

# HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**City of Hamilton**  
BUTLER COUNTY OHIO



# Our Mission

**To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.**



# Our Values

## **EMPATHY**

We will treat all persons with compassion and understanding, always demonstrating our strong belief that one should always treat others as they would like to be treated. A significant part of our business involves customer service. All personnel who come into contact with citizens shall treat ordinary citizens with extraordinary respect. Each citizen-police encounter should foster a feeling of goodwill that extends throughout the community. We will treat all persons with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, creed, sex, or social position.

## **INTEGRITY**

We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. Our word is our bond. We will be honest in all of our dealings, with justice as our objective. Our decisions will be based on common sense guided by integrity.

## **EXCELLENCE**

Our demeanor, and our appearance, should be above reproach. An unkempt appearance reflects poorly on all of us. We will constantly strive to improve our skills, knowledge, and abilities to improve our performance. By reaffirming our goal of overall excellence, we set the standard for pride in ourselves and in our department, always being mindful that members of the Hamilton Police Department, in both their professional and personal lives, are held to a higher standard than those we serve.

## **JUSTICE**

We are sworn to protect and preserve all human life. We will scrupulously observe the rights of all suspects, but will not coddle criminals. We will give recidivists the scrutiny they deserve.

## **COOPERATION**

We welcome neighborhood involvement and encourage our officers to be role models within the community. We will strive to cooperate with the community and among ourselves. Differences in opinion are not only inevitable, but are also healthy. Conflict in appropriate settings encourages creativity that leads to equitable problem solving and trust-building. We will be innovative, open-minded, and imaginative when solving problems. How we settle our differences sets the tone for our future working relationships. Whenever possible, we will strive for a “win-win” resolution.



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# Letter from the Chief of Police

Mr. Joshua A. Smith  
City Manager  
City of Hamilton, Ohio

Sir:

The Annual Report of the Hamilton Police Department for 2020 is submitted to you, members of Council, and to the residents of our city. It has once again been an honor to lead such an outstanding organization full of dedicated men and women who are passionate about fulfilling our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.

Every year is difficult and challenging, but with a global pandemic, public protest against police and many other challenges along the way, 2020 was unprecedented.

Despite all the challenges—we persevered and prevailed.

I want to thank each and every officer for their countless acts of courage, compassion and dedication that led us through a very difficult time. I couldn't be more proud of the professionalism and teamwork that every sworn and civilian member of HPD demonstrated throughout the year.

In 2020, we centered our efforts on three core objectives:

**Creating a People-Centered Organization** based on the principle idea that providing for the recruitment, selection, retention, training, and development of our people, and supporting them with the necessary tools and resources, is the foundation upon which all our other efforts are built.

- Recruiting and selection of new officers is the foundation upon which the future of HPD rests. We continue to be guided by our philosophy of recruiting for diversity, hiring for character, and training for excellence. We chose to employ several new strategies in our quest to recruit and retain personnel. Specifically, we transitioned from a traditional test to the National Testing Network. This allowed candidates to submit their



scores and be immediately placed on a candidate list. We streamlined our hiring process in order to be in a position to make on the spot job offers more quickly to top candidates. We also reduced the time between entrance exams and worked closely with Personnel to maximize the number of candidates we could evaluate. In 2020, we exhausted three certified lists of candidates in an effort to find the best recruits. In 2020, we hired 9 new officers, 2 civilians and promoted 9 sworn members.

- Our training staff continued our long-standing commitment to providing the best possible training and professional development opportunities. We completed an average of more than 33 hours of training for sworn officers, despite the State of Ohio requiring no ongoing training or professional development for officers this year

**Ensuring Safety and Security** is our foremost responsibility. While our general efforts primarily involve patrol and response to calls for police service, our directed efforts focus on the people, places, and problems that undermine safety and security in our community.

- We focused on safety and security primarily through the response to 73,224 calls for service and over 5,926 reported crimes investigated. We worked to coordinate our enforcement efforts across all sections and divisions to focus on the most violent and problematic people and places.



Chief Bucheit poses with the graduates of Ohio State Patrol Basic Police Officer Academy Class #143.

- In 2020 we made a concerted effort to address gun violence through intelligence led enforcement. While focusing on offenders who were involved in gun violence, we recovered 58 guns.

**Inspiring Trust and Confidence** in our mission is an effort we undertake every day. Our efforts focus on active engagement designed to build and strengthen relationships between the police and people in our community and neighborhoods.

- Although the pandemic hampered our efforts, we were able to safely and successfully host our Citizen Police Academy program as well as many other community education programs, including Safety Town, which were attended by nearly 110 participants throughout the year.

I thank you, Director Scrimizzi and City Council, for their support this past year and in the year ahead as we continue to carry out our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton by creating a **People-Centered Organization, Ensuring Safety and Security, and Inspiring Trust and Confidence.**



Craig R. Bucheit, Chief of Police  
City of Hamilton Police Department

# Operations Bureau



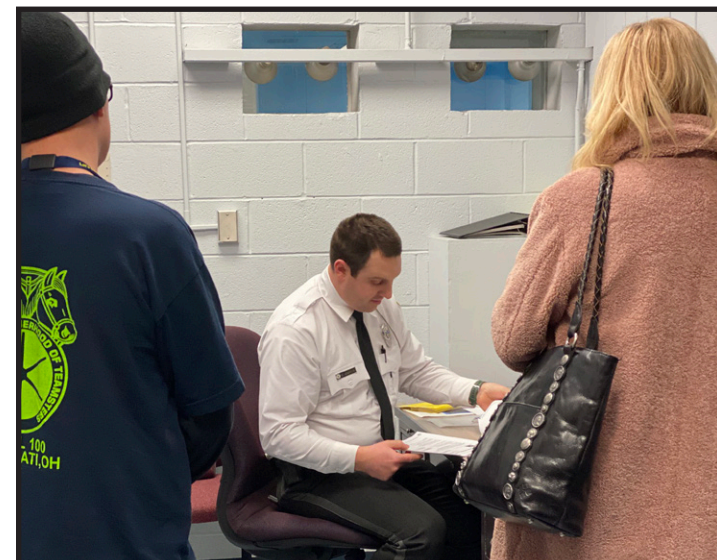
The Operations Bureau is commanded by Captain Marc McManus. The bureau is divided into the Patrol, Traffic and the Investigations Division. Both the Patrol and Traffic Divisions serve as the first responders to all emergencies and crimes. The follow up service to all criminal investigations is the responsibility of the Detective Division. Their goal is to bring criminal investigations to a successful conclusion.

## Investigations Division



The Investigations Division is responsible for uncovering the facts of criminal complaints in search for truth and pursuing charges against the perpetrators. Investigators accomplish this task by searching for evidence and interacting with people related to the crime. Today, evidence can be located in a multitude of ways and we strive to keep our investigators trained in the most current ways to search and locate all types of evidence. In addition to physical evidence, testimonial evidence is extremely important in the court process. Our investigators work diligently in locating victims and witnesses in providing such evidence. We also seek to locate and interview suspects in search for the truth. After a crime has been established and the perpetrator(s) have been

identified, we pursue criminal charges. We work closely with the prosecutor's office throughout the court process to ensure the case is brought to justice.



**Officer Hank Adkins demonstrates the Breathalyzer to the Citizens Academy class.**



**Detective Jon Habig demonstrates how detectives use chemicals in the HPD lab.**

## Traffic Section



Throughout 2020, the Traffic Section remained under the command of the day shift patrol supervisors. This aided the Traffic Sections mission by utilizing a combination of traffic officers and patrol officers to address parking and traffic complaints throughout the city. The City of Hamilton utilizes the E311 online system to proactively respond to parking and traffic complaints across the entire city. The system allows us to keep a comprehensive history about the issue as steps are taken to reach a resolution to the complaint.

During the year, the Traffic Section due to the Covid19 pandemic, was forced to take a measured approach in dealing with junk and abandoned vehicles in the city. Enforcement efforts were delayed because of registration grace periods granted by the Governor's emergency authorizations. Throughout the year, we worked closely with the Traffic Engineer to assess traffic issues. This included conducting speed surveys, reviewing traffic patterns and concerns. During the year, the Traffic Section began acting on regulations that newly empowered officers to effectively deal with city parking and junk vehicle issues on private property that in years prior, would only be able to be handled by the Health Department. This change to city ordinances enabled the Hamilton Police Department to address the influx of parking complaints and junk vehicles with a more comprehensive and efficient process. The Traffic Division currently consists of a traffic officer and a hit-skip auto storage officer. Plans are being made to add an additional officer to this section in the future.



**Officer Timothy Unwin closed down South B after a wreck at the arch.**



**Officer Cody Rush approaches the wreckage at an accident on Grand Boulevard.**



**Officer David Patterson surveys the damage on a wintry day on Columbia Road.**



A five car wreck snarled traffic on South Erie and Corwin in early October.



Officer Andrew Prather and members of the Hamilton Fire Department prepare to transport an injured motorist.



Officer Matt Blevins speaks to a motorist that was involved in an accident.



Officer Mandy Roach clears the scene on Eaton Avenue.



Officer Dave Anglin surveys the wreckage on East Avenue.



Officer Chad Stafford speaks to a motorist on High Street.



Officer Cody Rush speaks at the commencement of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Academy graduation.

# Patrol Division



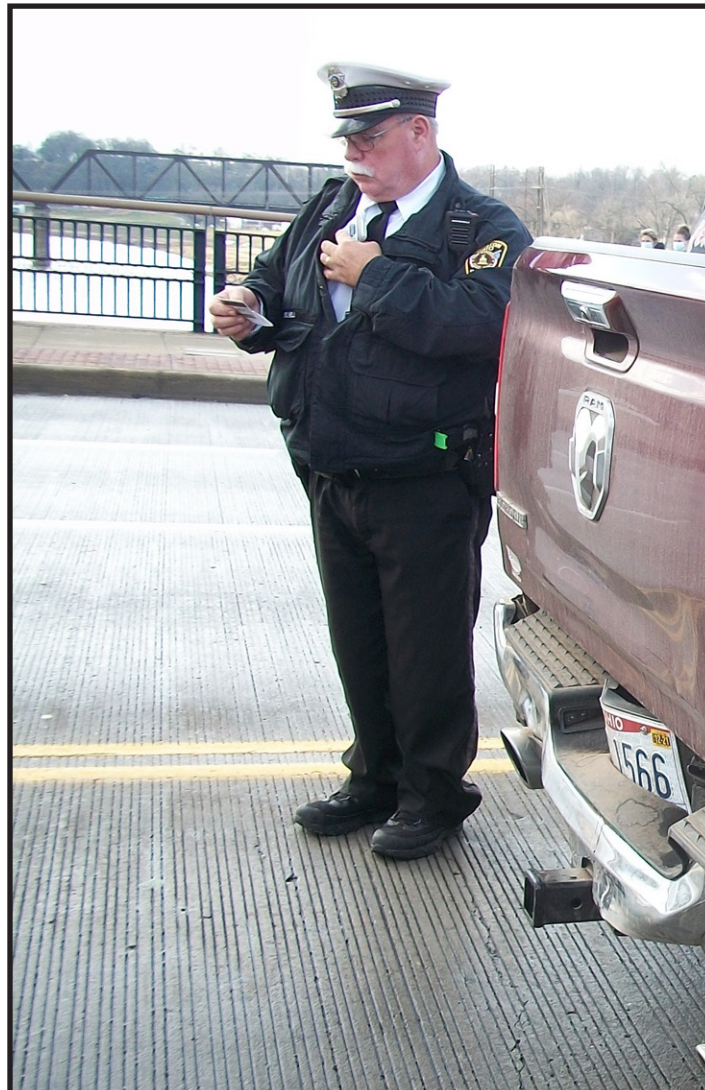
**Captain Marc McManus**

The patrol division is divided into three shifts that provide twenty four hour protection to the citizenry. Each shift is commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by two sergeants. Officers assigned to the patrol division answer the initial calls for service when a citizen calls needing assistance. These may include crimes in progress, car crashes, missing persons, or to take a report from a citizen. In addition to responding to calls for service, patrol officers also engage in proactive police work, such as conducting school and business checks, addressing traffic complaints in their assigned district, serving arrest warrants on wanted persons, and working together with the Neighborhood Policing and Detective Sections to address ongoing neighborhood complaints and problems.

Thanks to the Matt Haverkamp Foundation, the patrol division added two new canine members in the fall of 2020. Drogo, and his handler, Officer Sean Figley, and Willis, and his handler, Officer Sean McCarley, completed their training in December 2020 and are now working on the street. Drogo is a Belgian malinois and is trained in patrol (tracking and apprehension), and narcotics detection. Willis is a German shepherd and is trained in patrol (tracking and apprehension), and explosives detection. Please reference [www.mathhaverkamp.com](http://www.mathhaverkamp.com) for more information on the Haverkamp Foundation and the positive impact they have on law enforcement in our region.



**Officer Cole Gudgell on a traffic stop.**



**Officer Jim Colwell checks the status of a driver on the High/Main Bridge.**



**Officer Danielle Sorber attends to the scene of a rush hour crash on High Street.**

# Operations Roster

## OPERATIONS BUREAU COMMANDER CAPTAIN MARC MCMANUS

### PATROL

#### DAY SHIFT

**Lieutenant**  
D. Taylor

**Sergeants**  
S. Fryman  
G. Baker

**Officers**  
A. Roach  
C. Rush  
D. Anglin  
J. Padilla  
R. Sherman  
C. Nunn  
T. Bridwell  
B. Sorrell  
C. Gudgell  
P. Gibbons  
L. Colwell  
H. Maus

**Desk Officers**  
K. Owens

#### AFTERNOON SHIFT

**Lieutenant**  
J. Fischer

**Sergeants**  
B. Ungerbuehler  
E. Taylor

**Officers**  
D. Rollins  
J. Bengel  
J. Hiatt  
T. Unwin  
A. Prather  
D. Sorber  
P. Wentz  
S. Hillman  
B. Bowlin  
S. Lamping  
T. Gray  
M. Blevins  
B. Bolten

**Desk Officers**  
G. Halcomb

#### NIGHT SHIFT

**Lieutenant**  
J. Smith

**Sergeants**  
J. Richardson  
M. Fishwick

**Officers**  
J. Aichele  
T. Bryant  
K. Ruhl  
J. Mignery  
D. Trefzger  
S. McFall  
A. Sora  
Z. Strack  
J. Boyd  
J. Gabbard  
T. Hensley  
T. Kiep  
A. Hickman  
J. Holmes  
D. Karwisch

**Desk Officers**  
M. Burgess

### TRAFFIC

Lieutenant D. Taylor  
Police Officer C. Browning  
Police Officer H. Adkins

**Traffic Officers**  
D. Patterson  
C. Stafford  
M. Lee

**Traffic Officers**  
A. Feck  
J. Ebbing

**Traffic Officers**  
O. Zoellner  
P. Root

### INVESTIGATIONS

Lieutenant P. Erb  
Sergeant M. Hayes  
Sergeant J. Thompson

**Detectives**  
D. Weissinger  
M. Nichols  
R. Horton  
F. Botts

J. Gross  
S. Hamilton  
M. Gray  
J. Habig

A. Hucke  
S. Laney  
B. Wynn  
R. Barker

M. Trenum  
A. Kiep

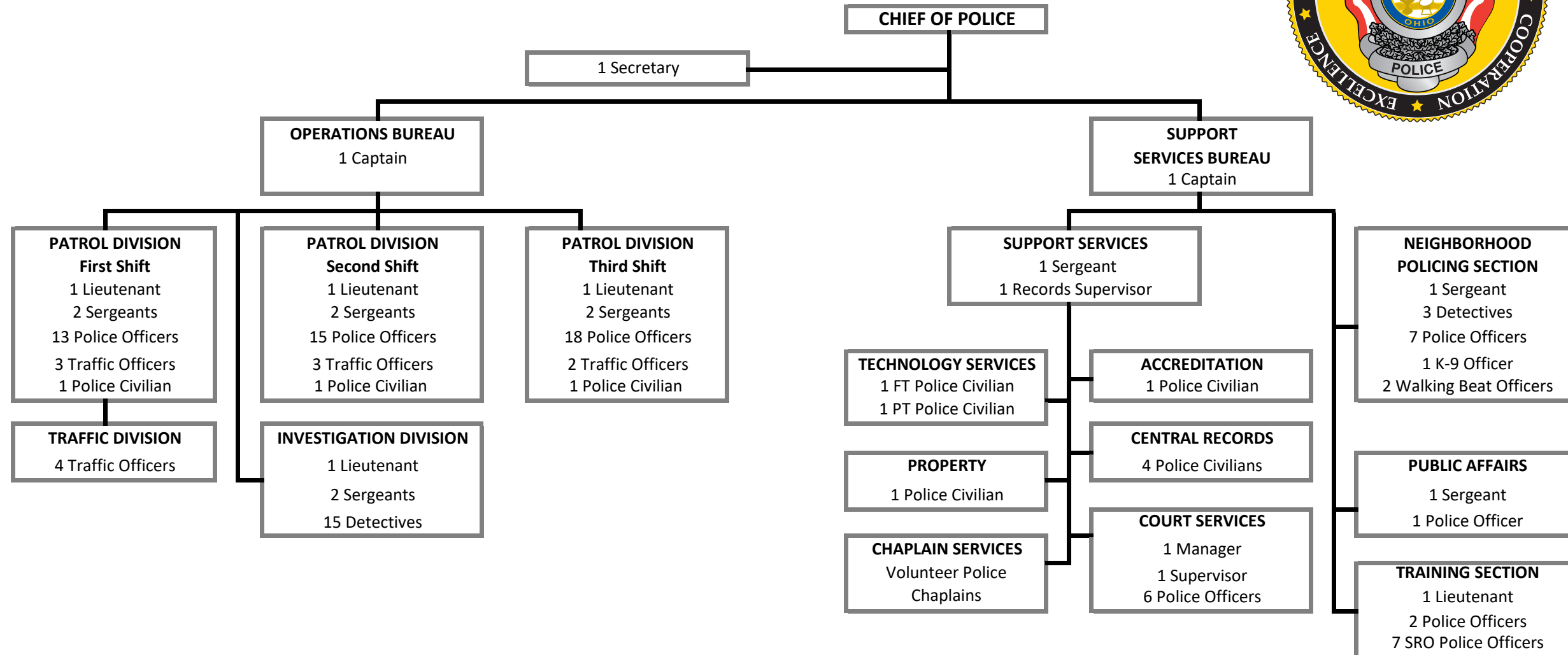
### K-9 OFFICERS

Officer S. Figley  
Officer S. McCarley

### K-9

Drogo (Officer Figley)  
Willis (Officer McCarley)

# Hamilton Police Department Organizational Chart



## RECAPITULATION

HEADQUARTERS SWORN (115)		COURT SERVICES SWORN (8)		NON SWORN (13)	
Chief	1	Corrections Manager	1	Secretary to the Chief	1
Captains	2	Supervisor	1	Records Supervisor	1
Lieutenants	5	Police Officers	6	Police Civilian Employees (11)	
Sergeants	11			Accreditation	1
Detectives	18			Records	4
Police Officers	78			Desk	3
				Property & Evidence	1
				FT/ PT Technology	2

**FULL-TIME PERSONNEL 135**  
**TOTAL PERSONNEL 136**

EFFECTIVE: 03/11/20  
ISSUED BY:  
  
Craig R. Bucheit  
CHIEF OF POLICE

# Support Services Division



Support Services includes Training, Court Security, Public Affairs, the School Resource Officer Program, Social Media, Downtown officers, Neighborhood Policing, Records, Property, and Vice. Our team creates a more balanced department and improves operational efficiency through enhanced communication and resource allocation. Personnel are highly trained and extremely passionate about their roles. Our goal is to support both our internal customers (our personnel) and the residents (external customers) of Hamilton in a focused and coordinated effort.

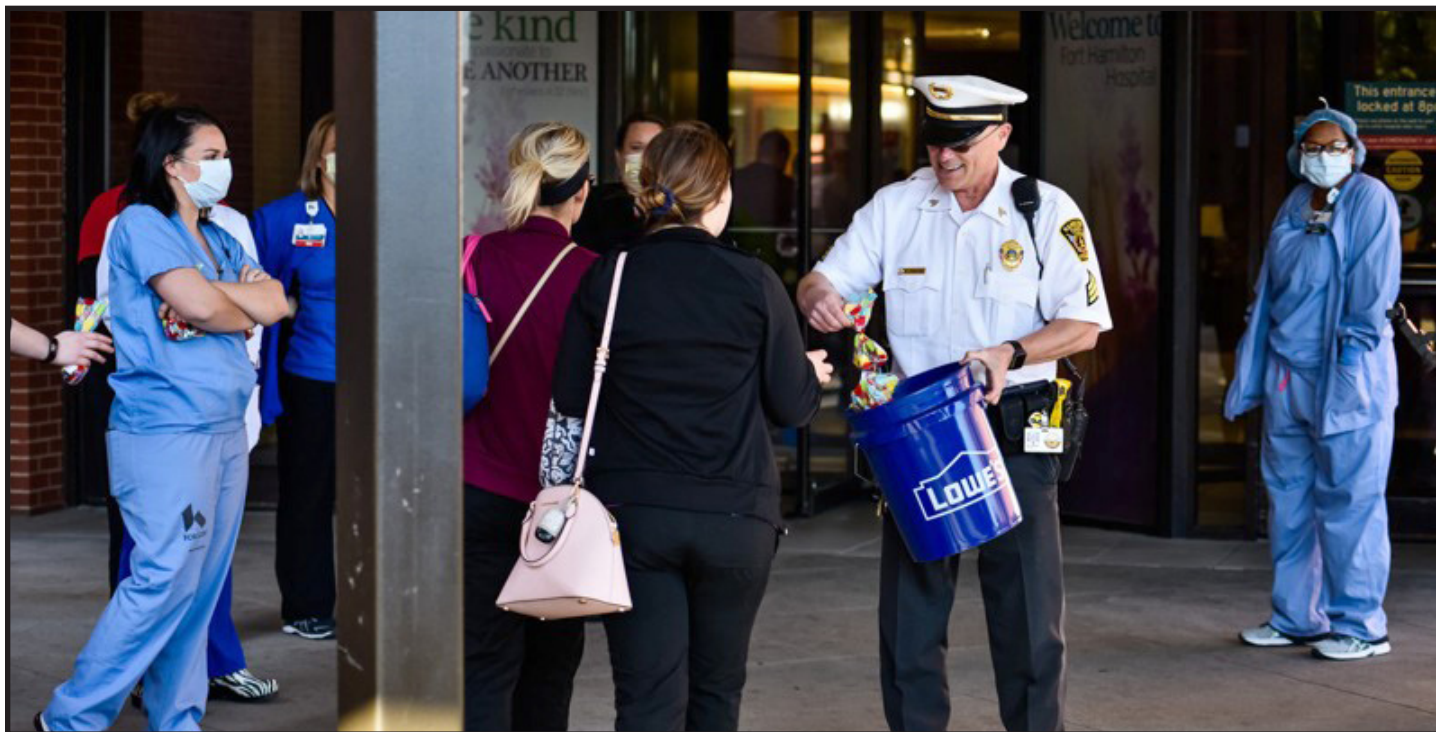
In 2020, the Support Services side of the department experienced some changes in personnel. Sgt. Brian Gleason became the Services supervisor and hit the ground running. Sgt. Gleason brought a tremendous amount of passion and energy to the position along with a desire to get things done. Sgt. Rich Burkhardt remained as the supervisor in Public Affairs along with Sgt. Crouch in Neighborhood Policing.

Brittney Geurin remained as the Records Supervisor. Her office welcomed two new team members in 2020. Jennifer Kiep and Christy Niehaus started in August and brought a wealth of experience to the organization. Brittney's tremendous team building and leadership skills quickly formed a highly cohesive unit.

Ashley Thacker remained as the Property Officer and continues to make improvements to our property and evidence handling procedures. She is a dedicated employee who takes great pride in her work.

Carole Walters remained as the accreditation manager for the department. Carole is also responsible for many of the departmental grants and works extremely hard to ensure that we are as up to date as possible.

Manager Joe Murray ensures that court operations and city building security run flawlessly. He is an asset to the department and uses his expertise as a previous Captain to effortlessly manage a hectic position. Joe is gifted at communicating with personnel and leading a focused group of officers.



The Hamilton Police Department participated in a show of appreciation to hospital employees at Fort Hamilton.

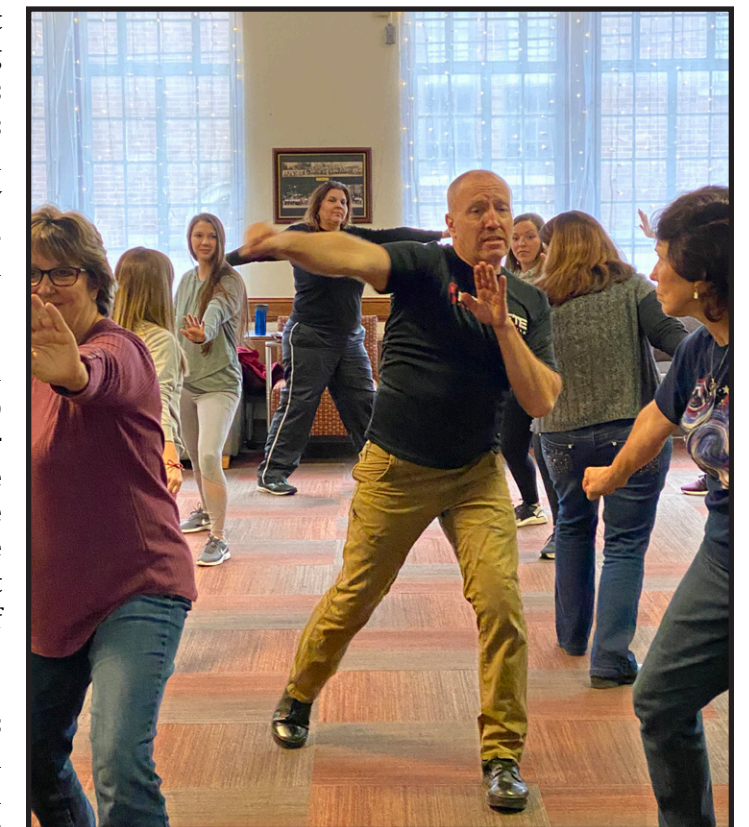


Safety Town was continued in 2020, but with less children and fewer weeks, due to Covid-19.

Officer Kristy Collins continues to positively impact lives in the community and does a fantastic job of serving as the face of the Hamilton Police Department. She runs the wildly successful Safety Town program, conducts neighborhood police academies, and handles social media for the department. Officer Collins wears many hats, but her connection to the community is undeniable. Her passion, professionalism, and commitment are all unmatched and sincerely appreciated.

Officer Ryan Beckelhymer and Brian "Bucky" Buchanan remained as Training officers and are dedicated to providing the most modern training tactics to keep our officers and the public safe. Lt. Brian Robinson leads the Training unit and is to be commended for managing the vast amount of records associated with Training. These three positions require a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to stay one step ahead in the area of training.

Ultimately, Support Services is a collection of individuals who are all about making the agency a better place and accomplishing the greater good. My sincere thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone on the Support Services team.



Officer Brian Buchanan at a Women's Self Defense class at the YWCA in January.



# Neighborhood Policing Section



The Neighborhood Policing Section is comprised of uniformed officers and detectives. The Neighborhood Policing Section uses a problem-solving approach to address neighborhood complaints in the Hamilton community. Officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods throughout the City and work closely with residents of those neighborhoods and patrol shift officers to address problems in those neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Policing Section is committed to building partnerships in the community to help solve neighborhood problems.

Neighborhood Policing Section officers also conduct opioid outreach in the community. They partner with outside organizations to help those who suffer from addiction find a treatment option. Part of this outreach includes addressing the homeless population in the City to connect them with resources.

## SHOTS FIRED

In the first week of January, citizens in the area of Lane and Hanover Streets experienced a rash of shots fired incidents. Detectives alerted officers concerning the increase of calls in the area and asked that they increase patrols in the area over concerns of citizens.

On January 14, Officers Wentz and Strack stopped a vehicle in the 1100 block of Lane Street that was occupied by three individuals. Officer Zoellner assisted as a back-up unit. The car stop resulted in the arrest of three individuals, all in possession of firearms. The suspects were charged with firearms related offenses and the guns were confiscated.

Lieutenant Pat Erb commended Officers Strack, Wentz and Zoellner for their coordinated and proactive policing efforts.

## PERSONAL DANGER

On November 7, Officer Seth Hillman was dispatched to a call of two dogs fighting inside of a home. He arrived and a witness told him that a lady was being attacked by dogs in the house. He entered to see the victim on her knees being bitten in the arm and side by two dogs, while two others were in the room watching the attack. Officer Hillman was able to strike one dog and deploy his chemical spray on the other. He grabbed the victim and pulled her through the door. Although she suffered severe lacerations, she was treated and recovered from her injuries.

Sgt. Eric Taylor stated, "Officer Hillman's quick decisive action and firmness of mind in the face of personal danger saved the victim from further mauling and serious injury."

## SELFLESS ACTIONS

On November 8, Officer Brian Bowlin was dispatched to North 5<sup>th</sup> and Butler Streets on the call of a citizen down on the railroad tracks. Officer Bowlin arrived as the train approached. He grabbed the subject and pulled him to safety just seconds before the train would have struck the individual.

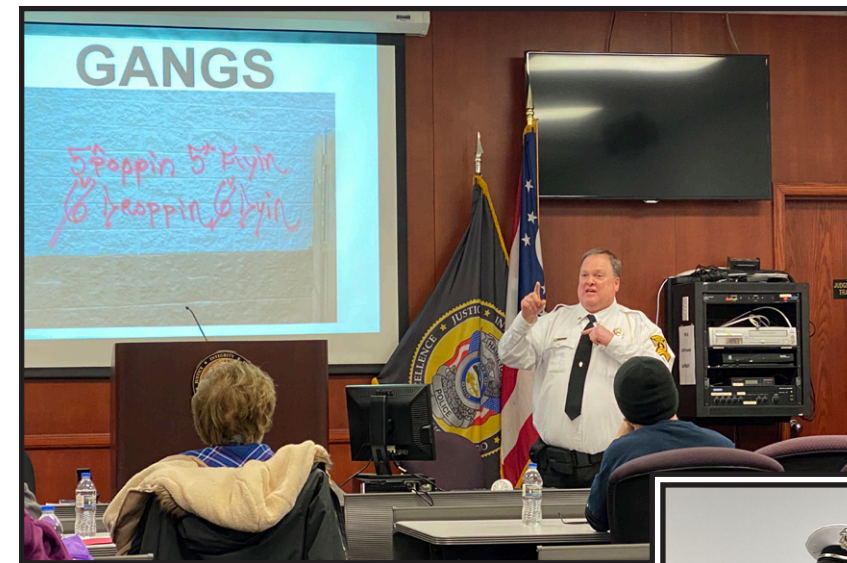
His actions put himself in danger and certainly saved the life of the citizen. He was awarded with a letter of commendation by Lieutenant John Fischer for his selfless actions on that November night.



Birthday "drive-bys" became popular in 2020.



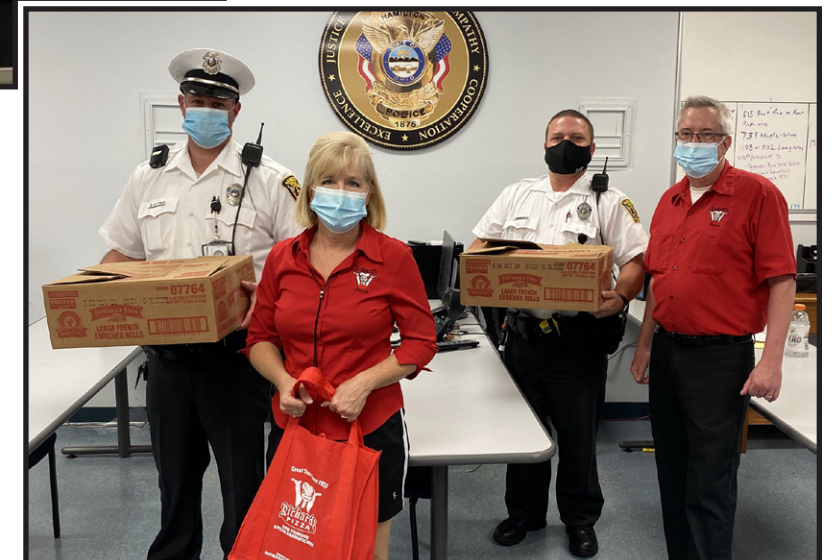
In January, officers and firefighters attended the First Responders Appreciation Breakfast at St. Ann's Elementary.



Sergeant Gary Crouch speaks to our Citizens Police Academy.



Officer Brittany Sorrell ran into the Easter Bunny while patrolling in Lindenwald.



Officers Heffernan and Carpenter hold boxes filled with steak sandwiches. Richard's Pizza delivered them as part of the Hamilton-Fairfield Mayor's Challenge.

# Public Affairs Section



**Sergeant Rich Burkhardt**

“To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.” This is the mission statement of the Hamilton Police Department. In the Public Affairs Section we try to put our mission statement into practice on a daily basis.

In 2020, continuation of traditional community outreach was challenging. Although challenging, HPD participated in several new events that broadened the scope of our interaction in the community. We participated in Hamilpalooza, Right to Read Week, safety speeches at Support to Encourage Low Income Families (SELF) and the Easter Seals Help Us Become (HUB) program. We continued long established programs like Safety Town, the Third Grade Seat Belt Program and HPD Citizens Police Academy. The events of 2020 presented a challenge, but we were able to continue these programs that have been favorites in the Hamilton community. In 2021, we anticipate hosting another Citizens Police Academy and our HPD Open House.

In 2020, recruitment efforts were enhanced with the help of Civil Service and Personnel. Our recruitment efforts



**Mabel O' Donohoe from Highland Elementary was the 2020 3rd Grade Seat Belt Program Winner. Her artwork was featured on the 2020 HPD Christmas card.**

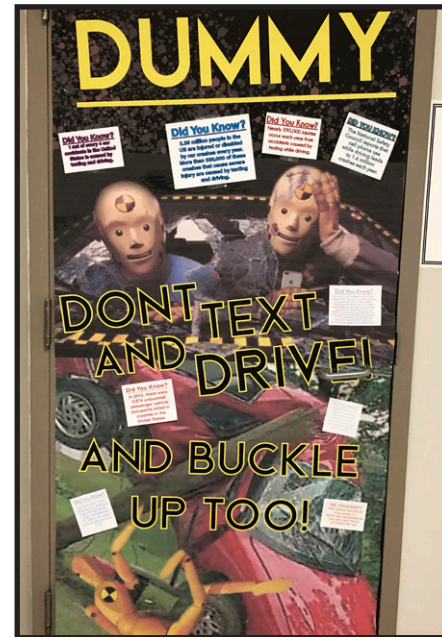
are aimed at attracting character and diversity. In 2019, HPD started utilizing the National Testing Network to increase our candidate pool. Our recruitment went from a regional to national effort. In 2020, Civil Service and Personnel undertook efforts to promote our department through national advertising. The Public Affairs Section forged relationships with all the area police academies. Commanders from Butler Tech, University Of Cincinnati-Clermont and Great Oaks granted our department time to promote our department in both their spring and fall academies.



**The Buckley Beaver Safety contest was popular during the pandemic. Students submitted their best artwork. First Financial Bank donated cash prizes to the winners.**



**Officer Collins speaks to the third grade class at St. Ann's about buckling up for safety.**



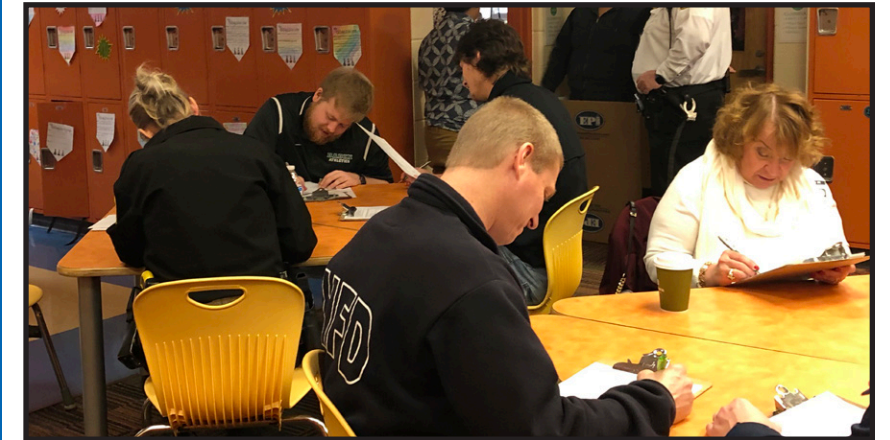
**Students competed for the best seat belt safety messages at Butler Tech. Officers from the department judged the entries.**

In 2020, we hosted or participated in these programs that aimed to better our community:

- Safety Town
- Right to Read Week
- Safety Speeches
- Women's Self Defense Classes
- Help Us Become (HUB)
- Third Grade Seat Belt Program
- Hamilton Science Fairs
- Police Headquarters Tours
- Trunk or Treats
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Employee Safety Fairs
- Hamilpalooza
- Martin Luther King Day Parade
- National Prescription Take Back Day
- Citizens Police Academy



**Officer Montez Lee speaks to the Citizens Police Academy class.**



**In February, officers judged Science Fair entries at Linden Elementary.**



**The 2020 Citizens Police Academy graduating class at Colligan Lodge in early February.**



**Officer Bowlin throws a pass at Crawford Woods Elementary. Officers Prather and Hamiel watch the activity.**

# Training / Special Events / SROs

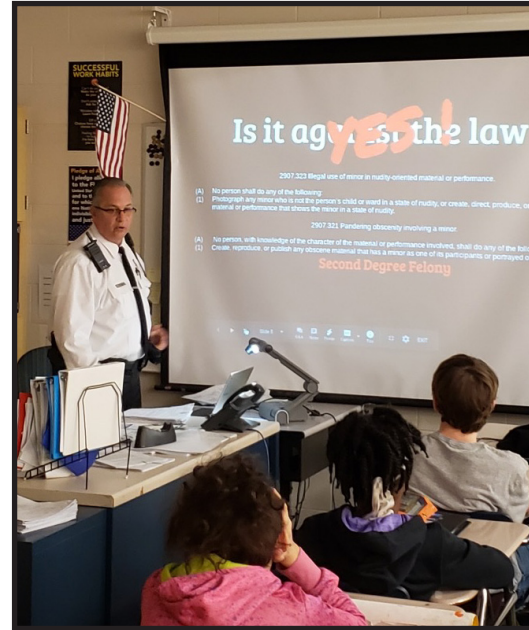


**Lieutenant  
Brian Robinson**

While 2020 started off with the normal busy schedule for the training schedule, COVID 19 drastically impacted the scheduling for the rest of the year. Just as Lt. Robinson took over the Training Section in March, our typical in house training was halted as all of our attention was turned to the onset of COVID and how to protect our personnel as well as the implementation of COVID policies within the department. The importance of training for our profession is ever increasing, so new alternatives had to be explored, because providing no training is not an option. We experimented and migrated to an in house online training platform for a number of topics. With the use of this platform, and precautionary in house training near the end of the year, we were still able to average around 33 hours of training per sworn member of our personnel. We have decided to build upon this online platform in 2021 and utilize it for additional purposes of yearly required training updates. In addition, we have hired a number of personnel, both certified and non-certified. We oversee a 3 week orientation period for each new hire, as well as a 15 week field training phase for each newly hired officer. The training section also coordinates the process for all new hires that need to attend a police academy in order to receive their certification.

Lt. Robinson also supervises the School Resource Officers. In a partnership with the Hamilton City School District, HPD has seven full-time SRO's that are assigned to specific schools within our district. Our SRO's are vital in furthering trust between our upcoming generations and law enforcement, and have become "adopted" by students as mentors and trusted avenues of help when needed. Some of our SRO's even coach sports on their own time for the Hamilton School District. Officers Rodney Wilson and Montez Lee coached 7th grade football in 2020, and lead them to an undefeated season scoring over 200 points during their season! In addition to coaching, Wilson and Lee implemented study sessions for the players where the coaches oversaw the students so they could stay up on their studies while everyone struggled with virtual schooling due to COVID shutdowns. Our SRO's definitely have a lasting positive impact on the students in their schools.

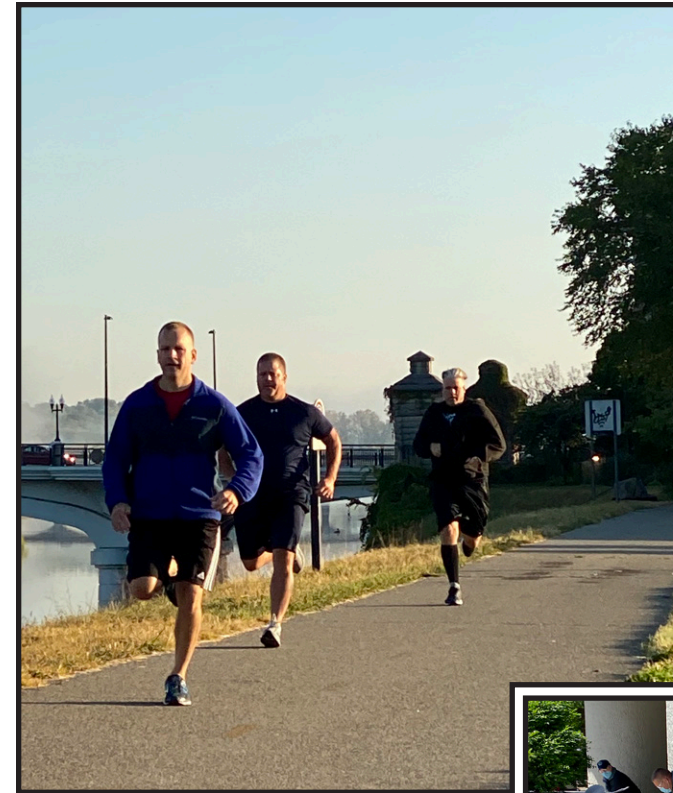
Lastly, Lt. Robinson also heads up the Special Events permit process and safety coordination with all public special events in the city. COVID had a direct and understandable negative impact this year on the amount of special events. During 2020, the permit applications tended to be focused on outdoor gathering spaces where precautions and social distancing could occur, and all of the major festivals were either cancelled or drastically altered to the minimum in order to comply with gathering restrictions and safety protocols.



**School Resource Officer Tom Hurst teaches a class at Wilson Middle School.**



**Officer James Mignery cleans his weapon after qualifying at the range.**



**Detective Aaron Huckey, Officer Terry Kiefer and Detective Bob Horton run on the bike path during In-Service Training.**



**Officers train in firearms at the range.**



**School Resource Officer Rodney Wilson was presented with the City of Hamilton's 2020 Public Service Passion for Hamilton Award.**



**Captain Chenoweth and Detective Thacker assist in the fitness test for HPD recruits.**



**Officers practice their technique during bicycle patrol certification training.**

# Central Records Section



**Supervisor  
Brittney Geurin**

In 2020, one Records Supervisor Brittney Geurin and four full-time records clerks staffed the Central Records Section. Karen Snyder retired after 26 years of service. Her dedication and knowledge continue to be missed. Jessica Rollins pursued an opportunity to be a police officer and left the city to join the Police Academy. Two new records clerks, Jennifer Kiep and Christine Niehaus, started on 8/1/2020 and began the onboarding process with both Sky Arvin and Kevin Imfeld.

The Records Team validates and maintains numerous reports, such as; crime reports (5,926), arrest reports (4,856), and accident reports (1,877). Copies of reports are distributed as requested and sent to the state on a weekly basis. Over 4,000 calls were handled by the department in 2020, with most callers requesting a report copy. Email requests continue to increase as this is most often the easiest form of communication. The records management

system (RMS) is where all data is entered and stored. A total of 6,690 warrants, 3,443 moving violation citations, and 1,320 impounds were entered into RMS. Daily tasks include; attaching mugshots, processing vehicle impounds, confirming and filing fingerprint cards, uploading witness statements, domestic violence forms and patient runs.

Monthly statistical data is submitted to the State and FBI. Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov> to learn more.

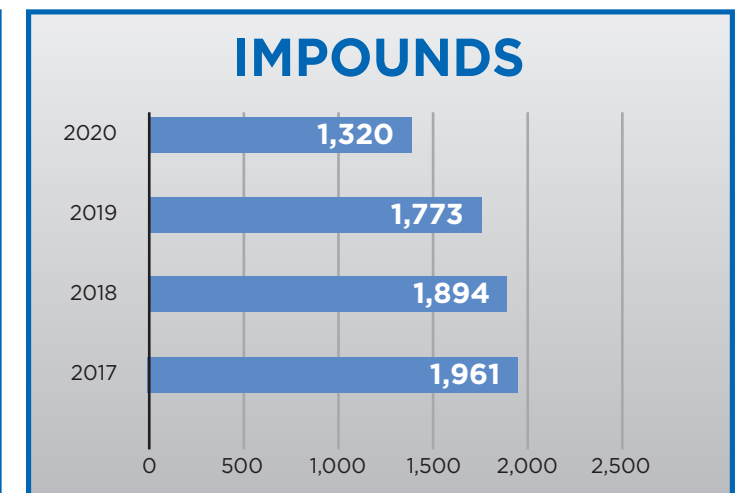
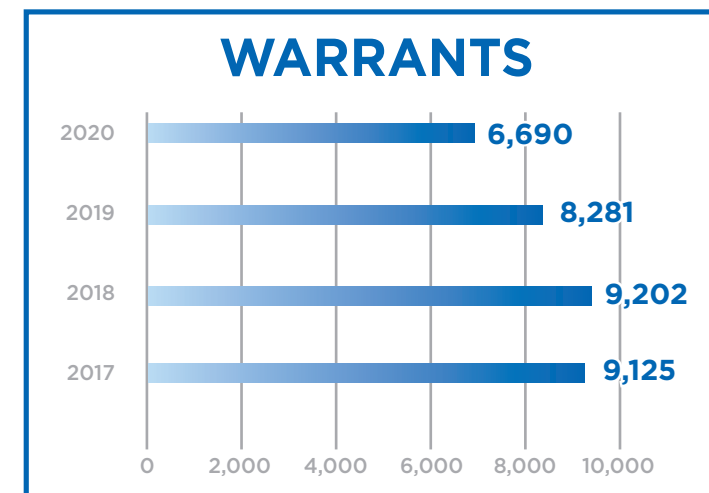
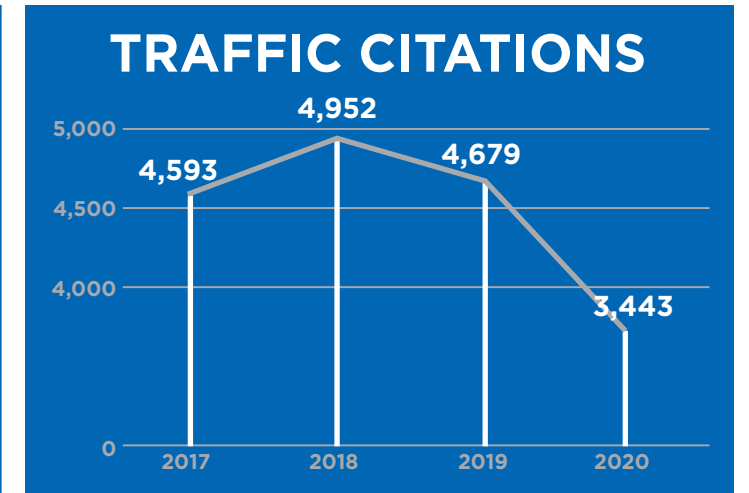
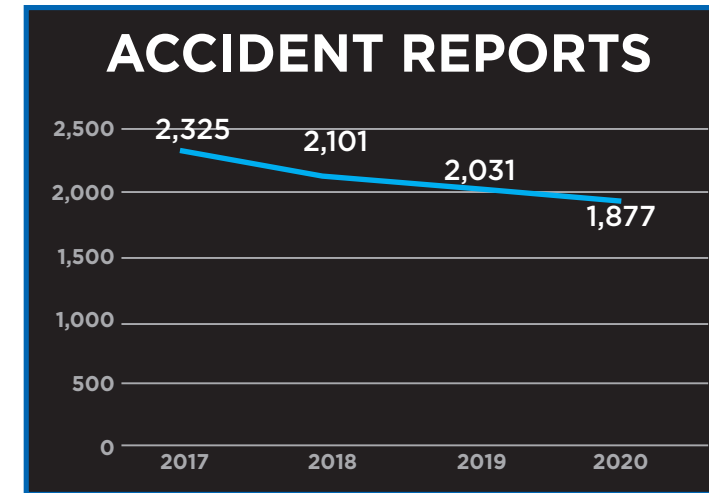
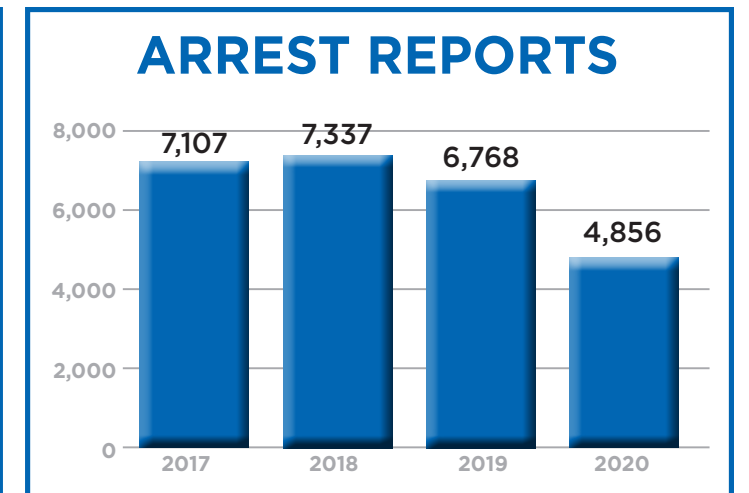
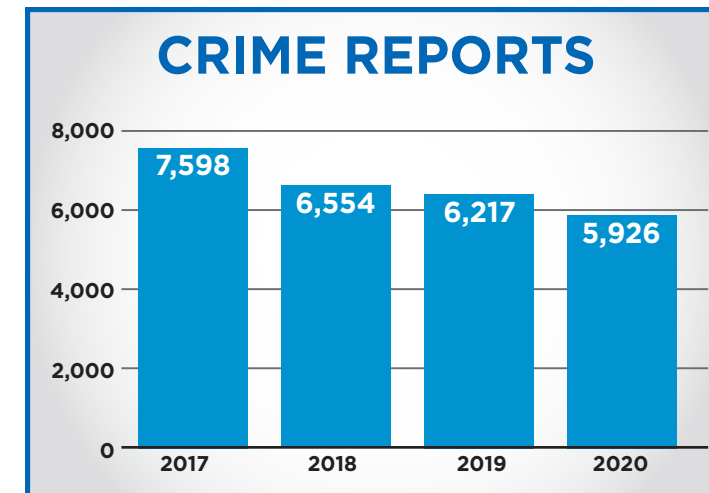


**Records Clerk Karen Snyder retired in July. She received the Hamilton Police Department Life Saver Award when she was a dispatcher.**



**Jennifer Kiep and Christine Niehaus started working in Central Records in August.**

# STATISTICS



# Court Services



**Manager  
Joe Murray**

In the year 2020, Court Services personnel were completely assimilated into the patrol/detective bargaining unit. This is great for the individual officers as well as the organization. It affords greater flexibility as well as stability to a unit that has undergone some recent personnel changes. It is difficult to describe 2020 without the mention of Covid 19. Covid wreaked havoc on our personnel as several of the officers contracted it. Covid did bring about much needed changes in that the court has adopted video arraignments. The arraignments have streamlined the court sessions as well as afforded more security to the process.

Our primary function is to provide a safe and secure environment for the courts as well as City Hall. We regularly patrol the common areas of the building as well as the grounds to safeguard our employees and customers that frequent the building.

Our unit continues to supplement patrol by booking and transporting prisoners arrested during our working hours to the Butler County Jail. This service frees our street officers to provide a more uniform coverage to our citizens. The police officers assigned to this unit are proud to be an integral part of the Hamilton Police Department.



**A cruiser leads the way in the Martin Luther King Day Parade in January.**

# Support Services Roster

## CHIEF OF POLICE CHIEF CRAIG R. BUCHEIT

**Chief's Secretary**  
Barb Winkler

### TRAINING & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

- Lieutenant B. Robinson
- Police Officer B. Buchanan
- Police Officer R. Beckelhymer
- SRO E. Huff
- SRO T. Hurst
- SRO Td. Hurst
- SRO R. Cardwell
- SRO L. Ash
- SRO R. Snyder
- SRO R. Wilson

### WALKING BEAT OFFICERS

- Officer Ch. Browning
- Officer T. Kiefer

### CENTRAL RECORDS AND ACCREDITATION

- Supervisor B. Geurin
- Clerk S. Arvin
- Clerk K. Imfeld
- Clerk C. Niehaus
- Clerk J. Kiep
- Accreditation Mgr. C. Walters

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- IT Specialist R. Gordon
- IT Specialist B. Britt

### COURT SERVICES

- Manager J. Murray
- Supervisor A. Lymburner
- Officer P. Fackey
- Officer J. Carpenter
- Officer J. Mast
- Officer J.L. Bengé

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Sergeant R. Burkhardt
- Officer K. Collins

### PROPERTY

- Property Manager A. Thacker

### NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING DETECTIVES AND OFFICERS

- Sergeant G. Crouch
- Detective P. Webb
- Detective C. Johnson
- Detective C. Gibson
- Officer S. Arbino
- Officer T. Nichtig
- Officer C. Peters
- Officer W. Arnold
- Officer R. Brockman
- Officer S. Heffernan
- Officer K. Johnson

# Personnel in Transition

## APPOINTMENTS

P.O. Haleigh Daniels	6/8/20
P.O. Nathan Kamphaus	6/8/20
P.O. Joseph Johnson	6/8/20
P.O. Rebeccann Richter	7/1/20
P.O. Tiffany Gray	7/20/20
P.O. Kyle Toedtman	8/3/20
Clerk Jennifer Kiep	8/3/20
Clerk Christine Niehaus	8/3/20
P.O. Eric Hamiel	9/28/20
P.O. Reiny Parado	12/21/20
P.O. James Leissinger	12/21/20



Detective Brian Wynn began at HPD in 2000. He was promoted to detective in 2019.



Doug Trenum, Tony Kiep, Brian Ungerbuehler, Greg Baker and Lieutenant Jim Smith were all promoted in March.



Officers Nathan Kamphaus, Joseph Johnson and Haleigh Daniels were sworn-in on 6/8/20.



Detective Jim Gross completed 25 years at the Hamilton Police Department in 2020. In 2015, he was promoted to detective.

## PROMOTIONS

Lt. John Fischer	1/6/20
Sgt. Greg Baker	2/17/20
Det. Douglas Trenum	2/17/20
Lt. James Smith	3/7/20
Sgt. Brian Ungerbuehler	3/7/20
Det. Anthony Kiep	3/7/20
Lt. Donald Taylor	9/11/20
Sgt. Eric Taylor	9/11/20
Det. Michael Thacker	9/11/20



Eric Taylor was promoted to sergeant in 2020.

# MILESTONES

**Officer Buddy Carpenter**  
1/4/2005

**Detective Brian Wynn**  
7/10/2000

**Detective James Gross**  
4/24/1995

**Officer Ross Sherman**  
4/9/1990

**Brett Britt**  
1985

**Bob Gordon**  
10/31/1970

**Officer Pete Gibbons**  
8/28/2005

**Officer Bob Snyder**  
11/2/2000

**Detective Robert Horton**  
9/28/1995

**Detective Mel Gray**  
12/26/1990

**Officer Kristy Collins**  
9/28/1995



Officer Buddy Carpenter started at HPD as Desk Officer in early 2005.



Detective Robert Horton and Officer Kristy Collins started at HPD in 1995.



School Resource Officer Bob Snyder speaks to a group at Fairview Elementary. Officer Snyder celebrated 20 years at HPD in 2020.



Officer Ross Sherman began his career at the Hamilton Police Department in April of 1990.

IT Specialist Bob Gordon began his career in 1970 as a Patrol Officer.



Detective Mel Gray completed 30 years at HPD in 2020.

## SEPARATIONS

P.O. Corey Kinser	1/17/20	P.O. Anthony Murray	8/28/20
Clerk Jessica Rollins	7/3/20	P.O. Joseph Kettman	11/15/20
P.O. Nicholas Jackson	8/14/20	P.O. Daniel Brown	12/4/20
P.O. Alexander Wargo	8/21/20		

# RETIREMENTS

- Lt. Wade McQueen 1/3/20
- P.O. Chris Robinson 1/31/20
- Lt. Dan Pratt 3/6/20
- P.O. Tim Less 5/3/20
- Clerk Karen Snyder 7/31/20
- Lt. Michael Waldeck 9/11/20



Lt. Dan Pratt retired after 32 years of service.



Lieutenant Michael Waldeck retired in September. Here, he is pictured with his partner in the 1990's, K-9 Max.



Officer Robinson in front of his retirement photo.



Officer Chris Robinson retired after 23 years of service.



Lieutenant Wade McQueen retired from HPD in January.

# In Memoriam

**Sergeant Sam Hopkins** passed away on June 3, 2020, at the age of 70. Sgt. Hopkins was appointed to the Hamilton Police Department on March 17, 1973. He was promoted to detective in 1988 and then to sergeant in 1996. Sgt. Hopkins retired on January 15, 1999. Sgt. Hopkins served in the United States Marine Corps before his appointment.

**Officer Louis Metcalfe** died on October 29, 2020. Officer Metcalfe joined HPD on August 23, 1954. He served for 30 years and retired on September 30, 1984. Before joining the department, Officer Metcalfe served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.







Officers had their cruisers disinfected at Hamilton Fire Department Headquarters.



A student signs a thank you card on First Responder' Day at Fairwood Elementary.



Members of Faith Over Fear say a prayer for officers in the front lot of HPD.



Sgt. Don Taylor gathers N-95 masks at Hamilton Fire Department Company #5.

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