

THE NEXT CHAPTER



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MAYOR'S OFFICE



**MAYOR
JODIE A. PERRY**

**ELECTED:
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**



**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR
KEITH PORCH**

**APPOINTED:
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

CITY COUNCIL



**PHIL SCOTT - PRESIDENT
CHERYL MEIER - 2ND WARD
ANTOINETTE DALEY - 4TH WARD
DEBORAH MOUNT - 6TH WARD
SHARI ROBERTSON - AT LARGE**

**LAURA BURNS - 1ST WARD
ELEAZER AKUCHIE - 3RD WARD
AURELIO DIAZ - 5TH WARD
DAVID FALQUETTE - AT LARGE**

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CHIEF OF POLICE JASON M. BAMMANN APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE: MARCH 22, 2024

Jason is a dedicated and accomplished law enforcement professional with over two decades of experience. He began his career with the Mansfield Police Department in August 1999, serving as a patrol officer for 14 years, primarily on night watch. In 2014,

Jason was promoted to Sergeant, beginning a decade-long rise through the ranks. During this time, he supervised multiple critical divisions, including 911/Communications, Traffic, and the METRICH Drug Task Force, where he served as Task Force Commander. He also held the role of Incident Commander for the department. In 2021, Jason was promoted to Assistant Chief. And in March 2024, he achieved the rank of Chief of Police.

Alongside his responsibilities as Chief, he currently serves as Project Director for the METRICH Drug Task Force, overseeing key initiatives to combat drug-related crimes and enhance community safety. Jason holds a Bachelor's Degree from Ashland University, a Master's Degree from Tiffin University, and is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), underscoring his steadfast commitment to professional growth and excellence in policing.

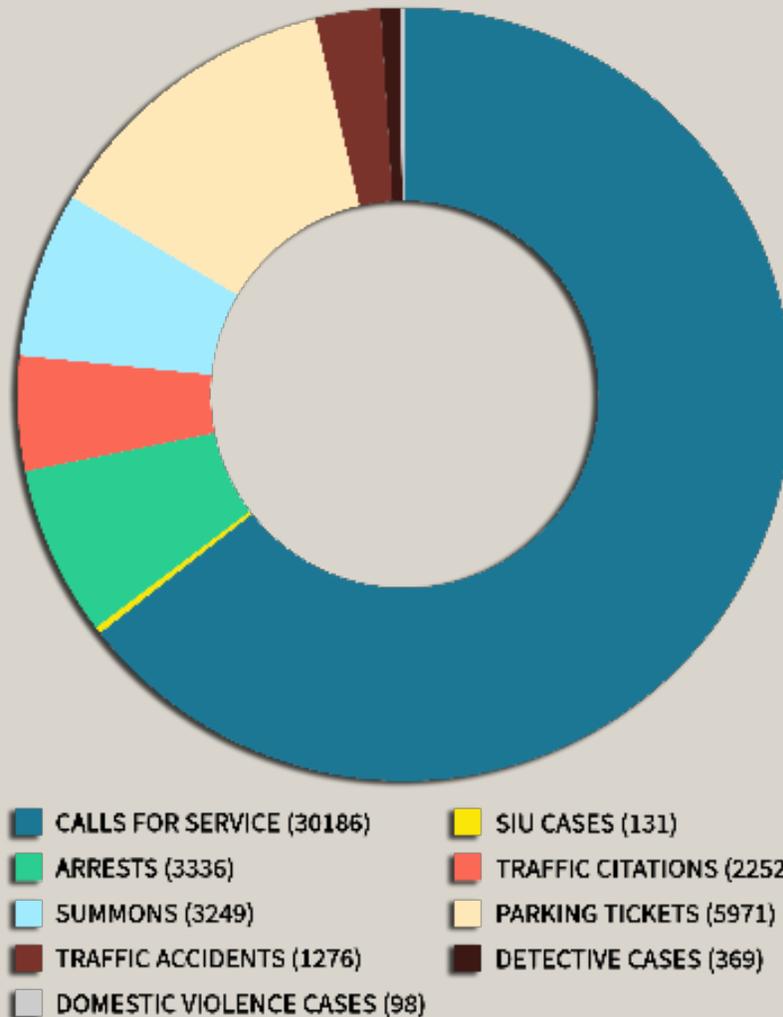


Pictured: 3 generations of a Mansfield law enforcement family.
(Ret.) Sergeant Michael Bammann Chief Jason Bammann and Officer Blake Bammann

CHIEF

The Mansfield Police Department is a department rich in history, enough to fill the pages of a book, with each chapter representing a chief's tenure. Now, we have the opportunity to write our chapter. A chapter of change. A chapter of progress and impact. A chapter authored by all of us, not just the person at the top.

As we turn the pages of this new chapter, our focus must remain on both the division and the community. Internally, we must work together to maintain a strong culture rooted in integrity. Externally, we must continue our efforts to reduce violence and create a safer community for future generations. A place where children can play, our economy can thrive, and all of us can take pride in calling home.



Please Note that the numbers contained in this report are subject to change and are preliminary for 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTING STRUCTURE

CHIEF OF POLICE



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF



ADMINISTRATION



FINANCE
MANAGEMENT



CRIME
ANALYST



ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT



COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER (PSCC)



SPECIAL
ASSIGNMENTS



SPECIAL
INVESTIGATIVE
SECTION



RECORDS
SECTION



CHAPLAINS



SPECIAL OPERATIONS
BUREAU CAPTAIN



COMMUNITY SERVICE
BUREAU CAPTAIN



DETECTIVE SECTION
MAJOR CRIME UNIT
JUVENILE UNIT



OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS



PATROL SECTION
FIRST WATCH



PATROL SECTION
SECOND WATCH



PATROL SECTION
THIRD WATCH



NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPACT SECTION



FORENSIC SCIENCE
SECTION



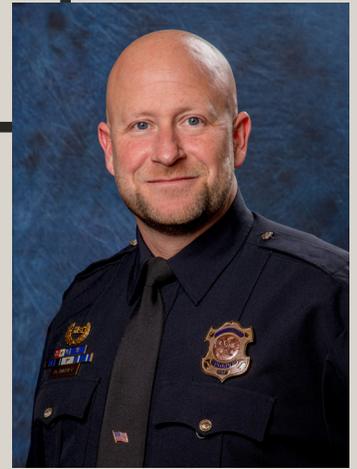
TRAFFIC SECTION
MOTOR MAINTENANCE

AUTHORIZED SWORN: 102
BUDGETED SWORN: 87
ACTUAL SWORN: 82

ASSISTANT CHIEF

MIKE NAPIER

The Office of the Assistant Chief consists of seven major sections: Records, Transcribing, Crime Analysis, Chaplains, Police Aide, Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC), and the Administrative Lieutenant.



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 2024.

Records Section staff at the end of the year consisted of a Supervisor 1 and (4) Record Clerks.

Records Clerks processed 10,433 General Offense reports, 1,340 Traffic Crash reports, and 1961 Citations. They handled 6,017 phone calls for service, 2,586 window customers, and 1,062 requests for service from Officers. In addition, they processed 5,254 warrants, 2,855 pieces of incoming mail, 23,249 scanned documents, 941 tow sheets and warnings and 4,809 record checks. In addition to routine daily work, Records Clerks performed and/or processed 3,071 miscellaneous tasks and/or documents. Records also collected \$5,688.62 in revenue from public requests.

Records Section personnel also opened, maintained, and stored criminal case jackets, maintained all criminal records and performed a variety of other non-specified tasks in support of the Operations Bureaus, the Courts, City offices, and other criminal justice agencies from both local and foreign jurisdictions.



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.



TRANSCRIBING

The Transcriber plays a vital role in maintaining accurate and timely documentation of officer reports, interviews, and official statements. The Transcriber processed 18 Administrative reports, 72 Confidential reports, 17 Supplemental reports, 561 Victim / Suspect / Witness Statements, and an undetermined number of miscellaneous documents ensuring clarity and consistency in department records. This service supports both investigative and administrative functions, contributing to efficient case management.

POLICE AIDE

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, while performing other administrative duties on a daily basis.

ASSISTANT CHIEF

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION CENTER



In 2024, the Public Safety Communications Center continued its tradition of excellence by delivering reliable, effective emergency response services to the citizens of Mansfield while prioritizing the safety of the public safety personnel who serve the community.

Highlights from the year included significant upgrades to the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, which went live on December 1, 2024. This enhancement provided the PSCC with advanced capabilities and strengthened operations across the division as a whole. Additional accomplishments included the successful coordination of communications for the Inkarceration Music Festival and continued improvements in public safety dispatching across all disciplines.

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH CALLS:
ENTRIES INTO CAD: 56,044
LAW/PSCC ENTRIES: 44,299
FIRE/EMS ENTRIES: 11,745
SELF-INITIATED: 13,079
PUBLIC CALLS FOR SERVICE: 31,220

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH CALLS:
TOTAL EMD CALLS: 4,087
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 1,512
MEDICAL ALARMS: 922
MISC MEDICAL CALLS: 3,012
STRUCTURE FIRE RESPONSES: 186
STRUCTURE FIRE ALARMS: 463

ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

The Administrative Lieutenant Donald Rhinehart managed the operations of two of the departments units; the Ceremonial Motorcycle Unit and the UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Unit. The Administrative Lieutenant also supervised the U.S. Marshals Task Force with six 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:

In 2016, the Motorcycle Unit was proudly reestablished. All 7 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 unit participated in five parades, led a funeral procession and escorted a 400-mile poker run for the Shriners, completed 5 escorts of fallen officers in the state of Ohio and attended the Police Memorial in Washington D.C.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT UNIT:

The UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) was established in 2018. The unit consists of eight officers that are required to complete the FAA Part 107 test. The unit conducted monthly training that covered all aspects of operations.

The unit completed 24 operations that included: demonstrations; multiple crime scenes; search for missing persons including children and elderly; locating stolen vehicles; fatal and injury accidents; and crowd management during events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BUREAU

Nearly every police call in the city originates through the Community Services Bureau, making it the busiest and most expansive division within the Mansfield Police Department. The Uniform Patrol Division manages the majority of police operations, responding to everything from emergency situations to minor complaints and routine calls for service. The Community Services Bureau encompasses both the Uniformed Patrol and the Traffic Section, which includes the Motor Maintenance Unit, and is led by Captain Chad Brubaker.



DAY WATCH HIGHLIGHTS



Officers assisted the Community Action Team on a search warrant. The search warrant yielded the seizure of 7 firearms being possessed by a convicted felon.

Officers investigated a subject who was threatening suicide by cop was arrested without incident and taken to the hospital for treatment.

Officers seized a gun from two juveniles whom had went to a residence with the gun of another juvenile and attempted to break into the residence to assault him.

Officers had a stand-off with a subject on 5th Ave. The subject eventually came out and arrested w/o incident.

Officers arrested a male with a felony ATF warrant for possession of machine guns.

Officers were involved in a short stand-off on Rae Ave, officers arrested a male with numerous warrants.

AFTERNOON WATCH HIGHLIGHTS



While responding to an attempted B&E on 14 S. Park St., officers located and apprehended all three juveniles suspects despite attempts by several of the juveniles to flee.

Officers conducted a car stop in which the driver was found to be OVI and in possession of a firearm. Illegal drugs were located within the vehicle as well.

Officers responded to an overdose on E. 2nd Street. 6 arrests were made for Permitting Drug Abuse, Drug Paraphernalia, Places of Drug Violation.

Officers stopped a male on a toy vehicle in the roadway, through investigation, Officers recovered a stolen firearm and seized 20 grams of Methamphetamine.

Officers conducted a car stop in which 17.5 grams of suspected Fentanyl and 5 grams of Crack-Cocaine was located. Nearly \$5,000.00 was located with the drugs, which was seized.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BUREAU

NIGHT WATCH HIGHLIGHTS



Officers recovered a stolen vehicle valued at \$18,000.00 within minutes of it being stolen and developed juvenile suspects who were contacted on foot in the area immediately after the vehicle was abandoned.

Officers investigated an Agg. Burglary home invasion where a shot was fired.

Officers handled a felonious assault by shooting call where a female had been shot by her boyfriend. The suspect was arrested and also charged with drug offenses. Officers charged a male with having weapons under disability and seized a loaded 9mm handgun.

Officers charged a female with assault after she attempted to head butt an officer during an arrest.

Officers responded to a domestic violence call that turned into a standoff. Night watch handled the scene until ASORT responded. Officers arrested a subject with a large amount of drugs and a pistol.

Uniform Patrol	1ST WATCH	2ND WATCH	3RD WATCH
TRAFFIC CRASHES	522	604	140
O.V.I. ARRESTS	8	30	54
TRAFFIC TICKETS	607	1,021	348
FELONY ARRESTS	151	449	155
MISDEMEANOR ARREST	623	1,369	634
FELONY WARRANTS	42	110	26
RECOVERED STOLEN	\$284,386.92	\$240,743.34	\$346,074.34

TRAFFIC HIGHLIGHTS



The Traffic Section oversaw 22 Special Events which consisted of eight parades & fourteen 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 81 STEP details for 243 hours of enforcement time during 2024. There were 222 Citations issued and 96 written warnings.

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 5,760 tickets. Fine collections were \$41,265 and Meter collections were \$62,714.

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 second year in the new four-year accreditation assessment (2022-2026) in August. We successfully passed the second-year review with our CSM and were able to attend the CALEA Conference in Jacksonville, FL.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



There were four formal In-Service trainings conducted in 2024. The trainings included, Biased Based Profiling, Implicit Bias, Professional Car Stops, OC Re-Certification, Practical Application of Force, CIT update, force de-escalation, Legal Update, Professional Car Stops, Taser recertification, Health and Wellness, Blood Borne Pathogens, Crime Lab Updates, Sexual Assaults, Culture Diversity, Pursuits and Forcible Stops, Hazmat Awareness, PR-24 Familiarization, NIMS and Field Force Emergency Operations Planning and Considerations and Ethics. Sgt. Nicole Gearhart conducted 14 hours of Blue Courage training that counted toward the 16 hours of elective CPTs for OPOTA. Two new K9's was added to the Division's K9 Unit. The officers received 12 weeks of training. Division personnel received over 8,563 Hrs. of advanced training in 2024. Topics of the advanced

training included, Advance Hostage Negotiation, Drug Interdiction, Gang Schools and the Gang Conference in Chicago, Entry and Rescue Tactics, Urban Terror Workshop, Network Intrusion Investigations, Infant Fatality, Internal Affairs Certification, Strangulation Investigation, Human Trafficking, Essential Emergency Response Driving, Basic SWAT School, the OTOA Conference by members of the SWAT Team, STEP (Advance Supervisor School) and The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogating. Capt. Carver and Lt. Gearhart also attended the CALEA Conference. Along with these listed courses, a number of other advance schools were attended by members of the division.

FTO/HIRING/RECRUITMENT

Recruitment efforts have returned to normal in 2024. We were able to advertise on line and do many in-person recruiting events for our "Certified List" in August and our "Civil Service Tests" in February and July. We had 4 officers successfully complete FTO in 2024.



\$15,000
PRE-EMPLOYMENT
HIRING INCENTIVE

Be bold enough to wear
THE BEST SUIT IN TOWN

bold: [boʊld] adjective
not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuff;
courageous and daring

MANSFIELD

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

An Equal Opportunity Employer - Goal: Racial, Gender & Ethnic Diversity

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

DETECTIVE SECTION

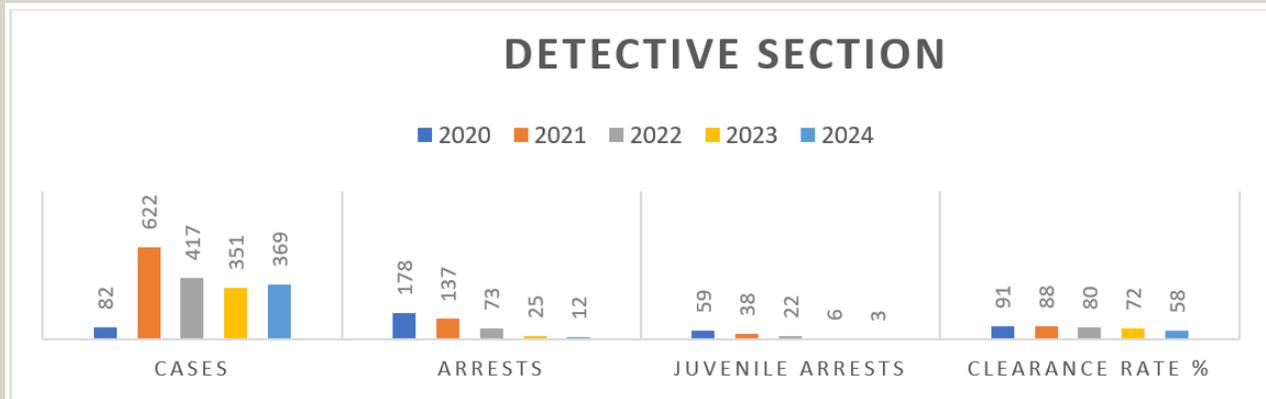
In 2024, the Detective Section investigated 369 total cases. The four Major Crimes detectives and one Juvenile detective doing the majority of all the Juvenile cases along with her other cases and one supervisor investigated a total of 271 cases.

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 155 tracings up from the previous year. The Detectives also conducted background investigations for new hires.



The Detective Section also investigated 51 Runaways, 26 Missing Persons, and served 140 Search Warrants. There were 1 DNA assignments. There were 7 Homicides in the city in 2024.

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 a majority of 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).



The DV Detectives assigned by the grant, totaled 98 DV related cases. The Detective also reviews the 23 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 court is run by Judge Mike Kemerer in the Municipal Court System.

Another specialized Major Crimes Unit position includes a detective that is assigned to handle sexually related criminal cases. These include sexual abuse cases that may be reported or referred to the Section by Richland County Children Services.

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 2024 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 through webinar trainings on many different areas that the detectives deal with on a daily basis. 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 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 the crime in their neighborhoods.



The department was involved in 67 public appearances this year in which the NIS unit handled 48 of them. These public appearances were made at NW meetings, Police Athletic League (PAL) events and other various community events to promote Safety and Crime Prevention in the community. Some of the highlights for this year were the annual Bike-A-Palooza at North Lake Park and Child Identification Programs (see below). Bike-A-Palooza had 24 private businesses/citizens that donated bikes and/or other items needed to run this event. Several Mansfield City Departments were also involved. We also assisted the Ohio State Patrol in their annual Cram-A-Cruiser to help supply food to various food pantries in the county.

CADET POST 7751

The Mansfield Police Cadets Post 7751 is advised by officers from NIS. Sgt. Williams is over the unit as the head Post Advisor. He handles the primary responsibilities of the program while relying on Reserve and Auxiliary Officers to assist with and be role players for scenarios to prepare the youth for competitions and their future careers in law enforcement. There are currently 8 youth, 4 males and 4 females in the program ranging in age from 14-20. In 2024 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 65 hours of volunteer community service within the community this year.



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 38 Neighborhood Watch meetings in 2024. Some of the Neighborhood Watch groups were not able to be attended due to scheduling conflicts this year.

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 IMPACT SECTION

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 one event throughout the year and had 74 children participate. It was held at the Buckeye Imagination Museum in Mansfield where local Law Enforcement Agencies assisted.

OPIATE RESPONSE TEAM (ORT)

Officers go out with members from the mental health and recovery organizations and faith based advocates to assist individuals in receiving treatment for their opiate dependency. This year the team made 105 visits and had contact with 55 victims or their family members.



HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

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

Color Guard:
OPOTA Memorial Ceremony in London, OH
Memorial Day Parade
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
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 seat belt, and just as important, that Police are their friends and not to be afraid of a Fireman 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 79 youth attended Safety Town in 2024.



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.

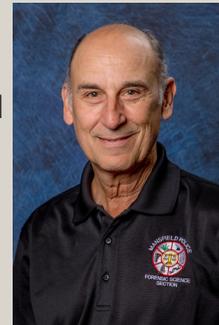
Approximately 2,500 youth participated in PAL activities and programs. The programs included A.C.E. (A Community Effort), Leadership Club, Sticks with Chicks (knitting club), and Golden Age Club. The PAL study centers and computer labs are equipped with educational software, homework assistance, and reading skill programs.

PAL events held in 2024 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 theme with Dance the night away with DJ Cupid. Area youth performed a community service project.



FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Drugs	594	664	665	683	648
DNA	166	145	102	130	134
CODIS Hits	39	33	19	34	34
Latent Prints	30	40	12	37	26
Other	151	129	131	168	144
Cell Phone Processing	315	319	111	191	187
Video Requests	-	570	834	1,051	1,500
Video Retrievals	-	39	48	149	214
NIBIN Entries	-	81	93	222	176
Total	1,295	2,020	2,015	2,665	

DRUG CASE SAMPLE SUBMISSION	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Mansfield Police	615	491	566	659	680
METRICH	199	168	33	41	155
Other Agencies	124	435	496	455	227
Total	938	1,094	1,095	1,155	1,062

DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS SUBMITTED	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cocaine/Opiates/Hallucinogens	357	462	472	494	510
Stimulants/Depressants//Synthetic Narcotics	323	446	448	479	352
Non Controlled	216	164	162	165	168
Marijuana	2	13	6	10	23
Other/Synthetic Cannabinoids	40	9	5	6	9
Total	938	1,094	1,093	1,154	1,062
AFIS Identifications	6	10	12	7	3

**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 38th year. Staffing levels continued to be an issue in 2024, although they showed signs of improvement. 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. And also to address community complaints on nuisance locations. The METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to utilize this strategy through 2024 and into 2025. 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 2024, the METRICH Enforcement Unit in Richland County processed 128 criminal cases with 200 felony counts. Additionally, the unit conducted 68 search warrants and collected 2,412 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 2024, 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 is in the process of concluding 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.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

SWAT / ASORT

ASORT had an average of 14 operators and 3 TEMS for 2024. During 2024, ASORT responded to a total of (5) High Risk Operations and conducted over watch for the 3-day Inkarceration Music Festival. ASORT assisted the MEU with (4) drug related search warrants.

- One (1) operation was a Search Warrant in response to a bank robbery that occurred in Knox County.
- One (1) operation was a search warrant requested by the MPD Major Crimes for a criminal barricaded gun-man.
- One (1) operation was in response to a request by Ontario PD for a criminal barricade, with shooting victims, and a hostage.
- One (1) operation was a mutual aid request by Ashland County Sheriff's Office for a drug related search warrant.
- One (1) operation was a request from MPD patrol units in response to a criminal barricade, with three hostages.
- Four (4) of the operations were search warrant requests by the MEU Drug Unit for high-risk drug related search warrants.



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-two (22) scheduled training days in 2024. ASORT designated marksmen (Snipers) trained an additional twelve (12) days continuing to work on their defensive marksman field craft and precision shooting skills.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

ASORT participated in fifteen public appearances in 2024. Operators were present at two community YMCA daycares, Bike-a-Palooza, Fredericktown National Night Out, Discovery School, Special Olympics Torch Run, Airport Days, 3rd St. Clinic, EMA Richland Mall Event, Red Horse National Guard Open House, Marshall Park, YMCA Trunk or Treat, Rietschlin Farm Touch a Truck, Sherman Elementary Safety Days and RCCS Touch a Truck.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

METRICH RICHLAND COUNTY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Drug Cases	215	130	57	91	126
Pharmaceutical Cases	1	3	0	0	3
Drug Indictments (Non-Federal)	8	24	0	35	9
Drug Indictments (Federal)	56	0	0	0	15
Removals - Cocaine (g)	150.12	110.5	1,075.4	3,005.28	1,573.71
Removals - Crack (g)*	9.90	22.6	16	20	287.5
Removals - Ecstasy (du)	2.0	30	0	0	0
Removals - Heroin (g)	297.05	112.90	53	33.28	25
Removals - Marijuana (g)	3,825.60	1,470.80	51	3,082.9	135.47
Removals - Methamphetamine (g)**	751.4	215.50	27.5	597.06	3,561.68
Removals - Plants (#)	24	32	0	0	0
Removals - Weapons (#)	17	9	0	6	10
Search Warrants	150	94	28	47	68
Demand Reduction - P. A.	1	0	1	0	3
Intel/Tip Submission	3,319	3,094	2,636	2,685	2,629

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

METRICH REGIONAL STATISTICS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Drug Cases	1,419	1,331	1,262	1,027	1,124
Pharmaceutical Cases	125	102	28	12	12
Drug Indictments (Non-Federal)	899	1,505	764	697	701
Drug Indictments (Federal)	68	0	71	39	15
Removals - Cocaine (g)	688.83	1,246.11	1,153.79	3,693.41	6,390.19
Removals - Crack (g)	235.26	640.99	871.71	741.98	1,460.24
Removals - Ecstasy (du)	273	108	1,076	3	30.98
Removals - Heroin (g)	2,217.64	2,568.7	1,011.40	2,142.82	325.29
Removals - Marijuana (g)	17,770.78	10,466.18	31,329.45	39,021.75	58,974.25
Removals - Methamphetamine (g)	2,752.12	3,812.71	12,705.36	5,361.71	14,457.5
Removals - Plants (#)	284	36	0	0	0
Removals - Weapons (#)	284	280	231	88	41
Search Warrants	533	532	511	455	416
Demand Reduction - P. A.	30	49	64	55	56
Intel/Tip Submission	4,002	3,920	3,201	3,269	3,629

MOMENTS OF OPPORTUNITY

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 2024, 14 compliments were received.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION

I would like to give some officers great compliments. These men worked diligently building relationships with our students and staff. These officers wore a costume, played daily basketball with the kids in P.E., passed out police officer stickers to our little ones, spoke real with some hardheaded middle school kids, and brought community to our school. Our students were able to form a different view of police officers.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION

This note comes with gratitude, a little late; but I never forgot the blessing that came my way. I am proud of my Mansfield Police Department, knowing that we have fine officers on the force, who will stop and help an older black woman. The officer saw me standing on the side of the road; my vehicle had broken down. The officer pulled over and got out and started talking to the tow truck driver, then he came over to me, and asked me if I had a ride home; there was another car at home but my husband can't drive anymore, so yes I needed a ride home. My first time riding in a squad car and when he drove me home he also helped me carry my bags of groceries into the living room. I could never thank him enough for the kindness he showed to me; this 75 year old woman standing on the side of the road.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Citizen Complaints	12	22	15	21	24
Internal Complaints	35	56	23	24	37
Estimated Contacts	39,079	38,398	37,365	37,928	38,180
Compliments	38	39	13	21	14

MOMENTS OF OPPORTUNITY

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Mansfield Division of Police handled 61 complaints in 2024 and of the 61 complaints, 24 were received from citizens and 37 were internal complaints from within the Division. The 24 citizens' complaints involved 61 separate allegations against department employees. The 37 internal complaints involved 57 total allegations against department employees.

Of the sixty-one (61) external allegations investigated; one (1) written reprimand was issued, one (1) oral reprimand was issued and two (2) remedial training's were issued. Four (4) of the external allegations were sustained, ten (10) not sustained, three (3) unfounded and forty-four (44) were proper conduct. Of the fifty-seven (57) internal allegations investigated, twenty-two (22) oral reprimand's were issued, one (1) oral instruction was issued, eight (8) written reprimands were issued, two (2) suspensions were issued, three (3) informal conference's were issued and seven (7) resignations (three (3) employee's). Forty-three (43) of the internal allegations were sustained, two (2) not sustained, one (1) was exonerated, two (2) were unfounded and nine (9) were proper conduct.

HIGHLIGHTS

COLD CASE HOMICIDE CLOSED

2024 brought some closure for the family and friends of Debbie Miller. A tragic cold case from 1981 had gone unsolved; during the past 40 years the case was reopened sever times but not enough evidence could be provided to sustain an indictment. Detective Terry Butler and DNA Analyst Dawn Fryback reopened the case in 2021 and started completely over. With the continual progress in DNA technology and some innovative techniques, a firm DNA profile began to show itself on number pieces of evidence. The suspect was interviewed on two occasions after the case was reopened. Several weeks after the second interview James Vanest sold his residence and fled to West Virginia. He was later located in the Canton, Ohio area. U.S. Marshals and Canton SWAT attempted to serve an indictment. Mr. Vanest pointed a gun at them and barricaded himself inside a hotel room. After a short shoot out, Mr. Vanest was fatally shot. The DNA evidence collected from multiple items, when analyzed alongside the findings in Detective Butler's investigation, establishes proof beyond a reasonable doubt that James Vanest committed the murder of Debra Miller on April 29, 1981. Because of this, we now consider the case closed.



TRAINING FACILITY

In 2019, excavation began on land designated for the Division's outdoor shooting range. In 2022, construction started on a building on the same property to support classroom-based training. Most recently, in 2024, grant funding secured in collaboration with North Central State College was used to construct an indoor simulation training room. This facility has expanded training opportunities for officers, providing additional practice that has enhanced skills across multiple areas.



ANNUAL BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	POLICE	P.S.C.C.	CRIME LAB	PARKING METER	MOTOR MAINTENANCE
SALARIES AND WAGES					
AFSCME	\$334,381.46	\$771,592.86	\$52,279.28	\$40,520.00	\$50,626.67
FOP COMMAND	\$1,988,999.37	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOP PATROL	\$3,654,104.92	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NON-BARGAINING	\$435,022.28	\$120,254.55	\$213,423.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME AFSCME	\$4,535.72	\$120,254.55	\$4,379.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME FOP COMMAND	\$154,250.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME FOP PATROL	\$248,109.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERTIME NON-BARGAINING	\$2,438.65	\$10,313.73	\$2,067.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
BENEFITS/PENSION	\$4,004,791.62	\$488,891.84	\$165,867.38	\$37,414.29	\$42,675.94
OTHER EXPENSES					
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$384,280.67	\$68,847.35	\$48,660.46	\$3,228.00	\$17,495.52
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$46,628.76	\$2,065.51	\$11,981.13	\$4,464.86	\$63,350.50
UTILITIES	\$11,662.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY/EQUIPMENT	\$793,428.35	6,563.39	52,318.85	\$0.00	2,993.46
TRANSFER OUT	\$174,330.16	\$0.00	\$28,623.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
COVERT OPERATIONS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER CHARGES	\$3,217.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
TOTALS:	\$12,245,181.61	\$1,648,003.80	\$579,601.94	\$85,717.15	\$177,142.09

DIVISIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

BY RACE & GENDER	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SWORN					
Caucasian	73	70	72	72	75
African-American	5	6	6	6	7
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0
Male	69	67	68	70	74
Female	9	9	10	8	8
NON-SWORN					
Caucasian	35	31	35	37	36
African- American	1	1	1	2	2
Hispanic	0	0	0	10	0
Asian-American	1	1	1	1	1
Male	9	7	11	12	11
Female	28	26	26	28	28

BY RANK	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SWORN					
Chief		1	1	1	1
Deputy (Assistant) Chief		1	1	1	1
Captain		2	2	2	2
Lieutenant	7	7	5	7	7
Sergeant	13	13	13	13	13
Officers	59	54	54	54	58
Total Sworn by Year End	83	78	76	78	80
NON-SWORN					
Total Civilians by Year End*	37	37	33	40	39
Total Division Employees	120	115	109	118	121
*Total Civilian employees includes Grant supported & Interim personnel - Retired officers not included					

OVERVIEW	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Calls for Service	31,960	31,702	30,113	30,739	30,419
Average Calls Monthly	2,663	2,642	2,509	2,562	2,535
Authorized Strength	102	102	102	102	102
Total Actual Sworn	78	76	78	78	82
Total Patrol Officers	54	54	55	54	58
Average Calls per Patrol Officer	591.85	597.07	547.51	569.24	524.47

Part 1 Crimes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Murder	3	0	6	12	7
Rape	65	61	62	69	76
Agg. Robbery/Robbery	55	45	30	27	16
Aggravated Assault	122	128	113	143	115
Burglary	284	314	261	290	226
Theft/Larceny	1,236	1,233	1,171	1,102	1,008
Vehicle Theft	75	97	110	158	121
Arson	19	24	5	16	16
Total	1,859	1,902	1,758	1,817	1,585
Change from Previous Year	-17.0%	+2.3%	-7.4%	+3.30%	-12.8%
Estimated Population	47,821	47,534	47,534	47,534	47,534
Rate per 1,000 Population	38.87	40.01	36.98	37.23	33.35



Patrol Section	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Calls for Service	31,960	31,702	30,113	30,739	30,419
Traffic Crashes	1,207	1,285	1,418	1,363	1,266
O.V.I. Arrests	145	147	100	105	92
Traffic Tickets	2,023	1,469	1,445	2,018	1,976
Parking Tickets	237	214	434	329	210
Felony Arrests	432	464	422	797	75
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,111	1,050	874	3,001	2,626
Misdemeanor Summons	2,392	1,881	1,915	3,828	2,986
Warrants Total	2,177	1,990	1,765	963	903

Arrests	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Caucasian	2,672	2,284	2,244	2,301	2,139
Non-Caucasian	1,296	1,170	1,139	1,363	1,196
Adult	3,693	3,199	3,058	3,209	2,920
Juvenile	275	255	325	455	415
Caucasian Male	1,732	1,455	1,431	1,432	1,328
Non-Caucasian Male	923	852	897	991	870
Caucasian Female	940	829	813	89	811
Non-Caucasian Female	373	318	242	372	326

Traffic Stops	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Caucasian/Male	1,098	977	1,775	1,137	1,373
Caucasian/Female	688	567	711	724	857
African-American/Male	617	590	605	772	870
African-American/Female	283	241	257	302	330
Other*	61	34	76	78	92
Total Traffic Stops	2,747	2,409	2,713	3,013	2,522
*Includes all other race/genders and data entry errors					

Crashes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal	2	4	4	2	3
Drug/Alcohol Factor	1	1	1	1	2
Injury	286	330	325	311	276
Property Damage	693	783	793	677	845
Hit Skips	323	368	369	384	167
Total Accidents	1,304	1,485	1,491	1,374	1,291

S.T.E.P.	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Details	101	114	133	117	81
Citations	465	566	670	446	222
Avg. per Hour	0.72	0.61	0.62	0.79	1.09
Written Warnings	119	133	115	142	96
STEP Hours	334	348	412.25	351	243

Parking Control	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parking Tickets	2,810	3,556	3,857	5,930	5,968
Meter Revenue Collected	\$49,616.02	\$57,264.57	\$60,093.70	\$63,828.56	\$62,714.55
Parking Fines	\$16,435.00	\$21,880.00	\$24,297.00	\$36,650.00	\$41,265.00

Towed Vehicles	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Towed	598	592	642	1,214	883
Total Disposed	146	111	118	306	165
Seized Vehicles	26	21	0	0	0

Special Events	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Special Events	0	7	18	20	22
Special Details	65	227	315	336	291

Fleet Maintenance	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Vehicles Serviced	361	335	435	368	280
Vehicles Cleaned	644	427	392	336	338
Gas Used (gal.)	54,834.53	47,680.41	48,217.96	52,260.40	54,824.12
Gas Cost	\$105,713.50	\$132,039.04	\$179,669.15	\$166,594.06	\$167,945.97
Avg. Cost Per Gallon	\$1.93	\$2.77	\$3.726	\$3.18	\$3.06

Records Section	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Offense Report	11,620	11,053	10,496	11,026	10,433
Traffic Citations	1,304	2,465	2,569	2,017	1,961
Accident Reports	2,658	1,485	1,491	1,365	1,340
Warrants	5,724	6,977	6,104	5,646	5,254
Telephone Requests	7,076	4,998	6,814	4,479	6,017
Walk-In Customers	2,596	2,611	2,254	2,941	2,586
Internal Requests	430	916	744	1,319	0
Court Dispositions	0	0	1,783	0	1,062
Court Documents	1,036	715	924	0	0
Misc. Documents	22,111	22,951	24,958	19,254	26,320

Transcription Unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Administrative Reports	36	55	36	61	18*
Confidential Reports	71	55	14	24	72*
Supplemental Reports	46	39	5	15	17*
Statements	967	768	535	672	561*

K-9 Team	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Public Demonstrations	5	15	15	15	11
Vehicle Searches	106	81	81	52	92
Building Searches	42	13	13	13	68
Open Area Searches	14	97	48	0	0
Tracks	26	23	23	13	19
Arrests	238	57	100	0	12

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE									
Demographics	Victim	Suspect	Relationship				Suspect-Injuries		
Race	Total	Total		Fatal	Non-Fatal	None	Fatal	Non-Fatal	None
Caucasian	524	434	Wife	0	20	36	0	4	19
Non-Caucasian	307	342	Husband	0	10	16	0	3	49
Adult	740	689	Parent	0	26	85	0	6	68
Juvenile	73	88	Non-Spousal Relationship w/ Child in Common	0	45	77	0	18	112
Male	244	506	Child(ren)	0	27	66	0	7	113
Female	569	271	Former Spouse	0	0	7	0	0	7
			Live-In Partner	2	90	179	2	19	245
			Other	0	8	23	0	0	24
			Total	2	247	564	2	61	714

* 2024 Transcription Unit numbers may vary slightly due to lapse of transcriber activity.

AWARDS CEREMONY

OFFICER OF THE YEAR
BLAKE BAMMANN



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
TRAVIS STANTZ



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR
TERRY BUTLER



CIVILIAN(S) OF THE YEAR
MAINTENANCE DEPT.



TOP COPS
BRYCE EDWARDS & PAUL WEBB



RETIREMENTS



Keith Porch began his career with the Division in 1999 as a Patrol Officer in the Community Service Bureau. In April of 2007, he became a Detective with METRICH/S.I.U. Promoted to Sergeant in 2009, he returned to the Community Service Bureau until October of 2012. He was reassigned to METRICH/S.I.U. until May of 2013 when he was promoted to Lieutenant. He served as the METRICH Commander until March of 2014. He was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police in March of 2014 where he gained a broad understanding of many aspects of how our Police Department functions both administratively and operationally. On April 9, 2019 Assistant Chief of Police Keith Porch was offered and accepted the position of Chief of Police. Chief Keith Porch took the official Oath of Office on April 10, 2019.

As Chief of Police, Porch served as the Project Director for the METRICH Enforcement Unit and Chairman to the Richland County Opiate Board, along with providing leadership through the re-accreditation process from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies.

Prior to joining the Mansfield Division of Police, Chief Porch served the residents of Richland County as a Richland County Sheriff Deputy for five years.



Sergeant Jonathan Ahles was appointed to the department on February 11, 1994. As a new Patrol Officer, he was assigned to the Community Services Bureau Patrol Section. In 2002 he went to the Neighborhood Impact Section until his promotion to Sergeant on February 14, 2005. As a Sergeant he transferred back to the Neighborhood Impact Section on September 8, 2015, where he worked throughout the community as a liaison officer to promote community interactions, and assisted the Neighborhood Watch organizations throughout the city. During the course of his career, Sergeant Ahles was a Certified Officer for the Project Life Savers, a Field Training Officer and Supervisor, and the Supervisor for the Mansfield Police Cadets.

Sergeant Ahles' 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, letter of recognition and letters of appreciation from citizens and fellow law enforcement personnel.



Sandra Helsel was a 1954 graduate of Mansfield Senior High School and began her career with the City in 1965 as the Clerk of Council until 1969 when the political party changed. She worked for Congressman Jon Ashbrook until she returned to the city as Clerk of Council on February 15, 1973. She accepted the position as the Police Chief's secretary on December 27, 1977.

Serving in her secretarial position for over 47 years she served under seven Chiefs of Police. She was awarded Civilian of the Year in 2002.



Officer Young was appointed to the department on February 25, 1999. She was assigned to the Community Services Bureau Patrol Section as a new Patrol Officer.

Officer Young served many years as a Field Training Officer; demonstrating exceptional leadership, patience, and a deep commitment to molding the next generation of law enforcement officers.

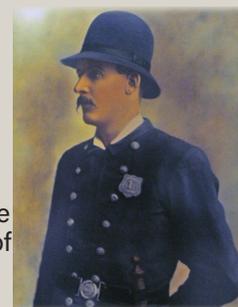
Retiring from a career entirely in patrol is a rare and commendable accomplishment. Officer Young's dedication to her role, colleagues, and the people she served is an inspiration to us all.

IN MEMORIAM

OFFICER JOHN ENGLEHART JR.

Killed in the Line of Duty - August 7, 1893

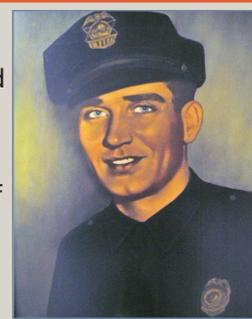
Officer John Englehart was the first officer of the Mansfield Police Department to be killed in the line of duty. On August 7, 1893, Officer Englehart was assigned to the Union Depot for security and to prevent tramps and bums from boarding the baggage cars for a free ride. In carrying out these duties, 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

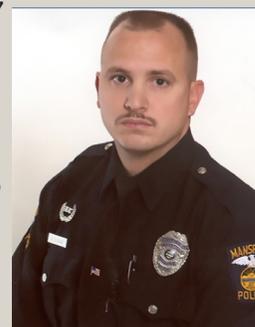
On February 6th, 1976 Officer Michael Hutchison was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend Charles Cotton who had tried to cash a stolen check at the T & A Market at 660 S. Diamond St. Officer Roger Casler was also shot and injured during the incident. Within minutes of the call, twenty or more 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

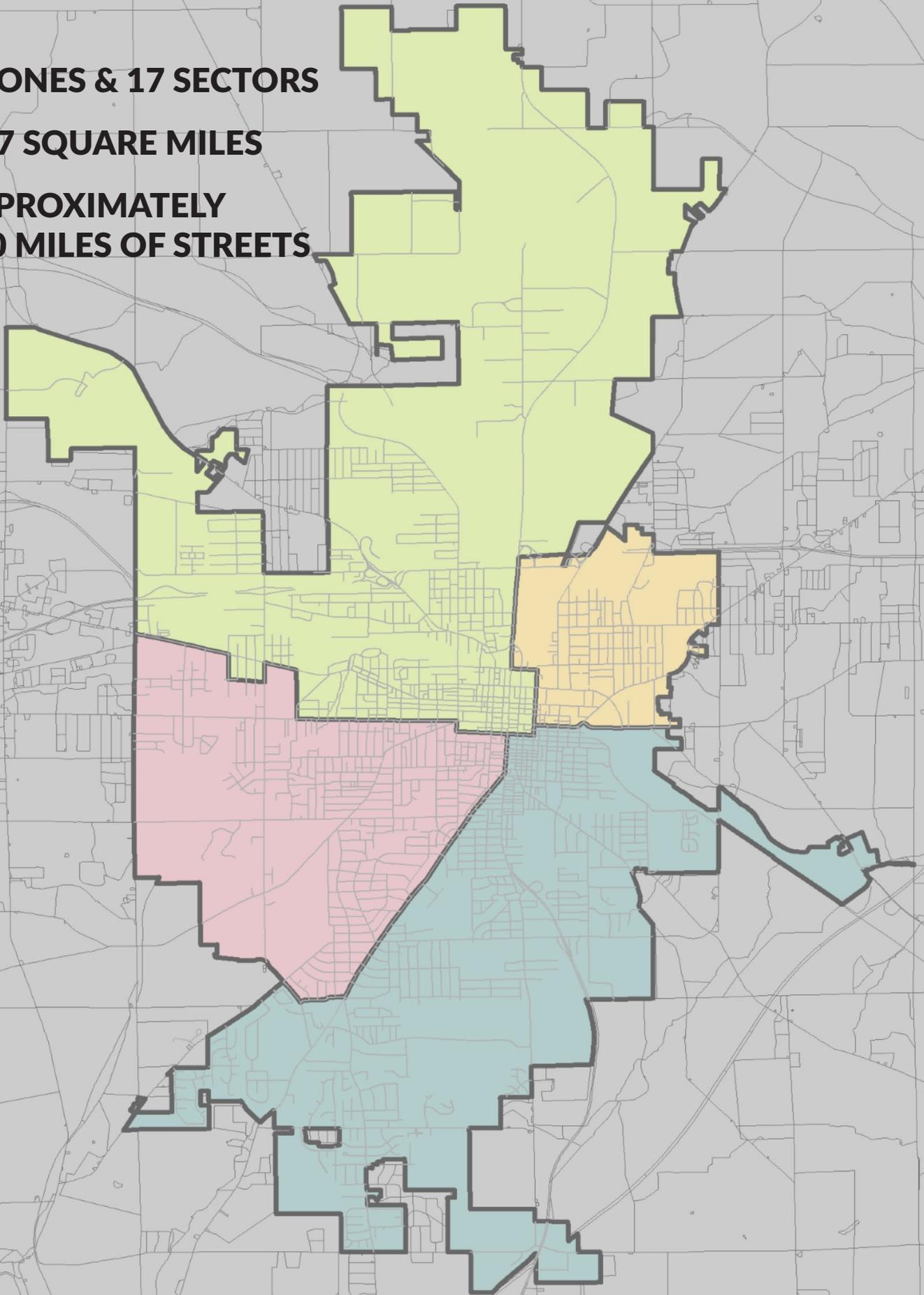
On December 26, 2007, Officer Brian D. Evans was shot and killed while attempting to assist an injured resident. Officer Evans was attempting to assist a wounded neighbor of the suspect when the wife of the suspect became the object of the assailant. As Officer Evans arrived at the suspect's residence, 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.

