



Annual Report

GROWTH THROUGH PROGRESS

2023

Highland Heights Police Department



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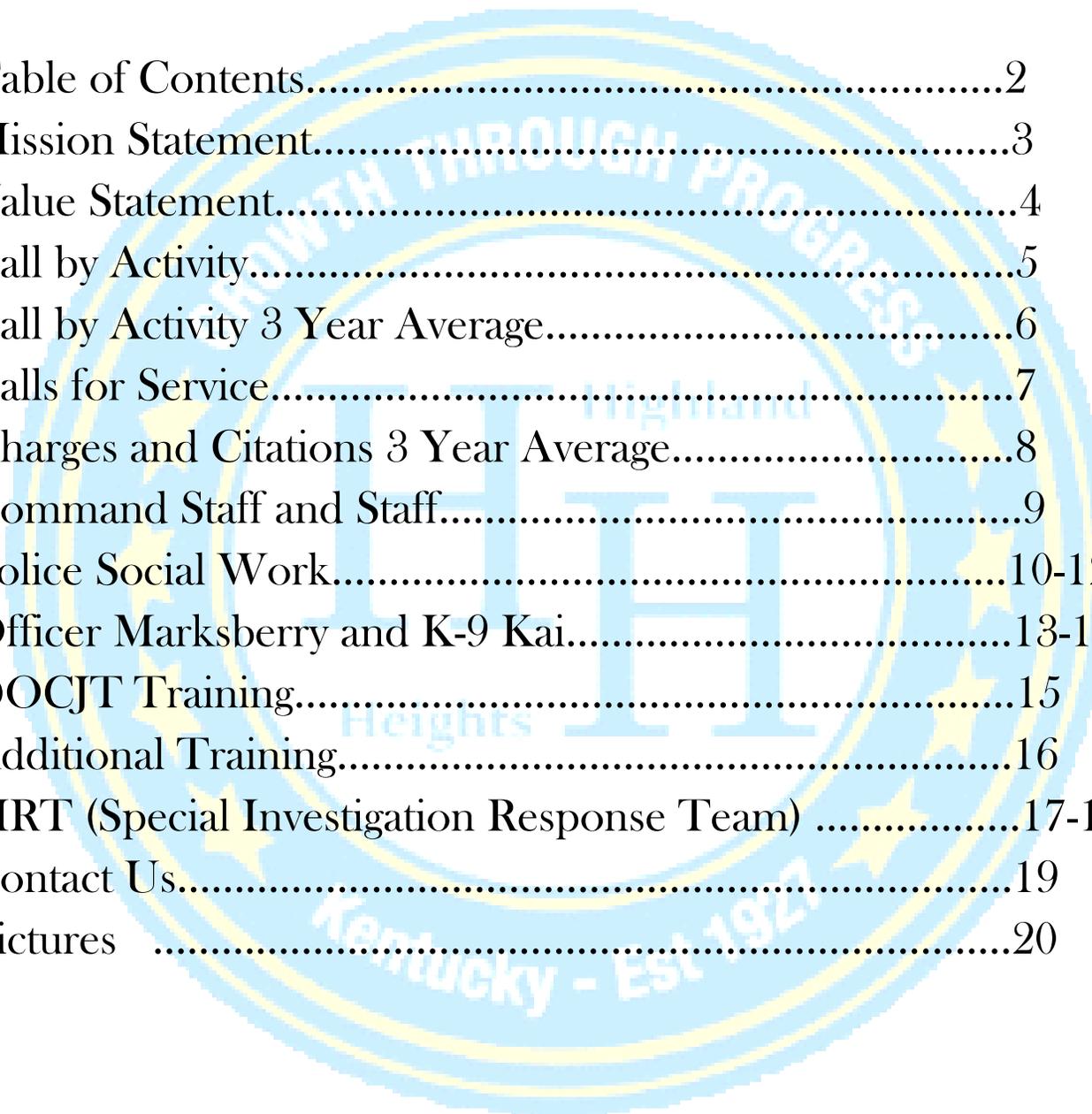


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Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Highland Heights Police Department is to lead efforts within the community to preserve the public peace, protect the rights of persons and property, prevent crime and provide assistance to citizens in urgent situations. The Department is responsible for the law enforcement of all federal laws, state statutes, and city ordinances within the boundaries of the City of Highland Heights.

The Department must enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and constitutional rights of all persons. It is not the role of the Department to legislate, render legal judgements or punish.

The Department strives to serve the people of Highland Heights by providing law enforcement in a professional courteous manner and it is to the people, that the Department is ultimately responsible.

Value Statement

Human Life

We value life and dignity above all else. Therefore: We give first priority to situations that threaten life. We use force only when necessary. We treat all persons with courtesy and respect. We are compassionate and caring.

Cooperation

We believe that cooperation and team work will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve common goals. Therefore: We work as a team. We strive to understand those who disagree with us. We seek the help and cooperation of others. We seek to resolve conflicts. We rely on community support and involvement. We share our responsibility to serve the citizens of Highland Heights, Ky with many other agencies and organizations.

Excellence

We strive for personal and professional excellence. Therefore: We do our best. We seek adequate resources in staffing, facilities, equipment, training, salaries, and benefits. We recruit and hire the best people. We are receptive to new ideas, to change. We meet state recognized law enforcement standards. We lead by example. We work towards realistic, or mutually agree upon goals.

Integrity

We believe integrity is the basis of community trust. Therefore: We are honest and truthful. We are consistent in our beliefs and actions. We hold ourselves to high standards of moral and ethical conduct. We are role models for the community.

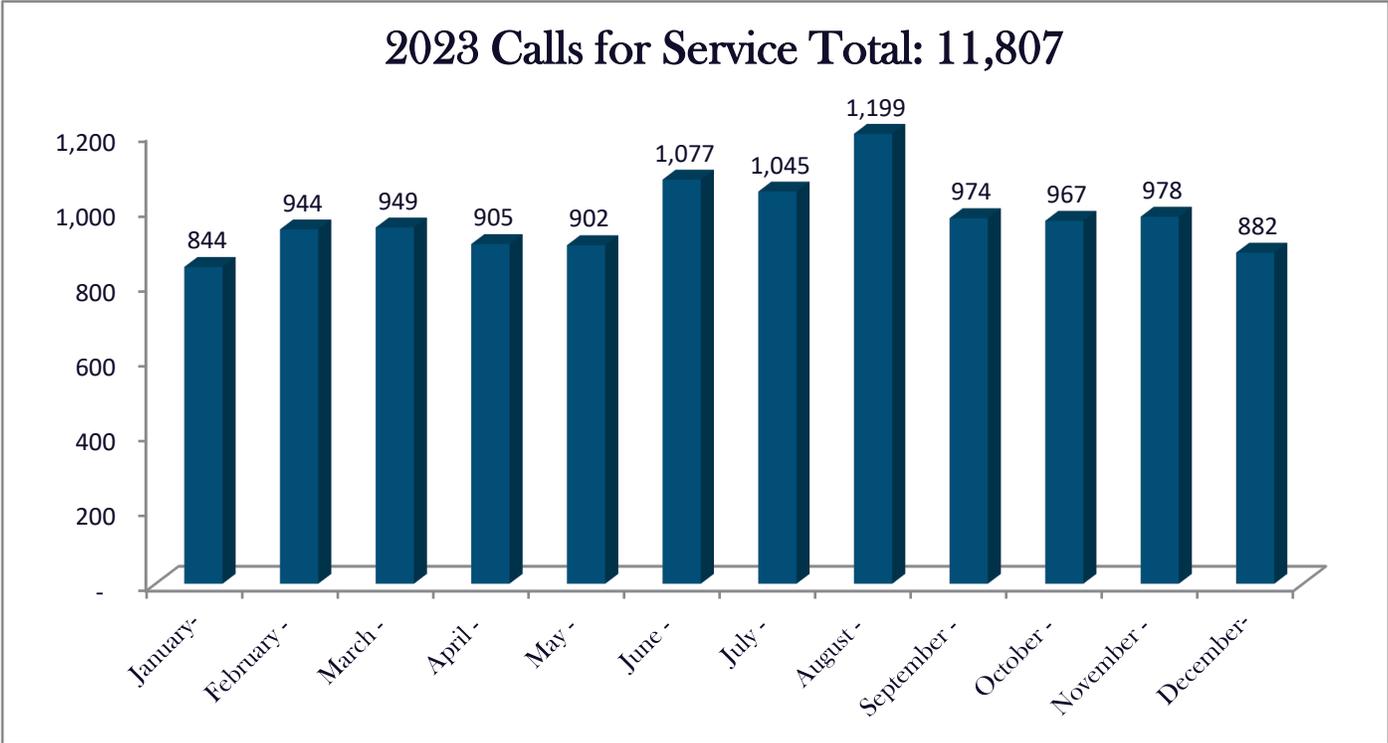
CALL BY ACTIVITY 2023

Alarms	117
Animal Complaint	65
Area Checks	1,857
Assault	8
Assist Other Agency	184
Burglary	10
Business Checks	1,569
Disabled Motorist	210
Disorderly Juveniles	22
Disturbance	115
Domestic	77
Fight	2
Harassment	43
Intoxicated Subject	5
Missing Person	16
Neighbor Dispute	19
Parking Complaint	71
Public Contacts	81
Roadway Obstruction	63
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle	209
Theft	111
Traffic Stops	749
Vacation Checks	255
Vandalism	18
Vice Activity	10
Welfare Check	105
911 Hang-ups	29

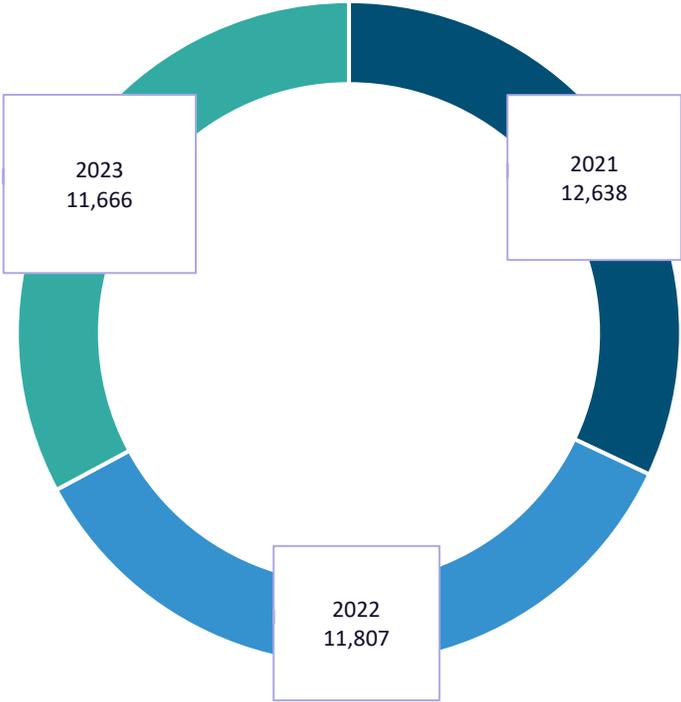
CALL BY ACTIVITY 3-YEAR AVERAGE

	2021	2022	2023	3-year Average
Alarms	129	145	117	130
Animal Complaint	40	49	65	51
Area Checks	1,924	1,417	1,857	1,733
Assault	17	9	8	11
Assist Other Agency	208	183	184	192
Burglary	15	13	10	13
Business Checks	705	1,516	1,569	1,263
Disabled Motorists	237	264	210	237
Disorderly Juveniles	12	23	22	19
Disturbance	134	97	115	115
Domestic	103	107	77	96
Fight	6	8	2	5
Harassment	43	38	43	41
Intoxicated Subject	9	7	5	7
Missing Person	10	6	16	11
Neighbor Dispute	17	21	19	19
Parking Complaint	72	60	71	68
Public Contacts	51	59	81	64
Roadway Obstruction	57	44	63	55
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle	215	185	209	203
Theft	124	92	111	109
Traffic Stops	1,771	1,264	749	1,261
Vacations Checks	620	309	255	395
Vandalism	4	7	18	10
Vice Activity	10	10	10	10
Welfare Check	98	110	105	104
911 Hang-ups	36	26	29	30

2023 CALLS FOR SERVICE

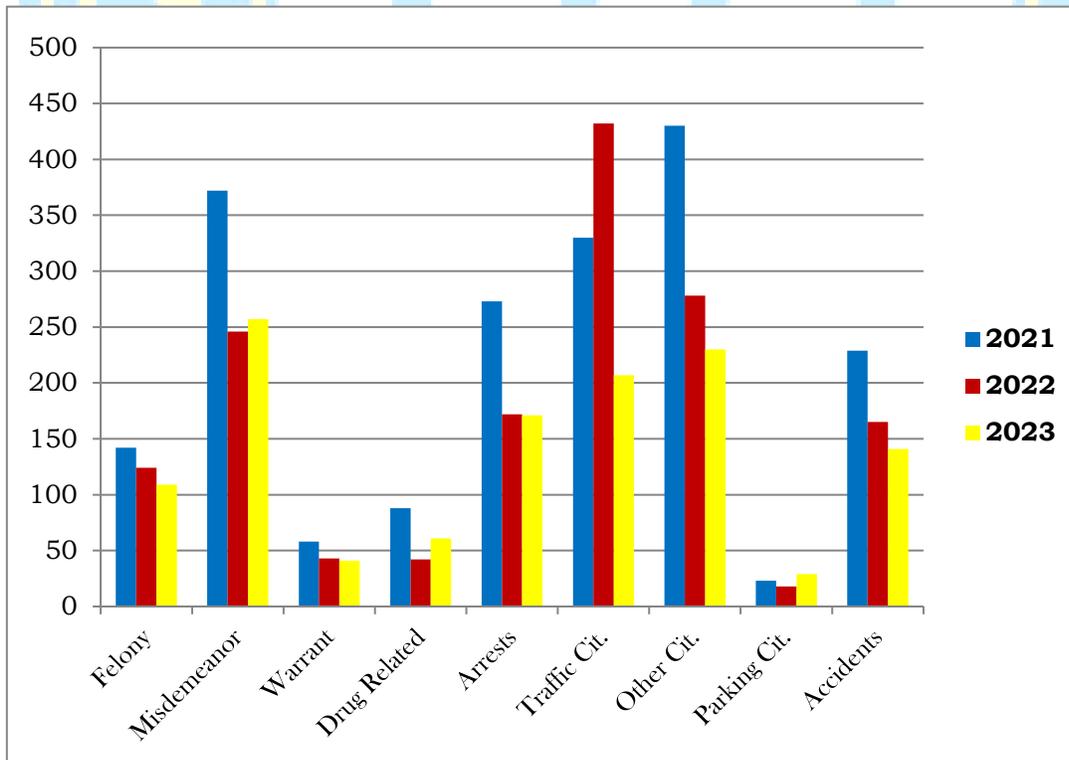


3 Year Average 11, 985



CHARGES AND CITATIONS 3-YEAR AVERAGE

	2021	2022	2023	3-year Average
Felony	142	124	109	125
Misdemeanor	372	246	257	292
Warrant	58	43	41	47
Drug Related	88	42	61	64
Arrests	273	172	171	205
Traffic Cit.	330	432	207	323
Other Cit.	430	278	230	313
Parking Cit.	23	18	29	23
Accidents	229	165	141	178



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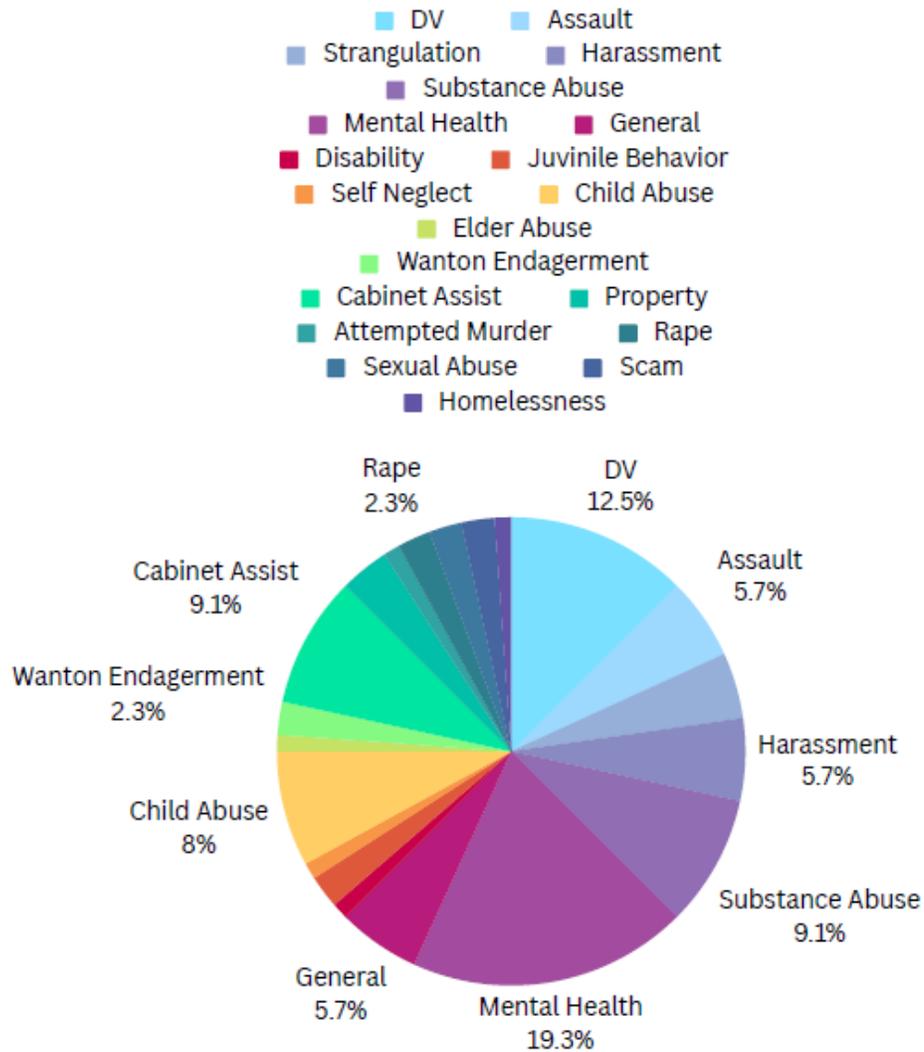


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POLICE SOCIAL WORK

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#OF CASES	60
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POLICE SOCIAL WORK

Contacts and Referrals

Number of Contacts	Number of services/referrals/information given
379	171

Additional Data

Number of times attended court	Amount of community partner meetings attended	Number of supervision hours provided to interns
20	48	1,050

DEVELOPMENTS

Trainings Completed

- FBI Hostage Negotiation Training
- "We regret to inform you" Death Notification Training
- First Aid Mental Health
- Southern States Victim Assistance Conference
- Kentucky Victim Advocacy Academy Training

New Developments- Round Table/Book

- Developed "Round Table" group that consists of Victim Advocates with the Commonwealth, County Attorney, and FBI, School Resource Coordinators, CPS and APS, and Police Social Workers.
- This group meets monthly to discuss most effective community partners, current barriers in cases, and the process of collaboration with each of our job positions.
- Each meeting a community partner will present to the group and develop a strategy for a simple referral process.
- PSW Weinel was able to create a best practice book for Police Social Work available for interns and other police social workers to utilize
- PSW was able to travel to Louisville to present to officers in CIT training
- Able to form a collaboration with the new church placed in Highland Heights (7 Hills)
- PSW was a guest speaker for 3 different college courses on Police Social Work

POLICE SOCIAL WORK



Campbell County Senior Picnic



The Police Social Work Team Angie Weinel HHPD, Laurie Wilson CCPD, and Kelly Pompilio APD giving CIT Training in Louisville



Human Trafficking Training, Frankfort Police Department and Emergency 911 (9 out of 15 social workers in the state of Kentucky)



Angie Weinel completed the FBI Regional Crisis Negotiation Course that was hosted by Kentucky State Police



Hidden in Plain Sight held at Campbell County High School

OFFICER GIL MARKSBERRY AND K-9 KAI

Deployment Log

Gilbert Marksberry and K9 Kai, Highland Heights Police

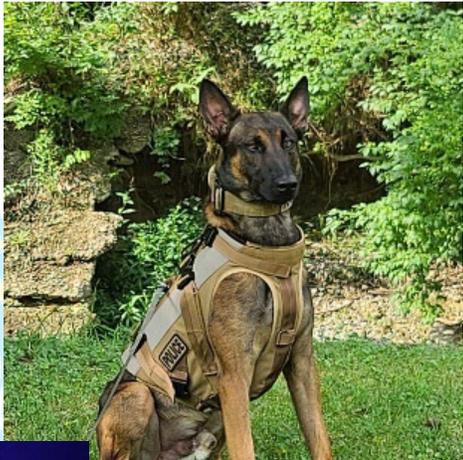
Using 6 Specified Records from October 13, 2023 to November 24, 2023

Case Number	Date	DETECTION			PATROL		
		Environ-ments	Alerts / Indications	Seizure Incidents	Deploy-ments	Arrests With Bites	People Found
N/A	11/24/2023	-	-	-	1	0	0
23-6646	11/7/2023	1	0	0	-	-	-
23-6549	11/1/2023	1	0	0	-	-	-
23-6382	10/21/2023	-	-	-	1	0	4
23-6166	10/13/2023	1	0	0	-	-	-
23-6155	10/13/2023	1	0	0	-	-	-

In addition, Officer Gil Marksberry and K-9 Kai performed 2 demonstrations, 1 was for a law class at NKU, and the other was for Bellevue Police Department and their "touch a truck" event they put on each year. They also nationally certified through North American Working Dog Association (NAPWDA), Dogs for Law Enforcement (DLE), and American Work Dog Association (AWD). The most notable deployment, was for the City of Newport in which 4 suspects involved in a large car theft ring in Cincinnati were captured after they had just stolen 3 cars that same day, the last of which was at gunpoint. Also located during the track were 2 stolen firearms on 2 of the suspects.



OFFICER GIL MARKSBERRY AND K-9 KAI



DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING-DOCJT

KENTUCKY POST-CRITICAL INCIDENT SEMINAR

CURRENT LEADERSHIP ISSUES MID-LEVEL EXECUTIVE
CLIME

POLICE EXECUTIVE COMMAND COURSE-PECC

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER-PIO

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT-CJED

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS

FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

INTERVIEW AND INTEROGATIONS

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

PATROL RIFLE DEPLOYMENT

STRESS AND WELLNESS

LEGAL UPDATE

CONTEMPARY POLICING

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ARMORS COURSE

ADVANCED CRIME SCENE

CRIME SCENE TRAINING

STREET COP TRAINING-SMUGGLERS INC

REID INTERVIEW AND INTEROGATIONS

SHOOTING QUALIFICATIONS

INTERDICTION TRAINING

ALL THINGS K-9

CAMPUS ACTIVE SHOOTER INTEGRATED RESPONSE

OHIO TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SWAT-OTOA

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (KACP)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (IACP)

PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING AT NKU



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23-00001 Collision investigation requested by Alexandria Police at AA highway and Poplar Ridge where Unit 1 disregarded the traffic control and collided with unit 2 that was travelling south on the AA highway.

23-00002 Death Investigation requested by Fort Thomas Police after a pedestrian was struck by a train. After investigation it was determined to be suicide

23-00003 Collision investigation requested by Newport Police at 19th and Monmouth. A multiple vehicle collision where a pedestrian was struck as well. It was determined Unit 1 was travelling at excessive speed which caused the collision.

23-00004 Death investigation requested by NKU Police after skeletal remains were discovered. After investigation it was discovered, the remains were of a missing person from years prior and no foul play was suspected.

23-00005 Death investigation requested by Campbell County Police after a deceased person was found inside an abandoned house. It was determined that an overdose was the cause of death.

23-00006 Collision investigation requested by Campbell County Police after a fatal collision on US 27 near Vaters Drive.

23-00007 Death investigation requested by Cold Spring Police on Sabre Drive. It was determined it was natural causes.

23-00008 Collision investigation requested by Fort Thomas Police after a tire from a southbound vehicle collided with a north bound vehicle.

23-00009 Death investigation requested by Newport Police after a shooting at Bernadette Watkins Park.

23-00010 Collision Investigation requested by Campbell County Police after a fatal single vehicle collision on the AA highway near Poplar Ridge.

SIRT-The Special Investigation Response Team-now has members from 11 of the 12 Police Departments in Campbell County. Many team members completed training related to crime scene or collision investigations. The team hosted specialty training and has arranged to host more training in 2024

Campbell County	3 Investigations
Fort Thomas	2 Investigations
Newport	2 Investigations
Alexandria	1 Investigation
Cold Spring	1 Investigations
NKU	1 Investigations

CONTACT US

Our administrative office is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Please allow up to 10 business days from the date of the incident to completion of the report.

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