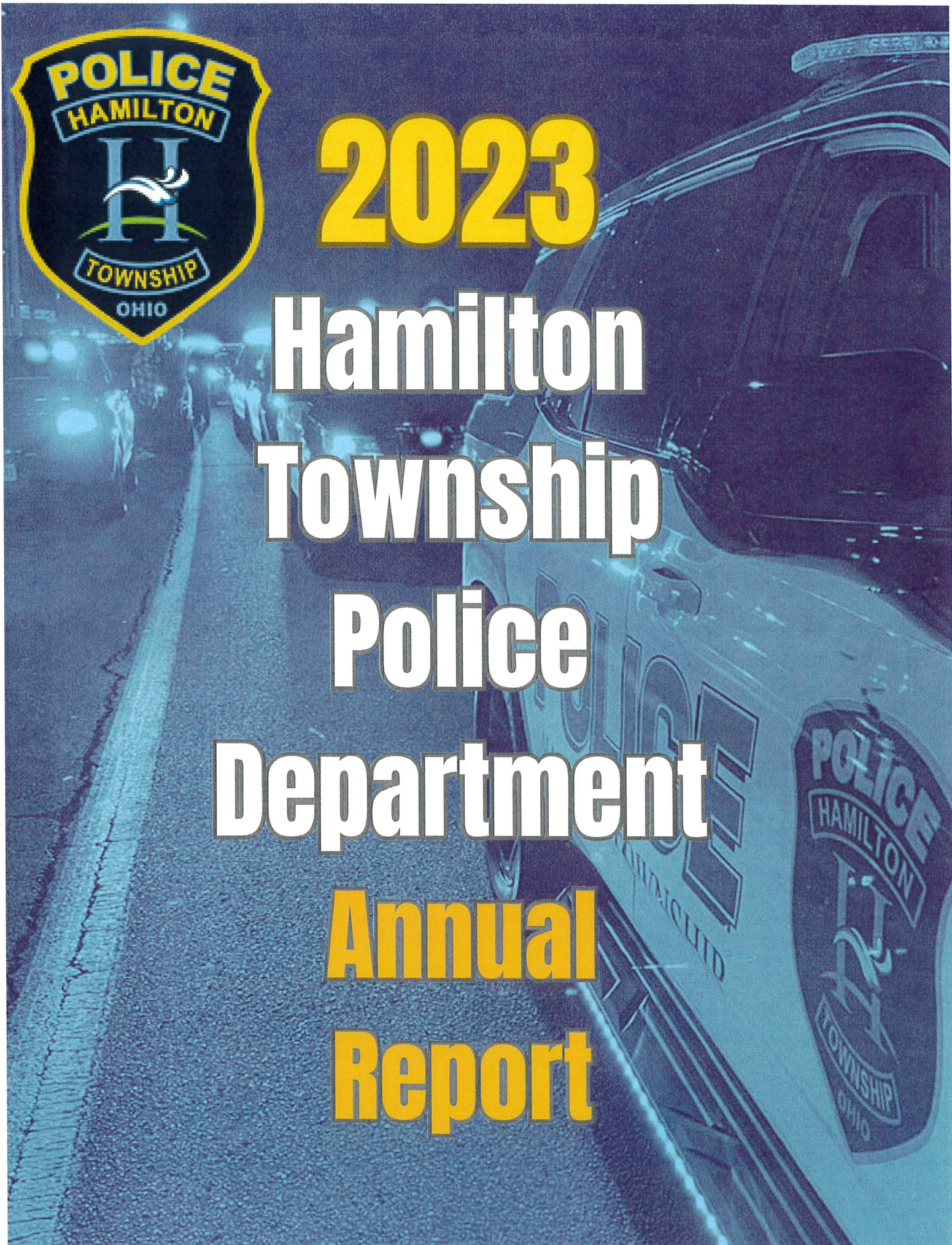




2023

**Hamilton
Township
Police
Department
Annual
Report**



Letter from the Chief

I am pleased to share with you the remarkable accomplishments of the Hamilton Township Police Department in 2023. Throughout the year, our department remained steadfast in our commitment to community engagement and safety.

In the face of our township's growth, our officers responded to an increased service demand, with calls up by nearly 7%. Despite this rise, our crime rate remains impressively low, maintaining Hamilton Township as one of the safest areas in Ohio.

With the expansion of Hamilton Township comes increased traffic concerns, and our department has diligently addressed these issues. Traffic-related complaints have been a priority, and our efforts have been focused on reducing crashes and enhancing roadway safety.

I am incredibly proud of the dedicated men and women of the Hamilton Township Police Department. Their unwavering dedication to serving our community is truly commendable. Despite the challenges posed by the township's growth, our officers have embraced their roles with commitment and professionalism, ensuring that the safety and well-being of our residents remain paramount.

Looking ahead, we maintain our steadfast commitment to upholding a proactive law enforcement strategy while fostering community engagement. Our aim is to continue enhancing Hamilton Township's vibrancy and resilience for the benefit of all its residents.

As your Chief of Police, I am honored to lead such an exceptional team. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our department.

Sincerely,

Col. Scott Hughes, CLEE

**Chief of
Police**
Scott
Hughes

Captain
Quillan Short

Patrol Sergeants

Tim Rector
Rich Smith
Terry Viel
Chris Wall

Police Clerk

Amy Scheeler

**Criminal Investigations
Division**

Brittany Huelsman
Shawn Parks
Drug Task Force Agent

Patrol Officers

Josh Clift
Ayden Courtney
Connor Grisso
Chris Kaufholz
Joseph "Eli" Kibbee
Daniel Perry
Luke Ratliff
Ben Rosenberger
Alex Stephens - K9 Kahn
Megan Thomas
Darcy Vibbard
Greg Watkins

**School Resource
Officers**

Shane Brandenburg
Jordan Elzey
Andrew Hayslip

**Administrative Police
Officer**

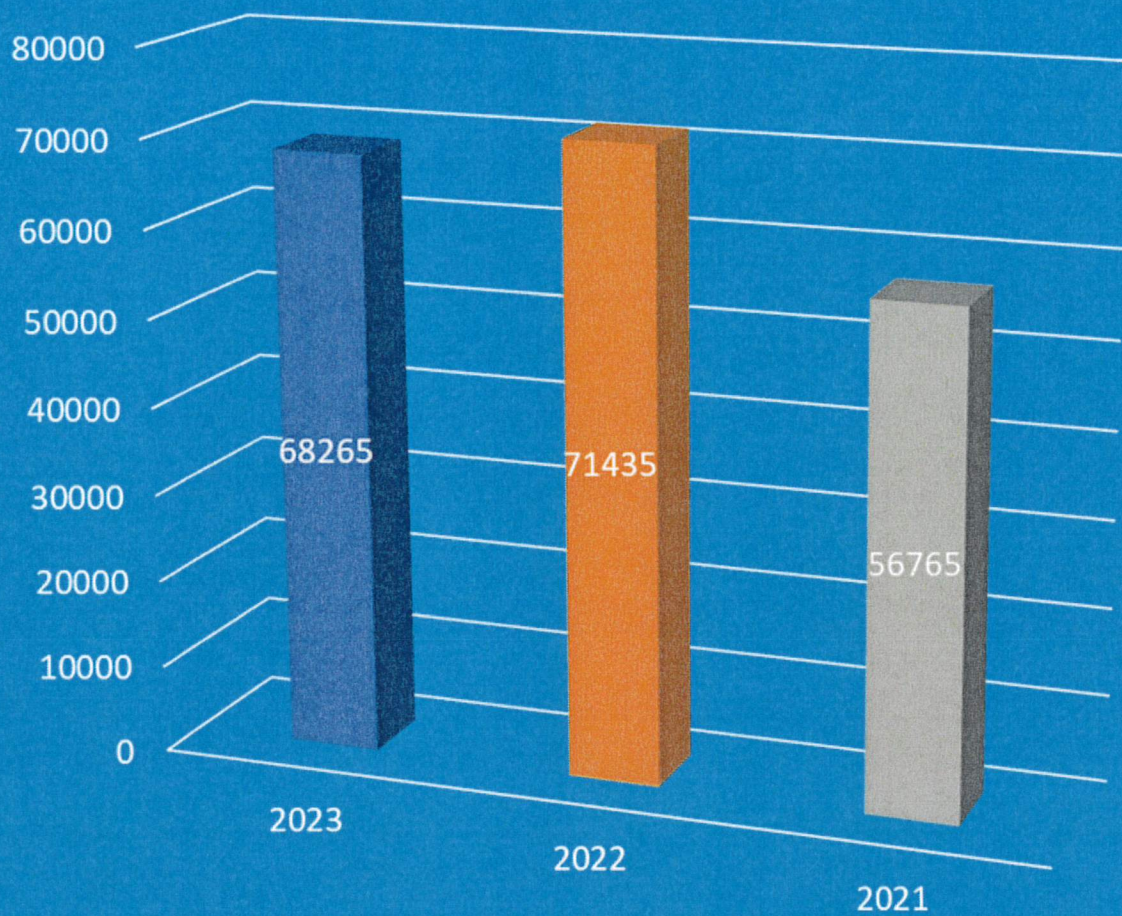
Rande Rigby

**Community Resource
Officer**

Molly Hayslip



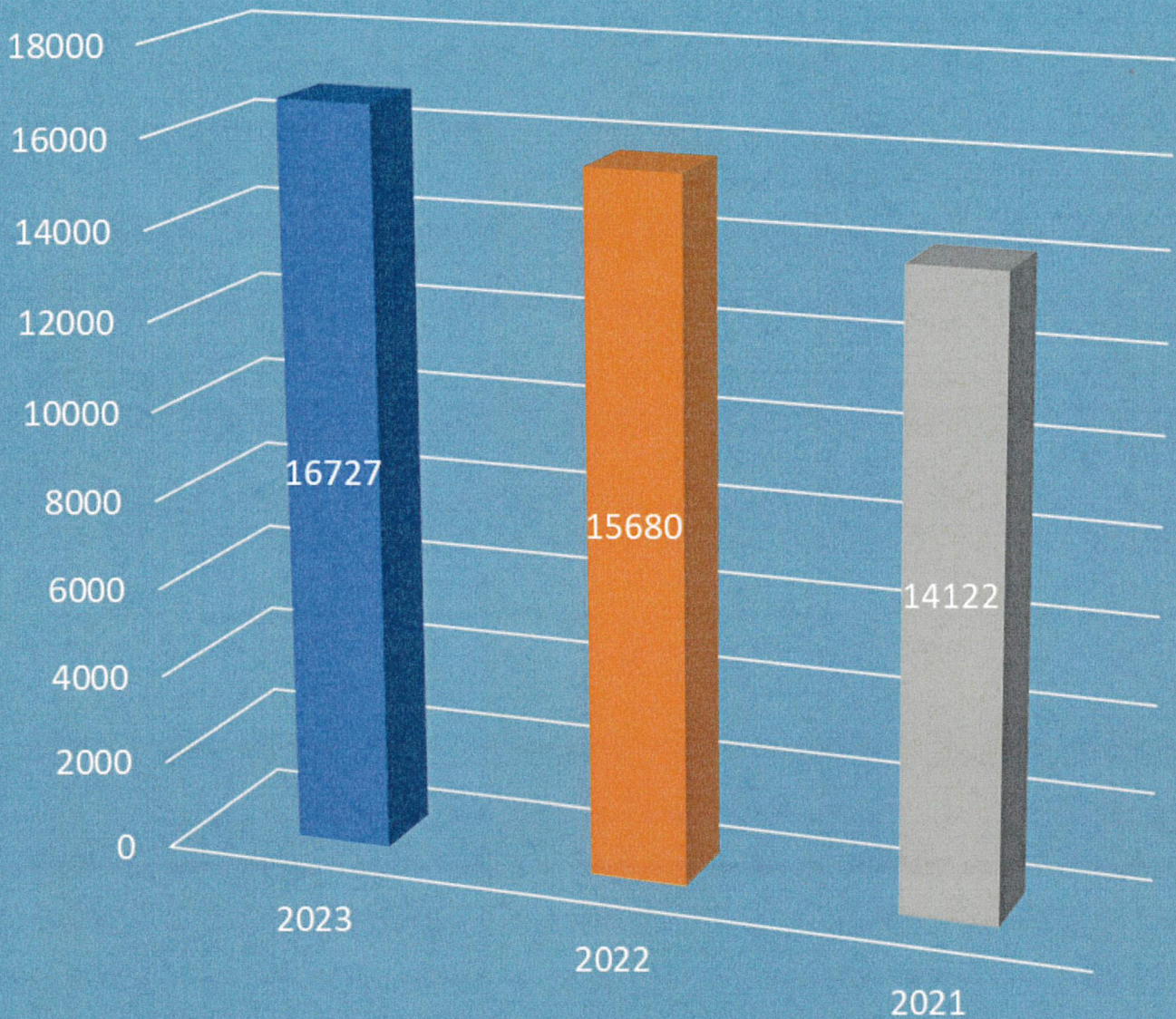
Total Number of Incidents



Incidents are defined as both dispatched calls for service and self-initiated activity. (i.e. vacation home checks, business checks, and extra patrols)



Total Calls for Service



WARREN COUNTY
Emergency Dispatch

Additional Detective

In October 2023, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) experienced a significant development with the addition of Detective Shawn Parks. Detective Parks, a lateral hire from the Loveland Police Department, brought valuable experience and expertise to the Criminal Investigations Division, complementing the existing team led by Detective Brittany Huelsman. Detective Shawn Parks joined our agency in April 2022, following a commendable tenure as a Detective with the Loveland Police Department. With this experience, Detective Parks brought a wealth of knowledge and skills to his new role.

Throughout 2023, Detectives Huelsman and Parks participated in various training courses to enhance their investigative skills. These initiatives underscored the department's commitment to continuous improvement and professional development. By staying abreast of the latest investigative techniques, legal protocols, and technological advancements, Detectives Parks and Huelsman positioned themselves as proactive investigators, better equipped to handle complex cases and emerging challenges.

In 2023, CID investigated 102 cases, with felony thefts emerging as the highest reported crime. Of the 45 theft cases forwarded for further investigation, 33 were successfully closed with a positive resolution. The remaining nine cases remain open as of January 1, 2024, reflecting ongoing efforts to bring closure to outstanding matters. The predominant types of theft reported include Gift Card Scams, Bail Bondsman Scams, Counterfeit Money Scams, and Facebook Rental Scams, highlighting the diverse nature of criminal activities encountered by the Criminal Investigative Division.

Despite their diligent efforts, 14 cases from 2023 remain pending due to various factors. The Criminal Investigative Division continues to prioritize these cases, employing a systematic approach to address each pending matter effectively. The addition of Detective Shawn Parks, coupled with the commitment to ongoing training and skill development, has strengthened the investigative capabilities of the Criminal Investigations Division within the Hamilton Township Police Department. The department will continue to adapt and innovate, ensuring its investigative efforts remain responsive to evolving criminal dynamics and community needs.

Criminal Investigations Division



Detective B. Huelsman

Detective S. Parks

Offense	CBA	CBE	Active	Inactive	Unfounded	Total	Successful Closure Rate
Car Break-In	0	1	0	2	0	3	33%
Theft	3	26	9	3	1	45	66%
Burglary	0	0	1	2	0	3	0%
Sex Offenses	2	14	2	1	6	25	88%
Assault	0	0	0	0	1	1	100%
Child Abuse	1	3	1	0	1	6	83%
Drug Offense	1	1	0	0	0	2	100%
Other	3	13	2	1	0	17	94%
Totals	10	57	14	9	9	102	75%

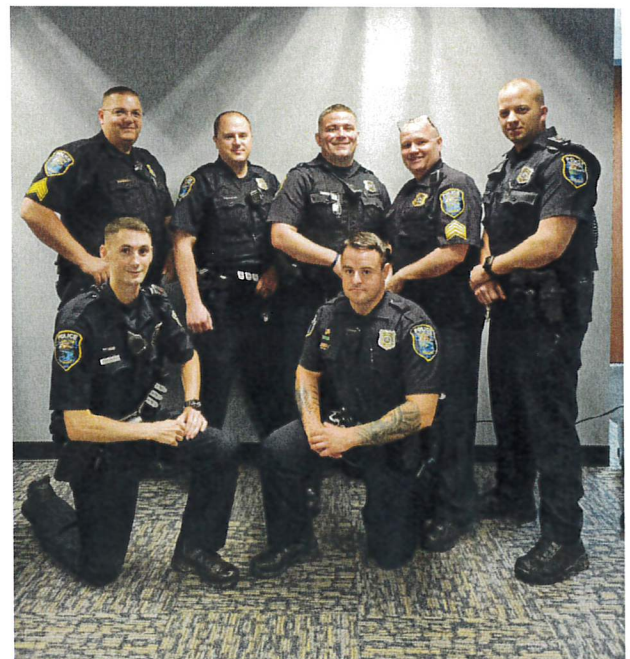
CBA – Closed by Arrest
 CBE – Closed by Exception

Patrol Division

2023 was an exciting year for the patrol division of Hamilton Township. The addition of two officers during the year aided in providing the level of service our residents and visitors have come to expect. Patrol officers spent a great deal of time proactively enforcing laws, which has resulted in numerous illegal firearm seizures and countless narcotic arrests. These arrests range from the recovery of stolen firearms to using weapons while under disability (i.e., felon, drug dependent, highly intoxicated). Narcotic complaints have continued to be a focus for the patrol division and have resulted in numerous arrests for methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, and psilocybin.

Training has been a critical component of the agency's professionalism, and 2023 was no exception. Officers completed numerous in-house and local training hours to continue building the knowledge required for the ever-changing and evolving skills necessary to perform law enforcement effectively.

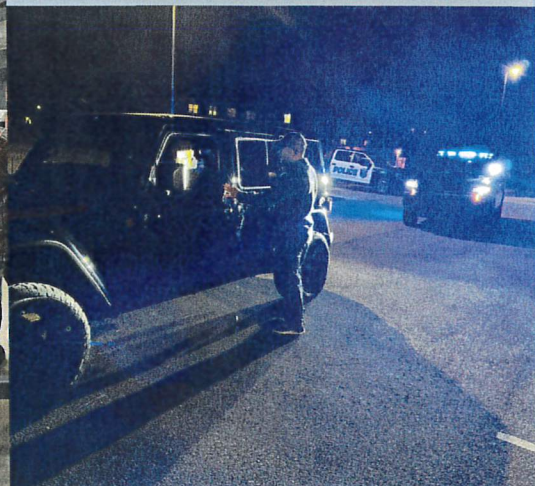
-Captain Tim Rector



2023 Citizen's Police Academy



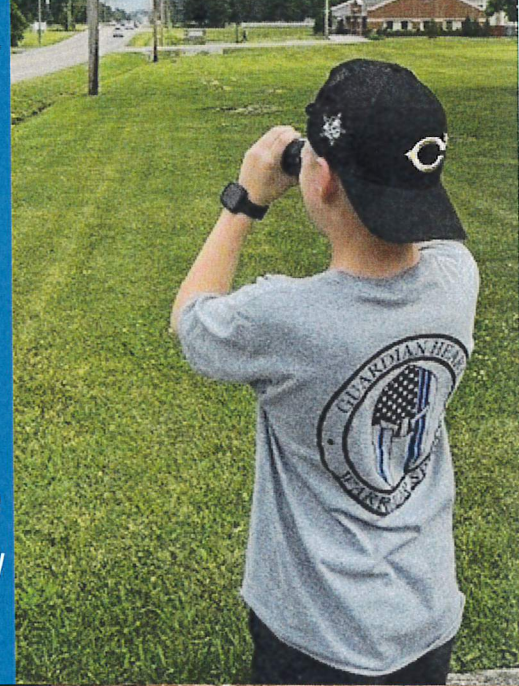
We hosted our fifth annual Citizen's Police Academy in 2023. Fifteen residents participated in an 11-week course of hands-on law enforcement training, learning various aspects of the job.



2023 Junior Police Academy



2023 was the third year of the Junior Police Academy, which involves a week-long camp for children between the ages of 9 and 12, during which they learn about all the different aspects of law enforcement.



HTPD Employee of the Year



*Clerk Amy
Scheeler*

Chief's Commendation Awards



Captain's Commendation Awards



We embarked on another year of progress and development, largely thanks to the support of community organizations and the dedication of our officers.

One of the notable highlights of the year was the resurgence of our canine program, made possible through the generosity of the Matt Haverkamp Foundation and the Hamilton Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. With their support, we could reestablish this unit using solely private funds.

Officer Alex Stephens was appointed the new canine handler and completed certification training with his new canine partner, Kahn.

Furthermore, 2023 saw us continue cultivating leadership from within. We firmly believe that strong leadership is essential for ensuring effective law enforcement and fostering a culture of excellence. Several officers illustrated this commitment through their notable achievements throughout the year.

Sgt. Richard Smith's successful graduation from the Police Executive Leadership College underscored our dedication to providing our members with advanced training and professional growth opportunities. We aim to enhance our effectiveness in serving the community by equipping our leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge.

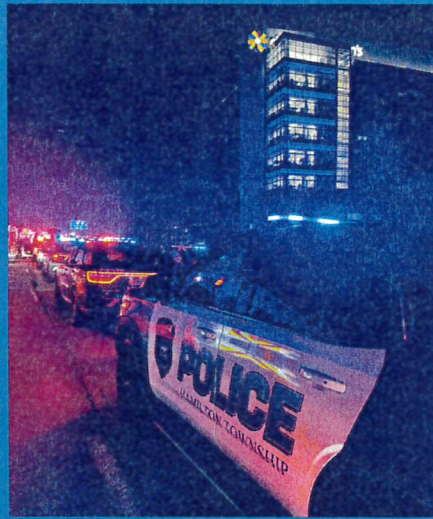
Similarly, Sgt. Tim Rector's completion of the Leadership Warren County Program showcased our local leadership development investment. Participating in such programs benefits the individual officers and contributes to the department's capacity to adapt to evolving challenges and effectively address community needs. As we reflect on the achievements of 2023, it does so with a sense of pride and gratitude. We remain persistent in our mission to serve and protect the community, guided by integrity, professionalism, and community engagement principles.

Looking ahead, the department is prepared to build upon its successes, continuing to evolve and adapt to meet the ever-changing needs of the residents it serves. With our community partners' continued support and our officers' dedication, we are well-positioned to thrive in the years to come.

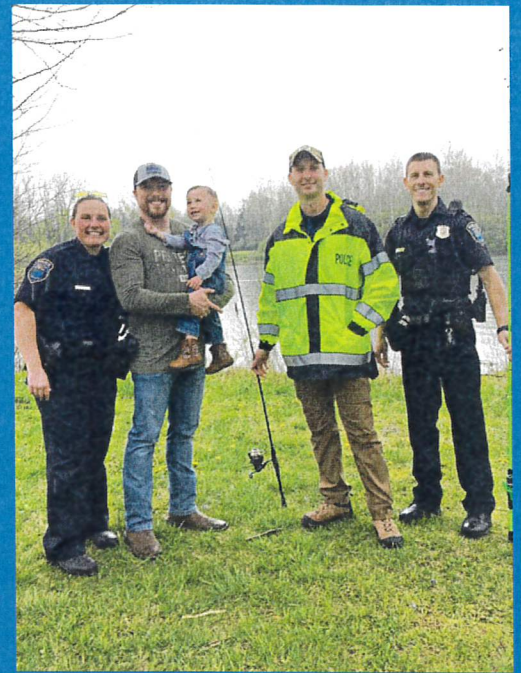
-Assistant Chief Quillan Short



**Ofc. Kibbee, and Ofc. Grisso
greeting children at the
Special Needs Fishing
Tournament @ Lake Cozy
Dale.**



**HTPD participating in the
Annual Operation Santa Sleigh
through Light Ohio Blue at local
Children's Hospitals.**



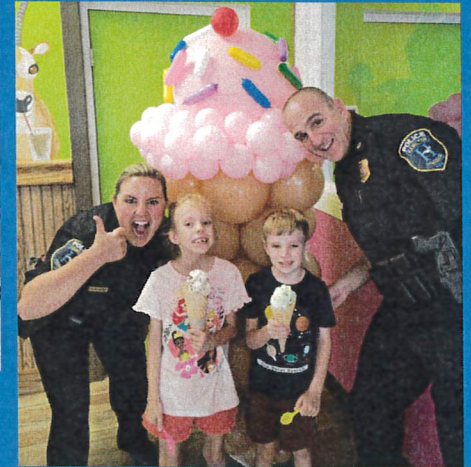
**Ofc. Perry, Ofc. Elzey, and Ofc.
Molly at the first Fishing with the
5-0 Event @ Mounts Park.**



**Ofc. Kaufholz having fun at
the annual Trunk or Treat @
Testerman Park.**



**Ofc. Rosenberger stopping by to hang
out with kids on a Summer Day.**



**Ofc. Molly and Chief Hughes
at Cones with the Cops @
Scoopz.**



**Officer's competing, and
sinking, at the Cardboard
Boat Regatta.**



Sgt. Rector at Touch a Truck.



**Balloon toss at National
Night Out.**