



2021 Annual Report

Hamilton Police Department



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 2021 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, but a global pandemic coupled with extraordinary social and political change has made the past couple years particularly challenging.

Despite the challenges, we have persevered and prevailed.

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

In 2021, 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 continued to refine and reimagine our hiring process in order to compete in the most highly competitive job market the policing profession has ever seen. Our efforts included creating opportunities to make on the spot job offers to



top candidates and adding signing bonuses for all new recruits. We also reduced the time between entrance exams and worked closely with the HR Department to maximize the number of candidates we could evaluate. In 2021, we exhausted four certified lists of candidates in an effort to find the best recruits. For the year, we hired 16 new officers, 2 new civilians and promoted 5 sworn members.

- Our training staff continued our long-standing commitment to providing the best possible training and professional development opportunities. Despite pandemic related constraints we managed to complete an average of 44 hours of training per sworn officers while the State of Ohio required no ongoing training or professional development for the 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 94,933 calls for service and over 5,492 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. These efforts resulted in 56 Chronic Nuisance referrals and 7 felony indictments for Participating in a Criminal Gang.



Officers Hickman, Sorber, Sorrell, Roach and Collins pose for a Mother's Day photo.

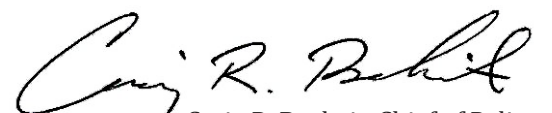
- We conducted 1,347 traffic details, 34 pedestrian details, and investigated over 3,000 parking complaints.
- We made a concerted effort to address gun violence through intelligence led enforcement. While focusing on offenders who were involved in gun violence, we confiscated or took off the street over 200 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 hundreds of participants throughout the year. In August, we hosted the largest and most successful HPD Open House with dozens of community partners in attendance and hundreds of people and their families attending.

- Through a sustained and committed effort, HPD grew its online engagement efforts involving social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor.com. These engagement opportunities included public safety announcements, HPD accomplishments, neighborhood updates, and community events.

I want to thank you, Director Scrimizzi and City Council, for your 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.



Detective Tony Kiep participated in departmental tours at the HPD Open House.

Traffic Section



The Hamilton Police Department Traffic Section is under the command of the day shift patrol supervisors. This maximizes the department's traffic mission by utilizing a combination of traffic officers and patrol officers to address parking and traffic complaints throughout the city.

The traffic section organizes the following up on of a variety of traffic complaints and concerns. City of Hamilton utilizes the E311 online system to respond to parking and traffic complaints across the city. The system allows us to keep a comprehensive history about the issue as steps are taken to reach a resolution to the complaint. Complaints also come in through department voicemail, social media and through the City of Hamilton Health Department. Throughout the year, we also worked closely with the Traffic Engineer to assess traffic issues, conduct speed surveys, and in reviewing traffic patterns and concerns. The traffic section also investigates "hit-skip" accidents and oversees the processing of vehicles that were impounded.

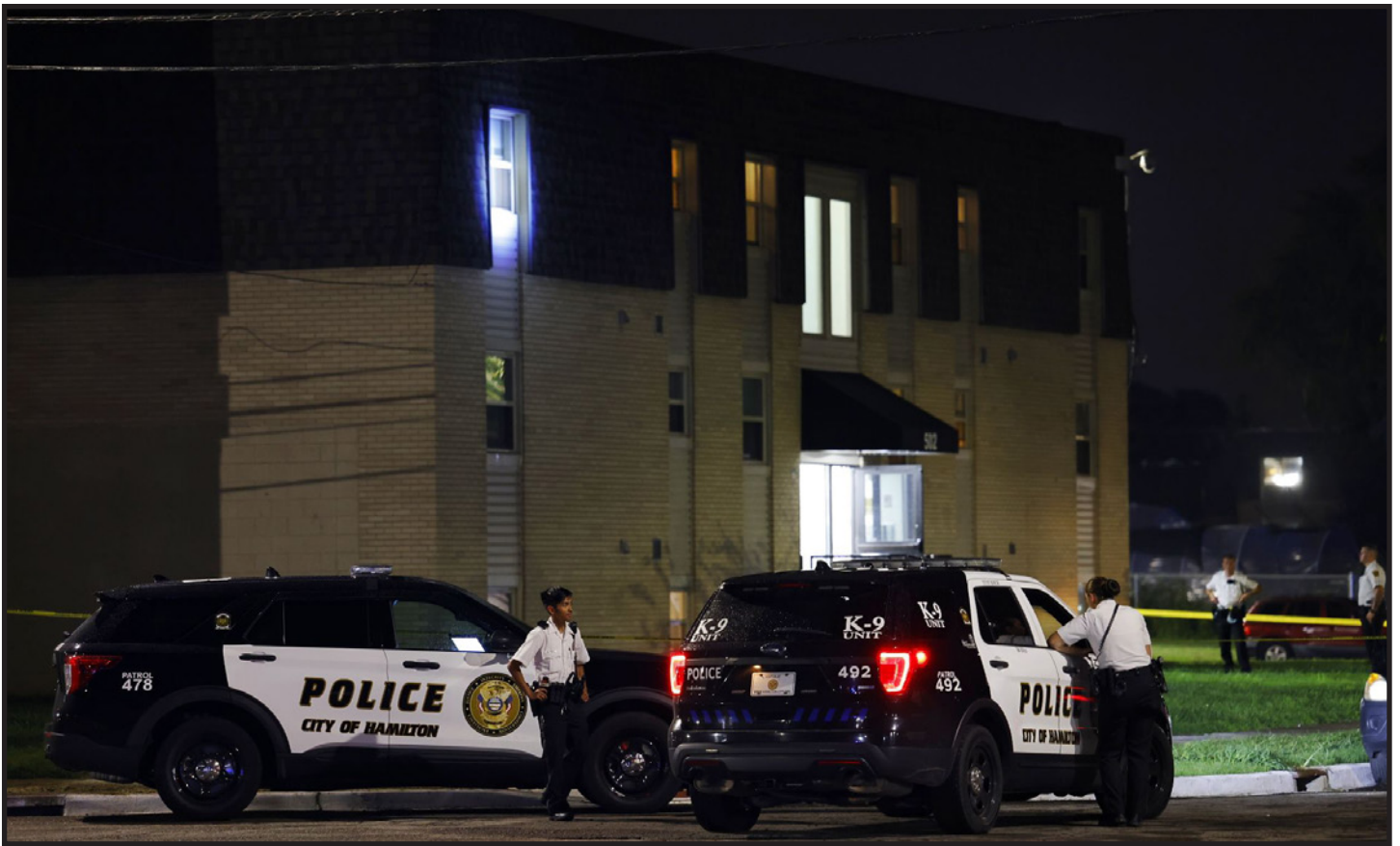
The traffic section maintains a focus on effectiveness and efficiency. This is done through proper utilization of personnel, community outreach and involvement, and through the proper use of radar and other speed detection equipment.



Officer Cody Rush stops northbound traffic on Eaton Avenue.



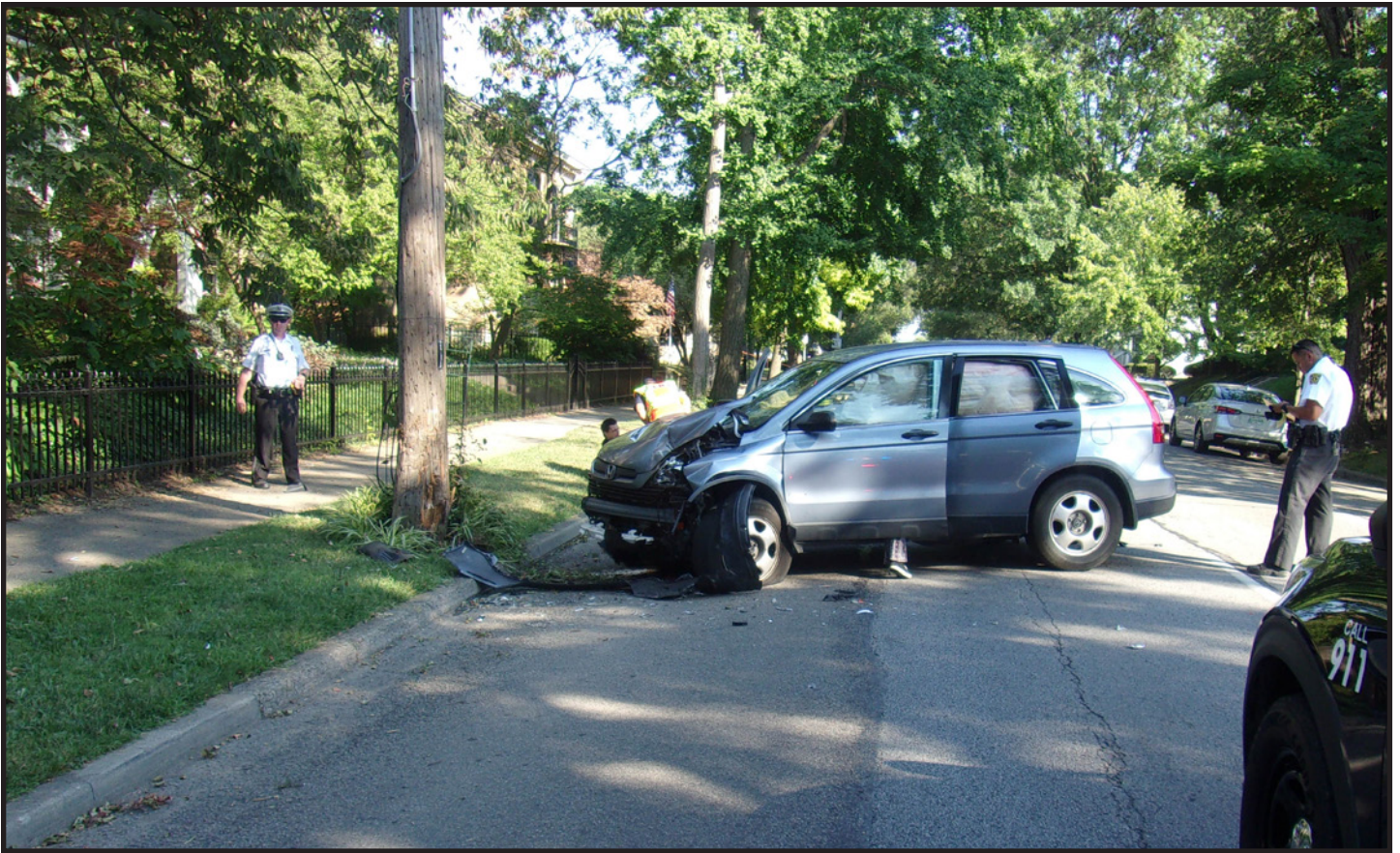
Officer Jason Holmes stops traffic on High Street.



Officer Ivan Miranda blocks traffic after a hostage situation was reported on South Front Street.



A wreck on the Columbia Bridge snarled traffic in late February.



Officers Feck and Padilla start clearing a wreck on Ross Avenue.



Officer Seth Hillman at a crash scene on South Front Street.

Patrol Division



**Captain
Marc McManus**

The Hamilton Police Department's Patrol Division consists of three shifts. The shifts provide around the clock protection to our citizens. Each shift has one lieutenant and two sergeants. The lieutenant serves as shift commander and the sergeants are the shift supervisors. Officers that are assigned to the shift answer calls for service. These calls range from crimes in progress, car crashes, missing persons, incident reports and a wide range of other assistance calls. Beside reactive based calls, officers engage in other proactive police service such as serving arrest warrants, addressing traffic complaints and conducting business and school checks.

In December of 2020, we were able to put two canines in service. Drogo and Willis completed their first year on patrol in December of 2021. They have proven to be a valuable asset to the Hamilton Police Department. Drogo, whose handler is Officer Sean Figley has assisted in patrol and narcotics detection. Officer Sean McCarley's partner, Willis, has been useful in patrol operations and is trained in explosives detection.



Officer McCarley spoke to students at St. Joseph about K9 patrol.



Officers Danielle Sorber and Steve McFall helped a citizen dig out of her residence.

Operations Roster

OPERATIONS BUREAU COMMANDER CAPTAIN MARC MCMANUS

PATROL

DAY SHIFT

Lieutenant
J Fischer

Sergeants
M. Fishwick
S. Fryman

Officers
D. Anglin
T. Bryant
J. Boyd
R. Richter
R. Sherman
P. Leyva
D. Sorber
S. McFall
T. Kiep
P. Gibbons
J. Colwell

Desk Officers
K. Owens

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Lieutenant
J. Richardson

Sergeants
B. Ungerbuehler
E. Taylor

Officers
A. Roach
Ch. Browning
J. Leissingner
A. Prather
D. Rollins
J. Bengé
I. Miranda
H. Daniels
S. Hillman
B. Bowlin
J. Mignery
T. Hensley
J. Crowthers
J. Padilla

Desk Officers
G. Halcomb

NIGHT SHIFT

Lieutenant
D. Taylor

Sergeants
J. Habig
G. Baker

Officers
B. Sorrell
J. Holmes
C. Gudgell
T. Gray
K. Toedtman
P. Wentz
Z. Stiefel
C. Nunn
N. Kamphaus
J. Johnson
A. Hickman
D. Karwisch
A. Sora
W. Johnson
Z. Strack

Desk Officers
M. Burgess

TRAFFIC

Lieutenant J. Fischer
Officer C. Stafford
Officer Ca. Browning

Traffic Officers
D. Patterson
M. Lee
J. Ebbing

Traffic Officers
A. Feck
J. Hiatt

Traffic Officers
J. Gabbard
C. Rush
H. Adkins

INVESTIGATIONS

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

Detectives
S. Hamilton
M. Thacker
J. Gross
A. Hucke
F. Botts

Detectives
M. Nichols
T. Nichting
R. Horton
K. Ruhl
S. Laney

Detectives
A. Kiep
D. Root
B. Wynn
J. Barker
D. Trenum

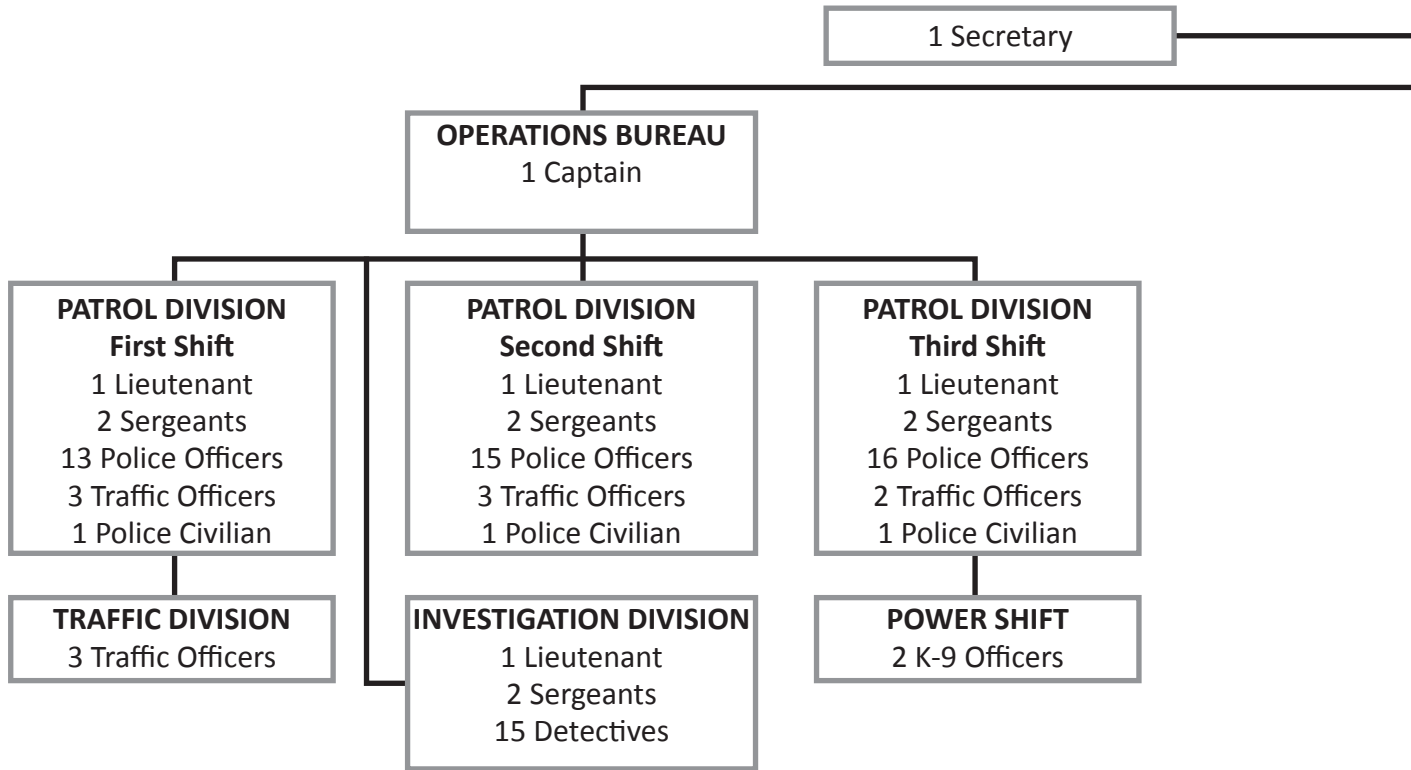
K-9 OFFICERS

Officer S. Figley
Officer S. Mc Carley

K-9

Drogo (Officer Figley)
Willis (Officer McCarley)

Hamilton Police Department Organizational Chart



HEADQUARTERS SWORN (116)		COURT SERVICES SWORN (7)		NON SWORN (14)	
Chief	1	Corrections Manager	1	Secretary to the Chief	1
Captains	2	Police Officers	6	Records Supervisor	1
Lieutenants	5			Police Civilian Employees (12)	
Sergeants	11			Accreditation	1
Detectives	18			Records	4
Police Officers	79			Desk	3
				Property & Evidence	1
				FT/ PT Technology	3

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL 136
TOTAL PERSONNEL 137



CHIEF OF POLICE

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU
1 Captain

SUPPORT SERVICES
1 Lieutenant
1 Records Supervisor

SCHOOL RESOURCE
7 Police Officers

WALKING BEAT
3 Police Officers

CHAPLAIN SERVICES
Volunteer Police
Chaplains

ACCREDITATION
1 Police Civilian

CENTRAL RECORDS
4 Police Civilians

PROPERTY
1 Police Civilian


TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
2 FT Police Civilians
1 PT Police Civilian

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING SECTION
1 Sergeant
3 Detectives
7 Police Officers
2 Grant Officers

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1 Sergeant
1 Police Officer

TRAINING SECTION
1 Sergeant
2 Police Officers

COURT SERVICES
1 Manager
6 Police Officers

EFFECTIVE: 06/18/21
ISSUED BY:

Craig R. Bucheit
CHIEF OF POLICE

Support Services Division



**Captain
Trent Chenoweth**

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 2021, the Support Services side of the department experienced some changes in personnel. Lt. Brian Robinson became the Services commander. Sgt. Brian Gleason became the Training supervisor and hit the ground running. Sgt. Rich Burkhardt remained as the supervisor in Public Affairs along with Sgt. Crouch in Neighborhood Policing.

Brittney Richardson remained as the Records Supervisor. Brittney's tremendous team building and leadership skills remain outstanding.

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.

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. She won the Passion for Hamilton award in 2020 and was recognized by the city.

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.

Zeke Chenoweth joined the team in December of 2020 as the first ever civilian Police Safety Associate.

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 Joseph Reese poses with visitors from the North Pole.



Officer Dave Root directs traffic at the Hamilton Fire Department. Citizens showed up to receive their Covid-19 immunizations.



Officer Kristy Collins at the Lindenwald Trunk or Treat.



Officer Katherine Johnson assisted Power Source Ministries and Saving Lives in Ministries as they held their Christmas giving event.

Neighborhood Policing Section



**Sergeant
Gary Crouch**

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 as part of the H.A.R.T. (Hamilton Addiction Response Team) program. They partner with outside organizations to help those who suffer from addiction find a treatment option and connect with resources. Part of this outreach includes addressing the homeless population in the City to connect them with resources.

Officer Katie Johnson and Liz Dickerson made a presentation explaining the new outreach program, Hamilton Addiction Response Team.



Officer Steve Heffernan enjoys a Pedicab ride at the Open House.



Officer Patterson participated in the annual Christmas tree lighting.



The Badin High School football team was given a grand send-off to the state championship game.

Public Affairs Section



Sergeant Rich Burkhardt

In 2021, Public Affairs was busy with extending our community outreach efforts. We attempt to further our department's mission statement in our efforts. Our efforts to provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton was well in practice in 2021.

The highlight of the year was the HPD Open House. It has always been an anticipated event, but in

2021, it was expanded to an even greater experience for our community. The north parking lot was utilized due to the number of partners being increased. The HPD Open House is a total community event. The planning and work that went into the event was gratifying and fulfilling.

We also held the Hamilton Police Department Citizens Police Academy. In 2021, we had different officers and detectives present and explain their responsibilities. Common Pleas Judge Daniel Haughey came and spoke to the academy. He fielded numerous questions after his presentation. We were grateful for him giving his time to our department.



Officer Montez Lee speaks to the Citizens Police Academy.

Safety Town was held for the 49th year, without any interruptions or cancellations. Officer Kristy Collins along with the Greater Hamilton Safety Council and the Lindewald Kiwanis, make this program successful each and every year. In fact, the success led to adding an extra week in 2021. Officer Collins added a week for older children. Donations from thyssen krupp Bilstein and Meijer's made it possible for us to purchase bicycles and helmets. In 2021, the final week of Safety Town focused on bicycle safety. In 2022, Safety Town will be expanded from six to seven weeks due to demand from the community.

We will continue to promote our department and be a positive force by living our values of empathy, integrity, excellence, justice and cooperation.



Common Pleas Court Judge Daniel Haughey was a guest speaker at the Citizens Police Academy.



The Meijer in Hamilton donated bicycles to Safety Town. In 2021, an extra week was added for older children.



Retired HPD Officer Randy Payne stopped at Safety Town in July. He spoke to the class about the importance of wearing a bike helmet.



Officer Ryan Beckelhymer runs the class through a bicycle course on the last day of Safety Town.

Services / Events / SROs



**Lieutenant
Brian Robinson**

Lt. Robinson oversaw the Services Section, which included the City's Special Events permitting process and safety coordination, as well as the School Resource Officer program.

In addition to overseeing all building maintenance and upkeep, the Services section continued with its in house IT support for all departmental electronics, including mobile computer terminal in all cruisers, desk computers in all offices, and the continued updating of the new Motorola radios. Services is also responsible for generating all redacted videos requested under public records requests. As part of this, the Services Section also coordinated a several month testing and evaluation process of body worn cameras (BWC). This evaluation process is in preparation of a pending future implementation of BWCs, which will complement the cruiser camera system that has already been in place for a number of years.

The School Resource Officer program continued its important role with seven (7) officers assigned full time to 13 school buildings serving 10,000 students. The officers have adapted well to the ever-changing safety regulations implemented under COVID protocols. The SROs dedicate not only their full time work hours to the students in our districts, but many also give their time after hours assisting with sports, school dances, school clubs, and attending safety team meetings that constantly analyze and work on safety protocol implementation at each of the HCSD buildings. Another big shout out goes to School Resource Officer Rodney Wilson, who also coaches the 7th grade football team. The 7th grade football team is a conglomerate of students from our city's two middle schools, which not only brings together student athletes from throughout the city, but also brings the community parents together. This year Officer Wilson coached the team to a 9-1 record, as a follow up to an 8-0 record last year.



**Officer Rodney Wilson received a gift from
Garfield students.**

Special events in the City of Hamilton came back strong in 2021 after the COVID lockdown of 2020. We saw one of the highest years of permit applications submitted. HPD works closely with the City's Department of Engineering on safety planning for the many outdoor public events, including the RiversEdge Concert Series, July 4th festivities, Operation Pumpkin festival, the Night Glow Marathon, and Antique Car Parade just to name a few. During the spring, Lt. Robinson took an opportunity to expand his event safety coordination background by attending specialized training on event safety, crowd management and liability prevention that was taught by a few of the nation's experts and consultants in event safety. HPD strives to provide the safest outdoor special event venues possible for our citizens and out of town visitors.

Property intake and control is another function of the Services Section. Getting property logged in, properly stored, delivered to different labs for analysis, and keeping up with proper court ordered destruction and release of property is critical to the success of our investigations and officer's successful court cases. Ashley Thacker has done a tremendous job of keeping up with this extremely crucial responsibility. During 2021, the property officer had 6,008 pieces of property tagged in. This included 266 firearms, 1,513 narcotic submissions, and over \$53,000 in narcotics forfeitures. At the end of 2021, the property room had a little over 26,000 pieces of property currently being maintained and tracked.



Officers tow a car that was involved in a hit and run on Mosler Avenue.



Officer Bob Snyder speaks to students at Ridgeway Elementary during Public Safety Week.

Central Records Section



**Supervisor
Brittney Geurin**

Brittney Geurin supervises the Central Records Section at the Hamilton Police Department. The Central Records Section Clerks are Sky Arvin, Kevin Imfeld, Jennifer Kiepe, and Christine Niehaus.

The team validates and maintains a variety of reports such as crime (5,492), arrest (4,325) and accident reports (1,927). Copies of reports are distributed to those who request them, as well as being sent to the state on a weekly basis. In 2021, Central Records handled over (3,262) phone calls; mostly requests for copies of reports. Email requests for reports have become an increasingly popular way to forward information to the public. In 2021 a total of (6,597) warrants, (3,433) moving violations citations, and (1,525) impounds were entered into the records management system. Other tasks performed by the Central Records Section include, uploading domestic violence forms, patient runs, witness statements and confirming and filing fingerprint cards.

On a monthly basis, data is submitted to the State of Ohio and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov> to learn more.



**Desk Officer Ginger Halcomb
and Clerk Sky Arvin at the desk
during the Open House.**



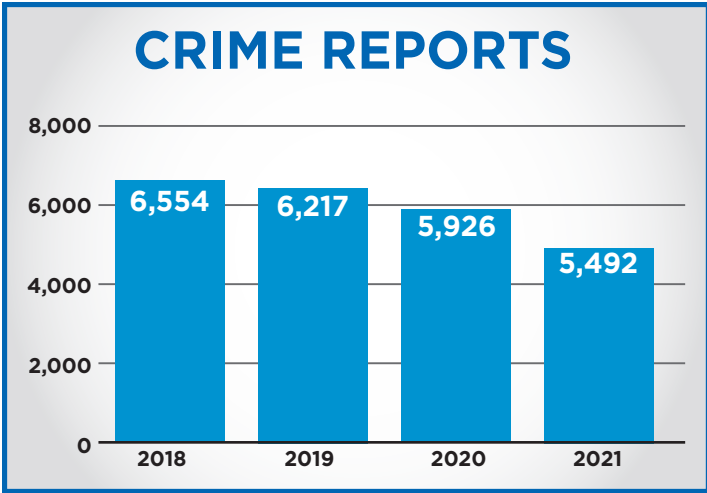
**Supervisor Brittney Geurin and
Clerk Christy Niehaus organized the
Open House in August.**



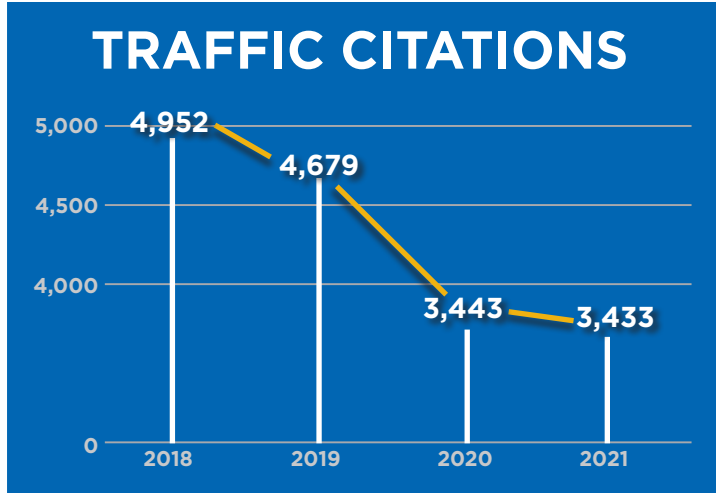
The annual HPD Open House expanded to the north lot in 2021.

STATISTICS

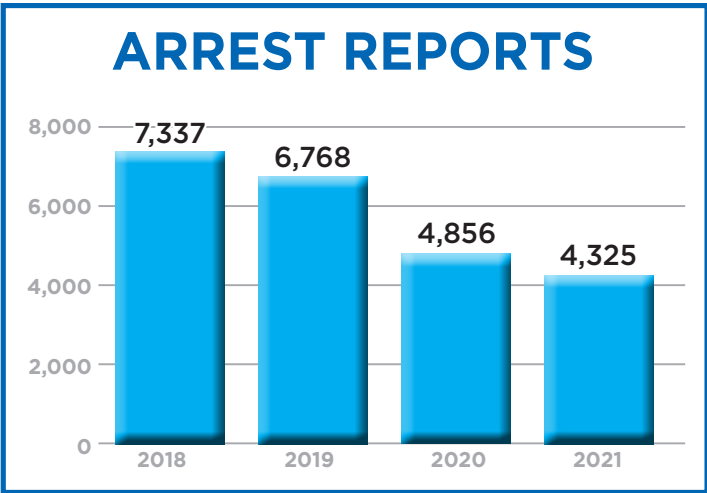
CRIME REPORTS



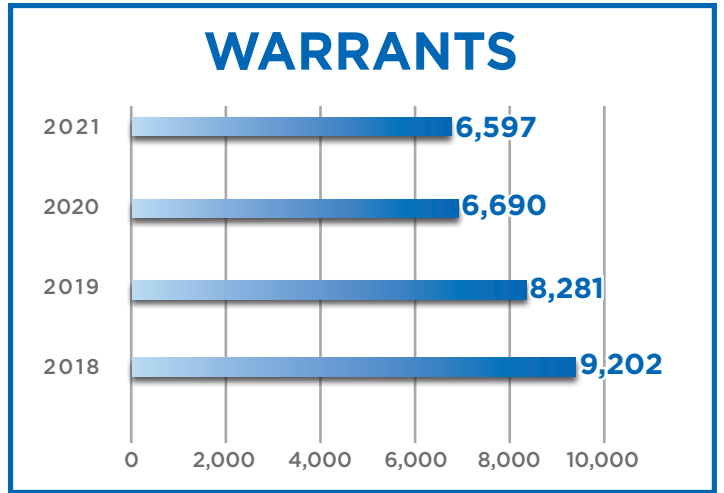
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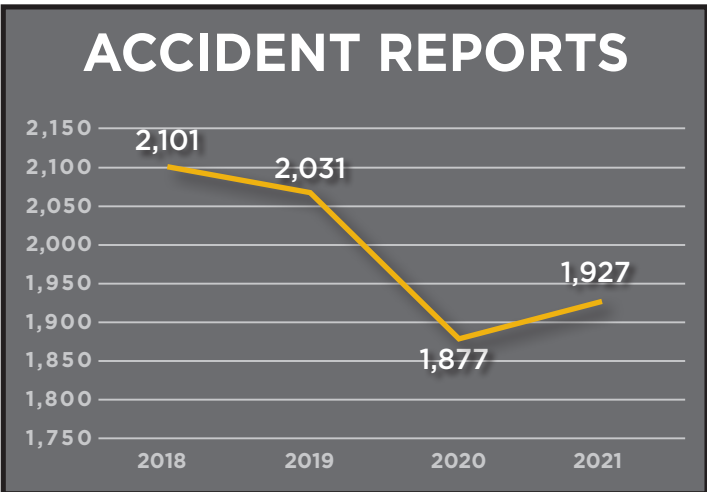
ARREST REPORTS



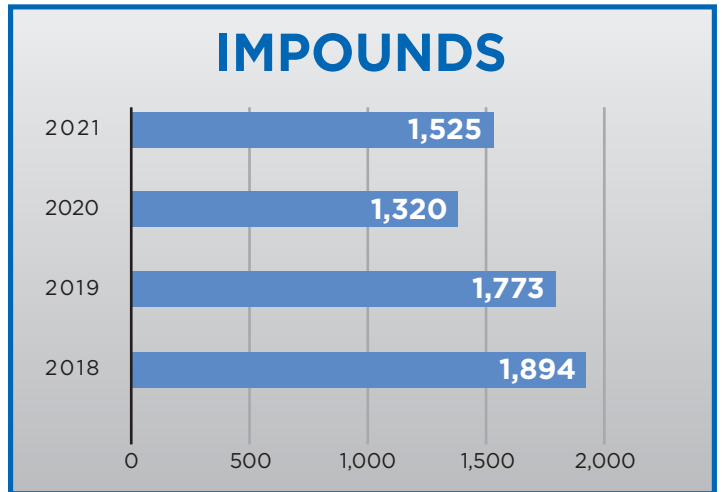
WARRANTS



ACCIDENT REPORTS



IMPOUNDS



Court Services



**Manager
Joe Murray**

The more things change, the more they stay the same. These words ring true for 2021, when discussing the havoc the covid virus wreaked upon our unit. Despite our best efforts, most of our officers have contracted covid. All have managed to restore their health to their previous levels. Covid has forced us to forge tighter bonds. The shortage of manpower has officers working more efficiently without jeopardizing safety.

Our primary function remains the same. Our mission is to provide a safe and secure environment for the courts as well as City Hall. We regularly patrol these areas to safeguard our employees and customers who frequent our building daily.

In addition to the above mentioned duties, we supplement patrol by aiding in the booking and transport of prisoners they have arrested during our assigned working hours. The function enables the street officers to provide better uniformity of services to our citizens. As always, we are proud to be an integral part of the organization as well as a value to our community.



Officer Chad Stafford recruits a future officer at the annual HPD Open House.

Support Services Roster

CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF CRAIG R. BUCHEIT

Chief's Secretary

Barb Winkler

Support Service Commander

Captain Trent Chenoweth

TRAINING & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Lieutenant B. Robinson
Sgt. B. Gleason
Officer B. Buchanan
Officer R. Beckelhymer
Officer E. Huff
Officer L. Ash
Officer Td. Hurst
Officer Tm. Hurst
Officer R. Wilson
Officer R. Snyder
Officer R. Cardwell

COURT SERVICES

Manager J. Murray
Supervisor A. Lymburner
Officer P. Fackey
Officer J. Mast
Officer J.L. Benge
Officer G. Greene
Officer J. Carpenter

PROPERTY

Property Manager A. Thacker

WALKING BEAT OFFICER

Officer T. Kiefer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sergeant R. Burkhardt
Officer K. Collins

CENTRAL RECORDS AND ACCREDITATION

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

Personnel in Transition

APPOINTMENTS

P.O. Anna Hall	1/18/21
P.O. Joshua Crowthers	2/15/21
P.O. Paola Leyva	6/21/21
P.O. Zoe Stiefel	6/21/21
P.O. Tyler Ballauer	6/21/21
P.O. Faith Barker	6/21/21
P.O. Marcus Miranda	6/21/21
P.O. Payne Fields	8/02/21
P.O. William Johnson	8/16/21
IT Tech Jefferson Burton	8/30/21
P.O. Mitchell Powers	10/25/21
P.O. James Savage	10/25/21
P.O. Joseph Reece	10/25/21
P.O. Bailee Schweitzer	10/25/21
P.O. Traras Volchukov	10/25/21
P.O. James Mignery	12/4/21
P. S. Associate Ezekial Chenoweth	12/20/21



Officers Stiefel, Barker, Ballauer, Miranda and Leyva began their careers in June.



PROMOTIONS

Det. Kevin Ruhl
2/26/21

Lt. Jon Richardson
6/15/21

Sgt. Jon Habig
6/15/21

Det. Tony Nichting
6/15/21

Det. Dave Root
11/20/21



Kevin Ruhl was promoted to detective in February.



Jon Richardson was promoted to Lieutenant in June.

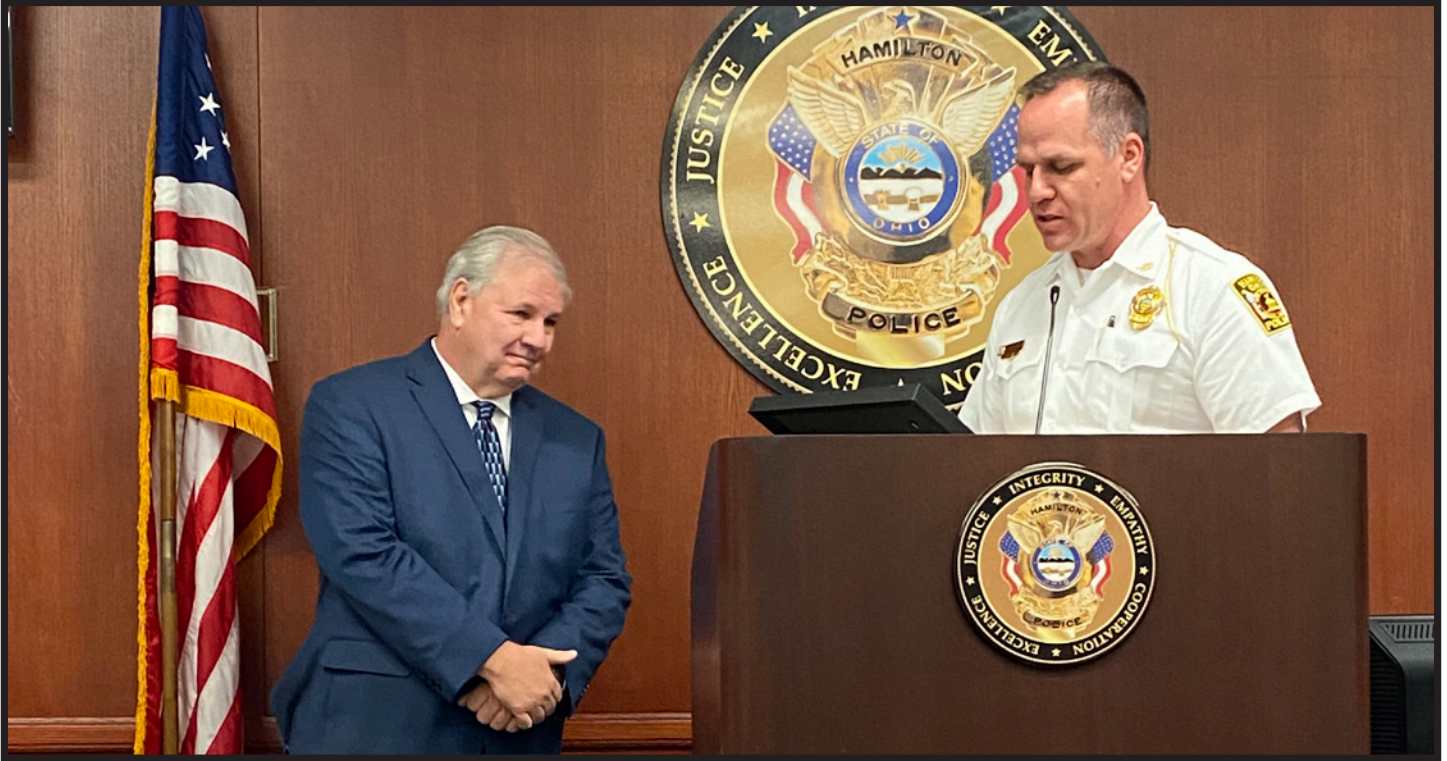


Lieutenant Brian Robinson graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College in December.

RETIREMENTS

Det. David Weissinger
2/26/21

Lt. James Smith
6/15/21



Lieutenant Jim Smith was at HPD for 30 years. He retired in June.



Detective David Weissinger retired from HPD in February. He served for 31 years.

MILESTONES



Detective Paul Webb
6/4/1996

Sgt. Joe Thompson
9/3/1996

Lieutenant John Fischer
9/3/1996

Lieutenant Brian Robinson
9/3/1996



Captain Trent Chenoweth
8/19/1991

Secretary Barb Winkler
9/9/1991



Officer Goldie Greene
6/13/2001



Officer Joel Mast
2/28/2006

Detective Chris Gibson
7/3/2006

Officer Scott Arbino
7/3/2006

Lieutenant Jon Richardson
7/3/2006

Sergeant Shawn Fryman
7/3/2006



In Memoriam

Detective Claude “Rick” Simpson



Detective Claude “Rick” Simpson died on January 12, 2021 at the age of 70. Detective Simpson began his career with the Hamilton Police Department on October 2, 1971 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to detective in September of 1983. He held the rank of detective until his retirement in January of 1999.

Officer Warren “Butch” Simpson



Officer Warren “Butch” Simpson passed away on August 11, 2021. Officer Simpson was the younger brother of Detective Claude Simpson. He was sworn-in at the department on November 17, 1972 and served as a patrol officer until his retirement on June 17, 1993.



In Memoriam

Detective Mel Gray

Hamilton Police Department 1990 to 2021

In 2021, the Hamilton Police Department mourned the loss of Detective Mel Gray. Mel served over 30 years at the department. He started his career on December 26, 1990. He served as a patrol officer until his promotion to detective in 2015.

Mel served in numerous capacities at the department. While a patrol officer, he was a Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol Officer, Community Oriented Policing Officer, Firearms Instructor and Mounted Patrol Officer. Mel was a member of the S.W.A.T. team for over 20 years.

In 2015, he was promoted to detective, where he continued his education to further justice in Hamilton. He completed courses in Homicide Investigation, Forensic Aspects of Death, Shooting Reconstruction, Ballistic Identification, DNA and others.

Detective Gray received over 30 Letters of Commendation in his time at the Hamilton Police Department. He will be greatly missed by all of his colleagues.





The Greater Cincinnati Police Museum displayed several items from HPD in September.

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