

# CARROLL POLICE DEPARTMENT



FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

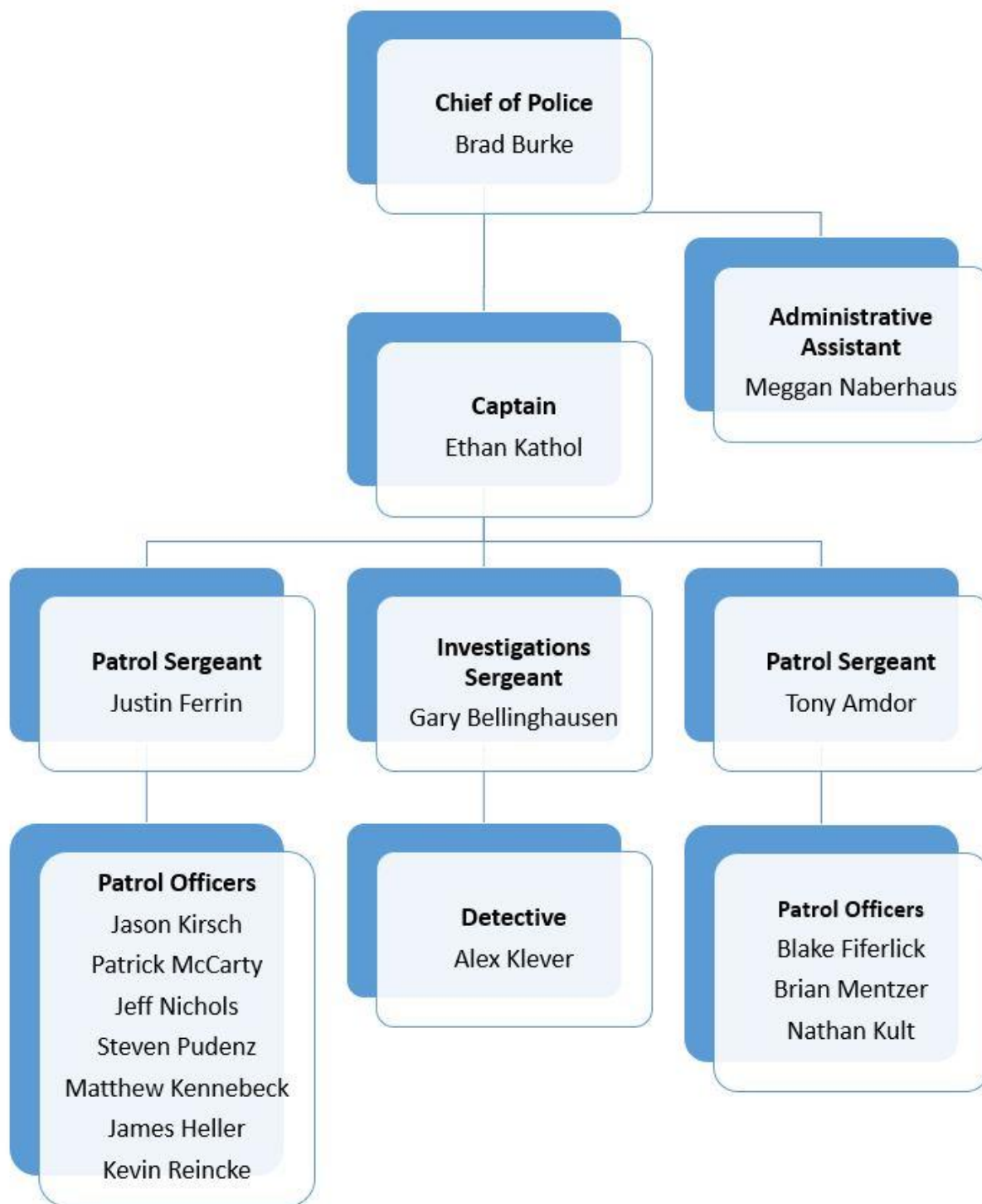
The Carroll Police Department presents our Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year End Report. Through support and partnership with the community, Carroll continues to be a clean and safe town for residents and visitors. Support from the Mayor and City Council, as well as the citizens, has aided our dedicated employees to ensure that we meet our goals of providing a safe community for all.

We have had another successful year as Carroll continues to rank among the best communities to reside in Iowa partly due to safety. Our violent crime rate remains low and we have improved our clearance rates for property crimes. I like to compare previous year statistics to see if our tactics are working in solving crime and know what changes we should be making to continue to improve. I also continue to review after action reports from other agencies on major crime to make changes to training and policy in order to best respond to those emergency situations. I feel that our officers are ready for any situation and that we have provided the best equipment for them to fulfill their duties.

I invite you to review our statistics which will give you a numerical look at the activity for the police department, along with the narratives which will provide more information on the intangible services provided by the police department. This report will fulfill the purpose of measuring the performance from year to year, as well as providing information on any changes within the department.



Brad Burke  
Chief of Police



There was no change in our staffing during fiscal year 22/23. Our last hire was in 2021 and there are no expectations of anyone leaving this coming fiscal year.

In February 2023, K9 Eudoris III began to have some balance issues with some paralysis in his hind legs. He was treated by the Carroll Veterinary Clinic with little success and then sent to VCA MidWest Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center in Omaha, NE for follow up. After many months of treatment and medication, it was determined that the K9 had a collapse in the cranial endplate of T13 vertebrae with acute intervertebral disc disease originating from T12-T13. With this diagnosis and recommendation of retirement from the veterinarian, Eudoris III was officially retired on July 10, 2023. At this time, there is no immediate plan to replace the K9.



We have begun the process to increase our part-time officer list. These officers are certified officers who fill gaps in our schedule due to illness, vacation, or training assignments. We currently have one part-time officer and have worked through civil service to expand our part-time officer list up to four.

Below is the current seniority list showing rank and hire date for each officer on the department. The average tenure of the current officers is just over eight years with the average age just over 38.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT DATE</b>
BURKE, BRADLEY	CHIEF OF POLICE	12/26/06
KATHOL, ETHAN	CAPTAIN	07/28/14
BELLINGHAUSEN, GARY	SERGEANT	07/26/99
AMDOR, ANTHONY	SERGEANT	10/05/15
FERRIN, JUSTIN	SERGEANT	01/12/15
KLEVER, ALEX	DETECTIVE	01/23/12
KIRSCH, JASON	PATROL OFFICER	03/26/12
MCCARTY, PATRICK	PATROL OFFICER	01/03/17
NICHOLS, JEFFERY	PATROL OFFICER	11/13/17
FIFERLICK, BLAKE	PATROL OFFICER	12/16/18
PUDENZ, STEVEN	PATROL OFFICER	12/17/18
MENTZER, BRIAN	PATROL OFFICER	07/01/19
KENNEBECK, MATTHEW	PATROL OFFICER	08/09/19
HELLER, JAMES	PATROL OFFICER	07/26/21
KULT, NATHAN	PATROL OFFICER	08/23/21
REINCKE, KEVIN	PATROL OFFICER – PT	10/20/17
NABERHAUS, MEGGAN	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	10/25/99

## PATROL CARS



One patrol car was budgeted for purchase in fiscal year 22/23. On February 6, 2023, the vehicle we had ordered was cancelled by Ford Motor Company. This was due to Ford being unable to manufacture enough Ford Police Interceptors to meet demand. On February 23, 2023, a vehicle was ordered from Stiver's Ford in Waukee to fill the gap of the cancelled vehicle. As of the end of the fiscal year, this vehicle has not been delivered and I do not anticipate that Stiver's will fill this order.

Due to the issues with fleet vehicle orders, I am working to make a change to our ordering process to help get vehicles delivered that have been ordered. For fiscal year 23/24, we will be ordering two police vehicles. One is a carryover expense from the 22/23 budget and the other is budgeted in the 23/24 budget. The local dealerships are going to place orders as soon as the ordering bank opens up and then give us their bids for the vehicle purchases. The dealers believe that getting the order in early when the window opens will increase the odds of a vehicle being delivered as ordered.

All vehicles are all-wheel-drive Ford SUVs which have allowed for the officers to safely and quickly respond to calls during the winter months. All vehicles are equipped with mobile data terminals, along with other equipment which is used for report writing and traffic enforcement activities.

Two of the current patrol vehicles are hybrid. The average cost for fuel in the hybrid patrol units is a little over \$1,400 per year at the current fuel cost of \$2.611 per gallon. If we continue to purchase hybrid vehicles, the expected cost savings per year would be over \$10,000 if all patrol vehicles are hybrids. The cost difference to purchase a hybrid vehicle is about \$4,000. Vehicles are typically traded after five or six years, so the cost benefit to purchase the hybrid is about \$3,000 per vehicle. The performance of the hybrid is similar to the Eco Boost patrol unit and I plan on continuing the purchase of hybrids for patrol vehicles.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The Carroll Police Department prides itself on having up-to-date and technologically-advanced equipment for our officers to use on a daily basis. In order to keep up to date with the changes in society, we need to have proper tools to combat issues. The police department completes many hours of research before making purchasing decisions on new equipment and evaluates all of the options before making purchases.

All officers are issued equipment needed to complete their daily activities when they are hired. Officers are supplied uniforms including duty belts, handguns, radios and many other items which are carried on their duty belt or vest. Officers are trained in the use of all equipment and are required to complete maintenance, as necessary, in order for the equipment to continue to function as designed and to prolong the life of the equipment.

Officers are assigned and carry Glock 17 9-mm handguns. This year we updated our handguns to Gen5 handguns from Glock which has allowed us to attach red dot sights from Trijicon. The red dot sight allows for faster target acquisition, the ability to shoot with both eyes open and increased accuracy. These benefits were shown at completion of training with the new sights as officer qualification scores have increased from previous years.



Each patrol car is equipped with a .223 caliber Rock River rifle and Remington 12-gauge shotgun. The rifle is also equipped with red dot sights and have been for many years. Officers spend many hours training to be proficient with their firearms and qualify multiple times a year on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy mandated qualification courses.

We continue to upgrade software used for report writing and traffic enforcement. This software enables the officers to be more efficient with these tasks and also allows for information to quickly be shared with other agencies, such as the court system. The software is accessed from the patrol vehicles using the mobile data terminals and also in the office at desktop workstations. Most of the software used by the officers is provided at no cost from the Iowa Department of Transportation and reports are stored on an internal server within the department. This software also makes our mandated reporting to the FBI for National Incident-Based Reporting System much easier.

## **TRAINING**

The state of Iowa requires that officers receive a minimum amount of ongoing training during the course of the year. The police department has taken the initiative to provide the officers more than this required amount. This gives them the tools needed to be effective and provide the best service to our community. Many of our officers are instructors in different areas including firearms, taser, defensive tactics, bloodborne pathogens, chemical munitions, radar, field sobriety testing and DARE. Others have received training which allows them to be proficient or classified as an expert in domestic abuse and sexual assault investigation, fingerprints, accident investigation and evidence collection and storage. By completing the training, we can better handle any issue that arises.



We utilize many sources for training including internal training, as well as the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, both located at Camp



Dodge in Johnston, IA. Officers also complete monthly on-line training through an Iowa-based company called Police Legal Science. The training ranges from legal updates to state mandated training of bias prevention and de-escalation.



The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) has

partnered with former US Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, Kevin Techau, to provide quarterly training to officers. This training is provided online and covers many different topics that officers may deal with on a daily basis. Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA) also provides an online training software. We utilize the software for CPD policy training and review. A policy is uploaded into the software to create the training/review while also requiring proof of proficiency by mandating officer to pass a quiz after the review. This allows each officer to stay current with City of Carroll Police Department policies.

The emergency response team continues to train this fiscal year. Six officers have been trained on high-risk entry and are prepared and ready to respond to any high-risk emergency situation. Other members of the team are from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office allowing for a full team to be available no matter the time of day or type of call. Some of the training these officers have received include active shooter trainings, building entry and searches, tactical medical classes, and Stop the Bleed training. The team continues to train and stay up to date with the safest and most effective



tactics to resolve a high-risk situation. Training was again conducted by Josh Morton from Canine Tactical. Mr. Morton is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving eight years as a Navy SEAL and serving for Team Four. He has extended knowledge in entry team training and was a Joint Task Force subject matter expert.

The police department has certified officers to instruct new hire field training. This fiscal year, a second sergeant was certified in field training to be able to supervise the training program for new officers. The sergeants oversee the program and work with the new officers to ensure that they

have the basic knowledge to complete the job while also ensuring that the new officers continue to grow and learn in the position over the next several years.

With the addition of red dot sights for the handguns, three officers were certified as Red Dot Sight instructors. This certification allows these officers to teach and train officers on the use and maintenance of the red dot sights.

Other ongoing training during the year included field sobriety testing, mental health diversion, salvage vehicle theft examination, precision driving, defensive tactics, domestic violence, first line supervision, development of drug informants, locating concealed contraband, and de-escalation. Officers who are also certified instructors through the ILEA were also recertified if their certifications were expiring. Continued monthly training on law updates, as well as quarterly fitness and firearms training, continues to be a priority for all officers.

## **BUDGET**

The budget for the police department during F.Y. 22/23, including pension contributions and medical insurance premiums, was \$1,933,211. This was a decrease of \$23,029 from F.Y. 21/22. Major decreases from the previous fiscal year were a decrease in the cities contribution for Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa and budgeting for one police vehicle replacement instead of two. There were line items overspent during the year; however, the overall budget expenditures for the police department were under the budgeted amount by \$110,949. The majority of this is attributed to having no training and equipment costs associated with a new hire and getting a patrol car order cancelled. Our budget, compared to other departments our size, is below average. This can be contributed to low overtime costs due to an efficient schedule which accommodates time off requests with little requirement to pay overtime to cover hours. F.Y. 23/24 has a budget total in the amount of \$2,109,579.

## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

Attached to this narrative are statistical reports documenting our calls for service, arrest information, citations issued and cases documented. We analyze the times, dates and locations of various crime and traffic information to better perform our duties. The statistics are used to focus

efforts on trouble areas and work with community members in those areas to reduce crime and provide safe neighborhoods throughout the community. By utilizing the crime trends, we are able to use selective enforcement and determine manpower and equipment requirements for the basis of department budgeting.

The previous four fiscal years are listed with the statistics to give a better understanding of the trends or changes in crimes throughout the city. The Carroll Police Department recorded 7,715 total calls for service in fiscal year 22/23. These include any call requiring officer assistance, such as medical calls, and calls initiated by officers. Over this fiscal year, there was an increase in total calls for service by 800 calls. We increased our foot patrol count by 454 calls this year. This was due to an initiative to have the officers more visible in the downtown area, as well as an increase in foot patrol, at a high call volume location. Our animal calls also drastically increased. This is anything from wild to domestic animals running at large in neighborhoods or caught by the reporting party. With a recent code change for snow removal of sidewalks, we saw that call section also show a dramatic increase from 17 to 135.

Motor vehicle accidents continued to remain low compared to years past and decreased by 17 this fiscal year to 214. We had one fatal motor vehicle accident this fiscal year.

Almost all officers have undergone additional impaired driving recognition. Removing intoxicated drivers from streets is of high importance to the police department. The average breath alcohol content (BAC) in Carroll County for fiscal year 22/23 was 0.148%. The legal operating level is less than 0.08%. The highest BAC recorded during an OWI arrest by our department was 0.228%. Alcohol is not the only intoxicant that officers are making arrests for OWI. Other drugs include marijuana, methamphetamine, and opioids. OWI arrests are again low this fiscal year, and some of that can be contributed to many of the bars and restaurants closing earlier in the evening due to low attendance. Patrons are also utilizing a new after-hours cab company.

This year clearance rates decreased a few percentage points but we are still above the national average. A clearance consists of either a clearance by arrest or clearance by exceptional means. Clearance by exceptional means is defined as the offender was identified and enough evidence

was gathered to support an arrest or make a charge, but by means outside the control of law enforcement, the arrest is prohibited. In Carroll, this means that the County Attorney declines prosecution, death of the offender, victim refusal to cooperate, or the denial of extradition of a suspect from another jurisdiction. The overall clearance rates for all cases within the department is 62.6%. Our detective and officers work together to clear cases as quickly and efficiently as possible while collecting as much evidence as possible before closing a case. CPD clearance rates for theft was 37% (29.5 in 21/22) well above the 2021 (most recent data available) national average of 11%. We continue to look for ways to improve this and find that theft cases are some of the most challenging to close. The national average clearance rate for aggravated assault is 37%. There have only been six reported aggravated assault cases. Of those six cases we have arrested offenders in five of the cases. The one case that has not be cleared has been sent to a federal agency to use in their federal investigation of the offender. Our overall assault clearance rate is 74% which is an increase from last fiscal year. Our goal is to continue to increase assault clearance rates but officers sometimes find that evidence will not support the claim among other issues. Officers quickly respond to assault reports but find that parties have separated and that most witnesses are not willing to cooperate with an investigation. Luckily, we are finding more and more residences and businesses are utilizing surveillance systems, which aids in making arrests in assault cases among all reported crimes. Aggravated assault is in the category of violent crime, along with murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, and robbery. We have had six reported incidents of violent crimes other than aggravated assaults. Those cases are all being investigated as sex offenses. There were three reports of violent crime in FY 21/22. The national clearance rate for violent crime is 32% which we are at 41%. All property crimes include theft, burglary and arson, according to the FBI, who records crime statistics and comprises National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Our clearance rate in property crime is 34% (22 in 21/22) and the national average is 11%. While we are above the national average, we are making strides to increase this percentage even more. These offenses can be large annoyances to victims and leave them feeling violated as offenders have entered their property to take or damage items. The full-time detective has worked tirelessly with officers, victims, and witnesses to work on increasing our clearance of property crimes. Patrol officers who are the first to respond to a report of crime have stepped up in assisting the detective, learning some skills to work cases quicker and without as much assistance from the detective. We have established relationships with property owners and local businesses to gain access to

surveillance cameras to allow for quick and efficient search of that evidence and continue to look for new ways to work with victims and witnesses.

Attached at the end of this report are the statistics for traffic offenses, criminal cases, and a list for traditional problem areas within the city.

## **CONCLUSION**

This fiscal year was the second year being at full staff. There have not been many years in the last 15 that we have not had to look at some type of hiring or promotion. This stability allows us to have well trained officers who have a great grasp on public safety and how best to serve the public. The loss of the K9 had some effect on our work, but availability to access a K9 from the Carroll County Sheriff has filled the gap.

Frustrations with patrol car purchases continue to linger. With this new change in ordering patrol cars, we may have to extend the life of our current fleet to get through until replacements can be purchased and outfitted for patrol. We typically like to trade cars before they get to 100,000 miles, but over the last few years we have seen mileage get over 120,000 miles. This will again be the case this coming fiscal year due to the cancellation of our vehicle order due to Ford not being able to meet demand.

This upcoming fiscal year we will be purchasing a DART Training Simulator. This training tool is a decision-based training tool that puts the officer through real-life scenarios in which they have to make a split-second decision, which could be life and death. The system is portable and very user-friendly allowing all officers to use it without an instructor. It also allows for us to set this system up in different scenarios such as school hallways, stairwells, in a garage to simulate traffic stop situations and about any other location imaginable to the officer.

Other planned purchases will be updating some in-car computers. Our current model is no longer supported by Panasonic and we will begin to transition to a newer model that will meet the current needs of the officer with mobile data terminals.

I hope you have found this report insightful and helpful. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at 712-792-3536 or email [bburke@cityofcarroll.com](mailto:bburke@cityofcarroll.com).

**CITATIONS**

<b>CITATION TYPE</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
Animal	2	7	10	6	9
Tobacco	12	5	11	11	22
Dark Windows	4	9	42	28	14
License Violation	241	167	268	197	198
Other	26	40	50	32	50
Registration	145	115	159	162	196
Seatbelt	209	83	47	71	69
Traffic	587	678	612	415	361
Violation (Parking)	166	154	82	85	136
Warning Notices	2319	2575	2678	2186	2591
Loud Stereo	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CITATIONS</b>	<b>3711</b>	<b>3833</b>	<b>3959</b>	<b>3196</b>	<b>3697</b>

**SUMMARY OF OFFENSE – CASES  
JULY 1-JUNE 30**

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
Murder/Non-neg. Man	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	6	3	1	3
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Assault w/Object	0	0	0	2	3
Forcible Fondling	5	13	6	11	8
Statutory Rape	4	1	2	0	0
Porno/Obscene Material	1	0	1	2	1
Incest	2	0	0	0	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	2	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	6	4	6	3	6
Domestic Violence	0	0	1	2	1
Simple Assault	44	29	28	22	40
Intimidation	0	2	1	3	0
Domestic Abuse	38	32	21	27	21
Burglary/B&E	19	20	21	11	16
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	58	66	33	35	52
Theft from Vehicle	39	14	14	15	16
Theft Vehicle Part	7	1	6	0	3
Theft of Bike	1	3	3	5	4
Theft from Building	53	60	34	43	51
Theft from Vending	0	1	0	0	0
Other Larceny	10	5	4	5	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	4	4	9	8
Arson	1	0	1	1	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	19	10	15	16	10
Swindle/Confidence	0	0	3	5	1
Credit/ATM Fraud	12	11	15	9	14
Identify Theft	4	1	9	3	4
Impersonation Fraud	0	0	0	2	0
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	2	1	3	1	4
Bad Checks	7	7	1	6	3
Embezzlement	1	0	1	2	0
Stolen Property	2	1	1	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism/Business	9	1	5	6	2
Vandalism/Residence	13	14	19	7	8
Vandalism/Vehicle	21	25	28	25	17
Vandalism/School	5	1	2	0	0
Vandalism/Other	6	9	4	3	2
Weapon Law Violation	2	3	4	2	6



<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
Human Trafficking/Sex Acts	0	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narc Violations	45	31	38	26	22
Drug Equipment Viol	0	3	19	20	29
Nonviol Family Off	0	0	1	0	0
Drive Under Influence	31	32	37	18	13
OWI 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8	8	10	4	0
OWI 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	1	0	2	1
Liquor Law Violation	9	12	9	8	8
Under 21 BAC .02	2	1	0	2	1
Drunkenness	41	26	24	25	13
Disorderly Conduct	23	13	3	4	16
Harassment	9	7	5	11	4
Curf/Loiter/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	38	45	41	24	29
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
False Information	4	4	4	3	1
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	25	18	21	14	16
Runaway	8	3	2	0	8
Missing Person	0	3	3	1	0
Cruelty to Animal	0	0	0	0	1
Lost Property	0	0	2	0	0
Found Person	0	0	0	0	1
Found Animal	0	0	3	0	0
Found Property	29	15	14	19	20
Unattended Death	4	8	3	5	5
Suicide	0	1	4	0	3
Attempted Suicide	0	1	1	0	0
Sick Cared For	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Case	0	1	1	1	3
Firearms Accident	0	0	2	0	0
Fire Investigation	0	0	0	0	1
Home Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Work Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Public Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Bite	12	16	1	7	14
Dispose of Animal	1	0	0	0	1

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
Warrant Outside	59	52	41	55	41
Restraining Order	12	10	7	5	8
10-50 Fatal	0	0	1	0	1
10-50 Car-Train Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PI Personal Injury	4	8	4	6	4
10-50 PI MV Pedestrian	1	2	1	0	2
10-50 PI Car & Bike	1	0	1	1	2
10-50 PI Hit/Run w/Injury	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Prop.	164	127	122	137	107
MV Pedestrian	0	0	1	0	1
10-50 Car & Deer	1	0	2	0	0
10-50 PD: Hit & Run	21	18	21	16	15
10-50 PD: City Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Police Vehicle	1	1	1	1	1
10-50 PD Under 1500	28	29	34	31	24
Assist Other Agency	6	6	4	3	3
Parking Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Moving Violations	2	1	1	2	1
Op After Revoked/Barred	24	31	28	25	18
Operate After Suspension	129	65	93	81	73
Misc. Public	54	39	46	43	40
Misc. Officer	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>861</b>

**SUMMARY – TRADITIONAL PROBLEM AREAS**

	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
<b>Assault</b>	50	33	34	25	46
<b>Burglary</b>	19	20	21	11	16
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	54	50	58	41	29
<b>OWI</b>	39	41	47	24	14
<b>Personal Injury Accidents</b>	5	10	7	7	9
<b>Property Damage Accidents</b>	195	157	158	169	132
<b>Hit &amp; Run Accidents</b>	21	18	21	16	15
<b>Thefts</b>	185	154	98	112	138



Front row, L to R: Sergeants Tony Amdor and Gary Bellinghausen, Chief Brad Burke, Captain Ethan Kathol and Sergeant Justin Ferrin.

Middle row, L to R: Officers Blake Fiferlick, Brian Mentzer, Administrative Assistant Meggan Naberhaus, Officer Jeff Nichols, Detective Alex Klever, Officer Nathan Kult.

Back row, L to R: Officers Kevin Reincke, Matt Kennebeck, Patrick McCarty, Steven Pudenz, Jason Kirsch, and James Heller.