

# "Proud to Serve"

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# **Eaton Police Division**

Mr. Joe Renner – Mayor Mr. Christopher Carr – Councilman Mr. Matt Venable – 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 2021. The Annual Report contains a variety of information, but I wanted to take this opportunity to inform of you of some of the highlights from 202 not mentioned in the report.

- In January, Officer Sarah Rose attended the National Child First Interview training.
- In February, Cody Ritchie was hired and joined our team as an Eaton Police Officer.
- In March, Officer Scott Eversole attended Cyber Crime training.
- In April, Officer Vanessa Eley became a certified instructor for oleoresin capsicum spray. She became a certified OPOTA instructor in June.
- In September, Officer Pete Wray and Officer Anthony Schmidt attended DARE training.
- In November, Chief Steven Hurd and Lieutenant David Sizemore attended the Chief's Annual Conference.
- Officer Craig Jones and Officer Derek Pheanis attended monthly K9 trainings 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, and Standard Field Sobriety.

The women and men of the Eaton Police Division worked hard to protect our community in 2021 and this report reflects their hard work and commitment to our community. We also want to recognize and thank 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

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### <u>Mission</u>

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.

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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 11 years with the City of Eaton. Below is our roster for 2021. 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.

Chief Steven R. Hurd Lieutenant David Sizemore Admin Assistant Tonya Hickman

Sergeant Sean Mackey Sergeant Scott Eversole

Detective Brian Carpenter Detective Tom Huling

Officer Pete Wray (SRO) Officer Clinnie Stevenson Officer Anthony Schmidt (SRO) Officer Craig Jones (K9) Officer Derek Pheanis (K9) Officer John Nickell Officer Sarah Rose Officer Vanessa Eley Officer Aaron Melling

#### **Administration**

27 Years of Service - 24 Years with Eaton PD 36 Years of Service - 30 Years with Eaton PD 13 Years of Service - 11 Years with Eaton PD

#### Sergeant

13 Years of Service - 11 Years with Eaton PD 24 Years of Service - 20 Years with Eaton PD

#### **Detectives**

26 Years of Service – 25 Years with Eaton PD 3 Years of Service – 3 Years with Eaton PD

#### Officers

21 Years of Service - 21 Years with Eaton PD
22 Years of Service - 21 Years with Eaton PD
19 Years of Service - 19 Years with Eaton PD
14 Years of Service - 13 Years with Eaton PD
4 Years of Service - 4 Years with Eaton PD
3 Years of Service - 3 Years with Eaton PD
2 Year of Service - 2 Year with Eaton PD
8 Years of Service - 2 Year with Eaton PD
1 Year of Service - 1 Year with Eaton PD

#### K9 Rossi

Rossi – 4-Year-old German Shepherd. EPD K9 Since 2020

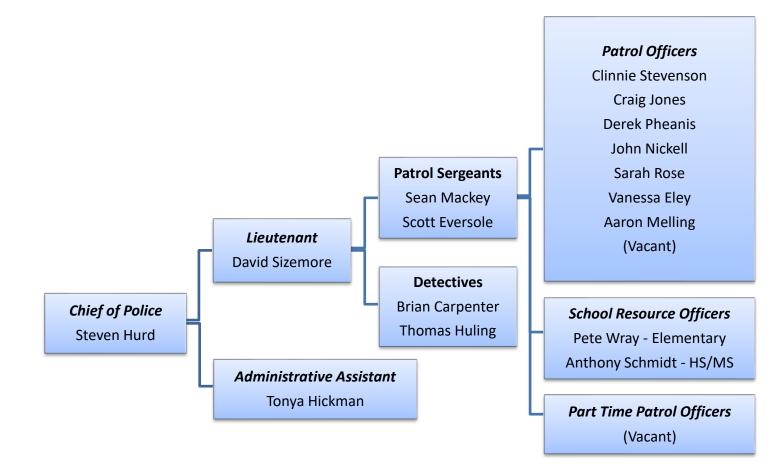


#### **K9 Shadow**

Shadow - 7-Year-old German Shepherd. EPD K9 Since 2016



### Eaton Police Division 2020 Organizational Chart



### **Activity Levels**

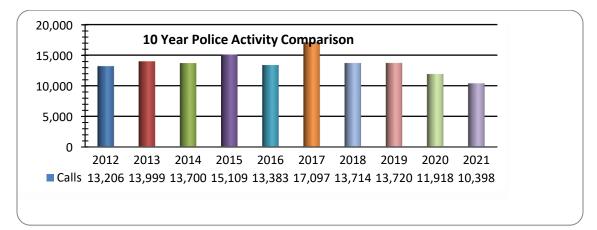
During 2021 there were 12,829 occurrences of public safety services. This includes citizen calls for Police, Fire, & EMS services as well as Police Officer self-initiated activity. The breakdown of the 12,829 occurrences is as follows:

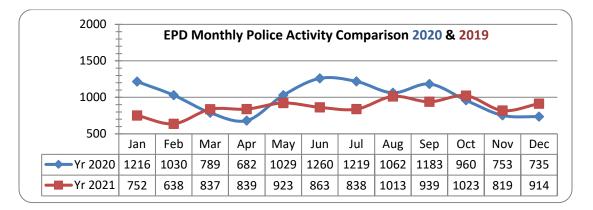
- 10,398 were for Police services.
- 2,431 were for *Fire and/or EMS* services.

Of the 10,398 Police occurrences:

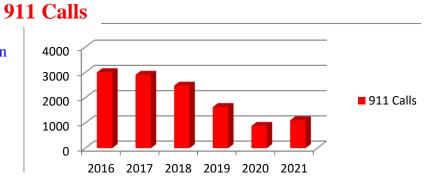
- 7,402 were citizen-initiated calls for service; an 11.6% decrease from 2020 (8,369).
- 2,996 were officer-initiated activity; a 15.6% decrease from 2020 (3,549).

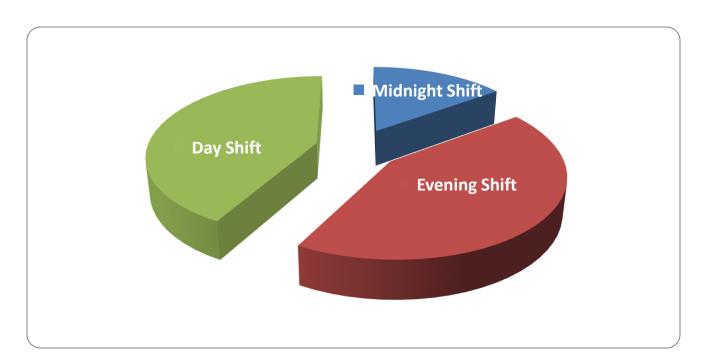
The 10,398 police occurrences reflected a 12.8% decrease in total police activity. Citizen calls decreased by 11.5% and police reports decreased by 10.3%; 2,166 reports were taken in 2021 compared to 2,415 in 2020.





Of the total public safety calls received in 2021, **1102** were received as a **911** call. An increase of 26% from last year's **877** 911 calls.





### Activity Distribution by Shift

### % of Activity Load - 1 Hour Increments

The below chart reflects the percentage of total activity handled in 2021, broken down by hour.

Midnight to 1 a.m.	2.6%	$\blacksquare Block \rightarrow$	Noon to 1 p.m.	6.0%
1 a.m. to 2 a.m.	1.9%		1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	5.0%
2 a.m. to 3 a.m.	2.0%		2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	5.5%
<u>3 a.m. to 4 a.m.</u>	<u>1.1%</u>		3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	6.3%
4 a.m. to 5 a.m.	1.6%		4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	6.5%
5. A.m. to 6 a.m.	1.4%		<u>5 p.m. to 6 p.m.</u>	<u>7.1%</u>
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	1.7%		6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	6.5%
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.	2.3%	Block ->	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	5.9%
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	3.5%		8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	5.6%
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	4.7%		9 p.m. to 10 p.m.	4.7%
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	5.3%		10 p.m. to 11 p.m.	4.0%
11 a.m. to Noon	5.7%		11 p.m. to Midnight	3.1%

The busiest hour during the day was 5pm-6pm, with the busiest block of time being 12pm-8pm. The least busy hour of the day was 3am-4am.

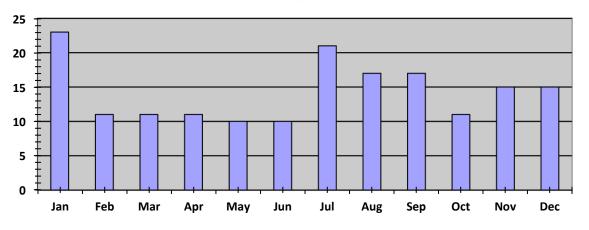
### **Index Crimes**

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 2021 decreased by 42% from 2020.

Index Crimes 2018 through 2021				Clearance Rate				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Chang 2020 – 202	_	2021 Crimes Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Homicide	0	0	1	0	-100%	0	NA	NA
Rape	2	6	6	1	-83%	1	1	100%
Robbery	1	3	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Assault	20	50	41	25	-39%	25	22	88%
Burglary	16	48	24	13	-46%	13	8	62%
Theft	264	341	207	120	-42%	120	97	81%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	15	12	9	-25%	9	7	78%
Arson	0	0	1	1	0%	1	1	100%
Totals	312	461	292	169	-42%	169	136	80%

#### Index Crimes by Month for 2021



### Arrests

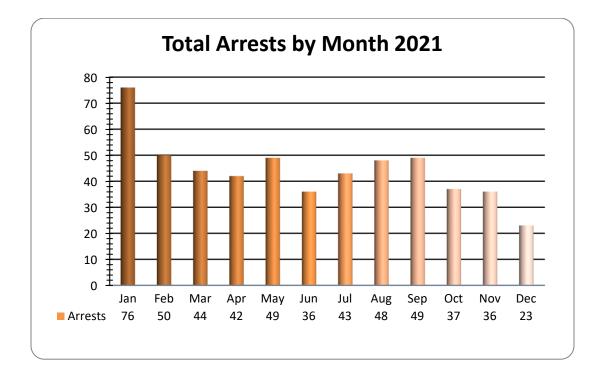
There were 533 people arrested in 2021, 193 arrests less than the 726 in 2020, or a decrease of 26.6%. Total arrests include 495 adults and 38 juveniles. Arrested persons often are charged with more than one crime and as a result the total charges filed will exceed the total number of people arrested.

### Charges Filed in 2021

Adult Parole Violation	5	Menacing	24
Animal Laws	4	Misconduct at an Emergency	1
Assault	29	MV Theft	4
Burglary\B&E	8	Noise Violations	4
Chemicals to Manufacture Meth	0	Obstruction of Justice	40
Complicity	4	Offenses Involving Rail Roads	0
Consumption of Liquor in MV	0	Open Container	13
Contributing to Delinquency	8	OVI	49
Corruption of a minor	1	Passing Bad Checks	6
Crim Misc\Damaging	48	Physical Control	0
Criminal Tools	0	Poss of Drugs - Schedule I\II\III	63
Cultivating/Manufacture Drugs	0	Possessing Drug Abuse Instrument	30
Curfew	7	Possession of Marijuana	25
Deception to Obtain Prescription	0	Probation Violation	0
Disorderly	90	Protection Order Violation	23
Disrupting Public Service	1	Public Indecency	1
Disseminate Matter Harmful to Juv	1	Purchase Pseudoephedrine	0
Domestic Viol	41	Rape	0
Drug Paraphernalia	69	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Endangering Children	9	Resisting Arrest	14
Failure to Appear (Warrants)	100	Robbery	1
Falsification	1	Sale of Liquor to Underage	1
Fleeing Eluding Police Officer	3	Tampering with Evidence	0
Forgery	2	Telephone Harassment	3
Gross Sexual Imposition	2	Theft	103
Illegal Poss of Drug Document	0	Tobacco Viol	19
Importuning	0	Trafficking in Drugs	9
Inducing Panic	4	Trespassing	65
Littering	3	Underage Consumption/Purchase	3
Loitering	2	Unlawful use of Vehicle	3
Making False Alarms	5	Vandalism	4

### Annual Summary of Officer Complaints

In 2021 we received six officer complaints on six different officers that were document in our intelligence reporting system. All three complaints were investigated to completion and closed.



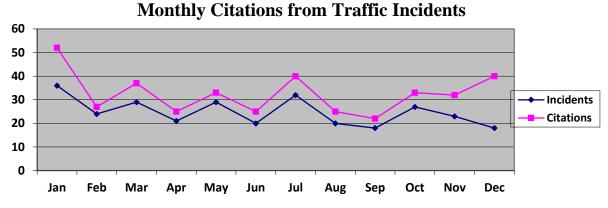


### **5 Year Incident Summary**

Incidents	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Vehicular Crash – Non-injury	175	165	233	162	172
Vehicular Crash - Injury	49	49	45	26	31
Vehicular Crash - Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Complaints	215	169	201	220	226
Burglaries \ B&E's	34	33	48	81	30
Criminal Mischief	79	44	68	84	78
Disorderly Conduct	392	256	232	214	223
Domestic (Non-violent)	27	31	99	145	105
Domestic Violence (Violent offense)	20	16	28	37	17
Drug Related Incidents \ Drug Labs	393\1	299\1	222\0	209\0	111\0
DUI (OVI)	39	45	32	34	42
Menacing/Harassment	16	28	9	0	0
Juvenile Complaints	205	168	121	188	201
Citizens Assists	170	166	136	215	216
Liquor Complaints (Excludes DUI)	4	3	2	9	12
Noise Complaints	135	69	67	2	89
Parking Complaints	171	176	160	208	169
Suicide	2	1	0	0	1
Suicide Attempts	6	8	4	6	7
Suspicious Calls	1632	1419	1138	1379	1175
Threatening \ Menacing	23	19	48	64	55
Traffic Complaints	232	212	249	237	280
Traffic Stops by Officers	897	948	1597	792	821
Telephone Harassment	37	41	50	18	58
Trespass Complaints	206	163	152	158	97

#### **Traffic Stops/Violations**

In 2021 Eaton Police Officers initiated 598 traffic stops and we received 0 bias-based policing complaints. We handled 297 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 2021, 371 citations were filed from those 297 incidents. Each citation corresponds to a violation of City or State traffic laws. The light-colored line in the graph below represents the monthly break down of the citations filed by the Eaton Police Division in 2021. Most of the citations stemmed from 821 traffic stops and 203 motor vehicle crashes.



#### **Motor Vehicle Crashes**

The **203** Motor Vehicle Crashes that occurred on City streets was a 11.4% **decrease** over last year's 229 crashes (these totals do not include private property crashes). The table below shows the monthly break down of crash reports handled and their totals. There were no fatal crashes in 2021.

Month	Private Property	No Injury Crashes	Crashes with Injuries	Traffic Offenses Cited	OVI Involved
January	4	10	1	7	2
February	6	14	1	9	2
March	3	11	3	12	2
April	4	12	4	7	0
May	2	13	2	7	0
June	1	11	2	8	2
July	0	8	4	6	0
August	5	12	1	7	0
September	6	10	5	9	3
October	1	9	4	6	0
November	2	14	2	10	2
December	3	11	2	7	1
Total	37	135	31	95	14

## Employee Recognition Activity Awards

Activity Awards are presented to officers for activity 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:**

### **Years of Service Awards**



School Resource Officer Pete Wray reached 25 years of service in 2021. Officer Craig Jones reached 15 years in 2021.

Officer Stevenson's 1,769 actions of activity 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.

### ZERO Sick Time Award



Administrative Assistant Tonya Hickman, Sergeant Scott Eversole, Officer Clinnie Stevenson, Officer Derek Pheanis, Officer Pete Wray, Sergeant Sean Mackey, Chief Steven Hurd, Officer John Nickell, Officer Vanessa Eley, and Officer Aaron Melling all used  $\underline{0}$  hours of sick leave in 2021. 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 11 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 2021 winner is Officer John Nickell. Officer Nickell is a field training officer (FTO) and has taken on more responsibility within the agency over the last year. He is an avid lover of animals and goes above and beyond to attempt to reunite lost owners with their pets.

## "Proud to Serve" Award

**Officer Aaron Melling** won the 2021 "*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 Melling has been a part of the Eaton Police Division team since 2020. Officer Melling is someone who actively contributes to the agency through community policing. Attention to detail is one of his strong attributes, as well as his willingness to assist his co-workers in any capacity needed.



# **Investigation of the Year Award**

The 2021 Investigation of the Year Award was accepted by Detective Brian Carpenter for EPD case #2021-1714. This case was a total team effort and shows the agency's hard work and is a great example of our Guiding Principles of Teamwork and Commitment to Excellence. Detective Carpenter was the lead investigator and showed great teamwork by working with the Preble County Prosecutors Office, BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigations), and with the victim and victim advocates. Detective Carpenter conducted several follow-ups, obtained subpoenas, and multiple recordings throughout the course of this investigation. He also conducted multiple interviews and interrogations.



# **2021 Community Involvement**

### **Officer Appreciation Day First Baptist Church**

For the past few years Pastor Stensas invited officers to attend his church where officers were recognized for their service and given an opportunity to spend more one on one time with community members.



### **Birthday Party!**

Officer Pheanis and K-9 Rossi were invited and honored to attend birthday parties throughout the city. K-9 Rossi loves going to birthday parties!



### **Stevie Strong Parade**

Officer Pheanis and K-9 Rossi as well as several other first responders participated in the Stevie Strong Parade. The parade was to support Stevie in his fight with brain cancer.



### **Cops and Kids**

An annual even 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.



### **East Elementary Shoes for the Shoeless**

School Resource Officer Pete Wray along with Detective Brian Carpenter and Officer Aaron Melling participated in East Elementary Shoes for the Shoeless where children were provided with new shoes and socks.

