



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## CITY OF FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

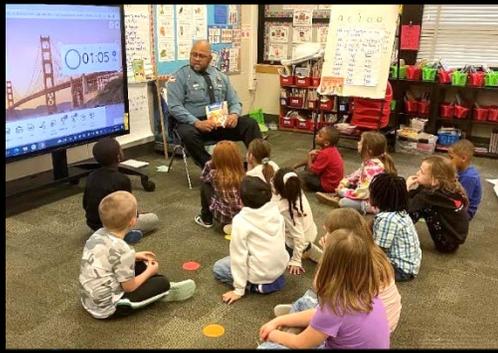


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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE CHIEF



**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 Support 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 Mitch McKinney of the Southeast Quadrant, Deputy Chief Steve Haffner of the Southwest Quadrant, Deputy Chief Paul Smith of the Northwest Quadrant, Deputy Chief Scott Caudill of the Northeast Quadrant, 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 in northeast Indiana and is the second largest city in the state. The city encompasses an area of about 111.08 square miles with a population of approximately 263,886 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 it 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 485 sworn officers and approximately 69 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 gives 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



**Scott Caudill**  
Deputy Chief –  
Northeast



**Mitchell McKinney**  
Deputy Chief –  
Southeast



**Paul Smith**  
Deputy Chief –  
Northwest



**Stephen J. Haffner**  
Deputy Chief –  
Southwest



**Martin Bender**  
Deputy Chief –  
Special Operations



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



**William D. Corn**  
Captain – NE



**Sofia Rosales-  
Scatena**  
Captain – SE



**Daniel Ingram**  
Captain – NW



**Derrick Westfield**  
Captain – SW



**Scott Berning**  
Captain – Special  
Operations



**Matthew Enyeart**  
Captain – ISD



**Kurtis Letz**  
Captain – Internal  
Affairs



**Juan Barrientes**  
Captain – Training  
Academy



**Kevin C. Hunter**  
Captain –  
Administrative



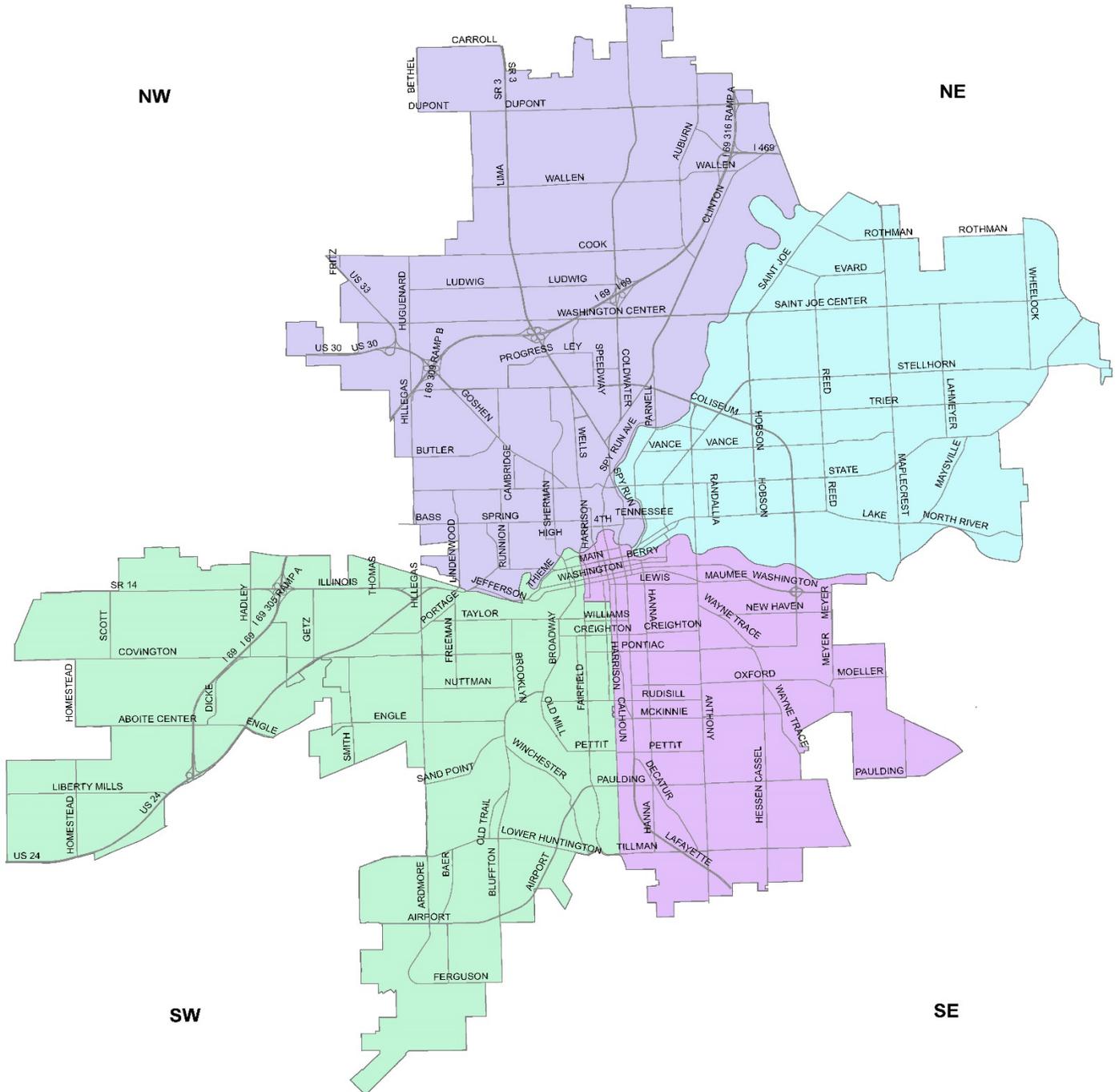
**David P. Nelson**  
Captain – Vice &  
Narcotics Division



**Shane Lee**  
Captain – ISD



# QUADRANTS



**Fort Wayne Police Department - Quadrants**

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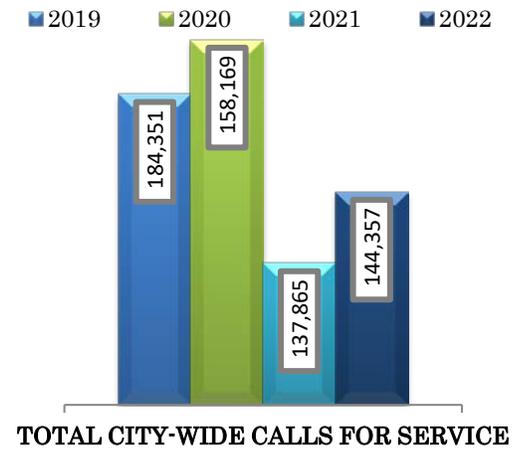
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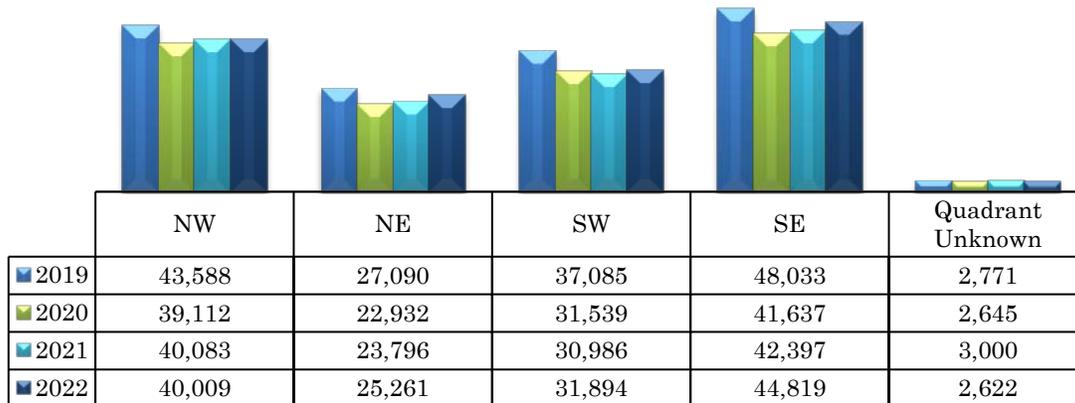


## CALLS FOR SERVICE AND BUDGET

TOP 10 INCIDENTS (CALLS FOR SERVICE)	
NATURE OF INCIDENT	TOTAL INCIDENTS
Traffic Stop	17,304
Traffic Accident	7,586
Audible Alarm	7,449
Disturbance	7,375
Suspicious	6,399
Domestic Disturbance	6,836
Theft	3,861
Attempt Contact/Check Wellbeing	4,438
Community Oriented Policing	4,058
Unwanted Person	4,532

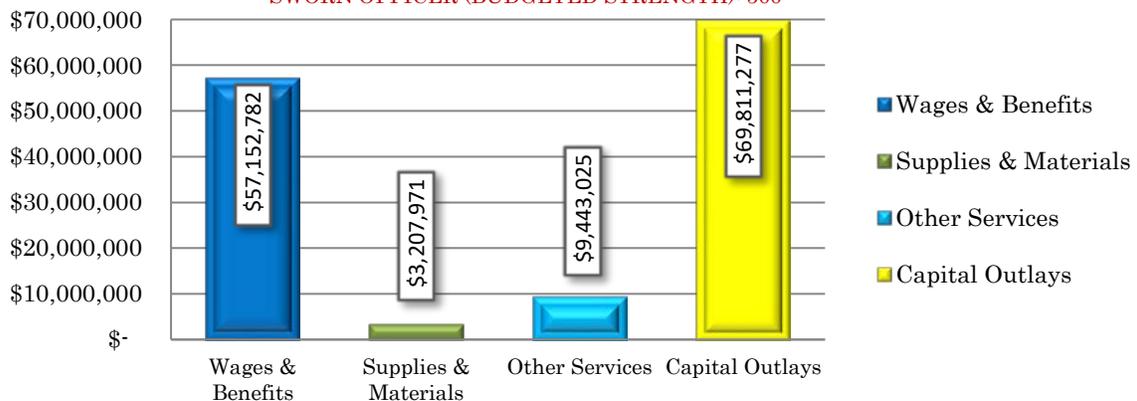


### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY QUADRANT



### 2022 POLICE BUDGET

SWORN OFFICER (BUDGETED STRENGTH): 500





## CHIEF'S COMPLEX



**Karl Niblick**  
Assistant Chief

In 2022 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:

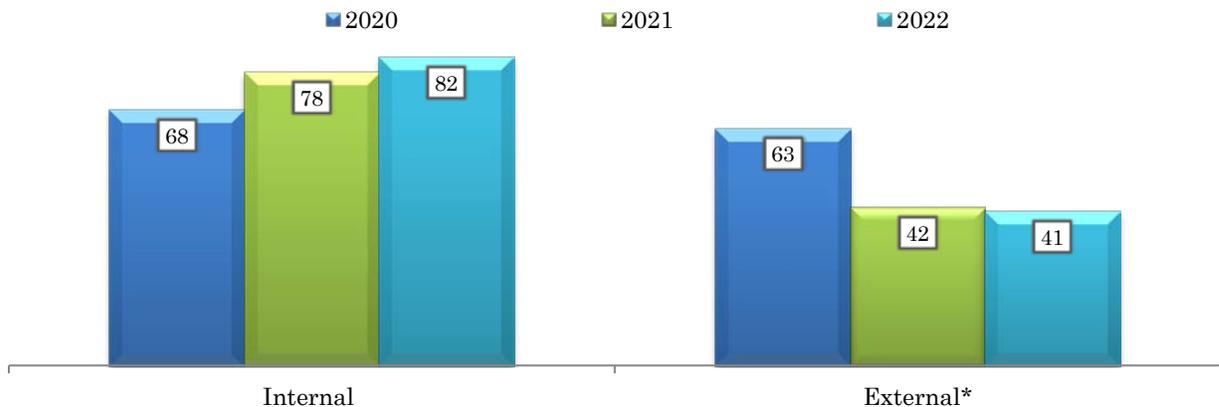
- Internal Affairs
- Information Systems & Technology Unit (ISTU)
- Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Police Training Center
- Fiscal Affairs & Payroll

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

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT:

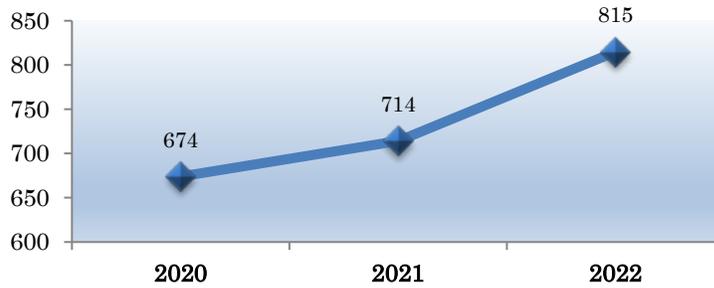
The Internal Affairs Unit saw an overall increase in activity during the 2022 calendar year. Captain Kurtis Letz commanded the Unit. The caseload was split between the two investigators in the unit, Sergeant Howard Johnson, and Sergeant Anthony Forte. Additionally, the Unit Commander, Investigators, along with the office Administrative Assistant, coordinated, monitored, and documented monthly drug tests. In all, 169 random drug screens were administered.

### 3-YEAR COMPARISON OF FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS





**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.

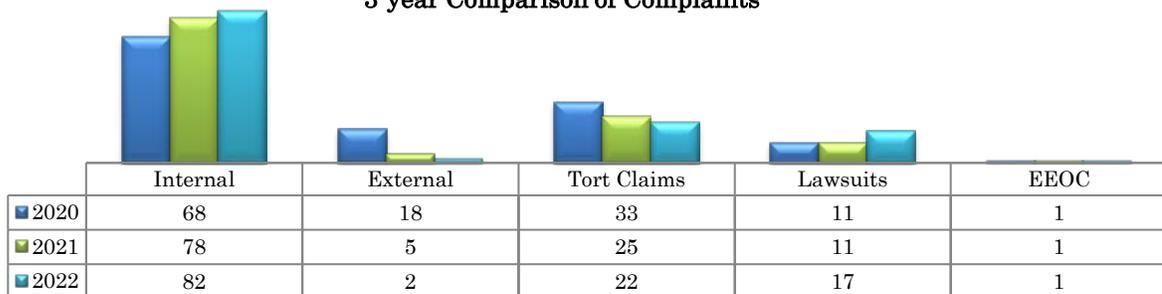
Examples:

(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>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Physical Force	746	744	746
Chemical Agent	76	50	76
Impact Weapon	3	3	3
Aimed Firearm	255	265	255
CED/Taser	86	95	86
Other/K9/Beanbag	7	5	7

**3-year Comparison of Complaints**





2022 EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS BY RACE, SEX , AND CATEGORY										
CATEGORY	M/B	M/W	M/H	M/A	F/B	F/W	F/H	F/A	UKN	TOTALS
EEOC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Force	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Improper Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Investigative Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawsuit	9	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	18
Obedience to Dept. Policies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tort Claims	5	7	0	0	6	4	1	0	1	23
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL):



The mission of PAL is to create safe and supportive places for kids to play while building positive relationships between the police department and the community. To serve this mission in 2022 PAL emphasized growing its participation in existing programs. The flagship football program collaborated with Fort Wayne Community Schools and the North Indiana Football Association to add a new “Prep for Tackle” league. This new league emphasizes player safety and teaching of fundamentals. PAL basketball experienced dramatic growth in 2022, going from 15 in 2021 to 53 in 2022. PAL also continues to provide valuable community services such as hosting CPR and First Aid certification classes as well as working with the Fort Wayne Juvenile Center.

Goals for 2023 include a conditioning camp in the spring and weightlifting later in the year. As the number of kids served by PAL continues to increase, this will strengthen the relationship between the police department and the Fort Wayne community.

2022 PAL PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS		
Program	Enrollment	Staff
AAU Basketball	285	20
Coed Basketball	53	9
Baseball	0	0
First Aid Certification	325	1
Football	774	115
Open Gym	268	7
Tennis	31	6
Volleyball	72	2
Youth Soccer	39	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>166</b>



**INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY UNIT (ISTU):**

The core mission in 2022 of ISTU continued to be maintaining the integrity of the Spillman system database, including the daily monitoring and correction of NIBRS data. ISTU worked on the Motorola Vault solution for sharing digital evidence with judicial partners. ISTU saw the conclusion of issuing body worn cameras to all uniformed patrol officers, with 304 devices put into service.

**POLICE TRAINING CENTER**

In 2022 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 2022 the Training Center provided training for approximately 485 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). House Bill 1006 requires standardized training, as well as applying best practices. The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board has constructed two model policies that will take effect in 2023 and 2024. Effective January 1, 2023, a statewide pursuit policy must be implemented. We will continue to maintain a high level of performance, professionalism, and dedication to our mission.

2022 TRAINING HOURS*	
Lateral Classes (x2)	1,440
Specialty Teams Training	17,570
In-Services	3,087
Defensive Tactics/Use of Force	850
Open Shoot/Firearms Training	1,581
General Training	10,136
EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course)	481
Police One (online)	4,840
Re-Entry	98
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>40,083</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 2022:**

- Supervisor Development Course (February)
- Bean Bag Training (February/March)
- Department In-Service #1 (January)
- Department Fit Test (Spring)
- Summer Shoot (June)
- 66th Basic Recruit Class (January)
- Long Gun Training (Spring/Fall)
- Taser Training (August)
- Department Fit Test (Fall)
- EVOC (August)
- Department In-Service #2 (October)
- Winter Shoot (December)



## INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT DIVISION



**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Investigative Support  
Division

In 2022 Deputy Chief James Feasel commanded the Investigative Support Division. Captain Shane Lee maintains command of Crimes Against Persons section. Captain Matt Enyeart maintains command of the Property Crimes section. 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 several 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 2022 continued to be primary focus for the city, Police Department, and especially for the Investigative Support Division. Homicides have gone down from 41 in 2021 to 23 in 2022, resulting in a decrease of 44%. A large percentage of the homicides in 2022 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 7% from 76% in 2021 to 83% in 2022.

In 2022 reported residential burglaries continued to go down from 424 in 2021 to 358 in 2022, resulting in a decrease of 16%. Of those reported, there were 139 actual residential confirmed burglaries in 2021 compared to 118 in 2022. Business burglaries increased from 88 in 2021 to 127 in 2022, resulting in an increase of 44%. However, of those reported there was a slight reduction from 66 in 2021 to 65 in 2022. The reduction in actual confirmed burglaries 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. Of those cases assigned, 129 of them were robberies in 2021 compared to 119 in 2022, resulting in a decrease of .75%. There was also an 11% decrease in battery cases from 72 in 2021 to 64 in 2022.

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

### HOMICIDE SECTION:

The Homicide Section of the FWPDP is supervised by Detectives Sergeant Matt Wilson and Sergeant Dave Klein. The unit consists of 10 investigators, who are required to be on-call. The Homicide Section is responsible for investigating homicides, suspicious deaths, officer involved shootings (OIS), in custody deaths, child and infant critical injury/death, and all batteries using a firearm. The Homicide section is also responsible for the cold case section, in which investigators are assigned cold case homicides to investigate throughout the year. 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, Global Intelligence, and ATF.



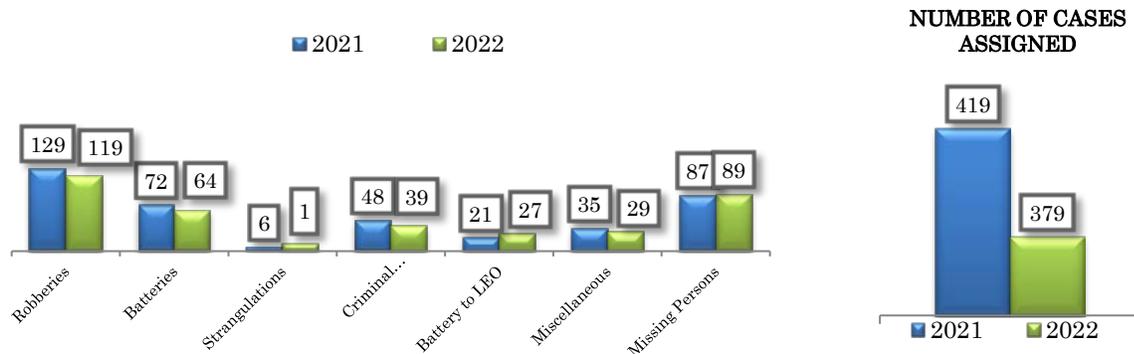
The following is homicide data for 2022:

- 19 total homicides cleared/closed (83% overall clearance rate).
- 16 of the 23 cleared homicides were cleared by arrest/charges filed (70% of cases).
  - The remaining 3 cases were cleared by exceptional means (suspect is deceased/killed).
- 22 people arrested and charged in 2022 (number is expected to increase).
  - 13 people were arrested and charged with Attempted Murder.
  - 7 people was charged with Murder from recent prior years.
  - 8 people were arrested and charged with aggravated battery.
- 7 cold cases cleared (Cold case refers to a case that is at least 3 years old).

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Homicide Victims</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>
Northwest	1	15	9	3
Northeast	2	5	9	4
Southwest	5	5	3	3
Southeast	15	16	21	19
Other Cases	79	57	62	14
Battery by Firearm	78	91	56	88
Cold Cases Reviewed	7	5	3	3
<b>Total Cases Assigned</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>217</b>

ROBBERY SECTION:

The Robbery Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department is supervised by Detective Sergeant Kenneth Clement and consists of 6 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 increased to 207 in 2022 compared to the reported 169 in 2021. Other reported cases decreased slightly. The Robbery Division was assigned a total of 379 cases for the 2022 calendar year, down from the 419 assigned cases in 2021. Cases are assigned based on solvability factors. The investigations are classified as follows:

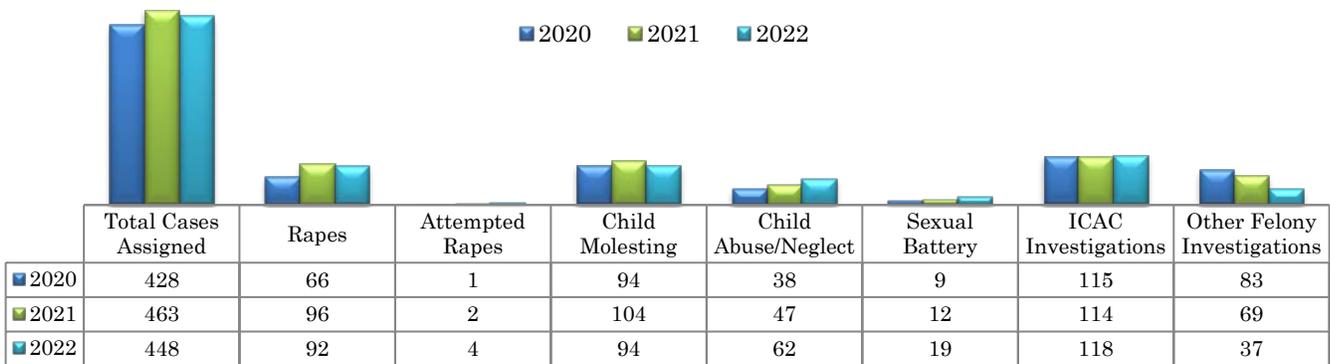




**CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS SECTION:**

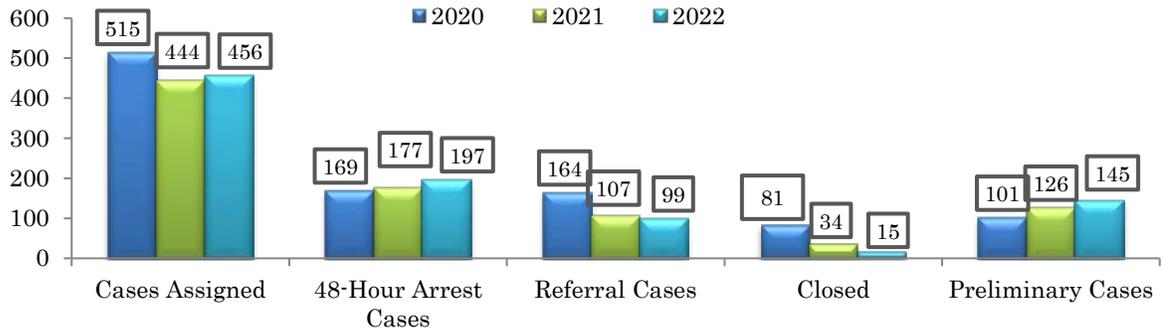
Detective Sergeant Todd Battershell and Detective Sergeant James Hauptert supervised the Crimes Against Persons Section (CAP) of the Investigative Support Division (ISD). They are staffed with 9 detectives who investigate felony cases that occur inside the Fort Wayne city limits. The type of crimes investigated 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, bigamy, child pornography, child seduction/solicitation, human trafficking, incest, and indecent exposure. 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, and child exploitation.

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. A new rape statute went into effect for 2022 making it easier for victims to pursue investigations. The table below represents the 2022 statistical information for the CAP Section of the ISD.



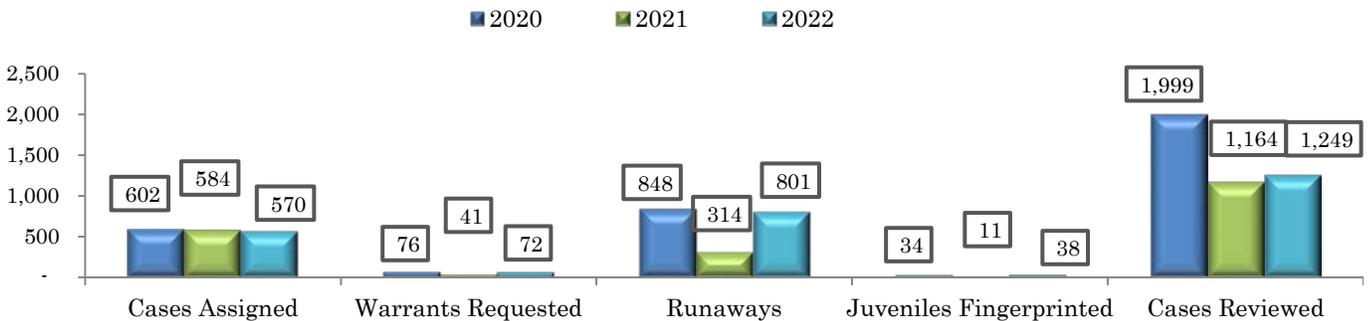
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SECTION:**

The Domestic Violence (D.V.) Investigative Section is supervised by Detective Sergeant Bridget Glaser and consists of 6 detectives. 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 3 different avenues. Preliminary Investigations, 48 hr. Follow-up, and the Referral System assures that all incidents are looked at. In 2022 the D.V. Unit worked a total of 456 cases for the year.



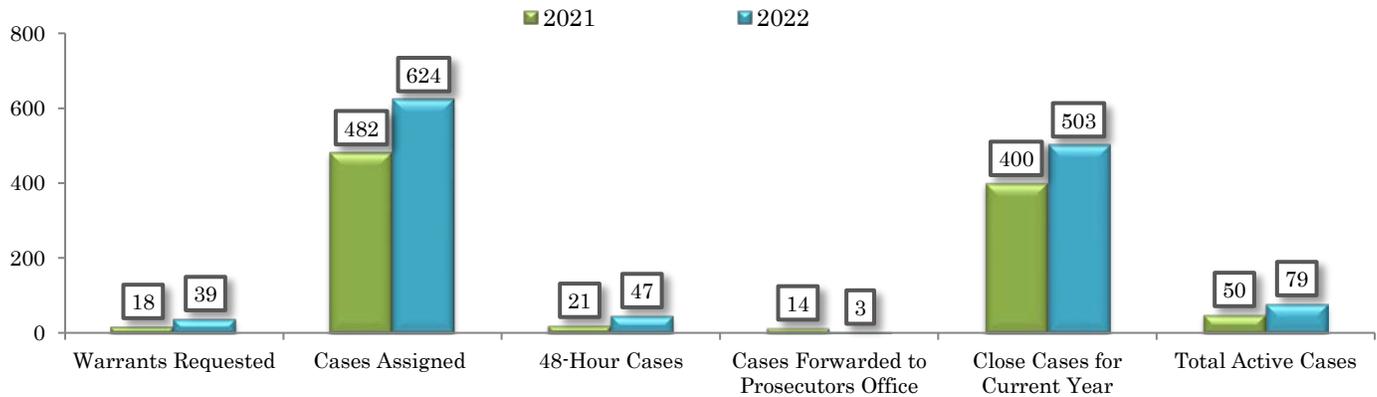
**JUVENILE AID SECTION:**

The Juvenile Aid Division (JAD) is supervised by Detective Sergeant Mark Brooks and consists of 3 detectives. Light duty officers have been utilized to assist with the runaway caseload. The 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 States differs vastly from the adult criminal justice system because there are additional procedures and different terminology is used.



**FINANCIAL CRIMES SECTION:**

Detective Sergeant Jim Seay supervises the Financial Crimes Section. The section is responsible for investigating fraud, forgery, counterfeit checks, scams, and computer related crimes that exceed \$750.00. In 2022, a total of 624 cases were assigned and 503 cases were closed. This is an increase from the previous year with 482 cases assigned and 400 cases closed. Cases are reviewed daily, and each victim is contacted. The supervisor of the unit will contact the victims regarding cases that will not be assigned due to lack of solvability factors and are referred to the Allen County Prosecutor’s Office Misdemeanor Complaint Program due to the loss being a misdemeanor amount of less than \$750.00. Cases with solvability factors are assigned to one of the five (5) detectives who will contact the victim to conduct an investigation.



**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 Paul Shrawder and is staffed with 2 detectives. These detectives 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, but not involved in criminal investigations. They also monitor the stolen and recovery reports and work with the BMV on titling problems and title histories. They conduct vehicle inspections, and work with the Attorney General’s Office, and Indiana Secretary of State’s office in policing the dealerships. The nature of their investigations puts them in touch with police agencies from all over the United States and at times from other countries.





### 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.

<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Reported Residential Burglaries	76	49	52
Actual Determined House Burglaries	29	22	19
Reported Business Burglaries	12	15	24
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	8	9	13
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Reported Residential Burglaries	229	150	140
Actual Determined House Burglaries	79	48	47
Reported Business Burglaries	25	22	31
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	28	18	17
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Reported Residential Burglaries	114	122	69
Actual Determined House Burglaries	45	33	21
Reported Business Burglaries	39	24	38
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	24	16	19
<b>SOUTHWEST/ABOITE</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Reported Residential Burglaries	141	103	97
Actual Determined House Burglaries	57	36	31
Reported Business Burglaries	18	27	34
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	20	28	17

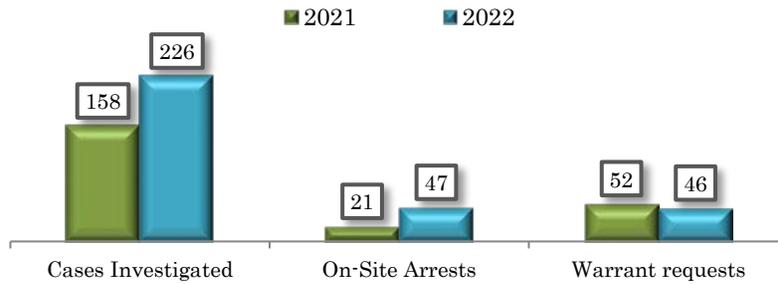
### PAWN DETAIL UNIT:

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 Paul Shrawder 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 2022, no businesses in Fort Wayne were cited for violating City Ordinance 115. For the year 2022, the Pawn Detail detective handled a total of 79 pawn-related cases. For that period, the Pawn Detail detective recovered property that was estimated to be \$106,327 in value. The average amount of property value recovered per case for 2022 was \$1,345.91. The total recovered property since 2021 has been estimated to be \$1,563,921. The Pawn Detail detective must 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.



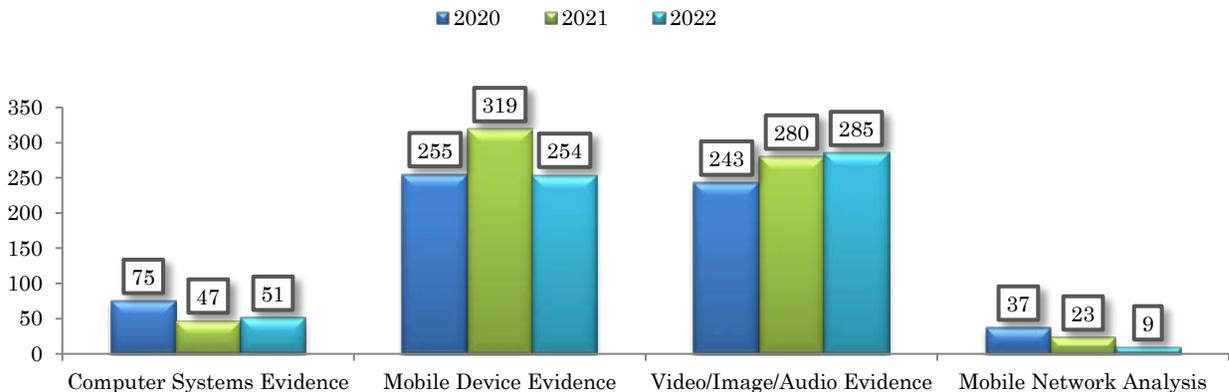
**CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT:**

The Crime Suppression Unit was implemented in January 2008 and is supervised by Detective Sergeant Paul Shrawder. The Crime Suppression Unit tracks the burglaries citywide 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. In 2022 the Crime Suppression Unit investigated 226 cases, made 47 on-site arrests, and filed 46 warrant requests. Both residential burglaries and larcenies/thefts continue to drop due to many factors, but the dedicated detectives that continue to make arrests are one of the major reasons.



**DIGITAL FORENSICS UNIT:**

The Digital Forensics Laboratory Unit (DFU) 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, and requires the examiners to train and remain current with this ever-changing technology. The DFU 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 DFU 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.





**DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT UNIT:**

The Digital Evidence Management Unit (DEMU) was created in 2017, with the primary task of ensuring that all digital evidence was being provided to the Allen County Prosecutor’s Office for criminal case prosecution. DEMU is supervised by Detective Lieutenant Lisa Williams. DEMU has expanded in size which consists of 1 supervisor, 1 sworn officer, 3 full-time civilians, and 1 part-time civilian. In the years since its inception, the DEMU has taken on several other duties. In 2020 the FWPD began a pilot program for body-worn cameras. The program was expanded in 2021, and again in 2022. The department has over 350 officers equipped with body cameras. DEMU has processed approximately 6,500 requests for digital evidence in 2022.

**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 Sergeant John Shank and Detective Sergeant Shane Hopkins and is staffed with 9 detectives. 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	2021	2022
Cases Assigned	604	539
Preliminary Cases	267	244
On-Site Arrests (48 hour)	337	295

**C-SHIFT INVESTIGATIVE SECTION:**

This section is supervised by Detective Sergeant John Nichter and is staffed with 6 detectives. They are responsible for conducting investigations into felony crimes occurring during the overnight hours in the City of Fort Wayne. The detectives investigate crimes against persons, which include robberies, batteries, rapes, shootings, and stabbings. When apprehensions are made, the detectives compile and complete the necessary paperwork and conduct the suspect/witness interviews that are possible during their shift. C-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.



### 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 4 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 be 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. In 2022 the SCU was involved in 1,407 investigations.

STREET CRIMES STATISTICS	2021	2022
Total Arrests (48 hours)	500	430
Warrants	106	104
Theft Related	146	113
Drug Related	149	99
Handgun Related	8	10
Area Checks	1,936	1,905

### LABORATORY SERVICES (CRIME LAB)

The Fort Wayne Police Laboratory (FWPL) was supervised by Eric Black who has since retired. Catrice Whitlow was promoted as the new FWPL Supervisor. 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 fingerprint, and other physical comparison for supporting the department in criminal investigations.

STATISTICS BY DIVISION	2020	2021	2022
Detective Bureau	1	1	18
Southeast Quadrant	32	25	13
Southwest Quadrant	16	17	3
Northeast Quadrant	15	10	3
Northwest Quadrant	8	14	2
Outside Agencies	9	13	16
Crime Scene	9	12	73
Latent Print Submissions	100	99	61
Fingerprint Identifications	153	193	93
Juveniles Printed	34	11	38
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>324</b>



## CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Crime Scene Management Unit is supervised by 2 Detective Sergeant William Michales and Detective Sergeant Tim Vachon and is staffed with 9 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.

TECHNICIAN RESPONSES	2021	2022
Homicides	500	430
Suicides	106	104
Accidental Death	146	113
Other Death (Natural and SIDS)	149	99
Total Deaths Responses	8	10
Other Investigations	1,936	1,905

## VICTIMS ASSISTANCE UNIT



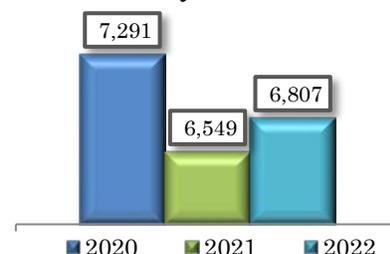
The Victims Assistance (VA) program provides comprehensive crime victim services to the City of Fort Wayne and surrounding communities. Advocates and volunteers passionately work to provide information to crime victims to reduce re-victimization as victims navigate through the criminal justice system. 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 several 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 2022 year, the office provided services to 6,807 primary victims and 1,816 secondary victims. This past year the office was nationally recognized and the recipient of The Crime Victims' Award by the Department of Justice for their 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 and also UNITED Response to provide financial assistance for funerals to homicide families. In addition, After the Yellow Tape series was created in partnership with the Homicide Unit of FWPDP 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 with 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, storage of evidence, maintaining accurate records, assisting in investigations, prosecutions, and the return of property to its rightful owner.

MAIN EVIDENCE ROOM STATISTICS	2020	2021	2022
Evidence Taken into Storage	14,365	14,133	13,095
Firearms Taken into Storage	738	851	1012
ATF Traces Completed	689	723	786
IBIS Tested Firearms	535	535	568
IBIS Tested Shell Casings	713	881	949
Total Firearms Destroyed	0	0	0
Firearms Released to Owner	231	242	183
Total Items Purged (not firearms)	4,484	5,154	6,644

## 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 monthly 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.
- Crime reports looking for crime patterns and crime trends.
- Reports the monthly crime statistical to the FBI-UCR and/or to ISP-IBR.
- Provides monthly crime statistics by agency wide and by police quadrant to upper commanders.
- Quality Control issues regarding the Spillman data sets; and
- Provides proactive information to the Investigative Support Division and to the Operation Division.



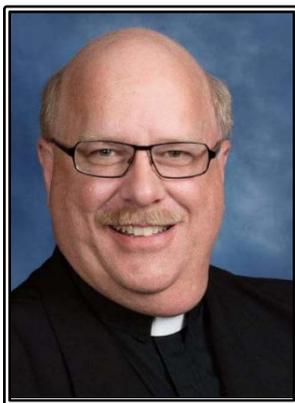
## CRIME STOPPERS



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 27 citizen volunteers from the community. Crime Stoppers works with 11 Indiana counties and multiple agencies within those counties. We are proud of the working relationship that Crime Stoppers has with the City of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Police Department.

CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS	2020	2021	2022
Total Tips	1,576	1,826	1,737
Felony Charges	205	192	237
Misdemeanor Charges	123	81	66

## 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. Eleven active chaplains currently volunteer their assistance.



## VICE & NARCOTICS DIVISION

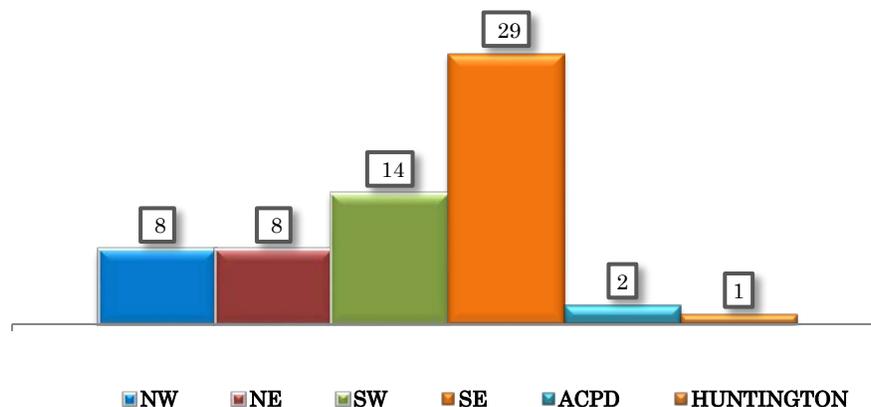


**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Vice & Narcotics

Deputy Chief James Feasel commanded the Narcotics Division in 2022. Captain David Nelson directed the day-to-day operations, while Captain Kevin Hunter focused his efforts on narcotics addiction, treatment, and recovery as the leading representative from the FWPD of the Hope and Recovery Team (HART). 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, local street gangs, and violent criminal activity. In 2022 the Narcotics and Gang Units saw an increase in seizures of Synthetic Marijuana, Powder Cocaine, Ecstasy, LSD, and Fentanyl/M30 pills. The division seized a total weight of 59,841 grams compared to 92,427 grams in 2021, which was a 25% decrease. The execution of search warrants increased from 54 in 2021 with a total of 59 in 2022. There was a slight decrease in the number of non-fatal overdoses from 1,227 in 2021 to 959 in 2022. The division has two detectives assigned

as Ordinance Coordinators for the Commercial Chronic Problem Property Ordinance. 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. Additionally, the Vice and Narcotics unit has two detectives dedicated to the Hope and Recovery Team, working under the supervision of Captain Kevin Hunter. The Narcotics and Gang Units worked closely with the FWPD Homicide Unit, assisting with many of their investigations. Detectives within the division played an integral role in the tracking and apprehension of several homicide suspects in 2022, which helped bring the homicide clearance rate to roughly 83%.

### 2022 NARCOTICS SEARCH WARRANTS

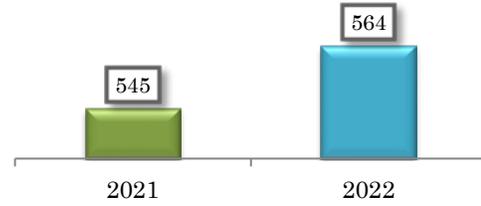




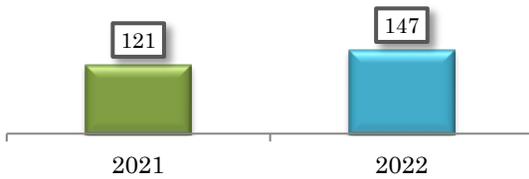
**Confiscated Meth Labs**



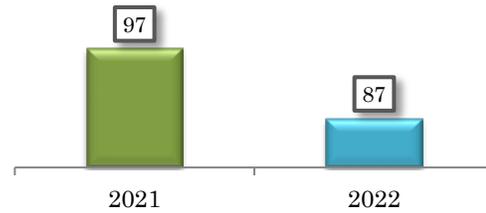
**Narcotics & Gang Arrests**



**Gang- Guns Recovered**



**Narcotics- Guns Recovered**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS			
Other	2020	2021	2022
Overdoses	1,243	1,227	959
Overdose Deaths	108	115	139
Human Trafficking Cases	1	0	0



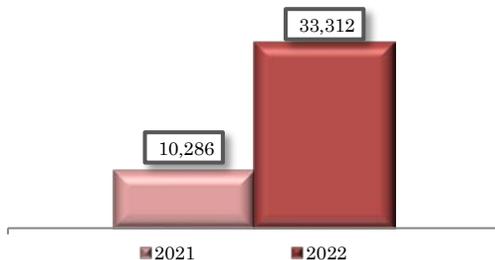
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			
Confiscated-Grams	2020	2021	2022
Cocaine-Crack	184.10	1,385.88	403.90
Cocaine-Powder	347.00	1,320.00	2,848.00
Marijuana	67,843.00	54,676.93	32,855.00
Marijuana Synthetic	1,625.00	1,875.16	5,259.00
THC-Edibles	4,325.70	8,717.72	1,486.00
THC-Wax/Dap	3,659.10	575.70	83.10
Heroin	318.00	191.20	40.80
Fentanyl	905.00	5,099.71	10,962.40
Methamphetamine	2,657.00	6,829.10	5,657.00
Ecstasy/MDMA	18.60	26.20	121.00
Miscellaneous Pills	7,167.00	11,641.00	6,521.00
LSD/Psilocybin	13.80	89.20	125.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89,063.30</b>	<b>92,427.80</b>	<b>66,361.80</b>



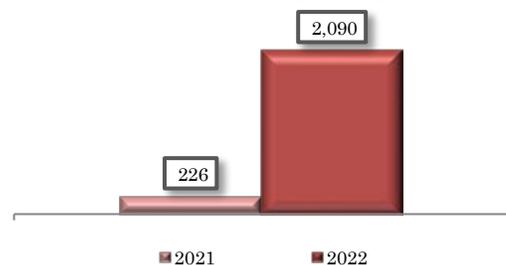
The HART (Hope and Recovery Team) was formed in 2019. The HART program is a mobile response team and the police deflection program that reaches out to people with substance use disorders who have had non-fatal overdoses and offers them options for treatment and recovery. The HART program has two detectives, and in 2022 added two Master level social workers who

work on getting people with substance use disorder into treatment. The HART program offers information and guidance for those in need. Environmental strategies entails the use of social media and a monthly newsletter. Outreach consists of handing out hope events and unhoused outreach. Follow-ups, referrals, and calls consists of HART follow-ups, HART referrals from police reports, FWPD agency, outside agency, and word of mouth referrels.

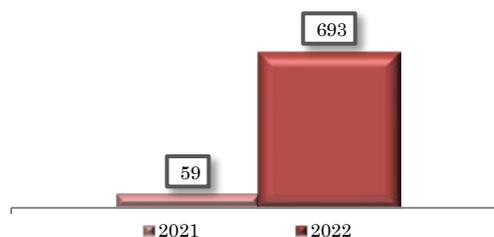
**ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY**



**OUTREACH**



**FOLLOW-UP-REFERRALS-CALLS**



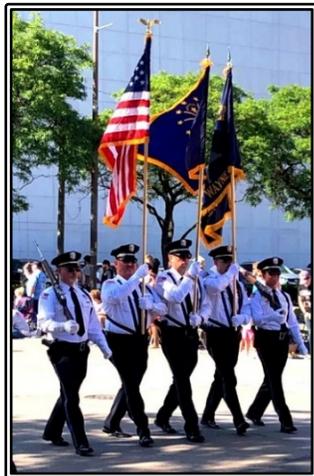


## PIPE AND DRUM BRIGADE



During 2022 the Pipe & Drum Brigade provided services at twenty (20) events. These events included the line of duty funeral of Richmond Police Department Seara Burton, a fundraiser in support of injured soldiers, and a program honoring veterans at Lane Middle School, in addition to providing services for the Allen County Law Enforcement Memorial, the Fort Wayne Police Academy recruit graduation, and the FWPD awards ceremony. In 2022 the Brigade was honored to participate in the funeral for Fort Wayne police detective Donald Kidd whose loss profoundly touched our FWPD family. The Brigade provided services for 6 retiree funerals. The Brigade is entering its 19<sup>th</sup> year and will focus efforts on recruiting to ensure longevity of the band. If you would like to request the Pipe and Drum Corps for an event, please visit: <http://www.fwpd.org/pipe-drums-request>.

## HONOR & COLOR GUARD



In 2022 the Honor and Color Guard had a total of 30 commitments; this is down from 2021. At the end of 2022 the Honor Guard had 22 active members. The Honor Guard participated in 5 special events, 2 presentation of colors at sporting vents, 1 active duty officer funeral and viewing, 12 retired officers funerals and viewings, 4 LOD funerals, 3 parades, 1 academy graduation, and 1 city police memorial. The Honor Guard will continue to provide a positive and professional representation of the Fort Wayne Police Department. If you would like to request the Honor and Color Guard for an event, please visit: <http://www.fwpd.org/honor-guard-color-guard-request>.



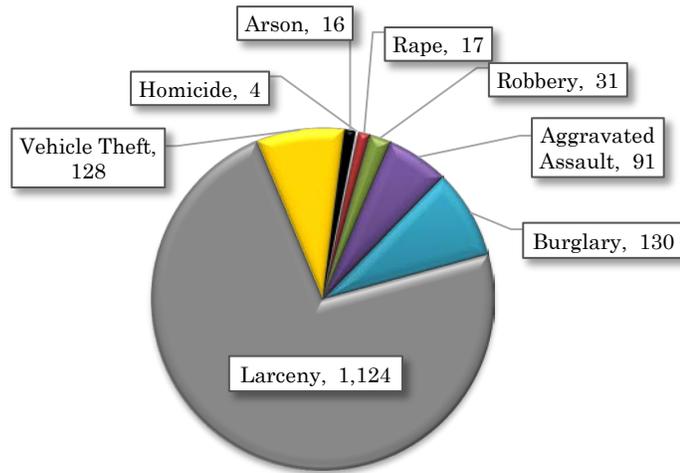
# SOUTHWEST QUADRANT



**Stephen Haffner**  
Deputy Chief  
Southwest Quadrant

In 2022 the Southwest Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Stephen Haffner and Captain Derrick Westfield. The Southwest Quadrant provides police service to approximately 68,848 citizens. The quadrant covers 35 miles. In 2022 the Southwest Division had 27,660 calls for service compared to 30,968 in 2021. This was a decrease of 10.6%.

**2022 SOUTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHWEST:	
NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1205
Drug House Closures	14
Traffic Stops	3,197



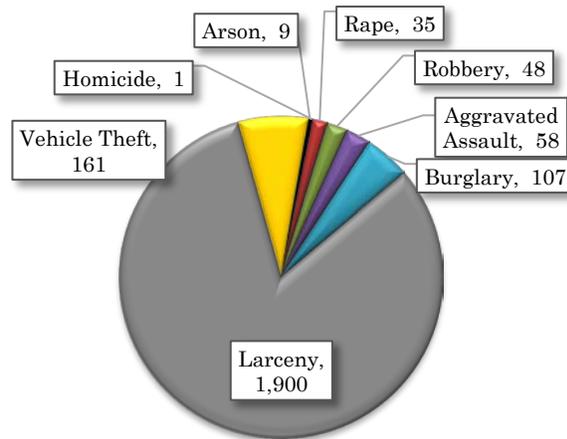
## NORTHWEST QUADRANT



**Paul Smith**  
Deputy Chief  
Northwest Quadrant

In 2022 the Northwest Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Paul Smith and Captain Daniel Ingram. The Northwest Quadrant provides police service to approximately 67,134 citizens. The quadrant covers 33.65 miles. In 2022 the Northwest Division had 39,959 calls for service compared to 40,083 in 2021. This was a decrease of .3%.

### 2022 NORTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHWEST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	614
Drug House Closures	8
Traffic Stops	4,136



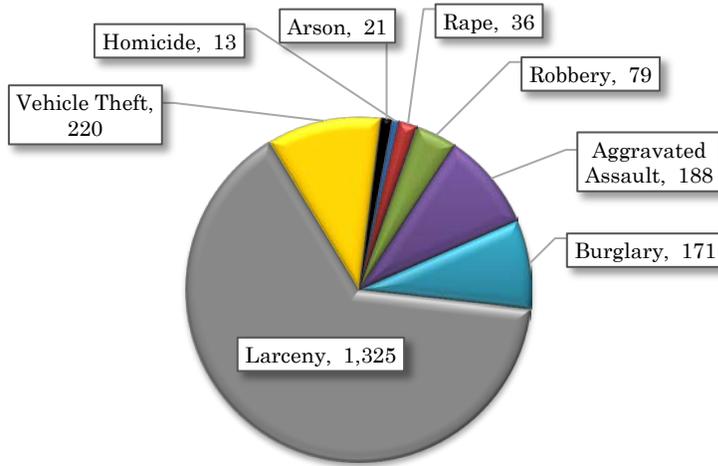
# SOUTHEAST QUADRANT



**Mitchell McKinney**  
Deputy Chief  
Southeast Quadrant

In 2022 the Southeast Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Mitchell McKinney and Captain Sofia Rosales-Scatena. The Southeast Quadrant provides police service to approximately 51,592 citizens. The quadrant covers 17.22 miles. In 2022 the Southeast Division had 44,819 calls for service compared to 42,397 in 2021. This was an increase of 5.7%.

**2022 SOUTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHEAST:	
NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1,136
Drug House Closures	29
Traffic Stops	5812



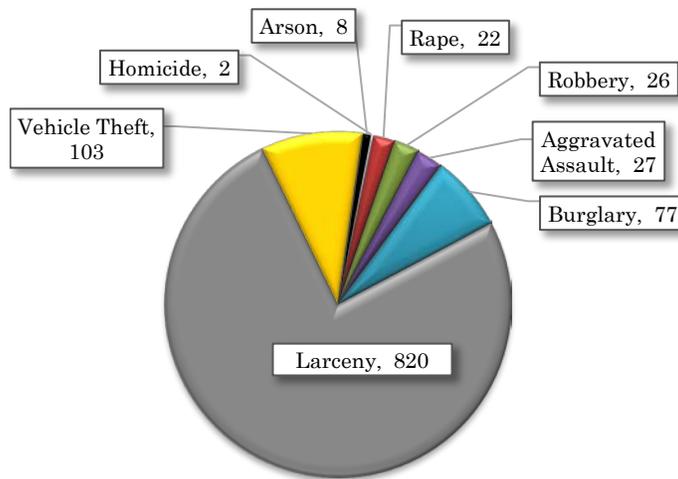
## NORTHEAST QUADRANT



**Scott Caudill**  
Deputy Chief  
Northeast Quadrant

In 2022 the Northeast Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Scott Caudill and Captain William Corn. The Northeast Quadrant provides police service to approximately 76,312 residents and covers 25.44 square miles. In 2022 the Northeast Division had 22,558 calls for service compared to 23,796 in 2021. This was a decrease of 5.2%.

### 2022 NORTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHEAST:	
NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	934
Drug House Closures	8
Traffic Stops	2684



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS



**Martin Bender**  
Deputy Chief  
Special Operations

In 2022 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), K9 Unit, and Downtown Patrol.

### 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.

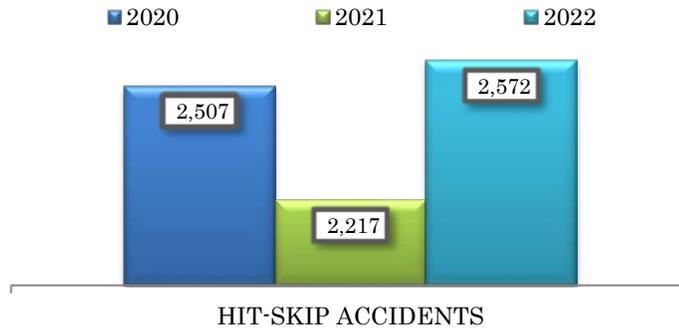
8-YEAR CRASH COMPARISON								
Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Property Damage	8,934	9,543	9,153	9,169	9,167	7,249	8,407	8,222
Personal Injury	1,798	1,790	1,874	1,669	1,629	1,286	1,469	1,469
Hit-Skip	2,615	2,724	2,705	2,855	2,822	2,507	2,507	2,339
Fatals	12	18	21	14	22	18	31	19

### 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 2022 FACT responded to 38 serious bodily injury or fatal crashes in Fort Wayne, down 7 from 45 in 2021. Of those, 19 were fatal crashes with 19 deaths as a result of those crashes.



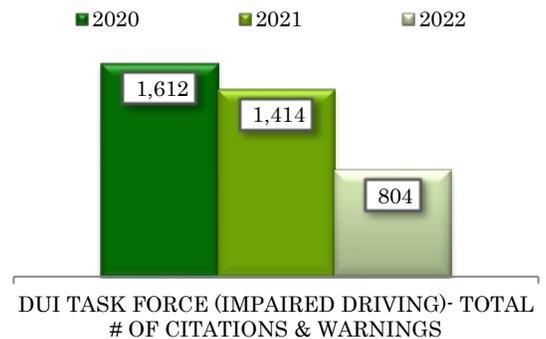
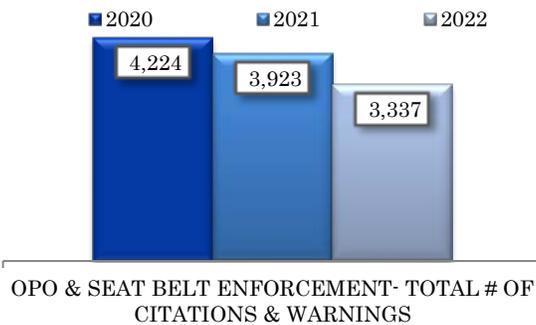
## HIT-SKIP SECTION



## 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 2021-2022 (October 1- September 30), the Fort Wayne Police Department was granted \$237,160 to be disbursed to agencies within the Allen County Traffic Safety Partnership.

**Grant Disbursement**  
(Fiscal Year Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022)

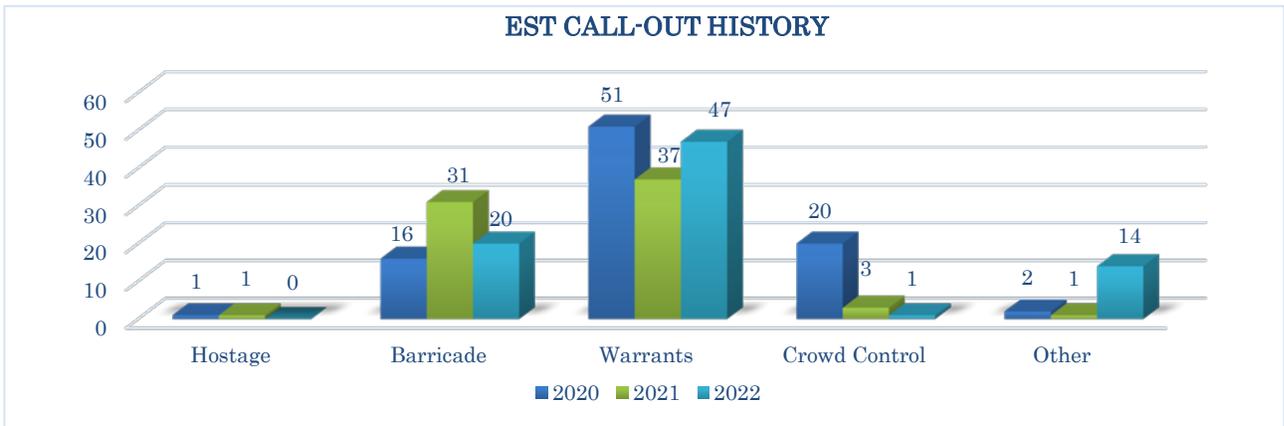




## EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM (EST)



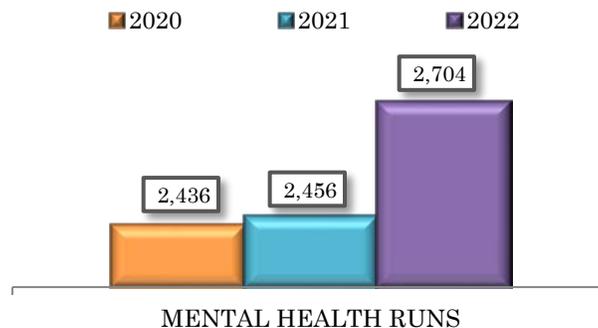
In 2022 the Emergency Services Team resolved 83 operations (one less than 2021), including 47 high risk warrant services, 20 barricaded suspects, 1 dignitary protection details, 1 crowd control, and 14 operations categorized as “other”. Of the high-risk warrant services, 24 were for the Vice and Narcotics Division, 8 for the Gang and Violent Crimes Unit, 9 for the Investigative Support Division, 5 for the FBI, and 1 for the DEA. The team also did 1 crowd control detail and 1 protective detail for the former Vice President Mike Pence during his visit.



## 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. CIT provides 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 CIT was to divert persons with a mental illness from incarceration, and to treat the mental illness as the priority. During 2022 there were 2,704 reported mental health runs. This was a 10% increase from 2021. The CIT protocol was put into practice 1,688 times based on circumstances of the call.





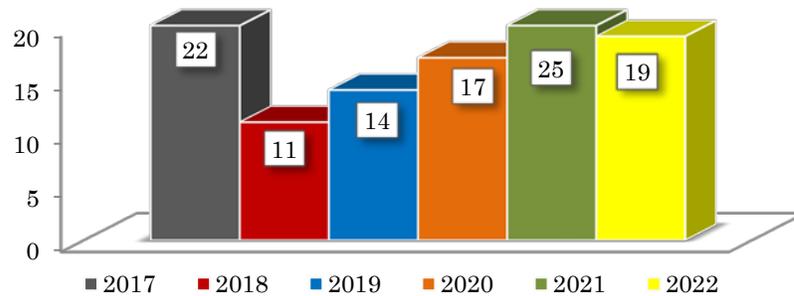
## CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT)



The Crisis Response Team (CRT) was formed to respond to hostage, barricade situations, or suicidal incidents, which might require the use of negotiators. The goal of the CRT is to peacefully resolve all calls that they respond to, minimizing injury to officers, victims, and suspects involved. In 2022, the team was comprised of 13 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 presentation, networked negotiations training, and consulting to other police negotiations teams. During 2022 there were 19 CRT/EST/ASU critical incident callouts, which was down from 25 in 2021. During 2022 CRT supported EST with approximately 20 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 8 members and a Paramedic Unit. HDU is responsible for responding to 11 counties in Northeast Indiana. In 2022 the unit responded to 78 calls for service, which was a 1.2% increase from 2021. In 2022 the HDU has supported several city special events, including the Fort Wayne Airshow, Indianapolis 500, Brickyard 400, and NCAA Football Championship. In 2023 the HDU hopes to purchase new equipment.



## 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. The PSRT is composed of 50 officers and command. In 2022 the Public Safety Response Team monitored several events throughout the year, which all remained peaceful. 2022 was a quieter year for the Public Safety Response Team. PSRT will continue to train to the highest standards to be prepared for any problems that may arise in the future.

## AIR SUPPORT UNIT (ASU)



The FWPDP Air Support Unit was created on June 29, 2017, and is comprised of 10 FAA Part 107 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Pilots. In 2022 ASU added a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time officer assigned to the team. ASU oversees 30 drones in the fleet. In 2022 ASU flew 2,000 flights, conducted 304 missions, and had 350 flight hours. Furthermore, the ASU responded to a total of 377 calls for service. The total flights were a

decrease from 2021. The calls for service were a 75% increase from 2021, which had 217 calls for service. The mission of the UAS program is to provide aerial support and assistance to the FWPDP and the department's specialty teams. ASU continues to work and train with the Fort Wayne Fire Department's Arson division drone operations. In 2022 a new program was introduced called Drone as a First Responder (DFR). The program is based on the Chula Vista California model of dispatching drones. When the call comes into the 911 center it will provide real time information to the responding officers. DFR was in limited release in 2022 and responded to 26 calls for service. The number is expected to significantly increase in 2023. ASU had the opportunity to assist other agencies in Allen County and the state of Indiana in 2022.



FLIGHTS CONDUCTED



## DOWNTOWN PATROL

In 2022, the full-time Downtown Patrol Unit consisted of one supervisor and two full time officers. The officers monitor the downtown area and nearby parks and trails. One new electric bike was purchased this year which brought the total to six. Five non-E-bikes were purchased to replace aging fleet bikes. A basic bicycle certification class was held certifying seven FWPD officers and three other officers.

- Radio Runs: 577
- Officer Initiated Runs: 216
- Citations Issued: 2
- Individuals Arrested/CIT 24hrs: 52
- Community-Related Events: 94
- Park suspensions: 87



The Downtown Patrol Unit was seen at and participated in many public events. The Bike Patrol Unit routinely participated in the weekly Trek the Trails community bike rides, visited the Bike ministry outreach, Parking Partners monthly meeting, and East Alley Business meeting. The Bike Patrol Unit could also be seen at Lunch on the Square and the city's Active Commuter Breakfasts. The Bike Patrol Unit's goal moving forward is to blend enforcement with public relation events specifically in the ever-expanding downtown area and trail systems.

## CANINE (K9) UNIT:

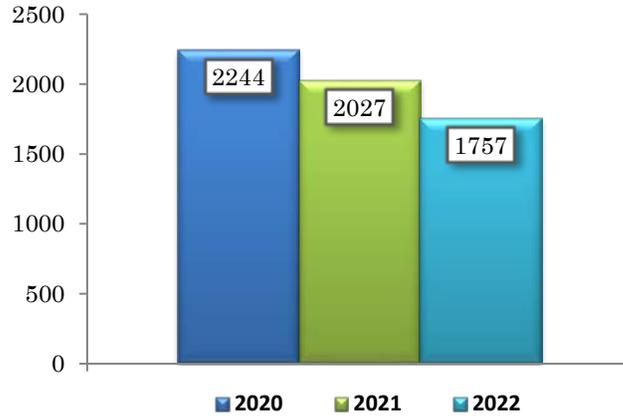


The K9 Unit training program is commanded by NAPWDA Master Trainer Sergeant Robert Theurer and consists of 14 K9 team members. The K9 Unit continued to provide service to the department, fulfilling their commitment to the Operations Division and Narcotics Division. They also fulfilled requests for K9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

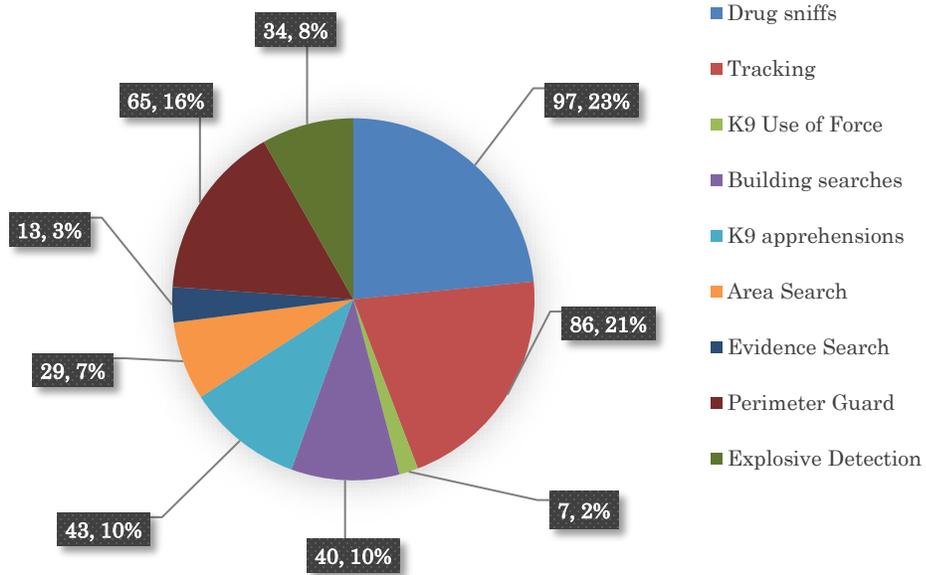
In 2022 there were 288 hours of specialized instruction, made available by in house nationally accredited police K9 instructors. In 2022 the Fort Wayne Police Department's two explosive detection dogs were utilized 34 times, which included threats and pre-event sweeps. Both explosive detection teams maintained their national certifications in 2022. There certifications are recognized by both State and Federal agencies. Explosive K9 teams were provided 77 hours of highly specialized instruction by in house instructors throughout 2022.



### # OF INCIDENTS WITH K9 UTILIZATION



### 2022 HIGHEST REPORTED K9 UTILIZATIONS





## COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION



**Mitchell McKinney**  
Deputy Chief  
Community Relations

Deputy Chief Mitchell McKinney, along with Captain Sofia Rosales-Scatena command the Community Relations Division. 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.

The Community Relations Division is made up of the Public Information Officer (PIO) Sergeant Jeremy Webb, Safety Village directed by Officer Jessica Ingram, School Resource Officer (SRO) Program supervised by Sergeant Jeremy Webb, and Officer Lisa Woods, as our community liaison officer.

The Community Relations Division strives to reach out to the citizens of Fort Wayne to provide opportunities to form relationships.

### CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER:



Officer Adam Hartman serves as the department's crime prevention officer and has attended key training in this area to assist residents with valuable information to protect themselves and their property. Officer Hartman holds a certification in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Attendance at the Southeast area partnership meetings has played a key role in passing along

information to residents about crime prevention. We have seen a continuous decline in the crime rate in Southeast Fort Wayne. Click on the QR code to access FWPD's [Crime Prevention](#) webpage.

### 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. Sergeant Jeremy Webb maintains close relationships with both local and national media and diligently disseminates information. As one of the main supervisors in the Community Relations Division, Sergeant Jeremy Webb is very active and conducts community talks. Sergeant Jeremy Webb has also been instrumental in creating the pod cast, Blue and You.



**RECRUITMENT:**



In 2021 FWPD created a specialty team to help with recruitment efforts. All members have undergone training and will assist interested basic recruit and lateral candidates as they begin their journey towards working for the department. In addition, the team uses an app, Interview Now, that helps track candidates and give better feedback on how to improve. It also allows officers the ability to stay in communication with the candidate throughout the process, should this be requested. In October 2022, the department launched its revamped recruiting website that features recruit and laterals details, benefits & salary, career paths, training academy overview, and the benefits of living in Fort Wayne. Throughout the year the recruitment attends career, health, and job fairs. They also attend community events where interested applicants can inquire about the hiring process.



**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 at assigned middle schools during the school year to interact with our community's youth. Sergeant Jeremy Webb oversees this program. Each of these officers does an outstanding job and provides much more than security for the schools. 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. The SROs teach Project Alert to their students, which discusses the dangers of drugs and alcohol, as well as positive alternatives to their use. The SROs address gun safety and what to do if a gun is located. SROs also



had additional hands-on active shooter training, which was taught by the Emergency Service Team. The SRO team assists the school administration with conflict mediation, addressing attendance issues, and as a deterrent to bad and criminal behavior. During the summer months, the SRO team joins the Community Relations Division to staff the junior police camps at the YMCA branches, Boys and Girls Club, National Night Out, and the street operations officers to supply support staff for daily police operations throughout the city.

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

Amber Woodson—Portage Middle School  
James Payne—Lakeside Middle School  
Sherronda Freeman—Mem. Park Middle School

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

2022 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JANUARY-JUNE 2022			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	58	Total Infraction Arrests	5
Total Administrative Teamwork	3,253	Smoking/Vaping Citations	0
Total Classes Taught	290	Total Felony Arrests	0
Total Classroom Visits	534	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	7
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	111	Total Drug Arrests	4
Parent Contacts	209	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	177	Other Weapons Seized	0
Academic Support	99	Total 911 Hang Ups	4
Elementary School Visits	77	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	18
After-School Activities	34	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	37
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,818</b>

2022 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JULY-DECEMBER 2022			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	80	Total Infraction Arrests	1
Total Administrative Teamwork	2,836	Smoking/Vaping Citations	0
Total Classes Taught	24	Total Felony Arrests	0
Total Classroom Visits	337	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	1
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	279	Total Drug Arrests	1
Parent Contacts	118	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	30	Other Weapons Seized	1
Academic Support	72	Total 911 Hang Ups	6
Elementary School Visits	27	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	18
After-School Activities	52	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	19
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,903</b>



**SAFETY EDUCATION BUREAU:**

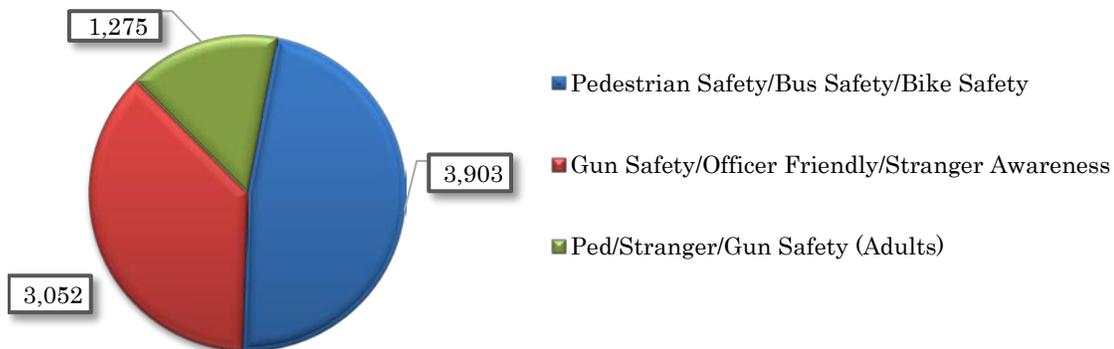


Officer Jessica Ingram has been with the Safety Village since April of 2019. 2022 was an outstanding year in the education of children regarding safety in and around the Fort Wayne area. Officer Ingram has done an extraordinary job with the programming and maintaining continuous of educational gains. Officer Ingram visited many schools educating the youth about stranger awareness, gun safety, and officer friendly programs. Officer Ingram opened a few Saturdays for students and their parents who missed out of the programs. The Safety Education Bureau provides services to children from FWCS, NACS, EACS and SACS, private, parochial, and homeschools from Fort Wayne and the surrounding counties, as well as daycares, camps in the summer months, and different organizations from the area that have an interest in their kids leaning about safety. If you would like to request a visit to Safety Village, please visit: <http://www.fwpd.org/request-visit-to-safety-village>.

**2022 OUTREACH AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Received Pizza Hut coupons for the children.
- Peg Pergo replaced 10 motors, 10 new batteries, and 20 recycled batteries.
- Acquired new sponsorship from the FOP lodge 14, who aided in getting a new grill for the Safety Village from Fire Police Federal Credit Union.
- 4EVER Roofing committed to sponsorship to Safety Village and agreed to replace the roofs.
- Arrow Fence fixed missing items that had fallen off their building.
- Walmart continues to support the Safety Village by grants and updated their signs on their building at the village.
- Upstar Realtors made major improvements and updated their building at the village.
- Safety Village is getting new carpet and chairs for the classroom, Wi-Fi was installed for updated material to be played in the classroom, and a new water bottle station will be placed outside near the playground.
- Street patch work was done by city transportation and street, the entire village is expected to be blacktopped and relined in the spring or summer of 2023.

**SAFETY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2022**

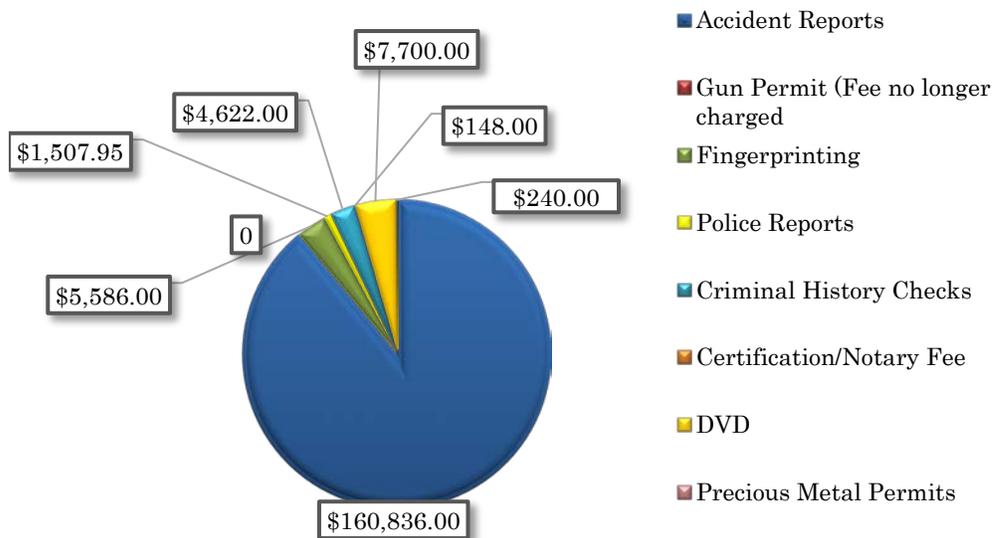




## RECORDS BUREAU

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 2022 were 125,347: 95,921 Non-Emergency, 6,582 Police Desk calls, and 5,423 Teleservice calls. The total revenue generated in 2022 was \$198,244.95.

**RECORDS BUREAU - 2022 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

**2022 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 FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

Cory Troyer..... Sergeant  
David Wilkins..... Sergeant

**MERIT RANK PROMOTIONS AUGUST 8, 2022**

Mark Gerardot ..... Sergeant  
Martin Grooms..... 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

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022

On August 2, 2022, FWPD and the City of Fort Wayne participated in National Night Out 2022. Local Walmart and Target stores donated school supplies and backpacks for the event. Various supply stations were set up for children to visit and fill their backpacks. The event was held downtown at Friemann Square and was well-attended. The event also included safety displays & demonstrations, music, food, and drink.

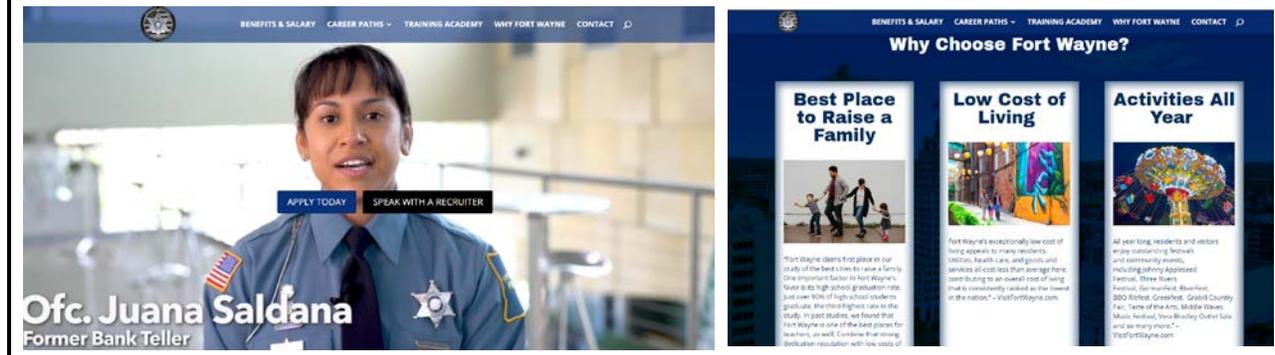




# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

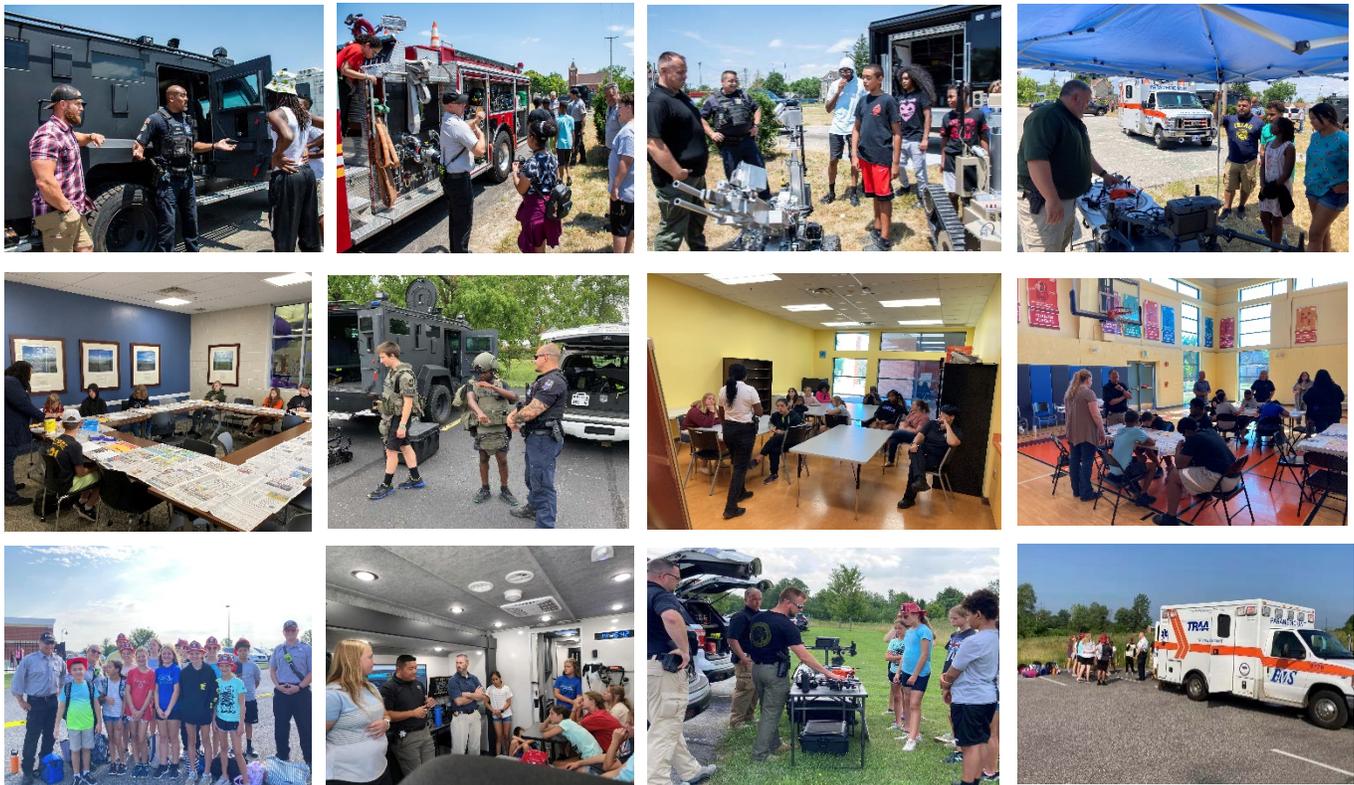
## NEW FWPDP RECRUITMENT WEBSITE

In October 2022, the Department launched it's newly revamped recruitment site. The new site shows recruit and lateral steps, academy overview, career paths, benefits & salary, along with the benefits of living in Fort Wayne. Visit <https://joinfwpd.org> to learn more.



## PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPS

In June and July 2022, Public Safety Camps were held for community youth. The City of Fort Wayne Police Department partnered with all of the local YMCA branches. These camps are designed to teach the importance of public safety, character development and, strengthening relations between youth and first responders. Thank you to the Fort Wayne Fire Department and TRAA for their participation.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## RISE TOGETHER YOUTH MENTORSHIP INAUGURAL EVENT

The Rise Together Youth Mentorship Kick Off Event at Camp Kekionga in July 2022 was a success and loads of fun! The collaboration with the Fort Wayne Police Department, Fort Wayne Fire Department, YMCA, and the Children's Health Collaborative has been very positive, allowing everyone to pull their resources together and invest in the community's youth!! The program continues at various sites each month.



## FWPD & FWFD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH

The 2022 Halloween Bash was held on Saturday, October 29, at Safety Village. Festivities included a zombie walk, games, and train rides. Over 2,500 attended the free event that provided food and candy to all.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEWEST ADDITION TO THE FWPD FAMILY THERAPY DOG "TINSLEY"

In October 2022, FWPD welcomed "Tinsley" to the department. He is a Blue Heeler Australian Cattle Dog and will assist the department in helping officers struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. Tinsley is named after the late Officer David Tinsley, who died in the line of duty in 2018. He was a rescue donated by Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Paws and Stripes Program and was trained by Brevard County inmates, who in turn learned a transferrable skill to use when they are released. Tinsley and his handler, Officer Lisa Woods, spend their days providing comfort and emotional support to officers and the community, helping to relieve anxiety and reduce stress, and create a positive rapport with the public.



## KOPS 4 KIDS

The annual Kops 4 Kids event was such a success in 2022 that two shopping dates were held. December 5 at the Meijer Dupont store and December 12 at the Meijer Maysville store. We were able to put smiles on over 100 children's faces. Officers from FWPD, Allen County PD, New Haven PD, Airport Authority, Woodburn PD, and Community Corrections shopped with the families. This event has taken place for more than 40 years and is sponsored by the FOP Indiana Wayne Lodge 14.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## CHAMPIONS OF CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD

Each year Victim Assistance presents this award to individuals and organizations in the community. The following were recognized in 2022: FWPD Det. Al Garrriott, Amani Family Services, Cathy Maggart- Prosecutors Office, Judge David Zent, ACPD Lt. Brian Sell, Lucktech Photo, FWPD Ofc. Nick McCurdy, VA Advocate Patrice Coleman, ACPD Sgt. Gerald Hogan, ACPD Michele Halsey, Big Apple Pizza, Biggby Coffee, Dash Inn, Jack's Donuts, McMahons Tire, Mocha Lounge, Purple Mountain Cheesecake, The Donut Bar, and Well Grounded Café. All were acknowledged for their dedication and sacrifices.





## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### PROCEDURAL JUSTICE CLASS WITH NEW RECRUITS

In June 2022, the department held a Procedural Justice training with its new recruits. This community relations program encourages conversation and pairs officers with residents from various neighborhoods throughout the city. The key goal is to break down the disparity between law enforcement and men of color. This program has been held the past ten years.



### PROCEDURAL JUSTICE CLASS WITH AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

On October 4, 2022, the department held a Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy class with East Allen high school students to talk about social order and to demonstrate use of force scenarios with their active participation. The training's first portion is classroom based and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half consists of hands on training incorporating use of force scenarios. These scenarios place citizens in law enforcement shoes to experience stress and real time split decision making that occurs when these situations are encountered. The goal is to establish dialogue with the students to build strong relationships.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## FWPD'S SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The Fort Wayne Police Department has expanded its social media reach in the last few years. New podcasts have been developed: BLUE and YOU and Unholstered. The department, along with the recruitment team, has also increased its social media presence with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. FWPD's YouTube channel has cold case information, recruitment content, and videos featuring the various units within the department.



## CARING COUPLE

For over the past 20 years at Christmastime, Harold and Billie Burgess have provided delicious homemade candies and cookies for over 450 officers on the department. Many heartfelt thanks go out to them for their generous spirit and support.



## 2022 VICTIM ASSISTANCE BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY

This year's Book Bag Giveaway was held on August 8 at Lawton Park. The event was designed in a 'drive-up' style. Attendees stayed in their cars and drove by a check point to receive their book bag.





# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## BADGES FOR BASEBALL CLINIC

In June and July, the World Baseball Academy hosted 'Badges for Baseball' in Fort Wayne to help connect police officers with local youth. The event was held at the ASH Centre. Local officers took to the diamond with participants from the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne. A fun time was had by all.



## KOATS FOR KIDS

During the month of October, the FOP Indiana Wayne Lodge 14 assists the Christ Child Society based out of St. Jude Church. Deliveries are made by officers all over the county for a month. This year over 2,300 coats, 4,600 gloves, and 2,300 hats were delivered.





## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### BLOOMINGDALE READ-A-THON FOOD DRIVE

On November 18, Bloomingdale students and FWPD participated in a read-a-thon food drive. Kids and teachers read books to earn cans of food to place in the schools pantry for students and families who don't have enough to eat. FWPD matched the donation and spent the day with them.



### COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop is back. The first was held on November 12 at the New Haven McDonald's and the second on December 3 at the Coventry McDonald's. Both events were well attended. Hot coffee and good conversations were enjoyed between law enforcement and the community.





## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### NEW POLICE K9 HANDLERS & PARTNERS

On December 16, the newest Police K9 Handlers and their partners graduated. Ofc. S. Jackson and K9 Crash, Ofc. R. Rockey and K9 Rock, and Ofc. S. Beaver and K9 Parys. They completed a 14 week training course together, certifying in Patrolwork, Tracking, and Narcotics Detection.



### CHRISTMAS DASH

On December 22, Walmart, the Fort Wayne Police Department, and the Renaissance Pointe YMCA spread holiday cheer through a clothing giveaway event called Christmas Dash. The event was held at Renaissance Pointe YMCA. Walmart & FWPD graciously donated clothing, shoes, and much more at the event. It was a huge success, with more than 300 families being served in their time of need.

