



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

FINDLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduction

A message from Chief Robert Ring

The Findlay Police Department welcomes you to its 2022 Annual Report. The members of the Department are committed to their duties and they strive every day to provide professional and fair law enforcement services, as well as prompt and efficient emergency services dispatching. The Department had a busy 2022 and accomplished several key goals.



The Department was able to evaluate and test three brands of body camera systems, as well as in-car cameras. The Department finished policy on the topic in 2022 and is working towards a full camera implementation in 2023. The testing periods allowed personnel to try out different options so that an efficient and quality brand can be selected.

The Department made several significant advances on some ongoing projects. A backup VHF radio project was almost completed at year's end. Once the fiber lines are hooked up in early 2023, the project will be complete and the system will be fully operational. This will provide double redundancy should the main radio system fail.

Some other notable projects involved the Department and Findlay City Schools entering into an agreement to permit emergency use of the school system's camera system in the event of an active threat at any of the campuses. The Department upgraded the computer forensic investigation equipment, installed a new recorder in Dispatch to record radio and phone communications, and additional security cameras in and around the property room and training center were installed.

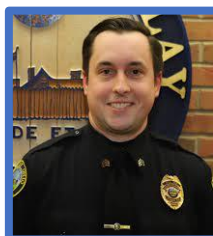
The Department continues to retain accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), as well as the Ohio Collaborative. The CALEA site-based review will occur later in 2023.



Lt. David Hill

We had several staff changes in 2022. Lt. Ryan Doe and Officer Don Dawson both retired. Sgt. David Hill was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Andrew Rudnik was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The Department worked hard with recruitment efforts to hire additional personnel for both police and dispatch vacancies. Four officers and one dispatcher were hired in 2022, with additional hiring efforts in process at year's end. I look forward to filling the remaining openings within the Department in 2023 to reach our authorized strength.



Sgt. Andrew Rudnik

The staff at the Findlay Police Department looks forward to continuing its mission, meeting whatever challenge that lies ahead, and appreciates the support it receives from the Findlay community and the various partners that help us meet the needs of the community.

OUR VISION

**We will promote a safe and
secure community
through fair and professional
policing.**

OUR MISSION

**We are dedicated to preventing crime,
enforcing laws,
protecting life and property
while upholding
the constitutional rights of all.**

OUR VALUES

**We value professionalism,
integrity and teamwork
with respect for each.**

PATROL DIVISION



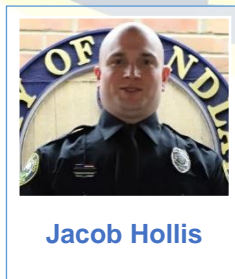
The Patrol Division is the largest, most visible component for the Findlay Police Department and is the backbone of our organization. It provides the basic police services of preserving the peace and protecting the lives and properties of others. In our mission, we are dedicated to preventing crime, enforcing laws, protecting life and property while upholding the constitutional rights of all. We will promote a safe and secure community through fair and professional policing. We value professionalism, integrity and teamwork with respect for each other and the community we are proud to serve.

The manpower allocated to the Patrol Division for 2022 consisted of one Lieutenant, six Patrol Sergeants, forty-one uniformed Patrol Officers and eight Auxiliary members. This Division is divided into three shifts with the Sergeants and Officers working four – ten hour shifts with three consecutive days off. The shifts are configured to overlap, maximizing available personnel during peak periods of activity. Along with their patrol duties, many of the officers have other specialized assignments that require additional skills and training.

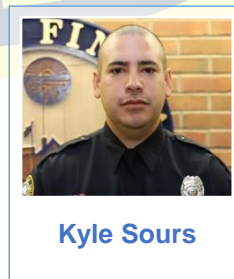
Throughout the year, four new patrol officers were hired to fill vacancies within the department. In 2022, the Findlay Police Department welcomed Jacob Frank, Jacob Hollis, Kyle Sours, and Chance Collins. Officer Collins came to us from Carey Police Department and was the City of Findlay’s first hire via the lateral transfer process.



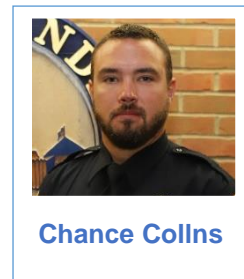
Jacob Frank



Jacob Hollis



Kyle Sours



Chance Collins

The Patrol Division was able to return to more normal practices, that were previously modified to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in an increase in calls for service compared to 2021.

The following are some of the notable event stats and their comparison from the year prior:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>% + or -</u>	<u>Actual #</u>
Calls for Service	41753	41842	+0.21%	(+89)
Arrests	2099	2170	+3.48	(+71)
Warrant Service	1184	1195	+0.93%	(+11)
Domestic Disputes	822	918	+11.68%	(+96)
Assaults	523	583	+11.47%	(+60)
Homicide	0	1	+100%	+1
Sex Offense	122	178	+45.90%	(+56)
Theft/Fraud/Forgery	1160	1070	-7.76%	(-90)
Theft of Motor Vehicle	72	67	-6.94%	(-5)
Robbery	6	12	+100%	(+6)
Unlawful Entry	113	128	+13.27%	(+15)
Property Damage/Vandalism	259	238	-8.11%	(-21)
Drug Complaints	405	384	-5.19%	(-21)
Alcohol Violations (OVI not included)	119	193	+62.18%	(+74)
School Walk Throughs	377	249	-33.95%	(-128)

Traffic enforcement continues to be an emphasis for the Patrol Division, with the overall goal of reducing traffic accidents and increasing motorist safety. The number of property crashes increased, however the injury crashes increased in 2022. The number of OVIs decreased with a slight increase in the number of citations that were written. There were no fatal crashes this year. There were also sixteen motor vehicle pursuits in 2022, compared to eleven in 2021.

The OVI's, citations, and crash reports were broken down as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>% + or -</u>	<u>(Actual #)</u>
OVI	185	176	-4.86%	(-9)
Traffic Stops	5,174	4,899	-5.51%	(-275)
Citations	2,736	2,772	+1.32%	(+36)
Property Crashes	883	936	+6.0%	(+53)
Injury Crashes	177	153	-13.56%	(-24)
Fatal Crashes	3	0	-100.00%	(-3)

CIT

A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a police mental health collaborative program. The term "CIT" is often used to describe both a program and a training in law enforcement to help guide interactions between law enforcement and those living with a mental illness. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families and other advocates. Crisis teams support people who might otherwise need to go to the hospital, for example, due to psychosis, severe self-harm or suicide attempts. They usually include a number of mental health professionals, such as a psychiatrist, mental health nurses, social workers and support workers.

	2021	2022
Total Calls	376	384
Oldest Person	80	84
Youngest Person	10	7
Guns Involved	3	1
Knives Involved	12	8
Other Weapons	3	1
Injuries	18	7
Arrests	11	9
CIT on Scene	416	384
Total Hours	339	260

Quick Response Team

The Quick Response Team (QRT) is a team of passionate individuals who work to provide prevention and specialized behavioral health and substance abuse services to individuals, children and families in our multi-cultural communities in order to strengthen family life and promote personal growth. They offer a nurturing environment focused on personal growth and self-care through trainings and the development of skills. Family

Resources is dedicated to supplying employees with the necessary skills and tools essential to be successful in their roles. They continuously analyze the formal structure to support the program (e.g., referral protocols, policies and Memoranda of Understanding among the participating partners). They also work with recovery providers to create “fast tracks” to treatment and recovery support via the development of referral agreements that triage individuals having an overdose event. They maintain the program in a way that complies with state and federal patient confidentiality requirements. They receive overdose event data and schedule visits within seventy-two (72) hours with the Patrol Officers of the Findlay Police Department. They also work with the Health Department to coordinate the disbursement of Naloxone to patients/clients. For 2022, there were one hundred sixteen (116) suspected overdose reports compared to one hundred eleven (111) in 2021. There were thirteen (13) suspected overdose death reports compared to eleven (11) in 2021.

K-9 Units



The Findlay Police Department has a long history of providing exceptional police canine services. We have two officers (handlers) and their canine partners. The dogs spend their working hours and off duty-hours with the officer. The canines are cross-trained to handle patrol duties, such as building searches and tracks, as well as drug

detection. The teams receive extensive weekly training in both areas. The teams are also requested to aid other law enforcement agencies. The dogs are well received when conducting demonstrations for groups, especially school children.

The K-9 units trained a total of seventy-five (75) times for a total of three hundred sixty-five hours (365). The K-9 units were utilized thirty-nine (39) times for street deployments or narcotics sniffs. In addition to the aforementioned weekly training, both K-9 units completed a week-long advanced training through the Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA).



Other Equipment

The Findlay Police Department camera trailer is primarily used to monitor large crowds at events throughout the City. There were four (4) events in 2022 in which the camera trailer was deployed. The department also owns two (2) drones that can be utilized in a variety of scenarios.

Additionally, the Findlay Police Department purchased the following equipment in 2022: a Kinetic breaching tool, evidence drying cabinet, updated crime scene investigation tools including trajectory sticks and a fingerprint fuming unit. Also purchased were additional chairs and tables for the training center.

Training and Facilities

The City of Findlay Training Center provided numerous training opportunities for Findlay Officers and Dispatchers in 2022. Officers completed the state mandated continued education training in the City rather than going to neighboring agencies to get the training. The training center also provided an opportunity for the police department to host training open to other departments in the area. We hosted BAC recertification classes, Sovereign Citizen training, Criminal Interdiction, and Basic



Telecommunicator to name a few. The department conducted annual in-service training in topics such as Officer Response to Active Shooters, Driving, Firearms, Use of Force, Taser, Less Lethal Munitions, Self-Defense, and Legal Updates.



In addition, several officers received the following training classes: Forensic Interviewing, Crime Scene Photography, Criminal Patrol Drug Interdiction, Reasonable Force, Reid Interview Techniques, Basic Interview and Interrogation, Advanced Interview and Interrogation, Constitutional Use of Force, Prosecuting Drugged Drivers, Road Spike Deployment, and Drone training.

New departmental instructors were certified for the following: De-Escalation, Taser, RAIDER, and Defensive Driving.

Patrol Division Goals

- Continue providing a high level of professional service to the community through efficient and effective deployment of law enforcement personnel.
- Increase traffic enforcement in order to decrease the amount of crashes, including severe injury and fatal crashes.
- Continue to strengthen community relations through community policing.
- Continue to maintain a comprehensive training program to enhance our officer's skill sets.
- Host more trainings to improve the overall effectiveness of the Police Department.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM



The Crisis Management Team, or CMT, is comprised of four important components. Each component is specially trained in both tactical responses and Crisis Intervention training. The CMT trains on a monthly basis. That training encompasses tactics and firearms training. Scenario training is also held to improve search warrant executions and response to hostage/barricaded person situations. All positions on the CMT are voluntary positions. All CMT members have other day to day duties, but they come together as a unit when they are needed. CMT members are always on call.

The CMT is comprised of 4 groups, the Emergency response team (ERT), the Crisis Negotiator Team, the Tactical Dispatchers, and the Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS). The CMT is led by the CMT Commander.

The largest component is the Emergency Response Team (ERT). The ERT is staffed by the Tactical Commander who oversees the operations of two squads of up to 8 members each. Each squad is supervised directly by a Team Leader, who is one of the 8 squad members. The ERT is staffed by three Sergeants, ten Patrol Officers, and two Detectives. At year's end, each squad was operating with 7 officers.



The Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) is another component of the Crisis Management Team. There are up to four negotiators on the team, and currently a sergeant heads the group. These officers are specially trained Crisis Negotiators who are responsible for interaction and communication with anyone involved in a barricade incident, hostage, or similar situation. The CNT was called into service on 3 different calls this year, all resulting in successful and peaceful conclusions.

The Tactical Dispatchers make up the third part of the CMT. They are responsible for radio communication among members of the CMT as well as any additional agencies that are assisting with an operation. Tactical Dispatch is also responsible for information gathering and organizing while assigned to the Mobile Command Center during call outs. The three dispatcher positions are staffed by Findlay Police dispatchers, led by the Senior Communication Officer.



The Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) members complete the fourth component of the CMT. TEMS is staffed by nine members of the Findlay Fire Department and the medics provide the ability to have immediate medical aid whenever the CMT was activated. An FFD Captain heads the TEMS group.

During 2022, the CMT assisted the METRICH Drug Unit in serving search warrants for drugs. These were search warrants that were considered to have a higher than normal degree of risk involved. The CMT assisted in executing 7 search warrants. All 7 search warrants were served without any injuries reported to anyone involved.

Aside from the search warrants, the CMT was extremely active this year. They were called into action in June when a suspect barricaded himself in the Drury Inn after stabbing a man in Michigan and kidnapping his ex-wife. The barricade lasted for nearly 14 hours before the male surrendered peacefully. Negotiators spent most of that time on the phone with the suspect convincing him to release the hostage and surrender. The female was eventually released and the suspect was taken into custody.

In July, the team was again activated, this time for a shots fired call that turned into a barricaded person at the Senior Towers apartment complex. Negotiations were attempted but ultimately unsuccessful. After exhausting all other options, gas was introduced into the apartment and the female surrendered. There were no injuries.

In September, CMT was contacted about another barricaded suspect with a gun at S&S Landscape. The suspect had felony warrants out of a neighboring agency and was said to be high on meth. Negotiators were able to speak with the suspect at different times but ultimately, he refused to come out. After nearly 5 hours of negotiating, gas was introduced into the building and the suspect surrendered. The suspect sustained a minor injury from being struck with a less-lethal bean bag round. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.



Finally, in December mutual aid was requested from Tiffin Police Department for a shooting suspect that was barricaded in a residence in their city. The Findlay Police CMT responded, along with Wood County SRT and assisted with the apprehension. The male surrendered and no one was injured.

CMT Goals and Objectives

- Continue to train on a monthly basis
- Continue with scenario training
- Provide training opportunities from outside the department
- Fill the two open positions for ERT operator
- Train a new Sniper
- Increase our training with TEMS
- Increase and host training with outside agencies
- Increase classroom training

DETECTIVES DIVISION

In 2022, the Detective Division consisted of one lieutenant and four general detectives as well as one sergeant and two detectives assigned to the Hancock County METRICH Enforcement Unit. This staffing level remained unchanged from 2021.

The general investigation detectives primarily investigate major crimes such as felonious assault, rape, robbery, burglary and child sex crimes. Cases originate from various sources, but the majority originate from the initial response of a patrol officer. The division lieutenant reviews and evaluates the reports prior to making a determination to assign a detective to the case.

Detectives successfully brought an unresolved homicide investigation to closure through the indictment of a previously uncharged co-conspirator.

Detectives work closely with the Hancock County Child Protective Services Unit to investigate child physical and sexual abuse cases. Both agencies utilize the Center for Safe and Healthy Children to conduct forensic interviews of juvenile victims.

A significant investment was made into mobile and computer forensic investigations capabilities with the purchase of updated software and an updated forensic computer station for the Detective Division. This state-of-the-art equipment and software greatly reduces the time involved in obtaining digital evidence and also allows detectives to assist other law enforcement agencies with these investigations.

For 2022, there were a total of 106 cases assigned to the detectives.

The total number of criminal charges submitted in 2022 was 1228. These charges were the result of an arrest or requesting charges upon completion of investigations.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>3 year average</u>
Misdemeanor	718	788	949	818
Felony	399	359	294	350
Juvenile	111	78	99	96

Detective Division Goals

- Add an additional general detective.
- Continue to expand digital forensic investigation capabilities.
- Continue to grow our partnerships with external partners to reduce drug overdoses and investigate offenses involving juvenile victims.

VICE NARCOTICS UNIT/METRICH



The Findlay Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit is part of the Detective Division. Members of the Findlay Police Department Vice/Narcotics Unit are assigned to the Hancock County METRICH Enforcement Unit, a ten-county drug task force based out of Mansfield, Ohio. METRICH is one of the only de-centralized task forces in the state and is also the largest drug task force in the State of Ohio. The Hancock County METRICH Drug Task Force is funded by grants issued through the State of Ohio, therefore is able to operate at a significant savings for the taxpayers of the City of Findlay and Hancock County.

The METRICH Unit saw some changes in 2022. The Sheriff's Office was finally able to fill the open spot left by Sergeant Shane Heckman. Assigned to his spot was Detective Matt Brunswick. Detective Jake Powell, with his over eight-year assignment to the Unit, was transferred into General Investigations. His spot was quickly filled by Detective TJ Brooks. Both have proven to be hard workers and quick learners as they hit the ground running. We are now sitting at two Detectives and a Supervisor from the Police Dept. and two Detectives from the Sheriff's Office. We are still assigned to investigate narcotics, overdose deaths, gambling, weapons, prostitution and gang activity in all of Hancock County.

METRICH saw some good gains in the amount of drug investigations and other activities since they were no longer hindered by COVID constraints. The Hancock METRICH Enforcement Unit generated 262 reports, which is up 32% from 2021. Of those reports, there were 155 narcotic cases, sixty-four field interviews and nineteen overdose death investigations. The results of those cases resulted in 199 felony charges and two misdemeanor charges forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for indictment. Three of the overdose death cases resulted in a strong enough case to warrant the request for charges.



The METRICH Unit executed fourteen narcotics search warrants, eleven were residential, two were for GPS trackers on vehicles and one was for an impounded vehicle. Those warrants were often served with the assistance of the Findlay Police Department's Emergency Response Team (ERT). Through those efforts, the Unit seized \$10,633 in cash, sizeable amounts of illegal narcotics and six firearms; one being reported stolen. One of the residential search warrants included an ongoing marijuana and psilocybin mushroom grow.

Methamphetamine and fentanyl mixtures were the predominate drugs we worked with this year. Although, crack cocaine was also seen more this year than in years past. Meth

seizures continued to increase locally and nationally. It's cheap, easy to get ahold of and highly addictive. Surprisingly, we have seen less Heroin the past couple of years.

The following drugs were seized from investigations in 2022:

- 64.6 grams of Crack Cocaine (up from 2021)
- 43.2 grams of Cocaine (up from 2021)
- 94.8 grams of Fentanyl mix (up from 2021)
- 1743.7 grams of Methamphetamine (up 152% from 2021)
- 43 opiate pills (down from 2021)
- 3.0 pounds of marijuana (down from 2021)



The METRICH Unit works closely with other local, state and federal agencies. The unit has assisted the following agencies in 2022 with covert investigations: U.S. Marshals Service, Seneca METRICH Enforcement Unit, Ohio Investigative Unit, West Central Ohio Task Force and the FBI – Toledo office.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit, along with about forty other drug task forces across the state, are being hit hard by budget cuts on the state and national level. As we see an increase in chemical dependency, we see more and more funding being moved from enforcement efforts into the treatment and recovery arena. We managed to have the necessary funding this year to combat the issues locally. Our team understands the struggles many users are faced with, we feel there is still a huge need for officers, detectives and task forces to help slow the amount of substances that reach the streets. As this battle continues, we will be forced to find other ways to do business and secure the funds necessary to provide training and equipment for the task forces to do their jobs. METRICH still does their best to make sure we have what we need, but this may get harder and harder as funding continues to funnel to rehabilitation and programs for addiction. We will continue to find alternative methods and work with the system to continue to get drugs off the streets.

The objectives for 2023 for this unit are:

- Increase drug education presentations
- Increase drug offender investigations/arrests
- Increase forfeitures on money and property of drug offenders
- Work more with Prosecutors to be involved in the penalty process for users vs. dealers
- Put our efforts at other areas to include human trafficking and solicitation locally
- Work with more adjacent agencies and METRICH Units to broaden our knowledge base
- Continued cooperation with Federal, State, and local agencies to reduce narcotic activity in Findlay and Hancock County

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Special Services Division of the Police Department is headed up by Lt. David Hill, who was promoted to this position in October 2022. The Division is broken down into several support areas of the Police Department who report to the Division Lieutenant: Property Officer, Municipal Court Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Zoning Officer, Parking Enforcement, Police Records and the Communications Center.

A new area was added to Special Services in 2022 and that was the addition of Zoning Officer. Officer Smith was assigned to assist with the Zoning Dept. to help control the nuisance vehicles and properties.

Officer Doug Marshall was selected to take over the Property Room duties after then Sgt. David Hill was promoted to Lieutenant.

Parking And Records

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Parking Tickets Issued: TOTAL	5585	3979	4238	4572	6133
Parking Enforcement	5022	3466	3916	4212	5877
Patrol	563	513	273	291	256
Parking Violations - Money Collected	\$54,487.30	\$47,666.00	\$57,416.00	\$53,015.00	\$69,890.00
Parking Lot Rental - Money Collected	\$35,628.00	\$34,783.00	\$34,538.00	\$34,828.00	\$35,038.00
Findlay Inn & Conf Ctr	\$20,328.00	\$20,328.00	\$20,328.00	\$20,328.00	\$20,328.00
Remaining City Lots	\$15,300.00	\$14,455.00	\$14,210.00	\$14,150.00	\$14,710.00
Warning Tickets Issued	1711	1629	636	834	686
False Alarm Charges - Fees Collected	\$2,000.00	\$2,350.00	\$900.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,450.00
Bike License - Fees Collected	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$6.00
Records Room					
Report Charges	\$1,247.60	\$1,018.00	\$296.00	\$311.30	\$156.20
Postage Reimbursement	\$80.86	\$112.72	\$1.40	\$7.72	\$3.59
Cruiser Rental - Fees Collected	\$4,255.00	\$2,625.00	\$1,272.00	\$6,894.00	\$7,284.00
Totals	\$97,714.76	\$88,578.72	\$94,443.40	\$97,113.02	\$114,827.79

Property and Evidence Control

The property and evidence control function should provide for the security and control of seized, recovered, and evidentiary property as well as abandoned, lost or found property in the custody of the Department. This is critically important in supporting investigations, in helping to guarantee the successful prosecution at criminal/civil trials, in facilitating the timely return of property to its rightful owners, and in establishing the Department's reputation as an honest, reputable agency worthy of the public's confidence and trust. It is critical that a law enforcement agency's property and evidence control function develop and maintain strict measures for the receipt, handling, security, and disposition of property.

The Property Officer is responsible for the proper cataloging and storage of all property that is recovered by the officers of the Findlay Police Department. He is also responsible for the disposition of this property.

The Property officer reports to the Special Services Lieutenant. Officer Doug Marshall was assigned as the Property Officer in October of 2022. One officer from the Patrol Division assisted the Property Officer during this calendar year.

The Property Officer did not turn over any funds to the Auditor's Office "Safekeeping" Fund in 2022. However, \$13,612.00 was paid out to owners/court fines, bringing the balance to \$88,651.01 at years end. An additional \$1783.50 was paid directly to the Court(s) or owners, either pursuant to a Court Order or pursuant to an agreement made by the owners.

The Property Officer incinerated 36 boxes of prescription medications weighing over 1000.00 lbs. along with over 1000 street drug related items. No handguns were incinerated.

The total number of items that entered the Property Room in 2022 was 1778 items. The number of items removed from the Property Room during 2022 was 780 items, by returning to owners, donating them to local charitable organizations, converting to City Use, selling on GovDeals or by trash disposal. A total of thirty-one bicycles were also donated to Bikes, Books and Badges.

At the close of 2022 there were a total of 11,724 items being held in the Record Management System. The breakdown is as follows: 9768 items in PD ORI of LERMS and 1956 items in Hancock METRICH (VNU) ORI of LERMS.

Objectives for the Next Year

- Complete transfer of records into the new RMS
- Initiate a rotating Property Audit system

Zoning Enforcement

The City of Findlay Zoning Enforcement was established in May 2022, as a partnership between the Zoning Office and the Police Department with Officer Joe Smith assigned as Zoning Enforcement Officer.

In the first seven months, Officer Smith investigated 542 nuisance complaints including 161 Weed/Grass complaints, 245 Junk Motor Vehicle complaints, 28 Dilapidated Structure complaints and 108 Material Storage Junk complaints. Out of the 542 complaints, a total of 90 were abated by the City of Findlay. Out of those 90, there were 36 junk vehicles impounded, 5 structures demolished and 36 properties mowed. All other complaints that were investigated, were taken care of by the property owners.

In addition to investigating nuisance complaints, Officer Smith assisted the Patrol Division with 154 incidents as well as aided both Findlay Municipal Court and Police Property when the normally assigned officers were unavailable.

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN CASES							
CODE/PERMIT DESCRIPTION	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dilapidated Structures	0	2	5	4	3	2	2
Junk and Material Storage	3	3	3	6	3	2	5
Abandoned Junk Motor Vehicles	10	2	9	3	2	13	19
High Grass and Weeds	6	6	6	3	4	3	0
TOTAL	19	13	23	16	12	20	26
NEW CASES OPENED							
CODE/PERMIT DESCRIPTION	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dilapidated Structures	2	1	7	9	7	3	4
Junk and Material Storage	14	14	15	15	15	19	18
Abandoned Junk Motor Vehicles	15	17	21	19	19	55	61
High Grass and Weeds	47	32	33	32	32	8	1
TOTAL	78	64	76	75	73	85	84
CASES ABATED AND INVOICED							
CODE/PERMIT DESCRIPTION	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dilapidated Structures	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
Junk and Material Storage	0	2	0	2	1	0	3
Abandoned Junk Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0	15	9	12
High Grass and Weeds	26	1	13	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	26	3	13	5	17	11	17
CASES CLOSED EACH MONTH							
CODE/PERMIT DESCRIPTION	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dilapidated Structures	2	0	2	5	4	1	2
Junk and Material Storage	11	11	12	9	12	17	13
Abandoned Junk Motor Vehicles	5	15	12	16	17	42	42
High Grass and Weeds	41	26	27	29	28	5	1
TOTAL	59	52	53	59	61	65	58



Crime Prevention

The 2022 Crime Prevention Office consisted of one officer supervised by the Special Services Lieutenant. Crime Prevention Officer Brian White continued to manage the Crime Prevention Office for the 2022 calendar year.



Crime Prevention is responsible for community outreach, relationship building and safety presentations throughout the community. This includes programs at Findlay City Schools, St. Michael's the Archangel School, public safety events and safety presentations at local businesses and organizations.

Many of the topics discussed in schools are topics not normally covered in class, with an emphasis on drug education and prevention, as well as social skills and relationship building. In 2022, there were 326 class presentations provided to students. Thanks to a drug grant for 2022, Officer White was able to purchase a Drug Identification board that was utilized for many drug presentations.

Topics discussed in the community related to crime prevention techniques relevant to specific businesses and community crime trends. A total of eighty-two community presentations were provided for 2022. Officer White also conducted police department tours to various groups and numerous interviews were provided to the media on safety and crime prevention topics.

The Crime Prevention Office is responsible for its own administrative duties such as scheduling, budgeting, record keeping and producing presentations. Officer White frequently reviews police reports for new crime trends to enhance crime prevention techniques and attends trainings and conferences throughout the year to keep up to date on issues pertaining to crime prevention. To further this effort, Officer White sits on the Executive Board for the Ohio Crime Prevention Association, which is one of the largest state crime prevention organizations in the country.



Officer White maintains the Findlay Community Watch Map, which offers a visual representation of crime reports taken in the past twelve months. To complement the Community Watch Map, Officer White also maintains the police department webpage, as well as the various police department social media accounts.

Neighborhood Watch

The Findlay Neighborhood Watch Program, commonly referred to as “Block Watch”, continued to be an asset to both the citizens of Findlay and the Findlay Police Department. The Findlay Block Watch Program currently has twenty-eight Watches. While the structure and meetings of each Watch is determined by that particular group, most Watches meet once a month to stay up to date of crime trends.

FINDLAY POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION CENTER STREET BLOCK WATCH REPORT 08/01/20 - 09/14/20				
Address (Block Number)	Disposition	Date And Time	Incident Number	Incident Type
3000 TIFFIN AVE	Report Taken	08/02/2020 09:53:29	2022-00013387	Suspicious Activity/Person/Veh
800 CARRISMAN AVE	Report Taken	08/02/2020 01:19:01	2022-00013362	Suspicious Activity/Person/Veh
700 CARRISMAN AVE	Report Taken	08/06/2020 20:15:46	2022-00013366	Child Abuse
600 CLINTON CT	Report Taken	08/12/2020 18:30:01	2022-00013284	Missing/Person/Veh
600 CHERRY ST	Report Taken	08/13/2020 00:59:00	2022-00013421	Traffic Stop
RIVERBEND PARK	Report Taken	08/15/2020 18:26:26	2022-00013617	Missing/Person/Veh
1100 TIFFIN AVE	Report Taken	08/16/2020 14:31:55	2022-00013680	Domestic Dispute In Progress
800 MCCONNELL ST	Report Taken	08/19/2020 20:58:38	2022-00013682	Burglary
3000 TIFFIN AVE	Report Taken	08/24/2020 22:21:32	2022-00013474	Accident - Injury
DAYTON AVE / LUNN ST	Report Taken	08/20/2020 00:18:58	2022-00013577	Traffic Stop
RIVERBEND PARK	Report Taken	08/20/2020 17:37:00	2022-00013760	Wanted Person
1000 HISTORIA AVE	Report Taken	08/01/2020 08:52:01	2022-00013951	Suspicious Activity/Person/Veh
900 TIFFIN AVE	Arrest	08/06/2020 00:40:25	2022-00013204	Wanted Person
RIVERBEND PARK	Report Taken	08/09/2020 15:29:51	2022-00013820	Sex Offense



Neighborhood Watch is a community program that is managed by each individual neighborhood. The Neighborhood Watch “Captain” collaborates with the Crime Prevention Officer to develop ideas on solving common problems. The Crime Prevention Officer also offers training on a wide range of topics such as burglary prevention, personal safety, drug education and police department operations among others.

With most cities facing higher crime rates and budgetary constraints, Neighborhood Watch Programs serve to augment police personnel. The Neighborhood Watch Program allows citizens to work hand and hand with law enforcement to help reduce crime, increase community pride and solve common problems.

Community Outreach

The Crime Prevention Officer continues to expand community outreach by participating in numerous boards and committees throughout Findlay. These organizations are relevant to the mission of the Findlay Police Department and furthers the exchange of information and ideas between organizations.

Officer White also conducted a variety of media interviews based on public safety and community relations topics. Officer White attended a total of 202 meetings for 2022.



The Findlay Police Department is reminding drivers to slow down and pay attention in school zones and to obey school bus laws as the new school year gets underway.



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Some of the community groups the Crime Prevention Officer was active with include:

- Crime Stoppers
- Community Partnership Council
- Community Awareness Committee
- Opiate Task Force Education Committee
- Suicide Awareness Committee
- Help Me Grow Advisory Committee
- Hancock County Handle with Care
- Hidden in Plain Sight
- Adult Protective Services I-Team Committee
- Camp 911 Committee
- Safe Kids Committee
- Ohio Crime Prevention Association
- Ohio School Resource Officer Association
- Findlay/Hancock County Crime Prevention Association
- TRIAD/SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Working Together)
- Family Stability Committee
- Halloween Parade Steering Committee
- NAMI of Hancock County
- NAMI Program Committee
- NAMI Governance Committee
- Welcome to a New Life Advisory Committee

The Crime Prevention Division also represented the Findlay Police Department at a variety of community events. Examples include sporting events, community resource fairs, safety expos, job fairs and medication collections.

Flag City Night Out

The first Tuesday of each year, the Findlay Police Department hosts its signature event, Flag City Night Out at Riverside Park. For Officer White, the goal of Flag City Night Out has been to keep the event a free event to the community. Advertised as a “leave your wallet at home” event, donations from the community allow the event to take place.



We’d like to thank Heavenly Pizza, Padrone’s Pizza, Campus Pollyeyes Pizza, Utz Snacks, Movement Church, Kona Ice, We Serve Coffee, Dick’s Towing, Ary Entertainment, Heather Powell Photography, Coca-Cola, Hancock County Sheriff’s Office Explorers and the Fort Findlay FOP Lodge 20 for their continued support of Flag City Night Out.

2022’s event included the annual Mascot Games, train rides, live music, inflatable obstacle courses, children’s activities, and demonstrations. New for 2022 featured a live demonstration by PD personnel on less-lethal force tools. This included the bean bag shotgun, taser and pepper spray demonstrations. This event drew a large crowd and helped to explain how and why these tools are used, as well as how they can help save lives.

In 2019 the Police vs. Fire Games were introduced to Flag City Night Out. The Police and Fire Games quickly became a crowd favorite and has continued for 2022. This event pairs up local children with police officers and fire fighters to compete in events and build relationships. The trophy for 2022 went to the Hancock County Fire Association with a fire department win.



While no official statistics are recorded at the event, attendance is traditionally estimated by supplies/giveaways handed out at the time. Traditional attendance is estimated at 1,000, however 2022's event saw an increase to approximately 1,300. The larger than expected turn out continues to be a testament to the enjoyment of the event and support of the community.

Bikes, Books and Badges

The vision of the Findlay Police Department Bikes, Books and Badges Program is to take abandoned bicycles recovered in the City, refurbish them and distribute them back into the community to children in need. There were seventy-two abandoned/recovered bicycles provided back to area residents for the 2022 calendar year. As awards for good behavior, or at police department events, fourteen new bicycles were provided to Findlay City School students.

The bicycle refurbishing program was traditionally facilitated with the assistance of the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI). AOCI would collect the bicycles from Findlay, take them to the prison and inmates would clean and repair the bicycles. The bicycles were then returned to Findlay free of charge. That program was shut down in 2020 at the start of the Pandemic and has not returned.



During the summer months of 2022, Officer White used the extra time in his schedule to refurbish the bicycles himself. A total of 85 bicycles were refurbished for the year. With the need for bicycles in the community at an all-time high (2020 was a record year, with 103 bicycles given back to the community), Officer White has been in talks with the City Mission to initiate a new refurbishing program. The City Mission already offers residents a bicycle to repair for personal use and is a beneficiary of bicycles that

Crime Prevention cannot refurbish. As reconditioned bicycles from the Crime Prevention are currently stored in the old Hochstetler Mill building, located doors away from the City Mission, this appears to be a great partnership. One of the goals for 2023 is to finalize this partnership.

Bikes, Books and Badges Bicycle Rodeo

To kick off summer, the Findlay Police Department annually hosts a Bicycle Rodeo as part of the Bikes, Books and Badges Program. This year's event was held at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, which continues to be a great venue for ease of access to the community. This year's event saw the largest turn out, with 106 children participating in the event.



As part of the Bicycle Rodeo, children are taught the fundamentals of bicycle safety through instruction, obstacle courses and road courses. Awards are offered at the end of the event to children who showed exceptional skills. Free helmets, bicycle locks and bicycle licenses were also provided at the event.

Camp 911

CAMP 911, a partnership between the Findlay Police Department, Findlay Fire Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Hanco EMS and the Findlay Health Department continued for 2022.



CAMP 911 is a week-long program held in June that educates children entering Kindergarten on a variety of safety topics. A few of the topics include School Bus Safety, Electrical Safety, Fire Safety, Stranger Danger, First Aid, Bicycle Safety, Seatbelts and a multitude of other topics.

Attendees also had a chance to interact with first responders from each agency, see the police K-9 demonstration and see "Life-flight" land and talk with the pilots. A morning session, as well as an afternoon session were held for 2022.

Social Media

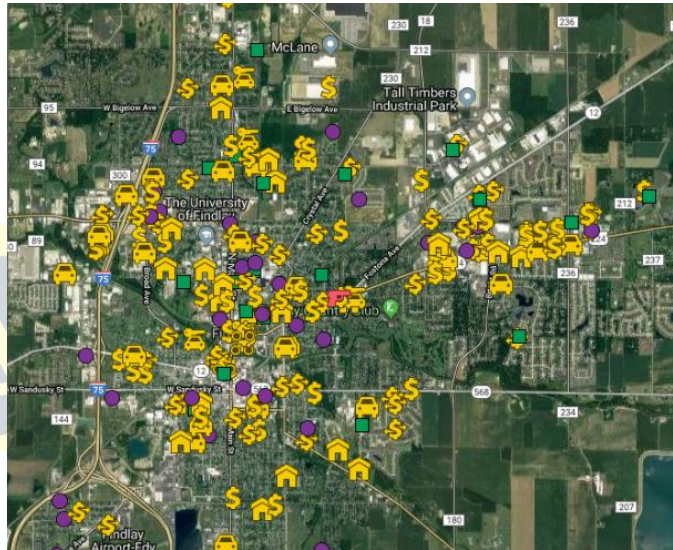
Social media continued to be a valuable asset for distributing information to citizens and highlighting events held by the police department. The Findlay Police Department continues to utilize Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and YouTube to keep the public up to date on crime trends and public safety topics.

The police department sought the public's assistance in identifying suspects, which was highly successful. Facebook and Twitter, paired with the Findlay Community Watch Map, offer great tools in keeping the public up to date on crimes occurring in their neighborhood.



Findlay Community Watch Map

The Findlay Community Watch Map is an interactive map maintained by the Crime Prevention Office. The Community Watch Map, available under the links section on the police department website, offers citizens a visual representation of crime reports taken in the past twelve months. The Community Watch Map is updated on a regular basis and displays the date, type of activity, a short description and the report number should the public have information related to the incident.



The Community Watch Map is a useful tool for the public as well as officers in addressing problem areas around the city. This map can be located on the Findlay Police Department webpage under “Links” or by entering the following website address.

<https://www.findlayohio.gov/government/city-departments/police/community-watch-map>

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with A Cop is a nationwide effort to bridge the gap between citizens and law enforcement. Monthly events were held at Coffee Amici, where members of the community could meet to discuss issues in their neighborhoods, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee while getting to know officers.



The success of the program relies on its simplicity. There is no set agenda and the topics discussed are random by nature. Depending on the time of year, attendance ranges between five – fifteen, with many returning for future events.

Due to the success of Coffee with A Cop, a second monthly was added for 2022 to focus on seniors. This event is held at 50 North on the third Thursday of the month.

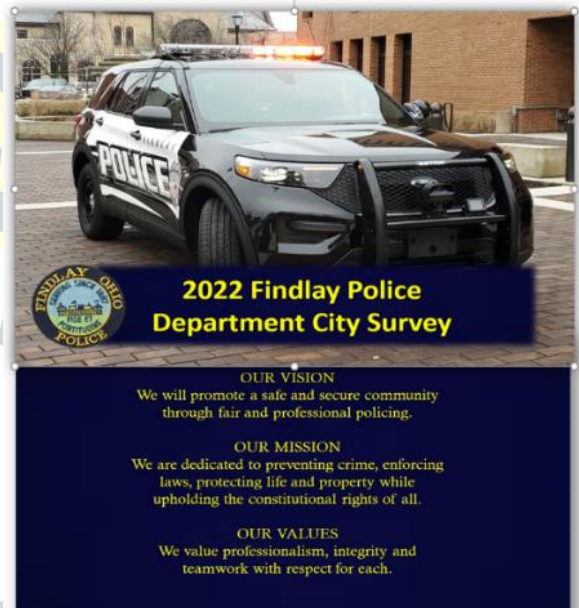


City Permits

The Crime Prevention Office is responsible for processing all city permits related to Panhandling, Soliciting Door to Door Sales and Taxicabs. The Crime Prevention Office processed a total of seventy-four permits for the 2022 calendar year.

Annual Citizen Survey

Each year the Crime Prevention Office conducts a Citizen Survey to ensure the department is meeting the needs and expectations of our community. This survey was made accessible during the month of December on the Police Department’s social media, webpage, or by collecting hard copies from the lobby of City of Findlay Municipal Building. The survey was also advertised in local media outlets. These surveys were voluntarily and anonymously filled out by the public, then submitted online or by returning the completed surveys to Police Administration.



The survey posed several key questions to assist the Department in determining citizen perceptions of safety, quality of life and the quality of police services. Community feedback serves as a “report card” and provides helpful insight when establishing goals, enhancing training and shaping the future direction of the Police Department.

The results of the 2022 Citizen Survey show that the men and women of the Findlay Police Department continue to provide a high level of services to the community they serve. Using the standard letter grading scale of A - F, the police department averaged a B- for the services it provided, when accounting for no contact responses. Although members of the Police Department continue to deliver high quality police services, there are opportunities for the police department to continue to improve.

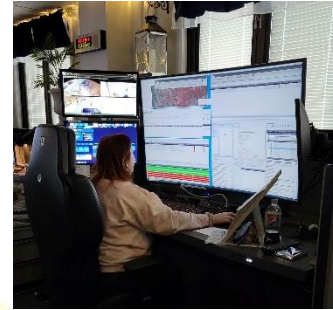
Crime Prevention Goals for 2023

Goals for 2023 include the following:

- Finalizing a bicycle refurbishing program for Bikes, Books and Badges
- Increasing programming events related to Bikes, Books and Badges
- Adding more book reading/giveaway events to Bikes, Books and Badges
- Increased fundraising for Bikes, Books and Badges

Communications

The Findlay Police Department communications center is a lifeline to both residents and officers, as it is the central hub for all emergency communications within The City of Findlay. Our communication center operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Employees are cross-trained in call-taking and dispatching police and fire to ensure seamless service is provided at all times. Our center is often the first point of contact for those in need of public safety services and our dispatchers are true first responders. Our team of dedicated dispatchers are masters of multitasking and navigating numerous software programs, multiple phone lines, non-emergency and emergency radio traffic. The dispatchers are professional and compassionate when aiding the community.



Patrol officers & firefighters rely on the dispatchers to serve as a link between them and residents. Dispatchers provide information to officers and firefighters to help keep them safe as they respond to calls for service. Our dispatchers manage a seemingly impossible amount of information flow throughout each shift.



The division enters data into the Tyler New World Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and the Law Enforcement Automated Data system (LEADS). All of the dispatchers are certified by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and Public Safety Telecommunicator. There are currently three dispatchers who are also certified communications center training officers. All dispatchers are CPR certified.

In 2022 the communications center received and placed 66,860 telephone calls. 14,176 of the calls received were 911 calls from both cell phones and landlines. Of those 14,176 911 calls that were received, 781 came from local businesses, 126 from residential landlines, 941 from Voice Over Internet Protocol lines (VOIP) and 13,276 from cell phones.

Service Type	Number of Calls	% of total
Business	781	5.51%
Residential	126	0.89%
VOIP	941	6.64%
Wireless	12276	86.60%
Misc.	52	0.36%

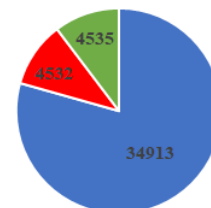
The dispatchers entered a total of 43,980 CAD calls for Police, Fire and EMS services:

Findlay Police Department – 34,913 calls for service.

Findlay Fire Department - 4,532 calls for service.

Hanco EMS - 4,535 calls for service.

Calls for Service Dispatched by the Communications Center in 2022



■ Findlay Police Department ■ Findlay Fire Department ■ Hanco EMS



The dispatchers are responsible for entering Findlay Municipal Court warrants and summons. A total of 1710 bench warrants were entered into the LEADS & Tyler New World programs. There were 242 summonses to appear entered into the Tyler New World program.



The kitchenette in the Communications Center was remodeled from top to bottom by Street Department personnel. The remodeling was completed with over \$8000 in seized drug funds that were forfeited back to the police department. In addition to new paint and flooring, new kitchen cabinets were installed along with a countertop, refrigerator, sink and faucet. A new microwave and all-in-one toaster oven were also purchased. The kitchenette went from old and tired to new & modern.

A new dispatcher joined the department in 2022. Michelle Shoemaker was hired on August 8, 2022. There were three additional dispatchers given conditional offers of employment in 2022, and will begin their careers in 2023. This will put the communications center at full staffing with eleven total employees, something that has not been possible for many years.



Andrew Wells left his dispatch position in December to fulfill his dream of becoming a Findlay firefighter. Prior to his resignation, Andrew completed the APCO Fire Dispatch Training Officer course so that he will be able to train current and future dispatchers in Fire Service Communications. The fire communications training improves service to the caller and increases the safety of the responders. The course covers the terms, techniques and protocols required for excellence in fire service call taking and dispatch.

Communications Goals for 2023

- Train one of the dispatchers to become an assistant LEADS TAC to assist in checking and validating warrants.
- Have all eleven dispatchers and the Lead Communications Officer complete the APCO Fire Dispatch training.

