

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

CITY OF HAMILTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Our Mission

To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.

Our Values



EMPATHY

We will treat all persons with compassion and understanding, always demonstrating our strong belief that one should always treat others as they would like to be treated. A significant part of our business involves customer service. All personnel who come into contact with citizens shall treat ordinary citizens with extraordinary respect. Each citizen-police encounter should foster a feeling of goodwill that extends throughout the community. We will treat all persons with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, creed, sex, or social position.

INTEGRITY

We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. Our word is our bond. We will be honest in all of our dealings, with justice as our objective. Our decisions will be based on common sense guided by integrity.

EXCELLENCE

Our demeanor, and our appearance, should be above reproach. An unkempt appearance reflects poorly on all of us. We will constantly strive to improve our skills, knowledge, and abilities to improve our performance. By reaffirming our goal of overall excellence, we set the standard for pride in ourselves and in our department, always being mindful that members of the Hamilton Police Department, in both their professional and personal lives, are held to a higher standard than those we serve.

JUSTICE

We are sworn to protect and preserve all human life. We will scrupulously observe the rights of all suspects, but will not coddle criminals. We will give recidivists the scrutiny they deserve.

COOPERATION

We welcome neighborhood involvement and encourage our officers to be role models within the community. We will strive to cooperate with the community and among ourselves. Differences in opinion are not inevitable, but are also healthy. Conflict in appropriate settings encourages creativity that leads to equitable problem solving and trust-building. We will be innovative, open minded, and imaginative when solving problems. How we settle our differences sets the tone for our future working relationships. Whenever possible, we will strive for a “win-win” resolution.



Officer Zeke Chenoweth



Honor Guard Members: Brittney Sorrell, Patrick Fackey, Hank Adkins, Amanda Roach.

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Letter from the Chief of Police

Mr. Joshua A. Smith
City Manager
City of Hamilton, Ohio

Sir:

The Annual Report of the Hamilton Police Department for 2023 is submitted to you, members of Council, and to the residents of our city. It has once again been an honor to lead such an outstanding organization full of dedicated men and women who are passionate about fulfilling our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.

I want to thank each and every officer for their countless acts of courage, compassion, and dedication this past year. I could not be more proud of the professionalism and teamwork that every sworn and civilian member of HPD demonstrates on a daily basis.

In 2023, we centered our efforts on three core objectives:

Creating a People-Centered Organization based on the principle idea that providing for the recruitment, selection, retention, training, and development of our people, and supporting them with the necessary tools and resources, is the foundation upon which all our other efforts are built.

- Recruiting and selection of new officers is the foundation upon which the future of HPD rests. We continue to be guided by our philosophy of recruiting for diversity, hiring for character, and training for excellence as we strive to compete in the most highly competitive job market the policing profession has ever seen. Our efforts included the coordination of several simultaneous recruiting efforts and collaborating with the Human Resources Department to maximize the number of highly desirable candidates. For the year, we hired a diverse group of 13 new officers and 3 new civilians. Additionally, we developed, trained, and promoted 8 sworn members.
- We expanded on last year's process to allow retiring officers to be reinstated and continue their career at HPD. This program allowed 3 officers to extend their careers while allowing the department to retain over 80 years of valuable experience and institutional knowledge.



Craig R. Bucheit
Chief of Police

- We expanded the Police Safety Associate program which allows young people aged 18-20 to gain valuable insight and experience into a future career as a Hamilton Police Officer. Additionally, their service frees up police officers from various duties such as staffing the Front Desk and allows them to resume front-line patrol operations. During the year, we were able to add 7 members to the program and also witnessed the first 2 associates successfully graduate on to police officer positions.
- After years of planning and preparation, we successfully broke ground on a brand new \$32million, 64,000 square foot criminal justice complex. The combined police and municipal court facility includes many amenities and safety features for our officers including a large breakroom area and patio, state of the art fitness facility, oversized lockers with electric outlets and powered ventilation, prisoner sally port, and covered parking for cruisers. Construction has proceeded in earnest throughout the year and remains on pace for project completion in the fourth quarter of 2024.
- We successfully expanded the canine program after acquiring funding for the addition of one patrol canine and two therapy canines. A selection process identified three patrol officers who were chosen as handlers. The officers were sent for training along with their canine partners and have already made significant contributions to HPD's Canine Program.
- Our operating Policy and Procedures, known as the General Orders, require constant review to remain in compliance with federal, state, and local laws as well as best practices in our industry. Through a committed and coordinated effort we were able to successfully conduct a complete consolidation and revision review in 2023. A major feature of this project was the elimination of redundant and outdated orders and language. This



Officer Jose Hernandez, Chief Craig Bucheit, and Officer Brady Huffman at the Police Academy Graduation.

allowed us to reduce the total number of General Orders by nearly 22% from 134 to 105 as well as reducing the total number of pages by more than 38% from 475 to 292. This allows the existing orders to be more precise, easier to locate, and better maintained.

Ensuring Safety and Security is our foremost responsibility. While our general efforts primarily involve patrol and response to calls for police service, our directed efforts focus on the people, places, and problems that undermine safety and security in our community.

- We focused on safety and security primarily through the response to 96,481 calls for service and over 5,487 reported crimes investigated.
- One priority goal of ours was to improve traffic safety by focusing on reducing egregious speeding violations. These efforts were directed toward high volume, high visibility, and high violation areas. Each shift was tasked with conducting daily traffic details. The effort and commitment from our officers toward this safety-focused effort was exceptional. The total number of cars stopped increased by 54% resulting in more

than 5,250 additional traffic stops during the year. Those additional stops resulted in a 242% increase in speeding citations. The egregious nature of the problem is evidenced by 80% of the citations were for violations of 13 mph or more including violations in school zones in excess of 20 and 30 mph over the 20 mph limit. As a result, many residents have expressed gratitude for the increased police visibility and neighborhood safety. In particular, speed violations were reduced in the Ross Avenue corridor by up to 69%. While many area communities have seen an increase in speed and crash related injuries, our efforts have countered that trend with traffic crashes down approximately 15% and fatal crashes down 25%.

- In an effort to improve quality of life in the Jefferson Neighborhood we launched the East Avenue Project. Our intelligence driven approach resulted in an over 75% reduction in drug related crimes and a 31% reduction in reported thefts. Additionally, proactive police patrols resulted in a reduction of nearly 600 calls for police service in the neighborhood. Most importantly, people in the neighborhood noticed a difference. Residents reported feeling safer and 80% noticed an increased police presence in the neighborhood.

- The reduction of gun violence has been a top priority for a number of years. We continue to take a problem oriented, intelligence led, and outcome driven approach to gun and gang violence. This approach includes the identification of people and places highly likely to commit or contribute to violent crimes. The continuous efforts of our front-line Patrol Division and Neighborhood Policing Section officers and our Detective Division investigators resulted in a 17% reduction in Aggravated Assaults, a 24% reduction in assigned cases for investigation, a 29% reduction in gun-shot victims, and a 45% reduction in homicides.



Officers Chris Peters, Wyatt Arnold, Jeffrey Bengel and Cody Rush at the HPD Open House.

Inspiring Trust and Confidence in our mission is an effort we undertake every day. Our efforts focus on active engagement designed to build and strengthen relationships between the police and people in our community and neighborhoods.

- We successfully hosted and participated in many community outreach and education programs throughout the year including our Citizen Police Academy, Safety Town, Easter Egg Hunts, HPD Open House, Trunk or Treat events, the Butler County Fair, and Operation Pumpkin.
- We also continued the Community Cookout series that allowed us to visit with residents in various neighborhoods including Highland Park, Lindenwald, Jefferson, and Riverview. These informal gatherings created an opportunity for officers and residents to get to know one another while discussing neighborhood issues as well as current and future policing efforts.
- We grew our online engagement efforts through a sustained and committed effort involving social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. These engagement opportunities included public safety announcements, HPD accomplishments, neighborhood updates, and community events. These efforts resulted in an increase of 1,725 likes to our Facebook social media posts.

I want to thank you, Director Scrimizzi, and City Council, for your support this past year and in the year ahead as we continue to carry out our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton by creating a **People-Centered Organization, Ensuring Safety and Security, and Inspiring Trust and Confidence.**



Officer Efrain Leon, Lieutenant Jon Richardson, and Officer Sam Noel at the Police Academy.

Ground Breaking and Construction of City of Hamilton Justice Center



Artist rendering of the new Hamilton Police Department Headquarters set to open in late 2024.



Chief Craig Bucheit speaking at the ground breaking event for the new police department.



Ground breaking of the new Hamilton Police Department.



Construction of the new police department.



Operations Bureau

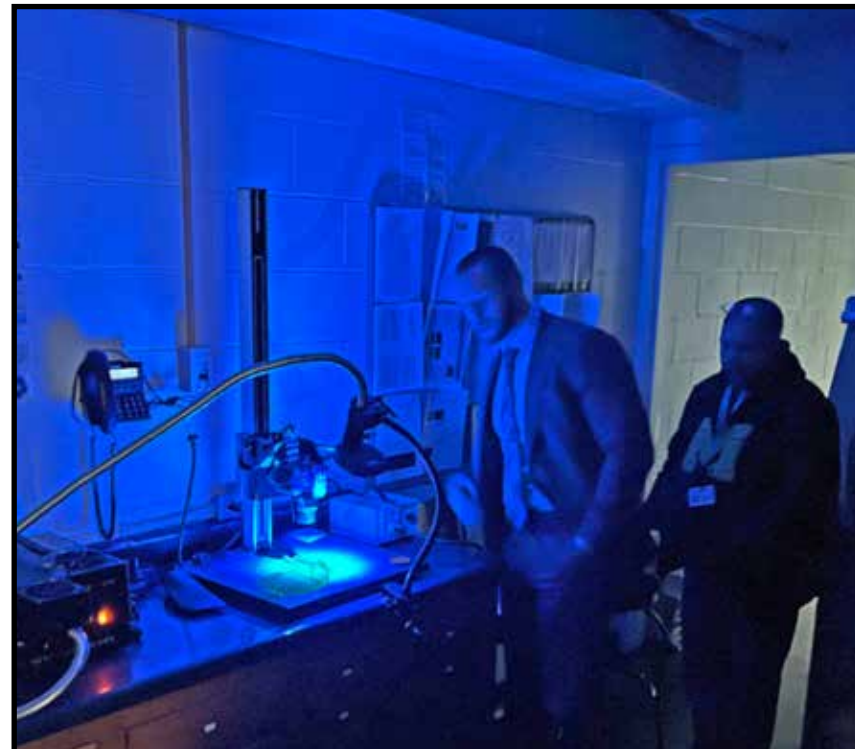
The Operations Bureau is commanded by the Chief of Police. This bureau is divided into Patrol, Traffic, Investigations Divisions, Professional Standards and Court Services. The Patrol and Traffic Divisions serve as the first responders to all emergencies and crimes. The follow up service to all criminal investigations is the responsibility of the Investigations Section. Their goal is to bring criminal investigations to a successful conclusion. The Professional Standards Section deals with Accreditation, Policy, and Building issues. Court Services Section manages all prisoner transportation to and from Hamilton Municipal Court as well as providing a safe and secure environment for City Hall.



Officer Haleigh Daniels and Kaitlin Richardson speaking to citizens at the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy.



Lieutenant Eric Taylor and Officer Rodney Wilson with K9 Gloria.



Detective Doug Trenum showing a citizen how a fingerprint is viewed.



Sgt. Mike Thacker and members of the S.W.A.T. Team at training.



Officer Montez Lee



Officer Sean Figley and K9 Drogo at training.



Officer Andrew Prather and Detective Brian Wynn

Patrol Division

The Hamilton Police Department's Patrol Division consists of three shifts. The shifts provide around the clock protection to our citizens. Each shift has one lieutenant and two sergeants. The lieutenant serves as the shift commander and the sergeants are the shift supervisors. Officers that are assigned to the shift answer calls for service. These calls range from crimes in progress, car accidents, missing persons, incident reports, and a wide range of other assistance calls. Beside reactive based calls, officers engage in proactive police service, such as serving arrest warrants, addressing traffic complaints, and conducting business and school checks.

Day Shift



Lt. Fryman



Sgt. Fishwick



Sgt. Thacker

Afternoon Shift



Lt. Taylor



Sgt. Root



Sgt. Arbino

Night Shift



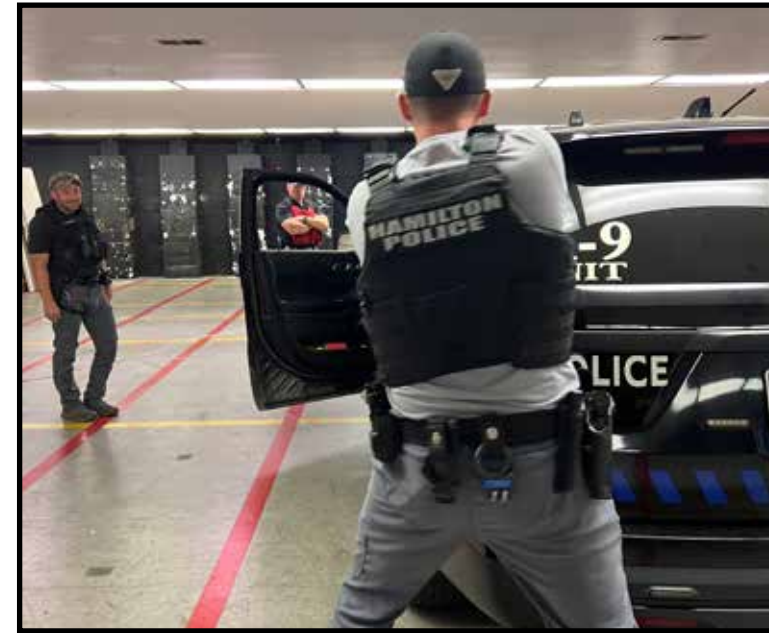
Lt. Gleason



Sgt. Laney



Sgt. Barker



Officer James Leisinger at training.



Sgt. Brian Ungerbuehler and Officer Sean Figley and K9 Drogo speaking with some students at St. Joseph Consolidated School.



Officers investigating a traffic accident.



Second Shift Officers on Lt. Don Taylor's last day.



Officers Andrew Prather, Dan Rollins, and Brady Huffman at the monument.



Crime Scene marked off for Detectives.



S.W.A.T. Team members at training.



Officer Robert Snyder speaking with students at school.



K9 Drogo

Traffic Division



Lieutenant D. Shawn Fryman

The Hamilton Police Department Traffic Section is under the command of the Day Shift Patrol supervisors.

Our goal is to improve the quality of life of our citizens by improving traffic safety. We do so by focusing on egregious speeding violations. These efforts are directed toward high volume, high visibility, and high violation areas. We identify these problem areas based on citizen complaints, crash data, and speed surveys.

We receive most traffic and parking complaints through the city's online E311 system. The E311 system alerts supervisors of a complaint, the supervisors then assign the complaint to an officer, and the officer documents the steps taken to resolve the issue on the same E311 complaint. The person making the complaint can follow the updates and correspond with the officer until the issue is resolved. We also receive traffic and parking complaints by department voicemail, social media, and from the City of Hamilton Health Department.

The traffic section is tasked with several other responsibilities; we work closely with the traffic engineer's office to ensure safe streets for travel, we are responsible for severe crash investigations, and we also deploy and maintain the department's speed detecting equipment.



Hamilton Officer on the scene of a serious traffic accident.



Lieutenant Eric Taylor and officers investigating an accident on Grand Blvd.



Lieutenant Shawn Fryman and Officer Lauren Cox investigating an accident on Martin Luther King Blvd.

Investigations Division



**Lieutenant
Patrick Erb II**

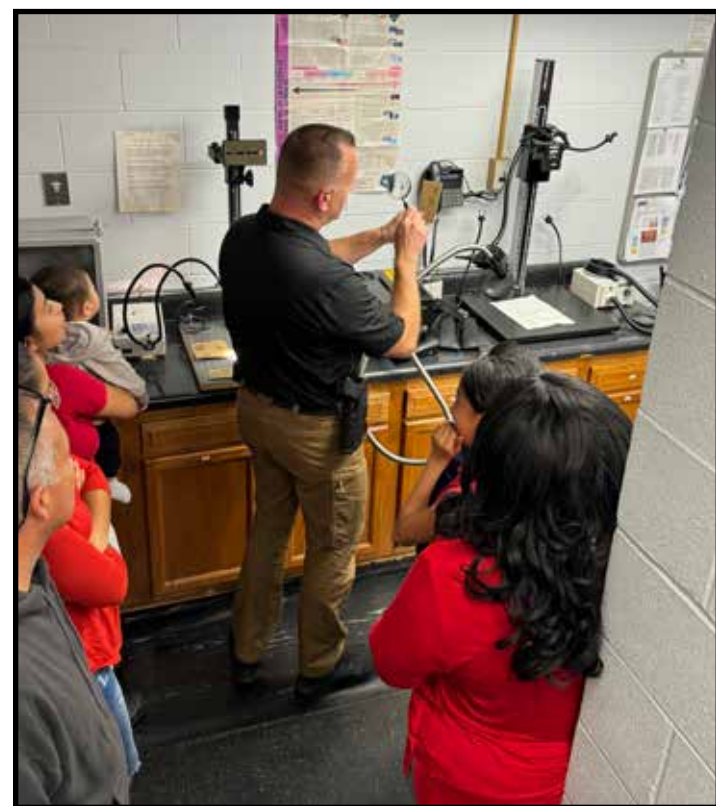
The investigation division is responsible for investigating criminal complaints. Investigators strive to uncover the facts of the complaint and develop a clear picture of the incident in question. They accomplish this task by searching for evidence and interacting with people associated with the crime. Evidence can be located in a multitude of ways. The investigation division strives to stay current in best practices to uncover evidence. Investigators work diligently in locating victims, witnesses, and suspects to provide this clarity as well. Once a crime has been established and the perpetrator(s) have been identified, we pursue criminal charges. We work closely with the prosecutor's office throughout the court process to ensure the case is brought to justice.



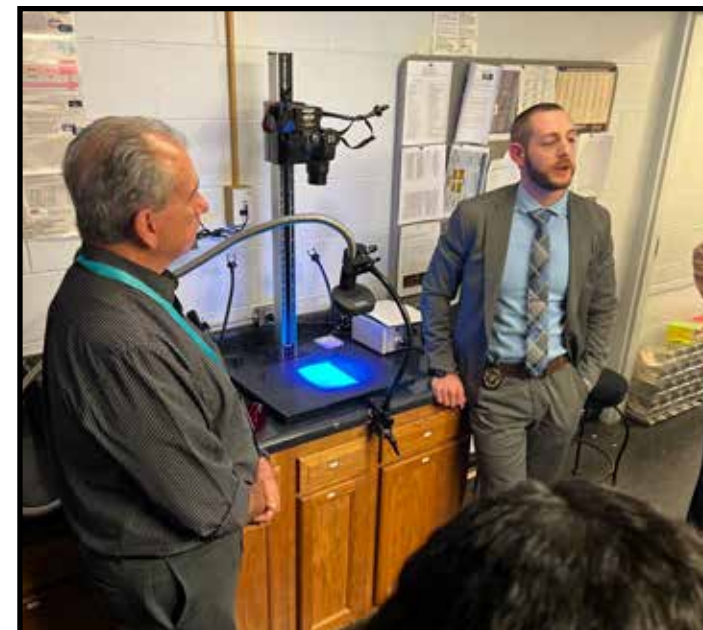
Detective Doug Trenum showing citizens how to view a fingerprint.



Photograph of a spent casing at a crime scene.



Detective Aaron Hucke developing fingerprints for a class of students.



Detective Doug Trenum speaking to citizens in the crime lab.



Crime scene marked off at night.



Officers and Detectives at a crime scene.



Crime scene marked off on the Westside.

Neighborhood Policing Section



Sergeant Gary Crouch

The Neighborhood Policing Section is comprised of uniformed officers and detectives. The Neighborhood Policing Section uses a problem-solving approach to address neighborhood complaints in the community. Officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods throughout the city and work closely with the residents of those neighborhoods and patrol shift officers to address the problems in those neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Policing Section is committed to building partnerships in the community to help solve the neighborhood problems.

The Neighborhood Policing Section also conduct opioid outreach in the community as part of the H.A.R.T (Hamilton Addiction Response Team) program. They partner with outside organizations to help those who suffer from addiction find a treatment option and connect with resources. Part of this outreach also includes addressing the homeless population throughout the city and connect them with resources.



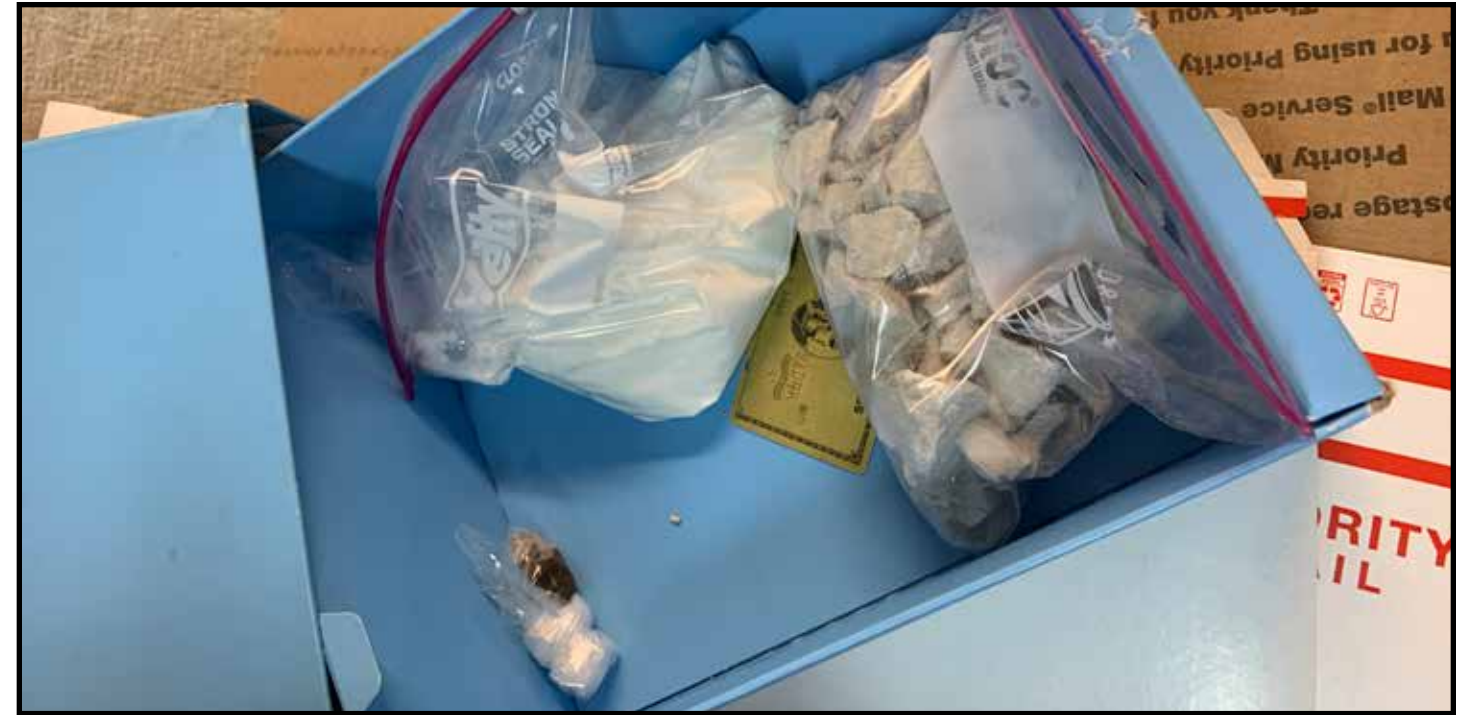
Drugs seized by the Neighborhood Policing Section.



Sgt. Gary Crouch, Officer Chris Peters, and Officer Paola Leyva speaking to a class.



Drugs seized on a traffic stop.



Drugs seized by the Neighborhood Policing Section.

Firearms seized by Neighborhood Policing Section.



Professional Standards



Lt. Brian Robinson commands the Professional Standards and Services Division. This division is responsible for upkeep and services related to the headquarters building, accreditation and professional standards, as well as managing the day-to-day construction oversight of the new Hamilton Justice Center project.

The Hamilton Police Department is an accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA states Law Enforcement Accreditation is a program that “provides the framework for addressing high-risk issues within a contemporary environment and ensures officers are prepared to meet basic community service expectations and prepared to manage critical events.” Every four years, we must undergo a full reaccreditation assessment and review, which involves an independent review by subject matter experts involving over 120 required professional standards. HPD

was first awarded accredited status in 1990, and we are proud to say we are entering our 34th year of reaccreditation.

As part of our constant self-assessment and response to our changing society and profession, we began an intensive full policy review in January of 2022. This policy review and update was completed near the end of the first quarter of 2023 and resulted in 38% reduction in total pages of policy.

The facility we currently occupy was built in 1965 as a Kroger grocery store, and was converted to a justice center in 1977, which housed HPD as well as the Hamilton Municipal Court. HMC moved into the One Renaissance Center in 2000. Numerous renovations have occurred over the years in order to adapt and make use of every inch of space here, but approaching 59 years of use, the building infrastructure has deteriorated greatly and HPD has outgrown options for additional affordable renovations or expansions.

During the second quarter of 2023, with almost a year of active research, design and development completed, construction began on the new Hamilton Justice Center. The new HJC will see the police department and municipal court come back together under one roof, with up to date safety features being incorporated making it a safer and more efficient environment for our personnel as well as the public utilizing both facilities. The new location and design of the building will allow for some future expansion if necessary for both HPD and HMC. The building is expected to be completed during the 4th quarter of 2023.



Accreditation Symbol

Court Services



The year 2023 was another banner year for court services! The administration recognized that our unit would be low on manpower for several months due to health related issues. They stepped in and supplemented us with two seasoned officers and it benefitted us greatly. They brought a wealth of experience to the table and an overall synergy to the group.

Our primary function remains the same. Our mission is to provide a safe and secure environment for the courts as well as City Hall. We regularly patrol these areas to safeguard our employees, customers, and the private business sector that frequent our building daily.

The officers assigned to court services understand their roles within the organization. We are here to strengthen the department. We do this by supplementing patrol in the booking and transport of prisoners. The police officers assigned to Court Services are proud of their contributions to the overall organization and the value they bring to the community in which

we all serve. We look forward to physically realigning with the rest of the department as well as municipal court in the not too distant future as the Criminal Justice Center nears completion.



Officer Danielle Sorber working the Hamilton Municipal Court checkpoint.



Officer James Carpenter working at Hamilton Municipal Court.



Officer Jeffrey Bengel working the Hamilton Municipal Court holding cells.

Operations Roster

PATROL

DAY SHIFT and TRAFFIC

Lieutenant D. Shawn Fryman
Sergeant Matthew Fishwick
Sergeant W. Michael Thacker

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Lieutenant Eric Taylor
Sergeant Scott Arbino
Sergeant P. David Root

NIGHT SHIFT

Lieutenant Brian Gleason
Sergeant Robert Barker
Sergeant Scott Laney

Officer David Anglin
Officer Bryan Bowlin
Officer John Ebbing
Officer W. Andrew Feck
Officer Peter Gibbons
Officer Jason Holmes
Officer Terrance Kiep
Officer Montez Lee
Officer Sean McCarley
Officer Steven McFall
Officer Ross Sherman
Officer Anthony Sora
Officer Zachary Strack
Officer Chad Stafford
Officer Rodney Wilson

Officer Chelsea Arent
Officer Tyler Ballauer
Officer Lauren Cox
Officer Haleigh Daniels
Officer Tyler Hensley
Officer Jose Hernandez
Officer Jacob Hiatt
Officer Brady Huffman
Officer James Leisinger
Officer Paola Leyva
Officer James Mignery
Officer M. Ivan Miranda
Officer Peyton Pakozdi
Officer Andrew Prather
Officer Daniel Rollins
Officer Bailee Schweitzer
Officer Nathan Urban
Officer Jordan Wilson

Officer Hank Adkins
Officer Dylan Ballauer
Officer Jeffrey Benge
Officer Faith Brown
Officer Chris Browning
Officer Taylor Bryant
Officer Sean Figley
Officer Joshua Gabbard
Officer Rebecca Gall
Officer Tiffany Gray
Officer Zoe Hyden
Officer Joseph Johnson
Officer Ethan Matala
Officer Daniel Pratt
Officer Joseph Reece
Officer Rebeccann Richter
Officer Cody Rush
Officer Jamie Tommer

Desk Officer Kevin Imfeld

Desk Officer Brandon Welch

Desk Officer Sky Arvin

Operations Roster

INVESTIGATIONS

Lieutenant Patrick Erb II
Sergeant Mark Hayes
Sergeant Joey Thompson

Detective A. Ryan Beckelhymer
Detective Frank Botts
Detective James Gross
Detective Stephan Hamilton
Detective Robert Horton
Detective Aaron Hucke
Detective Daniel Karwisch
Detective Anthony Kiep
Detective Mark Nichols
Detective R. Anthony Nichting
Detective David Patterson
Detective P. David Root
Detective Kevin Ruhl
Detective M. Douglas Trenum
Detective Brian Wynn

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Lieutenant Brian Robinson

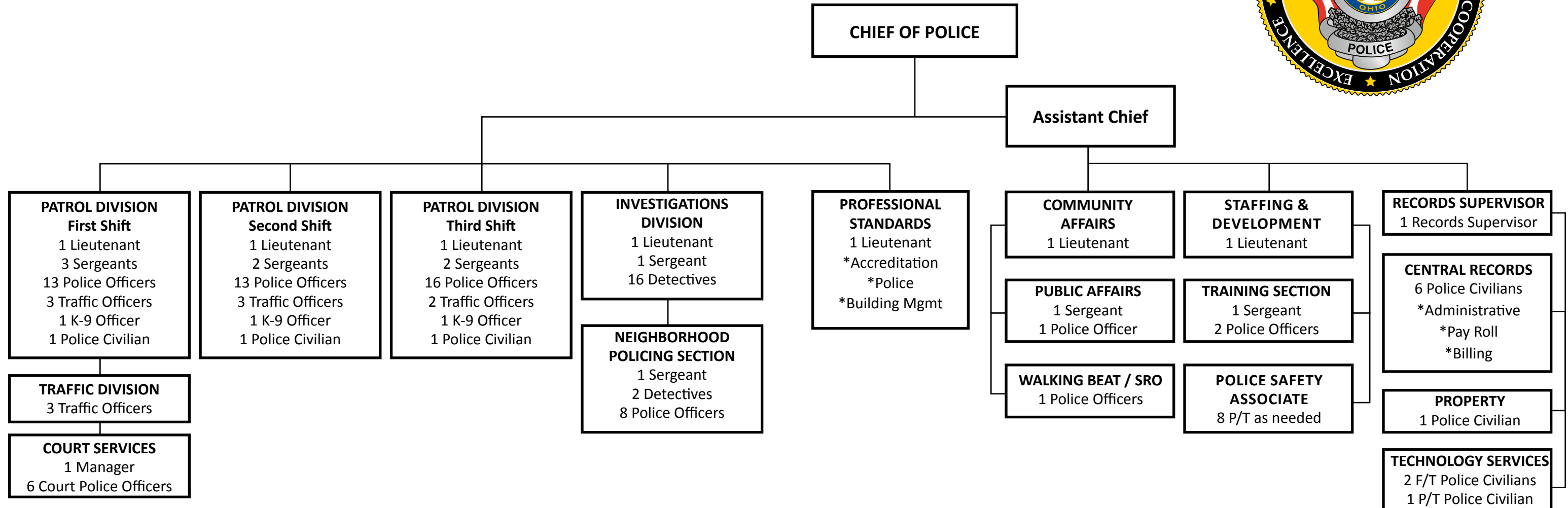
NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

Sergeant Gary Crouch
Detective Christopher Gibson
Detective Robert Horton
Officer Wyatt Arnold
Officer Stephen Heffernan
Officer Corey Nunn
Officer Christopher Peters

COURT SERVICES


Supervisor Joseph Murray
Officer Jeffrey Benge
Officer Carla Browning
Officer James Carpenter
Officer Patrick Fackey
Officer Goldie Greene
Officer Andrew Lymburner
Officer Joel Mast
Officer Danielle Sorber

Hamilton Police Department Organizational Chart



HEADQUARTERS SWORN (118)		COURT SERVICES SWORN (7)		NON SWORN (22)	
Chief	1	Corrections Manager	1	Records Supervisor	1
Captains	1	Police Officers	6	Police Civilian Employees (21)	
Lieutenants	7			Records	6
Sergeants	11			Desk	3
Detectives	18			Property & Evidence	1
Police Officers	80			FT/ PT Technology	3
				P/T Police Safety Associates	8

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL 138
TOTAL PERSONNEL 142

EFFECTIVE: 1/30/2024
ISSUED BY: 
Craig R. Bucheit
CHIEF OF POLICE

Support Services Bureau



**Assistant Chief
Trent Chenoweth**

Support Services includes Training, Community Affairs, the School Resource Officer program, Social Media, Walking Beat officers, Information Technology, Property and Records. Our team balances out the department and improves organizational efficiency through enhanced communication and resource allocation. Our goal is to support both our internal customers (our personnel) and our external customers (the residents of Hamilton) as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Lt. John Fischer leads Community Affairs and our School Resource Officer (SRO) program. He is instrumental in the event planning process for activities throughout the city.

Sgt. Brian Ungerbuehler leads Public Affairs and serves as the point person for many community engagement programs. Additionally, he supervises our K9 program and ensures our handlers and canines have the best possible training.



Officer Kristy Collins speaking with a student at the Miami University Career Fair.

Support Services welcomed Lt. Jon Richardson to the team in his new role in overseeing recruitment and retention. His work will be vital to our future staffing success. Sgt. Jon Habig began the transition process late in 2023 to his new position as the Training Sergeant. He will focus on growing our comprehensive wellness program.

Brittney Geurin supervises Records and oversees civilian personnel. Her leadership and technical ability, especially in the area of data analytics, are second to none and were put to the test with the addition of payroll and billing processing to her team. Ashley Thacker serves as the Property officer and does an amazing job of keeping the mountain of property and evidence organized and sorted.

Officer Kristy Collins continues to be the face of the department and engages the community through a multitude of programs such as Safety Town, social media, school programs, and neighborhood academies. Her passion and selfless dedication to the people of Hamilton serves as an inspiration to the rest of the department.

Officers Ryan Brockman and Brian “Bucky” Buchanan serve as our Training officers and are extremely dedicated to providing the best possible training for our personnel. Training has always been and will always be a point of emphasis for HPD.

Bob Gordon, Brett Britt, and Katlin Richardson make up our internal IT staff and are critical to our organization. They allow employees to be productive both at headquarters and in the field by ensuring they have the software and the hardware they need to perform daily tasks with minimal or no interruptions.

During 2023, we saw tremendous change on the Support Services side of the organization. With the retirement of Capt. McManus, we began the restructuring process to move toward a single Assistant Police Chief in an effort to improve our overall efficiency and effectiveness. Structural changes are always a challenge, but we anticipate the changes made will greatly benefit the organization. Support Services is a collection of individuals who are all about making the department a better place and accomplishing the greater good. My sincere thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone on the Support Services team.



Officer Ryan Brockman instructing at firearms training.



Officers Brian Buchanan and Ryan Brockman speaking to a class.



Officer Kristy Collins speaking with a group during a Citizens Police Academy.

Community Affairs Division



Lieutenant John Fischer

Community Affairs Division was designed to increase engagement with the public through several different avenues. Sections included in the Community Affairs Division are Public Affairs, Walking Beat Officers, and School Resource Officers. Public Affairs Section engages the community in many ways, from Safety Town, School Programs, Neighborhood Meetings, and Citizen Police Academies. Public Affairs also handles a lot of the engagement with the media and social media. The Walking Beat Officers engage the community on a daily basis in the High/Main business corridor, and can be found daily walking from business to business along High and Main Streets. The School Resource Officers are assigned to the Hamilton City Schools and Badin High School.

The Community Affairs Section also is the primary organizer of the annual HPD open house. In 2023, we brought together many local organizations and businesses to participate in yet another successful open house. We also held several neighborhood cookouts. In 2024, we look to continue the neighborhood cookouts and community engagement.

The Community Affairs Section also oversees our business district officers, reviews event applications, and assists in the planning of all major public events held in the city during the year. We will continue to promote our department through these outreach programs and be a positive force by living our values of empathy, integrity, excellence, justice and cooperation.



School Resource Officer Terry Kiefer at Badin High School.



Safety Director Scott Scrimizzi, Chief Craig Bucheit, and Lieutenant John Fischer at the Jefferson Neighborhood Cookout.



Officer Kristy Collins, Chief Craig Bucheit, Mayor Pat Moeller, Council Member Carla Fiehrer and Vice Mayor Michael Ryan at the Third Grade Seatbelt Program Ceremony.



Officer Kristy Collins and Retired Detective Paul Webb at the HPD Open House.

Hamilton Police Canines



Officer Rodney Wilson in training with K9 Gloria.



Officer Jacob Hiatt in training with K9 Arthur.



Officer Jacob Hiatt with K9 Arthur.



Officer Rodney Wilson with K9 Gloria.



Officer Wyatt Arnold with K9 Stryder.



Officer Sean Figley with K9 Drogo.

Public Affairs Section



In 2023, the Public Affairs section continued to participate in community outreach efforts throughout the city. Through our efforts we try to provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton. Some of the outreach programs that we participated in this year were, Third Grade Seat Belt Program, Career Fairs, DEA Drug Take Back Day, Safety Town, Citizen Police Academies, and Community Cookouts.

We organized two Citizens Police Academies, as well as, two Youth Academies. We had several officers present and explain their responsibilities to the attendees, as well as, allowing them to get a hands on aspect of some of the trainings that our officers participate in. In 2024, we will continue to host the Citizens Police Academies, as well as, continuing the two youth academies geared towards High School Students.

The Greater Hamilton Safety Council and Lindenwald Kiwanis continued to hold Safety Town again this year. Officer Kristy Collins runs this program and makes it a success each and every year. Safety Town was held for 7 weeks this past year due to demand from the community. Donations from thyssenkrupp Bilstein, and Meijer made it possible for us to purchase bicycles and helmets; and JAG Sporting Goods was generous in donating shirts for the Safety Town Volunteers.



Sgt. Brian Ungerbuehler and Officer Kristy Collins working the HPD Booth at Operation Pumpkin.



Officer Kristy Collins with students from the Third Grade Seatbelt Program.



Officer Kristy Collins speaking with kids at Safety Town.



Officer Kristy Collins participating in the Lindenwald Easter Egg hunt.



Officer Kristy Collins speaking to a group of students from Miami University.



Officer Kristy Collins at the North End Trunk or Treat.



Sgt. Brian Ungerbuehler at the Lindenwald Trunk or Treat.

Staffing and Development Section



**Lieutenant
Jon Richardson**



**Sergeant
Jon Habig**



**Officer Brian
"Bucky" Buchanan**



**Officer
Ryan Brockman**

The Training Section provides job-specific knowledge and resources to officers of all ranks within the Hamilton Police Department. In 2023, Officers Brockman and Buchanan worked together and trained fourteen new patrol officers and eight new civilians who joined the organization. Brockman continued in his training to get him completely certified to instruct the department in numerous subjects. The FTO program was modified again, due to a continual evaluation of our program, to attempt to optimize the training experience for new hires. During the spring through fall, Training hosted Legal updates, Patrol Bicycle Operations, Active Threat Response, Mental health updates, and a team-building ropes course, as well as the traditional fall in-service. Several patrol officers were sent to instructor level classes for semi auto pistol, red dot sight, low light pistol usage, and SFST, increasing our level of certified instructors. The training section also partnered with a local martial arts gym to host a class for basic level Jiu Jitsu for police officers. Law enforcement, and specifically law enforcement training, must continually adapt and evolve to remain relevant and efficient. Officer Brockman, Officer Buchanan, and Lt. Richardson are supported in this effort by Assistant Chief Chenoweth and Chief Bucheit. Both are committed to providing the resources needed to help training remain a pillar of a successful organization.



Officer Brian Buchanan speaking to students from Badin High School during a youth academy.



Officer Montez Lee giving a demonstration during a youth academy.



Officer Ryan Brockman giving a drone demonstration during a youth academy.



Officer Wyatt Arnold and K9 Stryder giving K9 demonstration with the help of Officer Jamie Tommer.



Officers taking part in a training course.



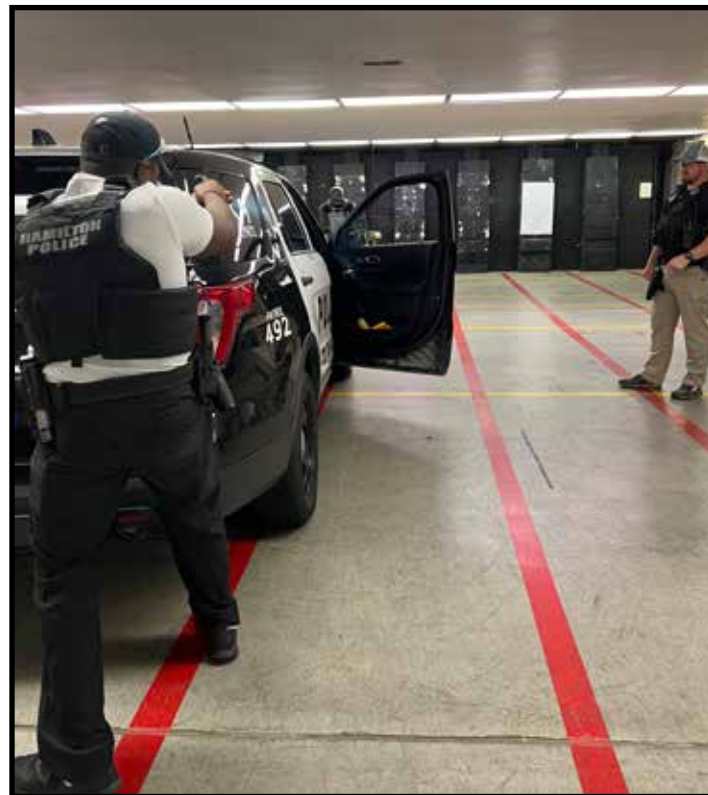
Officer Buchanan conducting firearms training.



S.W.A.T. Team members at training.



Officer James Leisinger giving a drone demonstration to a citizen's academy.



Officer Montez Lee and Officer Joe Johnson at training

Officer Camaraderie



Hamilton Police personnel after competing in paintball.



Hamilton Police personnel playing basketball at Badin High School.



Officers Dylan Ballauer and Joseph Reece on the Ropes Course at Miami University.



Hamilton Police personnel after playing football at Spookynook.



Officer Chelsea Arent, Lt Brian Gleason, Officer Zoe Hyden, Lt. Jon Richardson and Officer Rebecca Gall on the Ropes Course at Miami University.

Central Records



**Supervisor
Brittney Geurin**

Brittney Geurin supervises the Central Records Section at the Hamilton Police Department. The department expanded from four to six records civilians in 2023. The Central Records Department continues to grow as they take on new responsibilities, including the most recent addition of payroll and billing. The team includes Jennifer Kiep, Christine Niehaus, Lisa Mosley, Carole Walters and Marianne Burgess, who transferred from another section, and new hire, Amber Harris.

The team validates and maintains a variety of reports such as crime (5,559), arrests (4,205) and accident reports (1,614). Copies of reports are distributed to requestors daily, as well as being submitted to the state on a weekly or monthly basis. In 2023, Central Records handled over (2,800) phone calls and over (2,000) emails; mostly requests for copies of reports. Email requests continue to increase as this is requestor's first choice of communication and is the most convenient way to receive report copies. In 2023 a total of (4,496) warrants, (5,837) moving violations citations, and (1,292) misdemeanor citations were entered into the records management system. Other tasks performed by the Central Records Section include, but are certainly not limited to, uploading domestic violence forms, patient runs, witness statements and maintaining numerous spreadsheets and audits.

On a monthly basis, data is submitted to the State of Ohio and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov> to learn more.



Brittney Geurin and K9 Gloria

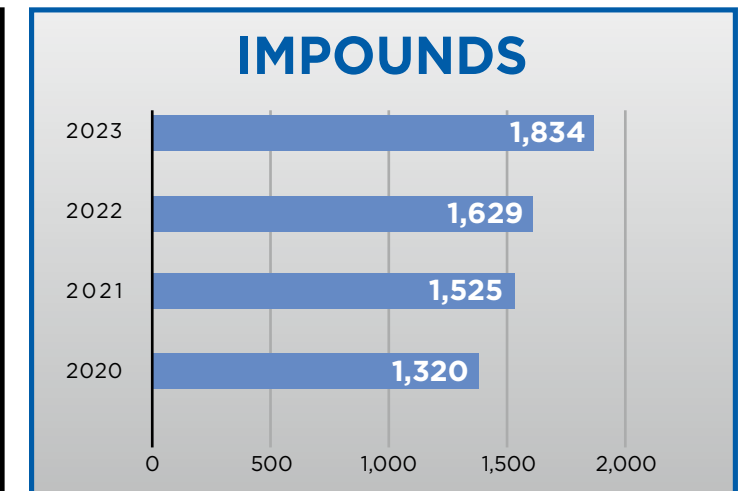
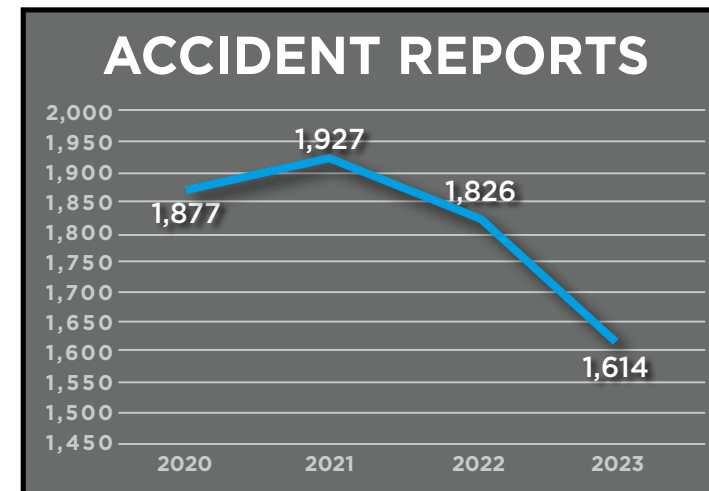
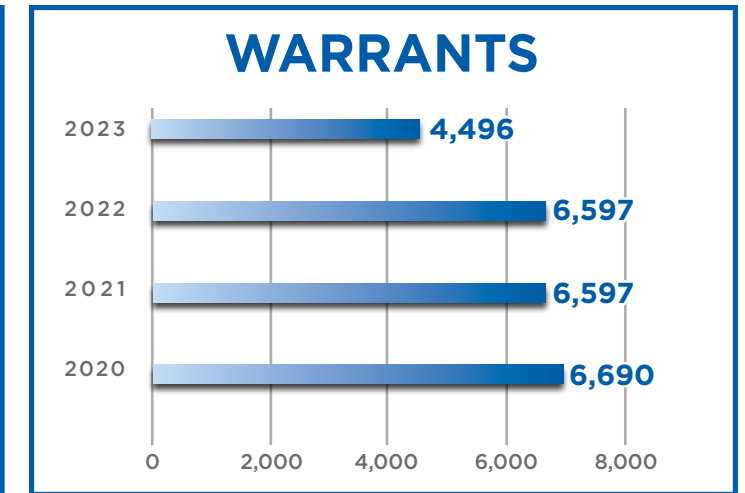
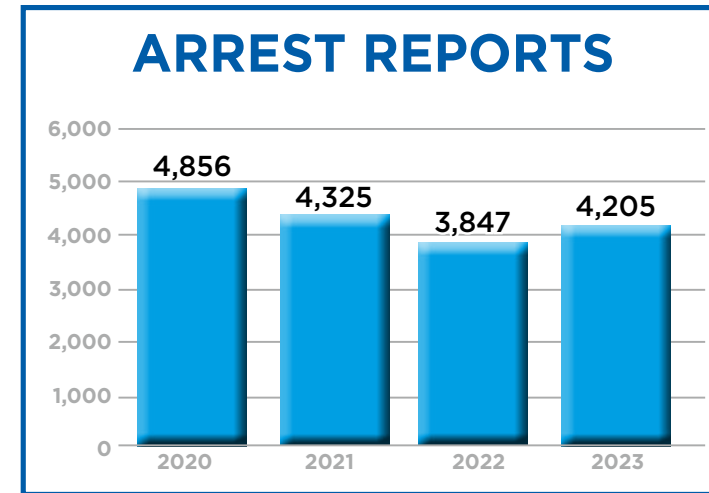
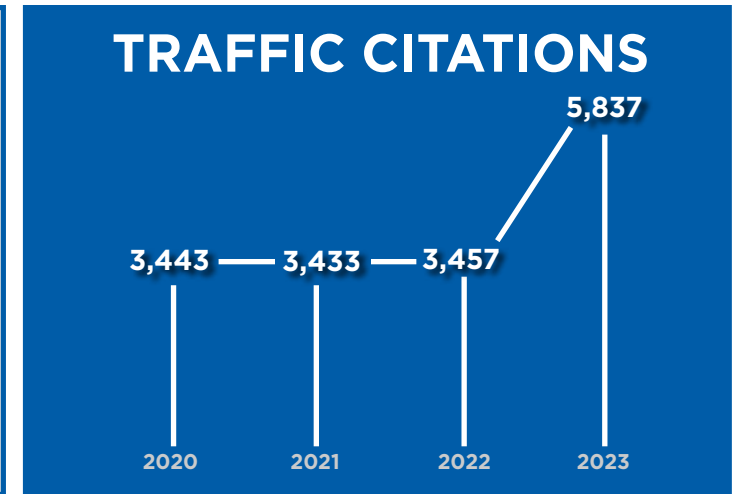
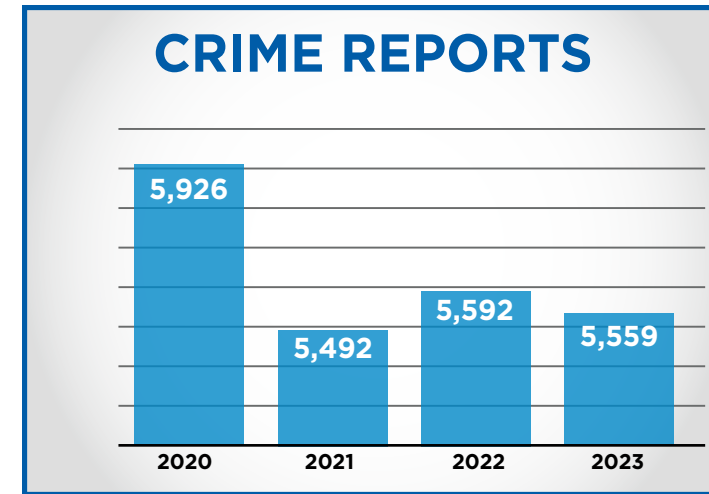


Central Records Staff



Katlin Richardson speaking to a class about the body cameras.

STATISTICS



Support Services Roster

Support Services Commander	Assistant Chief Trent Chenoweth
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT
Lieutenant John Fischer	Lieutenant Jon Richardson
Sergeant Brian Ungerbuehler	Sergeant Jon Habig
Officer Kristy Collins	Officer Ryan Brockman
Officer Justin Boyd	Officer Brian Buchanan
Officer Lanny Ash	Safety Associate Sarahi Barba
Officer Richard Cardwell	Safety Associate Alivia Johnson
Officer L. Earnest Huff	Safety Associate Cameron Laphorn
Officer Thomas Hurst	Safety Associate Victor Luna-Mata
Officer Todd Hurst	Safety Associate Olivia Malone
Officer Terry Kiefer	Safety Associate Patrick Ray
Officer Robert Snyder	Safety Associate Andrew Tubbs
OFFICERS IN THE ACADEMY / FIELD TRAINING	
Officer Zeke Chenoweth	
Officer D. Nate Fryman	
Officer Nicholas Lagedrost	
Officer Efrain Leon	
Officer Sam Noel	

Support Services Roster

CENTRAL RECORDS	IT SERVICES SECTION
Supervisor Brittney Geurin	Brett Britt
Marianne Burgess	Robert Gordon
Jennifer Kiep	Katlin Richardson
Amber Harris	
Lisa Mosley	
Christine Niehaus	
Carole Walters	
PROPERTY MANAGER	
Ashley Thacker	

Personnel in Transition

APPOINTMENTS

Lauren Cox	1/4/23	
Dan Pratt	1/4/23	
Nathan Urban	1/4/23	
Rebecca Gall	1/4/23	
Jamie Tommer	1/4/23	Police Civilian
Nicholas Lagedrost	3/15/23	Safety Associate
Sarahi Barba	4/10/23	Safety Associate
Cameron Laphorn	4/10/23	Safety Associate
Christopher Corkern	4/24/23	
Maddie Lohrey	4/24/23	Safety Associate
Olivia Malone	4/24/23	Safety Associate
Jeffrey Bengé	5/8/23	Re-Appointment
Ethan Matala	5/8/23	
Ross Sherman	5/28/23	Re-Appointment
Jamie Tommer	6/19/23	
Efrain Leon	7/5/23	
Nicholas Lagedrost	7/5/23	
Derek Nate Fryman	7/5/23	
Peyton Pakozdi	7/5/23	
Samuel Noel	7/5/23	Police Civilian
Zeke Chenoweth	7/5/23	Police Civilian
Carla Browning	7/30/23	Re-Appointment
Terry Kiefer	8/14/23	Re-Appointment
Alivia Johnson	9/25/23	Safety Associate
Victor Luna-Mata	9/25/23	Safety Associate
Andrew Tubbs	9/25/23	Safety Associate
Amber Harris	10/23/23	Records Clerk
Brandon Welch	11/6/23	Police Civilian



Chief Craig Bucheit swearing in Officer Nathan Urban.



Chief Craig Bucheit swearing in Officer Dan Pratt.



Asst. Chief Chenoweth with Zeke Chenoweth, Nicholas Lagedrost, and Nate Fryman during their time at Butler Tech Police Academy. Also in the photo is Officer Rebecca Gall, Lieutenant Shawn Fryman, and Lieutenant Jon Richardson.



Swearing in ceremony for Officers Dan Pratt, Nathan Urban, Rebecca Gall, and Lauren Cox.



Swearing in ceremony for Officers James Tommer, Ethan Matala, and Peyton Pakozdi.

RETIREMENTS

Ross Sherman	3/17/23
Kim Owens	4/21/23
Terry Kiefer	5/27/23
Donald Taylor	6/9/23
Marc McManus	6/23/23
Carla Browning	7/29/23
Barb Winkler	8/1/23
Paul Webb	8/4/23



PROMOTIONS

Brian Gleason	6/9/23	Sgt to Lt
Eric Taylor	6/9/23	Sgt to Lt
M. Doug Trenum	8/7/23	Det to Sgt
P. David Root	8/7/23	Det to Sgt
Amanda Roach	8/7/23	Ofc to Det
Brittney Sorrell	8/7/23	Ofc to Det
Katherine Johnson	8/7/23	Ofc to Det
Scott Arbino	11/8/23	Det to Sgt



Chief Craig Bucheit promoting Eric Taylor to Lieutenant.



RESIGNATIONS

Taras Volchukov	1/19/23	Nathaniel Borchers	9/4/23
Jeffrey Benge	1/21/23	Christopher Corkern	9/5/23
Seth Hillman	5/12/23	Andrea Hickman	10/11/23
William Johnson	5/9/23	Jose Padilla	10/15/23
Kyle Toedtman	5/30/23	Cole Gudgell	11/16/23
James Colwell	6/30/23	Joshua Crowthers	11/18/23



Newly promoted Detectives, Katherine Johnson, Amanda Roach, and Brittney Sorrell.



Chief Craig Bucheit promoting P. David Root to Sergeant.

MILESTONES

20
YEARS
SERVICE

Aaron Hucke
Scott Laney
Dave Anglin
Matt Fishwick
A. Ryan Beckelhymer
Jon Habig
Terry Kiep
Rodney Wilson

25
YEARS
SERVICE

David Patterson
Chad Stafford
Anthony Kiep
John Ebbing
Brian Ungerbuehler
Tom Hurst
Patrick Erb II
Todd Hurst

15
YEARS
SERVICE

Brian Gleason



HPD Honor Guard marching in a parade.



In Memoriam



Sgt. Paul Stephen Timmer

Died 11/15/23

Hamilton Police Department: 1967 to 1994

Paul "Steve" Timmer was appointed to the Hamilton Police Department in 1967, as a patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of Detective in 1976, and retired as a Sergeant in 1994 with 27 years of service to the community. Sergeant Timmer served as a board member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #38.



Alexander Hamilton Statue

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