

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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A LETTER FROM COLONEL TIM FAGAN

As we reflect on the past year, I am pleased to share with you the positive outcomes and accomplishments of the Florissant Police Department in our ongoing commitment to your safety and well-being.



Our committed officers have exerted steadfast efforts to forge strong community connections, addressing concerns in a fair and impartial manner. I am proud to announce that these endeavors have produced meaningful outcomes, resulting in a noteworthy 3% decrease in overall crime within our city in 2023.

Specifically, we have seen a 10% decline in residential burglaries, a substantial 36% reduction in robberies, a 14% decrease in motor vehicle thefts, and a 14% drop in property damage. These statistics are a testament to the effectiveness of our collective efforts, indicating that our neighborhoods are indeed safer.

I want to acknowledge that our department's greatest asset is our dedicated commissioned and professional staff. Their unselfish commitment and hard work play a pivotal role in maintaining Florissant as a safe community to live in, work, and visit. The cooperation of our elected officials, civic leaders, and citizens is equally instrumental in achieving this level of success.

As we move forward, we remain determined in our commitment to your safety. Our ongoing initiatives will focus on building upon these achievements, collaborating with residents, and leveraging our collective strength to ensure Florissant continues to be a secure and thriving 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

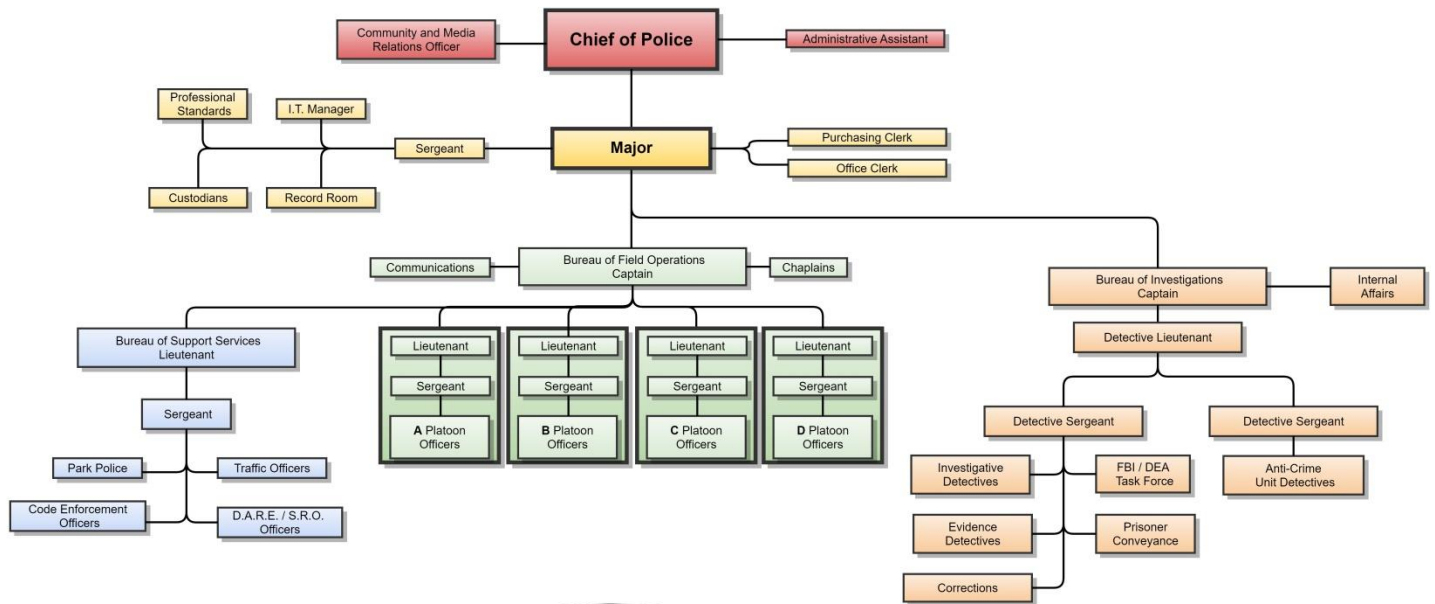
In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

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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 2023

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

Bureau of Support Services- Officer Assignments

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



ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

Major Randy Boden serves as the Assistant Chief of Police, directly accountable to the Chief of Police. Major Boden holds responsibility for overseeing administrative and operational aspects of the Bureau of Field Operations, Bureau of Investigations, and Bureau of Patrol Support.

BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS



Captain Vince Godfrey leads the Bureau of Field Operations (BFO), the largest and most prominent division within the Florissant Police Department. This sector consists of dedicated uniformed personnel who tirelessly patrol the city around the clock, seven days a week. The BFO encompasses uniformed patrol officers, canine units, the communications unit, and various 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 2023 the Communications Unit handled 38,234 9-1-1 calls for emergency assistance and dispatched 69,674 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

The Florissant Police Department has two K9 teams. The unit consists of Officer Chris Daub and his canine partner, "Huk", and Officer Matt Schaeffler and his canine partner "Tito".

Officer Daub and K9 "Huk"



Officer Schaeffler and K9 "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.

The Canine Unit accomplished the following in 2023:

- 33 vehicle searches for narcotics
- 12 tracks for suspects
- 16 building searches for suspects
- 11 suspect apprehensions, (0 bite apprehensions)
- 7 canine deployments to assist other agencies

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program (sUAS)

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 Det. 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



Three full-time officers, highly trained in crash investigations, are assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit. Two of these officers hold certifications as Crash Reconstructionists. In 2023, Traffic Officers conducted investigations for 43% of the department's 1,438 reported crashes. They specialize in preparing Crash Reconstruction Reports, particularly for incidents involving fatal injuries, and conduct follow-up investigations for hit-and-run cases.

Additionally, the Lieutenant and Traffic Safety Officers are integral members of the Mayor's Traffic Commission. They also actively participate in the Greater St. Louis Traffic Safety Council, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. Regular meetings with officials and engineers from the St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic and the Missouri Department of Transportation are held to address safety concerns on county and state-maintained roadways.

The Traffic Safety Officers play a key role in coordinating various traffic enforcement programs, including highway safety grants and special campaigns. They diligently track all vehicles towed by the Florissant Police Department. Moreover, Traffic Safety Officers contribute to the security measures for Florissant Municipal Court sessions and City Council Meetings.

The Traffic Safety Unit oversees the maintenance, training, and records for various equipment within the Florissant Police Department, including:

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

In 2021, the Traffic Unit deployed ten advanced Speed Check reading signs in neighborhoods throughout the city. These signs alert motorists to their driving habits, promoting awareness of speeding and facilitating traffic studies used for enforcement activities. Additional responsibilities include conducting radar details in problematic areas or streets, managing funeral details, overseeing parades, and providing support for charity runs and special events like the Fall Festival, 4th of July Fireworks, and Valley of the Flowers.

Furthermore, the department secured grants for two mobile radar trailers deployable within the city limits and acquired two additional hand-held laser radar units. These units play a crucial role in collecting data for traffic studies, aiding in the strategic focus of enforcement efforts.

The Police Department expanded its fleet in 2015 with the purchase of two Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Motorcycles. In 2017, Traffic Officers, along with selected patrol officers, underwent specialized training on the proper use of police motorcycles and obtained certification. These motorcycles are utilized for traffic enforcement, parades, funeral details, and various special duties. They are equipped with emergency lights and sirens, identical to those on regular Police Cruisers, as well as a mobile computer and printer.

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



The Florissant Police Department has established a partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District, which financially supports 75% of the costs associated with providing School Resource Officers (S.R.O.) for the academic school year. Commencing in the 2019-2020 school year, the Ferguson-Florissant School District increased the number of SROs for their schools. This augmentation has led to the assignment of three officers to each of the high schools (McCluer and McCluer North), one officer to Cross Keys, one officer to Wedgewood 6th Grade Academy.

The officers' responsibilities encompass ensuring safety and security on and around the campus, providing an educational resource, and assisting with administration. School Resource Officers collaborate with beat officers to communicate issues affecting the school campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. They address off-campus problems like student parking in residential areas, students smoking near campus, and student trespassing. SROs also run a student mentoring program and contribute to after-school activities and events. During the summer of 2023, SROs dedicated their efforts to the third year of the "Future Leaders Academy," a program offering high school students insights into the opportunities awaiting them after graduation. The growing popularity of the "Future Leaders Academy" reflects its status as one of the most sought-after programs for students.



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 2023, Officers Stringer, Williams and Bowling 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 officers 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 2023 the records staff processed 6,368 reports of incidents, crimes or arrests, 1,603 traffic crashes, and 2,899 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 remains dedicated to harnessing technology to enhance operational efficiency and public safety. Throughout 2023, we have taken significant strides in evaluating and upgrading our technological infrastructure, with a keen eye on future preparedness. Notably, we have successfully implemented multi-factor authentication (MFA) across all user accounts, fortifying our security measures against unauthorized access.

The deployment of a cutting-edge in-car and body-worn camera system represents a pivotal advancement in our capabilities. This state-of-the-art system not only fosters transparency and accountability but also provides invaluable support to officers in the field, facilitating evidence collection and incident documentation.

Our technology roadmap has identified and remedied outdated hardware, instigating a systematic replacement process for desktops, servers, printers, and mobile data terminals. These upgrades not only enhance operational efficiency but also ensure the reliability and performance of our technology infrastructure.

The Florissant Police Department continues to leverage modern CAD and RMS software systems, supplemented by a new Next Gen 911 telephone system, to empower our personnel with cutting-edge tools for dispatch, incident management, and data analysis. These systems, augmented by specialized servers and software products, serve as the cornerstone of our operational framework, enabling seamless coordination and streamlined workflows.

Mobile Data Terminals furnish officers with real-time access to critical databases and resources, facilitating informed decision-making and bolstering situational awareness. Additionally, the integration of REJIS Mobile Ticketing further streamlines citation processing, curtailing administrative overhead and heightening efficiency.

Collaboratively with the Professional Standards Sergeant, the IT Manager oversees the maintenance of a cloud-based web portal, ensuring department personnel have access to a comprehensive repository of information and resources. This centralized platform fosters knowledge sharing and upholds adherence to departmental policies and procedures.

Our department's internet website serves as a vital conduit for citizens and other law enforcement agencies, providing easy access to information and departmental resources. Information readily accessible on our website encompasses news of department activities, press releases, annual reports, and the capability to file online requests and comments, which are promptly routed to the appropriate staff members. The widespread use of email by all department employees continues to facilitate more direct and accurate internal communications while affording the public greater access to officers and staff members.

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 487 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.

In October 2023, The Florissant Police Department went through a tri-annual on-site review which utilized the CALEA "Gold Standard" review process. This was our seventh reaccreditation process (8th total assessment). The assessor reviewed written materials, interviewed employees, observed practices and inspected facilities where compliance with the standards can be witnessed. The Florissant Police Department had a very successful assessment, and the assessors submitted their final report to the Commission for their review. We look forward to receiving our eighth Advanced Accreditation Award in March of 2024.

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 2023 all Officers of the Florissant Police Department Completed this P.O.S.T training in the following categories:

- Racial Profiling
- Mental Illness
- Implicit Bias
- De-escalation
- Technical Studies
- Interpersonal Prospectives
- Skill Development
- Legal Studies

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 department also completed Active shooter response training (MACTAC) in conjunction with the St. Louis County Police and other area Departments.

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.

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. Options for consideration 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 giving them the information they need. 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

Recognizing the pivotal role of social media in rapid information dissemination, the Florissant Police Department acknowledges its effectiveness in reaching residents, business owners, organizations, and the media. The department has observed active monitoring of its social media pages, facilitating the swift sharing of firsthand information. Currently leveraging Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, and Nixle, these five social media platforms collectively engage with over 30,000 individuals.

We encourage you to visit and support our social media pages. Find us on Facebook (Florissant Police Dept), Twitter (@FlorissantPD), and Nextdoor (Florissant Police Department) for general updates, while Instagram (florissantpd) is specifically dedicated to sharing visual content.



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



For the sixth consecutive year, the Florissant Police Department sustained their commitment to the Missouri Special Olympics by successfully fundraising over \$1000. The contribution was made through active participation in the Law Enforcement Torch Run—a campaign aimed at generating awareness and financial support for the Missouri Special Olympics. The Florissant Police Department consistently exhibits strong involvement in our leg of the run, covering 2.7 miles 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 presents a distinctive opportunity for participants to gain insights into the training procedures undergone by police officers in the Police Academy. In September of 2015, the Police Department collaborated with the Florissant Valley Fire



Protection District to establish a Public Safety Academy. A typical academy class accommodates a full group of twenty-five citizens and spans eight weeks. This educational citizen involvement initiative is crafted by the Police and Fire Departments. The curriculum covers various subjects, including Traffic Enforcement, Narcotics, Evidence/Crime Scene Investigation, Firearms, Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, Vehicle Extraction, and a Live Fire Demonstration.

The aim is to foster mutual understanding, facilitating improved collaboration between citizens and police/firefighters.

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 boasts a well-established track record of engaging in community policing. The department actively promotes initiatives like foot patrols and citizen interactions, fostering a longstanding commitment to community involvement that has become an integral part of every organizational aspect. Our dedication to community policing serves as the bedrock upon which we fulfill our mission.



Starting in early 2017, the dedicated individuals at the Florissant Police Department volunteered their time to assist a local food pantry in unloading monthly food deliveries. In 2023, they extended this altruistic effort for the sixth consecutive year.

In December of 2023 the Florissant Police Department participated in its Ninth "Summons of Joy." This program is in conjunction with the Churches United for Racial Harmony and Justice. Eight area churches donated \$3,800 that was turned into 38 \$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.



The Florissant Police Department organizes a fantastic community event known as "Coffee with a Cop." Multiple times each year, the department hosts these gatherings at local businesses, providing an opportunity for police officers and community members to come together over coffee.

These events serve as a platform for open discussions about various issues and promote a better understanding between law enforcement and the community they serve.



A recurring and well-received event involves our police officers partnering with a local high school to engage in a friendly basketball game. Officers join teams alongside high school players, creating an enjoyable experience as the teams compete against each other. The positive response from both students and staff has made this event a noteworthy success.

Future Leader Academy



In 2019, Officers Kim Berry and Freddie Lee initiated the Future Leaders Academy, a two-week program designed to introduce twenty high school-aged youth to various subjects, including military service, college applications, resume writing, job application procedures, and personal fitness. The success of the program in 2023 has spurred anticipation for hosting another class in the summer of 2024.

Additional Community Policing Programs

The Florissant Police Department administers a diverse range of programs, overseen by the Public Information Officer who is responsible for coordinating the following initiatives:

- 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 holds the position of Commander within the Bureau of Investigations, overseeing a team comprising fifteen detectives, one Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, and six corrections officers.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Twelve detectives, along with one Lieutenant and two sergeants, are designated to carry out investigative tasks. Detectives operate in pairs, focusing on crimes within their specific expertise, such as burglary, crimes against persons, and crimes against property. They proactively launch investigations into various criminal activities identified within the city.



All investigators are active members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. The Florissant Police Department plays a leading role in squad activities, with Major Randy Boden serving as the Commander, Captain DeHart as the Deputy Commander, and several Squad Supervisors from the Florissant Police Department.

A detective within the Bureau of Investigations is specifically trained to handle crimes and status offenses involving individuals under the age of 18. They maintain strong connections with the Family Court of St. Louis County and various youth service organizations. The Juvenile Detective, trained in the investigation of child abuse and neglect, is responsible for managing all juvenile records and gang intelligence information.

ANTI CRIME/NARCOTICS TASK FORCES

A team of four Detectives and a Sergeant has been designated to probe into drug-related activities, vice, and various other criminal occurrences within the City of Florissant. Additionally, the Florissant Police Department actively collaborates with Federal Investigative Task Forces, specifically focusing on regional drug and gang-related activities. Furthermore, one investigator is dedicated 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 2023 the ETU handled 7,430 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 66,378 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 2023, latent fingerprints from 326 cases were submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, (A.F.I.S.) at the St. Louis County Crime Laboratory for identification purposes. The remaining submissions will be kept in A.F.I.S. for future comparisons with suspects who are added later.



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 218 submissions resulted in 25 positive "hits" through DNA analysis during 2023.

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 2,880 prisoners arrested by officers of the department in 2023.

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 2023 there were twelve allegations of misconduct made against fourteen different employees. Allegations were made against 11 sworn officers, one dispatcher, and two corrections officers.

- 0 Complaints of Excessive Force.
- 2 Complaints involving Demeanor.
- 10 Complaints, Rule, Procedure, and Policy violations.
- 9 internal complaints were sustained.
- 2 external complaints were sustained.
- 1 external complaint was not sustained.

During 2023 the Department affected 2,880 adult arrests. There were no incidents of lethal force used in 2023. There were no incidents of a firearm discharged. Officers found it necessary to use some degree of less-lethal force to affect the arrest of 36 persons. There was a decrease in amount of Use of Force as there was 56 in 2022 and 36 in 2023. This represents a decrease of 20 Use of Force reports. The department made 3,165 arrests in 2022 and 2,880 in 2023, which is a decrease of 285 arrests. This equals a 9.0% decrease in arrests for 2023. This equates to force being used in 1.25% percent of the adult arrests made during 2023.

Officers found it necessary to deploy force in 29 situations involving a suspect resisting arrest, 18 instances in which a suspect assaulted an officer or corrections officer, 8 incidents in which the suspect has assaulted others and force was necessary to subdue the suspect, and 5 incidents to control a mentally ill subject. During these incidents 8 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.

REPORTED USE OF FORCE

	2021	2022	2023
Firearm discharged	0	0	0
Taser	24	21	15
Impact Weapon	0	1	0
OC	1	3	2
Physical Force	74	62	41
Canine Bite	0	0	0
Less Lethal Bean Bag	0	0	0
Total Types of Force	3	4	4
Total Use of Force Arrests	69	56	36
Complaints of Excessive Force	0	3	0
Custodial Arrests	2,406	3,165	2,880

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**".

Crime Reports – Offenses				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder/Homicide	4	5	3	5
Sexual Assault/Rape	16	9	11	11
Robbery	38	29	30	19
Aggravated Assault	59	116	83	82
Burglary	98	93	89	80
Larceny/Theft	695	659	724	754
Vehicle Theft	425	338	441	375
Arson	5	5	4	6

Crime Reports – Offenses (cont.)				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Simple Assault	377	361	353	386
Property Damage	245	330	607	516
Sex Offenses	31	20	15	18

Total Reported Offenses				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL	1,999	2,206	2,570	2,475

ADULT ARREST SUMMARY

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

Arrest 2020 – 2023				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Adult Arrests	2,717	2,406	3,165	2,880

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES						
YEAR	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NO INJURY	1,182	1,320	928	1242	1,143	1,236
INJURY	366	441	557	338	356	471
FATAL	2	6	4	1	7	3
TOTAL CRASHES	1,550	1,767	1,479	1626	1,649	1,537
LEFT THE SCENE	253	456	388	360	344	395

THE TOP 5 HIGH VEHICLE CRASH LOCATIONS IN 2023

1. U.S. Highway 67 at North New Florissant Rd
2. U.S. Highway Patterson
3. Patterson and Humes.
4. New Halls Ferry (RT AC) and Parker Rd.
5. U.S Hwy 67 and Charbonier

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Ensuring traffic safety continues to be a top priority for the department. While officers within the Traffic Safety Unit handle crash investigations and play a pivotal role in special traffic enforcement campaigns, all patrol officers share the responsibility of enforcing traffic safety ordinances. In the year 2023, the department issued a total of 23,687 citations, with the majority pertaining to violations related to traffic. These citations encompassed arrests and penalties for offenses such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, along with 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 2023:

Letters of Commendation



Sgt. Andrew Hale
P.O. Matt Lubber
P.O. Bradley Beeman
P.O. Raymond Hicks
P.O. Michael Anello
P.O. Chris Daub
P.O. Anthony Pagano
P.O. Owen Willtrout
P.O. Jacob Heisserer
P.O. Mobin Malik
P.O. Mariah Edwards
Det. Sgt. Joe Monahan
Det. Dan Kerckhoff
Det. Dominic Margherio
Det. Jeff Spalding
Det. Dewitt Edwards
Det. Joe Brockmeier
Det. Ryan McCarrick
Det. Dan Fletcher
Det. Steve Beekman
Det. Jodi Chapie
Dispatcher Lindsay Nelke