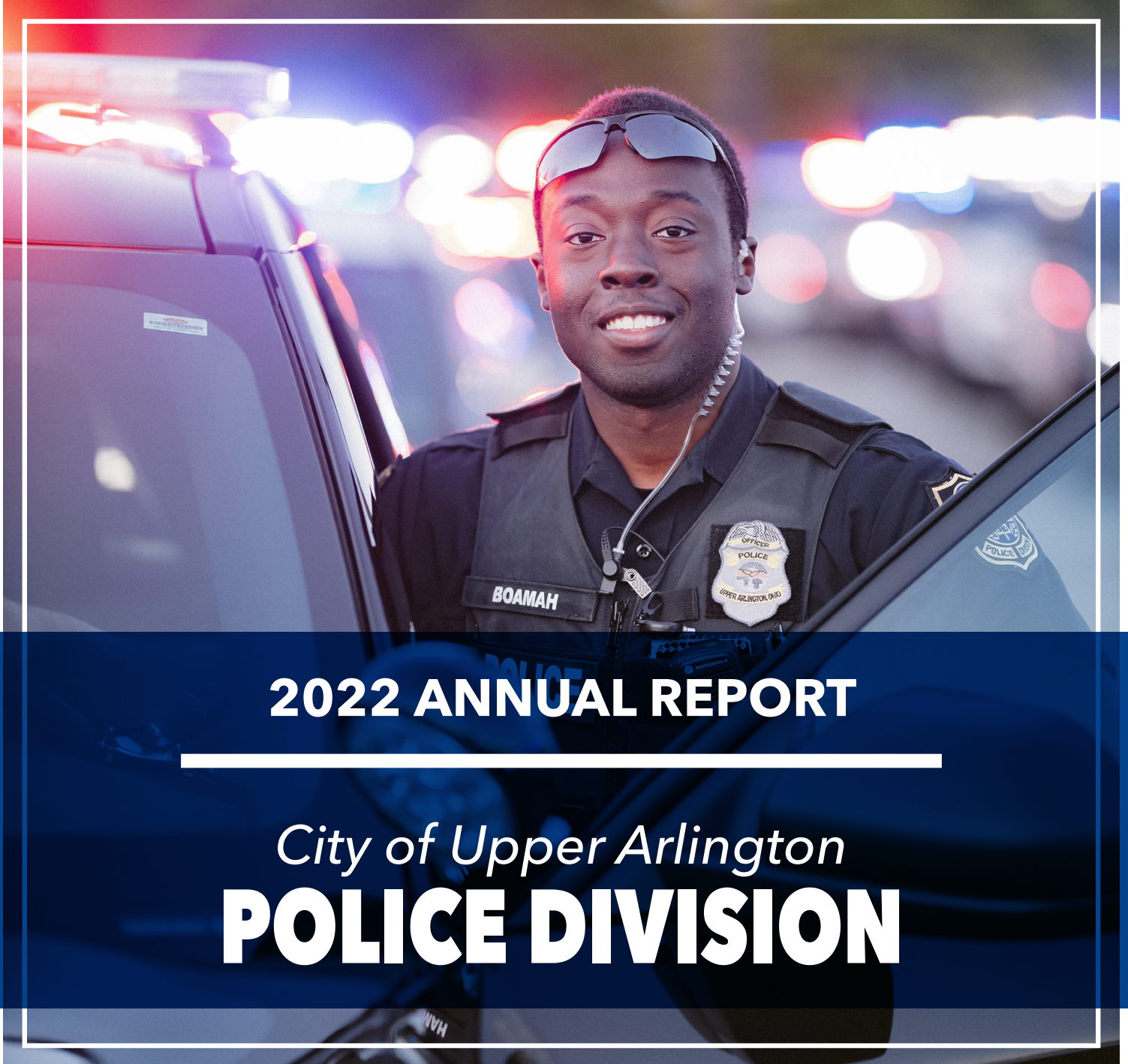




City of **Upper Arlington**



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Upper Arlington
POLICE DIVISION



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“Contendite Ductum” is the Latin inscription on the seal of the Upper Arlington Police Division patch. This motto means “Strive for Leadership” and it represents that attitude held by those associated with this agency.



A Message from the Chief of Police



We are very proud to share with you this 2022 Annual Report. Every year we face new challenges, and 2022 was no different; however, it was well worth it! While we spent most of the year in various locations, including the former UA Schools District Office space, we all returned to the Municipal Services Center recently to a newly remodeled headquarters. We are incredibly grateful to City Council and our residents who supported this project.

As you will read in this report, the Upper Arlington Police Division, in partnership with our community, successfully kept the City safe for everyone as we worked to achieve our goals and objectives. While we saw a rise in property crimes, particularly thefts, we continue to dig deeper into the data to develop strategies for crime prevention through public education, patrol, and investigations. While the number of traffic crashes remained relatively unchanged, we will continue to make traffic safety a focus in 2023. Although we have seen changes in these focus areas, we remain well below historical levels, and our commitment to reducing these incidents remains our focus.

While the remodel of our headquarters may be the most visible change for the division, the most notable was our first "Police Operations Data Analysis Report." City Council commissioned The Center for Public Safety Management (ICMA/CPSM) to review the operations of the Upper Arlington Police Division. CPSM's analysis covered all aspects of the division's operations. Particular areas of focus in this study were identifying appropriate staffing of the division given the workload, community demographics, and crime levels; the effectiveness of the organizational structure; and the efficiency and effectiveness of division/unit processes. Many recommendations have already been addressed, and we will continue the effort in 2023.

The most notable changes resulting from the study are reflected in our 2023 budget, with the addition of a Professional Standards Coordinator and a civilian Crime Analyst. By adding these positions, our Support Services Lieutenant can focus on other priorities, and we gain a sworn officer for our patrol operations. Internally we have also focused on our staff's mental health. We are working with local clinicians to provide services to employees to overcome acute and chronic stress's effects and provide the best service to our community.

In 2022, we continued collaborating with the City's Community Relations Committee and conducted our pilot Law Enforcement Education Course, which will be open to the public in 2023. Our Community Liaison Officers have focused on community outreach with various public service videos and enhancing our recruitment efforts. Safety Town was once again a success, and we look forward to 2023 with brand-new bicycles provided by the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

As always, we enjoy our partnership with such a great community. We appreciate your support and thank you for your patience in 2022 as we operated from various locations within the City. On behalf of the Upper Arlington Police Division, it is with great pride that I present the 2022 annual report. This report contains information concerning the division's organizational structure and statistical information highlighting some of our successes and activities throughout the year.

AGENCY OVERVIEW

GENERAL

The Upper Arlington Police Division, located at 3600 Tremont Road (at the intersection of Tremont and Kenny Roads), provides 24-hour service and is an integral part of developing and maintaining a safe and secure community through the cooperative efforts of many departments and community organizations. The division proudly provides a wide range of police services and programs to residents, visitors and members of the business community.

STAFFING

The division is staffed by 53 sworn officers who are professionally trained and certified by the State of Ohio; and, by law, are also declared to be law enforcement officers of the State and conservators of the peace with the authority to arrest. In addition to sworn staff, there are three full-time civilian staff members who provide other support to the division's operations.

OFFICERS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Sworn Officers	53	53	53	53	53
Number Paid from the General Fund	51.5	51.5	51.5	51.5	51.5

****The City of Upper Arlington is an equal opportunity employer.**

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief of Police is the chief executive officer for the division and is responsible for the planning/research functions, preparation of the division's budget, supervising internal expenditures and the overall administration of personnel selection. The division is further divided into three bureaus - each supervised by a lieutenant who reports directly to the chief. Bureau responsibilities, activities, programs and statistics are detailed in the following pages within this report. Each bureau lieutenant receives administrative support through a civilian administrative assistant.

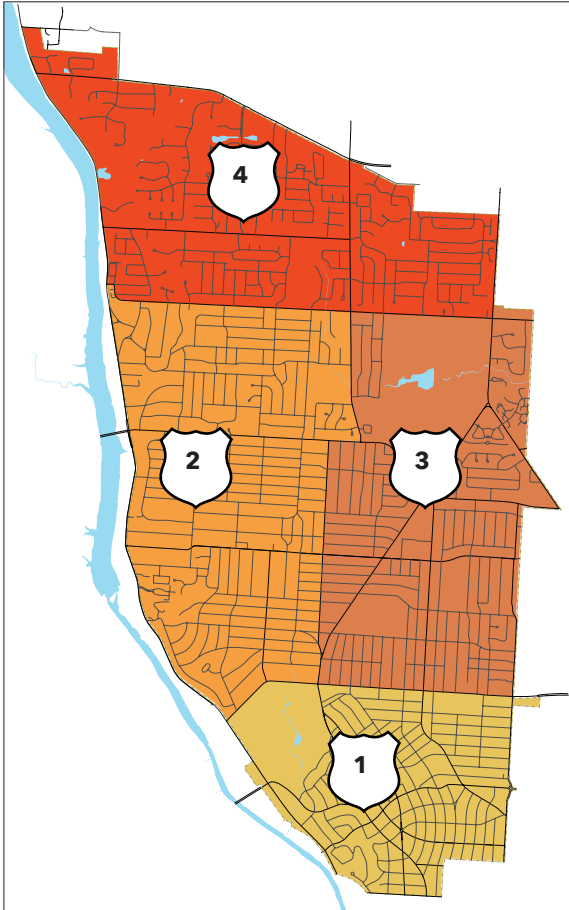
CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON POLICE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 1: Bordered by Lane Avenue to the north, 5th Avenue and King Avenue on the south, Riverside Drive on the west, and North Star Road on the east.

DISTRICT 2: Bordered by Lane Avenue to the south, McCoy Road to the north, Riverside Drive on the west, and Reed Road/Redding Road to the east.

DISTRICT 3: Bordered by Lane Avenue to the south, McCoy Road to the north, Reed Road/Redding Road on the west, and North Star Road to the east.

DISTRICT 4: Bordered by McCoy Road to the south, Riverside Drive to the west, Bethel Road/Henderson Road on the north, and Kenny Road to the east.



MISSION STATEMENT

"In the spirit of partnership and service to the community, the Upper Arlington Division of Police shall maintain Integrity, Dedication, Professionalism and Courtesy while working to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms for all."

VALUES

Integrity: We are committed to the highest standard of ethical conduct, honesty and accountability for our actions.

Dedication: We are dedicated to the delivery of effective and efficient police service in order to meet the needs of the community and enhance the quality of life.

Professionalism: We are committed to maintain the highest level of professional standards in order to inspire trust and confidence, and we strive to excellence through training, education and innovation.

Courtesy: We treat all persons impartially, with dignity, respect, compassion and consideration.



Operations Bureau



Lieutenant Jason Messer

Patrol Officers | Patrol Sergeants | Special Events/Planning

About the Bureau

The Patrol Section is divided into three, non-rotating shifts providing emergency and non-emergency law enforcement response including crash investigations, traffic control, and keeping the peace for citizens 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Twenty-seven officers are spread across three shifts, each shift with two supervisory Patrol Sergeants. Patrol Sergeants also provide general supervision of detectives and the holding facility as needed. Logistical planning for special events is handled by the Operations Bureau Lieutenant.

2022 Highlights

January

Officer of the Month

On January 26, the UAPD Detective Bureau asked Division members to identify two unknown males who had previously entered an unlocked door at the Speedway on Riverside Drive, after closing, and stole alcohol. Officer Todd Bartson received the description of the suspects and the vehicle they had driven to commit this Breaking and Entering and immediately began to work on identifying who these individuals were. On January 30, Officer Bartson located the vehicle used in this incident and ultimately identified one of the suspects involved in the crime. This led to their admission of being involved in the Breaking and Entering.

March

Officer of the Month

On March 4, Officer Zach Sorosiak was assigned an investigation after taking an initial report of jewelry theft. Officer Sorosiak obtained information on three caregivers frequently in and out of the residence providing healthcare to a family member. He then worked with Detective Christopher Bibler to conduct Leads Online searches for the jewelry and discovered one of the caregivers pawned some of the jewelry at a local pawn shop. This jewelry was recovered, but an additional high-dollar and sentimental diamond engagement ring remained unaccounted for. Officer Sorosiak interviewed the caregiver and got a confession,

not only about the theft of the jewelry that was pawned but also about the theft and sale of the engagement ring. This grateful resident reclaimed her jewelry, including the sentimental piece, valued at approximately \$21,000.

April

Officer of the Month

On April 30, Officer Joshua Mullett and Officer Todd Bartson were dispatched to Speedway on Riverside Drive regarding a highly impaired customer suspected of abusing narcotics. After being asked to leave, the customer relocated to the bushes at the front entrance and ultimately passed out from a narcotics overdose. Officers Mullett and Bartson arrived before paramedics and found the customer unconscious with labored breathing, taking shallow breaths approximately every 30 seconds, and not responding to stimulus inputs. The officers worked as a team to reposition the individual and administer Narcan. The first dose was ineffective; thus, a second dose was quickly administered. Consciousness was regained after the second dose, and medics successfully treated the customer.

Officers Austin Payne, Alexander Mason, and Ryan Belleman were released from Field Training to serve as solo patrol officers in April.

May

Officer of the Month

On May 4, officers were called to the Berkeley House apartments on the report of a domestic violence incident. The suspect in this case had assaulted his girlfriend and made statements that he would kill her and responding officers if she called the police. Officer Michelle Sussi was one of several officers who responded to the scene. When she arrived, Officer Sussi was flagged down by the victim, who explained what was happening. Officer Sussi remained calm and relayed the critical information to the on-duty Sergeant and other responding officers. As the situation developed, mutual aid officers from Hilliard, Columbus, and Perry Township began to arrive. Officer Sussi helped direct them to the proper areas to establish an exterior perimeter. As the situation continued, the suspect appeared on the balcony of his apartment. Officer Sussi took this opportunity to speak to the suspect. She quickly built a rapport with him and gained his compliance, leading to his voluntary surrender. After being arrested, the suspect commented that Officer Sussi had done a great job speaking with him and wanted to thank her for her efforts. Throughout this situation, Officer Sussi exemplified professionalism and great skill in managing multiple priorities. She kept calm in a tense situation and did an excellent job managing the exterior operations. Most importantly, Officer Sussi leveraged her negotiating training to bring calm to an individual who was in an emotional crisis.

July

Officer of the Month

On July 2, Officer Matthew Walker was off-duty and in the checkout line at Kroger on Hoover Road in Grove City. As Officer Walker stood in line, another patron, who was also checking out, fell to the ground, became unconscious, and began to have a seizure. Observing this, Officer Walker quickly approached the female and began clearing her airway and providing first aid. Jackson Township medics were called to the scene and transported the female to the hospital. Officer Walker's quick actions during this incident undoubtedly helped the victim, ensuring she could breathe and preventing her from injuring herself further.

August

Officer of the Month

Officer Todd Bartson initiated a traffic stop on August 29, on an out-of-state vehicle after observing equipment and moving violations. He observed drug paraphernalia in plain view and administered a probable cause search, which resulted in additional paraphernalia, illegal narcotics, and a large sum of currency. The driver was arrested for drug trafficking and possession of drug paraphernalia charges. Officer Bartson then worked with our DEA task force detective to secure a search warrant to collect valuable intelligence and facilitate the prosecution of the charges.

September

Officer of the Month

On September 28, Officer Mitchell Fowler initiated a traffic stop on a 2014 Honda CR-V for one headlight and expired plates violations. He detected signs of impairment from the driver, administered SFSTs, determined he was under the influence of alcohol, and took him into custody for OVI. The driver had three previous OVI convictions within the past 10 years. As such, Officer Fowler's arrest was a felony. His proactive efforts took a repeat dangerous driver off the road and greatly contributed to the safety of other drivers in the community.

October

Officer of the Month

In October, Upper Arlington Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) participants rode with officers on shift to experience part of a normal day on patrol and continue to learn about law enforcement within UAPD. Officer Jesse Hendershot rode with CPA participants on two separate occasions during the month. He received a compliment from one of the participants after the fact, who thanked him for making the ride-along enjoyable and interesting. It also stated in

part, "You are a professional and an asset to the City. I have great comfort that you are patrolling the City and keeping the residents and people who work or pass through the City safe." This compliment demonstrates how citizens recognize and appreciate Officer Hendershot's consistent, positive representation of the Division's core values of professionalism and courtesy. The Division is also grateful for how he demonstrates the core values during his interactions with the community.

November

Officer of the Month

On November 24, Officer Jason Stansberry responded to 2633 Zollinger Road, #C, for a fentanyl overdose. Officer Stansberry responded quickly and found the female overdose victim on the floor. She was unconscious and not breathing. He quickly administered one dose of Narcan and began giving chest compressions. The victim regained consciousness and started breathing on her own shortly thereafter. He remained by her side and talked to her until medics arrived to take over. They transported her to the hospital, and she survived because of his quick action. Officer Stansberry demonstrated the Division's core values of dedication and professionalism in this incident and ultimately saved the victim's life through his actions.

Mission Statement & Core Values Committee

Sergeants Heather Galli, John Greene, Bryan McKean and Officers Mitchell Fowler, Joshua Mullett, Michele Sussi, and E.J. Windham completed the review of the core values, mission statement and vision statement for the Police Division. The revised Statement and Values were presented at the March 2023 all staff meeting.

Special Events

The UACA Easter Egg Hunt and the Memorial Day 5k went smoothly, with two and four officers assigned, respectively. No incidents of any kind occurred.

On June 5, Rainbow UA had its second UA Pride event at the Mallway, with hundreds in attendance. Two officers worked traffic, and two Community Relations officers staffed the UAPD tent. There was a general threat to Ohio Pride events in the days leading up to the event, but that suspect was identified and interviewed by Warren County Sheriff's Office detectives, with no real threat being substantiated. No incidents occurred.

- Independence Day
Organized by Sgt. Heather Galli
- TriFit Challenge
Organized by Sgt. Bryan McKean
- Nationwide Golf Tournament
Organized by Sgt. Branden Staiger
- Labor Day Arts Festival
Organized by Sgt. Scott Harpster
- Columbus Marathon
Supervised by Lt. Keith Hall
- Thanksgiving Turkey Trot
Organized by Sgt. Bryan McKean
- Winter Festival
Supervised by Sgt. Jason Amweg

Service Members

Officer Brandon Medina was activated by the Army National Guard for pre-deployment on behalf of his unit, to be followed by an actual overseas deployment in 2023. He may be absent for two years.



Staff/Investigative Bureau



Lieutenant Keith Hall

Internal Affairs | Records Unit | Computer Forensics | Drug Enforcement Task Force | Franklin County Crimes Against Children Task Force

About the Bureau

The Staff/Investigative Bureau Lieutenant oversees the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS), which includes crimes against persons, crimes against property, juvenile crimes and vice/narcotics/intelligence. The Lieutenant also investigates Internal Affairs complaints. The Records Unit is responsible for central records function and compiling/maintaining various reports.

2022 Highlights

Detective Kyle Kayser:

Handled 90 Mail theft cases that including the gathering of initial information and referral to the USPS.

Handled additional 96 cases.

Attended the 21st ACFE fraud conference in May.

Completed a community presentation on fraud/scams with Sergeant Heather Galli and the Ohio Attorney General's Office at the Tremont Library on October 25 for the UA Commission on Aging.

Notable cases:

Shawna Casey used her position as an accounts receivable clerk to embezzle from two companies – Ideal Precision in Whitehall and KidsLinked in Upper Arlington – between March 23, 2018, and June 30, 2021. Casey stole nearly one million dollars. In 2022, Casey was sentenced to seven to 10 years after she pleaded guilty to one count of telecommunications fraud and one count of aggravated theft.

Lacey McClarren (Wiseman) worked for a local law firm that specialized in setting up trusts for clients unable to care for themselves. McClarren along with her boyfriend/husband, Sonny Wiseman, stole checks from victim accounts and cashed them. They also paid for bills using clients bank account information. McClarren stole at least \$109,000 and Wiseman cashed forged checks for over \$32,000. McClarren and Wiseman were both sentenced to four-six years.

Detective Christopher Bibler:

Investigated 84 cases.

Breaking and Entering case successfully prosecuted as a RICO case.

Became a CVSA Operator and Benelli Operator.

Attended training for door breaching and low signature operator course.

Detective Andrew Wuertz:

Developed a DEA case involving Banmeet Singh who is the alleged leader of a trans-national criminal organization by the name of "Orange Tesla." Through the use of crypto currency, Singh would sell illicit drugs and ship them to criminal organizations around the world. At least eight U.S. based distribution cells were identified as being supplied by Singh.

In a 2017 seizure, Detective Wuertz, along with other investigators from the Columbus DEA office seized 59 kilograms of MDMA, 19 kilograms of ketamine, and numerous other illicit substances. In February 2019, the U.S. Attorney General designated Singh as a 'Consolidated Priority Organizational Target (CPOT). CPOTs are designated only after they are identified as leaders of the most prolific drug trafficking/money laundering organizations that have the greatest impact on the U.S. illicit drug supply.

Detective Wuertz traveled to the United Kingdom, along with other DEA investigators, in April 2019, where Singh was arrested at his home. Singh's digital crypto currency wallet was successfully seized which contained the equivalent of \$190 million dollars (with the fluctuation in the value of crypto currency, at one point the wallet was worth over \$400 million dollars). Singh's trial is set for early 2024.

Detective Wuertz traveled to El Salvador to teach on Dark Web related topics.





Support Services Bureau



Lieutenant Keith Hall

Accreditation | Training Section | Community Relations Unit
 Court Liaison Officer | Holding Facility | Property Room

About the Bureau

The Support Services Bureau Lieutenant serves as the division's Accreditation Manager and is responsible for maintaining the division's accredited status. The Training Section plans, develops and conducts training programs and is responsible for overseeing the Reserve Program. The Community Relations Unit offers a variety of safety-related and crime prevention programming to the community. The Holding Facility is used to hold prisoners/detainees, and undergoes an annual state inspection. The Property Room provides a secure storage location for property/evidence. The Court Liaison Officer serves as Bailiff during Upper Arlington Mayor's Court and attends hearings in Franklin County courts on behalf of Upper Arlington Police Officers.

2022 Highlights

JANUARY

- Members of the police MOVE Committee met on January 11 to begin planning for the upcoming transitions related to the police remodel project. The Operations Bureau moved to the basement of the MSC, the School Resource and DARE Officers moved to Station 72, and the Criminal Investigation Bureau, with the administrative staff, moved to 1950 Mallway (the old UA school administrative building).
- The Oral Review Panel for Sergeant Candidates was held on January 12 with the assistance of Sergeants from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Gahanna Police Department, and the Westerville Police Department. The second stage of the process involves a panel of evaluators from other agencies asking each candidate a series of questions related to the duties of a front-line supervisor. Each assessor scores the candidates and provides a ranking order of the group.

SUPPORT SERVICES

- UAPD hosted members from the OACP who conducted an Assessment Center for the six officers competing for the Sergeant's position on January 29. The assessment was held in Council Chambers. The third stage of the promotional process involves scenario-based tasks that each candidate completes while an assessor observes and assigns a score for their work. The assessors for this panel were either current or retired Chiefs or Assistant Chiefs from Dublin Police Department, Columbus Division of Police, and the Powell Police Department.
- Officer Austin Payne, Officer Alex Mason, and Officer Ryan Belleman graduated from the Columbus Police Academy on January 14. HR Director Abby Cochran, Lieutenant Jason Messer, Lieutenant Keith Hall, and Chief Steve Farmer attended the ceremony at the Columbus Police Academy.
- The Training Division conducted a two-week mini-academy in January for our newest officers after they graduated from the Columbus Police Academy.
- Chief Steve Farmer, police staff, and City Manager Steve Schoeny presented a check for \$16,850 to the James Comprehensive Cancer Research Center on January 24 in the Council Chambers.
- Officer Travis Goodman, the School Resource Officer for Jones Middle School, coached a junior High Wrestling team for a charity event.
- Sergeant Jason Amweg and Officer Emmanuel Boamah assisted OSU athletes with preparing for career interviews and careers in law enforcement at a student-athlete mock interview event.

FEBRUARY

- Final Interviews with Chief Steve Farmer and HR Director Abby Cochran were conducted with the top three Officers from the promotional process. Officer Bryan McKean was selected as the newest Sergeant and was sworn-in on February 25.
- Chief Steve Farmer and Assistant City Manager Jackie Thiel met virtually to discuss the Police and Fire Organizational study scheduled to begin in February with CPSM.
- Chief Steve Farmer and Lieutenant Keith Hall participated in an executive quarterly meeting with partners from the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center (NRECC) to discuss upcoming issues and concerns. Partners included Upper Arlington Fire Division, Dublin Police Department, Hilliard Division of Police, Worthington Division of Police, Worthington

Division of Fire, Norwich Township Fire Department, and Washington Township Fire Department.

- Lieutenant Keith Hall and Sergeant Jason Amweg began meetings with the remodeling team from the Legat Architecture Firm, Assistant Manager Jackie Thiel, and the Elford Construction Team.
- Officer Emmanuel Boamah and Officer Zachary Sorosiak participated in a criminal justice program career fair hosted by the University of Toledo.
- The Patrol Division began planning for the move to the lower level of the MSC while construction on the Police Headquarters began.

MARCH

- Officer Adam Ankrom and Officer E.J. Windham attended OPOTA Instructional Skills Class at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.
- Detective Gino Bromelia took a position in the private sector after over 12 years of service to the Upper Arlington Police Division.
- Sergeant Jason Amweg, Lieutenant Keith Hall, Lieutenant Jason Messer, and Chief Steve Farmer attended an appreciation dinner at the Upper Arlington High School to recognize School Resource Officers.
- Lieutenant Greg Patrick retired after over 28 years of service to the Upper Arlington Police Division.
- Sergeant Jason Amweg and Sergeant Matthew Petty attended the police recruit boxing match at the Columbus Police Academy to observe Officer Austin Payne, Officer Alex Mason, and Officer Ryan Belleman participate.
- Officer Travis Goodman attended the 2022 Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center Law Enforcement Drug Summit.
- Lieutenant Keith Hall attended the annual CALEA conference in Orlando, Florida.

APRIL

- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Sergeant Bryan McKean began quarterly training for the Police Division.
- Sergeant John Greene began the Police Executive Leadership Course.

- Administrative Assistant Noel Fohl resigned from the Police Division and took a position with New Albany.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Officer E.J. Windham participated in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day with the help of the UAPD Citizen Police Academy.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Officer Emmanuel Boamah attended Dublin's 2022 Joint Public Safety Recruiting Event.
- Officer Dan Jones attended the Basic Driving Instructor course to become a trainer for the Police Division.
- Sergeant Bryan McKean and Sergeant Matthew Petty attended the XRAY Alpha Rifle and Pistol Instructor course
- Patrol and Operations Bureau moved to the lower level of the MSC for the duration of the Police Headquarters remodel.
- School Resource Officers moved to Station 72 for the duration of the Police Headquarters remodel.
- Criminal Investigation Bureau, the Command Staff, and the Administrative Staff moved to 1950 Mallway for the duration of the Police Headquarters remodel.
- Officers Emmanuel Boamah and Zachary Sorosiak attended the Upper Arlington Cherry Blossom Celebration.

MAY

- Sergeant Bryan McKean attended an Active Shooter class in Winchester, KY, called ERASE for police trainers.
- Officer Adam Molter, Detective Kyle Kayser, and Detective Christopher Bibler attended the 21st annual Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigations.
- UAPD staff hosted an open house and recruitment event for the community.
- Officer Brandon Rees attended the Advanced Dynamic Vehicle Operations Class.
- Sergeant John Greene completed his second week of Police Executive Leadership College.
- Officer Jesse Hendershot, Officer Mitchell Fowler, and Officer Alex Mason all completed Crisis Intervention Training at the Columbus Police Academy.
- Lieutenant Keith Hall began speaking with members of the SOAR team to discuss finding assistance with the Division's CALEA Process.

JUNE

- Officer Dan Jones attended the Advanced Driving Instructor course to become a trainer for the Division.
- Officer Todd Bartson attended the Senior Datamaster Training.
- Sergeant John Greene completed the final week of training for the Police Executive Leadership College.
- Officer Jon Rice, Officer Travis Goodman, Officer Joshua Luke all attended the Ohio School Resource Officer's Conference in Sandusky, Ohio.
- The demolition phase of the MSC remodel project began in June.
- Officer E.J. Windham and Officer Don Stanko began the summer Safety Town program.
- Sergeant Bryan McKean conducted Rifle Training for members of the Perry Township Police Department at the outdoor firing range.
- UAPD agreed with Compliance Lynx to provide consulting work for our CALEA requirements until the new professional standards position was approved.

JULY

- Officer Austin Payne completed Crisis Intervention Training at the Columbus Police Academy.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Officer Joshua Luke attended the Upper Arlington Farmers Market for recruitment efforts.
- Officer Emily Beard and Officer Kyle Yoho graduated from the Columbus Police Academy on July 29.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Sergeant Bryan McKean began the Mini Police Academy for Officer Emily Beard Officer Kyle Yoho.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Sergeant Heather Galli attended Second Annual Women's Focused Multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement Career Fair at the Columbus Police Academy.
- Recor's Specialist Aaron Greenberg attended the Body Worn Camera Virtual National Meeting.
- Officer E.J. Windham and Officer Don Stanko completed the summer 2022 Safety Town sessions.

AUGUST

- Officer Adam Ankrom attended a four-day Carbine Instructor course at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy.
- Members of the Support Services Bureau held a quarterly staff meeting hosted by Sergeant Matthew Petty to discuss issues and share information.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty, Officer E.J. Windham, and Officer Jon Rice conducted Active Threat Training with staff members of the Upper Arlington High School.
- Officer Don Stanko attended a Table-Top Exercise with staff members of Burbank School.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty, Sergeant Bryan McKean, and Officer E.J. Windham conducted Active Threat Training with Staff Members of the Upper Arlington Library.
- Members of the School Resource Officer Team began conducting walk-throughs for Patrol Officers and Detectives of all the school facilities due to the completion of several remodeling projects and the beginning of the school year.
- Officer E.J. Windham and Officer Don Stanko hosted a review and planning meeting for the Safety Town Program with school and parks members.
- Sergeant Bryan McKean met with the Upper Arlington Safety Committee Team.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Officer Emmanuel Boamah attended the Upper Arlington Farmers Market for recruitment efforts.
- Lieutenant Keith Hall and Sergeant Jason Amweg attended the first meeting of the Upper Arlington Community Center Safety Team to begin planning for the new City Community Center.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty and Officer Daniel Zagaria worked with members of the Patrol Division to coordinate the installation of new police cruiser radios and portable radios for patrol staff. The remainder of the radio replacement will occur in 2023.

SEPTEMBER

- Sergeant Heather Galli and Officer Dan Jones attended a Small Manned Aircraft Systems Class at the Columbus Fire Training Academy.
- Officer Adam Ankrom attended a three-day Revolver Instructor course at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy.

OCTOBER

- Lieutenant Keith Hall and Sergeant Heather Galli attended the FBI-LEEDA Great Lakes Leadership Seminar in Buffalo, New York.
- Sergeant Bryan McKean and Detective Christopher Bibler attended a class on Low Visibility Counterterrorism Operations for law enforcement and a breaching class for instructors the Ohio Tactical Officers Association hosted.
- Sergeant Bryan McKean, Sergeant Matthew Petty, and Officer Adam Ankrom attended the Ohio Tactical Officers Association Conference.
- Records Specialist Aaron Greenburg attended two separate virtual classes on Advanced Public Records.
- Officer Adam Ankrom attended the Shotgun Instructor's Course at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy.

NOVEMBER

- Officer Emmanuel Boamah and Officer Zachary Sorosiak attended a three-day PIO Academy for Law Enforcement Officers in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The Training Division hosted a Benelli Armorer's Course in the training room at Station 72 where multiple agencies from Ohio were represented.
- Officer Joe Kelly attended a Criminal Drug Interdiction Class at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.
- Officer Emmanuel Boamah and Officer Zachary Sorosiak visited Northern Kentucky University for a Criminal Justice-Government Career Fair.
- Officer Emmanuel Boamah participated in a Criminal Justice Career Fair at Tiffin University.
- This month, the Police Division successfully passed the annual CALEA Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies assessment, which was the year two assessment.
- Lieutenant Keith Hall and Sergeant Jason Amweg were assisted by members of the Gahanna Division of Police and Reynoldsburg Division of Police in conducting an Oral Interview Panel for the next two Upper Arlington Detectives. Officer Michele Sussi and Officer Dan Jones were selected to fill the open detective positions, which will begin in January of 2023.

DECEMBER

- Lieutenant Keith Hall attended the kick-off meeting for CLEE, the Certified Law Enforcement Executive class presented by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Sergeant Matthew Petty, Officer E.J. Windham, Officer Travis Goodman, and Administrative Assistant Maria Coger worked with members of the Mountview Baptist Church to conduct a Shop with a Cop event for several underprivileged families.
- Sergeant Mark Phillips attended an Incident Command Class #300.
- Chief Steve Farmer, Lieutenant Keith Hall, and Lieutenant Jason Messer met with Deputy Chief Rhonda Grizzell of the Reynoldsburg Division of Police about joining the Franklin County Metro Peer Support Team.
- Lieutenant Jason Messer led a team that developed a new mission Statement for the Police Division.
- Lieutenant Keith Hall worked with HR Director Abby Cochran to develop the job description for the newly created Crime Analyst and Professional Standards civilian positions. Both positions will be filled in 2023.

TRAINING | Support Services Bureau

The Upper Arlington Police Training unit is comprised of one Sergeant and three ancillary cross-trained officers who assist the training officer in specific areas of training. The Training Sergeant coordinates all required and elective training for both sworn and civilian personnel. In 2022, officers received pistol, shotgun and rifle training along with our annual firearm qualification at the indoor and outdoor shooting ranges. In addition, our training personnel provided joint training at the outdoor range with several other law enforcement agencies.

The Training unit conducts in-service roll-call training for officers in order to cover topics such as use-of-force, vehicle pursuits, administering Naloxone, our UA CARES Program, and training on interactions with emotionally disturbed or mentally ill individuals. Each quarter the training unit provides instruction on topics such as firearms, hazardous materials, use-of-force and non-lethal weapons, trauma-informed policing, and the practical application of force. Scenario-based training that incorporates de-escalation techniques and addresses implicit bias is also conducted each year. Other components of training include fitness testing, legal updates, holding facility training, and responding to mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons.

UAPD TRAINING HOURS

	2018*	2019	2020	2021**	2022***
Hours per Employee	96.69	85.72	42.33	94.91	100.1
TOTALS	6,376	5,229	2,540	5,948	6,206

* There were 2,560 hours of Basic Peace Officer Training

** There were 1,950 hours of Basic Peace Officer Training

*** There were 1,440 hours of Basic Peace Officer Training

2022 TOTAL TRAINING HOURS

	In-House	Schools	2022 Totals	2021 Totals	Per Employee	# of Staff	Firearms
Command Staff	85	140	225	211.5	75	3	43.5
Operations	1,205	3,377.5	4,582.5	3,979.75	130.92	35	628
Staff/Investigative	272.5	368.25	640.75	791.5	71.19	9	124
Support Services	172	365.75	537.75	706.5	89.62	6	98
Reserve	80	136.5	216.5	204	43.3	5	29
Civilian Staff	0	4.25	4.25	55	1.06	4	0
TOTALS	1,814.5	4,392.25	6,206.75	5,948.25	100.1	62	922.5

Community Relations Unit | Support Services Bureau

The Police Division's Community Relations and Training Officer is the primary point of contact for crime prevention educational programs and training. The Community Relations and Training Officer works closely with patrol officers, the D.A.R.E. officer, school resource officers (SRO), and investigators to utilize and effectively deploy resources and information to members of the greater Upper Arlington community.



The Police Division has several different types of safety programs designed to meet the needs of all groups and demographics in the community. These programs include Safety Town, D.A.R.E., Citizen's Police Academy, and Personal and Home Security Safety series. Additionally, there are several specialized programs for businesses and organizations in the community, which include Financial Institution Robbery Response procedures, workplace violence prevention programs, building security surveys, cyber-security, fraud awareness and prevention, and active threat training. Some of these programs are scheduled to run at set intervals while others are scheduled by request. Any business or community group may request a class such as these. Having these programs in place, the Police Division is able to alleviate community concerns that occur because of criminal activity, and/or perceived potential criminal activity, within the City.

SAFETY TOWN

In 2022 the 51st annual Safety Town returned to an in-person program. The program is made up four, one-week sessions. Participants sign-up on-line through a partnership with the City of Upper Arlington's Parks & Rec Department. Safety Town is a personal safety program designed to fit the needs of children ages five and six, and addresses common safety concerns voiced by parents. Topics include use of 9-1-1, fire safety, stranger safety, school bus safety, poison safety, animal safety, and water safety. The program was once again, hosted at the Greensview Elementary School. The Police Division was assisted by the Upper Arlington Parks & Rec Department in filling all of the staff positions. In 2022, Officer E.J. Windham and Officer Don Stanko provided 10 sessions of our Safety Town program to the community. Almost 600 students attended Safety Town in 2022, which was a considerable increase from the previous year.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program places officers in schools with the goal of providing security and forging relationships during non-crisis interactions. The SROs work with Upper Arlington school teachers and administrators establishing communication between the schools and the division. Part of this process involves investigating crimes that are committed during school hours and on school property. SROs also assist with planning, crime prevention programs, and overall school security. Most importantly, SROs are interacting with students on a daily basis, during periods of non-crisis, which allows officers and students to forge positive relationships.

During the 2022 calendar year, Upper Arlington SROs offered counseling support to the students on their individual campus. Many of these incidents required the officer to help deescalate a student in crisis. In addition to the counseling role, the SROs were called upon to assist with peer mediation, individual student or faculty concerns, recover lost items or to simply help new students find their way around the building.

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a drug prevention program presented to students in fifth and eighth grades. In 2022, seven elementary and two middle schools participated in the program, which teaches students about making good choices. This decision-making model is used to help students navigate the dangers of drugs and avoid substance abuse issues. The program also includes an anti-bullying section that leverages the same model to help students make good choices with respect to their classmates. During the 2022 calendar year, there were 70 other classes completed, which were all the result of special requests made by classroom teachers. The topics covered were diverse and involved subject matters which pair nicely with Ohio statewide curriculum standards. These classes included lessons involving local government, application of law, civil rights, personal safety, and a class on youth and the law. Additionally these classes were taught by the SROs who are assigned to the schools.

YOUTH AND THE LAW

This program is taught in the seventh grade (middle school) and focuses on helping youth make safe and responsible choices by understanding their rights and the laws in Upper Arlington.

HOME ALONE AND PERSONAL SAFETY FOR YOUTH

This personal safety and awareness course is taught to all ages. Students learn how to deal with safety issues at home, in public places, and while using the Internet. Age appropriate skills are presented to increase students' awareness and confidence as they grow and mature.

ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

This program enhances current security protocols at schools, businesses, organizations, churches, and government locations. By teaching students what to do, before, during, and after an active threat situation. Students learn how to recognize the pre-incident indicators of violence to prevent an incident. They learn what to do during an event to mitigate the loss of life and finally what to do after the event to help start the healing process.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Upper Arlington Police Division continues to use X, formerly known as Twitter, to publish information to citizens and local new outlets, disseminating safety information as quickly as possible and sharing updates about police services and programs.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ROBBERY PREVENTION TRAINING

The UA Police Division offers free robbery prevention training to all financial institutions within the City. The Community Relations Officer coordinates with all bank branches throughout the City to discuss robbery prevention and safety. In addition, bank employees are advised of police policies on actual robberies and false alarms. This allows standardization of emergency procedures among the different organizations.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

The Neighborhood Crime Watch Program enlists the active participation of citizens to work with law enforcement to reduce crimes in their community. Citizens are trained by the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer on how to protect their property and themselves. These citizens act as the eyes and ears of the UA Police Division. The Upper Arlington Neighborhood Watch Program consists of numerous active Watch Groups.

PROPERTY ROOM

The property room is overseen by our property room custodian who ensures all items taken in by the Police Division are properly accounted for and that the division adheres to the highest standards possible. Those principles are ensured by both a scheduled annual audit and unannounced audits of the evidence on hand. In 2022 no irregularities were found in any of these audits.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION UNIT

The Upper Arlington Police Division participated in two Prescription Drug Take Back Days during 2022 (April & October). The location for the Drug Take Back Day was moved to the Reed Road Firehouse #72 in April of 2022. Once all contributions were collected, they were transferred from our Division to the Detroit Field Office of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

The Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) provides 24-hour coverage for all emergency and non-emergency communications between the public and Police and Fire divisions.

HOLDING FACILITY

The UA Police Division operates a Holding Facility that is classified through the Ohio Bureau of Adult Detention (OBAD) as a 'Temporary Holding Facility' and, as such, is audited/inspected/approved each year by the OBAD and Franklin County Health Department.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Police Division continues to maintain the Citizen Police Academy which gives residents an inside look at how police officers are selected, trained, and work in their community. This program exposes participants to a wide variety of topics from traffic stops, search & seizure law, use of force, etc.

Awards & Accomplishments

AWARDS

Officer of the Year: Timothy Brandt

Civilian of the Year: Reserve Officer D.J. Brannon

Meritorious Service Award: Jason Stansberry, Joshua Mullett, Todd Bartson

Initial Safe Driving Award: None

Safe Driving Award: Jason Amweg, Emmanuel Boamah, Kurt Bowman, Brian Daron, John Greene, Kyle Kaysor, Joe Kelly, Bryan McKean, Brandon Medina, Mark Phillips, Jason Stansberry, Andy Wuertz

Ace Award: Michele Sussi, Todd Bartson, Jesse Hendershot

Physical Fitness Award: Adam Ankrom, Todd Bartson, Emily Beard, Ryan Belleman, Brian Daron, Mitch Fowler, Heather Galli, John Greene, Jesse Hendershot, Dan Jones, Joe Kelly, Josh Luke, Ryan Martin, Jason Messer, Austin Payne, Matt Petty, Mark Phillips, Zach Sorosiak, Matt Walker, Andy Wuertz, Kyle Yoho

Police Chief's Recognition: Mitch Fowler, Michele Sussi, Joe Kelly, Tim Brandt, Adam Molter, Kyle Kayser, Bryan McKean, Todd Bartson, Zach Sorosiak



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Officer Ron Ewell was awarded the Franklin County Sheriff's Office STAR Award - (S) Selflessness, (T) Teamwork, (A) Accountability, (R) Respect

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Greg Patrick retired in February after 30 years of service.

Officer Karena Wilka retired in March after 25 years of service.

PROMOTIONS



Officer Dan Jones was selected for the Detective Bureau in December.



Officer Michele Sussi was selected for the Detective Bureau in December.



Officer Bryan McKean was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February and assigned to the Patrol Bureau.

NEW HIRES



Officer Javon Glass was hired in December.



Officer Austin Johnston was hired in December.



Officer Harrison LeVan was hired in December.



Officer Nicholas Yocham was hired in December.



Administrative Assistant Maria Coger was hired in December.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION - COLUMBUS OFFICE TASK FORCE

Type of Drug	Preferred Unit of Measure	Amount of Drug	Estimated Street Value	Amount of Drug	Estimated Street Value
		2021	2021	2022	2022
Cocaine	grams	93,148.30	\$9,314,830	137,610	4,310,908
Crack	grams	416.72	\$97,670	N/A	N/A
Heroin	grams	16,433.43	\$1,314,674	12,720	\$574,676
Marijuana (processed)	pounds	283	\$2,830	3,058	\$6,865,883
Methamphetamine	grams	111,412.00	\$8,912,960	133,170	\$706,733
Fentanyl	grams	61,194	\$8,567,160	116,400	\$4,731,543
MDMA	grams	1,212	\$7,272	N/A	N/A
THC	unit doses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hash Oil	grams	8,038	\$401,900	N/A	N/A
Psilocybin Mushrooms	grams	43.1	\$153.86	N/A	N/A
Carfentanil	grams	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LSD	unit doses	495	\$4,950	N/A	N/A
Prescription Medications	unit doses	688.8	\$20,664	N/A	N/A

REPORTED OFFENSES

Part I Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arson	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	3	5
Auto Theft	16	21	15	36	37
Burglary	85	59	47	33	25
Homicide	2	1	0	1	0
Rape	4	2	3	5	1
Robbery	5	8	8	10	4
Theft	366	369	327	264	376
TOTALS	480	462	400	353	448
Part II Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assault	26	23	8	19	28
Criminal Damage/ Vandalism	56	58	68	33	57
Criminal Mischief	9	14	11	9	10
Domestic Dispute	17	37	39	37	22
Domestic Violence	20	18	11	10	10
Drug Abuse	66	58	125	167	170
Fraud/Forgery	112	205	202	264	296
Missing Person	15	5	14	14	7
Sex Offenses*	3	6	6	7	7
Telecommunications Harassment	29	26	27	23	12
TOTALS	353	450	511	583	619

NOTE: Adjustments in data collection and analysis methods took effect for the Year 2019, due to the City's partnership with the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) for 911/ dispatching services and the addition of a Crime Analyst position. As a result, some prior year data reflected in the division's annual reports differs from subsequent data analysis records produced by the division.

*Not including rape

STATISTICS

2022 USE OF FORCE

	2020	2021	2022
Total Use of Force Incidents	0	3	4
Adult Arrests	383	468	529
Juvenile Arrests	72	59	22
Types of Force Reported (Can be multiple uses of force out of one use of incident)			
	2020	2021	2022
Joint Manipulation	0	8	12
Take Downs	0	8	6
Strikes	0	0	0
Baton Restraints	0	0	0
Chemical Irritants	0	0	0
Taser	0	0	0
Baton Strikes	0	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0	0
Officers Involved	0	8	4
Total Incidents	0	3	4
Use of Force by Suspect Gender			
	2020	2021	2022
Male	0	3	3
% Male	0	100	75
Female	0	0	1
% Female	0	0	25
Use of Force by Suspect Race			
	2020	2021	2022
Black	0	2	1
Hispanic	0	0	3
Asian	0	0	0
Indian	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

NOTE: All instances of use of force undergo a thorough internal investigation—including a review of evidence, audio/video recordings and interviews with participants and witnesses—to ensure that measures taken by officers were reasonable based on each situation.

Over a period of three years, instances of use of force represent 0.0002 percent of the division’s calls for service. For additional details, [click here](#) to view the division’s three-year Use of Force analysis.

Use of Force by Suspect Age			
	2020	2021	2022
Under 18	0	0	0
18-25	0	1	1
26-30	0	0	1
31-35	0	0	0
36-40	0	1	0
41-45	0	0	1
46-50	0	1	1
50+	0	0	0
Injury to Suspect			
	2020	2021	2022
Minor Physical Injury	0	1	2
Serious Physical Injury	0	0	0
Claimed Injury	0	0	0
No Injury	0	2	2
Injury to Officers			
	2020	2021	2022
Minor Physical Injury	0	2	2
Serious Physical Injury	0	0	0
Claimed Injury	0	0	0
No Injury	0	6	8

GENERAL OFFENSES STATISTICS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Stolen Autos Recovered	4	15	7	6	10
Stolen Bicycles/Mopeds Recovered	0	12	0	1	1
3rd Shift Open Door Calls	333	236	85	45	59
Impounded Vehicles	308	251	177	201	180
Juveniles Arrested	42	23	72	59	17
Adults Arrested	621	522	383	468	496
Domestic Dispute/Violence	37	53	50	47	32
Emotionally Disturbed Persons	70	63	74	63	59
Attempted Suicide	4	7	4	7	31
Suicide	3	4	2	0	2
Field Interviews	26	39	49	23	7
DOA	27	20	23	19	35

2022 DEMOGRAPHICS

Race	Citations	Percentage	Arrests*	Percentage	FIS	Percentage
White	1,301	61%	286	54%	12	92%
Black	528	25%	207	39%	1	8%
Hispanic	128	6%	30	6%	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	166	8%	6	1%	0	0%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTALS	2,127		529		13	

*These numbers reflect individuals cited, not how many charges were filed.

For additional details, [click here](#) to view the division's Biased Based Review analysis.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Accident Summary	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Accident Total (a+b+c)	492	447	358	331	345
a. Fatal	0	0	0	1	1
b. Personal Injury	52	65	50	53	66
c. Property Damage	440	382	308	277	278
<i>-Involving Juveniles</i>	25	30	24	32	34
<i>-Pedestrians Injured</i>	4	2	2	3	4
Enforcement Summary	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adult Citations	4,442	2,856	1,480	2,003	2,309
Juvenile Citations	81	85	51	62	43
OVI Arrests	115	129	76	108	70
Parking Citations	371	349	137	272	149
Traffic Stops	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTALS	5,439	6,772	4,161	6,049	6,279

For additional details, [click here](#) to view the division's Bias-Based Review analysis.

STATISTICS

EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Courtesy to Public	1	0	0	0
--Exonerated	1	0	0	0
--Sustained	0	0	0	0
Treatment of Persons in Custody	0	0	0	0
--Exonerated	0	0	0	0
--Sustained	0	0	0	0
Abuse of Position	0	0	0	0
Misconduct Not Based on Complaint	0	0	0	0
Conduct Unbecoming	0	0	0	1
--Sustained	0	0	0	0
--Unfounded	0	0	0	1

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Failure to Report	7	0	3	2
Unsatisfactory Performance	0	1	2	4
Neglect of Duty	0	0	0	0
Loss of Property	1	1	0	1
Use of Weapons	0	0	0	1
Courtesy to Employees	0	0	1	1
Use of Force	8	0	0	0

FLEET SAFETY

Fleet Safety	2019	2020	2021	2022
At Fault	3	1	1	0
Not At Fault	0	0	0	0