



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022



***Middletown Police Department***

# Mission Statement

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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



Chief Robert Herman

Welcome to the fifth year of the Middletown Police Department. A great deal has been accomplished during our first five years; from our humble beginnings with two officers to now a staff of nineteen officers. We have been able to hire some of the most talented and experienced officers anyone could choose from. With all that wealth of knowledge and experience we have been able to build, from the ground up, a community-oriented state-of-the-art department that is responsive to the needs of an ever-growing city. We know we still have room to grow, and areas that need improvement, but with the support of our residents and the city commissioners, we will build a police agency that all will be proud of.

Some of our accomplishments in 2022 included adding another traffic officer to our traffic unit. These officers are responsible for responding to non-injury and injury accidents, including fatalities, and investigating all hit and run incidents. They also monitor traffic complaints and use enforcement action as a tool in reminding motorists to adhere to the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in an effort to reduce the number of vehicle accidents in our city. With most of those traffic stops being verbal or written warnings, there are times officers do issue written citations for traffic infractions.

We are excited that we were able to expand the number of officers that keep our city safe during

the overnight hours. This year we welcomed Sergeant Bridget Hallahan; promoting our first female officer to the rank of Sergeant. We also welcomed newly-promoted Sergeant George McMillan to our late-watch staff. The department also welcomed the promotion of Sgt. Steve Kaufling to the rank of Lieutenant on our mid-watch shift. Lt. Kaufling will oversee many of the operations during the mid-watch and late-watch shift to include working on special crime reduction projects.

Our department expanded in the technology arena as well, by installing in-car cameras in all our patrol vehicles and building an interview room equipped with state-of-the-art audio and visual devices to give our officers and detectives a safe environment to conduct interviews. We are constantly striving to give our officers the best and most current technology to assist them in conducting criminal investigations and promoting crime prevention. To help the department support these advancements in technology, I am excited to announce our very own Middletown Police Foundation. This independent, non-profit organization, is made up of dedicated citizens and business owners in the Middletown area. Their mission is to raise funds to provide financial support to the Middletown Police Department in the areas of education, crime prevention, equipment purchases, and officer support during difficult times. I encourage everyone to visit their website and learn more about their important mission at [www.middletownkypolicefoundation.org](http://www.middletownkypolicefoundation.org).

I am excited to see what the New Year has to bring to our city and our police department. As always, I encourage you to follow our social media platforms and please let us know if you see something that you feel needs our attention. You can contact us by phone, email, or drop by the police station and have a chat 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 we can.

## Command Staff

Rob Herman  
Chief of Police  
Hired 2-22-2018

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Joe Webb  
Major  
Hired 1-2-2019

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Ann Kaiser  
Administrator  
Hired 08-12-2021

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## 1st Platoon



Sgt. Bill Shingleton  
Hired 1-2-2019

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Sgt. Eric Kemper  
Hired 8-20-2018

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Sgt. Dale McCormack  
Hired 2-3-2020

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Lt. Steve Kaufling  
Hired 10-12-2020

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## 2nd Platoon



Off. Glenn Simpson  
Hired 2-22-2021

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Off. Chad Ledington  
Hired 8-20-2018

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Off. Trish Seawood  
Hired 09-07-2021

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Off. Holly Rogers  
Hired 10-12-2020

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# Organizational Chart

## Traffic



Off. Ken Christian  
Hired 2-3-2020

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Off. Keith Dutton  
Hired 06-07-2021

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

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Det. Scott Beck  
Hired 9-9-2019

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## 3rd Platoon



Sgt. George McMillan  
Hired 10-12-2020

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Sgt. Bridgett Hallahan  
Hired 11-21-2022

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## Chaplains



John Abel

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Off. Chris Heaps  
Hired 11-21-2022

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Off. Matthew Faith  
Hired 05-23-2022

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Off. Chris Beahl  
Hired 10-03-2022

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Greg Gitschner

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# Traffic Year in Review

In March 2021, the Middletown Police Department created a Traffic Unit with Officer Ken Christian as the department's first traffic officer. With there being a lot of activity regarding traffic related incidents for the first year, Officer Keith Dutton was brought into the unit in June as our second traffic officer. Having both officers helps to free up the beat officers to respond to other calls for service where not just one officer is needed but to have two officers available for trouble or report runs.

Our officers 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). Our officers also investigate hit and run collisions and assists the shift officers riding the street when needed.

In 2022, MPD officers worked 511 collisions with 96 of those reported as injuries. There were 61 collisions reported as hit and runs with four of them involving injuries. Of the hit and run collisions, 34 of them occurred on parking lots. Our traffic officers wrote a total of 292 citations, wrote 595 courtesy notices/warnings, made 24 arrests, served 21 warrants, and served one criminal summons from traffic related activity. Our traffic officers responded to a total of 707 calls for service making 85 reports and 176 collisions. One stolen vehicle was also recovered with the use of Flock Cameras with arrests to subjects in that vehicle.

In September, Officer Christian attended a Child Passenger Safety course. This course is designed to train attendee's as certified technicians to assists those with small children needing to ride in motor vehicles with child safety seats and booster seats. Technicians receive national certification and are qualified to help those who have small children learn the proper installation to install those seats to help keep their children safe when riding in motor vehicles. If you know or encounter someone having or expecting a new child to their family, they may contact the Middletown Police Department to make an appointment with Officer Christian to help them with information, instruction, and demonstration with their car seats.

On July 1st, Middletown officers responded to the

location of Shelbyville Rd and N Madison Ave regarding an injury collision involving two motor vehicles. One of the vehicles not only had the driver but the drivers seven YOA son in the vehicle. The other vehicle had a driver only. The vehicle with two occupants was struck on the driver side in the intersection. That vehicle left the roadway and into the wooded tree line and creek. The driver was unconscious, but the child was not. The child was seated on a booster seat and sustained bruises to his legs while the driver sustained multiple life-threatening injuries and wearing a seat belt. The driver of the other vehicle sustained minor injuries and reported wearing a seat belt. All parties were taken to separate hospitals. While speaking with the driver of the striking vehicle, she showed signs of possible drug use. The striking driver was later arrested and charged with multiple charges including DUI and assault charges.

Please remember that distracted driving and inattention to the roadway can be prevented. 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, then please use them. 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.**



Traffic Officers Keith Dutton (L) and Ken Christian (R)



# Detectives Year in Review

Detective Beck and I take great pride in serving the citizens of Middletown and we look forward to a successful year in 2023. Our unit works with Middletown officers and other agencies to gather information and intelligence to best investigate the criminal elements that occur in Middletown. Be mindthat that Middletown is a safe area, and most of the criminal activity that occurs in Middletown can be prevented by locking doors and keeping valuables out of sight. Also, if you are mailing checks or other important documents, it is always best to take them inside the post office.

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, the Detective Unit investigated 441 cases. During this same period, the detectives have been able to close/clear 159 cases. Some of the cases we investigate include criminal mischief, theft, domestic violence, robbery, and other criminal activity. Of that total, 99 of the clearances were by arrest. Being made on the subject. Below is a list of clearances:

- Closed By Arrest: 99
- Closed By Exception: 44
- Closed by Unfounded: 16
- Inactive: 225 (Cases are not closed but waiting on new information to follow up on)

Listed below are some of the arrest and recovery highlights that we have experienced this year:

- Arrests were made on suspects stealing cigarettes from convenience stores. Worked with LMPD and surrounding agencies to pass along intelligence on the group.
- Suspects were arrested for business robberies that had occurred through the Louisville area. Detectives worked with LMPD to share information and intelligence.
- Suspect arrested for burglary for ramming car through business and taking merchandise
- Arrests were made for Theft by Deception
- Arrest made for subject distributing obscene matter to a juvenile
- Arrest made for subject stealing over \$24,000 from her place of employment
- Multiple arrests made for firearms related crimes
- Multiple arrests made for shoplifting.
- Multiple arrests made for Domestic Violence

and other assaults.

- Multiple arrests made for subjects stealing vehicles and being in possession of vehicles
- Multiple stolen vehicles, electronics, cell phones and other valuables were recovered and returned
- Multiple cases where stolen property was returned after shoplifting and theft related cases.

Remember to stay vigilant and know your surroundings. If something looks out of place, please say something. You can contact Middletown Police by calling our dispatch at the following numbers: Emergency, dial 9-1-1– or non-emergency, dial (502) 574-5471. If you have a general question for the police, you can call (502) 365-1900. Looking forward to an even better year in 2023!

Sincerely,

Sgt. Pat Bass



Detective Scott Beck and Sgt. Detective Pat Bass





# Community







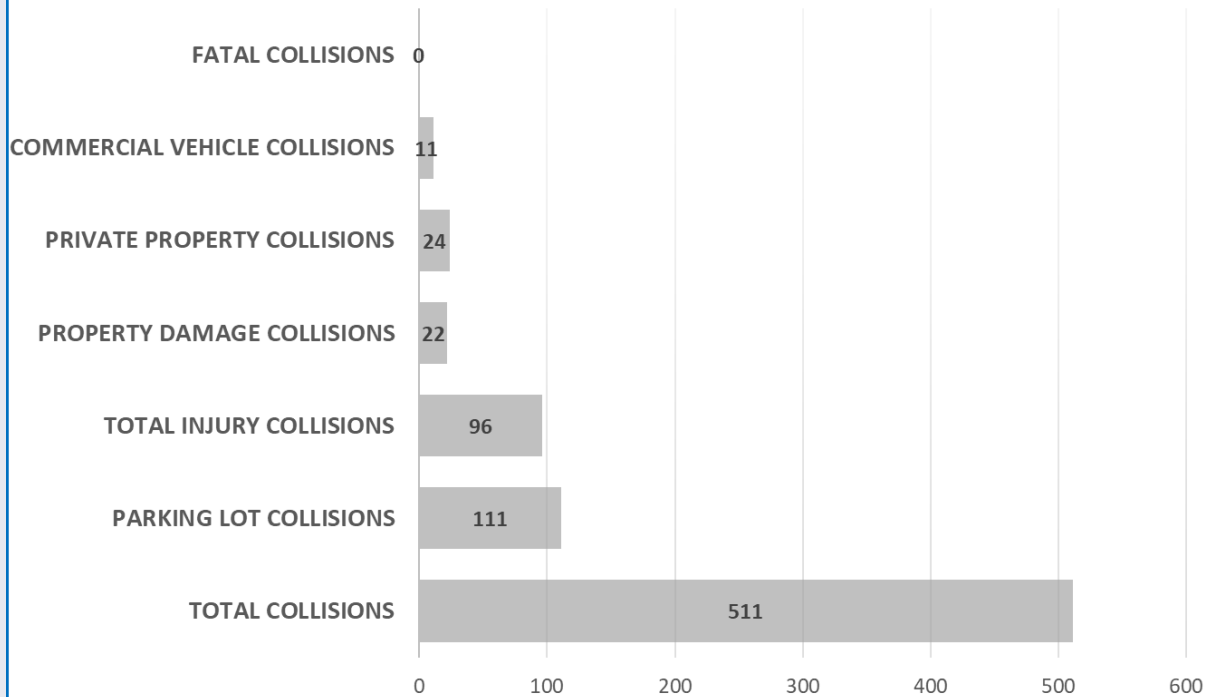
# Community

Middleton Police:  
Thank you  
for your service  
to our community!  
We appreciate  
you !!





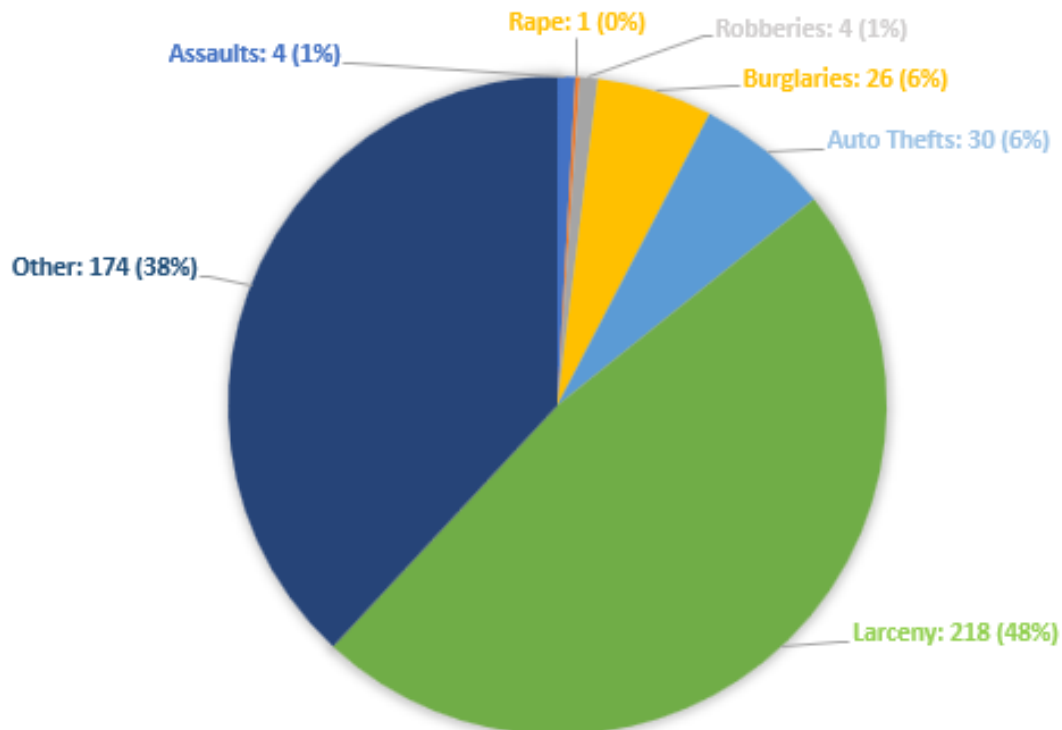
## TOTAL COLLISIONS



7,172 Police Runs

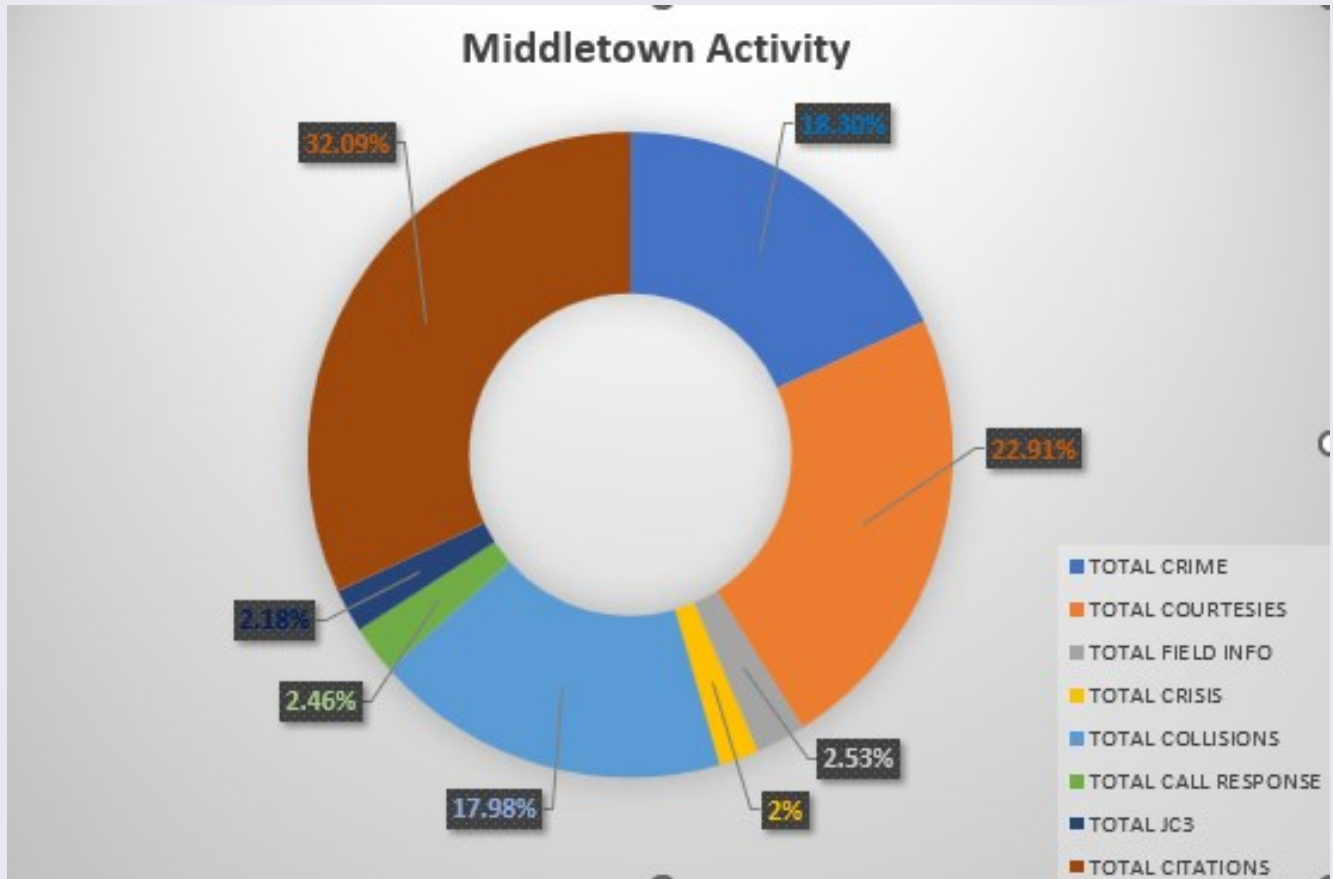
873 Police Reports

## TOTAL CRIME





# Stats 2022



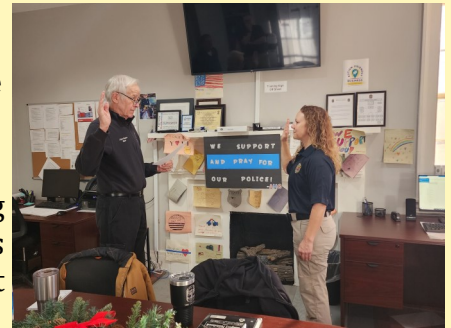
<b>DAILY ACTIVITY LOGS</b>	<b>2022</b>
TICKETS	693
WARNINGS	821
PARKING	224
HOUSE WATCHES	1157
ARRESTS	181
WARRANTS SERVED	120
WARRANTS ATTEMPTED	94
CALLS FOR SERVICE	7172
REPORTS	873
COLLISIONS	511

# Growing Strong

## Middletown Police Welcomes First Female Sergeant

The Middletown Police Department continues to expand to meet the needs of our citizens. Since our inception five years ago, we have grown from two officers to a staff of 19.

This past fall, MPD welcomed Bridgett Hallahan, promoting our first female officer to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Hallahan brings with her over 23 years experience and a passion to serve and protect the citizens of Middletown.



## Promotion Of Lieutenant Steve Kaufling

The department also celebrated the promotion of Sgt. Steve Kaufling to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Kaufling is on our mid-watch shift and will oversee many of the operations during the mid and late-watch shifts to include working on special crime reduction projects. Lt. Kaufling retired from LMPD in August of 2020 with 24 years of service and joined the Middletown Police



Department on October 12, 2020.

## Officer George McMillan Promoted to Sergeant

George McMillan joins the Middletown Police Department late-watch staff as newly promoted Sergeant. Sgt. McMillan has been with MPD since October, 2020.





# 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!)

In 2022, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Communications Center answered 87,941 telephone calls (including 911) and created 28,724 calls for service for our police agencies.

Kaitlyn, pictured on the right, is one of our day-work dispatchers, and comes to us as a Lateral Dispatcher with 4 years of experience behind the headset. She also has 8 years in fire service, and is a KY State certified EMT.

Rebekah is our newest Dispatcher. She is currently in training on the day-work shift, and is doing a phenomenal job handling phone calls and radio traffic without any prior experience!

Anastasia is one of our 2nd shift Dispatchers and has been with us for almost (1) year. She has degrees in anthropology and English, and loves to volunteer her time at Jefferson Memorial Forest.

Last but not least, Kendal has been with us for almost one year. She is one of our 2nd shift Dispatchers and just finished her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

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.



Kaitlyn—Day-work Dispatcher and EMT

## Meet Some of Your JCSO Dispatchers



Rebekah (left); Anastasia (middle); and Kendal (right) are on your side in an emergency (or non-emergency) situation.



# MPD Working





# ***Thank You!***

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

***Mayor J. Byron Chapman***

***Commissioner Mark Stigers***

***Commissioner Ron Wolf***

***Commissioner Amy Oliver***

***Commissioner Paul Hayden***



***Louisville Metro Police Department***

***Jeffersontown Police Department***

***St. Matthews Police Department***

***Jefferson County Sheriff's Office***

***Department of Criminal Justice Training***

***Kentucky League of Cities***



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

# Looking to Support Your Middletown Police Department?

## Want to give back?

If you're looking for a way to show your appreciation to the Middletown Police Department in support of your community, please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Middletown Police Foundation.

Any amount helps us fund much-needed training and life-saving equipment. That means safer working conditions for our officers, local businesses, schools and families.

Your donation can be sent to:

Middletown Police Foundation  
11803 Old Shelbyville Road  
Louisville, KY 40243



OR visit our website and click on the  button to be directed to our online donation portal.

**It's that easy to support the men and women that support you!**



**Middletown  
Police Foundation**

[www.middletownkypolicefoundation.org](http://www.middletownkypolicefoundation.org)