



Middletown Police Department

Annual Report 2021



Mission Statement

The Middletown Police Department is a law enforcement agency working in collaboration with the people of Middletown to provide for the safety and security of the community which it serves.

We are committed to fostering an attitude of cooperation based on mutual respect and understanding between our department and those with whom we interact.

Our presence will enhance the quality of life in Middletown by promoting the ideals of a free society while maintaining the highest ethical standards of policing.

We will protect the rights of all individuals and businesses without discrimination, and we will pursue excellence in the performance of our duties.

Message from the Chief

Welcome to the fourth year of the Middletown Police Department. 2021 was another challenging year for law enforcement with the increase in violent crime, thefts, and rise in COVID-19 cases. We are very fortunate to have been able to keep our officers and staff healthy all the while providing the best police services to our city and community. During 2021, we were able to hire additional officers to better provide coverage to our late watch shift and commit a full-time officer to our traffic unit. Unfortunately, we had to use our traffic officer's talents and skills to investigate our first traffic fatality since forming our police department. I am sure you have noticed during your daily drives throughout our city the increase in those that chose to disregard basic traffic laws and place your lives in danger while doing so. With the increase in this kind of aggressive driving behavior and increase in auto accidents I am in the process of hiring another traffic officer to expand our traffic unit. Our detectives have been busy as well, with the increase in thefts from automobiles and the sometimes the automobile itself. I want to applaud the work they are doing; it seems as soon as a vehicle is stolen, they drop what they are working on and usually have the vehicle recovered within 24 hours if not sooner. The attention and dedication they are giving to each report is outstanding and makes me proud to live in a city that cares enough to give them the time and tools necessary to bring justice to these victims.

As our department continues to grow, we are proud that we are able to keep up with the ever changing best practices and certifications necessary to run a top notch police department. In 2021, the Kentucky League of Cities conducted their safety and liability review of our department. As a result of our striving to exceed those regulations we received a perfect score on our review. As stated before, only a small number of agencies in Kentucky are able to achieve and maintain the high standards set forth by the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Our department has also been working closely with our neighboring departments to share crime trends, receive and

provide support, and expand our technologies to help reduce crime in our area. We are all too aware that criminals do not pay attention to city boundaries, therefore participation in crime working groups is a necessity. In 2021, we saw the need to set up an anonymous crime tip line. If you have knowledge of a crime or know of those that chose to operate on the other side of the law and wish to share that information with our detectives, I encourage you to leave a message at 502-755-4MPD.

We will continue to explore ways to reduce crime in our city and be as interactive with our citizens as current health guidelines allow. I encourage you to follow our social media platforms and please let us know if you see something that you feel needs our attention. Feel free to give us a call or drop us an email with your compliments, complaints, or suggestions. We want you to be involved in your city and your police department. Lastly, I want to thank all the citizens, businesses, and visitors for your support of our officers who have worked tirelessly to provide the best police services during these trying times.



Chief Rob Herman

Command Staff

Rob Herman
Chief of Police
Hired 2-22-2018



Joe Webb
Major
Hired 1-2-2019



Paula Osborne
Administrator
Hired 11-14-2017

1st Platoon



Sgt. Bill Shingleton
Hired 1-2-2019



Sgt. Eric Kemper
Hired 8-20-2018



Sgt. Dale McCormack
Hired 2-3-2020



Sgt. Steve Kaufling
Hired 10-12-2020

2nd Platoon



Officer Brian Roggenkamp
Hired 2-3-2020



Officer Ken Tanner
Hired 2-3-2020



Officer Chad Ledington
Hired 2-3-2020



Officer Holly Rogers
Hired 10-12-2020

Organizational Chart

Traffic



Officer Ken Christian
Hired 2-3-2020

Investigations



Sgt. Det. Pat Bass
Hired 9-9-2019



Det. Scott Beck
Hired 9-9-2019

3rd Platoon



Sgt. Glenn Simpson
Hired 2-22-2021



Officer Trish Seawood
Hired 9-6-2021

Chaplains



John Abel



Officer George McMillan
Hired 10-12-2020



Officer Keith Dutton
Hired 6-7-2021



Officer Todd McMichael
Hired 4-6-2020



Greg Gitschner

Traffic Year in Review

Our department has seen increases in calls for service for traffic related collisions and complaints and a need to address the issues was important. As officers deal with the increase in call volume, a need to dedicate an officer to help with the city's traffic issues was needed. In March 2021, the Middletown Police Department created a Traffic Unit with our first traffic officer.

Officer Ken Christian began his duties as the department's first Traffic Officer on March 14th. The focus is to address traffic related complaints, and respond to calls for service for traffic related activity (ie...stranded/abandoned motor vehicles, human and environmental hazards to the roadway, and collisions from non-injury to injury ranging from minor to fatal). Officer Christian also investigates hit and run collisions and assists the shift officers riding the street when needed.

In 2021, officers worked 505 collisions with 105 of those reported as injuries and one fatal. There were 54 collisions reported as hit and runs with two of them involving injuries. Of the hit and run collisions that were assigned and investigated by Officer Christian, all of them are closed with one resulting in criminal charges. Officer Christian wrote a total of 452 citations where seven of those citations resulted in physical arrests and 184 courtesy notices/warnings were given. He also responded to or arrived on scene to 22 stranded motorists and handled three abandoned autos on the city streets.

On November 24, Middletown officers responded to the location of Blankenbaker Pkwy and Ellingsworth Ln regarding an injury collision involving two motor vehicles. One of the parties suffered from multiple serious injuries and was transported to the hospital. The other driver was taken into custody with multiple charges including operating under the influence of alcohol. Weeks later, the driver in the hospital succumbed to his injuries and the charges to the other driver have been upgraded.

As motorists and operators on the roadway we need to be more aware of our driving habits. Having one death on our roadways is one too many. Distracted driving and inattention to the roadway can



Officer Ken Christian

be prevented if we take the opportunity to be aware of our activities while operating our vehicles. If a call or text needs to be responded to, **please** pull off the roadway to the shoulder or a safe location and handle it there. If you have a handsfree device for phone calls that will not take your attention away from the road and those around you, then please use it. If you have been consuming substances that could affect your ability to drive, arrange for other means to get you safely to your destinations. **Don't risk it!** Take the steps to provide a safe roadway not just for you but for those with you and those sharing the road. It is everyone's responsibility as motorists and operators on the roadway to operate their vehicles as safe as possible. **So please drive responsibly, be aware of the speed zones and your speed, and wear your seat belts.**

Sincerely,

Officer Ken Christian

Detectives Year in Review

Since the inception of the Detective Unit in mid 2020 we have continued to make strides to improve and investigate the reports taken in the city of Middletown. Our relationship with LMPD has not changed and is still very strong; however, we are self-sufficient in the majority of our investigations. Detective Beck and I take pride in serving the citizens of Middletown and we look forward to a successful new year in 2022. Our investigative unit works hand in hand with all the officers and command staff to make our city a better and safer place to live.

From January 1 to December 31, 2021, the Detective Unit investigated 389 cases. During this same period, the detectives have been able to close/clear 106 cases. Some of the cases we investigate include criminal mischief, theft, domestic violence, robbery, and other criminal activity. Of that total, 43 of the clearances were by arrest. Many other arrests were made by patrol officers not counted in the previous number. Below is a list of clearances:

- Closed By Arrest: 43
- Closed By Exception: 47
- Closed By Unfounded: 16
- Inactive: 230 (Cases are not closed but waiting on new information to follow up on)

The detectives are also responsible for the recovery of property in many of these cases. Listed below are some of the arrest and recovery highlights that we have experienced this year:

- Arrest of a suspect assaulting officer and committing multiple thefts throughout Middletown and Louisville.
- Arrest of suspect for Robbery 1st (Carjacking), ended up solving multiple robberies in Louisville and Lexington. Also charged by LMPD with a homicide.
- Arrest of suspect for being in possession of property from a Burglary and recovered a LMPD stolen vehicle.
- Arrest of 2 juveniles and one adult in a stolen vehicle taken from a Burglary. Multiple firearms recovered along with 2 stolen vehicles recovered with the assistance of LMPD.
- Multiple arrests made for assaults.



Detective Scott Beck and Sgt. Detective Pat Bass

- Multiple arrests made for suspects fraudulently negotiating checks and theft of checks.
- Multiple arrests made for shoplifting.
- Multiple arrests made for Domestic Violence assaults.
- Multiple arrests made for stolen vehicles.
- Multiple stolen vehicles were recovered by the unit.
- Assisted other surrounding agencies with intelligence for their investigations.

Thank you for the wonderful year in 2021 and hopefully we will have a better year in 2022! Remember to lock your doors and keep your valuables in a secure place. Much of our crime comes from property being taken from cars with unlocked doors.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Pat Bass



Community

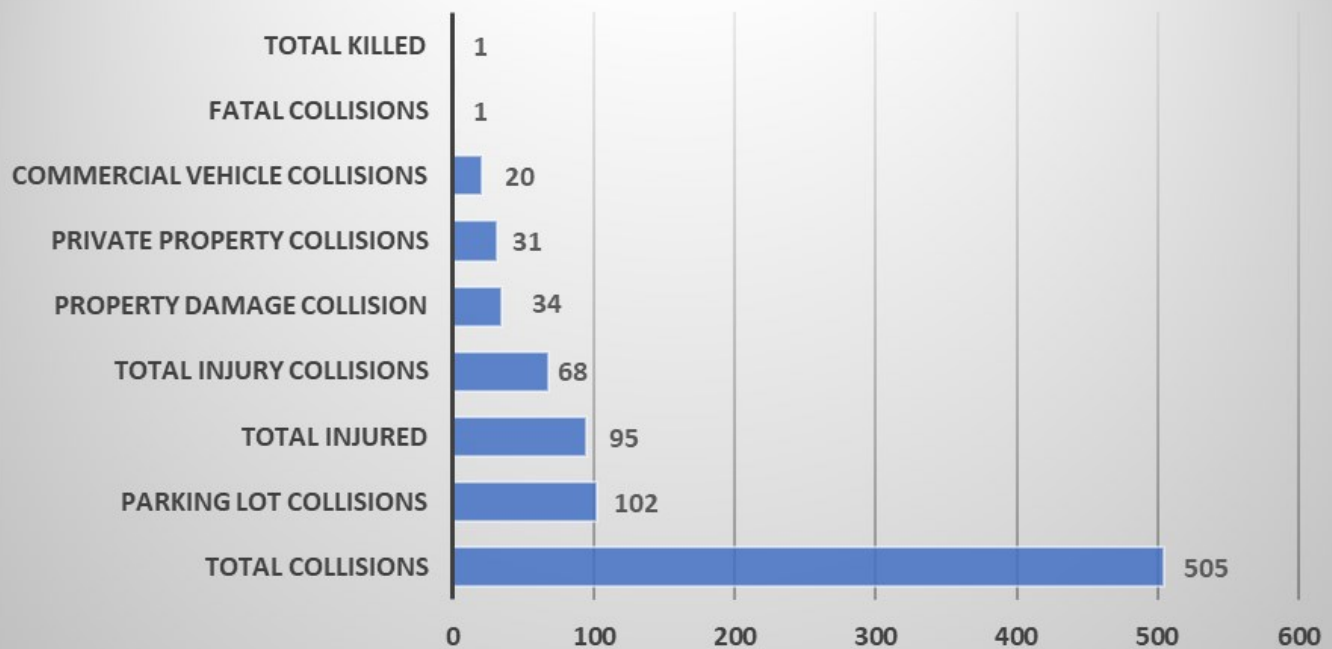




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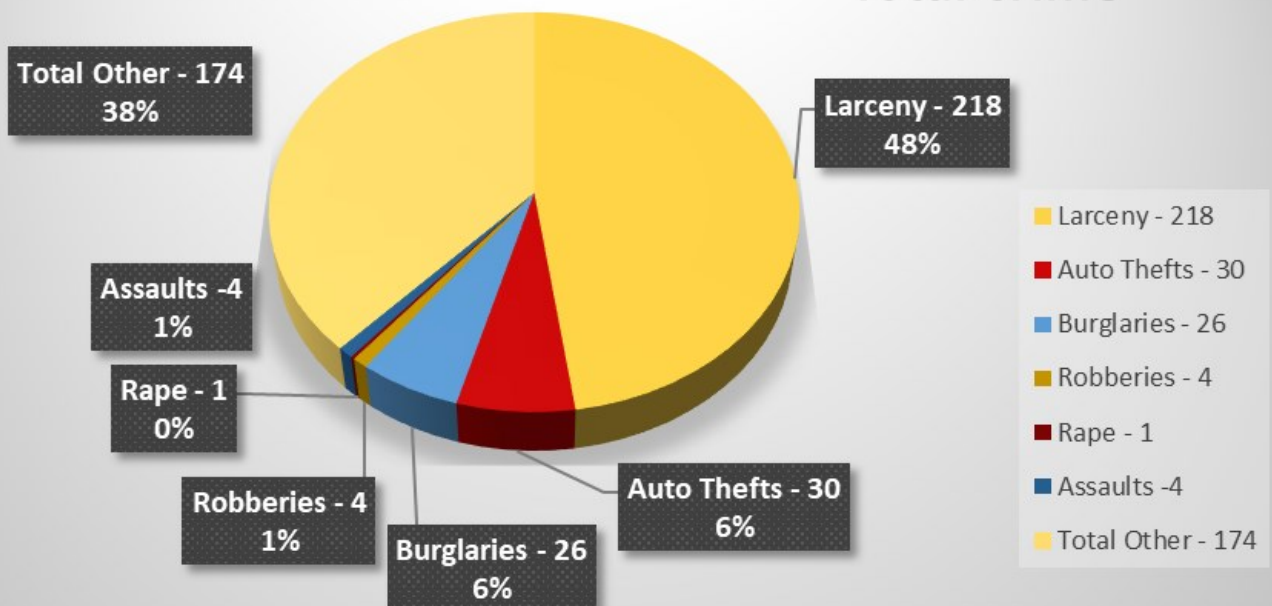
Total Collisions



5,373 Police Runs

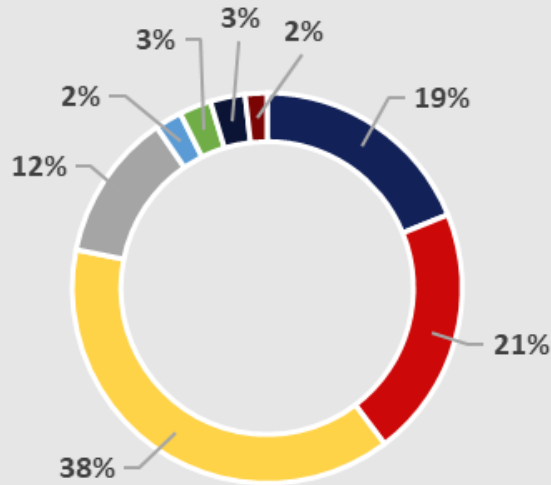
1,081 Police Reports

Total Crime



Stats 2021

Middletown Activity



■ Total Crimes - 468

■ Total Collisions - 521

■ Total Citations - 953

■ Total Warnings - 301

■ Total Call Response - 55

■ Total Field Info - 64

■ Total Domestic - 72

■ Total Crisis Interventions - 46

<i>DAILY ACTIVITY LOGS</i>	<i>2021</i>
TICKETS	778
WARNINGS	541
PARKING	547
HOUSE WATCHES	588
ARRESTS	130
WARRANTS SERVED	86
WARRANTS ATTEMPTED	106
CALLS FOR SERVICE	6,526
REPORTS	756
COLLISIONS	518

Awards

Distinguished Life Saving Award—Bill Shingleton

Sgt. Shingleton earned a Distinguished Life Saving Award for his actions on April 17, 2021 that helped save the life of an unresponsive person. After being dispatched to an expansive parking lot, eventually Sgt. Shingleton found an unconscious and unresponsive victim in the driver's seat of his SUV vehicle. When sternal rubs, repositioning of his airway nor 2 doses of Narcan were effective, Sgt. Shingleton recruited the help of two employees in the lot to preform CPR.

The victim was extracted from his vehicle and placed on the ground for CPR efforts. One of the employees assisted Sgt. Shingleton with resuscitation efforts, and after approximately seven cycles of CPR the victim's pulse returned and he began breathing on his own. The victim was transported by EMS to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

It is without a doubt that had Sgt. Shingleton not located the subject and performed CPR, the subject would not be with us today.



Commendation for Actions on March 10, 2021

When MPD received a request for a welfare check on an 88 yr old Middletown resident, Sgt. Shingleton, Off. Ledington and Off. Rogers jumped into action. The mail carrier had noticed that the resident wasn't picking up her mail and that was unlike her.

Once on the scene the officers did not get an answer at any of the doors and were unable to see anything inside the home. The officers did not let this deter them and were able to hear a faint muffled voice coming from a bedroom window as they were calling the homeowner's name through the windows. The officers asked if she needed help and she advised she did. The officers were able to enter the home by forcing open a glass door.

As they entered the home they found the 88 yr. old woman in her bedroom on the floor who was confused and could not stand up on her own. Her hands were cold, and she appeared very frail. The officers were able to determine that the woman had been on the floor for at least two days. EMS responded to the scene and transported the woman to the hospital for evaluation.

It is without a doubt that the quick teamwork to assist a helpless member of our community prevented dire circumstances for the resident.



MPD's Dispatch

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is the City of Middletown's point of contact for your police and emergency services. Their Communications Center is located in downtown Louisville and staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. (This includes all holidays and weekends; they never close!)

Dispatchers are required to attend a 164 hour Telecommunications Academy in Richmond, KY at the Department of Criminal Justice Training to obtain certificates and specialized training to work as State-certified 911 Dispatchers. After the academy, continuing education is a requirement, with a mandatory class of at least 8 hours yearly to be completed.

Among the 16 Dispatchers employed, their experience adds up to an estimated 114 years. We try to staff at least 2-4 Dispatchers in the room at all times. We handle an array of emergent and non-emergent calls, such as domestic violence situations, alarm calls, suspicious persons and vehicles, traffic control and accidents, and report runs for instances such as theft and shoplifting.

The most important thing to know when you call 911, or for non-emergency 574-5471, is your location. Once your location is obtained, Dispatchers have already started the process of getting help to you, and may continue to ask questions to gather safety information for emergency responders. Dispatchers will ask questions to assess the situation and to determine your exact location so the proper responders may be sent, so please be patient; this is for your safety as well as the safety of Responders.

We are always looking for great people to join our Dispatch team! If you or someone you know is interested in a career in Law Enforcement or 911 Dispatch, please reach out to your Middletown Police Department or to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Career Development Department at 502-574-5400.



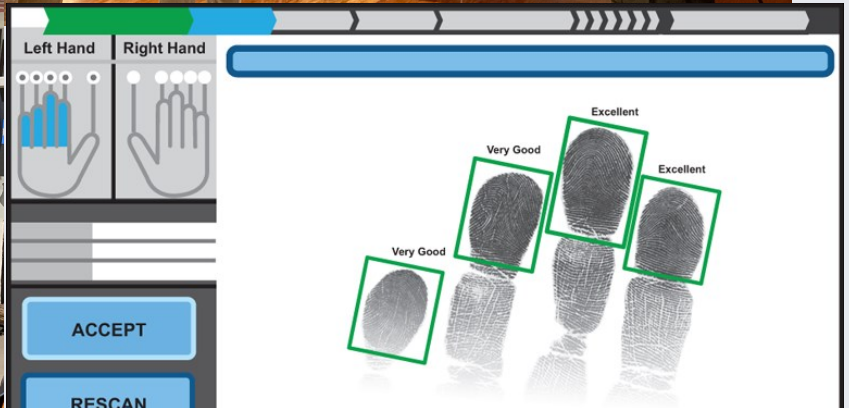
1st Shift Telecommunicator Left to Right: Zach—hired in 2019; 2nd Shift Telecommunicators: Dakota—hired in 2021 (will attend DOCJT Tele Academy in February); Jackson—hired in 2021

Some of our JCSO Dispatchers



3rd Shift Telecommunicator Left to Right: Jason—hired in 2021; Raven—hired in 2020; Tom, 3rd Shift Supervisor—hired in 2017

MPD Working



Thank you

***Middletown Police Department would like
to thank the following for providing,
training, guidance and support:***

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Commissioner Ron Wolf

Commissioner Amy Oliver

Commissioner Paul Hayden



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Department of Criminal Justice Training

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***Residents, Businesses, Churches and Visitors
that have supported us during the year.***

Grateful to Middletown Police Department?

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A MORE LASTING SHOW OF APPRECIATION

Instead of showing your appreciation with food, perhaps donate that money to the Middletown Police Department through the Middletown Police Foundation. Any amount helps us fund much needed equipment and training. That means safer working conditions for our officers, safer residents, safer businesses.



A check may be written out to Middletown Police Foundation. Then bring or mail it to:

Middletown Police Department
11803 Old Shelbyville Rd.
Middletown, KY 40243

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