



STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT by Chief Patricia Wain

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As we look back on 2023, we continue to see changes in staffing and equipment. One of our staffing changes included the hiring of Camden Faulisi as our newest patrol officer. Cam comes from a police family and started as the youngest member the department has hired in over 20 years. He graduated from Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy in July of 2023 and was officially sworn in on October 2, 2023. We wish Cam a long and successful



career here in Streetsboro. Our second staffing change came with the addition of K9 Mika. Mika was donated to the police department by Holly and Thea Mikhtarian, the widow and daughter of Twinsburg K9 Officer Joshua Mikhtarian. Before Officer Mikhtarian was killed in the line of duty on July 13, 2008, of K9's. Mika's parents are Josh's are excited to be a part of making a in training and we expect her to



first half of 2024. Mika is assigned to Detective detection. Sadly, two former department members Anthony Stankiewicz passed away on September 5, came on June 24, 2023. Long time Streetsboro Cynthia Wobig passed away on October 31, 2023.

One of our most notable equipment changes was the addition of a supervisor's vehicle, a Dodge Ram Pick-up truck.



High visibility and versatility were two of the deciding factors used when selecting the vehicle. We continue to use Hall Public Safety to upfit our cars – putting thousands of dollars of necessary equipment into making our final patrol ready cruiser. On the left, during upfit. On the right, our final road ready patrol truck.



Officer French continues to make his mark in the position, looking for grants and ways to improve and expand the SRO and DARE position. Kyle completed his DARE training on October 29, 2023. While a part-time SRO position was added to the budget, the hiring crisis for law enforcement has made finding the perfect candidate an on-going struggle. Officer French and Officer Sheldon have worked on creating Streetsboro Safety Tips and a Virtual Ride-along to help with recruiting and increasing public awareness of what we do. Transparency is one of the keys to a good relationship with the community we serve. Officer French also organized a Dine to Donate event at DQ to supplement the SRO program. The event brought out local notables including Mayor Glenn Broska and Council members Jen Wagner, John Hannan, Anthony Lombardo and Mike Lampa.



We are on our twenty-fourth year of being in the current station and repairs and necessary upgrades have become the norm. The heating and cooling system for the Dispatch center was the major concern for 2023. In order to keep the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of electronic equipment at the perfect temperature and humidity, there is a separate system that controls dispatch, dispatch support and the records office. The 3 year-old system failed and the temperatures and humidity increased drastically. A temporary commercial AC and dehumidifier unit was brought in until the repairs could be made. Due to on-going issues, the AC/dehumidifier has remained at the PD.

We continue to provide our officers and dispatchers with the best possible equipment in order to do their jobs as efficiently and safely as possible. We follow a schedule to replace aging body cameras and in-car Mobile Data Terminals (MDT.) The largest update we completed in 2023 was the installation of the new dispatch radio console. The current system had been purchased in 2014 and, as with most



technology that old, it was obsolete. The MC7500 system was outdated and parts were no longer being made. Any future repairs, if they could be made, would have had to have been made using 'scavenged' parts from other decommissioned systems. The

replacement was originally projected to cost nearly

\$200,000. System changes along with additional reconfiguring and different product availability allowed us to end with a total cost of just under \$132,000. Due to supply chain issues the 2022 project was not completed until 2023. The new Motorola Scout E8 will provide our dispatchers, officers, fire department and community with the much-needed assurance of knowing the radio system will be secure and operational. We continue to use GeTAC for our body and dash cams along with recording our interview rooms. We made our third payment of five to Equature and Insight as our system for recording our phone lines and radio channels. Equature came with a multitude of additional features not available with our previous system including word or name search features. Insight is an incredible feature that makes live 911 audio and video feed available to the dispatchers and responding officers. 911 callers can be given the option of accepting a link to open their cameras to dispatch, while not a common necessity, in a critical incident it can provide life-saving information.

In 2017, we created a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) program which is coordinated by Officer Scott Hermon. We have four pilots and they have used the UAV for documenting crash scenes and for looking for individuals. Near the end of 2019, we added a new UAV called a Mavic Mini. It is a very small UAV that is much easier to deploy and is easier to use indoors should we need to clear or search a building, rather than putting officers or K9s in jeopardy. As the technology continues to get better, we plan to move this program forward. The UAV's have continued to be useful in area searches for missing children and adults as well as mapping crash scenes and documenting some of the new city projects.



In law enforcement, it is vital that we work well with our public safety partners. Here are some examples of how we were able to do that in 2023. As a member of the Portage County Safe Communities Coalition, we team up with public safety agencies from around the county to keep our roads safe. As part of the coalition, we participate in the "Click It or Ticket" event and the following weeks long campaign; the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" kickoff event and campaign as well as sharing PSA's provided by the Coalition. Thanks to Sergeant Siedlecki, we continue to



work closely with ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) to bring child predators to justice. Sergeant Siedlecki's ongoing participation with ICAC has resulted in numerous arrests of offenders attempting to have illicit contact with underaged victims. Sergeant Siedlecki has also become a liaison officer with the FBI and US Marshal's Task Force. We have also maintained our participation in the Metro SWAT Team and the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. The



continued partnership with the Metro Swat team allowed us to obtain extra man-power and equipment on several occasions. A full-team activation on 5-13-2023 helped peacefully resolve an armed barricade who was live-streaming on Facebook while making threats. Partnering with the Summit Metro Crash Response Team supplies the expertise and equipment needed for serious or fatal crashes. The team responded to two significant crashes in Streetsboro in 2022. 2023 saw the start of the Streetsboro Police



Department joining the regional Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force. It was a long process but we are happy to announce our officer was approved for a detective position to serve alongside representatives from other Portage County cities.

During much of the year, while our police department continues its day to day activities and patrol, we try to stay very involved with our community. We want to continue our involvement with long standing programs such as



Neighborhood Watch, Fill-A-Cruiser and of course, Shop-with-a-Cop. We were excited to continue the Shop-with-a-Cop program for 2023. Due to the participation and help of many volunteers and donors, we were able to take over 30 children on a Christmas shopping spree. Twinsburg PD joined us for the event, bringing their children and an added element of fun by supplying breakfast for everyone and gift bags for all of the kids. Streetsboro



Officers and department family members, Mayor Broska, and members of the Streetsboro Fire Department along Twinsburg PD, Windham PD, members of the National Guard, NEOMED PD and the Ohio State Highway Patrol all helped to make this an amazing event for Streetsboro and Twinsburg children. The Streetsboro School cafeteria for breakfast and the to a George's Donuts breakfast followed Walmart provided a generous grant and DQ supplied a made to order lunch and Grinch made a special visit. A special thanks to Officer French for organizing the lunch and to Administrative Assistant Sharon Gumm who handles all of the behind the scenes organizing, arranging and overall making the event the success that it is. It is an amazing event, with a little chaos thrown in, but we are honored to be a part of giving those children a special day.



an amazing event for Streetsboro and City Schools allowed us to use the Middle reunification spot. The children were treated by a lights and siren parade to Walmart. employees dedicated to the event, Streetsboro ice cream to end the shopping trip and even the

Ofc Kyle French has taken over the PD's part of Safety Land and is vital to our relationship with our children and schools through our DARE and SRO programs. Safety Land is always an opportunity to connect with our community's children. Ofc Siedlecki organized the Fill-a-Cruiser event this year as he does every year. Continuing our tradition, we teamed up with AAA for the bike helmet program where our officers handled out "citations" to kids wearing bike helmets. The kids were then able to get a free pizza at Gionino's with that citation. The citations are a great incentive for the children's safety and give officers a positive interaction with the kids.



It is always important to recognize our employees for their efforts throughout the year. For 2023, Officer Daniel Shetler was chosen as the Employee of the Year after being nominated by his peers. An impressive honor for an officer relatively new to the department. Officer Shetler is recognized as a positive addition to the Streetsboro team. He is known for being hard-working, and showing a high level of self-initiative. His shift-mates joke about having to hold him back him from taking all of the dispatched calls. He holds himself to a high standard and it is obvious in his quality of work.



The department's senior patrol officer, Officer Chris Petro was, once again, the department's top enforcer in arrests of impaired drivers. Impaired drivers are dangerous to everyone, and his work in OVI enforcement has undoubtedly saved lives, prevented injuries and is a testament to his continued work ethic. Officer Josh Bartholomew was nominated by Chief Wain for the 2023 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Champion. Josh was recognized for his service and dedication to the CIT and Mental Health Recovery Board at a special luncheon where he was presented the Champion award. Officer Bartholomew, as the CIT coordinator for Portage County, works throughout the year to educate officers at CIT training classes and one on one at our department. It is the standard practice of the Streetsboro Police Department to have all of the department members go through the weeklong CIT training which specializes in de-escalation training, and skill building on how to connect those in need with the appropriate resources



One of the most disturbing and tragic cases of 2023 resulted in the plea agreement and subsequent conviction of a Streetsboro resident on dozens and dozens of the most horrific felonies. The charges included multiple counts of Rape with a Sexually Violent Offender Predator specification and Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor. The convictions resulted in a 367-year prison term and is the largest sentence ever handed down by the Portage County Courts. (Due to the way the laws are written, a “life sentence” was not an option, however, the sum of his prison terms is, in effect, a life sentence.) The exceptional criminal case stemmed from the original report taken by Officer Matthew Plesz, to the intense investigative work by Detective Jason Fogleman, Sergeant Stanley Siedlecki with his advanced investigation skills in crimes against children, Detective Luke Nelson’s apprehension of the suspect and Lieutenant Richard Polivka finding the treasure trove of digital evidence. It is a testament to the compassion and professionalism of the Streetsboro officers that the victims felt they found a safe place to share what had happened to them.



While we had several significant cases in 2023, the James Woods case continues to make an impact in our community and nationwide. The Woods family continues their mission to spread the word about the dangers of sextortion to kids, adults, teachers, education professions etc. Sextortion – when someone threatens to share your private and sensitive material – typically images – with your family, friends or the public unless you pay them off. Tim and Tamia Woods and Chief Patricia Wain had several speaking engagements together in the continuing effort to share the message about the dangers of sextortion. Among others, the events included a tv show with child advocate Chris Hansen and a large group of student athletes and school athletic staff. Chief Wain and Sgt. Stanley Siedlecki, with the Woods family presented “The James Woods Legacy: The Impact of Sextortion on a Family, Community, and Small-Town Police Department” to the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The event, attended by police chiefs and administrators from across the globe was the perfect venue to continue to share the message to the law enforcement community that no-one is immune from on-line threats.



Although much of the work our employees do is intangible and cannot be quantified, we still have to keep statistics on crime rates, traffic crashes, traffic cites and more. In 2023, we saw an increase in our serious criminal incidents, with the most significant increase in general thefts. There was a minor decrease in general criminal incidents. Total incidents have held steady after nearly doubling from 2020 into 2021. The total calls for service was the same as 2022. Traffic crashes decreased slightly in 2023, with an approximate 7% decrease in crashes from 2022. The most significant decrease occurring in the injury crash category. Police departments across the country have been struggling to hire and retain police personnel. It is an on-going struggle to fill vacancies, but we have been lucky to find quality new-hires we hope to have here for the duration of their careers.

With another year behind us, we plan to move forward into the new year by continuing to serve our community with pride, integrity and professionalism.

Thank You,

Patricia Wain

Patricia Wain
Chief of Police

Streetsboro Police Department

MISSION AND VALUES

OUR MISSION

The members of the Streetsboro Police Department are committed to protecting life and property, ensuring safety, and engaging with our community to promote positive community relations and to solve problems.

OUR VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY: We are responsible and dependable people who are accountable for everything we do, to each other as well as to the citizens of Streetsboro.

CITIZENSHIP: We pledge ourselves to preserving the public trust, obeying the law, and enforcing the law while respecting and protecting the rights of all citizens.

COMMUNICATION: We are committed to open and honest communication among ourselves and with the community. We respect and speak positively of our fellow employees.

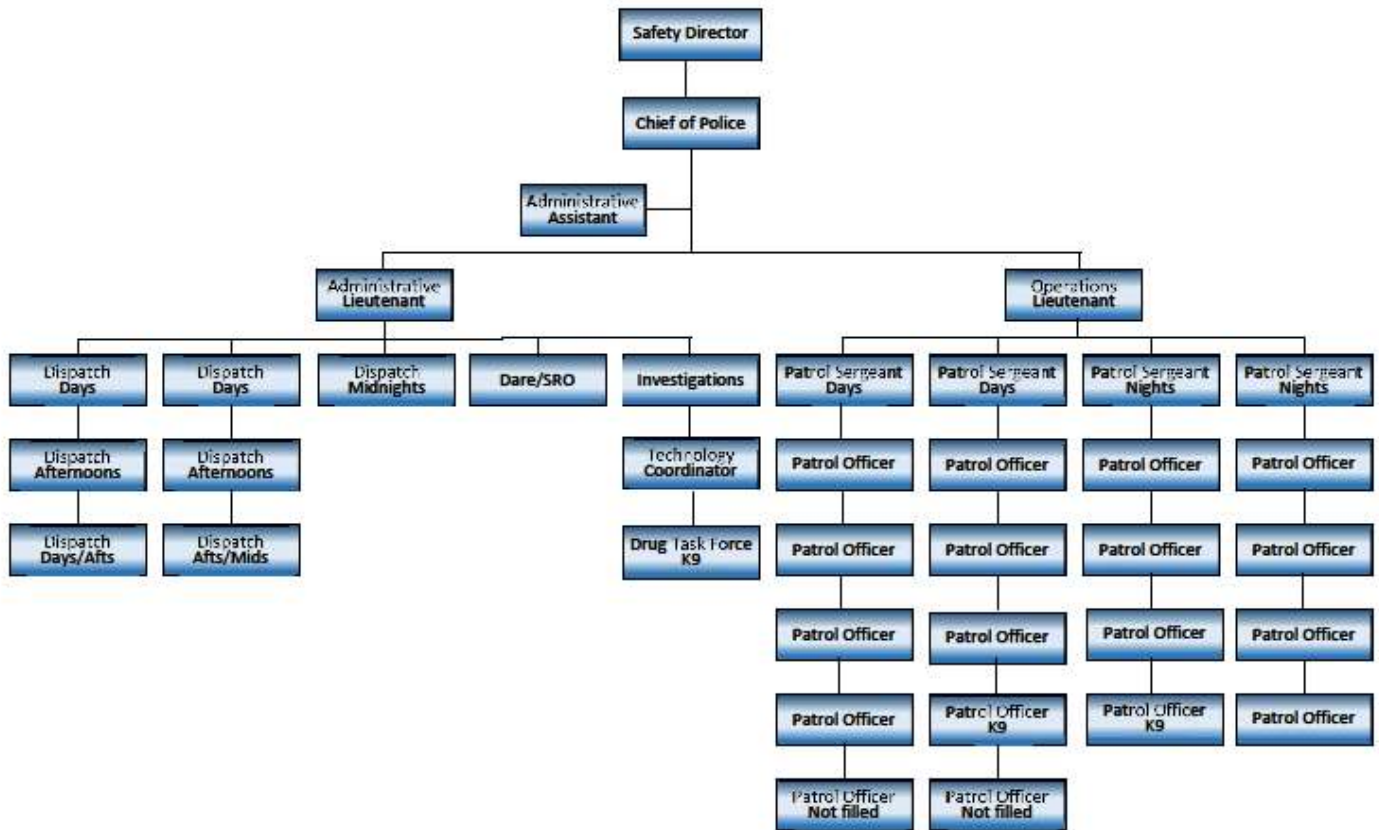
COOPERATION: We recognize the importance of cooperation and teamwork within our department as well as with other departments and our community; cooperation will enable us to achieve common goals.

COURTESY: We are courteous and respectful in official dealings with the public, fellow employees, superiors and subordinates.

INTEGRITY: Our success depends on the trust and confidence of the citizens that we serve; we are honest and exhibit behavior that is beyond reproach and reflects the integrity of police professionals.

PROFESSIONALISM: We recognize that our community is entitled to professional, effective and efficient law enforcement services; we strive for excellence in our agency to make it more effective and responsive to the needs of the community.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PERSONNEL

This list of employees was current on December 31, 2023.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years at SPD</u>
Patricia Wain	Chief of Police	28
Troy Beaver	Operations Lieutenant	31
Richard Polivka	Administrative Lieutenant	28
Jon Hurley	Sergeant	18
Justin Leidel	Sergeant	20
Stanley Siedlecki	Sergeant	12
Michael Graham	Sergeant	11
Jason Fogleman	Investigator	23
Kyle French	Patrol/SRO	7
Scott Hermon	Patrol/Technology Coordinator	21
Christopher Petro	Patrol	28
Aaron Coates	Patrol/K9	23
Michael Cipriano	Patrol	16
Jason Hall	Patrol/K9	16
Ryan Wolf	Patrol	14
Joshua Bartholomew	Patrol	13
Thomas Ondecker	Patrol	12
Gene Larson	Patrol	10
Luke Nelson	Patrol	5
Torey Frame	Patrol	4
Dennis Sheldon	Patrol	3
Matthew Colvin	Patrol	3
Joseph Takash	Patrol	2
Daniel Shetler	Patrol	2
Ryan Miller	Patrol	2
Matthew Martinez	Patrol	1
Camdem Faulisi	Patrol	New Hire
Sharon Gumm	Administrative Assistant	24
Linda Leanza	Dispatch	31
Josee Acklin	Dispatch	16
Alexsander Melomed	Dispatch	15
Haley Otto	Dispatch	9
Franklin Puz	Dispatch	3
Angela Rein	Dispatch	1
Milinda Long	Dispatch	1

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest Division of the Streetsboro Police Department and is the backbone of our agency. Its primary responsibilities are responding to calls for service from the community, keeping our roadways safe and locating and arresting violators of the law. Each year, officers responded to a wide variety of calls ranging from vehicle lockouts to violent felonies.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has been committed, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers of the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, conducting business and property checks, and initiating contacts within our community to further enhance the department's interaction and partnership with the community.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are assigned to one of four (4) platoons, two (2) on nights and two (2) on days while working twelve (12) hour shifts. With these shifts, the police department provides our residents with round the clock coverage all year.

Field Training Officers (FTO) / Communication Training Officers (CTO):

All police officers hired by the Streetsboro Police Department must have attended and successfully completed a State of Ohio certified peace officer training academy. Officers hired by our department must have a current peace officer certificate in hand at the time of hire in order to be eligible for employment.

The FTO program is an additional eight (8) weeks of intensive training and evaluation where the probationary officer is paired up with an experienced officer. The FTO officer has been carefully selected and trained/certified as a Field Training Officer (FTO) through certification training provided by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The goal of the FTO program is to prepare and develop probationary officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity.

We also provide an eight (8) week training program for all new dispatchers. As with the officers, we have selected experienced dispatchers to get certified as Communication Training Officers (CTOs). The program is designed to develop the dispatcher to act efficiently and effectively as an emergency police and fire dispatcher.

The following SPD officers and dispatchers are certified as FTO's / CTO's:

Sgt. Stanley Siedlecki (FTO Coordinator)

Ofc. Michael Cipriano

Ofc. Scott Hermon

Ofc. Gene Larson

Ofc. DJ Sheldon

Disp. Frank Puz

Disp Linda Leanza

Disp Alex Melomed

Disp Haley Firtik

Disp. Josee Acklin

Sgt. Jon Hurley

Ofc. Ryan Wolf

Ofc. Tom Ondecker

Ofc. Kyle French

SPECIAL UNITS

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a collaborative effort with the Streetsboro School District. The Streetsboro Police Department presently has one officer assigned as a School Resource Officer. The SRO is primarily assigned to Streetsboro High School, but will assist elsewhere in the district as needed. Operationally, the SRO reports to the day shift Patrol Sergeant and the Administrative Lieutenant. He is currently assigned in our schools on a full-time basis during the school year.



The School Resource Officer Program has two main components. The first is designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers/administrators and the Streetsboro Police Department. The daily communication between police and school officials prevents many problems and mitigates existing problems for both the school and the police. The second component is to provide training and instruction in the school as needed, and informal counseling to students, staff and parents.

School security/action plans have been completed for the schools in Streetsboro, and the SRO participates in that process in conjunction with the Streetsboro school staff/administration. All plans are required to be reviewed annually.

DARE Program

The Streetsboro Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Program in the Streetsboro Schools since 1992. Officer Mark Pennington (Ret.) was the original DARE Officer for the Streetsboro Police Department. In 2001, Officer James Wagner took over as the DARE Officer, and served in that capacity until 2011. Officer Jason Fogleman was the DARE Officer until the 2021-2022 school year. Officer Kyle French officially became a DARE Officer in 2023. This a dual role, as the DARE Officer also serves as our School Resource Officer when not involved in DARE curriculum instruction.



To date, over 3,000 Streetsboro students have gone through the Streetsboro DARE Program, which was taught to 5th grade students at Defer Intermediate School.

The program is approximately twelve (12) weeks long.

Detective Bureau

The Streetsboro Police Department currently has one investigator assigned to the detective bureau following a 2022 retirement. Due to the staffing levels, the second full time investigator position has not been filled. The detective is responsible for investigating any crimes or incidents that are beyond the scope of normal patrol investigations. Some examples of incidents that the detective bureau investigates are: suspicious deaths, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, fraud, financial crimes, child abuse, cyber-crime, and miscellaneous thefts just to name a few. In addition to investigating cases, the detective is also responsible for all background investigations on prospective employees.

K9 Teams

Our department currently has two certified (2) K9 teams: Officer Aaron Coates and K9 Reno began working together in January 2018 and Officer Jason Hall and K9 Kaya have been working together since June 2016. Officer Luke Nelson and K9 Mika will be certified in 2024.

As part of the assignment as a K-9 Handler, the teams must train at least twice a month to keep both the officer and the animal proficient in several areas. Both K9 teams train bi-weekly with a cooperative regional K-9 training group consisting of several northeast Ohio police agencies known as B.A.R.K (Buckeye Area Regional K-9).

Both K9 teams are trained in multiple disciplines such as Narcotics, Criminal Apprehension and Tracking and they utilize their training throughout the year in various situations while on patrol.



Officer Jason Hall
K9 Kaya



Officer Aaron Coates
K9 Reno



Metro SWAT

This highly trained, professional, multi-jurisdictional, special weapons team responds to incidents within the jurisdictions of participating communities that require specialized weapons and tactics to deal with riotous activity, large crowd control, barricaded suspects, execution of high-risk warrants, arrest of dangerous felons, the rescue of hostages or endangered persons, and other functions as appropriate. This regional organization is comprised of Summit and Portage County law enforcement agencies. We currently have one Streetsboro Officer assigned to this regional team in the capacity of tactical operators.

Summit Metro Crash Response Team

The crash team is composed primarily of agencies in Summit County and is designed to provide members with professionally trained crash investigators to document, analyze and reconstruct serious injury and fatal crashes for both criminal and civil purposes. It gives our department access to experienced and trained crash investigators along with specialized equipment and it gives our officers assigned to the team ongoing training and experience. We currently have three (3) officers assigned to the team, two of which are on the training staff.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team

The UAV program was developed to add capabilities to the department in situations such as Search and Rescue, Criminal Apprehension, Crime/Crash Scene Documentation, Suspicious Packages, Fire Situations, and more. The UAV is typically deployed to document crash scenes or to look for missing or wanted persons. In order to operate a UAV for law enforcement purposes, we must comply with all FAA regulations



including the certification of pilots and currently have four certified pilots. We have two UAVs, one of which has infrared capabilities.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

ICAC is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 4,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet. We have worked with ICAC for a few years but became more involved in 2017 when we joined a program that specifically targets child sex predators. Sgt. Stan Siedlecki, who works closely with ICAC, has participated in numerous child predator stings with ICAC in Cuyahoga County, Franklin County and Mahoning County over the last several years resulting in dozens of arrests for offenses against children.



Portage County Safe Communities

Safe Communities was introduced to Ohio in December, 1996, as a conceptual strategy for comprehensive traffic injury control at the local level. The goal is to reduce preventable crashes by increasing seat belt usage, increase motorcycle safety awareness, reducing distracted and impaired driving. Safe Communities is funded through Ohio Department of Public Safety and based on a three-year average of fatal crashes. Portage County Safe Communities coalition is comprised of safety advocates including local, county, state law enforcement, ODOT, UH Portage Medical Center, MADD, Portage County Health Department, Portage County Coroner's Office, Mental Health & Recovery Board, AAA, and local businesses.



Communications and Records

The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by Communications Operators, better known as Dispatchers. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police and fire services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective services to our community and their dedication and importance cannot be overlooked. Often times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and the police officer or firefighter responding to an emergency.



Since we do not employ any personnel that would be primarily responsible for records functions, our Communications personnel are trained to maintain our records as well. This entails pulling reports for release to the public, filing documents and reports, processing paperwork, and compiling statistics.

The Streetsboro Police Department is authorized to employ seven (7) full time Communication Operators and our goal would be to add at least two (2) full time positions in the future.

2023 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Employee of the Year:

Officer Daniel Shetler

Nominated by his peers for his proactive police work, strong work ethic and positive influence

Exceptional Duty Award

Detective Jason Fogleman
Sergeant Stanley Siedlecki
Lieutenant Richard Polivka
Detective Luke Nelson

Recognized as a group for their monumental effort into investigating, charging and convicting one of this areas worst sex offenders.

OVI/MADD Award

Ofc Christopher Petro

Most impaired driving arrests. He has won this award 23 times.

Perfect Attendance (0 hours of sick time used):

Chief Patricia Wain
Dispatcher Linda Leanza
Sergeant Justin Leidel
Officer Jason Hall

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

The Streetsboro Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, members are held to high standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officer adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the objective of this agency. The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon approval and acceptance of police authority.

Citizen Complaints Against Personnel

The department must be responsive to the community by providing transparent formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual member performance. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of transparent complaint procedures.

In 2023, we had 3 citizen's complaint filed against our officers. One resulted in counseling and two were unfounded. Of the more than 23,000 interactions between officers and the public, that is a complaint/founded percentage of .013% and .004%. This is a testament to the professionalism members of this department exercise on a daily basis.

Use of Force

Uses of Force by department personnel are taken very seriously by this department. Improper use of force can result in injury or death to civilians and officers and can lead to civil liability. It is considered a use of force when an officer uses physical techniques, chemical agents or weapons against another person. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that any use of force must be "objectionably reasonable" which means we have to ask the question, "Would any police officer in a similar situation feel that the force used was reasonable?" With all this in mind, our department reviews each and every use of force situation to determine if the officers were compliant with SPD policy and to determine if there are any training needs based on the situation.

In 2023, SPD officers were involved in seventeen incidents which involved a Use of Force. Of those, ALL were found to be compliant with SPD Use of Force policy. Of the 17 total incidents: 13 were hands only where no weapons were involved, and 2 used the Taser and 1 made use of a hobble. The incidents resulted in 3 minor injuries to the officers and 1 injury to an officer that resulted in a significant recovery period. Two of the subjects involved had minor injuries.

Pursuits

Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. Vehicle pursuits require officers to exhibit a high degree of common sense and sound judgment. Officers must not forget that the immediate apprehension of a suspect is generally not more important than the safety of the public and pursuing officers. Due to the high risk involved, all pursuits are reviewed for compliance to policy and training needs.

In 2023, our officers were involved in one pursuit. In late 2019, we changed our pursuit policy from a discretionary policy to a more restrictive policy to minimize the danger of these pursuits to the public, motorists on the roadways and our officers. Our officers have adjusted to the new pursuit policy. The pursuit was found to be out of compliance with policy and resulted in a one-day suspension held in abeyance.

TRAINING

Training is an integral part of establishing high professional standards within all organizations, and the community expects its police department to provide quality training in carrying out its service. The Streetsboro Police Department strives to provide quality training within financial constraints for all components of the organization. This is accomplished through internal (in-service) and external training resources to provide advanced training and career development opportunities, as well as specialized training.

In-Service Training

In-service training is provided to members of the department throughout the year. Much of this consists of informal training at the shift/roll call level. Areas of review include: Review of department policies, procedure, changes in state law, court rulings, community policing, officer survival & tactics, and other job-related subjects. Lexipol provides daily training bulletins (DTB's) that officers can complete during the month. The DTB's reinforce high risk and low occurrence critical thinking, as well as standard refreshers for day-to-day operations. The State of Ohio mandated 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training for 2023. Those hours were met through eOPOTA and PoliceOne online training.

In-service training included Taser, Medical Dispatch training through APCO, firearms training, and many shift level trainings coordinated by the shift supervisors. In-service training also includes online training through sites such as EOPOTA and PoliceOne online.

External Training

Outside training needs are met by sending personnel to specialized training workshops through many different training providers. Training needs are reviewed and determined for all components of the organization. As technology, law enforcement best practices, tactics and case law continually evolve, providing current training to staff is critical. We send officers all across the state of Ohio and occasionally to other states to receive training. Officers were able to attend webinars, more in-person classes than they were in 2021. Officers were able to attend in-person training programs for Firearms, Documenting the Death Scene, Self-Generated Content and Sextortion Awareness and Prevention, Real World De-Escalation and Duty to Intervene, Active Shooter Response, CPR, Verbal De-Escalation and Conflict Resolution, Search and Seizure, FBI- LEEDA, Applicant Interview Techniques, Public Records, Physical Fitness Specialist, Red Dot Instructor,

EMD Medical for Dispatch, Advanced Law Enforcement Dispatcher training, Active Shooter Emergency Response Training, Ohio School Safety Summit, K9 Case Law, Financial Investigations, Critical Incident Stress Management, Legally Confident-Tactically Confident, along with much more including monthly training for K9, SWAT and the Crash Team.

Special Training

The Streetsboro Police Department hosted the first full scale Active Threat training on October 27, 2023. This first of its kind event, coordinated by the Portage Emergency Management team, included Streetsboro Police, Fire and EMS, the schools, and school administration, hospital staff, BCI&I, the Coroner's office, Streetsboro Service, Aurora Police and Fire, Streetsboro schools bus drivers and many more. The event was the culmination of hours and hours of pre-planning and will be the stepping off point for future trainings around the county. Streetsboro Police participants included Chief Wain, Lt. Beaver, Lt. Polivka, Sgt. Siedlecki, Ofc. Cipriano, Ofc. Hall, Ofc. Colvin, Ofc. Shetler, Ofc. Martinez, Ofc. French, Ofc. Hermon and Dispatcher Puz.

In addition to the Active Threat Training, Streetsboro Police Department hosted two training days for Telecommunicators as Crisis Negotiators. The training is taught by current and former Metro SWAT negotiators: Chief Wain, Sergeant Tricia Knoles Kent State University PD and Detective Brandon Foster Fairlawn Police Department. The free training arose from a hostage situation in 2005 where a follow-up review brought to light the lack of affordable and local training for Dispatchers. All Streetsboro Dispatchers attend the training, as well as local dispatchers and those from around the State of Ohio.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH and SPECIAL EVENTS

The Streetsboro Police Department recognizes that engagement, communication, and partnership with our community are vital to the law enforcement mission. Following is a summary of the notable events, community policing and engagement events members of the Streetsboro Police Department participated in during 2023 as well as notable events within the police department:

- Super Bowl NHTSA Driver Sober campaign with Portage Safe Communities
- Full evidence room audit by Detective Fogleman, Officer Crabtree, Lieutenant Polivka, Officer Hermon, and Chief Wain
- AAA and SPD **Helmet Smart** program where Gioninos supplied pizza for kids wearing helmets
- **Fill-a-Cruiser** events where food and cash were donated to food pantries
- Participated in **Safety Land** Officer French, Dispatcher Firtik, Chief Wain and Lieutenant Polivka
- Participated in a **NAACP Partnering for Public Safety** event
- National **"Click it or Ticket"** campaign
- OVI Checkpoint partnering with OSP Lieutenant Polivka, Sergeant Leidel, Officer Wolf, Officer Martinez, Officer Crabtree, Officer Bartholomew, Officer Miller and Dispatcher Long
- Chief Wain and Lieutenant Polivka became SPD organization members of the NAACP
- Officer French and Chief Wain participated in a Dine To Donate at DQ to benefit the SRO program
- Continued work with our social media campaign allowed us to get tips to solve a several criminal cases
- Continued to provide "Drive Slow" yard signs to our residents
- Officer French and Officer Sheldon created a safety tips videos for the community
- Chief Wain spoke to the ROX girls at the Streetsboro Middle School
- Participation in the national **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"** campaign
- Dispatcher Linda Leanza was awarded the Gold Star Award from APCO/NENA in
- Chief Wain, with the Woods family, spoke at the Student Leadership Summit about the dangers of Sextortion
- Officer Sheldon and Sergeant Siedlecki participated in the First Responder Career Fair hosted by the US Secret Service
- Participated in **9-11** Ceremony at City Hall and 9.11 Mile Remembrance Run
- **Trunk or Treat** hosted by Parks and Recs Officers
- **Trunk or Treat** hosted by Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant Siedlecki
- **Trick or Treat** hosted by the Greater Akron Autism Society at Trail Lake Park Officer French

- Officers handed out candy and glow sticks during the city **Trick or Treat**
- Numerous employment interviews conducted by Chief Wain, Lieutenant Beaver, Lieutenant Polivka, Sergeant Siedlecki, Sergeant Graham, Officer Hermon, Detective Fogleman and physical agility testing by Officer Ondecker and Officer French
- **Shop with a Cop**, full event at Walmart where over 30 children participated in a lights and siren parade to a shopping spree followed by lunch at DQ
- **Fill a Cruiser** Sgt Siedlecki, Officer Coates, Lieutenant Polivka and Chief Wain received multiple car loads of food and cash donations that were turned over to a local food pantry, donated Browns tickets were also raffled off to benefit the Shop With a Cop program

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB PRESENCE

The Streetsboro Police Department is always looking for ways to communicate with our residents and to keep the community informed. Social media and other forms of electronic communications have become increasingly popular over the past few years and our department has attempted to leverage these means of communications to get information out to the public. As we have seen time and time again, our community is an amazing resource when it comes to our crime solving efforts. It is also important that the public be made aware when roads are closed or there are other incidents of public concern. Here are some of the ways in which we attempt to get that information out to our residents:

Website


We have maintained a department website for several years. We use our website to post information about any department programs and any forms the public may need. We also post information about our personnel and any training classes we are hosting. The information on this site is not meant to be up to the minute updates but more static information that can be used over a period of time. Please visit our website at:

www.cityofstreetsboro.com/departments/police-department/

Facebook

Facebook is our primary means of disseminating information to the public quickly when we need to get information out that may concern the public or when we are asking our community for assistance. Each year, we post photos and other information regarding unsolved cases and in many of these instances our investigators and officers have been able to solve cases thanks to the tips of our followers. By the end of 2022, we exceeded 16,000 followers. Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/streetsboropd

X formerly known as Twitter


X is another method of quickly disseminating information quickly; however, with X, the information is sent out in short messages. Twitter has been used by some departments to inform the public of information during critical incidents such as the Boston Marathon bombing. We currently have almost 5,400 followers on Twitter. 

Check us out at: www.twitter.com/streetsboropd or [@streetsboropd](https://twitter.com/streetsboropd)

Nixle

Nixle is a text alert system that we currently use to send out text and/or email alerts to anyone registered with Nixle for immediate public concerns such as: road closures, traffic crashes, dangerous subjects, missing persons and more. Our Nixle alerts also automatically get posted on our Facebook page. We currently have over 13,700 contacts receiving our Nixle alerts. In order to receive our alerts go to: www.nixle.com or **Text your zip code to 888777**

Instagram

We started an Instagram account in 2019 to add an additional location where community members can find information. It is not our main source of information sharing and at this point has over 1,040 followers. Find our Instagram at: [@streetsboroplice](https://www.instagram.com/streetsboroplice) 

Neighbors by Ring

We partnered with Neighbors by Ring to leverage the video technology of Ring to help solve crimes and keep our neighborhoods safe. Ring, without explanation, later removed the ability of the police departments to ask for video. We do however maintain the program so residents can report issues or share with their neighbors.

STATISTICS

Much of what we do in law enforcement is not quantifiable in numbers and statistics, specifically in the aspects of the job that involve community relations. Quality of work is vitally important in our line of work and many officers have those intangibles that cannot be measured by numbers alone. However, with that said, numbers and statistics are still the primary means of measuring crime rates and traffic crash data over a period of time. This section will attempt to show some of the numbers of what we have accomplished in 2022 and how that compares to previous years. Some of these numbers can vary greatly based on how procedures within the department change from year to year and how those statistics are generated from year to year.

Serious Criminal Incidents	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	3	4	0	1
Robbery	1	3	1	1	8
Assault	30	18	24	12	1
Arson	1	2	0	0	3
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	0	0	3	19	14
General Theft	311	228	204	166	129
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	14	25	12	20
Total Serious Incidents	361	268	261	210	238

Total Incident Reports	3048	3168	3032	1581	2714
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General Criminal Incidents	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Sex Offense	18	17	8	9	16
Domestic Violence	53	63	51	52	43
Forgery	0	0	1	0	1
Counterfeiting	4	2	2	3	4
Fraud/ID theft	80	103	99	50	41
Receiving Stolen Prop	5	3	0	3	5
Vandalism	5	7	2	0	2
Criminal Damaging	33	44	27	42	52
Criminal Mischief	10	8	3	11	14
Trespassing	40	20	15	12	16
Drug Related	86	125	86	138	136
Telecom Harassment	34	39	49	58	34

Menacing	17	12	9	9	10
Gambling	0	0	0	1	0
CCW	7	4	23	5	6
Disorderly Conduct	15	10	12	13	17
Total General Criminal Incidents	407	457	387	406	424

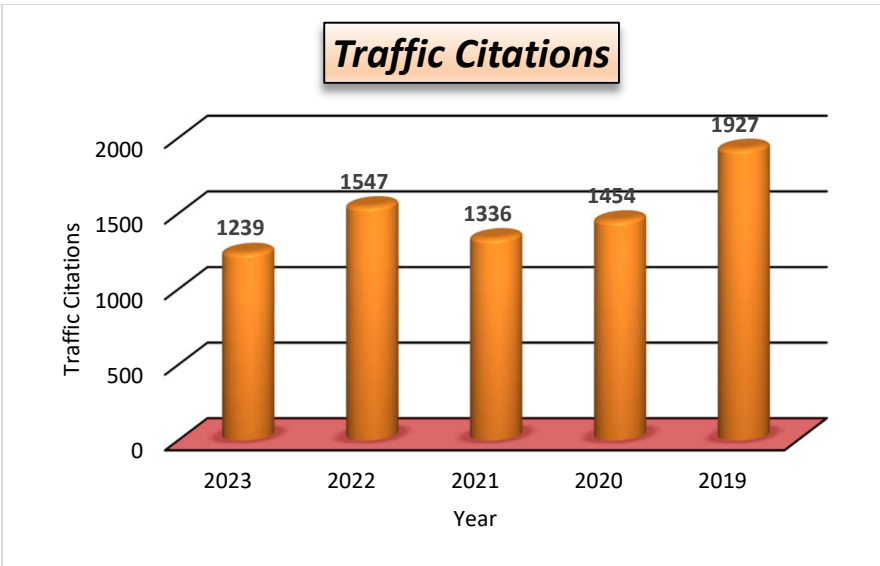
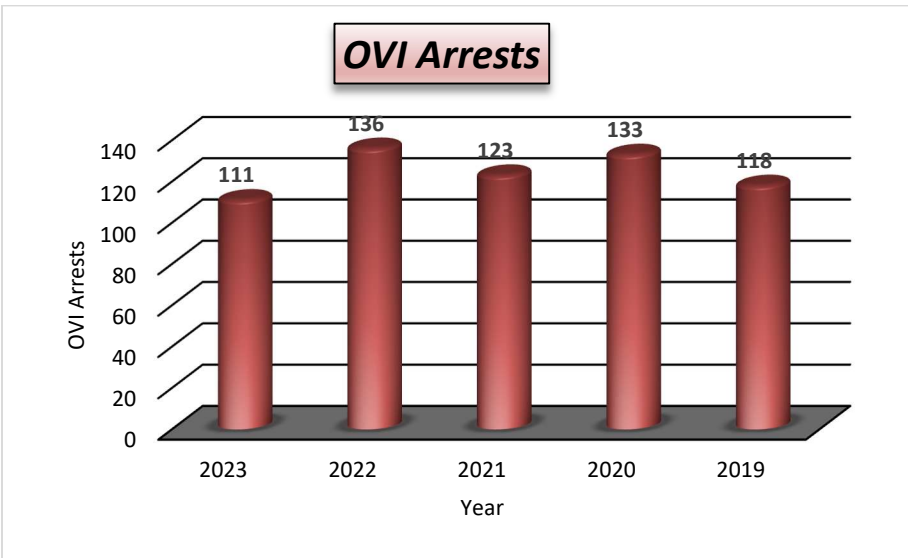
Calls for Service	2023	2022	2021	2020	201
	Domestic Dispute	106	103	131	160
Psychiatric Situation	88	127	133	110	98
Suicide	5	4	5	1	5
Attempted Suicide	7	8	1	4	4
Welfare Check	283	269	278	320	326
Animal Related	245	236	184	226	278
Vehicle Lockouts	348	410	206	290	501
Drug Overdose	12	12	11	22	14
DOA	21	33	11	27	0
Juvenile Related	252	296	202	189	266
Alarm Drops	705	809	682	692	744
Disturbance	333	377	350	345	333
Noise	135	153	150	182	129
Suspicious Behavior	812	864	725	946	937
Community Policing	1774	2014	1476	1664	1697
Fire Related	551	761	515	488	559
EMS	2294	2170	1915	1565	1559
Traffic Related	867	943	892	1058	1148
Disabled Vehicles	405	455	303	371	481
Mutual Aid	188	172	203	353	385
Other Service Calls	13848	13064	8240	9622	12744
Total Calls for Service	23279	23280	16613	18635	22101

Traffic Enforcement	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Self-Initiated Traffic	5701	5257	3386	3150	6548
Total Traffic Cites	1239	1547	1336	1454	1927
OVI Arrests	111	136	123	133	118
Parking Cites	31	58	40	50	61

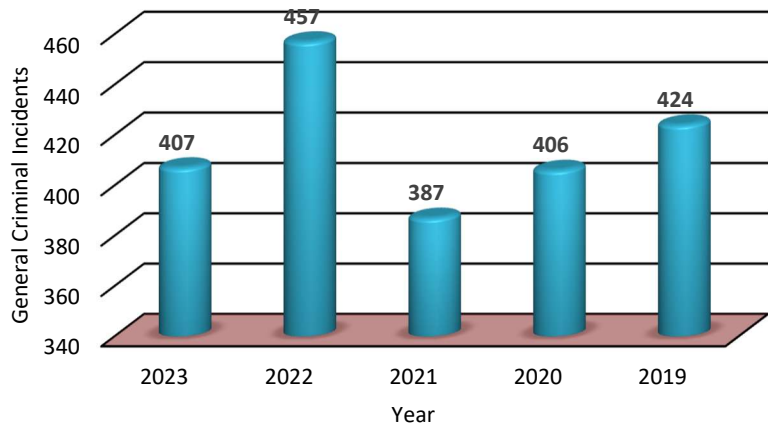
Traffic Crashes	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Hit Skip Crashes	32	35	36	39	28
Property Damage Only	299	299	300	281	319
Injury Crashes	99	118	103	114	135

Fatal Crashes	1	2	1	0	3
Deer Crashes	32	40	26	23	31
Private Property Crash	142	152	125	132	170
Total Reportable Crashes	605	646	591	457	457

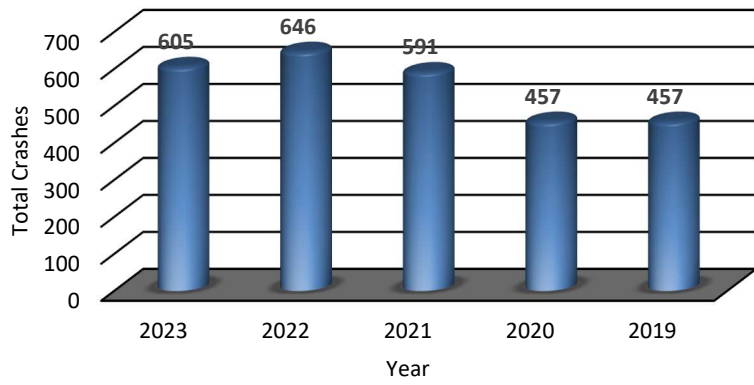
Arrests/Charges	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Arrests	799	822	621	501	528
Total Charges Filed	1189	1244	883	807	790



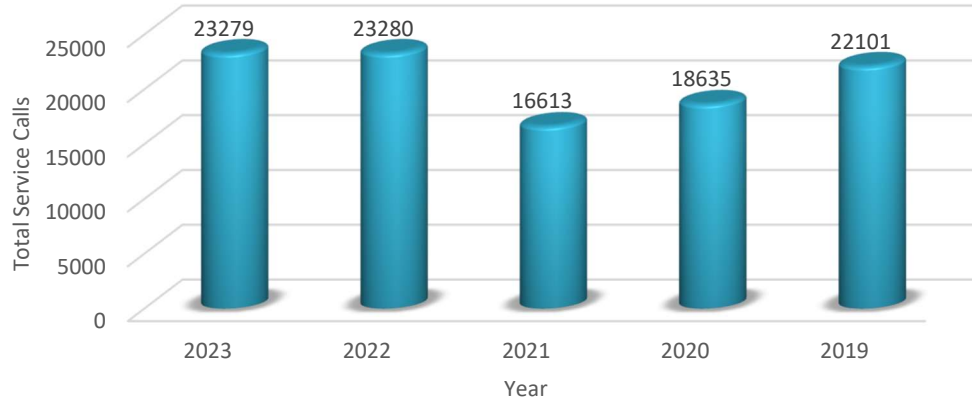
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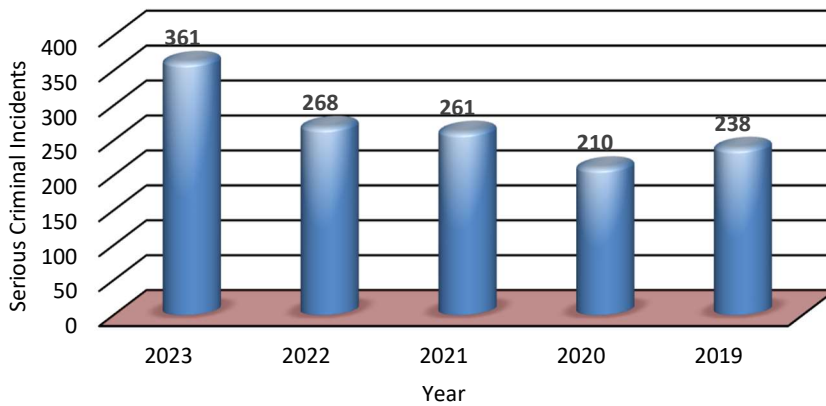
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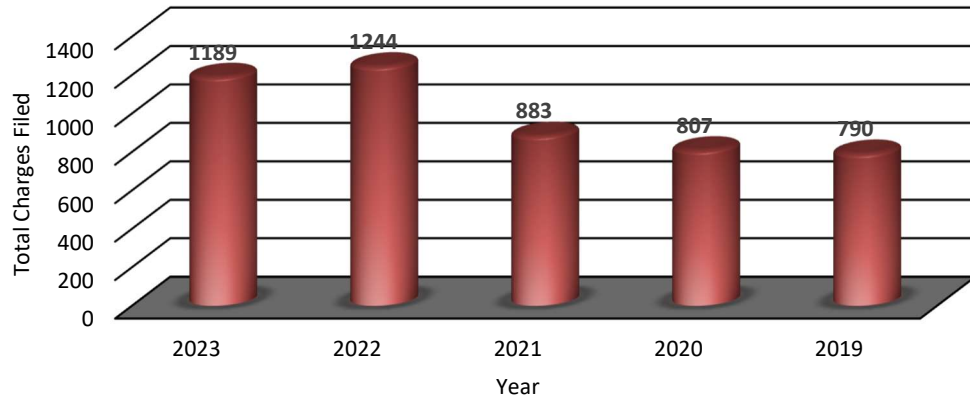
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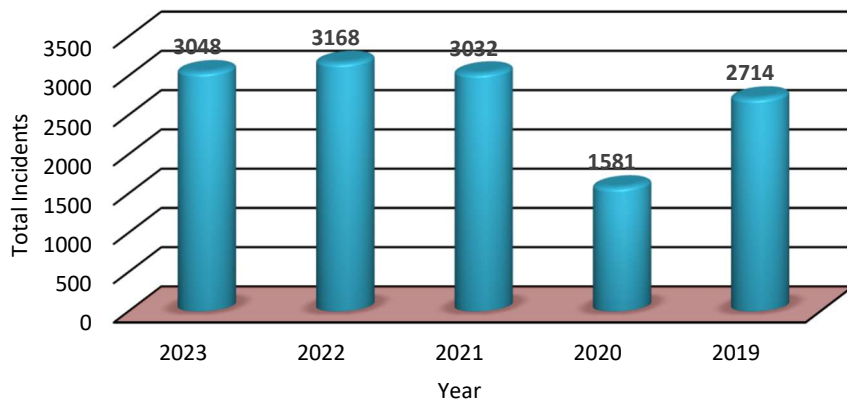
Serious Criminal Incidents



Total Charges Filed



Total Incidents





**STREETSBORO POLICE
2023**



Streetsboro Police Department

WE ARE HIRING FULL-TIME LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS:

Requirements

- MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE AND CURRENTLY EMPLOYED
- MINIMUM AGE OF 21 YEARS OLD
- VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- PASS PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
- PASS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
- PASS PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM
- PASS DRUG SCREENING

Benefits

- COMPENSATION PAY
- 15 VACATION DAYS
- PENSION PLAN
- HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION, LIFE, DISABILITY, ETC.
- 401(K) PLAN
- PAID TIME OFF/HOLIDAYS
- UNIFORMS
- TRAINING
- MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
- LIABILITY INSURANCE
- ANNUAL INCREASING ALLOWANCE
- 80% CONTINUING EDUCATION
- 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD
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