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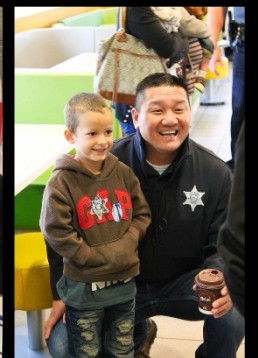


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CITY OF FORT WAYNE

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2020 ANNUAL REPORT





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE CHIEF



**Police Chief  
Stephen R. Reed**

Stephen R. Reed was appointed as Chief of Police on August 1, 2016, having first joined the department in 1993. During his career he has held the positions of Assistant Chief, Director of Training at the Fort Wayne Police Academy, Deputy Chief Southwest Division, Captain of Investigative Division, Sergeant of Internal Affairs, Homicide Team Sergeant and Detective. Prior to joining the Fort Wayne Police Department, he served as a patrol officer for the City of Butler Department and as a confinement officer for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Reed is assisted by Assistant Chief Karl Niblick, Deputy Chief Paul Shrawder of the Southeast and Northeast Quadrants, Deputy Chief Steve Haffner of the Southwest and Northwest Quadrants, Deputy Chief James Feasel of the Investigative Support and Vice & Narcotics Divisions, and Deputy Chief Martin Bender of the Special Operations Division.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Fort Wayne Police Department, in partnership with our community, will strive to protect the life, property, and personal liberties of all individuals. We believe that the overall quality of life for all residents will improve through the deterrence of criminal activity and an understanding of the diversity of cultures within this community. Furthermore, we recognize the need for fair and impartial enforcement of the law with attention given to the highest possible quality of service delivery to the community.

## DEPARTMENT HISTORY

The City of Fort Wayne is located in northeast Indiana and is the second largest city in the state. The City encompasses an area of about 110.67 square miles with a population of approximately 270,402 people. Fort Wayne's cultural climate is increasingly diverse. Fort Wayne's roots began in 1697 when the French and British built a series of three forts at the confluence of the St. Joseph River, St. Mary's River, and Maumee River near the Miami tribe village of Kekionga. The United States Army built Fort Wayne in 1794 and was named in honor of General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. Fort Wayne was platted in 1823 and experienced a rapid expansion after completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal. The proud tradition of the Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD) began in 1829 with a single "Village Marshal". That tradition continues today with a budgeted strength of 480 sworn officers and approximately 62 civilians. The FWPD is led by Police Chief Stephen Reed and is a full-service, highly sophisticated professional agency. Through innovative leadership and dedication to providing quality services, the department maximizes its resources to provide a high quality work environment. The department give its officers the same respect and concern they expect them to show all citizens with whom they come into contact in the line of duty.



**COMMAND STAFF**



**Stephen R. Reed**  
Chief of Police



**Karl M. Niblick**  
Assistant Chief



**Stephen J. Haffner**  
Deputy Chief –  
Western Quadrants



**Paul A. Shrawder**  
Deputy Chief –  
Eastern Quadrants



**Martin Bender**  
Deputy Chief –  
Special Operations



**James E. Feasel, Jr.**  
Deputy Chief –  
Investigative  
Support/ Vice &  
Narcotics



**Mitchell McKinney**  
Captain –  
Community  
Relations



**Derrick Westfield**  
Captain –  
Southwest Division



**William D. Corn**  
Captain – Southeast  
Division



**Scott Berning**  
Captain – Special  
Operations



**Matthew Enyeart**  
Captain –  
Investigative  
Support Division



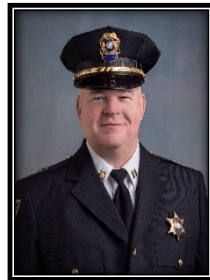
**Shane Lee**  
Captain –  
Administrative  
Division



**Thomas L. Bandor**  
Captain –  
Investigative  
Support Division



**Paul Smith**  
Captain –  
Northwest Division



**Scott Caudill**  
Captain – Northeast  
Division



**Juan Barrientes**  
Captain – Training  
Academy



**David P. Nelson**  
Captain – Vice &  
Narcotics Division



**Kevin C. Hunter**  
Captain – Internal  
Affairs

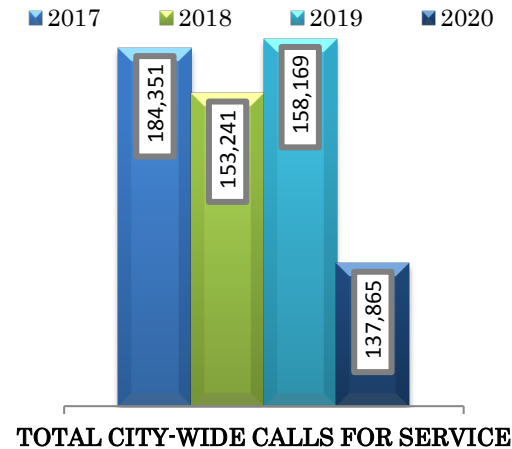




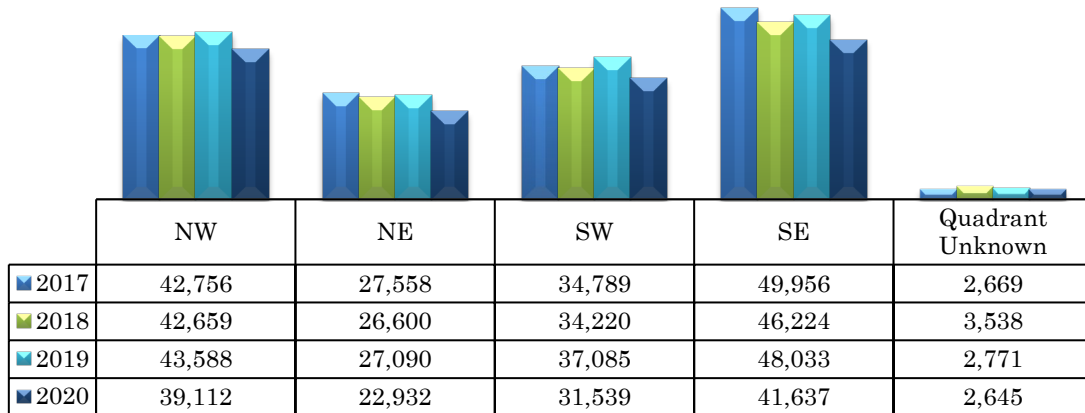
## CALLS FOR SERVICE AND BUDGET

### TOP 10 INCIDENTS (CALLS FOR SERVICE)

NATURE OF INCIDENT	TOTAL INCIDENTS
Traffic Stop	16,523
Traffic Accident	6,091
Audible Alarm	6,823
Disturbance	8,246
Suspicious	6,807
Domestic Disturbance	6,463
Theft	3,797
Attempt Contact/Check Wellbeing	3,523
Community Oriented Policing	3,928
Unwanted Person	4,309

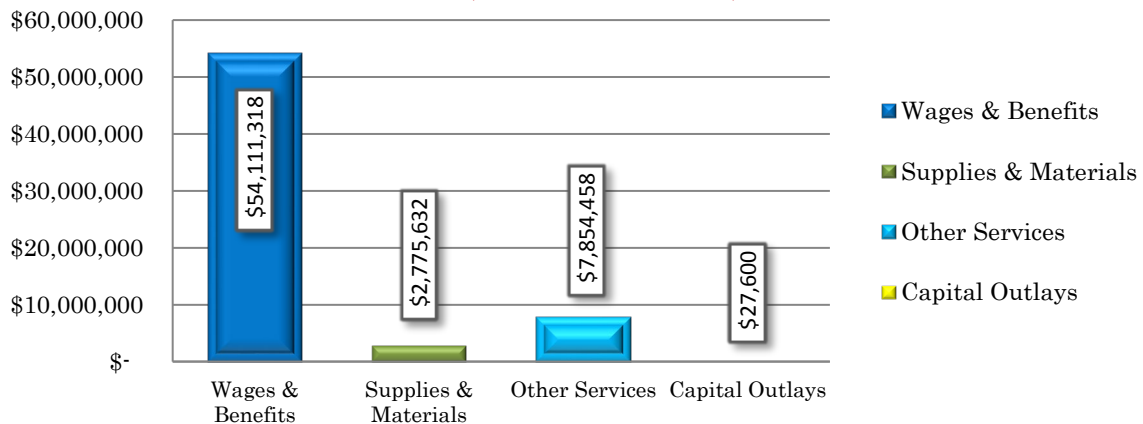


### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY QUADRANT



### 2020 POLICE BUDGET

SWORN OFFICER (BUDGETED STRENGTH): 480





## CHIEF'S COMPLEX



**Karl Niblick**  
Assistant Chief

In 2020 Assistant Chief Karl Niblick commanded the Chief's Complex. The area consists of both civilian and sworn personnel who report directly to the Chief of Police and to the Assistant Chief. Many of these positions include administrative and technical support. The personnel assigned to the Chief's Complex include individuals working for the following areas:

- Office of Professional Standards
  - Internal Affairs
  - Information Systems & Technology Unit (ISTU)
  - Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Police Training Center
- Fiscal Affairs & Payroll

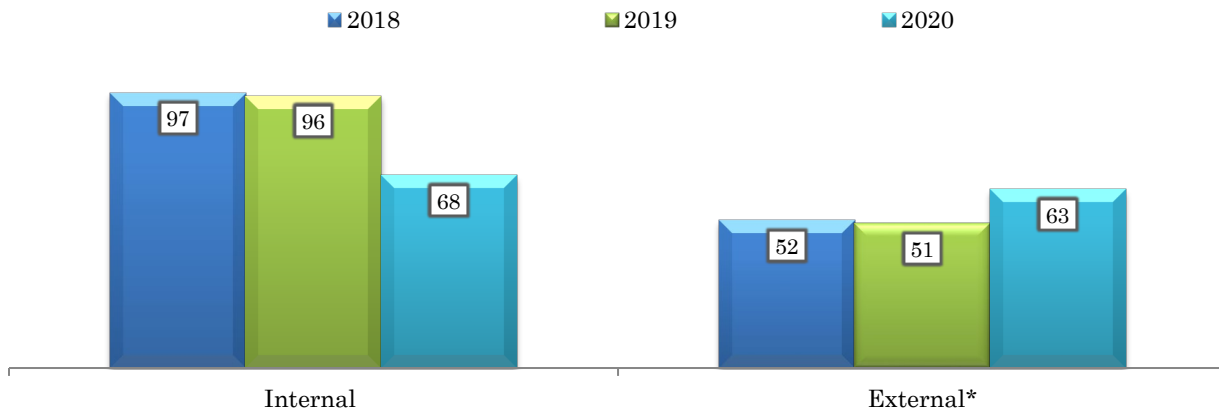
These dedicated men and women work tirelessly to keep the department running from day to day so that we may carry out our mission to service the people.

## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT:

The Office of Professional Standards, Internal Affairs Unit saw an overall decrease in activity during the 2020 calendar year. Captains David Nelson and Kevin Hunter commanded the Unit. The caseload was split between the two investigators in the unit, Sergeants Howard Johnson and Kurtis Letz. Additionally, the Unit Commander, Investigators, along with the office Administrative Assistant, coordinated, monitored, and documented monthly drug tests. In all, 372 random drug screens were administered.

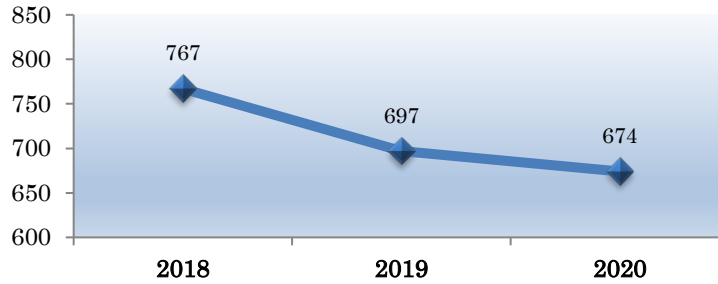
### 3-YEAR COMPARISON OF FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS



\* Includes torts & lawsuits



**THREE-YEAR USE OF FORCE COMPARISON**



**Number of Suspects Involved in Use of Force Incidents\***

\*Number of suspects involved in use of force incidents will not equal the number of applications of force. This is due to the utilization of the force continuum in incidents where the amount of resistance offered resulted in an escalation in the type of force used. Some incidents involved more than one type of application of force on one suspect. Additionally, each officer documents his or her own individual uses of force, which results in the number of suspects not equaling the number of applications of force.

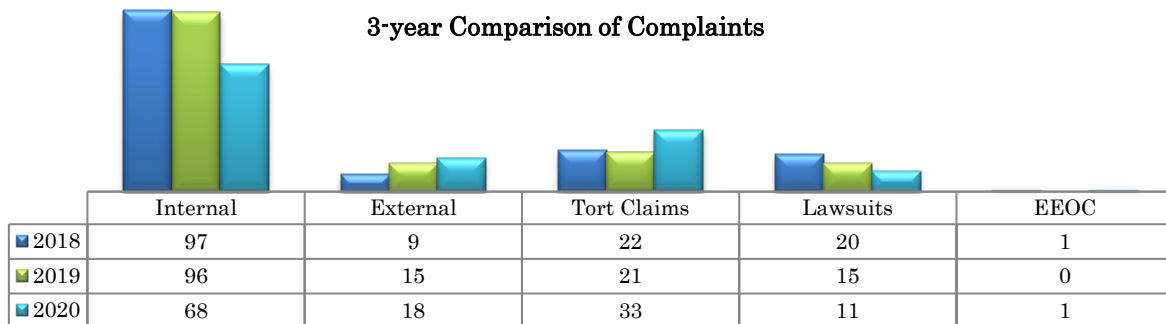
Examples:

(A). One suspect and one officer who utilized two types of force results in: Number of Suspects=1; Applications of Force=2

(B). One suspect and two officers utilizing force (regardless of type of force used): Number of Suspect= 1; Applications of Force=2 (or more if an officer used more than one type of force)

<b>NUMBER OF REPORTED APPLICATIONS OF FORCE BY TYPE</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Physical Force	785	670	746
Chemical Agent	64	65	76
Impact Weapon	8	2	3
Aimed Firearm	366	320	255
CED/Taser	119	112	86
Other/K9/Beanbag	8	7	7

**3-year Comparison of Complaints**



<b>2020 EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS BY RACE, SEX AND CATEGORY</b>										
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>M/B</b>	<b>M/W</b>	<b>M/H</b>	<b>M/A</b>	<b>F/B</b>	<b>F/W</b>	<b>F/H</b>	<b>F/A</b>	<b>UKN</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
EEOC	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Unreasonable Force	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
Improper Conduct	2	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	9
Investigative Negligence	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Lawsuit	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	11
Obedience to Dept. Policies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tort Claims	7	11	0	0	6	3	3	0	6	36
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>





POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL):



COVID-19 made 2020 a challenging year for PAL programs. The football program had a few more players than last year. The program was able to run the whole season without any issues. Parents and players were very thankful a complete season was offered. The PAL basketball program was canceled due to the inability to social distance adequately during games. Although the program was canceled, individual teams were still able to come into the center for practice, while adhering to social distancing guidelines. The volleyball and soccer programs were conducted with social distancing stipulations in place in 2020 and First Aid Certification courses were held.

PAL continues to be featured on the FWPD web site for increased exposure of the programs. Goals for 2021 include continued research to find more opportunities to better advertise PAL programs for the youth of our community, continued efforts to extend indoor practice opportunities to youth soccer teams to use the PAL center during inclement weather conditions, finding new sponsorship opportunities, and maintaining the programs within the department budget.

2020 PAL PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS		
Program	Enrollment	Staff
AAU Basketball	249	20
Coed Basketball	0	0
Baseball	752	107
First Aid Certification	332	1
Football	442	83
Open Gym	117	7
Tennis	45	5
Volleyball	52	4
Youth Soccer	36	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>229</b>

INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY UNIT (ISTU):

While the main responsibility of the ISTU continued to be maintaining the integrity of the Spillman system database, ISTU was responsible for the momentous changes within the department in 2020. These included the successful transition of federal crime reporting from UCR to NIBRS, the further development of Motorola Vault for use in disseminating digital evidence to the Allen County Prosecutor’s Office, and the initial integration of body-worn cameras into the department’s evidentiary processes. ISTU continued to guide the department through transitions from long-time vendor’s Mobile Data Computer (MDC) to a new company’s product. Several hundred Getac B300 series were placed into service in 2020, and many MDC’s from the now-defunct OEM Micro were retired.



## POLICE TRAINING CENTER

In 2020 Captain Juan Barrientes commanded the Training Center. The mission of the Training Division is to provide training for officers of the Fort Wayne Police Department that meets or exceeds State of Indiana mandates in training. Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-2-1-9(g), Indiana Police Officers are required to have 24 hours of annual training. At least two hours of training must include Firearms, Physical Tactics and Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO). The Training Division strives to provide relevant and tactically sound training to enhance officer safety and solidify public trust. Additionally, the Fort Wayne Police Department Training Division assesses, selects and trains recruits in basic police training otherwise known as recruit training. During 2020 the Training Center provided training for approximately 480 officers. All officers who completed training either met or exceeded the state mandate of required in-service training, including topics mandated by the Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB). The Fort Wayne Police Training Center also serves as a regional academy and host for training of other organizations, including our federal law enforcement partners. In an effort to ensure that members of the Fort Wayne Police Department continue our tradition of excellence, the Training Center diligently staffs a cadre with a variety of subject matter expertise.

2020 TRAINING HOURS*	
Basic Recruit Class	15,504
Specialty Teams Training	17,965
In-Services	6,447
Open Mat	197
Open Shoot/Firearms Training	1,296
EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course)	444
Police One (online)	3,364
Re-Entry	116
Miscellaneous Training	7,247
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>52,580</b>

\* 24- hours required training must include 2 hours firearms, 2 hours physical tactics/use of force training, and 2 hours police vehicle operation.

### SIGNIFICANT AND NOTEWORTHY TRAINING HELD IN 2020:

- 65<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class Begins (February)
- Bean Bag Recertification (hourly on shift)
- Department In-Service #1 (January)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lateral Officer Training Program (May)
- Department EVO Training (Sept.-Oct.)
- Summer Shoot/Backup Gun (July-Aug.)
- Department Fitness Tests (April/Sept.)
- Basic SWAT School (Sept.)
- Bike School (June)
- Procedural Justice-UOF Presentation (Oct.)
- Justice UOF Presentation (Aug.)
- 65<sup>th</sup> Recruit Graduation (July)
- Department In-Service #2 (Oct.-Nov.)
- Winter Shoot (Dec.)



## INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT DIVISION



**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Investigative Support  
Division

In 2020, Deputy Chief James Feasel commanded the Investigative Support Division. The day to day operations were handled by Captains Enyeart and Bandor. The Fort Wayne Police Department's Investigative Support Division (ISD) is responsible for conducting felony criminal investigations on incidents that occur within the City of Fort Wayne.

The Division consists of a number of assigned support sections or units that focus on specific or specialized areas of investigating criminal incidents. These include the Detective Bureau, Crime Scene Unit, Crime Lab Unit, Crime Analysis Unit, Victims Assistance Unit, Street Crimes Unit, and Property & Evidence Room. Included within this report are the individual summaries from the supervisors and managers for the various sections and units within the ISD.

Homicide and Violent Crime Rates in 2020 continued to be significant issues for the City, Police Department, and especially for the Investigative Support Division. Homicides have gone up from 29 in 2019 to 42 in 2020 resulting in an increase of 45%. A large percentage of the homicides in 2020 continue to involve street level gangs and narcotics. Domestic related homicides continue to be the smallest percentage. The clearance rate for homicides committed was up from 79% in 2019 to 81% in 2020.

In 2020, reported Residential Burglaries continued to go down from 910 in 2019 to 560 in 2020 resulting in a decrease of 38%. Of those reported, there were 319 actual confirmed burglaries in 2019 compared to 210 in 2020. This was a decrease of 34%. This reduction is in part due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and more potential victims staying at home, but more importantly, it continues to be due to the diligent work of our Crime Suppression Detectives, Property Crimes Detectives, and Uniform Street Crimes Detectives. The Robbery Division also saw a significant decrease of investigations. Cases assigned to the Division decreased 19% from 430 in 2019 to 347 in 2020. Of those cases assigned, 272 of them were robberies in 2019 compared to 169 in 2020, resulting in a decrease of 38%. We did however; see an increase in battery cases.

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

### HOMICIDE SECTION:

The Homicide Section of the FWPDP is supervised by Sergeant Tim Hughes and consists of ten Investigators, who are required to be on-call. The Homicide Section is responsible for investigating all deaths or near deaths that appear to be suspicious in nature and all batteries by the use of a firearm. The Cold Case/Missing Person Section has one investigator, who reviews all missing persons and endangered runaways. Investigators in these sections do and must work well with outside agencies such as the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Indiana State Police, Allen County Police Department, Allen County Coroner's Office, Department of Child Services, FBI, DEA, NCMEC, and ATF.



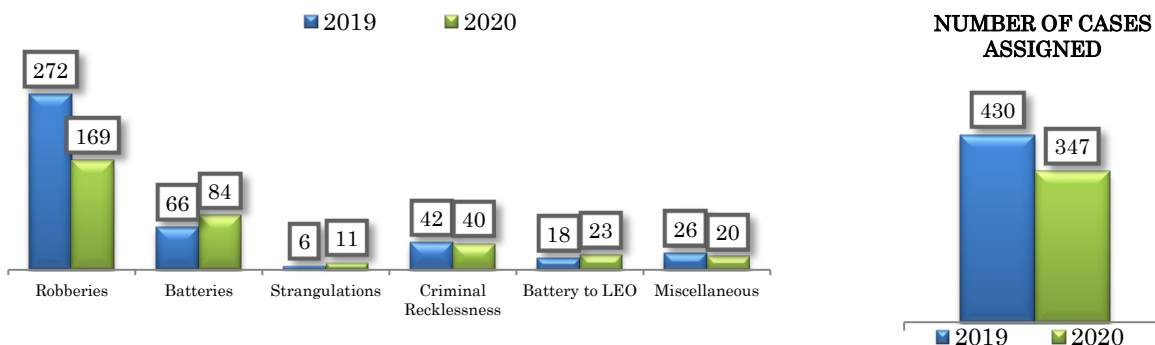
The following is homicide data for 2020:

- 34 total homicides cleared/closed (81% overall clearance rate)
- 1 homicide ruled self-defense/no charges
- 1 homicide case cleared/currently pending review by prosecutor
- 4 homicides cleared by exceptional means/suspect deceased
- 29 homicides cleared by arrest (69% cleared by arrest/charges filed)
- 36 people arrested and charged in 2020
  - 4 people were arrested and charged with murder from cases in 2019
  - 2 people were arrested and charged with Attempted Murder
  - 1 person was charged with murder for a case from 2002
- 8 homicides still active (19%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Total Homicide Victims</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>
Northwest	9	3	14	10
Northeast	9	4	2	4
Southwest	3	3	5	3
Southeast	21	19	25	20
Other Cases	62	14	56	62
Battery by Firearm	56	88	91	75
Cold Cases Reviewed	3	3	7	18
Missing Adults	75	83	74	98
<b>Total Cases Assigned</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>290</b>

ROBBERY SECTION:

The Robbery Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department is supervised by Detective Sergeant Kenneth Clement and consists of eight detectives. The Robbery Division’s responsibilities include responding to all robberies that occur during shift hours, as well as Criminal Recklessness and Felony Batteries (other than Domestic) that occur on shift. They are also tasked with the follow up investigations on all Robberies, Felony Batteries (other than Domestic) and Criminal Recklessness cases which occurred previously and assisting detectives in the Homicide Division. The Robbery Division still responds to and investigates all bank robberies that occur within the city jurisdiction, and works in conjunction with the FBI in solving these crimes. Reported robberies to the FWPD dropped to 249 in 2020 compared to the reported 358 reported in 2019. Other reported cases increased slightly, with the largest increase in battery to Law Enforcement and Assaults with a firearm. The Robbery Division was assigned a total of 347 cases for the 2020 calendar year, down from the 413 assigned cases in 2019. Cases are assigned based on solvability factors. The investigations are classified as follows:

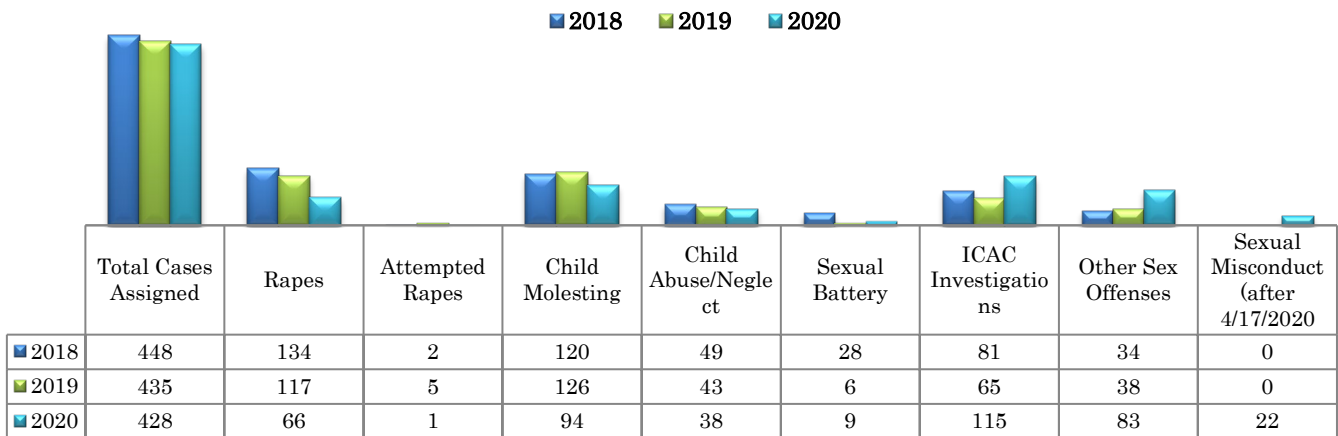




**CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS SECTION:**

Detective Sergeants Todd Battershell and Detective Sergeant James Hauptert supervise the Crimes against Persons Section (CAP) of the Investigative Support Division (ISD). They are staffed with nine detectives who investigate felony cases that occur inside the Fort Wayne city limits. The type of crimes investigated by CAP Detectives include rapes, sexual battery, child molesting, sexual misconduct with minors, child abuse, child neglect, voyeurism, stalking, and battery to elderly persons or persons with developmental delays. Many of these crimes are reported to the CAP Section by outside agencies due to a delay in reporting by the victim. In addition, the CAP Section also investigates Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC). These types of investigations include child internet predators, child pornography, child exploitation, and child solicitation.

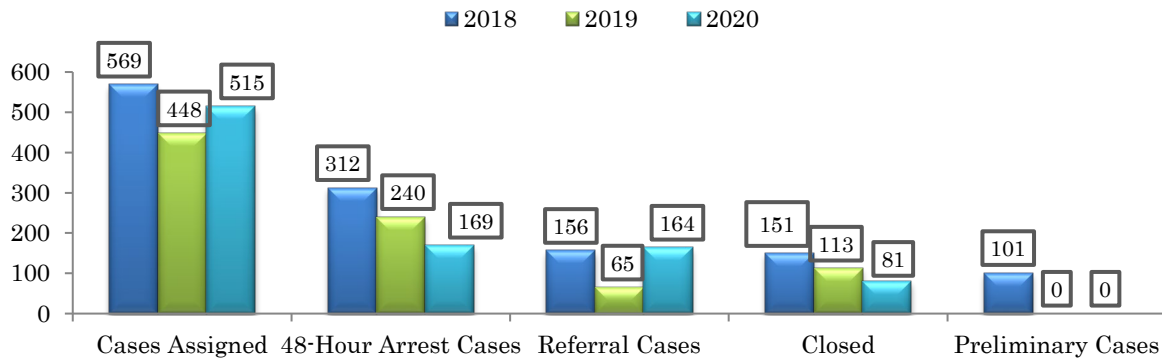
CAP Detectives work on cases that are very sensitive in nature. They must possess strong interview and interpersonal skills, investigative knowledge, and ethics. Detectives in the CAP Section of the ISD must also have the ability to work well with outside agencies, such as the Department of Child Services, Allen County Prosecutors Office, Adult Protective Services, Sexual Assault Treatment Center, Center for Children, Indiana State Police, National Missing and Exploited Children, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and other law enforcement agencies. The table below represents the 2020 statistical information for the CAP Section of the ISD.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SECTION:**

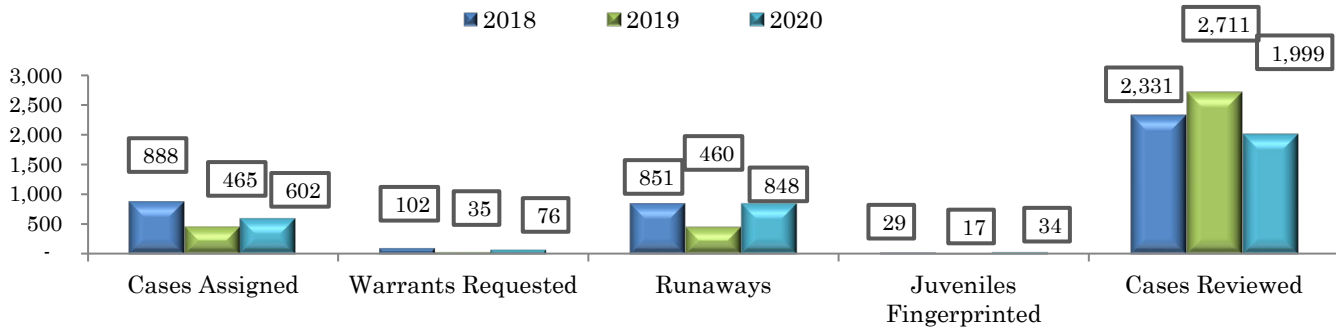
The Domestic Violence (D.V.) Investigative Section is supervised by Detective Sergeant Bridget Glaser and consists of six detectives. Currently only one detective operates under the STOP grant. This unit investigates all felony incidents within Domestic Violence; this includes battery, strangulation, protective order violations, criminal mischief, and hit-skip incidents. This unit also works non-life-threatening shootings and stabbings. The D.V. unit works very closely with the Victims Assistance Unit of the FWPD.

Cases are received from three different avenues. Preliminary Investigations, 48 hr. Follow-up, and the Referral system assures that all incidents are looked at. In August of 2020, Detective Sergeant Glaser took over the unit after the retirement of Detective Sergeant Barkley. The D.V. unit worked a total of 515 cases for the year.



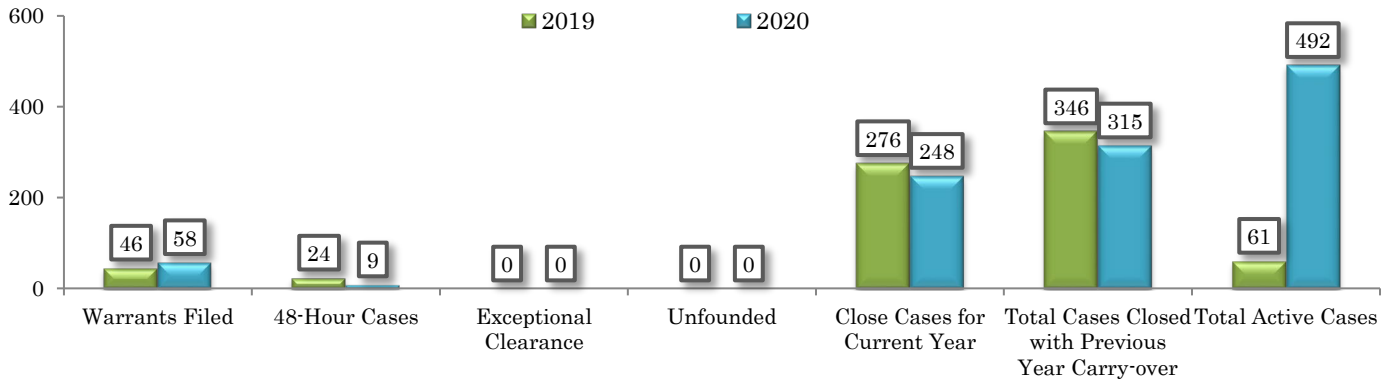
**JUVENILE CRIMES SECTION:**

The Juvenile Aid Division is supervised by Sergeant Mark Brooks and consists of four detectives. Light duty officers have been utilized to assist with the runaway caseload. The Juvenile Aid Division (JAD) is responsible for investigating crimes which involve individuals 17 years of age and younger. The section is also responsible for the investigating of juvenile runaways and custodial interference investigations along with property crimes, sex crimes, crimes against persons and crimes that occur in the school setting. The juvenile system in the United State differs vastly from the adult criminal justice system because there are additional procedures and different terminology.



**FINANCIAL CRIMES SECTION:**

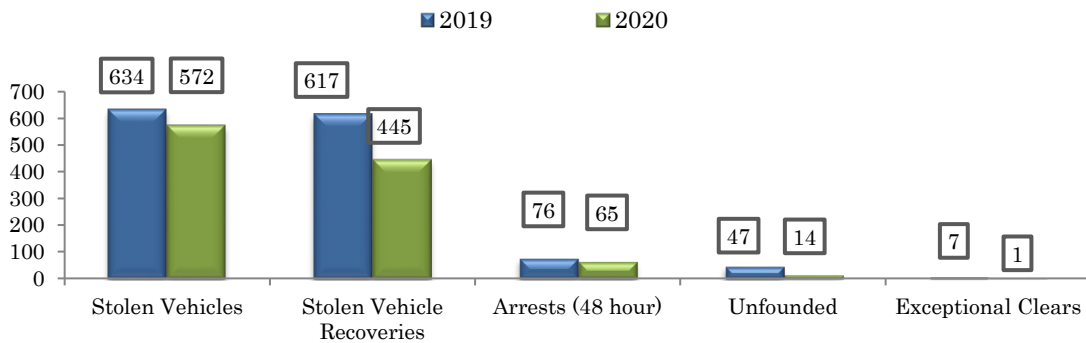
Detective Sergeant Cleophus Jones supervises the Financial Crimes Section. The section is responsible for insufficient funds checks over \$750.00 and also investigates counterfeit checks, forged stolen checks and other types of forged documents, credit card fraud, fraud on financial institutions, identity theft, insurance fraud, utility fraud, counterfeit currency, power of attorney illegally obtained from Adult Protective Services, and a variety of frauds and computer related crimes. The section’s cases, by their nature, often entail meticulous details and paperwork detailing financial records. Due to the new Privacy Act, which delays the time in which they can obtain information, sending out Fraud Packets allows victims to get information quicker and allows cases to be processed much faster than having to obtain a subpoena. Additionally, sending out Fraud Packets to all victims will have the victims more actively involved in solving their own cases. Cases are reviewed on an individual basis. Since the implementation of the Fraud Packet, the number of assigned cases per detective has been streamlined.



**AUTO-THEFT SECTION:**

The Fort Wayne Police Department’s Auto Theft Section is a subsection of the Investigative Support Division’s Property Crimes Section; the area is supervised by Detective Sergeant Joe Hontz and is staffed with two detectives. Although much of their work goes unnoticed, they play an important role in the Investigative Support Division. Their duties go far beyond investigating stolen vehicle cases. In addition to stolen vehicles, they also investigate the theft of trailers, ATVs, lawnmowers, construction equipment, and vehicle parts. They are often called upon for information regarding vehicles involved in other crimes or civil issues. Much of the Auto Theft Detectives’ time is spent working with records and the tow lots on vehicles that have been towed by the department for various reasons. They also monitor the stolen and recovery reports and work with the BMV on titling problems and title histories. They also conduct vehicle inspections, work with the Attorney General’s Office in policing the dealerships, and answer questions from uniform officers, as well as officers from other area agencies. The nature of their investigations puts them in touch with police agencies from all over the United States and at times from other countries.

After several years of steady increases in vehicle thefts, they decreased in 2020. The pandemic and the “shut down” may have been a factor in this decrease.



**PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION:**

Detective Sergeant Ben Truesdale supervises the Property Crimes Section. The Property Crimes Section of the Investigative Support Division is responsible for investigating felony property crimes such as burglary, felony theft, employee theft, and possession of stolen property. The section is divided into two areas (East/West).



NORTHEAST	2018	2019	2020
Reported Residential Burglaries	122	107	76
Actual Determined House Burglaries	72	55	29
Reported Business Burglaries	20	22	12
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	16	11	8
SOUTHEAST	2018	2019	2020
Reported Residential Burglaries	344	344	229
Actual Determined House Burglaries	219	96	79
Reported Business Burglaries	24	40	25
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	20	28	18

NORTHWEST	2018	2019	2020
Reported Residential Burglaries	204	179	114
Actual Determined House Burglaries	122	86	45
Reported Business Burglaries	51	46	39
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	33	23	24
SOUTHWEST/ABOITE	2018	2019	2020
Reported Residential Burglaries	280	218	141
Actual Determined House Burglaries	139	82	57
Reported Business Burglaries	48	39	18
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	35	20	10

PAWN DETAIL UNIT:

The Pawn Detail Unit is a part of the Property Crimes Section of the Investigative Support Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department. Detective Sergeant Joe Hontz supervises the unit, which is staffed full time by a single detective. The responsibilities of this detail include the recovery of stolen property at pawnshops and jewelry stores that purchase items from the public and are subject to City Ordinance 115. Further, this detail is responsible for maintaining the local “Known Offenders” list, and coordinating with local businesses to ensure that they comply with City Ordinance 115. For 2020, no businesses in Fort Wayne were cited for violating City Ordinance 115.

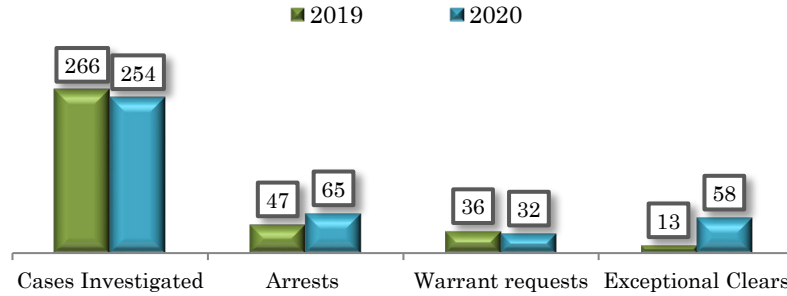
For the year 2020, the Pawn Detail detective handled a total of 67 pawn-related cases. For that period, the Pawn Detail detective recovered property that was estimated to be \$101,806.00 in value and has recovered property that has been estimated to be \$1,338,155.00 in value since 2011.

The Pawn Detail detective has to strive to maintain a positive working relationship between the Fort Wayne Police Department and local businesses that are governed by Pawn Detail. That positive relationship has led to numerous tips from those businesses that have proven to be beneficial in criminal investigations being conducted by the FWPD and resulted in many victims of property crimes having their items returned to them. The Pawn Detail will work to continue its service to the department and citizens.

CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT:

The Crime Suppression Unit was implemented in January 2008 and is supervised by Detective Sergeant Joe Hontz. The Crime Suppression Unit tracks the burglaries citywide and to look for patterns and similarities. They also identify individuals suspected of perpetrating numerous burglaries and other felony property crimes. The detectives are tasked with thoroughly investigating cases that fall into these categories until an arrest is made, or all investigative resources are exhausted. The Crime Suppression Unit detectives will on occasion work with other felony cases that they are assigned.



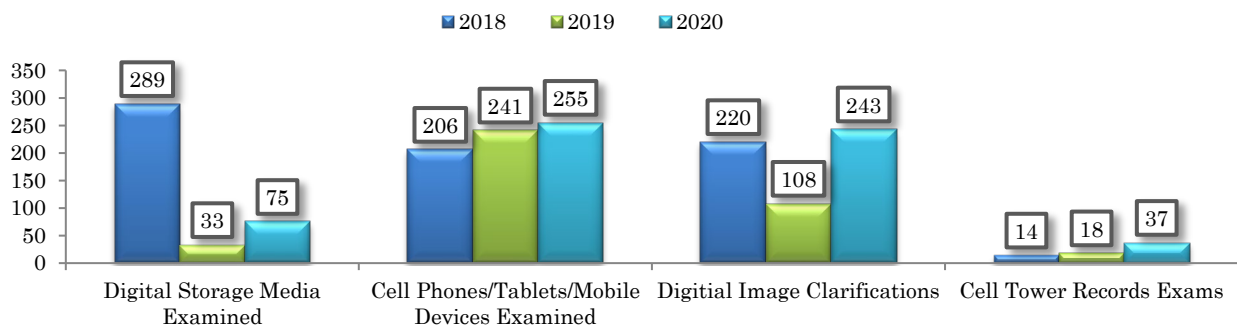


Business burglaries dropped to 94 in 2020, from 148 in 2019. Residential burglaries dropped from 848 in 2019 to 561 in 2020. The pandemic may be part of the significant decrease, but the unit continued to work with Uniform, Street Crimes, and Property Crimes to decrease the number of burglaries. This cooperation on bringing career criminals to justice has resulted in decreases in burglaries in 10 of the last 13 years.

**DIGITAL FORENSICS LABORATORY UNIT:**

The Digital Forensics Laboratory Unit (DFLU) conducts acquisition and examination of any electronic evidence and is supervised by Detective Sergeant Mark Brooks. The electronic evidence is wide ranging, varying, and constantly changing requiring the examiners to train and remain current with this ever-changing technology. The DFLU also analyzes data and media rendering scientific opinions. This includes the analysis of mobile devices network communications including, cell phone call detail records, cell phone precision geolocation data, location data, and any other geo-based location data. Furthermore, the DFLU examiners analyze and compare video and image evidence to assist with the identification of suspects or suspect vehicles that were captured in a video or image.

The DFU examiners maintain proficiency through constant training and professional development. These positions are skilled competencies that require the maintenance of certifications in each area of digital forensics.



**B-SHIFT INVESTIGATIVE SECTION:**

This section of the Investigative Support Division is responsible for conducting investigations into felony crimes occurring during the late afternoon and evening hours. The section is supervised by Detective Sergeants John Shank and Shane Hopkins, and is staffed with nine detectives. The B-shift Investigative Support Division also has a tenth detective assigned to it that performs forensic data recovery. When apprehensions are made, the detectives compile and complete the necessary paperwork and conduct the suspect/witness interviews that are required for the appropriate felony charges. B-shift detectives also respond and investigate crimes with no apprehensions as a



“preliminary investigation” which is then actually assigned for a follow up investigation by an A-shift ISD detective.

STATISTICS	2019	2020
Cases Assigned	700	662
Preliminary Cases	358	297
On-Site Arrests (48 hour)	342	365

C-SHIFT INVESTIGATIVE SECTION:

This section is supervised by Detective Sergeant William Michales and is staffed with six detectives. They are responsible for conducting investigations into felony crimes occurring during the hours of 11:00 PM -7:30 AM. The detectives investigate crimes against persons, which include robberies, batteries, rapes, shootings, and stabbings. The detectives also respond to felony property crimes when there is an apprehension, such as burglary, residential entry, trespassing, forgery, counterfeiting, auto theft, and weapon offenses. The C-shift Investigative Section only conducts preliminary investigations. C-shift detectives continue to provide significant assistance to the homicide teams during homicide call outs. The C-shift detectives are often able to complete the scene canvas and the interviewing of non-direct witnesses, which frees up the homicide detectives to focus their efforts on the most involved portions of the investigation.

STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020
Cases Assigned	596	529	575
On-site Arrests (48 hours)	326	300	330

STREET CRIMES UNIT

The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) of the Fort Wayne Police Department started its operation in January of 2017. The SCU is supervised by Detective Sergeant John Shank and is staffed with five detectives. The SCU addresses crimes that are being committed by the same criminals on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, either individually or as a group. The SCU gathers all the needed documentation and witness statements to assemble a case against these individuals. The SCU detectives also look for patterns where there may two or more people operating together as a team or a group and get the appropriate charges filed against the entire group as a whole and not just the individuals.

The SCU has had success prosecuting by working closely with the Allen County Prosecutor’s Office, local retailers, as well as other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

STREET CRIMES STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020
Total Arrests (48 hours)	351	446	491
Corrupt Business Influence Cases	5	17	8
Total Investigations	1,355	1,803	1709



## LABORATORY SERVICES (CRIME LAB)

The Fort Wayne Police Laboratory (FWPL) is supervised by Eric Black and maintained by three civilian employees. The Crime Lab is responsible for conducting forensic examinations on evidence collected and submitted from various crime scenes including, but not limited to: latent fingerprint and palm print evidence, footwear, tire/track, postmortem fingerprints and other physical comparison for supporting the department in criminal investigations.

STATISTICS BY DIVISION	2018	2019	2020
Detective Bureau	3	6	1
Southeast Quadrant	71	51	32
Southwest Quadrant	54	30	16
Northeast Quadrant	17	15	15
Northwest Quadrant	35	28	8
Outside Agencies	12	17	9
Crime Scene	23	19	9
Latent Print Submissions	260	199	100
Fingerprint Identifications	150	175	153
Juveniles Printed	29	17	34
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>519</b>

## CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Crime Scene Management Unit is supervised by two Detective Sergeants Mark Dolezal and Tim Vachon and is staffed with nine technicians. They are responsible for the proper documentation, preservation and collection of items of potential evidence for major felony crimes that occur within the City of Fort Wayne. Crime Scene Technicians deal with the forensic end of investigations and receive extensive training once they come to the unit and add to the training throughout their careers in the form of additional schools and other educational opportunities. Crime Scene Management provides assistance in major felony cases, death investigations, and financial institution robberies.

## VICTIMS ASSISTANCE UNIT



The Victims Assistance (VA) program provides comprehensive crime victim services to the City of Fort Wayne and surrounding communities. Advocates and volunteers passionately work to provide information to crime victims to reduce re-victimization as victims navigate through the criminal justice system. Primary and secondary crime victims receive direct services to help stabilize their lives and meet their immediate needs. The outreach program initiates contact to inform victims about available services and their rights as crime victims and survivors. Victims Assistance collaborates with a number of community and state agencies to provide training, community events and projects developed to address the emotional, physical, financial, social, spiritual, and cultural needs of crime victims.

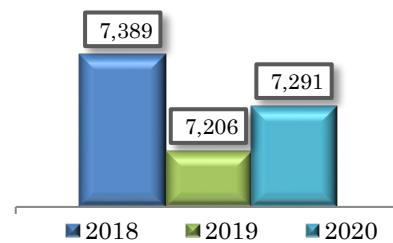


For the 2020 year, the office provided services to 7,291 primary victims and 2,016 secondary victims. This past year the office was nationally recognized and the recipients of The Crime Victims' Award by the Department of Justice for our outstanding efforts of assisting crime victims. In addition, the office coordinates several events during the year: Diamonds & Denim, Rise up Against Domestic Violence, Candlelight Vigil, Santa's Workshop, and the Book Bag Giveaway to increase community involvement and bring awareness on victims' rights. The Victims Assistance office also collaborated with Fort Wayne United to establish Meals 4 Healing with local churches in the community to provide meals to those families who have experienced a homicide of a loved one. In addition, After the Yellow Tape series was created in partnership with the Homicide Unit of FWPD to highlight homicide cases that are still missing that one piece to bring justice to the surviving family.

TYPES OF CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE HANDLES:

- Child Abuse
- Molest
- Homicide
- Domestic
- Sexual Assault
- DUI (Death or Injury)
- Robbery
- Assault
- Other (includes suicide, threats, stalking, arson, fraud, property, elder abuse, etc.)

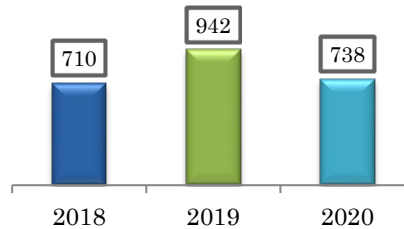
**# of Primary Victims Assisted**



**EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM**

The Evidence and Property Room's responsibilities are to ensure all evidence collected and turned in is in accordance to the Fort Wayne Police Department's policies and procedures. The unit is responsible for maintaining the integrity of evidence by ensuring the proper handling, coding and storage of evidence. Maintaining accurate records, assists in investigations, prosecutions, and the return of property to its rightful owner.

**Firearms Taken into Evidence**



MAIN EVIDENCE ROOM STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020
Evidence Taken into Storage	14,902	15,804	14,365
Firearms Taken into Storage	710	942	738
ATF Traces Completed	672	812	689
IBIS Tested Firearms	416	599	535
IBIS Tested Shell Casings	585	539	713
Total Firearms Destroyed	0	659	0
Firearms Released to Owner	231	198	231
Total Items Destroyed (not firearms)	1,803	1,184	455
Total Items Purged (not firearms)	1,529	8,050	4,484



## CRIME ANALYSIS

The Crime Analysis Unit is responsible to review felony and misdemeanor reports for data accuracy, crime information and patterns. If a pattern or trend is identified, then it is assessed. Maps & datasets are also developed and forwarded to the appropriate quadrant commanders and/or to the Investigative Support Division section commanders. Statistical information is compiled and forwarded to the FBI-UCR using their summary based electronic format system of reporting.

The unit reviews daily crime reports, hosts weekly Comstat meetings, prepares daily incident summary, prepares a weekly active warrant report, and monthly statistical reports for police commanders. Additional assignments include:

- Prepares Clery Act security reports, (a federal requirement for all colleges and universities) for the local colleges and universities within Fort Wayne;
- Provides calls for service statistics to individuals for relocation purposes;
- Provides certain incident reports to the State Health Department on death incidents;
- Provides monthly calls for service reports to private businesses and Fort Wayne Community Schools; and
- Provides other statistical data to the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Comstat (weekly crimes meeting), and media, as needed.

## CRIME STOPPERS



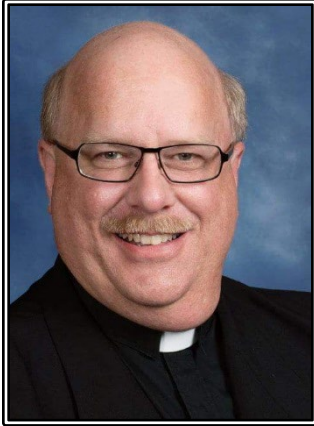
The Greater Fort Wayne Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that offers cash rewards and anonymity for tips that lead to an arrest. It is part of a national organization, but is operated by a Board of Directors consisting of local citizens with the cooperation of City and County law enforcement, covering eleven Indiana counties and three Ohio counties.

During 2020 the Crime Stoppers Office took a major step to improve communication with the citizens and law enforcement by implementing a new tip hot line system called P3. The pandemic had an impact on the number of tips received and more of an impact on the number of arrests.

CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020
Total Tips	1,054	1,603	1,576
Felony Charges	237	264	205
Misdemeanor Charges	274	214	123



## POLICE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM



Police Chaplaincy is a ministry of compassion, presence, and prayer set within the dangerous world of law enforcement. Police Chaplains serve the officers and civilian personnel of the police department and the community in which they live. They provide emergency counseling to those in crisis, make death notifications with compassion, pray with those who are in trouble, and provide a compassionate presence to those in grief. While the work of the Police Chaplain is sometimes difficult and taxing, the satisfaction gained by ministering to those in the worst possible situations is reward in and of itself. Chaplain Richard Hartman serves as the Lead Chaplain for the department. Nine active chaplains currently volunteer their assistance.



## VICE & NARCOTICS DIVISION



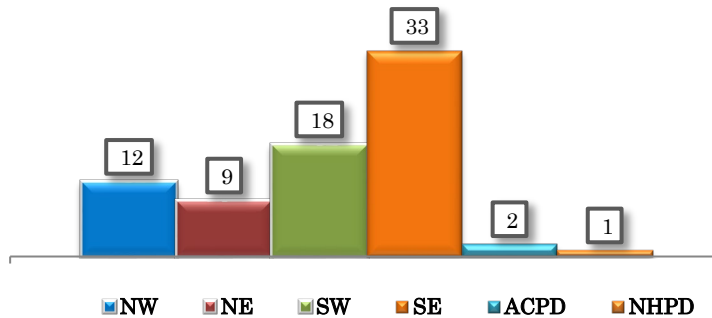
**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Vice & Narcotics

Deputy Chief James Feasel commanded the Narcotics Division in 2020. During the year the Narcotics Division focused its efforts towards several major areas of enforcement which included long term chronic problem properties, overdose trends, education and training for various citizen’s groups, and local street gangs and violent criminal activity. In 2020, the Narcotics and Gang Units saw an increase in seizures of Marijuana, Marijuana Synthetic, THC Wax/Dap, THC-Edibles, THC-Cartridges, Fentanyl and miscellaneous pills. The division seized a total weight of 89,063.30 grams compared to 48,899.34 grams in 2019, there was an 82% increase. The execution of search warrants decreased roughly 16% in 2020 with a total of 75 compared to 89 in 2019. There was a record number of non-fatal overdoses in 2020 totaling 1,243, an increase from 829 in 2019. Overdose fatalities, however, decreased in 2020 with 108 down from 144 in 2019. In 2020, City Council voted to extend the life of the Commercial Chronic Problem Property Ordinance

for another two years. The ordinance provides law enforcement with an additional tool to combat trouble spots or high-activity/crime areas that place an undue burden on public safety resources.

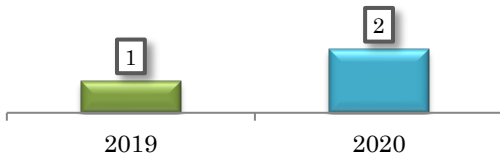
The Narcotics and Gang Units worked closely with the FWPD Homicide Unit, assisting with many of their investigations. Additionally, the Narcotics Division received money through Indiana HIDTA. The funds helped the FWPD create a new state-of-the art facility known as the Investigative Operations Center (IOC). The IOC will be used to coordinate and direct a variety of large-scale operations and investigations. In addition to enforcement efforts, the division also focuses on narcotics addiction, treatment and recovery. Our partnerships with the Lutheran Foundation, Allen County Department of Health, Mental Health America, and Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium have assisted in creating the Mayor’s Opioid Symposium, Fort Wayne/Allen County Task Force for Opioid Strategic Planning, Regional Mental Health Coalition/Leadership Council, Overdose Fatality Review Team, and FWPD Naloxone Program. The division continues to be involved with the Hope and Recovery Team (HART), which also includes Peer Recovery Coaches. So far, the program has been a success and will continue to be successful in the upcoming year.

2020 NARCOTICS SEARCH WARRANTS

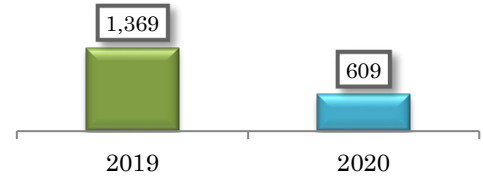




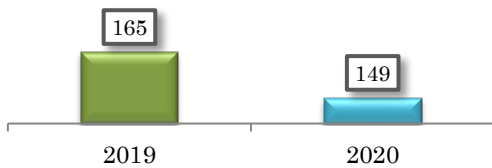
**Confiscated Meth labs**



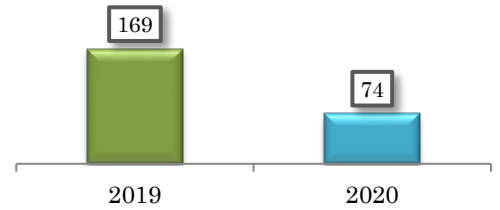
**Narcotics & Gang arrests**



**Gang- Guns Recovered**



**Narcotics- Guns Recovered**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS			
Other	2018	2019	2020
Overdoses	1,074	829	1,243
Overdose Deaths	108	144	108*
Human Trafficking Cases	34	2	1

*\*46 fatal overdoses are pending toxicology*

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			
Confiscated-Grams	2018	2019	2020
Cocaine-Crack	1,081.00	355.62	184.10
Cocaine-Powder	378.43	761.75	347.00
Marijuana	139,209.50	29,186.10	67,843.00
Marijuana Synthetic	3,284.80	1,109.60	1,625.00
THC-Edibles	753.70	428	4,325.70
THC-Wax/Dap	361.50	3,400	3,659.10
THC Cartridges	0.00	1,177	1,703.00
Heroin	1,589.80	341.80	318.00
Fentanyl	831.50	423	905.00
Methamphetamine	2,984	6,479	2,657.00
Ecstasy/MDMA	71.30	63	18.60
Miscellaneous Pills	5,461	6,123	7,167.00
LSD/Psilocybin	168.20	228	13.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156,134.03</b>	<b>50,076.34</b>	<b>90,766.30</b>





## PIPE AND DRUM BRIGADE



During 2020 the Pipe & Drum Brigade provided services at nine events. These events included the active duty funeral of Warsaw Police Officer Jason Dobbins, a fundraiser for one of our own who was battling cancer, and the presentation of colors for the Wallen Little League All Star Games. In addition to providing services for the Allen County Law Enforcement Memorial and the Fort Wayne Police Academy recruit graduation, the brigade provided a solo piper for four retiree funerals.

During 2020 the Brigade's activities were heavily curtailed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result recruitment was halted as well. The brigade enters into the new year with high hopes of returning to group practices with a renewed focus.

## HONOR GUARD



In 2020 the Honor Guard had a total of 17 commitments; this is down from 2019 due to COVID-19 issues. Several events were canceled and the number of funerals we were allowed to participate in were very limited. At the end of 2020 the Honor Guard had 18 active members, all fully uniformed.

The Honor Guard participated in the Mayoral Inauguration, the 65<sup>th</sup> Academy Graduation, four presentation of colors at sporting events, eight retired officer funerals and viewings, one LOD funeral, and two parades. In 2021 the Honor Guard hopes to be at 23 active members. The Honor Guard hopes to resume training and continue to provide a positive and professional representation of the Fort Wayne Police Department.



## WESTERN QUADRANTS



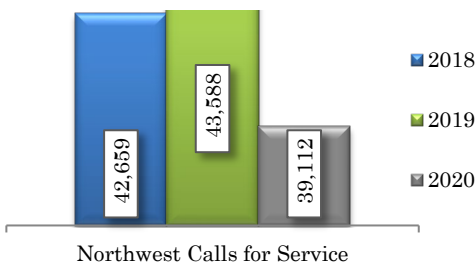
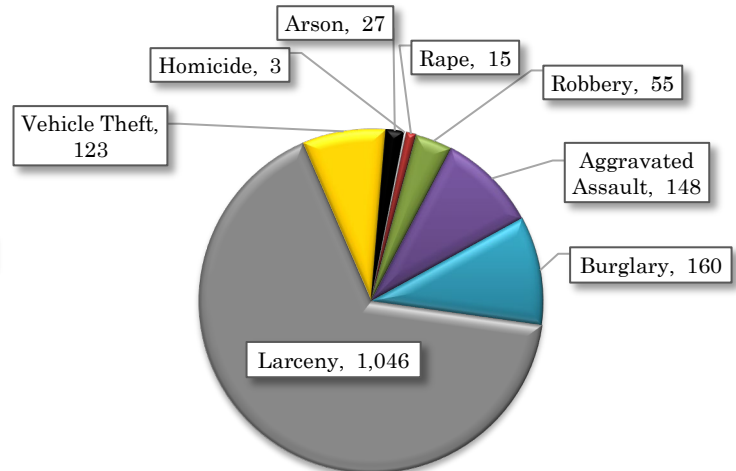
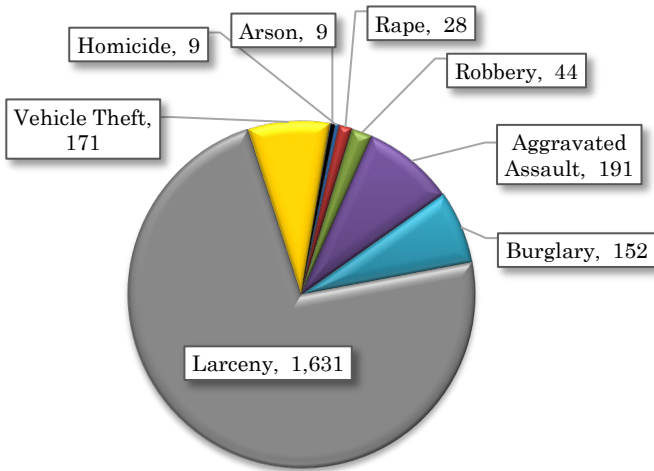
**Stephen Haffner**  
Deputy Chief  
Western Quadrants

In 2020 the Western Quadrants were commanded by Deputy Chief Stephen Haffner and Captains Paul Smith (Northwest) and Derrick Westfield (Southwest). The quadrant consists of Northwest Operations and Southwest Operations. The Northwest Quadrant provides police service to approximately 80,290 citizens. The quadrant covers 33.53 miles. In 2020, the Northwest Division had 39,112 calls for service compared to 43,588 in 2019. This was a decrease of 10.2%.

The Southwest Quadrant serves roughly 78,187 residents. The quadrant covers 35 miles. In 2020, the Southwest Division had 31,539 calls for service compared to 37,085 in 2019. This was a significant decrease of 14.9%.

**2020 NORTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**

**2020 SOUTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHWEST:	
NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	500
Drug House Closures	12
Traffic Stops	4,769

MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHWEST:	
NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1278
Drug House Closures	18
Traffic Stops	3,223



## EASTERN QUADRANTS

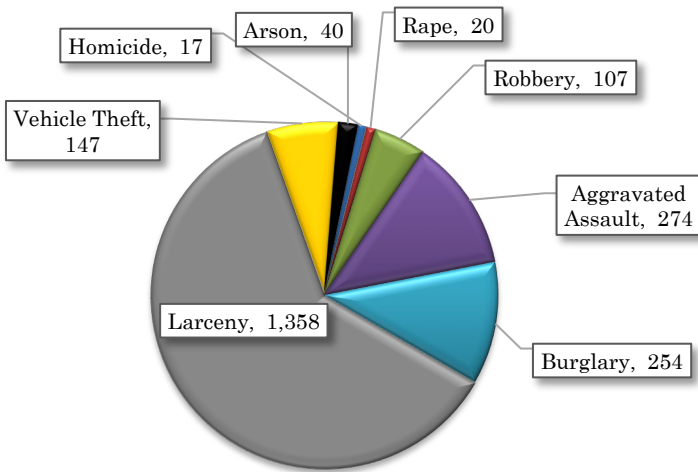


**Paul Shrawder**  
Deputy Chief  
Eastern Quadrants

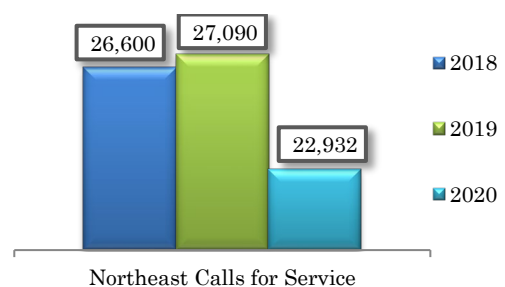
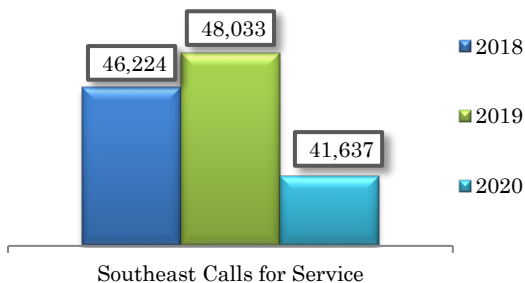
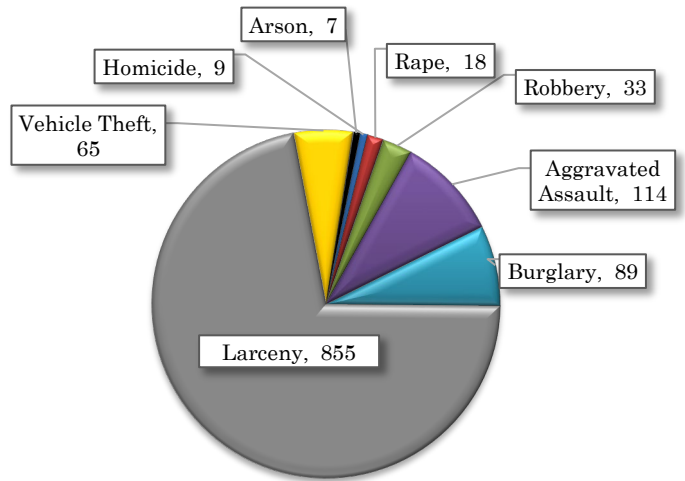
In 2020 the Eastern Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Paul Shrawder and Captains William Corn (Southeast) and Scott Caudill (Northeast). The Southeast Quadrant provides police service to approximately 52,000 residents and covers 17.5 square miles of the City's total 110.36 miles. In 2020, the Southeast Division had 41,637 calls for service compared to 48,033 in 2019. This was a decrease of 13.3%. 2020 was a challenging year due to the Pandemic, however it had a positive impact on reported crime.

The Northeast Quadrant serves roughly 76,000 residents and covers 33.36 square miles of territory. In 2020, there were 22,932 calls for service compared to 27,090 in 2019. This was a decrease of 15.3%. There was a notable increase in aggravated assaults this year over last and reported burglaries in the Northeast Quadrant decreased markedly.

### 2020 SOUTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### 2020 NORTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



#### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHEAST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1,106
Drug House Closures	33
Traffic Stops	5,449

#### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHEAST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	757
Drug House Closures	9
Traffic Stops	2,704



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS



**Martin Bender**  
Deputy Chief  
Southwest Division

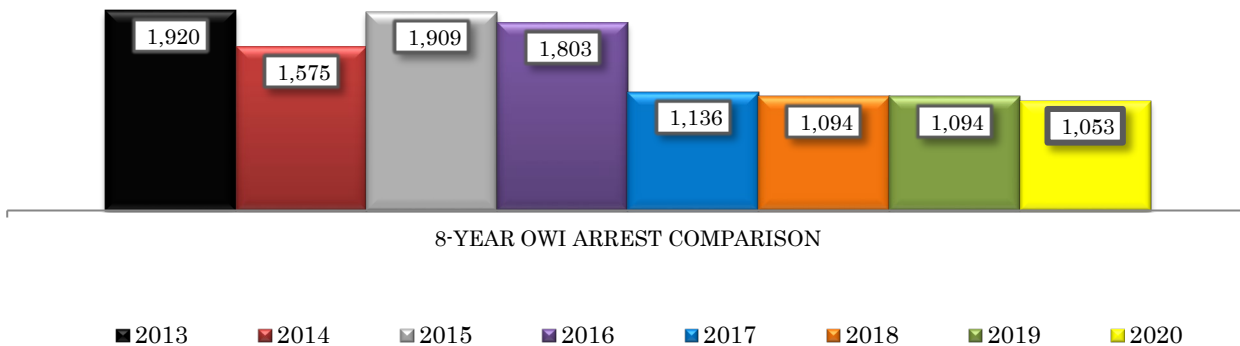
In 2020 Deputy Chief Martin Bender and Captain Scott Berning commanded the Special Operations Division. The Division consists of the Fort Wayne/Allen County Crash Team (FACT), Hit/Skip Section, Traffic Safety Grants, Emergency Services Team (EST), Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Crisis Response Team (CRT), Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU), Public Safety Response Team (PSRT), Air Support Unit (ASU) and the K9 Unit.

### TRAFFIC OVERVIEW

Lieutenant Tony Maze is the Traffic Grant Coordinator for the Fort Wayne Police Department and the Traffic Coordinator for the Fatal Accident Crash Team (FACT). He oversees the acquisition of traffic safety grants, their administration, and day-to-day coordination of the FACT team. Additionally, Lt. Maze oversees the Allen County Traffic Safety Partnership, which was formed in spring 2009.

8-YEAR CRASH COMPARISON								
Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Property Damage	7,196	7,583	8,934	9,543	9,153	9,169	9,167	7,249
Personal Injury	1,641	1,688	1,798	1,790	1,874	1,669	1,629	1,286
Hit-Skip	2,040	2,215	2,615	2,724	2,705	2,855	2,822	2,507
Fatals	12	17	12	18	21	14	22	18

In 2020 there were 1,094 people tested at “B-90” in the Allen County Confinement Center, the central location for the BAC DATA MASTER. The average Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of those drivers arrested in Fort Wayne or Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) was .161%.

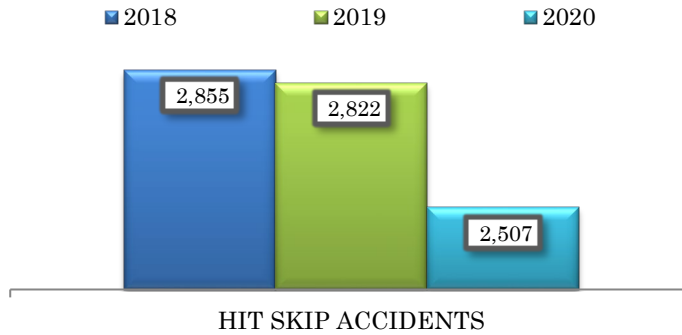




### FORT WAYNE/ALLEN COUNTY CRASH TEAM (FACT)

FACT was established in June 2006. The unit consists of officers from the Fort Wayne Police Department; five teams with five officers on each team. These officers (who volunteer to serve on this team) are specifically trained to investigate serious injury and fatal crashes throughout Allen County. Grant assistance is obtained from the Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving. In 2020 FACT responded to 23 serious bodily injury or fatal crashes in Fort Wayne, down 19 from 42 in 2019. Of those, 16 were fatal crashes with 18 deaths as a result of those crashes.

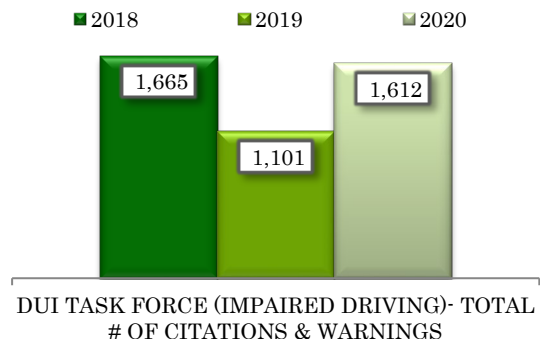
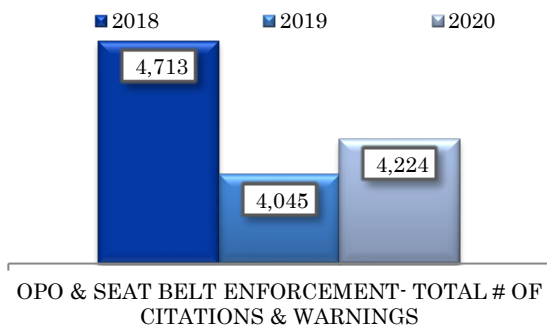
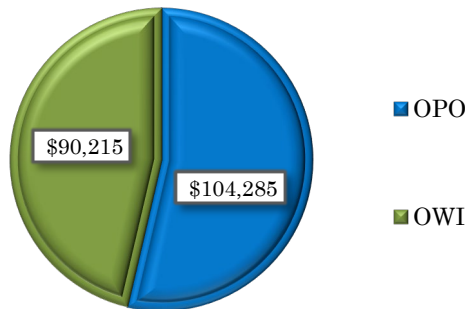
### HIT-SKIP SECTION



### TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

The Governor’s Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) awarded all grants to the department. In fiscal year 2019-2020 (October 1- September 30) the Fort Wayne Police Department was granted \$213,000 to be disbursed to agencies within the Allen County Traffic Safety Partnership.

Grant Disbursement  
(Fiscal Year Oct. 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2020)

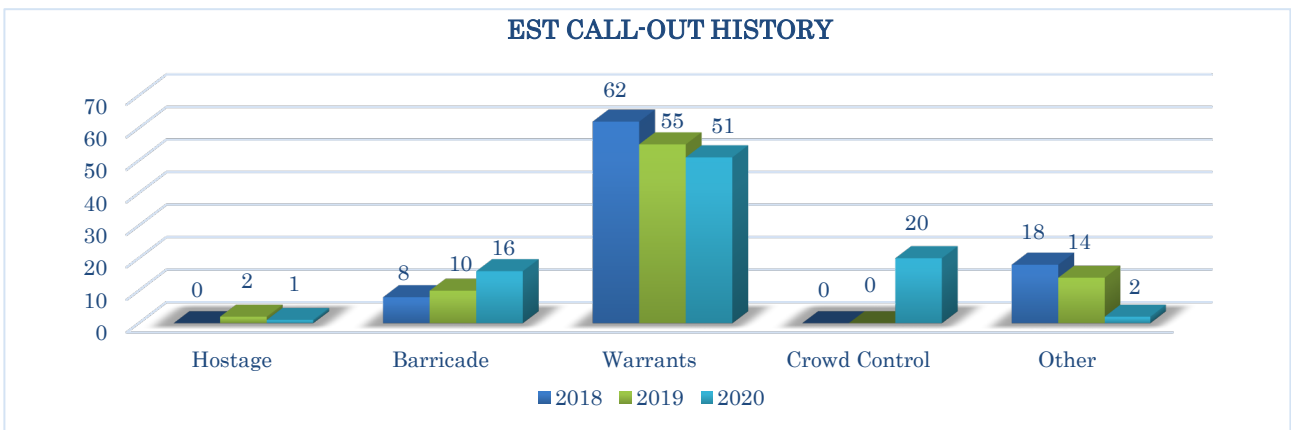




### EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM (EST)



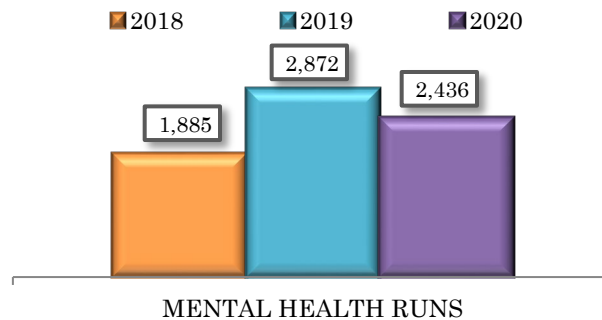
In 2020, the Emergency Services Team resolved 91 operations (a 10% increase from 2019) including 51 high risk warrant services, one hostage situation, 16 barricaded suspects, 20 crowd control and two operations categorized as “other”. Of the high-risk warrant services, 35 were for the Vice and Narcotics Division, seven for the Gang and Violent Crimes Unit, seven for the Investigative Services Division, one for the FBI, and one for the BATFE. The team also assisted PSRT with peaceful protests, civil unrest, as well as riots during the summer months; provided a Counter Assault Team for a Vice President visit; and for the second year in a row responded to a false report of an active shooter at the Glenbrook Mall.



### CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)



The Fort Wayne Police Department Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program (modeled after the original program in Memphis, Tennessee) was implemented on August 1, 2001, in order to provide an immediate response by trained law enforcement officers to deal with persons in the Fort Wayne community who are experiencing a mental health crisis. One goal established for the program was to divert persons with a mental illness from incarceration, and to treat the mental illness as the priority. During 2020, there were 2,436 reported mental health runs. This was a 15.1% decrease from 2019. The CIT protocol was put into practice 1,591 times based on circumstances of the call.





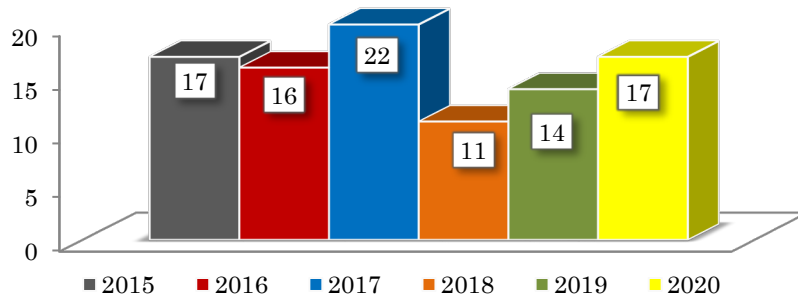
## CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT)



The Crisis Response Team (CRT) was formed to respond to hostage, barricade situations, or suicidal incidents, which might require the use of negotiators. The ultimate goal of the CRT is to peacefully resolve all calls that they respond to, minimizing injury to officers, victims and suspects involved. In 2020, the team was comprised of 12 personnel. As a specialty team under the organizational authority of the FWPD Special Operations Deputy Chief, CRT provides crisis negotiations support in close coordination with the Department’s Emergency Services Team (EST) under the authority of the

designated Incident Scene Commander during critical incidents involving barricaded suspect(s) or hostage-takers. CRT continues to excel professionally as a negotiations team, with a high degree of career competency, career experience and healthy team dynamics among its members. Team members continue to provide instructional presentations and networked negotiations training and consulting to other police negotiations teams. During 2020, there were 17 CRT/EST/ASU critical incident callouts during the downturn of the COVID-19 pandemic. During 2020, CRT supported EST with over 25 such warrant service deployments. CRT continues to prioritize improved first responder negotiations skills through faster on-duty response to critical types of situations in collaboration with personnel from EST and ASU.

**CRT CALL-OUT HISTORY**



## HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT



The Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) consists of eight members and is responsible for responding to eleven counties in Northeast Indiana. In 2020, the unit responded to 107 calls for service, which was a 47.5% decrease from 2019. The unit continues to grow and in 2020 it added a new robot, replaced its aging response vehicle (issued 2005), and moved towards fully equipping the two new technicians with equipment. The HDU added on an additional large robot platform to work in tandem with the old platform that has been in service since 2005 and continues to function. This addition will allow the HDU to operate more efficiently at calls and have the ability to operate

without having to send a bomb technician physically down range.



## PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TEAM (PSRT)



The Public Safety Response Team (PSRT) is a specially trained team that is responsible for responding on very short notice to serve the citizens of Fort Wayne during a time of civil unrest. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to: civil disturbances, protests, large public gatherings, dignitary protection, crowd control, and any other detail that requires the assistance of a large number of officers.

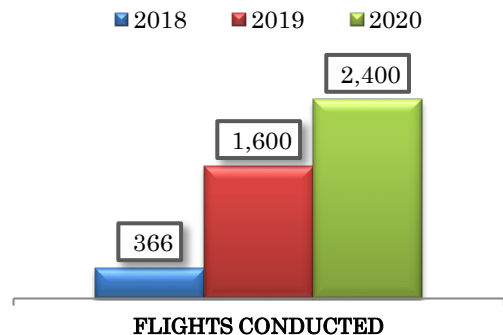
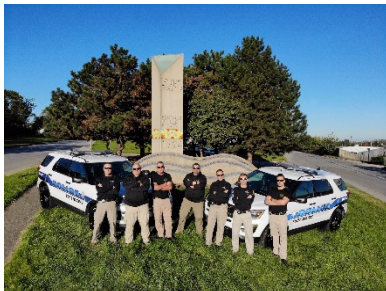
In 2020, the Public Safety Response Team responded to peaceful protests, civil unrest, as well as riots during the summer months. These riots quickly escalated into criminal activity and the team was called upon for the first time since its inception to respond to a large-scale incident. Beginning May 29, 2020, the PSRT was deployed either on full operational standby, or on a partial operational stand-by for the majority of that period. In addition, the team provided dignitary protection for former Vice President Mike Pence during a campaign stop at the Fort Wayne Aero Center in November. The goal of the team will be to continue to improve in all phases of operation so they may better serve the city residents of Fort Wayne.

## AIR SUPPORT UNIT (ASU)



The FWRPD Air Support Unit was created on June 29, 2017 and is comprised of seven FAA Part 107 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Pilots. ASU has continued to develop a close working partnership with the Fort Wayne Fire Department’s ASU team, including the sharing of communications across teams. In 2020, ASU flew 2,400 flights, conducted 177 missions, had 375 flight hours, and flew approximately 680 miles. Furthermore, the ASU responded to a total of 141 calls for service. The total flights were a 50% increase from 2019, which had approximately 1,600 flights. The mission of the UAS program is to provide aerial support and

assistance to the FWRPD and the department’s specialty teams. ASU created working groups to help with the continued growth of sUAS in public safety in northeastern Indiana and the rest of the state. These working groups will help assist nearby jurisdictions with starting, incorporating, and maintaining their drone capabilities for their respective departments. The working groups created in 2020 were FWRPD and Allen County Office of Homeland Security’s Drone Working Group and the Northeastern Indiana UAS Drone Working Group. ASU has continued to move forward in 2020 by providing the City of Fort Wayne with the latest in counter-drone technology.







## DOWNTOWN PATROL

In 2020, the department implemented year-round patrolling for the Downtown Bike Patrol. The officers monitor the downtown area and near-by parks and trails. Staffing also increased from three to seven officers.

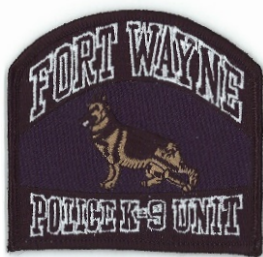
- Radio Runs: 521
- Officer Initiated Runs: 843
- Citations Issued: 157
- Individuals Arrested: 250
- Community-Related Events: 126



In addition to their patrol duties, they also assist in the following community-related events:

- Escorted Tuesday evening Trek the Trails bicycle rides
- Bike to School Day/Safety Instruction for Price School in May
- Aboite Elementary Bike Rodeo
- Boy Scout Bike Rodeo
- Ride of Silence
- Winter Solstice Ride
- Active Commuter Breakfasts
- Open Streets
- Promenade Park Opening

## CANINE (K9) UNIT:



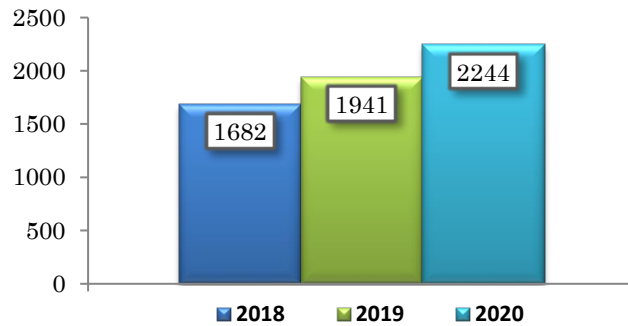
The K9 Unit training program is commanded by NAPWDA Master Trainer Sgt. Robert Theurer and consists of 14 K9 team members. The K9 Unit continued to provide service to the department fulfilling their commitment to the Operations Division and Narcotics Division. They also fulfilled requests for K9 demonstrations and lectures with a very minimum amount of overtime incurred. Instruction on K9 Policing was provided for the Fort Wayne Police Training Center. K9 Drug Interdiction programs for Fort Wayne Community Schools were taught during the year as well.

In 2020, there were 168 hours of specialized instruction, made available by in-house nationally accredited police K9 instructors. One Basic K9 class was held in 2020 totaling 664 hours of instruction for 4 new K9 teams, including one team for the Bluffton Police Department. In 2020 there were 72 hours of K9 instruction provided to neighboring agencies K9 teams. The Fort Wayne Police Department's Explosive Detection Dogs were utilized 30 times throughout 2020. The uses included threats and pre-event sweeps. Both explosive detection teams maintain National certifications that are recognized by both State and Federal agencies. All three K9 trainers

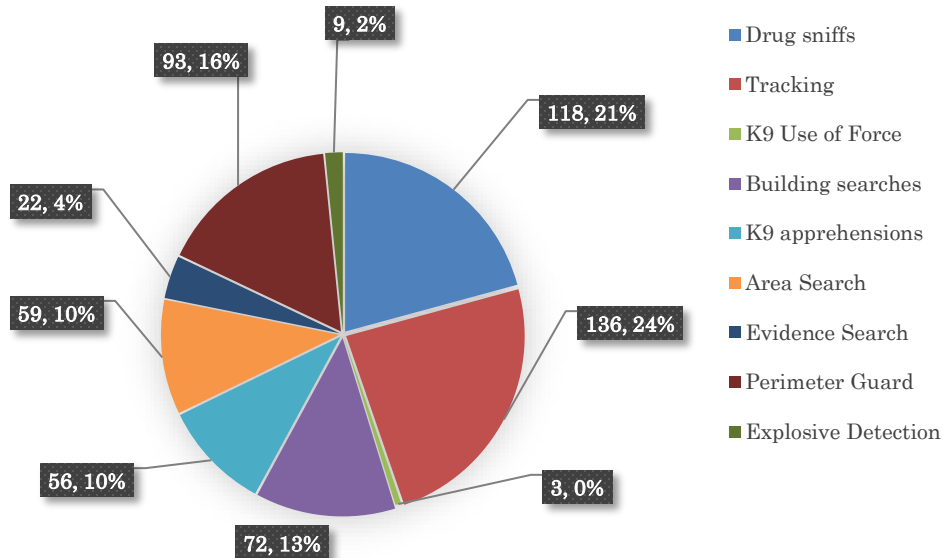


successfully renewed their national accreditation from the North American Police Work Dog Association as Trainers of Police Utility and Narcotics Detection K9 teams. One FWPD Police Service Dog was retired in 2020. K9 Ado served the department for eight years and retired to Florida along with his handler Officer Richard Jennings. Officer Jennings was a 22-year veteran of the K9 Unit.

# OF INCIDENTS WITH K9 UTILIZATION



Highest Reported K9 Utilizations in 2020





## COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION



**Mitchell McKinney**  
 Captain  
 Community Relations

Captain Mitchell McKinney commands the Community Relations Division. He is a 26-year veteran of the department and brings a wealth of experience to his role. The mission of the Community Relations Division is to bring the police department and the community together to facilitate a better understanding of what the department does through the organizing of events in collaboration with other specialty teams and their equipment. During the year the Fort Wayne Police Department Facebook page saw a little more growth in the number of followers from 20,706 in 2019 to 21,530 in 2020. The Facebook site has proven to be very popular with the community and is very useful in answering questions. The page has also been used for recruitment efforts.

The Community Relations Division is made up of the Public Information Officer (PIO) Sgt. Sofia Rosales-Scatena, Safety Village directed by Officer Jessica Ingram, School Resource Officer (SRO) program supervised by Sgt.

Jim Seay and this year we welcomed our newest member, Officer Lisa Woods, as our community liaison officer.

The Community Relations Division strives as a whole to reach out to the citizens of Fort Wayne to provide opportunities to form relationships. 2020 was a trying year due to the pandemic; many of the events that the Fort Wayne Police Department were to participate in were non-existent. During the 2020 year we experienced civil unrest in our community and the Community Relations Division was quick to establish lanes of communication with the citizens. The efforts on the part of Sgt. Sofia Rosales-Scatena are to be commended as she spearheaded many assignments to allow for face-to-face conversations with various people around the city. Captain Mitch McKinney met with several community leaders to conduct Procedural Justice and Legitimacy courses to educate the community on the procedures of the police department. All of these sessions proved positive in settling the rage that was apparent in the community.

### LIAISON OFFICER:

Meet the newest member to the Community Relations Division, Officer Lisa Woods. Officer Woods will be working with the PIO under the direction of the Captain of the Community Relations Division, responsibilities include maintaining relationships with various community groups and educating them on police services. Officer Woods has excellent communications skills and is well respected in the community. She holds a certification as an instructor through the Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB), has served the department as a staff instructor for basic recruit classes and is a member of Crisis Response Team (CRT) as a trained negotiator. We are excited to have Officer Woods as a part of the team.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:

The main duty of the Public Information Officer (PIO) is to respond to major incidents to manage the release of information to the media and the community. Sgt. Rosales-Scatena maintains close relationships with both local and national media and keeps busy disseminating information. As one of two supervisors in the Community Relations Division, Sgt. Rosales-Scatena is very active and attends community events to include but not limited to block parties, presentations to school groups and various group functions. She also conducts community talks. Sgt. Rosales-Scatena has also



been instrumental in increasing the department’s Facebook page ‘likes’ and ‘followers’ with her inventive and creative posts.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM:**

The Fort Wayne Police Department’s School Resource Officer Program is a partnership with Fort Wayne Community Schools in which officers are assigned to work the assigned middle schools during the school year to interact with our community’s youth. Sgt. James Seay oversees this program. Each of these officers does an outstanding job and provides much more than security for the schools. This year they were required to provide security and traffic control as the schools turned into feeding stations for the community members who were struggling due to the pandemic. The SROs develop relationships by mentoring and building bridges between the students and the Fort Wayne Police Department. The SROs attend after school activities including parent/teacher conferences.

This year was a little different since schools went to remote learning. The SRO’s continued teaching the Project ALERT curriculum to their students alerting them to the dangers of alcohol and drugs and discussing alternatives to these substances. The SROs assist the school administration with conflict mediations. Whenever a student has not logged into the virtual classroom, the SRO and a teacher representative visit the home of the student to make sure that student is all right and that the student has the proper equipment to continue with their studies. In addition to the Project ALERT requirements, the SROs are required to present on the Heather’s Law and the Erin’s Law regarding child abuse and child sexual abuse prevention. There are six SROs who are assigned at various middle schools:

- Ben Young—Northwood Middle School*
- Alisha Smith—Kekionga Middle School*
- Chris McAfee—Jefferson Middle School*

- Greg Addison—Portage Middle School*
- James Payne—Lakeside Middle School*
- Sherronda Freeman—Memorial Park Middle School*





Each SRO in relation to their assigned school tracks performance measures. The following tables represent two periods for comparison.

2020 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JANUARY-JUNE 2020			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	58	Total Infraction Arrests	0
Total Administrative Teamwork	3,101	Smoking/Vaping Citations	0
Total Classes Taught	29	Total Felony Arrests	0
Total Classroom Visits	628	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	7
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	188	Total Drug Arrests	6
Parent Contacts	143	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	32	Other Weapons Seized	0
Academic Support	73	Total 911 Hang Ups	9
Elementary School Visits	48	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	30
After-School Activities	29	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	10
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,391</b>

2020 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JULY-DECEMBER 2020			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	41	Total Infraction Arrests	0
Total Administrative Teamwork	3,411	Smoking/Vaping Citations	0
Total Classes Taught	14	Total Felony Arrests	1
Total Classroom Visits	364	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	3
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	103	Total Drug Arrests	1
Parent Contacts	294	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	254	Other Weapons Seized	0
Academic Support	92	Total 911 Hang Ups	8
Elementary School Visits	70	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	24
After-School Activities	11	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	58
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,749</b>

**SAFETY EDUCATION BUREAU:**



Officer Jessica Ingram has been with the Safety Village since April of 2019. 2020 was a year full of challenges since most of the schools went to remote learning due to the Pandemic. Officer Ingram created a new outdoor program that allowed small groups to attend outdoors during the summer months. At the start of the school year Officer Ingram traveled to the different schools bringing along her roadway rugs and street signs to speak to

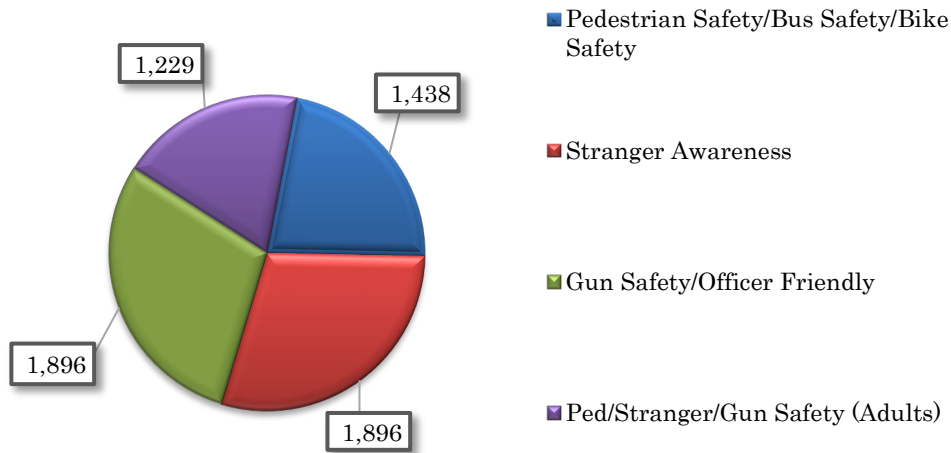
the children about pedestrian safety, along with the bus/bus stop safety program, which was mostly presented outside in the school parking lots. For many children the Safety Village is their only field trip of the year. We take pride in offering excellent presentations so that the kids can learn and practice safety, along with visiting a Safety Village that represents the pride we have in the City of Fort Wayne.



**2020 OUTREACH AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Received Pizza Hut coupons for the children.
- Painted several areas around the village that were in dire need of new paint
- FWFD cleaned up the grounds, edging and power washed. They also tore down the old playhouse.
- Continued partnership with Peg Perego to repair their donated vehicles for free.
- Received new Safety Village coloring books from American Electric Power (AEP).
- FW FOP donated over a 100 helmets to safety village which were handed out for free to kids and adults.
- New Officer friendly coloring books.
- New PowerPoint Programs and pictures for school programs.
- AEP started renovation on their building.
- Eddie the Eagle Materials, donated by the program through NRA
- New outdoor program for the village and for remote presentations at schools.
- New videos for children to learn about Safety Awareness/strangers.

**SAFETY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2020:**

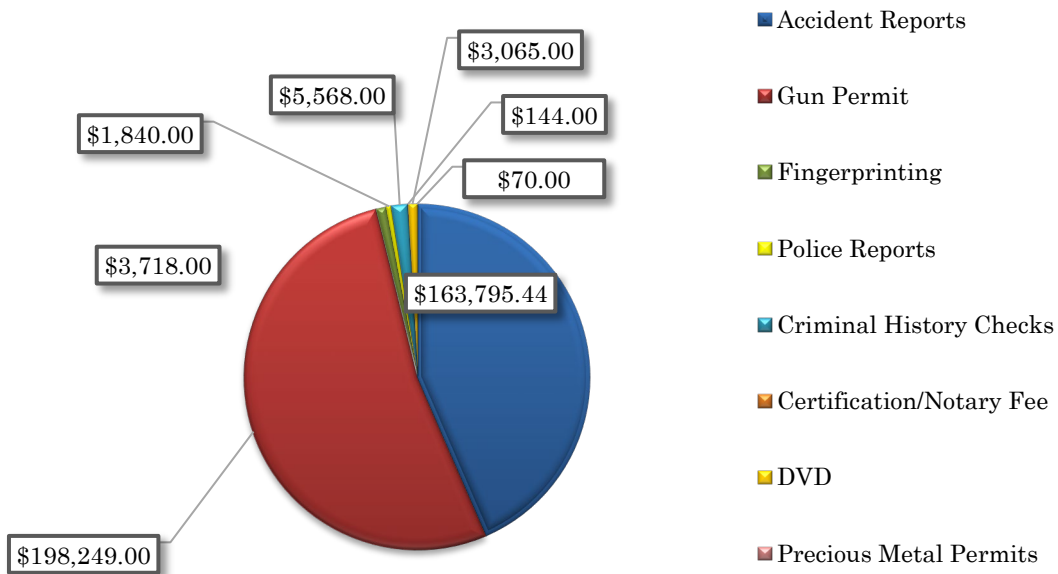




## RECORDS BUREAU

The primary responsibility of the Records Bureau is to maintain the security and integrity of all police records. The responsibilities include services to the public, as well as department officers and other police agencies in the form of accident reports, gun permits, incident reports, and fingerprinting. The number of calls answered by the Records Bureau in 2020 were 137,087: 107,145 Non-Emergency, 7,634 Police desk calls and 8,133 Teleservice calls. The total revenue generated in 2020 was \$376,449.44.

Records Bureau - 2020 Revenue Generated:





**IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

*To those police officers who gave their lives unselfishly in the performance of their duties. These officers are deserving of our recognition and appreciation of their devotion to duty and service to our citizens.*



NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Officer David Alexander Tinsley.....	September 11, 2018
Officer Bradley W. Matteson.....	October 5, 2000
Sergeant Kenneth William Hayden .....	September 12, 1989
Officer Omega Graham, Jr.....	December 10, 1987
Officer Kenneth Stevenson .....	July 17, 1969
Officer Matthew C. Gebhard.....	March 10, 1926

**2020 PROMOTIONS**

Officers wishing to further their career may participate in the Department’s promotional process. Four components factor into the process: competitive exam, personal interview, past performance evaluations, and seniority. Final scores are tabulated, and then certified by an accountant and the Police Merit Commission. After this is completed, an eligibility list is generated. Every two years a new process commences.

**MERIT RANK PROMOTIONS    JANUARY 27, 2020**

- Chris Reed ..... Lieutenant
- Juan Carlos Gutierrez ..... Sergeant
- George Nicklow ..... Sergeant

**MERIT RANK PROMOTION    MAY 18, 2020**

- Justin Ross ..... Sergeant

**MERIT RANK PROMOTION    DECEMBER 14, 2020**

- Matthew Wilson ..... Sergeant

**MERIT RANK PROMOTIONS    MARCH 23, 2020**

- Keith Adair..... Sergeant

**MERIT RANK PROMOTION    AUGUST 17, 2020**

- Josh Hartup ..... Sergeant

**Merit Ranks** are standard, non-appointed ranks that change through promotion or demotion. Merit ranks include, Patrol Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant.  
**Appointed Ranks** are non-permanent ranks conferred upon a member by the Chief of Police (appointed by the Mayor). After serving in an appointed rank, a supervisor returns to his or her permanent merit rank.

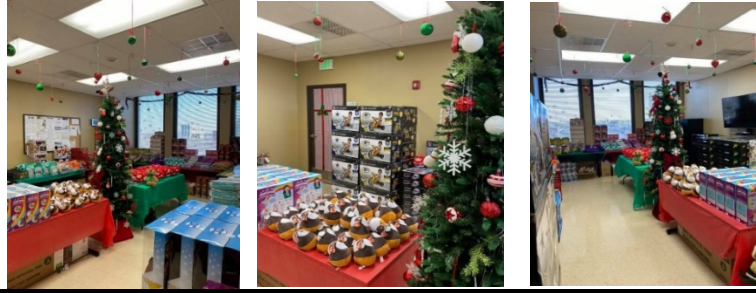




# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

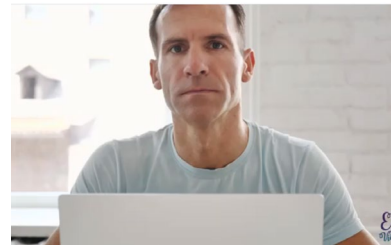
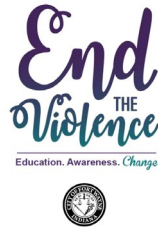
## VICTIM ASSISTANCE SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Victim Assistance hosted their annual Santa's Workshop. This event is held each year due to the generosity of the Indiana Pacers and the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, who donate Christmas toys for the workshop. Walmart on Lima Road also donated a tree and ornaments to add to the Christmas spirit.



## END THE VIOLENCE

During October 2020, the Mayor's Commission on Domestic Violence, Rape, and Sexual Harrassment created a video for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Commission is a diverse group of individuals who work to provide their community resources to this type of violence. Becoming a victim is something no one ever plans on doing, but it happens. People from all walks of life are victimized every day, but being a victim does not define you. Visit [www.endtheviolencefortwayne.org](http://www.endtheviolencefortwayne.org) to watch the [video](#) and seek additional resources.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMUNITY BUILD

In July 2020, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne teamed up with the FWP, Fort Wayne UNITED, and Youth for Christ to build a home for a family in the Renaissance Pointe neighborhood. One focus of the project was to build up relationships between the Fort Wayne Police Department and people in the community.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## TUNES & TRUCKS

From June 26 through August 7, 2020, the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne partnered with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 14 and the Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union to host Tunes & Trucks on Fridays from 5 pm- 8 pm. The event was a family-friendly community activity celebrating summer and featuring food trucks, live music, and \$5 raffle prizes. All attendees practiced social distancing and wore masks.



## 2020 VICTIM ASSISTANCE BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY

This year's Book Bag Giveaway had to be held slightly different to make sure those who attended were kept safe. The event was held at Lawton Park and was designed in a 'drive-up' style. Attendees stayed in their cars and drove by a check point to receive their book bag.



## FYPD LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM "ALL AROUND THE BLOCK"

In August 2020 FYPD kicked off "All Around the Block" at Georgetown Place. Liaison Officer Lengerich teamed up with his neighborhood association to develop this program to meet neighbors. Officer Lengerich, along with the Association Board Members, made an appointment with residents via email. Officers (including the Community Relations Team), residents, and association members discussed neighborhood and policing issues.





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## FOP KOPS 4 KIDS SHOPPING SPREE

The Fraternal Order of Police- Indiana Wayne Lodge 14, continued their partnership with Meijer for the FOP's annual shopping spree during the holiday season, but due to COVID-19 safety protocol requirements, the shopping arrangement was slightly different. Instead of shopping with the families, our officers received wish lists from the families and shopped for the items themselves.



## MAKING KYLER'S DREAMS COME TRUE

10-year old Kyler Drenning wanted to be a police officer. It was his dream. Young Kyler was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer at age 4 and underwent many brain surgeries and chemotherapy. FWPD officers were first introduced to Kyler in August 2020 when he ran a lemonade stand. Sergeants Griffin and Nicklow learned of his dream and spent a great day with him, giving him a ride in a police car and the EST Bearcat. Soon after Sgt. Griffin and Guns N Hoses, a locally run police charity, wasted no time in creating a "Bucket List Day" for Kyler. He went bass fishing, took a ride in a helicopter, and then had a homemade buffet of his favorite Mexican foods. To top off the day Kyler was made an honorary FWPD officer. Later Kyler would assume the rank of Captain in Chief Reed's office. Guns N Hoses also sent the Drenning family to Great Wolf Lodge for a much-needed vacation. Unfortunately, Kyler's health took a turn for the worse and his cancer began to take over. It is so difficult to understand why things happen but FWPD Officers believe Kyler was brought into their lives for a reason. He made a tremendous impact on so many people. He taught others what really matters in life- making life better for those you care about and love.





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## **VICTIM ASSISTANCE GIVEN NATIONAL AWARD**

In October 2020, Victim Assistance was the recipient of a national award from the Department of Justice: The Crime Victims' Rights Award. Victim Assistance was one of thirteen recipients nationwide to receive this prestigious recognition.



## **DEPARTMENT WEB-SITE UPDATED**

In August 2020, the Department's website was updated to allow the community easier access to information and answers to questions they may have. A new section was added on the home page titled "How do I...?" that lists commonly asked questions. The website also added a Community Outreach page to share what resources are available to the community. Visit our page at [www.fwpcd.org](http://www.fwpcd.org)

The screenshot displays the updated website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Inside FWPDP, Careers, Activity Log, Crime Stats, Community Outreach, Report Activity, and News. Below this, a 'How do I...?' section lists various services such as 'Obtain an accident report', 'Obtain a police report', and 'Pay a parking ticket'. The main content area features news articles, including 'Habitat for Humanity Panel Build' and 'Shooting Investigation - Rally's Hamburgers'. A 'Community Outreach' section is also visible, featuring photos of community events and a list of staff members.



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## Fort Wayne UNITED launches United Front

In October 2020, Fort Wayne UNITED launched a new initiative: United Front. This initiative provides support to the community by offering a comprehensive program for citywide cultural competency training, racial healing, and unity. Visit [www.unitedfrontinitiative.com](http://www.unitedfrontinitiative.com) to learn more. In 2021 a monthly keynote will be presented at The Clyde Theatre on the United Front topic of the month, some of which includes: implicit bias & microaggressions; stress of minorities; and difficult conversations.



## HEALTHY HABITS EVENT AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

On April 24, 2020, the Fort Wayne Police Department assisted the Boys & Girls Club in distributing Healthy Habits Care Packages to anyone in need during the COVID pandemic. Items being given out included shampoo, deodorant, body soap, toothpaste, and dishsoap.



## FYPD'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

In October FYPD teamed up again with Lutheran Health Network, Vera Bradley, and Cancer Services of NE Indiana to raise money for breast cancer awareness by selling a pink FYPD magnet or cling. In addition to this, the department also held it's own campaign, which allowed officers to make a contribution to wear a pink badge for the month. Proceeds were shared with the Vera Bradley Foundation, Cancer Services of NE Indiana, and the Peppermint Giggles Project.





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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB “TEEN TALK”**

On February 12, 2020, the Fort Wayne Police Department participated in a “Teen Talk” event at the Boys & Girls Club. Teen club members freely talked to Chief Reed and officers about what it’s like to be a police officer, how they deal with what they see and how they feel about their jobs. They also discussed other topics such as the City’s violence and racial relations. The teens were given a safe place to share and express frustrations, fears, and emotions about policing. Ultimately both sides learned that they weren’t so different in their hopes for a safe community and a better future for each other.



## **Fort Wayne UNITED “REAL DAD TALKS”**

In 2020 a series of online discussions (Tuesdays at 7:30 pm) were held with guest speakers to talk about the bonds between a father and his child/children. Some of the topics included: importance of having a parent-friendly relationship with your children; the challenges of being a single Dad; developing a strong bond between a father and son; and how to handle social media and political discourse with your children.



## **ST. JOE COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD GIVEAWAY**

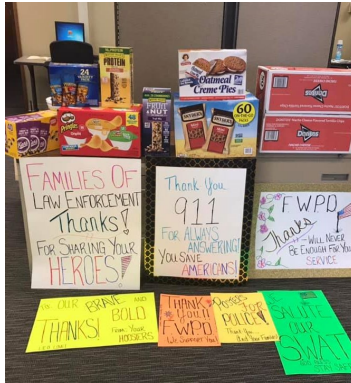
On October 27, 2020, the department helped St. Joe Community Church on Anthony Blvd. & Glenwood Drive with their food giveaway event.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## #FORTWAYNEROCKS #COMMUNITY #HELPINGOTHERS #KINDNESS #THANKYOU





## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### **FWPD K9 CONTEST ON NATIONAL DOG DAY**

On August 26, 2020, FWPD held a K9 contest where the community could vote for their favorite furry K9 officer. There was a tie and Rizzo and Kaine, along with the handlers Officers Mark Adam Brown and Greg Woods, won the competition.



### **26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BADGES**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Badges took place December 16-21 at the Redcross. Each year the area Firefighters/EMS and Police battle to win this competition. This year the Fort Wayne area police departments raised the most blood donations.

