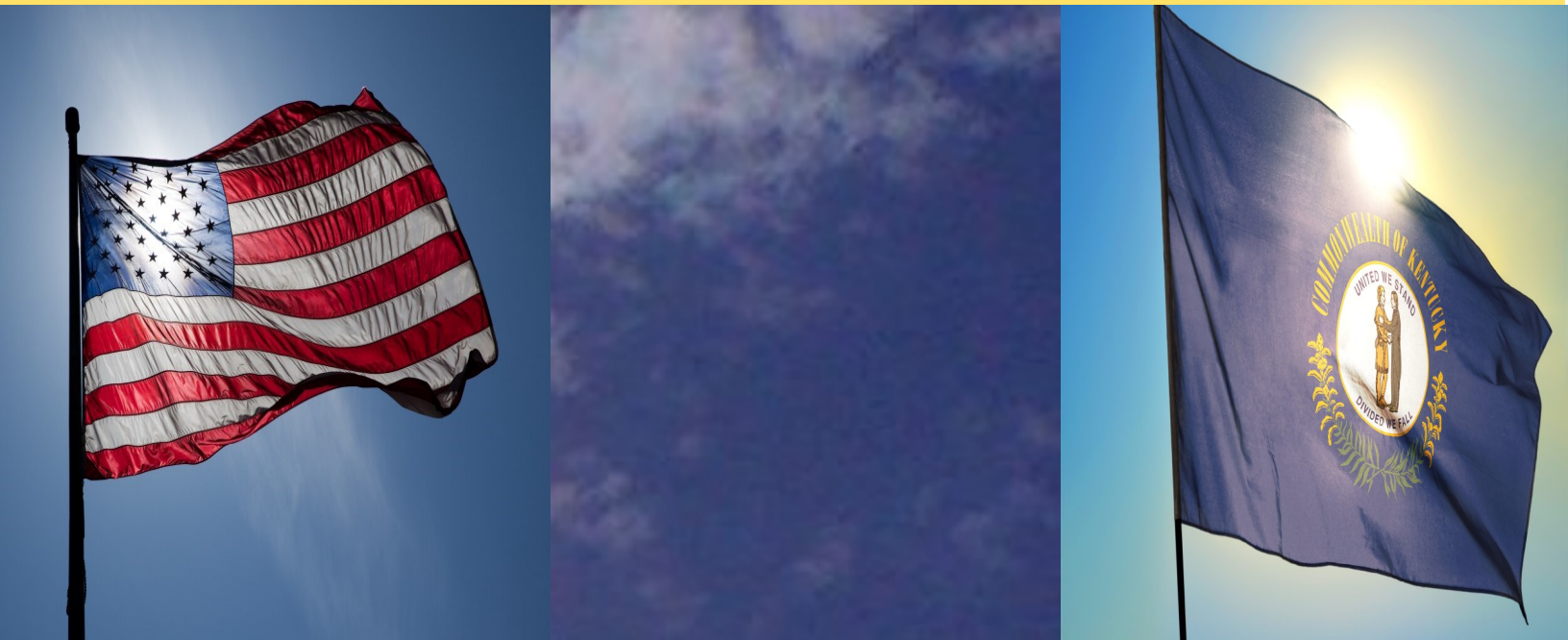




# Annual Report 2023



# Middletown Police Department

# 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 2023 Annual Report of the Middletown Police Department. This year welcomed the growth of our agency by adding a detective to the afternoon/evening shifts to help cover those times when victims are coming home from work, and we can better serve our businesses. Often a victim would have to wait until the next business day to speak to a detective, with the addition of this position you will have access to a detective later into the evening. We also moved the mid-watch lieutenant to a more permanent role in the evenings as well. This move helps to broaden our span of control for the mid-watch and late-watch patrol shifts and gives the residents more access to the upper command staff. With these additions, our numbers have grown to 21 officers working hard to keep our city and residents safe.

We are also investing in our greatest asset, which is our employees. We continue to strive to offer competitive salaries and benefits along with training so that our officers can continue to provide the best service to our community. If you have a family member or friend that is interested in a law enforcement career, be sure to have them give us a call. We are always looking to improve our staff with community-minded individuals.

As you read through this annual report, you will see pages dedicated to our Detective and Traffic Unit. You will notice crimes involving theft are up, but we are keeping violent crimes against persons down. Our detectives work very hard to identify those responsible for these thefts and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. I would like to believe that with the hard work of our detectives and the high visibility patrols of our uniformed officers that most of the criminals are making the correct decision not to come to Middletown to do their trade. Same goes for the folks that continue to travel our roadways and have little to no regard for the rules of the road. Our traffic officers are out there to stop those violators and remind them that this type of behavior causes accidents; some resulting in serious injuries. The goal of our traffic unit is to make the roads safer for all our motorists to travel to and from work, school and church, and enjoy our retail and restaurant establishments.

I would be derelict in my duties if I did not mention the great work our uniformed officers are doing day and night, every day of the year. These outstanding officers are the ones who answer your call when you are experiencing what may be the worst times in your life, and they do it with compassion and understanding. Most of my officers have well over 20 years of law enforcement experience and are able to navigate these times of crisis to a successful end, or at least get you on the right path. I can honestly say that without the wealth of experience our officers have, we would not be in the advanced state of growth that we are in. Our officers are the heart and soul of our department.

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. 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.

Lastly, I want to thank the City of Middletown Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support. Without the support of our city leaders, our young police department would have trouble growing into the great public service agency that it is today.





## Command Staff



Rob Herman  
Chief of Police

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Joe Webb  
Major

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Adrian Wheeler  
Administrator

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## 1st Platoon



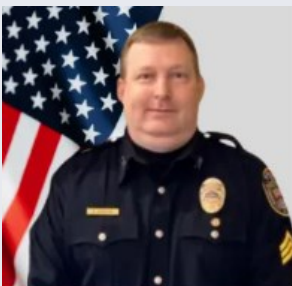
Sgt. Bill Shingleton

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Sgt. Eric Kemper

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Off. Glenn Simpson

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7:00 AM — 5:00 PM

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Off. Chad Ledington

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**2nd Platoon**



Lt. Steve Kaufling

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Sgt. Dale McCormack

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Sgt. Holly Rogers

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Off. Trish Seawood

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**2:00 PM — 12:00 AM**

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Off. Nathan Benge

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**3rd Platoon**



Sgt. Ricky Guffey

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**10:00 PM — 8:00 AM**

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Sgt. Austin Hundley

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Off. Matthew Faith

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Off. Jeff Bell

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Off. Zach Prichard

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## Investigations



Detective Sgt. Pat Bass

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Det. Bridget Hallahan

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Det. Scott Beck

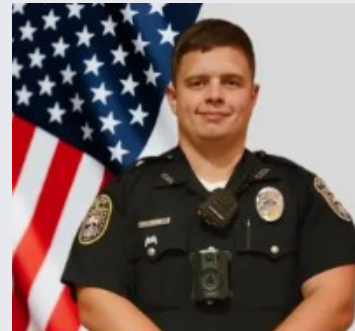
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## Traffic



Off. Ken Christian

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Off. Michael Cummins

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## Chaplains



Chap. Jay Kustes

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Chap. Greg Gitschner

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# Middletown Police Traffic Unit Yearly Review

The Middletown Police Department's Traffic Unit Officers are out and trying to help keep the roadways of Middletown safe for not only our residents but for those that travel through our city. Please know that if you are involved in a motor vehicle collision or any other situation in Middletown, to call JCSO dispatch at (502) 574-5471 to have an officer dispatched to your location for non-emergency purposes or 911 for emergency purposes (ie...medical and life-threatening situations).

MPD Traffic 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 2023, MPD officers worked 555 collisions with 80 of those reported as injuries and 2 reported as fatal. There were 72 collisions reported as hit and runs with 4 of them involving injuries. Of the hit and run collisions, 37 of them occurred on parking lots. Our traffic officers wrote a total of 529 citations, wrote 517 courtesy notices/warnings, made 34 arrests, and served 38 warrants. Our traffic officers responded to a total of 770 calls for service, made 47 reports and 272 collisions. With the use of Flock Cameras, traffic officers have recovered two stolen vehicles, one stolen plate, and two missing persons.

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.



# Middletown Police Detective Unit Yearly Review



From January 1 to December 31, 2023, the Detective Unit investigated 525 cases. During this same period, the detectives and officers have been able to close/clear 207 cases. Some of the cases we investigate include criminal mischief, theft, domestic violence, robbery, and other criminal activity. Of that total, 137 of the clearances were by arrests being made on the suspect. Below is a list of clearances:

- Closed By Arrest: 137
- Closed By Exception: 68
- Unfounded (Originally reported but did not occur): 25
- Inactive: 255 (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:

- Multiple arrests were made for shoplifting. Many of these suspects were serial shoplifters. In many instances the property was recovered and returned to the business.
- Multiple arrests were made for Domestic Violence assaults and other assaults.
- Multiple arrests were made for Burglary.
- Multiple arrests were made for Theft, including Theft by deception, Theft from motor vehicle, Theft of Auto, Theft of Identity, Theft of license plate, etcetera.
- Arrest made for Robbery with a firearm. Several other robbery arrest were made not involving firearms.
- Multiple arrests were made where suspects were armed with firearms.
- Multiple arrests were made for Wanton Endangerment.
- Multiple arrests were made for Terroristic Threatening.
- Multiple arrests were made for Criminal Mischief (damaging victim property).
- Multiple arrests were made for Fraudulent use of credit cards.
- Multiple stolen vehicles, electronics, cell phones, cash, firearms and other valuables were recovered and returned to the victim.

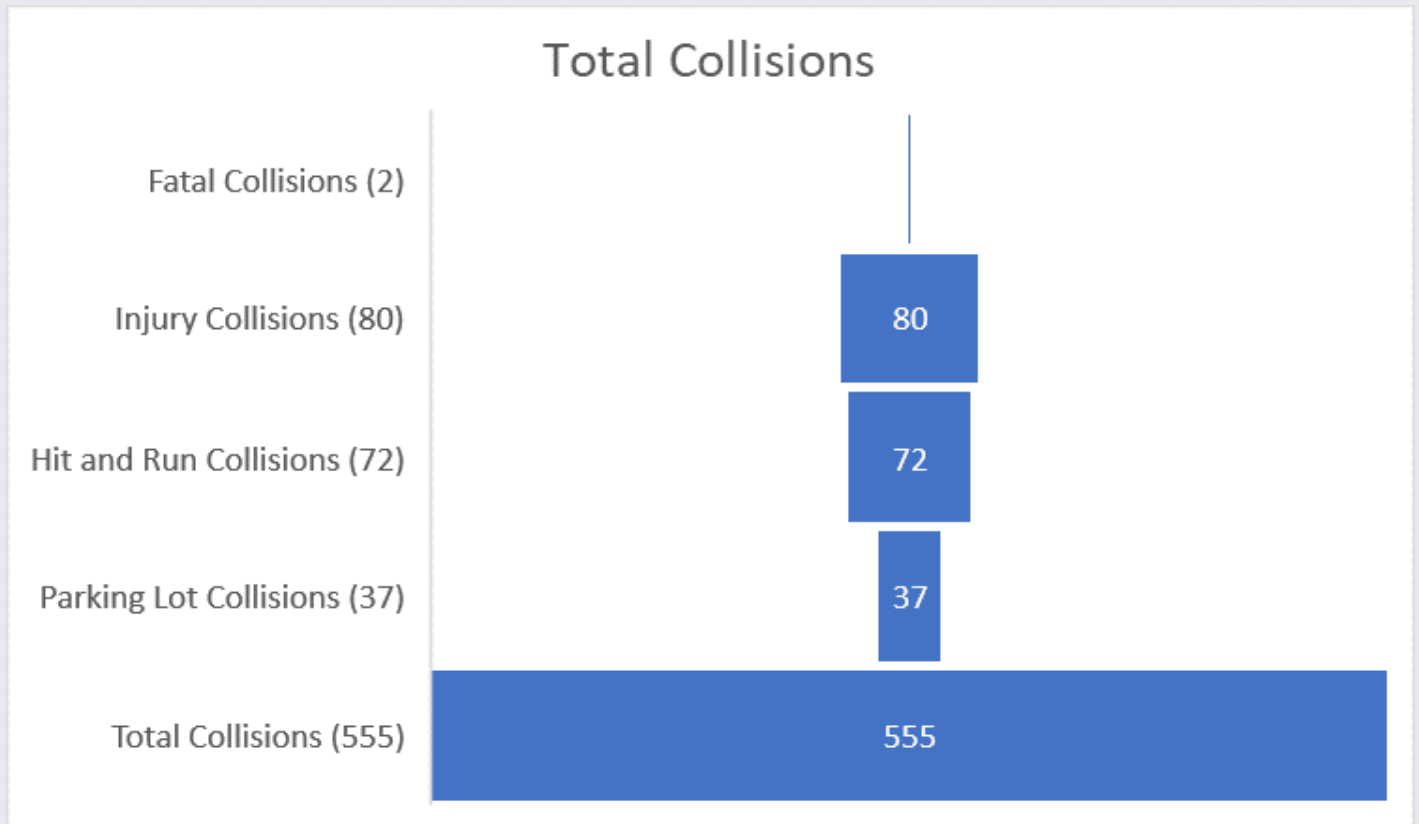
It takes all of us to stop or deter criminal activity-If you see something suspicious, please call us at the appropriate phone number. If you are contacted in a suspicious way, like a possible scam email or phone call, please make sure you know who you are sending money to. You can contact Middletown Police by calling our dispatch on the following numbers: Emergency, dial 9-1-1 or non-emergency, dial (502) 574-5471. If you have a general question for the police, call (502) 365-1900.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Pat Bass



# Middletown Police Statistics



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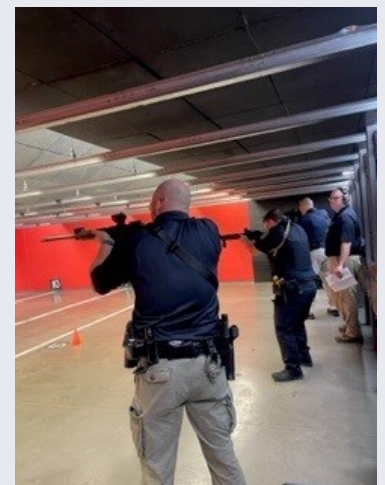
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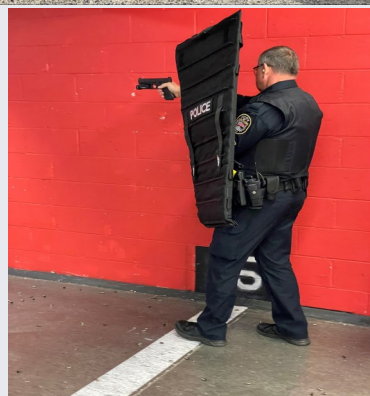
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**We're looking out for you and our community!**







## Middletown Police Working





# Community





# Middletown Police Foundation

It is hard to believe that the Foundation is only two years old. Founded in 2021 by local business professionals and residents, the Foundation hit the ground running and took major strides to introduce itself to our community. Speaking for the City of Middletown and the Middletown Police Department, we are glad to welcome the Foundation.

The City of Middletown Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was established to help foster goodwill between our Police Department and the residents and businesses in Middletown by funding grants to the Police Department for items and programs that are beneficial to our community and cover needed expenses that are not included in the City's budget. Examples include, community outreach, special officer training, equipment, and officer in distress relief.

This year, the Foundation participated in the Officer's Night Out program, and the Middletown Chamber of Commerce's Easter Egg Hunt, Craft Show, and Halloween Festival. In addition, the Foundation was front and center in the Middletown Festival. Programs directed towards Seniors were presented as well. Work is already under way to trot out of new programs for 2024.

The Foundation relies entirely upon donations, that in most cases, may be tax deductible. The 2023 Car Show that was held last May, was the year's major fundraiser that not only provided a great atmosphere for family fun and entertainment, but helped strengthen the relationship between our Police Department and the local businesses who supported the show by their generous donations of money and door prizes.

It is worth mentioning that the Foundation has no employees or paid fundraisers, hence no payroll. All business is conducted by volunteer members of the Board of Directors. The City of Middletown has generously provided a small office space at City Hall for the Foundation's use. It is the Foundation's goal to assure the money donated goes back out the front door into the community in the form of grants that will help make Middletown a safe place to live, work and visit.

We would like you to become acquainted with the City of Middletown Police Foundation by visiting their website at [www.mpfky.org](http://www.mpfky.org). You may also contact them by phone at (502)352-6731, or by email at [info@middletownkypolicefoundation.org](mailto:info@middletownkypolicefoundation.org).



# Thank You!

*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)