



# 2023 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 500 sworn officers and approximately 119 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



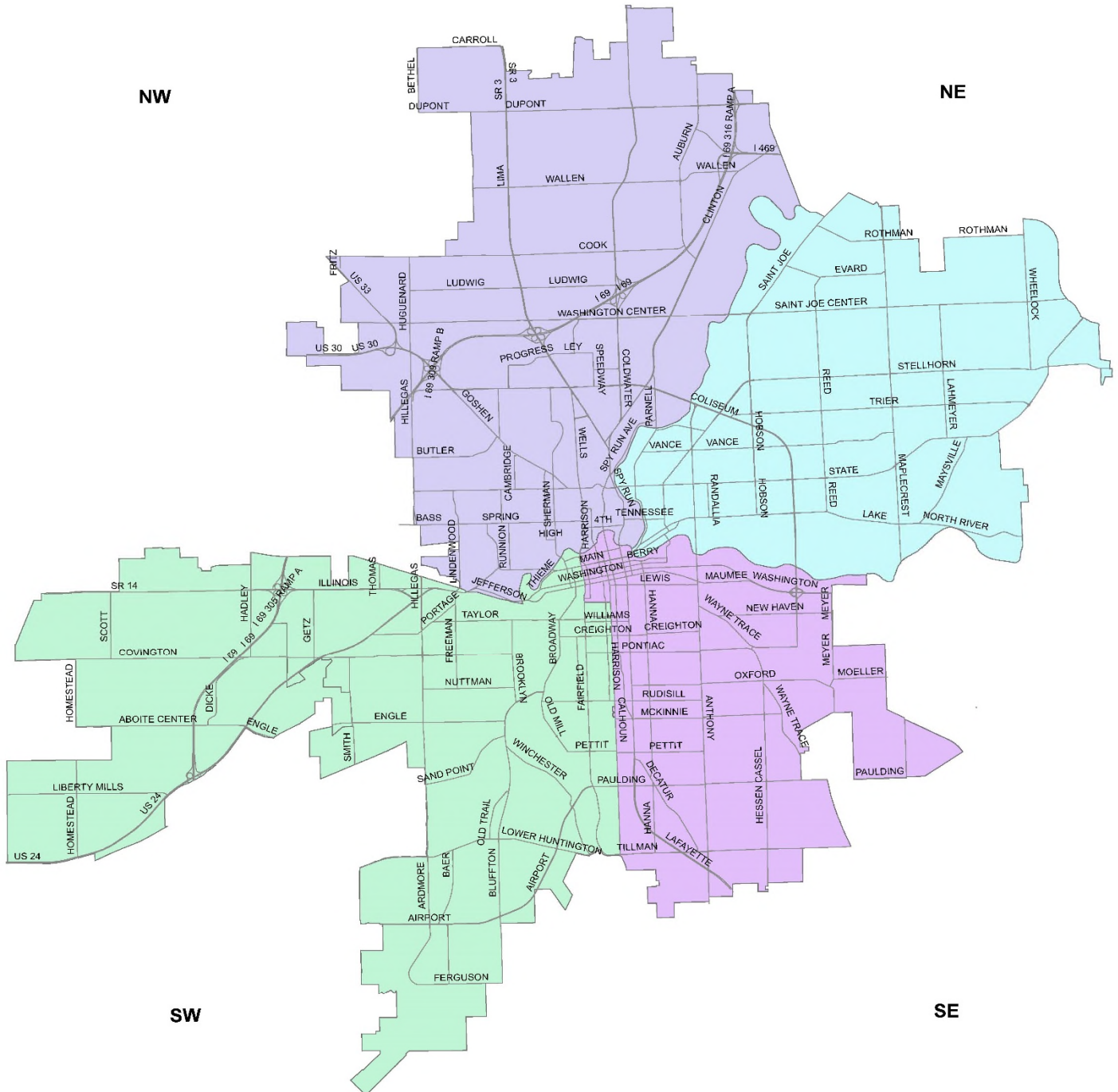
**David P. Nelson**  
Captain – Vice &  
Narcotics Division



**Shane Lee**  
Captain– ISD



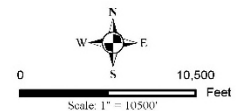
# QUADRANTS



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## Fort Wayne Police Department - Quadrants

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## CALLS FOR SERVICE AND BUDGET

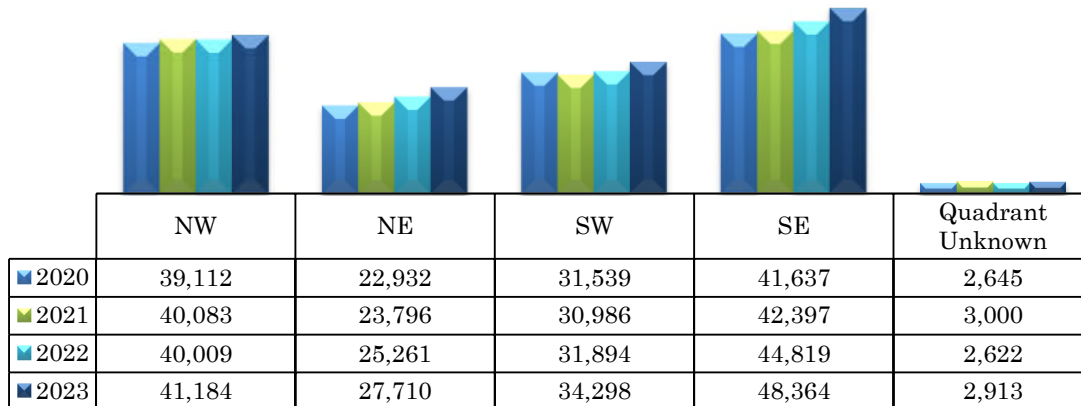
### TOP 10 INCIDENTS (CALLS FOR SERVICE)

NATURE OF INCIDENT	TOTAL INCIDENTS
Traffic Stop	24,605
Traffic Accident	7,534
Audible Alarm	6,263
Disturbance	7,481
Suspicious	7,342
Domestic Disturbance	6,911
Theft	4,081
Attempt Contact/Check Wellbeing	4,613
Community Oriented Policing	4,100
Unwanted Person	5,478

2020 2021 2022 2023

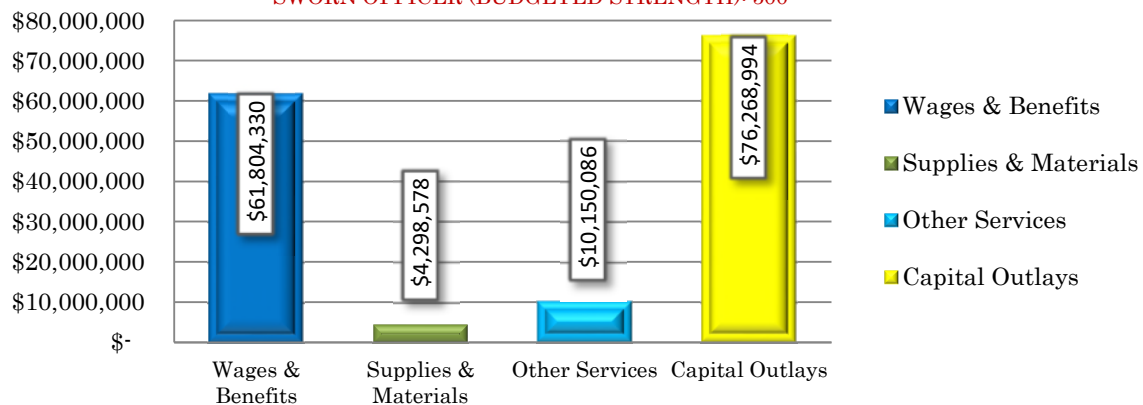


### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY QUADRANT



### 2023 POLICE BUDGET

SWORN OFFICER (BUDGETED STRENGTH): 500







## CHIEF'S COMPLEX



**Karl Niblick**  
Assistant Chief

In 2023 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:

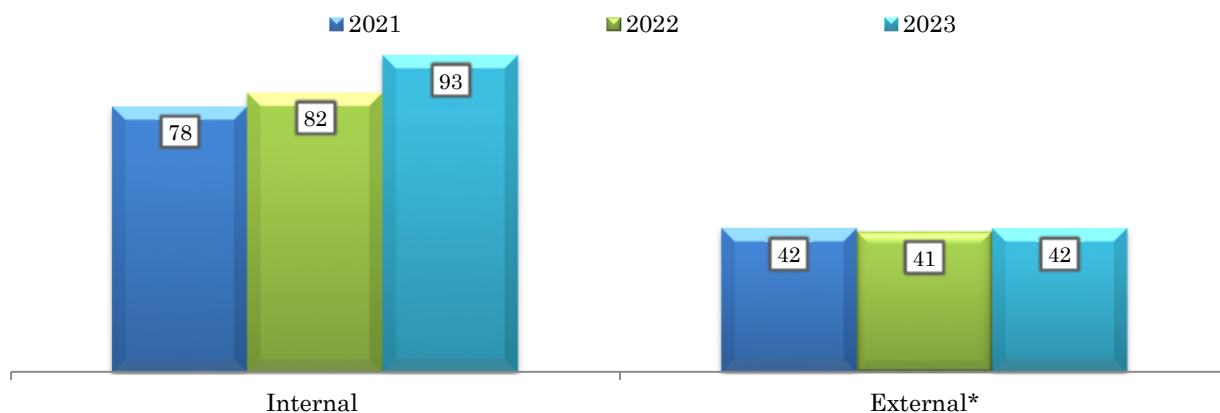
- Internal Affairs
- Information Systems & Technology Unit (ISTU)
- Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Police Training Center
- Fiscal Affairs & Payroll

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.

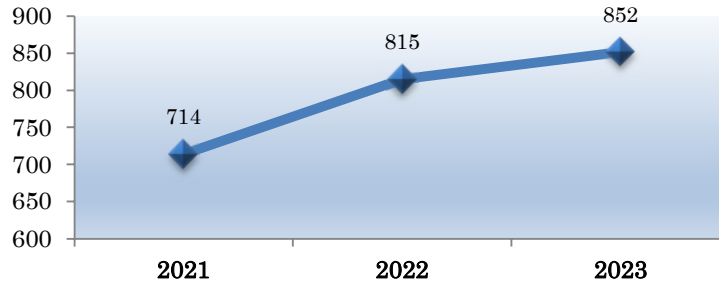
## INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit saw an overall increase in activity during the 2023 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, 204 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\***

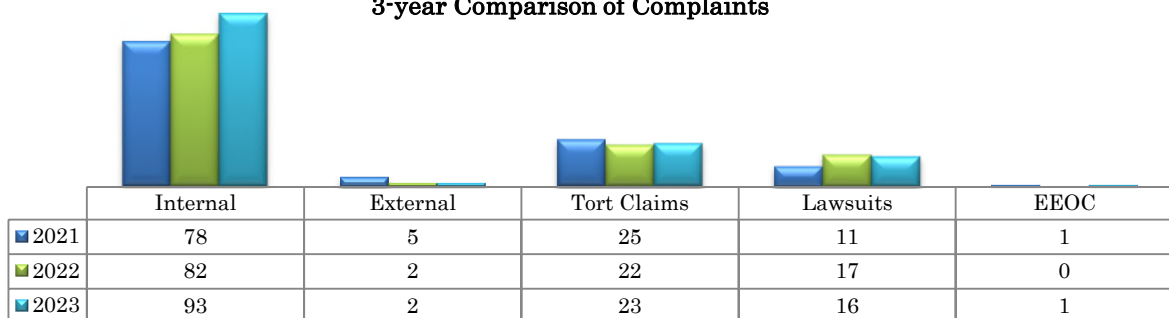
\*Number of suspects involved in use of force incidents will not equal the number of applications of force. This is due to the utilization of the force continuum in incidents where the amount of resistance offered resulted in an escalation in the type of force used. Some incidents involved more than 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)

NUMBER OF REPORTED APPLICATIONS OF FORCE BY TYPE			
CATEGORY	2021	2022	2023
Physical Force	744	746	845
Chemical Agent	50	76	64
Impact Weapon	3	3	7
Aimed Firearm	265	255	402
CED/Taser	95	86	90
Other/K9/Beanbag	5	13	15

**3-year Comparison of Complaints**





2023 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	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unreasonable Force	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Improper Conduct	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Investigative Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawsuit	5	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	16
Obedience to Dept. Policies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tort Claims	8	5	0	1	4	3	0	0	4	25
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</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. In addition to a smooth operation of existing programming, in 2023 PAL added several new programs. The PAL internship program launched in collaboration with local high schools, helping 7 students begin their careers in marketing, nursing, and finance. PAL continued to expand its open gym sessions, hosting dodgeball, and kickball events in addition to pickup basketball.

2023 PAL PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS		
Program	Enrollment	Staff
AAU Basketball	221	15
PAL Basketball	57	8
Internship Program	7	2
Spring Football Camp	62	9
Fall Football League	705	85
Open Gym	374	8
Volleyball	87	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>130</b>



## INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY UNIT (ISTU)

In 2023 the Information Systems and Technology Unit (ISTU) staff continued in their primary roles as the department's administrators for the Spillman records management system (RMS), now known as Flex. ISTU staff also conducted training in the use of Flex, Mobile, mobile data computers (MDCs), digital photography, and body cameras. The ISTU also worked with the department's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) vendor in an effort to replace the obsolete mobile fingerprint readers and software associated with the recently retired system.

## POLICE TRAINING CENTER

In 2023 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 2023 the Training Center provided training for approximately 500 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. In 2023 the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board introduced a new statewide deadly force policy that goes into effect July 1, 2024. We remain committed to improving and evolving to provide the best training in the state and nationwide. We will continue to maintain a high level of performance, professionalism, and dedication to our mission.

2023 TRAINING HOURS*	
Lateral Classes	1,624
Specialty Teams Training	19,305
In-Services	7,004
Defensive Tactics/Use of Force	742.55
Open Shoot/Firearms Training	2,626
General Training	6,107.19
EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course)	498
Police One (online)	4,110.50
Re-Entry	101
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>42,118.24</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 2023:

- Department In-Service #1 (January)
- 67<sup>th</sup> Basic Recruit Class (January)
- New Supervisor School (March)
- Instructor Development Course (April)
- Department Fit Test (Spring-April)
- Long Gun Training (May)
- Bike School (May/June)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Laterals (July)
- EVOC (August)
- Summer Shoot (September)
- Basic SWAT (September)
- Department In-Service #2 (October)



## INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT DIVISION



**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Investigative Support  
Division

In 2023 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 2023 continued to be a primary focus for the city, Police Department, and especially for the Investigative Support Division. Homicides have gone up from 23 in 2022 to 28 in 2023, resulting in an increase of 21.7%. A large percentage of the homicides in 2023 continue to involve street level gangs and narcotics. Domestic related homicides continue to be the smallest percentage. The clearance rate for homicides continued the upward trend from 83% in 2022 to 96% in 2023.

In 2023 reported residential burglaries continued to go down from 358 in 2022 to 347 in 2023, resulting in a decrease of 4%. This reduction is due to the diligent work of the Crime Suppression Detectives, Property Crimes Detectives, and Uniform Street Crimes Detectives. The robbery division saw a slight decrease of investigations. Cases assigned to the division decreased 1.4% from 379 in 2022 to 374 in 2023. Of those cases assigned, 112 of them were robberies in 2023 compared to 119 in 2022 resulting in a decrease of 6%.

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

### HOMICIDE SECTION

The Homicide Section of the FWPDP is supervised by two sergeants and 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 non-fatal shootings. 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.





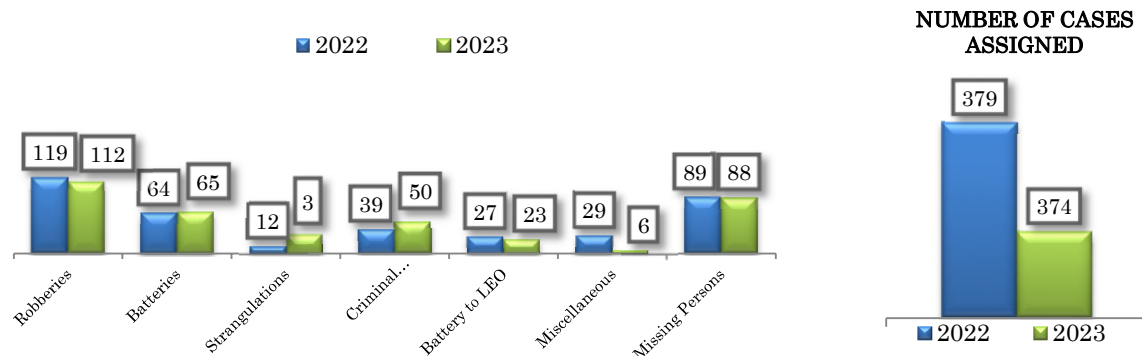
The following is homicide data for 2023:

- 27 total homicides cleared/closed (96% overall clearance rate).
- 20 of the 27 cleared homicides were cleared by arrest/charges filed (74% of cases).
  - The remaining 7 cases were cleared by exceptional means (suspect is deceased/killed).
- 28 people arrested and charged in 2023 (number is expected to increase).
  - 20 people were arrested and charged with Attempted Murder.
  - 24 charges were filed for robbery, criminal recklessness, assisting a criminal.
  - 17 people were arrested and charged with aggravated battery.
- 5 cold cases cleared (Cold case refers to a case that is at least 3 years old).

	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Total Homicide Victims</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>
Northwest	8	1	15	9
Northeast	1	2	5	9
Southwest	6	5	5	3
Southeast	13	15	16	21
Other Cases	50	79	57	62
Battery by Firearm	84	78	91	56
Cold Cases Reviewed	30	7	5	3
<b>Total Cases Assigned</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>238</b>

## ROBBERY SECTION

The Robbery Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department is supervised by one sergeant 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 decreased to 174 in 2023 compared to the reported 207 in 2022. The Robbery Division was assigned a total of 374 cases for the 2023 calendar year, slightly down from the 379 assigned cases in 2022. Cases are assigned based on solvability factors. The investigations are classified as follows:

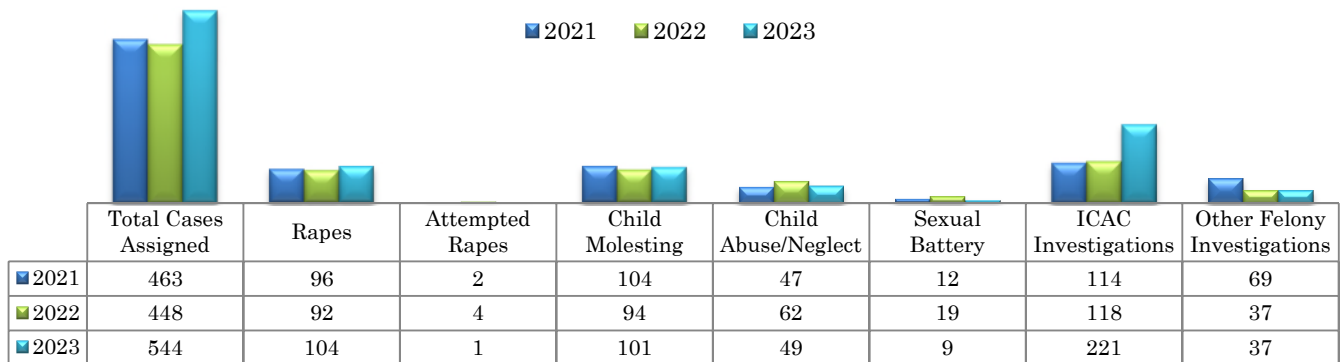




## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS SECTION

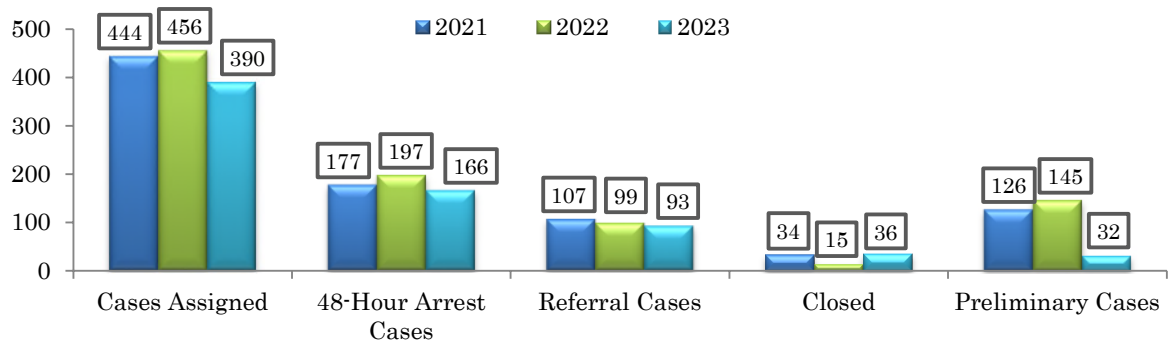
The Crimes Against Persons Section (CAP) of the Investigative Support Division (ISD) is staffed by two Detective Sergeants and nine detectives who investigate felony cases that occurred inside the Fort Wayne city limits. The type of crimes investigated by CAP detectives include rapes, sexual battery, 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. 2023 was a record year for cases investigated by the CAP section. The table below represents the 2023 statistical data for the CAP section of the ISD.



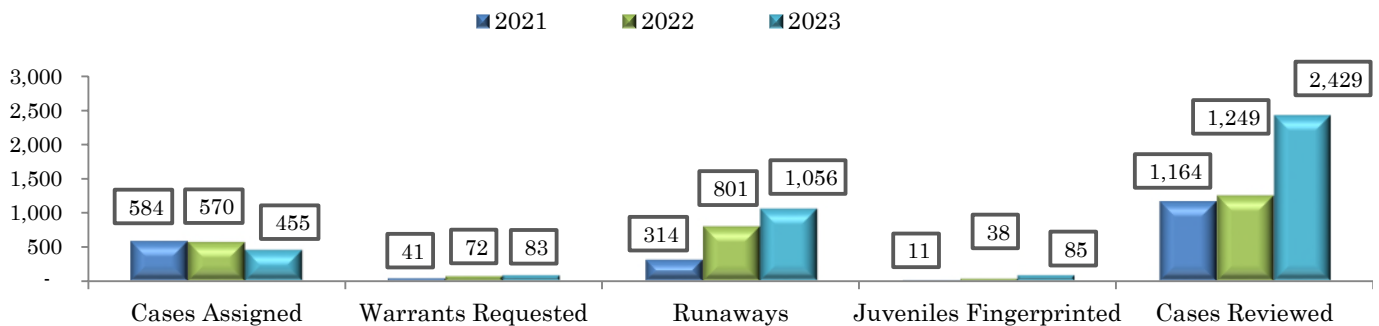
## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SECTION

The Domestic Violence (D.V.) Investigative Section is supervised by one Detective Sergeant 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 2023 the D.V. Unit worked a total of 390 cases for the year.



### JUVENILE AID SECTION

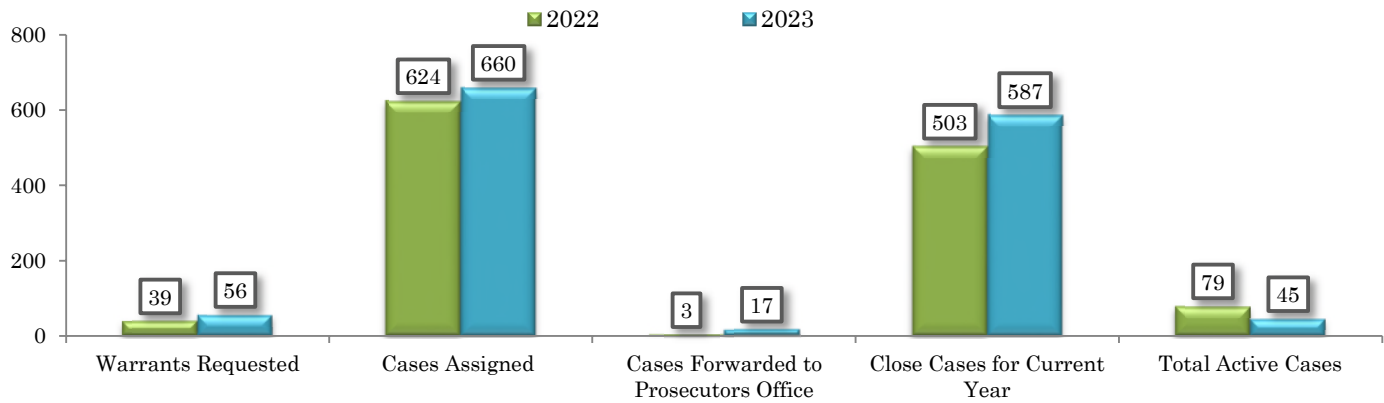
The Juvenile Aid Division (JAD) is supervised by one Detective Sergeant and consists of 3 detectives. The JAD is responsible for investigating crimes, which involve individuals 17 years of age and younger. The section is also responsible for the investigating of juvenile runaways and custodial interference 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

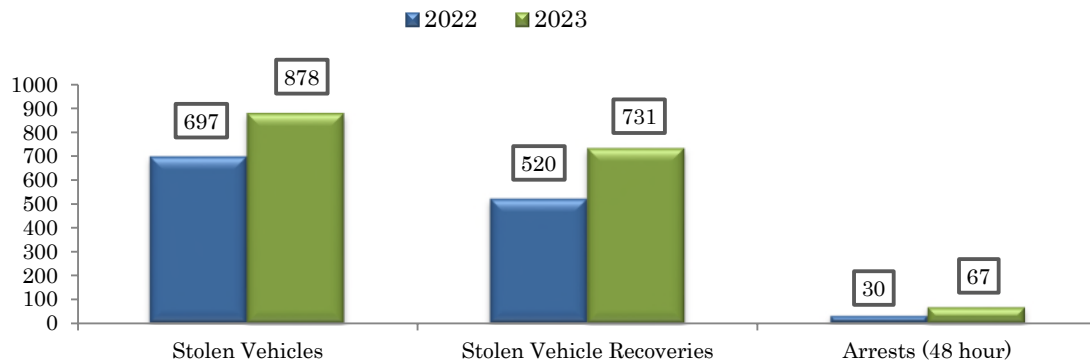
The Financial Crimes Section is supervised by one Detective Sergeant. The section is responsible for investigating fraud, forgery, counterfeit checks, scams, and computer related crimes that exceed \$750.00. In 2023, a total of 660 cases were assigned and 587 cases were closed. This is an increase from the previous year with 624 cases assigned and 503 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 one Detective Sergeant 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

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.

NORTHEAST	2021	2022	2023
Reported Residential Burglaries	49	52	53
Actual Determined House Burglaries	22	19	19
Reported Business Burglaries	15	24	17
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	9	13	17
SOUTHEAST	2021	2022	2023
Reported Residential Burglaries	150	140	130
Actual Determined House Burglaries	48	47	40
Reported Business Burglaries	22	31	19
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	28	18	5
NORTHWEST	2021	2022	2023
Reported Residential Burglaries	122	69	80
Actual Determined House Burglaries	33	21	23
Reported Business Burglaries	24	38	25
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	16	19	13
SOUTHWEST/ABOITE	2021	2022	2023
Reported Residential Burglaries	103	97	84
Actual Determined House Burglaries	36	31	22
Reported Business Burglaries	27	34	21
Actual Determined Business Burglaries	28	17	9

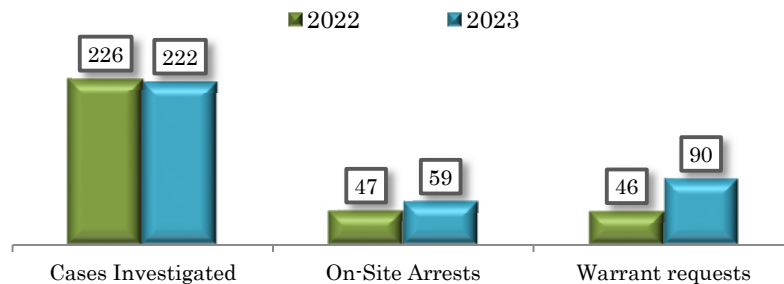
## PAWN DETAIL UNIT

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 2023, no businesses in Fort Wayne were cited for violating City Ordinance 115. For the year 2023, the Pawn Detail detective handled a total of 74 pawn-related cases. For that period, the Pawn Detail detective recovered property that was estimated to be \$102,340 in value. The average amount of property value recovered per case for 2023 was \$1,382.97. 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.



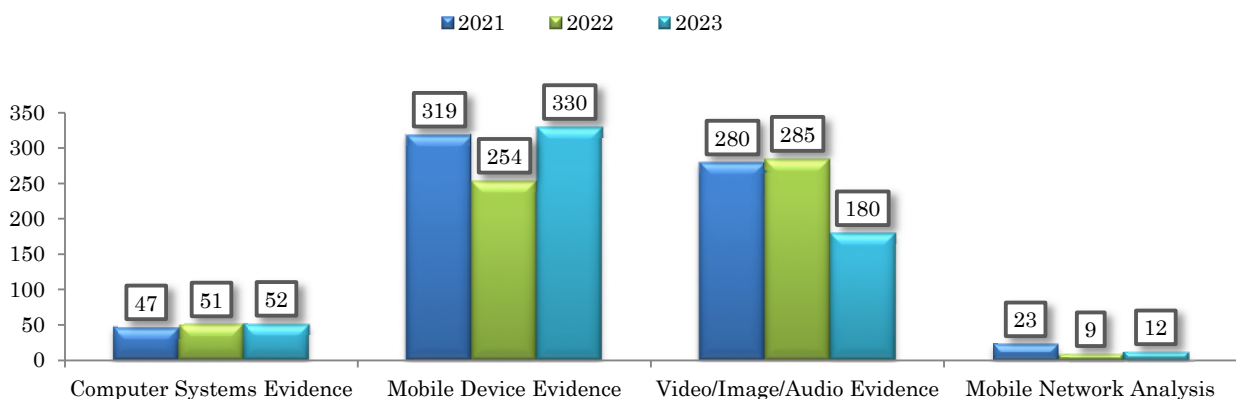
## CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT

The Crime Suppression Unit was implemented in January 2008 and is supervised by one Detective Sergeant. 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 2023 the Crime Suppression Unit investigated 222 cases, made 59 on-site arrests, and filed 90 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 one Detective Sergeant. 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 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 7,000 requests for digital evidence in 2023.

## 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 two Detective Sergeant's and is staffed with nine 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	2022	2023
Cases Assigned	539	589
Preliminary Cases	244	231
On-Site Arrests (48 hour)	295	358

## C-SHIFT INVESTIGATIVE SECTION

The C-shift section is supervised by one Detective Sergeant 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 one Detective Sergeant 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 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 2023 the SCU was involved in 1,543 investigations.

STREET CRIMES STATISTICS	2022	2023
Total Arrests (48 hours)	430	519
Warrants	104	93
Theft Related	113	115
Drug Related	99	108
Handgun Related	10	11
Area Checks	1,905	1,448

## LABORATORY SERVICES (CRIME LAB)

The Fort Wayne Police Laboratory (FWPL) is supervised by Catrice Whitlow. 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	2021	2022	2023
Detective Bureau	1	18	35
Southeast Quadrant	25	13	7
Southwest Quadrant	17	3	8
Northeast Quadrant	10	3	5
Northwest Quadrant	14	2	5
Outside Agencies	13	16	26
Crime Scene	12	73	46
Fingerprint Identifications	193	93	148
Juveniles Printed	11	38	85
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>361</b>



## CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Crime Scene Management Unit is supervised by two Detective Sergeant's 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.

TECHNICIAN RESPONSES	2022	2023
Homicides	65	89
Suicides	60	88
Accidental Death	9	15
Other Death (Natural and SIDS)	36	38
Total Deaths Responses	170	240
Other Investigations	1,349	1,569

## VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT



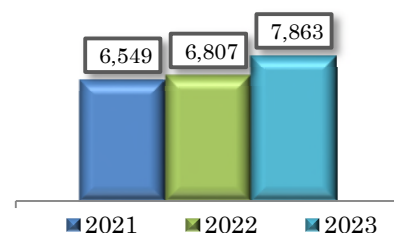
The Victim Assistance (VA) program provides comprehensive crime victim services to the City of Fort Wayne and surrounding communities. Advocates and volunteers passionately work to provide information to crime victims to reduce re-victimization as victims navigate through the criminal justice system. 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. Victim 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. In 2023 Victim Assistance served 7,863 new cases and 4,848 previous victim cases for a total of 12,711 cases. In addition, our office had a total of 23,620 contacts, which included phone calls, court hearings, and meetings. The Victim Assistance 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. As the year came to a close, our office was excited to continue building close collaborative partnerships across our community to provide better support to the victims we serve.

### 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	2021	2022	2023
Evidence Taken into Storage	14,133	13,095	13,492
Firearms Taken into Storage	851	1012	1066
ATF Traces Completed	723	786	831
IBIS Tested Firearms	535	568	683
IBIS Tested Shell Casings	881	949	1074
Total Firearms Destroyed	0	0	0
Firearms Released to Owner	242	183	306
Total Items Purged (not firearms)	5,154	6,644	31,601

## 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.



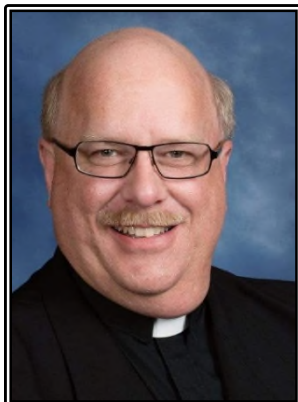
## CRIME STOPPERS



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 citizen volunteers from the community. Crime Stoppers works with 11 Indiana counties and multiple agencies within those counties. Crime Stoppers is proud of the working relationship that it has with the City of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Police Department. 2023 was the most successful year thus far, based on the amount of tips, arrests, and rewards paid out.

CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS	2021	2022	2023
Total Tips	1,826	1,737	1,937
Felony Charges	192	237	325
Misdemeanor Charges	81	66	95

## 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.



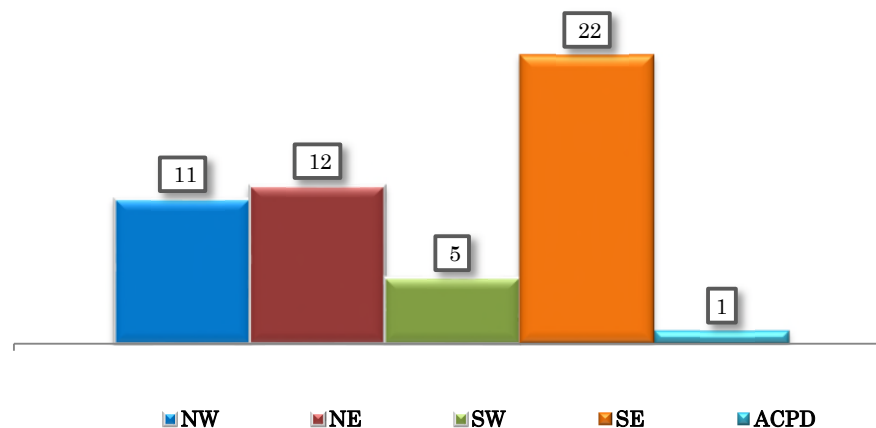
## VICE & NARCOTICS DIVISION



**James Feasel**  
Deputy Chief  
Vice & Narcotics

Deputy Chief James Feasel commanded the Narcotics Division in 2023. 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 FWPDP 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 2023 the Narcotics and Gang Units seized a total weight of 65,909.5g of narcotics, which is over a 31% increase from 2022. This did not include Fentanyl (M-30) pills and miscellaneous pills. In 2023 the division seized 44,795 pills containing fentanyl and 3,880 miscellaneous pills. The increase was most significant in the seizure of heroin with a total of 348g from 40.8g in 2022. Increases also occurred with powder cocaine, marijuana, THC edibles, THC wax-dap, LSD, and fentanyl powder. 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 FWPDP 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 2023, which helped bring the homicide clearance rate to roughly 96%.

### 2023 NARCOTICS SEARCH WARRANTS

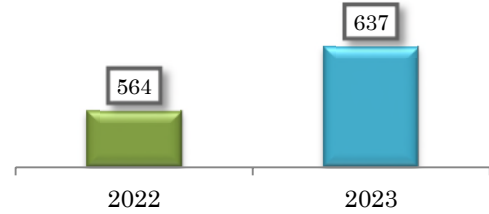




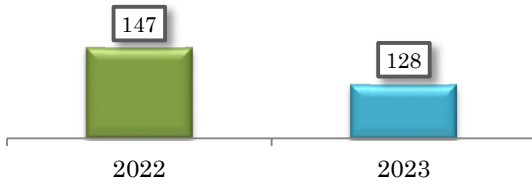
**Confiscated Meth Labs**



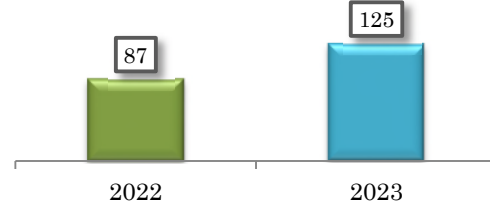
**Narcotics & Gang Arrests**



**Gang- Guns Recovered**



**Narcotics- Guns Recovered**



MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS			
Other	2021	2022	2023
Overdoses	1,227	959	959
Overdose Deaths	173	136	99
Human Trafficking Cases	0	0	0



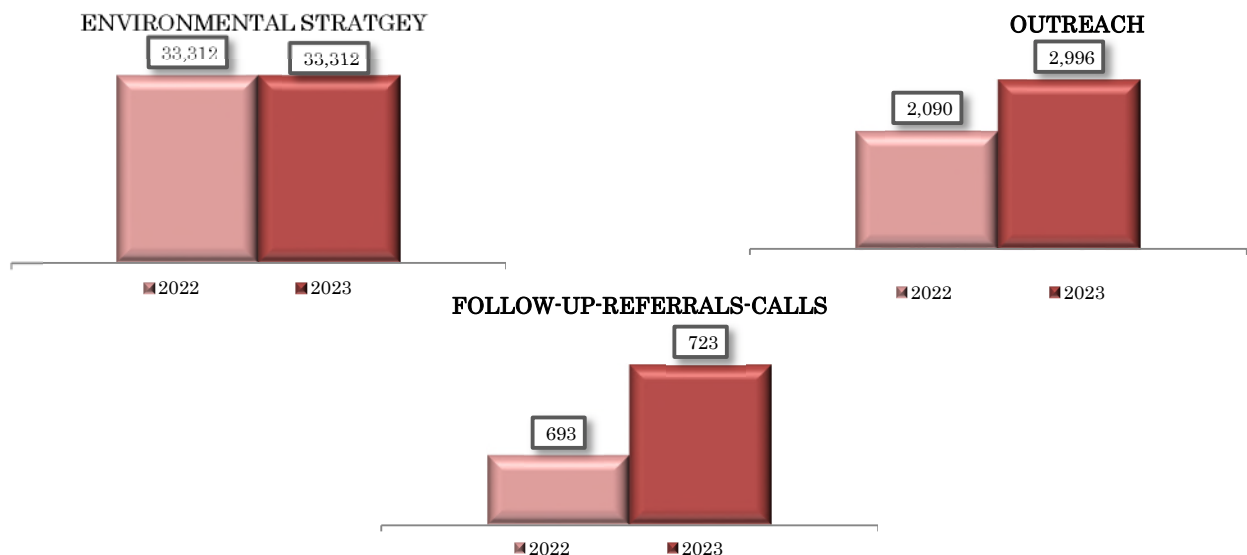


PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			
Confiscated-Grams	2021	2022	2023
Cocaine-Crack	1,385.88	403.90	384.70
Cocaine-Powder	1,320.00	2,848.00	7,671.00
Marijuana	54,676.93	32,855.00	41,591.00
Marijuana Synthetic	1,875.16	5,259.00	100.3
THC-Edibles	8,717.72	1,486.00	7,327.00
THC-Wax/Dap	575.70	83.10	156.9
Heroin	191.20	40.80	348.00
Fentanyl	5,099.71	10,962.40	3,755.00
Methamphetamine	6,829.10	5,657.00	4,378.00
Ecstasy/MDMA	26.20	121.00	9.6
Miscellaneous Pills	11,641.00	6,521.00	3,880.00
LSD/Psilocybin	89.20	125.00	188.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>92,427.80</b>	<b>66,361.80</b>	<b>65,909.50</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 five social workers who work on getting people with

mental 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 referrals.





## PIPE AND DRUM BRIGADE



During 2023 the Pipe & Drum Brigade provided services at twenty events. These events included a fundraiser in support of injured soliders and a program honoring veterans at Lane Middle School. In addition, the brigade provided services for the Allen County Law Enforcement Memorial, the Fort Wayne Police Academy Recruit Graduation, and the Fort Wayne Police Department's Awards Ceremony. The brigade provided services for three retiree funerals and in the line of duty funerals for ISP Trooper Bailey, ISP Trooper Smith, and Tell City Sergeant Glenn. 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 2023 the Honor and Color Guard had a total of 25 commitments; this is down from 2022. At the end of 2023, the Honor Guard had 22 active members. The Honor Guard participated in three special events, four presentation of colors at sporting events, six retired officers funerals and viewings, six LOD funerals, three parades, one academy graduation, one city police memorial, and one state 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>.



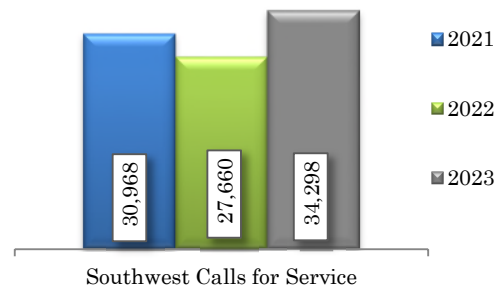
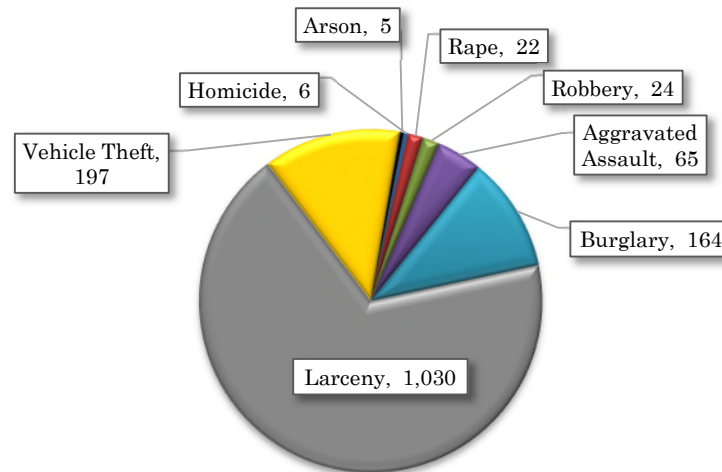
## SOUTHWEST QUADRANT



**Stephen Haffner**  
Deputy Chief  
Southwest Quadrant

In 2023 the Southwest Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Stephen Haffner and Captain Derrick Westfield. The Southwest Quadrant provides police service to approximately 69,774 citizens. The quadrant covers 35 miles. In 2023 the Southwest Division had 34,298 calls for service compared to 27,660 in 2022. This was an increase of 23.9%.

### 2023 SOUTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHWEST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1,342
Drug House Closures	5
Traffic Stops	6,048



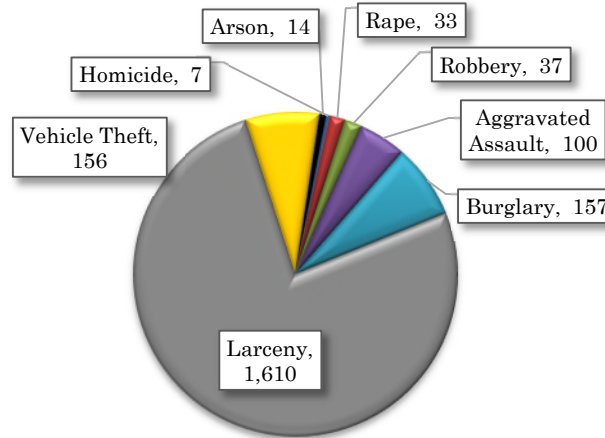
## NORTHWEST QUADRANT



**Paul Smith**  
Deputy Chief  
Northwest Quadrant

In 2023 the Northwest Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Paul Smith and Captain Daniel Ingram. The Northwest Quadrant provides police service to approximately 68,037 citizens. The quadrant covers 33.66 miles. In 2023 the Northwest Division had 41,184 calls for service compared to 39,959 in 2022. This was an increase of 3%.

### 2023 NORTHWEST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHWEST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	519
Drug House Closures	11
Traffic Stops	5,807





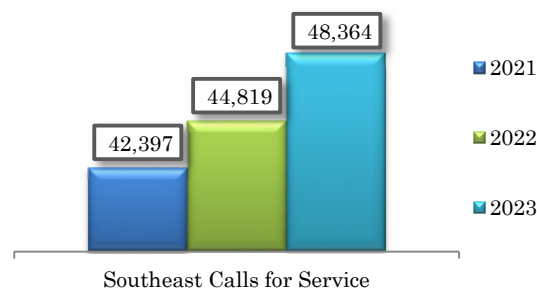
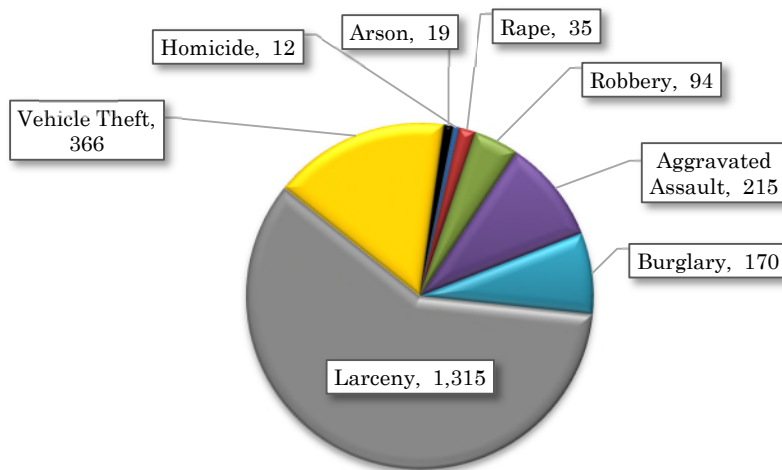
## SOUTHEAST QUADRANT



**Mitchell McKinney**  
Deputy Chief  
Southeast Quadrant

In 2023 the Southeast Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Mitchell McKinney and Captain Sofia Rosales-Scatena. The Southeast Quadrant provides police service to approximately 52,286 citizens. The quadrant covers 18.35 miles. In 2023 the Southeast Division had 48,364 calls for service compared to 44,819 in 2022. This was an increase of 7.9%.

### 2023 SOUTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR SOUTHEAST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1,384
Drug House Closures	22
Traffic Stops	7,139



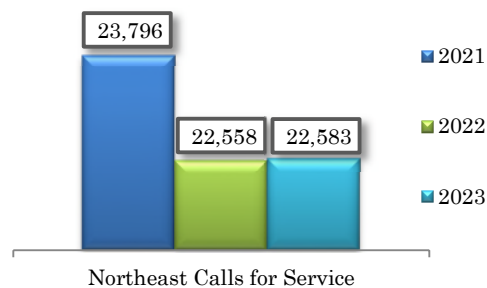
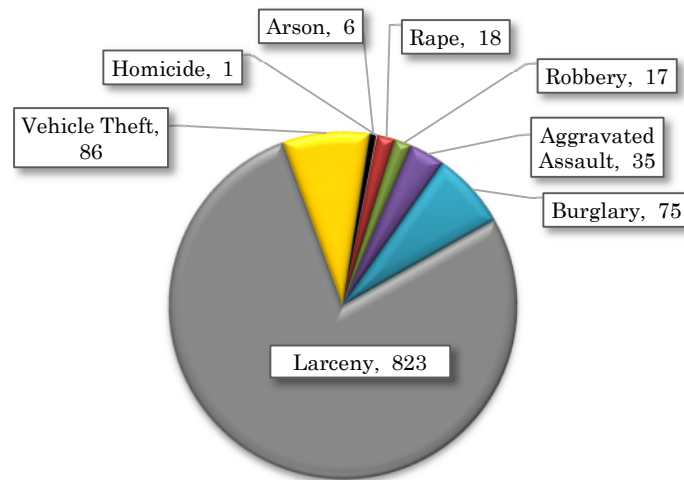
## NORTHEAST QUADRANT



**Scott Caudill**  
Deputy Chief  
Northeast Quadrant

In 2023 the Northeast Quadrant was commanded by Deputy Chief Scott Caudill and Captain William Corn. The Northeast Quadrant provides police service to approximately 77,339 residents and covers 25.44 square miles. In 2023 the Northeast Division had 22,583 calls for service compared to 22,558 in 2022. This was a decrease of .11%.

### 2023 NORTHEAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:



### MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS FOR NORTHEAST:

NLO Contacts (Neighborhood Liaison Officers)	1,004
Drug House Closures	12
Traffic Stops	5,092



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS



**Martin Bender**  
Deputy Chief  
Special Operations

In 2023 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.

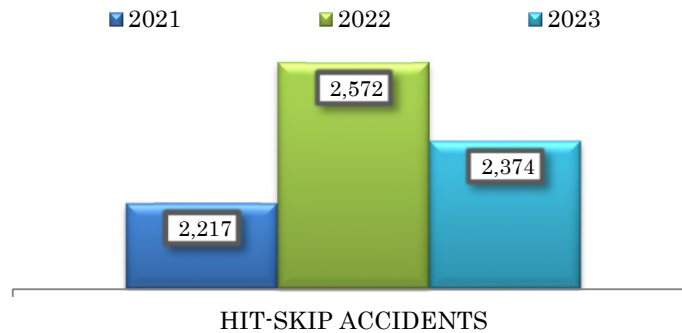
8-YEAR CRASH COMPARISON								
<u>Type</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Property Damage	9,543	9,153	9,169	9,167	7,249	8,407	8,222	8,054
Personal Injury	1,790	1,874	1,669	1,629	1,286	1,469	1,469	1,573
Hit-Skip	2,724	2,705	2,855	2,822	2,507	2,507	2,339	2,133
Fatals	18	21	14	22	18	31	19	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 and Dangerous Driving. In 2023 FACT responded to 33 serious bodily injury or fatal crashes in Fort Wayne, down 5 from 38 in 2022. Of those, 19 were fatal crashes with 19 deaths because of those crashes.



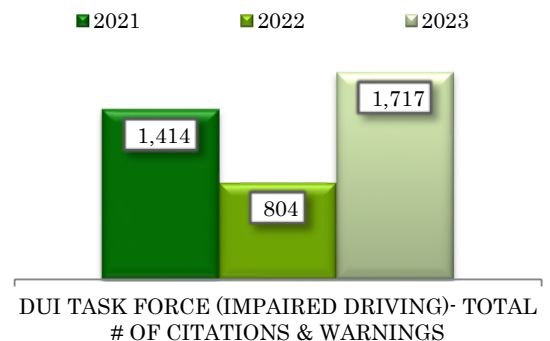
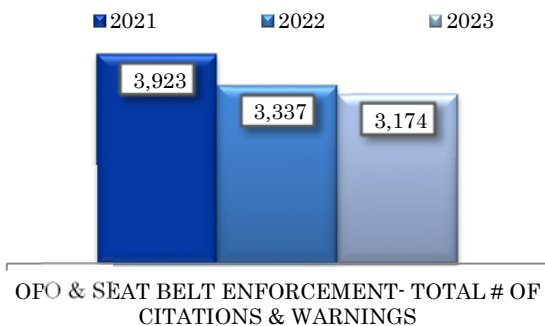
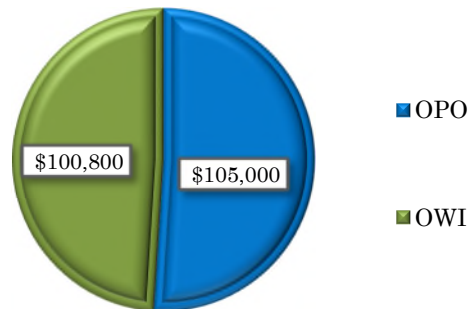
## HIT-SKIP SECTION



## 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)



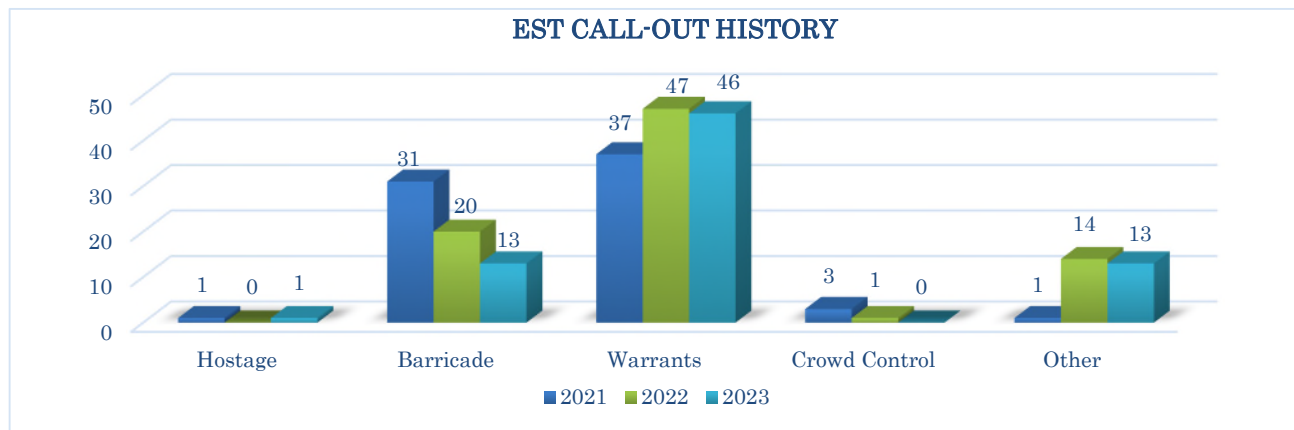




## EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM (EST)



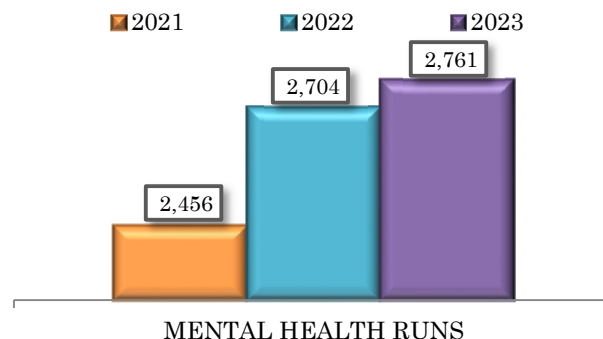
In 2023 the Emergency Services Team resolved 73 operations (ten less than 2022), including 46 high risk warrant services, 13 barricaded suspects, 1 hostage situation, and 13 operations categorized as “other.” Of the high-risk warrant services, 30 were for the Vice and Narcotics Division, 10 for the Gang and Violent Crimes Unit, 4 for the Investigative Support Division, and 2 for the FBI.



## 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 2023 there were 2,761 reported mental health runs. This was a 2% increase from 2022. The CIT protocol was put into practice 1,226 times based on circumstances of the call.





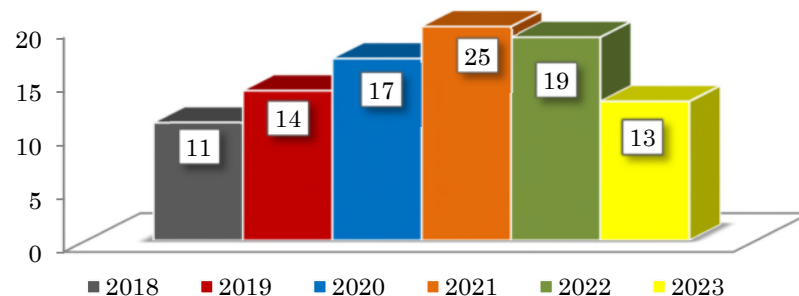
## CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT)



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 11 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 Service 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 2023 there were 13 CRT/EST/ASU critical incident callouts, which was down from 19 in 2022. 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 2023 the unit responded to 50 calls for service, which was a decrease from 2022. In 2023 the HDU has supported several city special events, as well as the Indianapolis 500.



## PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TEAM (PSRT)

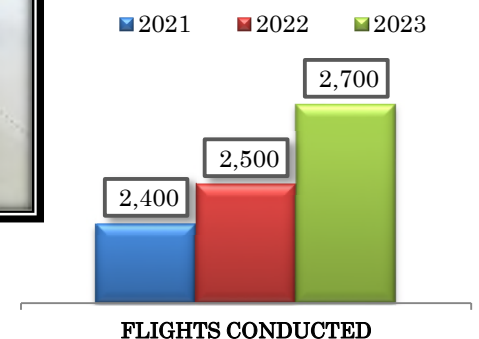
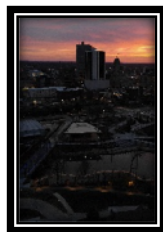
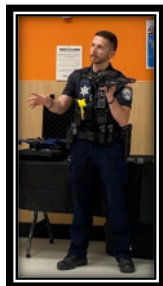


The Public Safety Response Team (PSRT) is a specially trained team that is responsible for responding on very short notice to serve the citizens of Fort Wayne during a time of civil unrest. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to, civil disturbances, protests, large public gatherings, 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 2023 there were no large-scale situations within the city that required an activation of the PSRT. 2023 was a quieter year for PSRT. 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 FWPd Air Support Unit was created on June 29, 2017, and is comprised of 10 FAA Part 107 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Pilots. In 2023 ASU became the first police department in the state of Indiana to operate a Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. Furthermore, the ASU responded to a total of 900 calls for service. The total flights were an increase from 2022. The calls for service were up 174% from 2022, which had 377 calls for service. The mission of the UAS program is to provide aerial support and assistance to the FWPd and the department's specialty teams. ASU continues to work and train with the Fort Wayne Fire Department's Arson division drone operations. ASU welcomed Langley Productions, nationally syndicated "COPS" tv show for 5 weeks in the late summer. In 2023, ASU hosted two National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) courses.





## DOWNTOWN PATROL

In 2023 the full-time Downtown Patrol Unit consisted of one supervisor and four 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. Six non-E-bikes were purchased to replace aging fleet bikes. A basic bicycle certification class was held certifying nine FWPDP officers and one other officer.

- Radio Runs: 777
- Officer Initiated Runs: 707
- Citations Issued: 47
- Individuals Arrested/CIT 24hrs: 87
- Community-Related Events: 93
- Park suspensions: 163



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 the 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 (K-9) UNIT



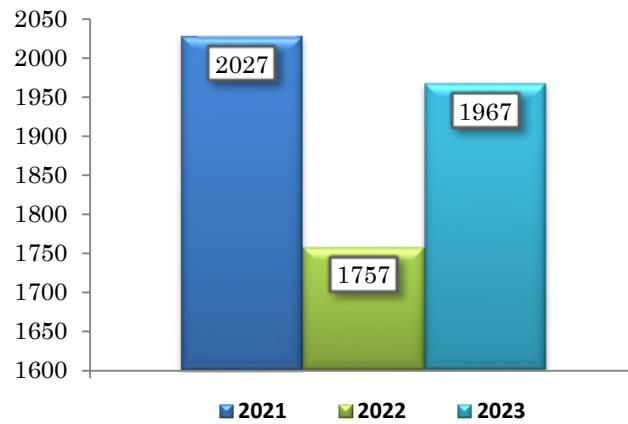
The K-9 Unit training program is commanded by NAPWDA Master Trainer Sergeant Robert Theurer and consists of 14 K-9 team members. The K-9 Unit continued to provide service to the department, fulfilling their commitment to the Operations Division and Narcotics Division. They also fulfilled requests for K-9 demonstrations and lectures with a very minimum amount of overtime incurred. Instruction on K-9 Policing was provided for the Fort Wayne Police Training Academy lateral class. K-9 Drug Interdiction programs for Fort Wayne Community Schools was provided during the school year when requested.

In 2023 there was a total of 3,773.8 hours of training time. In 2023 the K-9 Unit added a full-time trainer, which allowed more individual training for the K-9s. This focused training improved the K-9s during both certifications for Narcotics and Utility. The position also allowed the sergeant more time for administrative duties and flexibility with problem solving for the teams. New software was also implemented and used for tracking training and deployments.

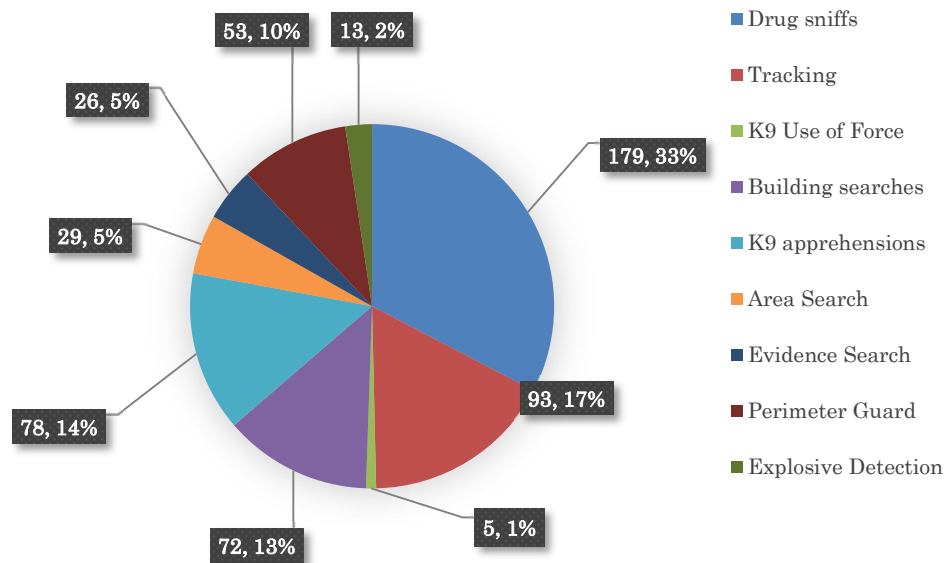




### # OF INCIDENTS WITH K9 UTILIZATION



### 2023 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 2023 FWPD launched the Future Officer Readiness Training (FORT) Program. The program

is designed and dedicated to improving, enhancing, or maintaining the physical fitness level of potential future City of Fort Wayne police officers. In August of 2023, the FWPD launched a new program entitled 'My City. My Department. My Campaign' to build on the relationships already established with citizens, organizations, and businesses in Fort Wayne through the community-oriented policing practices. The goal of the program is to ensure the department continues to reflect the community it serves and establishes a way for participants to not only show their support for the department but assist in the recruiting efforts.





## 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 middle schools during the school year to interact with our community's youth. Sergeant Jeremy Webb and Sergeant Kerry Haywood 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, the 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 Blocher—Mem. Park Middle School

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

2023 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JANUARY-JUNE 2023			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	408	Total Infraction Arrests	7
Total Administrative Teamwork	4,818	Smoking/Vaping Citations	19
Total Classes Taught	289	Total Felony Arrests	1
Total Classroom Visits	811	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	6
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	667	Total Drug Arrests	5
Parent Contacts	277	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	65	Other Weapons Seized	0
Academic Support	151	Total 911 Hang Ups	36
Elementary School Visits	58	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	37
After-School Activities	57	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	21
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,735</b>





2023 STATISTICS FOR FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL): JULY-DECEMBER 2023			
Total Criminal Investigations (with control number)	119	Total Infraction Arrests	2
Total Administrative Teamwork	5,207	Smoking/Vaping Citations	23
Total Classes Taught	25	Total Felony Arrests	1
Total Classroom Visits	756	Total Misdemeanor Arrests	7
Conflict Incident Mediations/Resolutions	515	Total Drug Arrests	4
Parent Contacts	190	Firearms Seized	0
Home Visits	32	Other Weapons Seized	2
Academic Support	1,239	Total 911 Hang Ups	21
Elementary School Visits	39	C.I.T. Assessments/24-hour Detentions	19
After-School Activities	63	Total Drills (fire, tornado, lock-down)	29
<b>Total</b>			<b>8,293</b>

## SAFETY EDUCATION BUREAU



Officer Jessica Ingram has been with Safety Village since April of 2019. 2023 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 programming and maintaining continuous educational gains. The safety fair utilized Safety Village and incorporated the Safety Village/pedestrian safety walk into the fair. Upgrades were made to the streets and sidewalks of Safety Village. The classroom received new carpet and chairs. Safety Village was selected for the United Way Day of Caring for a project and was chosen by Franklin Electric for the day. Over the summer there were many camps, which had children of many different ages attending. For the older children there was an investigation program with a search for clues in the village to solve a case. If you would like to request a visit to Safety Village, please visit: <http://www.fwpd.org/request-visit-to-safety-village>.

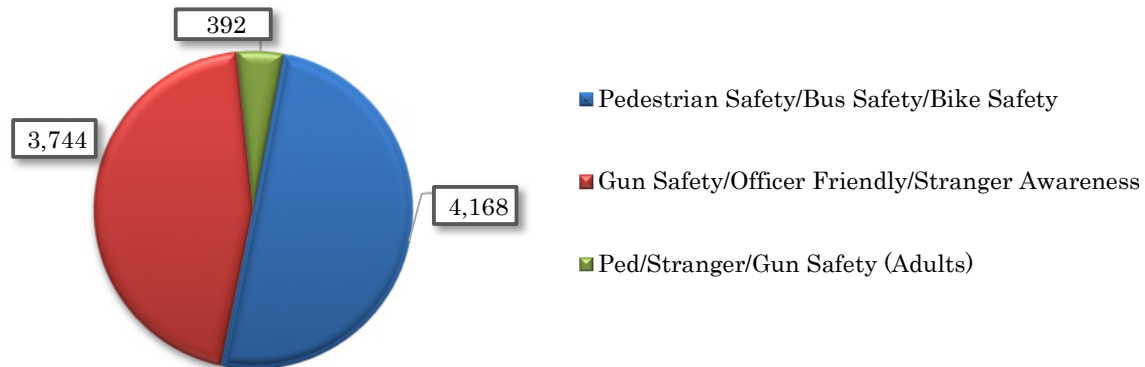
## 2023 OUTREACH AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received Pizza Hut coupons for the children.
- McDonalds donated coupons for the children and additional McCafé Coupons for the teachers.
- AEP printed and donated 5,000 safety education coloring books.
- Truck Maintenance and Koorsen updated their buildings.
- Arrow Fence donated new fencing that was placed around the bridge.
- Walmart continues to support the Safety Village by grants.
- NRA donated coloring books, stickers, and parent informational sheets for the gun don't touch program.
- Norfolk Southern gave a monetary donation, which will go towards replacing the old train, updating the tracks, and make the lights functional.
- New large shade was installed on the playground and a new water bottle fill station was installed.





### SAFETY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023



### THERAPY DOG PROGRAM



The year 2023 began with a program implemented in Fort Wayne Community Schools, beginning at Bloomingdale Elementary School named “Tuesday with Tinsley.” Police therapy dog K-9 Tinsley and handler officer Lisa Woods visited a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class every week to introduce Tinsley and for the children to utilize the benefits of a therapy dog. After the first month the program expanded to two other schools. In the spring Tinsley assisted over 100 Indiana State troopers during a debrief after the tragic death of Master Trooper James Bailey. Summertime included participation in several youth summer camps. Educational information was provided for adults and children about the importance of building the relationship between the police and our community, the value of mental health, animal safety, and the differences between our police K-9s and Tinsley. Late fall of 2023, Officer Woods and Tinsley began a reading program, which included both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Officer Woods and Tinsley attended several community events, such as Safety Village Halloween Bash, Ft. Wayne Komets Hometown Hero Event, JA Job Spark, FOP Kops 4 Kids, Coffee with a Cop, Turnstone Academy Preschool, YMCA Youth Summer Camp for Refugees, and Ft. Wayne Community Schools block parties. Tinsley engaged in over 60 events with over 12,000 human interactions and was deployed for mental health assistance in 23 events. Tinsley engages in 327 hours of training with Officer Woods to enhance and improve his therapy skills with the officers and the public.

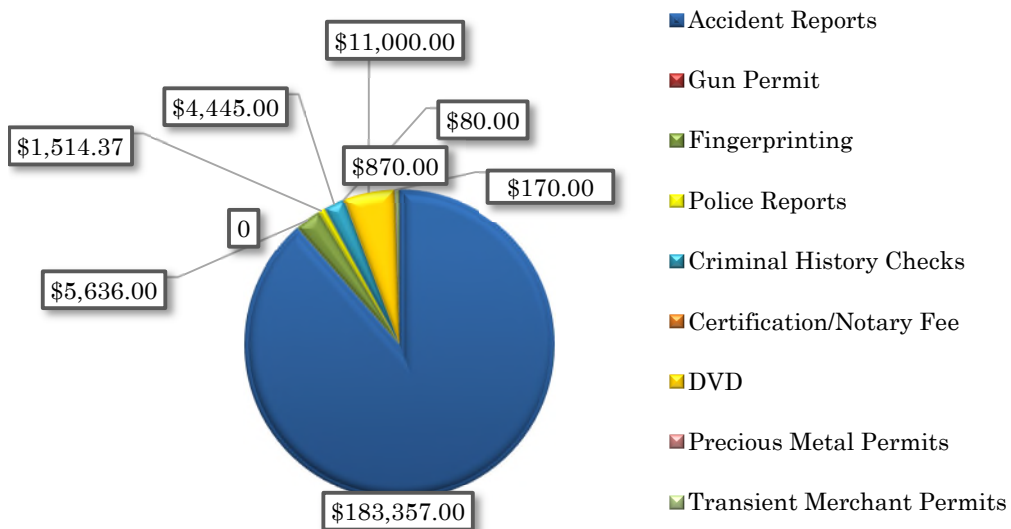




## RECORDS BUREAU

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 2023 were 140,100: 125,671 Non-Emergency, 6,611 Police Desk calls, and 4,008 Teleservice calls. The total revenue generated in 2023 was \$198,244.95.

**RECORDS BUREAU - 2023 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

## 2023 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 2023

Shane Pulver ..... Sergeant  
 John Helmsing ..... Sergeant  
 Michael McEachern.....Sergeant  
 Stephanie Souther.....Sergeant  
 Eric Thompson.....Sergeant  
 Terry Holmes.....Sergeant  
 Sherronda Blocher.....Sergeant

### MERIT RANK PROMOTIONS 2023

Sam Adams .....Lieutenant  
 Stephanos Gersos.....Lieutenant  
 Brad Griffin.....Lieutenant

**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 2023

On August 1, 2023, FWPD and the City of Fort Wayne participated in National Night Out 2023. 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 and demonstrations, music, food, and drink.



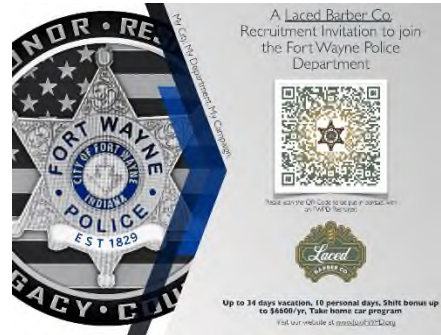




## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### MY CITY. MY DEPARTMENT. MY CAMPAIGN

Visit <https://www.fwpd.org/community-outreach/my-city-my-department-my-campaign> to learn more.



### PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPS

In June and July 2023, 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.







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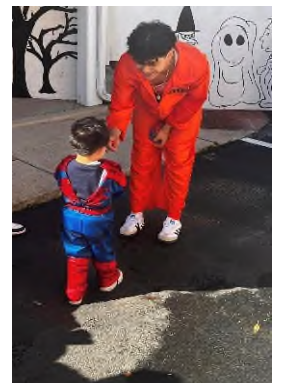
### RISE TOGETHER YOUTH MENTORSHIP INAUGURAL EVENT

The Rise Together Youth Mentorship Kick Off Event at Camp Kekionga in July 2023 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 2023 Halloween Bash was held on Saturday, October 28, at Safety Village. Festivities included a zombie walk, games, and train rides. Over 3,000 attended the free event that provided food and candy to all.







## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### KOPS 4 KIDS

The annual Kops 4 Kids event was such a success in December 2023 that two shopping dates were held. We would like to thank Meijer on Dupont for their generosity every year to help make this event spectacular. We were able to put smiles on over 69 childrens' faces. There were also ten bags for Santa's Soldiers filled. Officers from FWPD, Allen County PD, New Haven PD, and PFW shopped with the families. This event has taken place for more than 40 years and is sponsored by the FOP Indiana Wayne Lodge 14.



### PROCEDURAL JUSTICE AND POLICE LEGITIMACY WITH NEW RECRUITS

Since 2013 FWPD has been hosting the Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy class. New Recruits, veteran officers, and several community members joined in the class to learn from each other. Expectations, historical effects of policing, cynicism, stress, and so much more. It makes this city better, it makes all of us better. Thank you Indiana Tech for hosting the program.







## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT PICNIC

FWPD Police Picnic was Sunday, September 17, 2023. The picnic was a great success with many retired and active-duty police officers and their families attending. FWPD would like to thank all the sponsors that made it possible. Their generosity did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated. Fun was had by all!







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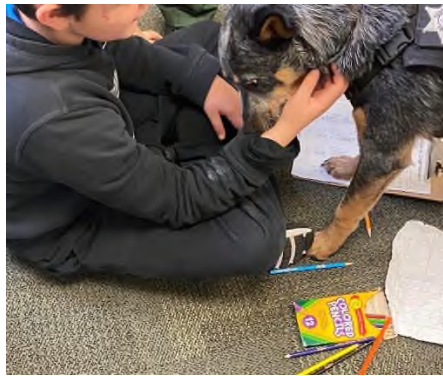
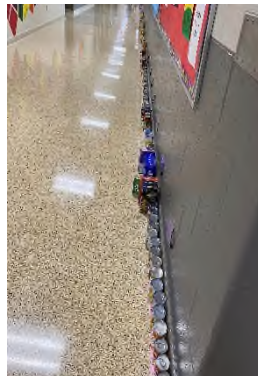
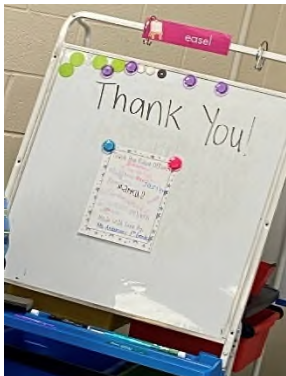
### **VANDEVEER FAMILY HOST 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDER DAY**

On June 23, 2023, the late Jerry Vandevener and family hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Day at the Lawton Skate Park. Jerry and his late wife, Linda, were huge supporters of public safety and dedicated to community service. Because of the Vandevener's, the Police and Fire Memorial was created. The FWPD family thanks the Vandevener's for their years of support.



### **BLOOMINGDALE READ-A-THON FOOD DRIVE**

On November 17, 2023, 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 thanks the kids for working so hard to help others.







## 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.



### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Coffee with a Cop was held on March 14, 2023, at the McDonald's on East Coliseum Blvd. This event was well attended. Hot coffee and good conversations were enjoyed between law enforcement and the community.







## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### **FWPD VISITS SISTER CITY GERA, GERMANY**

In October 2023, officers from the department embarked on a police exchange with Ft. Wayne Sister City Gera, Germany. This is the first one since 2018. Officers toured Gera's police department and were given demonstrations. Gera has been a sister city with Ft. Wayne since 1992. This program allows officers to learn about different police tactics and what problems differ between the two countries.



### **CARING COUPLE**

For over the past 20 years at Christmastime, Harold and Billie Burgess have provided delicious homemade candies and cookies for over 500 officers on the department. Many heartfelt thanks go out to them for their generous spirit and support.



### **POLICE UNITY TOUR**

In 2023, Chaplain Richard Hartman FWPD was a part of a pilot program with COPS and the FOP (Police Unity Tour) to have chaplains present at the Memorial Wall during National Police Week. He was one of 4 chaplains present. They were there to lend comfort and compassion to family and friends of officers who were killed in the line of duty.

