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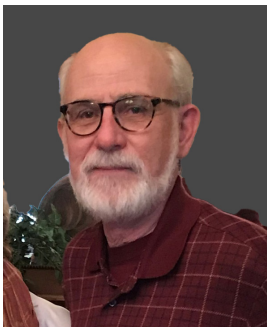


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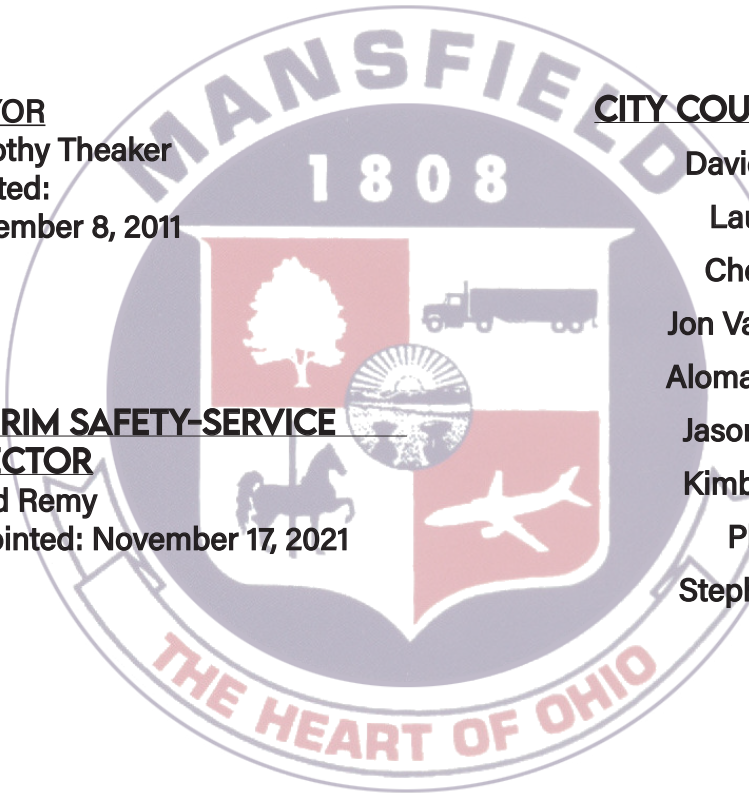
In 2023, Mansfield experienced a significant increase in homicides, with 12 cases—the highest annual total in the history of the department. This surge in violence prompted local authorities to seek solutions to address the escalating gun violence. By December 2, the 12th homicide was under investigation following an incident on Minerva Avenue. In response to the rising number of homicides, the Mansfield Police Department implemented a homicide task force to tackle the issue more effectively. Despite these efforts, some cases remain unsolved, highlighting the ongoing challenges faced by law enforcement in curbing violent crime in the area.



MAYOR
Timothy Theaker
Elected:
November 8, 2011



**INTERIM SAFETY-SERVICE
DIRECTOR**
David Remy
Appointed: November 17, 2021



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- David Falquette
- Laura Burns
- Cheryl Meier
- Jon Van Harlingen
- Alomar Davenport
- Jason Lawrence
- Kimberly Moton
- Phil Scott
- Stephanie Zader

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FROM THE CHIEF KEITH PORCH

Dear Residents,

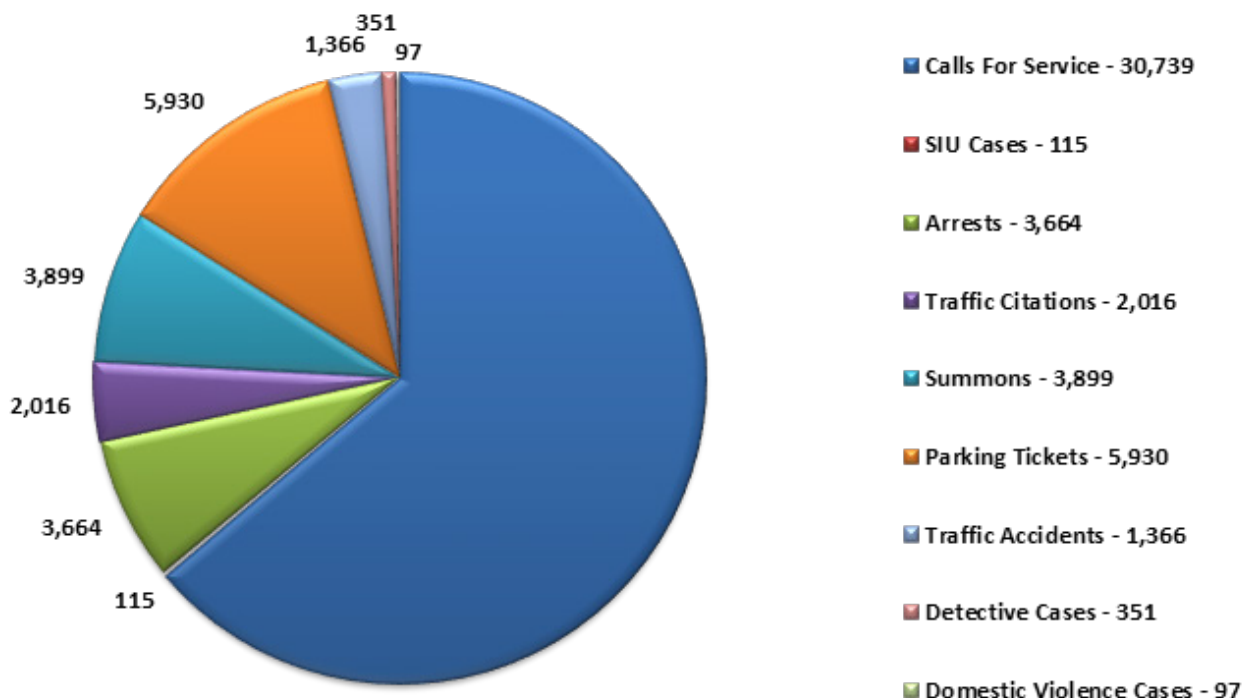
It is my pleasure to present to you the Mansfield Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. It is my honor and privilege to be Chief of the Mansfield Police Department. I am honored to lead the men and women of our organization as we strive to provide outstanding service to our residents.

I hope you find this report informative and insightful regarding the day-to-day operations of the police department. I further hope to highlight some of the outstanding work completed by our staff and the challenges we face.



We are honored to work with our community and our law enforcement partners to employ proactive problem-solving strategies to address social and criminal issues affecting our community. The goal of the Mansfield Division of Police will always be to improve the quality of life through community partnerships with the citizens of Mansfield.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Mayor, Safety Service Director, and City Council Members for their continuous support of the division.





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JASON BAMMANN OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF



RECORDS SECTION

The Records Section was successful at maintaining a perfect or less than 2% error rate on all electronic report submissions to the Office of Ohio Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for 2023. Records Section staff at the end of the year consisted of the Supervisor 1, (4) Record Clerks, (1) Transcriber Clerk, and (1) Police Aide.

Records Section personnel also opened, maintained, and stored criminal case jackets, maintained all criminal records, checked information for City Chauffeur's Licenses and performed a variety of other tasks in support of the Operations Bureaus, the Courts, City Offices, and other criminal justice agencies from both local and foreign jurisdictions.



The Transcription Unit processed 61 Administrative reports, 24 Confidential reports, 15 Supplemental reports, 672 Victim / Suspect / Witness Statements, along with 19 Background investigations, 4 Video to Audio conversions, and an undetermined number of miscellaneous documents. The transcriber had 137 general requests for assistance within the division and with other local agencies, 7 digital issues resulting in **SysAids**, and entered 248 juvenile expungements on the spreadsheet.

The Police Aide position is responsible for all in person citizen contacts and all incoming calls for the Administrative staff and Detective Bureau, while fielding calls for various other departments within the city complex. Duties also include taking Incident Reports that do not require a sworn Officer, completing 27 such reports this year, while performing other administrative duties on a daily basis.

CRIME ANALYST

Crime Analyst (C.A.) Krista Sonnhalter worked closely with detectives and officers to provide critical crime data including criminal intelligence to the shifts and filled outside requests such as those from neighborhood watch groups and the media. She participated monthly with the NOVCC Collaborative Grant initiatives and worked with Command Staff to identify agency crime mapping needs. C.A. Sonnhalter researched and assisted with the Division's "Focus Deterrence Project" as well as the "Opiate Board". She also continued to assist with the "Gun Violence Initiative" which targeted those identified as using firearms to commit violent crime within the City of Mansfield. C.A. Sonnhalter assisted the Chief of Police with the first Community Debriefing and helped gather data and statistics for various administrative reports, including working with the IAPro software and Internal Affairs.





OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

The Administrative Lieutenant Shane Gearhart, oversaw the daily operations of the Public Safety Communications Center, which included two supervisors and sixteen Dispatchers. He managed the operations of two of the departments units; the Ceremonial Motorcycle Unit and the UAS Unit. The UAS unit consisted of three drones and six operators. This entailed scheduling training, keeping the unit current with the ever-changing legal case law and keeping current with the current technology. The Administrative Lieutenant also supervised the U.S. Marshals Task Force with five part-time Task Force members.

Beyond these responsibilities the Administrative Lieutenant managed the Federal Vest Program, was a member of the Community Corrections Board, and worked on any other short term projects instituted by the Assistant Chief of Police.



MOTOR UNIT:

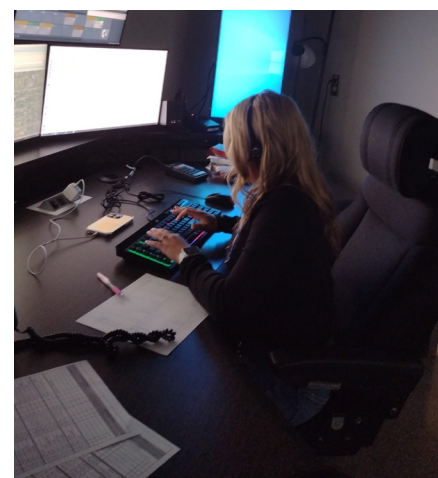
All 4 officers participated in 10 monthly training days. Training consisted of 457 combined training hours of course work, cone obstacles, as well as road riding parallel and in tandem. The Motor Unit received 250 new road cones to utilized for training. The unit participated in two parades and led a funeral procession.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT UNIT:

The UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) was established in 2018. The unit consists of seven officers that are required to complete the FAA Part 107 test. The unit conducted quarterly training that covered all aspects of operations. The unit completed 23 operations that included: demonstrations; multiple crime scenes; search for missing persons including children and elderly; search for suicidal persons; fatal and injury accidents; and crowd management during events.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (PSCC):

In 2023 the Public Safety Communications Center continued its excellence of providing proper safety responses to the citizens while looking after the safety forces that serve the City of Mansfield. Highlights from the year include upgrades to the recording system, overseeing a successful Inkcarceration music festival, and improvements in public safety dispatching in all disciplines.



COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH CALLS:

ENTRIES INTO CAD: 52,795
LAW/PSCC ENTRIES: 32,089
FIRE/EMS ENTRIES: 12,068
SELF-INITIATED: 7,061
PUBLIC CALLS FOR SERVICE: 25,013

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH CALLS:

TOTAL EMD CALLS: 6,019
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 447
MEDICAL ALARMS: 888
MISC MEDICAL CALLS: 2,283
STRUCTURE FIRE RESPONSES: 162
STRUCTURE FIRE ALARMS: 582



CAPTAIN CHAD BRUBAKER COMMUNITY SERVICE BUREAU

Almost every police call in the city is initiated within the Community Services Bureau, making it the busiest and largest in the Mansfield Police Department. Uniform patrol handles the bulk of all police activity, from emergency responses to minor complaints and everything in between. The Community Services Bureau is comprised of Uniformed Patrol and Traffic Section which includes the Motor Maintenance Unit and was commanded by Captain Chad Brubaker.



DAY WATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Officers assisted Detectives with investigating a homicide of a 16-year-old male
- Officers investigated an unlawful restraint of a city water depart. worker while on duty.
- Officers investigated and obtained a warrant for a rape and kidnapping.
- Officers investigated a theft of coins valued at over \$500,000.
- Officers had a short vehicle pursuit, the vehicle was located, and through investigation, the suspect was arrested. The suspect was charged with possession of cocaine, tampering with evidence, weapons under disability, and failure to comply.
- Officers investigated a cutting and were able to locate the suspect and arrest him.
- Officers assisted the C.A.T. Team with the arrest of 310 gang members.
- Officers investigated an inducing panic at Malabar School.
- Officers investigated numerous felonies involving passing bad checks, identity fraud, & forgery.

TRAFFIC SECTION

The Traffic Section oversaw 20 Special Events which consisted of eight parades & twelve large events.

The Traffic Section monitors and administers the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) which is an initiative that involves identifying high crash areas through analysis. Locations are assigned within the city for directed traffic enforcement in hopes of reducing traffic accidents. Officers worked 117 STEP details for 351 hours of enforcement time during 2023. There were 446 Citations issued.

The Traffic Section also utilized the Division's speed signs which monitor and save data obtained through its operation. This data is charted into a readable form that assists in helping promote traffic awareness and education in areas of reoccurring complaints concerning speeding.

The Parking Enforcement program issued citations of 5,930 tickets. Fine collections were \$36,650, and Meter collections were \$63,829.





AFTERNOON WATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Officers were detailed to the detective bureau & the secret service, arrested a suspect who had (6) warrants.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop and through investigation seized 610 grams of cocaine, 951 grams of marijuana, \$22,275.00, and a 2006 Volkswagen SUV.
- Officers conducted a car stop where a male ran. The male was caught by Officers and the male was found to have a fully automatic Glock 19 and FN509 pistol in his pants.
- Officers handled a shooting that occurred in the area of Millsboro Rd/ S. Home Rd.
- Officers investigated an attempted felonious assault, a male and female were arrested, and two felony warrants were typed.
- Officers responded to a call for a homicide.
- Officers investigated an Aggravated Burglary involving a firearm.
- Officers assisted a detective located and arrested three individuals involved in an attempted homicide.
- All officers responded to "The Mile" & began clearing the lots & issuing TRs appropriately.
- Officers assisted RCSO with a shots fired call involving a barricaded gunman.



NIGHT WATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Officers investigated and charged a subject with felony theft and forgery
- Officers responded to multiple shots fired incidents, including where shots were fired into several habitations
- Officers responded to call about a double shooting. A female sustained a gunshot to her wrist and a male sustained several gunshot wounds to his body. A suspect was identified.
- Officers handled a stabbing that occurred on Orange St. where two victims had been stabbed.
- Officers responded to a missing 2-year-old and 16-year-old and eventually located them.
- Officers investigated a felonious assault where a driver fired a gun, striking another vehicle, during a road rage incident.

UNIFORMED PATROL	1ST WATCH	2ND WATCH	3RD WATCH
TRAFFIC CRASHES	495	691	177
O.V.I. ARRESTS	15	40	50
TRAFFIC TICKETS	638	1,030	350
FELONY ATTESTS	188	467	142
MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS	870	1,436	695
FELONY WARRANTS	69	128	29
RECOVERED STOLEN	\$456,425.89	\$579,268.76	\$248,599.10



CAPTAIN RANDY CARVER SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU



The Special Operations Bureau is comprised of the Detective Section, the Forensic Science Section, the Office of Professional Standards, and the Neighborhood Impact Section and was commanded by Captain Randy Carver. Captain Carver was also designated as the Division's Accreditation Manager and was responsible for overseeing the Division's re-accreditation effort.

ACCREDITATION

The Mansfield Division of Police completed its first year in the new four-year accreditation assessment (2022-2026) in August. We successfully passed the first-year review with our CSM and were able to attend the CALEA Conference in Seattle, WA to have a condition removed from our on-site in 2022. Lieutenant Napier attended the State of Ohio Accreditation Resource (SOAR) meetings which were scheduled throughout the year.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

There were four formal In-Service trainings conducted in 2023. The training included Biased Based Profiling, Implicit Bias, Professional Car Stops, OC Re-Certification, Practical Application of Force, force de-escalation, CIT update, Legal Update, Professional Car Stops, Taser recertification, Health and Wellness, Blood-borne pathogens, Crime Lab Updates, Sexual Assaults, Culture Diversity, Pursuits, and Forcible Stops, PR-24 Familiarization, Hazmat Awareness, NIMS and Field Force Emergency Operations Planning and Considerations and Ethics. The division also trained members of the fire department and police department to instruct the rescue task force. Once the members became certified, the police department and fire department conducted a joint training at Mansfield Senior High. We also had a class for stop the bleed throughout the day, that was presented by Ohio Health Mansfield.



Division personnel received over 3,300 Hrs. of advanced training in 2023. Topics of the advanced training included Advance Hostage Negotiation, Drug Interdiction, Gang Schools and the Gang Conference, Entry and Rescue Tactics, Urban Terror Workshop, Network Intrusion Investigations, Internal Affairs Certification, Strangulation Investigation, Human Trafficking, Essential Emergency Response Driving, Basic SWAT School, OIS/Critical Incident Training for Supervisors, the OTOA Conference by members of the SWAT Team, STEP (Advance Supervisor School) and The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogating. The chiefs also attended the IACP Conference. Along with these listed courses, a number of other advanced schools were attended by members of the division.

FTO/HIRING/RECRUITMENT

Recruitment efforts have returned to normal in 2023. We were able to advertise online and do many in-person recruiting events for our "Certified List" in August and our "Civil Service Tests" in February and July. The chiefs were able to get the civil service rules changed to where we can now accept applications for police cadets in the academy. After they apply, we are able to conduct all pre-hiring steps while they are in the academy and be prepared to swear them in after they successfully pass the state exam. We had 9 officers successfully complete FTO in 2023.

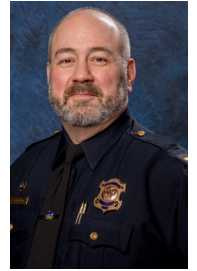


DETECTIVE SECTION

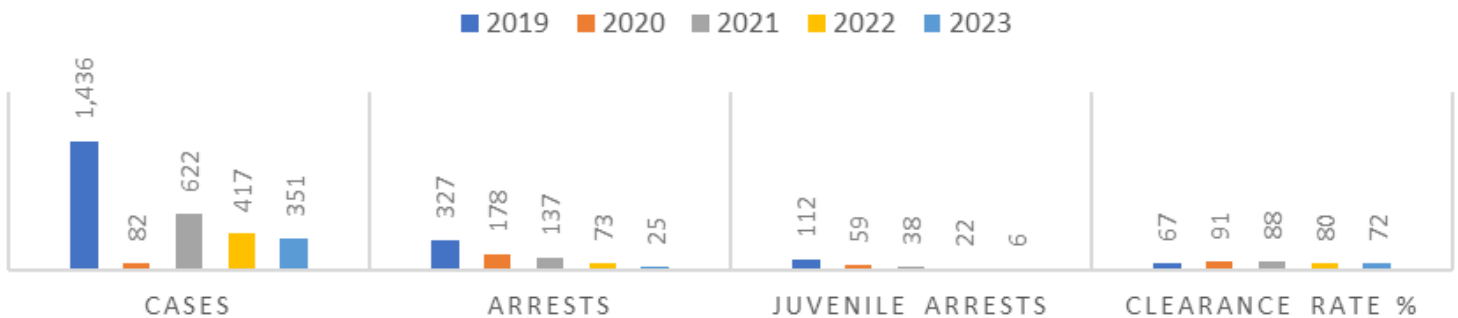
In 2023, the Detective Section investigated 351 total cases. The four Major Crimes detectives and one Juvenile detective doing all the Juvenile cases along with her other cases and one supervisor investigated a total of 254 cases. Two Detectives working the day shift and three working the afternoon shift. The unit also conducts all of the tracing needed for any gun taken in by the department which was 144 tracings. The Detectives also conducted background investigations for new hires.

The Detective Section also investigated 46 Runaways, 21 Missing Persons, and served 248 Search Warrants. There were 7 DNA assignments. There were 12 Homicides within the city in 2023. The 12 Homicides the City experienced was very out of the ordinary for us. It led to a great amount of focus and time just on those cases with the manpower shortage that caused a reduction of the investigation of other crimes by the bureau which affected our overall numbers, but the Patrol section helped by following through on more from the patrol level.

Within the Detective Section's Major Crimes Unit is a specialized Domestic Violence Detective position made possible through a Domestic Violence grant. The DV Detective works the afternoon shift and handles all domestic violence complaints up to and including Homicide, if it is domestic related. The grant is made possible by the Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) through the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS).



DETECTIVE SECTION



The DV Detectives assigned by the grant totaled 97 DV-related cases. The Detective also reviews the 66 LAP Forms completed in the packets. She also investigated non-related Domestic Violence calls. The DV Detective attends Domestic Violence Court when called upon throughout the year.

The Major Crimes Unit Sexual Assault Detective, was vacant due to manpower issues this last year, and the cases were spread out among the other detectives. Included in those cases were felonies, misdemeanor cases, and non-criminal cases.

In 2023 the Section saw the Internet Crime Against Children (ICAC) unit Detective position go unfilled for the year due to manpower issues.

The detectives have increased their on-the-job training and attended webinar trainings on many different areas that the detectives deal with on a daily basis. The virus has affected the whole section and the training needed for Detectives. The unit works as a whole on any homicides or major felonies when they happen within the city.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT SECTION



The Neighborhood Impact Section (NIS) is continually adapting to the assortment of responsibilities it currently oversees along with any additional needs that need to be addressed throughout the city. The unit currently has a school resource officer, NIS sergeant, and the PAL (civilian employee) in the unit.

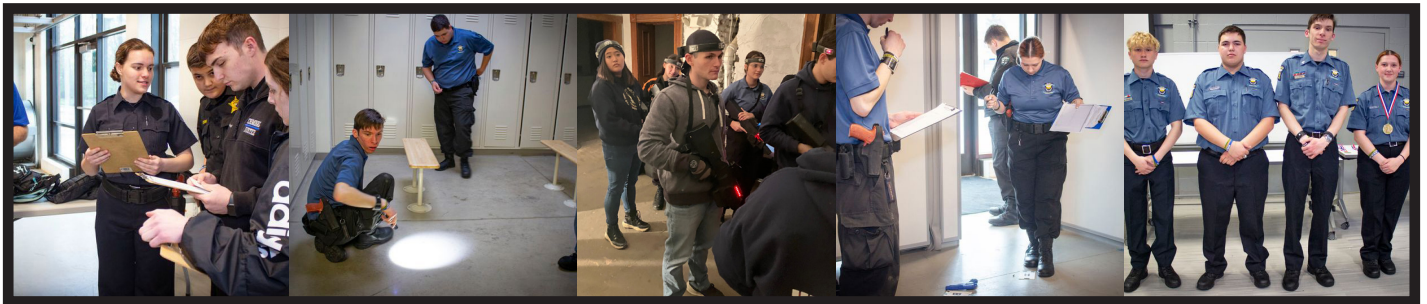
The Zone Regional Neighborhood Watch groups are well established and have evolved into self-sufficient groups that handle most of their planning for monthly meetings.

Additional programs under the supervision of NIS such as Mentoring and the Cadet program are all being attended by NIS officers as much as possible to maintain these partnerships and involvement in the community. NIS officers also attended several community events to build new relationships in the community. The unit oversees security for City Council meetings when possible. The NIS continues to support the department's Goals and Objectives by maintaining a positive presence in the community and empowering citizens to take an active role in reducing crime in their neighborhoods.

CADET POST 7751

There are currently 16 youths, 8 males and 8 females in the program ranging in age from 14-20. In 2023 the youth attended over 100 hours of training in law enforcement techniques, skills, and equipment use. This training prepares them for the annual Heart of Ohio Law Enforcement Explorer Competition and bi-annual National Law Enforcement Cadet Conference/Competition.

While training all year for competitions and learning about law enforcement as a career the post also completed over 67 hours of volunteer community service within the community this year. The Cadet Post continues to be financially self-sufficient because of its partnership with the Mansfield Reformatory Preservation Society (OSR). During October and November, the youth parked over 10,000 cars for the Blood Prison working 15 days and over 1,600 man hours.



D.A.R.E.

Due to staffing issues there was no D.A.R.E. Officer at the schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

THE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

This free program is designed to take a child's information and put it on a disk that the parents keep in case it is needed. This year the program did three events throughout the year and had 123 children participate. The year's main event was held at the Altitude in Ontario where local Law Enforcement Agencies assisted and 67 kids participated.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to Mansfield Senior High during the school year. The SRO handled crimes that occurred during the school day including, possession of drugs, fights, threats, domestic violence incidents, runaways, thefts, and bullying. The S.R.O. position entails informally counseling students and giving formal classroom presentations.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The NIS unit is not regularly attending all the Zone Regional Neighborhood Watch (NW) meetings. The Zone 2 and 3 are not able to be scheduled. There are nine (9) smaller NW groups that continue to meet in addition to the Regional meetings. Two of these groups meet on a quarterly basis and all are well attended. These smaller groups also do a good job of planning and coordinating their own meetings. NIS attended 39 Neighborhood Watch meetings in 2023. Some of the Neighborhood Watch groups were not able to be attended due to scheduling conflicts this year.



HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Honor Guard:

OPOTA Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony Grave-site
 Ceremony for Local Fallen Officers
 Second Floor Police Week Memorial Ceremony
 Memorial Week, Washington D.C.

Color Guard:

OPOTA Memorial Ceremony in London, OH
 Memorial Day Parade
 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course National Police
 Veterans Day Parade



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT SECTION

SAFETY TOWN

Officer Frend Boals came up with the idea of Safety Town from his personal experience of taking reports of children being hit by a car while walking home from school or to the local store. In 1937, it became the first program of its kind in the nation. Officer Boals enlisted the help of Ruth Robbins, a private kindergarten teacher and miniature town was set up at Prospect Park, complete with a stop sign and metal peddle cars. Children took turns being pedestrians and drivers and were kindly instructed on how to protect themselves.

In 1953, Brinkerhoff Elementary/Spanish Immersion became the permanent home of Safety Town. Safety Town has grown into one of the most sought after juvenile programs. The program has been adopted by communities in the United States and Internationally. The program has updated over the years to include stranger awareness, gun safety, water safety, animal safety, fire safety, how to behave around a school bus, how to fasten their seatbelt, and just as important, that Police are their friends and not to be afraid of a Fire-man in full gear. Each session



is 10 days. Each day has a safety theme that is taught by qualified teachers and classroom aides through crafts, songs, movies and stories as well as by special guests who share in hands on instruction. Instructors work closely with children to help them learn their address and phone number, as well as how to cross the street safely, how to put on a life jacket and how to stop, drop and roll.

Approximately 106 youth attended Safety Town in 2023.

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Police Athletic League helps to prevent juvenile crime by developing strong positive attitudes towards police officers.

Recognizing the importance of prevention efforts in reducing juvenile crime, the Mansfield Division of Police is involved in many youth initiatives, mostly funded by grant support. The Division Youth Project Coordinator collaborates with National Police Athletic League, Friendly House, Community Action for Capable Youth, and area schools just to name a few. The Police Athletic League activities are focused during the high youth delinquency periods of 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Approximately 2,500 youth participated in PAL activities and programs. The programs included A.C.E. (A Community Effort), Leadership Club, Sticks with Chicks (knitting club), and Golden Age Club. The PAL study centers and computer labs are equipped with educational software, homework assistance, and reading skill programs. PAL events held in 2023 include A.C.E. (A Community Effort) which allows children to participate in a fun day at the Friendly House with pizza, swimming, and activities attended by officers, Miss Ohio, and teen pageant participants; the Kiss me Express; a Valentines day themed with Dance the night away with DJ Cupid. Area youth performed a community service project.

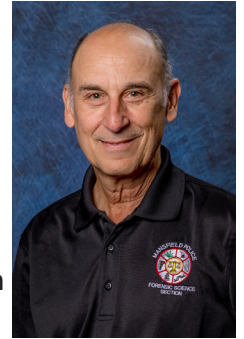


FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

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The Forensic Science Section is under the direction of Anthony J. Tambasco B.S., D-ABC, providing services in the disciplines of Controlled Substance analysis, Biology- DNA, Firearms, Latent Prints (AFIS), Digital & Multimedia, Crime Scene and Property Control. Forensic Science section staff includes two Forensic Scientists, an Evidence Technician, a Forensic Investigator and a consulting Latent Print Examiner. The section provides analysis to the Division of Police and surrounding agencies.



Forensic Science Section accomplished goals and objectives include completing a program transition in laboratory accreditation, establishing a Digital and Multimedia discipline, hiring a Forensic Investigator, expansion of Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) reporting capabilities, validation and implementation of new Biology procedures, the acquisition of analytical balances and safety related equipment utilized in controlled substance analysis, the execution of court orders and to provide annual training/education to law enforcement and community-related groups. The Forensic Science Section maintains ANAB - American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB-International) Certificate of Accreditation number ALR-382-T in the disciplines of Controlled Substances and Biology.

LABORATORY REPORTS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drugs	921	594	664	665	683
DNA	132	166	145	102	130
CODIS Hits	44	39	33	19	34
Latent Prints	70	30	40	12	37
Other	141	151	129	131	168
Cell Phone Processing	*125	315	319	111	191
Video Requests	-	-	570	834	1,051
Video Retrievals	-	-	39	48	149
NIBIN Entries	-	-	81	93	222
Total	1,420	1,295	2,020	2,015	2,665

DRUG CASE SAMPLE SUBMISSION					
Mansfield Police	756	615	491	566	659
METRICH	308	199	168	33	41
Other Agencies	298	124	435	496	455
Total	1,362	938	1,094	1,095	1,155

DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS SUBMITTED					
Cocaine/Opiates/Hallucinogens	461	357	462	472	494
Stimulants/Depressants//Synthetic Narcotics	384	323	446	448	479
Non Controlled	262	216	164	162	165
Marijuana	221	2	13	6	10
Other/Synthetic Cannabinoids	34	40	9	5	6
Total	1,362	938	1,094	1,093	1,154
AFIS Identifications	20	6	10	12	7

Drug Classifications were updated in 2018 to reflect current classifications used. Cell Phone Processing added in 2019. Video Requests, Video Retrievals and NIBIN Entries added in 2021.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION



The METRICH Enforcement Unit/Special Investigations Section (SIS) has now completed its 37th year. Staffing levels continue to be an issue in 2023.

The unit, through long and short-term investigative strategies, investigates crimes involving drug trafficking, drug abuse, weapons, gang activity, vice-related crimes as well as other sensitive investigations. Acting as a fusion center for Richland County, the unit maintains a substantial intelligence database as well as a large inventory of specialized technical equipment.

This organizational structure allows task force officers to identify and respond to emerging trends and threats to community safety. For example, in 2017, METRICH Enforcement Unit leadership changed investigative strategies to focus on mid to upper-level drug trafficking organizations that are importing drugs and weapons into Mansfield/Richland County, Ohio. This change in priorities has enabled the unit to conduct (6) Title III investigations since early 2017. These investigations are extremely lengthy and manpower-intensive; however, the impact in reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons in the community has been extremely positive. Although the drop in manpower has significantly affected these investigations. Also, the Richland County Opiate Board QRT continues to have success in connecting addicted individuals to community treatment resources. This three (3) prong approach of law enforcement, treatment, and education providers continues to show positive results for the Richland County community. However, the opioid drug problem continues to plague our community and our Mansfield Police Forensic Science Section.

METRICH continues to build upon our community and social service partnerships. These partnerships included continued collaboration with Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY), the parole and probation partnership, Richland County Opiate Board, Richland County Youth Substance Use Coalition, neighborhood watch, the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF), and the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC).

As we look forward to the challenges of organized criminal activity the METRICH Task Force can continue to multiply the taxpayer investment by providing effective and professional police services through community partnership and law enforcement collaboration.

In 2023, the METRICH Enforcement Unit in Richland County processed 41 criminal cases with 89 felony counts. Additionally, the unit conducted 45 search warrants and collected 2,685 investigative tips and leads. As part of a ten-county multi-jurisdictional task force, METRICH can share funding, investigative resources, technical equipment, and investigative leads to maximize the taxpayer benefit through our federal, state, and local partnerships.

Also, in 2023, METRICH continued focusing on mid to upper-level drug trafficking organizations that are importing drugs and weapons into Mansfield/Richland County, Ohio. METRICH detectives continued to identify and target major drug trafficking organizations. Through collaboration with the Mansfield Office of the FBI and the DEA, the unit conducted another large scale operation, which developed slower than in the past operations due to the manpower issue. These long-term investigations started in early 2018. The METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to divide its attention to targeting both the local neighborhood complaints as well as the mid to upper-level trafficking organization groups. The ultimate goal is being able to continue focusing on long-term Title III investigations as well as increase short-term investigations that focus on neighborhood drug house complaints.



SWAT/ASORT

ASORT had an average of 16 operators and 3 TEMS for 2023.

During 2023, ASORT responded to a total of 8 High Risk Operations and conducted over watch for the 3-day Inkcarceration Music Festival.

- One (1) operation was a Search Warrant in response to a homicide investigation by the Mansfield Police Dept.
- Three (3) of the operations were search warrant requests by the MEU Drug Unit for high risk drug related search warrants.
- One (1) operation was a mutual aid request by Ashland County Sheriff's Office related a drug related search warrant.
- One (1) operation was a search warrant requested by the MPD Major Crimes and the CAT team related to a high-risk weapons related offense.
- One (1) operation was a request from MPD patrol units in response to a criminal barricade, possible hostage situation.
- One (1) operation was a request from the RCSO in response to RCSO patrol criminal barricade.



ASORT

The TEMS (Tactical EMS) program and three MFD TEMS operators continue to augment the team during operations and training. TEMS completed team training and monitored operator's well-being during team PT, training and call outs. The TEMS operators conduct all training with ASORT, met the same fitness requirements as operators and have qualified on all weapon systems available to ASORT for familiarity. TEMS operators also deploy with ASORT on all call outs providing basic first aid and life saving measures for both the team and the public during high risk incidents.

Training:

ASORT attended twenty-one (21) scheduled training days in 2023. ASORT designated marksmen (Snipers) trained an additional twelve (12) days continuing to work on their defensive marksman field craft and precision shooting skills. Although operator Soehnen resigned from ASORT, he continues to attend and provide training for the ASORT Sniper section. Operator Roose obtained his certification as a Sniper instructor and 50 caliber rifle instructor in 2023. The training days were broken down into monthly trainings with several months consisting of multiple training days for the team. Anticipated delivery of the new Bearcat in second half of 2024. Upon completion, ASORT will need to send a team of operators to retrieve the BC from the manufacturer in Massachusetts. While at the factory, operators will be trained, by Lenco staff, on the use and operation of the equipment affixed to the Bearcat.

Community Involvement:

ASORT participated in twelve public appearances in 2023. Operators were present at three community YMCA daycares, Childtime Daycare, Mansfield Touch a Truck, Richland County Shriners event, Mansfield YMCA trunk or treat, Rietschlin Farms Touch a Truck, Sherman Elementary Safety Day, RCSO trunk or treat and St. Peter's Elementary Safety Day.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

METRICH RICHLAND COUNTY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
New Drug Cases	205	215	130	57	81
Pharmaceutical Cases	13	1	3	0	0
Drug Indictments (Non-Federal)	62	8	24	0	35
Drug Indictments (Federal)	43	56	0	0	0
Removals - Cocaine (g)	723.73	150.12	110.5	1,075.4	3,005.28
Removals - Crack (g)*	-	9.90	22.6	16	20
Removals - Ecstasy (du)	119.0	2.0	30	0	0
Removals - Heroin (g)	114.90	297.05	112.90	53	33.28
Removals - Marijuana (g)	6,517.15	3,825.60	1,470.80	51	3,082.9
Removals - Methamphetamine (g)**	563.09	751.40	215.50	27.5	597.06
Removals - Plants (#)	213	24	32	0	0
Removals - Weapons (#)	358	17	9	0	6
Search Warrants	78	150	94	28	47
Demand Reduction - P. A.	5	1	0	1	0
Intel/Tip Submission	3,448	3,319	3,094	2,636	2,685

*In 2017 Crack combined with Cocaine **Methamphetamine was added in 2019

METRICH REGIONAL STATISTICS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
New Drug Cases	1,896	1,419	1,331	1,262	1,027
Pharmaceutical Cases	156	125	102	28	12
Drug Indictments (Non-Federal)	1,345	899	1,505	764	697
Drug Indictments (Federal)	45	68	0	71	39
Removals - Cocaine (g)	5,802.37	688.83	1,246.11	1,153.79	3,693.41
Removals - Crack (g)	594.61	235.26	640.99	871.71	741.98
Removals - Ecstasy (du)	659.50	273	108	1,076	3
Removals - Heroin (g)	4,024.58	2,217.64	2,568.7	1,011.40	2,142.82
Removals - Marijuana (g)	46,682.37	17,770.78	10,466.18	31,329.45	39,021.75
Removals - Methamphetamine (g)	4,971.49	2,752.12	3,812.71	12,705.36	5,361.71
Removals - Plants (#)	455	284	36	0	0
Removals - Weapons (#)	354	284	280	231	88
Search Warrants	660	533	532	511	455
Demand Reduction - P. A.	162	30	49	64	55
Intel/Tip Submission	4,448	4,002	3,920	3,201	3,269



The Mansfield Police Division implemented the web-based Moments of Opportunity in Police Service in 2011 with the view that each citizen contact is an opportunity to win the respect, trust, and support of the community. The Division recognizes that the community is the first line of defense against crime and the most essential component in preventing it. Positive contacts will reinforce the community's resolve to help us develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation. A community's willingness to cooperate is born out of the level of trust, respect, and support they have for their police. All police personnel can leverage public support, trust, and respect by embracing and promoting enhanced customer service in policing. In 2023, 21 compliments were received.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION

Our family would like you to know how much we appreciate an officer. Our children were involved in a car accident on US RT 30. Two men riding in a SUV hit them while they were driving west and tried to keep going like nothing happened. Our kids followed them and called the police. The men eventually pulled over. Our children were very frightened and were feeling intimidated. The men told our children this is a bad neighborhood. My wife and I arrived at the scene and started to feel very uncomfortable too. The men were clearly frustrated they didn't get away. When the officer arrived he quickly took charge of the situation and made our family feel safe. He was very thorough with his questions and inspection of the vehicles. He handled the situation like a true professional. We are very grateful he could be there for us.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION

I was driving back to the office from court in Ashland and saw this happening at Eastgate Apartments on Ashland Road. Had to turn around and go back to take some pictures. The officer of the Mansfield Police Department was taking some time to play basketball with the kids. What a cool thing to see and it made my day. Great to see good cops being role models in the community. Big shout out to the Officer.



MOMENTS OF OPPORTUNITY

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Complaints are normally assigned by the Office of the Chief to Section Commanders who oversee the investigation and make final recommendations as to the disposition of the complaint. In the event, the complaint may require a more complex or protracted investigation, the commander of the Special Investigative Unit is tasked with the responsibility of completing the probe and is authorized to utilize any resources necessary to complete the investigation. Asst. Chief Jason Bammann and Capt. Chad Brubaker are the Division representatives assigned to the Police Review/Community Relations Commission which meets monthly.

The Mansfield Division of Police handled 41 complaints in 2023 and of those complaints, 21 were received from citizens and 24 were internal complaints from within the Division. The 15 citizens' complaints involved 40 separate allegations against department employees. The 23 internal complaints involved 29 total allegations against department employees.

Of the forty (40) external allegations investigated; one (1) written reprimand was issued, one (1) suspension was issued, two (2) oral reprimands were issued and three (3) remedial trainings were issued. Seven (7) of the external allegations were sustained, zero (0) not sustained, two (2) was exonerated, thirteen (13) were proper conduct, nine (9) were not involved and nine (9) were determined to be unfounded. Of the twenty-nine (29) internal allegations investigated, eleven (11) oral reprimand's were issued, seven (7) written reprimands were issued, six (6) suspensions were issued, one (1) remedial training was issued and two (2) were informal conference. Twenty-seven (27) of the internal allegations were sustained, zero (0) not sustained, zero (0) were exonerated, one (1) was unfounded and one (1) was rescinded by complainant. Of the thirteen (13) Divisional vehicle accidents investigated; seven (7) oral reprimand's were issued, one (1) written reprimand was issued and one (1) suspension was issued. Nine (9) of the divisional vehicle accidents were sustained.

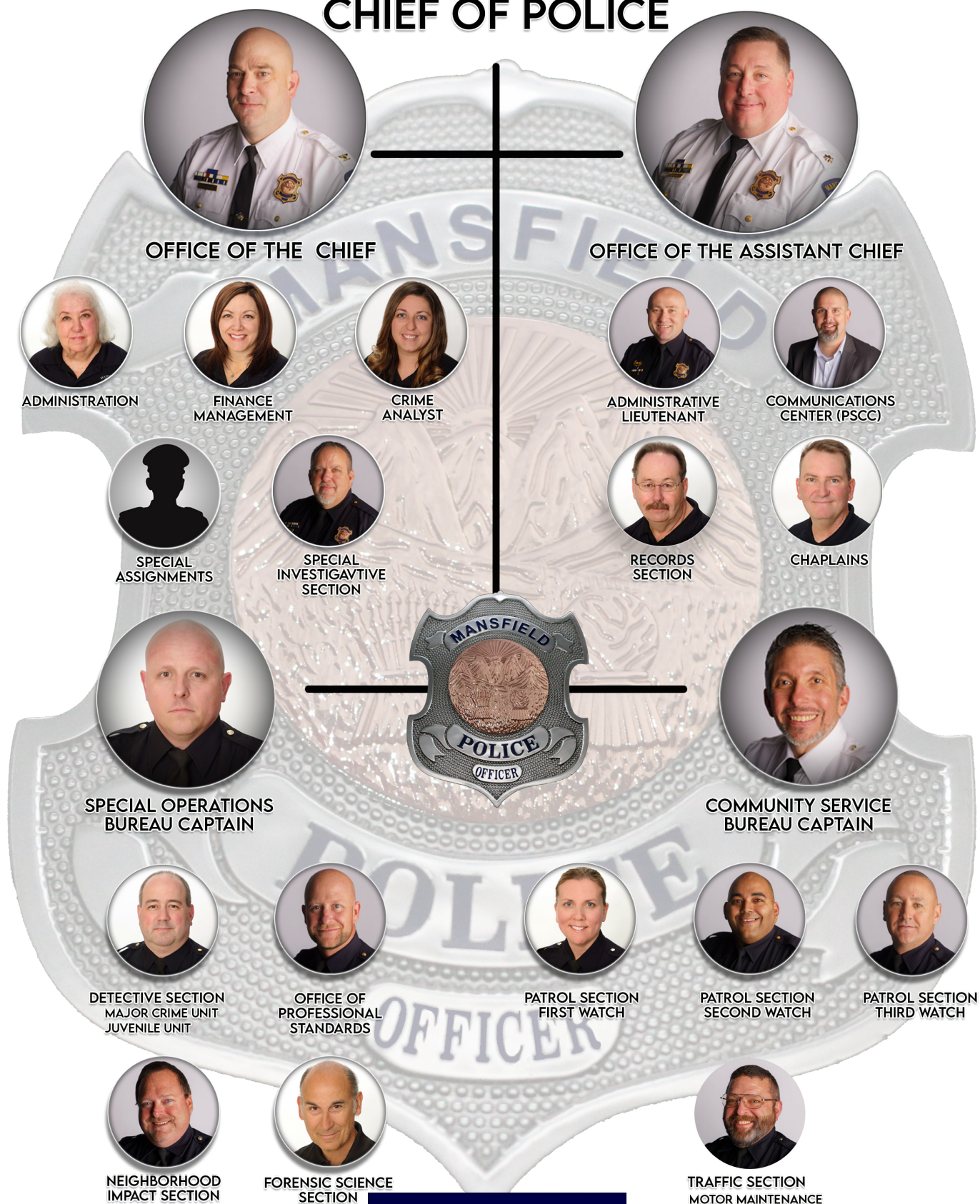
****Please Note:** Accidents and Reporting for Duty Violations were not counted in prior years towards the total number of Internal Complaints and were kept separate and titled miscellaneous within the previous IA Trak system. During 2019, accidents were counted separately and can be seen as a different entity from Internal Complaints. Mid-year in 2019, Divisional Vehicle Accidents were only counted once and were not generated again with an Internal Complaint.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Citizen Complaints	21	12	22	15	21
Internal Complaints	32	35	56	23	24
Estimated Contacts	46,166	39,079	38,398	37,365	37,928
Compliments	61	38	39	13	21

*Note: Accidents and Reporting for Duty Violations were not counted (prior to 2018) towards the total number of Internal Complaints and were kept separate and titled miscellaneous within the previous IA Trak system.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTING STRUCTURE

CHIEF OF POLICE



AUTHORIZED SWORN: 102
BUDGETED SWORN: 87
ACTUAL SWORN: 78

DIVISION PERSONNEL

Sworn Employees

NAME **APPOINTED**

CHIEF

Porch, Keith02-26-99

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Bammann, Jason08-09-99

CAPTAIN

Brubaker, Chad06-02-94

Carver, Randy08-30-05

LIEUTENANTS

Blust, Stephen.....05-17-92

Garrick, Stacie.....09-29-01

Gearhart, Shane.....09-22-08

Napier, Michael12-04-06

Rhinehart Jr., Donald.....03-13-06

Skropits, Robert05-25-93

Webb, Toneli08-11-08

SERGEANTS

Ahles, Jonathan.....02-11-94

Brane, Stephen.....11-26-07

Gearhart, Nicole.....08-11-08

Gladden, Joseph.....03-16-15

Grimshaw, Ryan08-20-07

Haines, Michael08-15-13

Kingsborough, Jered.....11-26-07

Lumadue, Paul.....09-29-01

Soehnen, Joseph.....09-24-05

Stantz, Travis12-11-14

Stevens, Nicholas07-22-16

Telquist, Thayne.....10-14-14

Williams, Patrick03-13-06

OFFICERS

Adamescu, Adam.....06-19-18

Bammann, Blake08-11-21

Blair, Clay11-14-19

Boggs, Mark.....11-14-16

Brewster, Matthew01-06-16

Buchanan, Eric08-12-22

Budd, Jacob08-12-22

Butler Jr, Terry08-21-06

Cikity, Justin.....01-09-15

Clapp, Richard.....09-24-05

Davis, Matthew.....10-14-14

Eckert, Joshua.....01-05-23

Edwards, Alan12-04-06

Edwards, Bryce07-22-16

Evans, Stanley08-11-21

Fortner, Marquis.....12-19-23

Frase, Carson11-14-19

Frase, Kathryn08-12-22

Frech, Joshua.....07-06-15

Gess, Shane.....08-15-13

Goodman, Nolan.....07-28-15

Grayer, Valerie (Resigned)08-12-21

Hall, Austin08-12-21

Hall, Kaylie (Resigned)11-14-19

Hamilton, Charles08-15-13

Hankins, Staci09-06-22

Hecht, Trey11-14-19

Hout, Evan.....02-01-19

Jessie, Joseph (Resigned).....03-28-22

Kaufman, Korey.....11-26-07

Kiner, Denny08-29-05

Kotterman, Scott (Resigned)08-17-18

Leitz, Kody11-14-19

Marx, Arianna08-12-22

Meyer, John.....01-29-14

Moore, Jordan.....07-09-18

Nelson, Michael.....01-31-23

Perry, James (Retired).....02-20-07

Reedy IV, Raymond.....01-26-21

Rietschlin, Jacob03-13-06

Sabo, Joseph.....01-31-23

Schaaf, Eric.....11-29-18

Schacherer, Larry03-31-00

Shafer, Stephen.....12-19-23

Shepherd, Cameron.....07-22-16

Stephenson, Dylan08-12-21

Swindall, Brandon08-12-22

Swinehart, Heather.....12-11-14

Swisher, Ronee.....12-04-06

Taylor, Joshua.....09-06-22

Underwood, Heath07-28-15

Walpole, Austin08-12-22

Waterer, Noah08-11-21

Webb, Paul.....08-15-13

Wheeler, Perry01-26-94

Whitcomb, Robert08-07-18

Whitney, Garrett08-11-21

Winters, Zachary08-11-21

Young, Carolyn02-25-99

Civilian Employees

Confidential Secretaries

Helsel, Sandra12-27-77

McCauley, Hollie10-20-14

Crime Analyst

Sonnhalter, Krista04-01-14

Forensic Scientist

Tambasco, Anthony01-01-83

Crime Lab Supervisor

Botdorf, Jerry, Operations07-15-13

DNA Analyst

Fryback, Dawn07-02-08*

Forensic Investigator

Robinson, Nolan09-01-22

Crime Scene Technicians

Reed, Cindy11-22-88

DNA Technician

Hergenrather, Maggie04-05-23*

Records Supervisor

Bradshaw, Sheila, Operations (Retired)07-22-89

Records Supervisor 1

Ramsey, Don02-21-96

Transcriber

Johnson, Amy11-01-03

Records Clerks

Curley, Raynette09-21-20

Edwards, Adrianne10-23-17

Partin, Tess05-03-21

Seeders, Rhonda09-30-00

PSCC Supervisors

Huckleberry, Mark02-11-19

Shaum, Collin05-20-13

Telecommunicators

Abrams, Lisa01-03-12

Behrendsen, Shane11-04-19

Boothe, Jonathan07-25-22

Buhler, Rebecca03-17-14

Coe, Rachel01-31-22

Garner, David (Resigned)04-17-23

Jeffrey, Ashley06-05-17

Montgomery, Megan (Transferred) 05-26-15

Pfeifer, Aubrey12-11-23

Ramey, Jordan02-06-23

Roberts, Christol05-20-13

Saunders, Evelyn07-01-91

Scott, Angela08-22-22

Sgambellone, Mia11-20-23

Sherborne, Laney09-01-23

Slone, Kasey01-22-19

Thompson, Vickie04-07-14

Voelp, Valarie10-19-98

Wendling, Luke04-25-22

Police Aide

Cook, Andrea03-25-15

Parking Control

Vandayburg, Kimberly (Retired) 06-06-92

Rodriguez, Bridget06-01-23

Fleet Maintenance

Highlander III, James05-30-17

Automotive Mechanic

Smith, Matthew09-11-17

Task Force/PAL Personnel

Antrican, Ginger (PAL)11-13-99*

Hoffert, Joan05-21-02*

* Grant employees



DEPARTMENT	POLICE	P.S.C.C.	CRIME LAB	PARKING METER	MOTOR MAINTENANCE
SALARIES AND WAGES					
AFSCME	\$336,772.77	\$757,494.10	\$51,296.88	\$52,773.45	\$49,763.60
FOP COMMAND	\$1,790,393.71	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOP PATROL	\$3,359,099.08	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NON-BARGAINING	\$493,575.33	\$122,172.70	\$189,699.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME AFSCME	\$7,683.04	\$101,236.60	\$6,730.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME FOP COMMAND	\$205,592.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME FOP PATROL	\$272,401.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME NON-BARGAINING	\$342.83	\$9,231.85	\$1,346.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
BENEFITS/PENSION	\$3,687,168.29	\$471,056.78	\$149,419.24	\$62,933.16	\$40,159.60
OTHER EXPENSES					
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$357,794.32	\$41,721.68	\$40,104.17	\$6,456.00	\$6,827.53
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$73,467.68	\$1,680.10	\$16,832.09	\$2,333.92	\$63,991.33
UTILITIES	\$12,002.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY/EQUIPMENT	\$322,111.51	\$16,729.09	\$9,302.89	\$0.00	\$4,999.93
TRANSFER OUT	\$196,617.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COVERT OPERATIONS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER CHARGES	\$1,721.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00
TOTALS:	\$11,121,743.47	\$1,521,322.90	\$523,409.32	\$124,611.53	\$165,741.99



DIVISION STATISTICAL INFORMATION

BY RACE & GENDER	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SWORN					
Caucasian	78	73	70	72	72
African-American	5	5	6	6	6
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0
Male	74	69	67	68	70
Female	9	9	9	10	8
NON-SWORN					
Caucasian	34	35	31	35	37
African- American	2	1	1	1	2
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	10
Asian-American	1	1	1	1	1
Male	10	9	7	11	12
Female	27	28	26	26	28

BY RANK	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SWORN					
Chief	1	1	1	1	1
Deputy (Assistant) Chief	1	1	1	1	1
Captain	2	2	2	2	2
Lieutenant	7	7	7	5	7
Sergeant	13	13	13	13	13
Officers	57	59	54	54	54
Total Sworn by Year End	81	83	78	76	78
NON-SWORN					
Total Civilians by Year End*	34	37	37	33	40
Total Division Employees	115	120	115	109	118
*Total Civilian employees includes Grant supported & Interim personnel - Retired officers not included					



OVERVIEW	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Calls for Service	36,587	31,960	31,702	30,113	30,739
Average Calls Monthly	3,049	2,663	2,642	2,509	2,562
Authorized Strength	102	102	102	102	102
Total Actual Sworn	83	78	76	78	78
Total Patrol Officers	59	54	54	55	54
Average Calls per Patrol Officer	620.12	591.85	587.07	547.51	569.24

Part 1 Crimes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	4	3	0	6	12
Rape	62	65	61	62	69
Agg. Robbery/Robbery	39	55	45	30	27
Aggravated Assault	70	122	128	113	143
Burglary	393	284	314	261	290
Theft/Larceny	1,575	1,236	1,233	1,171	1,102
Vehicle Theft	85	75	97	110	158
Arson	14	19	24	5	16
Total	2,242	1,859	1,902	1,758	1,817
Change from Previous Year	-6.20%	-17.0%	+2.3%	-7.4%	+3.30%
Estimated Population	27,821	47,821	47,534	47,534	47,534
Rate per 1,000 Population	46.88	38.87	40.01	36.98	37.23

Patrol Section	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calls for Service	36,587	31,960	31,702	30,113	30,739
Traffic Crashes	1,124	1,207	1,285	1,418	1,363
O.V.I. Arrests	123	145	147	100	105
Traffic Tickets	2,754	2,023	1,469	1,445	2,018
Parking Tickets	473	237	214	434	329
Felony Arrests	455	432	464	422	797
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,588	1,111	1,050	874	3,001
Misdemeanor Summons	3,246	2,392	1,881	1,915	3,828
Warrants Total	3,010	2,177	1,990	1,765	963

Arrests	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Caucasian	3,140	2,672	2,284	2,244	2,301
Non-Caucasian	1,657	1,296	1,170	1,139	1,363
Adult	4,342	3,693	3,199	3,058	3,209
Juvenile	455	275	255	325	455
Caucasian Male	2,010	1,732	1,455	1,431	1,432
Non-Caucasian Male	1,204	923	852	897	991
Caucasian Female	1,130	940	829	813	89
Non-Caucasian Female	453	373	318	242	372

Traffic Stops	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Caucasian/Male	1,692	1,098	977	1,775	1,137
Caucasian/Female	1,091	688	567	711	724
African-American/Male	947	617	590	605	772
African-American/Female	354	283	241	257	302
Other*	81	61	34	76	78
Total Traffic Stops	4,165	2,747	2,409	2,713	3,013

*Includes all other race/genders and data entry errors

Crashes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fatal	4	2	4	4	2
Drug/Alcohol Factor	1	1	1	1	1
Injury	340	286	330	325	311
Property Damage	683	693	783	793	677
Hit Skips	270	323	368	369	384
Total Accidents	1,297	1,304	1,485	1,491	1,374



S.T.E.P.	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Details	66	101	114	133	117
Citations	297	465	566	670	446
Avg. per Hour	1.52	0.72	0.61	0.62	0.79
Written Warnings	88	119	133	115	142
STEP Hours	196	334	348	412.25	351

Parking Control	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Parking Tickets	2,810	2,810	3,556	3,857	5,930
Meter Revenue Collected	\$82,276.31	\$49,616.02	\$57,264.57	\$60,093.70	\$63,828.56
Parking Fines	\$37,238.13	\$16,435.00	\$21,880.00	\$24,297.00	\$36,650.00

Towed Vehicles	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Towed	702	598	592	642	1,214
Total Disposed	163	146	111	118	306
Seized Vehicles	8	26	21	0	0

Special Events	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Special Events	7	0	7	18	20
Special Details	72	65	227	315	336

Fleet Maintenance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vehicles Serviced	283	361	335	435	368
Vehicles Cleaned	613	644	427	392	336
Gas Used (gal.)	54,000.58	54,834.53	47,680.41	48,217.96	52,260.40
Gas Cost	\$127,815.46	\$105,713.50	\$132,039.04	\$179,669.15	\$166,594.06
Avg. Cost Per Gallon	\$2.37	\$1.93	\$2.77	\$3.726	\$3.18

Records Section	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Offense Report	13,125	11,620	11,053	10,496	11,026
Traffic Citations	3,223	1,304	2,465	2,569	2,017
Accident Reports	1,352	2,658	1,485	1,491	1,365
Warrants	8,951	5,724	6,977	6,104	5,646
Telephone Requests	8,865	7,076	4,998	6,814	4,479
Walk-In Customers	3,658	2,596	2,611	2,254	2,941
Internal Requests	489	430	916	744	1,319
Court Dispositions	150	0	0	1,783	0
Court Documents	2,571	1,036	715	924	0
Misc. Documents	24,039	22,111	22,951	24,958	19,254

Transcription Unit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Administrative Reports	42	36	55	36	61
Confidential Reports	104	71	55	14	24
Supplemental Reports	55	46	39	5	15
Statements	805	967	768	535	672

K-9 Team	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Public Demonstrations	30	5	15	15	15
Vehicle Searches	182	106	81	81	52
Building Searches	52	42	13	13	13
Open Area Searches	6	14	97	48	
Tracks	6	26	23	23	13
Arrests	136	238	57	100	

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE									
Demographics	Victim	Suspect	Relationship				Suspect-Injuries		
Race	Total	Total		Fatal	Non-Fatal	None	Fatal	Non-Fatal	None
Caucasian	574	474	Wife	0	29	54	0	5	26
Non-Caucasian	278	350	Husband	0	8	21	0	3	78
Adult	791	745	Parent	0	26	82	0	6	52
Juvenile	61	79	Non-Spousal Relationship w/ Child in Common	0	18	36	0	2	52
Male	228	547	Child(ren)	0	27	59	0	10	110
Female	624	277	Former Spouse	0	5	11	0	1	15
			Live-In Partner	0	110	170	0	18	262
			Other Family or Household Member	1	30	78	0	7	93
			Other	0	15	72	0	0	84
			Total	1	268	583	0	52	772

AWARDS CEREMONY

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Officer of the Year
JUSTIN CIKITY



Supervisor of the Year
JOSEPH SOEHNLEN



Detective of the Year
LARRY SCHACHERER



Civilian of the Year
AMY HIGHLANDER



Officer
Nicholas Stevens



Officer
Trey Hecht



Officer
Blake Bammann

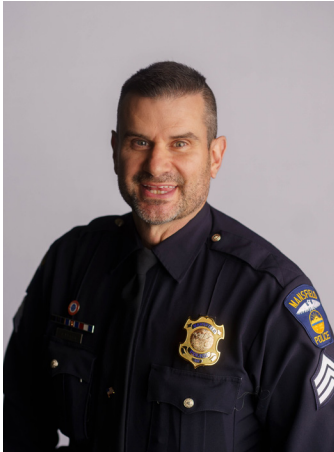


Officer
Heather Swinehart



Officer
Jake Rietschlin

RETIREMENTS



Officer James Mark Perry announced his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police effective August 9, 2023.

Officer Perry was appointed to the department on February 20, 2007. During his career he served in the Community Services Bureau Patrol Section, Detective Bureau's Major Crime Unit as a Family Violence Liaison Officer, Defensive Tactics Team, Bike Unit, CNT Member, Military Liaison Officer, and School Resource Officer.

Officer Perry's retirement represents a loss to the Mansfield Division of Police, the citizens of this community and culminates a career that has exemplified the best qualities of a law enforcement professional. He is known for his hard work, dedication, initiative and positive attitude toward his work and co-workers.

Throughout his career he has received numerous Special Commendation Awards, letters of recognition, and letters of appreciation from citizens and

fellow law enforcement personnel.



Mansfield Police Parking Control Officer Kimberley S. Vandayburg has announced her retirement from the City of Mansfield, Division of Police effective September 5, 2023.

Kim began her career with the City of Mansfield on June 6, 1992, working as a Switchboard Operator before the city became automated, after which she transferred to the Human Resources Department. August 9, 2004, Kim transferred to the Secretary I position in the Division of Police. She transferred to the Parking Control Officer position on January 3, 2011, where she has worked for the past twelve and one-half years, has become well-known in the downtown community, and has done an excellent job.

Throughout her career, Kim has often gone above and beyond to help people and be a smiling face for the City and the Police Department. Kim has seen many changes during her 31-year career with the City of Mansfield. She has always

been willing to help and do what needs to be done for the Traffic Section and the Division of Police. Her knowledge, integrity, work ethic, and positive attitude make Kim a well-respected team member in the Division of Police.



Sheila L. Bradshaw, Operations Supervisor of the Record and Data Section announced her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police effective December 1, 2023.

Sheila was hired on July 22, 1989, as a Police Aide for the Mansfield Police City Jail. She became a Correction Officer on May 1, 1994, after receiving her OPOTA certification training. February 4, 1997, Sheila transferred to the Records and Data Section as a Records Clerk. December 5, 1998, she was promoted to the Supervisor I position, and July 10, 2000, she assumed the Operations Supervisor position.

Sheila's dedication to the City and Division of Police, her work ethics and conscientiousness for her position, have always been of the utmost importance to her, and was displayed many times over in the performance of her duties and unwavering assistance to every citizen and co-worker she assisted. The daily

operation of the Department ran more smoothly and professionally in part to her efforts. Her knowledge, integrity and positive attitude were respected by all.



IN MEMORIAM

OFFICER JOHN ENGLEHART JR.

Killed in the Line of Duty - August 7, 1893

Officer John Englehart was the first officer of the Mansfield Police Department to be killed in the line of duty.

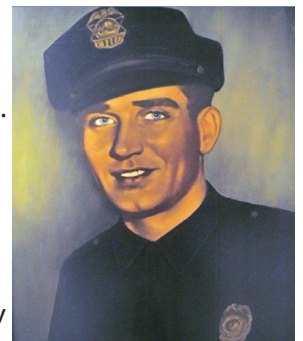
On August 7, 1893, Officer Englehart was assigned to the Union Depot for security and to prevent tramps and bums from boarding the baggage cars for a free ride. In carrying out these duties, Officer Englehart positioned himself between two tracks as an Erie passenger train was loading passengers. While watching the passenger train a freight train traveling on the second track struck Officer Englehart. The projection from a freight car knocked him into the track of the Erie passenger train which struck him and took his life. Officer Englehart was a single man who contributed largely to the support of his parents. He was described as police, genteel of good habits of excellent character, and one who had earned the respect and good will of everyone. The local paper reported, "By the death of John Englehart, our City loses a faithful Officer and a most valuable citizen."



LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. TAYLOR

Killed in the Line of Duty - February 26, 1949

On February 18th, 1949, Lieutenant William J. Taylor responded to a disturbance call at 321 E. Fourth St. Lieutenant Taylor was confronted by Robert Dilgard, who was described as a crazed war veteran. While attempting to disarm Dilgard, Lieutenant Taylor was shot twice in the abdomen. A fellow officer returned fire and fatally shot Dilgard. Lieutenant Taylor died from his injuries on February 26, 1949. Lieutenant Taylor was a WWII veteran, serving as a Boatswain's Mate 1st Class in several Pacific missions. He was described as having a friendly way and hundreds of citizens knew his smile and greeting. Service-Safety Director Earl Garrison stated, "Lieutenant Taylor was one of the finest fellows I've known in a long, long time." Chief Jesse Schwab stated, "Lieutenant Taylor was one of my most efficient officers; a great loss for the department and a greater loss to his many friends. Men of his caliber are hard to replace."



OFFICER MICHAEL HUTCHISON

Killed in the Line of Duty - February 6, 1976

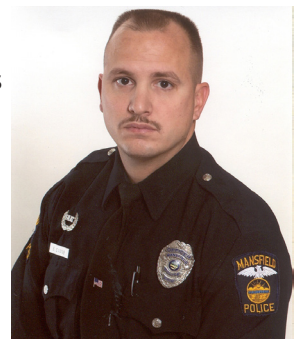
On February 6th, 1976 Officer Michael Hutchison was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend Charles Cotton who had tried to cash a stolen check at the T & A Market at 660 S. Diamond St. Officer Roger Casler was also shot and injured during the incident. Within minutes of the call, twenty or more Officers, Deputies, and off-duty Officers were on the scene. Cotton was captured during a car stop in Interstate 71 by the Ohio State Patrol. Cotton was convicted for the murder of Officer Hutchinson and remains incarcerated. Officer Hutchison was a Vietnam veteran who had served in the Navy. Chief Hildebrand characterized Officer Hutchison as a very dedicated Officer. He was described by fellow Officers as being an excellent Officer who truly enjoyed the police profession.



OFFICER BRIAN D. EVANS

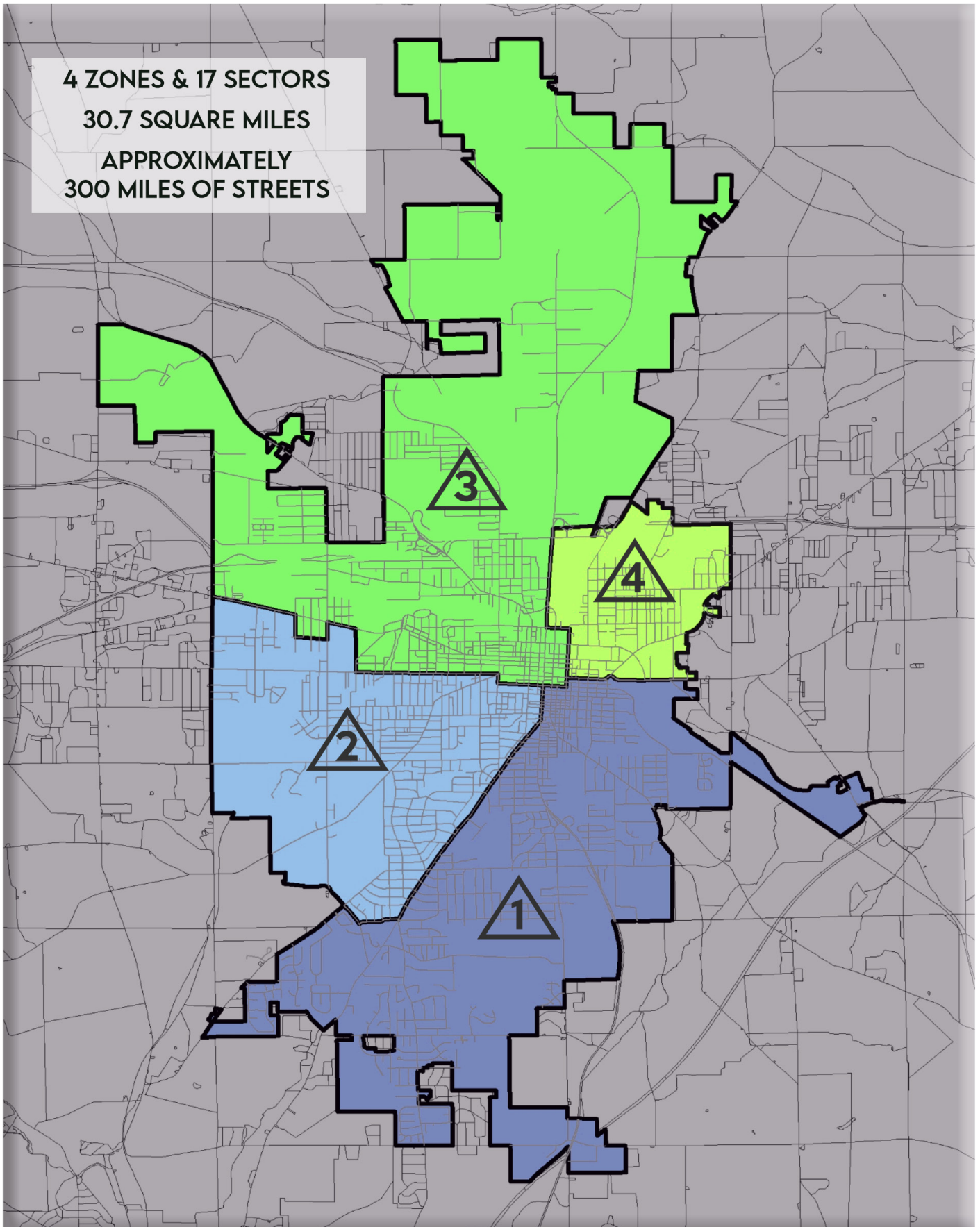
Killed in the Line of Duty - December 26, 2007

On December 26, 2007, Officer Brian D. Evans was shot and killed while attempting to assist an injured resident. Officer Evans was attempting to assist a wounded neighbor of the suspect when the wife of the suspect became the object of the assailant. As Officer Evans arrived at the suspect's residence, he noticed a neighbor down the driveway. As the wife who was sitting in a vehicle with the Officer pleaded with Officer Evans to leave and call for additional help, Officer Evans exited the vehicle and pulled the wife to the driver's side of the vehicle and ordered her to leave. Officer Evans immediately began to render help to the neighbor as the shooter appeared and began to fire an M4 rifle at the vehicle containing the suspect's wife. Officer Evans intervened long enough to distract the shooter and allow the wife to escape to safety. The vehicle was hit at least 10 times; however, the wife was unharmed. As Officer Evans tried to confront the suspect, the suspect then turned and fired on Officer Evans, killing him with one shot from the rifle. Although Officer Evans was unable to save the neighbor in the driveway who died of multiple gunshot wounds, Officer Evans' actions clearly saved the life of the suspect's wife. The suspect surrendered to authorities following a 3-hour stand-off in which nearly 80 shots were fired.





4 ZONES & 17 SECTORS
30.7 SQUARE MILES
APPROXIMATELY
300 MILES OF STREETS



Guiding Principles

Vision Statement

To be a premier Law Enforcement Agency.

Mission Statement

We are a professional law enforcement team dedicated to promoting safe, secure neighborhoods and improving the quality of life through Community Partnerships with the citizens of Mansfield.

The Core Beliefs of the Mansfield Division of Police are:

Integrity

The willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking. Some say Integrity is a character trait, a moral compass or that inner voice. Integrity is imperative and covers many other moral traits. Moral Courage to do what is right even if the personal cost is high. Responsibility, a person of Integrity acknowledges his or her duties and acts accordingly. Accountability is a critical part of a person with Integrity, no person of Integrity tries to shift the blame to others or take credit for the work of others; "the buck stops here" says it best.

Honesty

The single most significant mark of an officer's value is to be able to admit when he/she is wrong and go forward.

Respect

Service before self is a common phrase in public service. Genuine Respect involves viewing another person as an individual of fundamental worth. A person should never be judged on the basis of his/her possession of an attribute that places him or her in some racial, ethnic, economic, or gender-based category.

Professionalism

Being professional means being punctual, courteous, prepared. Prepared in mind, body and well-groomed. It also means having and showing respect, even when challenged.

Self-Discipline

Accountability. Members of the Division must recognize what job needs to be done, and then do that job well. Law enforcement officers have a responsibility to those they serve to be accountable for their actions.

