

Fort Thomas Police Department



2020 Annual Report

April 15, 2021

Mayor Eric Haas
Council Members
City Administrative Officer Ron Dill
Citizens of Fort Thomas

Ladies and Gentlemen:

What an honor it is to introduce the 2020 Annual Report. Last year offered significant challenges to our department and our community, and our officers met those challenges with courage and professionalism.

During calendar year 2020, our officers responded to 11,397 calls for service. This represents only a very small dip in total activity from the previous year. Our officers are extremely dedicated, professional, and well trained. It has been very fulfilling to see our officers go out every day and do their absolute best in the performance of their duties. With regards to the pandemic, our officers made every adjustment possible throughout the year, including masking, social distancing, closing our lobby, and taking reports over the phone when possible. In the face of a very challenging year, our officers rose to the occasion to meet the needs of our citizens.

In 2020, we continued with our commitments to the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, School Resource Officer, and the Traffic Officer Position. We were able to continue these commitments while still maintaining our current level of patrol coverage. In response to traffic concerns, we added two permanent visual speed signs on Chesapeake Avenue.

Our police department benefits greatly from having an amazing community, and a very supportive group of city leaders. Our officers constantly seek out the best training available to keep their skills sharp and up to date. We would not be able to attend quality training without the support of our community. Although most in-person training was cancelled in 2020, our officers were able to seek out quality online training, at very low cost.

This Annual Report will show that our officers are deeply committed to responding to the needs of our citizens, keeping our city safe, and providing the quality of service that we all have come to expect from Fort Thomas.

Sincerely,

Casey Kilgore

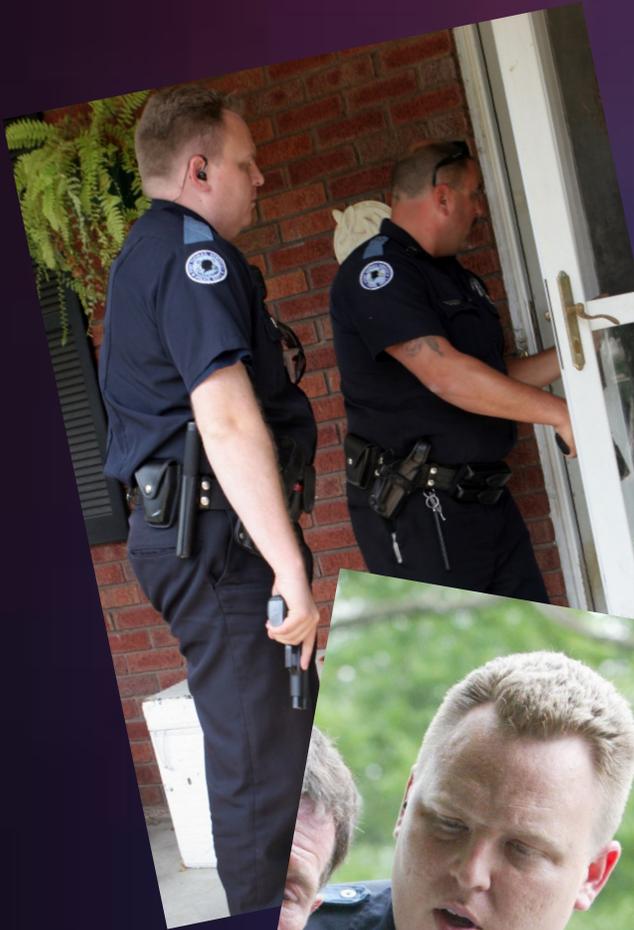
Casey Kilgore, Chief of Police

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Patrolman Adam Brown Retires

After 20 years of dedicated service to the residents of Fort Thomas, Officer Adam Brown retired from our department at the end of October 2020. Adam was a great asset to us, often leading our department in drug arrests, DUI arrest, and felony arrests. His years of experience and knowledge of police tactics made him an excellent resource to our younger officers. Adam was instrumental in elevating our firearms training, making several of our officers the top shooters in the region. Adam was a great friend and an excellent police officer, and he will be sorely missed.



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2020 FTPD Citations

Non Traffic Charges

Charge	2019	2020
Alcohol Related	41	40
Drug Related	179	300
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	3	0
Burglary	9	6
Theft Related	18	27
Receiving Stolen Property	12	21
Warrants Served	135	145
Criminal Mischief	15	11
Criminal Trespassing	1	4
Wanton Endangerment	2	4
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument	3	5
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor	3	2
Disorderly Conduct	13	10
Assault	17	15
Manslaughter	0	0
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon	2	1
Murder	0	0
Criminal Littering	1	1
Terroristic Threatening	2	7
Miscellaneous	30	52
Total Non Traffic Charges (Citations)	486	651

2020 FTPD Citations

Traffic Charges

Charge	2019	2020
DUI	65	70
Speeding	241	233
Other Hazardous Traffic Violations	139	101
Operator License Violations	206	221
Vehicle License Violations	263	213
Vehicle Equipment Violations	17	12
Insurance Violations	316	309
No Seatbelt	134	90
No Child Restraint	7	3
Miscellaneous	4	26
Total Traffic Charges	1392	1278
Written Warnings	1032	677
City Citations	86	47

Juvenile Charges

Charge	2019	2020
Alcohol Related	4	1
Drug Related	18	13
Criminal Mischief	3	5
Criminal Trespassing	2	0
Theft Related	3	6
Receiving Stolen Property	2	3
Disorderly Conduct	0	1
Terroristic Threatening	6	2
Assault	4	3
Juvenile Pick Up Order	4	2
Possession Of A Forged Instrument	0	0
Burglary	2	1
Miscellaneous	13	9
Total Juvenile Charges	61	46

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2020 Offenses Reported

Offense	2019	2020
Theft Related	88	91
Burglary	18	11
Criminal Mischief	42	34
Assault	32	28
Wanton Endangerment	6	7
Terroristic Threatening	10	15
Forgery	4	0
Harassment	6	12
Rape	0	4
Other Sexual Offenses	10	8
Robbery	3	1
Arson	0	0
Murder	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0
Criminal Abuse	1	0
Criminal Trespassing	4	5
Menacing	6	2
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	4	0
Alcohol Related	44	28
DUI	63	57
Drug Related	124	247
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon	3	1
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor	1	4
Receiving Stolen Property	10	13
Miscellaneous	43	66
Total Offenses Reported	552	634

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2020 Incidents Reported

Incident	2019	2020
Abuse and Neglect	41	34
Missing Persons	4	7
Vehicle Damage	0	0
Lost/Missing Articles	8	8
Property Damage	25	20
Deceased Persons	14	8
Animal Related	5	23
Neighbor Dispute	17	7
Miscellaneous	74	86
Total Incidents Reported	186	193
Accidents Reported	295	246

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Traffic Enforcement Comparison 2011-2020

Charges	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DUI	106	92	91	76	83	49	61	53	65	70
Speeding	354	401	479	333	291	239	216	235	241	233
Other Hazardous	164	109	170	150	170	206	139	148	139	101
OL Violations	221	180	237	212	253	276	270	327	206	221
Vehicle License	212	192	179	194	199	333	346	385	263	213
Vehicle Equipment	1	8	12	5	39	15	25	42	17	12
Insurance Violations	284	257	301	228	269	354	351	490	316	309
No Seat Belt	130	109	201	179	452	304	201	255	134	90
No Child Restraint	3	0	13	3	10	11	10	15	7	3
Miscellaneous	5	3	0	0	6	7	5	12	4	26
Total Charges	1480	1351	1683	1380	1772	1794	1624	1962	1392	1278
Written Warnings	2600	1755	1705	1465	1561	1367	1191	1624	1032	677
<i>Total Enforcement</i>	<i>4080</i>	<i>3106</i>	<i>3388</i>	<i>2845</i>	<i>3333</i>	<i>3161</i>	<i>2815</i>	<i>3586</i>	<i>2,424</i>	<i>1,955</i>
Written Warnings Enforcement %	63.7%	56.5%	50.3%	51.4%	46.8%	43.2%	42.3%	45.2%	42.5%	34.6%
City Citations	147	119	72	64	52	68	81	62	86	47

Traffic Accident Comparison 2011-2020

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Accidents	302	281	321	310	346	341	350	316	295	246
Avg. Per Month	25.16	23.41	26.75	25.83	28.83	28.41	29.16	26.33	24.58	20.5
Avg. Per Day	.827	.769	.879	.849	.947	.934	.958	.865	.808	.673

Total Juvenile, Traffic, and Non Traffic Felony Charges 2011-2020

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
111	62	66	89	138	186	141	124	102	46

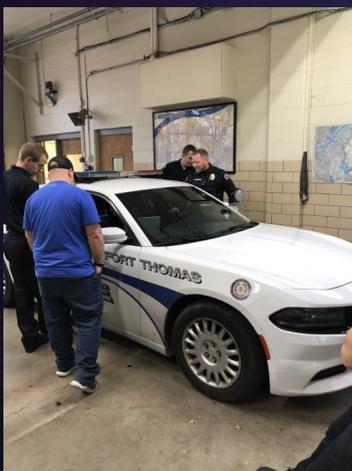
2020 Training



Due to Covid-19 officer training was limited in 2020. All classroom instruction was cancelled due to social distancing requirements.

All of our officers completed the online course: “Ethical Policing in Contemporary Times”. This class was designed to teach critical areas of law enforcement ethics and decision making. The course covers a legal review, transparency, ethics, social media, de-escalation, use of force, 42 U.S.C § 1983 civil suits, decision making, and other current topics in today’s environment.

We continued training in house on items such as Defensive Tactics, Taser training, and Policies and Procedures.



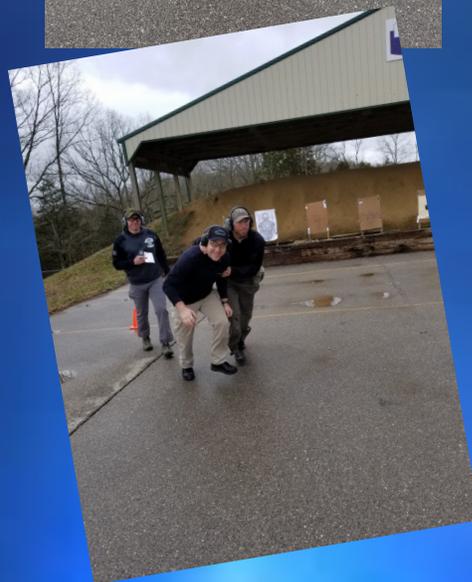
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In 2020 Officers continued their tradition of in-depth weapons training .



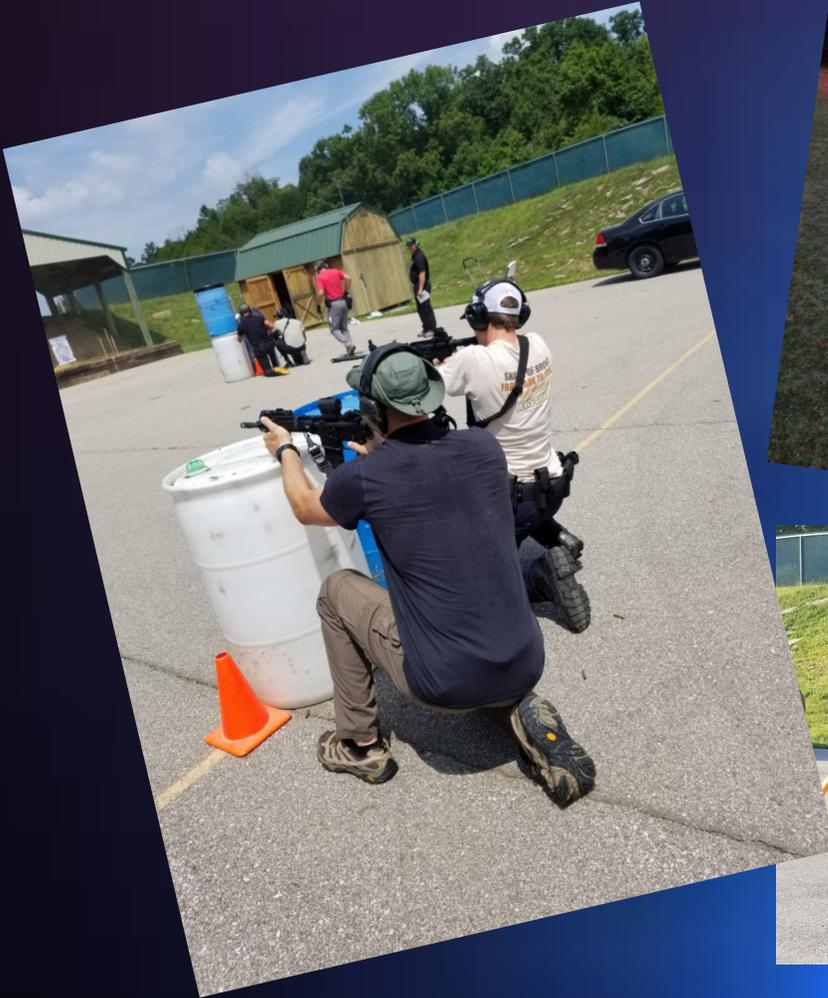
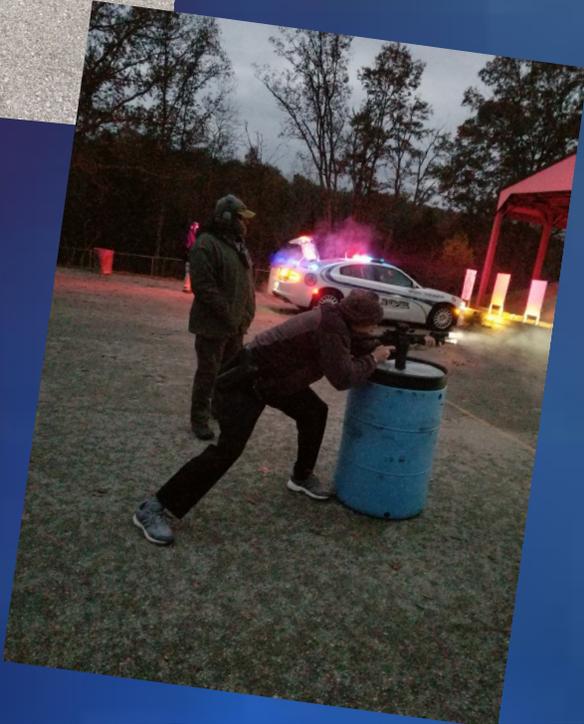
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2020 Investigations Report

Fort Thomas Police Criminal Investigations remained unaffected in 2020. Despite restrictions with COVID-19, reports and cases remained constant. This unprecedented time did not stop detectives from investigating their cases. Detectives received 113 cases in 2020. While the cases varied, most of those cases involved theft and theft of identity.

Detectives solved a residential burglary from May 2019. Even though there was a solid suspect for the burglary, there was no direct link to the suspect. However, when the suspect broke in to the home, the suspect cut their hands, which left blood evidence on the door and inside the home. Detective Hoffman processed the scene and took DNA swabs of the blood. The DNA swabs were sent to Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratory for processing. Unfortunately, the state forensic laboratory has a backlog of processing evidence. Eventually, the DNA sample was entered into CODIS, which stands for Combined DNA Index System and is maintained by the FBI, in August 2020. FTPD was notified in September 2020 that the DNA came back to the suspect. The suspect was incarcerated at the time, so a search warrant was obtained for buccal standard for the suspect's DNA to directly compare to the blood evidence. That was determined to be a match. The suspect was interviewed, but did not want to talk. However, the next day the suspect asked Detective Hoffman to come back to the jail. The suspect gave a full confession, and was indicted by a Grand Jury in October of 2020.

Detectives received two cases from Carmel Manor. One in July for harassing communications and one in December involving a bomb threat. It was determined that the bomb threat was not legitimate. Detectives were able to track the origins of the phone calls

and charged two individuals for the bomb threat, and one for the harassing communications. One was a current employee and the other was a former employee.

COVID-19 brought about some new scams that have been reported to detectives. Some of the common scams involved the stimulus check, tech support, and unemployment. Detectives would like to remind citizens that we are limited in investigating scams. The majority of these scams originate outside of the United States. There are steps that citizens can take to protect themselves which are as follows:

- No government agency will ever ask you to send Google Play, Green-Dot, or gift cards as a form of payment.
- Never send large amounts of cash
- Monitor your credit through Experian, Transunion, or Equifax
- Report Scams and Theft of Identity to Federal Trade Commission, FBI IC3, and Kentucky Attorney General.
- Remember to remove valuables and lock your car doors.





2020 School Resource Officer

Our school resource officer position is now in its third year for the 2020/2021 school year. The city continues to provide one SRO who serves all three Fort Thomas elementary schools, the high school, the middle school, St. Thomas School, and St. Catherine School.

The SRO's main function is school safety and security. In that role, our SRO works very closely with all the school principals as well as the Fort Thomas Independent School District administration. Throughout the three years of the programs existence, great relationships have been built which have been extremely beneficial to both the schools and the police.

After safety and security concerns, our SRO does many classroom and school presentations, works closely with the school counselors to address issues students are experiencing outside of the normal school day, is available in person to students and parents to help them with issues they are experiencing, and handles any criminal issues that occur at the schools. This year has been very unique with a large portion of the school year being handled through NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction). With the students not being in the classroom, many of the normal presentations and classroom time spent by the SRO were cancelled. Adversely, situations that usually would be handed by the school fell to the SRO as the students were now outside of the physical buildings, creating barriers for the school administration.



SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics)

The Kenton County Regional SWAT Team activity was either feast or famine in 2020. The pandemic caused training to be stopped for several months as the unknown took control and led to facilities shutting down. Callouts similarly followed the all or nothing mantra. In a matter of three days in June, the team was asked to deploy three times. Included in the eight callouts for 2020 was a high risk search warrant in Fort Thomas in which an armed suspect was arrested. In October, Selection Class XI took place in which six officers from four agencies tried out for the team. Sergeant Faught and Officer Laffin competed for the lone spot available for the Fort Thomas PD. Sergeant Faught finished with the highest score ever in selection and was assigned to the team with new officers from Wilder, Ludlow, and Independence PD.

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SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics)

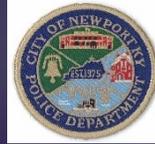
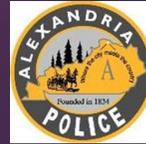


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Campbell County Drug Task Force



2020 Statistics

CASES:	248	CUSTODY:	107
Search Warrants:	93	Incidents Received	98

NARCOTICS REMOVED FROM CAMPBELL COUNTY STREETS

Cocaine (GM)	656.6
Marijuana (GM)	191,296.9
Methamphetamine (GM)	2,066.3
MDMA (DU)	845.0
Schedule II (DU)	532.0
Heroin (GM)	9.1
LSD (DU)	2,343.0
Marijuana Plants (EA)	7.0
Misc. Pills (DU)	199.0

CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS SPENT: **\$42,255.57**

SEIZED ASSETS:

US CURRENCY:	\$385,534.74
FIREARMS:	53
VEHICLES	9

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