

Fort Thomas Police Department



2021 Annual Report



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Message from the Chief

Chief Casey Kilgore

March 1, 2022

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my distinct honor to present the 2021 Annual Report. As I enter my fifth year as our Police Chief, I feel confident saying that we have built one of the best police departments in the nation. Our men and women 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 his retirement drawing near, I would like to personally thank Mr. Ron Dill for his dedicated service to our great city. His leadership, knowledge, and compassion have been a great influence on me and our city staff. His commitment to our citizens and to the betterment of our community is completely unmatched. He is leaving big shoes to fill, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

In 2021, our police department went through several personnel changes. We experienced multiple retirements, promotions, and new hires. Several officers have taken on new responsibilities to meet the needs of our public. Throughout the year, we committed to having officers trained in SWAT, Crisis Negotiation, Major Accident Reconstruction, Evidence Collection, Arson Investigation, and Defensive Tactics.

Throughout a challenging year, our officers responded to 12,632 calls for service. This is an average of 34.60 calls per day. Through my conversations with citizens, I believe many underestimate just how busy we truly are. In addition to our patrol division, we continued to staff two full time Detectives, and one full time School Resource Officer.

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.

This Annual Report will illustrate 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,

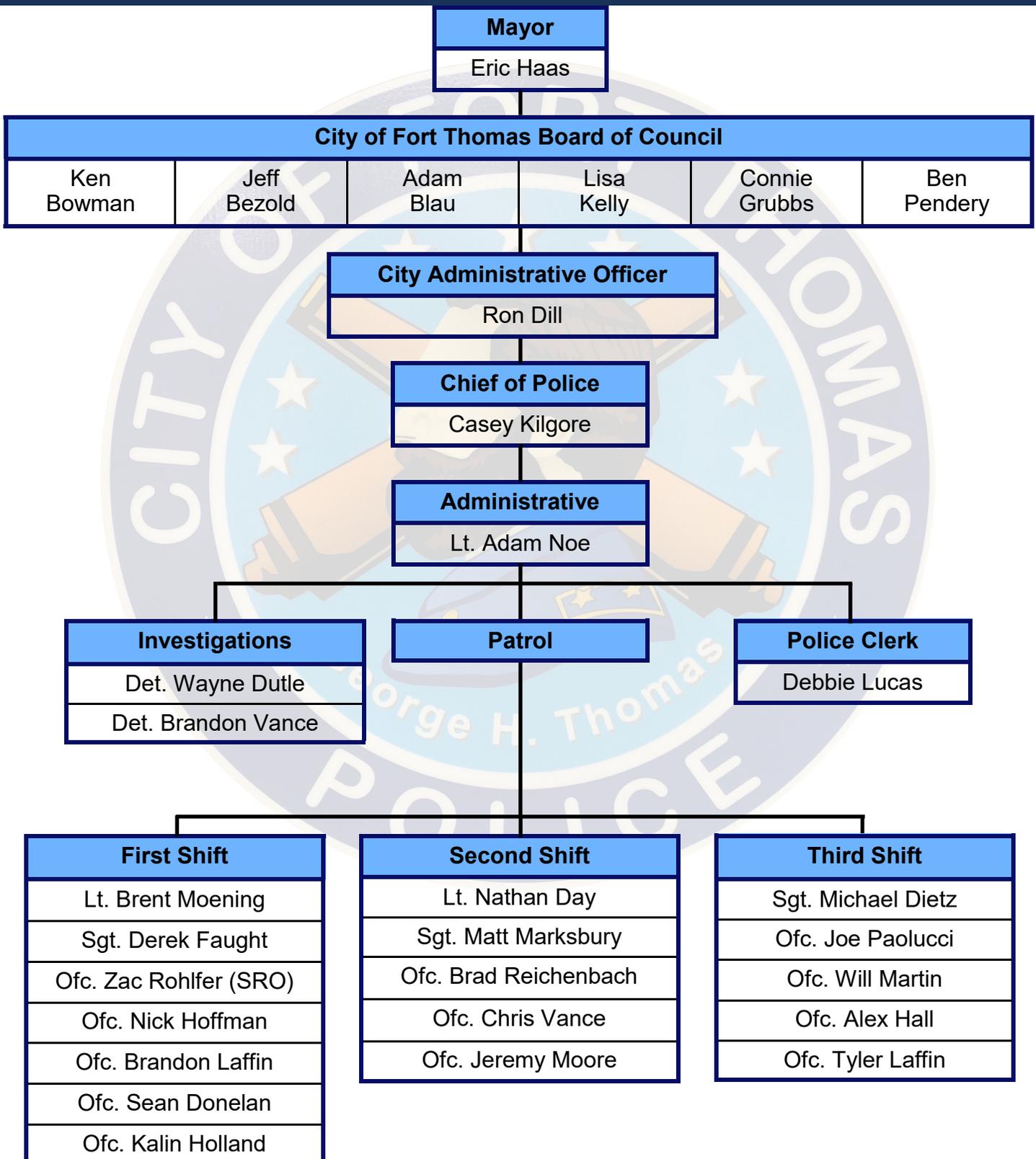


Casey Kilgore
Chief of Police



Fort Thomas Police Department

Organizational Chart



Retirements

Lt. Chris Carpenter



In July of 2021 Lieutenant Chris Carpenter retired after 20 years of dedicated service. Chris started with the department in July of 2001.

Chris served in many roles at the department. He was a **Bike Officer**, **Field Training Officer**, **Crime Scene Investigator**, **Firearms Instructor**, **Defensive Tactics Instructor**, and was a team leader on the regional **SWAT** team. Chris rose through the ranks, and was promoted to **Sergeant** in 2007 and **Lieutenant** in 2017.

The Fort Thomas Police Department is very thankful for his contributions throughout his career and his leadership and influence will be greatly missed. **Congratulations, Lt. Carpenter!**



Retirements

Lt. Will Hunt



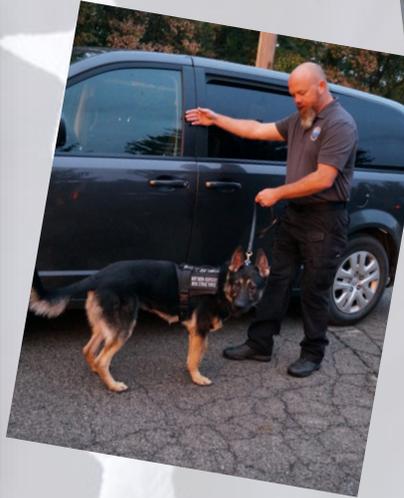
In July of 2021 Lieutenant Will Hunt retired after 20 years of dedicated service. Will started his career with the Southgate Police Department and came to the Fort Thomas Police in September of 2003.

Will served in many roles at the department. He was a Bike Officer, Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Media Officer, and a Detective. Will rose through the ranks, and was promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and Lieutenant in 2019. The Fort Thomas Police Department is very thankful for his contributions throughout his career and his leadership and influence will be greatly missed. **Congratulations, Lt. Hunt!**



Retirements

Detective Mike Rowland



In March of 2021 Detective Mike Rowland retired after 20 years of dedicated service. Mike began his career with the Southgate and Highland Heights Police Departments. Mike came to the Fort Thomas Police Department in August of 2010.

Mike served in many roles at the department. He was a Bike Officer, Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Investigator and Detective. He spent several years working on the Drug Strike Force, and was a K-9 Handler. The Fort Thomas Police Department is very thankful for his contributions throughout his career and his leadership and influence will be greatly missed. Congratulations, Detective Rowland!



Meet our New Officers

Officers Chris Vance & Jeremy Moore



Officer Chris Vance

Officer Chris Vance has joined the Fort Thomas Police Department and began work as a Patrol Officer April 14th, 2021. He comes to us from the Wilder Police department where he served for 10 years. Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. He is currently assigned to 2nd shift and he has been assigned badge number 4456.



Officer Jeremy Moore

Officer Jeremy Moore has joined the Fort Thomas Police Department and began work as a Patrol Officer on April 19th, 2021. He comes to the department from the Kentucky State Police where he held the rank of Sergeant. Jeremy was with the State Police for ten years. He is currently assigned to 2nd shift and he has been assigned badge number 4457.



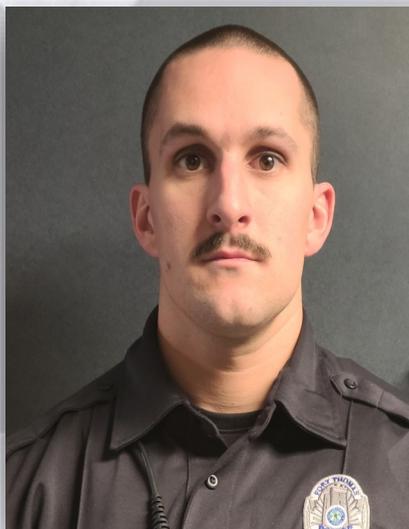
Meet our New Officers

Officers Alex Hall & Tyler Laffin



Officer Alex Hall

Officer Alex Hall has joined the Fort Thomas Police Department and began work as a Patrol Officer on November 14th, 2021. He comes to us from the Nicholasville Police department where he served for 6 years. Alex brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. He is currently assigned to 3rd shift and he has been assigned badge number 4458.



Officer Tyler Laffin

Officer Tyler Laffin has joined the Fort Thomas Police Department and began work as a Patrol Officer on November 15th, 2021. He comes to the department from the Lexington Police department, where he served for 3 years. Tyler brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department. He is currently assigned to 3rd shift and he has been assigned badge number 4459.



Promotions

Lieutenants Adam Noe & Nathan Day

On August 1st, Sergeant Adam Noe, and Sergeant Nathan Day were promoted to Lieutenants.

Lt. Adam Noe

Adam has been with us since 2012. Adam has held the positions of Detective, Media Officer, Crime Scene investigator, and Training Officer. He also plans and participates in the summer Crime Scene “CSI” Camp for area middle school students. Adam is currently assigned to the Administrative Lieutenant and his badge number is 4214.

Congratulations, Lieutenant Noe!



Lt. Nathan Day

Nathan has been with us for ten years. Nathan has held the positions of Field Training Officer, Detective, Training Coordinator, and is in charge of the Department’s evidence room. Nathan is currently serving as the second shift Lieutenant and his new badge number is 4215.

Congratulations, Lieutenant Day!



Promotions

Sergeants Michael Dietz & Matt Marksbury

On August 1st, Patrolman Michael Dietz, and Patrolman Matt Marksbury were promoted to Sergeants.

Sgt. Michael Dietz

Michael has been with us since 2005. Michael has held the positions of Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Firearms Instructor, and is a SWAT Team Leader. Michael also runs the Department's Field Training program. Michael is currently the Third Shift Patrol Sergeant and his new badge number is 4319.

Congratulations, Sergeant Dietz!



Sgt. Matt Marksbury

Matt has been with us since 2015. Matt has held the positions of Field Training Officer, and Defensive Tactics Instructor. Matt is currently serving as the Second Shift Patrol Sergeant and his new badge number is 4320.

Congratulations, Sergeant Marksbury!



Fort Thomas Police Department

Criminal Investigations

Fort Thomas Police Criminal Investigations remained unaffected in 2021. Despite the continued restrictions with COVID-19, reports and cases remained constant. This unprecedented time did not stop Detectives from investigating their cases. Detectives received 112 cases in 2021. While the cases varied, most of those involved theft and identity theft.

Every year, our officers take dozens of reports of identity theft. We would like to remind our citizens that you can get a free credit check by visiting annualcreditreport.com. This is the only website that the Federal Trade Commission recommends you use to get all three credit reports for free. You can also report Identity Theft through the FTC's website at identitytheft.gov.

Unfortunately, one of the most prevalent crimes in our community is thefts from unlocked vehicles. We want to remind our citizens to lock their cars, and to take valuables inside or put them in the trunk out of view. Most of the time, thieves will bypass cars that are locked and do not have valuables in plain sight.

Citizens need to be aware and vigilante against scams as they continue across the nation. Here are some steps to take to protect our identity.

- 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

Although this investigation started in 2020 with the Cincinnati Police Department, the Fort Thomas Police Department and Detective Mike Rowland were requested to assist in three cold case burglary and rape investigations that originated circa the year 1999 in the East end area of Cincinnati. After assisting with the arrest of Southgate resident, William Blankenship, information was discovered that the actions by the suspect were similar to other Campbell County cases.



Fort Thomas Police Department

Criminal Investigations



Detective Mike Rowland and Officer Brandon Vance began to review old case files from the Fort Thomas Police archives. From there, one of the oldest cases in the custody of the Fort Thomas Police Department evidence was located. The evidence in this case was sent to the Hamilton County Crime Lab and after analysis it was confirmed that Blankenship was the suspect in a rape and burglary.

Due to the extensive work done by Fort Thomas Police Detectives from 1987 to recently, both Detective Rowland and Officer Vance were able to locate numerous other cases connecting Blankenship as a suspect. In 2021, Blankenship was indicted on twenty six (26) charges in Campbell County, Kentucky. These cases all came to light due to advances in new DNA technology and the tenacity of all involved. The blended approach of new and old police strategies resulted in the closure of multiple cases with an arrest. It also gave hope to victims and showed them that they are never forgotten.

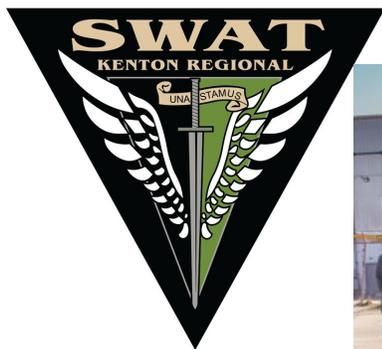


Kenton County Regional S.W.A.T.

Special Weapons and Tactics

Members of Fort Thomas Police Department once again took part in the multi-regional Kenton County Regional SWAT Team. 2021 saw the retirement of Team Leader Chris Carpenter but also the promotion of Assistant Team Leader Michael Dietz to fill Carpenter's position. The newest member of the team, Derek Faught completed SWAT Basic Training in May of 2021. This was an 80-hour KLEC certified class in which several areas of basic instruction were given including firearms, tactics, and methodology.

The team was activated seven times in 2021. Overall, the Operations Team completed over 120 hours of mandatory training and Officers from Fort Thomas completed over 100 additional hours of optional training each. Dietz attended the Indiana SWAT Officers' Conference in May, Carpenter attended the Ohio Tactical Officers Conference in June, and Faught attended the Kentucky Tactical Conference in August. In early 2021, Team Leader Dietz was appointed to the position of President of the Kentucky Tactical Officers Association. This position allowed him to assist with teaching the KTOA SWAT basic class. He was also in charge of and organized the Kentucky Tactical Conference

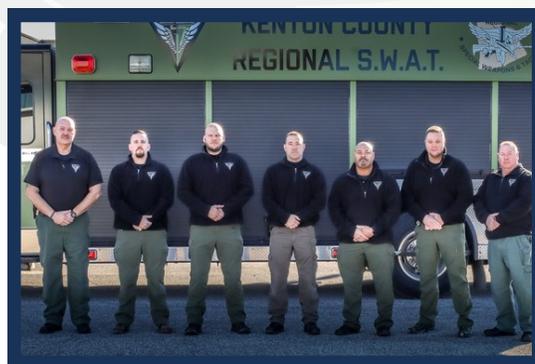
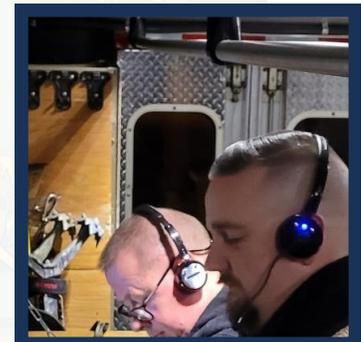


Kenton County Regional S.W.A.T.

SWAT Negotiators



Two members of FTPD are also active on the Kenton County Regional SWAT Team's Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU). Team Leader Moening and Negotiator Hoffman attended the Midwest Negotiators' Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This was a three day training that incorporated seminar based training classes. The CNU is activated on all SWAT callouts. On one call, the CNU teamed assisted with a suicidal subject that was not actively threatening anyone, only harm to himself. Their advanced training in verbal de-escalation techniques helped the subject come to the resolution to peacefully surrender to awaiting officers.



2021 FTPD Stats

Non-Traffic Charges

Non Traffic Charges

Charge	2020	2021
Alcohol Related	40	34
Drug Related	300	325
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	0	0
Burglary	6	4
Theft Related	27	21
Receiving Stolen Property	21	9
Warrants Served	145	151
Criminal Mischief	11	12
Criminal Trespassing	4	6
Wanton Endangerment	4	11
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument	5	8
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor	2	3
Disorderly Conduct	10	6
Assault	15	13
Manslaughter	0	0
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon	1	0
Murder	0	0
Criminal Littering	1	1
Terroristic Threatening	7	6
Miscellaneous	52	65
Total Non Traffic Charges (Citations)	651	675



2021 FTPD Stats

Traffic Charges

Traffic Charges

Charge	2020	2021
DUI	70	66
Speeding	233	222
Other Hazardous Traffic Violations	101	136
Operator License Violations	221	205
Vehicle License Violations	213	202
Vehicle Equipment Violations	12	4
Insurance Violations	309	297
No Seatbelt	90	104
No Child Restraint	3	4
Miscellaneous	26	16
Traffic Charges	1278	1256
Written Warnings	677	597
City Citations	47	80



2021 FTPD Stats

Juvenile Charges

Juvenile Charges

Charge	2020	2021
Alcohol Related	1	3
Drug Related	13	6
Criminal Mischief	5	4
Criminal Trespassing	0	0
Theft Related	6	4
Receiving Stolen Property	3	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0
Terroristic Threatening	2	1
Assault	3	3
Juvenile Pick Up Order	2	3
Possession Of A Forged Instrument	0	0
Burglary	1	3
Miscellaneous	9	5
Total Juvenile Charges	46	32



2021 FTPD Stats

Offense Reports

Offense	2020	2021
Theft Related	91	84
Burglary	11	5
Criminal Mischief	34	30
Assault	28	32
Wanton Endangerment	7	10
Terroristic Threatening	15	10
Forgery	0	1
Harassment	12	18
Rape	4	2
Other Sexual Offenses	8	5
Robbery	1	0
Arson	0	0
Murder	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0
Criminal Abuse	0	1
Criminal Trespassing	5	10
Menacing	2	3
Possession of Alcohol by a Minor	0	1
Alcohol Related	28	26
DUI	57	64
Drug Related	247	232
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon	1	0
Unlawful Transaction with a Minor	4	2
Receiving Stolen Property	13	9
Miscellaneous	66	73
Total Offenses Reported	634	618



2021 FTPD Stats

Incident Reports

2021 Incidents Reported

Incident	2020	2021
Abuse and Neglect	34	44
Missing Persons	7	1
Vehicle Damage	0	3
Lost/Missing Articles	8	18
Property Damage	20	4
Deceased Persons	8	13
Animal Related	23	1
Neighbor Dispute	7	1
Miscellaneous	86	108
Total Incidents Reported	193	193
Accidents Reported	246	284

Total Felony Charges 2014-2021

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
89	138	186	141	124	102	181	216

Total CAD Activity by Year

2019	2020	2021
14,585	14,181	12,632



2021 FTPD Stats

Yearly Comparisons

Traffic Enforcement Comparison 2019-2021

Charges	2019	2020	2021
DUI	65	70	66
Speeding	241	233	222
Other Hazardous	139	101	136
OL Violations	206	221	205
Vehicle License	263	213	202
Vehicle Equipment	17	12	4
Insurance Violations	316	309	297
No Seat Belt	134	90	104
No Child Restraint	7	3	4
Miscellaneous	4	26	16
Total Charges	1392	1278	1256
Written Warnings	1032	677	597
<i>Total Enforcement</i>	<i>2,424</i>	<i>1,955</i>	<i>1,853</i>
Written Warnings Enforcement %	42.5%	34.6%	32.2%
City Citations	86	47	80

Traffic Accident Comparison 2019-2021

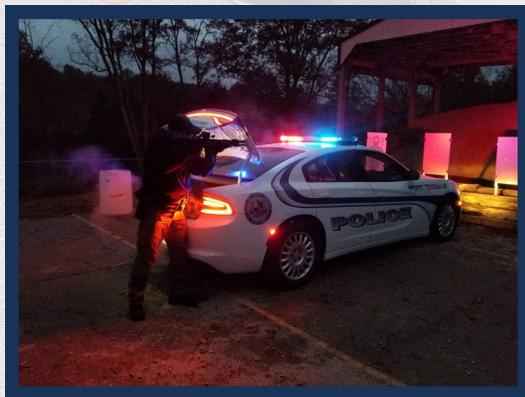
	2019	2020	2021
Total Accidents	295	246	284
Avg. Per Month	24.58	20.50	23.66
Avg. Per Day	.808	.672	.778



2021 Training

Firearms

2021 was an intense year of scrutiny on police officers nationwide. Our firearms training section takes the responsibility of protecting our citizens and our officers very seriously. We keep our training up-to-date by sending instructors to the best classes possible and using information learned to make our officers the best. For years, we have incorporated as much technology as possible. This includes red dot sights for pistols, scenario-based training utilizing a shoot-house and UTM “paint bullets”. Several of our officers competed in various team and individual shooting competitions with other departments and states and have continued a tradition of doing very well.

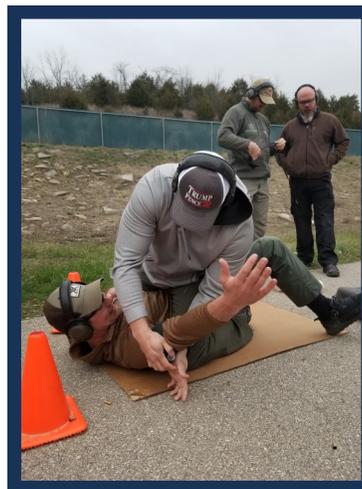


2021 Training

Firearms

Our instructors are constantly seeking to increase their knowledge and skills so they can be more effective teachers. We are fortunate that two of our firearms instructors are active S.W.A.T. members and through that program have access to extensive training opportunities. This year our instructors received training at the Ohio Tactical Officers Conference, the largest tactical conference in the nation. Team tactics, communication under stress, room clearing, rapid deployment, and shooting with optics were a few of the skills learned.

The skills gained from this training were then passed on to our officers at departmental range trainings. Continuing education for our instructors consistently pays dividends in the increased skill of our street level officers. In the future, we will continue to bring the most current and effective training to our officers and thereby make both our citizens and officers safer.



Professional Excellence

Northern KY Police Pistol Match & KY vs OH Competition



In 2021 six Fort Thomas Police Department competed in the Northern Kentucky Police Pistol Match held at CVG Airport. The annual NKY Police Pistol Match is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association. The department was represented by: Zac Rohlfer, Brandon Laffin, and Derek Faught, on Team One. This team finished first place overall. Team two consisted of Chris Vance, Will Martin, and Matt Marksbury. Team Two finished third place overall. Derek Faught was the highest scoring shooter in the entire match. Five of the top 10 scores belonged to Fort Thomas Officers. Derek Faught, Matt Marksbury, Zac Rohlfer, and Chris Vance made up part of the 10 man team of Kentucky's top shooters that compete against a team of Ohio's 10 top shooters. The overall scores of two different courses of fire are combined to find the winning team. Kentucky came out on top with a scored of 1890 compared to Ohio's scored of 1797. Our very own Matt Marksbury tied for top shooter overall!!



Community Events

Year in Photos



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Fort Thomas Police Department

We thank each officer for their dedication and hard work which allows us to produce this annual report.

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