

# ***2021 ANNUAL REPORT***



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## ***A LETTER FROM COLONEL TIM FAGAN***

Dear residents of Florissant,

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 Florissant Police Department Annual Report. In this report you will get a glimpse into the work that the devoted men and women of this Police department undertook in 2021. Despite the lingering catastrophic impact that the pandemic had on the economy and public health, our department continued to provide the highest quality police services to the residents of the City of Florissant.



Although our community saw a small increase in some reported crime categories, we saw some welcomed reductions. Most notably, we were able to see a decline in motor vehicle thefts, stealing's and burglaries. These reductions in crime can be contributed in part to community programs such as Neighborhood Watch as well as directed crime fighting initiatives.

As the Chief of Police, I commit that we will continue the "Tradition of Service and a Legacy of Excellence" for the citizens of Florissant. We will remain transparent and always keep our community informed and up to date so that the residents of Florissant can maintain the quality of life that they expect.

We thank you for your continued support of the Florissant Police Department and I look forward to a successful 2022.

Sincerely,  
Tim Fagan  
Chief of Police

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

***“The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism.”***

### ***Citizen Interaction***

We recognize our community-policing role as a partnership with the citizens of Florissant. We need and encourage the participation of every citizen in solving problems and improving the quality of life for our community.

### ***Integrity***

In order to achieve public trust and build upon our community partnership, we demand the highest level of integrity in ourselves. Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright, and sincere.

### ***Fairness***

We are committed to upholding the law in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner. We serve every member of our community equally, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or social status.

### ***Professionalism***

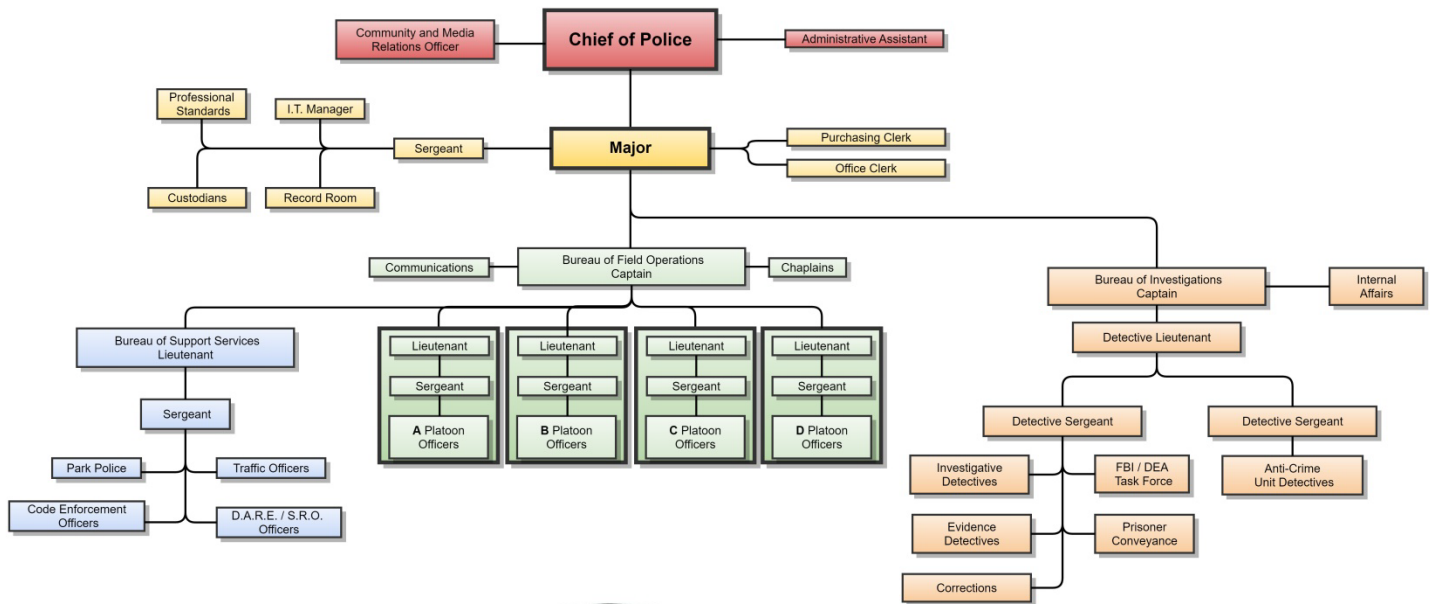
In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

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# FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Florissant Police Department



## ***DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL***

The Florissant Police Department employs 93 full-time police officers (85 male and 8 female), and twenty-six full-time civilian employees (6 male and 20 female), for a total of 119 full time law enforcement employees (92 male and 27 female).

The full-time civilian employees include 13 police dispatchers, 5 Corrections officers, 1 information technology administrator, 2 administrative assistants, 4 police clerks and 1 custodian. The Department also employs seven part-time employees, 3 Park Police/Bailiff Officers and four dispatchers.

Sixteen new police officers and four dispatchers were hired in 2021 to fill vacant or new positions.

### ***Total- Police Officer Assignments for 2021***

<b><i>Chief of Police</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Major</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Captains</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>
<b><i>Lieutenants</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>
<b><i>Sergeants</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
<b><i>Police Officers</i></b>	<b><i>72</i></b>
<b><i>(Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>93</i></b>

### ***Office of the Chief- Officer Assignments***

<b><i>Public Information Officer</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>

### ***Office of the Major- Officer Assignments***

<b><i>Professional Standards Sergeant</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>

### ***Bureau of Field Operations- Officer Assignments***

<b><i>Captain</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Lieutenants</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>
<b><i>Sergeants</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>
<b><i>Patrol Officers</i></b>	<b><i>36</i></b>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>45</i></b>

### ***Bureau of Investigation- Officer Assignments***

<b><i>Captain</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Lieutenants</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Sergeants</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>



<b>Detectives</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Anti-Crime Officers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>DEA Taskforce Detective</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Police Academy</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Evidence Technicians</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>US Postal Service</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

**Bureau of Support Services- Officer Assignments**

<b>Lieutenant</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Neighborhood Preservation</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Traffic Unit</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>School Resource Officers</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>DARE</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reserves (Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>



**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE**

Major Randy Boden Major Boden is the Assistant Chief of Police and reports directly to the Chief of Police. Major Boden is responsible for administrative and functional matters of operations for the, Bureau of Field Operations, Bureau of Investigations and Bureau of Patrol Support.

**BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS**



Captain Vince Godfrey commands the Bureau of Field Operations (BFO). The Bureau of Field Operations is the largest and most visible component of the Florissant Police Department. It is comprised of the uniformed men and women who patrol the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week. BFO includes uniformed patrol, canine, communications Unit, and other related services.



## **UNIFORMED PATROL**

A Lieutenant commands each patrol platoon of officers and oversees one Sergeant and up to 10 Police Officers. These officers are responsible for the around the clock public safety needs of the City. The patrols are divided strategically through seven patrol areas called sectors. Platoons rotate between two watches every twenty-eight days. Patrol Officers remain in permanent sector assignments allowing officers to develop a working knowledge of their beat which enhances their ability to prevent crime and have more community involvement.

## **COMMUNICATIONS UNIT**

The Florissant Police Department's Communications Unit serves as the 9-1-1 "Public Safety Answering Point" for all emergency services in the City of Florissant. Emergency calls requiring fire or emergency medical assistance are routed to the dispatchers of the Central County Fire Alarm center, responsible for dispatching the Florissant Valley and Black Jack Fire Protection Districts, and the appropriate police and fire equipment is immediately dispatched. During 2021 the Communication Unit handled 47,782 9-1-1 calls for emergency assistance and dispatched 78,032 calls for police service.

The Communications Unit continues to be staffed by nine full-time dispatchers and four part-time dispatchers. A minimum of two dispatchers are assigned to ensure that calls are promptly handled. The unit is equipped with a new fully integrated Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System that links communications records to the department's Records Management System and mobile computers in the police vehicles. The mobile units are equipped with Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology that pinpoints the location of units in the field allowing dispatchers to locate and dispatch the closest unit to priority calls.

## **CANINE UNIT**

The Canine Unit saw the two remaining K-9's retire in 2020. During 2021 the K9 unit was not staffed. The Florissant Police Department has plans in place to get the Canine Unit fully staffed in early 2022.

## **Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program (sUAS)**



flood/spot lights.

The Florissant Police Department has implemented a new tool to assist in continuing to provide the highest quality police service to our residents. As of April, 2019, the Florissant Police Department began utilizing a sUAS (drone) unit. The department has two DJI Matrice 210 drones which are equipped with both a zoom lens camera as well as a thermal imaging camera. The drones are also equipped with a payload drop mechanism and LED



The sUAS Unit is commanded by Sgt. Craig DeHart. The department has 8 Law Enforcement sUAS pilots licensed by the FAA as Part 107 drone pilots.



These drones are to assist in missing person's cases, crime scenes, accident reconstruction, suspect searches and natural disaster assessment.

### **POLICE EXPLORER POST #9799**



The Florissant Police Department sponsors a Boy Scouts of America Post, which is designed as a career development program for men and women between 14 and 21 years of age. Three commissioned officers serve as Post Advisors. In



addition to a ride-along program, members of the Post assist in many assignments such as parking lot control at the Valley of Flowers Festival and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display, crime prevention presentations and youth related programs.



If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Officer Kayla Fels or Mike Arthur at 314-831-7000. You can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website.

[www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police)

## **BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

Captain Vince Godfrey is the commander of the Bureau of Support Services (BSS). The Bureau of Support Services is responsible for those operations that support the patrol and investigative efforts of the department. The functions under his command include the Recruitment, School Resource Officers, Code Enforcement, Traffic Safety Unit, Business Liaison Officer, DARE and Park Police.

### **PATROL SUPPORT DIVISION**



This Division is comprised of specially trained officers whose functions include supporting the patrol officers in their daily duties. These officers are under the command of Lieutenant Rick Pfaff and Sergeant Kyle Lewis.

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT**



There are three full time officers who are highly trained in crash investigations, assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit. Two of the three officers are certified as Crash Reconstructionist. Traffic Officers investigated 42% of the departments' 1,626 crashes reported in 2021. The Traffic Safety Officers prepare Crash Reconstruction Reports that involve a crash with fatal injuries. They also conduct follow-up investigations for cases where vehicles leave the scene of an accident.

The Lieutenant and Traffic Safety Officers serve as members of the Mayor's Traffic Commission. They are also members of the Greater St. Louis Traffic Safety Council, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. They meet regularly with the officials and engineers of the St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic as well as the Missouri Department of Transportation to address safety concerns on county and state-maintained roadways.

The Traffic Safety Officers coordinate many of the department's traffic enforcement programs including, highway safety grants, and special campaigns. The Traffic Safety Officers track all vehicles that were towed by the Florissant Police Department. Traffic Safety Officers also assist in providing security for the Florissant Municipal Court sessions and City Council Meetings.

The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for the maintenance, training, and records for the Florissant Police Department's:

- 7 Breath Alcohol Detection Instruments
- 22 Car Mounted Radar Units
- 2 Hand Held Radar Units
- 9 Hand Held Laser Units
- 10 Radar Speed Reading Signs
- 2 Radar Trailers

The Traffic Unit has at its' disposal ten high tech Speed Check reading signs, which were deployed in neighborhoods throughout the city in 2021. These units alert motorists to their driving habits creating awareness of speeding and are equipped to generate traffic studies used to determine enforcement activities. Additional duties include:

- Radar Details for problem areas/streets
- Funeral Details
- Parades
- Charity Runs and Special Events (Fall Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, Valley of the Flowers)

The Police Department bought two Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Motorcycles in 2015. In 2017, the department added a third motorcycle, purchasing a 2017 Harley Davidson, and the department purchased a fourth in 2018. Traffic Officers have gone through a specialized training course on the proper use of police motorcycles, and are certified. The motorcycles are used for traffic enforcement, parades, funeral details, and other special duties. The motorcycles are equipped with the same emergency lights and siren that a regular Police Cruiser has as well as a mobile computer and printer.

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (S.R.O.)**

The Florissant Police Department has formed a partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District which funds 75% of the costs of providing School Resource Officers (S.R.O.) for the academic school year. Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, the Ferguson-Florissant School District increased the amount of SRO's for their schools. This increase has resulted in three officers assigned to each of the high schools (McCluer and McCluer North), one officer assigned to Cross Keys, and one officer assigned to Wedgewood 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy. The officers' duties include but are not limited to safety and security on and around campus, provide an educational resource, and assist administration. The School Resource Officers coordinate with the beat officers to alert them to issues affecting the school campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. School Resource Officers handle off campus problems such as student parking in residential areas, students smoking near campus, and student trespassing. SRO's also have a student mentoring program and assist with after school activities and events. During 2021 the Officers assisted the School Districts we serve in Virtual learning, and other duties within the districts, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION UNIT**



Where no other alternative exists, the unit prepares cases for criminal prosecution, executes abatement search and seizure warrants issued by the Municipal Court and takes appropriate action to remove nuisance, abandoned or derelict vehicles. Property owners who refuse to maintain their property to City Code; and out of town property owners whose local rental properties create a nuisance or fail to meet code are also investigated.

In 2021, Officers Perry, Stringer and Cameron are the Florissant Crime Free Residential Housing Program Administrators. The Crime Free Program was designed to assist tenants, owners, and managers of rental properties in keeping drugs and other illegal activities off of their property. An eight-hour seminar is Phase One of the three phases Crime Free Program. The seminars include topics such as screening applicants, leases, evictions, drug identification, meth labs, crime prevention, and the role of the police on your property.

New classes were not conducted in 2020, smaller classes in summer 2021, and regular classes will resume in 2022. In 2021, Officer Perry will also train other agencies since obtaining his certification to educate and certify other departments in the Crime Free Program.

## **PARK POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM**

In addition to full-time police officers, the Florissant Police Department employs police officers known as Park Police. These are fully commissioned officers who are P.O.S.T. certified and have the same authority as patrol officers. All of them have recently retired from law enforcement, and they bring a wealth of experience to the department. Two of these officers are assigned to the municipal court as bailiffs. The remaining ones are assigned to the Park Police program, which was implemented in 2013 and is very successful. The Park Police program assigns officers exclusively to the parks and

recreation centers in the City of Florissant. With the additional use of outdoor spaces to include our many city parks, our Park Police played a vital role in making our parks safe.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. The Police Department has two active Emergency Management personnel. These officers attend numerous trainings throughout the year to better prepare in case a disaster strikes our area. Lieutenant Andy Haarmann and Lieutenant Rick Pfaff act as the representatives of Emergency Management for the City of Florissant.

### **RECORDS UNIT**

The Records Unit is staffed by a full-time Administrative Assistant and two clerks who ensure the processing, distribution and secure storage of police reports and other department records. The record room is staffed Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. During those hours the records staff also serve as the department's receptionist, greeting and directing citizens and visitors as well as incoming telephone callers.

In 2021 the records staff processed 4,067 reports of incidents, crimes or arrests, 1,778 traffic crashes, and 1,329 supplemental investigations.

On January 1, 2021, all law enforcement agencies were required to transition to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to report crime statistics. Previously, law enforcement agencies were reporting crime statistics using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System, which was summary based. **Summary based means that only the most serious crime(s) were reported under a single report number.** The new system is incident-based reporting, which means multiple crimes may be reported under a single report number, depending on the elements of the crime.

NIBRS tracks 52 types of crimes in three categories: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. The Summary reporting system only tracked eight types of crimes in two categories: Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property. Some of the crimes now tracked in the newly added Crimes Against Society category include Animal Cruelty, Weapon Law Violations, Promotion of Prostitution and more. There are also several crimes added to the other two categories, including Kidnapping/ Abduction, Human Trafficking, Hacking/Computer Invasion and Purse-snatching, among others. This more in-depth focus may first appear as an influx of crime, but this is not the case. NIBRS is simply providing a more accurate depiction of the crime that was already occurring, but not being recorded.

Department reports are retained in accordance with state law and the guidelines of the Missouri Secretary of State. Incident and arrest reports are stored electronically in the department's Records Management System and vehicle crash reports are stored electronically at the Regional Justice Information Services (REJIS). The department also maintains a micro-filmed archive of reports that currently dates back to 1960.

Open police reports may be obtained at the police department or by mail. The processing charge is \$10 per report. Records may now be emailed to requestors who submit a request and payment in advance.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT**

The Florissant Police Department relies heavily on technology to improve processes and supplement staffing wherever feasible. The department's I.T. Manager is responsible for maintaining the servers, computers, user accounts, and software packages within the police department. The I.T. Manager is overseen by the City's I.T. Director who allocates extra man power and resources to ensure mission critical tasks are accomplished.

The Florissant Police Department uses modern CAD (computer aided dispatch) and RMS (records management system) software systems. The CAD system allows our 911 dispatchers to pinpoint officers locations and send them their assignments over a secure cellular network. The RMS system records all the police reports and incidents, prepares statistical data to be reported to the state, and provides information to detectives on crime trends. These systems are supplemented by a number of specialized servers and software products to include: digital bar-coding and tracking for evidence and property, electronic accident report writing that communicates directly with Missouri State for reporting and tracking vehicle accidents and traffic enforcement, electronic ticketing for issuing warnings and citations, specialized reporting software for statistical and investigatory data mining, an intelligent video surveillance system, a voice recorder for recording incoming telephone calls, 911 calls, and radio transmissions in the communication unit, an electronic fingerprint system and a digital mug shot system from the Regional Justice Information Systems (REJIS).

In 2021 the department replaced 20% of the 40 mobile computers in police patrol cars and will continue to rollover 20-25% of the computers each year, ensuring they remain state of the art and serviceable. These computers provide officers in the field with real-time access to the CAD system, the Public Works system, County real estate records, as well as to the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS) that provides access to regional arrest and warrant information, state drivers and vehicle license information including the ability to view drivers' license and arrest photos, enhancing the officers' ability to identify offenders. The REJIS Mobile Ticketing system allows officers to prepare citations on the mobile computer and once approved, they automatically transfer to the court docketing system with no paper copies to administer. All patrol vehicles are equipped with GPS based vehicle locator devices that enable both the dispatchers and officers to know the location of all patrol units at all times. Officers also have access to all their police reports on their mobile laptops.

The I.T. Manager along with the Professional Standards Sergeant are responsible for implementing and keeping updated a cloud-based web site in which all department personnel have access to a library of department information including general orders, forms, directories, maps, instructional videos, as well as links to ordinances, statutes and reference material from other city and state resources. This resource is accessible from desktops through the department as well as on the mobile computers in patrol cars.

The department internet website provides citizens and other law enforcement agencies with easy access to information and department resources. Information readily available on our web site includes news of department activities, press releases, annual reports



and the ability to file on-line requests and comments which are routed directly to the appropriate staff members. The use of email by all department employees continues to allow for more direct and accurate internal communications as well as giving the public greater access to officers and staff.

The Florissant Police Department is deploying improved LPRs (license plate reader) in high traffic areas. This initiative is to assist in identifying criminal activity in Florissant along with other venues. The data that is collected by our agency through those systems is shared to the St. Louis Fusion Center. The LPR system is affixed to a vehicle or mounted to a pole and uses license plate images to check for stolen vehicles and other non-traffic and traffic offenses. The LPR system has assisted our officers in successfully recovering several stolen vehicles and other wanted vehicles in numerous crimes.

### **ACCREDITATION**



The Florissant Police Department continues to be internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The department voluntarily entered the accreditation process in 1999 and was initially accredited in March of 2001. In order to retain accredited status, the department must be reassessed every three years by the Commission and must prove compliance with all of the applicable 484 standards established by the Commission. The department was reaccredited in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, and 2016. As a result of the last successful reassessment, the Florissant Police Department achieved our seventh reaccreditation and was awarded CALEA's highest accreditation of Gold Standard, With Excellence in March of 2020.

After receiving our reaccreditation, the Florissant Police Department has entered into the new four-year accreditation process; during which, CALEA Compliance Managers review a portion of our files annually. In February, the Department successfully completed the first-year review with CALEA and was found in compliance.

### **DEPARTMENT TRAINING**

To support the department's mission, the training goal of the department is to continually advance the professional development of the officers and staff. The Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission require all police officers in the state of Missouri to complete a minimum of 24 hours of P.O.S.T approved continuing education every year.

During the year of 2021, all officers of the Florissant Police Department completed a minimum of 24 hours of training. Included fields of training were:

- Racial Profiling
- Mental Illness
- Implicit Bias
- De-escalation

All officers are trained, and required to qualify with duty weapons including pistol, shotgun, patrol rifle and the Taser. In addition, officers continued receiving firearms and situational judgment training with the Florissant Police Department virtual training simulator.

The training providers included the St. Louis County Municipal Academy, Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Missouri Police Chief Association, Virtual Academy and Missouri Safety Center.

Other specialized areas of training included The Missouri Police Chief's Command College, and Crisis Intervention. Also, the department participates in the St. Louis County wide coordinated Multi-Assault Counter-Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC) training and FEMA managed Field Force Operations.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT**

The Public Information Unit, staffed by Officer Steve Michael is responsible for statistical analysis, crime prevention programs, media relations, and public information, all of which are key elements in the Florissant Police Department's efforts toward the prevention and reduction of crime. Programs and activities of the Public Information Unit include:

#### **Media Relations**



The Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) is responsible for the dissemination of information to the media through media releases and other forms of communication. The P.I.O. also acts as the spokesperson for the department, and coordinates the joint release of information if other agencies are involved.

#### **Crime Analysis**

The Public Information Officer is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of statistics on crime and calls for service. This information is used to establish directed patrols and the review of beat structure. Crime data is transmitted on a monthly basis to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of which compile extensive reports on crime in Missouri and the United States.

#### **Resident Camera Program**

The Resident Camera Program allows residents and business owners to voluntarily register locations and capabilities of their security camera systems in their home or business with the Florissant Police Department. Using this information, when a crime occurs, the Florissant Police Department will know the locations of nearby video cameras and be able to collect video evidence and follow up on leads

#### **Security Surveys**

The Public Information Unit can arrange for a police officer to survey your home or business and assess the security of the site. Findings and recommendations are provided to reduce the chances of being victimized.

## Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program assists residents to protect themselves, their homes, and neighborhoods, by training them during neighborhood meetings. Residents are shown how to secure their property, how to identify and report suspicious activity, and how to be good neighbors. The program enlists residents as Neighborhood Watch Block Captain's and Ward Captains from each of the nine City Wards. These roles help keep the program growing by active participation from the residents. The 9 Ward Captains and other Neighborhood Watch Volunteers have regularly scheduled Neighborhood Watch meetings to help promote new membership and discuss crime trends and strategies that neighbors can use to deter criminal activity. The Neighborhood Watch Program currently has an active membership of over 1600 citizens with numerous registered Block Captains. We continue our efforts to recruit new members through social media, promotional videos, displays at a variety of functions in the city, and through individual member's efforts. The Neighborhood Watch street sign is available for your street and the requirement is to get at least half of your street signed up for the program. The sign is currently being circulated in neighborhoods with active watch groups.

Website: [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police)

The site is monitored and updated by the Public Information Officer with the assistance of the City of Florissant Informational Technology department. The site includes information about the Department, monthly crime reports, current schedule of events, upcoming citizen training programs the Citizen Police Academy, emergency preparedness information and C.E.R.T. The site also provides links to other crime prevention related sites.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Florissant Police Department recognized that social media plays a role in getting information out quickly. The Police Department has found that residents, business owners, organizations, and the media monitor our social media pages. With the growth of social media, the Florissant Police Department can disseminate firsthand information that is posted by the police department. The Florissant Police Department currently utilizes: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and Nixle. Those five social media outlets reach over 30,000 people.

Please go to our social media sites and like our pages. *Facebook* (Florissant Police Dept), *Twitter* (@FlorissantPD) and *Nextdoor* (Florissant Police Department) are similar, but *Instagram* (florissantpd) is for pictures.



## NIXLE



The Florissant Police Department utilizes this service that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The NIXLE Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Messages may include Missing Persons/Amber Alerts, road closures and other relevant safety and community event information. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Residents of the City of Florissant and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

### **Missouri Special Olympics**



The Florissant Police Department continued their support of the Missouri Special Olympics by raising over \$1000 for Special Olympics in 2021 for the fifth consecutive year. The Missouri Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch run was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Missouri Special Olympics. We always have great participation from the Florissant Police Department in our leg of the run, which is 2.7 miles extending from the Cross Keys Shopping Center to the

intersection of US Highway 67 and Charbonier Road.

### **Prescription Drug Disposal Box**



The Florissant Police Department has a prescription/non-prescription drug disposal box permanently installed in the lobby of the Florissant Police station. This box was made possible by the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal organization. The box provides a safe location for citizens to properly dispose of unused prescription/non-prescription medications and an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of both prescription non-prescription medications in landfills and sewer systems that may negatively affect the environment. Officer Steve Michael sits on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Program.

The secured, steel collection box in the lobby of the police station is accessible to citizens any time of the day or night 365 days a year. Once collected, the drugs will be properly disposed of by incineration.

## **Citizen Police Academy**

The citizen Police academy is a unique opportunity to experience a glimpse of the training a police officer receives in the Police Academy. In September of 2015 the Police Department joined with the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District and formed a Public safety Academy. A typical Academy class will see a full class which consists of twenty-five citizens. The Academy is an eight-week educational citizen involvement activity designed by the Police and Fire Departments. The courses involved Traffic Enforcement, Narcotics, Evidence/Crime Scene Investigation, Firearms, Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, Vehicle Extraction and a Live Fire Demonstration. By promoting this understanding, it is hoped that citizens and police/firefighters will work together.



## **Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)**



The Public Information Unit continues C.E.R.T. training as a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. C.E.R.T. members are then integrated into the emergency capability for their area.

The training consists of a total of 21 hours of training. Emergency Responders such as firefighters, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement, and certified civilian C.E.R.T. Instructors from the community teach this course at the St. Louis Community College located in Ferguson. Since the inception of the program, the City of Florissant has trained over nearly 250 residents in this course.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, C.E.R.T. members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. C.E.R.T. skills also apply to daily emergencies. This training is provided free of charge.

The Florissant C.E.R.T. program manager is an active member in the North County Citizen Corps Coalition, (N.C.C.C.C.). The N.C.C.C.C. also maintains a website for emergency preparedness information.

The Florissant Police Department also serves as the home for a C.E.R.T. trailer provided through funding from the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (S.T.A.R.R.S.) organization. The trailer houses supplies that can be used for C.E.R.T. training and emergencies/disasters by any N.C.C.C.C. participating agency.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Despite the pandemic the Florissant Police Department was still able to stay safely engaged in the community.

The Florissant Police Department has an established history of community policing practices. The department encouraged officers to initiate activities such as foot patrols and citizen contacts. This tradition of community involvement has formally developed to include every component of the organization. Our community policing activities are the foundation by which we carry out our mission.

In early 2017 the men and women of the Florissant Police Department began volunteering their time helping a local food pantry unload the monthly food delivery. In 2021 they continued their efforts for the fifth consecutive year.



In October of 2021 Chief Fagan, Major Boden and other members of the Florissant Police Department jumped into action at the Community build day for Angie's Playground. They were able to help assemble multiple playground pieces and work together with other community members to bring this inclusive playground for children of all abilities to completion.

In December of 2021 the Florissant Police Department participated in its sixth "Summons of Joy." This program is in conjunction with the Churches United for Racial Harmony and Justice. Eight area churches donated \$4,800 that was turned into 48 \$100 gift cards. These gift cards were handed out to unsuspecting people in need during the Holidays. This program gave our Officers and the community a chance to continue to grow our positive relationship and to continue flourishing our community relations.



Another great community event that the police department hosts is, "Coffee with a Cop". Several times throughout the year the Florissant Police Department hosts "Coffee with a Cop" at a local business. These events bring police officers and the members of the community they serve together, over coffee to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

Another great event that has been reoccurring is our police officers teaming up with a local high school and playing a friendly basketball game. Officers are placed on a team with other high school players and the teams play against each other. This has been well received by the students and staff.



Florissant Police Officers regularly engage in community projects to improve the quality of life in the City of Florissant. The department continues to assist Code Enforcement Officers, the Senior Citizen Office, Health Department, Parks Department and Community Development and Housing office with identifying and correcting housing code violations, general clean-up of properties owned by senior or disabled residents.

### **Future Leader Academy**

In 2019, Officers Kim Berry and Freddie Lee began a new program called the Future Leaders Academy. This two-week long program exposed twenty high school aged youths to topics such as military service, college applications, how to write a resume and apply for a job and personal fitness. This program had to be suspended in 2020 as well as 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are really looking forward to hosting a great Future Leader Academy in 2022

### **Additional Community Policing Programs**

The pandemic did have a slight effect on some of our community events. Some were cancelled due to the gathering restrictions. Among the many programs we offer can be seen below. The Public Information Officer is charged with coordinating the following programs:

- National Night Out
- Coordinates the police intern program for High School and College students
- Child Fingerprinting & Identification
- Sponsorship of the A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety" Program
- Provide Free Firearm Trigger Locks
- Serve as collection point for the Kurt Warner's Warm Up (winter coats)
- D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take-Back Program



- NCCU (North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice) The Florissant Police Department participates with NCCU in community group meetings.
- Neighborhood Watch Clean-ups
- Chess with Cops
- Coffee with a Cop
- Kickball – Cops vs. Kids at Marygrove
- Shop with a Cop
- Breast Cancer Awareness custom patches
- Autism Awareness custom patches



## **BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**



Captain Dennis DeHart is the Commander of the Bureau of Investigations where he is in charge of fourteen detectives, one Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, and six corrections Officers.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT**



Eight detectives one Lieutenant and two sergeants are assigned to conduct investigations. The Detectives work in teams of two and investigate crimes committed in their specialized field such as burglary, crimes against persons, crimes against property, etc. Detectives routinely initiate investigations into a verity of criminal offenses discovered to be occurring in the city.

All of the investigators are also members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. The Florissant Police Department continues to take a strong lead in Squad activities. Captain DeHart serves as a Deputy Commander and several of the Squad Supervisors are members of the Florissant Police Department.

A detective assigned to the BOI is specially trained to handle crimes and status offenses committed by youths under the age of 18. They maintain close ties with the Family Court of St. Louis County and various youth service groups. The Juvenile Detective is specially trained in the investigation of child abuse and neglect. The Juvenile Detective maintains all juvenile records and gang intelligence information.

## **ANTI CRIME/NARCOTICS TASK FORCES**



Four Detectives and a Sergeant are assigned to investigate drug activity, vice and many other criminal activities occurring within the City of Florissant. The Florissant Police Department also cooperates in Federal Investigative Task Forces targeting regional drug and gang related activities. One investigator is assigned full-time to Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) Task Force. In 2021 the Anti-Crime Unit investigated 9 fatal overdose death cases and cleared 8 of those with the arrest of the suspect who supplied the victim the fatal dose of narcotics.

## **EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN UNIT**



Two Detectives are assigned as Evidence Technicians. They are responsible for processing major crime scenes for evidence. Both are highly trained in the collection of fingerprints, blood evidence, trace tissue, and fiber samples. During 2021 the ETU handled 8,165 individual pieces of evidence. The police department utilizes a state of the art property control bar code system. The system allows evidence technicians to efficiently track, control, and manage over 57,005 pieces of seized property. Evidence technicians utilize a fully digital photography lab, as well as a forensic video lab. These labs allow the technicians to read, isolate, enhance, and print evidence located on videotape, digital disc, and film. Technicians use a special ultra-violet light, crime-scope camera to locate latent fingerprints and footprint evidence.

During 2021, latent fingerprints from 248 cases were submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, (A.F.I.S.) at the St. Louis County Crime Laboratory for identification purposes with positive identifications on 49 prints. The remaining submissions remain in A.F.I.S. for comparisons to suspects entered in the future.



In addition to submitting fingerprints the evidence technicians submit DNA evidence samples for analysis to the St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory where the samples are forwarded to the Combined DNA Index System, (C.O.D.I.S) for identification purposes. A total of 286 submissions resulted in 23 positive “hits” through DNA analysis during 2021.

## **CORRECTIONS UNIT**

Six full-time Corrections Officers are assigned to the BOI to process and supervise detainees who are being held in the department’s holding facility on charges ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. These non-commissioned officers handled the processing and detention of 2,406 prisoners arrested by officers of the department in 2021.



All arrestees are photographed into the regional IRIS mug-shot system and fingerprinted into the Live Scan automated fingerprint system that electronically transmits the fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's AFIS database.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The Chief of Police designates a commander to act as the Inspector of Police and that function currently rests with the Commander of the Bureau of Investigations. Most allegations of misconduct are handled by the immediate supervisor of the employee, but allegations that are serious or criminal in nature may be referred to the Inspector of Police for investigation. The objective of the process is to insure confidence and trust in the police department.

In 2021 there were 16 allegations of misconduct made against 18 different employees. Allegations were made against 17 sworn officers and 1 Corrections Officer.

- 0 Complaints of Excessive Force.
- 4 Complaints involving Demeanor.
- 12 Complaints, Rule, Procedure, and Policy violations.
- 14 internal complaints were sustained.
- 0 external complaints were sustained.
- 2 external complaints were not sustained.

During 2021 the Department affected 2,406 adult arrests. There were no incidents of lethal force used in 2021. There was no incident of a firearm discharged. Officers found it necessary to use some degree of less-lethal force to affect the arrest of 69 persons. There was an increase in amount of Use of Force as there was 66 in 2020 and 69 in 2021. This represents an increase in reports of 3 Use of Force. The department made 2717 arrests in 2020 and 2406 in 2021, which is a decrease of 311 arrest. This equals a 11.45% decrease in arrest for 2021. This equates to force being used in 2.87% percent of the adult arrests made during 2021.

Officers found it necessary to deploy force in 62 situations involving a suspect resisting arrest, 26 instances in which a suspect assaulted an officer or corrections officer, 7 incidents in which the suspect has assaulted others and force was necessary to subdue the suspect, and 8 situations to control a mentally ill subject. During these incidents 21 suspects claimed to be or were injured during the arrest. All persons against whom force was used were treated at Northwest Healthcare or DePaul Hospital.

#### **Use of Force**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Firearm discharged	1	0	0
Taser	26	18	24
Impact Weapon	0	0	0
OC	3	8	1
Physical Force	71	74	74
Canine Bite	0	0	0
Bean Bag Projectile	0	0	0
Total Types of Force	4	3	3



Total Use of Force Arrests	66	66	69
Complaints of Excessive Force	0	3	0
Custodial Arrests	5,215	2,717	2,406

### **STATISTICAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE**

The Florissant Police Department reports all crime statistics to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for inclusion in the FBI's annual report "***Crime in the United States***".

<b><i>Crime Reports – Offenses</i></b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Murder/Homicide</b>	8	1	4	5
<b>Sexual Assault/Rape</b>	6	19	16	9
<b>Robbery</b>	47	27	38	29
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	44	34	59	116
<b>Burglary</b>	154	171	98	93
<b>Larceny/Theft</b>	799	733	695	659
<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	150	285	425	338
<b>Arson</b>	2	1	5	5

<b><i>Crime Reports – Offenses (cont.)</i></b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	432	476	377	361
<b>Property Damage</b>	205	209	245	330
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	25	31	31	20

<b><i>Total Reported Offenses</i></b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,206</b>

### **ADULT ARREST SUMMARY**

Adult arrests include all persons 18 years of age or older.

<b><i>Arrest 2017 – 2021</i></b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Total Adult Arrests</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>5,090</b>	<b>5,215</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>2,406</b>

## **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY**

<b>MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES</b>						
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>NO INJURY</b>	1,501	1,173	1,182	1,320	928	1242
<b>INJURY</b>	463	383	366	441	557	338
<b>FATAL</b>	3	5	2	6	4	1
<b>TOTAL CRASHES</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>1626</b>
<b>LEFT THE SCENE</b>	362	222	253	456	388	360

## **THE TOP 5 HIGH VEHICLE CRASH LOCATIONS IN 2020**

1. U.S. Highway 67 at North New Florissant Rd
2. U.S. Highway 67(Trotter Way to Cougar)
3. Graham Rd. at Dunn Rd.
4. I-270 Eastbound from the city limit to Washington St.
5. New Halls Ferry and Parker Rd.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

Traffic Safety remains a primary concern of the department. While officers assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit investigate crashes and take a leading role in special traffic enforcement campaigns, it is the responsibility of all patrol officers to enforce traffic safety ordinances. During 2021 the department issued 25,227 citations, most for traffic related violations. These included arrests and citations for offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and other ordinance violations.

## **AWARDS FOR SERVICE**

The following employees and citizens were commended for their service to the department and the community during the year of 2021:

### **Letters of Commendation**

PO Ben Bathon

PO Jenna Carlson

PO Mike Arthur

PO Jeff Spaulding-4

PO Earl Anderson-2

PO Christian Aarns

PO Preston Caruso

PO Dan Kerckhoff

PO Dewitt Edwards

