

West Carrollton Police Department

2022 Annual Report



Guiding Principles

Integrity - We hold ourselves accountable and demand the highest level of ethical and moral standards from all. We are role models, acting with courage and building trust within the organization and the community.

Honesty - We value uncompromised honesty in every aspect of our careers and our department. We shall maintain objectivity, openness, fairness, and responsibility when dealing with all members of the public.

Accountability - We are individually and collectively accountable to both internal and external stakeholders. We are competent, responsible, and dedicated to providing effective and efficient services.

Professionalism - We treat everyone with courtesy and respect. We understand that our appearance, words, and demeanor contribute to the public's confidence in us. We are responsive to the community, and deliver services promptly and efficiently.

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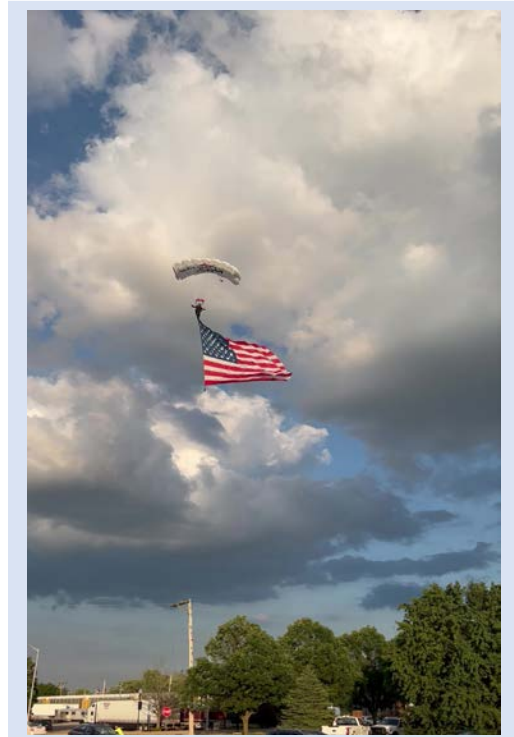
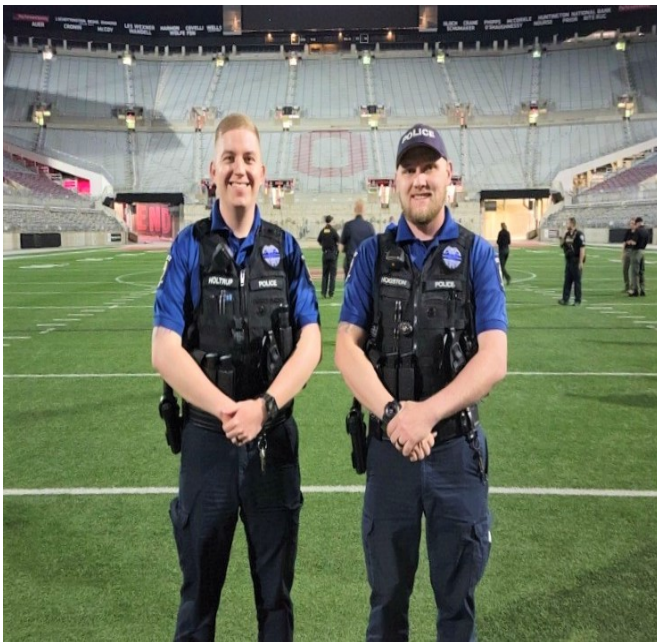


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the West Carrollton Police Department is to provide excellent service through leadership and partnership with the community.

A Word from the Chief



Thank you for taking the time to review the 2022 West Carrollton Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to provide you with an update on some of the accomplishments, growth, and goals that have taken place over the past year. More importantly, the purpose with this report is to provide you, our citizens, with a deeper understanding of policing in West Carrollton through general crime and traffic statistics, trends, programs, projects, and community engagement. I view the commitment we demonstrated to our community, our profession, our families, and each other, as our greatest accomplishment. As you can see throughout this report, WCPD has worked hard to meet our goals and expectations. 2022 proved to be a challenging year for many reasons and just as in the past, the members of WCPD and our community rose to the challenge.

One of our greatest challenges has been in the area of staffing. The process to attract and hire candidates of quality can sometimes be daunting. As the national, regional, and local trends indicate, there is a significant shortage of quality candidates entering the profession of law enforcement. However, I am encouraged by the quality of the people we currently have on staff. This, no doubt, relates to our ability to attract and retain the best and brightest to join our department.

West Carrollton police personnel display outstanding performance in a variety of situations while consistently demonstrating their commitment to providing the highest quality police services to our community. With Integrity, Honesty, Accountability, and Professionalism, we continue to build relationships within our community. We strive to improve personal safety, protect citizens rights, and promote individual responsibility and community commitment. The relationship between the community and the members of this department is exceptional and we do not take this for granted. We understand the great responsibility the public has entrusted to this department and we continually strive to meet or exceed those expectations.

On a personal note, as I begin my 9th year of service as Chief of Police, I remain committed to serving this city and the men and women of the West Carrollton Police Department with great pride, enthusiasm, passion, commitment, and determination.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Woodard

Police Administration



2022 saw the completion of two educational leadership programs for two of our police administrators. First, Deputy Chief Wessling graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The National Police Academy selects law enforcement professionals, with proven records, from all of over the country and internationally, for ten weeks of communication, leadership, and fitness training.

Deputy Chief Wessling was part of the 281st session of the National Academy. This session consisted of men and women from 45 states and the District of Columbia. The class also included members of law enforcement agencies from 32 countries, five military organizations, and six federal and civilian agencies. In total there were 269 graduates for the session.



This year also saw the graduation of Sergeant Nathan Biggs from law enforcement's CLEE Program. CLEE consists of 14 months of self-study, in-residence classes, written tests, case studies, and extensive book readings. CLEE stands for Certified Law Enforcement Executive and is a program for police officers (sergeant and higher rank) who are at the executive level or who wish to progress to executive levels in their agency. The CLEE program is equivalent to a master's degree in law enforcement. Upon successful completion, officers must re-certify every three years.



Officer Spotlight: SRO Maureen Flaute

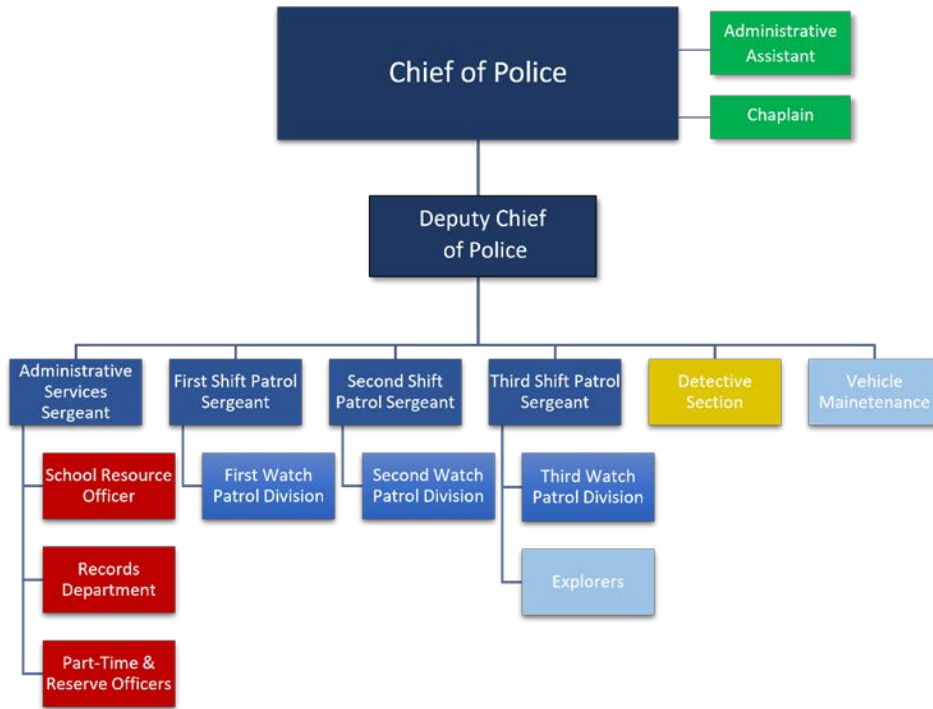
In August 2022, Officer Maureen (Mo) Flaute became the newest School Resource Officer for West Carrollton High School. Officer Flaute brings 30 years of law enforcement experience to the halls of WCHS. She first became a sworn officer in 1993 and eventually landed in West Carrollton in 2007.

Officer Flaute has enjoyed many roles during her tenure with West Carrollton Police. From Field Training Officer to Public Information Officer, she has done a little bit of everything. Taking on the challenge of SRO has been something she has wanted to do for quite a while. Although the position has come with its challenges, so far she has really enjoyed it. She is excited to be learning new concepts in a new environment and being a role model for our kids.



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Organizational Chart (Rev. 04/21/2022)



In Memoriam

In 2022, we mourned the passing of Patrick J. McCoy. Although Officer McCoy had only been with us a short time before his sudden passing in April, he left a deep impact on our hearts.

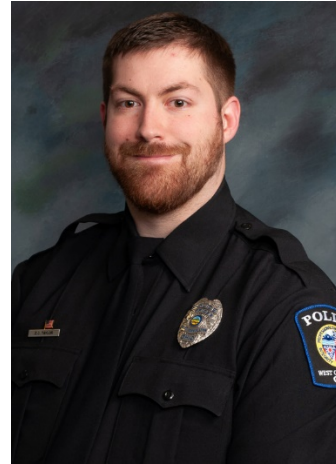
Never one to shy away from lending a hand, Officer McCoy was the epitome of a cop’s cop. His big personality and friendly smile made you feel as if you had known him for years.

In honor of Officer McCoy, a departmental award was created for a City of West Carrollton employee for a specific act, series of acts, or conduct, which is considered to be outstanding. The act or conduct that was exhibited directly contributed to the safety and/or well-being of the public or fellow employee(s). The first recipients of this award were city service workers: Billy Branham, Matt Gustin, Nick Kolb, and Todd Pemberton. These four gentlemen were able to provide life saving measures to a fellow city worker when, while picking up trash, a glass table broke and severed the worker’s artery.



Employee Awards

**Officer of the Year
Zach Taylor**



**Department
Commendation
Officer Josh Labensky**

Perfect Attendance

Det. Scott Lawson

Sgt. Jeremy Branham

Admin Assistant Teresa Eitel



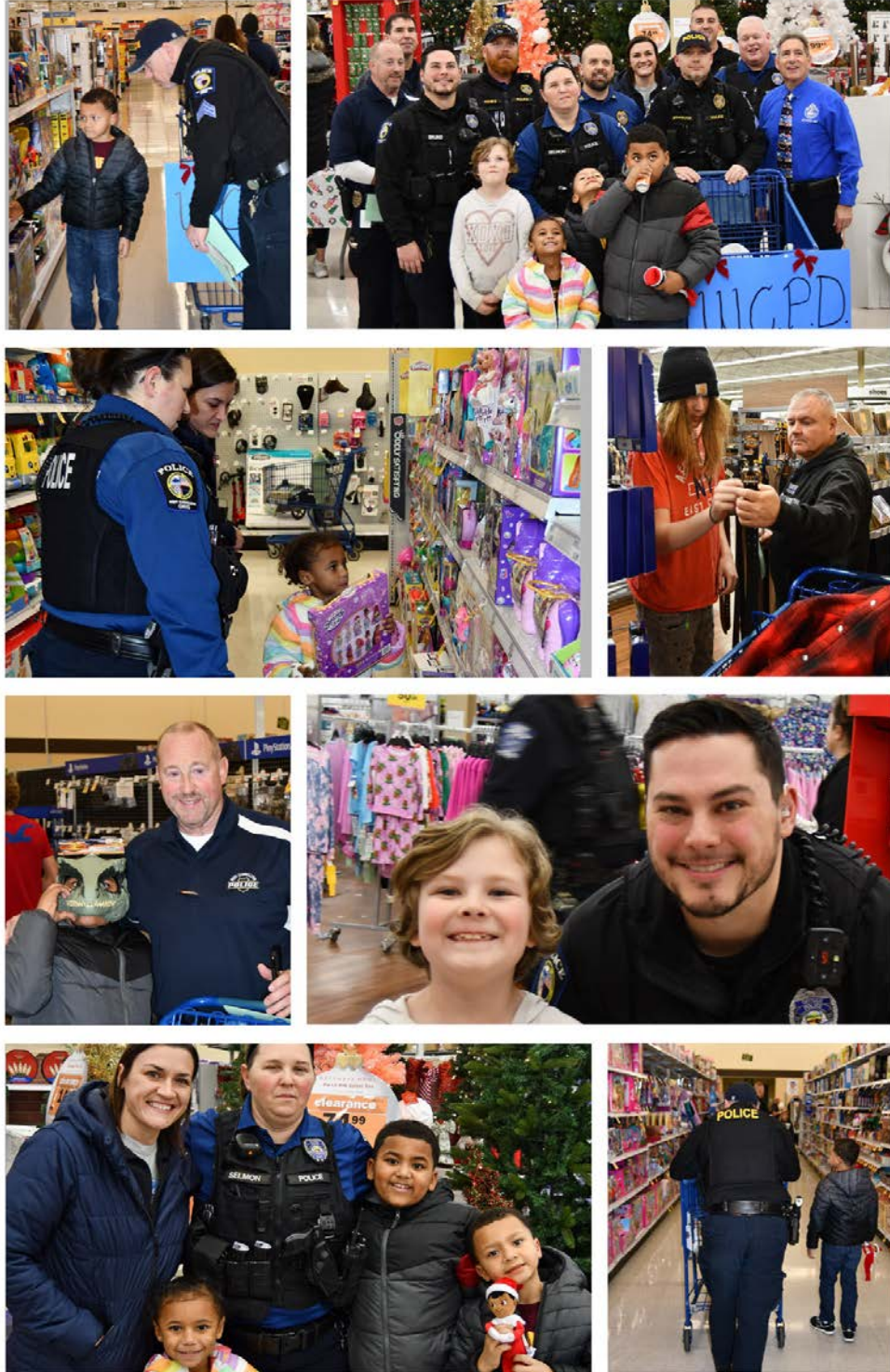
Citizens Police Academy returned in 2022 after taking some time off because of Covid 19. This year's academy was number sixteen for the department.



Citizens Police Academy

West Carrollton Police Department values the relationships that are formed within the community. Keeping these relationships strong is vital to quality policing and to keeping citizens confident in their police department.





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WCPD Five Year Activity Report

<u>CRIMINAL OFFENSES</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assault	126	139	99	116	133
Burglary	61	49	34	41	32
Domestic Violence	124	107	110	102	93
Fraud	57	62	59	96	65
Homicide	1	0	1	0	0
Sex Offenses	17	20	21	18	22
Robbery	3	13	7	4	2
Theft/Auto Theft	211	196	170	225	187
<u>CRASHES</u>					
Total Crashes	336	351	290	376	334
Fatal	1	0	2	0	0
Injury	70	68	57	62	57
Property Damage	265	283	231	314	277
<u>TRAFFIC / CRIMINAL</u>					
Adult Charges	2402	1412	1320	1336	1221
Traffic	1700	970	942	911	813
Criminal	702	442	378	425	408
Juvenile Charges	163	118	47	70	82
Traffic	29	21	20	14	16
Criminal	134	97	27	56	66
<u>Reports</u>	1858	1744	1521	1745	1709
<u>Calls for Service</u>	9378	9018	8223	8334	8744
<u>Officer Initiated Activity</u>	8631	6647	5129	4472	5909

Traffic Enforcement

In the interest of maintaining a safe community and safe neighborhoods, the West Carrollton Police Department places an importance on traffic enforcement. Speeding, the running of stop signs, or other types of traffic violations comprise a large portion of the criminal complaints that the department receives from our citizens. The department addresses these complaints through our various enforcement activities throughout the year.

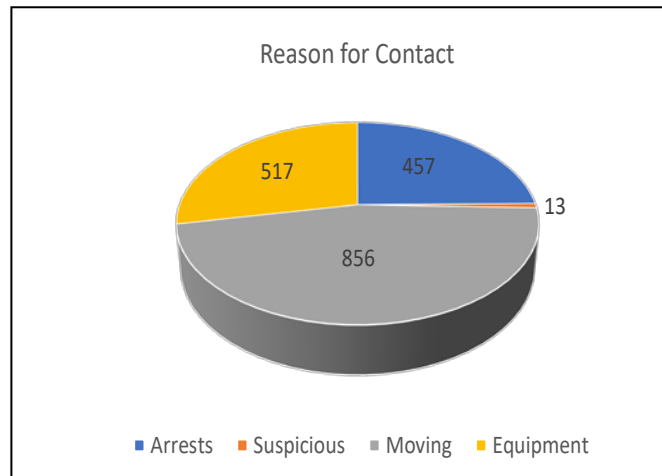
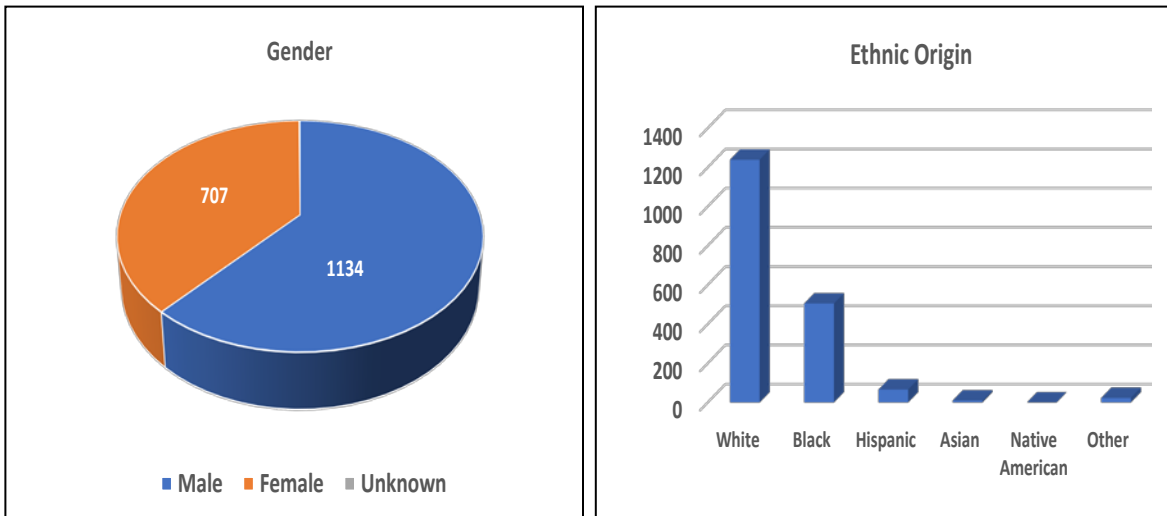
The total number of traffic charges for 2022 are represented in the chart below:

Month	Speed	Red Light / Stop Sign	Seat Belt	OVI	OL	Other	Total
January	2	2	0	4	18	25	51
February	7	6	0	5	17	12	47
March	24	9	2	4	25	19	83
April	12	3	0	2	24	16	57
May	8	6	0	6	18	28	66
June	17	1	0	5	32	34	89
July	22	3	1	6	18	13	63
August	38	3	3	8	24	21	97
September	14	9	1	6	15	17	62
October	11	7	2	9	27	14	70
November	18	7	1	6	16	26	74
December	8	5	0	10	22	21	66
TOTALS	181	61	10	71	256	246	825

Bias Based Policing

The department follows a bias-based policing policy that was originally instituted in 2000. This policy covers traffic stops, field contacts, arrests, searches, and seizures. Stops based solely upon the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, age, or income status by any member of the department is strictly prohibited. In addition, the department does not ask drivers to search their vehicles unless the request is based upon probable cause, lawful arrest, or inventory. The department does not advocate requests to search vehicles as a drug interdiction technique.

The department has a monthly and quarterly reporting system, which are reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief, and Sergeants in an attempt to identify potential trends by each individual officer or shift. Monthly reports are also provided to the local chapter of the NAACP. Training on bias-based policing is conducted on an annual basis. The charts below give a breakdown of the 2022 statistics:



Internal Investigations

The internal affairs policies of the West Carrollton Police Department ensures that the professional conduct by the members of the department is maintained through fair and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct. Every complaint against a member of the West Carrollton Police Department, whether formal or informal, will be investigated to the extent required by the nature and type of complaint. An investigation will occur if the complaint was received anonymously, or otherwise, and whether it is from an internal or external sources.

The police department also completes incident reviews. An incident review will automatically be conducted on any incident in which there was a use of force or vehicle pursuit. The review will be for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all appropriate policies and procedures by the officers involved in an incident.

Internal Investigations –

There were **2** internal investigations during 2022. As a result of the investigations, the action taken is represented in the following chart.

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	FINDINGS
2 – Policy Violations	(2) Documented Verbal Reprimands

Incident Reviews –

Officers must complete a Use of Force/Response to Resistance Report if they use any type of force on a subject. They must also complete this report if someone claims or displays any injury while in custody of an officer. Force may include: the officer pointing their service weapon at the subject, using intermediate weapons such as the taser, or even the use of deadly force. There were a total of **25** incident reviews for 2022. Some of these events required the officers to respond in various manners due to the different levels of resistance they encountered. For example, an officer may not be able to bring a subject under control using physical strength and skill, so they may need to progress to the deployment of the taser. Therefore, the total number of Incident Reviews completed will not equal the sum of the listed categories. A breakdown of the type of incidents is represented in the following chart.

The majority of the department’s response to resistance incidents occurred between 2100 and 0300 hours and usually involved a suspect that is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

No.	Type of Force
6	Restraining Holds
5	Takedowns
8	Display of Firearm
3	ECD Discharge
7	Other Force Type Used
4	Empty Handed Technique
1	Chemical Agent/Spray
6	Balance Displacement

Department Training Report

The Training Unit of the West Carrollton Police Department strives to provide all members with continuous and updated training throughout the year. Over the course of time many local, state, and federal laws are added, updated, or changed. These new laws require that the officers of the West Carrollton Police Department are continuously trained in order to stay current with the changing legal system. There are also many aspects of the job duties and responsibilities that are affected by new laws or procedures. The types of training each member of the department receives are broken down into the following formats:

Roll-Call Training: The department utilizes Roll-Call Training to cover topics that normally do not require classroom or practical instruction. Roll-Call Training is generally conducted by shift sergeants, or subject matter instructors utilizing PowerPoints, online resources, or outside training documents that are prepared by the agency instructor. Roll-Call Training can last as little as fifteen minutes up to an hour, and is conducted at shift change with a small group of officers over a few days period.

In-Service Training: In-Service Training is conducted at the police department and also covers a wide variety of topics. This type of training is usually conducted by various members of the department who are certified as subject matter instructors and can last from one half hour to eight hours. In-service Training was also accomplished through the use of Police One Academy which provides a broad variety of training topics that can be conducted individually while an officer is on-duty and at the individual officer's pace.

Outside Agency Training: There are several specialized schools and other locations that the department utilizes for this type of training. Some of these locations include: the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, Butler Technical Institute, Miami Valley Communications Council, Miami Valley Risk Management Association, the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit, Taser International, Police Executives Leadership College, and Certified Law Enforcement Executive.

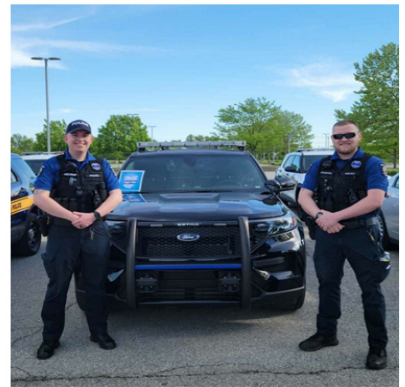
Outside Agency Training usually lasts from one day to three weeks and covers a variety of topics including Traffic Accident Investigation, Instructors School, Advanced Leadership Training, Advanced Detection and Prosecution of Impaired Drivers, Evidence Technician School, Sex Crimes, Interview and Interrogation, Long Term Criminal Investigations, Financial Forensic Techniques, Internet Safety, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Death Investigation, Hostage Negotiations, Firearms Instructor, Court Room Testimony, Commercial Vehicle Accident Investigation, Records Retention and Management, and Legal Update.

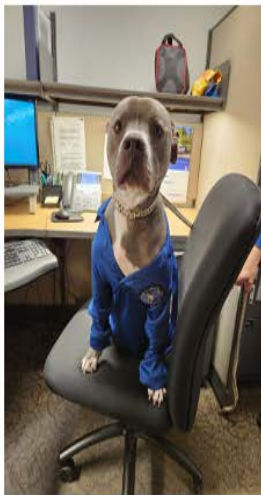
Accreditation Update

The accreditation process is a voluntary program for law enforcement agencies in a joint effort of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), and four major law enforcement executive membership associations: The International Association of Chiefs of Police, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, The National Sheriff's Association, and The Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission was formed in 1979 to establish a body of standards designed to increase law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent/control crime, increase agency effectiveness/efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services, increase cooperation/coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system, and to increase citizen/employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency. In addition, the Commission was formed to develop a process that provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards.

Our police department, under the direction of our Accreditation Manager Sgt. Nathan Biggs, continuously performs file maintenance procedures as well as completes numerous and lengthy reports in order to comply with the CALEA standards. In March of 2022, the department achieved its 10th CALEA re-accreditation certificate after attending the spring CALEA Conference located in Orlando, Florida. During the conference, Chief Woodard and the accreditation team attended a hearing before the CALEA Commissioners to review the site-based assessment report written by the CALEA Assessors who reviewed the agency over a three-day assessment in November of 2021. The CALEA Commissioners voted to approve the re-accreditation of the West Carrollton Police Department.





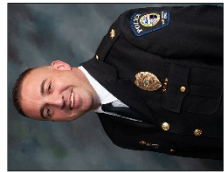


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Sworn to Protect...Dedicated to Serve



DOUGLAS WOODBURY, CHIEF
31 YEARS OF SERVICE



DAVID WILLIAMS, DEP. CHIEF
21 YEARS OF SERVICE



N. BRIGGS, SGT.
18 YEARS OF SERVICE



M. HANKINS, SGT.
22 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. ALLISON, DET.
42 YEARS OF SERVICE



R. BELL, DET.
28 YEARS OF SERVICE



S. LAWSON, DET.
19 YEARS OF SERVICE



P. BRUNO
1 YEAR OF SERVICE



J. CALLAHAN
3 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. CARMACK
4 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. BRANNAMAN, SGT.
12 YEARS OF SERVICE



A. FLINN, SGT.
10 YEARS OF SERVICE



C. FAIRCHILD
10 YEARS OF SERVICE



M. FLAUTE
15 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. GARWOOD
18 YEARS OF SERVICE



E. HIGDON
3 YEARS OF SERVICE



M. HOLTRUP
3 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. LABINSKY
1 YEAR OF SERVICE



J. MOORE
9 YEARS OF SERVICE



T. ORSHUN
7 YEARS OF SERVICE



S. PAUL
1 YEAR OF SERVICE



J. PEARY
8 YEARS OF SERVICE



J. ROBERTS
4 YEARS OF SERVICE



B. SELMON
8 YEARS OF SERVICE



Z. TAYLOR
1 YEAR OF SERVICE



T. HARDING, CHAPLAIN
4 YEARS OF SERVICE



W. BERGER
7 YEARS OF SERVICE



T. EITEL
3 YEARS OF SERVICE



A. HAYNES
1 YEAR OF SERVICE



C. TAYLOR
7 YEARS OF SERVICE