

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Chief of Police***

A LETTER FROM COLONEL TIM FAGAN

I would like to share with you the 2022 Annual Report. Detailed in the report you will get a glimpse into what made 2022 another great year for the Florissant Police Department.



Our dedicated officers worked tirelessly to build strong relationships with residents and address concerns in a fair and impartial manner. As a result of these efforts the police department saw a notable decrease in certain crime categories. Unfortunately, like many of our law enforcement partners across our region we did see an increase in motor vehicle thefts.

Over the last year we really focused on community policing and enhancing our partnerships with local organizations. This involved actively listening to the concerns of residents and working together to address issues that affect the safety and well-being of our community.

In addition to community policing we also prioritized training and professional development for our officers. Our goal is to ensure that all members of the department are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively serve the community.

In our efforts moving forward into 2023 we will continue to educate the public on crime prevention initiatives, increase directed patrols and grow our technological footprint. By leveraging technology, we can increase our ability to prevent and help solve crime and ultimately improve overall safety in the community.

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

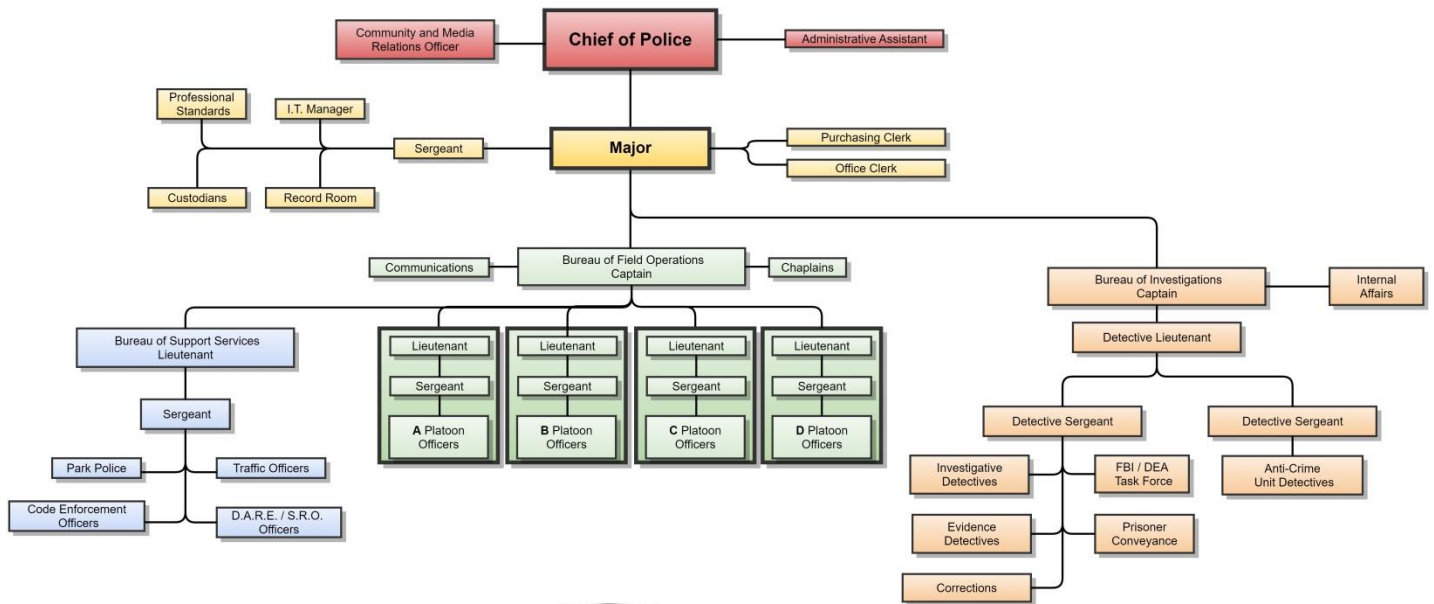
In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

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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, 5 Park Police/Bailiff Officers and four dispatchers.

Total- Police Officer Assignments for 2022

<i>Chief of Police</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Major</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Captains</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Lieutenants</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Sergeants</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Police Officers</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>(Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>95</i>

Office of the Chief- Officer Assignments

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

Office of the Major- Officer Assignments

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

Bureau of Field Operations- Officer Assignments

<i>Captain</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lieutenants</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Sergeants</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Patrol Officers</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>50</i>

Bureau of Investigation- Officer Assignments

<i>Captain</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lieutenants</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sergeants</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Detectives</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Anti-Crime Officers</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>DEA Taskforce Detective</i>	<i>1</i>

<i>Police Academy</i>	1
<i>Evidence Technicians</i>	2
<i>US Postal Service</i>	1
<i>Total</i>	21

Bureau of Support Services- Officer Assignments

<i>Lieutenant</i>	1
<i>Sergeant</i>	1
<i>Neighborhood Preservation</i>	3
<i>Traffic Unit</i>	4
<i>School Resource Officers</i>	12
<i>DARE</i>	1
<i>Reserves (Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</i>	5
<i>Total</i>	27



ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

Major Randy 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, who are responsible for dispatching the Florissant Valley and Black Jack Fire Protection Districts, and the appropriate police and fire equipment is immediately dispatched. During 2022 the Communications Unit handled 38,988 9-1-1 calls for emergency assistance and dispatched 70,732 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 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

In April 2022 the Florissant Police Department added two K9 teams to the department. The unit consists of Officer Chris Daub and his canine partner, "Huk", and Officer Matt Schaeffler and his canine partner "Tito".



These officers, with their canine partners are assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations and are available to perform narcotics detection, building searches, article searches, tracking felonious suspects and assisting other agencies with similar requests. The teams also participate in various canine public demonstrations throughout the year.

Both teams are graduates of the basic K9 Handler Course at the Boone County Sheriff's Office K9 Training Center and are certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association and the Missouri Police Canine Association. Both teams continue to receive in-service training to keep them proficient in all tasks required. They have current certifications through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and are certified each year.

Officer Daub and K9 “Huk”



Officer Schaeffler and K9 “Tito”



The Canine Unit accomplished the following in 2022:

- 19 building and vehicle searches for narcotics
- 9 tracks for suspects
- 4 building searches for suspects
- 2 suspect apprehensions, (2 non-bite surrenders and 0 bite apprehensions)
- 5 canine deployments to assist other agencies

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program (sUAS)

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 flood/spot lights.

The sUAS Unit is commanded by Sgt. Craig DeHart. The department has 8 Law Enforcement sUAS commercial pilots licensed by the FAA.



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 4th 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 Sgt. Andre Reece 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



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 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 four 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 43% of the departments' 1,649 crashes reported in 2022. 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, 4th of July Fireworks, Valley of the Flowers)

In addition, the department received grants to purchase two mobile radar trailers that can be deployed within the city limits. These units also collect data to generate traffic studies and determine where and when enforcement needs to be focused.

The Police Department purchased 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, and several selected patrol 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.)



Welcome back Students!
McCluer North High School
Resource Officer's

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 6th 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. The SRO.'s also spent the summer of 2022 conducting the second year of "Future Leaders Academy". This program takes high school students and provides them a glimpse of what the world after high school has to offer them.



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 2022, 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 of the 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.

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 play 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. In 2022 these officers worked with FEMA and SEMA during the floods to assist the area in receiving funding from the disaster that occurred in the greater St Louis area.

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 2022 the records staff processed 6,660 reports of incidents, crimes or arrests, 1,648 traffic crashes, and 1,189 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.

Some open police reports may be obtained at the police department. The processing charge is \$10 per report. Records also may now be emailed to requestors for a processing fee who submit a Sunshine Law Request through the City Clerk's Office via the Florissant Government Website.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

The Florissant Police Department relies heavily on technology to improve processes and supplement staffing wherever feasible. Kyle Odom has joined the department as the I.T. Manager and brings with him over a decade of experience in the public safety sector. Kyle is responsible for maintaining the servers, computers, user accounts, software packages and all other technology 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.

In 2022, the IT department focused on evaluating our current and future technology needs in preparation for upgrading and implementing new technology in the coming year. We have conducted a comprehensive analysis of our current systems and infrastructure to identify areas for improvement and to plan for future growth. Along with this technology review, the Florissant Police Department has continued to improve our LPR (license plate reader) program in high traffic areas. The data that is collected by our agency through our LPR system is shared to the St. Louis Fusion Center. The LPR system is affixed to stand alone or existing power poles and uses license plate images to check for stolen vehicles and other non-traffic and traffic offenses. This system has assisted our officers in successfully recovering stolen vehicles and other wanted vehicles in numerous crimes. We have expanded our LPR system to include shot detection. The shot detection system measures acoustics from gunfire and alerts our department an approximate location the gunfire occurred, allowing officers to respond to that area and start investigating.

As a result of our analysis, we have developed a technology roadmap that outlines the steps we need to take to modernize our systems and improve our overall technology infrastructure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Implementing multi-factor authentication for all user accounts, reducing the risk of unauthorized access.
- Identified outdated hardware and have already begun replacing the hardware in a systematic fashion. (Desktops, Servers, Mobile Data Terminals)

- Improving our security controls and data storage practices including backup systems to ensure the safety and security of our important data.

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 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).

The Departments Mobile Data Terminals 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 various subsystems that provide information to assist with investigations and to review and complete police reports from their vehicles.

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.

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 3rd-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 2022, 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 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

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

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. 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.

Missouri Special Olympics



The Florissant Police Department continued their support of the Missouri Special Olympics by raising over \$3300.00 for Special Olympics in 2022 for the sixth consecutive year. 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.

This year was extra special as our Police Department was recognized and awarded “Outstanding Agency of the Year” as well as the “Greatest Percentage Increase” in our fundraising efforts for the Missouri Special Olympics.



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 are 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 better 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



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 2022 they continued their efforts for the fifth consecutive year.

In December of 2022 the Florissant Police Department participated in its seventh “Summons of Joy.” This program is in conjunction with the Churches United for Racial Harmony and Justice. Eight area churches donated \$4,200 that was turned into 42 \$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 youth to topics such as military service, college applications, how to complete a resume and apply for a job as well as personal fitness. In 2022, this program was a great success. We are looking forward to hosting another class in the summer of 2023.

Additional Community Policing Programs

There are many programs the Florissant Police Department offers as you can see 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 fifteen detectives, one Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, and six corrections Officers.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT



Twelve 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 variety 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. Major Randy Boden serves as the Commander and 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 the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) Task Force.



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 2022 the ETU handled 7,723 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 63,230 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 shoeprint evidence.

During 2022, latent fingerprints from 268 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 69 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 sampled are forwarded to the Combined DNA Index System, (C.O.D.I.S) for identification purposes. A total of 303 submissions resulted in 23 positive "hits" through DNA analysis during 2022.

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 3,165 prisoners arrested by officers of the department in 2022.

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 2022 there were sixteen allegations of misconduct made against sixteen different employees. Allegations were made against fourteen sworn officers, one dispatcher, and one corrections officer.

- 3 Complaints of Excessive Force.
- 2 Complaints involving Demeanor.
- 11 Complaints, Rule, Procedure, and Policy violations.
- 8 internal complaints were sustained.
- 3 external complaints were sustained.
- 5 external complaints were not sustained.

During 2022 the Department affected 3,165 adult arrests. There were no incidents of lethal force used in 2022. 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 56 persons. There was a decrease in amount of Use of Force as there was 69 in 2021 and 56 in 2022. This represents a decrease of 13 Use of Force reports. The department made 2,406 arrests in 2021 and 3,165 in 2022, which is an increase of 759 arrests. This equals a 31.54% Increase in arrests for 2022. This equates to force being used in 1.77% percent of the adult arrests made during 2022.

Officers found it necessary to deploy force in 54 situations involving a suspect resisting arrest, 20 instances in which a suspect assaulted an officer or corrections officer, 9 incidents in which the suspect had assaulted others and force was necessary to subdue the suspect, and 4 incidents to control a mentally ill subject. During these incidents 20 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

	2020	2021	2022
Firearm discharged	0	0	0
Taser	18	24	21
Impact Weapon	0	0	1
OC	8	1	3
Physical Force	74	74	62
Canine Bite	0	0	0
Bean Bag Projectile	0	0	0
Total Types of Force	3	3	4
Total Use of Force Arrests	66	69	56
Complaints of Excessive Force	3	0	3
Custodial Arrests	2,717	2,406	3,165

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***".

<i>Crime Reports – Offenses</i>				
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Murder/Homicide	1	4	5	3
Sexual Assault/Rape	19	16	9	11
Robbery	27	38	29	30
Aggravated Assault	34	59	116	83
Burglary	171	98	93	89
Larceny/Theft	733	695	659	724
Vehicle Theft	285	425	338	441
Arson	1	5	5	4

<i>Crime Reports – Offenses (cont.)</i>				
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Simple Assault	476	377	361	353
Property Damage	209	245	330	607
Sex Offenses	31	31	20	15

<i>Total Reported Offenses</i>				
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL	1,987	1,999	2,206	2,570

ADULT ARREST SUMMARY

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

Arrest 2018 – 2022					
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Adult Arrests	5,090	5,215	2,717	2,406	3,165

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES					
YEAR	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NO INJURY	1,182	1,320	928	1242	1,143
INJURY	366	441	557	338	356
FATAL	2	6	4	1	7
TOTAL CRASHES	1,550	1,767	1,479	1626	1,649
LEFT THE SCENE	253	456	388	360	344

THE TOP 5 HIGH VEHICLE CRASH LOCATIONS IN 2022

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.

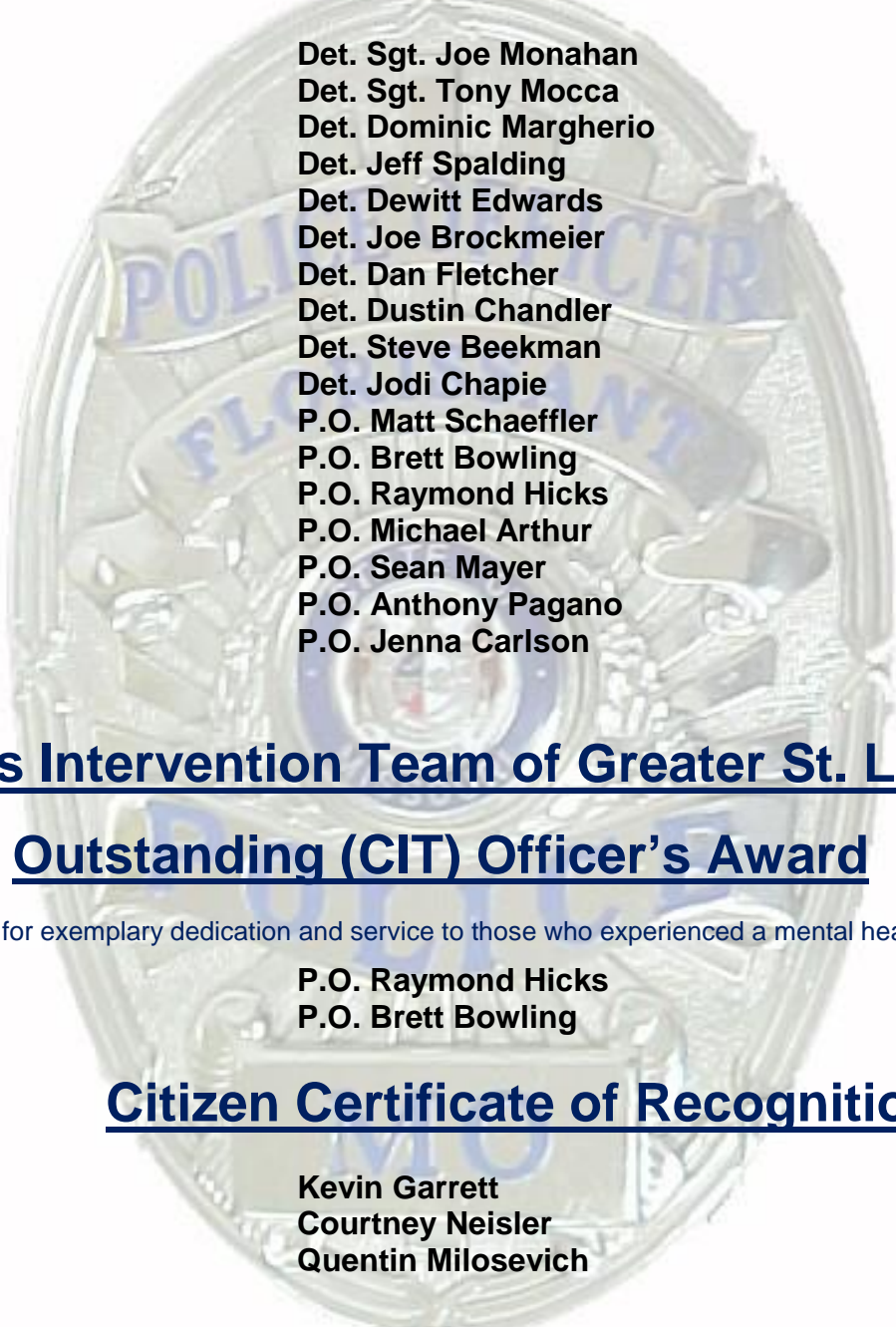
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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 2022 the department issued 22,598 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 2022:

Letters of Commendation



Det. Sgt. Joe Monahan
Det. Sgt. Tony Mocca
Det. Dominic Margherio
Det. Jeff Spalding
Det. Dewitt Edwards
Det. Joe Brockmeier
Det. Dan Fletcher
Det. Dustin Chandler
Det. Steve Beekman
Det. Jodi Chapie
P.O. Matt Schaeffler
P.O. Brett Bowling
P.O. Raymond Hicks
P.O. Michael Arthur
P.O. Sean Mayer
P.O. Anthony Pagano
P.O. Jenna Carlson

Crisis Intervention Team of Greater St. Louis

Outstanding (CIT) Officer's Award

(Bestowed for exemplary dedication and service to those who experienced a mental health crisis)

P.O. Raymond Hicks
P.O. Brett Bowling

Citizen Certificate of Recognition

Kevin Garrett
Courtney Neisler
Quentin Milosevich