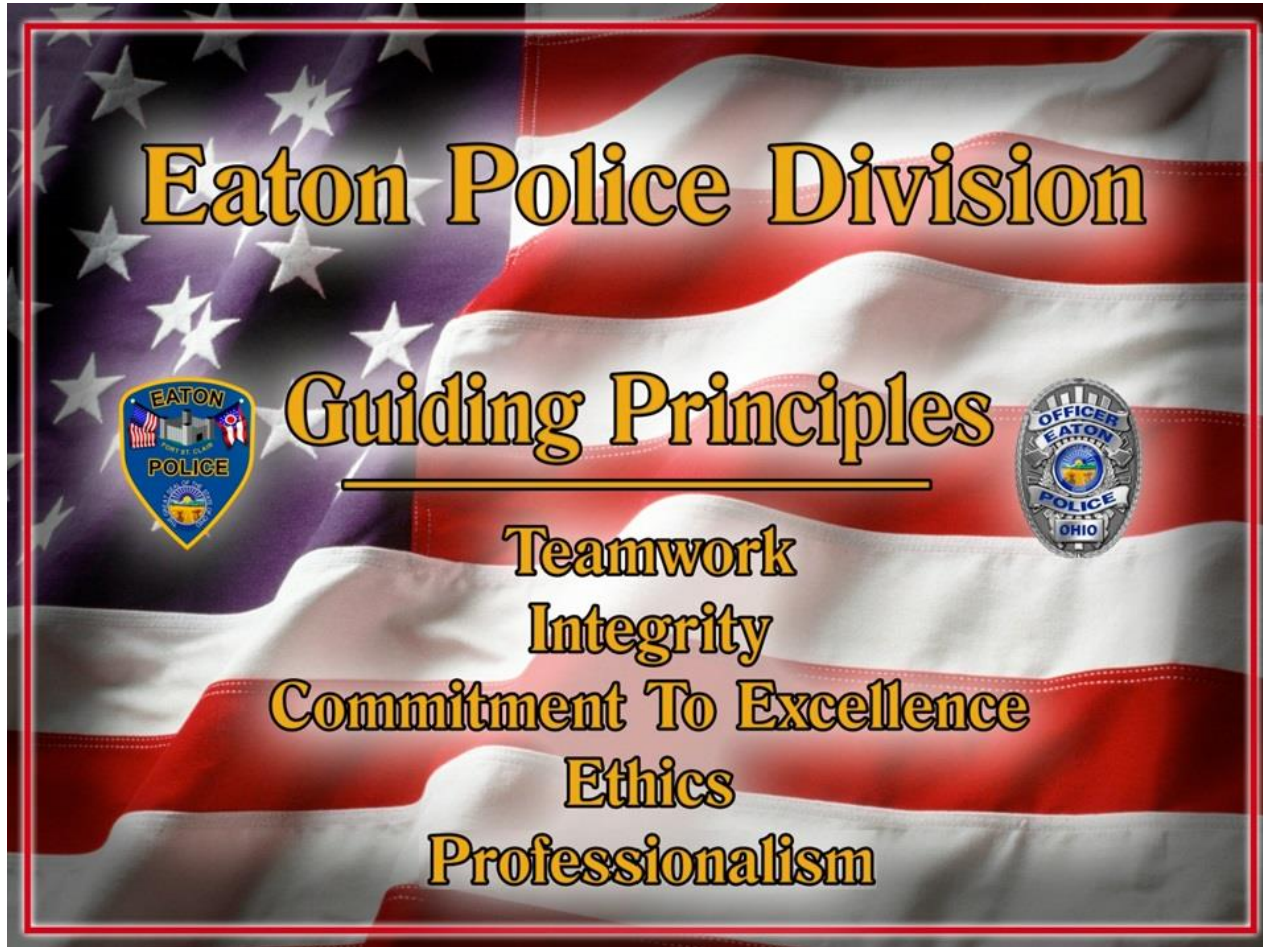


Eaton Police Division

2023 Annual Report



"Proud to Serve"

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Eaton Police Division

Mr. Matt Venable – Mayor
Mr. Christopher Carr – Councilman
Mr. Jim Ball – Councilman

Mr. Dave Kirsch – Vice Mayor
Mr. Brad Moore - Councilman
Mr. Brad Collins – City Manager

Dear Sirs,

It is with great pleasure I submit to you the Eaton Police Division's Annual Report for 2023. The Annual Report contains a variety of information, but I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of some of the highlights of 2023 not mentioned in the report.

- In February, Chief Steven Hurd and Lieutenant David Sizemore attended the PELC conference.
- In March, Officer Dereke Pheanis became a certified instructor in chemical aerosol and impact weapon. and Officer Sarah Rose became an ALICE instructor.
- In April, Officer Craig Jonest attended the OTOA SWAT training, Officer John Nickell became a certified FTO, and Officer Derek Pheanis became a certified subject control instructor.
- In June, Officer Craig Jones attended the OTOA conference, Officer Anthony Schmidt attended the SRO/DARE conference, and Officer John Nickel attended a tactical driving course.
- In September Officer Cody Ritchie resigned from the Eaton Police Department. In November Officer Hall resigned from the Eaton Police Department. In October we welcomed Officer Braun to the Department.
- In October, Officer Rose attended SRO school and Officer Jacob Isaacs attended a criminal patrol drug interdiction course.
- Officer Craig Jones and Officer Derek Pheanis attended monthly K9 training throughout the year.
- Our employee training program continued throughout the year and some of the training topics included Firearms training, Taser training, Pepper Spray training, Impact Weapon, and CIT.

The women and men of the Eaton Police Division worked hard to protect our community in 2023 and this report reflects their hard work and commitment to our community. We also want to recognize and thank the City Council for the opportunities afforded to us and the support we receive that allows us to effectively serve the citizens of Eaton. On behalf of the Eaton Police Division, it is my pleasure to present this report to Council.

Respectfully,



Steven R. Hurd
Chief of Police



Mission

The mission of the City of Eaton Police Division is to help save lives, protect property, and assist the citizens of the City of Eaton in their time of need.

Vision

United in the spirit of teamwork, we are dedicated to the City of Eaton and will be unyielding in our efforts to provide the highest level of professional service, compassion, and respect to our citizens.

Guiding Principles

Central to this mission are principles that guide our chosen profession, our daily decisions, and our daily life. We keep our principles clearly visible to remind us of our ideals. These guiding principles are the foundation for which our policies, goals, and practices are anchored.

Teamwork - Each and every member of the Eaton Police Division is a valuable and important member of the team, recognizing that we are most effective when we combine our strengths.

Integrity- An Eaton Police Division employee shall never compromise himself or herself by dishonesty, lack of character, or favoritism.

Commitment to excellence - An Eaton Police Division employee shall strive to maintain the highest standards of effectiveness and efficiency.

Ethics - An Eaton Police Division employee challenges himself or herself both on duty and off duty with the following question, "Is what I'm doing legally and morally right?"

Professionalism – Each member of the Eaton Police Division strives to demonstrate the leadership, skills, judgment, attention to detail, and professional behavior that is expected of law enforcement professionals.



Steven R. Hurd
Chief of Police

Personnel

We are proud of our team at the Eaton Police Division and would like to commend them to our Council, and our community. They are professional men and women that take pride in their service. We have a dedicated and well-trained staff that has served an average of 15 years with the City of Eaton. Below is our roster for 2023. The first number is total years of service which includes time spent with other law enforcement agencies. The second number is the time the individual has been with the Eaton Police Division.

Administration

Chief Steven R. Hurd	29 Years of Service - 26 Years with Eaton PD
Lieutenant David Sizemore	38 Years of Service – 32 Years with Eaton PD
Admin Assistant Tonya Hickman	15 Years of Service – 13 Years with Eaton PD

Sergeant

Sergeant Sean Mackey	15 Years of Service - 13 Years with Eaton PD
Sergeant Scott Eversole	26 Years of Service – 22 Years with Eaton PD

Detectives

Detective Brian Carpenter	28 Years of Service – 27 Years with Eaton PD
Detective Aaron Melling	4 Years of Service - 3 Years with Eaton PD

Officers

Officer Pete Wray	23 Years of Service - 23 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Clinnie Stevenson	24 Years of Service - 23 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Anthony Schmidt (SRO)	21 Years of Service - 21 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Craig Jones (K9)	16 Years of Service - 15 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Derek Pheanis (K9)	6 Years of Service- 6 Years with Eaton PD
Officer John Nickell	5 Years of Service - 5 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Sarah Rose (SRO)	4 Years of Service - 4 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Jacob Isaacs	1 Years of Service - 1 Year with Eaton PD
Officer Katie Braun	2 Years of Service – Hired October 23, 2023

K9 Rossi

Rossi – 6-Year-old
German Shepherd.
EPD K9 Since 2020

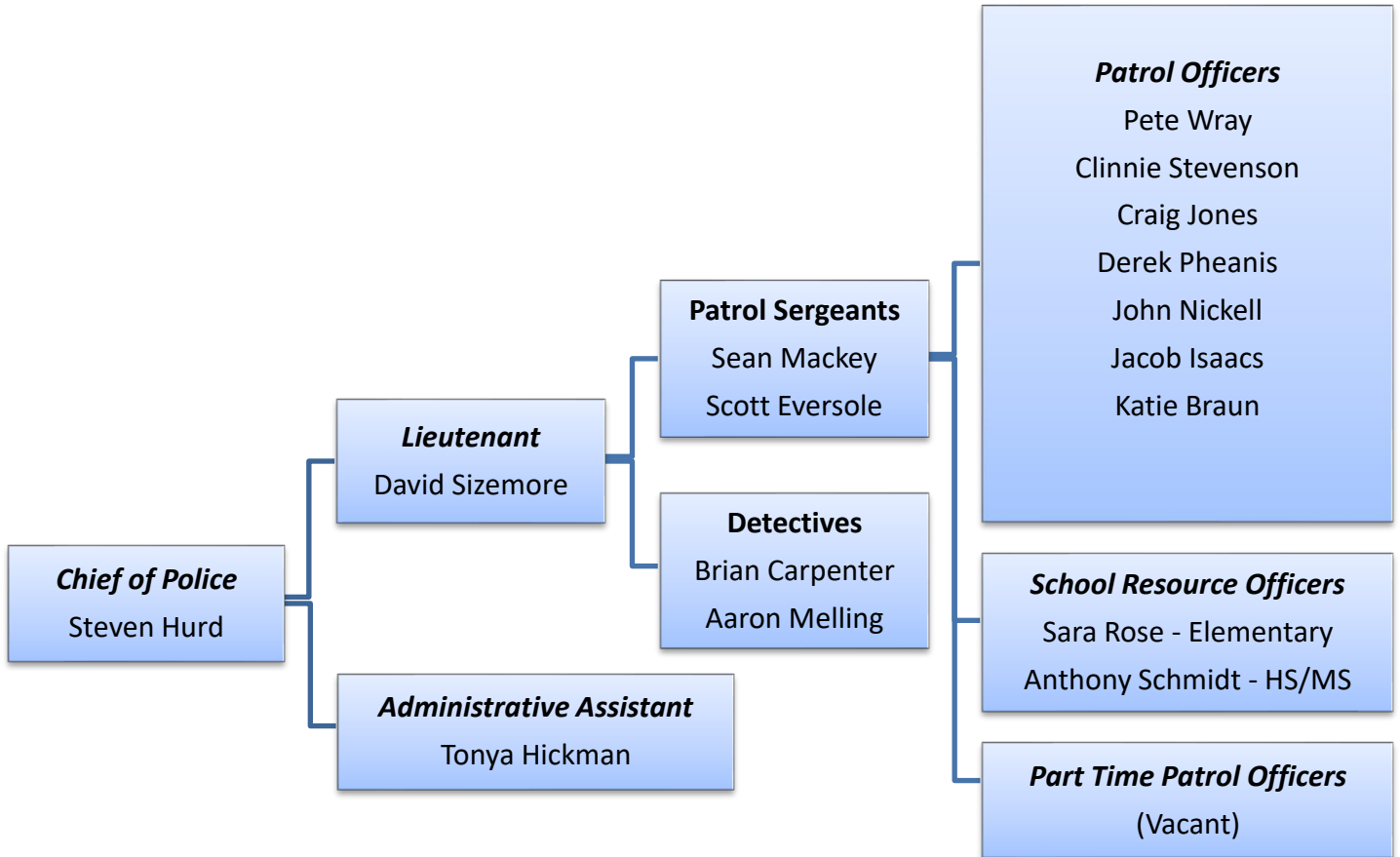


K9 Shadow

Shadow - 9-Year-old
German Shepherd.
EPD K9 Since 2016



Eaton Police Division 2023 Organizational Chart



Activity Levels

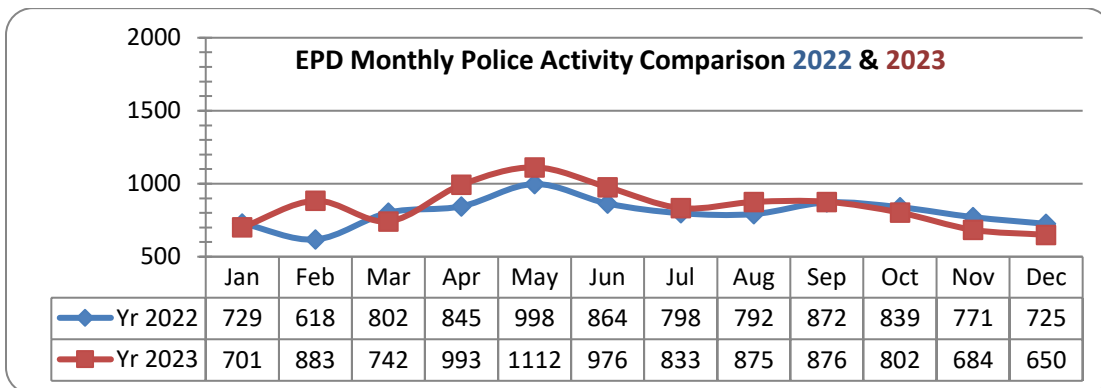
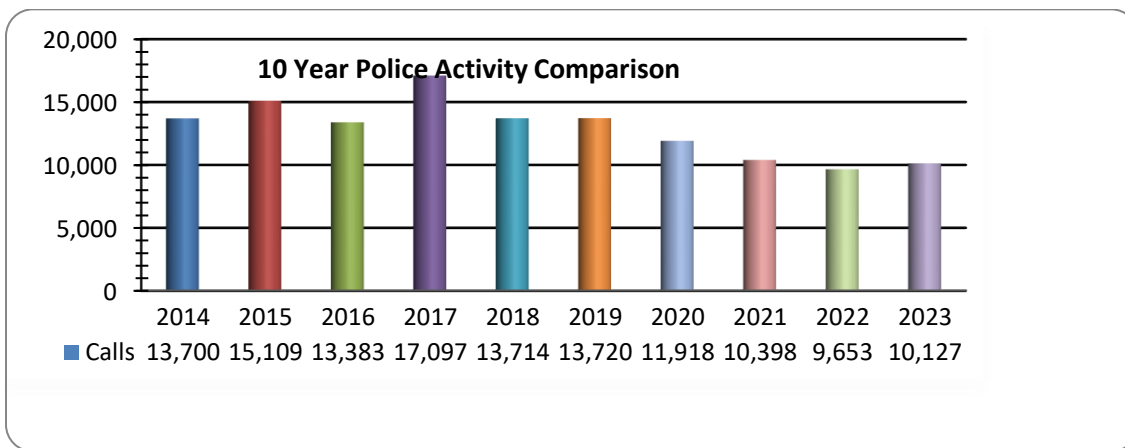
During 2023 there were 12,588 occurrences of public safety services. This includes citizen calls for Police, Fire, & EMS services as well as Police Officer self-initiated activity. The breakdown of the 12,588 occurrences is as follows:

- 10,127 were for Police services.
- 2,461 were for *Fire and/or EMS* services.

Of the 10,127 Police occurrences:

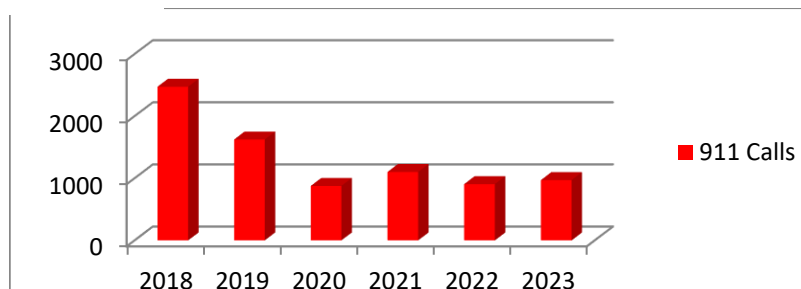
- 7,155 were citizen-initiated calls for service; a 2% increase from 2022 (7,015).
- 2,972 were officer-initiated activities; a 12.6% increase from 2022 (2,638).

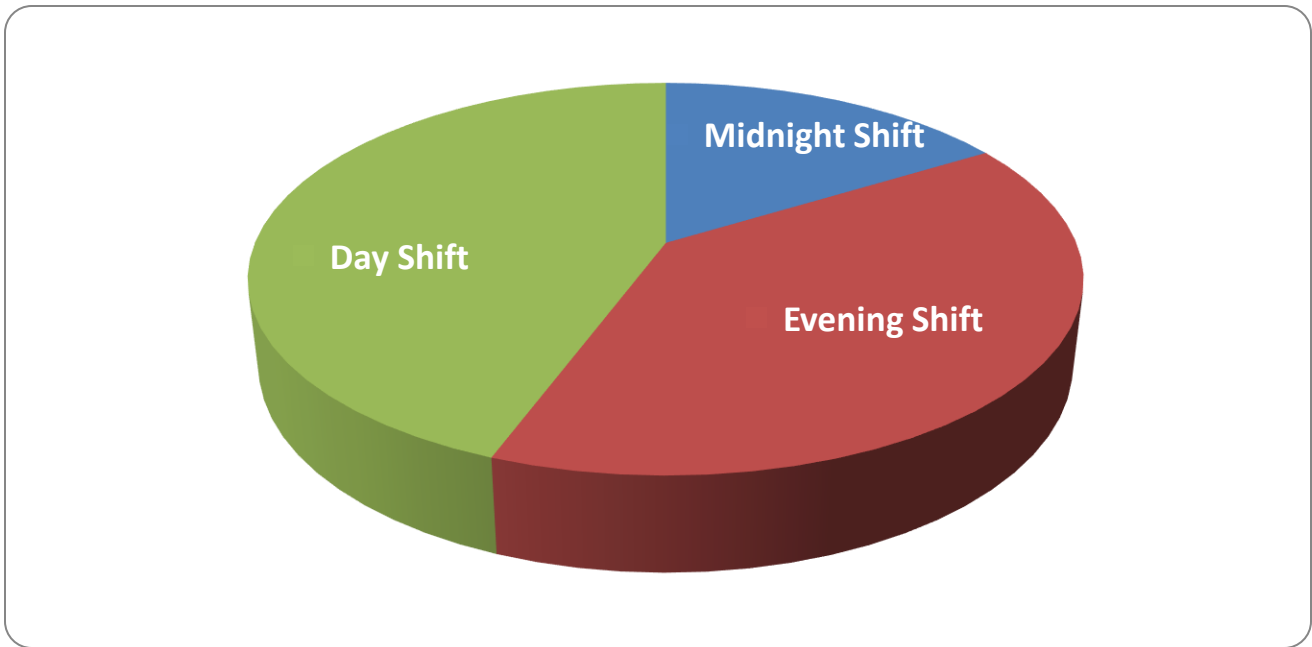
The 10,127 police occurrences reflected a 5% **increase** in total police activity. Citizen calls increased by 2% and police reports increased by 1.5%; 1,940 reports were recorded in 2023 compared to 1,912 in 2022.



911 Calls

Of the total public safety calls received in 2023, **971** were **911** calls. An increase of 7.2% from last year's 906 911 calls.





Activity Distribution by Shift

% of Activity Load - 1 Hour Increments

The below chart reflects the percentage of total activity handled in 2023, broken down by hour.

Midnight to 1 a.m.	2.4%	Block → ↓	Noon to 1 p.m.	5.3%
1 a.m. to 2 a.m.	2.3%		1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	6.0%
2 a.m. to 3 a.m.	2.0%		<u>2 p.m. to 3 p.m.</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>3 a.m. to 4 a.m.</u>	<u>1.7%</u>		3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	6.7%
<u>4 a.m. to 5 a.m.</u>	<u>1.6%</u>		4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	6.2%
<u>5 a.m. to 6 a.m.</u>	<u>1.4%</u>		5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	6.5%
<u>6 a.m. to 7 a.m.</u>	<u>1.9%</u>		6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	6.0%
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.	3.0%	Block →	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	5.5%
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	3.5%		8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	4.6%
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	4.6%		9 p.m. to 10 p.m.	4.5%
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	5.8%		10 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3.5%
11 a.m. to Noon	5.4%		11 p.m. to Midnight	2.6%

The busiest hour during the day was 2pm-3pm, with the busiest block of time being 12pm-8pm. The least busy time of the day was between 3am-7am.

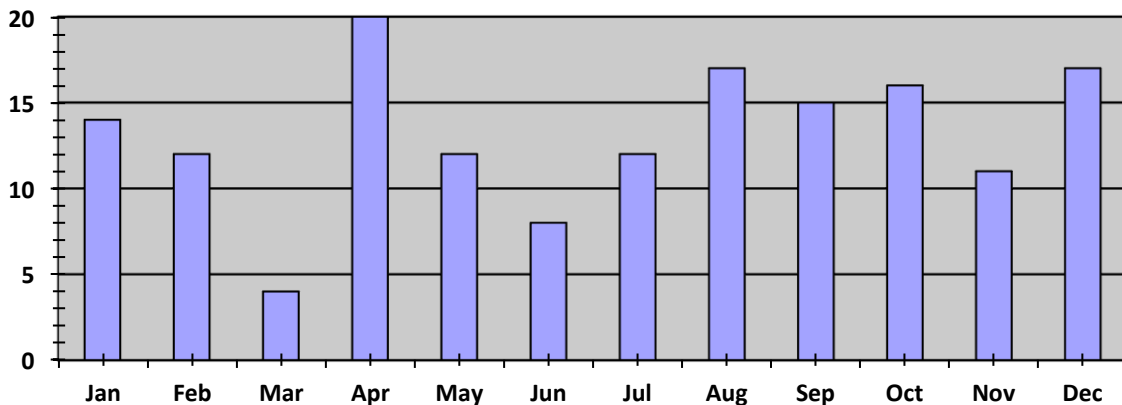
Index Crimes

Index Crimes are those crimes which are considered violent crimes, crimes that affect the very fiber of society. Eaton continues to have a relatively low index crime rate. The strength (personnel and other resources) and the aggressiveness of the Eaton Police Division in conjunction with the support of the law-abiding citizens of Eaton are key factors in keeping these levels low.

Crimes can be cleared by arrest, or with a disposition of “exception,” which means when some element beyond the control of law enforcement precludes the filing of formal charges against a suspect. The arrest of one person may clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in connection with a single incident. As indicated below, overall index crimes for 2023 increased by 13% from 2022.

<i>Index Crimes 2020 through 2023</i>					<i>Clearance Rate</i>			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2022 – 2023	2023 Reported Crimes	2023 Crimes Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Homicide	1	0	1	0	-100%	0	0	NA
Rape	6	1	2	1	-50%	1	1	100%
Robbery	0	0	0	1	100%	1	1	100%
Assault	41	25	12	23	92%	23	23	100%
Burglary	24	13	14	13	-7%	13	13	100%
Theft	207	120	100	111	11%	111	74	67%
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	9	11	9	-18%	9	5	56%
Arson	1	1	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
	292	169	140	158	13%	158	117	74%

Index Crimes by Month for 2023



Arrests

There were 259 people arrested in 2023, 44 arrests less than the 303 in 2022, or a decrease of 15%. Total arrests include 229 adults and 30 juveniles. Arrested persons often are charged with more than one crime and as a result the total charges filed will exceed the total number of people arrested.

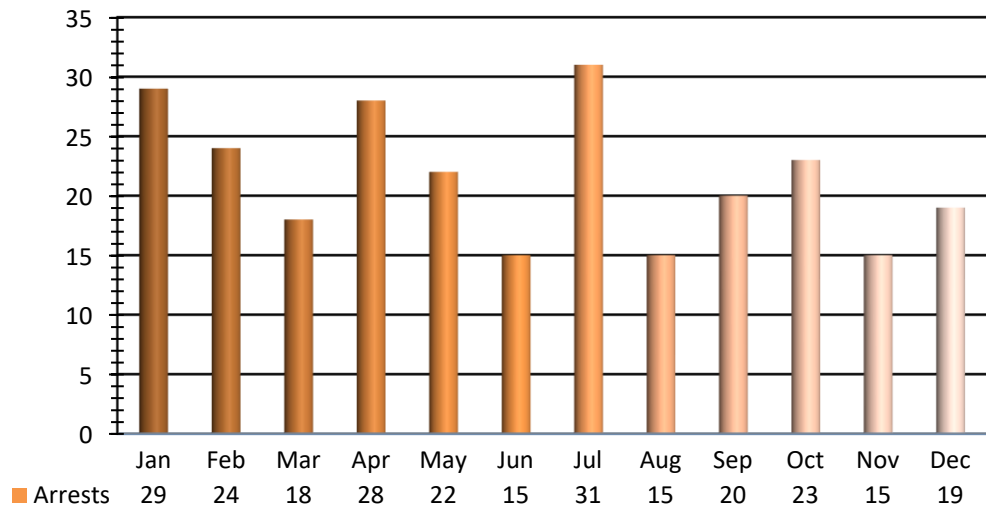
Charges Filed in 2023

Adult Parole Violation	2	Menacing	10
Animal Laws	4	Misconduct at an Emergency	0
Assault	32	MV Theft	7
Burglary\B&E	13	Noise Violations	4
Chemicals to Manufacture Meth	0	Obstruction of Justice	18
Complicity	0	Offenses Involving Rail Roads	0
Consumption of Liquor in MV	0	Open Container	4
Contributing to Delinquency	4	OVI	21
Corruption of a minor	0	Passing Bad Checks	0
Crim Misc\Damaging	31	Physical Control	0
Criminal Tools	0	Poss of Drugs - Schedule I\II\III	37
Cultivating/Manufacture Drugs	0	Possessing Drug Abuse Instrument	6
Curfew	9	Possession of Marijuana	12
Deception to Obtain Prescription	0	Probation Violation	0
Disorderly	35	Protection Order Violation	11
Disrupting Public Service	3	Public Indecency	1
Disseminate Matter Harmful to Juv	0	Purchase Pseudoephedrine	0
Domestic Viol	36	Rape	1
Drug Paraphernalia	30	Receiving Stolen Property	3
Endangering Children	4	Resisting Arrest	9
Failure to Appear (Warrants)	45	Robbery	1
Falsification	1	Sale of Liquor to Underage	0
Fleeing Eluding Police Officer	0	Tampering with Evidence	1
Forgery	0	Telephone Harassment	4
Gross Sexual Imposition	0	Theft	111
Illegal Poss of Drug Document	0	Tobacco Viol	26
Importuning	0	Trafficking in Drugs	5
Inducing Panic	2	Trespassing	25
Littering	0	Underage Consumption/Purchase	7
Loitering	0	Unlawful use of Vehicle	2
Making False Alarms	4	Vandalism	3

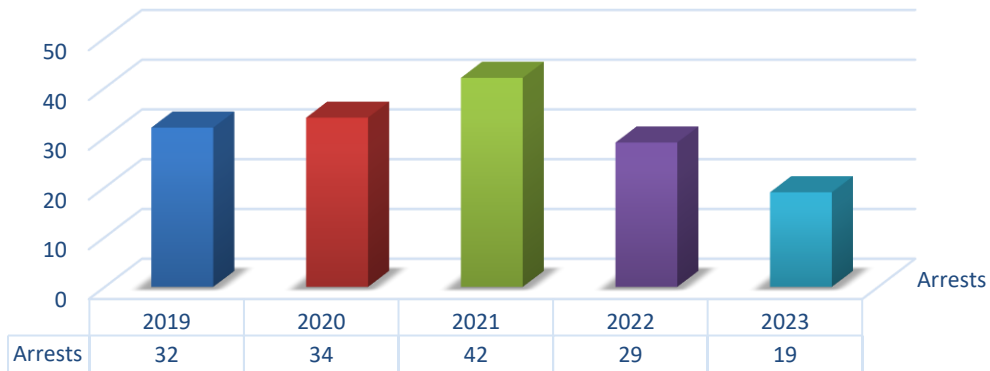
Annual Summary of Officer Complaints

In 2023 we received five officer complaints on five different officers. All five complaints were investigated to completion, documented, and closed.

Total Arrests by Month 2023



OVI Arrest 5 Year Comparison



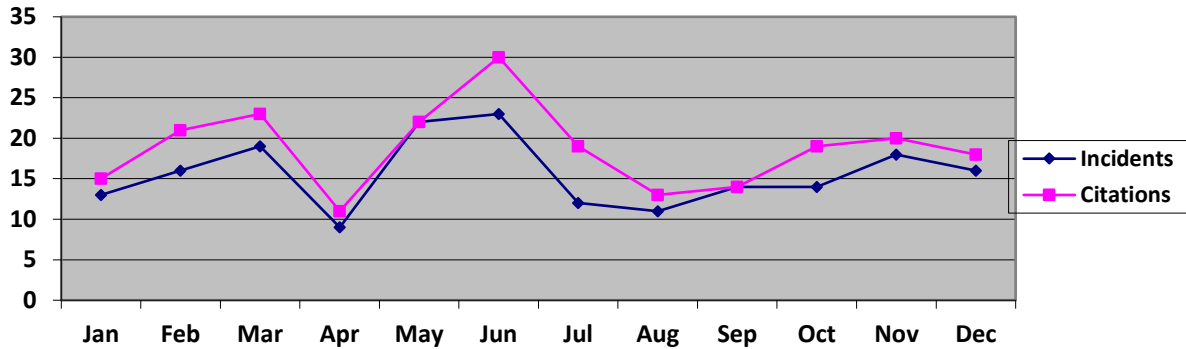
5 Year Incident Summary

Incidents	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vehicular Crash – Non-injury	233	162	172	143	153
Vehicular Crash - Injury	45	26	31	38	32
Vehicular Crash - Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Complaints	201	220	226	264	211
Burglaries \ B&E's	48	81	30	21	30
Criminal Mischief	68	84	78	68	77
Disorderly Conduct	232	214	223	145	175
Domestic (Non-violent)	99	145	105	73	57
Domestic Violence (Violent offense)	28	37	17	29	27
Drug Related Incidents \ Drug Labs	222\0	209\0	111\0	86\0	61\0
DUI (OVI)	32	34	42	29	19
Menacing/Harassment	9	0	0	0	2
Juvenile Complaints	121	188	201	261	229
Citizens Assists	136	215	216	270	228
Liquor Complaints (Excludes DUI)	2	9	12	23	9
Noise Complaints	67	2	89	50	50
Parking Complaints	160	208	169	167	95
Suicide	0	0	1	2	2
Suicide Attempts	4	6	7	7	6
Suspicious Calls	1138	1379	1175	772	801
Threatening \ Menacing	48	64	55	58	44
Traffic Complaints	249	237	280	300	317
Traffic Stops by Officers	1597	792	821	778	707
Telephone Harassment	50	18	58	70	64
Trespass Complaints	152	158	97	72	77

Traffic Stops/Violations

In 2023 Eaton Police Officers initiated 707 traffic stops and we received 0 bias-based policing complaints. We handled 187 incidents where at least one (1) traffic citation was issued. The bottom line in the graph below represents the monthly breakdown of those incidents. Of those incidents, one or more citations may be issued. In 2023, 225 citations were filed from those 187 incidents. Each citation corresponds to a violation of City or State traffic laws. The light-colored line in the graph below represents the monthly breakdown of the citations filed by the Eaton Police Division in 2023. Most of the citations stemmed from 707 traffic stops and 185 motor vehicle crashes.

Monthly Citations from Traffic Incidents



Motor Vehicle Crashes

The 185 Motor Vehicle Crashes that occurred on City streets was a 2.2% increase over last year’s 181 crashes. The table below shows the monthly breakdown of crash reports handled and their totals. There were no fatal crashes in 2023.

Month	Private Property	No Injury Crashes	Crashes with Injuries	Traffic Offenses Cited	OVI Involved
January	1	11	0	2	0
February	7	9	2	7	2
March	3	10	3	10	0
April	3	4	2	2	0
May	5	13	2	10	1
June	4	6	4	3	0
July	2	12	2	4	1
August	2	8	3	7	0
September	5	7	4	9	1
October	1	12	2	9	0
November	2	10	4	8	0
December	3	13	4	8	0
Total	38	115	32	79	5

Employee Recognition

Activity Awards

Activity Awards are presented to officers for activities they perform throughout the year. Activity includes calls for service as well as officer-initiated activity such as business checks, vacation house checks, foot patrols, traffic stops, arrests, etc. Each officer-initiated event or incident counts as 1 line of activity for the officers. Officers are proud of the proactive work they do in our community, and we make sure to recognize them for their hard work.

Most Active Officer Award:



Officer Stevenson's 1,673 events in 2023 made him the most active officer on the department. Officer Stevenson continues to be active and vigilant on the midnight shift and his hard work pays off.

Years of Service Awards



Administrative Assistant Tonya Hickman reached 15 years of service in 2023. Sergeant Sean Mackey reached 15 years of service in 2023. K-9 Officer Shadow reached 8 years of service in 2023 and will retire in January of 2024. Officer Craig Jones is K-9 Shadow's handler.

ZERO Sick Time Award



Administrative Assistant Tonya Hickman, Officer Jacon Isaacs, Officer Clinnie Stevenson, Officer Pete Wray, Chief Steven Hurd, Officer John Nickell, Detective Brian Carpenter, and Detective Aaron Melling all used **0** hours of sick leave in 2023. We applaud them on their dedication to the agency and their accomplishment in not using any sick time. Tonya Hickman has not used a sick day during her 14 years of service with the Eaton Police Division.

Employee of the Year



Selecting an Employee of the Year is a tradition that began in 2011 for the Eaton Police Division. Employee of the year is selected by those who exhibit the agency's Guiding Principles of Teamwork, Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Ethics, and Professionalism. Our 2023 winner is Officer Jacob Isaacs. Officer Isaacs led the department in traffic stops, arrests, and OVI's in 2023. Officer Isaacs handled two extremely difficult police calls and performed heroically. This is a well-deserved award for Officer Isaacs and he is an outstanding member of the Eaton Police Department team.

"Proud to Serve" Award

Officer Clinnie Stevenson won the 2023 *"Proud to Serve"* Award. Proud to Serve is our motto at the Eaton Police Division and the recipient of this award is selected by the administrative team. Officer Stevenson has been a part of the Eaton Police Division team since 2000. Officer Stevenson enjoys being a police officer and it shows through his hard work and positive attitude. Officer Stevenson also manages the departments fleet and does an exceptional job.



Investigation of the Year Award

The 2023 Investigation of the Year Award was accepted by Detective Aaron Melling for EPD case #2023-0723 and 2023-1174. These cases are a great example of our Guiding Principles of Professionalism and Commitment to Excellence. Detective Melling was the lead investigator and worked with multiple agencies in working these two cases. Detective Melling conducted several follow-ups, obtained subpoenas, and multiple recordings throughout the course of this investigation. He also conducted multiple interviews and interrogations and located DNA evidence.



2023 Community Involvement

Community Fun Fest

The second annual Community Fun Fest with Downtown Eaton Inc. School Resource Officers Anthony Schmidt and Sarah Rose set-up a DARE station and interacted with the public.



Cone with a Cop

In partnership with Kroger, Officer Pete Wray participated in Cone with a Cop and enjoyed ice cream with Eaton families.



National Night Out

An annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer.



Cops and Kids

An annual event organized by the Preble County Sheriff's Office where all of Preble County law enforcement participates. Officers are privileged to shop with kids and their families before Christmas.



Police and Youth Together

This one-week camp is held in Dayton and is free to kids that are 10 to 13 years old and reside in the Miami Valley. Officer Hall was privileged to attend this camp as a counselor. This event helps strengthen relationships between police and our youth.

