

# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2021 Annual Report



*The city began to re-emerge after a year of cancelled events; Lt. Joe Thompson prepares to lead the bike rodeo on the police motorcycle and the Memorial Day parade marches down Euclid Avenue*

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the public with effective and professional law enforcement while treating all people with dignity and respect.

### CORE VALUES

#### Honesty

Honesty is demonstrated over time and in a variety of situations. It is a series of behaviors that the officer has demonstrated over time that has gained the trust of others through establishing himself/herself as straightforward and sincere. This credibility has been developed through the absence of such counter-productive behaviors as: rationalizations, forgetfulness, and shading the truth. The officer is willing to admit fault and correct mistakes as quickly as possible.

#### Sense of Urgency

The officer assertively approaches tasks or situations with immediate action. A sense of urgency is demonstrated most obviously by the officer's prompt response to all calls for service. Officers should possess a sense of urgency about completing investigations, conducting follow-ups, returning phone calls, responding to pages, etc. The officer approaches all aspects of the job in an eager manner.

#### Attention to Detail

Attention to detail is demonstrated by a constant awareness to the myriad of variables that come into play due to the nature of the job. This attention to detail not only serves as a defense mechanism (e.g., recognition of the 10 deadly errors) but also drives the officer to strive for perfection in each task the officer performs. This attention to detail ensures that all tasks are completed correctly the first time; including filling out and completing forms and reports.

#### Team Oriented

A team-oriented individual realizes that each officer contributes to the group effort; however, it is the collective efforts of the members that assures the overall goals of the Wickliffe Police Department are achieved. The officer works with others as a team member and strives not for individual recognition but for the recognition of the group. Team players demonstrate this value by providing back-up and offering assistance to others without being told or asked.

#### Professionalism

The officer who exhibits professionalism does so by performing his/her duties in an exemplary manner for others to follow. By possessing this skill and experience, he/she has made a commitment to excellence. Specific traits that the professional officer demonstrates include punctuality, courtesy, politeness, compassion, respect for others, and projects a well-groomed and able image.

#### Adaptability

The adaptable officer can quickly adjust and perform job duties in extreme, unknown, and ever-changing conditions. This officer anticipates change and promptly adapts. Adaptability is characteristic of officers who are able to prioritize and handle many tasks simultaneously through the use of divided attention skills. The officer is able to compromise and follow through to the successful completion of a task.

#### Self-Discipline

The self-disciplined officer has an internal control system that allows him/her to function independently without constant supervision. This officer is accountable for his/her actions. The focused officer recognizes the job that needs to be done and does it well, regardless of how "unpleasant" it may be. He/she is not unduly influenced by outside factors which may be a detriment to job responsibilities. Self-discipline allows the officer to project the positive image of and respect for the department at all times.

#### Performance Driven

The officer is driven to work hard as evidenced by the quantity and quality of services provided to the public. The officer strives to stay busy throughout his/her shift; continually looking for ways to support the objectives of the department. The performance driven officer effectively uses traffic enforcement and criminal arrests to save lives and to protect the public.

#### Officer Safety

The safety conscious officer demonstrates a high level of awareness in every situation. Through this awareness the officer realizes the potential risks associated with the job (e.g., recognition of the 10 deadly errors). He/she is proactive so as to guard himself/herself, as well as others, from potential dangers. He/she is physically fit enabling the officer to meet the demands of the job. Officer safety is predicated on the willingness of an individual to improve his/her skills through training.

#### Leadership

A leader is someone who consistently exhibits the core values of this organization and is willing to take command of situations, when appropriate. Although leadership is expected of supervisors, every officer can demonstrate leadership by selflessly taking the responsibility to lead in difficult situations. Leadership is also the ability to stand up for what is right, alone if necessary, even when the decision is not "popular".



### LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

*Police Chief Ice*

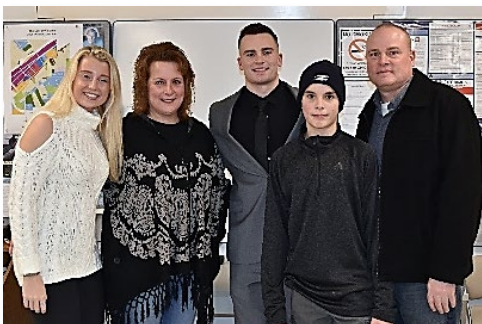
I respectfully submit this volume of reports and activities transacted by the Wickliffe Police Department for the calendar year 2021. Our biggest challenge again in 2021 was dealing with the Covid-19 virus and its new variants. When the virus subsided over the late spring and early summer, we were able to ease some of our restrictive protocols and resume normal operations, however, the Omicron variant hit the police department hard with 18 employees out on Covid sick time during November and December and our restrictive protocols were reinstated.



*Ptl. Peacock*



*Ptl. Thomas*



*Ptl. Bischof*

The statistical reports, graphs, and charts contained in this annual report show the patterns of crime, incidents and other activities responded to by the police department this year. The police department maintains a large database of statistical information but refer to a series of thirteen crime categories from year to year to compare criminal activity during any given period of time. Even with the threat of the pandemic, self-initiated field activity increased in 2021 as compared to 2020 with most crime categories remaining the same as in 2020 with the exception of assaults, gun seizures and narcotics activity. Assaults increased by 25%, confiscation of guns used in criminal activity increased 75% to a total of 99 guns removed from our streets. Narcotics activity increased by 60% from the previous year but still remain below the high of 744 cases from 2019. We will not get an accurate picture of crime until the pandemic is under control.

Last year Wickliffe experienced six shootings in various locations throughout the city; residential, a gas station, party centers, and recreational locations. In two of these shootings the victims received serious physical harm from their gunshot wounds, but thankfully no one died. Six shootings in one year are the most Wickliffe has ever experienced in the city's history. We also had our first homicide in two years which occurred at one of our local hotels involving a male and female who were both under the influence of illegal drugs leading to a physical altercation in which the female received injuries that were fatal; the suspect is currently in the Lake County Jail awaiting trial. Over the past few years there has been a growing sentiment of disrespect for law enforcement with such slogans as "defund the police". Wickliffe has not been immune from this form of disrespect for authority; this year Wickliffe officers were involved in 54 high speed motor vehicle pursuits in which the suspect refused to comply with the lawful order of our police officers. Most of these pursuits were terminated by the initiating officer or a supervisor when determined the pursuit became too dangerous to continue.

There were a number of personnel changes made in 2021; with the retirement of Lieutenant Hengst, Patrolmen Veri and Lako, patrol positions were created. Three patrolmen were hired in January; Patrolman Peacock, Patrolman Thomas, and Patrolman Bischof and all have completed their field training and are working in solo patrol. A promotional examination was administered in April which resulted in Sergeant

McCaffery being promoted to Lieutenant and getting assigned to the Detective Bureau Commander position. Patrolman Peebles was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the relief platoon. Patrolman Cook was assigned to the detective bureau. Lieutenant Bush decided to retire from the Western Lake County Emergency Response team after 25 years of service; Sergeant Vachet from the Willoughby Hills Police Department was selected as Lt. Bush's replacement on the ERT.

The equipment needs of the police department are funded through the capital improvement fund and the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Last year (2020) we started a digital recording replacement project with the goal of converting all digital recording devices within the police department into one system to streamline the management of all digital media in one location. This project will allow for the efficient storage, retention, and dissemination of all media. Phase two of this project is the replacement of five outdated recording devices to five new Watchguard dashcam systems for use in our marked patrol vehicles. Each marked car is equipped with an automated external defibrillator as well as the jail to provide care for someone who is experiencing cardiac arrest. This year we replaced all the end-of-life AEDs with new more advanced models. Often times the police arrive on the scene of an emergency before the paramedics and these new AED's will provide the victim of cardiac arrest the best possible chance of survival. Other equipment purchased this year include upgraded computer hardware and software, computerized voice stress analyzer (CVSA) for truth verification during the hiring process and criminal investigations. Additionally, we replaced two ballistic patrol shields and replaced some equipment for the emergency response team. Our current live scan fingerprint machine is well past its end of life and a new machine was ordered in March 2021; however, we have not received the machine and may not until well into 2022 or 2023 because of the supply chain issues occurring across this country because of the pandemic. The Law Enforcement Trust Fund was used for the purchase of fitness equipment for the police gym; training money that was set aside for this fund was used because of the pandemic.

The Wickliffe Police Department continues its tradition of participating in regional special teams throughout Lake County which provides our department and residents with these needed skills while defraying the costs of access to these specialties. The Western Lake County Emergency Response Team (SWAT) consists of specially trained officers from Wickliffe, Willowick, Willoughby, Eastlake, Willoughby Hills and Kirtland. This team was formed in 1988 by the Wickliffe and Willowick police departments and the other four departments joined the team over the next decade. The ERT trains one 8-hour day per month and a full week in the summer or early fall to ensure all members use and understand the same tactics. The Lake County Crash Reconstruction team was formed because of the need for officers who possess more sophisticated accident reconstruction skills and technology to accurately recreate what occurred during that crash to provide for accountability to the families of the victims of vehicle accidents. Another regional team we participate in is the Mentor Fire Department Public Safety Dive Team which has water rescue and recovery responsibilities along the lakeshore as well as inland bodies of water. This team trains together once a month and individual team members take additional training in swift water rescue and advanced SCUBA diving techniques. Our community policing program continues to have only limited use as the Covid pandemic is still problematic for safely conducting activities indoors. We were able to conduct two outdoor activities in 2021, the bike rodeo which was well attended by children, parents, and grandparents with good food and prizes and a block watch meeting at a shelter in one of our parks. We were able to restart the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in 2021 by following all current CDC Covid protocols. The SRO service is provided in four-hour blocks mostly at the high school. When the new Wickliffe School campus is completed in 2023 or 2024 all three schools, elementary, middle, and high school will be under one roof allowing the SRO to transition between schools making this program much more effective. Unfortunately for the second year in a row we had to cancel the Shop with a Cop program due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, officers were permitted to grow beards in November and December for a small donation that was given to the Wickliffe Family Resource Center and the Vineyard Community Church food pantry.

I extend a big thank you and appreciation to the men and women of the Wickliffe Police Department for their continued dedication to service as we strive to keep Wickliffe a safe community to live in. Mayor Barbish and City Council continue to support the police department as we carry out our mission and I thank them for their dedication to us.

# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Ice

FROM: Sgt. James Coolick

DATE: 02-07-2021

RE: Commendation for Response to Armed Subject Call

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Chief Ice,

I would like to recognize and commend the officers and dispatchers who were involved in an incident on Friday night involving a male armed with a handgun. On February 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 at approximately 2320 hrs, Dispatcher George received a phone call from the front desk clerk at the Quality Inn Hotel who frantically stated that a naked man had run into the lobby and was waving a gun around. As other guests of the hotel ran from the lobby, the employee had crawled into a back office where he locked himself inside and called the police.

Several Wickliffe officers had responded to help the Willowick PD with a reported burglary in progress at the time of this call, so mutual aid was requested from Willoughby Hills PD. Dispatcher Johnson quickly made this call and got WHPD officers in route. Dispatcher Johnson handled several other 911 calls from hotel guests as well as taking the initiative to call the Wickliffe Fire Department to notify them of the situation and have them on standby as they would most likely be needed. During this time, Dispatcher George stayed on the line with the hotel employee who relayed information to her on the subject's location and behavior while viewing him on the CCTV cameras.

I arrived on scene and observed the male still in the lobby and armed with a revolver in his hand. Ptl. Smith and Ptl. Thomas, who was on his third day of field training, arrived on scene moments later and it was decided that we would approach the male using protection from a ballistic shield and the patrol rifle.

Ptl. Budzicki arrived on scene shortly thereafter along with Ptl. Sabruno and Ptl. Fitch. Ptl. Budzicki went to the north entrance doors along with a WHPD officer to approach the male from the north while Ptl. Sabruno and Ptl. Fitch entered the hotel from the southern doors to contain the male in the lobby. Each officer placed themselves in harm's way in order to keep the rest of the patrons in the hotel safe.

Verbal commands were given to the male from officers inside the hotel as well as officers at the front entrance doors but the male was under the influence of narcotics and would not comply. He eventually placed the gun on the ground next to him but never moved away from it. Officers continued to attempt to negotiate with the male for approximately 10 minutes.

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Without warning, the male began screaming loudly and ran out the front door where a Taser was deployed on him from a WHPD officer. Numerous officers then struggled to take him into custody. He was eventually transported to the hospital while being kept under guard before being conveyed back to WPD where he was charged with numerous crimes, including being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

While officers were escorting the male to the hospital, Ptl. Sabruno and Ptl. Fitch took the initiative to investigate where the male had come from and were able to obtain a room key to his hotel room. A protective sweep was conducted and officers observed in plain view suspected narcotics and a handgun holster. Keys to a vehicle were found and through their investigation it was learned that the male had borrowed and not returned a vehicle from an acquaintance. Contact was made with that person and the vehicle was able to be returned to her.

I would like to commend Ptl. Sabruno, Ptl. Smith, Ptl. Fitch, Ptl. Budzicki, and Ptl. Thomas as well as Dispatchers George and Johnson for their response to this dangerous call for service. I would also like to recognize each officer for their bravery, poise and professionalism while attempting to take the male into custody. This incident very easily could have resulted in an officer involved shooting, but was completed without injury to anyone involved. At no point was the subject treated with anything but dignity and respect, despite his erratic and apparent violent behavior, which speaks volumes for the professionalism and integrity of all those involved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Coolick', with a stylized 'Sgt' written below it.

J. Coolick, Sgt.

Cc: Lt. Bush  
Ptl. Sabruno  
Ptl. Smith  
Ptl. Fitch  
Ptl. Budzicki  
Ptl. Thomas  
Disp. George  
Disp. Johnson



# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sgt. Coolick  
Ptlm. Sabruno, Smith, Fitch, Budzicki, Thomas  
Disp. George, Johnson

**FROM:** Chief Randy E. Ice

**DATE:** February 9, 2021

**RE:** Commendation – Incident #21-00262

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Ladies and Gentlemen –

I have reviewed incident report #21-00262, the commendation letter written by Sergeant Coolick, and all of the body worn camera footage from this incident which occurred on Friday, February 5, 2021 at approximately 2320 hours at the Quality Inn Hotel. I commend all of the officers and dispatchers who responded to and managed this incident from the initial call through the compassionate support shown to the suspect during this event.

I want to make special mention of the leadership and decision making of Sergeant Coolick. After having reviewed Sergeant Coolick's body worn camera footage, I believe his tactical decision making was exceptional. While holding a ballistic shield in one hand and a pistol in the other, Jim made decisions and gave direction that successfully contained the situation to the lobby of the hotel. Sergeant Coolick was mindful of placing containment teams in both north and south hallways and the main entrance as well as keeping hotel patrons away from the entrance doors. Outstanding!

This incident could have easily turned into an officer involved shooting but because of the leadership, professionalism, sense of urgency, and team work displayed, this situation was resolved peacefully and safely. I commend you all for a job well done!





**CITY OF WICKLIFFE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

28730 Ridge Road  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

James A. Cain, Chairman  
Mark Iafelice  
Robert Heiss

July 21, 2021

Chief Randy Ice  
Wickliffe Police Department  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

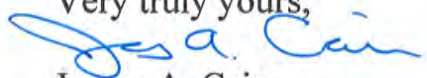
Re: Joann Lentine  
Letter of Commendation

Dear Chief Ice:

On behalf of the Civil Service Commission, we wish to recognize and convey our heartfelt appreciation to Joann Lentine and to commend her on all of her hard work in putting together the notebooks and tally sheets in preparation for the Fire Department Promotional paired comparisons for Lieutenant. When asked, Joann immediately volunteered to offer her assistance even though it was not her department. She went above and beyond to ensure everything was in order. The notebooks were perfect. There were no flaws. She was precise from start to finish.

By copy of this letter to Mayor Barbish we are asking that it be placed in Joann's personnel file.

Very truly yours,



James A. Cain  
Chairman, Wickliffe Civil Service Commission  
cc: Council President Levon

## WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chief Ice  
**FROM:** Det. Lt. McCaffery  
**DATE:** August 11, 2021  
**RE:** Commendation for Det. Dan Moreland

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Chief Ice,

I would like to commend Det. Moreland for exemplary detective work he displayed on July 28, 2021. On this date, Det. Moreland observed a w/m, later identified as Austin Marcuda, exiting from the Plaza Motel with a w/f. Det. Moreland recognized the w/m as a person wanted in connection with a stolen vehicle out of Mentor on the Lake that was recovered in Wickliffe five days earlier. Det. Moreland was able to detain Austin, after a brief struggle, in the parking lot of the Wickliffe Public Library along with the w/f, identified as Laura Hogg. Both Austin and Laura were brought to the PD for questioning. A M-O-L PD detective was notified and responded to the station. During the interview, Austin admitted to stealing the vehicle from M-O-L and driving it to Wickliffe. Austin was also found to have used the victim's information to obtain a hotel room. Laura was also interviewed and found to be in possession of numerous persons' personal information. During the investigation, Laura was found to have stolen a Wickliffe resident's personal checks and forged his signature. Both Austin and Laura were charged by our department for numerous felonies and will have additional felony charges as the investigation is ongoing.

During this investigation, Det. Moreland was driving to the Plaza Motel to follow up on an investigative lead and observed a vehicle, parked at a residence, matching the description of a vehicle used in a catalytic converter theft that was provided by Willoughby PD. Det. Moreland stopped at the residence and detained a female who made admissions regarding the theft. Willoughby PD responded to the scene and towed the vehicle and brought the female to their PD for investigation.

Due to Det. Moreland's keen detective skills and ceaseless drive to stop crime, he was able to stop three drug addicted individuals continued criminal activity and victimizations of Lake County residents. This is just one example of Det. Moreland hard charging work ethic that he has continuously displayed over the years.

Respectfully submitted,



# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Ice

FROM: Sgt Krivacic

DATE: 11-2-21

RE: Commendation to Ptl Brenner, Ptl Ankuda, Ptl Merrifield, and Disp Horn

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On Friday, October 29th, 2021, at approximately 0226hrs, WPD units were dispatched to the area of Ridgewick for a report of gunshots fired. Dispatch advised that a witness observed a white Dodge Charger leaving the area immediately following the shooting. Ptl. Brenner located a white Dodge Charger (OH: JKW1541) turning off of Ridgewick onto Euclid Ave. Ptl Brenner along with Ptl Ankuda stopped the Dodge in the parking lot of Town Square. Upon my arrival WPD officers along with Willowick officers had detained the driver Alexander Becker and passenger Carlos Gilestra, in separate units. Ptl Brenner remained with the detained individuals until they could be transported to the WPD.

Ptl Ankuda and I then responded to assist Ptl Merrifield in the area of the 1600 block of Ridgewick. Upon arrival WFD had the male that was shot in the ambulance. Ptl Merrifield identified the male as Gabreal Gavralovic. Ptl Merrifield also advised that he had the alleged shooter/victim detained in the rear of #767. Ptl Ankuda rode with Gavralovic to the hospital and remained there until relieved by another officer.


Ptl Merrifield assisted with canvassing the area for any evidence, and taping off the crime scene. WPD officers then briefed the Detective Bureau and assisted where needed.

During the incident Dispatcher Horn received numerous phone calls regarding the shooting, and gave officers relevant information provided by the callers. Dispatcher Horn also made relevant entries into CAD, and assisted in getting more manpower for the incident.

This is an excellent example of teamwork by the officers involved. This was a fluid situation with several persons involved, and two different scenes (traffic stop/crime scene). WPD offices were able to detain or arrest all parties involved in the incident quickly and safely.

Respectfully,  
Sgt Krivacic

Cc: Lt Bush



## **WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Chief Ice  
From: Sgt. Sopko  
Ref: Commendation to Ptl. Peacock, Ptl. Bischof, Ptl. Heaton, Disp. Shaw, Disp. Turk  
Date: November 29, 2021

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Chief Ice,

I would like to take a moment and recognize Ptl. Peacock, Ptl. Bischof and Ptl. Heaton for the outstanding arrest of an extremely violent individual named Aaron Jones (Refer WPD report #21-02842). At the time of this arrest, Aaron Jones was wanted by Cleveland PD for Aggravated Murder.

On 11/26/2021 in the early morning hours after the Thanksgiving holiday, Ptl. Peacock initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation. Within minutes, Ptl. Peacock recognized that the male passenger, later identified as Aaron Jones, was acting very suspicious. Ptl. Bischof and Ptl. Heaton soon arrived on scene to provide assistance and the officers all quickly recognized that the male was lying about his identity. At one point, Jones who was seated in the front passenger seat, attempted to place the vehicle's gear shifter into drive so that the female driver would be able to flee from the traffic stop. Thanks to the quick and determined actions by the officers, Jones was removed from the vehicle and secured in handcuffs. Once the male and female were detained, the officers, along with Disp. Shaw and Disp. Turk, all made extensive attempts to positively identify the male. At one point, Dispatchers Shaw and Turk contacted a police agency in another state in order to obtain a booking photo of a male that was believed to be the same person that our officers had in their custody.

Since the officers were unable to positively identify the male at the scene, he was subsequently brought to the WPD Jail. His true identity was soon discovered and that he had an active warrant from Cleveland PD for Aggravated Murder. Cleveland PD officers arrived at the WPD jail later in the morning and took custody of Jones.

Within the next several days, Cleveland PD Homicide Detective Stephen Loomis called WPD to praise our officers for the arrest of Aaron Jones. Det. Loomis also sent me an email (attached) expressing his gratitude towards our officers. Det. Loomis praised our officers' "professionalism, work ethic and instincts" and further indicated that the Cleveland PD Homicide Unit and the US Marshals have been searching for Aaron Jones for several months.



Det.Loomis also indicated that "the family of our victim is ecstatic that Jones has been arrested and are very appreciative of your (WPD's) efforts".

This arrest is yet another example of the hard work and dedication that our officers and dispatchers display on a daily basis. I am proud of each one of the officers and dispatchers for their determination, tenacity and teamwork that resulted in the arrest of this violent individual and I commend them on a job well done.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "MS" followed by "Sgt", written in a cursive style.

Sgt. Mark Sopko

Cc; Lt.Bush  
Sgt. Peeples

## Sopko, Mark

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**From:** Loomis, Stephen <Sloomis3@clevelandohio.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** Sopko, Mark  
**Cc:** Peacock, Kaitlyn F.; Loomis, Stephen; Legg, Michael; Schultz, Charles; Hudson, Zara F  
**Subject:** Arrest of Aggravated Murder Suspect Aaron Jones

Dear Sergeant Sopko and Officer Peacock,

First and foremost thank you. As I informed my Commander and your Chief, your professionalism, work ethic and instincts took this alleged cold blooded murderer off the street. We had been chasing him around for months and were 30 minutes behind him on numerous occasions. As things would have it, a broken headlight, an observant and determined Officer, and a supportive supervisor took this violent fugitive off the street. The family of our victim is ecstatic that Jones has been arrested and are very appreciative of your efforts, as are we.

Dispatcher Jordon was also very helpful in providing contact information, booking info, and your arrest report.

Would it be possible to obtain copies of Body Cam, Dash Cam, Booking Cam video as well as radio traffic concerning the arrest, transport and booking of Aaron Jones. We intend to show Mr. Jones knew he was wanted and went to certain lengths to conceal his identity from the Police. If you can e-mail that information that would be great. If it is too large, we would be very happy to get out of the office for a while to come and get them and maybe catch lunch with you.

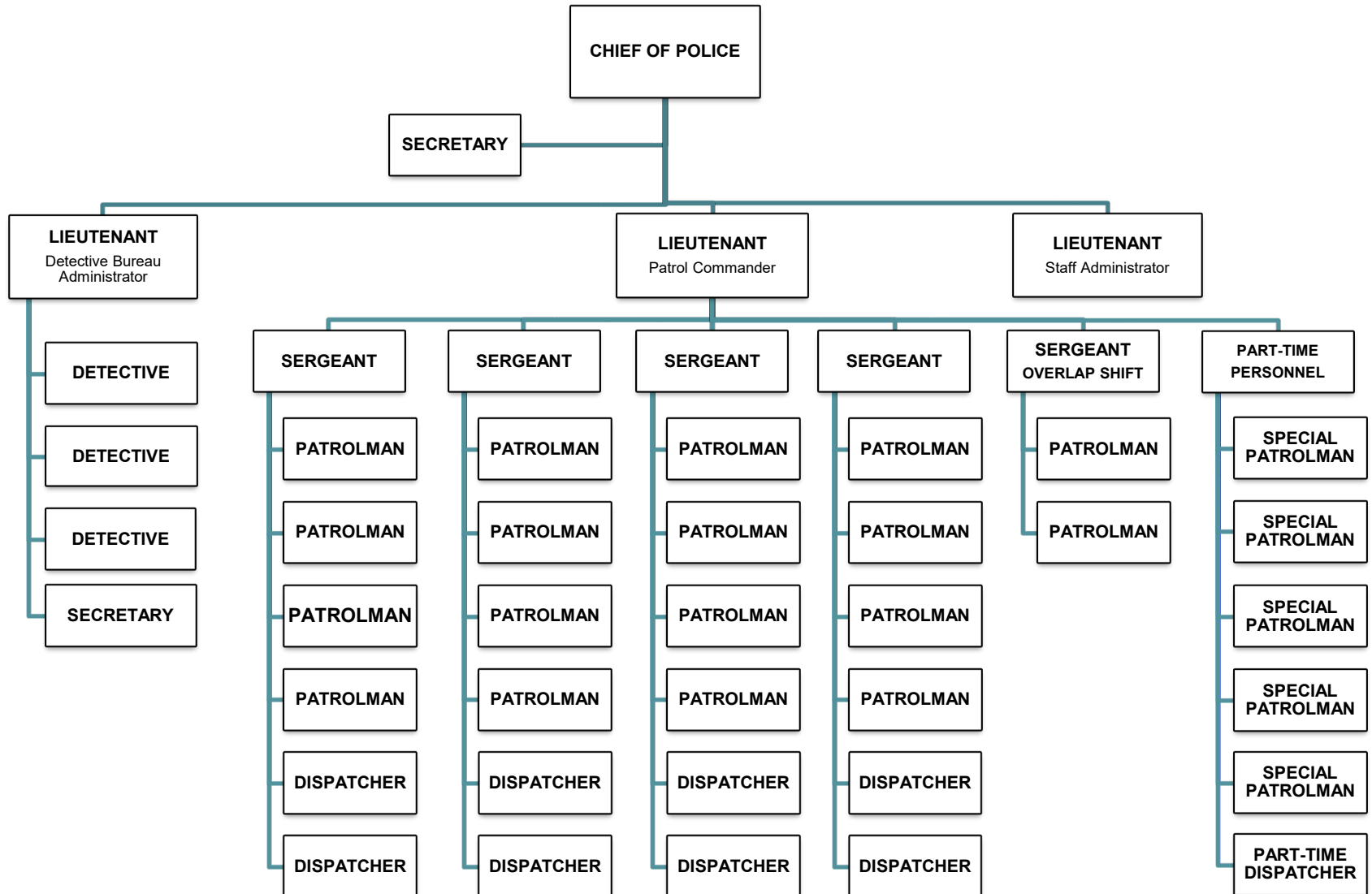
Thank You Very Much, Great Job!  
Be Safe,

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Detective Stephen Loomis #2416  
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# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2021



**POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER**

as of December 31, 2021

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF HIRE</u></b>
Chief Ice	02/13/1988
Lieutenant Bush	05/01/1995
Lieutenant Thompson	02/13/1988
Lieutenant McCaffery	12/11/1995
Sergeant Coolick	08/30/2004
Sergeant Krivacic	03/05/2001
Sergeant Sopko	06/08/2002
Sergeant Petric	10/10/2000
Sergeant Peeples	02/04/2008
Detective Dondrea	11/28/1995
Detective Moreland	07/31/1992
Detective Cook	01/11/2011
Patrolman Shum	04/22/1991
Patrolman Brenner	01/06/1992
Patrolman Rosen	03/24/1998
Patrolman Regnier	03/05/2001
Patrolman Sabruno	06/08/2002
Patrolman Kuhse	11/08/2007
Patrolman Ankuda	06/27/2012
Patrolman Smith	08/01/2012
Patrolman Fitch	07/16/2013
Patrolman Budzicki	01/14/2014
Patrolman DiDona	02/25/2014
Patrolman Merrifield	08/25/2016
Patrolman Heaton	02/06/2017
Patrolman Pecnik	04/28/2014
Patrolman Paull	03/04/2019
Patrolman Peacock	01/12/2021
Patrolman Thomas	01/25/2021
Patrolman Bischof	01/26/2021
Special Patrolman Valko	06/09/2014
Special Patrolman Nosse	05/29/2018
Special Patrolman Hanlon	10/08/2018
Special Patrolman Bender-Walker	04/15/2019
Special Patrolman Veri	10/26/2020
Dispatcher Stein	12/11/1994
Dispatcher Horn	08/03/2003
Dispatcher Shaw	04/14/1998
Dispatcher George	02/17/2017
Dispatcher Turk	03/20/2017
Dispatcher Gordon	04/02/2018
Dispatcher Brzeski	06/25/2018
Dispatcher Johnson	03/02/2020
PT Dispatcher Hirz	04/24/2020
Secretary Lentine	05/19/1997
Secretary Miklus	04/28/2014



### AUXILIARY POLICE ROSTER AND ACTIVITY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE</u>
Auxiliary Lieutenant Stuck	30 years
Auxiliary Sergeant Savochka	13 years
Auxiliary Patrolman Kallay	11 years
Auxiliary Patrolman Townsend	11 years
Auxiliary Patrolman Koporc	7 years
Auxiliary Patrolman Hannus	2 years

<u>AUXILIARY POLICE ACTIVITY</u>	<u>HOURS WORKED</u>
Auxiliary Meetings	.0
Borromeo FEST - cancelled	0
Graduation Parade	.0
Homecoming Parade	.0
Mater Dei School Dances – cancelled	0
Memorial Day – cancelled	0
Mt. Carmel Parties - cancelled	0
Mt. Carmel Festival – cancelled	0
Wickliffe High School Football	.0
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>.0</b>

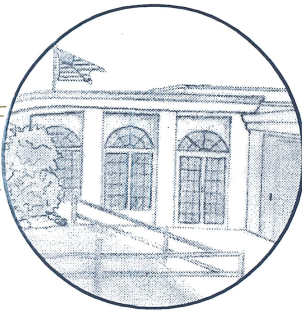
### SCHOOL GUARD ROSTER

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Euclid / Lloyd	J. Oaks
Lincoln / Arlington	R. Might
Lincoln School	V. Hill
Lincoln / Ridge	L. Ensich
Ridge / Rockefeller	W. Patterson
Substitute	S. Veri



**CASH SHEET  
FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Municipal Court Fines	110,922.83	131,316.23	152,072.46	120,077.92	130,634.39
Enforcement & Education Fines	768.00	1,086.00	506.00	634.00	460.16
Jail Recoupment Fees Collected	4,405.00	5,423.48	4,520.22	3,600.27	3,219.13
Parking Fines	15,050.00	16,955.00	21,495.00	13,890.00	13,665.00
Report/Photo Copies	41.00	50.00	22.00	38.00	16.00
Bicycle Licenses	2.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	1.00
Witness Fees	337.45	290.30	312.50	104.00	150.00
Miscellaneous / Auction Fees	780.00	769.50	2,924.50	2,829.50	5,052.50
State Forfeited Funds	2,997.00	7,835.00	8,542.91	30,267.58	4,351.00
Federal Forfeited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>135,303.28</b>	<b>163,731.51</b>	<b>190,399.59</b>	<b>171,443.27</b>	<b>157,549.18</b>



# CITY OF WICKLIFFE

## *Department of Police*

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RANDY E. ICE  
CHIEF OF POLICE

January 21, 2022

Mayor Joseph Sakacs  
City of Wickliffe  
28730 Ridge Road  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

Dear Mayor Sakacs:

Listed below is the annual report for 2021 for the Wickliffe Police Department.

4,105	Police/Fire/EMS Calls Received on E911
2,364	Persons Arrested (including felonies, misdemeanors, and traffic)
	2,280 Adults
	84 Juveniles
635	Persons Housed in Wickliffe City Jail
835	Parking Tickets Paid
465	Animal Complaints
467	Accidents Investigated
14	Buildings Unlocked
386	Vehicle Lockouts
642	Alarms, False Alarms, and Accidental Alarms
17,220	Total Calls for Service

Respectfully submitted,

Randy E. Ice  
Chief of Police

### DETECTIVE BUREAU REPORT

*Detective Lieutenant McCaffery*

I have been assigned as the supervisor of the detective bureau since November of 2020. Detectives Dondrea, Moreland and Cook are assigned to the unit and are responsible for conducting investigations into general felony offenses and drug related cases. Detective Bureau Secretary Miklus duties include handling fingerprint and BCI files, managing and downloading dash-cam, booking, and interview videos for serious offenses, and preparing documentation and paperwork to assist in the prosecution of Wickliffe Police Department cases, both at the municipal court and Lake County Common Pleas levels.

The Wickliffe Police Department detective bureau is responsible for follow-up investigations of felonies and certain misdemeanors. We are assigned to various shifts, Monday through Friday, and are on call at all other times. Detectives are responsible for the investigation of felony criminal offenses, maintenance of the warrant validation files, and the management of NCIC fingerprint files and FBI/BCI criminal identification files. We maintain complete records of liquor permits, authorized gambling events, and criminal case dispositions. Other duties include: processing crime scenes, securing and processing evidence, managing the property room and evidence room, and completing record expungements.

In 2021, the WPD detective bureau conducted 34 narcotics related investigations in a continuing effort to interdict the flow of heroin and other illegal drugs into Wickliffe and Lake County. We arrested 53 people as a result of those 34 cases. Although heroin and other opiates continue to be the main focus of our efforts, we are seeing a resurgence in both crack cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking as well. We also investigated four overdose deaths in 2021 which led to arrests.

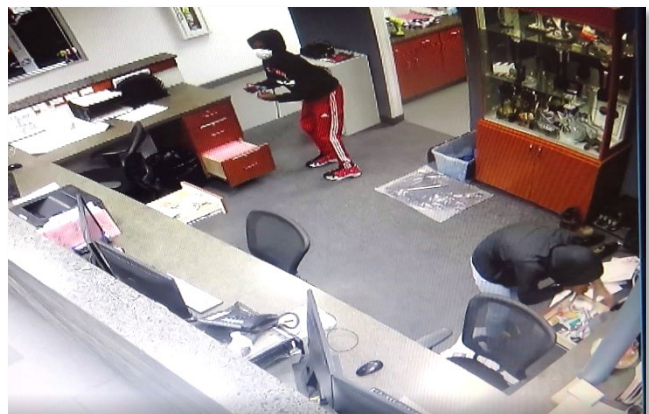
Detectives Dondrea, Moreland, Cook and myself are trained to perform Computer Voice Stress Analysis testing for the police department. The CVSA is similar to a polygraph and has been used to conduct background investigations for new candidates for hire along with assisting in criminal investigations.

The detective bureau investigated at least 97 criminal cases in 2021. The types of crimes ranged from sex offenses and murder, to fleeing and eluding cases, thefts, counterfeiting, weapons offenses, drug trafficking, and more. Of the 97 cases worked, 89 were cleared by arrest or exceptional means (such as a victim not wanting to pursue the matter or arrest by another agency), for a clearance rate of 91.7%, which is well above the national average. Examples of cases worked by detectives in 2021 include the following:

- Twice in February and once in May of 2021, a group of individuals broke into the Ganley/Subaru Dealership and stole keys to vehicle before driving away in stolen vehicles. Through investigation, detectives were able to identify 5 individuals, including juveniles, that had been involved in these crimes and had targeted numerous other dealerships in the Cleveland area. These 5 individuals were charged with numerous felony charges. All the stolen vehicles were recovered.



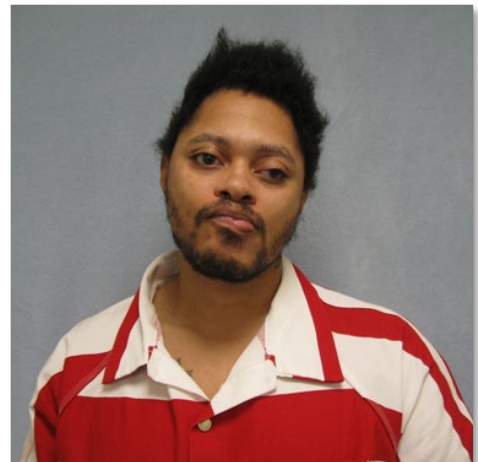
*Suspects entering Ganley through a broken glass door*



*Security camera captures a photo of two of the suspects involved in the vehicle thefts inside the Ganley/Subaru Dealership*



- On September 2, 2021, officers responded to a report of an overdose at a residence. Through investigation, it was learned that two individuals had assisted with the purchase of narcotics for the deceased male. The male overdosed in front of the two individuals and they did not call 911 until seven hours later. Detectives obtained statements from both individuals indicating their involvement. Both individuals have been charged with Corrupting Another with Drugs (F2).
- On September 30, 2021, detectives assisted the Cuyahoga County Human Trafficking Task Force with a state-wide initiative name Operation Ohio Knows in an effort to combat human trafficking. Detectives assisted with the arrest of five individuals for prostitution related charges. Detectives also assisted with providing two suspected prostitutes with access to referral services.
- On October 26, 2021, detectives observed narcotics activity. While attempting to investigate, detectives and patrol officers attempted to stop a vehicle involved. The vehicle rammed the detective's unmarked unit twice and nearly struck another vehicle before fleeing the area. Through investigation, detectives arrested two individuals for narcotics possession and obtained felony warrants for the driver of the vehicle. The driver is currently a fugitive.
- On December 19, 2021, patrol officers responded to the Fairbridge Hotel for a report of a woman screaming for help from a room. Officers arrived on scene and found an unresponsive woman on the ground and a naked male in the same room. The woman was transported to the hospital and declared brain dead five days later. Through investigation, detectives determined that Sullewyn Dancy had strangled his girlfriend. Dancy was initially charged with felonious assault, but will be charged with murder and other charges pending a grand jury indictment.



*Lt. McCaffery interviews the suspect involved in the murder of a female at a local hotel*

In addition to the above, detectives investigated several sex related crimes, shootings and assaults. Detectives made arrests in three of the six shootings that occurred during the year. They were able to obtain a warrant for the arrest of a male who feloniously assaulted an elderly victim. Detectives also arrested several individuals for fleeing and eluding.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the detective bureau for their thoroughness, hard work, and dedication; Chief Ice for his leadership and support; and Mayor Barbish and City Council for their continued support of the investigative efforts and technologies that we provide to the citizens of this community.

**DETECTIVE BUREAU SUMMARY***Prepared by Detective Bureau Secretary Miklus*

TRENDS IN SERIOUS CRIMES					
TYPE OF CRIME	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
HOMICIDE/MURDER	0	0	1	0	1
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE/SEX	22	12	21	20	19
ROBBERY	13	7	2	2	1
ASSAULT	25	16	20	30	41
BURGLARY/B&E	26	17	14	20	21
THEFT	129	127	165	162	160
VEHICLE THEFT	12	9	18	15	15
FRAUD	48	24	40	42	47
ARSON	0	2	1	1	0
WEAPONS	41	39	73	57	184
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	43	46	59	46	47
NARCOTICS	521	742	744	373	597

DEPARTMENT INCIDENT TOTALS					
CRIME	COUNT	CRIME	COUNT	CRIME	COUNT
Aggravated Burglary	3	DUI	88	Murder	1
Aggr. Vehicular Assault	1	DUS	456	Possession of Criminal Tools	5
Alarm	19	Escape	1	Property	104
Animal	89	Resisting Arrest	17	Property Damage	74
Violation TPO	3	Family	90	Property Unlocked	20
Arson	0	Firearms Seized	99	Receiving Stolen Property	11
Assault	41	Fireworks	1	Robbery	1
Assist (Other Dept)	109	Flee/Elude	52	Robbery (Aggravated)	1
Open Container	141	Fraud	47	Sex	19
Attempted Burglary	0	Harassment – General	53	Solicitors	4
Attempted B&E	1	Hazards	4	Suicide	4
Attempted Murder	0	Health & Welfare	114	Suicide Attempt	2
B&E	16	Inducing Panic	5	Suspicious	234
Burglary	5	Juvenile	67	Tampering Evidence/Destroy	2
Business	51	Kidnapping	0	Telephone Harassment	9
City Business	62	Forgery	86	Theft	15
Criminal Damage/Endanger	26	Littering	2	Theft (Auto)	15
Criminal Mischief	3	Menacing	12	Unauthorized Use MV	15
Criminal Trespass	15	Mental	63	Use of 911 / Knowingly Abuse	1
Curfew	9	Missing Person	6	Utilities	6
Death	24	MVA	34	Vandalism	8
Disorderly Conduct	30	Narcotics	597	Vehicle	32
Disorderly Intox	30	Prostitution/Soliciting	17	Vehicle/Plates Recovered WPD	16
Dispute/Disturbance	342	Obstruction/Falsification	67	Warrants	321
Domestic Violence	47	Parking	11	Weapons	184

# POLICE ACTIVITY

## Annual Report 2021

*Prepared by Sherry Brzeski, Dispatcher*

	COMPLAINTS	ASSISTS	PARKING	MISD	FEL	MISD WAR	FEL WAR	OVI	WARNING	TRAFFIC	MILEAGE
SHUM	179	208	121	24	4	9	0	0	25	32	8628
BRENNER	183	164	184	24	7	13	3	1	94	372	8437
ROSEN	207	86	120	26	7	14	2	2	65	49	8758
REGNIER	180	159	46	31	17	5	6	4	81	153	6243
SABRUNO	214	129	109	35	22	11	7	4	67	77	6490
KUHSE	183	121	105	56	20	9	5	5	95	103	6023
PEEPLES	79	49	66	22	5	6	1	2	29	25	2958
COOK	236	170	2	87	49	16	16	7	50	110	6284
ANKUDA	209	123	81	45	14	13	5	5	102	140	7330
SMITH	200	144	53	42	42	15	7	3	79	75	6300
FITCH	244	191	15	67	38	11	17	3	174	115	8549
BUDZICKI	169	221	71	37	23	13	1	2	85	60	6603
DIDONA	195	192	37	57	27	16	11	3	70	61	6180
MERRIFIELD	165	83	159	75	12	19	6	2	140	117	7126
HEATON	174	163	85	105	41	17	8	4	168	124	8045
PECNIK	188	124	70	41	17	13	10	1	106	109	7117
PAULL	255	198	81	44	18	17	5	8	96	176	9472
PEACOCK	179	95	41	63	24	14	11	6	120	96	7346
THOMAS	129	85	64	31	8	7	7	1	124	66	6758
BISCHOF	19	9	0	7	1	4	0	1	25	16	984
HANLON	111	98	2	7	1	15	3	0	2	142	7759
VERI	31	26	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	1082
TOTALS	3729	2838	1513	929	398	258	131	64	1798	2221	144472

Prepared by  
 Disp. Sherry Brzeski  
 Completed 3/3/2022

**ARRESTS/CITATIONS BY OFFICER***Prepared by Dispatcher Brzeski*

OFFICER	CRIME TYPE				TOTAL
	Traffic	Misdemeanor	Felony	Warrant	
0125 – Lt. Thompson	0	0	0	0	0
0130 – Ptl. Shum	32	24	4	9	69
0133 – Ptl. Brenner	372	24	7	16	419
0135 – Det. Moreland	0	0	1	1	2
0136 – Lt. Bush	0	0	0	0	0
0137 – Det. Dondrea	0	1	1	0	2
0138 – Det. McCaffery	0	0	2	0	2
0141 – Ptl. Rosen	49	26	7	16	98
0217 – Sgt. Petric	3	1	0	0	4
0144 – Ptl. Regnier	153	31	17	11	212
0145 – Sgt. Krivacic	0	0	0	0	0
0146 – Sgt. Sopko	0	0	0	0	0
0147 – Ptl. Sabruno	77	35	22	18	152
0148 – Sgt. Coolick	2	0	0	1	3
0149 – Ptl. Kuhse	103	56	20	14	193
0150 – Sgt. Peebles	25	22	5	7	59
0151 – Ptl. Cook	110	87	49	32	278
0152 – Ptl. Ankuda	140	45	14	18	217
0153 – Ptl. Smith	75	42	42	22	181
0155 – Ptl. Fitch	115	67	38	28	248
0156 – Ptl. Budzicki	60	37	23	14	134
0157 – Ptl. DiDona	61	57	27	27	172
0158 – Ptl. Merrifield	117	75	12	25	229
0159 – Ptl. Heaton	124	105	41	25	295
0220 – Ptl. Pecnik	109	41	17	23	190
0160 – Ptl. Paull	176	44	18	22	260
0161 – Ptl. Peacock	96	63	24	25	208
0162 – Ptl. Thomas	66	31	8	14	119
0163 – Ptl. Bischof	16	7	1	4	28
0211 – Ptl. Veri	3	3	1	1	8
0221 – Spl. Ptl. Hanlon	142	7	1	18	168
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>3950</b>



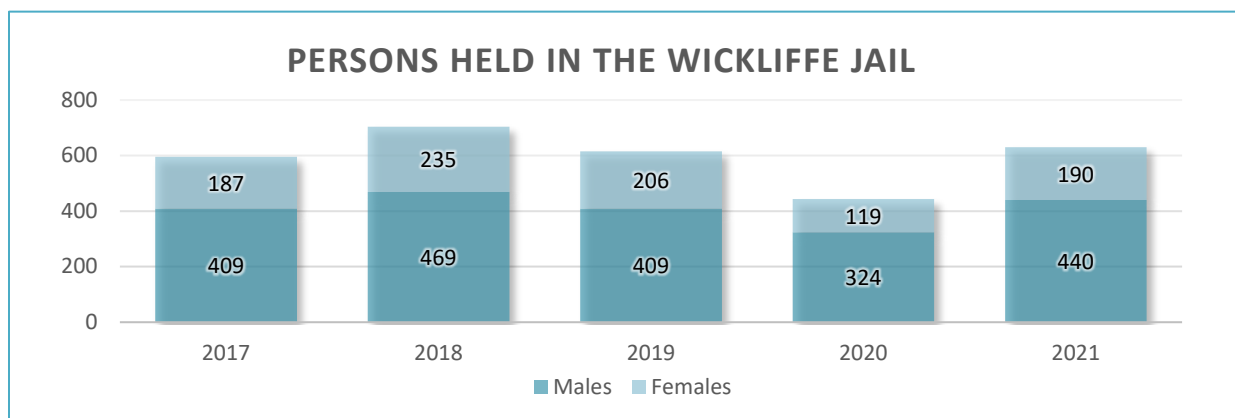
**JAIL REPORT***Sergeant Peebles*

The Wickliffe City Jail is a twelve-day facility that consists of eight jail cells. Four of these cells are designated for male prisoners and two cells are designated for female prisoners. Two cells are designated for those prisoners who are under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, suicidal, security risks, or require an increase in surveillance. The jail does not hold arrested juveniles.

During 2021, the jail held 630 prisoners who were held on bond, waiting for arraignment or court appearances, or serving court ordered sentences. 306 of the prisoners were held on various felony charges and 324 prisoners were held on misdemeanor charges. Prisoners spent an average of 11.89 hours in the jail and the average daily population of the jail was 1.73 prisoners. 440 males and 190 females were housed in the jail during this period. The jail was inspected by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

Per Wickliffe Police Policy, a jail officer is responsible for checking on the welfare of each prisoner every hour and provides for their needs. Prisoners are fed three times per day and can receive snacks between meals. Meals are purchased by US Foodservice, a provider of meals to other jail institutions and hospitals, and BJ Wholesale Club. Meals are prepared in the jail kitchen.

A video arraignment system is in place whereby prisoners “appear” before a Willoughby Court Judge from the jail office via a computerized teleconferencing system. A confinement expense reimbursement program has been instituted. Those prisoners who are able to pay can be ordered by the court to pay up to \$65.00 per day for their stay in the Wickliffe city jail. In 2021, Wickliffe received \$3,219.13 in jail confinement reimbursement fees collected by the Willoughby Municipal Court.

**NALOXONE REPORT***Sergeant Peebles*

In 2017, in response to the overwhelming opiate addiction epidemic and overdose deaths, Chief Ice agreed to purchase Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, for officers to use in combating opiate overdoses. When administered to persons overdosing on opiates, Narcan has the ability to counter the effects of the opiate. The City of Wickliffe and the Lake County Department of General Health District provided officers with the Narcan. After receiving training in the use of Narcan, officers began carrying it in their patrol cars. In 2021, Narcan was used 34 times by officers in an effort to save lives. The following officers administered Narcan to overdosing persons: Ptl. Kuhse (8), Ptl. Shum (4), Ptl. Regnier (4), Ptl. Smith (3), Ptl. Paull (3), Sgt. Coolick (2), Ptl. Brenner (2), Ptl. Fitch (2), Ptl. Budzicki (2), Ptl. Rosen (1), Ptl. Ankuda (1), Ptl. Merrifield (1), Ptl. Peacock (1).

**INTOXILYZER 8000***Patrolman Rosen*

In 2021, sixty-four (64) persons were arrested for an OVI offense. Of these, sixty-one (61) were suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and three (3) were suspected of being under the influence of a drug of abuse.

Drugs that were suspected due to either admission of the driver or presence of evidence suggesting specific drug usage included the following:

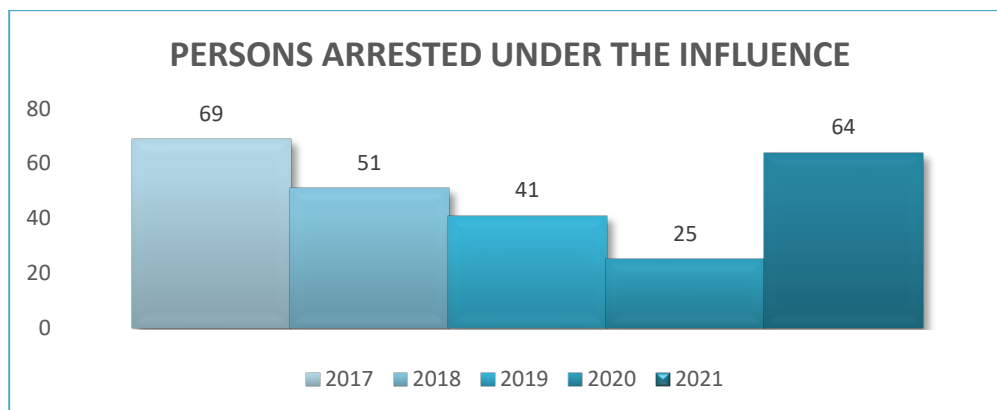
- Prescription pills: 3

For drivers believed to be under the influence of alcohol, a breath test is usually requested. If the driver is transported to the hospital for possible injuries, then a blood and/or urine sample is requested. If a driver is suspected of being under the influence of drugs, then a blood sample is requested. Under Ohio Law, drivers can refuse to submit a sample under most circumstances, although they may face a more severe sentence at Court. In 2021, of all OVI arrests, twenty-nine (29) drivers submitted a breath, blood or urine sample and thirty-six (36) refused for a refusal rate of 55%.

The average breath alcohol content (BAC) from all drivers who submitted a sample was .180. The range of BAC was from .084 to .368. The average age of all OVI offenders was 37.

The breakdown of measured BAC from the twenty-five (25) drivers who submitted a breath sample are:

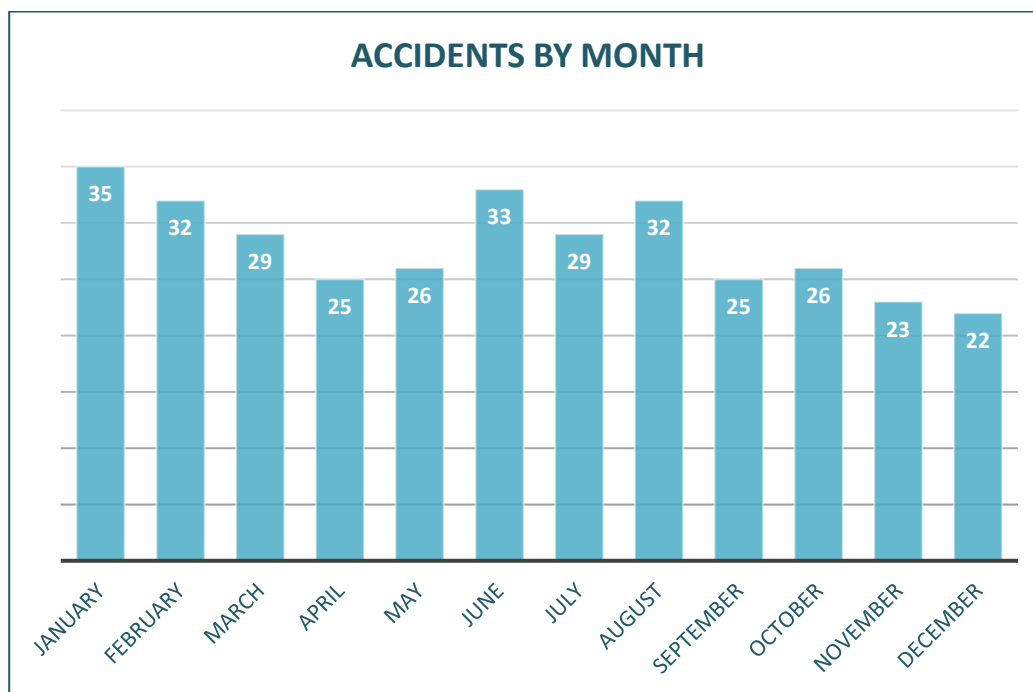
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.08 - .169 = 10  
.17 - .239 = 11  
.24 and above = 4

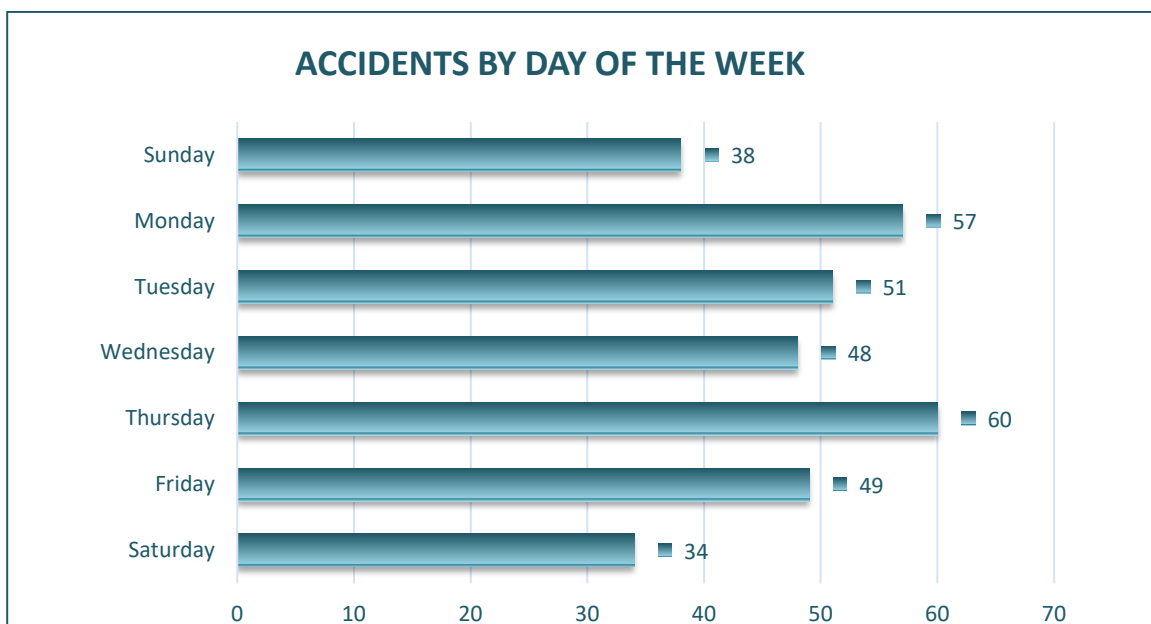
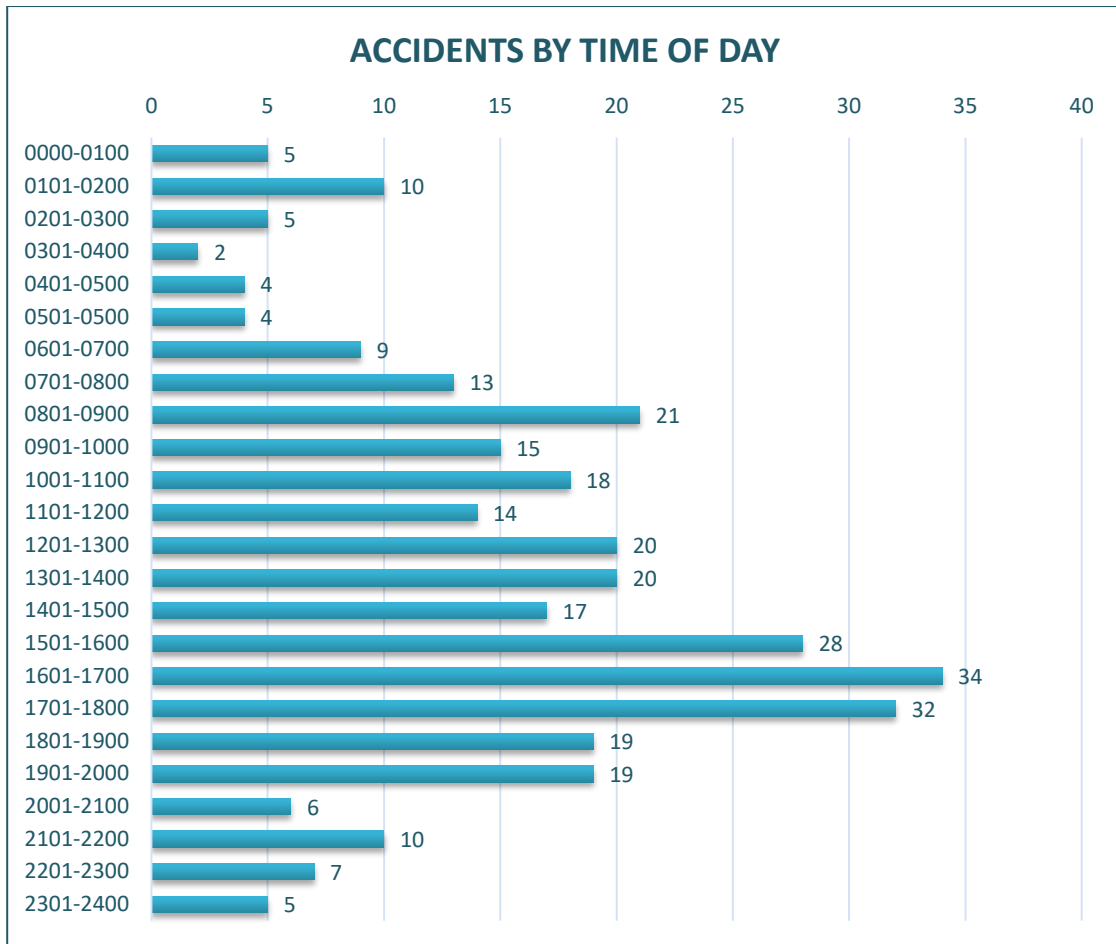


### ACCIDENT SUMMARY

*Prepared by Dispatcher Johnson*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Accidents/Public Street	383	318	366	327	295	300
Accidents/Private Property	51	24	30	54	45	37
Property Damage Only	335	265	296	23	31	20
Personal Injury	109	86	99	86	87	56
Pedestrian	0	0	6	1	1	2
Pedestrian Injury	0	2	6	1	1	0
Pedestrian Fatal	0	0	0	1	0	0
Driver/Passenger Fatal	0	0	1	0	1	0
Drivers Arrested	220	191	206	186	147	170
Drivers/Consumed Alcohol	21	15	14	10	14	24





### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

*Sergeant Petric*

In 2021, the Wickliffe Police Department continued its coordination efforts with the Lake County Juvenile Court, Prosecutor's Office, and the Wickliffe City Schools (both public and private). The SRO's handled numerous types of calls for service ranging from assaults and harassment to traffic control for the elementary school Halloween parade.

The SRO program is best summed up as follows. If the courts, schools, and police form a triangle, then the SRO is at the center of the triangle. The SRO's purpose is to facilitate communication between these three groups. The following are some examples of how the relationship benefits all three organizations in the triangle. If an administrative investigation reveals criminal activity in the school, that principal contacts the SRO. The SRO can then access police resources to conduct the investigation. The SRO knows the standard required to prosecute a juvenile criminally and can advise the principal if such conditions are met. Another example is if an investigation starts off of school grounds, it may lead to the discovery of inappropriate activity that had occurred in one of the schools. In some instances, school administrators are better equipped to handle such problems that do not require police action.



*Ptl. Peacock mingles with the students on Halloween*

The WPD and Wickliffe City Schools continued their relationship in 2021. A WPD officer is assigned to WHS for a four-hour block. This is an elective side job and did not take away from day-to-day operations of the police department. This new way of looking at the SRO program continues to allow different officers to become accustomed to the way the schools operate, and gave them a chance to interact with the students in ways that they may not have been able to do as part of their daily patrol duties.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 was still an issue in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the WPD from collaborating with the schools in the Shop with a Cop program. The hope for 2022 is that the police department and the Wickliffe City Schools would be able to resume programs like Shop with a Cop as these types of programs are enjoyable for the students and members of the police department.

The men and women of the Wickliffe Police Department would like to show their appreciation to Mayor Barbish, City Council and the school's administrators, teachers, staff, and students.



### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

*Lieutenant Bush, Commander*



The WESTERN LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) is comprised of police officers from the cities of Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Willowick, and Kirtland. Assigned officers are volunteers who perform the duties of the team in addition to their regular assignments. Representing the City of Wickliffe on the team are Lt. Bush, Sgt. Coolick, Ptl. Kuhse, Ptl. Cook, and Ptl. Smith.

The primary duties of the team involve serving high-risk search and arrest warrants, handling barricaded subjects and hostage situations, and handling any other high-risk situations that require a tactical resolution. In addition to the tactical component of the team, there are several negotiators who specialize in finding peaceful solutions to stressful and sometimes violent situations. Representing the City of Wickliffe as negotiators are Lt. McCaffery, Sgt. Sopko, and Sgt. Peeples.

The ERT was utilized two times in 2021. Both of the incidents involved the service of search warrants in Willowick for the Lake County Narcotics Agency. Both of the warrants were served without injuries, and narcotics and weapons were recovered. Due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, calls for service dropped dramatically which lessened the need for the ERT to be called out.

The ERT team continues to strive for a high level of training so that dangerous incidents may be handled in the safest manner possible. The team conducts regular monthly training days, as well as a week-long session of firearms and tactics training conducted in September. This year's training was taught by instructors from Norse Tactical, a company specializing in SWAT tactics. Officers received extensive instruction in firearms and room clearing tactics.

In September, Wickliffe CNT officers attended the annual Midwest Crises Negotiators Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The conference highlights the peaceful resolution of critical incidents, and it presents an excellent opportunity for quality lectures and networking. This ongoing training is essential to maintaining the proficiency of the team.

This January of 2022, I chose to retire from the ERT after serving for 25 years. Sgt. Vachet, who was my Assistant Commander, will take over as Commander and has proven he will continue leading by example. I wish him good luck and safekeeping. In closing, I would like to thank Mayor Barbish, Wickliffe City Council, and Chief Randy Ice for their continued support, which allows members of the ERT to provide our community with the best possible services.



*Commander Bush (center) gives instruction to ERT members during a training exercise*

### U.S. MARSHAL'S NORTHERN OHIO VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

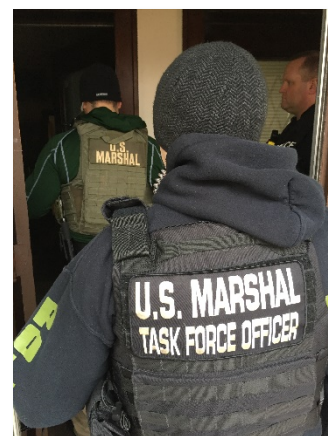
*Detective Dondrea*



The U.S. Marshal's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is led by Deputy U.S. Marshal Bobie Davis. The task force is comprised of Deputy U.S. Marshals, Ohio Adult Parole officers and various officers from police departments throughout Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. I have been assigned to the Painesville division of the task force since it originated in November of 2012. The purpose of this task force is to apprehend violent fugitives, suspects with felony warrants and suspects with violent/serious misdemeanor warrants that originate from Lake, Geauga or Ashtabula County. The task force can also be called out for serious incidents that require the expeditious apprehension of the suspect(s) involved.

In 2021, the task force was involved in 116 arrests. Four of the arrests were for homicide, three were for kidnapping, three were for escape, nine for weapons related offenses, five were for rape and other sex offenses, four were for robbery, seventeen were for felonious assaults, assaults and assault on a police officer and sixteen were for drug trafficking offenses. The task force made numerous other arrests for domestic violence offenses, parole/probation violations, other theft related offenses and other serious crimes. A number of these offenses originated within The City of Wickliffe or its surrounding communities.

I would like to thank Mayor Barbish, Wickliffe City Council, and Chief Randy Ice for their support of this task force.





# WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2021 Annual Report

**NEW HIRES.** Despite the effects of the pandemic, arrangements were made for three patrolmen to be sworn in safely during the month of January. From left are Ptl. Peacock, Ptl. Thomas, and Ptl. Bischof.



**PROMOTIONS.** Sgt. McCaffery was promoted to Lieutenant and Ptl. Peeples to Sergeant on May 5, 2021.



**MEMORIAL DAY.** Taking time to remember and thank our fallen servicemen.





## WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 2021 Annual Report

**BIKE RODEO.** Kids of all ages had fun at the annual bike rodeo where they received a free t-shirt, participated in an obstacle course in the parking lot and a bike ride around the park. They played in a bouncy house, tried to soak an officer in the dunk tank, and enjoyed a hot dog luncheon. Prizes were raffled off at the end of the event.





## WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 2021 Annual Report

**AUCTION.** Bikes and surplus equipment were auctioned off to the highest bidder by auctioneer/CPO Ptl. Veri.



**BLOCK WATCH PICNIC.** Several residents enjoyed an end of the summer block watch meeting where their questions and concerns were addressed by Lt. McCaffery and Ptl. Veri.





### TRAINING

*Lieutenant Bush*



In 2021, The Wickliffe Police Department continued to deal with the limitations that the COVID 19 outbreak had caused. Many of the training classes, seminars, and schools that were scheduled for our officers in 2020 were rescheduled into 2021; however, class size was limited and manpower issues due to illnesses sometimes limited attendance. Even with these limitations we were able to more than double the amount of training this year compared to last year. We continue to provide a core of training classes for all officers. This core includes: The Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation; Emergency Vehicle Pursuit and Response Training; Street Survival; Firearms, Arrest, and Survival Tactics (F.A.S.T.); Radar/Laser Certification; Criminal Patrol/Drug Interdiction; Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement; and crisis intervention training. Additionally, officers are encouraged to find elective training courses based on department needs and officer specialization.

Within the communications division, we were able to maintain our training and techniques essential to the dispatching function. It includes: Law Enforcement Dispatch, Fire Service Dispatch, Emergency Medical Dispatch, Hazardous Materials Response, Suicide Intervention, Domestic Violence Intervention, and 911 Liability. We have continued our computer-based training for biennial re-certifications in Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Emergency Medical dispatch. This has proven to be cost-effective and less disruptive to manpower scheduling, while still providing the most up to-date training material available. All eight of our dispatchers also received certification from the American Red Cross for Adult and Child CPR/AED/First Aid. Dispatchers Brzeski and Johnson also attended a Critical Incident Training for dispatchers at Crossroads Health in Mentor.

The Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirement, established by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council and the Ohio General Assembly, requires all full-time and part-time police officers to complete a set number of hours of annual professional training. Once again in 2021 the State of Ohio did not have any funding for required CPT hours; therefore, Ohio police officers were not required to attend any trainings. Despite there being no mandate, Wickliffe PD continues to encourage training for our officers. The average number of training hours per Wickliffe Police employee in 2021 was 59 hours.

Training highlights for the 2021 year include: 3 officers-Sgt. Coolick, Ptl. Paull and Ptl. Pecnik completed the intensive 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Team training hosted by Beacon Health; Lt. Bush, Sgt. Coolick, Ptl. Kuhse, Ptl. Cook, and Ptl. Smith attended a 24-hour Norse Tactical Operators SWAT course; 12 officers completed either a 24-hour or 8-hour refresher course in vehicle pursuit driving hosted by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office; Lt. McCaffery, Sgt. Sopko and Sgt. Petric attended the 120-hour Command Leadership, Executive Leadership, and Supervisor Leadership Institute; newly promoted Sgt. Peeples completed the 40-hour First Line Supervision training; Hostage Negotiators Lt. McCaffery, Sgt. Peeples, and Sgt. Sopko attended the Midwest Hostage Negotiators Conference in Columbus, OH; newly assigned to the Detective Bureau, Det. Cook, became a certified CVSA examiner; Ptl. Fitch completed the Field Training Officer course and the Core Criminal Investigators course; and Ptl. Merrifield completed numerous firearms courses to become our newest firearms instructor.

During 2021, 30 full-time police officers, 5 part-time officers, and 8 full-time dispatchers, and 1 part-time dispatcher attended training schools or seminars to update or enhance their skills and knowledge in various disciplines. Sixty (60) schools, seminars, or online training blocks were completed, covering twelve months of the year, totaling **Two Thousand Six Hundred and Two (2,602)** hours of continuing education.

On behalf of the Wickliffe Police Department, I would like to thank Chief Ice, Mayor Barbish, and City Council for their recognition to the importance of having highly trained and professional police officers and their support in allocating the funds necessary to maintain and continually improve the Wickliffe Police Department.

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### SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS

LOCATION	COURSE NAME	ATTENDEES
Cleveland, OH	Reid Technique of Interviewing & Interrogation	Merrifield
Cleveland Metroparks	Search Warrant Preparation	Krivacic
Columbus, OH	CVSA Certified Examiner Course	McCaffery, Cook
Columbus, OH	Hands On Computer Mapping	Nosse
Columbus, OH	Midwest Crisis Negotiators Conference	McCaffery, Sopko, Peeples
Columbus, OH	Ohio Identification Officers Conference	Nosse
Crossroads Health	Peer Support for First Responders	Horn
Cuyahoga Falls, OH	Dynamics of Officer / Citizen Encounters	Krivacic
Geauga County SO	Emergency Vehicle Response Driving	Coolick, Shum, Brenner, Rosen, Regnier, Ankuda, Smith, DiDona, Heaton, Peacock, Thomas, Bischof
Geauga County SO	Stop Stick and Stinger Tire Deflation Devices	Coolick, Shum, Brenner, Rosen, Regnier, Ankuda, DiDona, Heaton, Peacock, Thomas, Bischof
Jeffersonville, IN	Tactical Leadership Course	Kuhse
Lake County, OH	Crisis Intervention Team Training	Coolick, Pecnik, Paull
Lake County, OH	C.I.T. Dispatcher / Call Taker Training	Brzeski, Johnson
Lake County Narcotics	Managing and Recruiting Sources and Witnesses	Kuhse, Cook, Fitch, Merrifield, Heaton, Paull
Lake County Narcotics	Street Drugs: What Every Officer Needs to Know	Regnier, Ankuda, Budzicki, DiDona, Heaton, Pecnik
Massillon, OH	TASER Energy Weapons Instructor	Coolick
North Royalton PD	Child Sexual Abuse Investigation	Fitch
OPOTA / London	Advanced Driver Instructor	Bush
OPOTA / London	Core Criminal Investigation	DiDona
OPOTA / London	Basic Precision Rifle Skills	Merrifield
OPOTA / London	Precision Rifle Operator	Merrifield
OPOTA / online	Restraint or Confinement of a Pregnant Suspect	Bush, Thompson, McCaffery, Coolick, Krivacic, Sopko, Petric, Dondrea, Moreland, Shum, Brenner, Rosen, Regnier, Sabruno, Kuhse, Peeples, Cook, Smith, Fitch, Budzicki, DiDona, Merrifield, Heaton, Pecnik, Peacock, Thomas, Valko, Hanlon
OPOTA / Orient, OH	Select Fire Weapon Instructor	Merrifield, Heaton
OPOTA / Richfield	Core Criminal Investigation	Fitch
Painesville, OH	Advanced Search & Seizure	Peacock, Thomas
Painesville, OH	Advanced Traffic Stops	Peacock, Thomas
Painesville, OH	Bulletproof Report Writing	Peacock, Thomas
Painesville, OH	Designing Exceptional Training Programs	McCaffery, Merrifield
Painesville, OH	FBI-LEEDA, Command Leadership Institute	McCaffery, Sopko, Petric

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Painesville, OH	FBI-LEEDA, Executive Leadership Institute	McCaffery, Sopko, Petric
Painesville, OH	FBI-LEEDA, Supervisor Leadership Institute	Sopko, Petric
Painesville, OH	Leading Without Rank: Leadership for the Line Officer	Merrifield, Heaton, Paull
Painesville, OH	Transformational Trainer	Merrifield
PowerPhone / online	Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification	Horn, George, Turk
PowerPhone / online	EMD Telecommunicator – CPR	Horn, George, Turk
PowerPhone / online	Fire Service Dispatch Recertification	Horn, Shaw, George, Turk
PowerPhone / online	Foundation Recertification	George
PowerPhone / online	Law Enforcement Dispatch Recertification	Shaw, George, Turk
Streetsboro, OH	Field Training Officer Seminar	Fitch
Strongsville, OH	De-Escalation: Strategies for Best Possible Outcomes	Krivacic
Walton Hills, OH	Street Smart Cop / Pro-Active Patrol Tactics	Paull
Wickliffe PD	CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid	Ice, Bush, Thompson, McCaffery, Coolick, Krivacic, Sopko, Petric, Peeples, Dondrea, Moreland, Shum, Brenner, Rosen, Regnier, Sabruno, Kuhse, Cook, Ankuda, Smith, Pecnik, Fitch, Budzicki, DiDona, Merrifield, Heaton, Paull, Valko, Nosse, Hanlon, Bender-Walker, Stein, Horn, Shaw, George, Turk, Gordon, Brzeski, Johnson, Hirz
Wickliffe PD	Taser X26P User Certification Course	Peacock, Thomas, Bischof
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 101: Release or Not	Sopko
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 102: Exceptions to Releasing a Public Record	Sopko
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 103: Investigative Records	Sopko
Wickliffe PD / livestream	Public Records 104: Retention/Destruction	Sopko
Wickliffe PD / online	Certified Property and Evidence Specialist	Valko
Wickliffe PD / online	Impacting Narcotics in Ohio	Moreland
Wickliffe PD / online	Managing Property and Evidence in Law Enforcement	Valko
Wickliffe PD / online	Ohio LEADS	Thomas
Wickliffe PD / online	OHLEG Security	Thomas
Wickliffe PD / online	Roadside Questioning	Bischof
Willoughby PD	First Line Supervision	Peeples

**WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE CAR INVENTORY**

December 31, 2021

<b>CAR #</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO</b>	<b>MAKE</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>COLOR</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>
750	CHIEF	FORD	F-150 P/R 4X4	WHITE	2020	14,996
751	DET. BUREAU	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	GRAY	2016	34,995
753	DET. BUREAU	FORD	FUSION	SILVER	2018	16,557
752	DET. BUREAU	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	TAN	2010	77,113
754	PATROL	DODGE	CHARGER	WHITE	2019	48,840
755	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR	WHITE	2017	64,946
756	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	64,852
757	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR	WHITE	2017	77,296
758	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	70,566
759	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2017	75,363
765	PATROL	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	WHITE	2020	35,250
760	LIEUTENANTS	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	BLACK	2020	7,027
761	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2019	74,182
762	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2020	18,246
763	SWAT TEAM	CHEVROLET	E25 VAN	WHITE	2011	9,601
764	SERGEANTS	DODGE	CHARGER	WHITE	2019	24,443
766	UNDERCOVER	FORD	FUSION	BLACK	2010	66,789
767	PATROL	FORD	INTERCEPTOR SUV	WHITE	2020	14,161
768	DET. BUREAU	DODGE	RAM 1500	GRAY	2020	9,710
769	JAIL	FORD	TRANSIT	WHITE	2018	17,403
MC-1	TRAFFIC	HARLEY	FLHP	WHITE	2010	