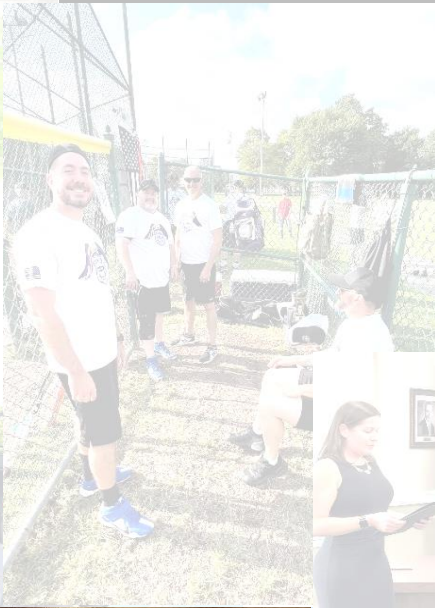


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THE PARMA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

DOING THE RIGHT THING
FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.



Message from Chief Tanya Czack...

As the newly appointed Police Chief beginning last September, I am honored to present to you the annual report for the Parma Heights Police Department, covering the year 2023. It's been an eventful year, filled with challenges and triumphs, and I am proud to share our journey with you.

Reflecting on the past year, we have faced two retirements with the departure of Sgt. Scott Jackson and a change at the helm of the department with the retirement of Chief Steve Scharschmidt. Those retirements have placed other officers in positions to advance and take over the responsibilities that become necessary to reassign when officers who have held multiple ancillary assignments retire. We navigated the complexities of a change in leadership for the Southwest Enforcement Bureau with Sgt. Jackson's departure, along with Adam Sloan's promotion to Sergeant. In addition, the entire patrol division then transitioned to 12-hour shifts beginning the final quarter of the year. Our officers have risen to each occasion with unwavering dedication and professionalism.

Our city stands as a beacon of community strength and resilience. With a growing population and diverse demographics, Parma Heights is not just a place on the map – it's our home, where safety and security are paramount. Each member of the Parma Heights Police Department embraces the department's new mission statement; "Doing the right thing for the right reasons". It was Chief Scharschmidt's motto and I believe adopting it as our mission statement honors the legacy he has left with the department.

We have embraced technology as a tool for progress by starting a drone unit which will assist in our approach to crime solving, documentation, and community outreach. We have collaborated as a department to develop programs for new tools that allow less than lethal options when dealing with situations that may require force.

We hold strategic partnerships with other agencies and organizations, along with proactive engagement initiatives at city events as well as the citizens police academy that have fostered a culture of collaboration and trust within our neighborhoods.

As we look to the future, we must remain vigilant in our pursuit of justice and safety for all residents. We are dedicated to continuing engagement with the community to keep Parma Heights a city where every voice is heard and every life is valued.

I want to express my gratitude to the brave men and women of the Parma Heights Police Department for their unwavering commitment to serving and protecting our community. Their courage and sacrifice inspire me every day, and I am honored to lead this exceptional team.

To the residents of Parma Heights, I invite you to join us on this journey toward a brighter tomorrow. Involve yourself in activities the city offers and get to know this great community and its police department. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and build a future where safety, unity, and prosperity are the pillars of your community.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Parma Heights Police Department. Let's make 2024 a year of progress, resilience, and community empowerment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanya Czack".

Tanya Czack
Chief of Police





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PATROLMAN ANDREW AUGUSTIN
HIRED 02/20/2023



PATROLMAN DUANE PARISH
HIRED 07/06/2023



PATROLMAN MENA GARAS
HIRED 10/01/2023



CLERK LORA HERTEL
HIRED 03/16/2023



CLERK JIM KULIKOWSKI
HIRED 08/21/2023

PROMOTIONS



CAPTAIN TANYA CZACK
PROMOTED TO CHIEF 09/11/2023



DETECTIVE ADAM SLOAN
PROMOTED TO SERGEANT 09/07/23



Chief of Police - Tanya Czack

Day - 6am-6pm
Sgt. Mike Deily
 Scheduling
 Payroll
 FTO Supervisor

Sgt. Michael Luzniak
 Comp Ops
 BWC/Video Evidence
 Grants
 Forms
 Records/Tickets
 Recruiting Coordinator
 Annual Report
 Safe Kids/OM Task Force
 ID Cards
 K-9 Supervisor
 Driving Instructor
 Drone Unit
 Back up Payroll/Scheduling

Sgt. Dan Kravanis
 Clerk Supervisor
 Side Job Coordinator
 Drone Supervisor
 Chaplain Supervisor
 Deer Culling Unit

Day - 7am-7pm
Ptl. Jeff Dunnell
 ASP Instructor
 Evidence Tech

Ptl. Chris Rossman
 Tint Meter
 Evidence Tech

Ptl. Michael Molnar
 Lock Out Tools

Ptl. Ron Felkonis
 SWAG
 Backup SRO

Ptl. Andrew Fischer
 SEB Officer
 Evidence Tech
 FTO
 Range Officer
 Taser Instructor
 Alice Instructor
 Deer Culling Unit

Ptl. Philip Onysyk
 Mobile Field Force
 FTO
 Deer Culling Unit
 Drone Unit

Ptl. Dustin Prochaska
 Drone Unit
 Mobile Field Force
 Recruiting

Ptl. Michael Percun
 K9 501C3

Duane Parish
 FTO

Night - 6pm-6am
Sgt. Stephen Lindh
 Deer Mgmt - Schedule
 Rangemaster
 Taser Instructor
 Bldg. Maint. Supervisor
 Drone Unit

Sgt. Adam Sloan
 Ohio Collaborative
 Policy & Procedure
 VMO Assistant
 Signal Service
 Auxiliary Unit
 Assistant PIO
 ET Supervisor
 Community Relations

Sgt. John Vinkler
 SEB Officer
 Alice Instructor
 Arms Room
 Deer Culling Unit
 Asst. Range Supervisor
 Department Website
 Equipment - Patrol
 School Assessments
 Power DMS
 Radar

Night - 7pm-7am
Ptl. Anthony D'Onofrio
 SWAG Contact
 Evidence Tech
 Driving Instructor
 Union Rep
 Recruiting

Ptl. Bryan Miller
 FTO
 Range Officer
 Evidence Tech
 SEB Officer
 Alice Instructor
 Stop Sticks
 Deer Culling Unit
 Recruiting

Ptl. Anthony Lanzara
 Stop Sticks
 FTO
 Recruiting

Ptl. Donovan Flynn
 Evidence Tech

Ptl. Bradd Smith
 Photography
 K-9 Officer
 Deer Culling Unit

Ptl. James Norwillo
 Deer Culling Unit
 Driving Instructor
 Impact Munitions Instr.

Ptl. Eric Brown
 SEB
 Flashlights
 Narcan Kits
 Impact Munitions Instr.
 Deer Culling Unit
 FTO

Ptl. Joseph Rizk
 Building Search Instr.
 Deer Culling Unit

Ptl. Andrew Augustin
 Deer Culling Unit

Mena Garas
 FTO

Chief's Assistant
Sonya Short
 Administrative Assistant to Chief
 Accounts Payable
 Department Coordinator
 Purchasing/Budget/PO
 Personnel Records
 New Appointment Process
 Classroom Scheduling
 Assistant to VMO
 Assistant to Signal Service
 BMV Covert Plates/Titles
 Salvage Vehicles/Affidavits
 Public Relations Events
 Power DMS
 Training - Billing
 Department Website

Administrative Sergeant
Sgt. Jeff Krejina
 Special Invests
 Investigations
 Communications
 Comp Operations
 Video Evidence
 Gatsos Safety
 Incident Reports Review
 LEADS TAC
 Property- Evidence Room
 Vehicle Maintenance

2023
 PHPD
 Organizational
 Chart
 12-31-23

Captain Rick Brown

Ptl. Matt Czech
 SRO

Miranda Braude
 ACO

Father Byrne
 Chaplain

Detective Bureau Assistant
Angie Love
 Crime Reporting
 Training - CPT
 CAD Review/Incidents
 Expungements
 Juvenile Diversion
 Fingerprint Cards
 Power DMS
 Ohio Collaborative
 Intems/BWC
 Salvage/Forfeited Vehicle Titles
 Liquor Permits
 Clerks Schedule
 Asset Forfeiture
 OT Accountability

Full Time Clerks
Kathy Hriczo

John Gangloff
 CAD Review
 Records
 Assistant Expungements
 BWC
 Collaborative

Dave Verbofsky
 Case Manager
 Records
 Liquor Permits
 CAD Review
 MVA-Carfax
 Overdose Initiative
 BWC
 Etrace
 Stats

Part Time Clerks
Elizabeth Dzurisin

Linda Heffern
 Tow Records
 Salvage Vehicle Paperwork

Lora Hertel
 Jail Admin - Retention

Jim Kulikowski
 Fingerprint Mailings
 Parking Citations

Detective Bureau Supervisor
Sgt. Steve Greene
 Special Invests
 Investigations
 Juvenile Diversion
 Computer Operations
 Incident Reports Review
 Communications
 Asset Forfeiture

Detective Luke Wittasek
 General Duty
 CVSA
 Evidence Tech
 Property/ Evidence
 Defensive Tactics
 Taser Instructor

Detective Brian Hansen
 General Duty
 SWAG
 Evidence Tech
 Deer Management
 Drone Unit
 Assistant Property-Evidence Room

Detective Eric Taylor
 General Duty
 Union Rep
 Alice Instructor
 Range Officer
 Evidence Tech
 Community Relations
 Public Information Officer
 Recruiting

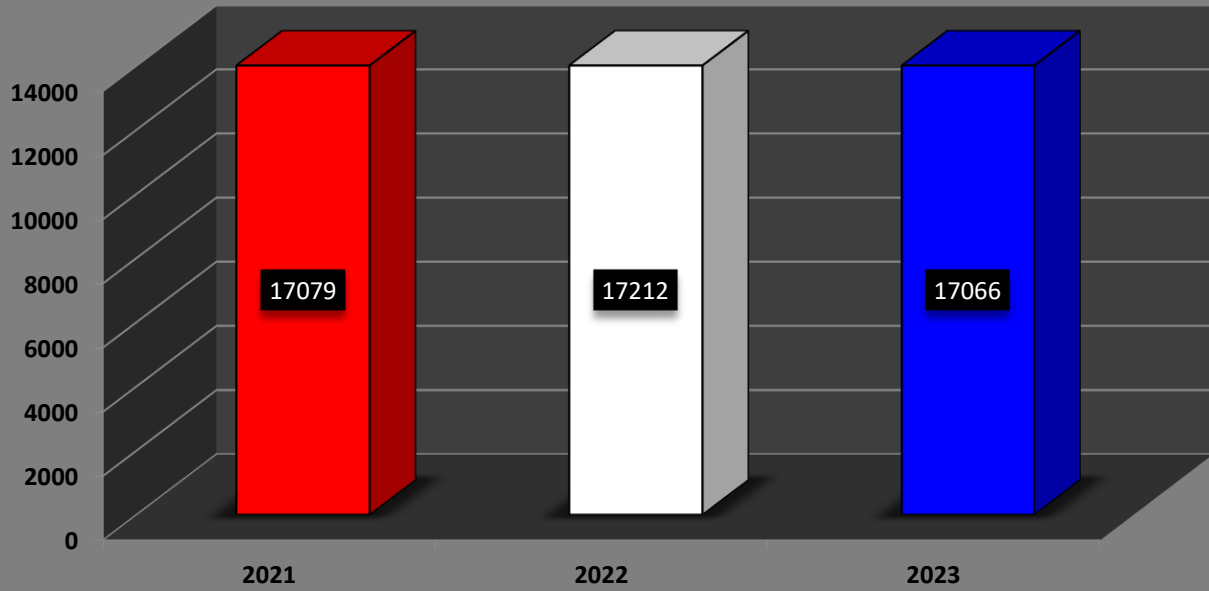
Detective - Vacant
 General Duty



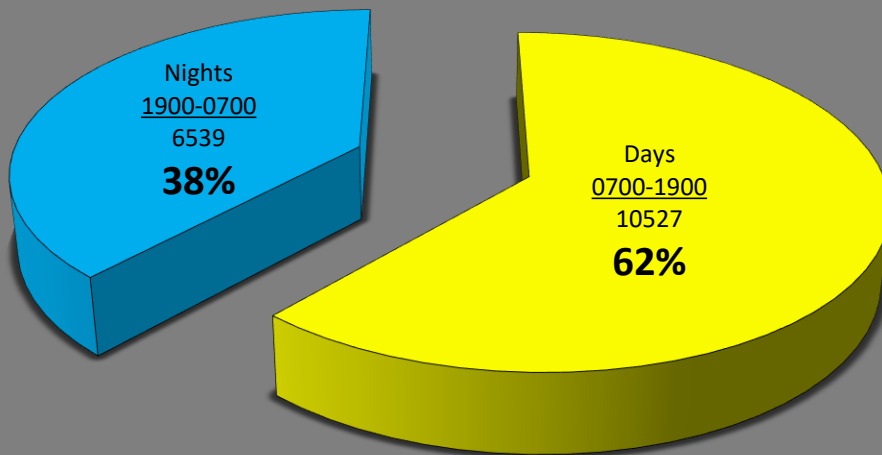
"Doing the right thing for the right reasons."



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR



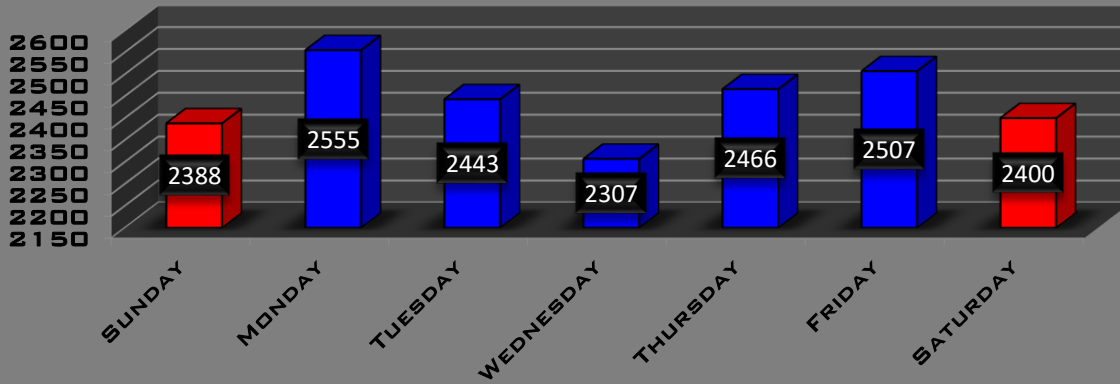
2023 CALLS PER SHIFT



	2022	2023	CHANGE
DAY SHIFT	10506	10527	21
NIGHT SHIFT	6706	6539	-167
TOTALS	17212	17066	-146

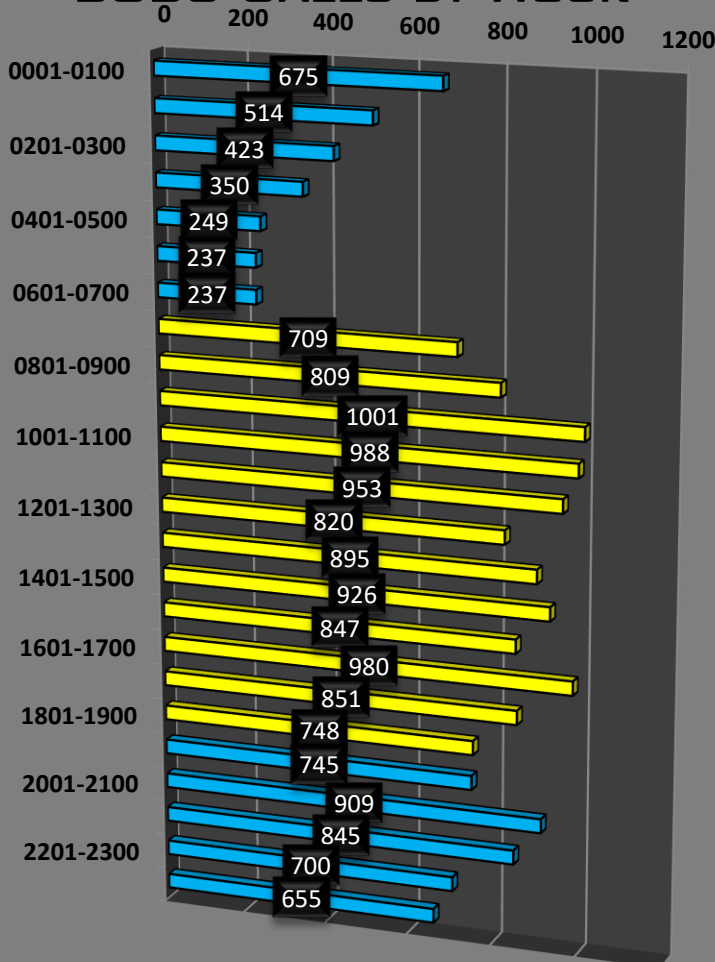


2023 CALLS BY DAY



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2022	2283	2477	2402	2520	2443	2549	2538
2023	2388	2555	2443	2307	2466	2507	2400
CHANGE	105	78	41	-213	23	-42	-138

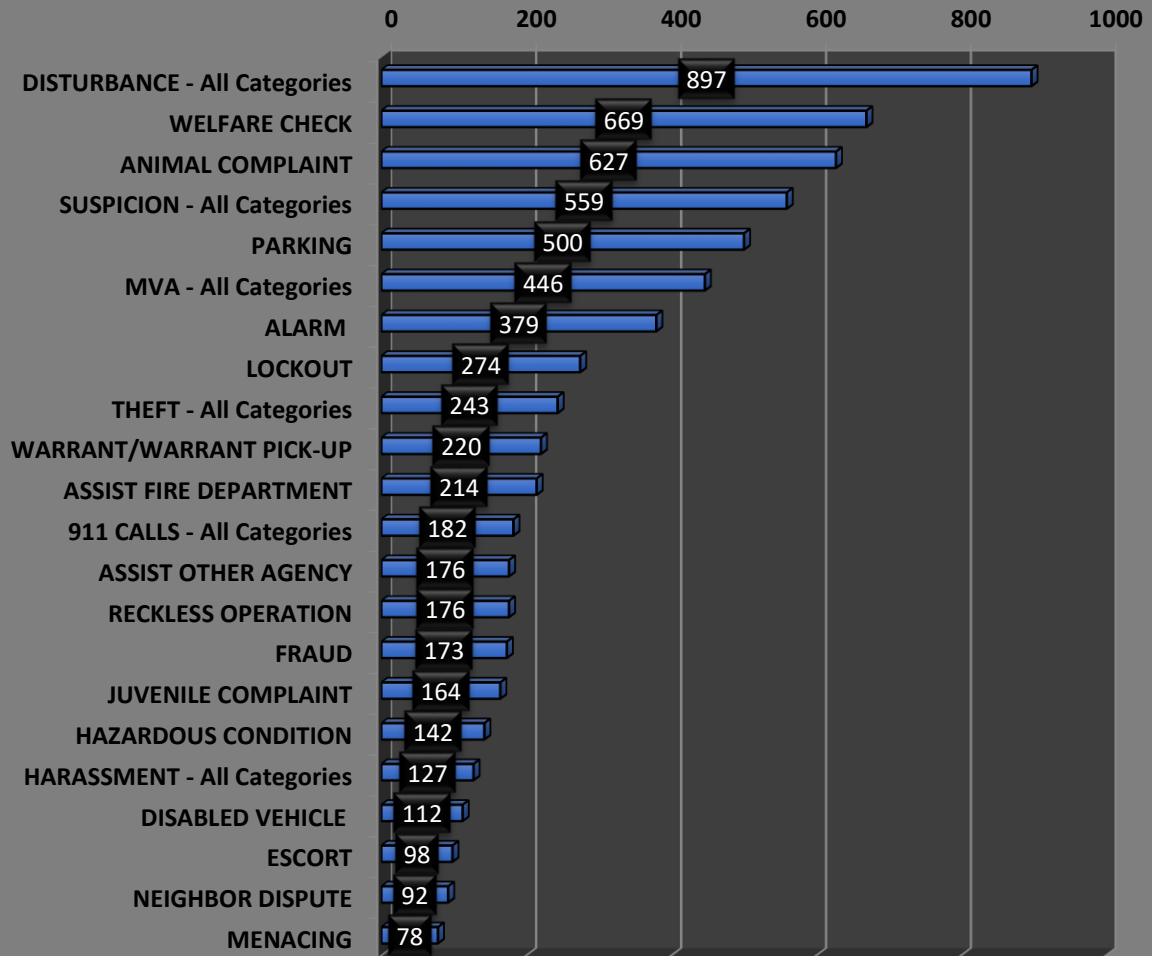
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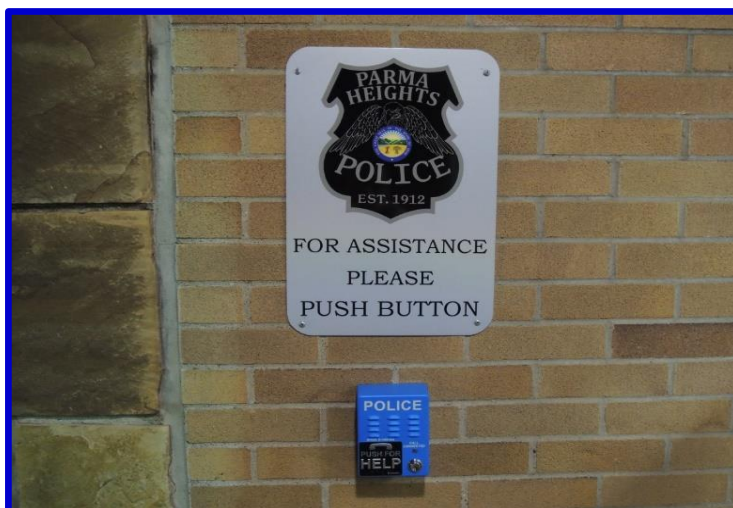
	2022	2023	CHANGE
0001-0100	787	675	-112
0101-0200	577	514	-63
0201-0300	504	423	-81
0301-0400	387	350	-37
0401-0500	271	249	-22
0501-0600	240	237	-3
0601-0700	290	237	-53
0701-0800	735	709	-26
0801-0900	836	809	-27
0901-1000	927	1001	74
1001-1100	1011	988	-23
1101-1200	955	953	-2
1201-1300	784	820	36
1301-1400	916	895	-21
1401-1500	871	926	55
1501-1600	804	847	43
1601-1700	954	980	26
1701-1800	922	851	-71
1801-1900	791	748	-43
1901-2000	749	745	-4
2001-2100	827	909	82
2101-2200	843	845	2
2201-2300	654	700	46
2301-0000	577	655	78



MOST FREQUENT POLICE-RELATED INITIAL CALLS FOR SERVICE



TRAFFIC STOPS - 4687 (-334 FROM 2022)





ANIMAL-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
ANIMAL ABANDONMENT	0	0	0
ANIMAL AT-LARGE	19	18	-1
ANIMAL BITES	7	4	-3
ANIMAL CARE (CRUELTY AND NEGLECT)	5	4	-1
ANIMAL NOISES/BARKING DOG	0	2	2
DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS	7	7	0
REGISTRATION/TAG VIOLATIONS	5	6	1
OTHER	2	5	3
ANIMAL-RELATED TOTAL	45	46	1

ASSAULT-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
ABDUCTION/KIDNAP	5	7	2
AGGRAVATED MENACING	15	14	-1
ASSAULT	28	48	20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	39	69	30
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - BY THREAT	3	4	1
ENDANGERING CHILDREN	7	13	6
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	5	16	11
MENACING	5	12	7
MENACING BY STALKING	2	5	3
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT	1	3	2
VEHICULAR ASSAULT	1	3	2
OTHER	4	14	10
ASSAULT-RELATED TOTAL	115	208	93

DRUG-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
AMPHETAMINE - POSSESS	9	5	-4
COCAINE - POSSESS	3	4	1
DANGEROUS DRUGS	3	2	-1
DRUG ABUSE	66	75	9
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - POSSESS	79	98	19
FENTANYL - POSSESS	4	3	-1
HALLUCINOGEN - POSSESS	0	1	1
HEROIN - POSSESS	0	2	2
MARIJUANA - POSSESS	51	61	10
NARCOTIC EQUIPMENT - POSSESS	3	8	5
OVERDOSE	13	7	-6
TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS	9	5	-4
OTHER	13	8	-5
DRUG-RELATED TOTAL	253	279	26





JUVENILE-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
CURFEW	2	4	2
UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION	14	12	-2
RUNAWAYS	6	4	-2
UNRULY JUVENILE	8	6	-2
CHILD PROHIBITED TOBACCO PRODUCTS	5	10	5
OTHER	0	1	1
JUVENILE-RELATED TOTAL	35	37	2

PROPERTY-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
CRIMINAL DAMAGING OR ENDANGERING	33	34	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	14	5	-9
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	5	6	1
TRESPASSING	44	40	-4
VANDALISM	5	12	7
OTHER	1	0	-1
PROPERTY-RELATED TOTAL	102	97	-5

SEX CRIME-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
DISSEMINATING MATTER HARMFUL TO JUVENILES	2	6	4
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION	6	3	-3
RAPE	10	9	-1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	6	3	-3
UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR	1	1	0
OTHER	2	12	10
SEX CRIME-RELATED TOTAL	27	34	7

THEFT-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
BREAKING AND ENTERING	6	11	5
BURGLARY	13	13	0
FORGERY	20	9	-11
FRAUD	30	33	3
FRAUD - BY WIRE	8	21	13
FRAUD - CHECK/CREDIT CARD	30	26	-4
GRAND THEFT	45	29	-16
GRAND THEFT - VEHICLE	22	12	-10
PETTY THEFT	13	34	21
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	20	13	-7
ROBBERY	2	7	5
TAKING IDENTITY OF ANOTHER	31	42	11
THEFT	114	141	27
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY	5	10	5
OTHER	6	18	12
THEFT-RELATED TOTAL	365	419	54



REPORTS GENERATED

TRAFFIC-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES	10	12	2
DRIVING IN MARKED LANES/WEAVING COURSE	38	43	5
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	43	35	-8
DUI - DRUG OF ABUSE OR COMBINED	88	83	-5
DRIVING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE	10	8	-2
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY/ACDA	8	5	-3
LICENSE PLATES - EXPIRED	28	16	-12
LICENSE PLATES - FICTITIOUS	8	0	-8
LICENSE PLATES - REAR ILLUMINATION	2	9	7
LEFT OF CENTER	4	3	-1
LIGHTED LIGHTS REQUIRED	14	6	-8
OBEYING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	15	12	-3
REASONABLE CONTROL	8	14	6
RECKLESS OPERATION	19	14	-5
RIGHT OF WAY	7	9	2
SEAT BELT LAW	21	12	-9
SPEED	20	30	10
TINTED WINDOWS	20	14	-6
TURN AND STOP SIGNALS	13	13	0
TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS	4	12	8
OTHER	71	58	-13
TRAFFIC-RELATED TOTAL	451	408	-43

WEAPONS-RELATED	2022	2023	CHANGE
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS	17	16	-1
IMPROPERLY HANDLING FIREARM IN MOTOR VEHICLE	20	18	-2
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY	17	9	-8
OTHER	9	10	1
WEAPONS-RELATED TOTAL	63	53	-10

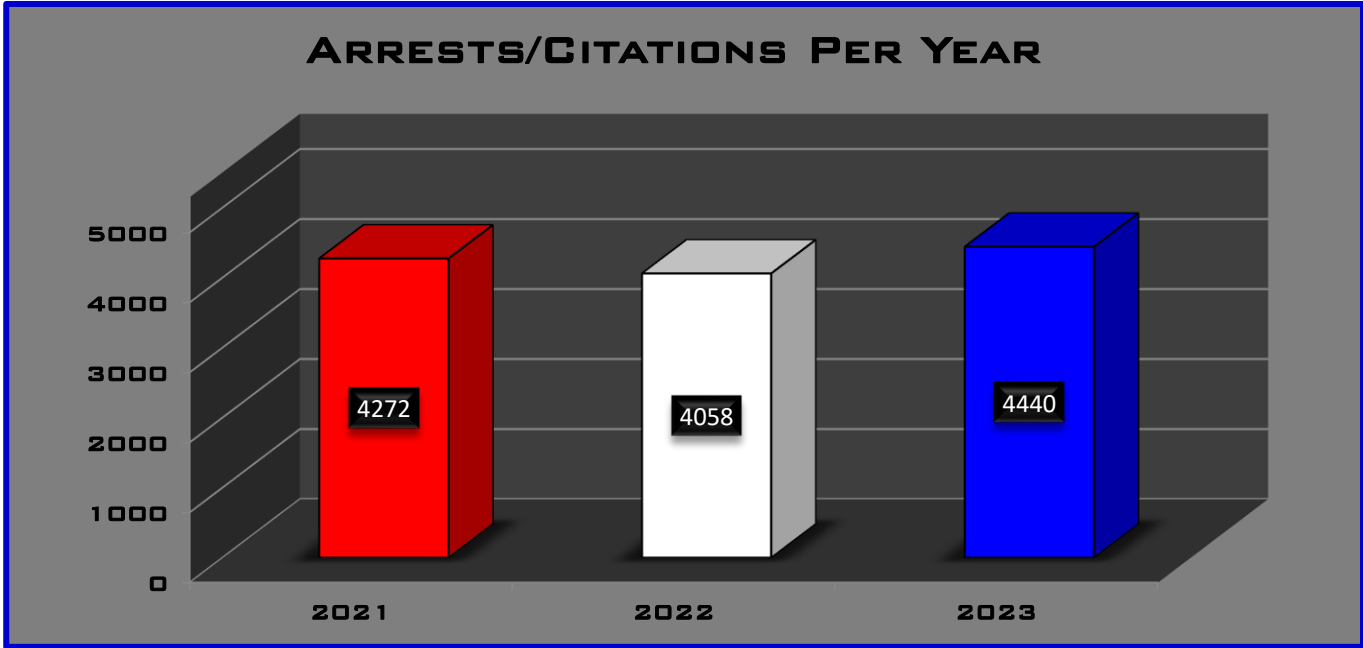




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MISCELLANEOUS	2022	2022	CHANGE
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	31	30	-1
CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR	2	10	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	57	66	9
DISTURBANCE	3	5	2
DISTURBING THE PEACE	5	8	3
DOA	38	35	-3
DRUNKENNESS/PUBLIC INTOXICATION	10	12	2
FALSIFICATION	15	24	9
FLEEING/ELUDING OFFICER	29	20	-9
FOUND PROPERTY	4	4	0
HARASSING COMMUNICATION	15	14	-1
INDUCING PANIC	3	2	-1
MISSING PERSON	23	19	-4
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	36	24	-12
ON-DUTY INJURY	6	4	-2
OPEN CONTAINER IN A PUBLIC PLACE	23	32	9
PERSONAL INJURY	6	8	2
POSSESSING CRIMINAL TOOLS	5	7	2
PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION	18	26	8
RESISTING OFFICER	22	16	-6
SUICIDE	4	2	-2
SUSPICION	7	3	-4
USE OF FORCE	6	0	-6
VIOLATION OF A PROTECTION ORDER	7	14	7
WARRANT	22	24	2
ALL OTHER	109	129	20
MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL	506	538	32





TOP CRIMINAL ARREST/CITATION CATEGORIES

1	DRUG POSSESSION - ALL	128
2	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION - ALL	83
3	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	75
4	THEFT - ALL	52
5	TRESPASSING	48
T6	OBSTRUCTING/FALSIFICATION	46
T6	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - ALL	46
T6	ASSAULT - ALL	46
9	CHILD PROHIBITED TOBACCO PRODUCTS	43
10	WEAPONS VIOLATIONS - ALL	42

TOP TRAFFIC ARREST/CITATION CATEGORIES

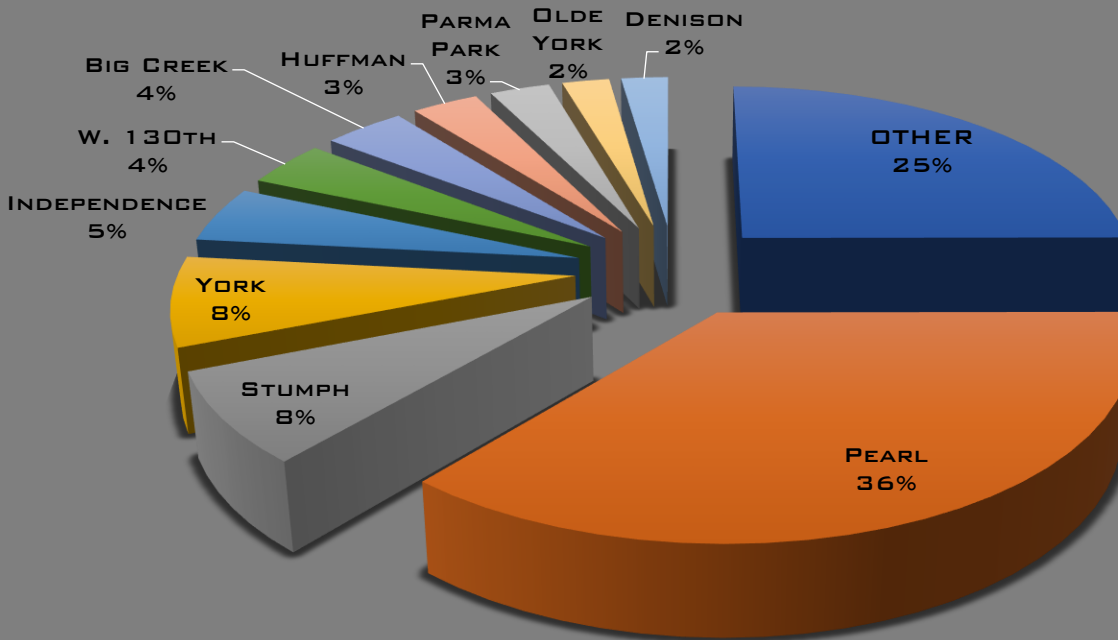
1	SPEED	729
2	EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES	426
3	TINTED WINDOWS	366
4	SAFETY BELT - ADULT	286
5	DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	191
6	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	128
7	OVUI	83
8	DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES	68
9	DRIVING IN MARKED LANES	65
10	RIGHT OF WAY - ALL	59
PARKING VIOLATIONS - ALL		514



TOP ROADWAYS FOR ARRESTS/CITATIONS

1	PEARL ROAD	1609
2	STUMPH ROAD	346
3	YORK ROAD	341
4	INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD	215
5	W. 130TH STREET	176
6	BIG CREEK PARKWAY	174
7	HUFFMAN ROAD	142
8	PARMA PARK BOULEVARD	128
9	OLDE YORK ROAD	101
10	DENISON BOULEVARD	100
	<i>ALL OTHERS</i>	1108

2023 ARREST/CITATION BREAKDOWN BY STREET

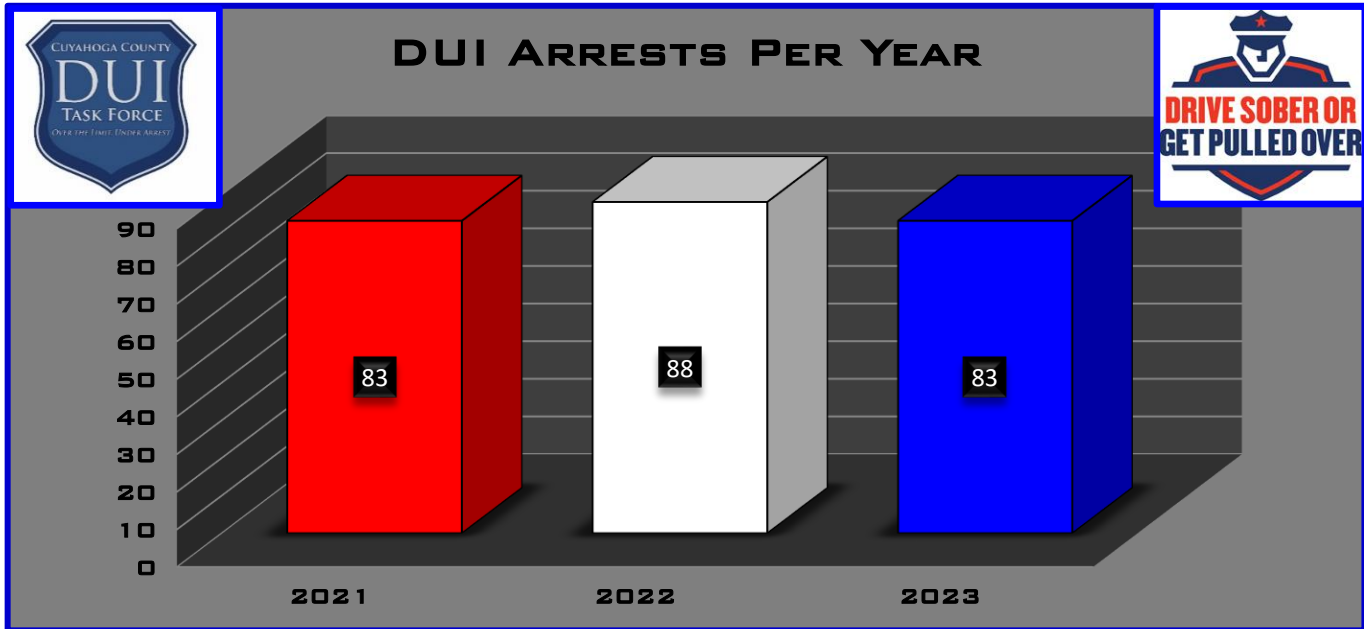




DUI ARRESTS BY MONTH	DAY	NOON	NIGHT	DETAIL	TOTAL
JANUARY	0	1	2	0	3
FEBRUARY	0	2	8	0	10
MARCH	0	2	7	0	9
APRIL	1	3	4	0	8
MAY	0	1	4	0	5
JUNE	2	2	4	0	8
JULY	0	1	3	0	4
AUGUST	2		4	0	6
SEPTEMBER	2		7	0	9
OCTOBER	0		7	0	7
NOVEMBER	0		8	0	8
DECEMBER	0		6	0	6
TOTALS	7	12	64	0	83

DUI ARRESTS BY DAY	
SUNDAY	22
MONDAY	6
TUESDAY	4
WEDNESDAY	3
THURSDAY	9
FRIDAY	14
SATURDAY	25

AVERAGE AGE	36.2
OLDEST	65
YOUNGEST	17
NUMBER OF MALE ARRESTS	59
NUMBER OF FEMALE ARRESTS	24
REFUSALS	34
SUBMITTED TO TEST	49
BREATH	39
BLOOD	8
URINE	2
AVERAGE BAC	0.17
HIGH BAC	0.322





	2022	2023	CHANGE
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH TOTAL	295	314	19
PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASHES	56	38	-18
CRASHES ON CITY STREETS	239	276	37
INJURY CRASHES	54	62	8
INJURED PERSONS	73	79	6
ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES	14	12	-2
ALCOHOL-RELATED INJURIES	7	7	0
PEDESTRIAN-RELATED CRASHES	4	4	0
FATAL CRASHES	0	1	1
FATALITIES	0	1	1
BICYCLE INJURIES	0	0	0



TOP MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH AREAS		
1	PEARL ROAD - NON-INTERSECTION	55
2	PEARL ROAD AT YORK/STUMPH	23
3	YORK ROAD - NON-INTERSECTION	20
4	YORK ROAD AT WEST RIDGEWOOD	15
5	W. 130TH STREET - NON-INTERSECTION	14
6	STUMPH ROAD - NON-INTERSECTION	11
7	STUMPH ROAD AT BIG CREEK PARKWAY	7
8	PEARL ROAD AT W. 130TH	6
9	YORK ROAD AT INDEPENDENCE	5
10	YORK ROAD AT OLDE YORK	5



2023 PRISONER BOOKING INFORMATION
TOTAL BOOKINGS FROM 01/01 TO 12/31/2023 458

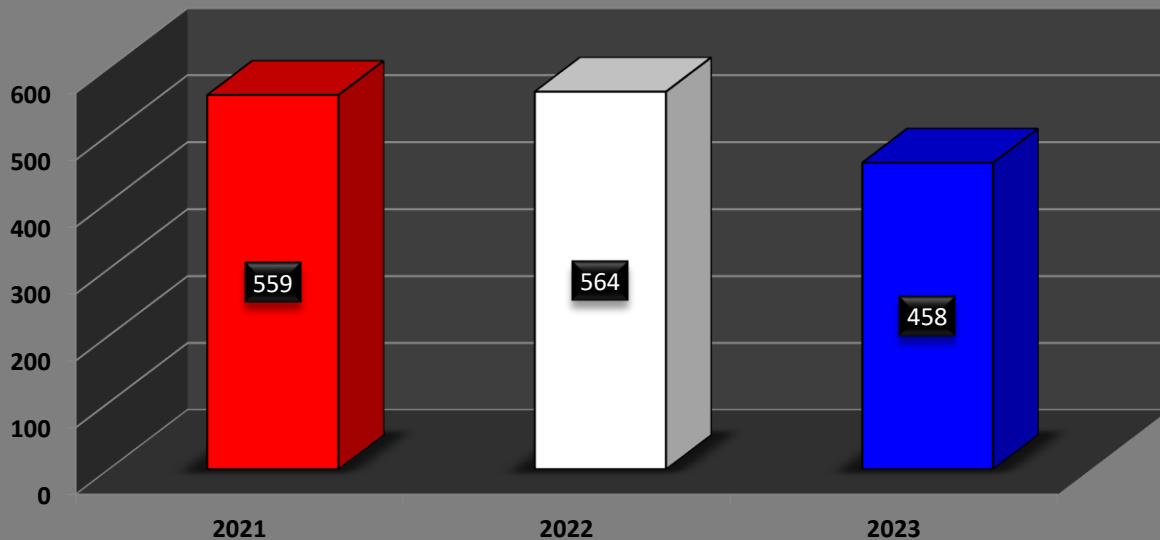
NORTH ROYALTON BOOKINGS/PRISONERS	378
NORTH ROYALTON HOUSING COSTS	\$132,124.92
NORTH ROYALTON MEDICAL COSTS	\$2,435.30
NORTH ROYALTON TOTAL COSTS	\$134,560.22
AVERAGE COST PER NORTH ROYALTON PRISONER	\$355.98

PARMA BOOKINGS/PRISONERS	76
PARMA HOUSING COSTS	\$15,150.00
PARMA MEDICAL COSTS	\$112.02
PARMA TOTAL COSTS	\$15,262.02
AVERAGE COST PER PARMA PRISONER	\$200.82

STRONGSVILLE BOOKINGS/PRISONERS	4
STRONGSVILLE HOUSING COSTS	\$800.00
STRONGSVILLE MEDICAL COSTS	\$0.00
STRONGSVILLE TOTAL COSTS	\$800.00
AVERAGE COST PER STRONGSVILLE PRISONER	\$200.00



JAIL BOOKINGS



For the year 2023, our in-house firearms training program and the Sgt. Bennett firearms training range saw continuing changes, updates, and improvements.

We began the year with Sgt. Vinkler contacting Vance's Law Enforcement Supply to look into trading in our remaining Mossberg shotguns for credit to begin a 40mm less lethal weapon program. By the second quarter we had traded our shotguns in and had 2 – 40mm less lethal launchers on order. Delivery was made the end of 2023 and we are awaiting in-house training and certification of our officers which is expected to happen in early 2024.

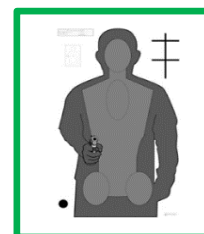
Additionally, 2023 continued with conducting annual OPOTA qualifications for the department on the basic OPOTA standards with the Sig Sauer P229R .40 Caliber duty handgun. These basic qualifications are mandated by OPOTA for all police officers in Ohio.

This was the second year for the FTU Drill of the Month program. The program was designed to get officers in our department firearms focused training time more frequently. There were six drills for the year with a drill every two months (Jan/Feb; Mar/Apr; May/June; Jul/Aug; Sept/Oct; Nov/Dec) and each member of the Firearms Training Unit created a Drill of the Month. The drills of the month completed throughout 2023 focused on skills involving low light, sight alignment/sight picture, grip/stance, trigger management, recoil management, reloads, barricades, multiple threats, transitions, moving and shooting, hostage rescue, alternate shooting positions, 45-90-45 tactic, malfunctions, and discretionary targets.

In mid-May, the FTU staff conducted a one day "FTU Conference." During this day of training, discussions were held on everything from equipment and material purchases, to training expectations and ammunition ordering. Additionally, the FTU staff conducted training for each other; as the FTU instructors usually do not get to conduct as much actual firearms training as the rest of the department (apart from the SWAT team members). These drills consisted of what the in-house instructors wanted to see during the in-house "Advanced Pistol Operator's Course" held in late May and early June.

In May and early June, our FTU staff held three - one day in-house trainings titled "Advanced Pistol Operator Course." Drills identified by the FTU staff during the FTU Conference were demonstrated and instructed to increase officers' skill set when using the Sig P320. These drills included training on low light, moving and shooting, trigger control, trigger cadence and isolation, use of force, use of white lights, body blocking, and more. All attendees demonstrated proficiency to the instructors during the training. At the end of the day, officers conducted an OPOTA semi-auto pistol qualification with their firearm.

Continuing throughout the year, additional firearms and use of force training with our duty handguns and patrol rifles was conducted on a regular basis in conjunction with the Drills of the Month. This training included work on target discrimination and identification (utilizing armed "shoot"/unarmed "don't shoot" photo realistic targets), transition drills, low level light operations, and numerous additional skillsets as related to firearms and use of force as required from case law found in *Tuttle vs. Oklahoma*, *Popow vs. City of Margate*, and *City of Canton, Ohio vs. Harris* to name a few. The department use of force (UOF) policy was reviewed as were the above case law as related to use of force and deadly force. Officers viewed videos of national officer involved incidents involving use of force, and regular discussions were held on incidents and tactics surrounding those videos and the general state of policing in the United States.



A program for officers intending on outfitting their firearm with a red-dot optic was developed by Ptl. Fischer in conjunction with Sgts. Lindh and Vinkler. The program was approved by then Chief Scharschmidt and was implemented in 2023. The red-dots were purchased by each individual officer along with all related equipment. Ptl. Fischer and Sgt. Vinkler conducted maintenance on each firearm to add the applicable equipment to be able to equip a red-dot optic. Then each officer that desired to run a red-dot optic on their firearm attended a one-day in-house red-dot operators' course where they learned the ins and out of red-dot optics, and how to utilize them as related to a use-of-force incident. The course finished with a red-dot optic run of the OPOTA qualification course.

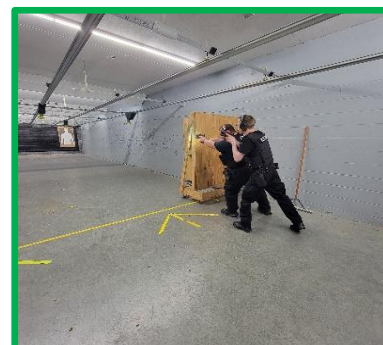
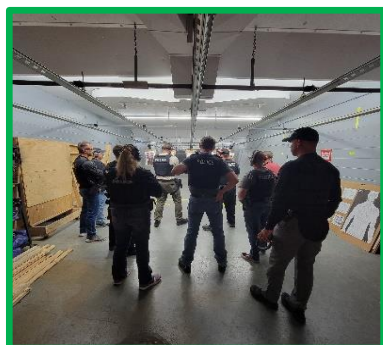
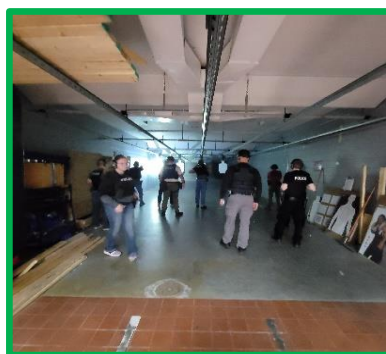
Continuing in 2023 maintenance issues with the firearms range were identified and repairs were made as needed and specifically on the blower system and HVAC. A recurring problem with the HVAC was identified and a complete replacement of the HVAC system for the range is on tap for 2024 to eliminate the need for continued short-term and costly repairs. The training range was downed at the end of November due to a gas leak that was found and will be repaired with the replacement of the system.

Officers Taylor and Miller were certified as OPOTA Firearms Instructors and formally added to the FTU. They attended an OPOTA Firearms Instructor course certifying them as semi-auto pistol instructors. Ptl. Taylor is scheduled for OPOTA Patrol Rifle Instructor course in spring 2024. Officers Miller and Fischer additionally attended an OPOTA Rifle Instructor Course certifying them in qualifying and training officers in the use and implementation of patrol rifles. They all will be a continued asset to the FTU moving forward.

At the end of December Ptl. Dennis Supelak announced he would be retiring effective January of 2024. Ptl. Supelak has been a valued member of the FTU for almost 20 year and was the inventory control officer. He provided twice annual ammunition inventories as well as being instrumental in the semi-annual department weapons inventory, and annual OPOTA qualifications for the department members. He was an asset to the unit and will be missed.

2023 was once a good year for the PHPD FTU and range. We will continue to move forward and into 2024 in the realm of use of force and firearms training with the continued support of the Chief of Police, our officers, and fellow law enforcement agencies.

Sergeant Steve Lindh





This year brought many changes with department personnel. However, these changes did not affect the importance of training for our police officers. Chief Scharschmidt retired in the last quarter of 2023 with Captain Czack transitioning to the Chief’s role. Angela Love was assigned as training coordinator to seamlessly complete the training plan for the 2023 calendar year. Additionally, three new officers were added to the department’s roster.

Due to the ever-changing laws from a new or amended statute passed by state legislature or new court rulings, police officers are required to complete continued professional training each year. This ensures our officers expand their knowledge to improve their overall awareness and understanding of the job. Training also assists them in properly performing their duties and, most importantly, staying safe. Chief Scharschmidt and newly appointed Chief Czack believe that learning new skills through continuing education is not only key to being prepared for this job, but is crucial to be a successful law enforcement officer.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission required each officer to complete 24-hours of continued professional training (CPT) in the 2023 calendar year. The Parma Heights Police Department hosted a team of instructors for this required instruction. The topics included:

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| Arrest, Search and Seizure | Criminal Patrol |
| Crucial Conversations | Ethical Leadership |
| Legal Updates | Officer Wellness |
| Verbal Judo School | Threat and Safety Training |

In addition, officers completed in-house training to include: firearms, tactics, taser recertification, use of force, deer culling and new hire in-service, totaling 1,218 hours.

Along with the 24 mandatory CPT hours and 1,218 hours of in-house departmental training that officers completed as mentioned above, the officers of this department attended 1,587 hours of available law enforcement related schools with various instructors. A wide variety of classes were attended which allowed officers to return after their schooling/instruction and share their training with the remainder of the department.

In total for 2023, the department as a whole completed 3,621 hours of training.

Chief Czack / Detective Bureau Assistant Love





Currently, the Parma Heights Police Department has 21 police vehicles in its fleet. 11 of those vehicles are uniform patrol vehicles, 9 vehicles are detective bureau and administration vehicles, 1 vehicle is for our SEB (SWAT) officers.

In 2023, The department took delivery of the four (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs that we ordered in 2022. The three (3) patrol vehicles are currently waiting to be upfitted with equipment, and should be in service the 1st quarter of 2024. The Tahoe assigned to the Detective Bureau is in service. We also purchased a 2023 GMC Terrain SUV to replace 2014 Chevrolet Impala admin vehicle.

For 2024, the department is looking at purchasing three (3) more Tahoes for patrol, and one (1) Durango for the Detective Bureau. One of the new Tahoes will be a new K-9 vehicle, and it will allow us to use the older vehicle as a back-up K-9 vehicle.

Sergeant Jeff Krepina

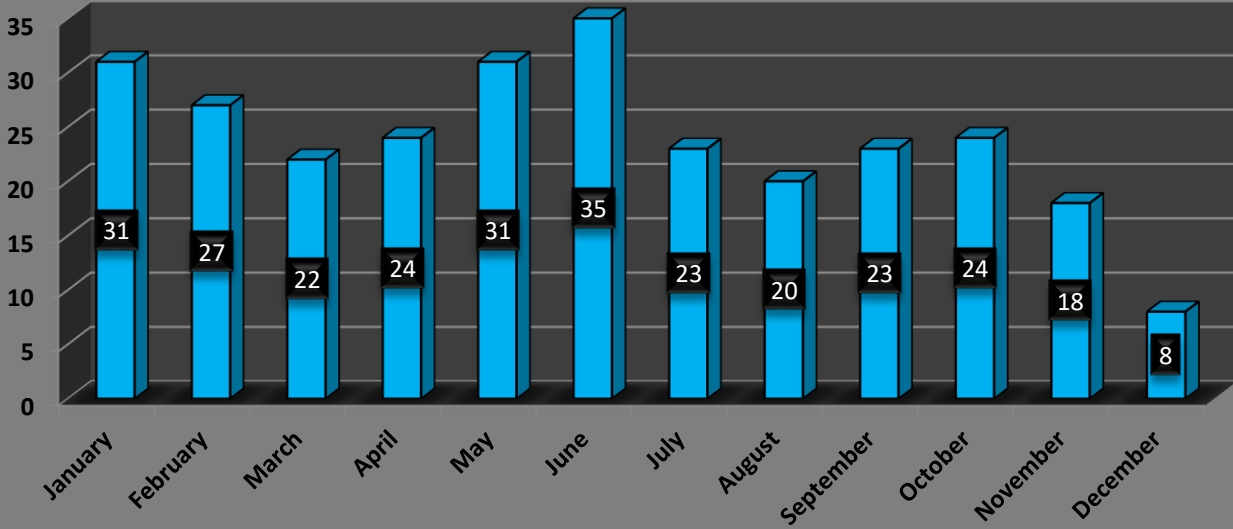




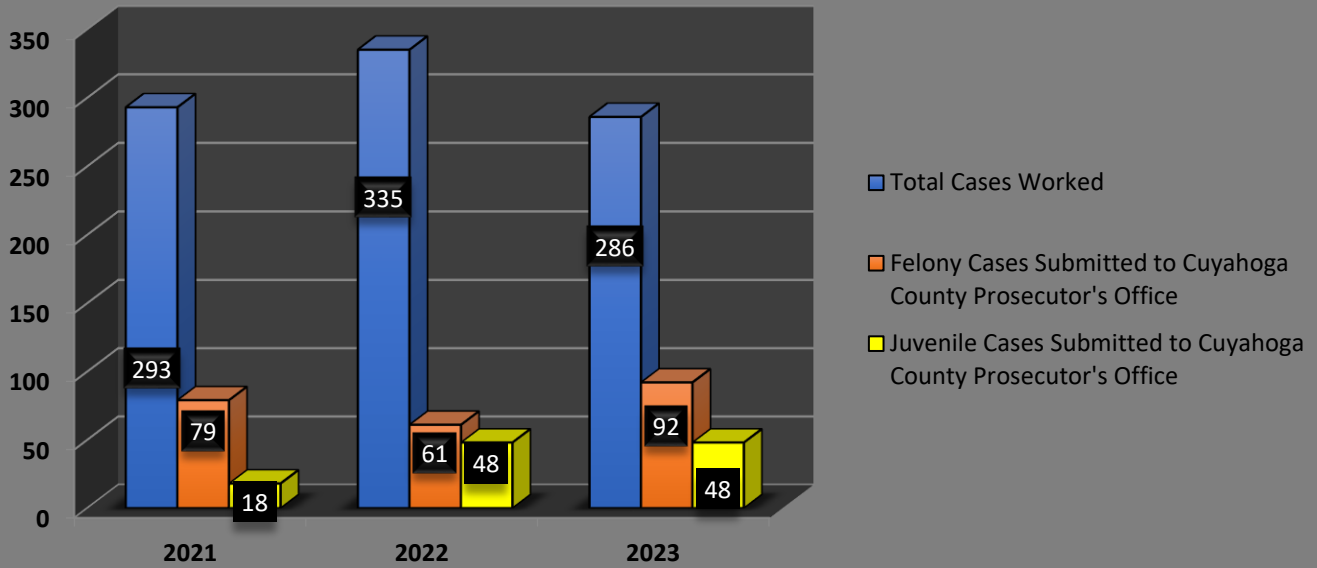
2023 Gatso Stats										
	EB Huffman Road @ Greenbrier Middle	EB Independence Blvd. @ Valley Forge High	WB Independence Blvd. @ Valley Forge High	EB Pearl Road @ Constellation	WB Pearl Road @ Constellation	EB Pearl Road @ Incarnate Word	WB Pearl Road @ Incarnate Word	NB Stumph Road @ Summit Academy	Totals	
Average Speed	32	30	30	33	33	34	34	34		
Top Speed	42	39	37	49	50	47	47	53		
V I O L A T I O N S	September	139	58	84	667	686	499	484	1106	3723
	October	182	74	99	218	107	475	591	549	2295
	November	73	70	20	206	132	324	452	285	1562
	December	43	48	4	129	129	271	293	173	1090
	2023 Totals	437	250	207	1220	1054	1569	1820	2113	8670



2023 DETECTIVE BUREAU CASES WORKED BY MONTH



INVESTIGATIONS





This year, after 20 years of service on the team, Sergeant Scott Jackson, commander of the SEB West Region, retired from the team in August. Patrolman Eric Brown earned a spot to replace him on the team in August.

The SEB West Region team responded to 7 of the 11 cities/townships within the region this year. SEB West had 2 mutual aid calls in 2023. The first was to assist CPD with a search warrant in Brook Park and the second was to assist the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB SWAT) with a barricade subject.

The following is a summary of SEB activations/calls for service for the West Region in 2023. In total, SEB West SWAT responded to 15 calls for service through the year. A call for service only includes activations where SEB West SWAT members were deployed on scene.

March 3, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - Barricade

March 20, 2023 - Parma - Search Warrant

March 24, 2023 - North Royalton - Search Warrant

April 30, 2023 - Brooklyn - Barricade

May 4, 2023 - Parma Heights - Search Warrant

July 11, 2023 - Mutual Aid/Cleveland PD - Search Warrant in Brook Park

August 29, 2023 - Strongsville - Arrest Warrant Assist

September 18-20, 2023 - Brook Park - Dignitary Protection Detail

October 3, 2023 - Brook Park - Barricade

October 21, 2023 - Parma Heights - Large Religious Gathering

October 22, 2023 - Parma Heights - Barricade

October 24, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - Large Religious Gathering

November 1, 2023 - Mutual Aid/WEB SWAT - Barricade

Sergeant John Vinkler





The Parma Heights Police Department had Sergeant (then Detective) Sloan resign from the SEB Mobile Field Force in April. Patrolman Dustin Prochaska was then appointed to the Mobile Field Force in September. Our department manning currently remains at two (2) officers.

The SEB Mobile Field Force had two activations in 2023:

October 21, 2023 - Parma Heights - Large Religious Gathering, Small Element of Mobile Field Force

October 24, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - Large Religious Gathering, Small Element of Mobile Field Force

The Mobile Field Force continues to train on a quarterly basis in preparation for any large-scale civil unrest situation.

Sergeant John Vinkler



The South West Accident Group expanded again in 2023. Additional cities that joined the multi-jurisdictional crash team included Strongsville and Olmsted Falls.

SWAG is now comprised of 13 cities in Cuyahoga County. There has been a lot of turnover in regards to the members in SWAG and a priority for the beginning of 2024 will be to establish an accurate roster of members from participating cities along with their level of certification.

The new total station purchased by Brooklyn was fully operational in 2023 and SWAG members were trained on how to set it up and operate it. Parma PD also purchased a new total station in 2023 and it will be a priority to ensure members are familiar with its operation in 2024.

In 2023, trainings were mostly focused on how to operate the new equipment so scenes could be managed properly. 2024 trainings will be more focused on completion of a scene and how to generate a complete report with the data collected.

There were a total of 19 team callouts during 2023 which is 6 more than 2022:

- February 11, 2023 - Parma - Hauserman
- May 3, 2023 - Brook Park - Dolores/Muskingum
- May 10, 2023 - Parma - Day Dr.
- May 14, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - W. 130th
- May 19, 2023 - Broadview Heights - Broadview Rd.
- May 24, 2023 - Parma - Brookdale/W. 24th St.
- June 17, 2023 - Parma Heights - West Ridgewood Dr.
- June 19, 2023 - Brooklyn - I-480 WB
- June 22, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - Lucerne
- July 10, 2023 - Brooklyn - I-71 NB
- July 21, 2023 - Parma Heights - Pearl/Orchard
- July 31, 2023 - Brook Park - Brookpark Rd (16600)
- August 18, 2023 - Middleburg Heights - Pearl/Smith
- August 22, 2023 - Strongsville - SR 82 @ Southpark Mall
- August 28, 2023 - Parma - Hillsdale
- September 9, 2023 - North Royalton - York Rd.
- September 18, 2023 - Strongsville - SR 82/Darice
- October 2, 2023 - Broadview Heights - Royalwood
- December 5, 2023 - Strongsville - Lunn Rd.

Along with the 19 crash call outs in calendar year 2023, SWAG also assisted Strongsville Police in performing an EDR analysis in a double homicide that occurred in July of 2022. It is becoming more common to have vehicles equipped with EDRs involved in serious or fatal crashes so EDR analysis is becoming more helpful in crash reconstruction.

In 2024, the goal is to continue to revisit the call out process to ensure all members are gaining hands on experience to help them remain proficient.

Sergeant McQuaid (Brooklyn Police)



In their first full calendar year together, K9 Officer Smith and K9 Gunny remained active throughout 2023.

The following is a list of K9 Gunny's usage in 2023:

- 35 vehicle sniffs and article searches
 - Drugs and/or paraphernalia were found on five occasions
- 10 times used for tracking individuals
- 1 high-risk stop
- 1 shots fired call
- 1 search warrant
- 1 building search
- 6 community relations events

In addition to the K9 usage in the field, Gunny and Officer Smith are constantly training to ensure their skills stay sharp, which should lead to more activity in 2024.

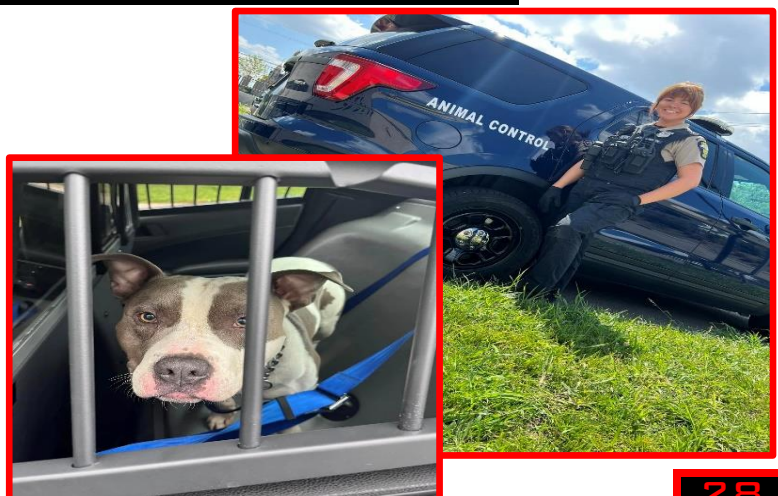
Sergeant Michael Luzniak / K9 Officer Bradd Smith



DOGS		PARMA HEIGHTS	CATS	
2022	2023		2022	2023
24	15	BITES	3	0
60	70	IMPOUNDS	27	23
42	47	RETURNED TO OWNER	0	3
14	19	RESCUE	2	1
2	4	EUTHANIZED/DOA	5	10
1	0	ADOPTED	16	9
112	142	RUNNING AT LARGE	28	28
96	128	WARNING	28	28
16	14	CITATION	0	0
12	0	FECES	0	0
12	0	WARNING	0	0
0	0	CITATION	0	0
118	110	BARKING FEEDING FERAL	8	23
118	110	WARNING	8	23
0	0	CITATION	0	0
29	29	CRUELTY/NEGLECT/HOARDER	4	6
29	29	WARNING	4	6
0	0	CITATION	0	0
14	3	ABANDONMENT	14	12
14	3	WARNING	14	12
0	0	CITATION	0	0
8	4	IN CAR FERAL/NUISANCE	23	18
8	4	WARNING		
0	0	CITATION		
2	4	RABIES/LICENSE	0	0
0	0	WARNING	0	0
2	4	CITATION	0	0
36	5	DANGEROUS/VICIOUS/PITBULL		
33	4	WARNING		
3	1	CITATION/DECLARED		

WILDLIFE	2022	2023	CAD CALLS	
HUNTING/TRAPPING	18	18	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	538
WARNING	18	18	DEER COMPLAINTS	107
CITATION	0	0	TOTAL	645
SICK/INJURED	30	33		
NUISANCE	58	57		
FEEDING	34	25		
WARNING	34	25		
CITATION	0	0		

ACO MIRANDA BRAUDE



In 2023 the Parma Heights Police Department continued to focus on community engagement through various events and outreach opportunities. These efforts come through various events as well as ways that cannot be quantified. Our officers strive daily to engage and give back to the community which we serve. They have spoken with children in the lobby whose parents brought them here due to issues at home, participate in Shop-With-A-Cop through a local FOP lodge and patronized local lemonade stands from young entrepreneurs in the city. Additionally, officers enjoyed stopping to pass out junior police stickers and their department issued baseball cards. Both our officers and the community were happy to have the return of the individual officer's baseball cards.

A few examples of 2023 P.A.C.T. activities include:

- Coffee-With-A-Cop in conjunction with McDonald's
- Attending various block parties throughout the city
- Senior Center presentations on scams
- The annual Christmas tree lighting at the gazebo
- Station tours
- Daycare visits
- Christmas in July celebration at Greenbriar Commons
- The Halloween event at Greenbriar Commons
- Various career day presentations
- Assisting with the Incarnate Word walk
- The Great Grocery Giveaway at Kurtz Park

Detective Eric Taylor



We hosted the 4th Annual Citizens' Police Academy in conjunction with Cuyahoga County Community College (Tri-C). This experience provided twenty-three (23) community members with hands-on experience through scenario-based exercises and well as first-hand accounts of the overall function and daily operations of the Parma Heights Police Department. In addition to the individual connections made throughout this eleven (11) week course, it gave residents a superior level of understanding as to our department's operating procedures and why officers make the decisions they do in a split second. The instructors included Parma Heights Police personnel, OPOTA certified Tri-C Police Academy Instructors, as well as outside presenters. Attendees were able to obtain their CPR certification if they chose as well as participate in role playing and video simulation training.

Thanks to the continued partnership with Tri-C, we were again able to hold the course in the newly constructed, state-of-the-art public safety village of the Public Safety Training Center.

The course curriculum included:

- Procedural Justice
- Basic crime introductions and an overview of the criminal justice system
- Patrol procedures and OVI investigations
- Crime scene investigation and evidence collection, preservation and photography
- Advanced investigation techniques (Detective Bureau) and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
- Domestic Violence investigations and a presentation from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office
- CPR/AED Certification
- Motor Vehicle Accident investigations, officer assistance programs and the Parma Heights K9 unit
- Use of force and the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) SWAT Team
- Virtra Firearms Simulator/Virtual Reality
- Basic narcotics invests and a BCI Financial Crimes presentation
- Introduction to Crisis Intervention

The participants completed written reviews which all expressed gratitude for the explanations given and experiences provided by this course.

Detective Eric Taylor



DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (AAA)

- 2023 PLATINUM AWARD FOR COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY

