Wentzville Police Department
Annual Report 2023

"To Serve our Public with Integrity, Courage, and Commitment"

To Our Community:

The Wentzville Police Department is committed to our residents and the visitors who come to our City. We have recently developed a survey program that allows citizens who come into contact with Wentzville Police Department staff to provide feedback on their experience. We look at this information to determine best practices when providing services to our community.

We continue our community outreach programs such as Citizen Police Academy, Teen Police Academy, Welcome to Wentzville program and National Night Out. We have other programs such as Cops and Bobbers, Coffee with a Cop and Trunk or Treat events. We are constantly scanning, looking for opportunities to engage with our community in our efforts to "humanize the badge."

One of our programs, the Business Residential Liaison Officer program, has met with great success. This officer has the responsibility of interacting with members of our business district and offers suggestions to reduce problems like shoplifting, employee theft, and other related issues. He is our in-house referee who intercedes in long-term neighborhood disputes, often bringing people together to find peaceful solutions for these types of problems.

The Wentzville Police Department recognizes the importance of regional partnerships. While we still participate in joint agency programs to provide more effective and diverse services to this City such as the St. Charles County Regional Drug Task Force and St. Charles County Regional S.W.A.T, we have recently participated in the development of the St. Charles County Regional Critical Incident Response Team which is a regional approach to critical incidents, such as officer involved shootings. Having a regional team look at a situation such as that provides for transparency and accountability and instills public confidence in our police department. Additionally, the Wentzville Police Department has recently become involved in the St. Charles County Regional Crime Interdiction Task Force. This is a regional proactive effort where each agency in the County assigns officers to a team that is charged with looking for and addressing criminal activity. This team has been very successful in addressing these types of issues.

The Wentzville Police Department supports and participates in the St. Louis County Major Case Squad. This unit provides a means to assist ourselves and our neighboring communities in solving acts of heinous or high-profile crimes occurring in that community. We provide investigators and report writers for the Squad. For the first time ever, we had one of our Sergeants command a Major Case Squad investigation. This investigation came to a successful conclusion where a suspect was taken into custody and significant evidence was recovered pointing to that person's guilt.

The Wentzville Police Department continues to look for technologies that help us provide services to the community. We have developed a Special Operations Bureau that works on researching and implementing new technologies that are, what we in the business term, force multipliers. Examples of this are the implementation of FLOCK cameras in and around the City. These allow us to track criminal activity as it comes into and out of our City. We recently went live with in-car camera systems that work together with our body worn cameras giving us the best opportunity to capture incidents that we are involved in. Wentzville PD is using drones, both large and small, to enhance search capabilities and officer safety. Our smaller drones are capable of being used in buildings for suspects and evidence recovery.

Wentzville continues its partnership with the Missouri Police Chiefs Association to keep our accreditation up to date and current.

In 2023, the Wentzville Police Department went through a strategic planning process. Our new mission statement says:
The Wentzville Police Department will serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Wentzville with integrity, courage, and commitment. We will:

- Prevent, reduce, and deter crime and the fear of crime.
- Provide the best officers through critical hiring practices and exceptional and relevant training.
- Protect and safeguard individual rights by expecting officers to exercise discretion, emotional intelligence, and empathy when interacting with the public.
- Promote modern policing techniques with innovative technology.

The police department supports a strong sense of community, caring for one another, values and principles of good citizenship, and a quality of service that contributes to the common good. It is the vision of this police department to provide the most transparent and top tier services to this community to maintain a low crime rate and allow for a vibrant quality of life. Cooperation and partnerships between the police, the public, the business and professional communities, and our elected officials are paramount to the success of maintaining social order in a positive manner.

Respectfully, *Paul West*

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MISSION STATEMENT:

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VISION:

The Wentzville Police Department will provide the most transparent and top tier services to the community to maintain a low crime rate and a vibrant quality of life.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Mission Focused-We will prioritize the mission of the police department through problem solving and public service.

Team Centered-We will value the contributions of each member of the police department team and emphasize collective success.

Safety Conscious-We will ensure the safety of the public and our employees through policy and practice.

Wentzville Police Department

Organizational Composite

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2023

Organizational Chart:

POLICE 2023

Chaplain — **Police Chief** — Office Manager

Police Chief → Police Major

Office Manager → Records 3 Full-Time 1 Part-Time / Crime Analyst

Police Major →
- Police Captain- Support Services
- Police Captain- Field Ops
- Professional Standards Lieutenant 2 Officers
- PIO/Community Outreach Sgt. 1 Liaison Officer 1 In-House Cpl.
- Emergency Mgt. Officer

- Lieutenant- Support Services
- Lieutenant-Special Projects — Sergeant-Special Projects

Lieutenant- Support Services →
- Detective Bureau Sergeant Corporal 3 Detectives 3 TFO Assignment Evidence Custodian
- Support Services Sergeant Corporal 8 SRO's

Lieutenant-Special Projects →
- Ranger/ACO Sergeant 3 Officers-AC
- Traffic Unit Sergeant Corporal 2 Officers

- Dispatch Dispatch Supervisor 9 Full-Time 2 Part-Time
- Police Lieutenant
- Police Lieutenant

Police Lieutenant →
- Platoon 1 Sergeant Corporal 6 Officers K9 Officer 2 Corrections Tech
- Platoon 2 Sergeant Corporal 7 Officers K9 Officer 1 Corrections Tech

Police Lieutenant →
- Platoon 3 Sergeant Corporal 7 Officers K9 Officedr 2 Corrections Tech
- Platoon 4 Sergeant Corporal 7 Officers K9 Officer 1 Corrections Tech

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Wentzville Police Department

Divisions:

The Wentzville Police Department is comprised of 82 commissioned law enforcement officers along with 20 full-time and several part-time support staff employees. Chief Paul West leads the agency which is comprised of two divisions: Field Operations and Support Services Divisions. Major Leon Burton is the Assistant Chief of Police and manages the Captain of Support Services, the Captain of Field Operations, the Professional Standards Unit and the Emergency Management Specialist. Captain Kevin Pyatt commands the Support Services Division and Captain Emmanuel Borroum commands the Field Operations Division.

The Field Operations Division is comprised of all the Patrol Platoons, the Communications Center, the Corrections Division, and the K9 Unit. Patrol Officers are the backbone of the department and serve the community at large by responding to a variety of calls for service while combining a proactive approach to crime prevention by actively patrolling the neighborhoods and business areas.

The Support Services Division consists of all supporting functions of the police department. Encompassed in this Division are the Detective Bureau, School Resource Officers, Traffic Unit, Animal Control Officers, Park Rangers and Records Division.

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BUDGET/EXPENSE
Section

2023

Budget Information:

Expenditures	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Personnel Services	8,319,376	8,685,995	9,258,465	10,225,362	11,833,833
Other Services	515,370	524,567	634,880	678,264	719,234
Supplies	410,395	344,276	410,417	243,584	336,579
Repairs/Maintenance	106,457	87,554	99,880	51,342	40,901
Contract Service	115,247	86,810	101,795	113,167	71,794
Capital Outlay	444,776	681,988	737,664	951,555	1,181,103
Total Expenditures	9,911,621	10,411,189	11,243,101	12,263,274	14,183,445

Among other responsibilities, the Administrative Section (Chief) is accountable for the formation, creation, submission, implementation, and maintenance of budget expenditures for the Police Department's operation.

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Activities Section

2023

National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS)

The Records Department has been submitting statistical data to the FBI and the State of Missouri through NIBRS since 2017. This change was made due to NIBRS being mandated for all agencies to convert from UCR to NIBRS by the year 2021.

NIBRS allows for an agency to submit up to 10 offenses that occurred with one incident, rather than just the main office that the UCR summary-based program allowed. An example would be if there was an assault and a theft that occurred, with UCR, we would only report the assault; with NIBRS we will report both the assault and the theft.

In NIBRS, there are Group A and Group B offenses. There are 52 Group A offenses that we report. With the Group A offenses, NIBRS counts the offenses, as well as the arrests for those crimes.   There are 10 Group B offenses. For these type offenses, NIBRS will only count the arrest.

UCR and NIBRS both have Crimes against Property and Crimes against Persons. However, with NIBRS, they have added a third category of Crimes against Society. Crimes against Society are typically victimless crimes, such as curfew violations, disorderly conduct, runaways, or trespassing.

Group A Offenses Reported/Cleared:

Crimes Against Persons	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cleared
Murder	0	1	0	0	1	1
Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kidnapping	9	3	1	1	2	2
Rape	9	11	10	12	1	0
Sodomy	3	4	3	5	7	1
Sex Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	8	3	4	4	2	1
Incest	1	0	0	4	2	2
Statutory Rape	0	4	3	1	1	1
Aggravated Assault	65	79	90	115	88	70
Simple Assault	422	436	429	517	559	420
Intimidation	77	81	39	64	98	58
Human Trafficking-Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking-Invol Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Offenses	594	622	579	724	761	556

Crimes Against Property	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cleared
Arson	0	2	0	0	1	0
Bribery	0	0	0	1	0	0
Burglary	45	42	20	34	24	9
Counterfeiting/Forgery	16	32	20	10	17	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	51	72	49	75	36	14
Embezzlement	7	19	15	12	12	9
Extortion/Blackmail	5	0	2	3	8	0
Fraud-Pretenses/Swindle/Conf Game	71	140	76	78	111	30
Fraud-Credit Card	59	55	40	56	88	42
Impersonation	27	11	28	22	22	14
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	31	51	62	46	60	0
Identity Theft	36	32	30	35	25	1
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	1	0	0	0
Robbery	6	9	5	5	4	2
Pick Pocketing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	141	173	131	188	170	83
Theft from Building	18	8	5	25	41	10
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	1	2	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	77	99	72	103	61	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	60	71	73	71	47	1
All Other Larceny	61	131	111	114	107	26
Motor Vehicle Theft	28	48	40	49	40	6
Stolen Property Offenses	22	33	38	50	41	14
Total Offenses	716	1029	820	977	915	270

Crimes Against Society	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cleared
Drug/Narcotics	337	261	286	235	111	93
Drug Equipment	276	236	246	183	82	66
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling Equipment Viol	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pornography	6	5	4	3	2	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	1	0	0
Assisting/Promo Prostitution	1	0	0	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	1	0	0	0	0
Weapon Laws	45	41	31	38	36	21
Animal Cruelty	1	2	1	4	5	1
Total Offenses	666	546	568	464	236	182

Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA):
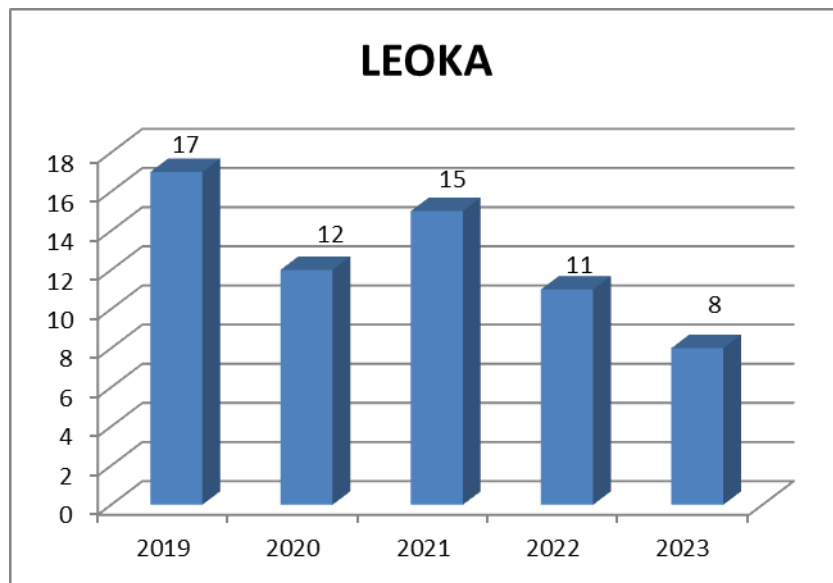
Traffic Accident Report:

The Traffic Unit was created to help enforce traffic laws and help reduce the accident count. The division currently consists of three officers. These officers spend their time patrolling the subdivisions due to complaints of speeders and stop sign violators, as well as concentrating on area highways due to accidents occurring within our venue.
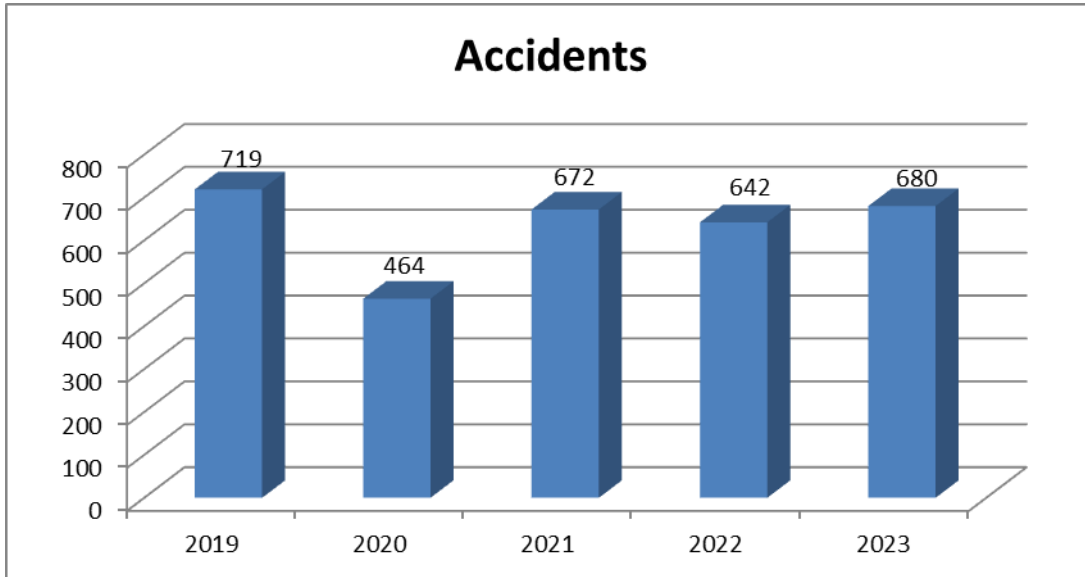
Citations/Warnings Report:

The Department will continue to maintain our commitment of providing a high level of patrol in the subdivisions in order to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Written Returns

Year	Written Returns
2019	14,341
2020	10,426
2021	13,092
2022	11,581
2023	10,938
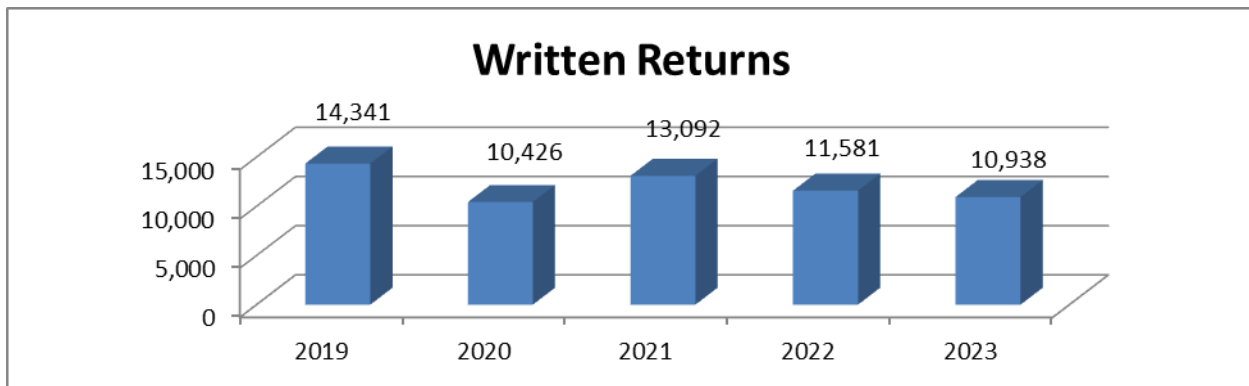
Calls for Service:

When a Dispatch receives a call for service, they will enter the information into the computer and then dispatch the officer to the call. Below shows the calls received for the last five years.

Calls for Service

Year	Calls for Service
2019	84,252
2020	85,592
2021	81,213
2022	79,913
2023	86,480
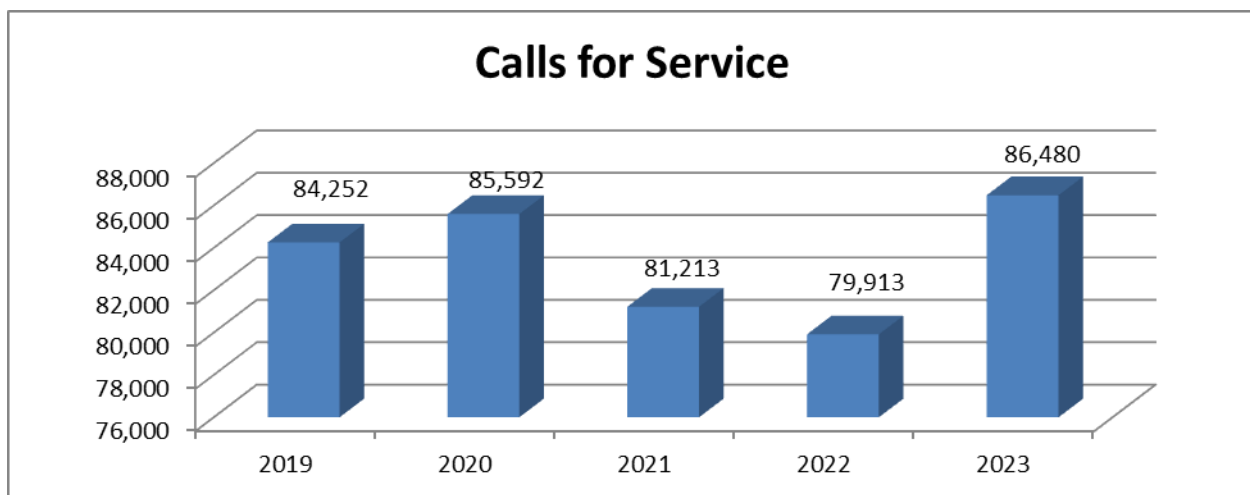
Summary of Type of Calls:

Dispatch receives numerous types of calls throughout the year. The calls range from trivial to serious in nature. The graph below shows a selection of the type of the calls received:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alarm Soundings	963	810	807	956	998
Animal Calls	1,036	938	936	832	1006
Assist Motorist	752	477	471	553	461
Auto Accidents	1,429	875	1177	1131	1071
Community Policing	1,134	1,001	481	687	279
Directed Patrol	29,971	35,565	29299	29962	34410
Domestic Violence	196	184	170	197	184
Drug Overdose	27	32	42	35	21
Drug Violations	115	85	126	111	57
DWI	108	83	113	106	141
Fireworks	201	238	170	123	143
Foot Patrol	9,283	11,007	9197	8064	9246
Open Door	672	526	494	317	330
Peace Disturbance	882	1,021	861	887	929
Prisoner Transport	662	181	592	517	491
Sick Case	1,557	385	22	11	5
Stealing	681	811	628	706	618
Suspicious Vehicle	1,169	1,174	1114	1055	948
Traffic	9,554	7,282	8859	7934	7437
Trespassing	121	159	134	153	163
All Other Activities	23,739	22,758	25520	25576	27542
Total Calls	84,252	85,592	81213	79913	86480

Communications/Records Activity:

The Communications and the Records Divisions handle multiple types of situations. Dispatch communicates with the officers via radio and telephone. They enter calls in the computer system to track who is responding and the information that is relayed. They run subjects through the MULES system for the officers to see vehicle registration, driver's license status, and criminal history. They answer the 911 calls, as well as non-emergency calls.

The Records Division answers incoming calls to the department and routes them to the appropriate division, works with the public and other agencies in obtaining copies of reports and statistics. They enter data into the records management system for NIBRS reporting and quality control of reports. They work with records retention and destruction, as well as review traffic accident reports for electronic submission to the state, among a host of other responsibilities.

These divisions are an integral part of the team and are vital in keeping the Department running smoothly. Below is a list of some of the activities they do:

*Unable to obtain MULES transmissions due to switching over to MULES 5.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Phone Calls	82,716	65,725	78,162	76,446	93,847
911 Calls	13,250	12,413	12,948	11,933	13,631
Radio Transmissions	216,983	184,462	194,752	196,160	202,170
Mules Transmissions	148,458	104,379	119,438	0	0
Calls including FPD	87919	88,868	85,100	82,899	89,739
Number of Reports	5,216	3,733	4,834	4,811	4,729
Supplemental Reports	2,578	1,844	1,992	1,846	1,877

Detective Statistics:

In 2023 the Detectives were assigned 344 reports to investigate. Below is the status of those cases:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Active Cases	19	34	33	44	17
Cleared by Arrest	49	22	13	21	40
Exceptionally Cleared	27	22	38	33	27
Inactive	144	100	88	103	116
Pending App Warrant	35	41	43	51	28
Ref to Other Agency	26	11	15	34	8
Unfounded	19	4	13	10	6
Patrol	0	13	6	1	60

Waiting On	0	0	0	30	5
Warrant Issued	0	0	0	58	30
Warrant Refused	0	0	0	1	7
Total Cases	319	247	249	386	344

Internal Affairs Complaints

The department has an office of Professional Standards. This office handles administrative (internal) and citizen (external) complaints against employees within the department. Professional Standards is tasked with investigating these complaints and determining if any violation of policy was made by the employee.

Complaints	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Internal	2	3	2	1	3
External	2	1	3	6	9
Administrative	2	0	1	3	0
Total	6	4	6	10	12

Officers Involved	9	5	4	12	14
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Sustained	3	3	2	11	5
Not Sustained	1	2	1	3	3
Unfounded	0	0	2	5	0
Exonerated	5	0	1	3	6
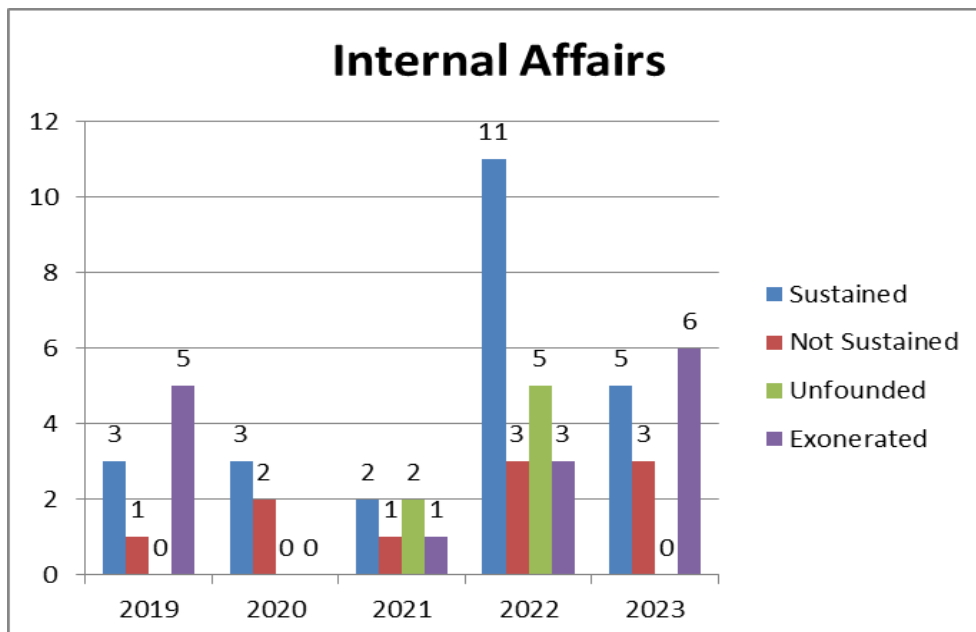
Use of Force

The Professional Standards office also tracks use of force used by the officers. They review the use of force reports to verify if force was necessary and if the appropriate force was used. They also monitor the officers using the force to make sure that a pattern of force is not developing

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Use of Force	160	92	103	126	109

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Soft Empty Hand Control (SEHC)	85	57	65	79	50
Hard Empty Hand Control (HEHC)	20	3	2	3	1
Displayed Taser (DIS-T)	6	6	8	12	7
Deployed Taser (DEP-T)	3	3	4	5	2
Displayed Deadly Force (DDF)	41	23	23	28	49
Intermediate Weapon Displayed (IWD)	1	0	0	0	0
Intermediate Weapon Use (IWU)	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Deadly Force (UDF)	4	0	1	2	0
K9 Bite	1	0	0	1	0
Total Use of Force Incidents	160	92	103	129	109

Use of Force

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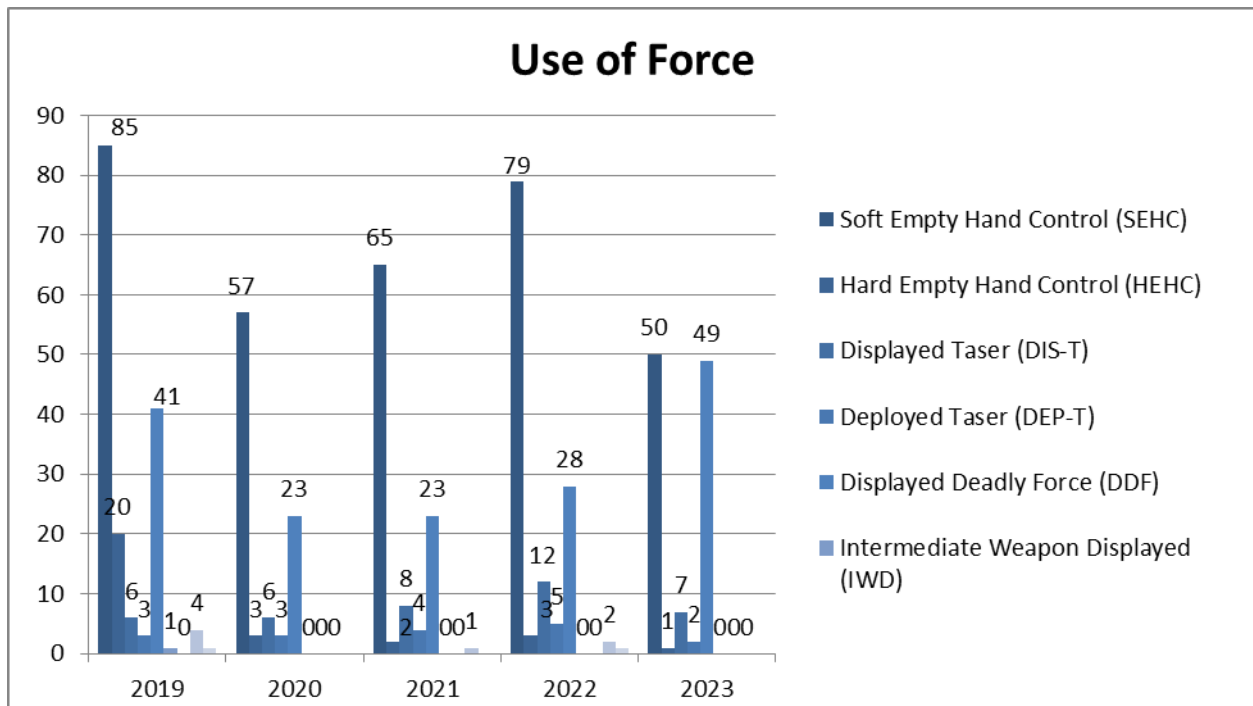
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Offenses Cleared by Arrest Report
Section

2023

Group A Offenses Cleared:

Adult Offenses Cleared by Arrest	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Juvenile Offenses Cleared by Arrest	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	2	0	0	1	Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	Rape	2	0	1	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	Sodomy	0	0	1	2	0
Sex Assault w/ Object	0	0	0	0	0	Sex Assault w/ Object	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	3	0	0	0	1	Forcible Fondling	1	0	0	2	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	Incest	0	0	0	1	1
Statutory Rape	0	1	0	0	1	Statutory Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	21	24	13	31	15	Aggravated Assault	6	0	4	5	7
Simple Assault	71	53	51	51	69	Simple Assault	52	44	54	63	64
Intimidation	12	15	7	9	9	Intimidation	5	4	1	7	6
Human Trafficking-Comm	0	0	0	0	0	Human Trafficking-Comm	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking-Inv Service	0	0	0	0	0	Human Trafficking-Inv Service	0	0	0	0	0

Arson	0	0	0	0	0	Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	19	3	4	11	3	Burglary	0	5	1	2	1
Counterfeiting/ Forgery	0	4	1	0	0	Counterfeiting/ Forgery	0	1	0	0	0
Property Damage	4	12	5	7	6	Property Damage	1	0	1	1	1
Embezzlement	4	6	8	9	5	Embezzlement	0	2	1	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	0	0	0	Extortion/ Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud-Pretenses/ Swindle	8	27	12	16	7	Fraud-Pretenses/ Swindle	0	0	2	0	0
Fraud-Credit Card	6	2	0	2	3	Fraud-Credit Card	0	0	0	0	1
Impersonation	8	6	12	6	5	Impersonation	1	0	0	0	0
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	0	1	0	0	Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0	0	1	2	Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	Hacking/ Computer Invasion	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	4	0	1	0	0	Robbery	0	8	1	1	4
Pick Pocketing	0	0	0	0	0	Pick Pocketing	0	0	0	0	0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	55	64	67	61	83	Shoplifting	8	7	5	7	7
Theft from Building	2	0	1	2	3	Theft from Building	1	2	0	1	3
Theft from Coin Oper Mach	0	0	0	0	0	Theft from Coin Oper Mach	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	4	2	2	2	Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	2	0	0	1
Theft of Mtr Veh Parts/Accessories	1	0	2	2	0	Theft of Mtr Veh Parts/Accessories	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Larceny	13	18	9	17	9	All Other Larceny	0	0	2	2	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	7	3	4	9	Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	2	1	1
Stolen Property Offenses	13	11	13	14	5	Stolen Property Offenses	0	1	1	0	0
Drug/Narcotics	271	163	201	147	77	Drug/Narcotics	16	17	17	11	3
Drug Equipment	55	41	39	28	12	Drug Equipment	5	2	1	1	0
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0	0	Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling Equipment Viol	0	0	0	0	0	Gambling Equipment Viol	0	0	0	0	0
Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0

Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	Pornography	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Assisting/Promo Prost.	0	0	0	0	0	Assisting/Promo Prost.	0	0	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Laws	10	8	8	10	4	Weapon Laws	6	3	2	1	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	1	2	1	Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Cleared by Arrest	586	471	461	432	332	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	105	100	98	108	102

Group B Arrests:

Group B Arrests-Adults	201	202	202	202	202	Group B Arrests-Juvenile	201	202	202	202	202
Bad Checks	1	1	0	0	0	Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering	2	0	1	1	0	Curfew/Loitering	4	3	2	4	0
Disorderly Conduct	6	15	11	21	15	Disorderly Conduct	8	3	3	3	18
Driving Under Infl.	119	86	78	100	111	Driving Under Infl.	2	0	0	1	1
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0	Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Family Offenses	3	1	6	8	7	Family Offenses	0	0	1	0	0
Liquor Law	16	1	23	20	6	Liquor Law	23	3	8	5	8
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0	Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	17	21	30	25	26	Trespassing	2	8	0	17	1
All Other Offenses	677	233	688	600	596	All Other Offenses	7	6	9	3	9
Total Arrests	841	358	837	775	761	Total Arrests	46	23	23	33	37

Wentzville Police Department

Community Outreach

2023

Community Outreach:

The Department takes pride in the relationships we have developed in our community. We like to educate our citizens on how the department operates and keep an open line of communication to better serve our town. To help accomplish this, we present a multitude of programs throughout the year to continue to nurture these relationships.

- Coffee with a Cop   To meet residents for open discussion

- Welcome to Wentzville   Greeting every new resident with our contact info

- Citizens Police Academy   Adult residents, exposure to the police department

- Jr. Police Academy/Summer Camp   Summer camp, learn about PD

- Summer SRO activities in subdivisions   Bingo, games, ice-cream, popsicle visits

- Senior Center visits   Community engagement with seniors

- SRO "Above & Beyond" program   School resource officers give awards for behavior

- Tip a Cop   Special Olympics fundraiser

- Candy with a Cop   Community engagement

- Trim-A-Tree   Residents decorated the PD lobby holiday tree

- Cops and Bobbers   Officers fishing with kids for engagement

- Public service announcements   Social media or in person visits of current events

- Weekly Wrap-up Program   Social media posts to inform residents about calls

- Blue Line Family meal donations   Thanksgiving and Christmas

- Blue Line Family (Family adoption)   5 Families for Christmas gifts

- Senior Citizens meal delivery w/UAW   Community engagement

- National Night Out   National program, multiple subdivision visits

- Polar Plunge Special Olympics   Fundraiser and to engage special needs residents

- Fraud Scam Alerts   Talks to seniors and other organizations

- PD Safe Zone   Exchange for online purchase exchanges

- Monthly PSA social media campaign   All departments in St. Charles Co. same message

- 9/11Patriot Day school visits   Engage students on 9/11

- First Responder Day at Summer Camp   Engage all summer campers w/static displays

- Lemonade stand visits   Community engagement

- Boy & Girls scout station tours to help earn badges

- Police Explorers   High school students' engagement

- C.E.R.T. Team   Community residents join Wentzville team

- Rod Run S.T.A.R.T. fundraiser   Community engagement

- Torch Run   Fundraiser and to support Special Olympics

- Popsicles with Police   Community engagement

- Playground with the Police   End of Summer event at park playground

Wentzville Police Department

Awards and Recognition

2023

2023 Awards and Recognition, Appointments and Promotions, Graduations and Retirements:

Chief's Commendation:
Cpl. Michael Mainieri, Cpl. Det. Spencer Grarup and Det. Sgt. Andrew Wessel

Crisis Intervention Awards:
Sgt. Steve Maddolin, Cpl. Jeremy Jolley, Officer Joseph Coughlin and Officer Tim Sebert

Employee of the Month: January: Police Representative Sandy Farrow; February: Officer Tom Reents, March: Supervisor Cheryl Witte; April: Officer Cesar Rivera; May: No nomination; June: Sgt. Blake Roth and Det. Cpl. Spencer Grarup; July: No nomination; August: Lt. Dave Thurman, Sgt. Steve Maddolin, Officer Paul Burkemper, Dispatchers: Steve Backmann, Shawn Hagene, Amy Mead, Cammie Morgan, Brittney O'Donnell, Miranda Patzius, Dawn Thornhill and Supervisor Cheryl Witte; September: Officer Cesar Rivera; October: Officer Austin Brock; November: Data Analyst Teresa van der Weide; December: Officer Paul Burkemper.

City of Wentzville Employee of the Year/Crimestoppers:
Det. Cpl. Spencer Grarup and Sgt. Blakeney Roth

Crimestoppers Appreciation Award for Military:
Sgt. Jake Schmidt

Life Saving Awards:
Det. Cpl. Spencer Grarup and Officer Tom Reents

M.A.D.D. Award:
Officer Zachary Niemann, Officer Justin Rebura, Officer Tom Reents, Officer Katie VerBerkmoes, and Officer Nathan Wilkerson

Optimist Club Award:
Officer Jason Horvath

Promotions:
Officer Justin Houtz promoted to Sergeant   Officer Jason Smith promoted to Sergeant

Appointments:

Officer Daniel Talbott appointed to Corporal   Officer Jeremy Jolley appointed to Corporal

Graduations:
Missouri Police Chief's Charitable Foundation's Command College: Sgt. Jason Davis and Sgt. Jacob Schmidt
SPI Academy/Dean's Scholar: Sgt. Steve Maddolin
Northwestern University: Sgt. Branden Anderson and Sgt. Timothy Baker