



ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE MAYOR

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MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT

JAY MCDONALD - CHIEF OF POLICE



Mayor Collins,

It was once again a busy year in 2024 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.

The Marion Police Department welcomed Officer Emma White, who was hired in 2023 but graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on January 12. Officer White was the top academic performer in her entire academy. Officer Faith Renwick was sworn in as a new member of MPD on February 6. The Marion Police Department welcomed Officer Devon Mallory onto our team on May 10. Officer Patrick Sterner joined us on July 25. David Miller was hired on August 19. Dana Jagger was sworn in as a Lieutenant on February 6. Jamie Ralston retired in January of 2024.

The Marion Police Department continues to be financially responsible with the tax dollars provided to us. We were able to remain within our budget, reduce overtime, and continue to provide excellent service to our community. We purchased our first "hybrid" police cruiser; we upgraded our TASER's to the latest model; our public records process was upgraded to include a kiosk to allow the public to submit more concise requests; and, we obtained a grant to purchase two drones.

We were able to supplement the local tax dollars provided by the City of Marion by aggressively pursuing grant dollars. We have obtained a grant that helps pay for the salary and benefits of two officers; our officers received retention bonuses funded by grant dollars; we received funds to focus on traffic safety; we utilized grant dollars to help us protect our officers through the purchase of body armor; and, we utilized a grant to build a wellness program that was described as the "gold standard" in the State of Ohio. We also have a contract with the Marion City Schools that provides funds for school resource officers. This partial list of grants and contracts supplemented our general fund allotment by approximately a million dollars.

The Marion Police Department continued its department-wide focus on our commitment to make an MPACT in our community in 2024. MPACT is an acronym for "Marion Police and Community Together" and it is not just a slogan, it is a strategy for continuing to drive down crime rates and building upon our positive relationship with the community. Our Developing Youth Leaders (DYL) 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 dis-



Jay McDonald

Chief of Police

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abled 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.

These partnerships play a major role in enforcing drug laws in Marion County. MARMET seized 2,057 grams of heroin/fentanyl; 1,053.5 grams of crack; 3,449.3 grams of cocaine; 2,404.5 grams of methamphetamine; and, 89 illegally possessed firearms. MARMET secured 303 indictments in 2024. As a result of the efforts of our officers and our partners, overdoses decreased by 50% and fatal overdoses fell by 64%.

Officer Matt Mauldin was selected by his peers to be the 2024 Officer of the Year, Lt. Erica Delp was named the Supervisor of the Year, and Heather Schramm was recognized as the Civilian of the Year. New for 2024, we added the Volunteer of the Year award. Dale Baker and Irene Fulton were recognized for their contributions in 2024 as well as their cumulative contributions over the years. I am thrilled to have all of them 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 2024 that will be detailed in the annual report.

Our members responded to 31,242 calls for service in 2024. We have seen decreases in all tracked crime categories. We have seen reductions in violent crime and property crime. Some of the reductions in drug crimes can be attributed to diversion programs at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and the Municipal and Common Pleas Court. The drastic reduction in overdoses, particularly fatal overdoses, is remarkable.

We had zero homicides that were investigated by the Marion Police Department in 2024. This is the only time

Charge	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Agg. Murder / Murder	1	1	1	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	0
Felonious Assault (2903.11) / Agg. Assault (2903.12)	35	46	34	29	31	35	32	27	42	38	33
Assault (2903.13)	207	255	268	177	190	169	115	126	182	193	161
Rape (2907.02)	29	50	24	36	10	35	33	27	38	35	35
Agg. Robbery (2911.01) / Robbery (2911.02)	40	44	38	34	27	29	11	23	7	20	11
Domestic Violence (2919.25)	253	314	329	319	309	293	325	358	473	441	378
Agg. Burglary (2911.11) / Burglary (2911.12)	387	464	343	208	179	164	97	93	95	77	61
Breaking and Entering (2911.13)	253	325	177	128	103	101	64	50	63	52	35
Theft (2913.02)	842	957	775	648	600	630	501	486	496	492	426
Drug Abuse (2925.11)	263	317	449	536	565	619	619	651	658	498	295
Drug Overdose (non-fatal)	n/a	n/a	n/a	239	269	259	294	271	207	167	84
Drug Overdose (fatal)	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	26	30	42	38	40	45	16

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in the last 10 years that this has happened. There was a homicide at one of the prisons that was investigated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

After years of increases in Domestic Violence investigations, the Marion Police Department reinvigorated the Domestic Violence Task Force, meeting with various stakeholders about ways to reduce the instances of this terrible crime. The result is a 24% reduction in reports of domestic violence to our agency.

Marion Police Officers, prosecutors, judges, probation officers, social service providers and the community as a whole all play a role in these reductions in reported crimes. We can all be proud that Marion is safer today than it was just a few short years ago.

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.

Safety Director Tom Robbins retired at the end of 2024 and his experience, guidance and support will be sorely missed. Director Robbins served this community for about 50 years and his dedication will be hard to replicate. However, we very much look forward to working with incoming Safety Director Rob Cowell.

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

Chief of Police

Chief Jay McDonald

Operations Division

Major BJ Gruber

1st Shift

Lt. Mark Elliott #9 & K9 Ranger
Lt. Jared Robinson #12
Lt. Chris Coburn #15
Ofc. Andy Isom #21
Ofc. Matt Cochell #41
Ofc. C.J. Flach #44
Ofc. Dylan Kelley #45
Ofc. Sebastian Walker #47
Ofc. Caleb Rector #50
Ofc. Aaron Adair #65
Ofc. Walter Childers #66
Ofc. Faith Renwick #74
Ofc. Devon Mallory #75

2nd Shift

Lt. Rob Musser #10
Lt. Mike Kindell #14
Lt. Erica Delp #17
Ofc. Mason Bischoff #42
Ofc. Nick Geurkink #48
Ofc. Ryan Kelly #52 & K9 Shanel
Ofc. Hannah Greer #54
Ofc. Ryan Beveridge #55
Ofc. Mason Kent #56
Ofc. Kegan Pelphrey #57
Ofc. Matt Mauldin #60
Ofc. Abby Fryman #67

3rd Shift

Lt. Jim Fitsko #6
Lt. Dylan Reese #16
Ofc. Dana Jagger #18
Ofc. Bret Thomas #32
Ofc. Corey Galyk #51
Ofc. Gavinn Scheff #53
Ofc. Katrina Rostorfer #58
Ofc. Michael Starrs #59
Ofc. Bryce Lowry #62
Ofc. Bryon Doubikin #63
Ofc. Brendan Damron #69
Ofc. Andrew Decker #70
Ofc. Emma White #73

Investigations Division

Major Chris Adkins

Detective Bureau

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

Crime Analyst

Sabrina Wittkugle

MARMET

Lt. Richard Wheeler #13
Det. Matt Creps #26
Det. Matt Baldrige #29
Det. Colin Lowe #37 & K9 Stash

Field Training

Ofc. Patrick Sterner #76

Operations Division

MPACT - SROs

Ofc. Shane Gabriel #25
Ofc. Todd Monnette #27
Ofc. Rob Gery #30
Ofc. Dena Benroth #46

Administration Division

Reserve Officers

Norm Ratterman #302
Kirby Brandenburg #304
Dave Troutman #305
Mike Radcliff #307
Montel Smith #311

Administration Division

Major Jon Shaffer

Administration LT

Lt. Josh Harris #11

MPACT Coordinator/ SRO Supervisor

Lt. Ed Brown #5

Code Enforcement

Ofc. Dan Ice #22

JV MPACT Officer

Lt. Ed Brown #5

Academy

Ofc. David Miller #77

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

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	34
School Resource Officers	4	4
Military Leave	0	N/A
Total Sworn	43	48

Investigations Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
Lieutenants	1	1
Detectives	7	7
Field Training	1	N/A
Total Sworn	10	9
Crime Analyst	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	1	1

Administration Division

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Major	1	1
Administration Lieutenant	1	1
MPACT Lieutenant	1	1
Code Enforcement Officer	1	1
Academy Training	1	N/A
Total Sworn	5	4
Records / Secretary	2	2
Property Caretaker	2	2
Fleet Manager (Part time)	1	1
Security Desk (Part time)	2	2
Scheduling Clerk (Part time)	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	8	8

Reserve Unit

Total Sworn Reserve	5	N/A
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Actual Sworn	59	Actual Non-Sworn	9
Approved Sworn	62	Approved Non-Sworn	9

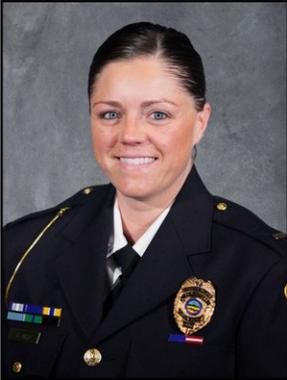
Total Actual Personnel	68
Total Approved Personnel	71

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

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

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SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR



LT ERICA DELP

Lieutenant Erica Delp was selected as the Supervisor of the Year for 2024 after a department-wide vote. She started at Marion PD in May of 2016 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2023. She is a graduate of the Delaware County Area Career Center Academy and is originally from Connecticut.

Congrats, Lt. Delp!

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFC. MATT MAULDIN

Officer Matt Mauldin was nominated by his supervisors and then selected as the 2024 Officer of the Year after a department-wide vote. He was hired in August of 2021. Prior to joining Marion PD, Ofc. Mauldin was a dispatcher with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from high school in 2018.

Ofc. Mauldin started the police academy in August of 2021 at the Ohio State Highway Patrol and graduated in January of 2022.

Congrats, Officer Mauldin!

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

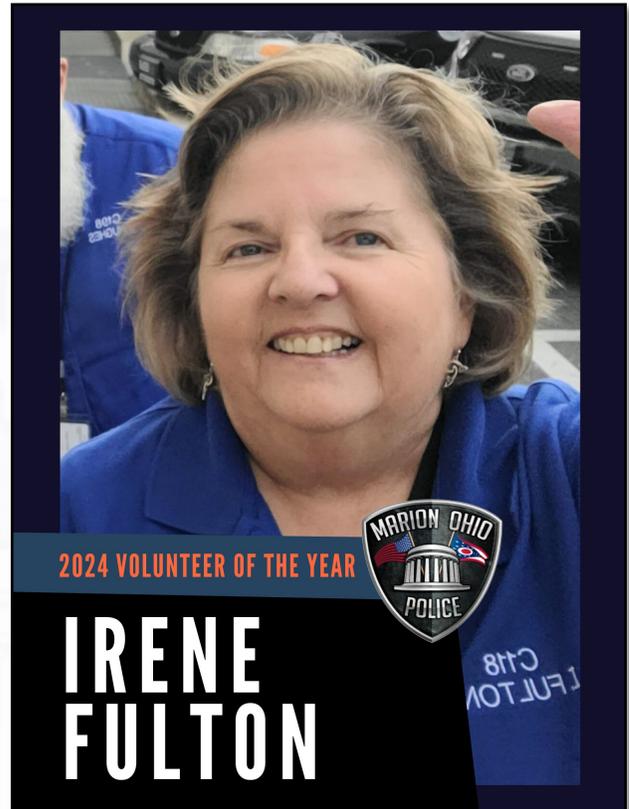
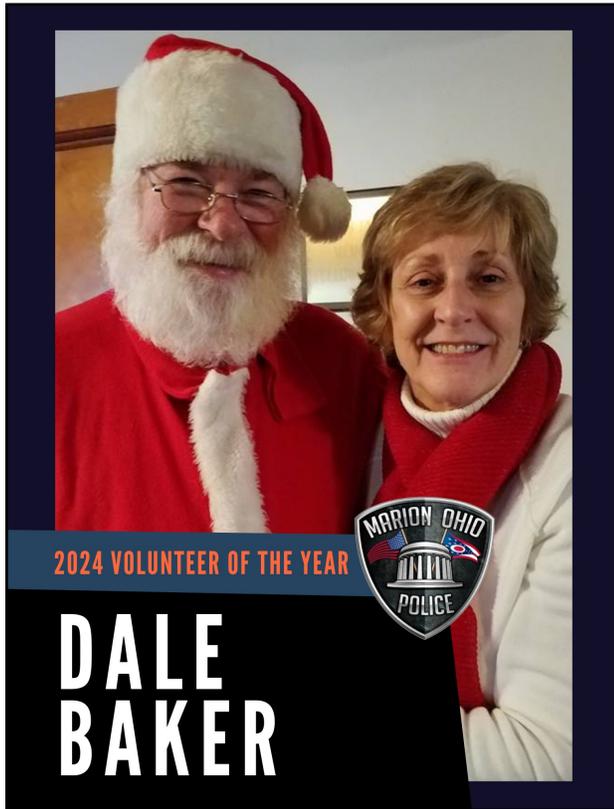


HEATHER SCHRAMM

Back for 2024 is the Civilian of the Year award and Heather Schramm was selected for this honor after a department-wide vote. Heather is the Records Clerk in charge of fulfilling public record requests among other duties. She does a fantastic job behind the scenes to help the department excel. Heather started for the city of Marion in the Utility Billing department and has been at the PD since September of 2023.

Congrats, Heather!

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



The Marion Police Department would like to recognize two of our volunteers for their dedication to the community. For 2024, we would like to recognize Dale Baker and Irene Fulton.

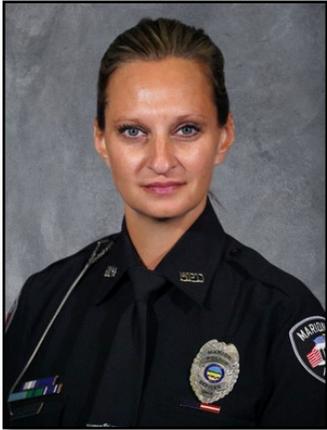
Both Dale and Irene are active in the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). Dale also doubles as a department Chaplain.

Both Dale and Irene are an enormous asset to the PD. Their selflessness, positive nature, and willingness to help in any way they can contribute to the positive #MPACT they make in our community.

Thank you both!

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS

PROMOTED



LT DANA JAGGER

Hired: 8/28/2014
Promoted: 2/5/2024

Lt. Jagger was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in February of 2024, replacing the vacancy left by former Lt. Jamie Ralston.

Born in Clintonville, Ohio, but growing up in Radnor, Lt. Jagger attended Worthington Christian and Buckeye Valley High Schools. She attended Morehead State in Kentucky and also the Ohio State University where she majored in Agricultural Business and minored in Equine Science. She is a graduate of the Marion Technical College Police Academy and is also currently an instructor there.

Upon her promotion, she was assigned to 3rd shift in the Patrol division.

Congratulations, Lt. Jagger!

RETIRED



OFC. JOE MCDONALD

Hired: 5/12/2014
Retired: 9/21/2024

Officer Joe McDonald retired from the Marion Police Department after ten years of service. Joe served in several capacities at the PD during his career, including as a member of the Special Response Team and as a School Resource Officer at Grant Middle School. He was awarded the Combat Cross (2x), Meritorious Class A, Meritorious Class B, Chief's Recognition, Exceptional Duty, and Marksman during his career.

Congratulations, Joe!



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NEW OFFICERS



OFC. FAITH RENWICK #74

Hired: 2/4/2024

Officer Faith Renwick was hired in February of 2024. She is originally from Erie, Pennsylvania where she graduated in 2020 from McDowell High School. Tiffin University and collegiate softball brought her to Ohio after high school. She attended the basic police academy at Terra State Community College in Fremont, Ohio and graduated in 2024. After she completed her field training at Marion PD, she was assigned to 1st shift.



OFC. DEVON MALLORY #75

Hired: 5/10/2024

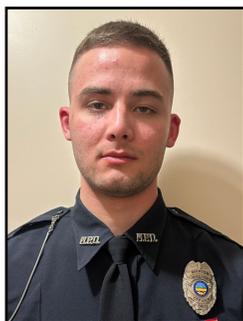
Officer Devon Mallory was hired in May of 2024. He is a 2019 graduate of Harding High School and attended the Ohio State University Marion before enrolling in the Marion Technical College police academy. He graduated from the police academy in 2024 and then started field training at MPD. He was assigned to 2nd shift when released from field training.



OFC. PATRICK STERNER #76

Hired: 7/25/2024

Officer Patrick Sterner joined Marion PD in July of 2024. He is a 2014 graduate of Wynford High School and also attended Marion Technical College. He joined the Ohio Army National Guard in 2014 and is an NCO for Charlie Battery 1-134FA. He graduated from the police academy at North Central State College in Mansfield, Ohio in 2024. He finished field training and was assigned to 2nd shift for 2025.



OFC. DAVID MILLER #77

Hired: 8/19/2024

Officer David Miller was hired in August of 2024. He is a 2020 graduate of River Valley High School and the Tri-Rivers Career Center and attended the Ohio State University in Marion. When he was hired, he was sent to the Ohio State Highway Patrol basic police officer training academy in Columbus. He graduated in January of 2025 and began field training upon graduation.

OPERATIONS REPORT

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Over three quarters of Marion PD's sworn staffing is assigned to the Operations Division. 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. Each of these branches of Operations compile their own annual report and to avoid redundancy or overlap, I will refer the reader of this annual report to those individual compilations for details of their activities over the course of 2024.

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 3 shifts, 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

When fully staffed, each patrol shift consists of 3 Lieutenants and approximately 10 patrol officers. All officers assigned to patrol work four consecutive days, followed by 3 consecutive days off.

In 2024, the Operations Division added four new officers and three additional officers were hired at the end of 2024 with swear-in dates at the start of 2025.

Officers Faith Renwick, Devon Mallory, Patrick Sterner and David Miller were hired in 2024. Officers Renwick, Mallory and Sterner all completed their field training program and were assigned to a patrol shift prior to the end of the year. Officer Miller will graduate from the OSP basic academy on January 17th, 2025 and will then begin his field training program. While hired in 2023, Ofc. Emma White graduated from the OSP Academy in January of 2024 and completed her field training in the spring of 2024. There were no full-service retirements from the Operations Division in 2024.

Lt. Erica Delp and Ofc. Matt Mauldin were recognized as the supervisor and officer of the year respectively. Both of these officers are fantastic role models and represent the best of what MPD has to offer. We thank Lt. Delp and Ofc. Mauldin for their hard work, dedication and willingness to always do what's best for the team.

Wellness

The MPD Wellness Program continues to be an extremely valuable resource for our officers and staff. Implemented with EMA grant monies in 2023, the grant was originally mapped out to provide wellness services for 2023 and 2024. Due to late implementation of the grant award, the monies have been stretched to continue these services into the first half of 2025.

Sarah Barada is our onsite Wellness Coordinator/Exercise Physiologist. Sarah creates personalized exercise and wellness plans, leads group workouts and oversees the fitness facility. Sarah has completed a wellness report that will also be included in a separate section of this annual report.

In utilizing existing wellness funds and with the support of the City Administration, the previous wellness equipment was removed, the footprint of the fitness center was greatly expanded, and \$50,000 worth of new fitness equipment was purchased. One half of the equipment was received in late 2024 with the other half expected to arrive



BJ Gruber
Major

in late January or early February of 2025. The fitness center will be opened up to all Marion City employees as we move into 2025. Additional wellness monies will be used with the intention of maintaining the wellness coordinator through the end of 2025 which was aided by the city switching to OhioHealth's insurance program.

Our Officers and staff represent our single largest and most important investment as a department and with that, it's incredibly important that we invest adequate resources into their overall health and wellness.

In the summer of 2024, Chief McDonald and I were asked by Andy Wilson (the Ohio Director of Public Safety) to participate in his podcast to talk about our wellness initiatives. This provided our wellness program with extensive visibility outside of the community and resulted in numerous phone calls and communications from other public safety agencies who were looking to start similar programs of their own.

Our wellness program has the added benefits of positively impacting officer recruitment and retention. There are very few agencies, particularly of similar size, that are investing in officer wellness to this scale, and we are truly viewed as a leading agency in this field.

Aside from the exercise components, our contract with OhioHealth also provides 10 hours of athletic trainer services per month and quarterly nutrition visits with a certified nutritionist.

Additionally, each of our officers receive two mental health check-ins per year with a licensed social worker. Dan Ward has provided these services to our officers on-site at MPD during their varying work hours. This provides an added layer of comfort to the officers who receive this vital service while avoiding a traditional clinical setting, outside of their workspace and work hours. Given the immense mental and emotional stresses that our officers experience every day, this program serves a vital need to provide our officers with routine check-ins and resources as needed. Every Officer from the Chief to the newest patrol officer participates in these bi-annual check-ins.

Notable Events and Calls for Service

Below I have assembled a synopsis of some of the more notable calls and events from 2024. The details are broken down by month and presented without specific identifiers as it relates to names and locations in order to comply with records redaction laws.

While there was one homicide that happened inside the City of Marion in 2024, that incident occurred inside one of the state correctional facilities. Crimes within the state prisons are investigated by the Ohio Highway Patrol. Otherwise, this is the first year without a homicide in over ten years. Every key crime statistic has seen a tremendous decrease over this 10-year span including crimes of violence, sex crimes, property crimes and drug overdoses. Numerous agencies, organizations and the community as a whole played an important role in this significant reduction in crime. However, it would be irresponsible if I did not give serious accolades to our officers who are on the front lines each and every day, deterring, investigating and solving these crimes.

January

Officers responded to an active and violent altercation. The suspect fled as officers arrived in the area. A pursuit was initiated by one officer who quickly terminated the pursuit due to the unsafe actions of the fleeing suspect. A short time later, the suspect struck a tree and was killed. It was then discovered that there was a small child who was also inside the car. Fortunately, the child was in a safety seat and the injuries to the child were not life threatening.

Officers responded to an armed robbery at a local smoke shop where the suspect held a knife to the throat of the employee. Through investigation, the suspect was identified a short time later. A search warrant was conducted and a confession was obtained.

Officers responded to a report of an assault in one of the city's mobile home parks. It was alleged that the suspect punched a sixty-year-old female in the head and neck. Officers located the suspect in the area and initiated contact. The suspect gave a fake name but they found his true identity and learned that he had a felony warrant for strangulation. He pulled away from officers and began to fight which ended in a cold, wet and icy ditch along the roadside. Both officers did a fantastic job in this extremely violent and dangerous encounter.

Officers responded to a crisis hotline report of a suicidal male. When officers arrived, they found the subject hanging and proceeded to cut the extension cord he was using to hang himself. The quick actions of our officers surely saved this man's life.

February

Ofc. Dana Jagger was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on the same day that Ofc. Faith Renwick was sworn in as a Marion Police Officer.

Officers responded to a report of a male subject trying to burn down a residence with a lighter and a combustible spray. Officers encountered the subject who was suffering from a significant mental health crisis. A use of force resulted due to the subject's violent behaviors and ultimately, the subject was transported for a mental health evaluation.

Officers got out with a vehicle which quickly turned into a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit was terminated due to the driver going the wrong way on a one-way street. The following evening, Officers received a tip as to the location of the suspects. Officers set up on the house, attempted contact and after some time they were able to locate and arrest multiple suspects on multiple charges.

Officers responded to a location where a female reportee who was walking down the sidewalk reported that an unknown male in an upstairs apartment window fired a gunshot at her. Officers quickly responded and the occupants refused to answer the door. SRT and HNT was activated and after a lengthy standoff, entry was made by SRT. Multiple subjects were arrested inside for a plethora of serious charges.

March

An Officer observed a vehicle travelling approximately 70 MPH and initiated a traffic stop. The officer determines that the vehicle was taken without the owner's consent out of a neighboring county. Through some investigation it was determined that the vehicle was indeed stolen as the owner did not know the vehicle was missing.

Officers responded to a report of an individual who had been held captive after being assaulted. Upon making contact at the residence, a person who answered the door refused to allow the officers inside. A search warrant was obtained and the victim was located inside with extensive injuries, requiring transport to a Columbus area hospital.

Officers investigated a serious assault of a two-year-old child. Through investigation, it was determined that the step-father of the child assaulted the victim when the two-year-old spit in his face. A confession was obtained in

this case.

Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop and the vehicle fled, quickly crashing. A search was conducted of the area when the driver fled on foot and with the assistance of an MPD K9, a bag was located which contained a handgun and crack cocaine. A suspect was arrested.

April

One very unique event that took place in 2024 was the total solar eclipse, of which Marion was a prime viewing location. Several months of planning took place with EMA and local first responders to prepare for this event and the anticipated influx of visitors to our area. Additional units were assigned to patrol with special attention given to areas where visitors would congregate, such as city parks. There were numerous concerns leading up to this event as it related to potential communications disruptions but at the end of the day, everything went great. Our offices enjoyed numerous opportunities to interact with people, some of whom travelled from other countries just to watch the sun disappear for a few minutes during daylight hours. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience for our officers and the community as a whole.

Officers responded to a violent pit-bull attack of a 6-month-old child. Despite the very best efforts of the first responders, including MPD personnel, the child unfortunately died because of this vicious attack.

Officers responded to a large fight with weapons that included a baseball bat, a baseball bat with nails, a machete and a handgun. The suspect with the gun was charged with aggravated menacing.

Officers responded to a warrant check and the suspect took off in a vehicle upon their arrival. A vehicle pursuit ensued, ending when the suspect drove off the roadway in a rural area just outside of the city. The suspect was still non-compliant after the crash and the car windows had to be broken in order to remove the suspect.

May

Lt. Mark Elliott was recognized at a Columbus Clippers game for his significant contributions to the Light Ohio Blue Campaign. Lt. Elliott is heavily invested in this fantastic program, and it was great to see him recognized for his selfless work.

Officer Devon Mallory was sworn in as the newest MPD Officer.

The Marion County Law Enforcement memorial service was held in honor of officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice. This annual event is followed by our annual awards banquet and luncheon which is graciously hosted by the Marion First Church of the Nazarene.

The Marion K9 Project event was held which raises money for area K9 programs and associations and this was well-attended by MPD personnel.

A group of juveniles were involved in a slew of Breaking and Entering calls, largely in the downtown area. Officers were able to identify the suspects and recover much of the stolen property.

Officers responded to a report of a male who attempted to hang himself and then barricaded in a detached garage. After a lengthy period of time trying to negotiate with the subject, the Pepperball platform was deployed

which allowed officers to successfully remove the individual from the garage safely. The subject was taken to MGH and later to the Multi-County Jail.

June

MPD Officers and MCSO Deputies participated in a joint training day that involved building searches, subject control, de-escalation and field sobriety testing.

MPD and MCSO again participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics. This is an event that our officers have participated in for several years and it's always a great time for a very special cause.

Officers responded to a call of a suicidal subject who was in the process of hanging himself while also covering himself in gasoline. Officers did a great job of getting the person separated from the ropes and into the care of medics.

Officers investigated the abduction, assault and attempted strangulation of a seven-year-old child by another, older juvenile. A confession was obtained from the suspect.

Officers responded to a burglary in progress and the suspect was reported to have fled the area on foot with a sword. The subject was under the influence of drugs when the officers encountered him and he refused to comply with commands. Following a use of force, the suspect was taken into custody, and he damaged the interior of the cruiser in multiple attempts to escape. Ultimately, the subject was taken to MGH where he was sedated in order to bring him under control.

Officers responded to an abduction-related domestic violence. Officers could see the female inside upon arrival but nobody would answer the door. After an extensive period of time, a search warrant was obtained and served. The suspect was arrested.

A gun call was received from a local home and it was determined that one party had a pellet gun and the other had a real firearm. When the person with the real firearm made a threat with the gun, the other party fired the pellet gun into the ground. A search warrant was obtained and several firearms were collected from inside, one of which was reported as stolen. A male subject was arrested on numerous charges.

July

Ofc. Patrick Sterner was hired as the newest MPD Officer. Ofc. Montel Smith resigned from MPD after eight years of service to begin a new role with Marion Municipal Court Probation.

A suspect was arrested for firing a shot into a vehicle that was in front of his house. The suspect alleged that he had previously been robbed by these persons. Flock aided us in locating the vehicle.

Officers responded to an Aggravated Burglary call where the suspect fled but was quickly arrested with the assistance of the MCSO drone unit.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and learn that the driver is armed. He was pulled from the vehicle after trying to grab the gun from his waistband. He was arrested and found to be in possession of meth.

A large fight broke out involving adults and juveniles at Lincoln Park during youth baseball games. Multiple charges were forwarded against numerous individuals.

August

National Night Out was again held at Grant Middle School and was very well attended by MPD personnel. This is one of the best events that we do each and every year, in conjunction with Marion City Schools. The entire event is aimed to further solidify relations between law enforcement and the community we serve.

In the month of August, Ofc. Patrick Sterner graduated from the police academy and David Miller was sworn in as the newest member of MPD. Ofc. Miller would enter the OSP academy with a graduation date of January 17th, 2025.

Officers responded to a report of a suicidal male who was threatening to kill himself with a gun. Officers were able to hear labored breathing inside the house and proceeded to force entry, locating the victim inside suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The victim was transported to MGH and later to a Columbus trauma center.

With the assistance of Flock, MPD located a stolen vehicle and the suspect was later arrested by MCSO.

Officers responded to a rolling well-being check where it was alleged that a juvenile was kidnapped by his father's ex-girlfriend. Before our officers arrived, the vehicle was reported to have crashed in a neighboring county. The suspect was ultimately arrested for abduction and child endangering.

Officers responded to a robbery at an area store. The suspects fled prior to the arrival of officers but officers would locate the vehicle with Michigan plates, initiate a traffic stop and arrest one of the male occupants for the theft.

September

Ofc. Joe McDonald retired from MPD after 10 years of honorable service to the City of Marion.

Officers responded to a felony domestic violence call where the suspect had prior gun convictions. MARMET, Investigations and SRT were called to the scene. The suspect was non-compliant and SRT introduced gas and ultimately found the suspect hiding in the attic.

A female drove off the road for an extensive period of time and struck multiple objects. An officer was in the right place at the right time and was able to get the vehicle stopped as she tried to flee the area.

Officers attempted a traffic stop on a reckless motorcycle which resulted in a pursuit. The pursuit was terminated when speeds reached in excess of 100 MPH. After the pursuit was terminated, the motorcycle flipped back and again passed the officers at a high rate of speed. The female operator was identified and arrested on the following night.

Following a shooting call, Officers located a possible suspect vehicle which resulted in a vehicle pursuit. The driver struck a vehicle at an intersection before ditching the vehicle and running on foot. Officers chased and arrested the suspect following a use of force.

An adult subject who lived with his parents was high on meth, threatening family members in the house and holding a razor to his own throat. Officers were able to find the right opportunity to deploy the Taser, bringing this tense situation to a successful resolution.

A suicidal female barricaded herself in a vehicle with a knife and was making threatening motions toward officers with the knife. Officers were able to break the window, deploy the Taser and bring this situation to a successful conclusion.

A routine traffic stop found a 33-year-old male from another county with a 17-year-old female. It was determined that the mother of the 17-year-old had no idea that her daughter left the house. The female indicated that they met on Snapchat. The male was charged for contributing and the outcome could have been very bad if not for the intervention of the officer.

Officers responded to a disturbance involving a firearm and arrive to find an intoxicated male in possession of a gun. He was arrested for multiple charges and the investigation revealed that the disagreement stemmed from an adult male allegedly groping a 14-year-old female.

A female reported that she was in a domestic situation with her intoxicated boyfriend who was in possession of a gun. The suspect allegedly pointed the gun at the female and told her to leave, before retreating into the house with two young children. A lengthy stand-off ensued and ultimately, negotiations allowed for the children to be safely released, and the suspect surrendered to officers a short time thereafter.

Officers conducted a traffic stop with a meth addict who was in possession of a gun in his waistband. He was arrested and claimed allegiance to supremacist extremist groups. Drugs were located in the vehicle as well.

October

MPD personnel participated in a graveside remembrance ceremony which marked the 20-year anniversary of the murder of our good friend, Deputy Brandy Winfield. The service appropriately focused on the life of a magnificent person and servant instead of the tragedy of his death.

Officers responded to a report of a subject waving a gun around in a threatening manner. They located him in a nearby garage with the gun.

Officers were searching for an endangered missing person who was reported to have alcohol-induced dementia. MPD officers located the subject on US 23 and he was found in possession of a pistol. He was taken into custody without incident.

A female was arrested for aggravated vehicular assault after video captured her running down her boyfriend and hitting him with her vehicle. The arrest took place after a second report was received of her driving recklessly.

Officers responded to a disturbance that turned into a stabbing. When Officers arrived, they found a subject that had an arterial bleed and they administered a tourniquet, then turning him over to arriving medics for trauma care. A female was ultimately arrested for Felonious Assault.

An officer heard gunshots on the west side of town and officers began to search the area, locating a vehicle fleeing the area. This same vehicle fled from officers on the night prior on a different call. A lengthy vehicle pursuit

ensued which ended in a one-vehicle crash South of the city. Three occupants were in the vehicle. Two fled and one was trapped inside the car. It was determined that a residence had been shot at on Miami Street. Magazines and ammunition were located inside the crash vehicle which was totaled.

November

The MPD team collected and donated over 2000 pounds of food in support of Christmas Clearinghouse. Our team rises to this occasion and exceeds expectations every single year!

Officers responded to a domestic violence call where the suspect (who just got out of prison for DV) strangled the victim and held a knife to her throat. The entire incident was captured on a camera system inside the home.

Officers responded to an assist with MFD on a porch fire. Officers recognized one individual there as having a felony warrant and he took off on foot. Officers gave chase and upon catching up to him, he brandished a knife, holding it to his throat and threatened self-harm. A Taser was deployed and the subject was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a local alcohol establishment for a report of a male that was making threats with a knife toward bar staff. He was located in close proximity to the bar and while uncooperative, was arrested for CCW without incident.

Officers responded to a drug overdose and while awaiting medics, the victim stopped breathing and had no pulse. Officers performed CPR until MFD arrived to transport the person to the hospital where a pulse and heart rhythm were re-established.

Officers made a traffic stop with a subject who was lying about his name. They conducted a search of the vehicle and located a firearm that had the serial number scratched off.

Officers responded to an apartment complex for a report of shots fired. They arrived and located a 14-year-old male who sustained a gunshot wound to the groin. This was an extensive investigation that ultimately resulted in an identification of the shooter.

Officers stopped a wrong-way driver who was intoxicated and in possession of a gun. He admitted that he just left an area bar.

Officers handled an abduction of an adult with MRDD who was originally from Honduras but has been living with a Marion family for a number of years. The victim was picked up by a paternal aunt who he had never met and she left with him to Indianapolis where the father lives. The father is not permitted to have contact with the victim. This case required extensive coordination with Indianapolis PD but the hard work paid off when IMPD was able to safely locate and secure the victim.

December

Officers responded to an apartment complex for a reported person with a gun. A father and son traveled to Marion to purchase a vehicle. When the vehicle broke down a short time later, they returned to the seller and wanted a refund. When they were denied, one male brandished a firearm and pushed his way into the seller's apartment while making threats to shoot the victim. Flock was used to identify one of the suspects and both father and son were

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arrested.

Officers responded to a domestic violence incident where a woman stabbed her father multiple times. Both suspect and victim were also injured by the family dog during the altercation. The suspect was located walking away from the scene and she was taken to jail after treatment at the hospital.

Officers responded to a report of a disturbance where one of the parties was waiting outside to start an altercation with the caller and there was some belief that they could be armed. When Officers arrived in the area, a pursuit started almost immediately as the suspect fled the area. The pursuit was quite lengthy and was terminated but the Officer was able to see the suspect dump the vehicle and flee on foot. MCSO and OSP were called for assistance and OSP's aviation unit also responded to search for the suspect. The suspect was not located but information was developed that identified a possible suspect who is wanted for a felonious assault indictment.

Officers responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle which included numerous items, including a 9mm pistol. The victim followed the suspect as he left which led officers to a specific address. The occupants of that address were not cooperative and two of them were found to have active warrants. Officers obtained a search warrant, but the gun was not located. It is believed that one of the subjects arrested for a warrant was also the offender in the theft of the gun.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired and located a male in the backyard and found that he had previously fired a round into the ceiling. It was unclear if this was a negligent discharge or a potential suicide attempt, but it was reported that he did make suicidal threats prior to firing the shot. He was arrested on multiple charges.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired and arrived to find that a vehicle occupied by three people had been shot at 10 times with at least three shots hitting the vehicle. Miraculously, none of the occupants were harmed. Officers located video of the incident and were able to identify and later locate the suspect. He was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence and a search warrant was served on his residence. The gun (which was reported stolen out of another county) and drugs were located in the suspect's residence.

Conclusion

I have a few brief take-aways from this year. First, more non-compliant drivers are adding to a dramatic in vehicle pursuits. Flock has also proven to be an invaluable force multiplier for our department, aiding us in identifying and often times, locating suspects involved in serious crimes. Our officers seem to be encountering guns more often and we have seen a dramatic uptick in unsecured firearms being stolen from cars. Lastly, our police officers are as busy, as highly trained and competent and as hardworking and dedicated as any you will find. I continue to be both amazed and proud of the incredible work they do every day for the betterment of this community.

Respectfully,
Maj. B.J. Gruber

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

The investigation Division of the Marion Police Department is comprised of two units. The Investigations Unit and the MARMET Drug Task Force. Both are led by Major Chris Adkins. The day-to-day duties of MARMET are supervised by Lt. Richard Wheeler.

In 2024, the Investigations Unit consisted of Major Chris Adkins, 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 2025, the Investigations Unit will fill the need for a Lieutenant to help run the daily operation of the Investigations Unit.

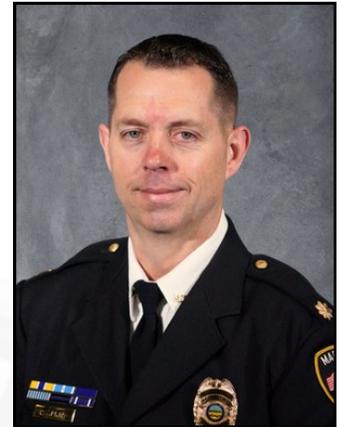
The detectives of the Investigations Unit work hard to solve the most difficult and complex crimes that occur inside the City of Marion and to assist patrol officers with cases. Their dedication to the citizens of Marion does not go unnoticed.

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 the 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 136 cases with a sex offense component.

With new mandates in reporting, the Investigations Unit handles more cases involving Marion County Children Services. Depending on the call load, some will be referred to the patrol division. This year, Investigations assisted Marion County Children Services with over 100 cases which are not included in the numbers below.

Analyst Wittkugle served over 113 subpoenas related to criminal cases.

In 2024, 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.



Chris Adkins
Major

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2022	34	59	55	41	58	42	28	57	55	52	47	54	581
2023	45	35	42	28	49	45	68	40	35	45	26	49	507
2024	18	22	16	19	27	12	13	19	25	27	21	33	252

ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children)

Detectives worked on 26 ICAC cases for 2024, twelve more than 2023. 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.

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Homicides

In 2024, Marion City Police had no homicide investigations.

Pending Homicide Case

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

Notable Calls

22-05038: This case carried over into 2024. Det. Sterling worked a large-scale real estate case where quick claim deeds were being forged of those that have died, and their homes are in limbo. This case remains open and in the hands of the Attorney General's Office. The case has been indicted and is working its way through the court system.

24-000113: On January 8, 2024, officers were sent to Moto Mart located at 691 W. Center Street. Zach Ballard had been making threats throughout the day. He placed gas into a container and tried to light the container on fire near a gas pump. Ballard also tried the same thing in front of City Hall. Ballard was given 18 months in prison.

24-00465: On February 2, 2024, officers responded to the Certified Gas Station on E. Center Street for a report of a robbery. Using information which the employee gave, Flock cameras were used to identify the vehicle involved. Jessica Cooper was later arrested for her involvement in the robbery. She was sentenced to four years in prison.

24-00573: On February 7, 2024, officers handled a reported burglary on S Grand Ave. A rifle and handgun were stolen from the address, and they had video footage of the suspect entering and exiting the residence with the property. During the investigation video footage was obtained from Meijer and Lowe's which showed the suspect, Abigale Arthur, dressed as a male. Abigale was wearing the same clothing as the suspect in the burglary video and drew a beard on her face with a black marker to hide her gender. Abigale was arrested and confessed to the burglary.

24-01146: On March 18, 2024, officers were dispatched to Congress St for a male that had been assaulted and was being held captive. Officers made contact and were refused entry into the house by the victim's father. A search warrant was obtained, and the house was searched. The victim was in the attic with serious injuries. Dustin Russell was arrested at the house and charged with assaulting the victim.

2024 Eclipse: On April 8, 2024, all the Investigations Unit were assigned to Patrol to help with the influx of tourists to Marion during the total eclipse. Even our own Det. Sterling was able to partake in the festivities.

24-03661: On September 3, 2024, officers responded to E. Church St for a reported shooting with a victim. Officers arrived on scene and located the alleged victim, Randy Johnson, trying to leave. Johnson was transported to MGH where he stated he was shot by a male named "DoDo." The



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information Randy provided led to the suspect being located and a vehicle pursuit. The suspect, Adrain Jones, was caught and arrested. After further investigation, it was determined that Johnson lied and shot himself by accident in the leg. He was charged for his crimes.

24-03825: On September 12, 2024, officers were dispatched to Olney Ave for a domestic with weapons where a male was identified as the Randy Johnson. Johnson refused to exit the house, and a search warrant was obtained. Marion SRT was activated, and Johnson was later located hiding in a crawl space in the upstairs attic.

24-04260: On October 7, 2024, officers responded to Miami St for a reported drive by shooting. Officers arrived, located several spent casings in the roadway, and found the house had been struck several times with rounds impacting in a child's bedroom. Officers were already investigating a shooting earlier this day on Oak Grove Ave and believed to be the same suspects. Officers located the vehicle involved and a pursuit ensued resulting in the suspect vehicle crashing on RT. 423 with two of the three suspects being ejected. The suspects were identified as Bryce Roberts, Juan Westberry, and Anthony Lindsay. All three suspects were charged accordingly, and the investigation is still active.

24-04976: On November 21, 2024, officers were sent to E. Fairground Street on a shooting. Officers located a 14-year-old male that had been shot. During the investigations which took several days, three suspects were developed. After several search warrants were issued, detectives arrested Jeremiah McFarland, Colton Davidson, and Jocelyn Delgatto for their part in the shooting. This case is still pending.

24-05020: On November 24, 2024, officers were sent on a call on Hane Ave for a missing adult with disabilities. An estranged family member from out of state came to Marion and convinced the victim to leave with them. With the help of Indianapolis Metro Police in Indiana, the victim was returned to Marion safe. Charges are pending as the case is being investigated.

Notable Convictions in 2024

23-01650: On April 5, 2023, officers responded to Tyler Street for malnourished elderly person. The adult victim later passed away and it was determined in was due to lack of care. Amanda Swartz, Joel Andrick, and Reginald Burlile were all indicted for involuntary manslaughter. In 2024, all parties plead guilty to their part in the death. Swartz was given 10 years in prison, Andrick was given 24 months in prison, and Burlile was given 18 months in prison.

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 on N. Greenwood Street where Stamp was located, and he was later arrested. He was indicted on the charges. In March of 2024, Dustin Stamp appeared before Marion County Common Pleas Court and plead guilty to rape. He was sentenced to 10 years to life in prison.

23-03286: On July 16, 2023, patrol officers worked cases involving Willie Dunn sexually assaulting a 15-year-old victim. The case was taken over by the Investigations Unit. Dunn plead guilty to Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor and was given five years in prison.

23-03392: On July 21, 2023, Justin Brady calls MPD to tell them he just shot his roommate D'Jontaez Ross. Evidence at the scene suggests this was a murder and Justin Brady was arrested and charged. In 2024, this case went to trial and after a two-day trial, Justin Brady was convicted of aggravated murder and given life in prison without the possibility of parole by Judge Frericks.

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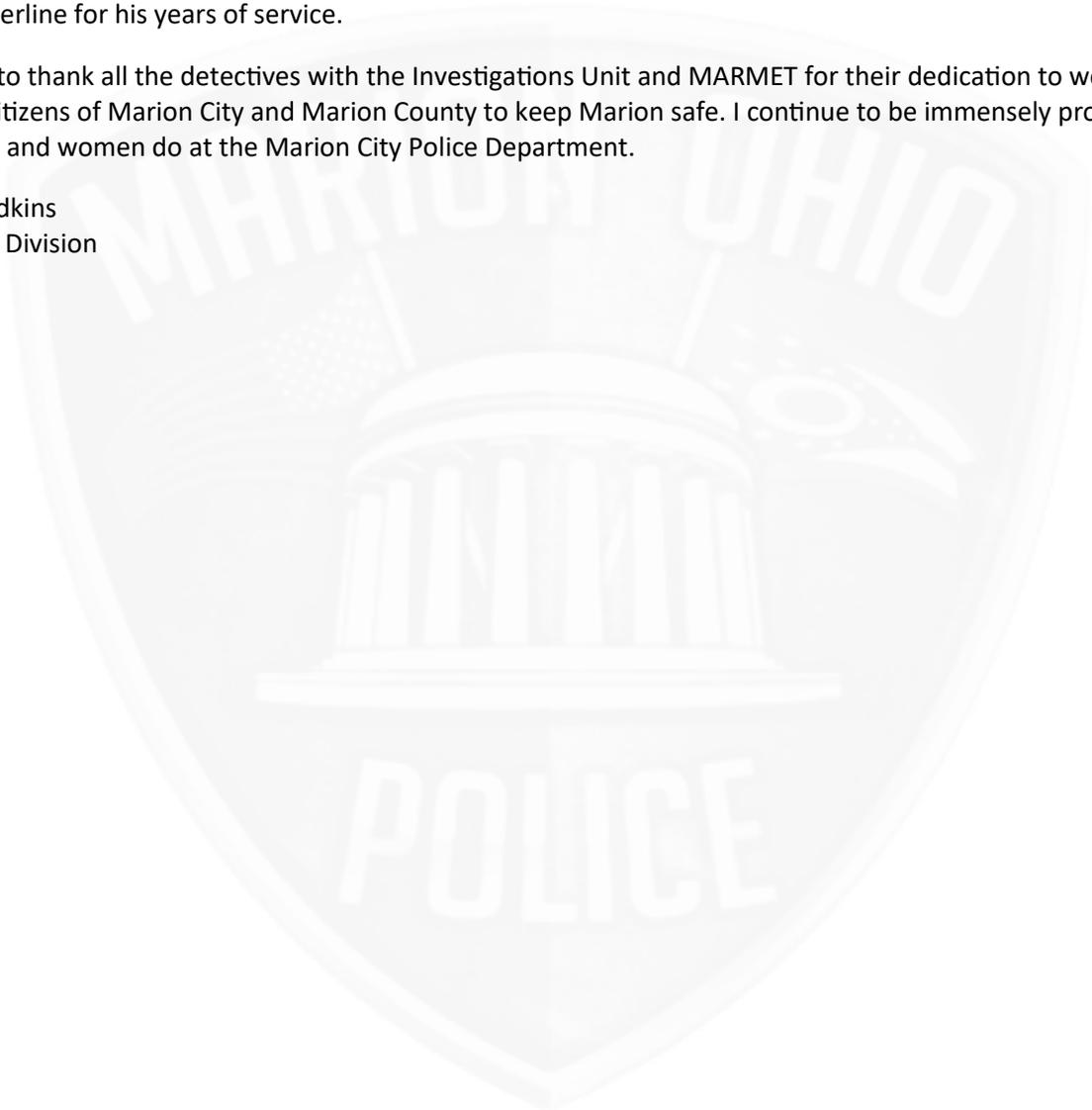
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23-04006: On August 28, 2023, officers responded to the alley in the 500 block of North Prospect Street. There they located a deceased female. Evidence at the scene suggests she was run over by a vehicle. Great police work led to Jon Frazee being responsible for her death. He was charged with aggravated vehicular homicide. Frazee plead guilty to the crime and was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

At the end of 2024, we had a staff change that included Det. Esterline being reassigned back to the Patrol Division. We thank Det. Esterline for his years of service.

Lastly, I want to thank all the detectives with the Investigations Unit and MARMET for their dedication to working hard for the citizens of Marion City and Marion County to keep Marion safe. I continue to be immensely proud of the work the men and women do at the Marion City Police Department.

Major Chris Adkins
Investigations Division



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The Administrative Division has a support role within the Marion Police Department and aids the Operations and Investigations Divisions 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 is the compilation of monthly reports, this annual report, and other tasks as assigned by the Chief to assist in the day-to-day and long-term goals of the department.

MPACT

MPACT stands for Marion Police and Community Together. This community-based program was led by Lt. Ed Brown in 2024. For 2025, Lt. Brown is transitioning back to the Patrol Division as a 1st shift supervisor. Lt. Brown has taken the program established by Major Gruber and continued to grow it each year. His commitment to the community and the police department are noticed by the community as a whole and he is to be commended for his work. When we talk about police officers making an #MPACT in their community, Lt. Brown has certainly accomplished this over the years in his role.

For 2025, Officer Caleb Rector was chosen to assume the role of MPACT Coordinator. Ofc. Rector was born and raised in Marion County and will be a huge asset to the program. We're excited to see where he takes the program from here.

Officer Dan Ice continued his work in code enforcement, working closely with several other departments within the city of Marion and outside. He continues 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.

Included in this annual report are detailed reports from Lt. Brown and Officer Ice covering the #MPACT the programs had in 2024.

Administrative Lieutenant

Lt. Josh Harris began the Administrative LT position in 2024. The primary focus of this position was training. This training included items outlined in our Training Plan by policy, annual Continuing Professional Training (CPT), Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs), organizing firearms training and qualifications, and any additional training needs that arise.

In addition to training, he applied for several grants. Some have been approved and implemented, such as the traffic grant, and others we are waiting on official word, such as two grants to replace the outdated portable radios.

Lt. Harris helped with many more tasks on a day-to-day basis and has proved to be an invaluable asset to the Administrative Division.

Administration/Records

Nicole Trent and Heather Schramm continued in their roles for the 2024. Nicole focuses on purchase orders and bill payment as well as processing parking tickets and quartermaster requests along with additional duties as assigned by the command staff. Heather continues to fulfill public record requests, both written reports as well as body



Jon Shaffer
Major

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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 before release. She also handles the sealing and expungement of records sent from the courts, fingerprint checks for the public, and much more.

Property Room

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

Fleet

Jerry Parker has been with the police department since 2014 and continues in his part-time role 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.

City Hall Security Desk Screeners

Steve Walton and Juanita Rosvanis continue to work as part-time 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

Tiffany Watkins is our part-time scheduling clerk. She helps take some of the administrative load off the lieutenants as well as others. Her main duties include bi-weekly payroll and filling overtime and special duty slots. She does a fantastic job keeping track of all special duty details as well as other tasks as assigned.

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 license plate reader (LPR) technology was added to our crime-fighting toolbox. This 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 based on hot-listed 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. In accordance with City Ordinance, it is also not used for minor misdemeanor traffic offenses. It is also not used to collect personal identifying information, such as names, date of birth, social security numbers, race, or sex. Misuse of the

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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 relates to a specific criminal investigation or department-related civil or administrative action.
- Hotlist Policy: Hotlist hits are required to be verified by someone prior to action.

These parameters along with the agencies that the LPR data is shared with can be found at <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/marion-county-oh-so>. The LPR policy is posted on the PD website, and no new locations were added in 2024. All officers received training prior to the use of the LPRs.

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 in 2024 include:

- 24-00465 Reported robbery with only a vehicle description from a nearby surveillance camera. The description was entered into Flock which produced a lead and ultimately resulted in the arrest of a suspect. The suspect is currently incarcerated for aggravated robbery.
- 24-00887 Reported theft with Flock used to track the stolen license plate on a different vehicle. The vehicle was located, followed by the suspect, who was arrested. The suspect was convicted of felony theft.
- 24-03078 Report of a hit/skip crash on W. Church St. at Blaine Ave. A truck rear-ended a Buick LeSabre and took off from the scene. Witnesses provided a description of the truck which led to establishing a license plate for the suspect vehicle. The driver was identified and issued a summons.
- 24-03663 Officers had recently handled a shooting call where the victim named a suspect. Officers were familiar with the suspect from previous calls and knew what he was likely to drive. They were able to locate the vehicle on Flock, went to the area, and physically located it moving. When they tried to stop the suspect, they fled, which led to a pursuit. The suspect was apprehended, arrested, and is awaiting trial.
- 24-04632 Entered stolen vehicle that was located due to Flock. The suspect was arrested and is awaiting trial.
- 24-04778 A group of males were eating lunch at a local fast food restaurant when a male pulled out a gun and pointed at them. A vehicle description was provided, and a suspect vehicle was located on Flock. The suspect was located through this information and admitted it was a road rage incident where he simulated pointing a gun. He was charged and convicted.
- 24-05020 A mentally disabled male was kidnapped by his extended family from Honduras and took him to Indiana. There was a description of the car, but neither the license plate nor the owner of the car was known. Using Flock, officers were able to get a license plate on the vehicle and send a BOLO out for it, including notifying Indiana State Police. There are currently outstanding warrants for the arrest of the suspects.
- 24-05260 Officers responded to Crescent Heights Rd. for a person with a gun. Two people from Columbus

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were buying a vehicle from a Marion resident. They worked on and tried to repair the vehicle before driving it home and the axle/tire fell off when they pulled away out into the street. They went back to the male they bought the vehicle from and wanted a refund. When they were denied, the suspect allegedly brandished a gun pushing his way into the apartment and made threats to shoot him. Two suspects were arrested out of this case and are awaiting trial. Flock was used to identify the suspect/suspect vehicle.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

At the end of 2024, the department was able to acquire the two drones applied for and granted through the Ohio EMA grant from 2022. In anticipation of receiving the drones, Lt. Chris Coburn, who is the department's UAS Coordinator, led the effort to train several officers to obtain a Remote Pilot Certificate from the FAA under the FAA's Small UAS Rule (Part 107). The PD has seven currently certified pilots and the MCFD has one as well. The pilots also attended training on the specific drone in use.

The drones are primarily meant and designed for indoor use. In their short time in use, the drone has already been used once to help clear a house where a domestic violence suspect was thought to have access to firearms. This makes it a much safer option for officers and all others involved when going into an unknown and potentially dangerous situation.

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.

Marion County ended the year with at least 16 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 change with finalized reports being submitted. We ended 2024 with at least 84 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. Compared to 2023, these numbers indicate a 64% decrease in fatal drug overdoses and a 50% decrease in reported drug overdoses. This is a testament to the combined efforts of our law enforcement personnel, court system, medical professionals, drug prevention and drug treatment programs in Marion County.

The primary drug responsible for overdoses is fentanyl, again, replacing heroin. This includes fentanyl analogs such as furanyl fentanyl 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 5,000 times more than heroin, 10,000 times more potent than morphine, and 100 times more than fentanyl.

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 extremely dangerous because they frequently appear identical to legitimate prescription pills, and the user is likely unaware of what they are truly using and just how lethal they can be.



Richard Wheeler
Lieutenant



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On a day-to-day basis, MARMET was led by 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 served as the analyst for MARMET for the majority of 2024, leaving to pursue other professional endeavors. In December of 2024, K9 Stash retired from duty after serving the citizens of Marion County for 10 years.

MARMET is a self-sufficient operation, with tax dollars being spent only on the salaries of the people assigned to the unit. All other operating costs are met through monies seized from offenders of drug investigations. In 2024, the Drug Task Force seized in total \$63,747, a 55% increase from 2023. 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.

Lt. Wheeler was an active member of the MARC Court (Drug Court) treatment team with Judge Teresa Ballinger in 2024. MARMET knows we cannot arrest everyone connected to illegal drugs in Marion County and make the drug issue go away. We also know that treatment 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.

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 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.

MARMET had many noteworthy cases in 2024:

January 24th: Marmet Drug Task Force Detectives served a narcotics search warrant in the 700 block of Silver St, approximately 300 feet away from Hayes Elementary School. During this search, approximately 67 grams of crack cocaine, a firearm, and other evidence consistent with drug trafficking were seized. This case is still awaiting trial.

February 21st: Marmet Drug Task Force Detectives served three narcotics related search warrants in the City of Marion, with the assistance of the Marion Special Response Team, the Marion City Police Department, and Marion County Sheriffs Office. During the searches, Detectives seized approximately 32.7 grams of crack cocaine, a firearm with several high-capacity magazines, and other items associated with drug trafficking and drug manufacturing. Marcus Pickens was charged, convicted, and sentenced to 72 months (6 years) in prison.

February 26th: Marmet Drug Task Force Detectives, with the assistance from the Marion City Police Department and Marion County Sheriffs Office, served a narcotics related search warrant in the 500 block of Swiss Dr, less than 600 feet from Garfield Elementary School. During the search, approximately 118 grams of methamphetamine, two firearms, and other evidence associated with drug trafficking were located. Ultimately, Curtis Sexton was charged, convicted, and sentenced to 7-10 years in prison.

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March 13th: Marmet Drug Task Force Detectives served a narcotics related search warrant in the 200 block of Neil Ave. During the search, approximately 410 grams of cocaine was located, along with other evidence associated with drug trafficking. Ulyseus Sims Jr was charged, convicted, and sentenced to 7-10 ½ years in prison.

August: In the last week of August of 2024, MARMET Drug Task Force Detectives served a total of seven narcotics related search warrants as a result of four separate drug trafficking investigations. As a result of this work, approximately 427 grams of methamphetamine, 124 grams of crack/cocaine, 475 grams of fentanyl, 265 various controlled Rx pills, \$26,279, seven firearms, and two vehicles were seized. This was a busy week for detectives with positive results for the community. As a result, a total of eight people were charged with various crimes and are awaiting trial.

November 22nd: MARMET Drug Task Force Detectives were tasked with working the theft of firearms from Rural King. MARMET Detectives were assisted in this investigation by the Marion Police Department and Marion County Sheriffs Office Detective Bureaus. Ultimately, all of the stolen firearms were recovered, and a total of four people were charged with various crimes in connection with this incident.

Lt. Richard Wheeler
MARMET Drug Task Force

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Cases	548	326	184	266	265	284	210
Indictments	581	546	426	591	419	300	303
Search Warrants	193	186	184	163	145	116	134
Drug Education	40	34	20	24	15	24	20
Money Seized	\$783,088	\$80,310.49	\$100,947.35	\$79,625	\$62,265	\$28,928	\$63,747
Heroin/Fentanyl	546.34g	469g	1,214.41g	1,835.3g	2,196.4g	1,765.3g	2,057g
Cocaine	163.2g	521.2g	215.94g	524.6g	645.7g	586.3g	3,449.3g
Crack Cocaine	335.9g	344.7g	272.6g	927.4g	789.3g	644.2g	1,053.5g
Methamphetamine	No Data	1,091.54g	1,415.3g	1,506.5g	2,876.7g	1,684g	2,404.5g
Prescription Drugs (pills)	1,523.6	2,115.3	1,288.8	1,037	5,519	1,704	1,749
Guns	187	236	210	196	236	128	89



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MPACT REPORT

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It was another busy year in 2024 for the MPACT program at the Marion City Police Department. I continue to develop new ways for officers to engage the community both in a fun and impactful way as well as build relationships within the community at all different levels. In addition, I am very active with the community to work towards common goals for a healthy, safe place to work and raise a family. We continued with most of the programs that we do each year and expanded on some and developed new programs, as well.

I was very fortunate this year to have the opportunity to attend some outstanding training. The Marion Crawford Prevention Programs once again took me to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America conference in Washington DC. Thanks to the American Legion 162, I was able to travel to Atlanta, GA for the Professionalizing Law Enforcement Community Engagement Training. The highlight of this conference for me was a talk given by the last two remaining members of Martin Luther King Jr.'s inner circle. I was also able to attend the Ohio Crime Prevention Association's annual conference where we were recognized along with Victim's Assistance for our *Remember My Name* program as the Crime Prevention Program of the Year for the State of Ohio. Lastly, Lt. Harris and I also attended the Ohio Traffic Safety Summit. I was also recognized by Starfish Assignment in December with their "Making a Difference" Award.

In January, we completed our first curriculum on Interactions with the Police with the junior government classes at Harding High School. For months after this, we realized the impact this had. I have had students that approached asking for us to come back and speak with this class this year before they graduate. I was also approached by students who told me that this class really made them think and even one student that said he is now considering pursuing law enforcement as a career.

Speaking of this, our Cadets program continues to flourish. If the kids had the choice, we would probably meet at least once a week. Our numbers have remained consistent at about fifteen kids. Most other agencies we meet with at competitions express how envious they are at the number of kids we have involved. Currently, the cadets usually meet three times a month as well as a week long camp in the summer. They have become more involved in community service projects as well as fundraising to make this program self-sufficient. This year, the cadets held their first annual car show and Mahala Williams was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution as the Cadet of the Year.

This spring we also rolled out our new MPACT DYL program at Grant Middle School. This ten week program was completely developed by Officer Gery and myself. We had our second session this fall and continue to tweak how the program runs. We had nine students in the spring and eight in the fall.

Another program we started to implement this year in our schools is "Buckle Up with Brutus." This is a seatbelt/ booster seat safety course developed by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office in partnership with the Ohio State University. So far, we have presented this to all the 2nd grade classes at McKinley, Garfield and Hayes. The kids have been extremely engaged and have a lot of fun with it while learning. The feedback from the teachers has also been very



Ed Brown
Lieutenant



positive. In addition to this, we have also recognized several students from multiple schools as our “Super School Citizens” for being those kids who are already doing all the right things.

Our last program that we do in our schools is also the first one that we implemented when I took over this MPACT program: Books and Badges. This continues to be overwhelmingly popular. This year, we ran this program nineteen times, visiting fifty-three different classrooms. A huge thank you to our partners in this program that make this happen, 2nd and Seven Foundation and especially Starfish Assignment. Both organizations provide us with enough books that each of the kids get a copy to take home and share with their families. Starfish also provides us with books that we hand out at our other MPACT events as well as other items we use throughout the year.

Another cool new partnership I developed this year was with Wilson Sporting Goods. This year, Wilson donated fifty footballs so officers could have them in their cruisers to spark interactions with kids. Wilson liked this idea so much that they asked if they could do this same program with other departments. Later in the year, when discussions started up about opening the Rec Center, Wilson donated ten basketballs, ten volleyballs, and ten footballs to be used in the center.

We were fortunate to showcase our City a little this year to a bunch of first time visitors due to the solar eclipse on April 8th. We had visitors from as far away as Alaska come to town and our parks were filled with folks. Our officers spread out throughout the city, greeting people and having positive interactions. The feedback was fabulous.

It is essential to support outside agencies that are working to make Marion a healthy, safe community where people want to live and work and raise their families. This aligns with our Mission. I served my second year as the Chairman of the Drug Free Marion Coalition and continued with my position on the Chamber of Commerce Safety Council Steering Committee, Youth Service Collaboration, the safety teams for St. Mary School and Buckeye Community School, the Marion City Schools District Threat Assessment Team, and the vice chair of the Hand of Hope Board. In addition, I was asked to be on the Mayor’s Senior Task Force and the Family and Children First Council. I was also appointed to the Marca Board of Directors.

This year, we continued with our community education programs which remain very popular. I presented the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events four times this year. Another program which has become highly requested is a de-escalation course that I created. It was presented four times this year over and above the one time that I stopped up to speak with the MTC Academy class. In addition to this, I presented an internet safety course twice this year as well as a course on situational awareness two times. I was asked to talk with seniors twice this year about scams and I also spoke with two different church safety teams about best practices. I spoke with two different groups about general, personal safety topics and the Marion Rentor’s Association about squatters. We also presented our Women’s Self Defense course in partnership with Victim’s Assistance in the Spring and Fall. We did our one day course for Mother’s Day once again this year. We were able to present an even more condensed version to two other organizations, as well. I made five different visits to the MARCA workshop this year to speak with the clients about various safety topics relevant to the time of year. Lastly, I completed six different security assessments for various non-profit organizations in town.

We were very fortunate this year to be able to start off the year with a \$5000.00 grant from Marion Community Foundation. With this money, we were able to buy T-shirts for the first time in several years. We were proud to

announce that MARCA printed the shirts for us this year. We received this grant once again this year. Our community also stepped up big time to support us. VFW Post 584 donated \$3000.00 for us to be able to buy shoes for kids in need. Our friends at Sahara Columbus and Feed the Kids Columbus continue to support us with food to help out kids who are less fortunate. We also had many other donations made specific to different events we hosted.

We visited and participated in a number of community events this year and were regular participants at the Kingston Men's Breakfast. We also continued to foster our relationship with the LGBTQ+ Coalition, attending several of their events. We also made visits to the Exploratorium, several different day care facilities, the YMCA summer day camp and the Jerzee's story time. I also participated in four different community programs focused directly on senior citizens and their needs. Early in the year, we learned of a young man that had lost his father unexpectedly. The dad had promised to make him a lemonade stand. We partnered with the MCSO Serve program and built this little boy a lemonade stand. We also got to celebrate Tony's 100th birthday at Kingston. We helped Meals on Wheels once again with their Community Champions week.

We continued to build upon our relationship with the developmentally disabled playing kickball and cornhole with the clients at Wings of an Angel and volleyball with the Special Olympic athletes. We had a great turnout for the annual Special Olympics Torch Run. This year, Lt. Elliott and I also had the opportunity to help with Special Olympics in Columbus. Lt. Elliott and Ranger visited the "Olympic Village" for a meet and greet. I had the opportunity to hand out the awards at the track and field venue.

As an example of all the events we attend, during the month of October, we had officers at all six elementary school Halloween programs, the Trail of Treats at Tallgrass Trails, the Ohio Health and Board of Developmental Disabilities Trunk or Treat events, The Monster March downtown, Harding's Fall Festival and officers in seven locations for Beggar's Night.

In addition to attending all these other community events throughout the year, we also hosted our fair share. This year, we held five different Hotdogs and Heroes events across the City. We were at the Fairview Apartments, as well as McKinley, Hayes, Harrison and Taft Elementary Schools. These have really grown and we have several community partners that join with us to make these an event.

This year, we also held a separate back to school event in which we partnered with many different organizations, including ten different barbershops and salons. Our Buzzes and Backpacks resulted in us being able to hand out twenty-five vouchers for shoes as well as another fifty pairs of shoes. We also gave out six hundred backpacks and hundreds of hair cuts. In total, we had fifteen barbers with ten at a time cutting hair for the entire five hours straight of this event. The event was overwhelmingly successful with a lot of people in attendance but the plan is to build this program next year by inviting all the county schools to set up resource stations.

For the first time in ten years, our National Night Out celebration had to be cancelled due to the threat of serious storms. We re-scheduled and had to make some adjustments as a number of our community partners were not available for the new date but it went off without a hitch. We had a good crowd and everyone seemed to have a good time.

At the beginning of October, we held our Coffee with a Cop event at the Remnant. We also, with the help of our chaplains, held our Faith and Blue event. This year, we changed our location for this to Founder's Park. We tried

to do a back yard BBQ theme with yard games, music, hotdogs and a couple of bounce houses. Each year, the crowd gets a little larger and the new location seemed to help. Everyone had a great time.

The last event that we held this year was our annual Cops, Cookies and Cocoa. We changed locations for this, as well, holding it this year at the soon to open Rec Center. We had a very good turn out and a number of community partners helped us pull this off. Kids could meet with Santa, write letters to him, make ornaments, plus get free cookies, cocoa, and take home snack bags as well as books.

In addition to all of this, I was able to get two different Neighborhood Watch programs started up, the first one is with the Fairview Apartments. Speaking with the management and tenants up there, though, we have set this up to be a virtual watch program where most communication happens through the Nextdoor app. The second watch program is the MLK Neighborhood Watch Association.

I also spent time to prepare for my transition back to Patrol and to leave my predecessor, Officer Caleb Rector in a good place. It was not until I started this process that I realized the amount of work that I put in and how deep of an impact that you can make in the community. I have the upmost confidence in Officer Rector and think that he will continue to make a huge MPACT in our community and in the lives of the people in our community. I look forward to seeing how he builds upon this program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Ed Brown

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL SRO REPORT

As the School Resource Officer at Harding High School in 2024, my role went far beyond just maintaining security; I was an integral part of the school community, dedicated to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all students and staff. I've built many new relationships with staff and students. Assistant principal, Mr. Yinger and I collaborated to continue conducting the safety drills for the year. Lt. Brown and I finished the last sections of the "Interaction with Peace Officer" curriculum in the government classes. I attended many sporting events to support the students and ensure safety. With the new year underway after winter break, my responsibilities continued to be imperative, and my presence was shown throughout various aspects of school life.

In the spring, prom was the much anticipated event. Lt. Brown, Officer Gery, 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. All of the SRO's provided security at the Palace for the Prom dance.

I attended the Marion County Public Safety Cadets meetings as a mentor/instructor. I instructed the topics of Domestic Violence and Juvenile Laws and Procedures on separate occasions. At the beginning of the year, the Cadets held a firearm raffle as a fundraiser. Then on May 18, 2024, the Public Safety Cadets held their First Annual Car Show to raise funds for competitions and equipment. 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 at Harding High School. I got back in the swing of things by attending weekly administration team meetings on Monday mornings to insure our best communication and school safety. 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. There were several new teachers so I walked around to each classroom to talk about the safety folder and see if they had any questions about safety drills.

Overall, it was a successful year at Harding High School as the school resource officer. Head Principal Dr. Bolden and assistant principals are 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.

Respectfully submitted,
SRO Dena Benroth



Dena Benroth
School Resource Officer

Charge	
Aggravated Menacing	2
Assault	6
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles	1
DOC Fighting	2
Felonious Assault	1
Illegal Conveyance of Weapons	1
Menacing	3
Obstructing Official Business	1
Possession of Marijuana	2
Telecommunications Harassment	2
Unruly Juvenile	7

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL SRO REPORT

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

During the second half of the 2023-2024 school year, Lt Brown was able to put on a CRASE training class at Grant Middle School. Teachers were very receptive to the training and had lots of questions after it. This engaged a lot of conversations about how to layout and prepare their classrooms.

On a daily basis, I try and stop into the in-school suspension (ALC) room, the emotionally disturbed (ED) room, and also the Grant Alternative Program (GAP). This helps me build rapport with these students.

I have also been able to attend many winter and spring sports during the last half of the school year. Many students recognize that I am there and it helps engage in conversations about how they are competing in their sports.

During spring break myself, Officer Gabriel, and Officer Monnette were able to deliver “blessing bags” and goodie bags to students. We were able to speak with many students during their time off of school.

There was no school on April 9th, but the experience of the Eclipse was a talking point for many of the students. It was an awesome experience.

Lt Brown and I ran the first class of DYL. This is a very good program for Developing Youth Leaders. There has been a good response to the program and I have had many students ask about being involved next school year. We also had a graduation where we went to Coopers Bowl and had pizza with the group.

The 2023-2024 school year was a great year and I looked forward to start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Prior to the 2024-2025 school year starting, I put out a short Safety Brief by email to the staff at Grant Middle School. This is just to remind them of the basics as we operate from day to day. The simple things like keeping their doors locked and closed while in class, policing their hallways in-between classes, and knowing what is normal and what is not. Then, if you See Something, Say Something. There is other additional info in the Safety Brief email like a QR code to a video from the FBI about Run, Hide, Fight. I send a Safety Brief out every couple months as a reminder of things staff can do to keep everyone safe.

I also spoke with all of the new 6th grade students briefly during their first day in the school and talked about if you See Something, Say Something.

During the first half of the 2024-2025 school year, a normal school day consisted of stopping at bus stops, greeting students as they entered and exited 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 learned a lot of names and am glad to know a lot of the students.

Unfortunately in September, we had an incident where I took a handgun off of a student. I wanted to thank



Rob Gery
School Resource Officer

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the Police Department and Marion City Schools on their stellar response to assist in this incident.

I was also fortunate to be able to go to Harding's homecoming dance. It was great to see so many of last year's 8th graders. Their transition into 9th grade seemed to be going well.

I also attended Harding's fall festival. It was a great event and was much larger than last year's. I sat at Grant Middle School during Beggars Night. It was fun to see so many of Grant Middle School's students and their families.

During the day to day operations at the school, I have many opportunities to mentor students on appropriate behavior at school and in the community. I have also been able to attend fall and winter sports at Grant. This continues to help build rapport with these young student athletes.

I attended a Thanksgiving Feast put on by the Specialized Learning Centers (SLCs). The food was excellent and it was fun interacting with the students during this meal.

Over Thanksgiving Break 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.

In December, I was able to help with the Cops, Cocoa, and Kids. Fun was had by all and we got to interact with several Grant Middle School students.

Myself and Officer Monnette were able to go out and deliver "blessing bags" this year. Lt Brown got a donation of bags again from Sahara Columbus.

We also had several hundred goodie bags left over from Cops, Cookies, and Cocoa. My daughter wanted to come with me on Christmas Eve to hand out some of the bags. She had a lot of fun meeting all of the Grant Middle School Students and their families. It was awesome connecting with all of the Grant Middle School Students outside of School.

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

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL SRO REPORT

End of 2023-2024 School Year	Beginning of 2024-2025 School Year
2024-00129 Inducing Panic	2024-03658 Unruly Juvenile
2024-00165 Disseminating Matters Harmful to Juveniles	2024-03676 DOC Fighting
2024-00354 Assault	2024-03844 Illegal Conveyance of a Weapon, Inducing Panic, and CCW
2024-00473 Disseminating Matters Harmful to Juveniles	2024-03915 Disorderly Conduct
2024-00543 Possession of a Weapon in School Safety Zone	2024-04057 Possession of Marijuana
2024-00643 Unruly Juvenile (GAP)	2024-04085 DOC Fighting
2024-00657 DOC Fighting	2024-04299 Assault, Felonious Assault, Resisting, Rioting
2024-01073 Officer Wanted	2024-04619 Unruly Juvenile
2024-01391 Possession of Marijuana and Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	2024-04840 Assault
2024-01464 Theft	2024-04924 Unruly Juvenile
2024-01702 Domestic Violence	2024-04982 Disorderly Conduct
2024-01901 DOC Fighting	2024-04984 Possession of Marijuana
	2024-04987 Criminal Damaging, Disorderly Conduct, Unruly Juvenile
	2024-05234 Assault and Disorderly Conduct

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

I finished the 2024 school year still assigned to George Washington Elementary School, Taft Elementary School, Benjamin Harrison Elementary School, and the Grant Alternative Program located at Grant Middle School. As the new school year began in August of 2024, Marion City Schools made a change and the Grant Alternative Program transitioned into a reinforced classroom within Grant Middle School and I was no longer assigned to go there on a day to day basis.

I continue to represent the Police Department teaching a portion of the Safety City Program. During the year I have taught 17 sessions of the class. It continued to be a great way to interact with the young kindergarten age children in our community. Other programs I have been involved with on a regular basis are Books and Badges and the Citizen of the Month Program. New to this school year is a program called Buckle Up with Brutus. It will be taught to every 2nd grade classroom in Marion City Schools. Officer Monnette and I will be working together on this program. It educates the students and provides information to the parents about the laws for booster seats and demonstrates the importance of why using a booster seat properly highly increases the chances of keeping them safe should an accident happen. Officer Monnette has finished with all of his schools during the first half of the school year and I will be finishing all my schools during the second half.



Shane Gabriel
School Resource Officer

Respectfully,
SRO Shane Gabriel

Charge	
Assault	3
Menacing	1
Sexual/Physical Abuse Cases	10
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Violence	1

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

I assist the schools by helping out with the car loop line. This gives me a chance to greet the students as they come and go from school.

During my walk throughs of the buildings, I go into classrooms and participate with students during art, gym, recess, instruction time, and break times. I also check to make sure exterior building doors are closed and locked and classroom doors handles are locked.

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

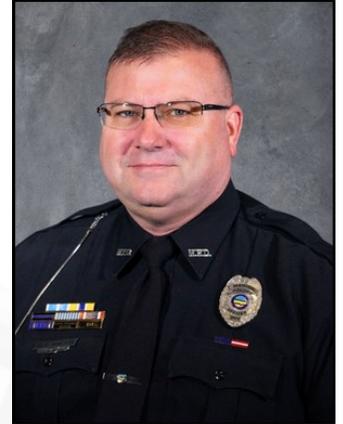
Officer Gabriel and I introduced a new presentation to the second grade classes called Buckle Up with Brutus. We talk to second grade students about seat belt safety which involves booster seat safety. Students learn how to properly sit in the booster seat until they reach a certain age or height. So far, eight second grade classrooms have completed the Brutus Buckle Up presentation.

The Holiday season is great. I got involved in many Holiday events like serving Thanksgiving meals at Garfield Elementary, handing out of nonperishable food items and gift cards to families in need. I also participated in Cops, Kids, and Cocoa with Santa. Students invited me into their individual classrooms for Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

I've 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. MARCS radio testing are completed on the 1st Wednesday of the month during the school year.

Respectfully,
SRO Todd Monnette



Todd Monnette
School Resource Officer

JUVENILE REPORT

During the year, the Marion Police Department handled 272 juvenile cases. Seventy-four (74) of those cases were repeat offenders.

- 84 cases were forwarded to Diversion
- 188 cases were forwarded to Prosecutor's Office
 - * 110 cases with charges filed
 - * 72 cases still under review
 - * 6 no charges were filed

The leading offense for the year was Domestic Violence.

Fifty-one (51) juveniles were issued a citation for traffic violations during the year.

Sabrina Wittkugle



Sabrina Wittkugle
Crime Analyst

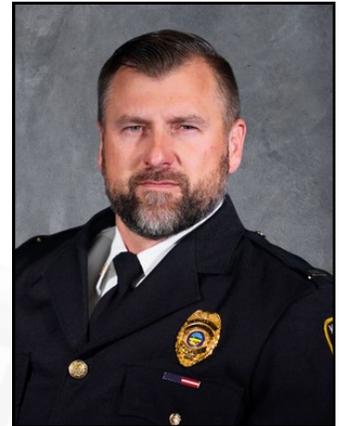


K9 REPORT

In September of 2024, Lt. Wheeler stepped down as the K9 unit supervisor and Lt. Elliott was ordered to take the unit supervisor roll.

In December, K9 Stash retired from the Police Department and the Drug Task Force after 10 years of service. The police department currently has two working dual purpose K9 teams.

In the late summer of 2024, a new K9 cruiser was purchased for K9 Ranger and Lt Elliott and it will be equipped sometime in 2025. Thanks to Protecting K9 Heroes a new heat alarm and door popper system were purchased for the cruiser.



Mark Elliott
Lieutenant



**Lt. Elliott &
K9 Ranger**



**Det. Lowe &
K9 Stash**



**Ofc. Kelly &
K9 Shanel**



K9 REPORT

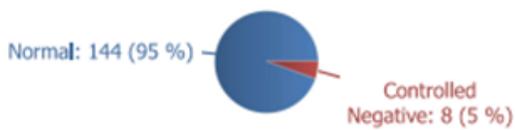
The Unit had 158 deployments for the year.

Our unit trained for over 492 hours.

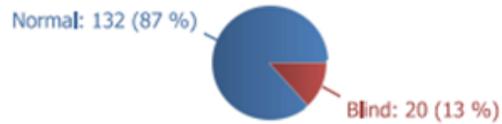
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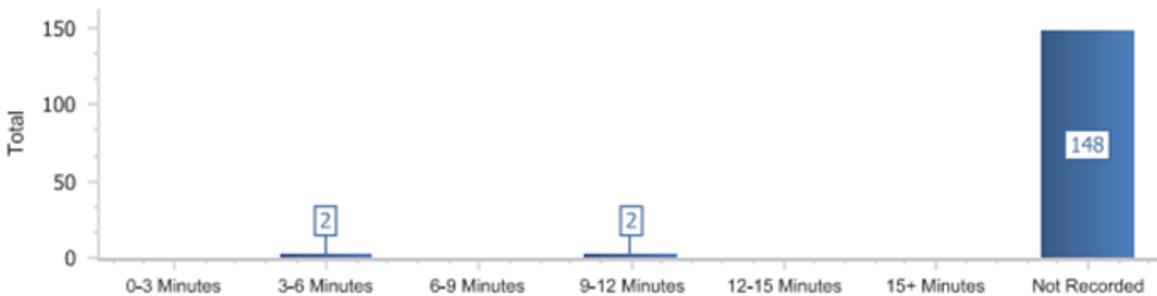
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Blind Detection
Exercises



Detection Exercise Lengths



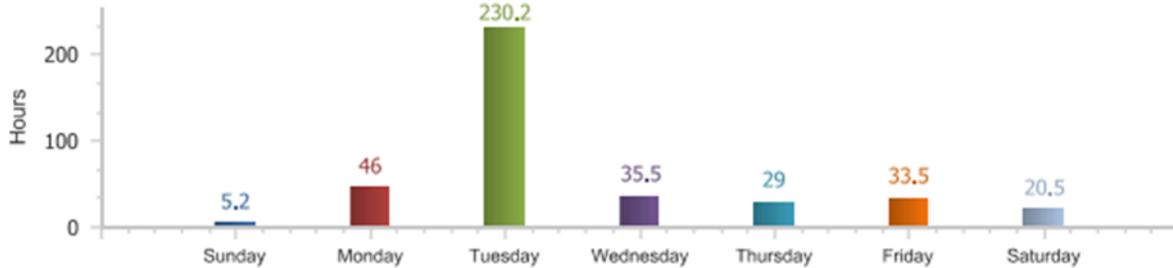


K9 REPORT

Overview

Total Training Time:	400.0 hours	Total Event Duration:	355.0 hours
Events Attended:	121	Avg. Event Time:	2.7 hours
Events With Training:	121	Performed Patrol Exercises:	188
Performed Detection Exercises:	152	Total Class Duration:	45.0 hours
Classes Attended:	6		

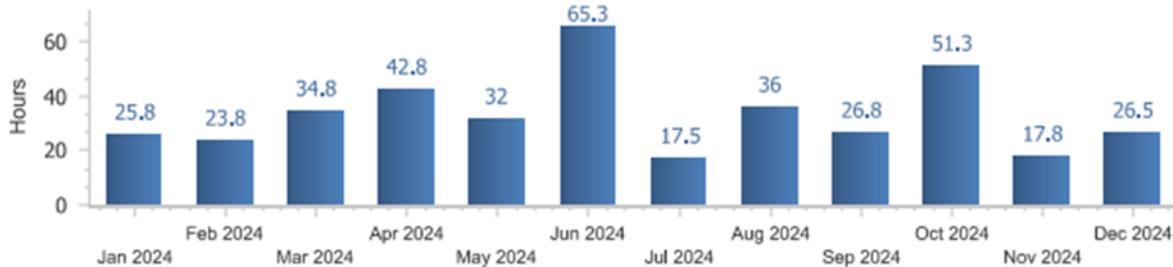
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Training By Week



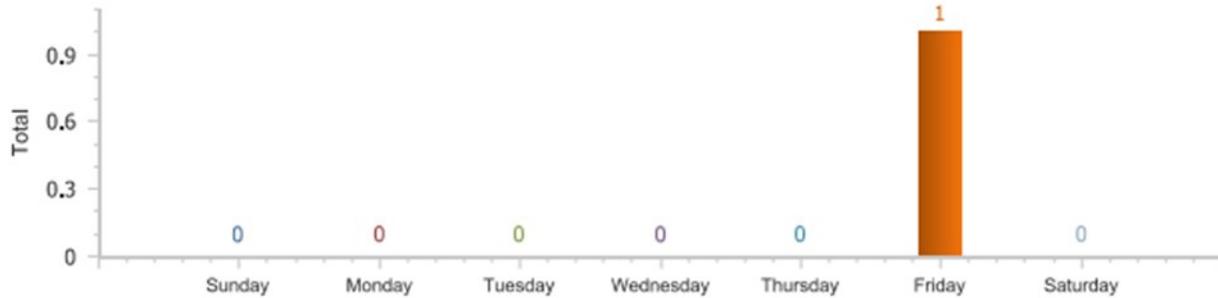
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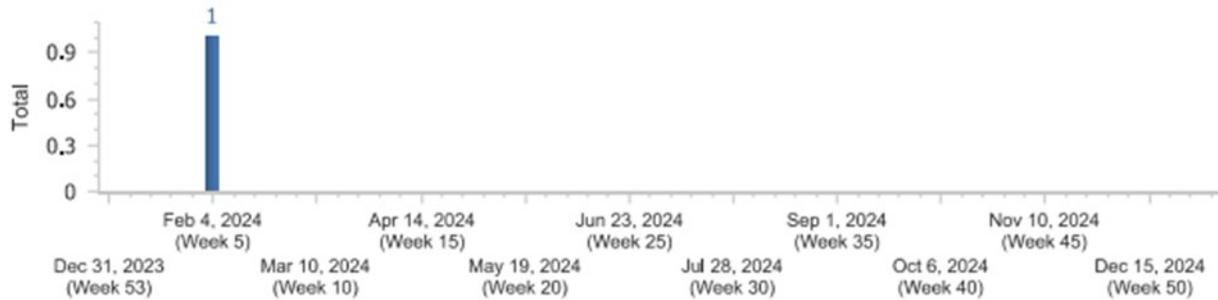


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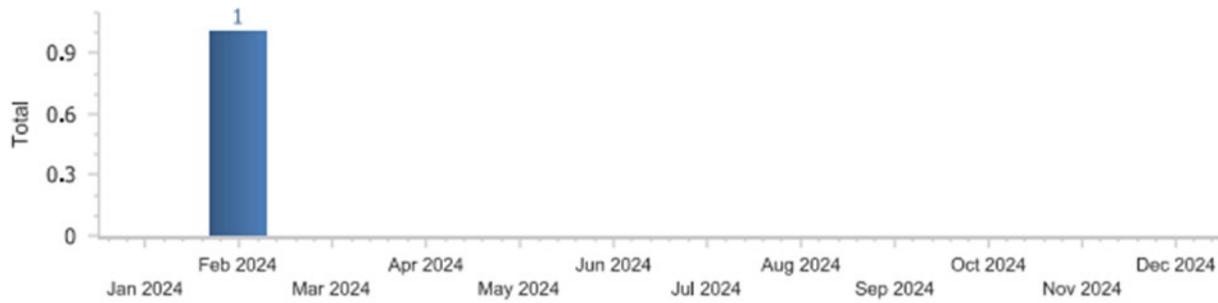
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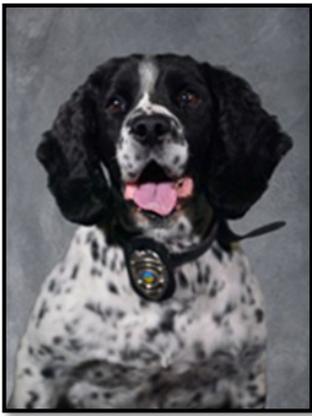


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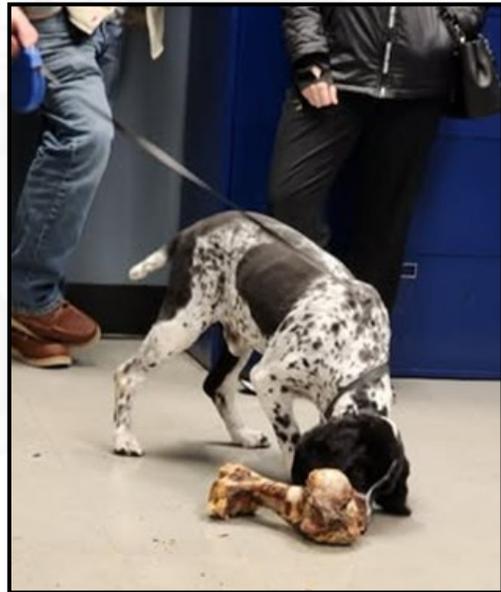


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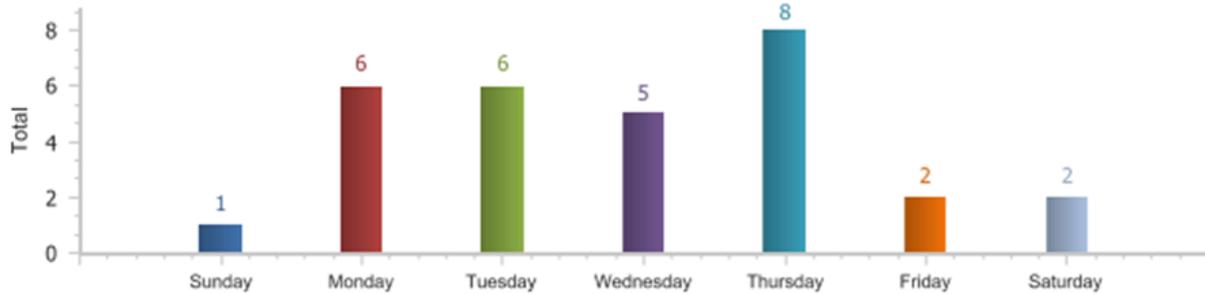
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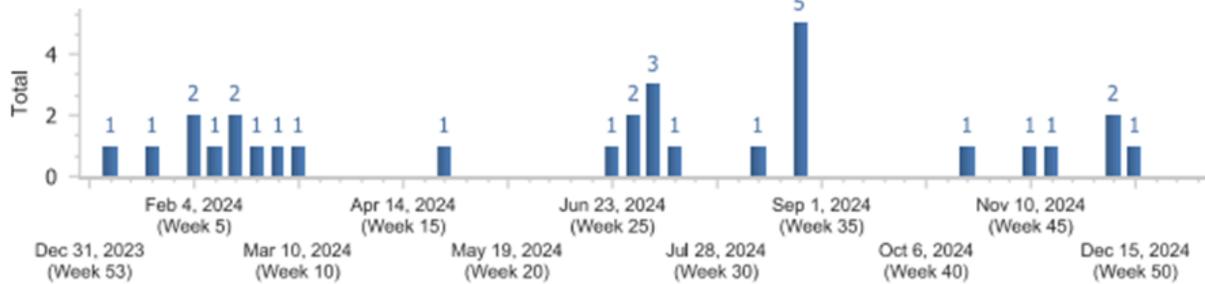


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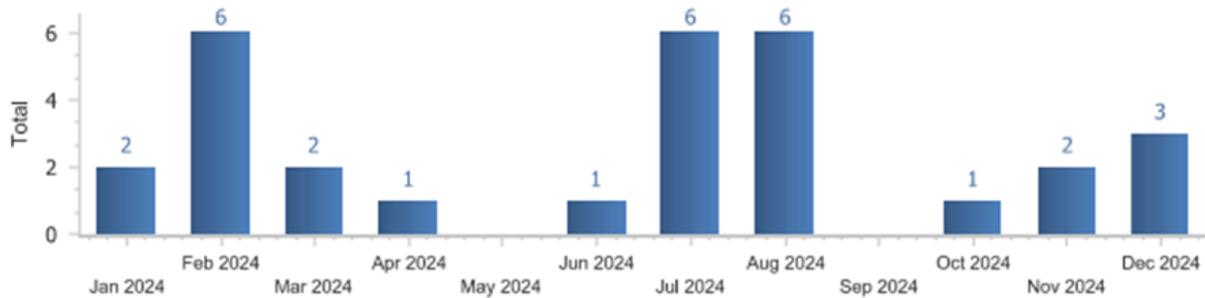
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Deployments By Week



Deployments By Month





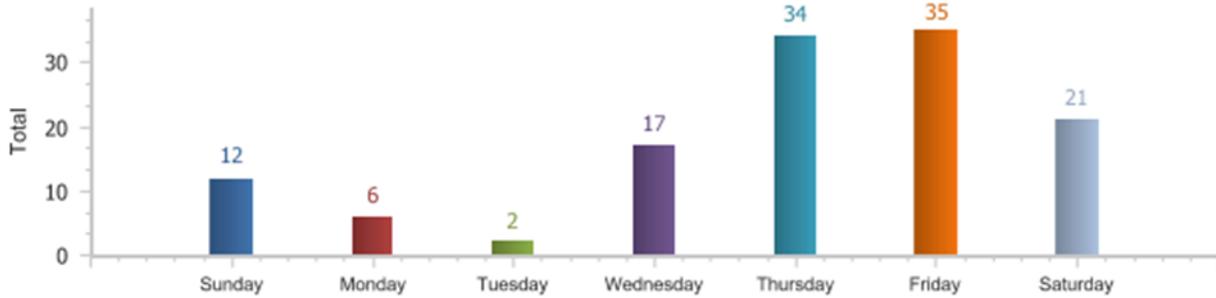
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K9 REPORT - SHANEL

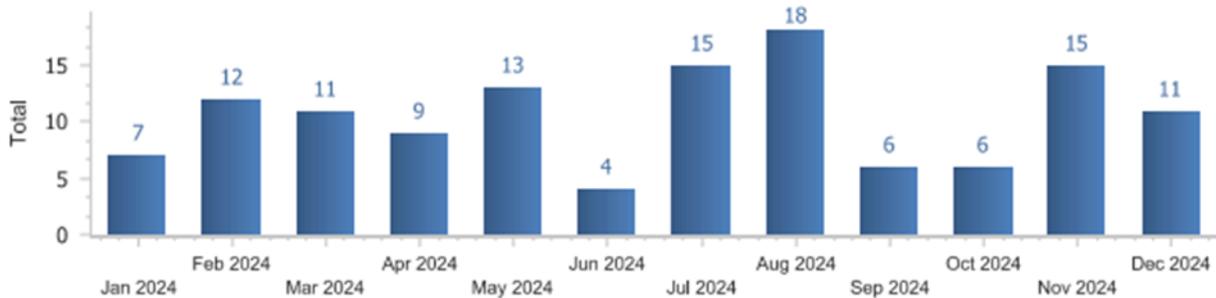
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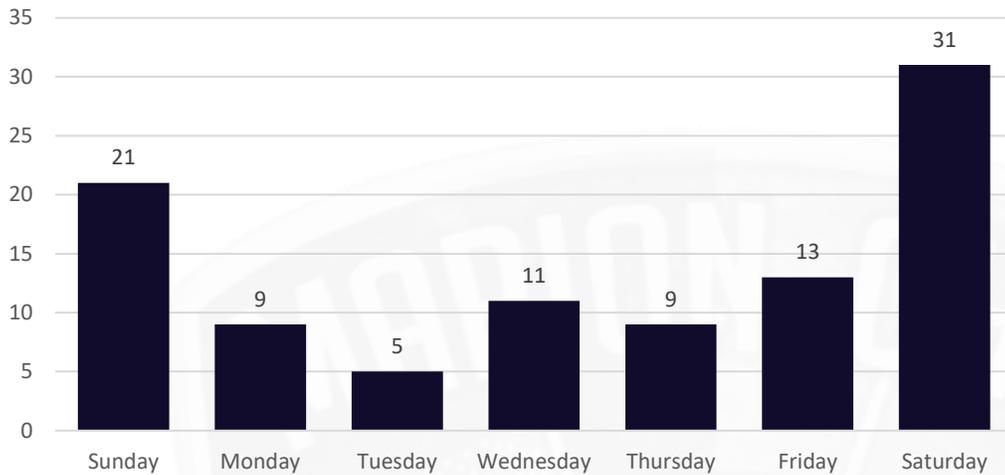


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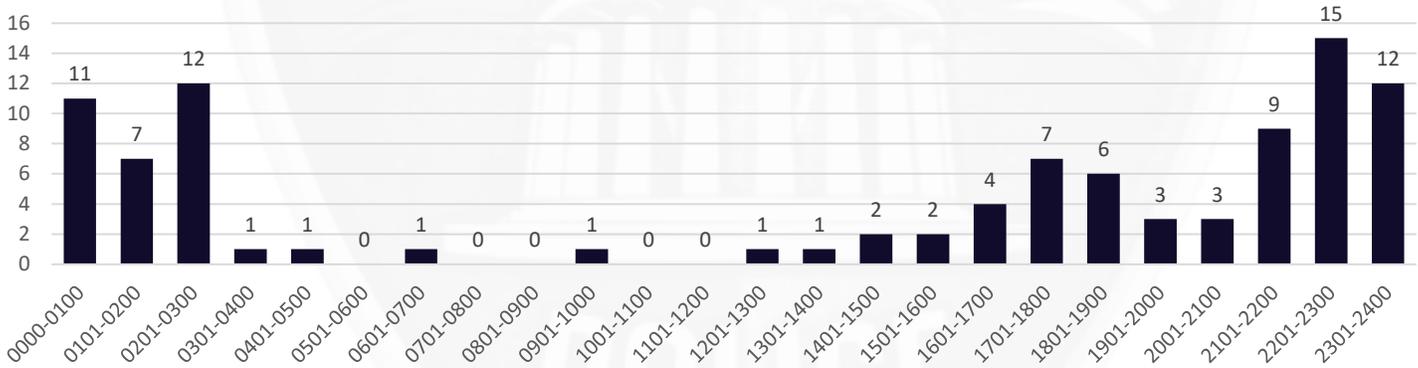
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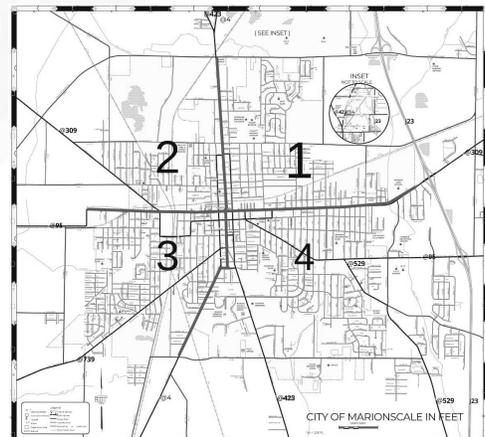
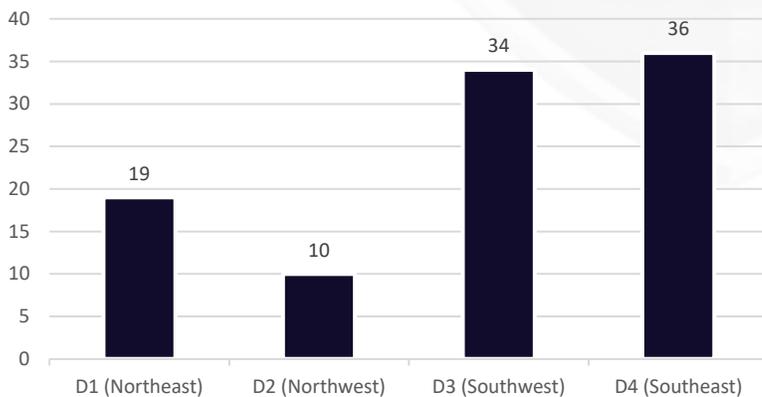


Rob Musser
Lieutenant

TIME OF DAY

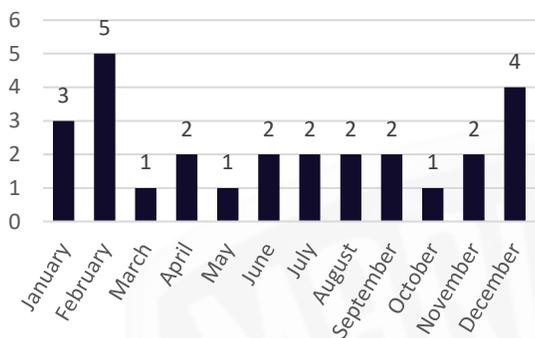


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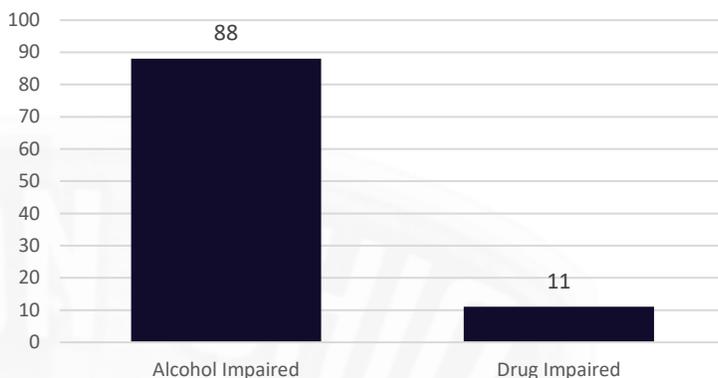


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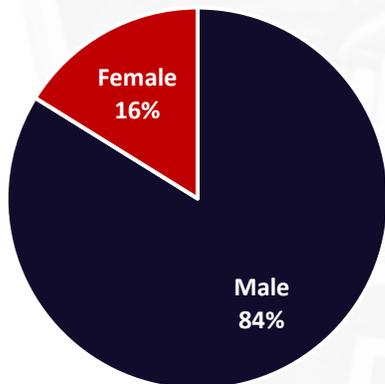
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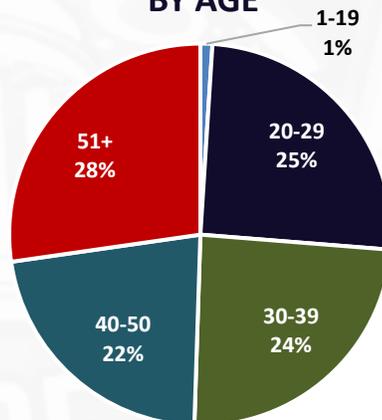
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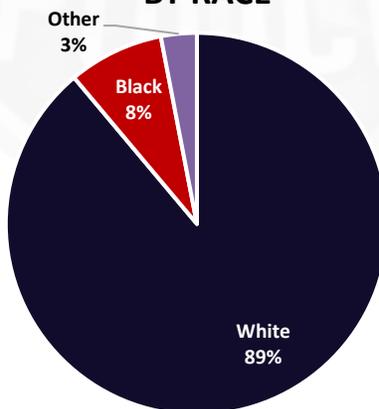
BY GENDER



BY AGE



BY RACE



OVI REPORT

2024 OVI's

Name	Unit #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fitsko	6													0
Elliott	9									1			1	2
Musser	10	1	1								1			3
Robinson	12											1		1
Kindell	14				1									1
Coburn	15						1							1
Reese	16	1	1		2			1	1					6
Delp	17													0
Jagger	18													0
Isom	21													0
Thomas	32						1							1
Smith	40	1												1
Cochell	41													0
Bischoff	42									1				1
Flach	44													0
Kelley	45													0
Walker	47													0
Geurkink	48		1						1					2
Rector	50						1							1
Galyk	51	1					1		1		1	1		5
Kelly	52		1	2	1	1				1	2	1	2	11
Scheff	53													0
Greer	54	1	1	1						2	1		1	7
Beveridge	55					1					1	1		3
Kent	56										1	1		2
Pelphrey	57		3	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1		2	17
Rostorfer	58	3	1		1		2			1				8
Starrs	59											1		1
Mauldin	60								1					1
Lowry	62			1	1	1			1					4
Doubikin	63				1									1
Adair	65								1					1
Childers	66			1										1
Fryman	67		1									2	1	4
Damron	69	1				1		1						3
Decker	70				1						2			3
Thompson	71													0
White	73		1			1								2
Renwick	74						1						1	2
Mallory	75							1	1					2
Sterner	76											1		1
Totals		9	11	6	9	9	8	4	9	7	10	9	8	99

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

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MARION SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

COMMANDER, LT. RYAN WARD

ASST. TEAM COMMANDER, LT. DYLAN REESE



Several changes were brought on in 2024 for the Marion Special Response Team just like in 2023. Late in 2023, Lt. Richard Wheeler received a lateral promotion and transferred to the MARMET Drug Task Force. This change led to him stepping down as the Commander of MSRT. Lt. Wheeler assisted the team for several months in the beginning of 2024 in an advisory role to the new leadership. Lt. Wheeler has dedicated numerous years to MSRT and MPD's Swat team prior to. The team thanked him for his years of selfless service.

Following Lt. Wheeler's departure, Lt. Ryan Ward was selected as the new Commander. Lt. Dylan Reese maintained his role as the Assistant Team Commander. In January of 2024, the team also welcomed Officer Kegan Pelphrey and Officer Matthew Mauldin. One of the first changes made by the new leadership was to divide the team into two. A red team and a blue team were created. This decision was made to make the team more "user friendly" for each agency. This allows MSRT members to be activated with less financial burden if an entire team activation is not necessary for an operation.

With the division of the team, a different command structure was developed. In addition to Lieutenants Ward and Reese, Officer Bret Thomas was named as a Team Leader. Detective Justin May and Officer Mason Bischoff were named as Assistant Team Leaders. Officer Thomas and Detective May were assigned to the red team and Officer Bischoff and Lt. Reese were assigned to the blue team. The rest of the team was divided based on things like skill sets, seniority, abilities, and regular working schedules.

Most of the training in 2024 was completed at the E.A.S.T Group Training Facility. This facility is comprised of several different flat ranges of varying distances, allowing MSRT to train with all weapons platforms, both lethal and less lethal. This facility also provides a live fire shoot house where MSRT can train on room clearing and tactical entries. The team also utilized several vacant homes and commercial buildings throughout the county, the former juvenile prison, and a training facility in Lima, Ohio.

In 2024, MSRT sent 10 team members to the OTOA conference in Sandusky, Ohio. The conference offers a wide array of training courses and at an extremely discounted rate. Those in attendance learned valuable skills in varying areas and brought them back to the team at our monthly training sessions. Also in 2024, most team members were able to attend various "advanced training" courses administered by the OTOA. Deputy Newell and Officer Mauldin attended Basic Swat in May while Deputy Blair and Officer Pelphrey attended the same course in October. In June, Deputies Rinker and Marburger attended Advanced Swat, in September Lt. Reese, Officer Thomas, Officer Bischoff, and Detective May were also able to attend Advanced Swat. Advanced Swat is only offered twice per year. Attendees are given a refresher on Basic Swat

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tactics and then an introduction to hostage rescue tactics. This is an intensive weeklong course that proves extremely valuable. Those that attended brought many skills back to the team. These tactics were rolled out to the rest of the team at the monthly training sessions.

In 2024, the team was activated only four times. Two of these instances were to assist the MARMET Drug Task Force while executing narcotics search warrants. The other two activations were to assist the Marion Police Department with barricaded suspects. Outside of the four formal activations, MSRT assisted with the execution of two other search warrants served by MARMET. These instances did not present a high enough threat level to justify the activation of the entire team. However, the division of the team into two squads allowed MARMET to obtain assistance from a smaller element of MSRT members so the search warrants could be executed safely and efficiently.

In December of 2024, Deputy Rinker resigned from the Marion Special Response Team. Deputy Rinker boasted more than 10 years of SRT experience between MSRT and the former C.A.T. Team and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Rinker was a cornerstone of the team's firearms training and was a senior operator. His dedication and service will be sorely missed.

The 2025 year will bring some changes for the team as well. The team will not be returning to the E.A.S.T. Group training facility and will be looking for new spaces to obtain high quality training. We will be striving to gain some experience training with neighboring county's tactical teams during 2025 and look forward to training with the newly minted Marion PD drone team.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Ryan Ward
Lt. Dylan Reese

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

This year we had a very successful and productive year with the Love your Neighborhood clean-ups. Mayor Collins and Safety Director Robbins authorized and oversaw these cleanups. With help from volunteers from the Health Department, City Zoning Department, and with workers and equipment from the various City Departments, including Sanitation, Streets and Sewer, a large amount of trash/junk, tires, and yard waste was removed. These totals include 480 tons of trash/junk, 77 tons of yard waste, 1740 lbs. of recycling, 642 tires, along with 35 various vehicles either removed or brought into compliance. Numerous dangerous and blighted structures, including burn out houses and falling down buildings/garages were torn down.

I was able to get around 12 abandoned houses boarded up, with some having to be boarded up more than once due to squatters tearing off the boards.

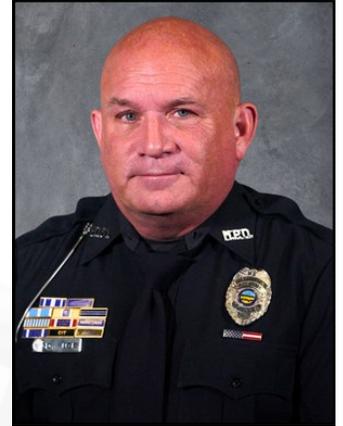
1018 scrap tires were collected from City properties, right of ways, alleys and abandoned properties outside of the scheduled neighborhood clean ups. The City has a Grant with the EPA to dispose of the tires collected. With assistance from the City Service Director, we will be scheduling a free tire drop off for the citizens of Marion in June or July of 2025 at Sawyer-Ludwig Park. Citizens will be able to bring 10 tires per household with an ID or other proof of residency. The total tires disposed of this year, that include the free tire drop-off, the neighborhood clean-ups, and what was just found and picked up during routine patrol, was over 3000.

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. Throughout the year, over 100 cars, trucks, boats, and trailers were either removed or brought into compliance by the owners.

Due to my open schedule, I was also able to go to several 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 of getting properties cleaned of excess garbage and junk vehicles and tires.

Respectfully,
Officer Dan Ice #22



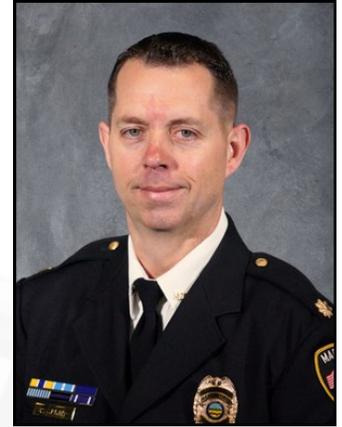
Dan Ice
Officer

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 our policy and goal to promptly investigate and make a finding concerning all allegations of misconduct by members of the Department.

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

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



Chris Adkins
Major

Summary

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

During 2024, 47 complaints were investigated. Internally, 34 complaints were made and, externally, citizens made up 13 complaints. This is an increase of 42% in total officer complaints from 2023. One officer resigned during an internal investigation.

The following outlines the results of the internal affairs investigations for 2024:

	Internal Complaints	External Complaints
Unfounded Complaint	0	0
Proper Conduct	4	8
Insufficient Evidence	1	0
Improper Conduct	23	5
Pending Completion	0	0
Resigned During Investigation	6	0

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

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

	Internal Complaints	External Complaints
Counseling	15	2
Written Reprimand	3	2
Suspension	5	1
Demotion	0	0
Termination	0	0

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins

GRIEVANCE REPORT

The Chief of Police and the City Administration work closely with the members of the police unions to solve any potential labor contract issues. During the 2024 calendar year, a total of two grievances were filed by members of the police unions.

Marion City Police Officers have two separate unions. One union covers the patrol officers known as the Blue Unit and the other union covers the supervisors which is known as the Gold Unit.

Each union in 2024 filed a grievance under section 24.1 Meal Reimbursement. Both grievances were filed in October of 2024. During a meeting with Safety Director Robbins, Chief McDonald, and Union Officials, the Union and City Officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify contract language to reach a compromise.

The agreement between the parties involved shows a great working relationship with officers of the Marion City Police and the City Administration.

Respectfully,
Major Chris Adkins
Grievance Coordinator



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.

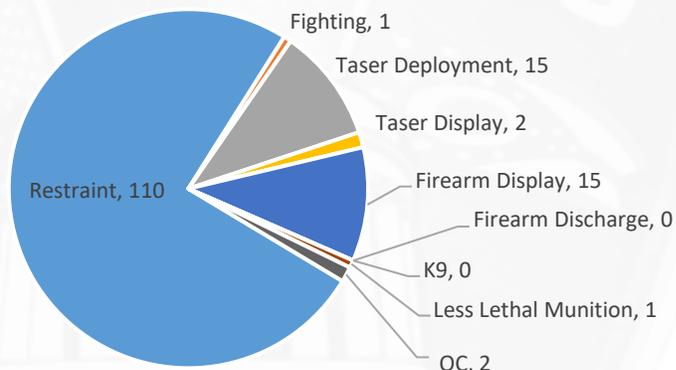
The Use of Force policy of the Marion Police Department requires that a written report be completed every time there is a use of force on anyone. Every use of force report is then investigated by the officer's supervisor, reviewed by that supervisor's Major, and then reviewed again by the Chief of Police. In 2024, we had 146 uses of force.



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

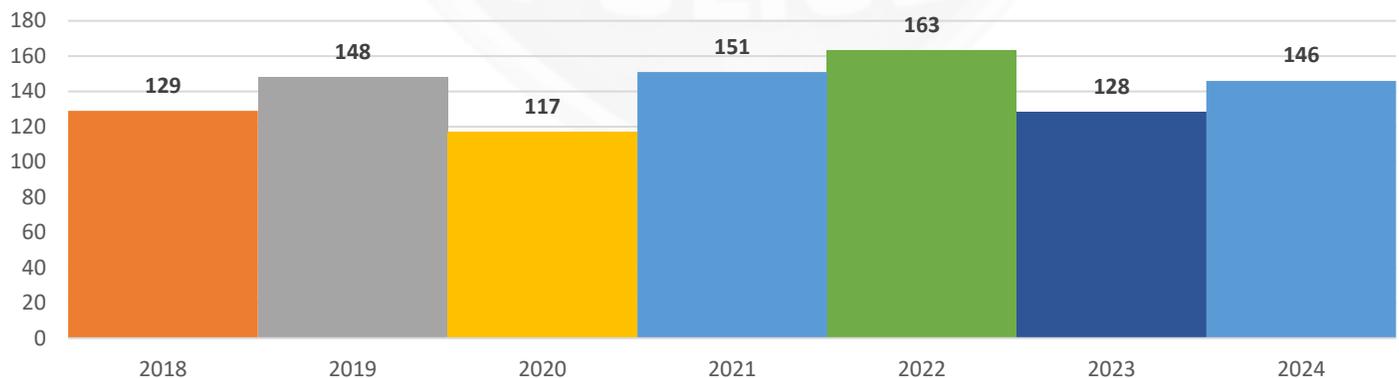
Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald

Summary of 2024 Use of Force Incidents



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

Total Use of Force Incidents by Year



VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT

The Marion Police Department engaged in 12 vehicle pursuits in 2024. This is a decrease over the 17 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 12 pursuits reported, four had technical violations of the policy, such as unclear radio traffic. No policy violations that required formal discipline occurred.

Three of the twelve pursuits lasted less than one minute. Three of the pursuits lasted between one minute and two minutes. Two lasted between two and three minutes. One lasted about four minutes, two lasted about five minutes and another lasted about 12 minutes. The average pursuit lasted three minutes and five seconds.

Officers were involved in pursuits with drivers suspected of a shooting, one had a nationwide felony warrant, and several drunk or drugged drivers.

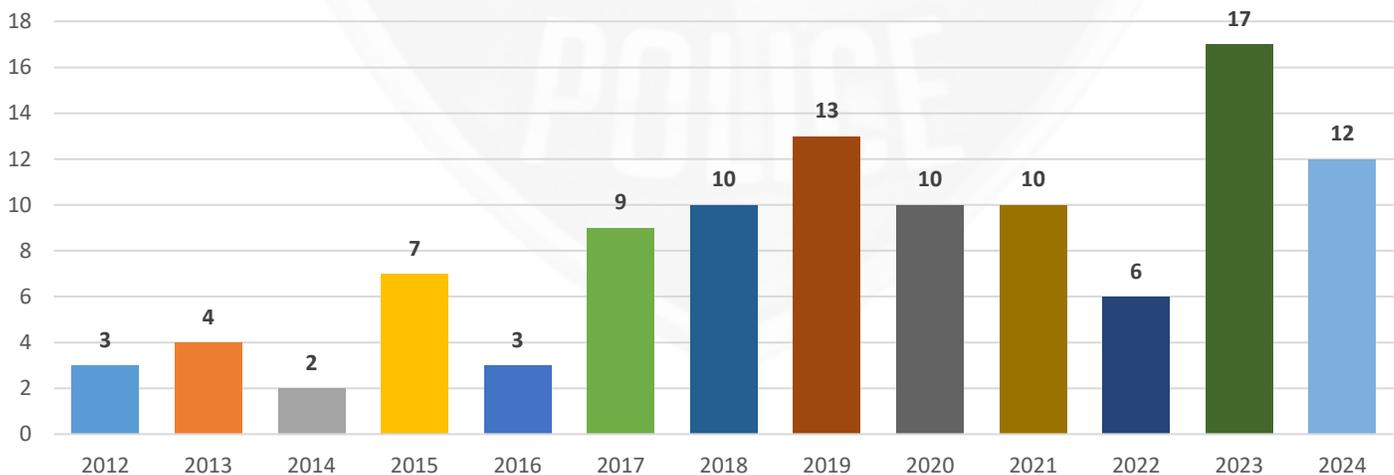
The Marion Police Department has a very strict pursuit policy and the safety of the public and officers is the number one concern. Additionally, all officers with the department receive annual training on the policy.

Respectfully,
Chief Jay McDonald



Jay McDonald
Chief of Police

Vehicle Pursuits by Year



RECRUITMENT & HIRING REPORT

We started off 2024 with the hiring and testing process in January at MPD. With this test, I emailed 33 different academy commanders throughout the state of Ohio with our current job posting and recruitment flyer. We also posted on the College Central Job Consortium and the weekly open jobs site for Ohio Means Jobs and the Office of Law Enforcement Recruiting within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. With the assistance of Officer Fryman and Lt. Delp, we also called sixty-one potential applicants who had left their information on the department's website. Out of this process, Officers Devon Mallory and Patrick Sterner were hired.

We also made several visits throughout the state this year, speaking to college students and academy cadets. On January 30th, Officer Rector visited the Terra State Community College Basic Police Academy. Officer Rector and I visited the Defiance College's Criminal Justice Night on February 5th. Then on the 6th, Officer White and I visited the Wright State University, Lake Campus' Basic Police Academy.

At the end of April, we again started our hiring process. I once again posted this on the new College Central virtual job posting board. I also reached out to all the academy commanders throughout the state and posted this with the Office of Law Enforcement Recruiting. In addition, I learned of the Whova app that is used by the PLECET Conference and has with it, a job board. We posted on this, as well. Officer David Miller was hired from this testing process.

On July 11, we attended a Jobs XP event sponsored by Marion Technical College. This program is for High School Students who are currently enrolled at the college and affords them a first hand look at a career of their choice.

In mid- August, we again started our process for hiring. In addition to our regular posting efforts, we also posted on Handshake's online job board. Their updated job board allowed for me to engage students who showed interest in our posting which is very beneficial. Officers Austin Shaffer, Robyn Nicholson, and Austin Stickney were hired in early January 2025 from this process.

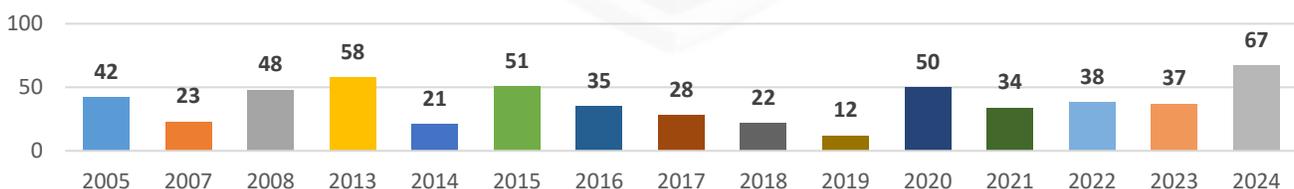
With the three hiring processes in 2024, we also had the total most applications we've had in many years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. Ed Brown



Ed Brown
Lieutenant

Applications by Year



TRAINING REPORT

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Throughout 2024, the Marion City Police Department demonstrated its commitment to professional excellence and inter-agency collaboration by hosting multiple multi-agency training events and actively engaging in state-wide training initiatives across Ohio. This strategic approach to continuous professional development underscores the department's dedication to ensuring its officers are equipped with the most up-to-date knowledge and skills necessary for effective law enforcement.

In March of 2024, Lt. Josh Harris began as the new Administrative Lieutenant. This position had been vacant for numerous years prior to this movement. The position's primary focus was set on department and officer advanced training as well as obtaining grants to increase revenue streams for the Department.

The 2024 year was very busy for training the department. All sworn members of the Police Department successfully completed three rigorous 10-hour training sessions, meeting and exceeding the state-mandated requirement of 24-hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT). Collectively, these sessions accounted for approximately 1,920 hours of training time. This foundational training not only ensures compliance with state regulations but also strengthens the department's operational readiness and cohesion, both internally and externally. Many of the members achieved well over their required 24-hours of state mandated continual training. In total, the department was reimbursed \$41,039.28 dollars from the state of Ohio for all 2024 CPT training.

Beyond fulfilling mandatory requirements, the department prioritized further professional growth by encouraging members to pursue advanced and specialized training in a variety of disciplines. These efforts resulted in an approximate 3,100 hours of additional training, encompassing areas such as investigative techniques, crisis management, leadership development, and emerging technologies in law enforcement. This robust approach brought the department's total training time for the year to an impressive 5,020 hours.

By investing heavily in both required and supplemental training, the Marion City Police Department has reinforced its commitment to excellence, adaptability, and community safety, setting a high standard for law enforcement agencies across the region. This comprehensive dedication to professional development not only enhances individual officer competency but also strengthens the department's collective capacity to serve and protect the community effectively.

Respectfully,
Lt. Josh Harris



Josh Harris
Lieutenant

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

It was another productive year in 2024 for the Property Room. We met our biggest goal that we set for ourselves every year, which is to dispose of more property than what comes in for the year. This past year we were finally able to get a “Drug Terminator” which is an incinerator we use for safely destroying drugs. This has already helped us destroy more drugs in a timelier manner than in previous years.

When looking at stats to complete this report, I noticed that since 2020, the amount of email requests (mostly requests for body cam footage) have steadily increased each year. The requests have now doubled since 2020 going from 710 requests to 1,425 requests this year. These are not only requests from the prosecutor’s office, but also requests from the Records division, which may play some part in the increase, since they have had an increase in body cam requests.

In August of 2024, we started a shelf-by-shelf full audit. During these audits, we are looking at every single case to see if that evidence can be disposed of or needs to be held. If the evidence can be disposed, it is taken off the shelf and is then moved to the designated staging areas in the property room for destruction. After that, the only items left on the shelf are items that are still in the court process. We then run a new report and verify each item on the shelf is there that is supposed to be there. This can be a very time-consuming process but must be done. I estimate that this will take a minimum of two years to go through every shelf in the property room.

Our goals for 2025 will be to continue the full audit and complete “room 2” which is the drug cases room, and hopefully move into “room 1”, which is our largest storage room. Another goal we’d like to set is to get back into forfeiting guns, with the help of MARMET and investigations. We talked to a company this year called Gun Busters. This is a company we can use to destroy guns that do not have much value or can’t be traded in for new duty weapons. This would be another goal, to start destroying guns with this company.

Respectfully,
Amanda Adkins



Amanda Adkins
Property Caretaker

Property Room Stats	2024	2023	2022	2021
Items taken in	3,309	3,139	4,460	4,200
Items disposed of (destroyed or released)	4,722	3,897	2,686	3,062
Videos attached to reports	789	*	*	*
Web links attached to reports	4,355	*	*	*
Email requests	1,425	1,139	1,108	779

**Not tracked*

OHIO HEALTH WELLNESS REPORT

In 2023, MPD received funding from the ARPA First Responders Grant to support the development of a fitness & wellness program, as well as other initiatives related to officer recruitment and retention and mental health support. OhioHealth was chosen to launch the fitness & wellness program in May of 2023 and promptly began offering regular onsite support.

In 2024, Sarah Barada, representing OhioHealth, served as the sole Wellness Consultant. She focused on enhancing officer well-being by providing various resources and opportunities for engagement, such as:

- Group fitness classes
- Exercise program design
- Health coaching
- Fitness assessments
- Body composition analysis
- And more



Sarah Barada
Wellness Consultant

Throughout the year, engagement in program offerings increased significantly. Additionally, the data indicates that those who consistently participated in at least one wellness offering per month have, on average, shown a reduction in body weight and body fat percentage, along with an increase in skeletal muscle mass.

In the final months of 2024, ongoing support has been dedicated to the renovation of the onsite fitness area to allow for improved training potential with more space and new equipment.

Sarah Barada

Outcomes	
TOTAL PARTICIPANT COUNT for Group Fitness Classes:	264
TOTAL Exercise Programs Designed	53
TOTAL Health Coaching Discussions & Consultations	481
% CHANGE between January '24 to December '24 of People Engaged in at least one Wellness Offering Monthly	+36.07%
AVERAGE % of People Engaged in at least One Wellness Offering Monthly	47.2%
% of People Engaged in at least One Wellness Offering in 2024	91.80%

OHIO HEALTH WELLNESS REPORT

Body Composition Analysis

Analysis has been offered each quarter. Of those that have done at least two assessments, the difference was taken between their first result and their most recent result. The average of these differences is as shown:

AVERAGE CHANGE in Body Weight	-3.67 lbs
AVERAGE CHANGE in Skeletal Muscle Mass	+1.9 lbs
AVERAGE CHANGE in % Body Fat	-2.79%

Impact of Wellness Engagement on Body Composition

Only considering those who have completed at least two body composition analysis AND regularly engage in at least one wellness offering per month.

AVERAGE CHANGE in Body Weight	-4.25 lbs
AVERAGE CHANGE in Skeletal Muscle Mass	+1.5 lbs
AVERAGE CHANGE in % Body Fat	-3.05%

FLEET REPORT

CAR #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	ASSIGNMENT	END OF 2024 MILEAGE	END OF 2023 (OR NEW) MILEAGE	APPROX. MILES DRIVEN IN 2024
1	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	RETIRED	109,213	N/A
3	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - CHIEF MCDONALD	51,398	50,690	708
4	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - MAJOR GRUBER	114,201	112,600	1,601
6	2025	FORD	EXPLORER HYBRID	OPERATIONS - K9 ELLIOTT	22	22	0
7	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	RETIRED	141,020	N/A
8	2014	FORD	TAURUS	OPERATIONS	151,114	147,795	3,319
9	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	RETIRED	144,245	N/A
10	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - K9 ELLIOTT	110,150	107,555	2,595
11	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	66,492	55,754	10,738
12	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	INVESTIGATIONS	59,218	54,776	4,442
13	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	OPERATIONS	RETIRED	139,035	N/A
16	2011	FORD	CROWN VIC	ADMIN - CPAAA	134,542	130,780	3,762
18	2004	FORD	EXPLORER	ADMIN - UTILITY USE	107,400	107,045	355
19	2016	DODGE	RAM PROMASTER	ADMIN - OFC RECTOR	24,274	21,633	2,641
20	2019	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	INVESTIGATIONS	47,543	46,069	1,474
22	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	128,872	117,247	11,625
23	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	RETIRED	136,752	N/A
24	2016	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	139,337	125,833	13,504
25	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	99,808	91,534	8,274
26	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	111,556	97,101	14,455
27	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	117,575	102,477	15,098
28	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	103,754	95,629	8,125
29	2018	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	97,509	92,891	4,618
30	2006	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - SRO	136,163	133,338	2,825
31	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	80,696	61,641	19,055
32	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS - K9 KELLY	50,776	48,504	2,272
33	2015	FORD	EXPEDITION	ADMIN - OFC ICE	96,344	91,691	4,653
34	2020	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	68,346	50,864	17,482
35	2020	FORD	F150	OPERATIONS	34,482	27,171	7,311
36	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	58,027	39,896	18,131
37	2021	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	66,082	46,202	19,880
39	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	26,593	8,577	18,016
40	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	18,616	4,216	14,400
41	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	14,031	412	13,619
42	2023	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	9,671	1,349	8,322
43	2024	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	4,348	6	4,342
44	2024	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	300	12	288
45	2024	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	9300	10	9,290
46	2024	FORD	EXPLORER	OPERATIONS	10,432	8	10,424
47*	2008	FORD	CROWN VIC	INVESTIGATIONS	RETIRED	49,880	N/A
53*	2009	FORD	FUSION	INVESTIGATIONS	111,269	108,265	3,004
53	2022	HONDA	CIVIC	INVESTIGATIONS	37,502	30,459	7,043
TOTALS					2,497,743	2,930,197	287,691
AVERAGE					69,382	69,767	7,991

All mileage is approximate.

*Car 47 was formerly car 45; Car 53 was car 46.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUMMARY

Monthly Summary Domestic Violence Incident Calls

For Incidents Reported Between: 1/1/2024 and 12/31/2024

I. Relationship of Persons Involved

	Victim			Offender			Unclear Participant		
	Fatal	Injury	No Injury	Fatal	Injury	No Injury	Fatal	Injury	No Injury
Wife	0	21	39	0	2	14	0	1	2
Husband	0	8	5	0	2	55	0	1	2
Parent	0	25	26	0	5	26	0	0	1
Non-Parent w/child in common	0	40	43	0	15	69	0	0	0
Child(ren)	0	15	16	0	9	43	0	1	0
Other family or household member	0	41	49	0	14	74	0	0	4
Former Spouse	0	3	7	0	1	9	0	0	0
Live-in Partner	0	65	33	0	16	82	0	8	0
Other	0	9	31	0	4	35	0	0	1
Total	0	227	249	0	68	407	0	11	10

II. Race	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Asian	0	0	0
African Amer.	48	76	3
Caucasian	417	388	18
Native Amer.	0	0	0
Hispanic	10	11	0
Other	1	0	0
Total	476	475	21

III. Age	Vic.	Off.	UP.
Age 0-17	35	57	0
Age 18-40	306	296	15
Age 41-59	103	112	4
Age 60-84	32	9	2
Age 85+	0	1	0
Total	476	475	21

IV. Sex	Vic.		Off.		UP.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
	131	345	339	136	11	10

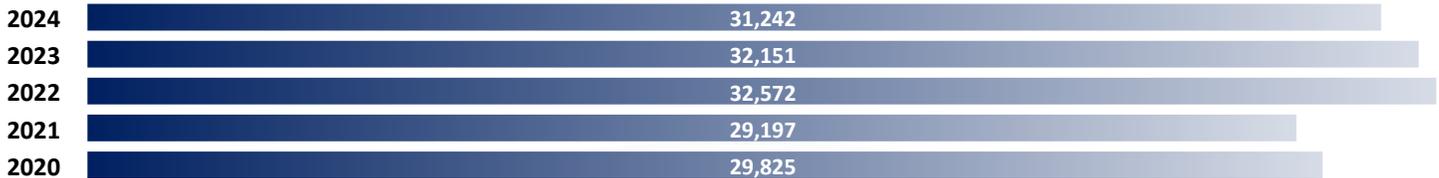
V. Action taken by Officers

A. Arrest under ORC Sec. 2919.25, 2919.27, or equivalent local ordinance	409
B. Arrest under other ORC Section(s) or equivalent local ordinances	0
C. No Criminal Charges Filed	78
D. Total	487

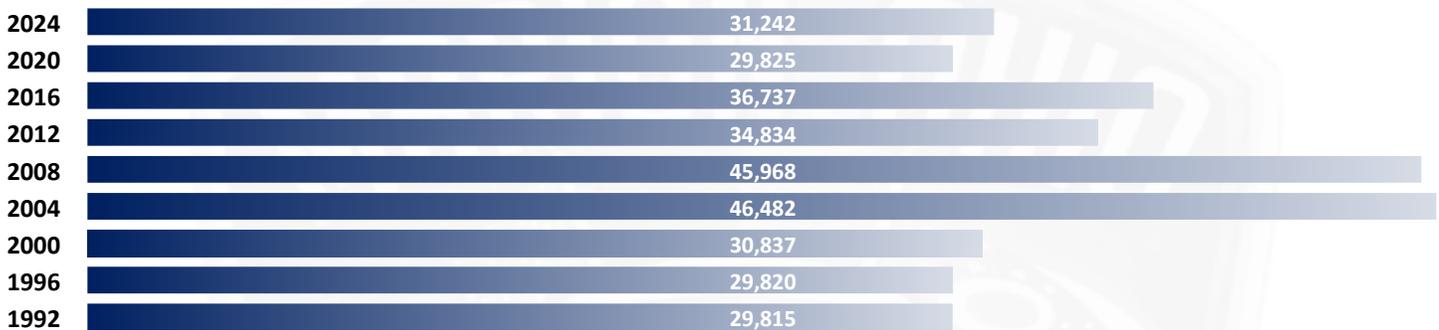
CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON

LAST 5 YEARS COMPARISON



COMPARISONS TO 2024 EVERY 5 YEARS



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK

Year	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
2024	4,108	4,607	4,550	4,491	4,273	4,572	4,638	31,242
2023	4,599	4,721	4,492	4,345	4,490	4,772	4,732	32,151
2022	4,385	4,832	4,766	4,607	4,550	4,932	4,500	32,572
2021	3,722	4,390	4,083	4,158	4,097	4,552	4,195	29,197
2020	3,762	4,146	4,085	4,444	4,572	4,510	4,306	29,825
Total	16,468	18,089	17,426	17,554	17,709	18,766	17,733	123,745
Average	4,117	4,522	4,357	4,389	4,427	4,692	4,433	30,936

*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.

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE BY HOUR OF DAY

Year	Midnight	1:00am	2:00am	3:00am	4:00am	5:00am	6:00am	7:00am	8:00am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00am	
2024	1,324	980	761	520	436	511	427	596	1,148	1,309	1,458	1,427	
2023	1,214	942	721	534	412	420	413	676	1,255	1,551	1,551	1,668	
2022	1,614	1,165	890	616	467	447	433	520	1,110	1,348	1,507	1,533	
2021	1,127	836	689	470	382	398	442	549	938	1,273	1,439	1,484	
2020	1,213	1,035	827	589	448	377	427	487	857	1,201	1,370	1,479	
Total	5,168	3,978	3,127	2,209	1,709	1,642	1,715	2,232	4,160	5,373	5,867	6,164	
Average	1,292	995	782	552	427	411	429	558	1,040	1,343	1,467	1,541	
	Noon	1:00pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm	6:00pm	7:00pm	8:00pm	9:00pm	10:00pm	11:00pm	TOTAL
	1,510	1,527	1,597	1,819	1,766	1,647	1,680	1,547	1,559	1,522	2,315	1,853	31,242
	1,625	1,602	1,733	1,945	1,827	1,828	1,813	1,752	1,603	1,521	1,905	1,640	32,151
	1,541	1,582	1,612	1,887	1,750	1,730	1,861	1,704	1,534	1,564	2,192	1,965	32,572
	1,430	1,583	1,537	1,837	1,776	1,646	1,754	1,508	1,488	1,529	1,645	1,437	29,197
	1,499	1,465	1,549	1,836	1,780	1,686	1,679	1,592	1,580	1,658	1,767	1,424	29,825
6,095	6,232	6,431	7,505	7,133	6,890	7,107	6,556	6,205	6,272	7,509	6,466	123,745	
1,524	1,558	1,608	1,876	1,783	1,723	1,777	1,639	1,551	1,568	1,877	1,617	30,936	

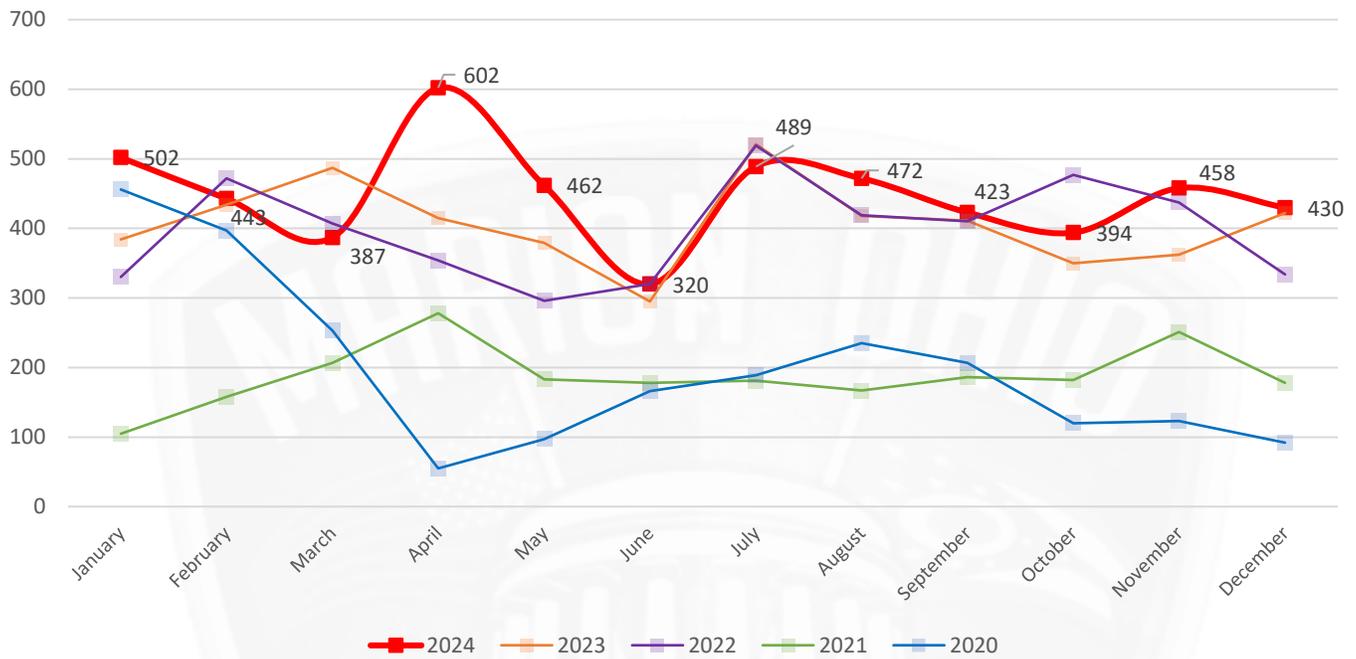
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SELECT CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

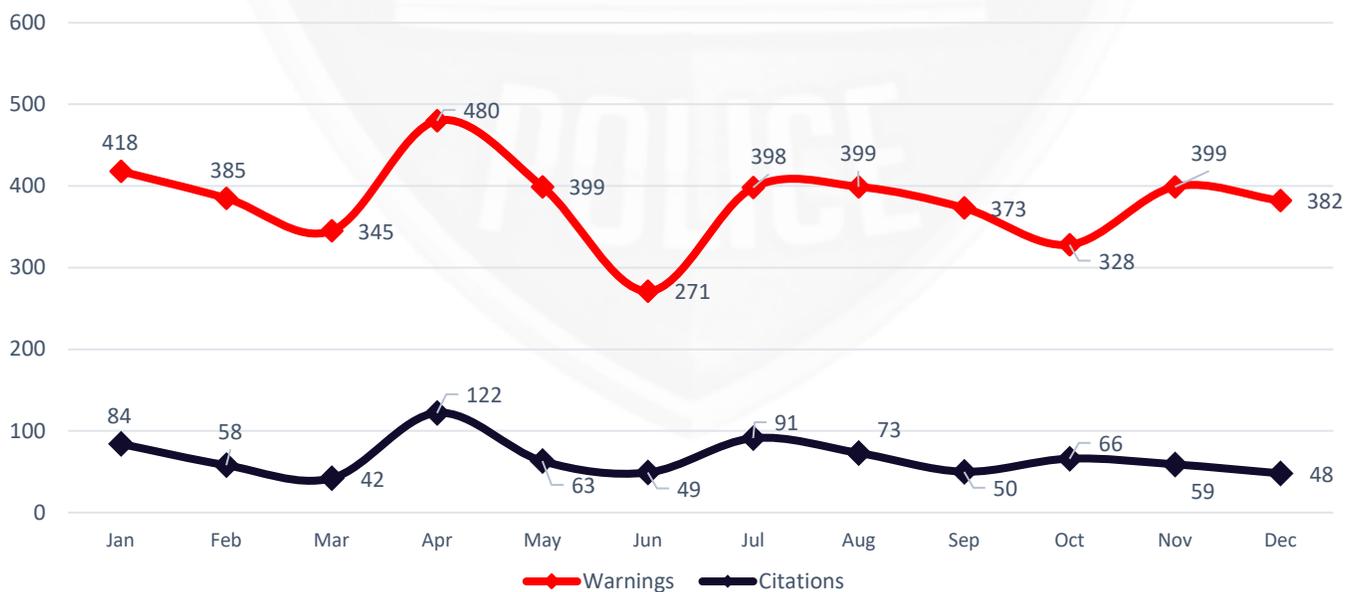
CFS DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2024
08 : Assault	11	11	9	8	16	11	12	13	18	14	10	6	139
09M : Threats/Menacing	27	34	28	31	35	25	46	30	43	29	27	25	380
12 : Burglary	5	3	3	9	7	3	4	5	3	1	7	6	56
12C : B&E (Unoccupied)	0	4	0	1	4	1	1	3	1	1	2	4	22
19A : Phone Harassment	20	18	21	15	14	10	22	14	26	18	18	26	222
20 : Domestic	51	44	54	51	54	50	53	44	51	61	55	46	614
20S : Domestic Standby	11	8	13	5	7	14	16	16	10	5	9	7	121
20W : Domestic w/ Weapons	1	2	2	4	0	4	5	5	3	1	2	1	30
26A : Fight w/ Weapons	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	10
26 : Fight	9	3	8	8	16	8	5	11	8	10	8	4	98
32 : Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34 : Juvenile	14	16	37	54	72	50	52	64	53	62	42	27	543
36 : Theft	19	31	22	47	46	48	45	38	49	46	30	34	455
40A : Person W/Knife	1	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	18
40 : Person W/Gun	1	3	4	7	3	5	3	3	2	2	3	3	39
48A : Sex Offense	10	11	7	2	12	6	4	4	6	12	7	10	91
48 : Rape	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	1	0	3	4	1	16
50B : Robbery Alarm	0	1	2	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	11
50C : Armed Robbery	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6
50 : Robbery	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
52A : Shots Fired	3	3	6	10	6	3	11	7	10	10	7	5	81
52 : Shooting	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	11
54 : Stabbing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
55 : Disturbance	108	95	134	147	177	141	152	162	138	135	116	116	1621
56 : Stolen Vehicle	9	8	1	3	6	8	6	5	8	5	7	2	68
58ATT : Attempted Suicide	8	4	3	2	12	6	4	1	8	6	4	4	62
58 : Suicide	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	9
58T : Suicide Threats	17	22	22	17	27	28	30	31	21	21	18	12	266
60ACT : Suspicious Activity	30	31	38	29	42	39	35	33	37	30	29	25	398
60A : Suspicious Vehicle	37	39	49	41	38	36	44	34	32	30	32	27	439
60 : Suspicious Person	64	46	84	95	79	72	92	93	65	66	45	49	850
64 : Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	19	13	26	20	12	22	39	28	25	25	14	16	259
76 : Mental	29	19	29	28	27	25	29	20	21	26	35	17	305
Total for Month (all calls):	2451	2367	2559	2890	2935	2636	2735	2702	2817	2517	2344	2289	31,242

TRAFFIC STOP REPORT

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS

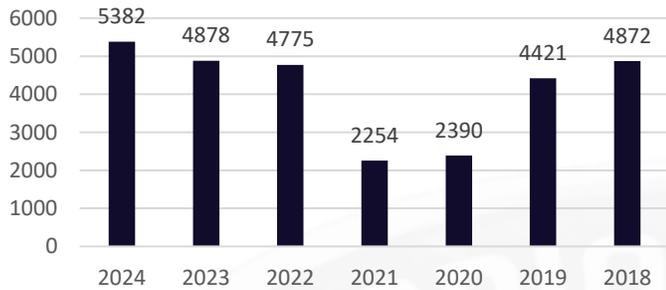


CITATIONS VS. WARNINGS

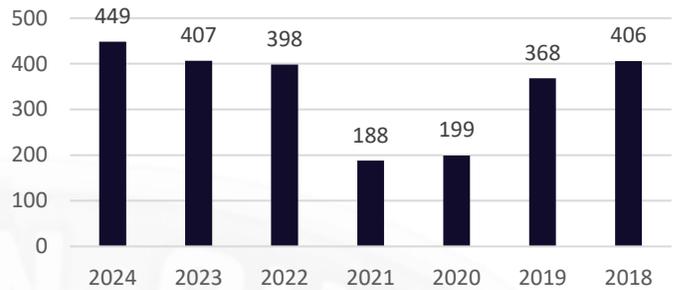


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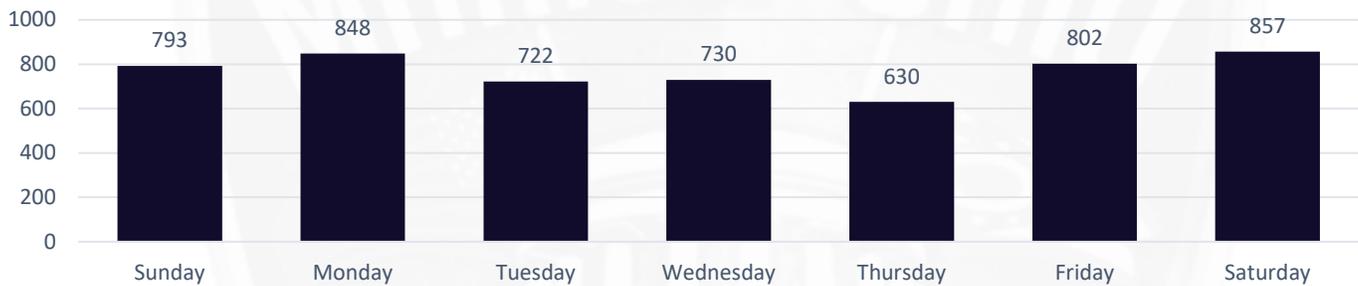
TOTAL STOPS BY YEAR



AVERAGE STOPS PER MONTH BY YEAR



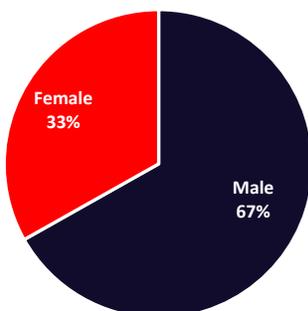
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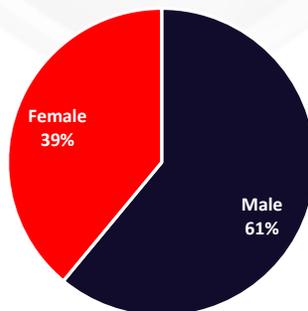
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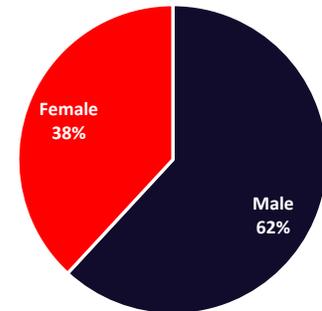
CITATIONS BY GENDER



WARNINGS BY GENDER



TOTAL STOPS BY GENDER



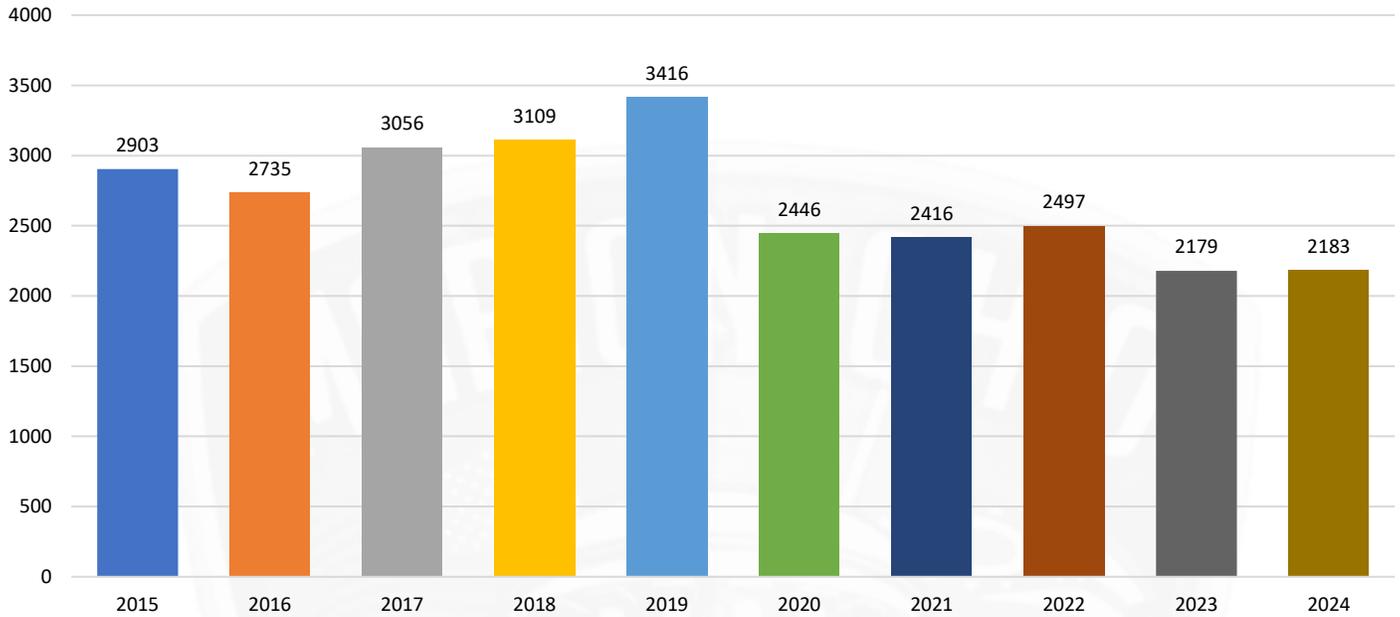
TRAFFIC STOP REPORT

TOTAL STOPS IN 2024		5382	
CITATIONS ISSUED BY RACE			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Citations</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
White Violator	710	88.2%	13.2%
Black Violator	90	11.2%	1.7%
Asian Violator	4	0.5%	0.1%
Other Violator	1	0.1%	0.0%
TOTALS	805	100.0%	15.0%
CITATIONS ISSUED BY ETHNICITY			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Citations</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin	772	95.9%	14.3%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	33	4.1%	0.6%
Not Specified/Unknown	0	0.0%	0.0%
TOTALS	805	100.0%	15.0%

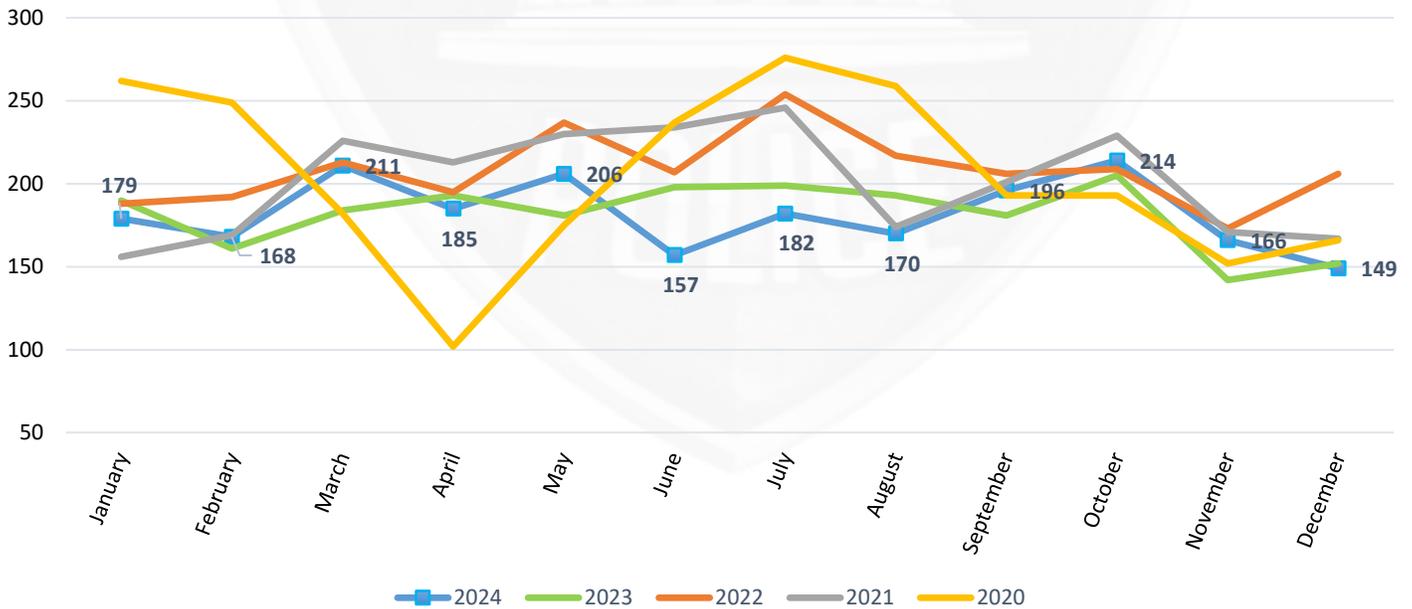
WARNINGS ISSUED BY RACE			
Description	Total	Percentage of Warnings	Percentage of Total Stops
White Violator	4025	87.9%	74.8%
Black Violator	532	11.6%	9.9%
Asian Violator	8	0.2%	0.1%
Other Violator	12	0.3%	0.2%
TOTALS	4577	100.0%	85.0%
WARNINGS ISSUED BY ETHNICITY			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Warnings</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Stops</u>
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin	4419	96.5%	82.1%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	158	3.5%	2.9%
Not Specified/Unknown	0	0.0%	0.0%
TOTALS	4577	100.0%	85.0%

ARREST/SUMMONS REPORT

ARRESTS/SUMMONS BY YEAR

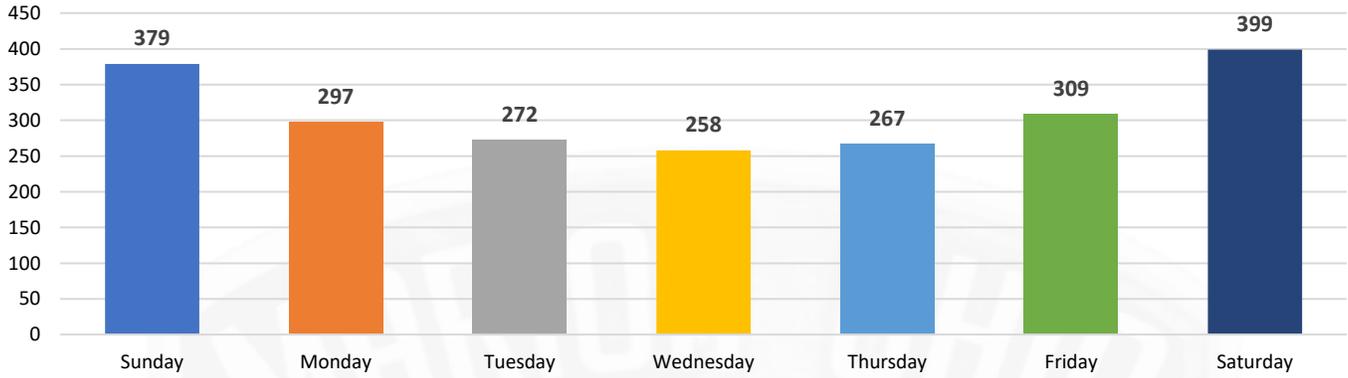


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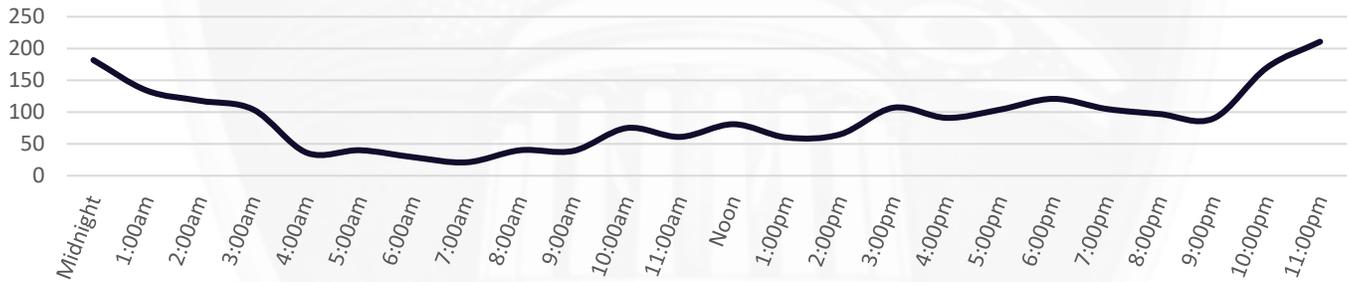


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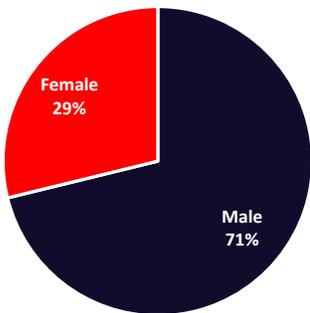
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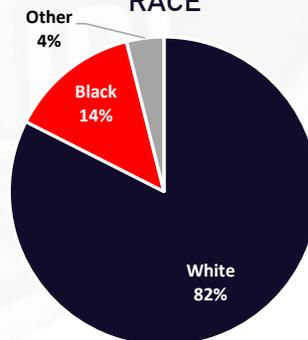
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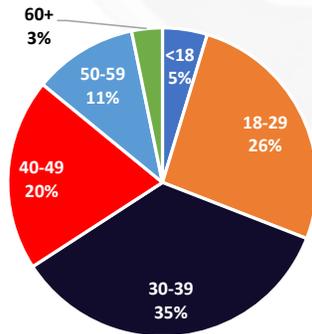
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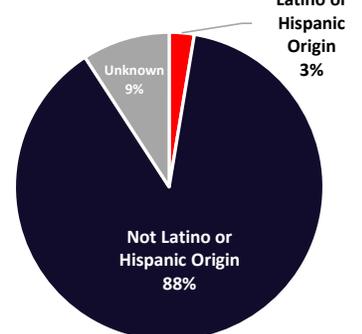
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TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT



OSTATS - Crash Dashboard Crashes by Severity

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Data Updated: Monday, January 13, 2025



User Guide

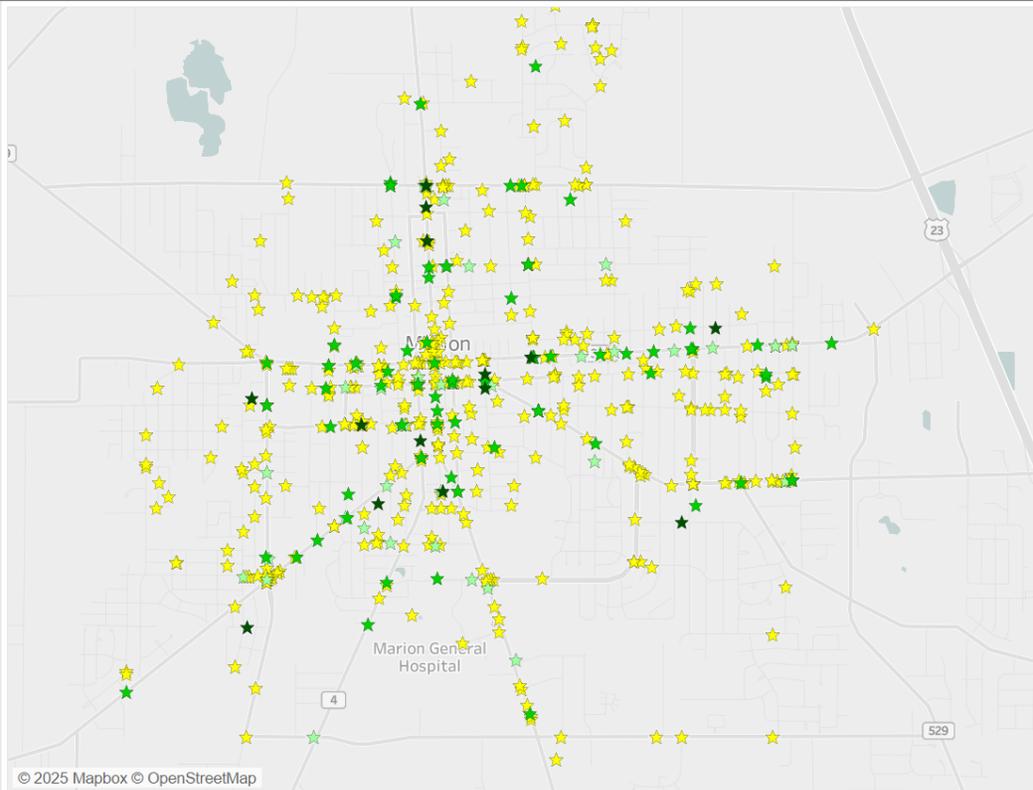
Select County
Marion

From Date (>=) To Date (<)
1/1/2024 12/31/2024

Select Map
Crash Point

Select NCIC
05101 - MARION PD

- Serious Injury Sus.. ★
- Minor Injury Suspe.. ★
- Injury Possible ★
- Property Damage .. ★



Top Crash Routes

SR-95	89
SR-4	45
SR-739	30
SR-309	23
SR-423	13

Crashes by Hour

12 - 12:59 AM	4
1 - 1:59 AM	6
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4 - 4:59 AM	4
5 - 5:59 AM	5
6 - 6:59 AM	11
7 - 7:59 AM	25
8 - 8:59 AM	28
9 - 9:59 AM	37
10 - 10:59 AM	26
11 - 11:59 AM	33
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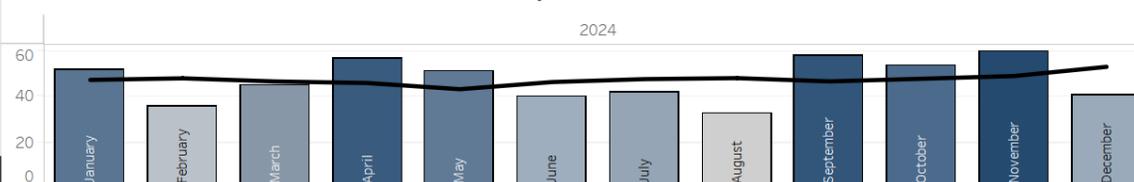
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Alcohol-Related	28
Bicycle-Related	12
Commercial-Related	15
Deer-Related	1
Distracted-Related	25
Drug-Related	1
Failure To Yield-Related	110
Mature-Related	231
Motorcycle-Related	9
OVI-Related	28
Pedestrian-Related	5
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign-..	54
School Bus-Related	1
Speed-Related	43
Teen-Related	68
Unbelted-Related	125
Work Zone-Related	8
Youth-Related	152

Crashes by Day

Sunday	54
Monday	86
Tuesday	79
Wednesday	103
Thursday	88
Friday	96
Saturday	63

Crashes by Month and Year



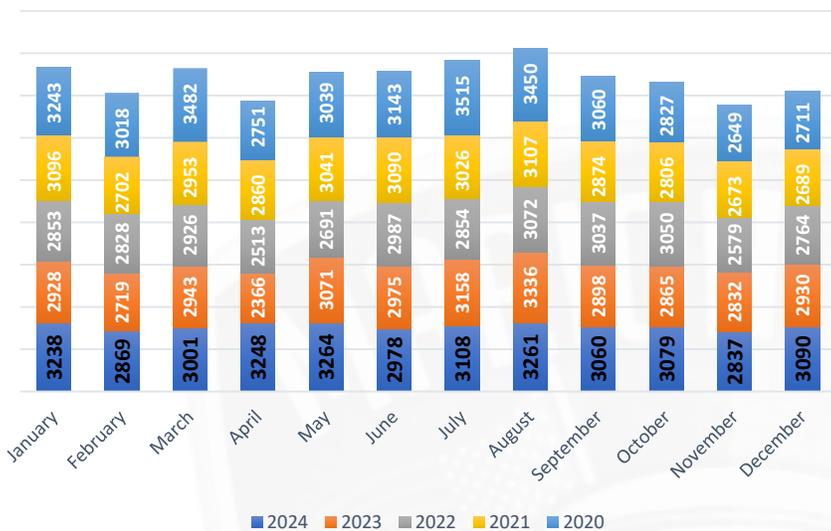
Crashes by Severity and Year

Severity	2024
Serious Injury Suspected	14
Minor Injury Suspected	72
Injury Possible	42
Property Damage Only	441
Total	569

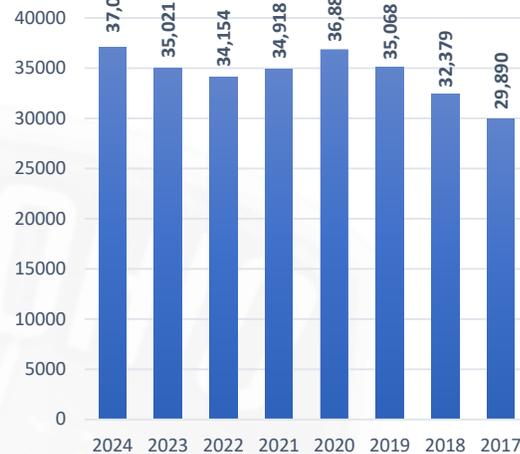
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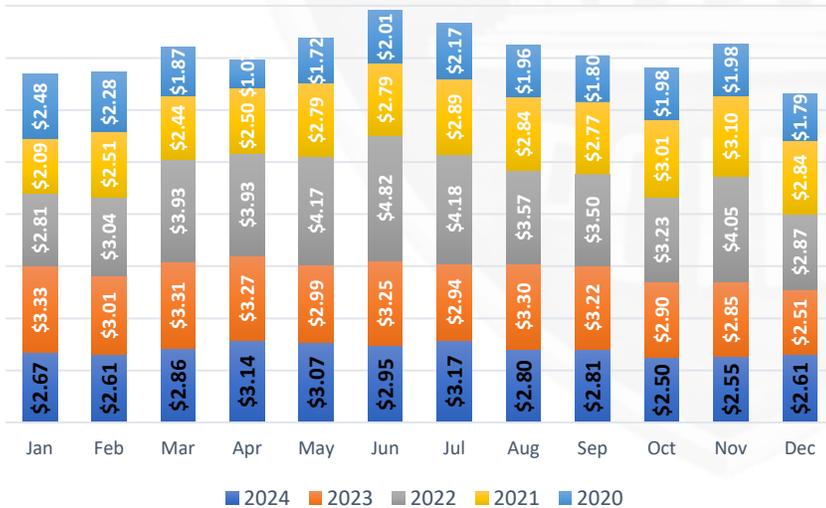
Gallons of Gas Used



Total Gallons by Year



Cost per Gallon



Avg. Cost/Gallon by Year

