



Photo by Officer Ryan Kelly



MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT
2023 ANNUAL
REPORT

marionohioplace.com

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Chief's Report to the Mayor	3-5
Organizational Chart	6
Staffing Table	7
Retirements	8-9
Promotions	10
Supervisor and Officer of the Year.....	11
New Employees	12
Operations Report	13-22
Investigations Report.....	23-26
Administration Report	27-31
MARMET Report	32-37
MPACT Report	38-40
Juvenile MPACT Officer Report.....	41-42
Harding High School SRO Report.....	43-44
Grant Middle School SRO Report.....	45-46
SRO Report.....	47
SRO Report.....	48
Juvenile Report	49
K9 Report	50-60
OVI Report	61-64
Special Response Team (SRT) Report	65-66
Code Enforcement Report	67
Internal Affairs Report	68
Grievance Report.....	69
Use of Force Report.....	70
Vehicle Pursuit Report	71
Recruitment and Hiring Report.....	72-73
Property Room Report.....	74
Training Report	75
OhioHealth Wellness Report.....	76
Fleet Report	77
Domestic Violence Report	78
Calls for Service Report.....	79
Select Calls for Service Report	80
Traffic Stops Report	81-83
Charge Report.....	84-85
Crash Report	86
Gas Usage Report.....	87

CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE MAYOR

Page 3

Mayor Collins,

2023 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.

Our members responded to 32,152 calls for service in 2023. The most significant of these calls were: Teresa Gibson was murdered in early 2023. This case was solved and is awaiting trial. The murder of Justin Brady was also solved. The suspect has been charged and is awaiting trial. Tamrun Higgins was the victim of an Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and two suspects have been charged in that case. Officers and detectives also investigated a case where an elderly person died from neglect and maltreatment. Three people were charged with involuntary manslaughter in this case, and it is still pending in court. These tragic cases still leave our community grieving.

In June of 2023, the MARMET Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation wrapped up a months long investigation into two major drug trafficking organizations. There were 31 people arrested and 3 kilograms of fentanyl, 2 kilograms of cocaine, more than a kilogram of methamphetamine, 15 firearms and more than \$25,500 in cash were seized. This investigation drew national attention, being mentioned by Director Wray of the FBI in congressional hearings. Det Lowe and Chief McDonald each briefed Director Wray on the impact of this investigation.

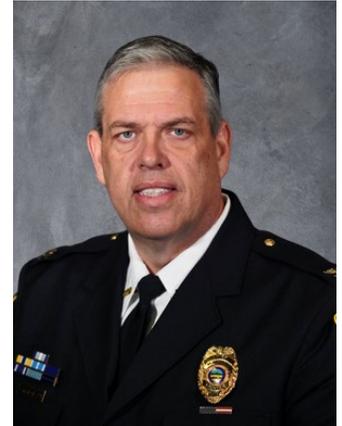
This investigation also had a major impact on our overdose numbers. Before these arrests in June, officers investigated 102 non-fatal overdoses. Tragically, before the conclusion of this investigation, 26 fatal overdoses occurred in Marion County. After this investigation, we responded to 44 non-fatal overdoses. There were seven fatal overdoses after these arrests and drug seizures.

Erica Delp was promoted to Lieutenant in 2023, becoming the first female supervisor in the history of the department. She comes to the supervisory ranks after a successful stint in the investigations unit and we are extremely confident she will be wildly successful as a supervisor in the agency.

We were fortunate to receive a grant to hire a police officer and we also had to replace Lieutenants Eric Marsh, Jamie Ralston, and Officer Casey Thomas. Officers Aaron Adair and Walter Childers were hired and sent to the academy in 2022 but began their career on the street in Marion in January of 2023. Officers Abigail Fryman, Brendan Damron, Andrew Decker, Noah Thompson, and Emma White all began their careers at MPD in 2023. Two additional officers were hired but have since left our agency.

A recognition of all the police canines who have ever served in Marion County was planned and constructed in 2023. Lt. Mark Elliott and Service Director Cathy Chaffin led this effort, and the result was a beautiful tribute to these amazing partners who have served our community. It is located at Marion City Hall.

The Marion Police Department was very active in obtaining grants in 2023. We have used grant dollars to pay



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

CHIEF'S REPORT

IMPACT

Page 4

the salary of an officer, drone technology, support our Public Safety Cadet program, combat violent crime, purchase Flock cameras, increase traffic enforcement and increase officer wellness. These funds are time-consuming to administer but they increase the effectiveness of our agency.

The Marion Police Department continued its department-wide focus on our commitment to make an MPACT in our community in 2023. 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. We have made a special effort to develop relationships with the developmentally disabled community and it has turned into a wonderfully mutually beneficial relationship.

Our relationship with our law enforcement partners has 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 officially combined 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. 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.

Officer Bryce Lowry was selected by his peers to be the 2023 Officer of the Year. Lt. Dylan Reese 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 received recognition for their outstanding work in 2023 that will be detailed in the annual report.

Lt. Ed Brown was named the Ohio Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association for all the exceptional work he does as our coordinator of the #MPACT program. Lt Brown has earned his statewide reputation as a leader in community policing, and we are so proud of his efforts.

Domestic Violence calls have decreased over 2022 but are still higher than the pre-COVID time frame. Chief McDonald called together all the stakeholders to discuss strategies to lower this disturbing trend. Domestic violence advocates, prosecutors, courts, probation, legal aid, and victim’s advocates have renewed their efforts to combat this horrible crime that almost always leads to a homicide in our city each year. This effort to increase communication has led to a renewed focus on this very serious issue.

We have seen small increases in some crime categories. It appears the drastic reduction in robberies in 2022 was an anomaly but the decreases in aggravated burglaries and burglaries continue to occur, with an 83% decrease over our high-water mark in 2015. There has been an 84% decrease in the number of breaking and entering reports since 2015.

CHIEF'S REPORT

IMPACT

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Agg. Murder / Murder	1	1	1	4	3	2	3	2	3	2
Agg. Assault / Felonious Assault	35	46	34	29	31	35	32	27	42	47
Assault	207	255	268	177	190	169	115	126	182	204
Domestic Violence	253	314	329	319	309	293	325	358	473	377
Agg. Burglary / Burglary	387	464	343	208	179	164	97	93	95	81
Breaking and Entering	253	325	177	128	103	101	64	50	63	53
Agg. Robbery / Robbery	40	44	38	34	27	29	11	23	7	20
Theft	842	957	775	648	600	630	501	486	496	511
Rape	29	50	24	36	10	35	33	27	38	35
Drug Abuse	263	317	449	536	565	619	619	651	658	693
Drug Overdose Response	n/a	n/a	n/a	244	262	254	292	274	219	146

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 Bill Collins, Safety Director Tom Robbins, 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

Page 6

Chief of Police
Chief Jay McDonald

Operations Division
Major BJ Gruber

1st Shift

Lt. Josh Harris #11
Lt. Jared Robinson #12
Lt. Chris Coburn #15
Ofc. Andy Isom #21
Ofc. Dana Jagger #34
Ofc. Montel Smith #40
Ofc. Michael Starrs #59
Ofc. Bryce Lowry #62
Ofc. Bryon Doubikin #63
Ofc. Aaron Adair #65
Ofc. Walter Childers #66
Ofc. Brendan Damron #69
Ofc. Andrew Decker #70
Ofc. Noah Thompson #71

2nd Shift

Lt. Rob Musser #10
Lt. Mike Kindell #14
Lt. Dylan Reese #16
Ofc. Mason Bischoff #42
Ofc. C.J. Flach #44
Ofc. Dylan Kelley #45
Ofc. Nick Geurkink #48
Ofc. Ryan Kelly #52 & K9 Shanel
Ofc. Mason Kent #56
Ofc. Kegan Pelphrey #57
Ofc. Matt Mauldin #60
Ofc. Abby Fryman #67

3rd Shift

Lt. Mark Elliott #9 & K9 Ranger
Lt. Richard Wheeler #13
Lt. Erica Delp #17
Ofc. Bret Thomas #32
Ofc. Matt Cochell #41
Ofc. Sebastian Walker #47
Ofc. Caleb Rector #50
Ofc. Corey Galyk #51
Ofc. Gavinn Scheff #53
Ofc. Hannah Greer #54
Ofc. Ryan Beveridge #55
Ofc. Katrina Rostorfer #58

Investigations Division
Major Chris Adkins

Detective Bureau

Lt. Jim Fitsko #6
Det. Scott Sterling #20
Ofc. Nick Esterline #28
Det. Mike Diem #31
Ofc. Justin May #38

Crime Analyst

Sabrina Wittkugle

MARMET

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

Field Training

None

Operations Division

MPACT - SROs

Ofc. Shane Gabriel #25
Ofc. Todd Monnette #27
Ofc. Rob Gery #30
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
Faith Combs #310

Administration Division
Major Jon Shaffer

**MPACT Coordinator/
SRO Supervisor**

Lt. Ed Brown #5

Code Enforcement

Ofc. Dan Ice #22

JV MPACT Officer

Lt. Ed Brown #5

Academy

Emma White #73

Administrative Assistant

Nicole Trent

Records Clerk

Heather Schramm

Property Caretakers

Amanda Adkins
Dustin Evans

Fleet Manager (Part time)

Jerry Parker

Security Desk (Part time)

Juanita Rosvanis
Steve Walton

Scheduling Clerk (Part time)

Tiffany Watkins

STAFFING TABLE

IMPACT

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	29	32
School Resource Officers	5	4
Military Leave	0	N/A
Total Sworn	44	46

Investigations Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
Lieutenants	2	2
Detectives	7	7
Field Training	0	N/A
Total Sworn	10	10
Crime Analyst	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	1	1

Administration Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
MPACT Lieutenant	1	1
Code Enforcement Officer	1	1
Academy Training	1	N/A
Total Sworn	4	3
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

Reserve Unit

Total Sworn Reserve	7	N/A
----------------------------	----------	------------

Actual Sworn	59	Actual Non-Sworn	9
Approved Sworn	61	Approved Non-Sworn	9

Total Actual Personnel	68
Total Approved Personnel	70

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

RETIREMENTS

LT. JAMIE RALSTON

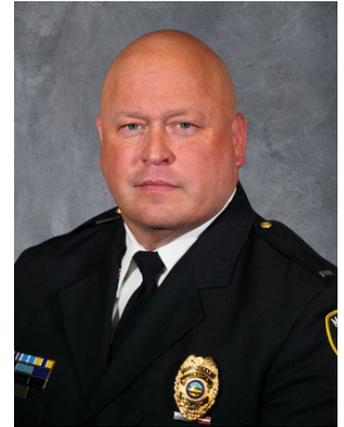
Congratulations to Lt. Jamie Ralston who will retire on January 1st, 2024. He will retire with 30 years and six months with the City of Marion.

Lt. Ralston was hired on June 1, 1993 as a dispatcher and graduated from high school the next week. While a dispatcher, he cross-trained in the city jail when it was still as City Hall. On May 3rd, 1999, he was hired as a police officer and has been serving the citizens of Marion as a sworn officer for almost 25 years.

During his time at MPD, Lt. Ralston has served in many capacities. He has been a K9 handler for three K9s: Ace, Kody, and Kaos. He was also a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) and a field training officer. In 2001 and 2011, he was honored as the Officer of the Year for the department.

On December 1st, 2014, he was promoted from Patrol officer to the rank of Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, and after a few years in Patrol, he was selected as the supervisor for the MARMET Drug Task Force where he has been up to his retirement.

Lt. Ralston's leadership and service to his community will be missed as Marion PD. We know, however, that he will continue to do big things in his next endeavor.



Jamie Ralston
Lieutenant

LT. ERIC MARSH

August 15, 2023, was Lt. Eric Marsh's final day after an illustrious career with Marion PD that began 28 years ago.

During his time at Marion PD, he served as the lead firearms instructor, SRT operator and later SRT Team Leader, community policing, detective bureau and for the last 9 years as a patrol Lieutenant.

We thank Lt. Marsh for his years of dedicated service to the community as we also wish him well in this next chapter.



Eric Marsh
Lieutenant

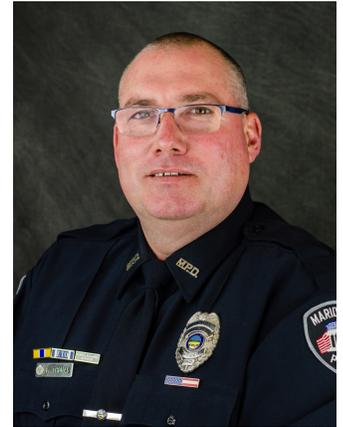
RETIREMENTS

Page 9

OFFICER CASEY THOMAS

Officer Casey Thomas has officially retired from the Marion Police Department on February 10, 2023.

Casey has served this community since 1999 and with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office before that. Officer Thomas has served as a patrol officer, a detective in the MARMET Drug Task Force, as a School Resource Officer and his latest assignment was as the City of Marion's Code Enforcement Officer.



Casey Thomas
Officer

— HAPPY —
Retirement

PROMOTIONS

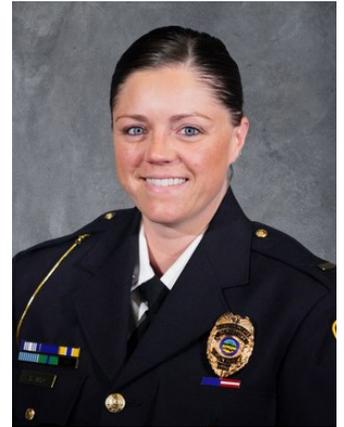
Page 10

LT. ERICA DELP

Lt. Erica Delp was promoted in August of 2023, filling the vacancy left by Lt. Eric Marsh upon his retirement. She became the first female supervisor in the history of the department.

Lt. Delp moved to Ohio from Connecticut and then graduated from the police academy at the Delaware Area Career Center. She started with the police department shortly after in May of 2016.

Lt. Delp started in the supervisory ranks after a successful stint in the investigations unit and we are extremely confident she will be very successful as a supervisor at Marion PD.



Erica Delp
Lieutenant

Congratulations

SUPERVISOR & OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Page 11

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR—LT. DYLAN REESE

The 2023 Supervisor of the Year is Lieutenant Dylan Reese. Lt. Reese was selected through a vote of all department members. He started at Marion PD on 7/20/2015 and was promoted to Lieutenant on 3/28/22. He is also a graduate of the Marion Technical College Peace Officer Basic Training Academy.

Lt. Reese graduated from North Union High School where he wrestled and played football. He also obtained his associate degree from Marion Technical College. Prior to working at Marion PD, he worked at the Multi-County Correctional Center for about two years.

In addition to his Lieutenant duties, he is the supervisor in charge of the field training program and is a Team Leader for the Marion Special Response Team.

“Lt. Reese is an excellent and well-respected supervisor. He has an outstanding future ahead of him as a leader at the Marion Police Department,” Chief McDonald stated.



Dylan Reese
Lieutenant

OFFICER OF THE YEAR—OFFICER BRYCE LOWRY

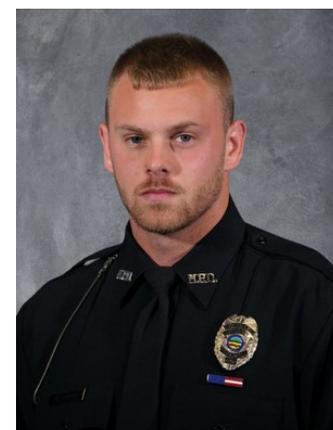
The Marion Police Department is proud to announce the officer and supervisor chosen as the Officer and Supervisor of the Year for 2023.

Officer Bryce Lowry is the Officer of the Year for 2023. He was nominated by his first shift supervisors and then selected through a vote of all department members. Ofc. Lowry started at Marion PD on 4/11/2022 and graduated from the Marion Technical College Peace Officer Basic Training Academy shortly after being hired.

Ofc. Lowry is a 2019 graduate of Pleasant High School where he played football, baseball, and ran track. He attended Otterbein University for a year where he also played football. After leaving Otterbein, he became a dispatcher for the Marion County Combined Dispatch Center where he served for about a year before becoming a police officer at Marion PD.

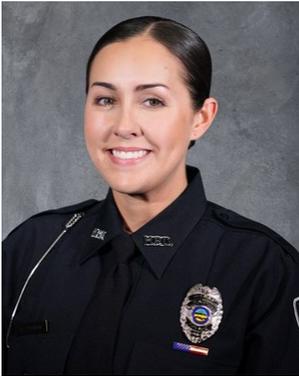
“We could not be more fortunate to have Officer Lowry working at Marion PD and serving the citizens of Marion,” said Chief Jay McDonald. “His commitment to protecting and serving the community has surely made an #MPACT.”

One of Ofc. Lowry’s immediate supervisors, Lt. Jared Robinson, stated, “Officer Lowry has a natural ability for this job, a knack for criminal interdiction. He had a good team on 1st shift this year that pushed everyone to do better.”



Bryce Lowry
Officer

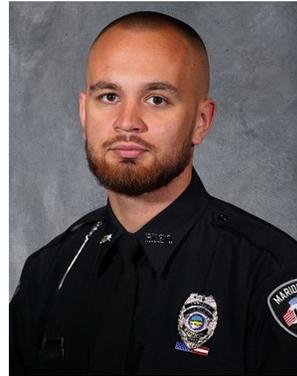
NEW EMPLOYEES



Abigail Fryman
Officer

Officer Abigail Fryman #67 started with the Marion Police Department on January 4, 2023. After she was sworn in, she started at the Ohio State Highway Patrol academy in February. She graduated from the academy in July of 2023.

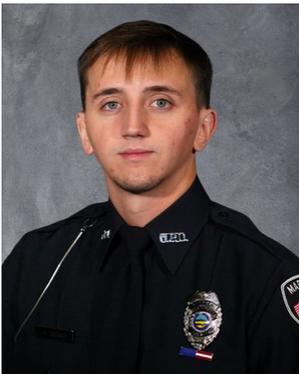
Ofc. Fryman is a 2012 graduate of Elgin High School and attended Marion Technical College where she earned an associate degree in Criminal Justice.



Brendan Damron
Officer

Officer Brendan Damron #69 began his career with the police department on January 17, 2023. When he was hired, he was attending the academy at Marion Technical College and graduated from there in May.

Ofc. Damron is a 2019 graduate of Galion High School. Prior to starting at MPD, he was a dispatcher for several years at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.



Andrew Decker
Officer

Officer Andrew Decker #70 started his career at the police department on January 17, 2023. He also started the Ohio State Highway Patrol academy at the same time as Ofc. Fryman in February before graduating in July.

Ofc. Decker is a 2020 graduate of Pleasant High School and is also a certified welder.



Noah Thompson
Officer

Ofc. Noah Thompson #71 began his career at Marion PD on April 3, 2023. Like Ofc. Damron, when Ofc. Thompson was hired he was attending the academy at Marion Technical College and graduated from there in May.

Ofc. Thompson is a 2019 graduate of Marion Harding High School and earned an associate degree in Psychology from Hocking Technical College.



Emma White
Officer

Officer Emma White #73 was sworn in at the police department on August 14, 2023. The next week she started the academy at the Ohio State Highway Patrol academy. She graduated from there in January of 2024.

Ofc. White is a 2019 graduate of St. Marys Memorial High School. She graduated from Bluffton University in December of 2022 with a BA in Criminal Justice.



Heather Schramm
Records Clerk

Heather Schramm started full-time with the PD as our Records Clerk on September 24, 2023. Heather was familiar with the police department prior to then as she helped on a part-time basis in Records. Her main duty consists of filling record requests, both police reports and body cam videos.

Heather is a 1989 graduate of Ridgedale High School.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 13

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 three quarters 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 division of the police department, and we deliver patrol services through three shifts, 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

Twenty twenty-three was another year of incredible change for the patrol division. Over the last few years, we have experienced numerous retirements which has resulted in several new hires.

Abigail Fryman, Brendon Damron, Andrew Decker, Noah Thompson, Camron Newell and Emma White were all hired as officers in 2023. Ofc. Casey Thomas and Lt. Eric Marsh both retired in 2023. Lt. Jamie Ralston retired in the first week of 2024. Three other patrol officers left MPD to take employment elsewhere.

When fully staffed, each patrol shift consists of three Lieutenants and approximately 10 patrol officers. All officers assigned to patrol work four consecutive days, followed by three consecutive days off.

The 21 newest officers with MPD were all hired inside of the last five years. All of these officers are assigned to the patrol division. In November, I conducted a staffing assessment and found that the average seniority of officers on each shift was as follows: 1st Shift (5 years), 2nd Shift (2.9 years) and 3rd Shift (2.26 years). We are an incredibly young department which places significant responsibility on the shoulders of our nine patrol supervisors who are tasked with supervising, guiding and mentoring this young staff.

Fortunately, the average seniority of our patrol Lieutenants is 14.9 years and there is always at least one supervisor (and sometimes as many as four) working at any given time.

On August 14th, Det. Erica Delp was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Delp would become the first female supervisor in the 144-year history of Marion PD. Eight of the 60 officers currently at MPD are female. Ofc. Dana Jagger will be promoted as the second female Lieutenant in early 2024.

FLOCK

Flock has been a tremendously valuable addition to MPD. There are countless examples of how Flock has aided us in solving crimes, particularly violent crimes. Many of the cases detailed below have resulted in a suspect being identified and usually arrested because of the Flock system. Many of these cases would have been unsolved in the years before Flock was implemented and this is a tremendous step in greatly reducing violent crimes in our community.



BJ Gruber
Major

WELLNESS

MPD was awarded an officer wellness grant from Ohio EMA (Emergency Management) for 2023 and 2024. Due to a late approval of the grant, we were unable to implement the program until the end of May. This grant funds a full-time onsite exercise physiologist and access to an athletic trainer for injury diagnosis and prevention. Additionally, a psychologist was hired to conduct bi-annual mental health check-ins for all of our staff. The officers who serve this community are our most valuable asset and it's imperative that we provide them with the right tools and resources to ensure their mental and physical health.

In this Operations Division annual report, I will highlight a few of the calls that our officers responded to each month in 2023.

JANUARY

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (27)

January 1st- Officers were looking for a subject for charges of felonious assault and located him in his vehicle on the South side of town. Following a felony stop, the subject was arrested and found to be in possession of a pistol. His female passenger was arrested on a felony probation violation warrant.

January 12th- Officers responded to a domestic-related homicide on the Northwest side of Marion. Detectives would respond and take over this case and the husband was later charged in this case.

January 17th- Marion PD officers followed up on an investigation initiated by Columbus PD involving the theft of 200 high end bicycles. Thirty-nine of the bicycles were recovered in Columbus, but through this investigation, officers located a stolen semi and 161 stolen bicycles with a recovery value of \$112,000.

January 27th- Officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for no headlights which quickly turned into a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit was terminated due to unsafe conditions, but the vehicle was quickly located, crashed into a tree in Lincoln Park. The driver was taken into custody and it was found that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was charged with OVI, Felony Theft and Felony Failure to Comply.

FEBRUARY

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (27)

Officer Casey Thomas retired from MPD on February 10th. He started his career at MPD in 1999.

February 12th- Officers responded to a domestic related stabbing where a male subject stabbed his grandmother in the presence of his young son. He then fled the scene in a car and intentionally drove his vehicle into a utility pole at a high rate of speed which resulted in serious physical injuries to the suspect.

February 24th- Officers responded to a fight involving two males who were highly intoxicated. One subject had a laceration to his face and bloodied knives were observed by responding officers. The subjects were uncooperative, and officers obtained a search warrant which resulted in the arrest of the participants for DOC Intoxication, Felonious As-

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 15

sault and an outstanding warrant.

February 25th- Officers responded to a call of an individual who had been knocked out and was not breathing. The subject was breathing when officers arrived and was transported to a Columbus area hospital via MedFlight. Officers sat on the home of the suspect and subsequently arrested them for felonious assault.

MARCH

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (26)

Patrol had an excellent month of pro-active policing, removing various dangerous drugs and multiple firearms from the streets with the aid of our K9 team.

March 4th- Officers responded to a structure fire of a multi-unit building. Three officers entered the smoke-filled building and removed a male subject who, without the brave efforts of these officers, would not have been able to exit the building.

APRIL

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (26)

April 6th- Officers and detectives responded to a firearm-related suicide that just occurred. Officers and detectives worked together to investigate this unfortunate incident.

April 8th- A subject struck a Marion Police cruiser with his vehicle and fled at a high rate of speed. A pursuit ensued, the suspect lost control of his vehicle. and struck a pole at a high rate of speed. The driver died as a result of injuries sustained in the single vehicle crash.

April 10th- Officers responded to an active domestic situation where a 16 year old was attacking his mother and two siblings. One of the siblings sustained a broken ankle because of the assault. The suspect was arrested for Domestic Violence and Felonious Assault.

April 22nd- Officers responded to a call of a suicidal subject who fired a round through the ceiling of their apartment building which traveled into an adjoining apartment and nearly struck a sleeping child. The subject was charged with multiple offenses and connected with mental health services due to intentions of self-harm.

April 23rd- A subject reported that he had been stabbed while walking down the road. Officers met with the subject and through an interview, his story became questionable. It would be found that the subject had stabbed himself during a domestic-related incident. The self-inflicted wound was very close to his heart and he was transported to a Columbus area trauma center by MedFlight.

April 28th- Marion PD hosted a luncheon presentation for our retired staff. It was great seeing so many fantastic friends and co-workers from years past as we showed them all the changes that have taken place at MPD over the last few years.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 16

MAY

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (28)

MPD added K9 Shanel to the ranks of our four-legged partners. Her handler is Ofc. Ryan Kelly and this team has been an excellent addition to the MPD family.

May 11th- Officers investigated a call that lead to the recovery of a stolen golf cart, a stolen motorcycle and numerous stolen tools.

May 18th- An officer observed a subject nearly cause a crash and the ensuing traffic stop resulted in the recovery of numerous drugs and a loaded firearm.

May 26th- Officers of MPD and deputies of MCSO again gathered in memory of the fallen officers of Marion County in connection with National Police Memorial Week. Following the ceremony, the annual awards banquet was held at the Marion First Church of the Nazarene. Many MPD officers were recognized for their fantastic and selfless work over the previous year. MPD recognized long-time MPD supporter Hugh Norris, as well as Jill Chitwood who spearheaded a fundraiser to obtain over \$40,000 in donations in support of the MPD and MCSO K9 teams.

May 27th- Officers responded to a large fight involving tire irons and pipes near a school that involved approximately 10 juveniles and three adults. Ultimately, this was found to be a matter of mutual combatants, and numerous participants were charged with DOC Fighting.

May 28th- While on an unrelated call, an officer saw a pit bull attacking an elderly woman's small dog. The officer intervened and pinned down the attacking pit bull which resulted in him receiving bite wounds to his hands, requiring him to be taken to Marion General Hospital.

May 28th- Officers responded to a report of a shot fired in an apartment building. A round travelled into an adjoining downstairs apartment. The suspect was found to be intoxicated and was arrested on multiple charges.

JUNE

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (29)

June 6th- Officers responded to a report of an impaired motorcyclist. An officer arrived and attempted to activate a traffic stop upon which time the suspect fled at a high rate of speed, striking a vehicle that was pulling out of a private drive. The motorcyclist sustained significant injuries which required a transport via MedFlight to Columbus and the operator was ultimately charged with OVI.

June 10th- Officers initiated a traffic stop on a driver going the wrong way on a one-way street. The operator admitted she was too intoxicated to drive and she is found to have a blood alcohol content that was four times the legal limit. It was also discovered that the driver was involved in multiple crashes between Waldo and Marion.

June 15th- K9 Chip formally retired for medical reasons. He will continue visit schools and some community events on

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 17

a more limited basis.

June 16th- Officers responded to a call initially described as a stabbing. It was found that a male subject had been brutally assaulted by two females with brass knuckles and broom sticks. The suspects were later located and arrested for felonious assault.

June 23rd- Multiple officers participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run of which the local leg went from MPD to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. This is a great event held across the country and sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police.

JULY

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (28)

July 7th- Officers Fryman and Decker graduated from the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus and began their field training.

July 22nd- Officers responded to a report of a shooting and upon arrival they found a deceased male. The suspect was still at the scene and was arrested for homicide.

Officers responded to a city park due to a suicide hotline call from a male indicating that he wanted to kill himself. As officers arrived, the subject took off running into traffic, then into a yard where he climbed into a treehouse with a knife. After over an hour of crisis negotiations, the male dropped the knife and surrendered to be taken for a mental health evaluation.

July 7th- Officers responded to a domestic violence call where a husband had attempted to strangle his spouse to a point of unconsciousness. The 16-year-old son intervened, placing the male in a "choke hold". This resulted in some injury to the father who was ultimately charged with domestic violence and taken to the hospital due to injuries sustained by the choke hold.

July 11th- Officers responded to a local convenience store for a report of a person with a gun. This was found to be domestic related. A revolver was located near the car that had been discarded by the suspect upon arrival of officers. The subject was arrested.

July 15th- Officers responded to a domestic where it is found that the male attempted to strangle the female. The male barricaded his home and a search warrant was obtained. The male eventually came out and was voluntarily taken into custody.

July 16th- Officers responded to a report of a domestic where a male subject fired a gun inside the home. After dealing with largely uncooperative participants, officers were able to get to the truth and the male was arrested for firing the gun in his developmentally disabled son's room. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

July 17th- Officers handled a DV/strangulation case which stemmed from a theft/robbery. Officers located the suspect at a different location and the suspect refused to answer the door. A search warrant was obtained and the suspect

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 18

came out and voluntarily turned himself over to police before the warrant could be served.

July 19th- Officers responded to a report of a person with a gun. Upon arrival, officers found a subject in possession of a gun and also found that there was another subject involved who had a crossbow. Officers were able to obtain near-by video footage which showed that the subject with the gun brandished the gun in response to the second subject pointing the crossbow at him. Arrests were made of the armed subjects and additional summonses were issued as well.

July 28th- Officers responded to a local fast-food restaurant in response to a store manager seeing on remote video that an employee was in possession of a gun. Officers responded and found the subject in possession of the gun in his vehicle. It was also found that this subject was intoxicated and had attempted to lure another employee into the store that he was having a feud with. The intervention of the officers likely prevented a significant tragedy. The suspect was found to have a BAC of nearly four times the legal limit and was arrested for Improper Handling of a Firearm, Weapons under Disability and physical control.

AUGUST

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (28)

While at work, the owner of a home saw through her video cameras that someone was breaking into her house. She called a friend to check the house and when he arrived, he confronted the subject and a physical altercation ensued which resulted in the friend sustaining a non-life threatening gunshot wound.

August 2nd- We had another great National Night Out, connecting officers with the community they serve through food, fun and special events.

August 7th- Officers working a case of stolen construction materials at a new-build site conducted follow up and were able to identify and arrest the suspects for Felony Theft and Breaking and Entering.

August 12th- A mother reported that her son was threatening to kill her with a gun and the son was now at an address previously occupied by his deceased grandfather which had a gun inside the house. He refused to come outside which resulted in a lengthy stand-off and officers obtaining a search warrant. Officers obtained a key to the residence and ultimately, the son was arrested for DV Threats, Obstructing Official Business, a CPO Violation and Disrupting Public Service.

August 14th- Officer Erica Delp was sworn in as the first female Lieutenant in MPD history. A historic event for sure and we are proud of Lt. Delp's valued contributions to the leadership team of Marion PD.

August 15th- Lt. Eric Marsh retired from MPD after 28 years of service to the City of Marion.

August 18th- A vehicle pursuit (for passing a cruiser at a high rate of speed with no headlights) turned into a foot pursuit after the vehicle crashed into a home and damaged the gas line. It was found that the suspect tossed two loaded pistols during the foot pursuit and with the aid of K9 Joker, the suspected was located and arrested for Felony Failure

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 19

to Comply, OVI, Weapons While Intoxicated, Carrying Concealed Weapons, Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle and a slew of traffic offenses.

August 19th- An officer was handling a threats/menacing call when the victim told the officer that the suspect was around the corner with a gun and that he had pointed the gun at her. The officer initiated contact with the suspect who had a bag slung across his body but no weapon was immediately seen. The suspect refused to cooperate with verbal commands and tossed the bag in a nearby car. The bag was ultimately found to have a stolen handgun inside. The suspect was arrested for Obstructing, Receiving Stolen Property and Aggravated Menacing.

August 28th- Officers responded to a report of a deceased female that was found in an alley on the North side of the city. It was found that the female had been possibly dragged and struck by a motor vehicle. On August 30th, a male subject was criminally charged with Aggravated Vehicular Homicide.

SEPTEMBER

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (28)

We had another uneventful Marion Popcorn Festival thanks to the hard work and dedication of our MPD officers who provide a safe environment for our community to have fun.

September 7th- While patrolling the Popcorn Festival grounds, officers arrested a subject behind a downtown business for breaking into vehicles.

September 8th- Officers got into a foot pursuit with two juveniles who were stealing from vendor tents. One officer required medical treatment at the hospital due to an injury sustained to his hand and arm.

September 10th- K9 Joker retired after many years of valued service to the Marion community.

Officers responded to a call for help from MFD Medics as they were dealing with a combative individual who reportedly had sustained a head injury from a dirt bike crash on the prior day. The subject had been in possession of a pellet gun and had two large knives when officers arrived. He was confrontational with officers and fled to the rooftop with the knives and began stabbing at the roof, which resulted in him cutting one of his fingers. Due to bleeding significantly from his finger, he would later come down off the roof and turn himself over to law enforcement.

September 11th- Officers located a stolen vehicle and when the officers locate the suspect outside, he fled inside. As officers pursued him, he fled back outside where he was tackled and arrested by officers.

Officers responded to Pearl Street for a report of shots fired in the street. The investigation revealed that a subject was possibly shot in the leg. The victim of the gunshot wound was later located and we found that he was shot by another male over a female that they were both dating. The suspect was arrested for Felonious Assault.

MPD located a stolen Ford Ranger with our newly implemented Flock license plate readers.

Officers responded to a call of an elderly man with dementia who made threats of "suicide by cop". When officers

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 20

arrived, the subject rushed officers with two knives. As he was charging the officers, he dropped one knife and at this point, the man's son jumped on his back. This gave officers the opportunity to rush the subject and get the second knife away from him. The subject was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation and for a possibly dislocated shoulder.

Officers responded to an apartment complex for a report of shots fired. The officers determine which apartment the shot came from and attempted to initiate contact with the resident. The intoxicated male still had the pistol in his pocket. A search warrant was served on the apartment and the subject was taken into custody.

OCTOBER

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (28)

October 4th- Officers enjoyed another annual Coffee with a Cop day which we held at the Remnant Coffee and Tea. We had great interactions with members of the community who came to have discussions with our officers over a cup of coffee.

Officers responded to a report of a domestic with weapons at an apartment complex. Officers encountered the victim who was spitting up blood and holding a knife that she apparently took from the suspect who fled from the apartment. Officers gave chase and located the suspect who was arrested.

Officers responded to a male who called on himself having a gun, telling dispatch that officers would "need to come clean up the mess after he shot himself". Officers were able to convince the subject to put down the gun and he was taken for a mental health evaluation.

Officers responded to an unruly juvenile who had been the subject of numerous recent calls. When the officer arrived, the juvenile threw a knife at the officer as he was entering the door. Fortunately, the knife struck the door frame and not the officer.

October 20th- Officers responded to a report of a person with a knife call. Officers made an arrest on a male subject for felonious assault when it is found that the victim had broken ribs and a punctured lung.

October 21st- Officers responded to a report of shots fired at a bar inside the city. Nobody was struck but when we are later able to review the interior video, we find that there were two subjects with guns that were fighting with one-another inside the bar.

October 28th- Officers attempted to stop a car for an equipment violation which turned into a lengthy pursuit. The female crashed during the pursuit and it was later found that she was involved in other hit-skip crashes prior to the traffic stop. When she was ultimately stopped, she was arrested for Felony Failure to Comply, Criminal Damaging, several traffic offenses and OVI.

October 31st- Officers did a bar check at a local establishment connected to another crime they were investigating. As officers arrived, a female ran inside to alert patrons that the police were coming in. Officers saw a male subject

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 21

attempt to flee out a back door and after a brief conversation, they notice the imprint of a pistol in his pocket. He attempted to flee but was quickly tackled and arrested for possession of the pistol in a bar with a high capacity magazine.

NOVEMBER

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (29)

Congratulations to Lt. Dylan Reese (supervisor of the year) and Ofc Bryce Lowry (officer of the year).

MPD held one of many women's unarmed self-defense classes in conjunction with the Victim Assistance Program. This program has been a tremendous hit with members of the community and we find that we are scheduling more and more of these each year.

Officers responded to a disturbance between mother and son and found that the male was on probation and the probation officer wanted him arrested for probation violation. The subject barricaded himself in a bathroom which required officers to force the door open and navigate a use of force incident in order to take the highly agitated and combative subject into custody.

Officers responded to a call where a male prohibited from being at the residence was inside the home making threats. He barricaded himself inside the home and was making threats to officers, attempting to use his dog as a shield. He was ultimately tased and taken into custody without further incident.

DECEMBER

Staffing- Major (1), Lieutenants (9), Officers (29)

The new K9 Memorial was unveiled at the rear of MPD on December 10th, honoring K9's who have served MPD and MCSO over the years.

December 3rd - With Flock's aid, officers found a fugitive wanted by the US Marshals on a felony warrant.

December 4th- Officers responded to a report of a road rage-related shooting incident that occurred on the West side of Marion. A suspect fired at the victims while riding as a passenger in a car, striking the victim's vehicle and a nearby tree. Officers located the suspect vehicle a short time later, finding the suspect still in the car and attempting to hide a pistol. The subject was found to be wanted out of a Southern state for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was arrested as a fugitive from justice and for local charges of Felonious Assault, Discharge of a Firearm in a Prohibited Area, Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle and numerous misdemeanor charges.

December 11th- An officer came across a disabled vehicle that was occupied by two persons familiar to MPD. A K9 was called in to search and ultimately a loaded pistol and Fentanyl were located. One occupant admitted to being significantly drug dependent and acknowledged possession of the loaded gun.

December 22nd- Around 0400 hours, an officer heard multiple gunshots coming from the area of a nearby intersec-

OPERATIONS REPORT

Page 22

tion. Officers responded and found approximately 25 pistol casings in the street. Local businesses were checked and video was found of the incident. Additionally, a vehicle description was checked through Flock and a suspect vehicle was identified. Video showed that two pedestrians were engaged in an apparent gun fight with a vehicle that had been circling the area.

December 29th- Officers were investigating a vehicle that was involved in multiple hit-skips and suspected of OVI. They were able to identify the vehicle and locate the vehicle at the registered owner's home. Getting no cooperation, officers obtained a search warrant and the driver was arrested, as well as two other residents in the house. MPD was dealing with the same vehicle/driver over the course of a few days that was involved in multiple police pursuits. Detectives located the vehicle parked and the suspect took off running from the vehicle but was quickly apprehended by detectives and patrol officers. This subject created a significant risk to public safety over many days, and this team effort resulted in removing this dangerous individual from the streets.

Officers responded to a report of a victim being held at gunpoint. The subject fled upon the arrival of officers but was quickly apprehended. It was discovered that the suspect ditched a very realistic looking airsoft gun during the foot pursuit.

Officers responded to a report of a shooting between two vehicles just South of the Downtown area. Officers and detectives were able to quickly develop a suspect and this investigation remains ongoing. Multiple shots were fired in this incident and fortunately, no persons appear to have been injured.

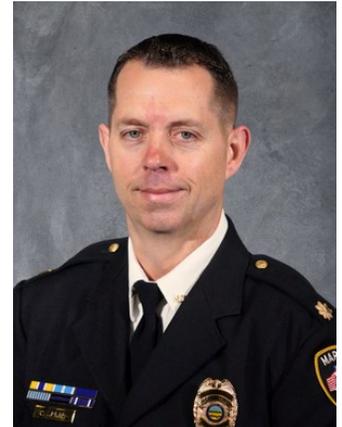
Respectfully submitted,
Major B.J. Gruber
Operations Commander

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

The Investigation Division of the Marion Police Department is comprised of two units. The Investigations Unit, led by Lieutenant James Fitsko, and the Drug Task Force Unit (MARMET), led by Lieutenant Jamie Ralston.

During 2023, we had staff changes that included Det. Delp being promoted to Lt. Delp and being reassigned back to the Patrol Division. Due to staffing issues, Det. Delp's position went unfilled until September when Det. Nick Esterline was assigned to the unit. In October, Det. Justin May was also assigned to the unit to start training for 2024 assignment.

At the end of 2023, the Investigations Unit consisted of Lt. James Fitsko, Det. Scott Sterling, Det. Nick Esterline, Det. Mike Diem, Det. Justin May, and Analyst Sabrina Wittkugle. The Investigations Unit continues to have a great working relationship with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Starting in 2024, the Investigations Unit will fill the need for a second shift detective. Det. May will be assigned to second shift starting in January 2024. The second shift detective position was created out of need to get a jump start on the more complex cases which occur during the evening hours.



Chris Adkins
Major

The detectives of the Investigations Unit work hard to solve the most difficult and complex crimes that occur inside the City of Marion. Their dedication to the citizens of Marion and the Marion City Police does not go unnoticed.

In 2023, there was a large decrease in the number of cases submitted from the previous year. These are only cases submitted for prosecution. This does not account for the number of follow-ups, search warrants, and other large-scale cases worked on by detectives and supervisors. As technology grows so do technical skills and workload.

Sex offenses, 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. Det. Diem alone started, assisted, or took over the investigation on 123 cases with a sex offense component.

ICAC (INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN)

Detectives worked on 14 ICAC cases for 2023, two more than 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 that stood out was in March 2023. Det. Diem and other detectives were alerted by ICAC about the

Month	2021	2022	2023
January	31	34	45
February	51	59	35
March	62	55	42
April	49	41	28
May	53	58	49
June	41	42	45
July	34	28	68
August	66	57	40
September	53	55	35
October	75	52	45
November	43	47	26
December	49	54	49
Total	608	581	507

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Page 24

potential of Jon Vitello viewing, downloading, and emailing child pornography. A search warrant was served on the home of Vitello in Marion, and he was arrested and charged with the related sex offenses. Vitello's employment at the time gave him access to high school children. He has since pleaded guilty for his crimes and is awaiting sentencing.

HOMICIDES

23-00189: On January 12, 2023, officers responded to 436 Thompson Street for a deceased female who had a gunshot wound. The Investigations Unit arrived and conducted the investigation. Jerry Cooper, the victim's boyfriend was developed as the suspect. This case is still pending in Marion County Common Pleas Court.

23-01650: On April 5, 2023, officers responded to 479 Tyler Street for a malnourished elderly person. The adult victim later passed away and it was determined it was due to lack of care. Amanda Swartz, Joel Andrick, and Reginald Burlile were all indicted for involuntary manslaughter. This case is still pending in Marion County Common Pleas Court.

23-03392: On July 21, 2023, Justin Brady called MPD to tell them he just shot his roommate, D'Jontaez Ross. Evidence at the scene suggested this was a murder and Justin Brady was arrested and charged. The case is still pending in court.

23-04006: On August 28, 2023, officers responded to the alley in the 500 block of North Prospect Street. There they located a deceased female. Evidence at the scene suggested she was run over by a vehicle. Great police work led to Jon Frazee being responsible for her death. He was charged with aggravated vehicular homicide. This case is still pending in court.

NOTABLE CALLS

22-05038: This case carried over into 2023. Det. Sterling worked a large-scale real estate case where quick claim deeds were being forged for those who had died and their homes were in limbo. This case remains open and in the hands of the Attorney General's Office.

23-00023: On January 2, 2023, the Multi-County Jail had an inmate die while inside the facility. Investigations and patrol worked the investigation to determine the cause and circumstances surrounding this death. A lengthy investigation was completed, and it was determined the victim in this case died of a medical condition.

23-00667: On February 13, 2023, patrol officers responded to an address on Bellevue Ave. The juvenile caller reported his uncle had stabbed his own mother. The suspect, Justin Frye fled the scene and crashed his car into a large utility pole. Both the victim and the suspect were flown by medical helicopter to Columbus, Ohio for treatment. Justin Frye pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

23-01862: On April 19, 2023, patrol officers started a case on Dustin Stamp for the alleged sexual assault of a 12-year-old female. A search warrant was served at 598 N. Greenwood Street where Stamp was located, and he was later arrested. This case is still pending in the court system.

23-01971: On April 25, 2023, patrol officers and investigators worked on a case involving Clayton Wood. He was suspected of shooting at his girlfriend after a domestic violence incident. Many guns were collected from the house, and Clayton later pleaded guilty to charges from this incident.

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Page 25

23-02859: On June 20, 2023, detectives took over a theft case from patrol. This involved a local business being defrauded out of two golf carts which were paid for by a fake check. Detectives worked on the case and identified the suspects involved in a large statewide theft ring. The case is still pending.

23-03286: On July 16, 2023, patrol officers worked as cases involving Willie Dunn sexual assaulting a 15-year-old victim. The victim in this case was known to Dunn and the family. The case was taken over by Investigations Unit members, and Willie is in jail and pending in court.

23-04509: On September 23, 2023, a fight broke out at Dino' where a victim was stabbed by Kirby Johnson. Johnson was later arrested. The investigation took a turn when detectives figured out the victim lied about his identity. Mario Felder wanted on a warrant by the US Marshall's office was identified as the victim and about two months later, he was located and arrested. This case is still pending in court.

23-05191: In November, Marion City Police and Marion County Sheriff's Office starting seen a rash of car thefts and construction equipment. Jordan Emmons was developed as a suspect in the case. Two separate times, Emmons ran from officers in a vehicle. He was able to elude officers at the time due to his reckless driving. MPD and MCSO teamed up and were able to track Emmons down at a hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Emmons was seen coming out of a hotel room and getting into another stolen car. A pursuit ensued in Columbus where he rammed police cars and hit civilian cars. A high-speed crash occurred in front of Top Golf, and he was arrested after a short foot pursuit. Emmons is facing multiple charges in Marion, Delaware, and Franklin County.

23-05285: On November 15, 2023, officers responded to Fahey Bank on E. Center Street. The caller reported someone was trying to steal the ATM. Officers arrived and located an ATM that had been ripped off its base and a stolen truck had been left behind. The Investigation Unit started to investigate the theft and quickly realized this was part of a large group called and "chain and hook gang" out of Texas. Detectives have come a long way in this case which involves multiple locations and states. No theft occurred in Marion as they were not able to get into the ATM. The case is still pending.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS IN 2023

21-02025: Cecil Moore was convicted out of a 2022 case where he was charged with rape. After a successful jury trial, he was convicted and sentenced to 62 ½ years in prison.

22-04118: Marquis Adams plead guilty to his role in the death of Jamear Douglas on 08-20-22. Adams was sentenced to 17 years in prison.

22-01082: Christian Gutierrez plead guilty to his role in the death of Charles Feliciano from a homicide case on 03-09-22. Gutierrez was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

22-00644: Teddy Thomas was convicted after a jury trial where he was charged with trying to kill Officer Rector with a machete. He was sentenced to 21 years in prison.

22-04796: Andrew Cramer plead guilty to his role in the death of Ethan Harris due to a vehicle crash. Cramer was high on drugs at the time and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Page 26

21-03898: Thomas Chaffin went to trial on his rape charges. He was convicted by a jury and was sentenced to life in prison.

22-00162: David Saunders was convicted at trial for his role in a sexual abuse and extortion. David was sentenced to 16 years in prison.

21-02000: Logan Houle was convicted after a week-long jury trial out of an incident where he attempted to take Officer May's firearm during an altercation that took four officers to apprehend him. He was sentenced to nine years in prison.

At the start of the new year, Investigations will see changes. Lt. Fitsko will be assigned back to the patrol unit as a street supervisor. We thank him for his years of service in the Investigations Unit.

Lastly, I want to thank Lt. Ralston for his service and dedication to the MARMET Drug Task Force. Lt. Ralston retired on January 1, 2024, and will start the next chapter in his career at the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

I continue to be immensely proud of the work the men and woman do at the Marion City Police Department.

Major Chris Adkins
Investigations Division

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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.

MARION POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (#MPACT)

MPACT stands for Marion Police and Community Together. This community-based program is led by Lt. Ed Brown and seeks to build trust within the community.

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 was to provide mentoring and police-initiated diversion to middle school-aged students in Marion City. Officer Montel Smith and Lt. Ed Brown were assigned to this position for 2023.

Officer Dan Ice took over the code enforcement position from Officer Casey Thomas who retired in February of 2022. Due to staffing, Ofc. Ice didn't start in this position fulltime until August of 2023. Officer Ice continued to make a positive impact in the community by removing or gaining compliance for junk motor vehicles, removing tires from the City's right-of-way, and more.

Lt. Brown and Officer Gery are working on a program to bring to school students called "MPACT Developing Youth Leaders" (DYL). This will be a mentorship program held at Grant Middle School. It will be ten weeks long and start in the Spring of 2024.

Included in this annual report are detailed reports from Lt. Brown and Officer Ice covering the #MPACT the programs had in 2023.

ADMINISTRATION/RECORDS



Nicole Trent



Heather Schramm

The Administration Division welcomed Heather Schramm to the department as a new Records Clerk. She took over for Nicole Trent who moved to the Administrative Secretary role. Heather had helped on an as-needed basis during 2022 and 2023, assisting in day-to-day administrative duties. Now, most of her day consists of filling public record requests, both written reports as well as body camera video. With the 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 as an extra quality assurance step. Heather will also handle the sealing and expunge-



Jon Shaffer
Major



ADMINISTRATION REPORT

ment of records sent from the courts, fingerprint checks for the public, and attaching files to reports.

Dustin Evans was selected as the next Property Caretaker, and Nicole Trent transitioned to the Administrative Secretary role for the department. Nicole takes care of all things purchase order or invoice-related for the police department, quartermaster, subpoenas, and more. She is also very helpful with any additional administrative tasks that are required.

PROPERTY ROOM



Amanda Adkins

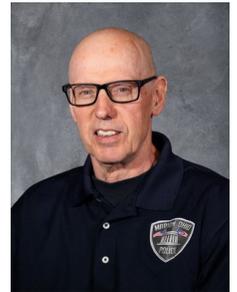


Dustin Evans

Amanda Adkins and Dustin Evans handle all property room duties. Nicole Wheeler left during the year to return home to New York and Dustin was selected to fill her position. 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.

FLEET

Jerry Parker has been with the police department since 2014 and continues to see to it that our police cruisers and unmarked vehicles are in tip-top shape. Jerry pays attention to the details involved in keeping the vehicles running at their best, getting the most mileage out of each one of them. He works closely with Mathews Ford garage and PARR to make this happen.



Jerry Parker

CITY HALL SECURITY DESK SCREENERS



Steve Walton

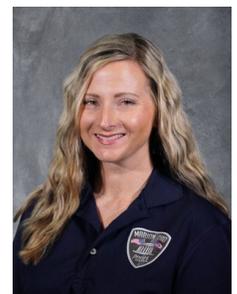


Juanita Rosvanis

Steve Walton and Juanita Rosvanis continue to work as security screeners at the front of City Hall. Both continue to be great assets to the police department and city of Marion and bring consistency to the security desk.

SCHEDULING CLERK

The part-time scheduling clerk position helps take some administrative load off the lieutenants as well as me. The main duties include bi-weekly payroll and filling overtime and special duty slots. Dave Clark was hired to fill this position but left in 2023 to enjoy retirement. Brittany Outcalt was hired for two months before taking a job as a deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Tiffany Watkins was hired after Brianna left and she continues in that position into 2024. She does a fantastic job keeping track of all special duty details as well as other tasks as assigned.



Tiffany Watkins

PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS

Grant Middle School SRO Joe McDonald and Harding High School



ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Page 29

SRO Dena Benroth, in cooperation with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, continued the Cadet program in 2023. The Cadet program looks to give 14–20-year-old students a chance to learn about the law enforcement field in a very hands-on way. With the recruiting challenges all LE face right now, it is a good way to try to broaden our reach of perspective applicants. Officer Todd Monette also assisted from the police department.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

After a long process in collaboration with the Marion County Sheriff's Office to select and implement a new CAD/RMS system, it finally went live on 3/28/2023. The set up took over a year to tailor to the specific needs of Marion PD and the Marion County S.O. Prior to going live, all officers and non-sworn personnel participated in training. After several bumps in the road, we are at a point where it's running well. There are aspects of the system that are better than the previous, but also aspects that are not as good. Either way, it's good to have the very long process wrapped up.

GRANTS

- The **COPS Hiring Program (CHP)** grant from 2020 came to an end at the end of 2023. It helped fund approximately 40% of the cost of three new officers. The good news is that we were awarded another CHP grant in 2023 to help cover the cost of another new officer. Over the years, this grant has been instrumental in bringing additional officers to the Marion community that may not otherwise have been possible.
- The **Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program** was awarded to the Marion County Sheriff's Office with the Marion PD as a partner. This grant included many things to assist in the reduction of crime, including Flock LPRs, a crime analyst, funding for overtime for warrant details, and more that benefits all of Marion County, including the City of Marion. It was implemented in 2023 and continues into 2024.
- The **Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program** was awarded in 2022, implemented in 2023, and continues into 2024. Major Gruber goes into depth in this annual report on the benefits of this grant to Marion PD.
- The **Ohio Law Enforcement Recruitment Grant** was applied for and awarded to assist with the Public Safety Cadet program. Lt. Brown leads this ongoing effort into 2024.
- The **Summer Holiday Enforcement Program (SHEP)** grant was received and implemented in 2023 through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. This grant helped pay for overtime to fund traffic details with a focus on reducing the number of traffic related fatalities in Marion.
- Through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the department applied for the **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)** grant in 2022. This grant will pay for two drones and accessories. It was approved near the end of 2022, and we continue to work through that process into 2024. No equipment has been purchased yet as the approval process for our policy and the specific drones are reviewed extensively outside of the police department.



FLOCK LPR

The Marion Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office worked together to obtain a grant to reduce violent crime. As part of this grant, stationary LPR technology was added to our crime-fighting toolbox. This

flock safety

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Page 30

technology captures objective evidence without compromising individual privacy. It's used for retroactive searches to solve crimes after they've occurred. Additionally, it offers real time alerting of hotlist vehicles to capture wanted criminals and stolen cars. The data collected is not stored over 30 days.

- **What's Detected:** License plates, vehicles
- **What's Not Detected:** Facial recognition, people, gender, race
- **Acceptable Use Policy:** Data is used for law enforcement purposes only and not sold to 3rd parties.
- **Prohibited Uses:** Immigration enforcement, general traffic enforcement, harassment or intimidation, usage based solely on a protected class (i.e. race, sex, religion), or personal use. It is also not used for minor misdemeanor traffic offenses and not used to collect personal identifying information, such as names, date of birth, social security numbers, race, or gender. Misuse of the ALPR system may lead to departmental, civil, and/or criminal penalties.
- **Access Policy:** All system access requires a valid reason. All permitted access must be for legitimate law enforcement purposes only, such as when the data relate to a specific criminal investigation or department-related civil or administrative action.
- **Hotlist Policy:** Hotlist hits are required to be human verified prior to action.

The data collected from these LPRs has been invaluable in helping to solve serious, complicated, as well as state-wide crimes with a nexus to Marion. Just a few examples include:

- **23-01938** Theft of credit card – The suspect stole wallets at Planet Fitness and used credit cards at Walmart. The victim was able to locate the suspect in a truck and chased him to Delaware where he lost him. The victim got the license plate and we tied the same crime to multiple cities using Flock. The suspect is under indictment.
- **23-02859** Golf cart case – Detectives found vehicles and moving trucks in multiple cities using Flock. One included a moving truck with our stolen golf cart in the back, driving down the road with the door open. Pending federal investigation.
- **23-04145** Shooting on Pearl St – The suspect's vehicle was captured on Flock cameras moments before the shooting. The suspect is facing multiple felony charges.
- **23-05285** ATM attempted theft – The suspects tried to break into an ATM on E. Center St. Flock showed an involved stolen truck which led to an involved getaway car that led to leads in Columbus and Texas.
- **November 2023** Assisted OSP on a hit skip – Flock was used to find the suspect, car, and OSP got a confession after finding the involved suspect's car behind a barn in Prospect, Ohio.
- **23-05824** Shooting on Fairground St at Richmond Ave – Flock was used to locate the suspect vehicle through a description provided by a witness. That led to identification of the license plate which led to the arrest of the suspect.

ADMINISTRATION LIEUTENANT

New for 2024, Chief McDonald approved an Administration Lieutenant and Lt. Josh Harris was selected to fill this position beginning in March. The primary focus of this position will be training. Training will include everything outlined in our Training Plan by policy, annual Continuing Professional Training (CPT), Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs),

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Page 31

in-house training that includes attending briefings, organizing firearms training and qualifications, and any additional training needs that arise. While not directly in charge of the Field Training (FTO) program, he will work closely with the FTO Supervisor.

In addition to training, the Admin LT will be responsible for applying for and administering PD grants, will be the LEADS/TAC officer, will handle low level internal investigations in consultation with the Operations and Investigations Major, and other various duties that include:

- Emergency Operations Office (EOO)
- Senior Operator in Charge of Breath Testing
- Crime Victim Liaison
- LEP Coordinator/ADA Coordinator
- Protected Information Coordinator (LEADS/OHLEG)



Lt. Josh Harris

I'm excited for Lt. Harris to start this new position at the beginning of March.

I'm very thankful for the men and women who are part of the Administration Division. They help make the department run smoothly behind the scenes.

I want to also congratulate Lt. Ed Brown for being recognized as the Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association for the State of Ohio. Great job, Ed!

Respectfully,
Major Jon Shaffer



The Marion-Metrich Drug Task Force, better known as MARMET, is charged with investigating drug 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.

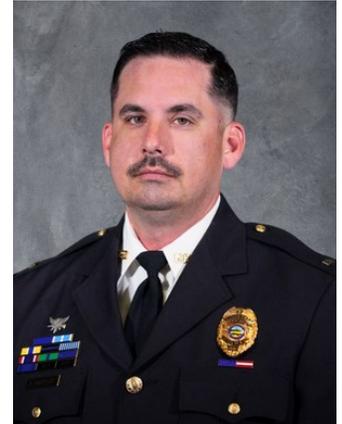
Drugs continue to be the one of the main problems in Marion County. Drug addiction leads to thefts, burglaries, and overdose calls. MARMET continues to work aggressively with the court system to address the problem as best we can, but this epidemic is not limited to Marion County. More people die from 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.

Many are aware of the strong hold heroin had on many communities across the country, Marion County was no different. However, heroin has been replaced by a more potent and deadly drug known as fentanyl. In 2023, Marion County saw a different drug rise to the top of the list, methamphetamine. This drug is extremely dangerous, from production all the way to the user ingesting the narcotic. This drug alone is dangerous, not just for those handling the drug, but is just as dangerous to the officers who encounter those using and producing it. Combine methamphetamine with fentanyl, and you have a deadly mixture of two independently deadly narcotics, which we have seen time and time again in Marion County.

Marion County ended the year with at least 38 lives lost due to drug overdoses. It is important to note this is not a final number, as there are still reports pending through the Marion County Coroners Office. This number is expected to rise with finalized reports being submitted. Of the 38, one of the overdose deaths was a transfer from the Morrow County Emergency room, the remainder of the deaths originated in Marion County. We ended 2023 with at least 168 reported non-fatal overdoses. This number is also expected to be higher as the drug naloxone is readily available and is used to counteract the opiate overdose effects.

The primary drug responsible for overdoses is fentanyl, again, replacing heroin. This includes fentanyl analogs such as Furanylfentanyl and Carfentanil which we are still 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 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 extreme-



Richard Wheeler
Lieutenant

MARMET REPORT

IMPACT

Page 33

ly 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.

Of the 38 fatal overdoses in 2023, so far, about 75% have come back as fentanyl toxicity 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 by them through 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.



<https://www.dea.gov/galleries/drug-images/fentanyl>



<https://www.dea.gov/galleries/drug-images/fentanyl>

On a day-to-day basis, MARMET was led by Lt. Jamie Ralston of the Marion Police Department with the assistance of Major Chris Adkins of the Marion Police Department and Captain Ken Rittenour from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Jamie Ralston retired from duty at the end of 2023. Filling his position beginning January 1, 2024 is Lt. Richard Wheeler of the Marion Police Department. 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. Jessica Morgan 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 Nick Esterline, Justin May, Mike Diem, Scott Sterling, and Crime Analyst Sabrina Wittkugle. 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 people assigned to the unit. All other operating costs are met through monies seized from offenders of drug investigations. In 2023, the Drug Task Force seized in total \$28,928.00.

Lt. Ralston was an active member of the MARC Court (Drug Court) treatment team with Judge Teresa Ballinger in 2023. Lt. Wheeler will continue to support Judge Ballinger in her efforts in 2024. In 2023, members of the MARMET Drug Task Force provided at least 24 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.

Technology, funding, and the ever-changing drug world remain MARMET's biggest challenges. Drug dealers adapt to what law enforcement has figured out, changing 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.

MARMET continues to have a TIPS line available 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.

Respectfully,
Lt. Richard Wheeler

Noteworthy 2023 MARMET Cases

March 15th: MARMET task force along with the Cleveland and Cincinnati offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed four search warrants in the 800 block of Adams St, 800 block of Central Drive, 600 block of Pearl St, all in Marion, and the 5200 block of Township Rd 59 in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. These search warrants led to the seizure of 941 grams of Fentanyl, three firearms and a drug press. This amount of Fentanyl potentially saved the lives of 470,500 people.

May 4th: MARMET Drug Task Force detectives with the assistance of Marion Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Bellevue Avenue. Detectives seized 92.7 grams of methamphetamine, 16.5 grams of cocaine, 5.9 grams of crack/cocaine, 116 Xanax pills, 62 Suboxone pills and 5 illegally possessed firearms.

MARMET REPORT

IMPACT

Page 35

July 28th: MARMET officers along with Marion Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 200 block of South High Street. Detectives seized 141 grams of cocaine, 263 Ecstasy pills, 47 Oxycodone pills, a stolen firearm and \$3,000 cash.

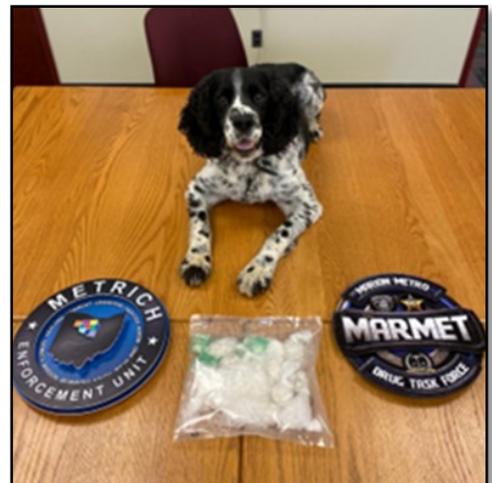
August 8th: MARMET executed a search warrant in the 500 block of Davids Street. Officers obtained 109.27 grams of cocaine and 4.62 grams of meth.

September 13th: MARMET was named the Task Force of the Year by the Ohio Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers!



October 27th: MARMET Drug Task Force officers with the assistance of MPD executed a search warrant in the 600 Block N Greenwood St. Officers seized 90.63 grams of Fentanyl, 27.62 grams of Methamphetamines and \$544 in cash. Two juveniles were removed from the home with the help of Children Services.

November 28th: MARMET Drug Task Force officers along with Marion Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 300 block of Park Street. Officers located 49.50 grams of Fentanyl, 50.78 grams of crack cocaine, an illegally possessed firearm and \$7,562 in cash.



MARMET REPORT

IMPACT

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
New Cases	575	548	326	184	266	265	284
Indictments	518	581	546	426	591	419	300
Search Warrants	257	193	186	184	163	145	116
Drug Education	49	40	34	20	24	15	24
Money Seized	\$69,716.00	\$783,088.00	\$80,310.49	\$100,947.35	\$79,625.00	\$62,265.00	\$28,928.00
Heroin/Fentanyl	1,083.3 grams	546.34 grams	469 grams	1,214.41 grams	1,835.3 grams	2,196.4 grams	1,765.30 grams
Cocaine	169.2 grams	163.2 grams	521.2 grams	215.94 grams	524.6 grams	645.7 grams	586.3 grams
Crack Cocaine	299.9 grams	335.9 grams	344.7 grams	272.6 grams	927.4 grams	789.3 grams	644.2 grams
Methamphetamine	No Data	No Data	1,091.54 grams	1,415.3 grams	1,506.5 grams	2,876.7 grams	1,684 grams
Prescription Drugs	4,160 pills	1,523.6 pills	2,115.3 pills	1,288.8 pills	1,037 pills	5,519 pills	1,704 pills
Guns	77	187	236	210	196	236	128



MARMET REPORT

IMPACT



MPACT REPORT

Page 38

Twenty twenty-three was another great year for the MPACT program. We continued to build upon relationships and programs that are in place as well as develop and try new things in order to continuously bring the community together.

This year, we held five different Hotdogs and Heroes events during the summer months. The first was held at the Fairview Apartments followed by George Washington Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Crescent Heights and Taft Elementary. These events have really grown and we handed out almost twice as many hotdogs to the youth in the community as we did in 2022. The Marion City Fire Department joined us for some of these events as did the local recruiting office and the Marion Health District who set up additional healthy activities for the kids.

National Night out this year was held on August 1st as it is always the first Tuesday in August. We once again had an amazing turnout. Our friends from Starfish Assignment even came up from Columbus to check it out and were amazed with the event.

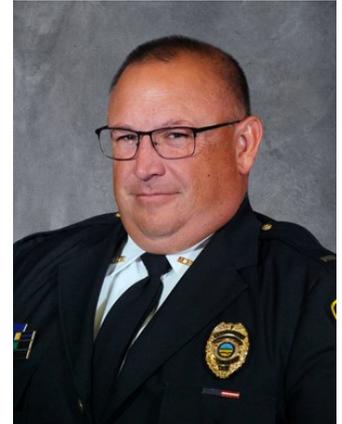
Coffee with a Cop day was once again held at the Remnant Tea and Coffee. We held our Faith and Blue event this year at Lincoln Park. Unfortunately, the weather did not fully cooperate with us this year. Both of these are held in the beginning of October.

Our last MPACT event of the year is our Cops, Cookies and Cocoa. This year, we once again held this at Grant Middle School. We again had live reindeer at the event and the kids could visit with Santa, write him a letter, color some pictures or even make their own Christmas ornament. A huge thank you to our community as we could not do these programs if it were not for the support we receive.

There were some changes with our schools. The state has required threat assessment teams for any school with junior high or high school students. The SROs have gone through the training and sit on the teams for each of their buildings. I also have been through the training and now sit on the Marion City Schools District Team, the Marion Prep Threat Assessment Team, as well as the safety teams for St. Mary and Buckeye Community School.

In addition to this, I have been appointed as the Committee Chairman for the Drug Free Marion coalition, vice president for Hand of Hope and sit on the steering committee for the Marion Chamber of Commerce Community Safety Committee.

I have been fortunate that the Marion Crawford Prevention Programs once again sent me to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America annual Forum in Washington DC in 2023. I also attended the Ohio Crime Prevention Conference and the Ohio School Safety Summit, both in Columbus, Ohio. At the OCPA conference, I was recognized as the Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year for the State of Ohio. I also attended Alerts training and several addi-



Ed Brown
Lieutenant



MPACT REPORT

Page 39

tional online trainings in reference to school safety. We also partnered with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and hosted the Ohio Crime Prevention Association's House of Worship class. This was one of the largest turnouts for this program that OCPA has had with over fifty registrants representing law enforcement agencies as well as local church security personnel. The SROs and I also attended the Trauma in Youth Conference held at OSUM.

In addition to this, we also provided additional training to different groups and organizations in our community. We provided internet safety training to all the students at Grant Middle School as well as the students and parents for TRECA (both in person and digitally). I spoke with the Grant staff about school safety as well as the Marion City School Administrators and then the school board. Officer Benroth and I were also both asked to participate in the new high school principal interviews. We also worked with the Marion City Schools to create new safety procedures at the Harding High School football games.

Our SROs have done a fantastic job in ensuring that all of the school safety drills are completed in a timely manner and in accordance with the law. We have even started to test the staff in some of these drills. For the first time, we did an emergency evacuation drill at Hayes Elementary during lunch time. We have also blocked exit routes during fire drills. In addition, both Harding and Grant had their round tables completed this year.

MPACT continues to provide education to our community to help keep them safe. We presented the "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" (CRASE) nine times this year to various churches, schools and businesses. I did actual security assessments for three different facilities in 2023.

In addition, I spoke with groups of people at Kingston, Seton Square, Meeker Community Center, and the Richland Rd. Church of Christ about scams that target the senior populations. I presented at the Chamber of Commerce Safety Council twice, the first time about de-escalation and the second time about scams affecting businesses. I presented information on personal safety to the staff at Help me Grow as well as the residents at Seton Square. I spoke with two of the NCCC's Crisis Intervention classes about de-escalation and the Marion Renter's Association about landlord/tenant issues. I spoke with the volunteer classes for Cornerstone of Hope about dealing with people in trauma and residents at the Fairview Apartments about concerns in their neighborhood. I also spoke with teams from two of our local churches about church safety and security. We continued our partnership with Marion County Victim's Assistance in providing three Women's Self Defense classes this year and held an open house for officers who have retired from the Marion Police Department and explained changes to practices over the years.

We continue to appreciate the generosity of our partners at Starfish Assignment and 2nd & Seven Foundation. Because of them, we are able to run our Books and Badges program. After reading with the kids in the schools, the kids get to keep the books to share with their families. We were able to run 24 of these programs this year and almost every one of these involved visiting multiple classrooms. Another great partner is a youth run non-profit called Sahara Columbus. Sahara has provided us with food bags to help those who are less fortunate at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They, along with Feed the Kids Columbus also provide us with healthy snacks to share with kids during the summer months. Starfish also provided us with fifty Easter baskets this year, as well.

Our MPACT program continues to try to be active in the community even it is not an event that we are hosting. This year, we again were at festivities for the K9 Project, Waldo Summer Fest, Christian Alliance Expo, Nation-

MPACT REPORT

Page 40

al Day of Prayer, the Amazing Shake, the Senior Expo, Latino Health Fair and several events around Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were several new events this year like Rocky's Kid Safety Day, the YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Emmanuel Lutheran Stuff the Backpack, Drug Free Marion Coalition Family Fun Day and Seniors Downtown. We also participated in other events with partners at the YMCA, Center St. Clinic, all our local schools, Boys and Girls Club, the Jerzee and the Marion County LGBTQ+ Coalition.

We continue to build the bonds with the developmentally disabled population in our community with visits, kickball games and cornhole tournaments with Wings of an Angel as well as kickball, volleyball and basketball games with our local Special Olympic athletes.

In 2023, we transitioned our youth program from the Explorers to the Public Safety Cadets program. This program has begun to flourish as we have had a couple kids age out but we continued to grow to fourteen youth involved. We were also able to take the kids to the state competition in Cleveland this year as well as the National Cadet Competition in Gatlinburg, TN.

We also did a seatbelt check one morning at Harding High School just before prom. Every student found wearing their seatbelt was given a ticket for a prize. Thanks again to the generosity of our community, every student won a prize!!! We also approached parents who were waiting to pick up their kids from Grant Middle School and Harrison Elementary in the car rider lines and gave them information, asking them to talk to their kids about the dangers of drug usage.

In 2023, we were also able to partner with OSU for the first time in a food drive to help those who needed food assistance. We also started our "Comforting and Protecting Seniors" (CAPS) program, which is run by our CPAAA, to visit some of our elderly residents. We sponsored a blood drive through the American Red Cross and kicked off the "Remember my Name" campaign in partnership with the Marion County Victim Assistance Program. Another new program we tried this year was a technology assistance program. We got high school kids to volunteer to go with us to Seton Square to help the residents with any issues they had with their technology devices. This appeared beneficial not only to the residents but also the students.

Other new programs for 2023 included our "Super School Citizens" in which elementary school students who are nominated by their schools are awarded with a ride to school from their SRO as well as a certificate and a bag of goodies. Officer Benroth and I have also started to teach the "Interactions with the Police" curriculum at Harding High School. This has been included into their government classes and is a graduation requirement for the class that is currently sophomores. I also did a recorded interview with TRECA for this curriculum.

Lastly, Officer Gery and I have begun working on developing our "MPACT Developing Youth Leaders" (DYL). This will be a mentorship program held at Grant Middle School. It will be ten weeks and we plan to begin presentations in the spring of 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Ed Brown

JUVENILE MPACT REPORT

Page 41

Our officers on the streets do a fabulous job trying to work with the youth and their families, making referrals to other agencies as appropriate. This is the backbone of our juvenile MPACT processes. In 2023, we held one TAPS program in the spring at Grant Middle School. This was adjusted from how we had done this in the past. This year, it was actually worked into part of the GXL program at Grant. During the ten week session, we had ten students that were active throughout the program but we averaged about fifteen kids per class.

I also had the opportunity to participate in the Amazing Shake at Elgin this year. This is a competition involving all the higher elementary kids from all the schools in the county. Essentially, the program teaches interpersonal communication skills. Some of the stations required presentations, or lip-syncing or essentially a job interview while others were similar to broadcast journalism or talking about goals and philanthropy.

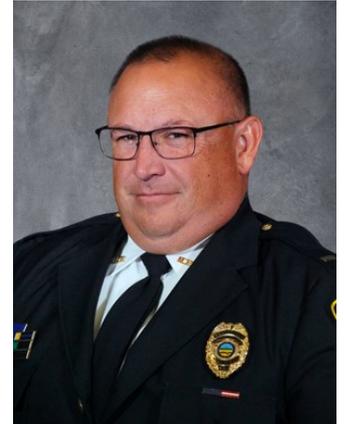
In 2023, we received a grant for our Cadets program for approximately \$11,000.00. This money will be used to purchase needed equipment to further this programming. Our Cadets program keeps growing and we were up to thirteen youth participants by the end of the year. We once again held a summer day camp for the Cadets and as part of this, we did a community service project for the FOP Lodge 24.

During the summer months, we had Story Time at the Jerzee and 06/20/2023 was a police theme. We had roughly seventy kids in attendance. We also held five different Hotdogs and Heroes events. Over the summer, we built a relationship with the Advantage Learning Academy which is a new program that started in at the Nazarene Church. We had several visits with the kids who attend this program. We also visited the youth at the YMCA summer camp and the Boys and Girls club for our annual kickball games.

Maj. Gruber and I continued to participate in the Youth Collaboration Meetings for Marion County. This has representatives from Marion Family Court, Juvenile Probation, Diversion, the Marion City Schools and Marion County Sheriff's Office. In these meetings, we discuss particular youth in the community and develop plans to provide the necessary resources to address behaviors. We continued to meet once a month.

In 2023, I also had the opportunity to speak with the entire student body at Grant Middle School about internet safety and good internet citizenship. In addition, I spoke with the parents at TRECA about internet safety and monitoring their children's usage.

With the start of the new school year, I spent a considerable amount of time at Grant Middle School until Officer Rob Gery was appointed as the SRO. While there, I made a concerted effort to visit the Alternative Learning Center (ALC). This is essentially in-school suspensions. I would speak with these kids about why they were in there and try to mentor them about making better choices to avoid being placed into ALC. Officer Gery continues with this, visiting ALC each day as well as the Special Ed classrooms.



Ed Brown
Lieutenant



JUVENILE MPACT REPORT

Page 42

On September 28th, I also presented at the Teen Institute Youth Rally and spoke with the attendees about the importance of a drug-free lifestyle and to keep striving to better themselves.

In addition to this, the state of Ohio has approved a new curriculum that is a graduation requirement for the now current sophomore class on "Interacting with the Police." The Marion City Schools asked us to present this curriculum to the kids starting with the juniors this year as they have put this into their government classes. This is broken down into four parts and we have presented the first two sections in 2023.

On 10/17/2023, I also participated in the Made in Marion Career Expo at the Marion Coliseum. This was attended by all of the high school seniors countywide. This provided a lot of one on one contact, some of which with youth who were not interested in a career in law enforcement but were just seeking out some mentorship.

We have been using TAPS for a few years now and have realized that this curriculum really just does not fit the message we are trying to relay. As such, Officer Gery and I have begun working on developing our new MPACT DYL (Developing Youth Leaders). We will target the same youth as we did with TAPS but with a more meaningful, interactive program. We will run this for the first time in the spring of 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Ed Brown

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Page 43

The 2023 year at Harding High School started off with the continued increased presence of teachers and administrators near the restrooms during transitions to prevent any unsafe incidents such as fights and vandalism. The hall monitors were a large asset in keeping the hallways and restrooms safe as well.

In the spring, prom was the much anticipated event. Lt. Brown, Officer Gabriel, Officer Monnette and I partnered with Teen Institute to hand out tickets to students driving into school wearing their seatbelt. The tickets were placed in a bucket to be drawn for many prizes. We utilized the driving simulator and Fatal Vision goggles with the juniors and seniors at the end of prom week in the community room. All of the SRO's provided security at the Palace for the Prom dance.

During summer break, Officer McDonald, Deputy Collins, Deputy Albright and I held the Marion County Public Safety Cadets Summer Camp. The Cadets processed a crime scene scenario, completed a community service project of painting the picnic tables at the FOP Lodge. We visited all of the courts, probation, the police department and Sheriff's Office. The Cadets had the privilege of meeting several important people of the community that day. Four of the Cadets went to Gatlinburg, TN for the National Public Safety Cadets Competition. For a couple of them, it was an experience of their lifetime. Through the lessons, hands-on activities, and scenarios they experience in the weekly meetings, the Cadets have made personal strides that are inspiring. The Marion County Public Safety Cadets program continues to grow and educate the future officers of Marion County.

After summer break, the new school year began and Harding High School was presented with a new head principal, Dr. Adonis Bolden. Dr. Bolden invited me to be a part of the administration team to insure our best communication. At the first professional development day of the school year, Dr. Bolden and I emphasized the safety of the building and how the staff can insure it is safe. Part of that was making sure staff had no DoorDasher entering the building, no propping of exterior doors at any time and keeping classroom doors locked. I participate in the administration meetings every Monday morning to communicate concerns or incidents.

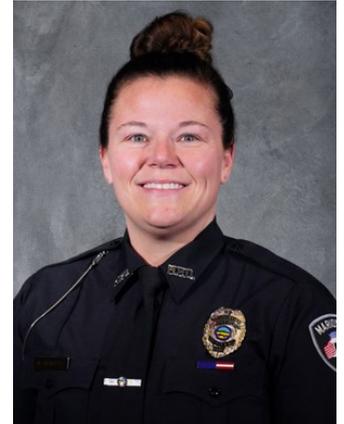
I attended a Navigating Trauma in Youth Conference at OSUM in October along with the other SRO's and many school personnel from the Marion area. In November, Sarah McNamee came to Harding High School and presented an emergency scenario at a round table discussion that included the high school's stakeholders. The round table discussion was successful in that we found some issues that needed changed and items that should be added to our emergency plans. Harding High School has effectively completed all required safety drills this year.

Overall, I've had a flourishing year at Harding High School as the school resource officer. Head Principal Dr. Bolden is making positive changes and has an intense focus on the safety of the students and staff. Together we are building positive relationships with students and especially at-risk students that could potentially be life changing for them.

Criminal Filings are as follows:

Assault—4

D.O.C.—1



Dena Benroth
Officer

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Page 44

D.O.C. Intox—2
D.O.C. Fighting—5
Illegal Conveyance of Weapons—1
Inciting to Violence—1
Inducing Panic—1
Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia—1
Poss. of Marijuana—1
Unruly Juvenile—3

Respectfully Submitted,
SRO Dena Benroth

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Page 45

I have been very fortunate to be able to come to Grant Middle School as their School Resource Officer. The students and staff have been great during this transition.

The normal school day consists of stopping at bus stops, greeting students as they enter and exit the building, interacting with them while they are in the hallway between classes, interacting with them during lunches and also going into their classes to participate with them. I am learning a lot of names and am getting to know a lot of the students.

I have been able to go to the ALC room and Mr. Cooper's ED room on a pretty regular basis and am building rapport with a lot of those students.

In October, I helped provide security at Harding High School's Homecoming dance. It was a lot fun and the students seemed to really enjoy themselves. I attended the Harding Cross Country Invitational and saw several Grant students compete in the event. I was also able to attend the Harding Fall Festival along with Beggars Night at GMS on Halloween handing out candy to kids. It was a lot of fun and I got to see a lot of GMS Students and their families.

I was also fortunate to be able to attend the Youth and Trauma training put on at OSU. It was very good training that reinforced a lot of the things we already do. It also gave me additional ideas on how to intervene and work with a student that is escalated.

On November 7th, I was able to assist Lt Brown, Officer Gabriel, and Officer Monnette with CRASE training at Harding.

As the winter sports season began, I was able to attend several boys and girls basketball games. I was also able to stop into some wrestling practices. This has definitely helped build rapport with these young student athletes.

The Property Room had an accordion that the Music Department could have if they wanted it. I spoke with the Music Department about it, they were very thankful and will use it in their General Music Class.

I attended a Thanksgiving Feast put on by the SLC's. The food was excellent and it was fun interacting with the students during this meal.

On November 22nd since we did not have school, I was able to visit several students from the Middle School to give them food bags. I was also able to visit some students to give them and their siblings goodie bags. They were all very thankful and it was good to see them outside of school. When I returned after Thanksgiving break, I had several teachers asking about going with me if I do this in the future.

On December 13th, I was able to help with the Cops, Cocoa, and Kids event that was held in the Grant Middle School Cafeteria. Fun was had by all and we got to interact with a lot of smiling kids.

The MPACT program got food bags and goodie bags for us to hand out to students. Myself, Officer Gabriel,



Rob Gery
Officer

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Page 46

Officer Monnette, GMS Dean of Students Liz Taylor, GMS Asst Principal Danielle Emans, and GMS teacher Mr LJ Scott were able to deliver food bags to over 65 students over the Christmas Break. We were also able to stop and visit with several hundred students to give them leftover goodie bags from Cops, Cookies, and Cocoa event.

Lt Brown and I have been working on the MPACT DYL Program (Developing Youth Leaders). This will begin sometime after the first of the year and will be a 10 week program we will be teaching in the Middle School. This will be a mentoring program that I believe will be very beneficial in the community.

It's been a great year at Grant Middle School. I look forward to the rest of this school year and hopefully many more.

Respectfully,
SRO Rob Gery

Cases sent to the Juvenile Prosecutor for Charges:

End of 2022-2023 School Year

2023-00073 Unruly Juvenile

2023-00144 Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles

2023-00187 Assault

2023-00468 Possession of Marijuana

2023-00834 Unruly Juvenile

2023-00879 Possession of Marijuana

2023-01343 Assault

2023-01632 Conveyance, Criminal Damaging, Inducing Panic

2023-01799 Menacing

2023-01867 Possession of Marijuana

2023-01962 Assault

2023-01963 Unruly Juvenile

2023-02055 Assault

2023-02138 Unruly Juvenile

Beginning of 2023-2024 School Year

2023-04451 Disorderly Conduct

2023-04453 Assault

2023-04543 Unruly Juvenile

2023-04721 DOC Fighting

2023-04846 Assault

2023-04863 Assault

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

Page 47

During the 2023 school year and into 2024, I have continued my assignments at George Washington Elementary School, Benjamin Harrison Elementary School, and Taft Elementary School. The only change for this school year beginning in August was the Withrow Equity Center for middle school students moved locations back to Grant Middle School. It is now called the Grant Alternative Program.

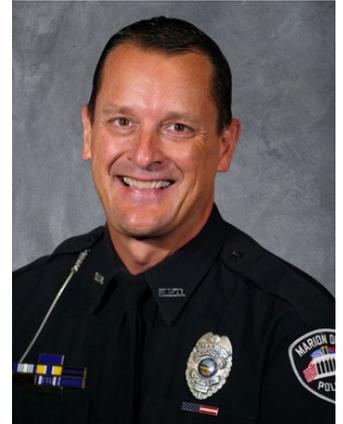
On a day to day basis, I try to make it to all four schools at least once a day. There have been a few issues at drop off and dismissal, but most have been resolved and things seem to be going smoothly. While I'm in the buildings I try to engage with the students as much as possible, whether that be stopping by their classroom, going into the lunchroom, or hanging out with them at recess. I try to make it to as many special events at the schools as I can, such as assemblies, school dances, and holiday events.

I have continued to represent the Police Department in the Safety City Program. I'm also on the Safety City Board. I teach the Monday portion of the program where the children learn about how to use 911 and what it's for, gun safety, and crossing the street safely. During the school year there is approximately 22 classes that go through. I have found that the kids really enjoy this program and talk to me about it even years after they've done it.

I have assisted Lt Brown and the MPACT Program with several events such as Books and Badges, the Student Leader of the Month, National Night Out, Cops, Cookies and Cocoa, and various events where we might get a team and play basketball, kickball, or softball against another group. During Christmas Break, we paired up with staff members from Grant Middle School and delivered food bags to students that might be in need. Mr. L.J Scott and I were able to visit over 20 homes delivering the food to the students and their families.

For the year, I generated 11 reports for criminal investigations. The cases were for assaults, criminal damaging, making threats, and criminal trespassing. I was also asked to assist with several custody issues that tend to come up in the schools.

Respectfully,
SRO Gabriel



Shane Gabriel
Officer

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

Page 48

The 2023-2024 school year so far has been a great year even though there have been some issues with busing and staff shortage. School staff have adapted and helped out where they are needed to make the school day a success.

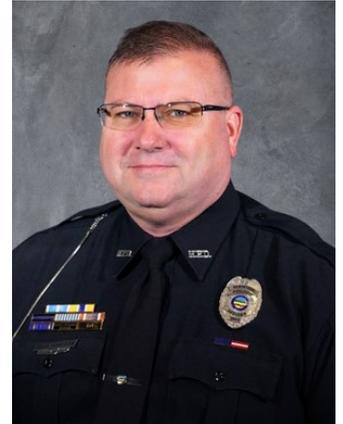
I help out with student loopier lines which gives me a chance to greet the students as they come and go from school. I try to build rapport with students by going into the classrooms for gym, recess, instruction time, and break times.

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

I was involved in many Holiday events like serving Thanksgiving meals at Garfield Elementary, handing out 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.

I 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. I walked the schools to make sure all doors are locked and exterior doors are secured.

Respectfully submitted,
SRO Todd Monnette #27



Todd Monnette
Officer

JUVENILE REPORT

IMPACT

Page 49

During the year, the Marion Police Department handled 212 juvenile cases. Eighteen of those cases were repeat offenders.

- 86 cases were forwarded to Diversion
- 124 cases had charges filed
- 2 cases are still under review

The leading offense for the year was Assault.

Fifteen juveniles were issued a citation for traffic violations during the year.

Sabrina Wittkugle



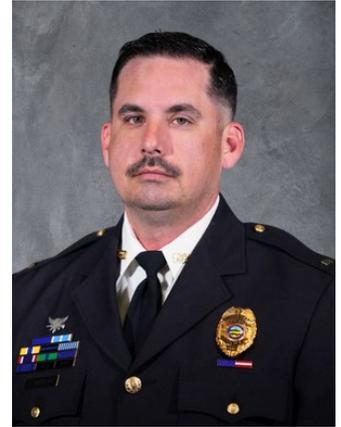
Sabrina Wittkugle
Crime Analyst

K9 REPORT

IMPACT



LT. WHEELER & K9 JOKER
DET. LOWE & K9 STASH
LT. ELLIOTT & K9 RANGER
OFC. RYAN KELLY & K9 SHANEL



Richard Wheeler
Lieutenant

We would like to extend our greatest thank you to Amber Zempter, P&H Productions, for taking time to photograph all of the 2023 K9's of Marion County!



K9 REPORT

IMPACT

2023 ANNUAL CANINE REPORT

Twenty twenty-three was a great year for our Marion City Police Department K9's. We saw two of our K9's retire, K9 Chip in June, and K9 Joker in September. Both of these K9's are resting at home with their handlers, Major Gruber and Lt Wheeler, respectively.

With the help of a grant from AKC Reunite, and the citizens of Marion, we were able to obtain K9 Shanel. Her and Officer Ryan Kelly were certified through Storm Dog Tactical and have already shown they have the capability to be an amazing K9 Team!

In December of 2023, the Marion County K9 Memorial was showcased at Marion City Hall. We want to thank the Marion K9 Project, Lt Mark Elliott, and Cathy Chafin for all of their hard work on this project!

In 2024, we are back down to three working K9's with the Police Department. There will be some changes to this program with the passing of the recreational marijuana laws, but we do not foresee any other K9's retiring in 2024.



K9 JOKER

IMPACT

K9 JOKER HAD 68 DEPLOYMENTS

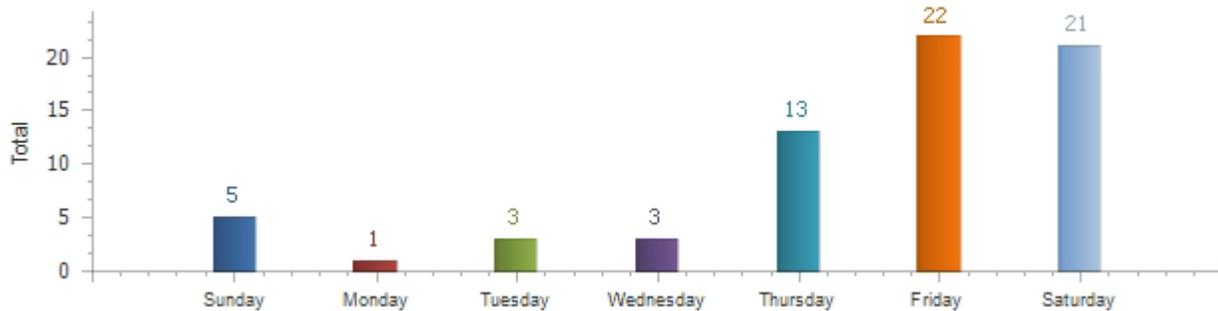
May 5, 2023: K9 Joker was deployed for an apprehension, while assisting the Delaware County Drug Unit.

K9 Joker retired in the month of September. Thank you for your years of service to the Citizens of Marion.

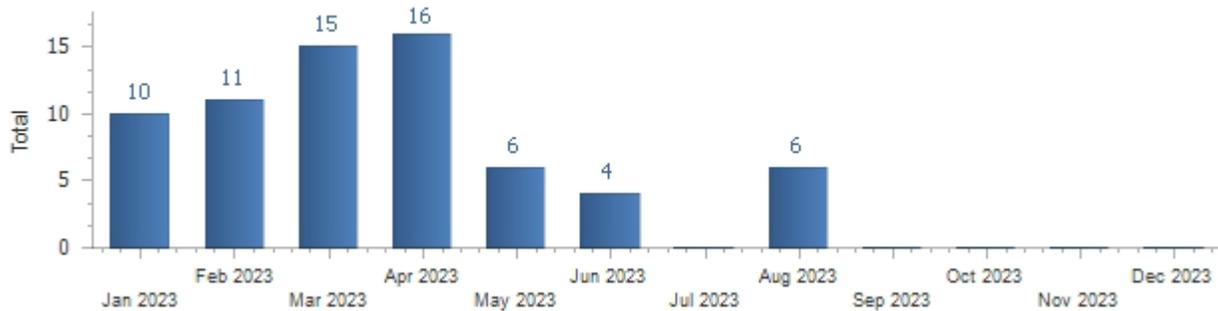


K9 Joker

Deployments By Day Of Week



Deployments By Month

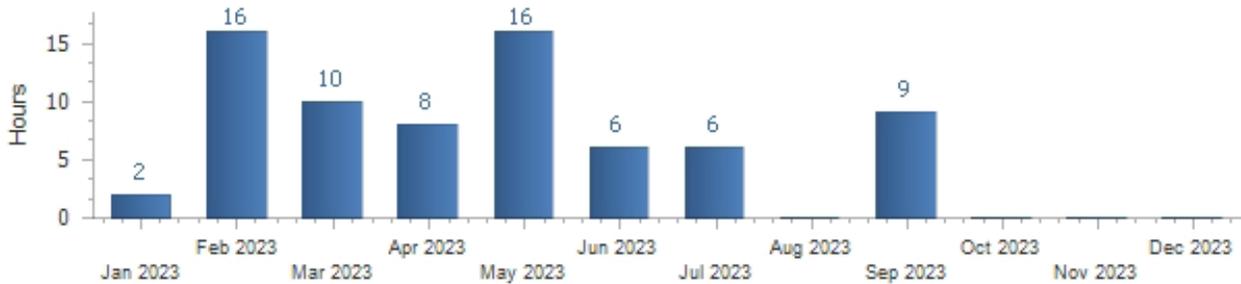


K9 JOKER

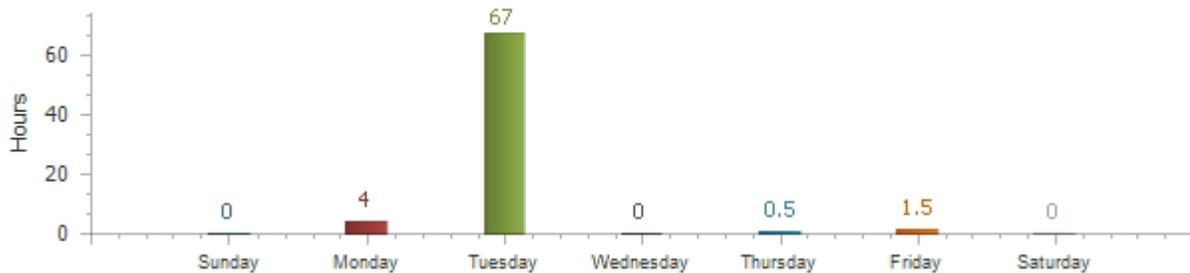
IMPACT



Training By Month



Training By Day Of Week



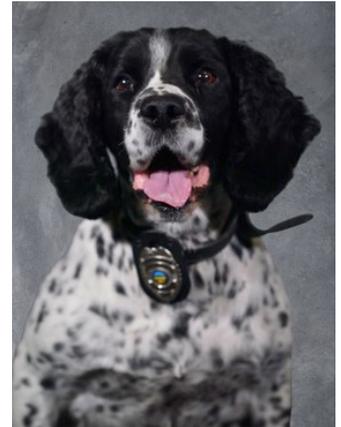
K9 STASH

IMPACT

K9 STASH HAD 12 DEPLOYMENTS

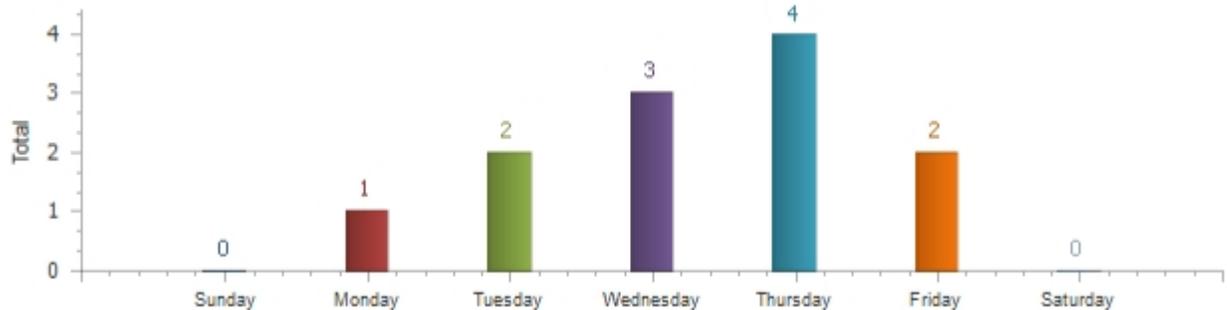
Aug. 9, 2023: K9 Stash deployed for a narcotics search to assist MARMET detectives, locating over 134 grams of cocaine (crack).

K9 Stash conducted two separate narcotics searches in 2023 for the Marion City Schools.

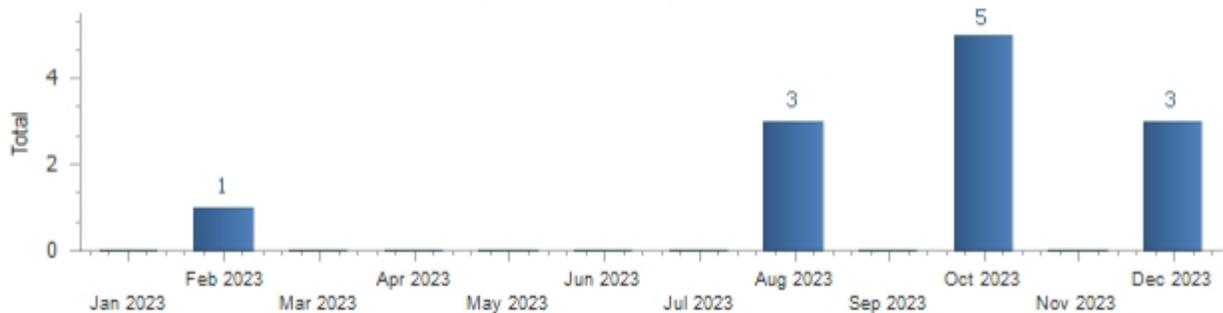


K9 Stash

Deployments By Day Of Week



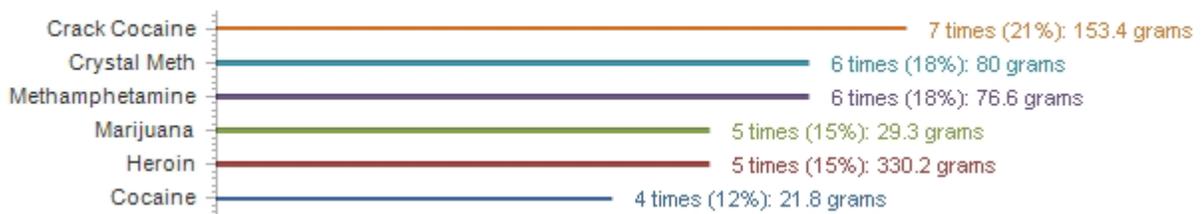
Deployments By Month



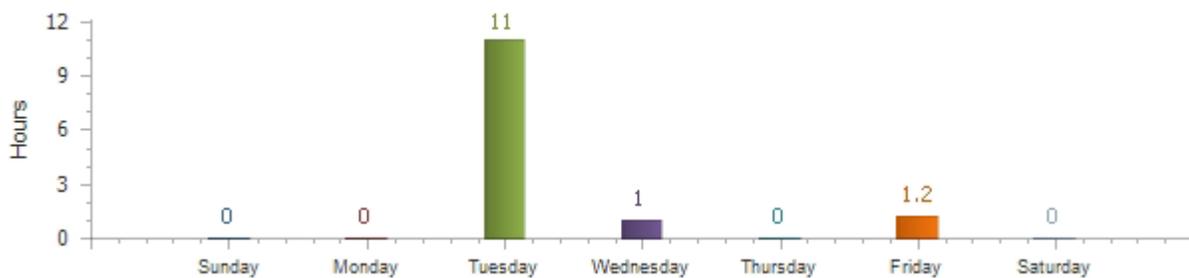
K9 STASH



Drug Odors



Training By Day Of Week



K9 RANGER

IMPACT

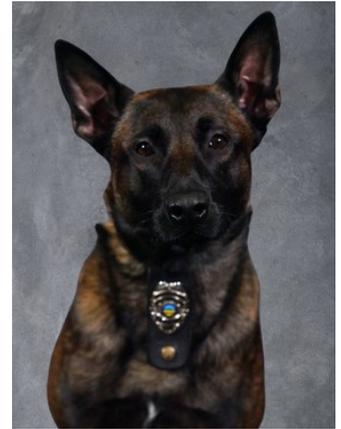
K-9 RANGER HAD 109 DEPLOYMENTS

02-13-23: K9 Ranger deployed for a vehicle sniff, drugs and paraphernalia located.

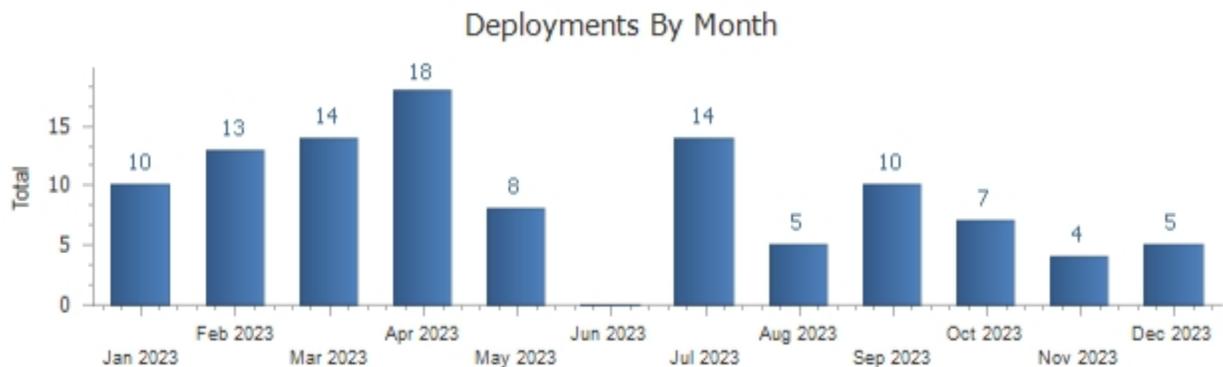
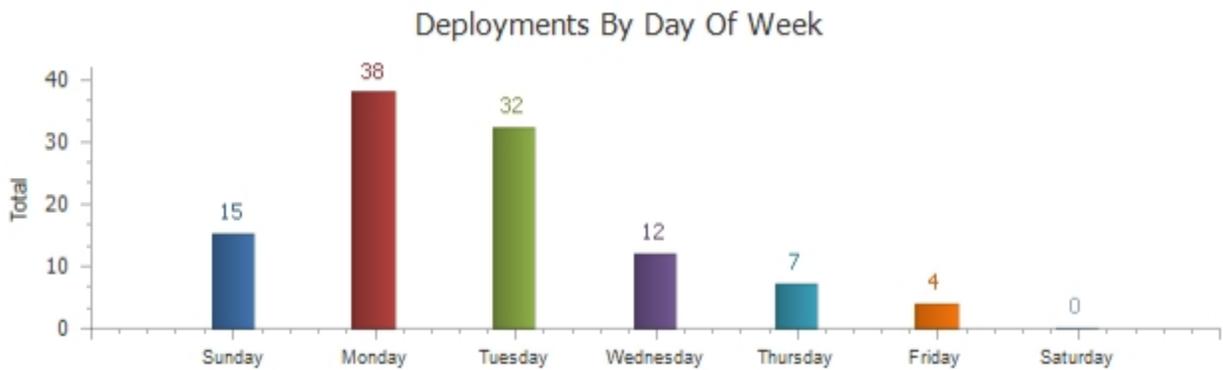
02-26-23: K9 Ranger deployed for vehicle sniff, 8.1 grams of cocaine and .9 grams of meth were located.

06-23-23: K9 Ranger deployed for an area search for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the subject in question was not located.

Sept. 2023: K9 Ranger and Lt Elliott attended the week long ATK9 Conference in Indiana.

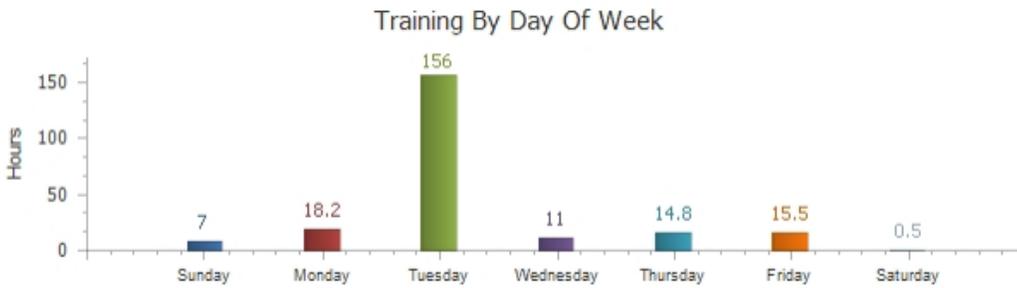


K9 Ranger



K9 RANGER

IMPACT



K9 SHANEL

IMPACT

K-9 SHANEL HAD 73 DEPLOYMENTS

May-June: K9 Shanel and Officer Ryan Kelly completed a 6-week basic K9 Handlers course through Storm Dog Tactical. This culminated with being a certified dual-purpose K9 Team through the State of Ohio.

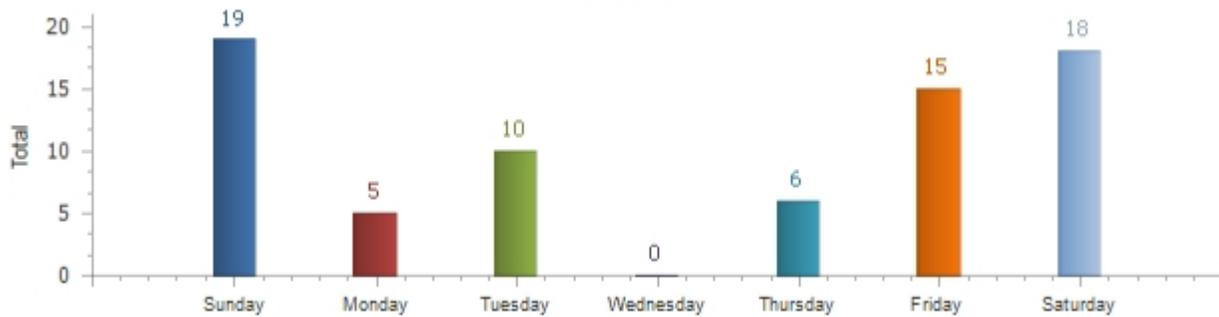
In 2023, K9 Shanel and Officer Ryan Kelly trained for over 383 cumulative hours.

07-02-23: On her first street deployment, an exterior vehicle sniff, K9 Shanel alerted to the vehicle and suspected methamphetamine was located.

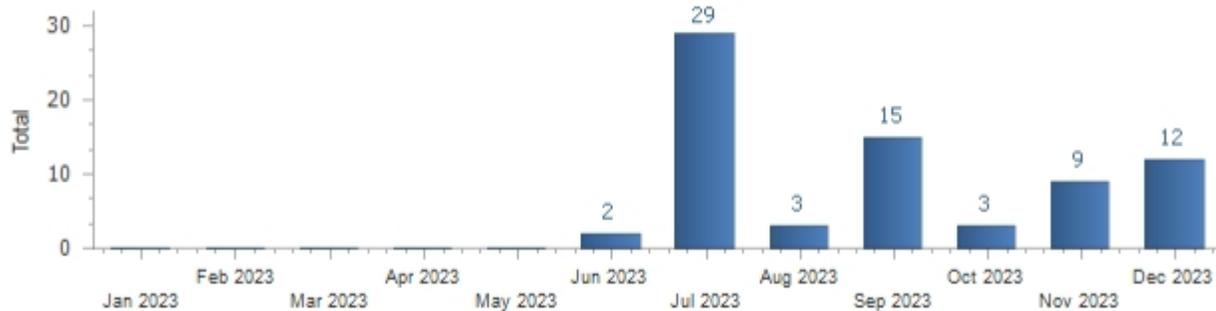


K9 Shanel

Deployments By Day Of Week

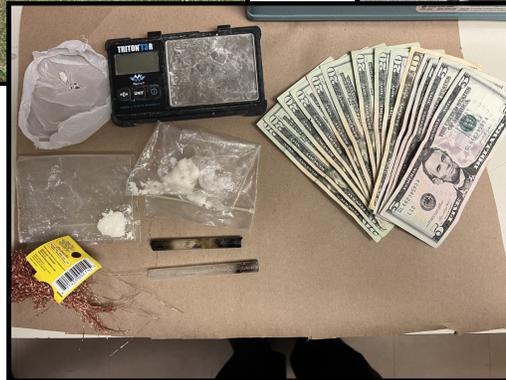


Deployments By Month

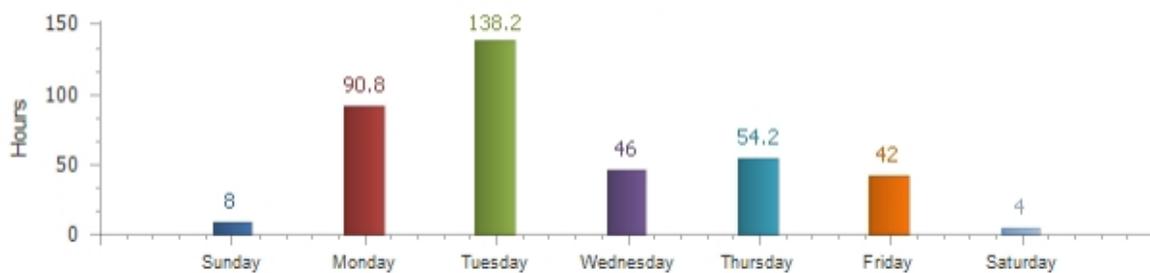


K9 SHANEL

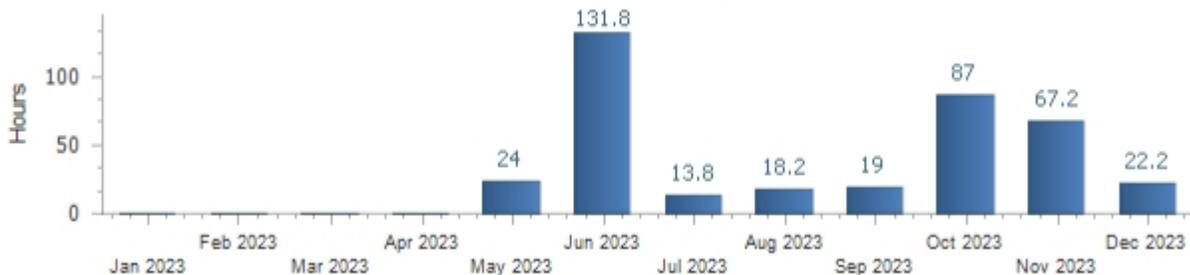
IMPACT



Training By Day Of Week



Training By Month



K9 CHIP

IMPACT

Page 60

K-9 Chip attended many community events with his handler, Major BJ Gruber. Chip's name lived up to his attitude, always "chipper" and willing to meet a stranger. We want to thank Chip for his years of service to the community and always bringing a smile to all he met!



K9 Chip



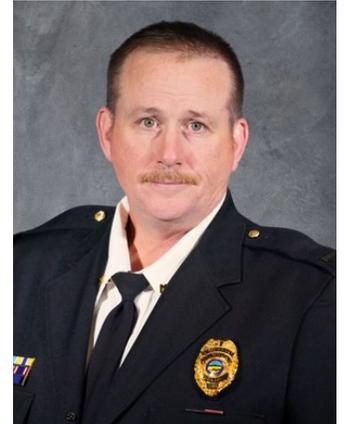
OVI REPORT

IMPACT

Page 61

In 2023, officers continued to identify and arrest impaired drivers. In 2023, officers made 125 OVI arrests. This number is down around 10% from 2022, approximately the same from 2021, and remains an increase from 2020. Officers of the Marion Police Department are committed to enforcing OVI laws, and are arresting drunk drivers and drivers who are impaired on drugs.

The 2023 OVI Excellence Award was again earned by Officer Katrina Rostorfer. Ofc. Rostorfer led the Department in OVI arrests for the second straight year. Ofc. Rostorfer made 23 OVI arrests in 2023. Ofc. Rostorfer is relentless in traffic enforcement and aggressively seeks out impaired drivers. Ofc. Rostorfer and other officers have received additional training for drug impaired drivers. Ofc. Ryan Kelly, Ofc. Ryan Beveridge, and Ofc. Keegan Pelphrey also made an impact with OVI arrests.



Rob Musser
Lieutenant

Alcohol vs drug-impaired driver arrests:

- 2023: 74% alcohol impaired and 26% drug impaired
- 2022: 68% alcohol impaired and 32% drug impaired
- 2021: 73% alcohol impaired and 27% drug impaired

OVI training continues to be a priority. More officers are receiving advanced training in detecting impaired drivers who are using drugs. Drug impaired drivers are causing crashes on the roadways and causing crashes that result in injury and death. We are continuing to see toxicology results with multiple drug combinations, two of the most common are still methamphetamine and fentanyl mixtures, as well as prescription pills.

2022 OVI HIGHLIGHTS

**Ofc. Rostorfer responded to a hit/skip crash and located the at-fault vehicle. The driver was impaired and arrested, and his urine toxicology revealed a .400% alcohol level.

**Ofc. Kelly responded to a drug overdose in which the driver was unresponsive behind the wheel of a vehicle in the middle of an intersection. The driver was arrested for a drug OVI. A toxicology result showed the driver impaired on methamphetamine, marijuana, and fentanyl.

**Ofc. CJ Flach had a motorcycle flee from him, and Ofc. Mason Bischoff witnessed the driver crash on E. Center St. The driver was impaired and had significant injury. He was charged with OVI. A toxicology result showed he was under the influence of cocaine, marijuana, fentanyl, and Xanax.

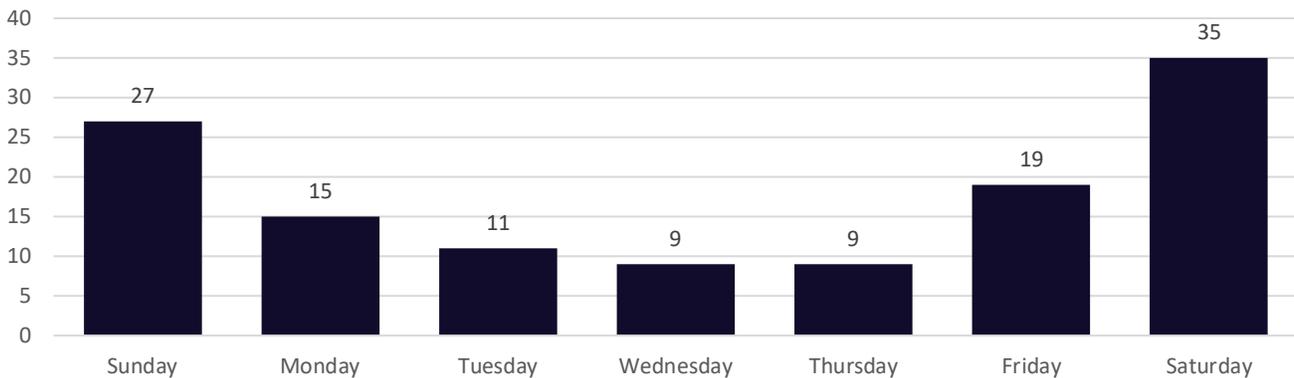
OVI REPORT

IMPACT

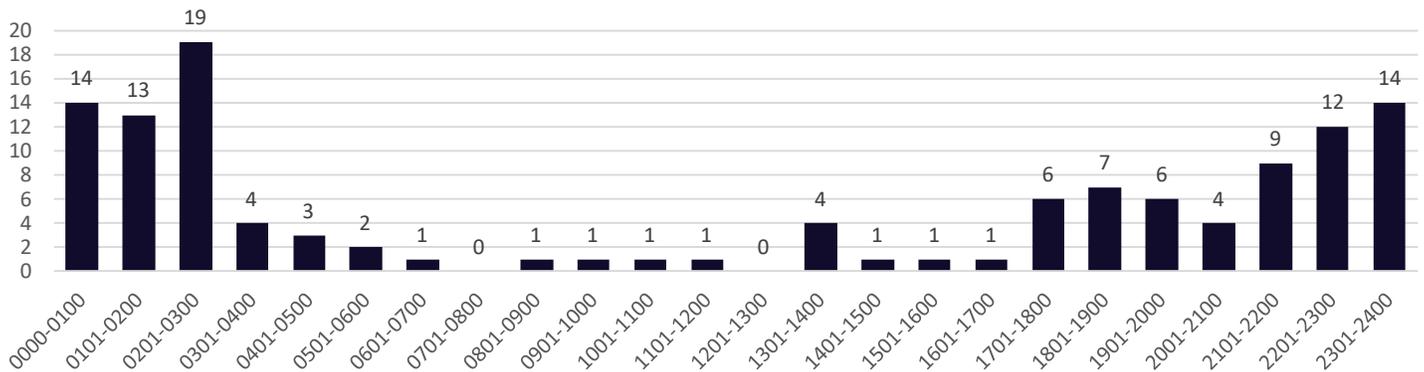
**In April, Ofc. Aaron Adair arrested a male for felony OVI, as he had three prior OVI convictions within the last 10 years and four total prior convictions. A couple months later, officers got called for a drunk driver who was passed out behind the wheel. The male was the same driver who was arrested for felony OVI back in April, and this previous case was still pending. Ofc. Rector arrested him again for another felony OVI.

Respectfully,
Lt. Rob Musser

DAY OF WEEK



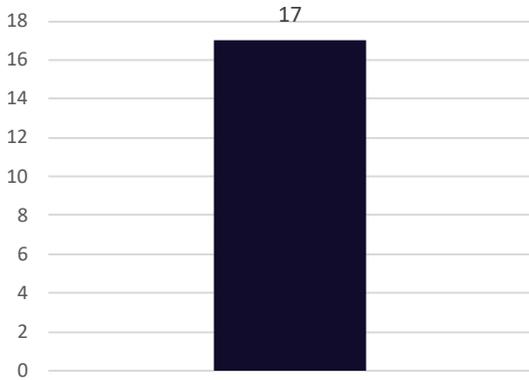
TIME OF DAY



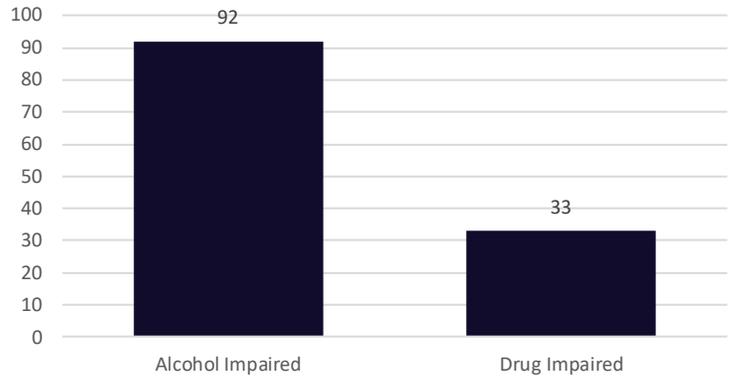
OVI REPORT

IMPACT

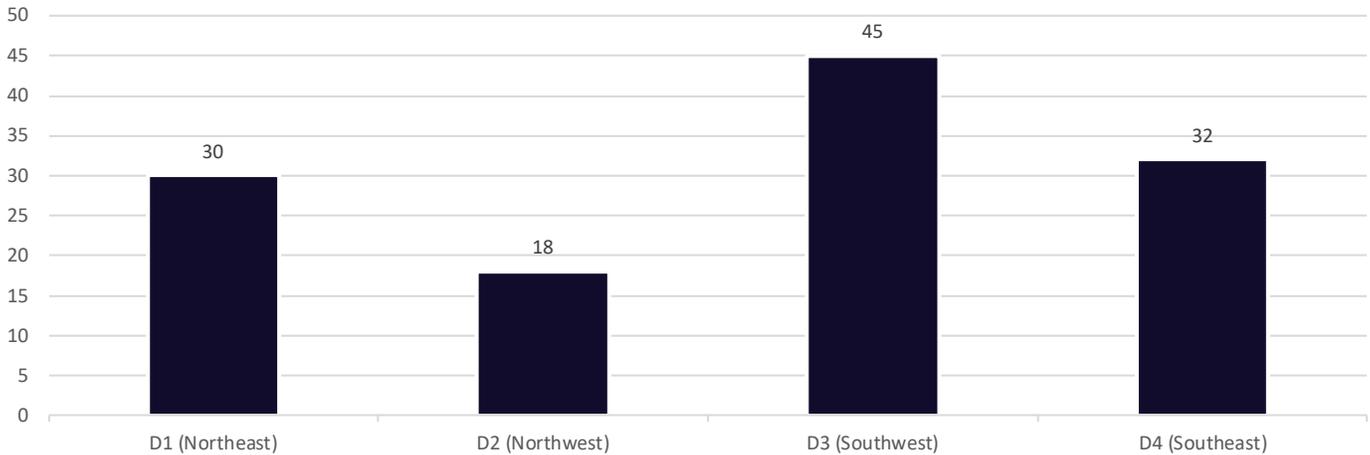
REPEAT OFFENDERS



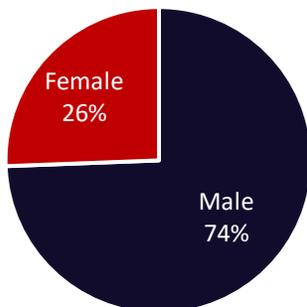
ALCOHOL VS. DRUGS



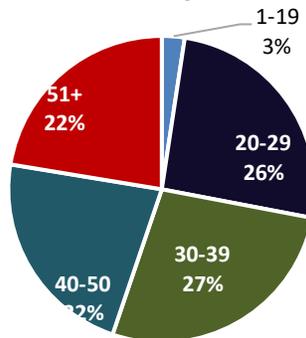
BY DISTRICT



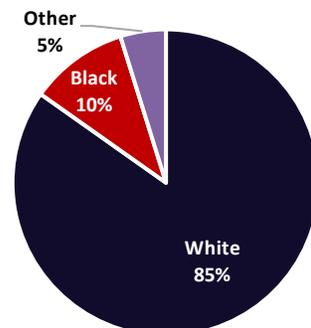
BY GENDER



BY AGE



BY RACE



OVI REPORT

IMPACT

2023 OVI's

Name	Unit #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Elliott	9													0
Musser	10							1	1					2
Harris	11													0
Robinson	12													0
Wheeler	13			1										1
Kindell	14													0
Coburn	15													0
Reese	16	1							1					2
Delp	17													0
Isom	21													0
Gery	30													0
Thomas, B.	32			1				1						2
Jagger	34													0
May	38													0
Cochell	41													0
Bischoff	42		1											1
Flach	44	1		1								1		3
Kelley, D.	45													0
Benroth	46							1						1
Walker	47				1		1					1	1	4
Geurkink	48	1	1	1	1						1		1	6
Rector	50	1					1							2
Galyk	51	1			1		1							3
Kelly, R.	52	2		2	1	1		1	2		1	1	2	13
Scheff	53						1							1
Greer	54	1		4			1	2	1					9
Beveridge	55	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2					11
Kent	56	1					1	2	1					5
Pelphrey	57		1	1	1		2		1				1	7
Rostorfer	58	1	4	3	2		2	1	2	1	3	2	2	23
Starrs	59	1								1		1	1	4
Mauldin	60			2	1									3
Lowry	62				1	1				1				3
Doubikin	63			1										1
Adair	65			1	1	1								3
Childers	66				2									2
Fryman	67								1					1
Garrett	68				3		1		1	2	1			8
Damron	69						1	1						2
Decker	70											1	1	2
Thompson	71													0
Newell	72									1				1
Totals		13	8	19	17	4	13	11	13	5	6	7	9	125

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

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

Page 65



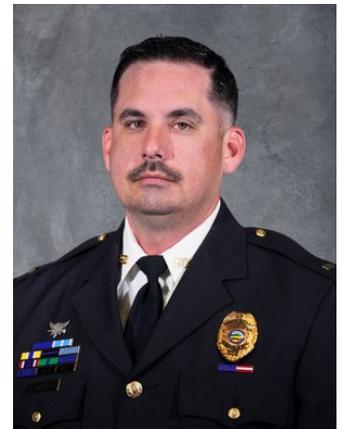
MARION SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

COMMANDER, LT. RICHARD WHEELER
ASST. TEAM COMMANDER, LT. DYLAN REESE



Twenty twenty-three was a big year with big changes for the Marion Special Response Team. The year began with Lt. Richard Wheeler coming back to the Team, as the acting Team Commander, and ultimately remaining on the team as the Assistant Team Commander once Lt. Mike Wheeler returned from leave. Soon after, Lt. Mark Elliott and Lt. Jared Robinson left the team. We want to extend our deepest gratitude for the years of service and expertise these two brought to the team.

In the middle of 2023, Lt. Mike Wheeler resigned from the Marion Special Response Team along with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Mike Wheeler was instrumental in the combination of the Marion City Special Response Team and the Marion County Sheriff's Officer C.A.T. Team, forming the combined Marion Special Response Team. Lt. Mike Wheeler worked tirelessly to get the agreement between the City of Marion and Marion County done, along with policies and procedures for the new Marion Special Response Team. We want to extend our deepest thank you to Lt. Mike Wheeler and wish him the best in his future endeavors.



Richard Wheeler
Lieutenant

With these changes, new additions to the Team were needed. Throughout the 2023 year, we welcomed five new Team Members: Lt. Dylan Reese (MPD), Officer Michael Starrs (MPD), Officer Mason Kent (MPD), Deputy Cole Blair (MCSO), and Deputy Colton Newell (MCSO). All but two completed Basic SWAT training in 2023, and these last two will complete the training in 2024.

Twenty twenty-three was a year which brought changes in equipment also, some of which were a necessity. Some of our PPE (personal protective equipment) had some quality assurance issues and could no longer be utilized, effective the publication date of the notice. This caused a larger purchase than initially was intended, as we were only going to replace expired equipment.

Most of the Marion Special Response training during 2023 was conducted at the E.A.S.T. Group Training Center in Knox County (Ohio). This facility allows the Team to train in many different facets we would face. The Team can use all our lethal and less lethal weapons, as there are several ranges at this facility of varying distances and targets. We have been approved to continue to use this facility during our 2024 training sessions.

The Marion County Communications Truck was gone through, repaired, and has been utilized at training and operations alike. This is a valuable tool, which allows both agency's Command Staff to have a command center for out-of-the-ordinary incidents, along with our own dedicated dispatcher(s).

During 2023, the Marion Special Response Team received nine total activations. These ranged from assisting

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

Page 66

the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Delaware County Drug Task Force, MARMET Drug Task Force, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Marion Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office, respectively. There were additional instances where a portion of the Team was assigned to the MARMET Drug Task Force to assist in their investigation to utilize their individual skills and/or equipment.

Twenty twenty-four will be another year with some changes to the Marion Special Response Team. Officer Joe McDonald retired from the Marion Special Response Team late in 2023. We will be seeking to replace him on the team, and hopefully one additional. The Team command structure will be receiving some changes, as we have a vacant Team Leader position.

We will also be receiving additional personal protective equipment in the beginning months of 2024, as these were ordered in the fall of 2023. With this equipment, the entire Marion Special Response Team will be outfitted with the same uniforms and PPE. The distinguishing item on each will be their respective Department Patch on one shoulder.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Richard Wheeler

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Page 67

Officer Casey Thomas retired from this position in early 2023. Due to manpower issues, I was not put into this position full-time until late August. In the last four months of the year, I had a total of 267 calls for service.

With the help of the City garage, I was able to get around 20 abandoned houses boarded up, with some having to be boarded up more than once due to squatters tearing off the boards.

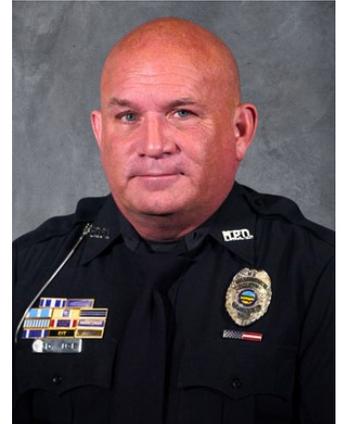
I collected well over 1000 scrap tires from City properties, right of ways, alleys and abandoned properties. I was able to get the Grant renewed through the EPA to dispose of these tires. It would cost the City around \$3.50 to get rid of each tire which means this grant saved the City over \$3,500. With assistance from the City Safety Director and Engineering Department, we will be scheduling a free tire drop off for the citizens of Marion in May or June. Citizens will be able to bring 10 tires per household with an ID or other proof of residency.

I worked with the City Zoning Department and the Marion County Health Department on numerous code violations, littering complaints and junk motor vehicles. In many of the cases I handled, I gained compliance from the resident. I issued around 20 citations for various issues. Some of the properties I had complaints on are either in foreclosure or the homeowner is deceased. I will be working with the Administration in the coming year to secure the money and equipment to clean these areas.

Due to my open schedule, I was also able to go to a couple of the City Elementary Schools and read with students. I have also had the pleasure of going to a local senior living home and sit and talk with the residents there.

In the upcoming year, I am looking forward to the continuing effort in getting properties cleaned of excess garbage and junk vehicles. I am hopeful that we can get a couple neighborhood clean-ups scheduled.

Respectfully,
Officer Dan Ice #22



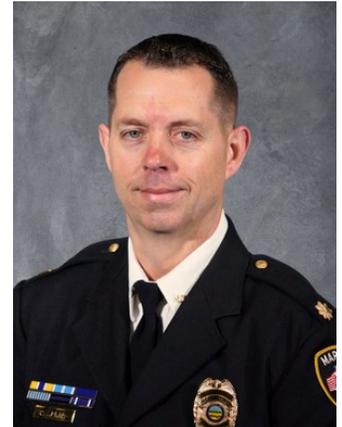
Dan Ice
Officer

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 citizen’s complaint (external) or by a department complaint (internal). During 2023, 33 complaints were investigated. Internally, 23 complaints were made and, externally, citizens included 10 complaints. This is an increase of 32% in total officer complaints from 2022.

RESULTS OF IA INVESTIGATIONS		
	Internal Complaint	External Complaint
Unfounded Complaints	0	2
Proper Conduct	2	5
Insufficient Evidence	0	0
Improper Conduct	21	3
Pending Completion	0	0

PERSONNEL ACTIONS TAKEN		
	Internal Complaint	External Complaint
Counseling	13	3
Written Reprimand	3	0
Suspension	5	0
Demotion	0	0
Termination	0	0

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins

GREVIANCE REPORT

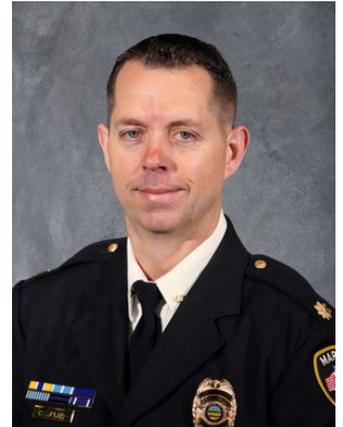
Page 69

During 2023, there was one grievance filed. A brief description and disposition of it is as follows:

GR 23.01- Filed by the FOP-OLC Gold Unit on behalf of a member. The grievance was denied during step 1 by Chief McDonald after a claim of earned overtime compensation was filed under section 16.3. The grievance was dropped by the FOP-OLC Gold Unit.

There were no grievances filed in 2022. This is evidence of the good working relationship between the officers and the administration 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

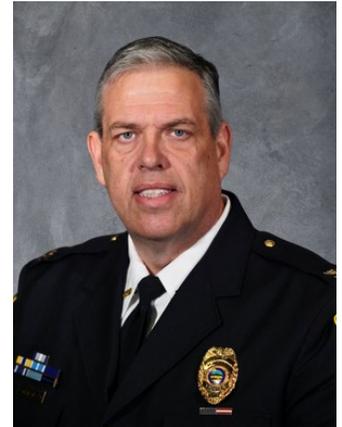


Chris Adkins
Major

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.

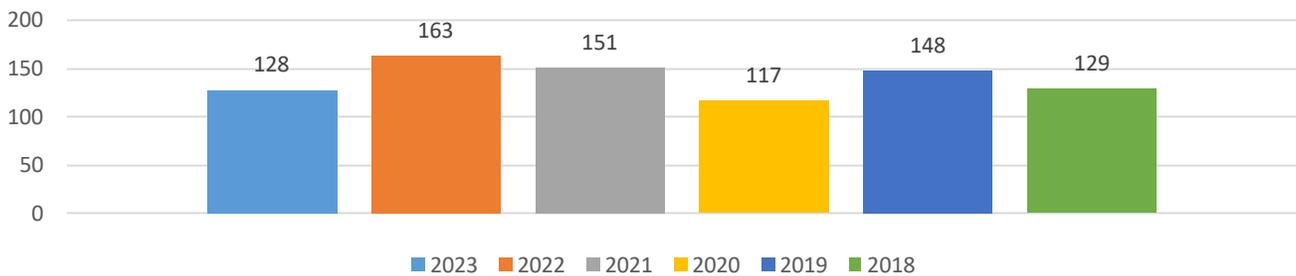
The Use of Force policy of the Marion Police Department requires that a written report be completed every time there is a use of force on anyone. Every use of force report is then investigated by the officer's supervisor, reviewed by that supervisor's Major, and then reviewed again by the Chief of Police. In 2023, we had 128 uses of force. Each of them followed our use of force policy.



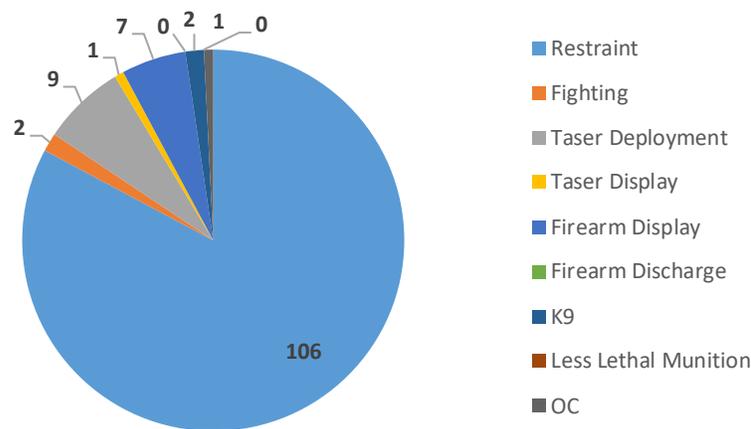
Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald

Use of Force by Year



Type of Force Used



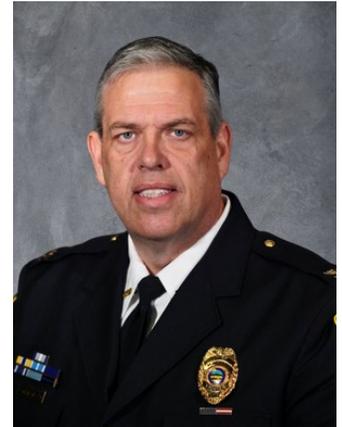
Some uses of force fall into multiple categories, in this chart only the highest level of force is noted.

VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT

The Marion Police Department engaged in 17 vehicle pursuits in 2023. This is an increase over the six we had the previous year.

By policy, all vehicle pursuits are documented in a pursuit report that is reviewed by the command staff for policy violations. Of the 17 pursuits reported, five had technical violations of the policy, such as unclear radio traffic. No policy violations that required formal discipline occurred.

On April 8, 2023, a police lieutenant was on Fairwood Ave when a vehicle passed his parked cruiser. This vehicle struck a parked car, and then struck the police vehicle and fled northbound. The Lt. pursued this vehicle from a distance. The driver of the suspect vehicle crashed his car into a tree and pole on Kellogg Parkway and his injuries from the crash were fatal. The autopsy reported that the blood alcohol level of the driver was well above the legal limit. The investigation of this crash was conducted by the Ohio State Patrol. The review for administrative purposes was conducted by internal affairs. Neither found any violations by the police lieutenant.



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

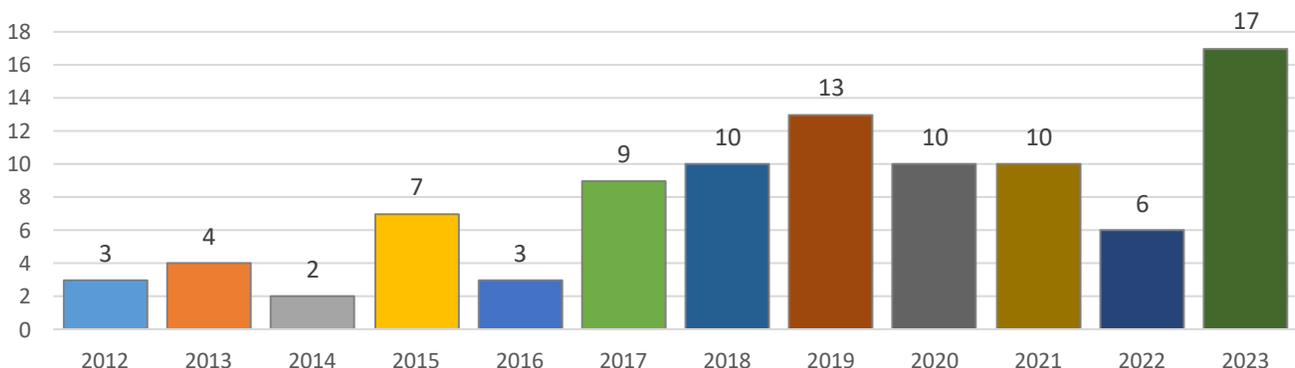
Five of the seventeen pursuits lasted less than one minute. Six of the pursuits lasted between one minute and two minutes. Three lasted between two and three minutes. One lasted about four minutes, one lasted about 8 minutes and another lasted about nine minutes. The average pursuit lasted two minutes and thirty-two seconds.

Officers were involved in pursuits with drivers suspected of kidnapping, crimes involving guns and several drunk or drugged drivers.

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

Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald

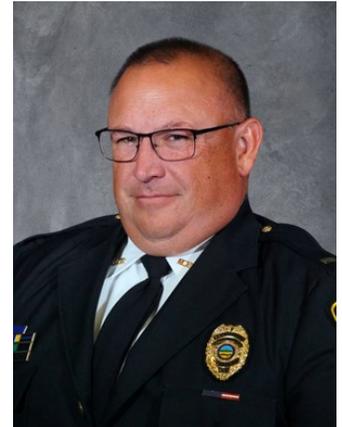
Pursuits by Year



RECRUITMENT & HIRING REPORT

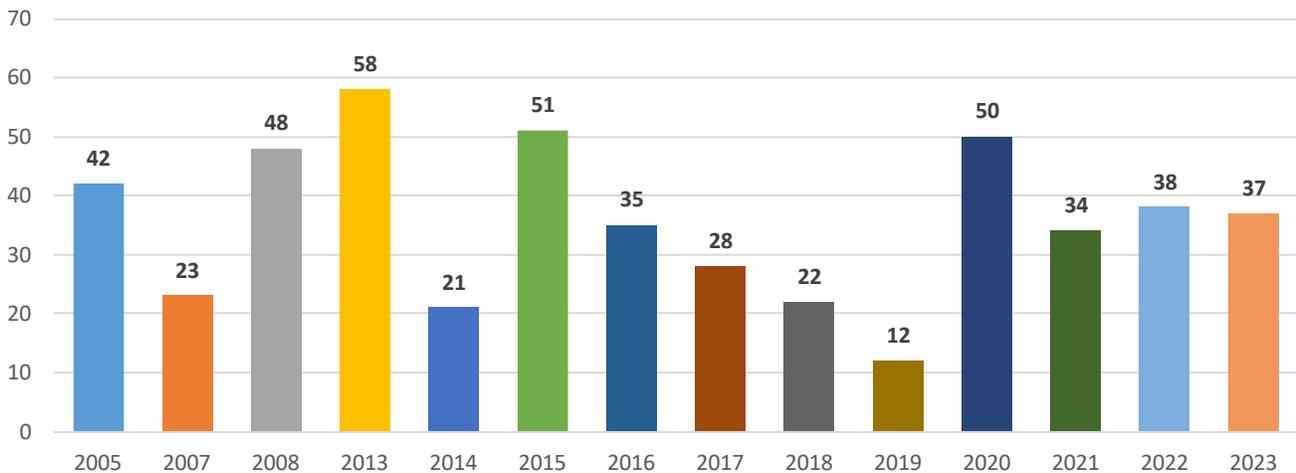
Over the last few years, with the political climate across this country, recruitment for a career in law enforcement has to be a priority for agencies. Across this land, most all agencies are having difficulties in finding viable candidates to fill the ever growing list of vacancies. More and more officers are retiring once they are able and the number of applicants has dwindled. Marion PD is in that same situation as most other law enforcement agencies.

In April of 2023, the police department opened for police officer applications. At the end of the open application period, 37 applications had been received. Of those 37 applications, due to various reasons, the police department only had 14 candidates to interview. Those reasons include disqualification due to failing or not completing the entrance exam, not having correct paperwork filled, failing the physical agility, or withdrawing from the process. Of those 14, two were hired and one is set to be hired in February of 2024. One of the initial two left for another agency, leaving two total hired or will be hired from the 2023 process.



Ed Brown
Lieutenant

Applications by Year



Because our dedication to actively recruit, however, we have been able to test, fill vacancies and still maintain a list of potential applicants for the next vacancy to become available, for the first time in years. Through our efforts, we have also been able to determine where best to allocate our efforts in order to maximize our time in recruiting. Tiffin University and Hocking College both have been our best locations in developing interest in the Marion Police Department.

On January 8th, MPD was approved to post job openings on the Ohio Community & Technical Colleges Jobs Consortium website. This provided us with a profile presence on the College Central Network and provides us the op-

RECRUITMENT & HIRING REPORT

Page 73

portunity to send out our job postings to all the Technical Colleges throughout Ohio on this network.

We attended several career fairs in 2023 beginning on February 7th when Officers Rector and Scheff attended the multi-disciplinary career fair at Hocking College. Then on February 16th, Lt. Brown and Officer Rector attended the University of Toledo's Criminal Justice Career/Internship Fair.

In early April, we were once again hiring. The current job opening was posted onto the College Central's Ohio Community and Technical Colleges Jobs Consortium website. We have also been able to utilize the tool on our website where potential applicants can leave us their information even if we are not in the hiring process at the time. In early April, we again reached out to approximately fifty individuals by phone and email through this means.

On July 1st, Officers Rector and Benroth attended the first annual Columbus PD Women in Law Enforcement Job Fair at the Columbus Police Academy. This was a career fair specifically targeting female applicants for a career in law enforcement.

On October 17th, Officers Rector and Scheff once again went to Hocking College for a job fair for those students specifically majoring in Criminal Justice. On the same day, Lt. Brown attended the Made in Marion Career Expo held at the Marion Veteran's Coliseum. This event was attended by every high school senior in Marion County.

We have learned from other agencies across the country to start the recruitment efforts early even though we may not be able to hire these potential applicants for a couple of years. Lt. Brown also attended the Career Day at Pleasant High School on November 17th.

Our last career fair attended was at Tiffin University on November 10th. Lt. Brown and Officer Rector were able to have contact with a large number of college-aged students as they begin looking for their careers. This is also a Criminal Justice specific career fair.

Respectfully,
Lt. Ed Brown

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

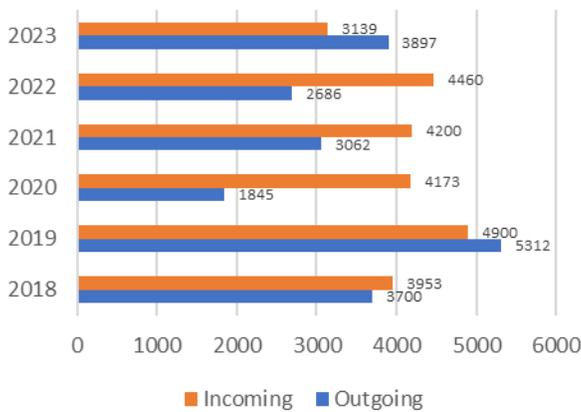
A lot of change happened in the property room in 2023. A whole new reporting system was implemented, changing the way property is handled for officers and property caretakers. For the most part, it works very favorably and has made the way incoming evidence is handled much more efficient.

Another big change was personnel. Nicole Wheeler left very big shoes to fill, but Dustin Evans is filling them quite nicely. With that change, an audit must be done before the new employee has access to the secure property rooms. The spot audit was a success. Forfeitures, both guns and money are a continuous project, but in 2023, the focus was more so on money than guns. Even with all the changes that happened in 2023, we were still able to hit the hardest goal of all, which is to dispose of more than we take in for the year.

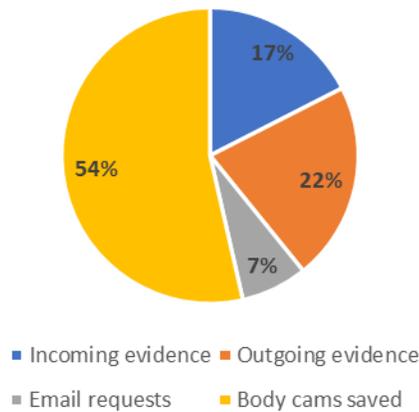


Amanda Adkins
Property Caretaker

Incoming VS Outgoing Property



Property Room Stats



Incoming Evidence	3,139
Outgoing Evidence	3,897
Email Requests	1,302
Body Cams Saved	9,616

The spot audit consisted of 144 drugs, 47 firearms and 36 envelopes of money that Major Shaffer chose at random. This spot audit took approximately 30 hours to prepare and every item on the list was accounted for with Analyst Wittkugle verifying each item. The audit was completed on 9/22/2023, and the original lists of items verified will be kept in the property room with their records.

Goals for the property room in 2024 include disposing of more items than what comes in, continuing to work on forfeitures, and hand out property disposal forms to officers.

Respectfully,
Amanda Adkins

TRAINING REPORT

IMPACT

Page 75

The police department had two different all-day trainings throughout the year spread out over four 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 2023 and included:

MANDATORY

- Ohio School Threat Assessment—OPOTA Online—3 hours
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure—OPOTA Online—2 hours
- Legal Updates—OPOTA Online—3 hours

ELECTIVE

- Heart Saver CPR—Deputy Aaron Marburger (MCSO)—4 hours
- House Bill 23—Captain Ryan Zempter (MCSO)—2 hours
- Use of Force—Greg Perry (Marion Tech)—2 hours
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure (Crossing the Threshold, Traffic Stops)—Bob Meader—4 hours
- Legal Updates (Foundation, Digital Law, DV)—Bob Meader—4 hours

Officers who couldn't make a day due to vacation or other circumstances beyond their control, made up the required hours through online CPT training through OPOTA Online.

Also covered in these training days was information on concealed carry laws and 1st amendment auditors instructed by Assistant Law Director Jeff Ratliff and vehicle pursuits taught by Lt. Chris Coburn.

A very large task in March of 2023 was the implementation of the new CAD/RMS system. All officers and non-sworn staff attended training to familiarize themselves with the new system.

In addition to the training for every sworn officer, several other individual trainings was completed. These included Homicide Investigation, First Responding Officer to the Homicide Scene, Women in Command, Pepper-Ball Instructor training, Physical Fitness Specialist, Advance Search & Seizure, K9 Legal Update, Patrol Rifle training, Axon Investigate Instructor, Basic Crisis Negotiation, Administration, Mgmt & Supervision of FTO Programs, Building Search Instructor, Tactical K9, Sexual Assault Investigation, Advanced Hostage Negotiation, Fire and Arson Investigation, CIT, Criminal Patrol and Interdiction, ICS-300, ICS-400, Semi-Auto Pistol Instructor, and more.

Training

developing the skills, experience, and knowledge employees need to perform their jobs, improve their performance, and acquire new skills, and abilities, specific

OHIO HEALTH WELLNESS REPORT



COMPREHENSIVE WELLNESS PROGRAMS

InBody Composition: **35**

Functional Movement Screening (FMS): **8**

Baseline Fitness Testing (BFT): **4**

Goal Setting Session: **2**

Health Coaching Session: **46**

Exercise Program Design (EPD): **15**

Athletic Training Assessment: **8**

Dietitian Consultation: **5**

Group Education Session: **4**

Group Training/Warm-Ups: **123**

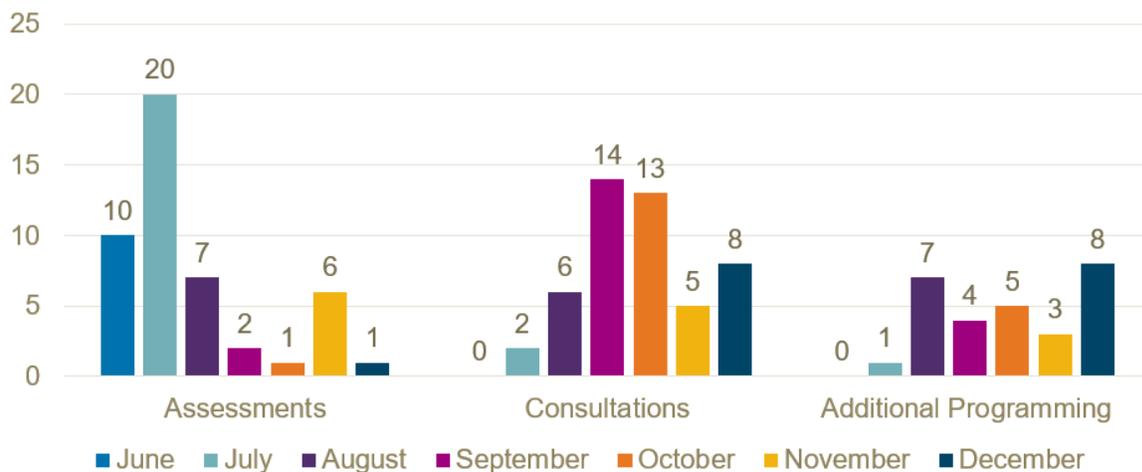
Pre-recorded Content Views: **10**

Total Participation: **260**

Unique Participants: **37 (60%)**



ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATIONS & PROGRAMMING



Assessments: Inbody, FMS, BFT

Consultations: Goal Setting, Health Coaching

Additional Programming: EPD, Athletic Training/Dietitian sessions



FLEET REPORT

IMPACT

CAR #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	ASSIGNMENT	END OF 2023 MILEAGE	END OF 2022 MILEAGE	MILES DRIVEN IN 2023
1	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	109,213	101,080	8,133
3	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - CHIEF MCDONALD	50,690	41,842	8,848
4	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - MAJOR GRUBER	115,125	111,310	3,815
7	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	141,020	128,657	12,363
8	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	147,795	125,649	22,146
9	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	144,245	141,573	2,672
10	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - K9 ELLIOTT	107,555	90,459	17,096
11	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	55,754	48,432	7,322
12	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	INVESTIGATIONS	59,860	50,805	9,055
13	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	139,035	126,767	12,268
16	2011	FORD	CROWN VIC	ADMIN - CPAAA	130,780	125,201	5,579
18	2004	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - UTILITY USE	107,045	102,399	4,646
19	2016	DODGE	RAM PROMASTER	ADMIN - MPACT	21,633	19,275	2,358
20	2019	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	INVESTIGATIONS	46,069	41,260	4,809
22	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	117,247	105,543	11,704
23	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	136,752	124,454	12,298
24	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	125,833	112,615	13,218
25	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	91,534	76,484	15,050
26	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	97,101	78,676	18,425
27	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	102,477	80,955	21,522
28	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	95,629	86,519	9,110
29	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	92,891	81,411	11,480
30	2006	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - SRO	133,338	130,663	2,675
31	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	61,641	39,829	21,812
32	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - K9 KELLY	48,504	34,134	14,370
33	2015	FORD	EXPEDITION	ADMIN - CODE	91,691	84,047	7,644
34	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	50,864	31,591	19,273
35	2020	FORD	F150	OPERATIONS	27,171	18,776	8,395
36	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	39,896	15,553	24,343
37	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	46,202	21,739	24,463
39	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	8,577	200	8,377
40	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	4,216	800	3,416
41	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	412	25	387
42	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	1,349	25	1,324
45	2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	INVESTIGATIONS	49,880	47,994	1,886
46	2009	FORD	FUSION	INVESTIGATIONS	108,265	104,497	3,768
54	2022	HONDA	CIVIC	INVESTIGATIONS	30,459	27,440	3,019

2023 mileage is approximate as of 1/12/24

TOTALS	2,937,748	2,558,679	379,069
AVERAGE	79,399	69,153	10,245

Car 38 was totaled in a crash in May of 2023.

Cars 17, 50, & 53 were all auctioned in 2023.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT

Monthly Summary Domestic Violence Incident Calls

For Incidents Reported Between: 1/1/2023 and 12/31/2023

I. Relationship of Persons Involved

	Victim			Offender			Unclear Participant		
	Fatal	Injury	No Injury	Fatal	Injury	No Injury	Fatal	Injury	No Injury
Wife	0	29	31	0	1	16	0	1	1
Husband	0	11	5	0	8	51	0	1	1
Parent	0	24	35	0	5	32	0	3	2
Non-Parent w/child in common	0	43	39	0	11	73	0	5	6
Child(ren)	0	15	24	0	8	53	0	6	4
Other family or household member	0	47	50	0	10	85	0	1	12
Former Spouse	0	1	5	0	0	6	0	0	2
Live-in Partner	0	52	64	0	18	98	0	15	9
Other	0	14	22	0	4	32	0	0	6
Total	0	236	275	0	65	446	0	32	43

II. Race	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Asian	2	0	0
African Amer.	41	85	10
Caucasian	462	419	65
Native Amer.	0	0	0
Hispanic	3	5	0
Other	3	2	0
Total	511	511	75

III. Age	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Age 0-17	38	55	6
Age 18-40	314	314	45
Age 41-59	121	128	19
Age 60-84	37	14	5
Age 85+	1	0	0
Total	511	511	75

IV. Sex	Vic.		Off.		UP.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
	137	374	380	131	32	43

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

368
16
164
548

CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOTALS BY YEAR

LAST 5 YEARS COMPARISON

2023	32,151
2022	32,572
2021	29,197
2020	29,825
2019	35,094

COMPARISONS TO 2023 EVERY 5 YEARS

2023	32,151	
2019	35,094	+ 9.2%
2015	39,674	+ 23.4%
2011	40,189	+ 25.0%
2007	40,851	+ 27.1%
2003	44,263	+ 37.7%
1999	34,986	+ 8.8%
1995	30,607	-4.8%
1991	27,744	-20.9%

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOTALS BY MONTH

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	+/-
2023	2,492	2,303	2,552	2,733	2,920	2,811	3,194	3,015	2,870	2,531	2,320	2,410	32,151	-1.29%
2022	2,184	2,521	2,924	2,669	3,050	2,927	3,039	2,921	2,920	2,827	2,293	2,297	32,572	11.56%
2021	1,987	1,908	2,410	2,501	2,533	2,618	2,830	2,737	2,677	2,655	2,187	2,154	29,197	-2.11%
2020	2,672	2,387	2,620	2,030	2,674	2,828	3,016	2,810	2,474	2,324	2,050	1,940	29,825	-15.01%
2019	2,801	2,583	3,079	2,929	3,128	3,061	3,189	3,344	3,142	2,978	2,509	2,351	35,094	
Total	12,136	11,702	13,585	12,862	14,305	14,245	15,268	14,827	14,083	13,315	11,359	11,152	158,839	
Average	2,427	2,340	2,717	2,572	2,861	2,849	3,054	2,965	2,817	2,663	2,272	2,230	31,768	

*The busier the month, the darker the green; the slower the month, the darker the red compared to the other months in the same year.

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOTALS BY DAY

Year	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total	+/-
2023	4,599	4,721	4,492	4,345	4,490	4,772	4,732	32,151	-1.29%
2022	4,385	4,832	4,766	4,607	4,550	4,932	4,500	32,572	11.56%
2021	3,722	4,390	4,083	4,158	4,097	4,552	4,195	29,197	-2.11%
2020	3,762	4,146	4,085	4,444	4,572	4,510	4,306	29,825	-15.01%
2019	4,438	4,912	5,043	5,015	5,094	5,538	5,054	35,094	
Total	20,906	23,001	22,469	22,569	22,803	24,304	22,787	158,839	
Average	4,181	4,600	4,494	4,514	4,561	4,861	4,557	31,768	

*The busier the day, the darker the green; the slower the day, the darker the red compared to the other days in the same year.

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOTALS BY HOUR

Year	Midnight	1:00am	2:00am	3:00am	4:00am	5:00am	6:00am	7:00am	8:00am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00am	Noon
2023	1,214	942	721	534	412	420	413	676	1,255	1,551	1,551	1,668	1,625
2022	1,614	1,165	890	616	467	447	433	520	1,110	1,348	1,507	1,533	1,541
2021	1,127	836	689	470	382	398	442	549	938	1,273	1,439	1,484	1,430
2020	1,213	1,035	827	589	448	377	427	487	857	1,201	1,370	1,479	1,499
2019	1,390	1,071	891	583	450	461	492	646	1,164	1,565	1,748	1,862	1,717
Total	6,558	5,049	4,018	2,792	2,159	2,103	2,207	2,878	5,324	6,938	7,615	8,026	7,812
Average	1,312	1,010	804	558	432	421	441	576	1,065	1,388	1,523	1,605	1,562

Year	1:00pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm	6:00pm	7:00pm	8:00pm	9:00pm	10:00pm	11:00pm	TOTAL	+/-
2023	1,602	1,733	1,945	1,827	1,828	1,813	1,752	1,603	1,521	1,905	1,640	32,151	-1.29%
2022	1,582	1,612	1,887	1,750	1,730	1,861	1,704	1,534	1,564	2,192	1,965	32,572	11.56%
2021	1,583	1,537	1,837	1,776	1,646	1,754	1,508	1,488	1,529	1,645	1,437	29,197	-2.11%
2020	1,465	1,549	1,836	1,780	1,686	1,679	1,592	1,580	1,658	1,767	1,424	29,825	-15.01%
2019	1,837	1,783	2,164	2,171	1,975	2,043	1,840	1,605	1,776	2,086	1,774	35,094	
Total	8,069	8,214	9,669	9,304	8,865	9,150	8,396	7,810	8,048	9,595	8,240	158,839	
Average	1,614	1,643	1,934	1,861	1,773	1,830	1,679	1,562	1,610	1,919	1,648	31,768	

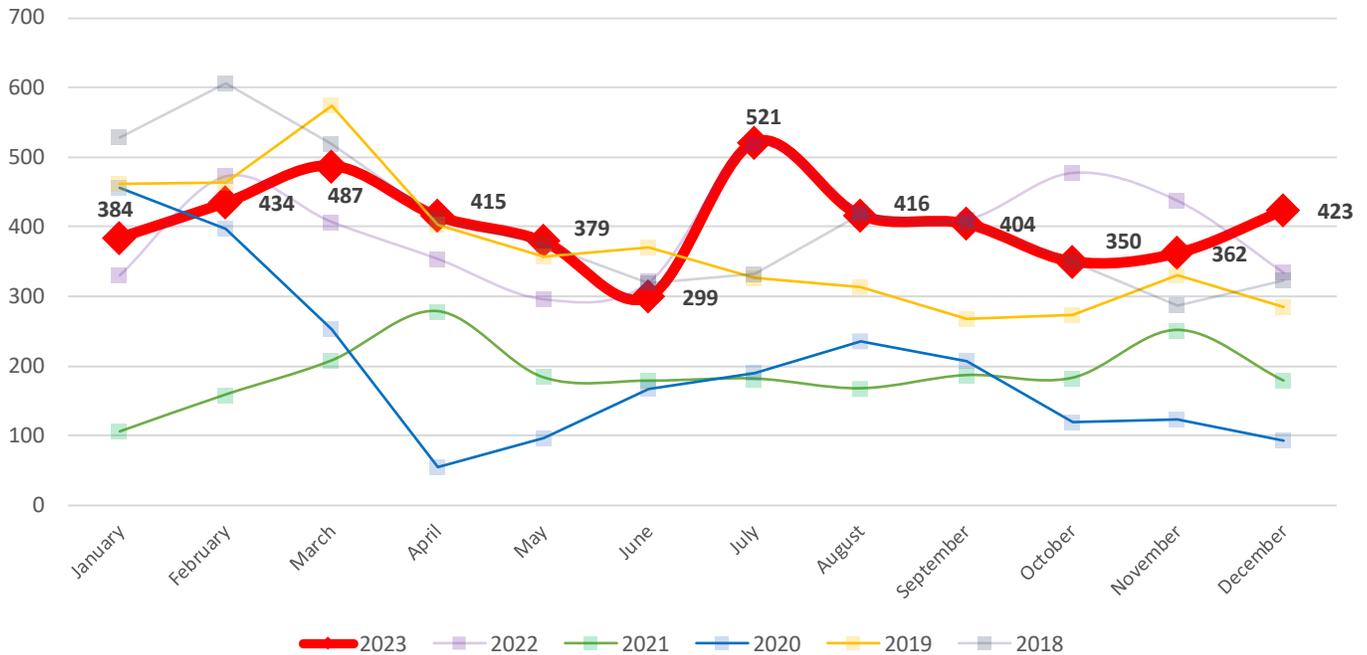
*The busier the hour of day, the darker the green; the slower the hour, the darker the red compared to the other times in the same year.

SELECT CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

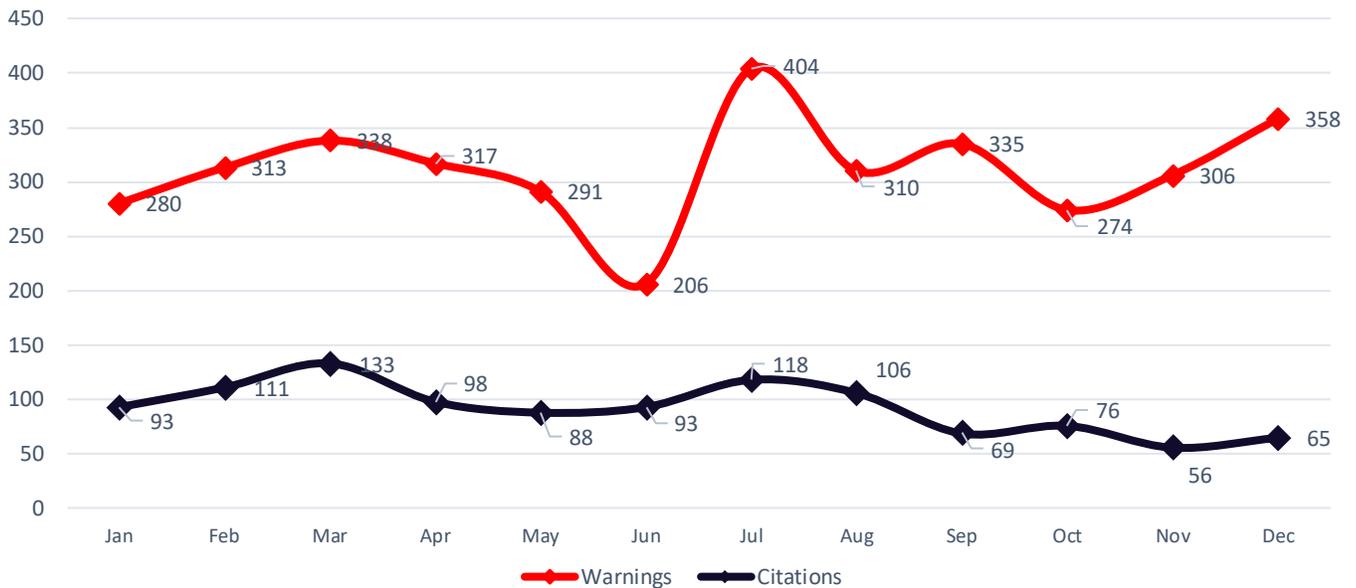
CFS DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2023
08 : Assault	10	10	16	20	14	10	18	19	19	17	5	14	172
09M : Threats/Menacing	19	27	31	28	36	40	40	37	30	32	30	24	374
12 : Burglary	0	0	2	3	10	6	6	6	4	8	4	8	57
12C : B&E (Unoccupied)	0	0	1	3	7	2	2	5	4	6	1	0	31
19A : Phone Harassment	34	8	17	14	16	12	22	22	15	9	12	9	190
20 : Domestic	75	49	90	77	73	80	81	75	54	61	56	49	820
20S : Domestic Standby	6	7	10	12	15	11	12	12	5	4	4	12	110
20W : Domestic w/ Weapons	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	5	2	2	20
26A : Fight w/ Weapons	0	1	0	1	1	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	16
26 : Fight	4	8	12	10	11	10	12	13	8	7	6	2	103
32 : Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
34 : Juvenile	30	48	53	64	68	62	61	70	63	43	34	22	618
36A : Theft in Progress	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	17
36C : Theft from Vehicle	3	5	7	7	9	14	21	6	8	7	8	19	114
36 : Theft	21	18	28	43	38	57	62	44	37	31	30	31	440
38 : Missing Person	11	8	7	7	11	9	18	15	13	11	5	11	126
40A : Person W/Knife	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	15
40 : Person W/Gun	2	1	1	3	4	3	2	8	6	6	1	2	39
48A : Sex Offense	12	9	9	5	5	7	8	7	10	11	7	5	95
48 : Rape	1	0	1	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
50B : Robbery Alarm	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	5	2	19
50C : Armed Robbery	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
50 : Robbery	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	12
52A : Shots Fired	8	2	12	15	12	15	9	17	8	14	6	9	127
52 : Shooting	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	1	1	2	14
55 : Disturbance	102	95	90	140	184	164	165	158	150	126	111	116	1601
56 : Stolen Vehicle	4	6	14	6	6	7	7	6	8	6	5	11	86
57 : Traffic Stop	381	425	486	418	384	295	518	417	404	350	363	421	4862
58ATT : Attempted Suicide	5	4	6	2	2	6	4	5	5	7	3	4	53
58 : Suicide	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
60ACT : Suspicious Activity	30	26	38	37	35	42	33	47	33	39	34	34	428
60A : Suspicious Vehicle	36	31	22	32	40	37	33	41	37	29	39	44	421
60 : Suspicious Person	82	57	69	61	71	86	98	82	76	71	67	66	886
64 : Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	15	13	20	29	34	36	34	19	18	23	17	24	282
76 : Mental	21	15	18	18	22	17	37	35	20	26	42	44	315
Total for Month (all calls):	2492	2303	2551	2733	2920	2811	3194	3014	2870	2531	2321	2410	32,150

TRAFFIC STOPS REPORT

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS

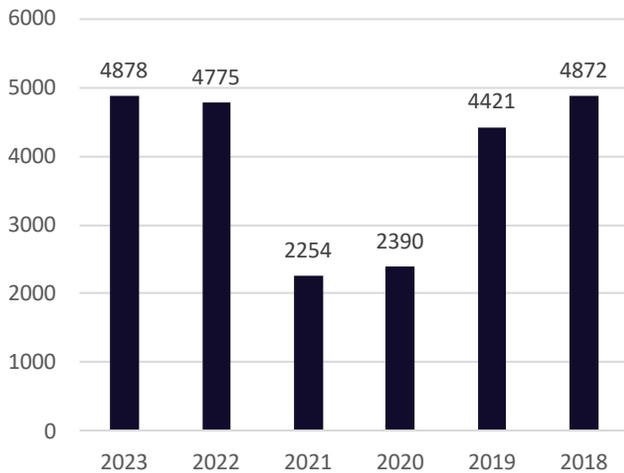


CITATIONS VS. WARNINGS

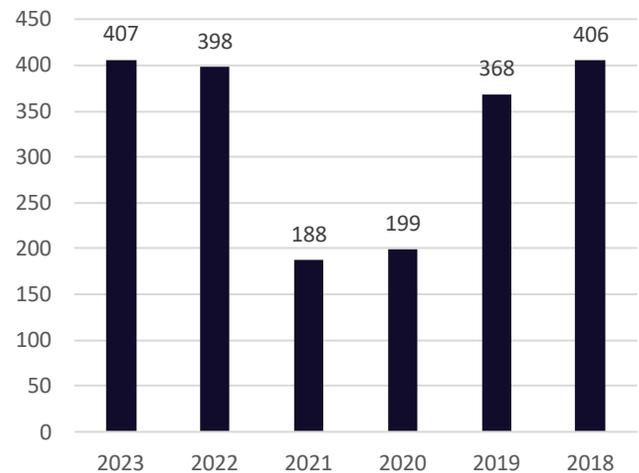


TRAFFIC STOPS REPORT

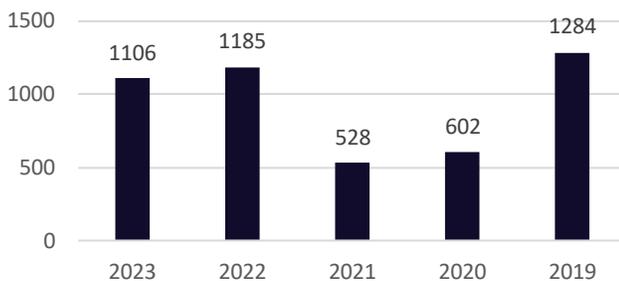
Total Stops by Year



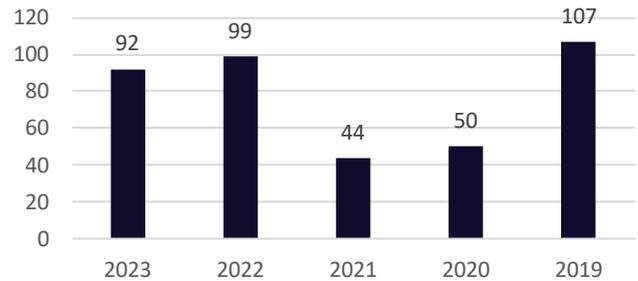
Average Stops per Month by Year



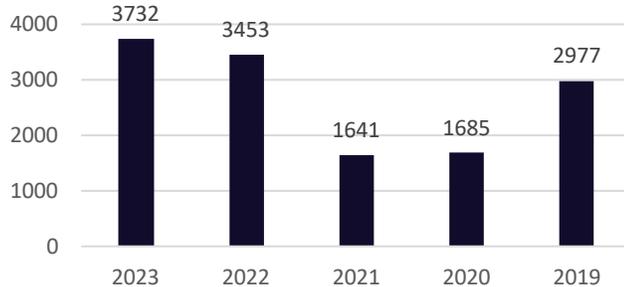
Total Citations by Year



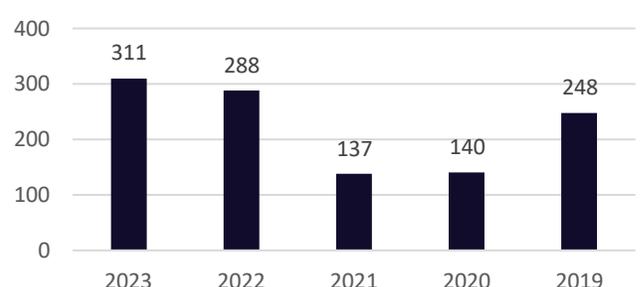
Average Citations/Month by Year



Total Warnings by Year



Average Warnings/Month by Year

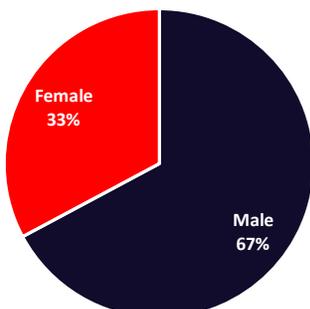


TRAFFIC STOPS REPORT

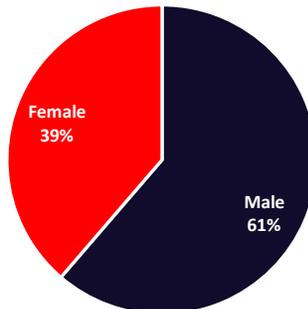
TOTAL STOPS FROM 3/28/23 TO 12/31/23: 3625			
CITATIONS ISSUED BY RACE			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Citations</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
White Violator	689	88.3%	19.0%
Black Violator	90	11.5%	2.5%
Asian Violator	1	0.1%	0.0%
Other Violator	0	0.0%	0.0%
TOTALS	780	100.0%	21.5%
CITATIONS ISSUED BY ETHNICITY			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Citations</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin	750	96.2%	20.7%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	28	3.6%	0.8%
Not Specified/Unknown	2	0.3%	0.1%
TOTALS	780	100.0%	21.5%

WARNINGS ISSUED BY RACE			
Description	Total	Percentage of Warnings	Percentage of Total Stops
White Violator	2553	89.7%	70.4%
Black Violator	279	9.8%	7.7%
Asian Violator	8	0.3%	0.2%
Other Violator	5	0.2%	0.1%
TOTALS	2845	100.0%	78.5%
WARNINGS ISSUED BY ETHNICITY			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Warnings</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin	2720	95.6%	75.0%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	101	3.6%	2.8%
Not Specified/Unknown	24	0.8%	0.7%
TOTALS	2845	100.0%	78.5%

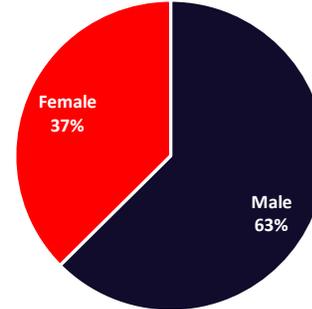
Citations by Gender



Warnings by Gender



Total Stops by Gender

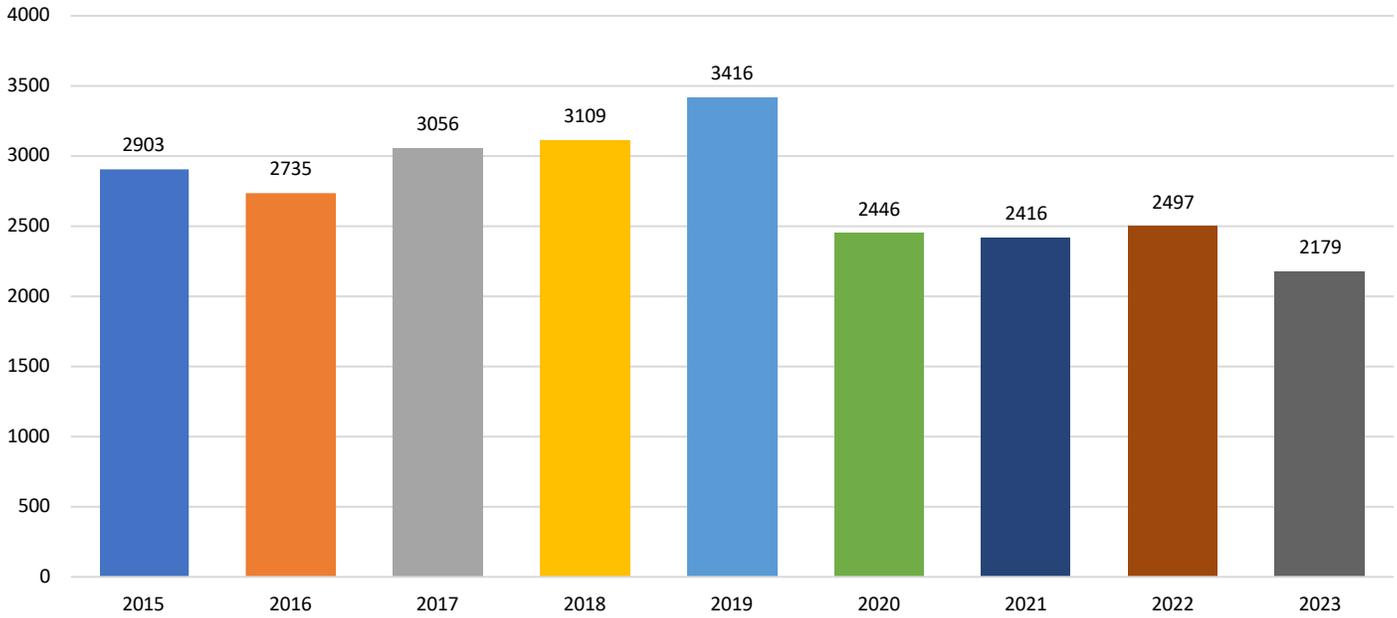


Note: Marion PD started a new CAD/RMS on 3/28/2023. Due to that change, data was collected slightly different. Data on this page only includes traffic stops from 3/28/2023 to 12/31/2023.

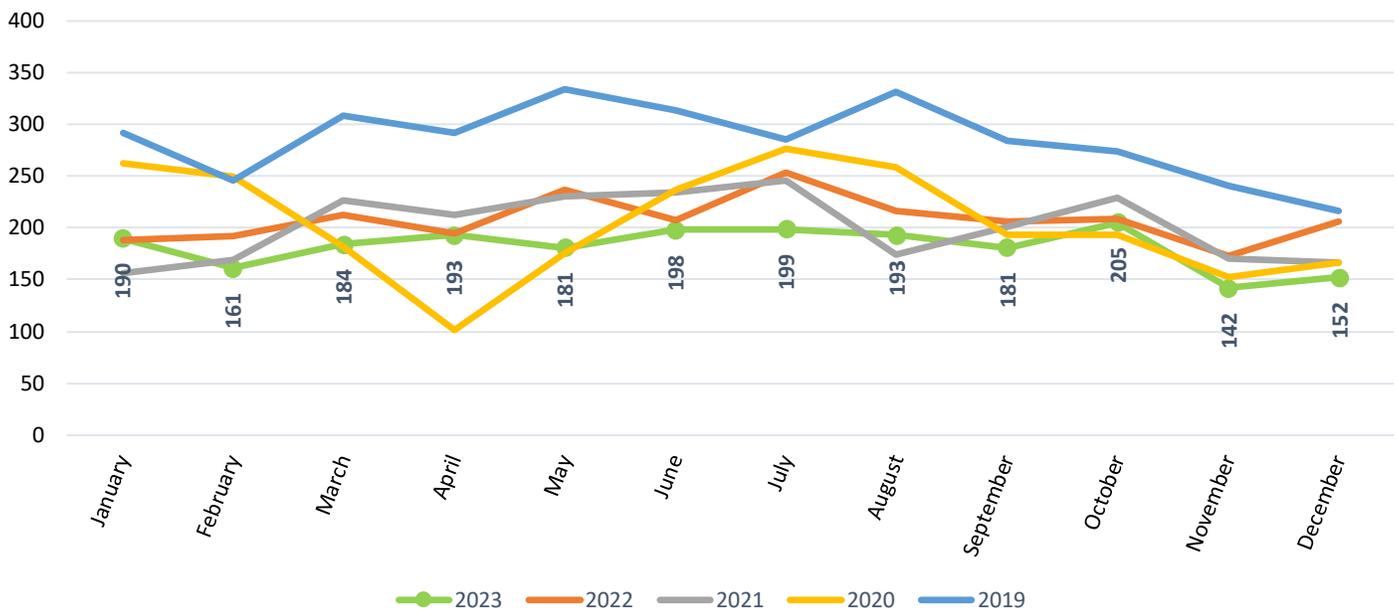
CHARGE REPORT

IMPACT

ARRESTS/SUMMONS BY YEAR



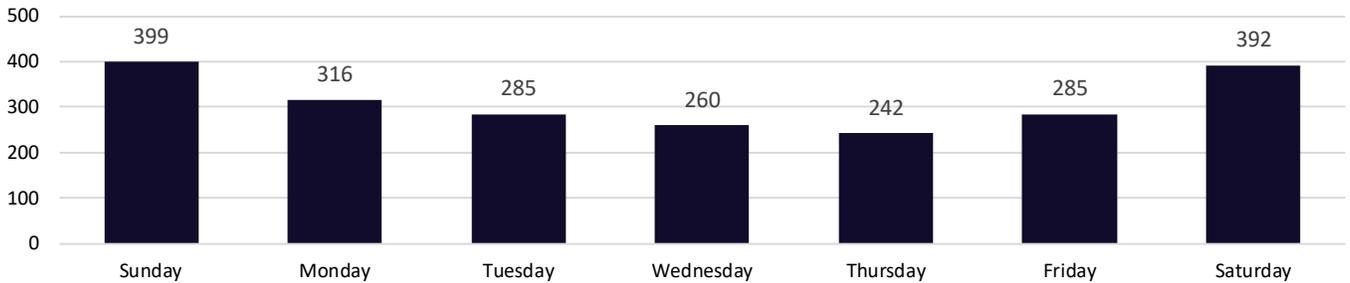
CHARGES BY MONTH



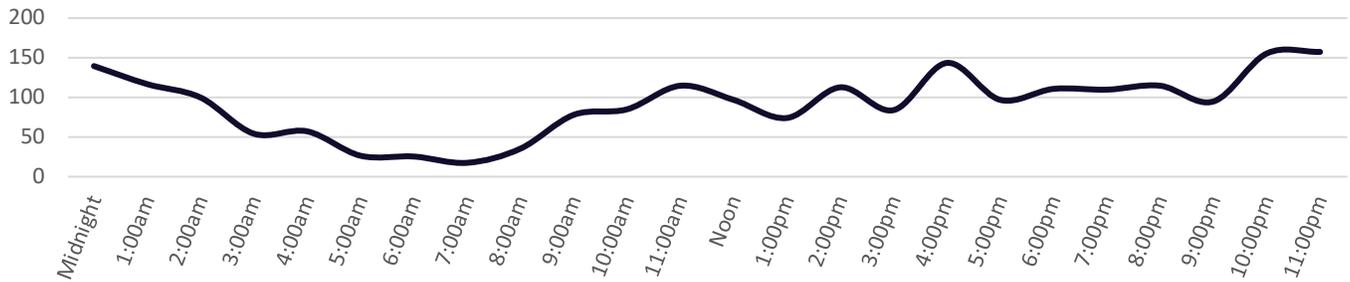
CHARGE REPORT

IMPACT

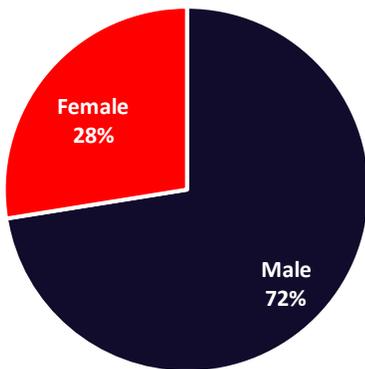
ARREST/SUMMONS BY DAY



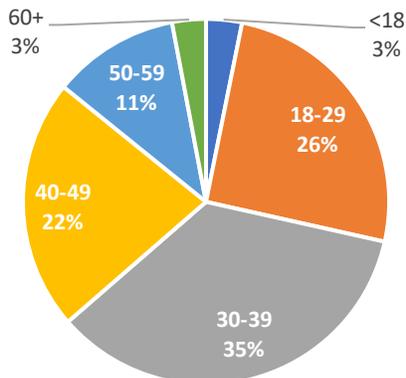
HOUR OF DAY



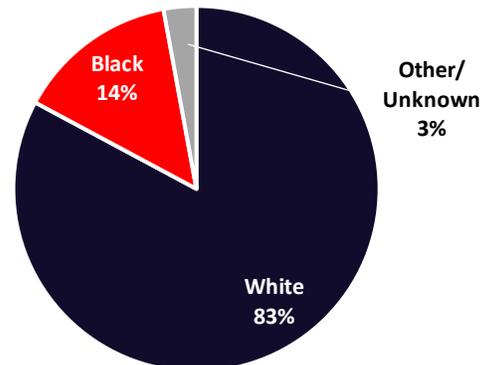
GENDER



AGE



RACE



TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

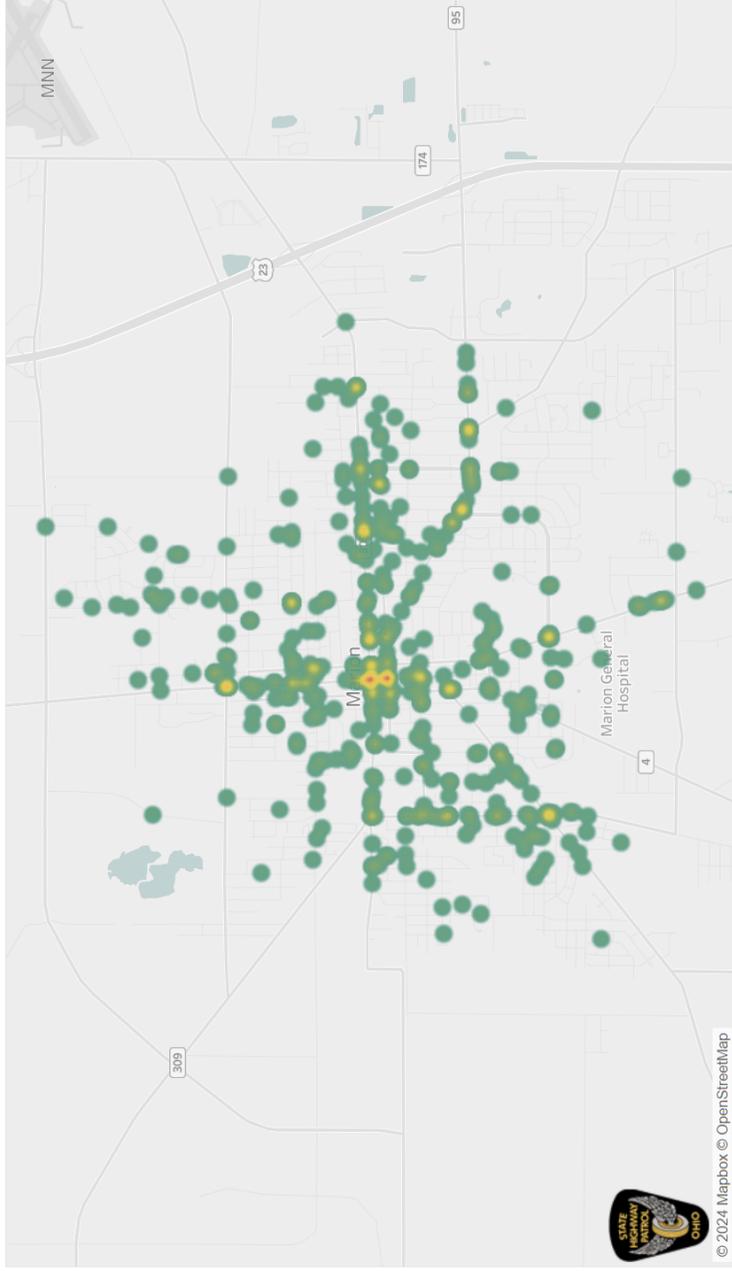
Select County
Marion

From Date (>=) 1/1/2023
To Date (<) 12/31/2023

Select Map
Crash Density

NCIC
051101 - MARION PD

Crash Density



Crashes by Month and Year

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2023	49	38	44	27	41	40	48	47	57	39	37	36	503
Grand Total	49	38	44	27	41	40	48	47	57	39	37	36	503

Top Crash Routes

Crash Routes	Crashes	Crashes by Hour
SR-95	94	12 - 12:59 AM
SR-4	59	1 - 1:59 AM
SR-309	28	2 - 2:59 AM
SR-739	27	3 - 3:59 AM
SR-423	13	4 - 4:59 AM
SR-529	2	5 - 5:59 AM
TR-1	1	6 - 6:59 AM
		7 - 7:59 AM
		8 - 8:59 AM
		9 - 9:59 AM
		10 - 10:59 AM
		11 - 11:59 AM
		12 - 12:59 PM
		1 - 1:59 PM
		2 - 2:59 PM
		3 - 3:59 PM
		4 - 4:59 PM
		5 - 5:59 PM
		6 - 6:59 PM
		7 - 7:59 PM
		8 - 8:59 PM
		9 - 9:59 PM
		10 - 10:59 PM
		11 - 11:59 PM

Crash Variables

Alcohol-Related	35
Bicycle-Related	3
Commercial-Related	22
Deer-Related	1
Distracted-Related	23
Drug-Related	13
Failure To Yield-Related	87
Mature-Related	183
Motorcycle-Related	13
OVI-Related	46
Pedestrian-Related	3
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign-Related	60
School Bus-Related	2
Speed-Related	45
Teen-Related	65
Unbelted-Related	118
Work Zone-Related	1
Youth-Related	148

Crashes by Day

Sunday	49
Monday	64
Tuesday	81
Wednesday	76
Thursday	87
Friday	83
Saturday	63

Data Source: ODES Electronic Crash System
Design and layout: OSP Statistical Analysis Unit
Ohio State Highway Patrol
Data Updated: Monday, January 8, 2024

Crashes by Severity and Year

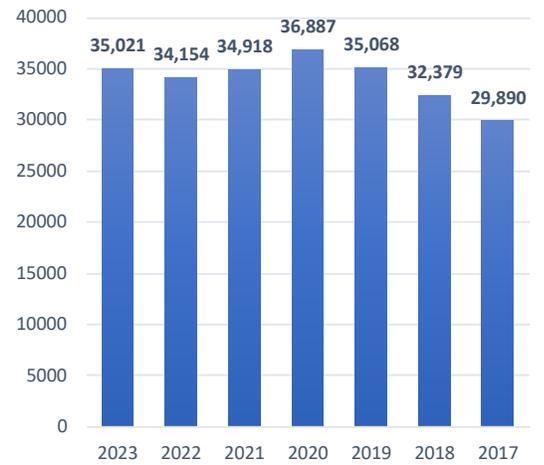
Severity	2023
Fatal	1
Serious Injury Suspected	12
Minor Injury Suspected	78
Injury Possible	32
Property Damage Only	380
Total	503

GAS USAGE REPORT

Gallons of Gas Used



Total Gallons by Year



Cost per Gallon



Avg. Cost/Gallon by Year

