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MISSION

The mission of the Hodgenville Police Department is to safeguard life and property within our community. We will accomplish this mission by partnering with our citizens and being proactive in our efforts.

Officers of the Hodgenville Police Department will at all times conduct themselves with honor and integrity and with the highest ethical standard.

VALUES

HONOR- Officers of the Hodgenville Police Department will serve our community with honor. We will not tarnish our badge, reputation, or agency.

INTEGRITY- Officers of the Hodgenville Police Department will be honest, ethical do morally sound.

COMMUNITY- The community is our mission. Everything we do is for the safety and betterment of the community we serve.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The past year has seen multiple changes with the department. 2021 saw the Larue County Dispatch Center finally leave the jail and start the process to obtain the counties first NCIC terminal. This will make law enforcement within Larue County more self-sufficient and will increase the overall safety of every officer within the County.

HPD saw the K9 program start, and unfortunately end, in 2021 as well. After an incident involving our K9 Drax and his handler, we were forced to make changes and secure another K9, Ila. After personnel issues, as well as the level of training Ila had received prior to our getting her, Mayor Phelps and I agreed the best action was to dissolve the program. We hope to explore the K9 program again in the future.



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2021 also saw personnel changes within the department. Officer Judd resigned to take a position with the Campbellsville Police Department in May. Fortunately for HPD, he returned a short time later. SGT Garth Avery then resigned in August leaving us with just four officers to cover the 24-hour patrol schedule. Officer Judd was selected to fill the empty SGT position and was assigned as B Squad Supervisor.

HPD picked up two new officers in 2021. Recruit Officer's Terry Riley and Steven Ray, giving HPD a full staff for the first-time in recent memory.

Another first for HPD occurred in 2021 when we were approved to fund an Impaired Driving Enforcement Trailer to use during our checkpoint operations. The City Council approved a budget of up to \$40,000 of ABC funds to purchase the trailer and equip it. We purchased road cones, reflective signs, and digital billboards as well as the trailer and lighting. It has drastically improved the safety of our officers as they conduct checkpoint operations around the county.

ABC funding was also used to purchase our latest equipment, a DUI simulator. Known as SIDNE, the equipment will allow HPD to put on presentations for the community and Larue County Schools related to impaired and distracted driving, allowing the department to be more involved within the community.

Our continued mission to be more involved with and within our community was also on display throughout 2021. HPD participated in numerous community functions and continues to seek ways to be more involved with the community. HPD started a cadet program this year as well. We started with ten prospective cadets and are currently seeing about 5 attend each meeting.

I hope that 2022 is just as productive as 2021!



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Command Staff



James Richardson, Chief of Police



Jordan Whitlow, Sergeant
A Squad Supervisor



Josh Judd, Sergeant
B Squad Supervisor



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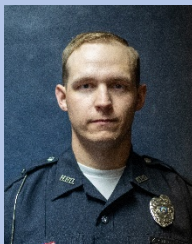
OFFICERS



School Resource Officer Kevin Bennett



Officer James Sherrard



Officer David Williams, III

Recruit Officer Terry Riley

Recruit Officer Steven Ray



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CIVILIAN STAFF



Beth Sadler, Police Clerk



Brionna Taylor, Police Social Worker

2021 ended with the department adding PSW Brionna Taylor as a Police Social Worker. PSW Taylor will be interning at HPD until May for her master's program through the University of Kentucky. She started working with the department in late November. In the short time she was here in 2021, she opened 7 cases. Of these 7 cases, all but one involved juveniles. The types of service areas included mental health related issues, domestic violence/intimate partner violence, substance abuse and truancy/school related issues.

PSW Taylor's mission is to respond to, or follow up on, calls for service that officers feel the involved parties need social service-related assistance. She arranges appointments for services and makes referrals to individuals in order to assist them in whatever crisis they are in.

HPS is exploring options in order to acquire funding to bring PSW Taylor on as a part-time employee after her internship in May.



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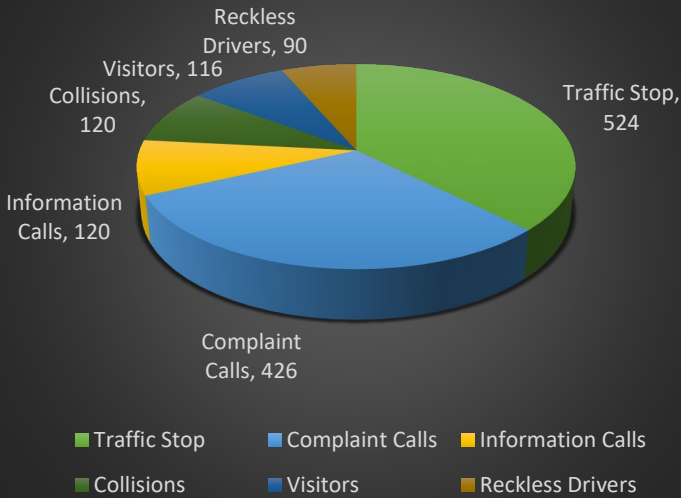
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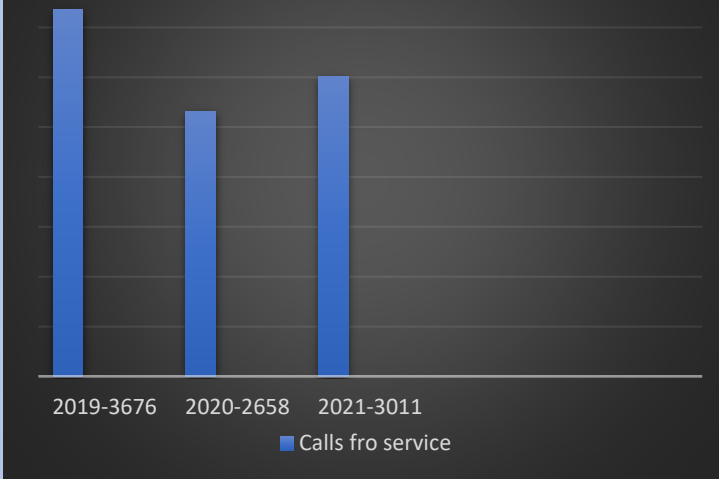


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2020 Calls for Service



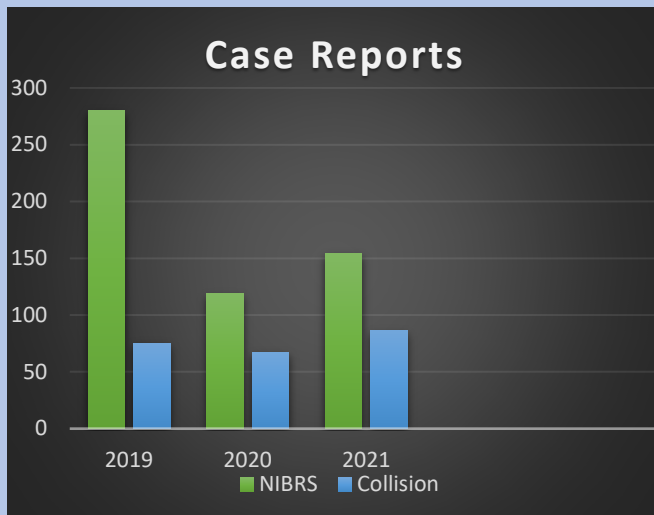
3 Year Calls for service volume



The number of calls for service rose in 2021 by 353 calls, still below pre-COVID numbers.

Reports

Case Reports

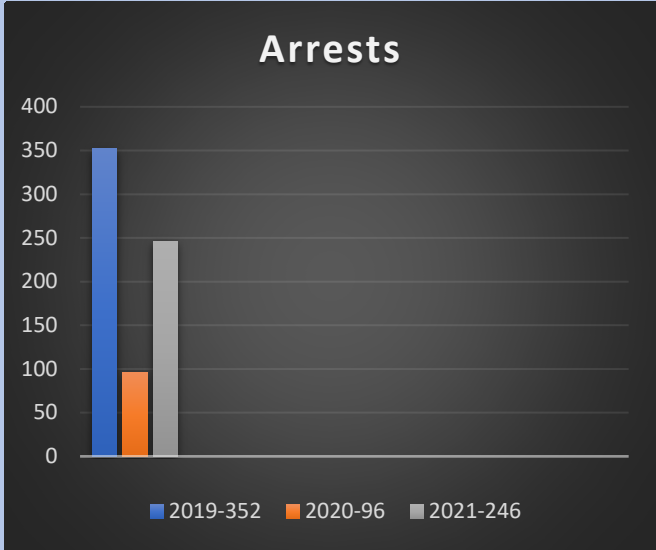


2021 saw a slight increase in case reports with officers having taken 35 more reports in 2021. These are cases in which a criminal investigation has been conducted, which may or may not have led to criminal charges being filed. Collision reports also rose in 2021 from 67 in 2020 to 86 in 2021.

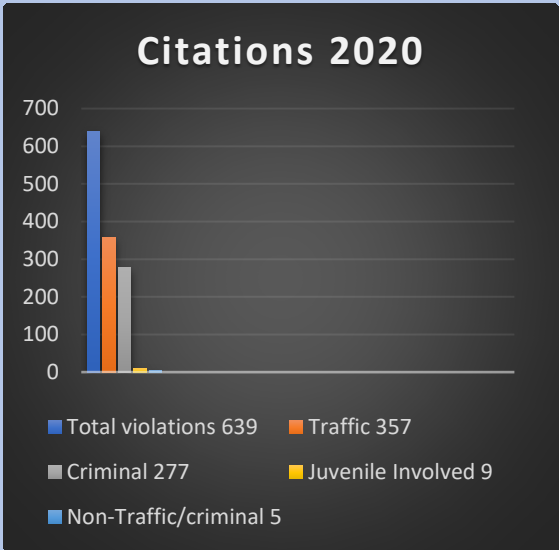
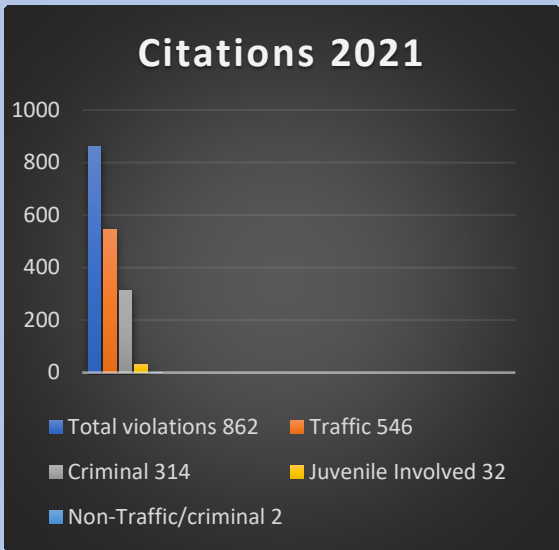


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Arrests



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Department involvement in area resources



Crisis Intervention Team

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)- a partnership between law enforcement, mental health providers, the courts, and advocates. This partnership is intended to improve the way partners respond to mental illness.

In August of 2021, Chief Richardson was selected to become the Chairman of the Communicare Region CIT Advisory Board. This is the longest running CIT Advisory Board in Kentucky and encompasses Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington Counties.



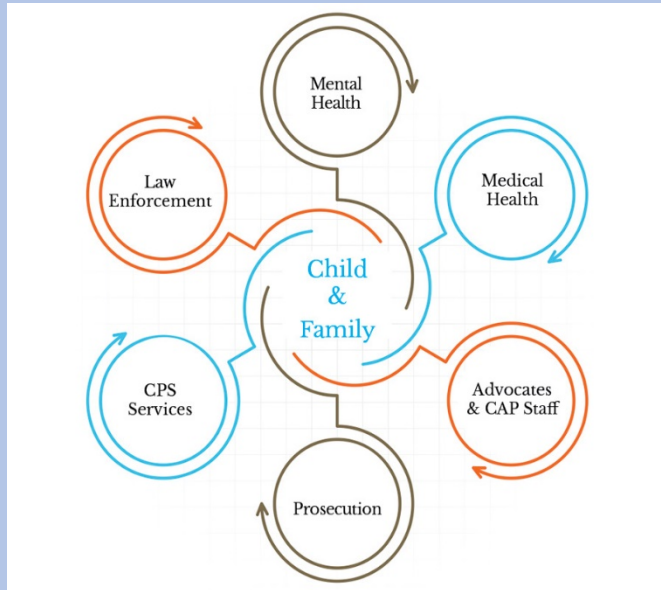
Sexual Assault Response Team

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)- a partnership between law enforcement, prosecutors, sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE), and advocates. This partnership, much like CIT, is intended to better assist survivors of sexual assault.

Currently HPD has one trained sexual assault investigator, Chief Richardson. In 2022, HPD will send SGT Josh Judd to training to become the second sexual assault investigator for the department. HPD assist the Kentucky State Police in investigating all sexual assaults that are reported within LaRue County.



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Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

“Each investigation of reported or suspected sexual abuse of a child shall be conducted by a specialized multidisciplinary team . . .” Local MDTs are groups of local professionals who work together in a coordinated and collaborative manner to ensure an effective response to child sexual abuse.

HPD works closely with our community partners on the multidisciplinary team to comply with current statutes as well as to work these cases as thoroughly and efficiently as possible.