

# ROSS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT

2021



The year 2021 was an extraordinary year for the Ross Township Police Department. The police department was still dealing with the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the political environment regarding defund the police. Despite these issues the police department continued to make positive strides.

The Sundance, record management system which was implemented in 2020 has proven to be very essential. We have used the system to demonstrate not only that our calls have increased dramatically from 2020 but the serious calls for service have greatly increased as well. In 2020, we responded to 4,101 calls for service. In 2021, we responded to 7154 calls for service.

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Increased</u>
Breaking and Entering	1	4	300
Burglary	2	5	150
Auto Accidents	112	247	79
Drug Activity	5	13	160
Overdoses	2	14	600
Suicides	1	6	500
Mental/EDP	8	40	375
TPO Violation	1	16	1500
Sexual Assault, Rape	1	9	800
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	102	274	112
Warrant Arrest/Attempt	6	14	133
Shots Fired	6	16	114



We replaced the outdated recording equipment in the detective's office with more current equipment which will allow us to record from up to eight devices as the department grows. We also utilized COVID-19 funds to purchase a device which will allow us to download information from cell phones. This is a valuable investigative tool at our disposal. This will eliminate the down time due to sending the cell phone to another agency and waiting for them to download the information for us. Sometimes time is essential and being able to download the information within minutes is vital. Officer Tom Brill has done a fantastic job handling our cases which require further investigation. Officer Brill was recognized by the Butler County Prosecutor's Office for the work he has done on his cases.

We continue to have a positive working relationship with the Ross Local School District. Officer David Liddil is assigned to the Ross Middle School where he plays a vital role in providing educational programs and enhancing safety. Even though there are four School Safety Officers (SSO) in the school district Officer Liddil handles any situations which requires law enforcement assistance.

Training once again has been a priority for the Ross Township Police Department. We continue to update our Lexipol policy manual to meet the standards of the Ohio Collaborative. In December, we were recognized by the Ohio Collaborative for meeting the standards for their "Vehicle Pursuit" policy. Officers received numerous hours of training in vital areas such as De-Escalation, Search and Seizure and Crisis Intervention to name a few. Sgt Bryan Rogers provided monthly trainings on various topics provided by Target Solutions and Calibre Press.

The Ross Township Police Department continues to strengthen our partnership with Federal, State, County and Local Organizations. We participate in the Butler County OVI Task Force, Butler County SWAT team and Butler County Serious Traffic Accident Response Team. Ross Township hosted a political rally in 2021, and we assisted local law enforcement agencies in providing a secure environment for the event.

The Core Values for the Ross Township Police Department are Integrity, Professionalism, Diversity and Accountability. These core values guide us in

delivering professional service which this community has come to expect from its' police department. We will continue to improve every day not only as officers but as an agency.

*"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"*

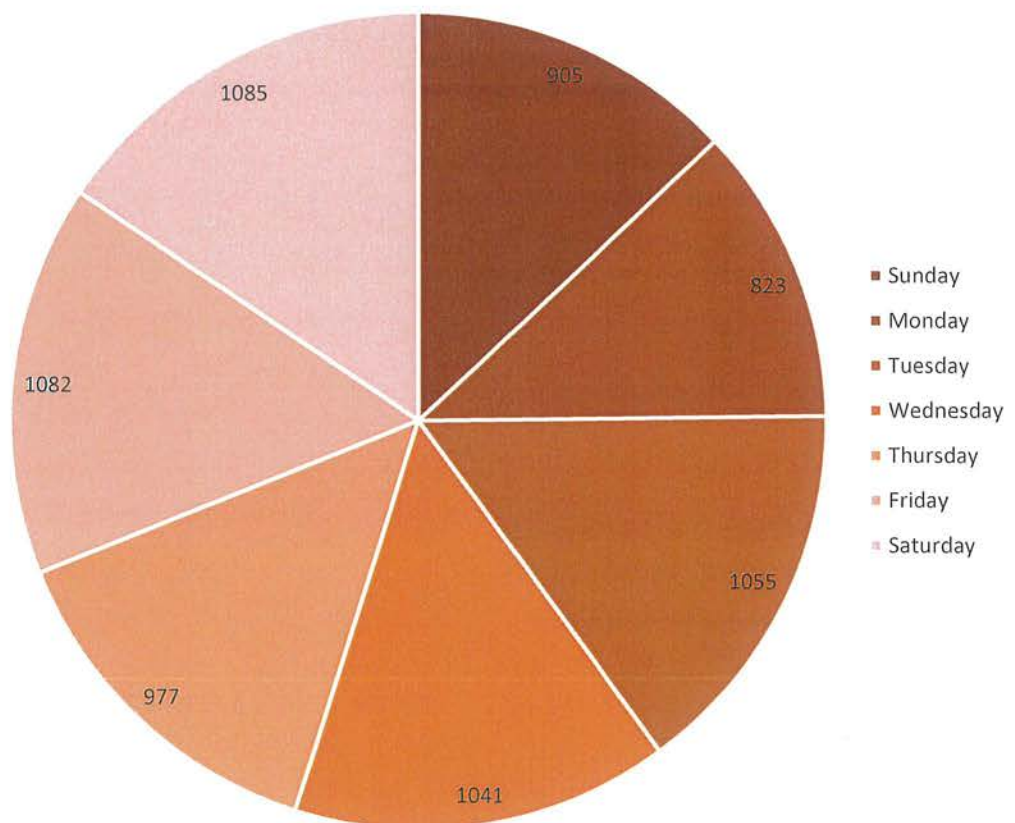
*-Henry Ford*



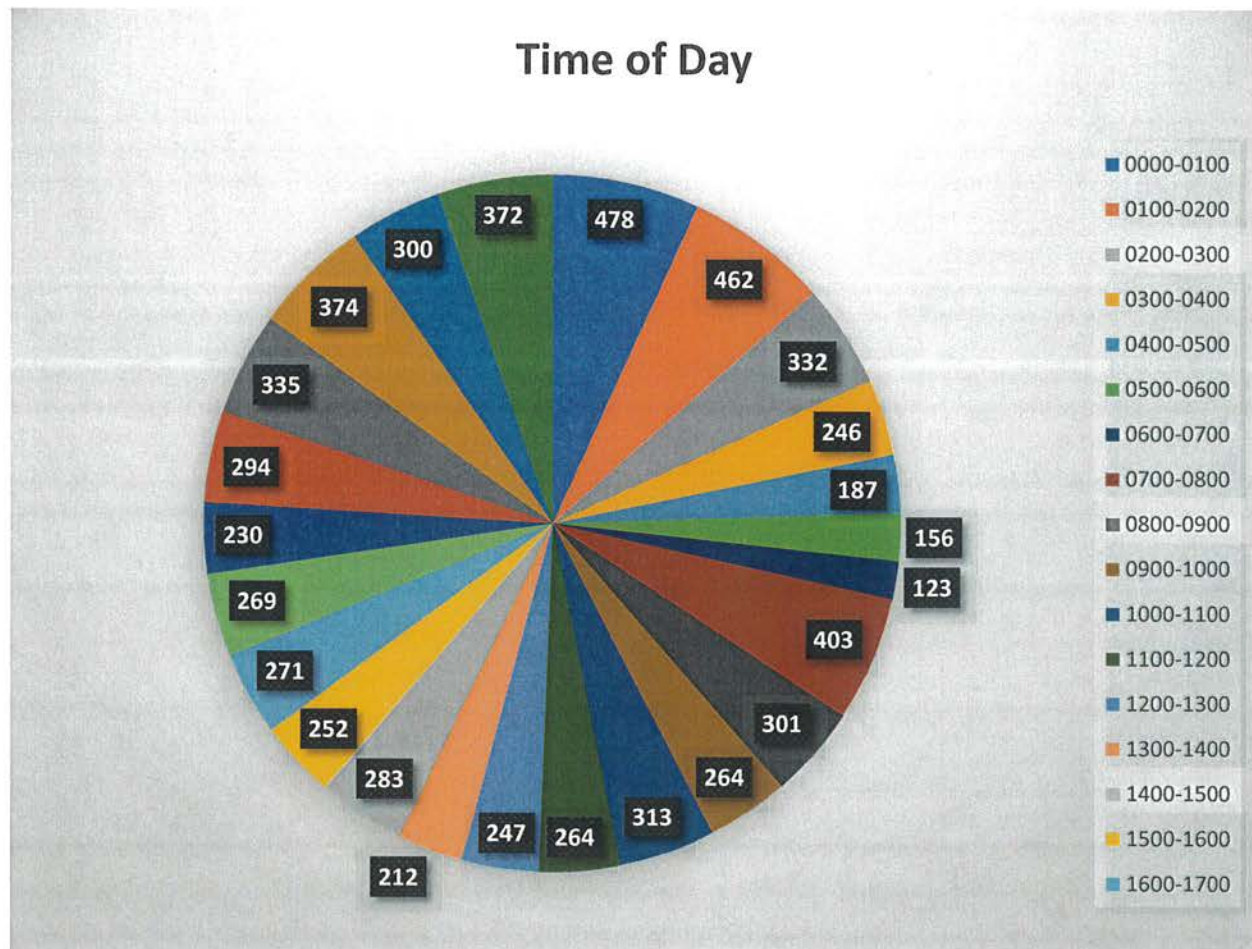


## ***Calls by Day of the Week***

### **Days of the Week**



## **Calls by Time of Day**



Going by these statistics Saturday between midnight and one in the morning are the busiest times for our police department.



## Operations

Sgt Bryan Rogers has assumed the role of my assistant. He took over this role with then Captain Pat Carr left to become the Chief of Police for the Trenton Police Department. This role takes on a lot of responsibilities. Sgt Rogers directly supervises the School Resource Officer, David Liddil and Tom Brill who serves as a part-time detective for the department along with covering the road. He also directly supervises the full and part-time road patrol officers. Sgt. Rogers is one of the Field Training Officers for the department and assists with the property room.

Sgt. Rogers directly managed or participated in several critical incidents which took place in Ross Township in 2021. There was a SWAT callout on Smith Rd. due to a subject shooting at Sgt. Rogers and Officer Jessica Rollins. The



subject then barricaded himself in his house. The subject was eventually taken into custody. Another incident on Smith Rd. where a murder suspect was supposedly hiding inside a residence. The residence was eventually cleared, and the subject was not inside the residence. Sgt. Rogers was the first officer on-scene reference a suspect who stated he was held at gun point inside a barn on Hamilton-Cleves Rd.

Additionally, there were allegations regarding possible human remains inside the barn. There was an extensive investigation because of all these

allegations. At the conclusion of the investigation none of the allegations could be substantiated. However, several subjects inside the residents were arrested on outstanding warrants. The final critical incident in 2021 for the Ross Township Police Department was a person shot on Cardinal Rd. The victim survived the injury they sustained, and a subject was arrested shortly after the incident due to exceptional teamwork involving the entire Ross Township Police Department.

Through all these critical incidents there was constant communication with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office. This helped to demonstrate to the Prosecutor's Office that Ross Township is a professional and competent police department. By having a "all hands-on deck" team concept, numerous officers learned how to write their first search warrant and how to properly investigate critical incidents. This a perk of being a small police department it allows the officers the opportunity to be involved in cases they would not be assisting with if they worked at larger agencies.





### *School Resource Officer*

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program has become a vital collaborative effort between Ross Township Police and Ross School District educators. Not only does the officer work very close with administration and educators, but they also work closely with the students and parents as well. The position, with its general-sounding name, is an unusual hybrid of counselor, educator, disciplinarian, and police officer, and perhaps no other job better personifies America's shifting ideas about schools, policing, and safety.



The 2021-2022 the current safety staff is comprised of one full-time School Resource Officer and four full-time School Safety Officers. With Officer Liddil is stationed full-time at the Ross Middle School and continues to strengthen the relationships with students, staff, and parents. During the school day he helps maintain a safe environment for the students and staff, which starts with aggressively enforcing the School Zones and directing traffic during student drop offs and pickups, helping to provide safety for the students.

He also teaches and handles calls of services involving students, staff, and property. Officer Liddil is responsible for handling all calls generated from the schools that are located in Ross Township. Officer Liddil and the Safety Officers continue to keep moving forward and trying to increase the safety of the schools.

This year the Ross Local School District has added an Intermediate School to help with the districts growing population. Officer Liddil helped the administration address the safety, security, and traffic concerns with the opening of an additional school. The school district also received a grant allowing them to update the security cameras and a key-fob entry system within the school district.

Programs that have been implemented and continued this school year are:

- Dangers of Vaping Lecture
- The return of Fish with a Cop after COVID
- Xmas with a Cop
- Active Shooter Safety Program has continued to improve by leaps and bounds. We have continued to work with the Ross High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, Elda Elementary, and Morgan Elementary.
- Attended Staff and Safety Meetings
- Risk assessment Team- meetings and safety improvements to schools, we have added Safety film for the windows and the room numbers to the outside of classrooms.
- The return of the Self-Defense Class with the High School Physical Education Dept.
- Attendance and Truancy Team
- Multiple Welfare Checks on students
- Active Assailant presentation to:
  - Bus Drivers
  - Secretarial Staff
  - Cafeteria Staff
- The advantages of being Bilingual in the Public Service presentation to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment presentation to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Armed Assailant presentation to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Internet Safety presentation to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- “Stop the Bleed” and CPR/AED class was held for the Freshmen Health class both in person and virtual
- Risk Assessment and Safety Council Committees and Meetings

- Multiple Fire Drills
- Lock Down Drills
- Barricade in place drills
- Christmas for Kids
- Fish with a Cop
- K-4<sup>th</sup> ALICE Training – “I’m not scared, I’m Prepared” book readings to individual classes
- Attended all Ross High School football and basketball games
- Attended all Ross High School and Middle School dances
- K9 drug sweeps

Officer Liddil has helped the FCCLA member’s research and prepare for their Distracted Driver presentation.

Officer Liddil is currently SRO and DARE certified and continues to attend numerous trainings. Some of those trainings include.

- Crisis Intervention Training 40 hours
- Over 100 hours of Social Media Training including investigating, warrants, etc.
- Over 20 hours of OPOTA Mandates and Updates
- De-escalation Techniques for the SRO
- Attended the SRO/DARE Conference
- Detecting Misleading Behaviors
- ALICE Instructor
- RAIDER Solo Engagement Instructor Training
- Customizing an Active Shooter Response for your School
- SRO Bus Driver Safety Workshop Train the Trainer
- DARE Program
- Hostage Negotiator
- Public Information Officer
- Stop The Bleed Instructor
- CPR/AED Instructor
- Civilian Casualty Care Certified
- Over 40 hours of FEMA Training
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Risk management For After School Activities
- Ohio Threat Assessment Program



With this training and more Officer Liddil is able to provide a unique perspective on school safety that will carry both the Ross School District and Ross Police Department well into the future.

## INVESTIGATIONS

In 2021, there was an increase in Part I Crimes. Part I crimes are murder, manslaughter, sex offenses robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Our biggest increase was in sex offenses. We only had one in 2020 while in 2021 we had nine. As previously mentioned, we purchased software technology to download information from cell phones and upgraded our audio recording equipment. These improvements allow us the opportunity to teach officers on the road how to investigate crimes they took a report for. They can follow the case all the way through from beginning to end. This helps officers to become well rounded and to ask proper questions when taking the initial report.



1. Some significant cases Ross Township investigated in 2021 was a SWAT callout on Smith

Rd. This was a domestic which turned into shots being fired and the subject barricaded himself inside the residence.

2. We recovered a significant amount of stolen property on Oriole St. Some of the items recovered was a stolen handgun (Columbus), a camper (West Chester), a Jeep Wrangler (Cincinnati), and numerous miscellaneous tools, credit cards, sports memorabilia, trailer, to name a few taken throughout the state.

3. There was a person shot on Cardinal Ave. This was a domestic situation once again where the current boyfriend shot the ex-boyfriend.

We were able to recover the firearm and have

the suspect in custody within hours of the incident. This was a joint effort between the Ross Township Police Department and the Green Township Police Department (Hamilton County).

4. We served a search warrant in the City of Hamilton due to an outstanding job by Officer Brickles following up on a break-in at the Skyview Storage facility on Hamilton-Cleves Rd. We were able to recover most of the stolen property and return the items to the rightful owners.
5. Ross Township officers were dispatched to 2430 Hamilton-Cleves reference a subject who was held at gunpoint inside the barn. Upon further investigation the victim provided additional information about possible human bones being inside the barn. The victim believed the bones may be from a person who has been missing for 10 years. After interviewing the victim, we ended up obtaining a search warrant for the property. The only bones located on the property ended up being animal bones.



6. Officer Brill investigated a rape which took place Brown Farm Rd. Officer Brill submitted evidence to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI). BCI was able to identify fluids on the evidence which matched the suspect. Officer Brill also recovered text messages from the suspect to our victim.

These are significant cases which were all handled internally by the Ross Township Police Department. By handling these investigations, we have demonstrated to the Butler County Prosecutor's Office, Butler County Coroner's Office, and other law enforcement agencies our department is a professional and competent police department.

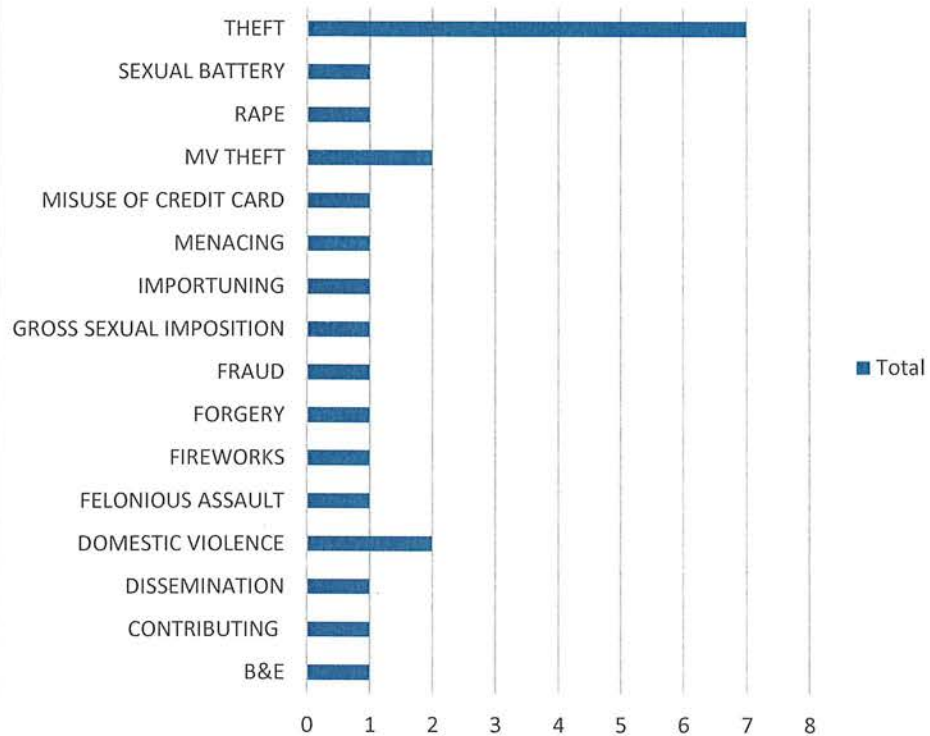
In 2022, we look to continue to improve by sending officers to advance training in Homicide Investigations, Processing Crime Scenes, and Social Media investigations.



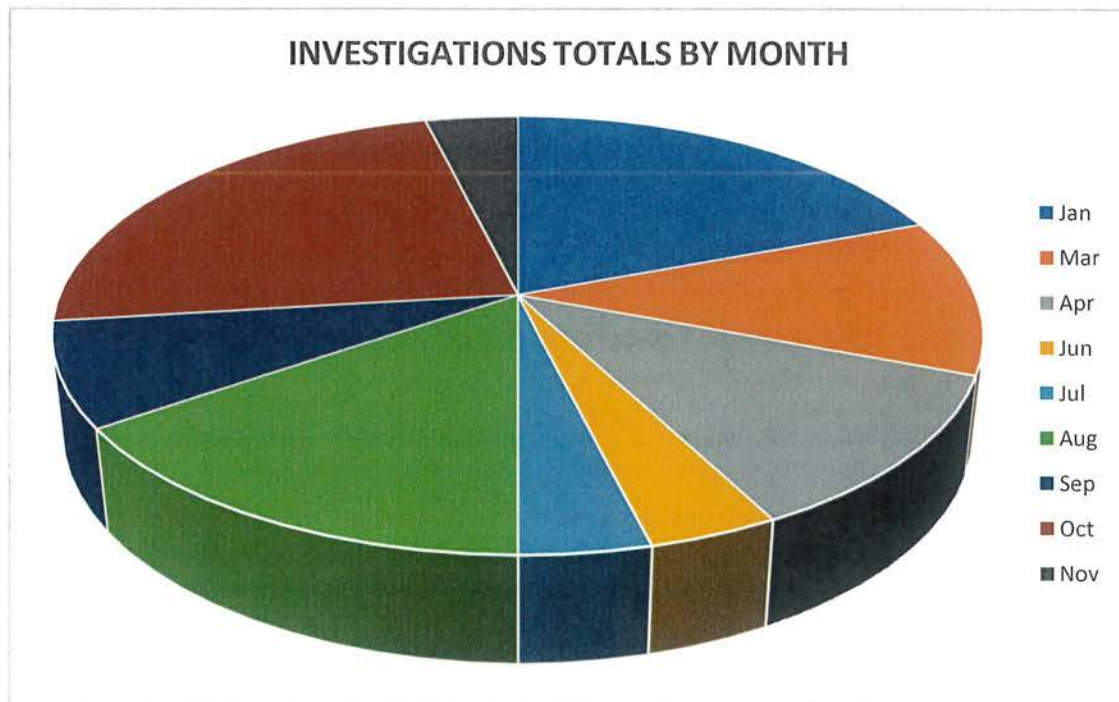
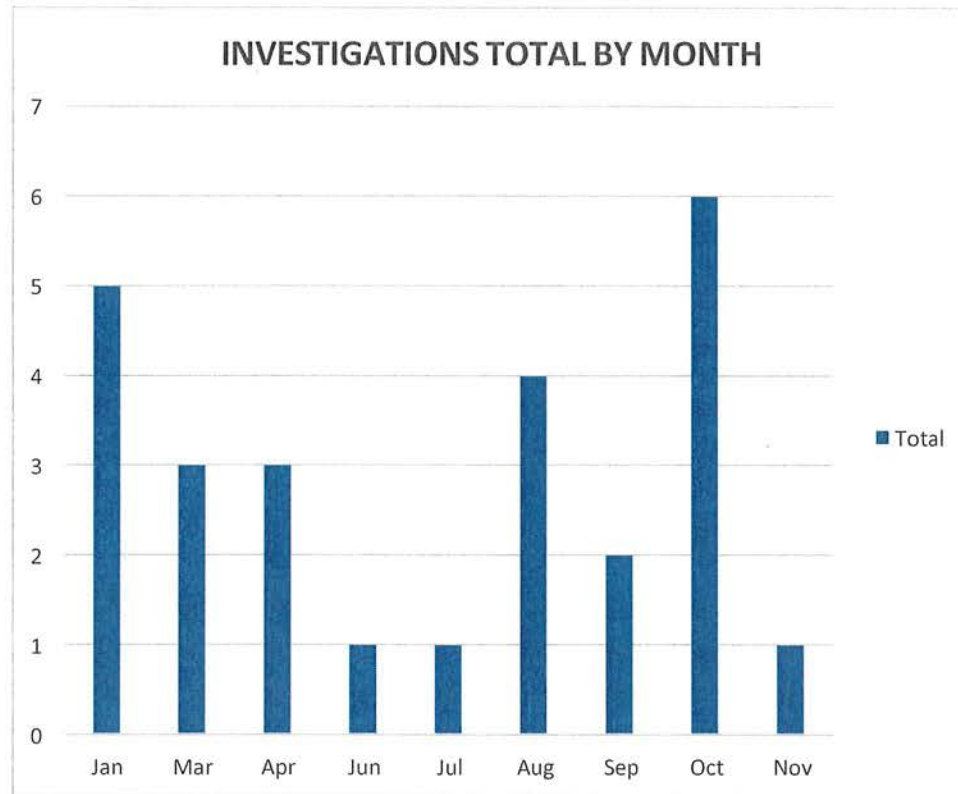


## 2021 INVESTIGATIONS

### TOTALS BY OFFENSE

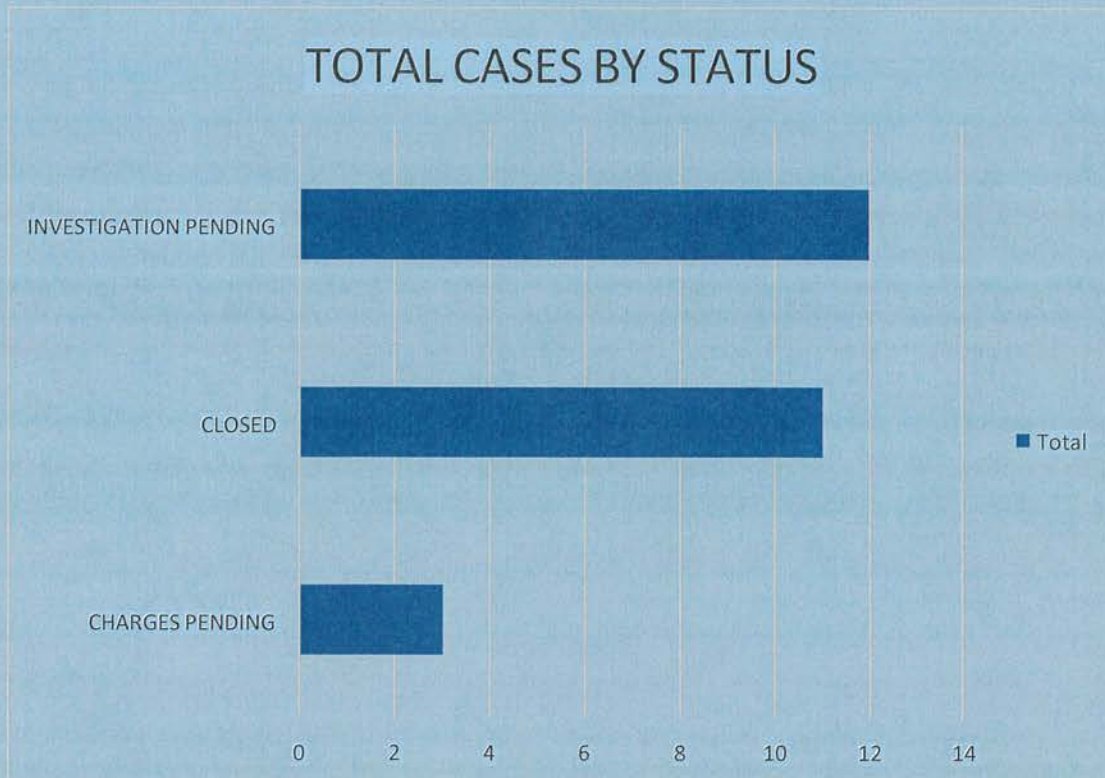


## 2021 INVESTIGATIONS TOTALS BY MONTH

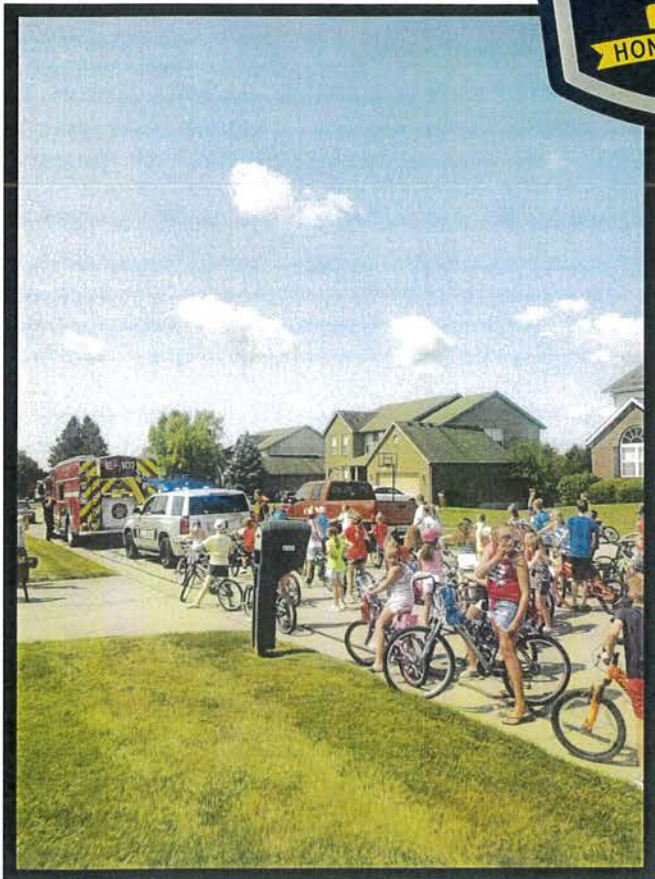




## 2021 INVESTIGATIONS









# RESPECT FOR LAW CAMP 2021



**JUNE 18, 19 AND 20**

**PRESENTED BY:  
THE BUTLER COUNTY  
CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION**

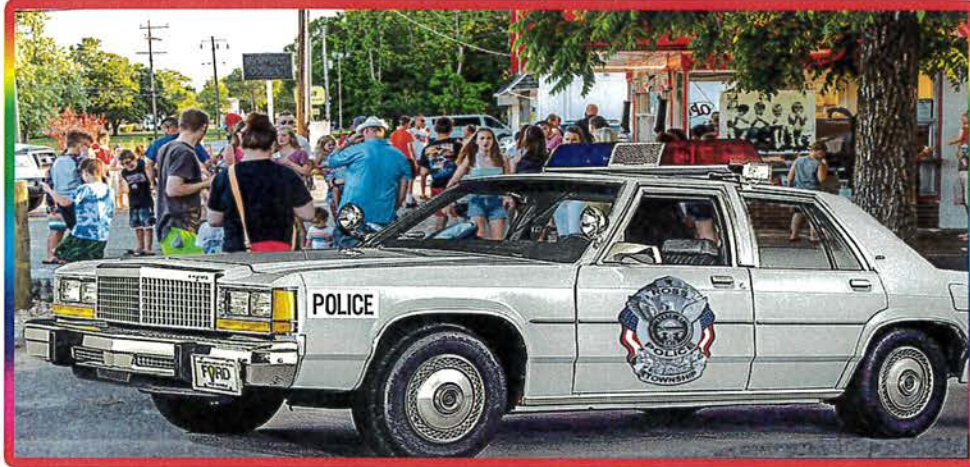




# Meet and Greet

FRIDAY

## Cones with a Cop



New Date - August 6, 2021 6pm - 9pm at  
4055 Hamilton Cleves Rd, Fairfield Oh 45014

## Ross Township Police & Flubs Ice Cream

*invites the public to display your classic cars  
and motorcycles. If it runs and it's cool, bring  
it down. The first 100 people in attendance  
will receive a free cone courtesy of Flubs.*

















**2021**

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