

# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mayor Hanwell and Members of Council,

2022 was a year of recovery and growth from the residual impact of COVID on our department and community. Officers continued transitioning into a “normal” style of policing through the two-year adjustment following the pandemic. Officers re-engaged the community providing a more personal style of service. A number of annual community events returned, and we once again, enjoyed the interaction with community members.

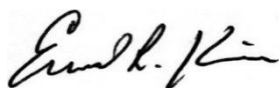
The department continues to advance in equipping officers with new, up to date equipment to advance their capabilities. The patrol rifles in all front-line vehicles that were over ten years old were replaced with special rifles customized for law enforcement situations. Furthermore, we continue to invest in and leverage technology to improve the service provided to the community and assist officers in performing their duties. An additional drone, partially purchased with donated funds, was added to our fleet of drones. Drones provide officers a quick deploy for an eye in the sky in incidents requiring situational awareness from above. The drones have assisted officers in finding lost children, at-risk elderly individuals, and fleeing suspects. Furthermore, our drones have been used to assist other law enforcement agencies and are regularly utilized to assist the fire department in detecting hotspots in structure fires as well as, the water department in detecting water main breaks.

Lafayette Township renewed the policing contract with the Medina Police Department in 2022. This contract remains bound for five years through the end of 2027. Officers will continue to provide quality police services to the residents of Lafayette Township, synonymous with the service provided to City residents. We are proud of the collaboration and services we provide to the residents of Lafayette Township.

The Detective Bureau continues to see a dramatic increase in the need for electronic device forensic equipment. Our department invested in Magnet forensic software to assist in the collection of data electronically in cases involving criminal investigations. This new technology will allow detectives to quickly retrieve data and return devices if warranted, as well as, providing detectives the opportunity for a thorough examination of devices and proper documentation of electronic evidence for presentation at court hearings.

I am honored to lead this department into 2023. I remain proud of the work performed by the women and men of the Medina Police Department and strongly committed to the continuous improvement of service to the communities we serve in our ever-changing times.

Respectfully submitted,



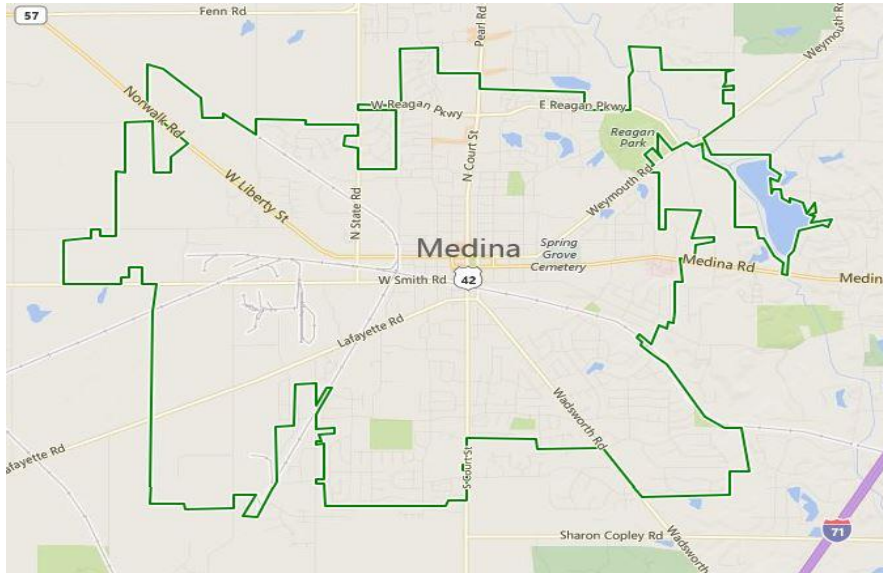
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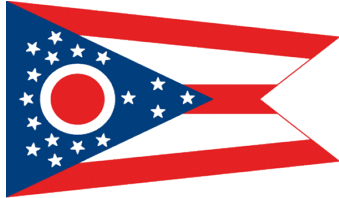

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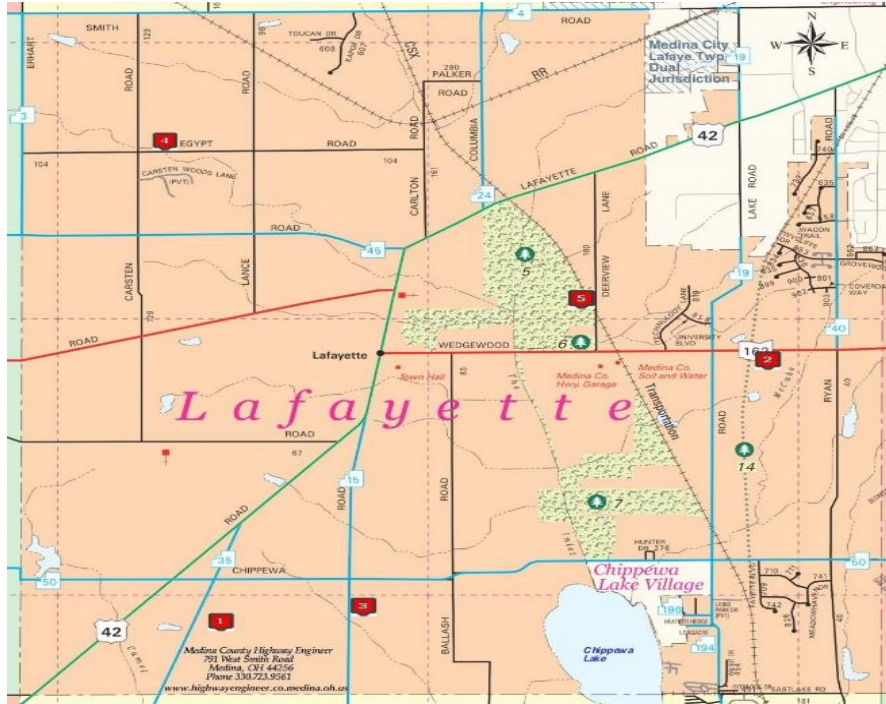
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# City Profile



<p><b>City Motto</b></p> <p>Preserving the Past. Forging the Future.</p>	<p><b>Ohio Flag</b></p> 	<p><b>City Logo</b></p> 
<p><b>2022 Estimated City Population</b></p> <p>25,920</p>	<p><b>Founded</b></p> <p>1808</p>	<p><b>Incorporated</b></p> <p>1835 Village 1952 City</p>
<p><b>Square Miles</b></p> <p>11.6</p>	<p><b>Second Largest city in Medina County</b></p>	<p><b>Fifty-eighth most populated city in Ohio</b></p>
<p><b>Transportation Assets</b></p> <p>Rail Airport</p>	<p><b>Estimated Medina County Population</b></p> <p>184,498</p>	<p><b>School District Enrollment</b></p> <p>6,285</p>

# Lafayette Township Profile



<p><b>Lafayette Township Population</b></p> <p>6,593</p>	<p><b>Square miles</b></p> <p>22.9</p>	<p><b>Borders</b></p> <p>Southwest side of the City of Medina</p>
<p><b>Largest natural lake in Ohio</b></p> <p>Chippewa Lake</p>	<p><b>Technology Park</b></p> <p>Medina County University Center University of Akron</p>	<p><b>Settled</b></p> <p>1820</p>

## Staff Roster

Name	Assignment	Hire Date
Edward Kinney	Chief of Police	1997
Scott Marcum	Lieutenant	2000
Bryan Wagner	Lieutenant	2003
Nathan Simpson	Sergeant	2003
Darin Zarembo	Sergeant	1995
Patrick Sloan	Sergeant	2003
Sara Lynn	Sergeant	2005
Joshua Wilson	Sergeant	2008
Raven Ory	Sergeant	2017
Derek Crooks	Sergeant	2014
Daryn Winebrenner	Officer	1995
Dan Warner	Officer	1995
Todd Grice	Officer	1996
Al Roland	Officer/SRO	2005
Matthew Martincin	Officer	2005
Kelly Moran	Officer	2007
Christopher Brink	Officer	2008
James Tighe	Officer/SRO	2009
Mathew Fitz	Detective	2012
Gregory Habrat	Officer/Property	2012
James Terwilliger	Officer	2013
Nicholas MacLarren	Officer/SRO	2013
Michael Lyon	Officer/K9	2013
Michael Wovna	Detective	2014
Christopher Deeks	Officer	2014
Jeffrey Smith	Detective	2014
Michael English	Detective	2015

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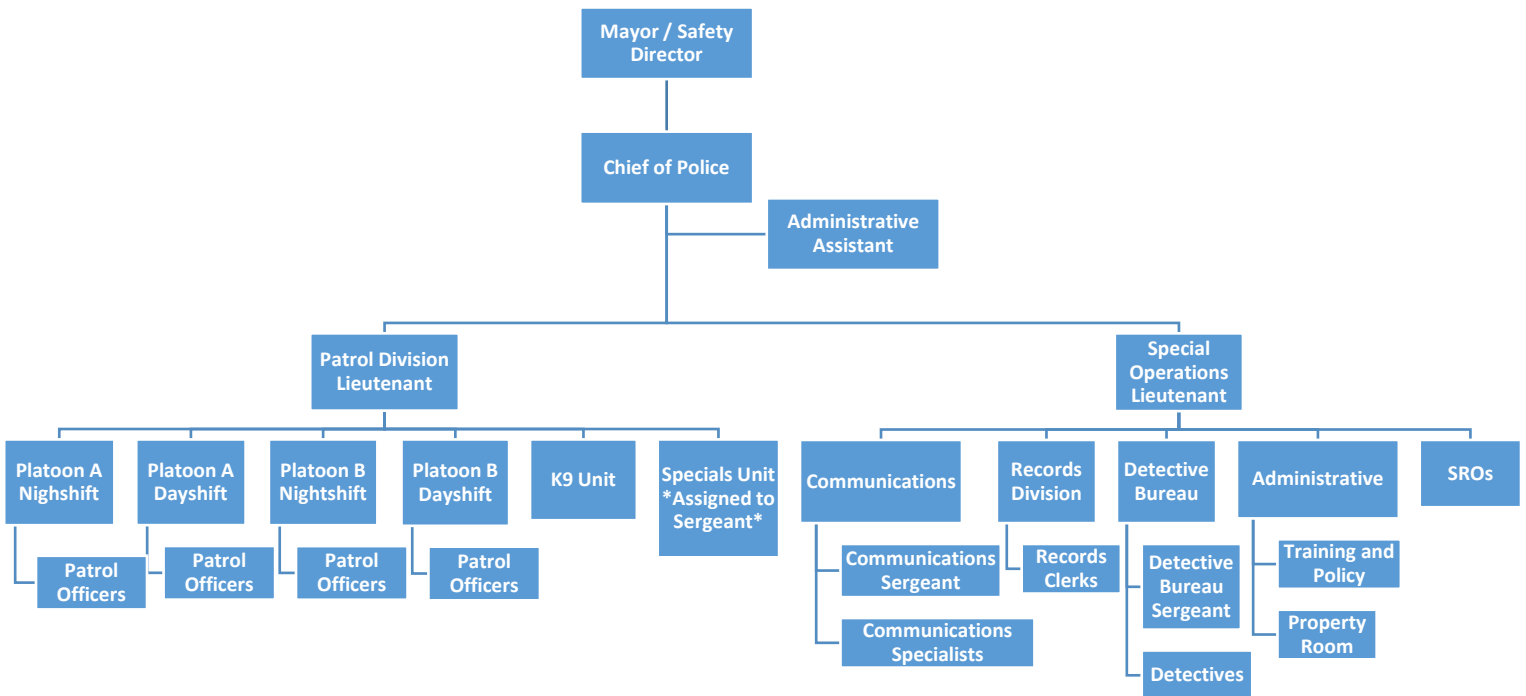
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Erica Anderson	Officer	2015
Andrew Dziak	Officer	2016
Christopher Wade	Officer	2018
Evan Scherer	Officer	2018
Joseph Calabrese	Officer	2018
Tyler Hughes	Officer	2019
Matthew Witthuhn	Officer	2019
Tyler Howell	Officer	2021
Lauren Brooks	Officer	2021
Ian Baker	Officer	2021
Seth Gonyea	Officer	2022
Patty Miller	Dispatcher	1999
Denise Indovina	Dispatcher	2001
Andrew Demczyk	Dispatcher	2013
Crystal Vance	Dispatcher	2015
Calvin Undercoffer	Dispatcher	2017
Kali Bainbridge Rodriguez	Dispatcher	2017
Vanessa Craiu	Dispatcher	2020
Tricia Glauner	Dispatcher	2022
Patrick Villeneuve	Dispatcher	2022
Natalie Santivaschi	Administrative Assistant	2011
Lyndie Gillihan	Records	2013
Monica Juka	Records	2014
Jeanne Masters	Records	2015
William Pavlick	Parking Attendant	2018

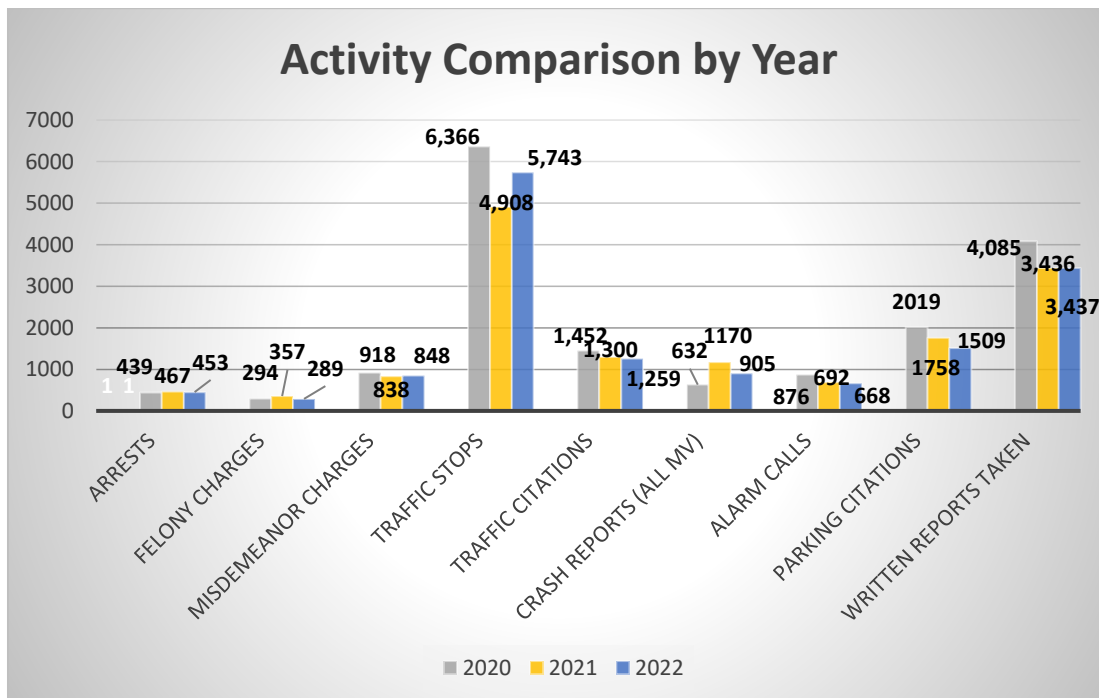
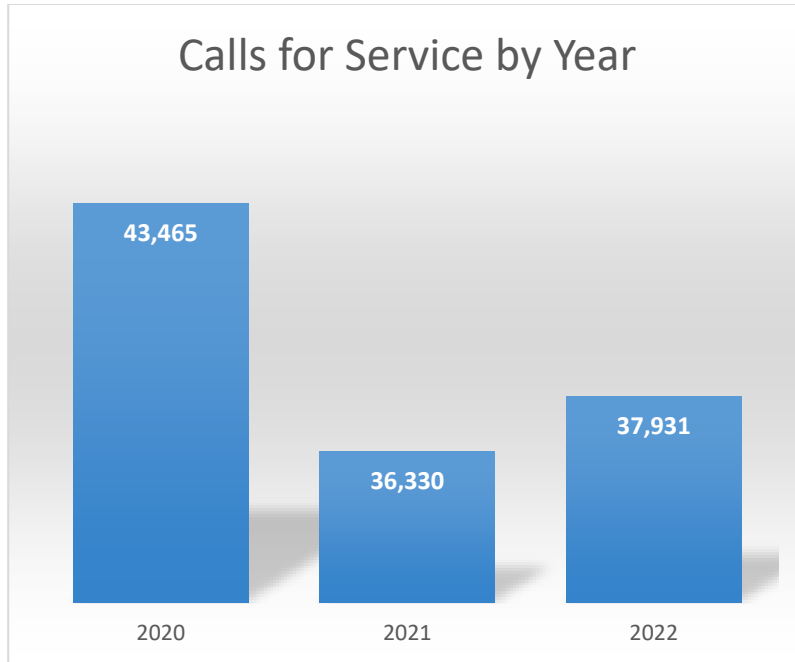
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## Organizational Chart

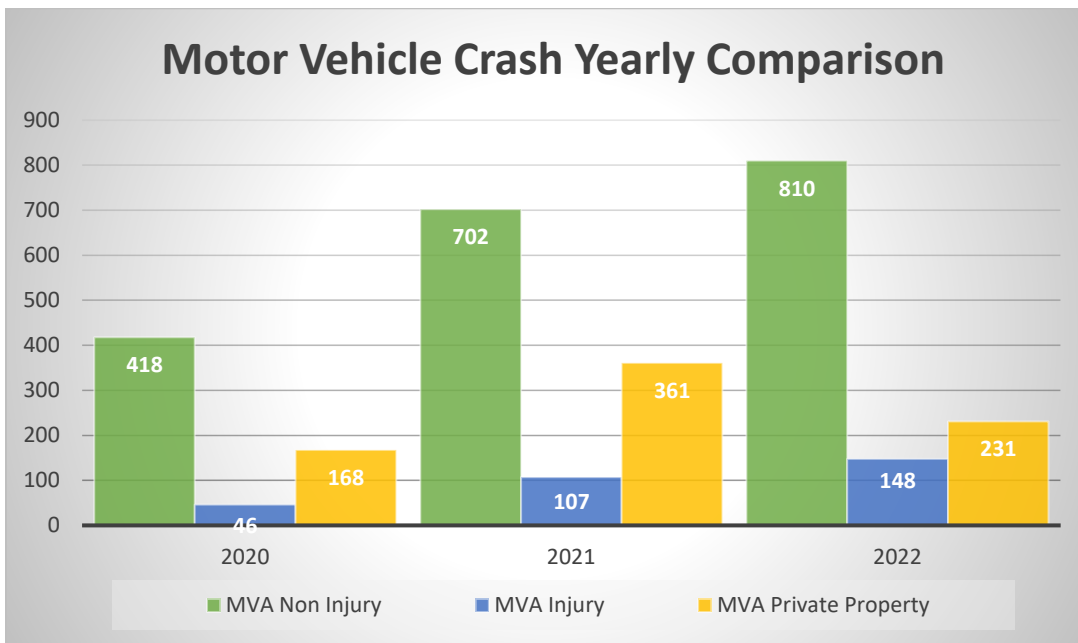
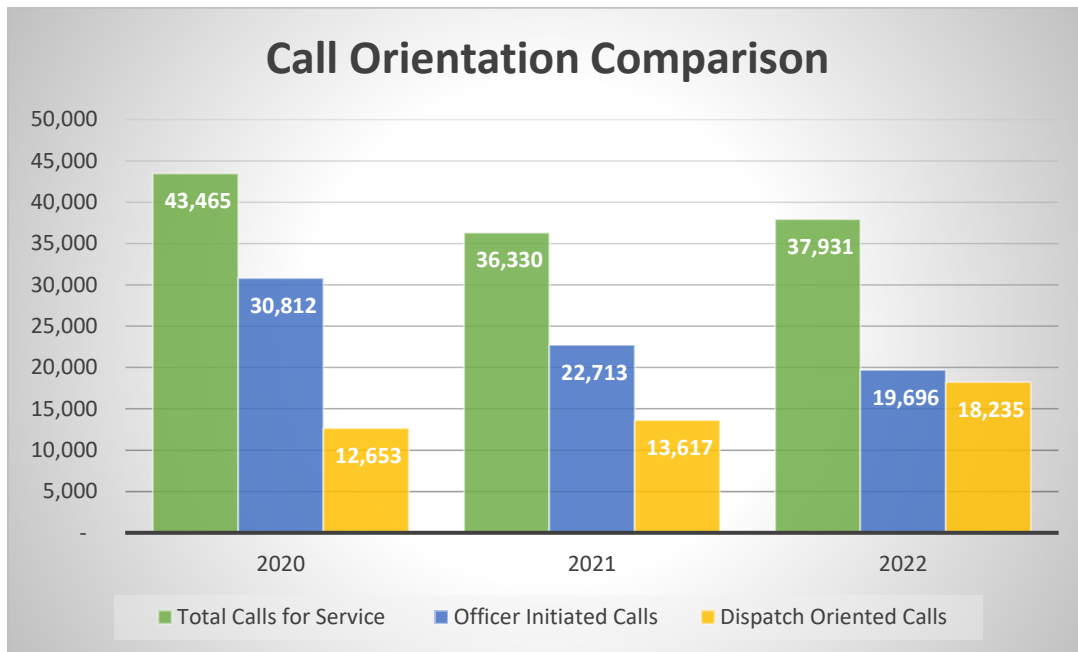




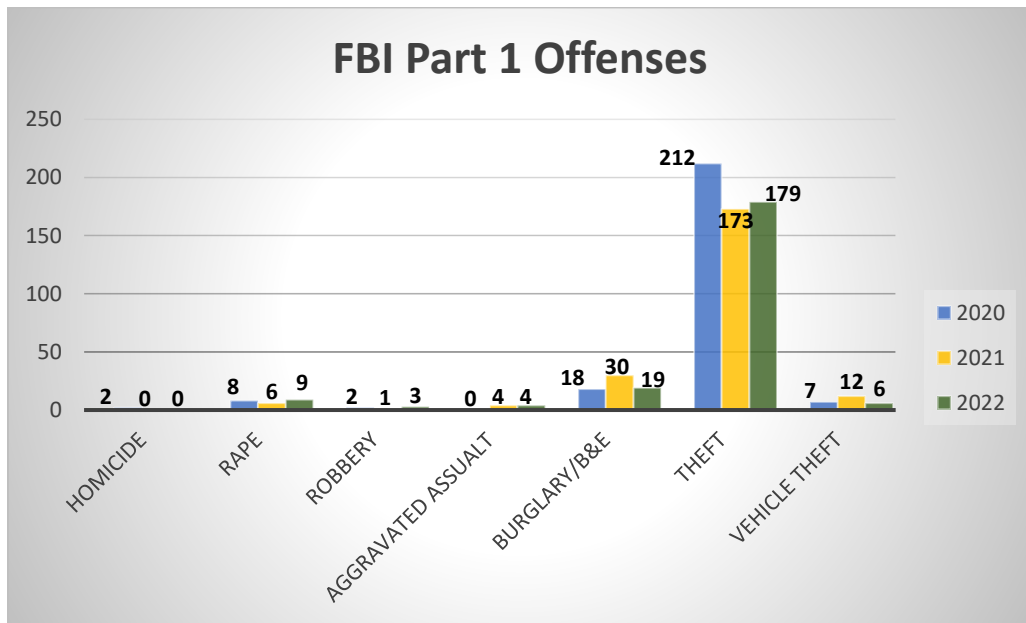
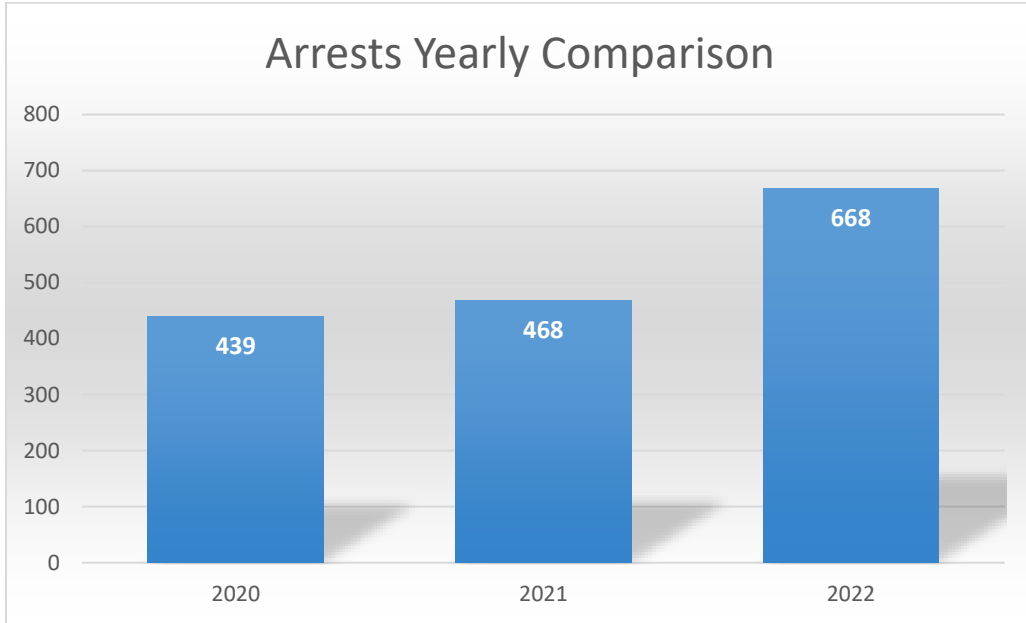
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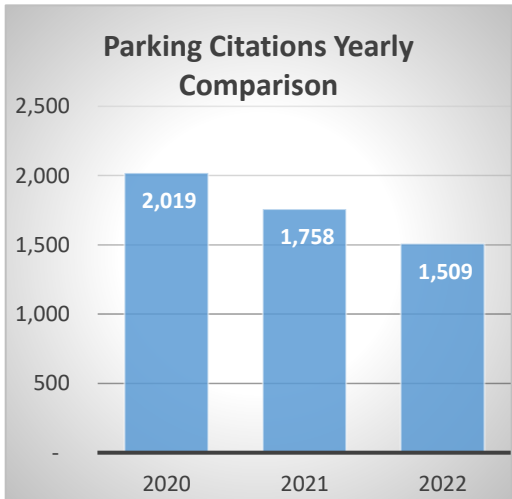
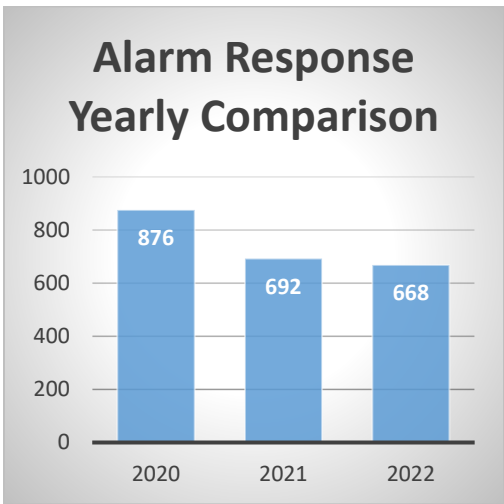
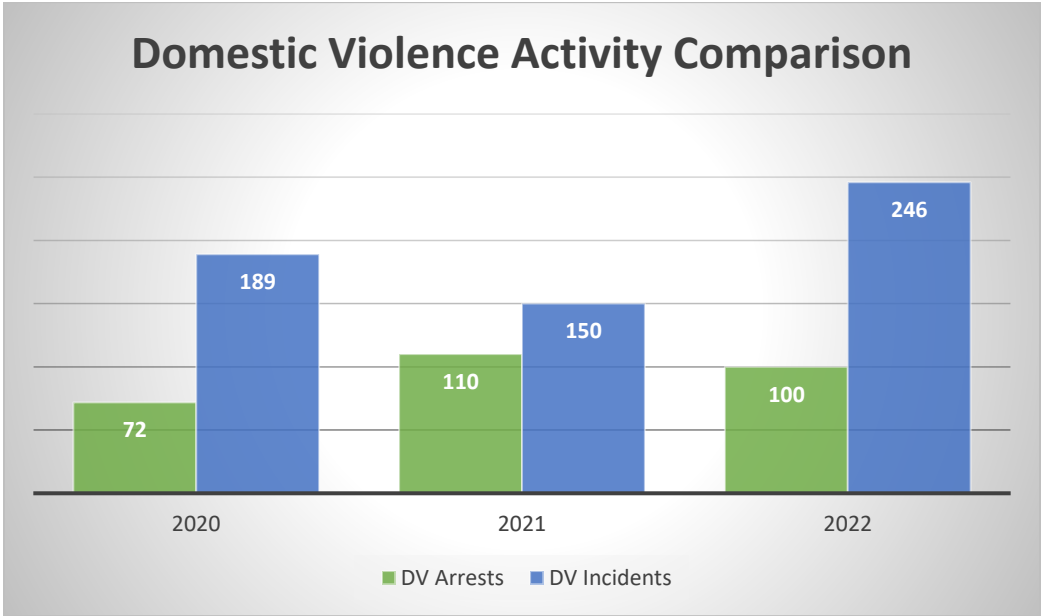


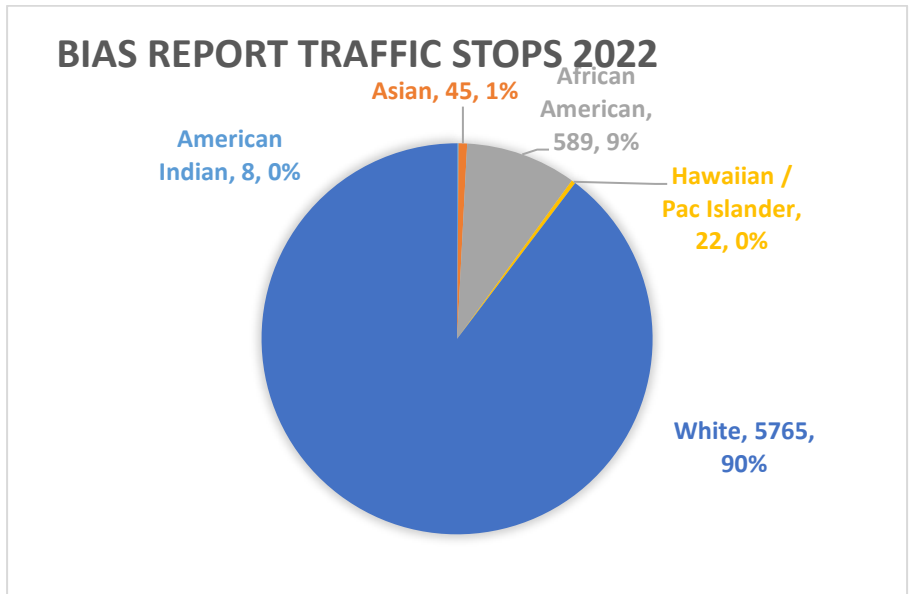
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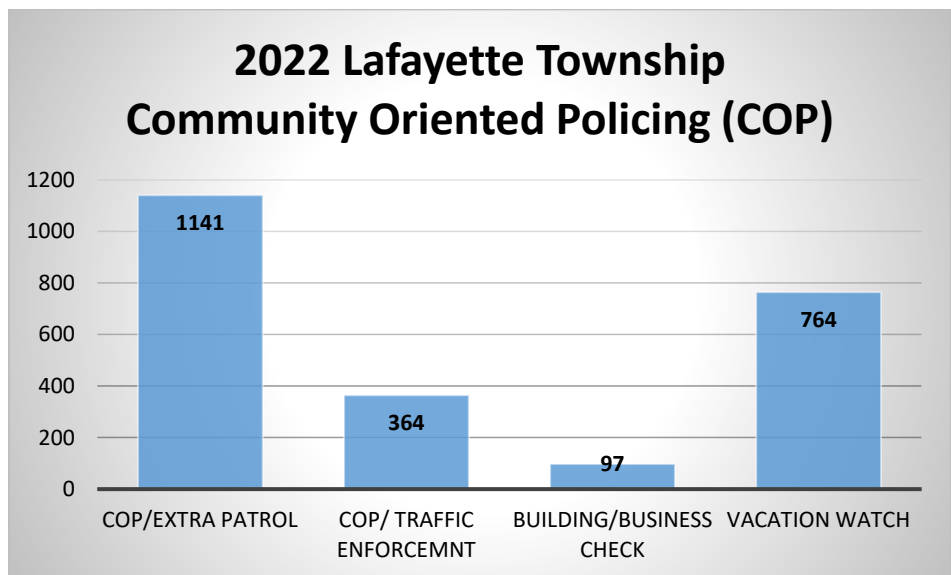






## **Lafayette Township Police Service –**

Lafayette Township and Medina Police Department renewed the policing contract in 2022. A five-year contract was executed for continued police services to Lafayette Township through 2027. Last year, MPD officers responded to over 5,000 calls for service originating in Lafayette Township. A glimpse of Community Oriented Policing activity is highlighted in the chart below.



## *Patrol Division*



The uniformed patrol division is the first to represent the Medina Police Department, the City of Medina and Lafayette Township in response to citizen requests for service. The patrol division is also responsible for carrying out initial crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, motor vehicle accident investigations and assisting on LST and fire calls. The patrol division consists of 40 fulltime officers and is commanded by Lieutenant Bryan Wagner.

Lieutenant Wagner was promoted in August of 2022 and has been amongst the ranks for nineteen years. Sergeant Raven Ory was also promoted to fill an open road Sergeant's position. Sergeant Ory was assigned to supervise one of the dayshift platoons. A second road Sergeant position opened in 2022 and was recently filled by Sergeant Derek Crooks. He has been assigned to supervise multiple platoons. One officer was hired in 2022. Seth Gonyea came to us from a police department in Michigan and began his OPOTA training in October 2022, he will graduate in late January 2023 and begin his field training. Look for new faces to surface in 2023 as we work to fill several vacant patrol positions.

Medina Police Department officers received an array of training in 2022. The Ohio Attorney General's mandated 24 hours of CPT (Continuing Professional Training) was exceeded, with each of our officer's completing 32.5 hours of state mandated material. Legal update training was hosted on site in which each officer received training in criminal legal updates and constitutional law updates. In addition, officers completed training in street survival tactics, testifying in court, criminal interdiction, emergency vehicle operations, firearms, interview and interrogation techniques, drones, leadership, patrol supervision and critical incident team (CIT) training. We are proud of Sergeant Nathan Simpson in completing the intensive 11 -week Public Safety Leadership Academy course sponsored by the Ohio State University Glenn School of Public Policy and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Sergeant Simpson received special recognition from his classmates and instructors for the exceptional quality of his capstone project focusing on officer wellness and peer support.



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Community events continued to increase in 2022. Events attended by officers this past year include; Easter Egg Hunts, Bike to School, Kids Day at Play, Kids Day on the Square, Touch a Truck, Juneteenth Festival, The Great Race, Party in the Park, National Night Out, Halloween events, Candle Light Walk, Visit from Santa, Shop with a Cop, and various job fairs, block parties, 5k Runs, walks and many other community events. Sergeant Nathan Simpson represented our department completing our portion of the Law Enforcement Torch Run carrying the Flame of Hope in support of Special Olympics. Officers enjoyed interacting with the community and look forward to continuing to build community relationships into 2023.



### **Vehicle Pursuits Review –**

Deciding whether to pursue a motor vehicle is a critical decision that must be made quickly and under difficult and unpredictable circumstances.

Officers must remember that the most important factors to the successful conclusion of a pursuit are self-discipline and sound professional judgement. An officer's conduct during the course of a pursuit must be objectively reasonable; that is to say, "what a reasonable officer would do under the circumstances".

The Medina Police Department had seven vehicle pursuit incidents in 2022. All seven pursuits were reviewed. The corresponding incident report, any evidence and video footage were collected and analyzed. Five of the seven vehicle pursuit incidents were compliant with our Policy Manual, 314 VEHICLE PURSUITS.

One officer was issued a letter of reprimand for failing to continuously use emergency lights and siren during a pursuit. Two officers were given verbal reprimands for failing to obey posted speed limits after terminating a pursuit.

### **Use of Force Review –**

The Medina Police Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice. Vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force to protect the welfare of the public requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all interests.

The Medina Police Department used force in twenty-three incidents in 2022. All twenty-three incidents were reviewed. Similar to the review of Vehicle Pursuits the process includes analyzing corresponding incident reports, use of force reports, video coverage and all evidence to determine compliance. All twenty-three incidents complied with Medina Police Policy 300.4 REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE.

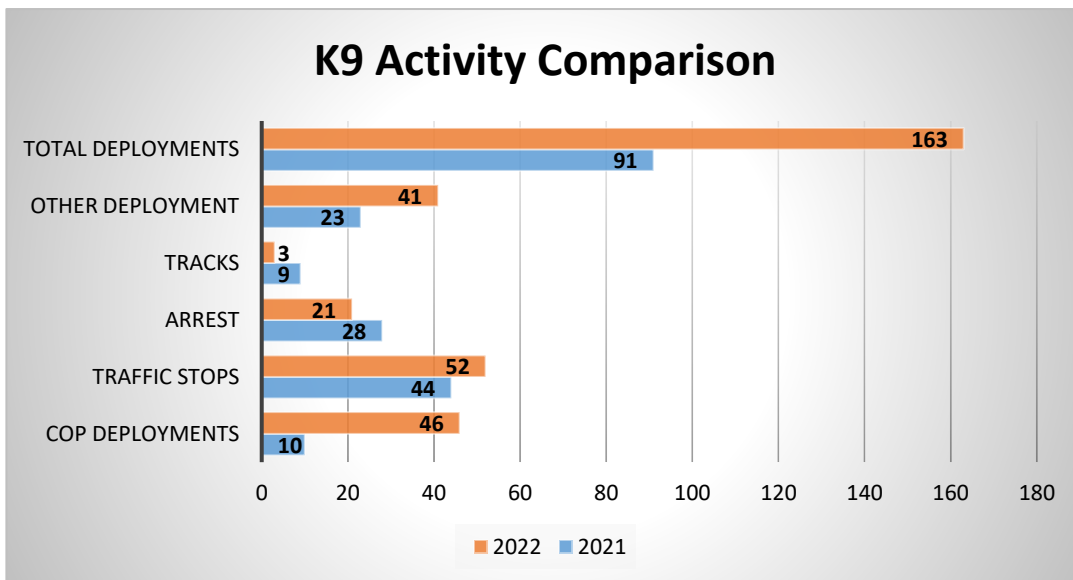
The twenty-three use of force incidents in 2022 are represented in the following demographics by race and sex; 11 White Males, 3 White Females, 6 Black Males, 3 Black Females.

## K9 Deployments –



The Medina Police Department K9 team activity once again rose in 2022. A major increase of deployments occurred in the Community Oriented Policing (COP) category which provided the opportunity for the public to interact with our canine, Nero. Officer Lyon and Nero attended Kids Day of Play, National Night Out and various “pop-up” demonstrations throughout the year.

Interdepartmental deployments continued amongst agencies within Medina County and also with FBI, DEA, Medina County Drug Task Force, Ohio State Patrol Interdiction Team and ONSET (Ohio Northeast Smuggling Enforcement Team). Notable cases included a collaborated effort with ONSET. The K9 team was requested several times in 2022 by ONSET to assist in the detection of illegal drugs being transported across state lines into Ohio. While assisting on these deployments Nero acquired one of the most notable seizures of 100 lbs. of marijuana.





## School Resource Officers-



The Medina Police Department provides three full-time School Resource Officers (SRO) that work collaboratively with the Medina City School District. The SRO positions are partially funded by the Medina County Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC) grant established by the anti-drug levy. Medina Police Department completed the grant application process for consideration. Under the command of Lieutenant Scott Marcum, SRO Nicholas MacLarren is assigned to Medina Senior High School, SRO Al Roland is assigned to A.I. Root Middle School and SRO James Tighe is housed at Claggett Middle School. These SRO's primarily ensure a safe and positive learning environment for students, staff, facilities and community. The SRO's role is based on a triad concept; law enforcement, teacher and informed counselor.



In their law enforcement roll, each SRO is responsible for any calls for service occurring within their respective school. They also collaborate with other agencies such as the Medina County Health Department and Medina County Job and Family Services. The SRO's serve as a liaison between the youth and law enforcement by establishing relationships in a non-confrontational environment. As counselors, School Resource Officers work with the faculty



and administrators to uphold school policies and procedures. They maintain a close working relationship with school counselors, social workers, psychologists, nurses, and teachers to assist students in building positive relationships. Officers MacLarren, Roland, and Tighe recognize the importance of mentoring youth at risk. They work diligently to build rapport with students at risk, and take extra time to provide guidance to those students with special needs. In 2022 Officer Tighe completed 40 hours of training to become certified as a D.A.R.E. instructor. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program is the most comprehensive drug prevention curricula in the world. Officer Tighe teaches the concepts of D.A.R.E. to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students within the Medina City Schools. The effective multicultural curriculum includes subject matter revolving around bullying, internet & social media safety, vaping, and negative effects of all types of drug use. Officer Tighe engages the students in scenario-based activities and encourages development of positive and effective skill in decision making.

As teachers, our SRO's lead and participate in after school activities where they can also build positive relationships. Our SRO's lead many youth programs such as "ROADWISE"; a teenage awareness driving program using driving simulators to promote safe driving habits. In conjunction with the American Automobile Association and during driver safety month our SRO's provide students and staff with vehicle safety checks. They also teach concepts of the "Sober Truth Program" with a goal of reducing the use of alcohol in our youth. SRO's teach applicable self-defense strategies and basic safety awareness through the "Campus Awareness Training"(CAT) to graduating females that will be transitioning to the college campus life. Also among the SRO schedule are various activities and programs such as, "See Something/Say Something" presentations, Bike to School, Shop with a Cop, Special Olympics, dances, rallies, assemblies and they are active participants in the Medina County Police Activities League.

While the primary goal of our School Resource Officers is to provide safety, they also play an integral role in uniting law enforcement, youth, faculty, and community on a foundation of understanding and cooperation.

### **Medina County SWAT TEAM**

In addition to their patrol duties at the Medina Police Department three officers dedicate time and membership to the Medina County SWAT team that is comprised of numerous county agencies. SWAT team members attended the following team trainings in 2022:

**January** – Tactical Combat Casualty Care conducted by SWAT Medics

**February** – Range Drills conducted at the Wadsworth Range

**March** – Large scale mock search warrant scenario operation involving drones, the robot, and negotiators, followed by hostage rescue drills.

**April** – Team movements, room entries, breaching, shotgun breaching, hostage rescue and scenarios conducted in Wadsworth at the abandoned houses on College St.

**May** – Two days of training. Day one covered Less lethal use of force options, including a follow up exam with a required passing score of 80%. The second day included basic drills to include hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, drone and robot deployment, throw phone deployment, and negotiators.

**June** – Range qualifications in Wadsworth, officer induced jeopardy discussion, and walk through drills, scenarios with role players

**July** – Medina Municipal Court staff involved in scenario training

**August** – Hostage rescue scenarios inside Wadsworth PD jail, contact/cover/cuffing all covered. then injury drills at the Wadsworth Range these included; loading, reloading, failure to feed, double feeds and stove pipes.

**September** - Two days of training. Day one consisted of Tactical Defense in Uhrichsville, OH at the shoothouse and flat range. Day two was conducted at the Canton Canine Facility where building searches, room clearing, barricaded subjects and hostage rescue were all covered then the team utilized the indoor shoothouse for SIMS rounds.

**October** – Basic building entries, room entries, clearing and hostage rescue training at Lodi Elementary School.

**November** – Scenario of search warrant with an arrest warrant in which the drone and robot were utilized. Training took place at a business in Wadsworth. Second half of day was instruction and shooting with night vision.

**December** – Split group training on building entry, room entry, clearing and hostage rescue at Lodi Elementary School

### **SWAT Team Activations in 2022 –**

**February 8** – Lodi – Lodi PD requested SWAT in reference to a stolen vehicle at a residence with a non compliant suspect in the residence. The suspect had an extensive arrest record to include felony drug conviction and domestic violence. Contact led to breaching a window and deploying a throw phone. Occupants in the residence complied with orders and exited the residence.

**July 9** – Akron – Assisted Akron Police with possible rioting. Medina County SWAT arrested two for blocking the roadway and SWAT vehicles from passing en route to the Mayor’s residence. Protestors overtook the Mayor’s front lawn. No force used during the arrests

**July 10** - Akron – Assisted Akron Police with possible rioting. Medina County SWAT assisted as mobile field units patrolling Akron in marked patrol cars.

**July 11** – Akron - Assisted Akron Police with possible rioting. Teams were posted at the police department and courthouse to maintain security, and teams in the field as mobile units in marked patrol cars patrolling Akron

**August 23** – Lodi – Disturbance at a bar. Suspect with firearm threatening to kill victim and himself. Surround and callout conducted, suspect refused to exit. Eventually, negotiators led to the suspect exiting the residence.

**September 29** – Medina City – SWAT requested for an arrest and search warrant on W Union, suspect was involved in a robbery and kidnapping earlier in the day. SWAT conducted a surround and callout. The suspect and a small child exited the residence.

## **Community Outreach –**

### **Shop with a Cop-**

The Medina Police Department was represented numerous departmental members and hosted eighteen children. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #204 supports this county wide event and rallies together many county organizations to spread the joy of Christmas. Members from around the county accompany less fortunate children through a day of festive holiday activities, including a visit from Santa, breakfast, lunch, transport in a lights and siren vehicle parade and shopping at Walmart. We are thankful for the widespread generosity that elevates this event to what it is. We are also grateful for the officers, and Medina Police staff that offer their time and energy to this event, as well as various collaborative organizations that provide volunteer support.



### **Juvenile Diversion-**

The Medina Police Department participates in the Medina County Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program. A program offered to all first-time juvenile traffic offenders ages 16 or 17 years old. The one day class provides an alternative to the Juvenile Court system for an initial offense. A three hour class is offered at Medina High School and is taught by police officers who utilize driving simulators and hands-on driving exercises in a controlled environment to enhance the classroom portion. Participation requires a fee of \$50 which covers the administrative costs. Upon completion of the program, neither the juvenile nor their parent(s) need to appear in court and the citation is not reported. Thus the juvenile's driving record remains clear. Medina Police referred 53 juveniles to the program in 2022, with 48 of them completing the program.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

## Detective Bureau -

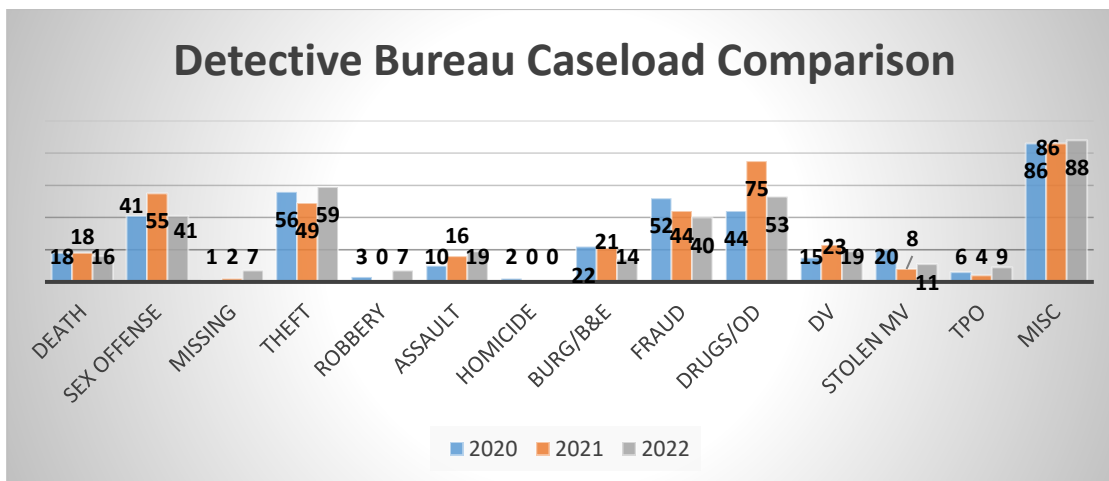
Lieutenant Scott Marcum commands the Detective Bureau. The officers assigned to the Detective Bureau investigate felony and misdemeanor cases and complete pre-employment background investigations. Most DB cases originate with the Patrol Division and are forwarded to the DB for additional investigation. Detectives are responsible for managing cases throughout the investigative process and through court proceedings.

The Detective Bureau is staffed with four detectives. Detectives rotate through a weekly on-call schedule throughout the year and they respond from home for emergency investigations.

A detective is currently assigned to work as a liaison with the Medina County Drug Taskforce in which assistance is provided with search warrants and undercover drug operations. Detectives are also assigned to the Child Abduction Response Team (CART), which is a county wide, multi-jurisdictional team. The detectives assigned to CART participate regularly in training and scenarios specific to investigations involving missing or abducted children and at-risk adults.



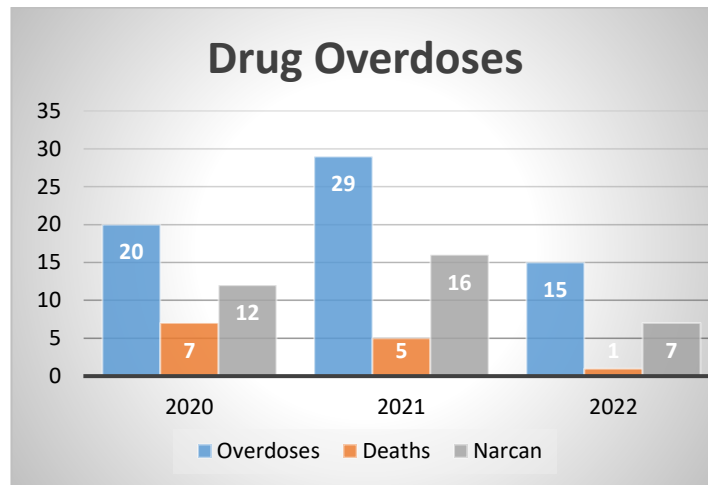
The Detective Bureau was forwarded 383 cases in 2022. Cases are triaged prior to assignment which allows detectives the ability to prioritize solvable cases with actionable leads or evidence over cases with a low probability of being solved. More than 100 cases were presented to the grand jury resulting in over 121 felony charges. More than 65 search warrants were obtained along with countless requests for grand jury subpoenas. Detectives also filed more than 50 juvenile charges.



## Opioid Information –

Medina Police Department investigated fifteen incidents of an overdose. Medina officers deployed Naloxone seven times to aid lifesaving measures of an overdosing person. One death occurred due to an opioid related overdose in 2022.

Working In line with the Good Samaritan Law Medina Police Department served seven immunity letters to persons that overdosed advising them of their duties in seeking immunity.



## Property/Evidence -

Daily maintenance of the Medina Police Department's Property/Evidence Room involves the collection, preservation, storage, security and disposition of evidence and other property. Evidence is maintained only as long as necessary for use in any pending investigation or prosecution. Non-evidentiary property is maintained only until it can be returned to its rightful owner or otherwise be disposed of in accordance with the law.

The Property Room is managed by a part-time officer under the command of Lieutenant Scott Marcum. The officer devotes 29 hours a week to the department's continuous flow of property and evidence. In addition to the preservation of property and evidence the property officer handles testing submissions, tends to inquiries regarding property and organizes the annual property auction. Assistance is sometimes rendered by support staff personnel and intermittent volunteers when necessary and sustainable.



**Property Room Activity 2022**

	<b><u>Property Received</u></b>	<b><u>Narcotics</u></b>	<b><u>BCI Lab Submissions</u></b>	<b><u>Items Destroyed</u></b>	<b><u>Items Forfeited</u></b>	<b><u>Items Auctioned</u></b>
<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>33</b>
<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>65</b>
<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>1664</b>	<b>44</b>

**Dispatch/Communications -**

In totality, The Medina Police Department Communications Center provides dispatch services for five law enforcement agencies encompassing police, fire and EMS. Communication services are provided to the Medina Police and the Medina City Fire Department. Three agencies contract our dispatch services; Montville Police Department, Medina Township Police Department and the Cleveland Clinic’s Life Support Team. Additionally, the Communication Center serves as a point of contact for all City services outside regular business hours since the communication center operates 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

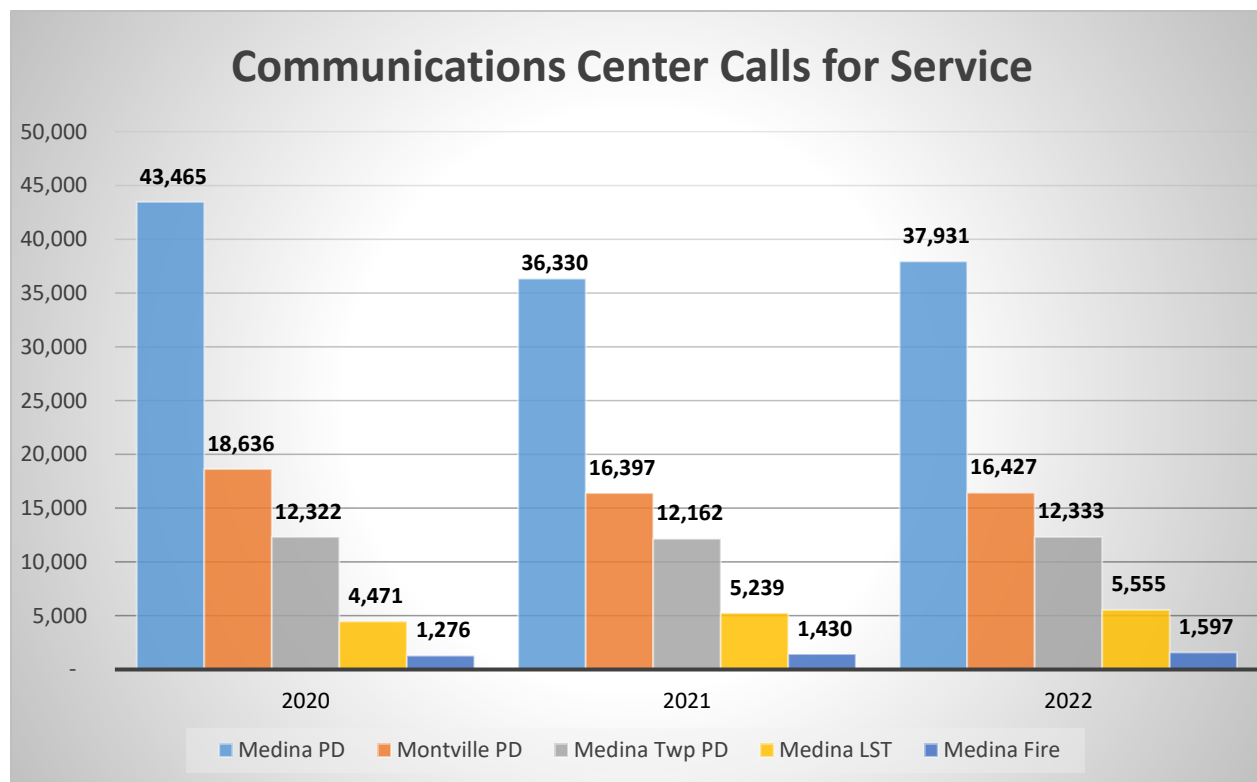


In 2022 the Communications Center staff handled 73,843 Calls for Service (CFS) to include all five of the agencies served. They also handled 8,758 9-1-1 calls and processed 84,633 calls on the non-emergency phone line. Our communication operators answered 99.53% of 9-1-1 calls in less than 15 seconds, and 99.84% of 9-1-1 calls were answered under 20 seconds which significantly exceeds the standard set by Ohio Administrative Code, Rule 5507-1-18, established at 90% within 15 seconds and 95% within 20 seconds. Furthermore, 77% of 9-1-1 calls were answered in three seconds or less.

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The Medina Communications center is currently considered a secondary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). This designation follows that all wireless calls are initially routed through the Medina County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, to which their telecommunicators must forward them to the responsible agency. In 2022, The Medina Police Department received 5,631 transferred 9-1-1 calls from the Medina County Sheriff's Office. Throughout 2022, Medina Police Department completed all of the necessary requirements to become a primary PSAP, to include training and other rules set forth by the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office and the Ohio Administrative Code. As we move forward into 2023, to better serve our communities, Medina Police Department will continue working with the county and wireless carriers for direct routing of wireless 9-1-1 calls to our communication center that originate within our boundaries, to include; the City of Medina, Montville Township and Medina Township.

The Medina Police Department Communications Center is commanded by Lieutenant Scott Marcum and supervised by Sergeant Sara Lynn. We welcomed two new communications operators in 2022. Tricia Glauner, a Medina Township resident, was hired in June and Patrick Villeneuve, a City of Medina resident was hired in October. Both telecommunicators have completed their training programs and look forward to serving their communities.





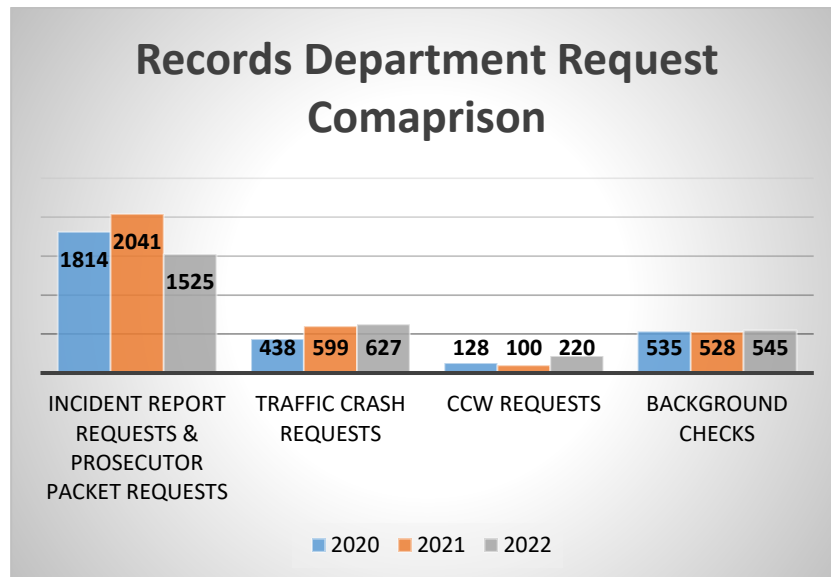
**Records Department –**

The Records Division employs one full-time and three part-time employees, under the command of Lieutenant Scott Marcum. Records staff serve as an central point of support to all divisions of the Medina Police Department, to the public and many agencies with which we collaborate.

All police records, to include many forms of citations, car and body camera video, and electronic recordings such as radio communication and 911 calls are processed, stored and distributed by the Records Division Staff. In addition, Records personnel assist in state mandated reporting of accidents, towed vehicle tracking, domestic violence reporting, maintenance of parking violations, false-alarm notifications and vacation watch tracking.



The Medina Police Department Records staff organize, file, preserve and prepare all forms of records for retention and destruction according to the department records retention schedule. They assist the public daily by fulfilling public records requests, issuing solicitor registration licenses, issuing bicycle licenses, and as a source of general information. The records division is an essential entity in the dissemination of records throughout the judicial system and in meeting the needs of the public.



## *Police Specials Unit*



The Medina Police Department “Specials Unit” was established in April of 1958. At that time, nine members of the community formed the volunteer unit to assist and supplement the Medina Police Department. Over the years, the unit has grown and evolved, but one aspect remains the same; the members of the unit continue to donate thousands of volunteer hours to the community and the police department. Our Special’s Unit consisted of 22 members in 2022. Ten members being OPOTC state certified and held to the same standards for training as a full-time officer. The remaining

twelve non-certified members are not required to complete the training, but many choose to do so. All members are regularly trained to handle medical emergencies.

A few of our long serving Special Officers retired in 2022. At the very end of 2021 Rick Grice retired after 52 years of service, Rex Demczyk served on this unit for 22 years and Mike Sullivan put forth 33 years of service. We graciously acknowledge their dedication and offer appreciation for their countless hours of volunteer service to the department and the community and we wish them all well in their retirement. Additionally, three new Special Officers were hired on to this volunteer unit. Christina Calabrese is an OPOTA state certified officer, Ed Meyers and Dovid Bloom are non-certified special officers. We appreciate their willingness to serve the community.



Collectively in 2022, members volunteered nearly 1,430 hours to the community and to MPD. Hours are accumulated by attending monthly meetings, fulfilling training requirements, riding with officers, working paid details and most importantly, working volunteer details. The Specials Unit provides security and traffic control at most community and school events. Many of these events could not be held without the presence of Specials Unit volunteers. We are appreciative of their dedicated service. The members of the with their long-dedicated Community into 2023.



Specials’ Unit plan on continuing on history of serving the Medina

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### Specials Unit Hours Yearly Comparison

