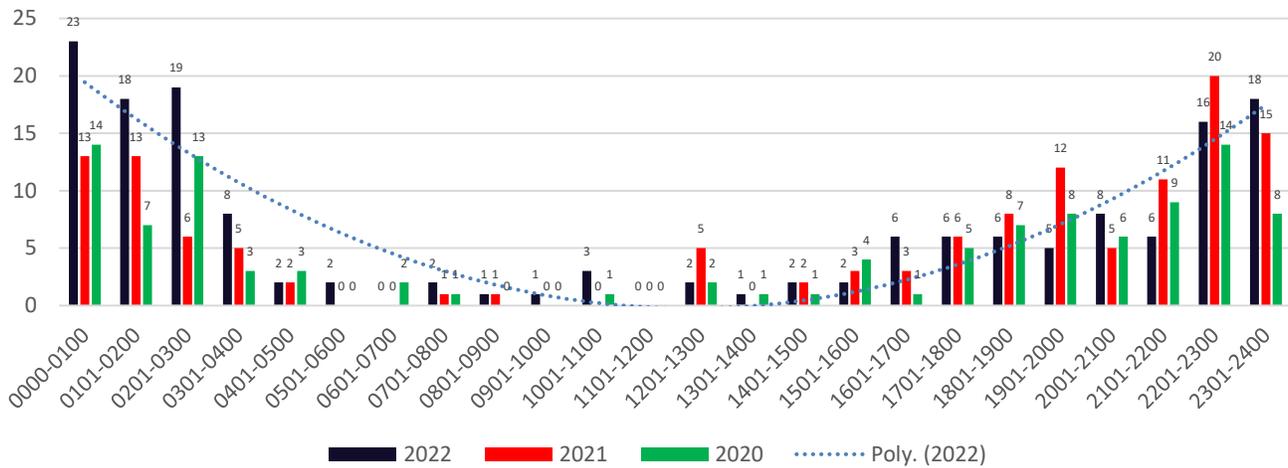
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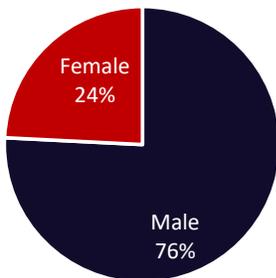
By Day of Week



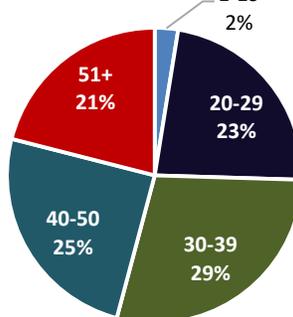
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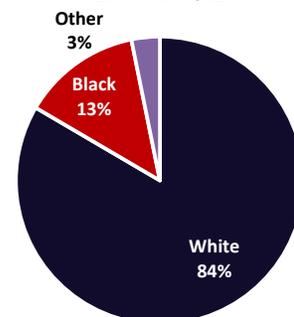
BY GENDER



BY AGE



BY RACE



OVI REPORT



2022 OVI's

Name	Unit #	Shift	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Adkins	3	Inv												1	1
Elliott	9	3					1		1						2
Musser	10	2			1	3					1			1	6
Harris	11	1											1		1
Robinson	12	1													0
Wheeler	13	3	1	1						1	1				4
Kindell	14	2												1	1
Coburn	35	2			1									1	2
Reese	36	3		1			2	1	1	1		1			7
Isom	21	3													0
Ice	22	1													0
Esterline	28	1													0
Gery	30	1													0
Thomas, B.	32	3					1			1	1		2		5
Jagger	34	1						1						1	2
May	38	2													0
Cochell	41	3													0
Bischoff	42	2	1	3											4
Combs	43	1													0
Flach	44	2	2				1		1				1		5
Kelley, D.	45	2													0
Benroth	46	2													0
Walker	47	3	1							1					2
Geurkink	48	2	1			1	1	1		1			1		6
Barber	49	3									1				1
Rector	50	3			1		1	1							3
Galyk	51	1		1									1	1	3
Kelly, R.	52	2	1		1	3	4	2	2	1	2	2	3		21
Scheff	53	1									1				1
Greer	54	3		1	1	1	1		1	2	1	1	1		10
Beveridge	55	2	2				1				3			1	7
Kent	56	2		1			2						1		4
Pelphrey	57	3	1	3	1		2				2	1	1	1	12
Rostorfer	58	3	3		3	4	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	3	27
Starrs	59	1			1	1									2
Mauldin	60	3					1	1	1	1	1				5
Duke	61	----		2	3										5
Lowry	62	1						1	2					2	5
Doubikin	63	2						1	1					1	3
Totals			13	13	13	13	19	10	12	13	16	7	14	14	157

*List does not include officers and supervisors whose primary job is not on Patrol.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

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During the year of 2022, the Marion Special Response Team had a total of 19 calls for service. Out of those 19 calls for service, 7 were in-progress activations for the team and the remaining 12 activations were pre-planned operations for the MARMET Drug Task Force. This averages out to 1.58 activations a month for the team.

Out of these activations, the Marion Special Response Team requested assistance twice from the Delaware Tactical Unit and once from the FBI Mansfield SWAT Team. DTU assisted during a 13 hour standoff as relief for the Marion Special Response Team who had been on scene 8 hours for this operation. DTU Also assisted with a pre-planned high risk narcotics search warrant on December 20th, due to equipment and manpower needs to safely execute the high risk search warrant on multiple structures. The FBI assisted on one pre-planned operation to help with manpower and equipment needs to execute the search warrant safely.

During the Marion Special Response Team activations there were a total of 156.5 pills, 8.57 grams of cocaine, 184.9 grams of crack, 750.25 grams of meth, 93.8 grams of Fentanyl, 801.4 grams of Marijuana, 112 grams of suspected cut, approximately 8-10 firearms & numerous knives/swords. There was a total of 14,537.00 in cash seized.

Throughout the year and in-between operations, Team Commander, Lt. Mike Wheeler worked on updating both Marion City Police and the Marion County Sheriff's Office policies for the merger of the combined Marion Special Response Team. This was done with the assistance of Operations Commander B.J. Gruber, Lt. Josh Harris and the Marion Special Response Team Board (Sheriff Bayles, Chief McDonald and Prosecutor Ray Grogan). As of December 2022, the process has been finalized and the team is awaiting finalization from the Board.

During the year of 2022, Marion Special Response Team members conducted a total of 144 hours of team training. Five Team members received an additional 40 hours each of advanced training while attending the Ohio Tactical Officers Association's Conference in June. Lt. Wheeler received an additional 80-hour training for attending SWAT Command Decision Making & Leadership Courses 1 & 2. Total Team training for the year accumulated to 264 hours for majority of the team. This is above the national average/standard of 192 hours for part time teams such as ours.

In September 2022, Lt. Josh Harris stepped down from the Marion Special Response Team. We want to thank Lt. Harris for his years of dedicated service to the Marion Special Response Team.

Lt. Mike Wheeler
Marion County Sheriff's Office

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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Many great things happened this year in the community. Love Our Neighborhood organization were able to conduct several neighborhood clean ups. We ended up conducting five clean ups for this year. These would start in March and end in July.

During these clean-ups we had hundreds of volunteers participate. Volunteers came from local businesses and high school students. The employer would allow their employees to attend the clean ups and still get paid. We had several businesses donate to the group. These donations were used for food and materials during the clean ups.

This program was very successful this year. We were able to remove 310 tons of trash/litter and 14.11 tons of brush from these areas. A total of 400 scrap tires were collected and many junk motor vehicles were removed. We will be continuing this program next year. Our goal is to find different areas in the city that need our attention and help the citizens there.

Our group also planned a free tire drop off for city residents. This drop off was held in August at Swayers Park. The residents had to show proper identification to drop the scrap tires off. A total of 1,650 scrap tires were collected. This was successful and we will be doing the free tire drop off next year.

I was able to obtain a grant for 2022 through the EPA to dispose of scrap tires found on city property or the city right of way. This past year I collected 2,168 scrap tires from city property. If we did not have this grant the city would have had to pay to get rid of the tires. The price to get rid of one passenger tire is \$3.50 cents. This grant has saved the city of Marion around \$7,588 this year alone.

I was able to attend a few county land bank meetings this year. I was concerned because I have found many properties that had caught fire and needed demolished. These properties were brought to the attention of the land bank hoping they would take control of property and remedy the blighted property. The city of Marion was able to demolish seven fire damaged houses this year.

I received many complaints this year, but again I was able to be more proactive and working areas that have junk motor vehicles on private properties. With that being said, my total calls for service were 649. I ended up issuing 37 citations for a variety of code violations. The total amount of automobiles, campers, trailers and boats removed or brought back into compliance was 452.

The total amount of scrap tires collected between free tire drop offs, found in city right of way and clean ups was 4218. This was a decrease of over 3,419 scrap tires from last year.

I've received many compliments this past year from residents and how this city needed a group like, "Love your Neighborhoods" to help clean up properties and neighborhoods that need it. Officers and residents emailed or called me telling me how the city is looking cleaner. I truly believe this program is making a difference in our community. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Officer Casey Thomas



Casey Thomas
Officer

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

	Calls for Service			Vehicles Removed/ In-Compliance			Tires Removed		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
January	64	92	98	48	54	41	195	375	232
February	46	40	98	21	31	48	72	15	500
March	74	75	112	66	71	48	427	604	402
April	55	81	59	42	41	12	482	2424	170
May	79	92	97	55	57	23	402	836	70
June	50	83	91	38	60	31	211	1116	121
July	52	97	89	27	44	72	317	464	740
August	72	88	85	40	46	56	1835	437	188
September	54	0	79	40	0	46	70	0	503
October	52	0	101	30	0	72	62	0	587
November	41	0	71	32	0	55	145	0	294
December	10	0	61	13	0	30	0	0	287
Totals	649	648	1041	452	443	534	4218	7637	4094

**Officer Thomas was reassigned to the Patrol Division for the last few months of 2021.*

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

The Internal Affairs function of the Marion City Police Department was established to register, record, and investigate complaints made against members of the Marion City Police Department. It is the policy and goal of the Marion Police Department to promptly investigate and make a finding concerning all allegations of misconduct by members of the Department.

All investigations of alleged misconduct by a member shall result in a finding as follows:

- **Unfounded**- When the investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded.
- **Proper Conduct**- When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.
- **Insufficient Evidence**- When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.
- **Improper Conduct**- When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constitutes misconduct.



Chris Adkins
Major

Summary

Internal Affairs Investigations are initiated by either a citizens complain (external) or by a department complain (internal).

During 2022, 25 complaints were investigated. Internally, 19 complaints were made and, externally, citizens made up 6 complaints. This is a decrease of 13% in total officer complaints from 2021.

The following outlines the results of the internal affairs investigations for 2022:

	Internal Complaint	External Complaint
Unfounded Complaint	0	2
Proper Conduct	2	3
Insufficient Evidence	0	0
Improper Conduct	16	1
Pending Completion	1	0
Total	19	6

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

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In cases that warranted personnel action, the following actions were taken:

	Internal Complaint	External Complaint
Counseling	13	0
Written Reprimand	2	0
Suspension	1	0
Demotion	0	0
Termination	0	0
Total	16	0

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins
Marion, Ohio Police Department

GREVIANCE REPORT

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During 2022, there was one grievance filed. A brief description and disposition of it is as follows:

No grievances were filed in 2022

There was also only one grievance filed in 2021. This is evidence of good working relationship between the officers and the administrative and we look forward to continuing this atmosphere of teamwork and solving our disputes in a professional manner in the coming years.

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins



Chris Adkins
Major

USE OF FORCE REPORT

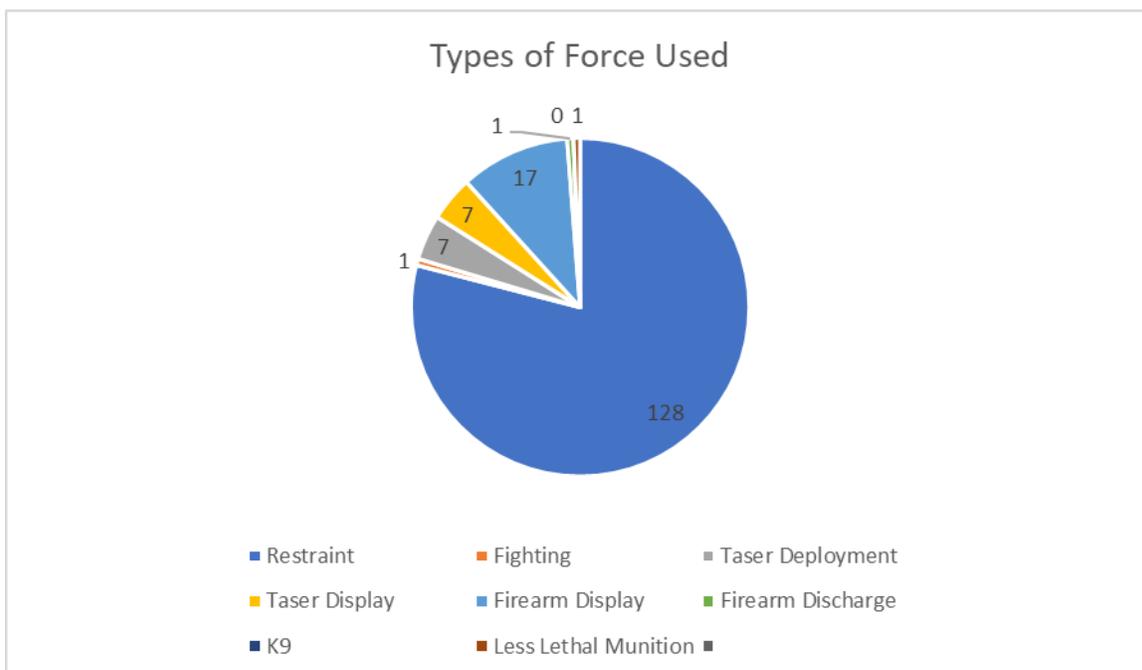
At the start of 2021, the administration of the Marion Police Department implemented a strict adherence to the policy in reporting of use of force. Our policy defines force as the application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed, or restrained. Previously, grabbing someone and placing the hands behind their back with a very minimal amount of force did not trigger a use of force report or investigation into that force. The result is the number of uses of force has increased.

The Use of Force policy of the Marion Police Department requires that a written report be completed every time there is a use of force on anyone or the discharge of a firearm. Every use of force report is then investigated by the officer's supervisor, reviewed by that supervisor's Major, and then reviewed again by the Chief of Police. In 2022, we had 163 uses of force. Each of them followed our use of force policy. There is one of force that occurred in 2022 where the investigation has not yet been completed at the time of this report being written.



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

Below is a summary of the Uses of Force for 2022:



USE OF FORCE REPORT

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There was an officer involved shooting in 2022 that resulted in a fatality. That incident is still under investigation from BCI at the time of this report being written.

The overall numbers of use of force instances are slightly higher in 2021 than they were in 2020 but are virtually identical to the number of instances in 2019.

Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald

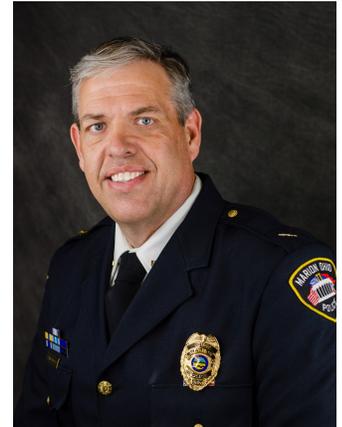
VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT

The Marion Police Department engaged in 6 vehicle pursuits in 2022, that is less than the 10 that occurred in both 2020 and 2021.

By policy, all vehicle pursuits are documented in a pursuit report that is reviewed by the command staff for policy violations. Of the 6 pursuits reported, one had minor violations and resulted in retraining for the officers and no discipline was required.

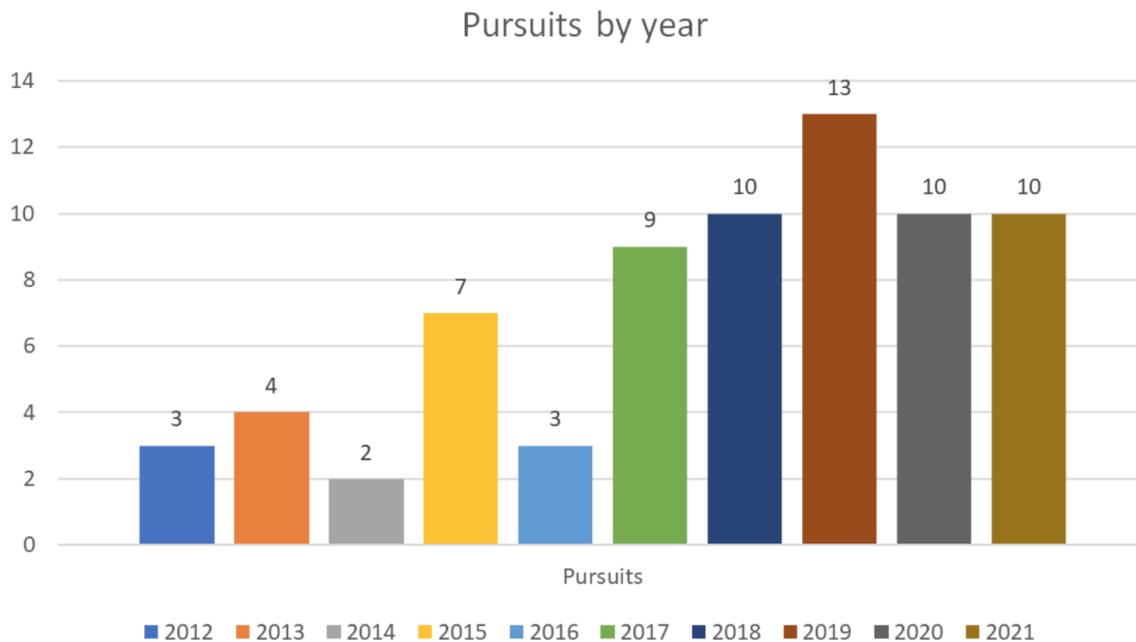
No citizens or officers were injured, nor were any department-owned vehicles damaged as a result of these pursuits.

The Marion Police Department has a very strict pursuit policy which leads to very few pursuits, and safety of the public and officers is the number one concern. Additionally, all officers with the department receive annual training on the policy.



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald



RECRUITMENT & HIRING REPORT

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In 2022, we started to come out of the COVID pandemic which greatly helped our recruiting efforts and allowed us to make face to face contact with potential candidates more frequently than the last two years.

On January 7th, we established our Recruitment Committee and held our first meeting. The initial meeting was between Maj. Shaffer, Lt. Brown, Lt. Wheeler, Officer Rector and Officer Kelly. Officer Benroth and Officer Galyk have since been added to the Committee.

MPD representatives were able to attend two job fairs on February 7th. These were the first two in-person events we have been able to attend in two years. Lt. Wheeler and Officer Galyk attended one at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University while Officers Benroth and Rector attended the Defiance College Criminal Justice Fair.

On March 14th, Lt. Brown updated the virtual job board with Owens Community College through College Central. Then on March 17th, we held a photo shoot to update recruitment photos and create Tiktok videos.

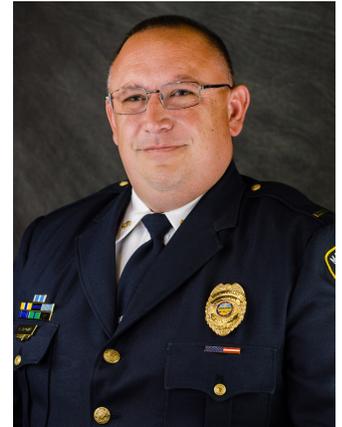
The MTC Job Fair was attended by Officer Ryan Kelly and Lt. Wheeler on April 5th. This was followed by our second Recruitment Committee meeting after which we began calling various colleges throughout the state and speaking with representatives from the various criminal justice programs. Officer Benroth and Lt. Brown also attended the Criminal Justice Educators Conference at the University of Bluffton.

We participated in two virtual job fairs through Owens Community College this year. The first was held May 4th through May 10th. The second was held November 9th through 15th. On May 11th, Maj. Adkins and Lt. Brown participated in a promotional video for Marion Technical College's Criminal Justice and Police Academy programs. MPD also purchased a banner to display over the roadways during our open hiring processes. This was hung over Delaware Ave. and Mt. Vernon Ave. both during our process in July.

October and November were busy months for recruitment. On October 4th, Officer Kelly and Officer Rector visited the Marion Tech Police Academy to speak directly with the cadets in the program. On the 18th, they had a similar visit to the North Central State Police Academy class, as well. Also on the 18th, Lt. Brown and Officer Galyk attended the Hocking College Criminal Justice Job Fair.

In November, Officer Rector and Lt. Brown represented MPD at the Criminal Justice Job Fair at Tiffin University. Officer Kelly diligently worked on producing a new recruitment video, as well. The first draft of this was revealed on November 6th.

In our recruiting efforts, we attempt to not only fill current vacancies but also develop qualified candidates for future vacancies. In doing so, we have developed our youth program in partnership with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. We began this program this year under the guidance of the Explorer program. It was decided to no longer be involved with the Explorers and we ended the year in transition to the Public Safety Cadets program. This program



Ed Brown
Lieutenant

RECRUITMENT & HIRING REPORT

seems a better fit as it is completely run by current or retired police officers and we hope to “home grow” some future officers through this program.

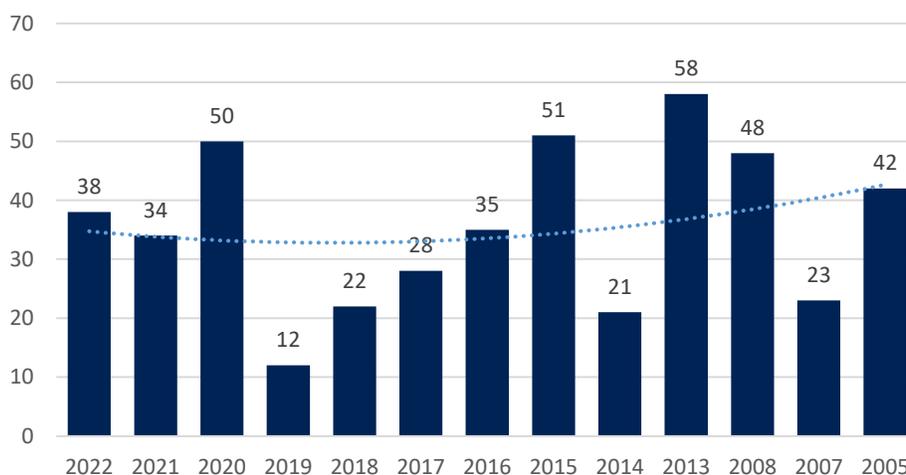
Utilizing these same principles, we created a link on the Marion Police website wherein potential applicants can leave their information if they are interested in a potential career with MPD. With our last hiring cycle, we reached out to all who left their information, approximately 50 people, via email as well as a personal phone call from Lt. Brown. We saw several of these individuals apply for a position with MPD.

2022 Applications

In 2022, the police department opened for applications twice, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. In the Spring, 21 people applied. Of that number, one person did not take the NTN entrance exam, one person failed the entrance exam, and one person did not meet the age requirements. Of the remaining 18 applicants, we interview 13 due to not everyone passing the agility, not showing for the agility, or withdrawing after the agility. Four of those interviewed were hired, all requiring the academy. One of those persons quit the academy in week 2.

In the Fall of 2022, 17 people applied. Three did not complete the entrance exam, leaving 14 for the agility. After the agility, there were 12 persons to interview for the position. Three were hired from the interviews. Two of those hired were currently in the academy and the third will be attending the Ohio State Highway Patrol academy. There are still two candidates on the list with one expected to be hired to replace Officer Casey Thomas who is retiring in February of 2023.

APPLICATIONS BY YEAR



Note: 2020-2022 had multiple application processes during the year. The numbers represent the total for the year.

TRAINING REPORT

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The police department had three different all-day trainings throughout the year spread out over six days. These trainings were conducted in conjunction with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The topics completed were mandated or suggested by the State of Ohio for Continued Professional Training (CPT) for 2022 and included:

- Legal Update (4 hours)
- Use of Force (4 hours)
- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity (4 hours)
- Deadly Use of Force (4 hours)
- Domestic Violence (4 hours)
- Sexual Assault Investigations (4 hours)

Also covered in these training says was vehicle pursuits, the use of the shield and active shooter response, and 2935.081 Peace officer to administer oath or take acknowledgment, which allows officers to clerk complaints.

In addition to this training for every sworn officer, several other individual training was completed. These included basic homicide, field training officer, use of force instructor, public records, evidence technician, K9 handler, Firearms, Arrest and Self-Defense Tactics (FAST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), STEP XXVIII leadership training, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and more.

Training

developing the skills, experience, and
employees need to perform
improve their performance
skills, and abilities, specific

FLEET REPORT

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CAR #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	ASSIGNMENT	END OF 2022 MILEAGE	END OF 2021 MILEAGE	MILES DRIVEN IN 2022
1	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	101,080	94,863	6,217
3	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - CHIEF	41,842	34,794	7,048
4	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - MAJOR GRUBER	111,310	109,520	1,790
6	2011	FORD	CROWN VIC	OPERATIONS - SRO	111,114	107,394	3,720
7	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	128,657	121,802	6,855
8	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	125,649	110,790	14,859
9	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	141,573	132,445	9,128
10	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - K9 ELLIOTT	90,459	82,403	8,056
11	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	48,432	37,512	10,920
12	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	INVESTIGATIONS	50,805	46,369	4,436
13	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	126,767	122,406	4,361
16	2011	FORD	CROWN VIC	CPAAA	125,201	122,857	2,344
17	2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	CPAAA	123,758	123,758	0
18	2004	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - UTILITY USE	102,399	101,754	645
19	2016	DODGE	RAM PROMASTER	ADMIN - MPACT	19,275	17,120	2,155
20	2019	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	INVESTIGATIONS	41,260	35,985	5,275
22	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	105,543	94,500	11,043
23	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	124,454	114,780	9,674
24	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	112,615	101,722	10,893
25	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	76,484	63,529	12,955
26	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	78,676	64,796	13,880
27	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	80,955	66,104	14,851
28	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	86,519	76,119	10,400
29	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	81,411	74,673	6,738
30	2006	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - SRO	130,663	128,087	2,576
31	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	39,829	30,925	8,904
32	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	34,134	21,720	12,414
33	2015	FORD	EXPEDITION	OPERATIONS - K9 WHEELER	84,047	76,173	7,874
34	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	31,591	15,936	15,655
35	2020	FORD	F150	OPERATIONS	18,776	11,776	7,000
36	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	15,553	817	14,736
37	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	21,739	1,218	20,521
38	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	17,413	2,170	15,243
45	2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	INVESTIGATIONS	47,994	45,043	2,951
46	2009	FORD	FUSION	INVESTIGATIONS	104,497	103,160	1,337

All 2022 mileage is approximate as of 12/6/2022

TOTALS 2,782,474 2,495,020 287,454
AVERAGE 79,499 71,286 8,213

Cars 50 and 53 are not included in the mileage report. They are two of three remaining Crown Vic cars and are not used in day-to-day operation, but rather as a utility vehicle as needed.

Two 2023 Ford Explorers were ordered near the end of the year. A delivery date is yet to be determined.

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

Several goals were met in 2022 for the property room. The Cashless Property Room Policy has been streamlined and is working well. Another goal was to start forfeitures for guns and money. Major Adkins and MARMET worked on those forfeiture orders, and we were able to dispose/convert a large number of guns and money. EL Cloud was implemented at the end of October and has made an enormous difference in time needed to share body cams and photos with the prosecutor's office and the law director's office. We ended the year with a spot audit of guns, drugs, money, and jewelry.



Amanda Adkins
Property Caretaker

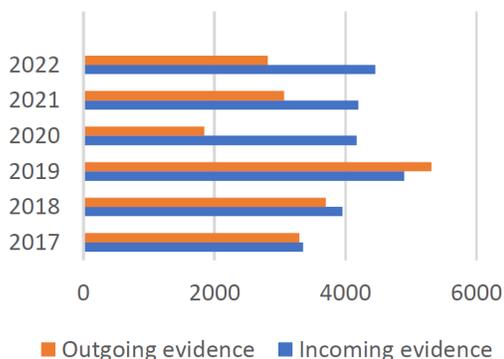
Incoming evidence.....	4,460
Outgoing evidence.....	2,686
Email requests for body cams/photos.....	1,108
Body Cams saved.....	10,407
Photos saved to reports.....	2,686

A couple of goals for 2023 include:

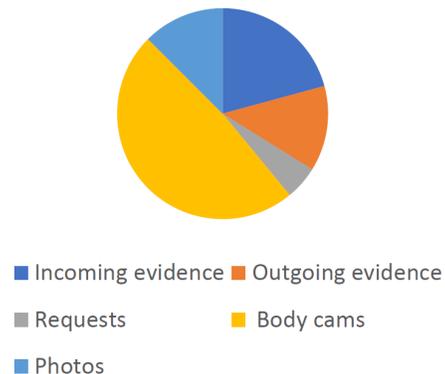
- Dispose of more items than what comes in
- Continue to work on forfeitures
- Integrate the new upcoming RMS system with existing property
- Implement a new way of vouchering and barcoding property with the new RMS
- Hand out property disposal forms for each officer to indicate if their property should be kept or disposed of

Respectfully,
Amanda Adkins

Incoming VS Outgoing Evidence



Property Room Stats



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT

Monthly Summary Domestic Violence Incident Calls

For Incidents Reported Between: 1/1/2022 and 12/31/2022

I. Relationship of Persons Involved

	Victim			Offender			Unclear Participant		
	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>No Injury</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>No Injury</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>No Injury</u>
Wife	0	31	42	0	0	19	0	1	2
Husband	0	4	7	0	6	58	0	1	3
Parent	0	23	35	0	3	13	0	3	3
Non-Parent w/child in common	0	29	47	0	4	74	0	8	4
Child(ren)	0	8	15	0	7	52	0	3	5
Other family or household member	0	47	56	0	7	94	0	6	4
Former Spouse	0	5	11	0	0	16	0	0	2
Live-in Partner	0	81	64	0	19	126	0	6	6
Other	0	3	41	0	0	44	0	0	2
Total	0	231	318	0	46	496	0	28	31

II. Race	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Asian	2	0	0
African Amer.	49	104	5
Caucasian	491	432	54
Native Amer.	1	1	0
Hispanic	5	5	0
Other	0	1	0
Total	548	543	59

III. Age	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Age 0-17	24	43	5
Age 18-40	327	320	32
Age 41-59	161	164	22
Age 60-84	33	16	0
Age 85+	3	0	0
Total	548	543	59

IV. Sex	Vic.		Off.		UP.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
	124	424	439	104	35	24

V. Action taken by Officers

- A. Arrest under ORC Sec. 2919.25, 2919.27, or equivalent local ordinance
- B. Arrest under other ORC Section(s) or equivalent local ordinances
- C. No Criminal Charges Filed
- D. Total

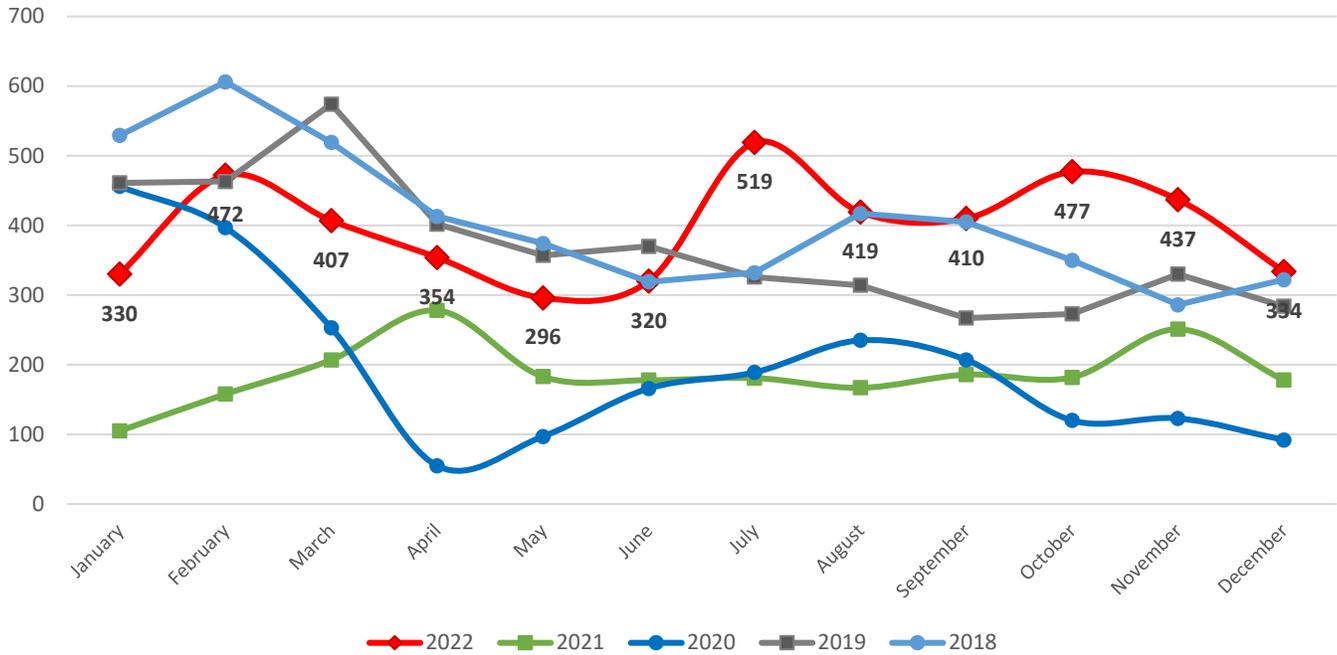
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SELECT CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

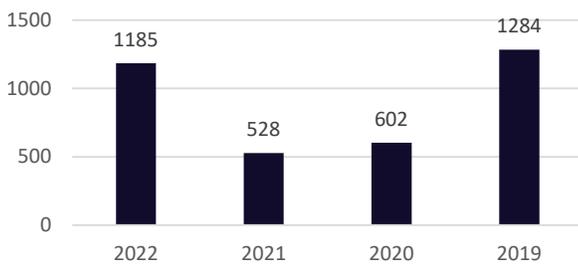
CFS DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2022
Assault (08)	12	13	16	14	24	13	17	13	26	16	9	7	180
Burglary (12)	9	3	10	6	8	13	8	10	2	9	1	7	86
Burglary Alarm (12B)	63	58	43	39	50	55	57	49	53	57	34	50	608
B&E (12C)	0	3	5	4	13	6	4	5	3	1	4	1	49
Domestic (20)	110	91	96	100	127	101	105	99	101	88	78	103	1199
Fight (26)	1	5	6	7	13	15	6	9	17	10	8	5	102
Fight w/ Weapons (26A)	1	1	0	0	3	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	14
Homicide (32)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Theft (36)	30	33	37	44	64	57	54	49	39	35	28	35	505
Shoplifter (36A)	2	7	6	5	5	3	2	4	1	0	0	2	37
Theft from Vehicle (36C)	12	7	27	16	25	19	19	17	21	7	7	8	185
Person w/ Gun (40)	0	0	3	6	3	4	2	2	4	2	3	2	31
Person w/ Knife (40A)	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	13
Drug Overdose (420)	11	14	20	19	22	12	21	16	12	11	21	32	211
Rape (48)	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	4	1	14
Sex Offense (48A)	6	14	11	10	6	9	10	12	9	14	8	10	119
Armed Robbery (50C)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Strong Armed Robbery (50D)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Shooting (52)	1	0	3	1	2	1	3	0	3	4	2	1	21
Shots Fired (52A)	7	6	12	6	11	11	11	2	9	7	4	4	90
Stabbing (54)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
Stolen Vehicle (56)	3	8	12	5	13	8	5	2	11	7	1	8	83
Traffic Stops (57)	330	472	407	354	297	320	519	419	410	477	437	334	4776
Suicide (58)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	5
Attempted Suicide (58ATT)	4	4	3	6	2	8	6	4	4	0	5	2	48
Suicide Threats	21	29	31	17	31	16	21	20	25	23	15	15	264
Suspicious Activity (60ACT)	22	24	44	38	47	48	51	43	40	48	28	31	464
Suspicious Person (60)	47	72	77	67	90	100	105	145	118	90	65	45	1021
Suspicious Vehicle (60A)	27	27	43	43	44	46	48	53	52	36	25	35	479
Vandalism (64)	5	7	15	10	17	18	18	10	9	7	4	2	122
Vandalism to Vehicle (64A)	11	13	10	9	19	22	9	13	25	10	10	8	159
Total for Month (all calls):	2250	2546	3016	2627	2993	2870	2997	2933	2908	2784	2254	2244	32,422

TRAFFIC STOPS REPORT

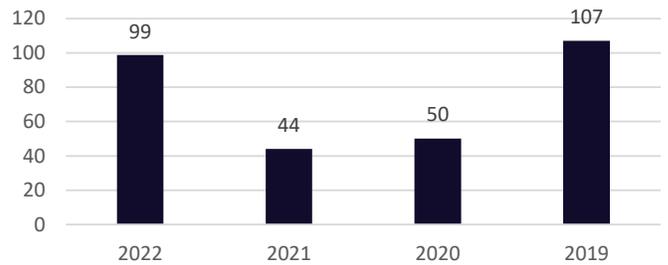
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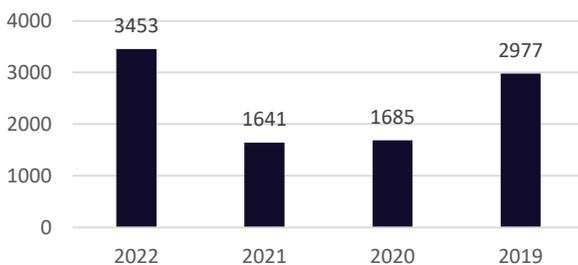
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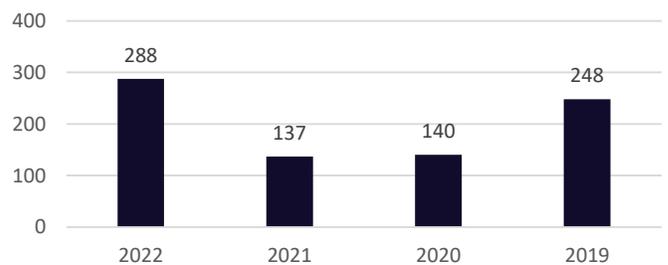
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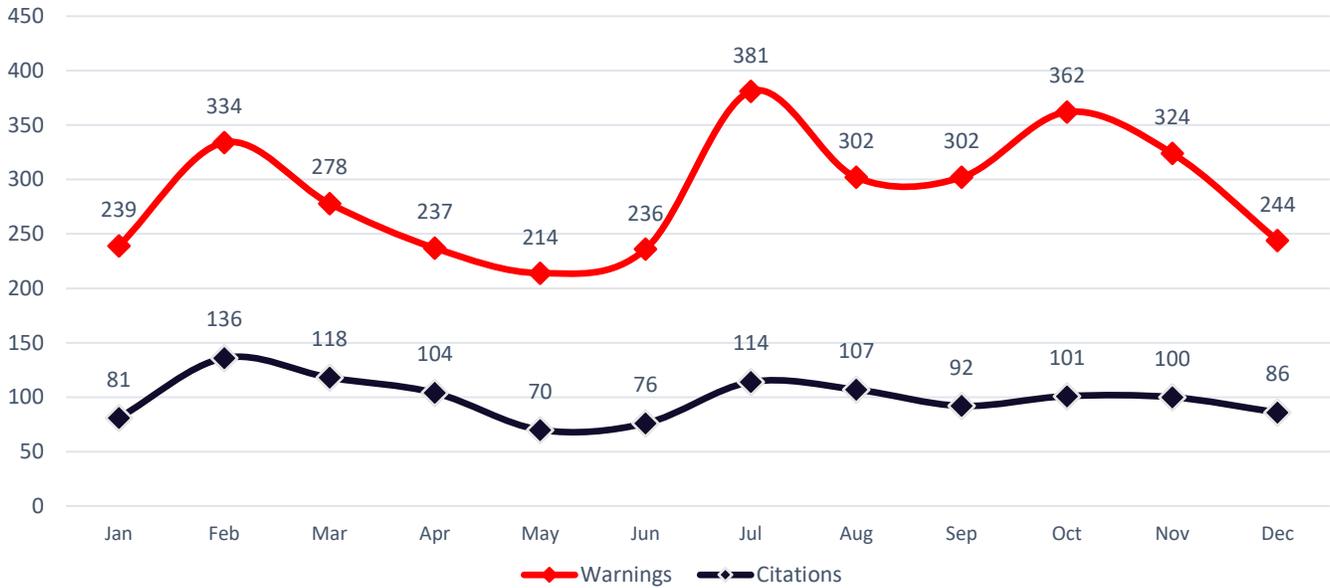


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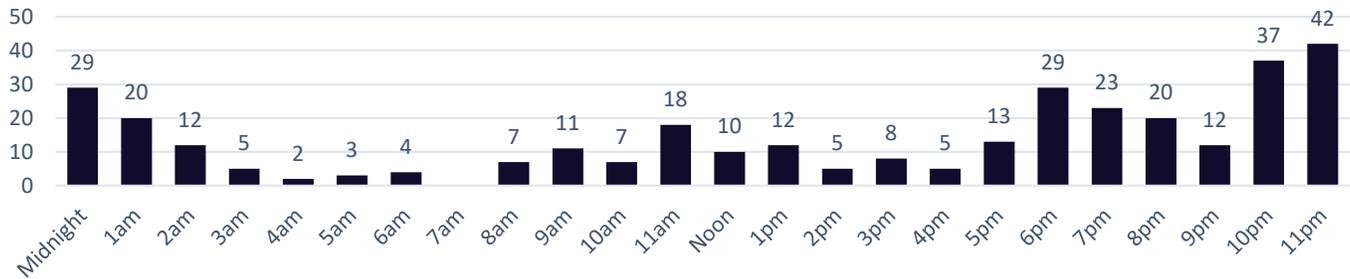


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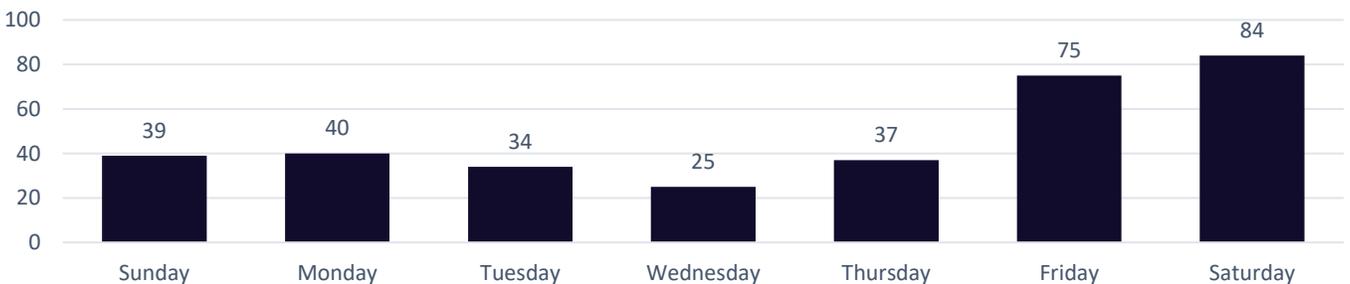
CITATIONS VS. WARNINGS



TRAFFIC STOPS BY HOUR



TRAFFIC STOPS BY DAY



TRAFFIC STOPS REPORT

		TOTAL STOPS FOR MONTH:		4775
CITATIONS				
Code		Total	Percentage of Citations	Percentage of Total Stops
41A	White Violator	994	83.9%	20.8%
41B	Black Violator	157	13.2%	3.3%
41C	Hispanic Violator	27	2.3%	0.6%
41D	Asian Violator	3	0.3%	0.1%
41E	Other Violator	4	0.3%	0.1%
TOTALS		1185	100.0%	24.8%

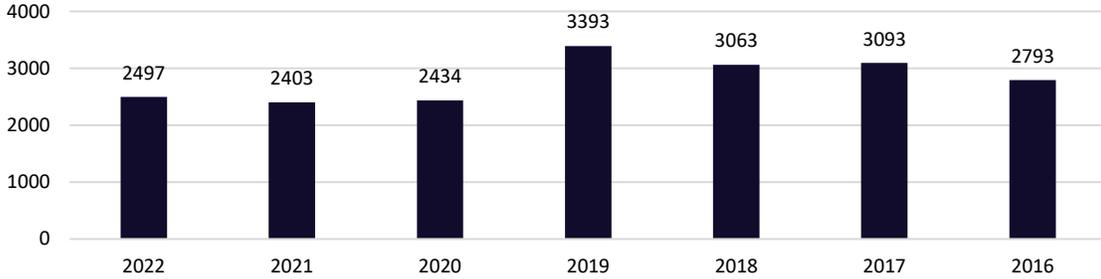
WARNINGS				
Code	Description	Total	Percentage of Warnings	Percentage of Total Stops
42A	White Violator	3008	87.1%	63.0%
42B	Black Violator	366	10.6%	7.7%
42C	Hispanic Violator	67	1.9%	1.4%
42D	Asian Violator	5	0.1%	0.1%
42E	Other Violator	7	0.2%	0.1%
TOTALS		3453	100.0%	72.3%

OTHER/UNKNOWN				
Code	Description	Total	Percentage of Warnings	Percentage of Total Stops
43/46	Report Made/Officer Handled	137	100.0%	2.9%

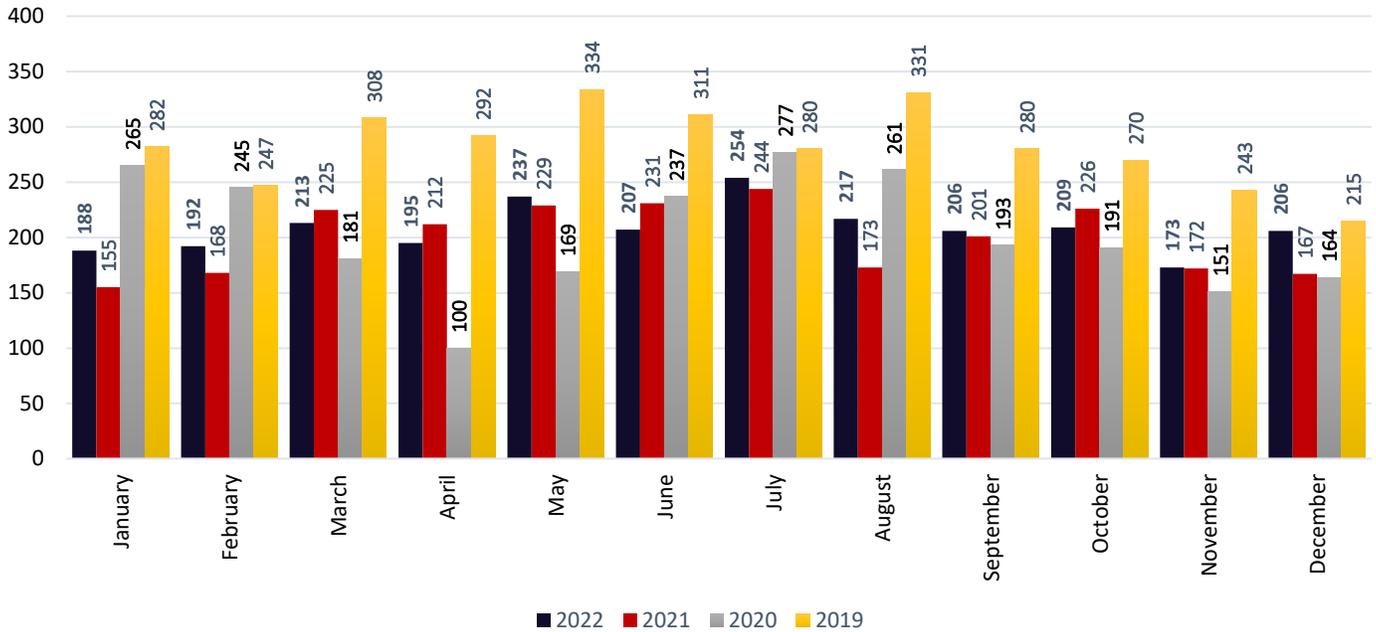
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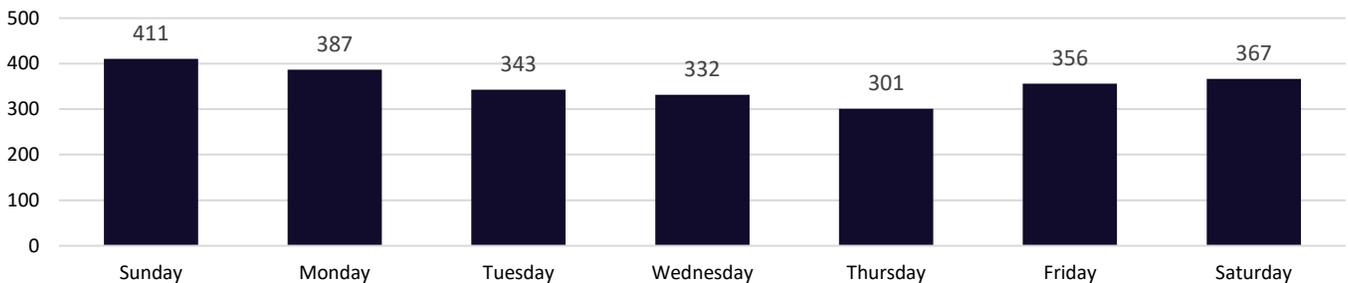
ARRESTS/SUMMONS BY YEAR



CHARGES BY MONTH



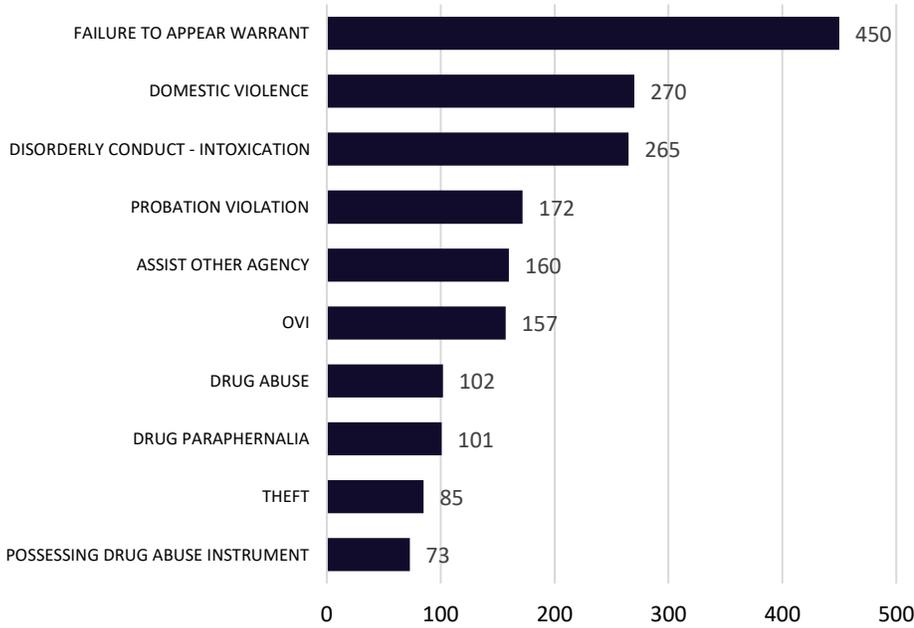
ARREST/SUMMONS BY DAY



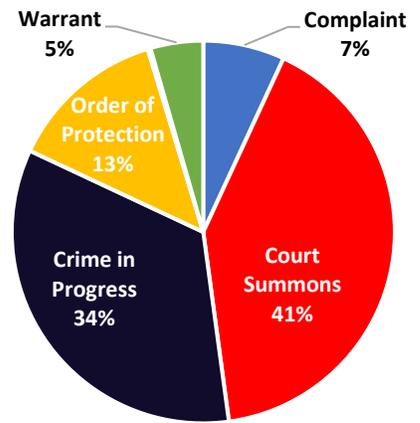
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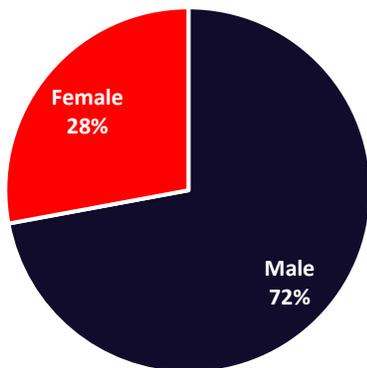
TOP 10 ARRESTS/SUMMONS BY CHARGE



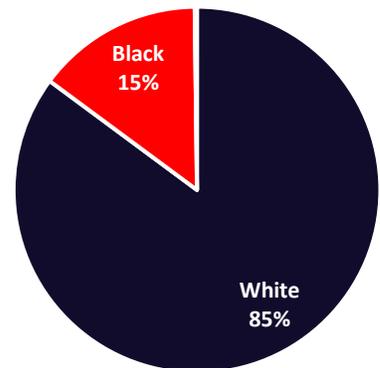
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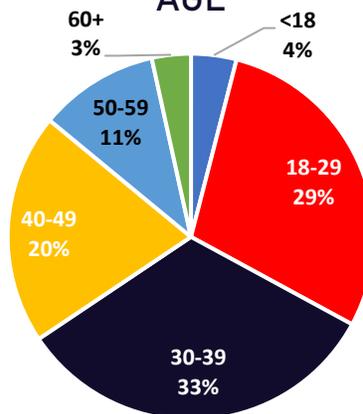
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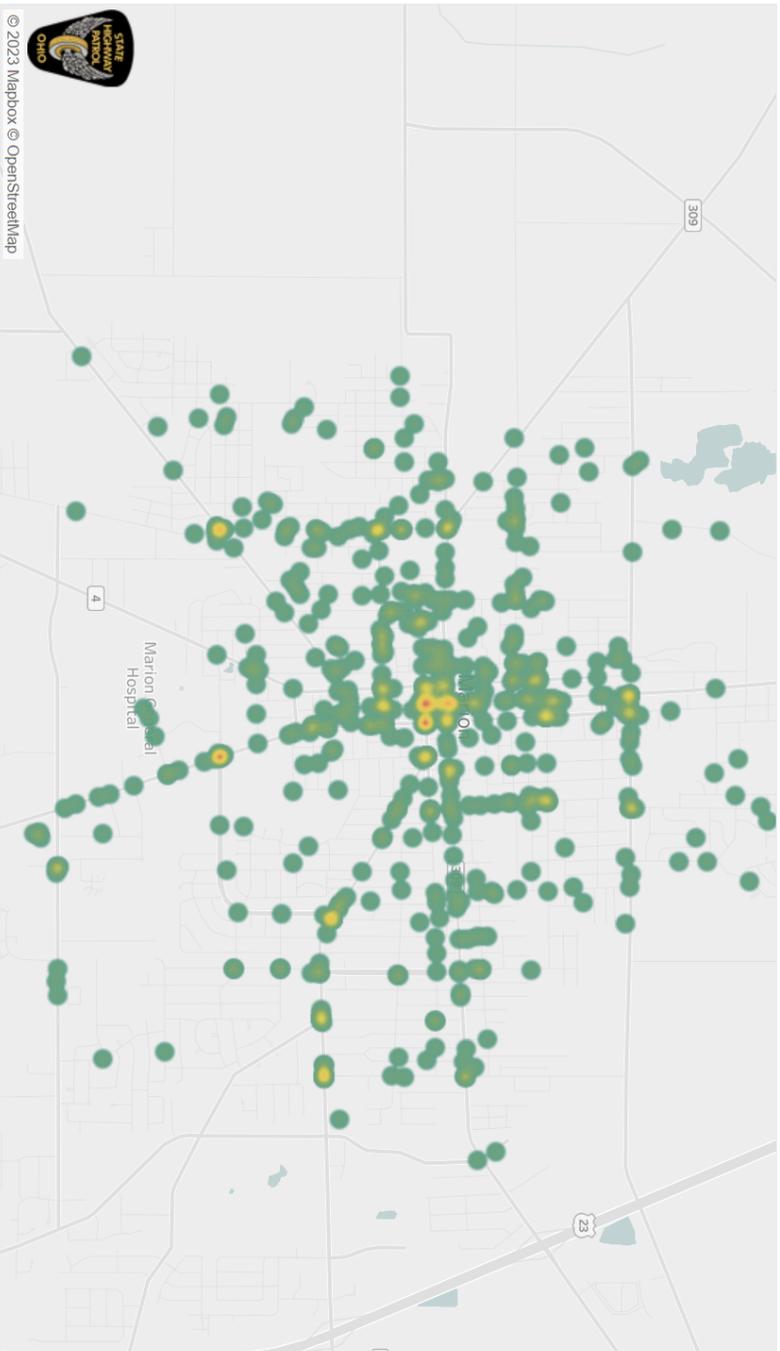


TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Select County
Marion

From Date (=>) To Date (<)
1/1/2022 12/31/2022

Crash Density



Select Map
Crash Density

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Crashes by Month and Year

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2022	46	44	45	52	47	44	38	45	57	49	44	48	559
Grand Total	46	44	45	52	47	44	38	45	57	49	44	48	559

Top Crash Routes

Route	Crashes	Crashes by Hour
SR-95	91	12 - 12:59 AM 1.1%
SR-4	67	1 - 1:59 AM 1.3%
SR-739	21	2 - 2:59 AM 0.5%
SR-423	20	3 - 3:59 AM 0.9%
SR-309	17	4 - 4:59 AM 0.4%
SR-529	1	5 - 5:59 AM 1.8%
		6 - 6:59 AM 1.4%
		7 - 7:59 AM 3.4%
		8 - 8:59 AM 3.4%
		9 - 9:59 AM 6.1%
		10 - 10:59 AM 5.5%
		11 - 11:59 AM 5.7%
		12 - 12:59 PM 7.5%
		1 - 1:59 PM 8.4%
		2 - 2:59 PM 5.4%
		3 - 3:59 PM 11.4%
		4 - 4:59 PM 5.5%
		5 - 5:59 PM 6.8%
		6 - 6:59 PM 5.7%
		7 - 7:59 PM 4.3%
		8 - 8:59 PM 4.1%
		9 - 9:59 PM 4.1%
		10 - 10:59 PM 3.0%
		11 - 11:59 PM 2.1%

Crash Variables

Alcohol-Related	22
Bicycle-Related	10
Commercial-Related	22
Distracted-Related	31
Drug-Related	12
Failure To Yield-Related	86
Mature-Related	180
Motorcycle-Related	11
OVI-Related	30
Pedestrian-Related	18
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign...	44
School Bus-Related	4
Speed-Related	45
Teen-Related	54
Unbelted-Related	117
Work Zone-Related	1
Youth-Related	155

Crashes by Day

Day	Crashes
Sunday	52
Monday	94
Tuesday	99
Wednesday	79
Thursday	76
Friday	92
Saturday	67

Data Source: ODP's Electronic Crash System
Design and Layout: OSHP Statistical Analysis Unit
Ohio State Highway Patrol
Data Updated: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

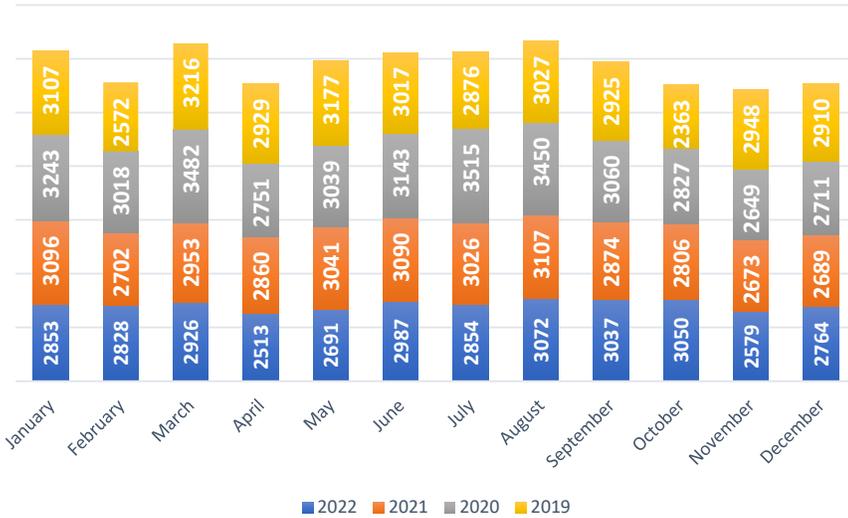
Crashes by Month and Year

Crashes by Severity and Year

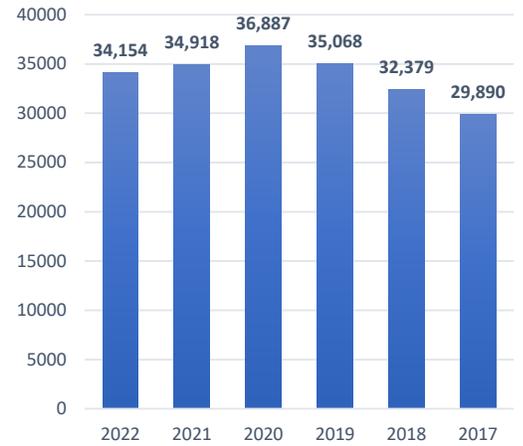
Severity	2022
Fatal	1
Serious Injury Suspected	17
Minor Injury Suspected	64
Injury Possible	43
Property Damage Only	434
Total	559

GAS USAGE REPORT

Gallons of Gas Used



Total Gallons by Year



Cost per Gallon



Avg. Cost/Gallon by Year

