

ROSS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2022



The year 2022 was a challenging year for the Ross Township Police Department. This was the first full year since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ross Township Police Department, like all police departments nationwide, struggled to keep and find quality candidates. We lost an officer to the Butler and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and another who did not make probation. We were awarded \$235,244 through the Office of Criminal Justice Services. This funding will be used for the hiring and retention of officers. In December, we hired a full-time officer and laid the groundwork to hire additional full-time officers. Currently, we have one full-time officer to cover thirty-six square miles. Our goal for 2023 is always to have two full-time officers on the road to handle the increase in calls and for officer safety.

STAFFING

We ended the year with six full-time officers and one part-time officer. Macayla Liddil is my Administrative Assistant and works part-time. Even though our staffing has decreased, our Calls for Service (CFS) have not. Since the inception of the Sundance Record Management System at the end of 2019, it has shown that our CFS has increased. In 2020, we had 4,101. In 2021, we had 7,154; in 2022, we responded to 7,868.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

In the school year beginning in August 2022, we signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Ross Local School District (RLSD). This will keep Officer David Liddil in the schools to continue his services. The police department and RLSD Safety committee meet quarterly to ensure we are up to date with current trends. Refer to Officer Liddil's End of Year report for additional information about the SRO program.

TRAINING

In July 2022, the Ross Township received our recertification through the Ohio Collaborative. This process is conducted every three years after your initial certification. To receive certification through the Ohio Collaborative must have certain policies which are mandatory in place. You also must provide documentation proving your department is following these policies.





For the third year in a row, we received the highest recognition from Lexipol for the training we provide. We received the "Gold Standard" for policies issued, updates pending, Daily Training Bulletins issued, Policies Acknowledged, and Daily Training Bulletins completed.



In 2022, the Ohio Attorney General's Office mandated that officers complete twenty-four hours of Continuing Professional Education training. The mandatory training topics were Legal Update, Cultural Humility, Diversity, Use of Force, Officer Personal Wellness, Responding to Sexual Assaults, and Domestic Violence.

Sgt Rogers also provided monthly training for the officers on search and seizure. The officers would have to read current case laws and provide a summary of the case law.

Sgt Rogers completed the Police Executive Leadership Course. This course is geared towards first-line supervisors. It teaches them about leadership, budgets, and ethics, and prepares them for the next step in management.

Ross Township is finalizing a deal with Norse Tactical to be the host location for their training in southwest Ohio. They will be building a force-on-force structure in the rear of the police department. The training will provide current building search techniques, and shoot don't shoot scenarios.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Ross Township Police Department continues strengthening 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

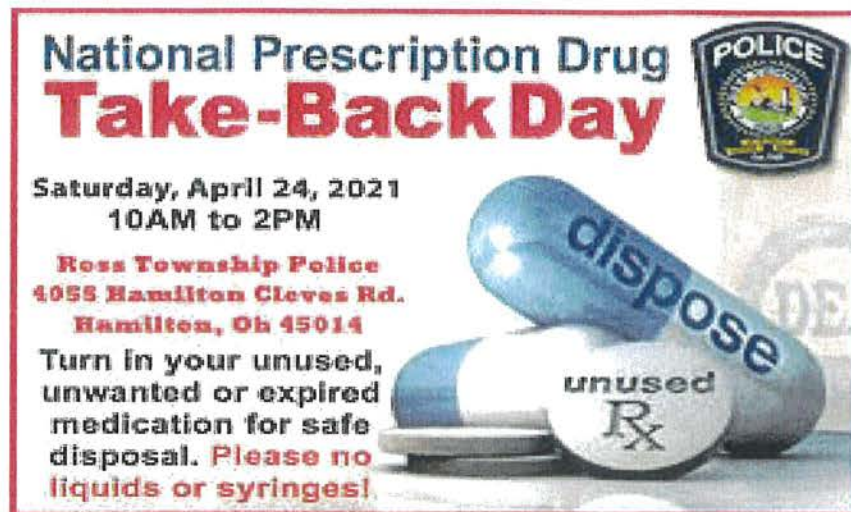
The Ross Township Police Department hosted community events to strengthen our relationship with our residents. Some events we participated in were Cones with a Cop, Fish with a Cop, and Shop with a Cop.

The Ross Township Honor Guard presented the Colors and two Cincinnati Reds games this year. Chief Burton Roberts and Officer Art Brickles were recognized at a Cincinnati Reds game for their thirty-plus years of service in law enforcement.



The Honor Guard also participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at Elda Elementary School and led the annual Ross Township Veteran's Day parade.

Twice a year, the Ross Township Police Department participates in the Drug-Take-Back program. This allows individuals to turn in unused or outdated medications to be destroyed.



GOALS

As I mentioned previously, one of our goals for 2023 was to increase the number of officers on the road in Ross Township. Another goal for the department is to automate our property room. The fire department during COVID was able to purchase a system for both the fire and police departments, which scans items. This will expedite the process of checking in and out property out of the property room. It will also expedite the annual audit of the property room. This technology can be used to inventory the equipment in our police cruisers. You point the scanner at the police cruiser, which will inventory the items in the vehicle. This will let us know if an item is missing or needs resupplied.

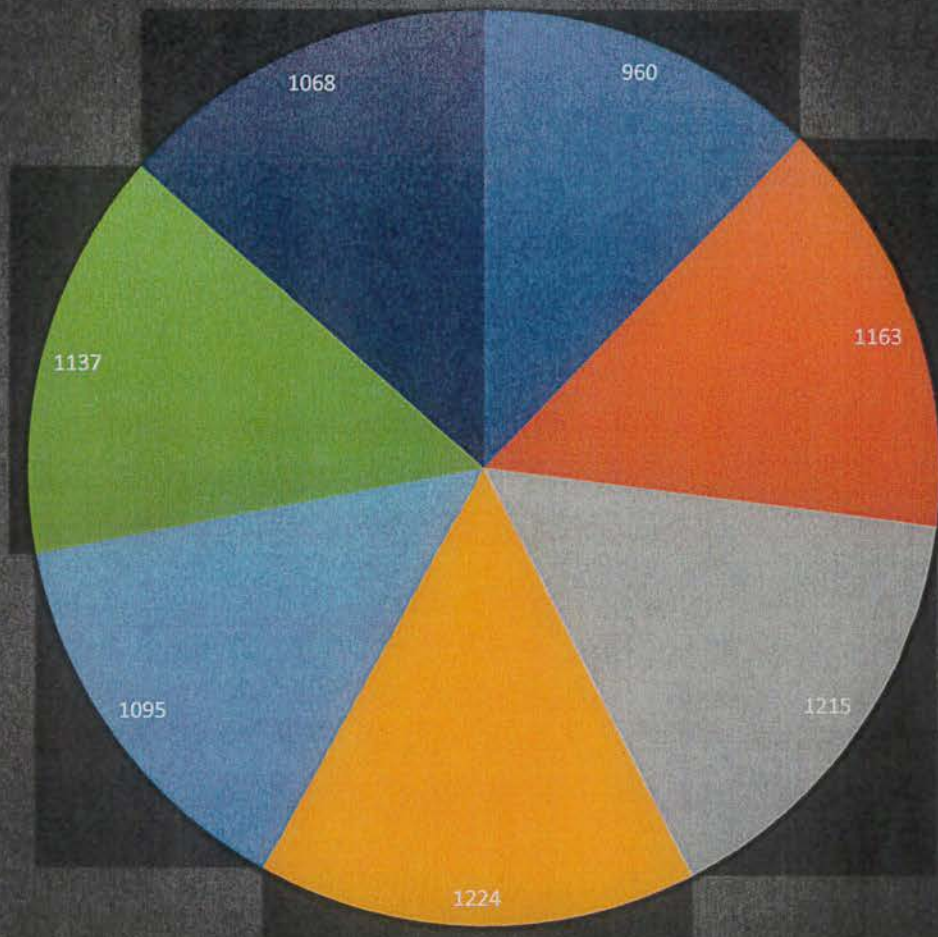
CORE VALUES

The Core Values of 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 as officers and as an agency.

"Coming together is the beginning, Keeping together is progress, Working together is success."



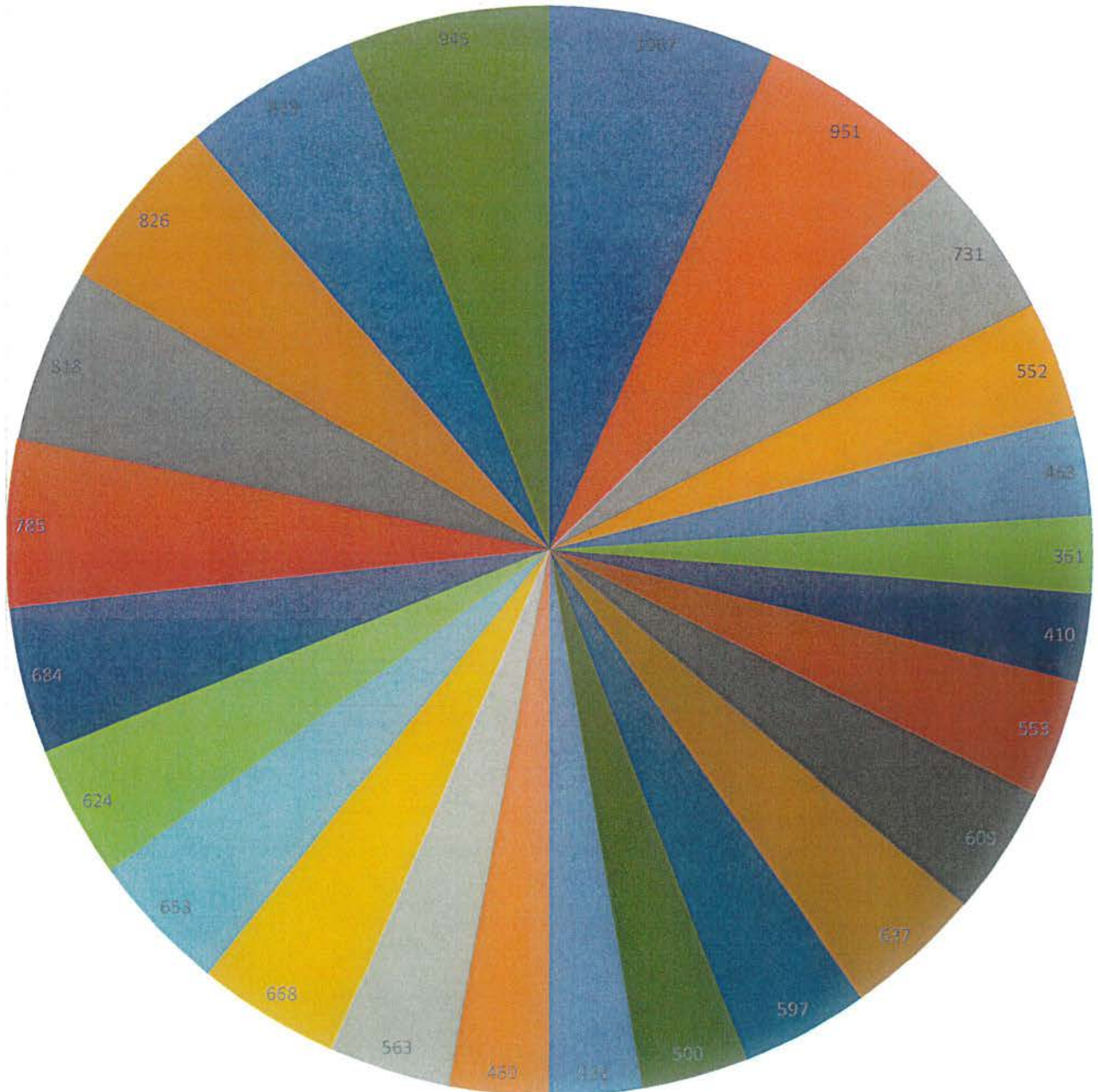
Days of the Week



■ Sunday ■ Monday ■ Tuesday ■ Wednesday ■ Thursday ■ Friday ■ Saturday

Call by Time of Day

■ 0000-0100 ■ 0100-0200 ■ 0200-0300 ■ 0300-0400 ■ 0400-0500 ■ 0500-0600 ■ 0600-0700 ■ 0700-0800
 ■ 0800-0900 ■ 0900-1000 ■ 1000-1100 ■ 1100-1200 ■ 1200-1300 ■ 1300-1400 ■ 1400-1500 ■ 1500-1600
 ■ 1600-1700 ■ 1700-1800 ■ 1800-1900 ■ 1900-2000 ■ 2000-2100 ■ 2100-2200 ■ 2200-2300 ■ 2300-2400





2022

The Ross Township Police Department is a community-oriented department. The department currently consists of 8 officers who are committed to serving an area of approximately 36 square miles. The patrol division is responsible for answering calls for service for crashes, domestic violence, theft, sex offenses, assaults, drug offenses, assistance with medic and fire calls within the community, and many others.

In 2022, Ross Township Police Department responded to a total of 7,868 calls for service. Examples of calls for service that were handled in 2022 are:

Theft – 77 calls for service

Traffic stops/ Citations/ Warnings – 1040 call for service / 328 citations / 348 warnings

Vacation checks – 722 calls for service

911 hang-ups/ transfers – 435 calls for service

Business alarms – 104 calls for service



Business checks – 2253 calls for service

Crash without injury – 200 calls for service

Crash with injury – 76 calls for service

Extra patrol – 897 calls for service

Domestics/ Disputes – 150 calls for service

EMS assistance – 671 calls for service

- Assist Fire/ EMS
- Fire Alarm
- HAZMAT
- Mental/ EDP
- Overdose
- Structure Fires
- Suicide

Reckless operation – 166 calls for service

Shots fired/ Gun Shot Wound – 13 calls for service

Mental/ EDP – 36 calls for service

Missing person – 14 calls for service

Suicide – 4 calls for service

Death Investigations – calls for service

The patrol officers are responsible for the investigation of all crimes that occur within Ross Township. Investigations that require additional manpower saw teamwork and commitment to professionalism. Ross Township Police Department is extremely lucky to have experience, dedication, and dependability within its ranks. Our department is made up of highly skilled and committed professionals who take pride in serving our richly diverse community.



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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UNIT



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School Resource Officer



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

The 2022-2023 school year safety staff comprised one full-time School Resource Officer and three School Safety Officers. Officer Liddil is stationed full-time at Ross Middle School. He continues to strengthen the relationships with students, staff, and parents. He is responsible for responding, investigating, and following up on all calls from the schools located in Ross Township. During the school day, he helps maintain a safe environment for the students and staff. In addition, he aggressively enforces the school zones and directs traffic during student drop-offs and pick-ups, helping to provide safety for the students.

Officer Liddil strives to be a positive role model and mentor while performing his duties. With the relationships he builds, students feel comfortable coming to him with problems at home or

school. He is often asked to be a special guest speaker at the elementary, middle, and high school classes throughout the year. In addition, he has helped the FCCLA members research and prepare for their Distracted Driver presentation, Seat Belt Awareness, and Bicycle Safety.

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

- Dangers of Vaping Lecture 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade
- Dangers of Drugs and Alcohol Lecture 9th Grade
- Making Good Choices Lecture 6th Grade
- Active Shooter Safety Program has continued to improve by leaps and bounds. We have continued to work with 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.
- Self-Defense Class with the High School Physical Education
- 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 6th grade
- 2nd and 4th amendment presentation to the 8th grade
- Armed Assailant presentation to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- Internet Safety presentation to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- "Stop the Bleed," and CPR/AED class was held for the Freshmen
- 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
- Respect for Law Camp

- K-4th 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
- Several K9 drug sweep

Officer Liddil is currently SRO and DARE Certified and continues to attend numerous Trainings. Some of those training include.

- School Based Policing Tactical Mindset
- School Based Policing SRO Supervision
- Conflict and De-escalation for SRO K-12
- Crisis Intervention Training 40 hours
- Continuous Social Media Training, including investigating, search warrants, etc.
- 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 100 hours of FEMA Training
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Risk management For After School Activities
- Ohio Threat Assessment Program

SROs’ training and experience are also a resource for safety planning in responding to critical incidents. Officer Liddil helped RLSD implement the Mobile Emergency Response Plan. (MERP), The MERP is designed to make emergency plans and related information portable, immediately accessible, and easily revisable. With this training and more, he can provide a unique perspective on School Safety that will carry the Ross School District and Ross Police Department well into the future.



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Welcome to the Ross Township Police Department's 2022 **Community Relations Annual Report**. This report will provide a list of events, details, programs, and services provided by the Ross Twp Police Department. Our organization comprises highly skilled, committed professionals who take pride in serving our richly diverse community. We greatly appreciate the strong support we receive from our community and elected officials. I am incredibly proud of the men and women of the RTPD, and I feel fortunate to serve alongside them.

2022 was a year in which the RTPD continued to grow. The relationship with our community is what drives us forward. Staff members throughout our department participated in several community events in 2022, and we look to do even more of that in 2023 and beyond. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have a very engaged and active community partnering with us to achieve our collective public safety goals. Some of our larger programs/events in 2022 are listed below. I have broken it down into two categories.

The first is **Community Events**.

- Cops and Cars Cruise In
- Officers attended numerous birthday parties throughout the year.
- Trick or Treat event
- Memorial Day Parade
- Participated in Christmas with Santa in the Ross Estates subdivision.
- Christmas with a Cop

The next is **Community Programs**.

- Participated in the Bi-annually Prescription Drug Tack-Back Program in 2022
- Participated in the Click It or Ticket Program
- Presented a Child Safety Class to the Daycare Centers
- Safety Lecture with local Cub Scout Packs

2023 promises to be a busy year, and many initiatives are already underway. With the addition of such things, the **Coffee with a Cop** program helps provide one-on-one interaction and a **Community Police Council** to focus on collaborative community policing.

I hope you enjoy reading our 2022 Community Relations Annual Report and find the material herein informative.

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Training Division

Every action taken by police officers today is viewed under a microscope by the communities they serve. Public perception can determine your success or failure, and training for officers is more important than ever. Simply doing the minimum required is not enough. The greatest resource within the Ross Township Police Department is the men and women that put on the uniform every day and proudly represent this department. These men and women are husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles. They all belong to a brotherhood that is like no other.

Training affects the way officers think on the job. Officers must prepare for the daily rigors and must prepare and recognize situations that require split-second decision-making. They must have patience and a mindset that allows the officer to think, feel, and react in a way that makes a positive impact on the community. Well-trained officers are better able to recognize situations that require patience, control, or a different approach to resolve. Good training will push the level of service delivered to new heights and provide a foundation for continued success and professional department.

In 2022, Ross Township Police Department officers attended 800.5 hours of training. Officers continue seeking training that enhances their abilities and skills, as well as gives credibility to the department's commitment to excellence and professionalism. Officers will continue to be provided opportunities to seek training in areas that will enhance their skills and knowledge. The department will remain committed to providing a professional and well-trained department to the citizens of Ross Township.



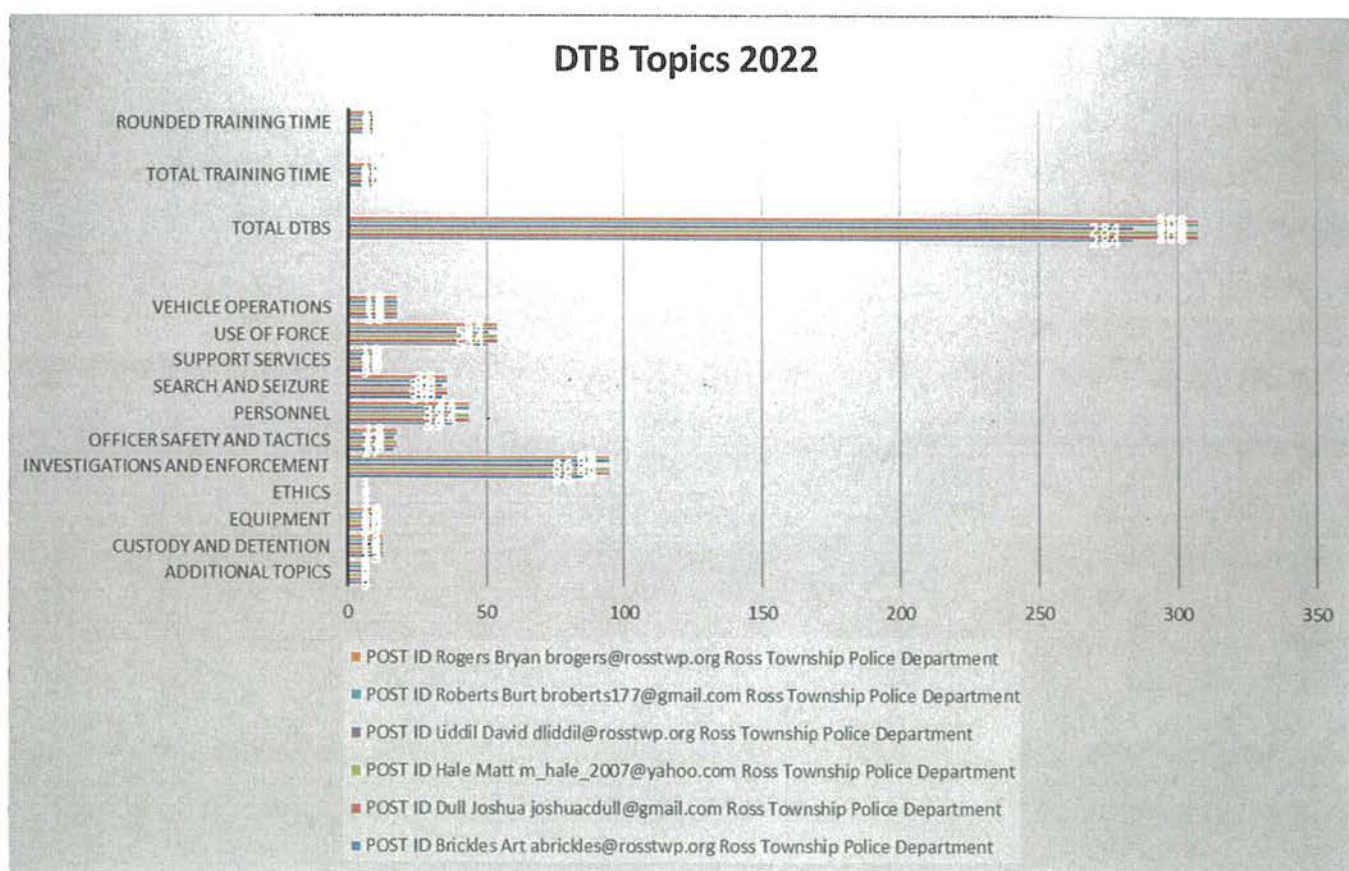
Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins

Lexipol is America's leading provider of risk management policies and resources for police departments, delivering services through a unique, web-based system.

Lexipol offers departments state-specific policy manuals that have a scenario-based platform for training officers on high-risk, low-frequency situations.

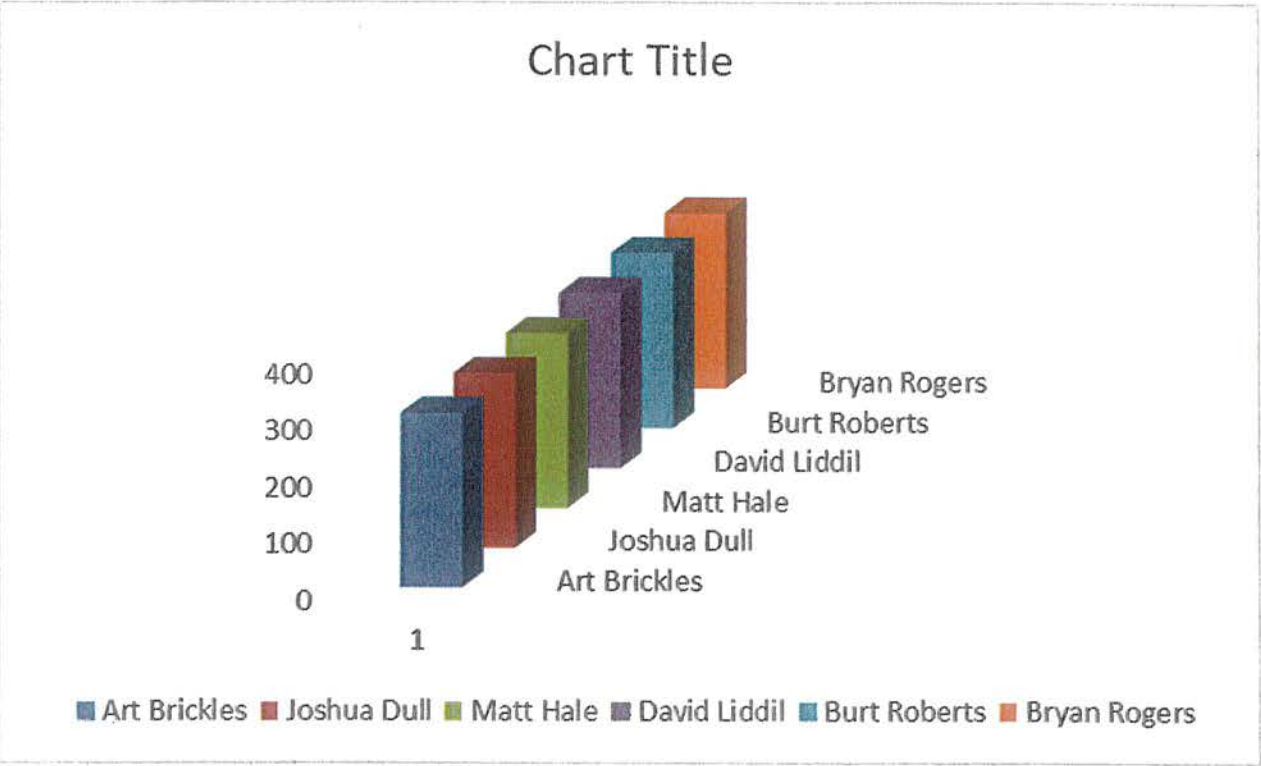
2022 Daily Training Bulletin Topics

Ross Township Police Department



Lexipol has spent years developing the smartest, most responsive public safety policy management platform. The online Knowledge Management System (**KMS**)

provides electronic policy acknowledgment tracking, automatic archiving of policy versions, and efficient distribution of policies and training to the officers of the Ross Township Police Department.



Ross Township Police Department 2022 Training Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<u>Admin/ Supervisor</u>	
Chief Burton Roberts	68
Sergeant Bryan Rogers	384.25
	(184 hrs SWAT training)
	(120 hrs PELC)
<u>Patrol</u>	
Tom Brill	56.25
Art Brickles	24
David Liddil	182
Tim Baird	24
Jessica Rollins	
Ryan Scott	10
Matt Hale	24
Josh Dull	24
Additional Officers	
Total training hours 2021	<u>800.5</u>

SANTA WITH A COP 2022



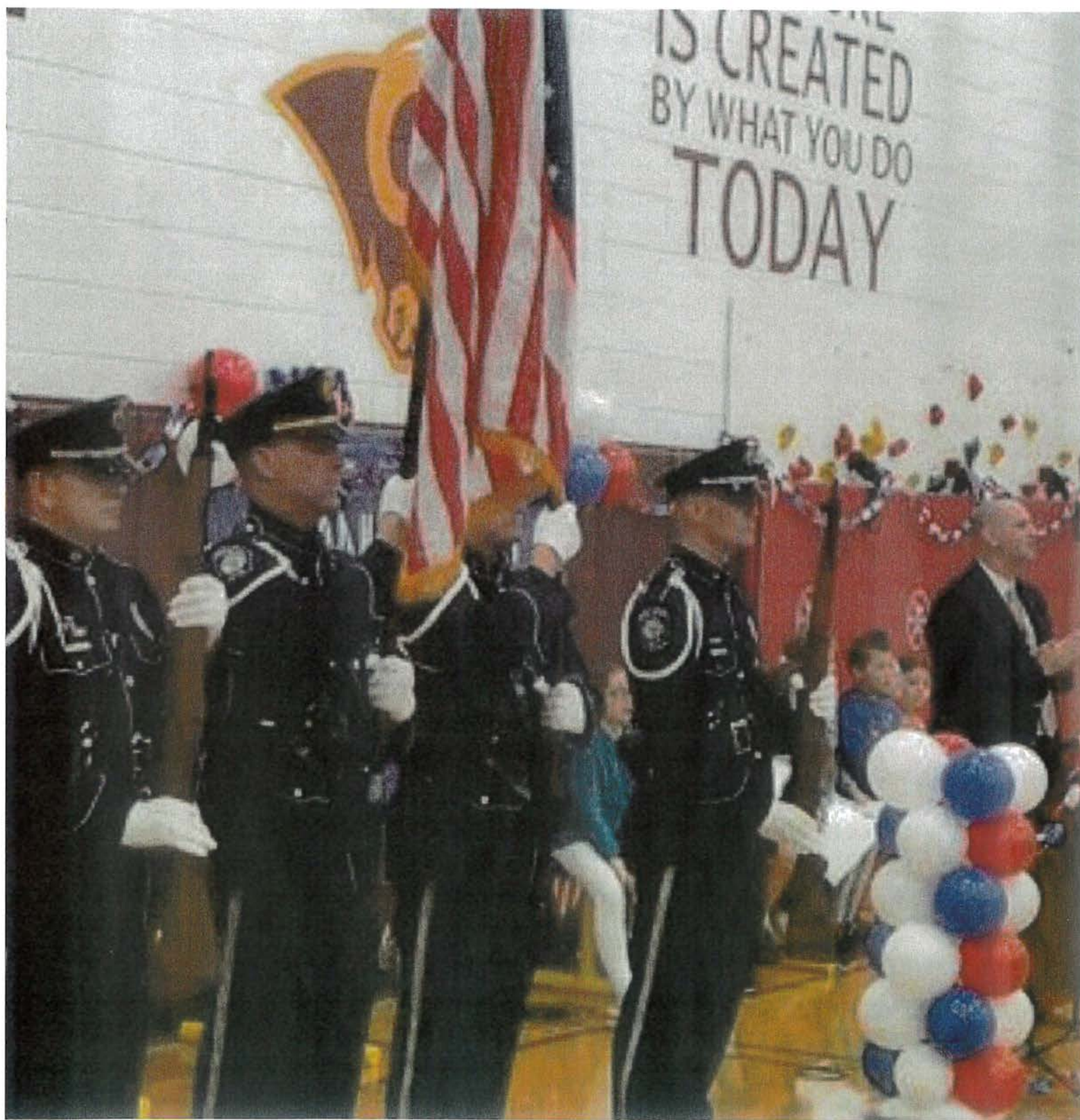
SANTA WITH A COP 2022



CONES WITH A COP 2022



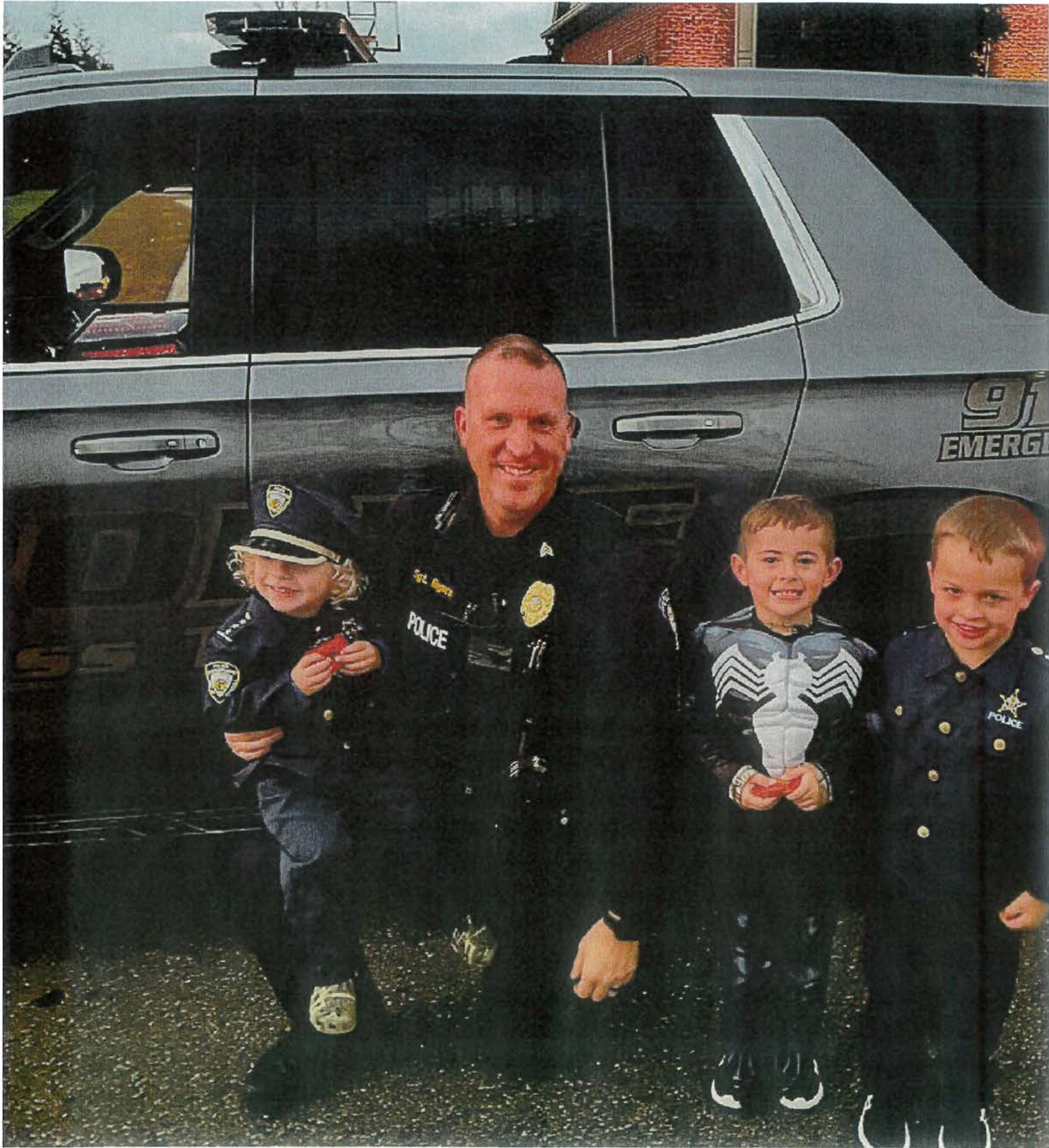
VETERAN'S DAY 2022



FISH WITH A COP 2022



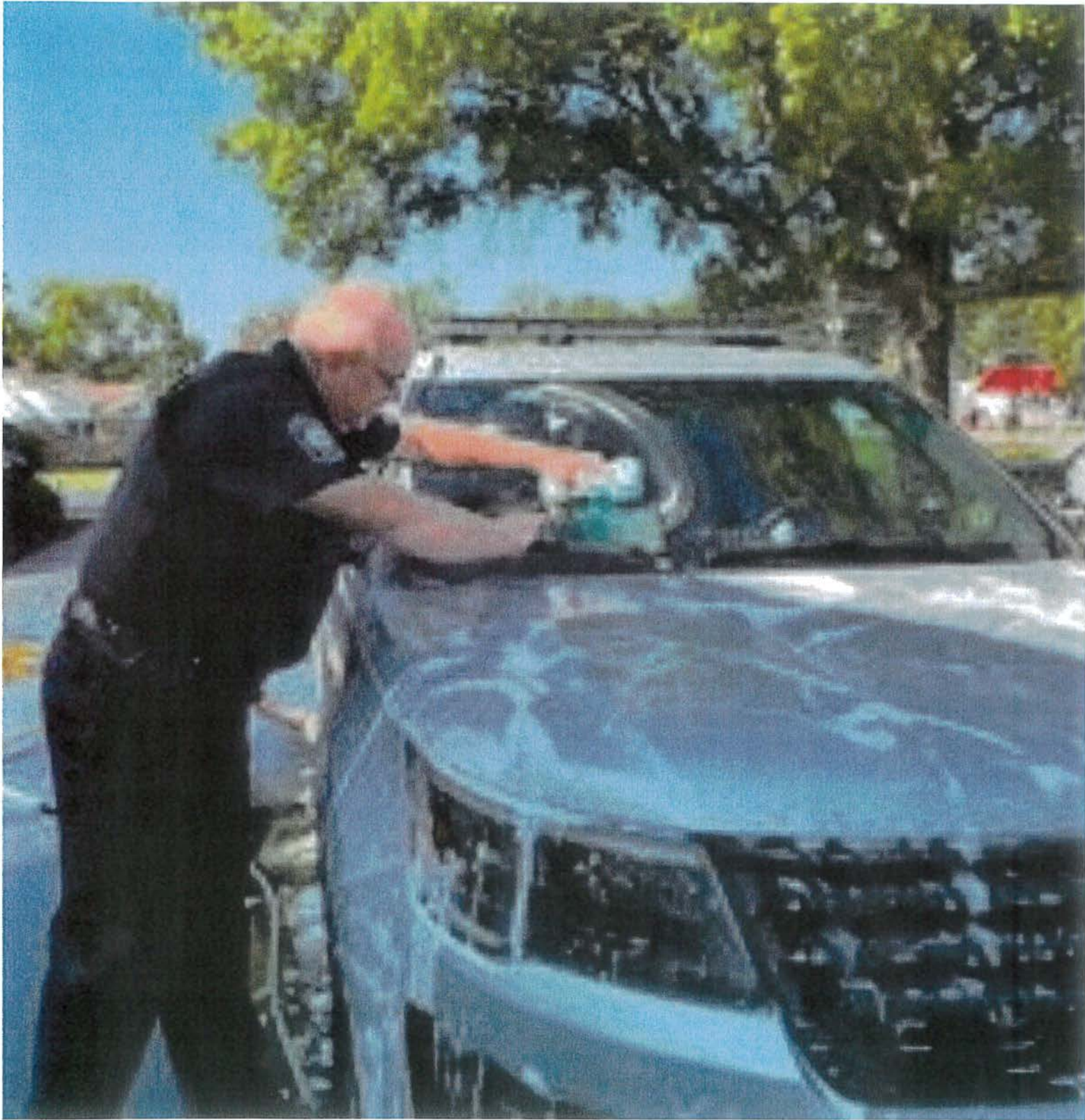
HALLOWEEN 2022



Homecoming Parade 2022



ROSS CHEERLEADERS CAR WASH 2022



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