

The Hodgenville Police Department



2024 Annual Report

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.

Chiefs Message

On behalf of all the employees of the Hodgenville Police Department, I would like to thank the community for their continued support. HPD continues to build community trust and involvement, and we pride ourselves in the relationships we have built in the past several years.

HPD works tirelessly with community partners to bring quality service and resources to our community. Due to the limited resources in our small county, HPD reaches across county lines to work with agencies that can provide those needed resources and support our mission.

In preparing this report, I focused on staff, equipment, funding, and productivity. What we do, who does it, how much it costs us to do, what we use to do it with, and who helps us do it. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me! HPD may be small, but we work tirelessly to set the standard of what to expect from a small-town department with big city problems!

142- Richardson

131- Riley

130- Howard

139- Bennett

136- Fletcher

134- Grant

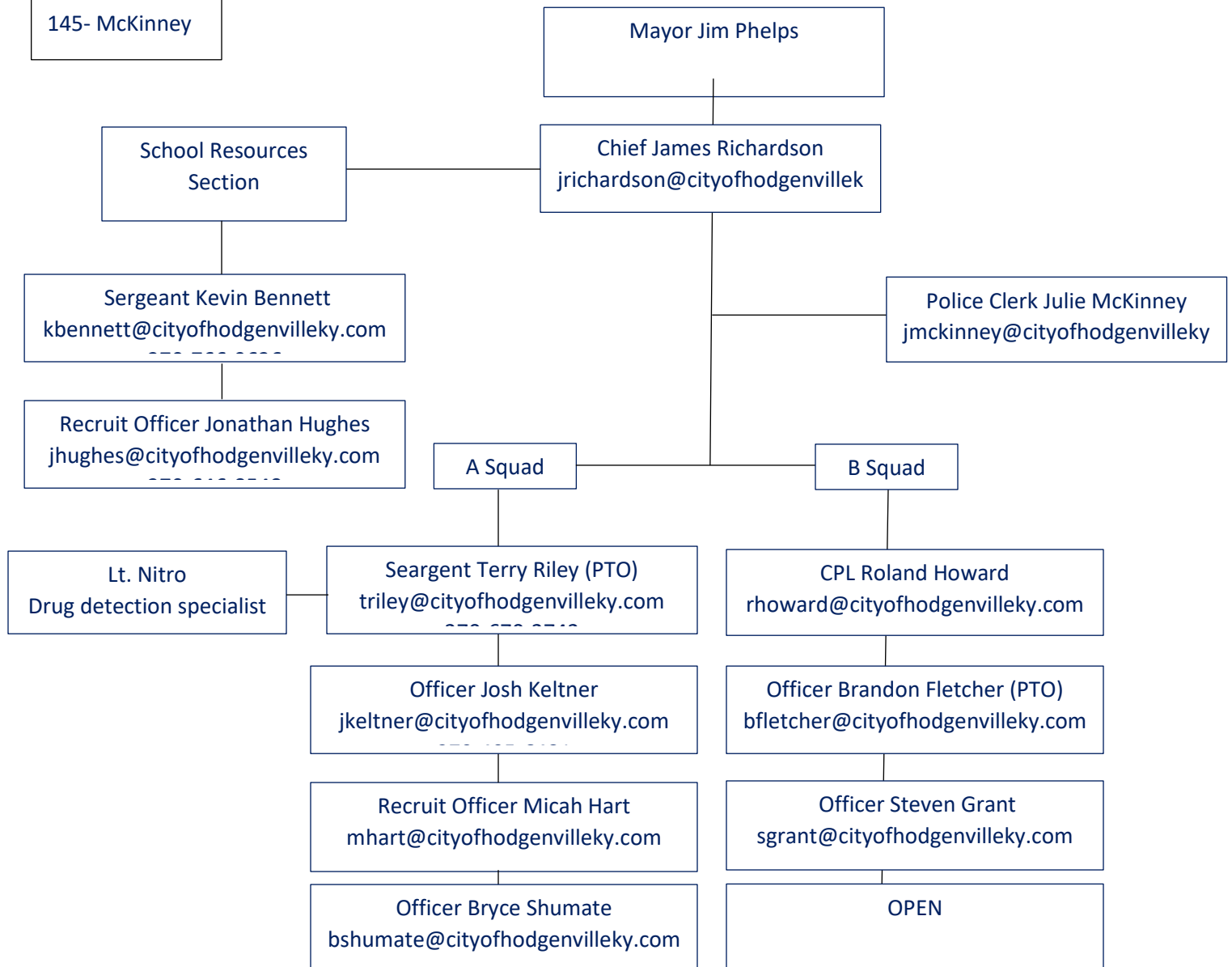
132- Keltner

135- Hart

133- Hughes

145- McKinney

HPD Organization Chart



Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment and retention continue to be a problem for not only HPD, but departments across the country. HPD has a family atmosphere with input from all officers within the department. We continue to hire and train new officers while searching for lateral officers that can go straight to duty.

Mayor Phelps and our City Council have raised pay and benefits to be comparable to other agencies our size. One of our main issues is we are situated between larger agencies that pay up to \$10 more per hour and have funding to pay for officers' contracts. This is a continued problem with no real solution.

“Even with all the adversities of hiring and retention faced by HPD, I refuse to lower our standard for officers just to put more boots on the ground.”

-Chief Richardson

2024 Overview

2024 saw the addition to several new faces at HPD and the departure of several more. We also had the honor of promoting SRO Kevin Bennett to Sergeant, assigning him as the supervisor of the department's School resource Officers.

HPD also worked in partnership with Larue County Schools in order to provide a second SRO. Effective June 29th, 2023, KRS 158.4414(1) stated that, ***“Local boards of education, school district superintendents, administrators of state-controlled facilities, and local and state law enforcement agencies shall cooperate to assign, by August 1, 2022, one (1) or more certified school resource officers to serve each campus where one (1) or more school buildings are used to deliver instruction to students on a continuous basis.”***

HPD hired a part-time Police Clerk, Julie McKinney, who was later moved to full-time. Police Clerk McKinney oversees the administrative duties at HPD.

HPD hired a part-time officer in 2024 which put the PD at 10 sworn officers: 8 patrols and 2 SRO's. This is by far the most staff HPD has ever had, and we certainly needed it. This has led to the purchase of numerous items due to PD only having enough equipment for 8 officers.

With this influx in staff, HPD has attempted to take every opportunity to save taxpayer money. For instance, instead of buying new vehicles and outfitting them, we have found gently used vehicles at a reasonable cost that includes the equipment needed. In 2022 we purchased 2 new cruisers for \$120,000. We then had to spend an estimated \$12,000 to equip each vehicle due to changes made by Ford. Our old equipment would not fit the new style of vehicle. We have been able to purchase these used vehicles, fully equipped (minus the radio), for approximately \$40,000 to 45,000 each. This is a savings of \$15-20,000 per vehicle.

HPD has also taken advantage of grants and funding from other resources. We recently updated our weapons systems using forfeiture funds from a recent drug case. We have also received grant funding to purchase new ballistic vests; savings of almost another \$20,000.

Even with the added staff, we have still seen a strain on the schedule. CPL Howard was deployed late in the year in support of our freedom, and we had multiple recruit-officers. Officer Grant graduated in October 2024, while both Recruit Officer Hart and Hughes are expected to start their academy training in January and February respectively.

In order to help save money, Chief Richardson requested to be moved to salary in order to help support the schedule while not incurring overtime.

Our cases load remains close to average. What has changed is the amount of time spent on investigations. HPD conducts its own criminal investigations on all crimes except for serious offenses that requires more resources such as murders. For those incidents we are assisted by KSP Post 4.

KSP Post 4 also continues to be our source of all things LINK/NCIC. With no NCIC terminal in Larue County, HPD is a satellite agency of Post 4. What that means is that when we enter stolen items, missing person, wanted person, etc. we must send that information to KSP who enters and maintains the record for us. The Larue County E911 Center has been working toward obtaining a terminal, but has yet to finalize the installation.

Dispatch



Larue County E911 Center

In 2024, the Larue County E911 center took 15,109 total dispatched calls for service. This includes all calls for HPD, the Larue County Sheriff's Office, Larue County EMS and all four VFD's. It is important to state that we could not accomplish our mission without the help and assistance of the E911 Center.

Of those 15,109 calls, HPD was responsible for 3,432. (*Other* calls are calls such as, but not limited to, transfers, cancelled calls and those calls that units are not dispatched to.)



Crime Statistics

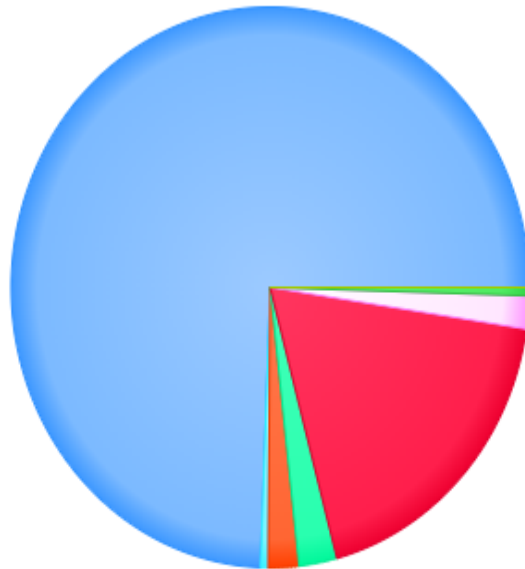
HPD issued 701 citations in 2024

HPD made 353 arrests in 2024

HPD served 201 outstanding warrants

HPD opened 258 cases in 2024

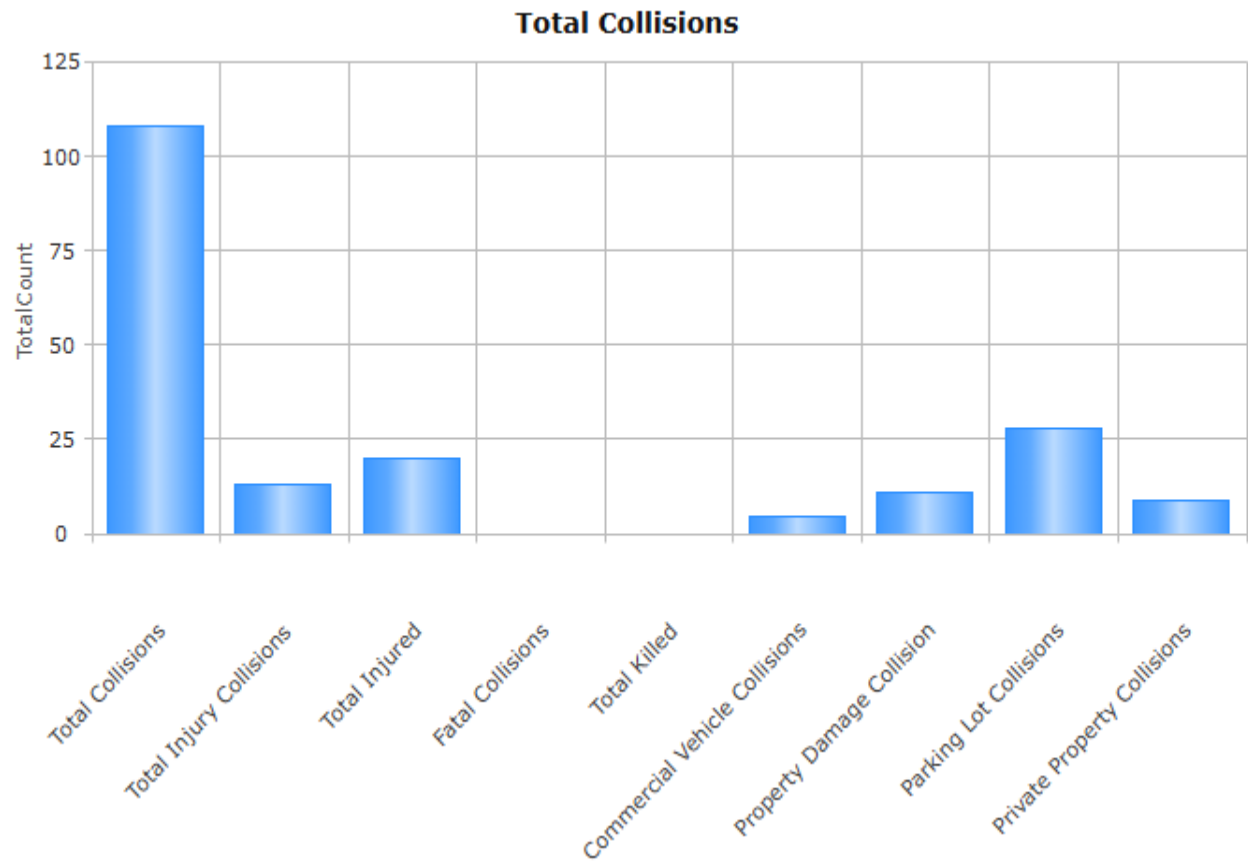
Total Crime



■ Total Other - 74.41%
 ■ Total Murder - 0.4739%
 ■ Total Rape - 0.000%
 ■ Total Assaults - 1.896%
■ Total Burglaries - 2.370%
 ■ Total Larceny - 18.48%
 ■ Total Auto Thefts - 1.896%
■ Total Arson - 0.4739%
 ■ Total Robberies - 0.000%

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| Total Crimes | 211 |
| Total Murder | 1 |
| Total Rape | 0 |
| Total Assaults | 4 |
| Total Burglaries | 5 |
| Total Larceny | 39 |
| Total Auto Thefts | 4 |
| Total Arson | 1 |
| Total Robberies | 0 |

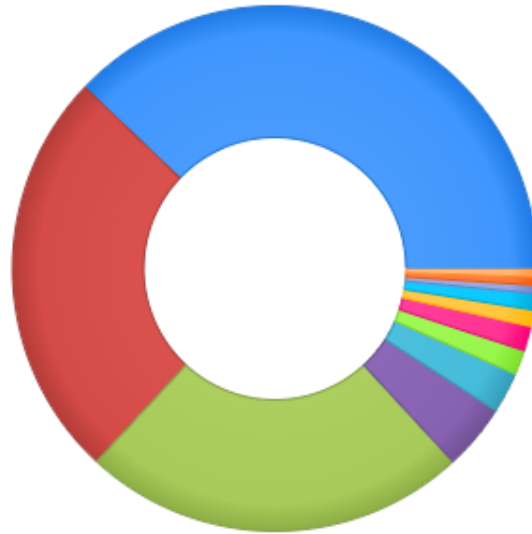
Collisions



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| Total Collisions | 108 |
| Total Injury Collisions | 13 |
| Total Injured | 20 |
| Fatal Collisions | 0 |
| Total Killed | 0 |
| Commercial Vehicle Collisions | 5 |
| Property Damage Collision | 11 |
| Parking Lot Collisions | 28 |
| Private Property Collisions | 9 |

Speeding Citations

Top Roadway - Speeding Citations

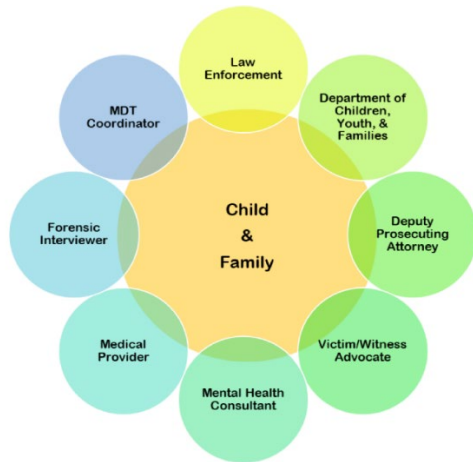


■ LINCOLN PKWY - 37.88% ■ CAMPBELLSVILLE RD - 25.25% ■ LINCOLN FARM RD - 23.74%
 ■ GREENSBURG RD - 4.040% ■ NEW JACKSON HWY - 2.525% ■ TONIEVILLE RD - 1.515%
 ■ S, LINCOLN BLVD - 1.515% ■ SONORA RD - 1.010% ■ N, LINCOLN BLVD - 1.010%
 ■ COMMERCE PKWY - 0.5051% ■ W, HIGH ST - 0.5051% ■ LINCOLN DR - 0.5051%

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| LINCOLN PKWY | 75 |
| CAMPBELLSVILLE RD | 50 |
| LINCOLN FARM RD | 47 |
| GREENSBURG RD | 8 |
| NEW JACKSON HWY | 5 |
| TONIEVILLE RD | 3 |
| S, LINCOLN BLVD | 3 |
| SONORA RD | 2 |
| N, LINCOLN BLVD | 2 |
| COMMERCE PKWY | 1 |
| W, HIGH ST | 1 |
| LINCOLN DR | 1 |

Community Partnerships

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.

- The Larue County MDT had 27 active cases in 2024. These were child abuse and sexual assault cases that originated within Larue County.
- The active members of our MDT include Silverleaf, HPD, BHH SANE, CPS, LCS, and the Larue County/Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

Baptist Health Hardin SANE Program



A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse trained in the forensic examination of victims of sexual assault and credentialed by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN). A nurse examiner conducts the examination, collects and preserves evidence, and testifies in legal proceedings. The SANE nurse becomes an integral part of the multidisciplinary team investigating the survivors of sexual assault, and should be knowledgeable in the nursing process, forensic nursing concepts, victim's issues, and legal responsibilities

- BHH SANE served 35 patients from Larue County in 2024

Livin Well Larue Coalition



It is our mission to provide opportunities through collaboration to empower and strengthen families and promote overall well-being. Our goals include raising awareness of local issues, promoting the well-being of our community, and raising awareness of the risks associated with substance abuse.

Chief is the Chairman

Police Clerk Julie McKinney is the secretary

- Provided over \$2,713.09 worth of school supplies to LCS
 - These supplies included notebooks, 1-inch binders, and Folders. Each item was removed and a LWL sticker with a QR code linked to anti-vaping information, was placed on each item.
 - Police Clerk Julie McKinney and our Cadets volunteered to do this
- Provided funding for fentanyl related needs for the HPD evidence room
- Continues to provide much needed support to our community

Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services



Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of our communities by overcoming the impact and prevalence of sexual trauma through service, education, and leadership.

- HPD conducted multiple Forensic Interviews using Silverleaf in 2024.
- CPS also used Silverleaf for numerous FI's

Communicare



Communicare is one of fourteen community Kentucky mental health centers providing behavioral health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services in the Lincoln Trail ADD District. This district includes the counties of Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington.

- Communicare is the mental health resource for HPD
- Evaluates all mental health patients for involuntary hospitalization

Everyday resources here in Larue County



John Nicholas and the Larue County Attorneys Office



Emily Ernst and the Circuit Court Clerks Offcie



Amber Cotrell and the Court Designated Workers Office

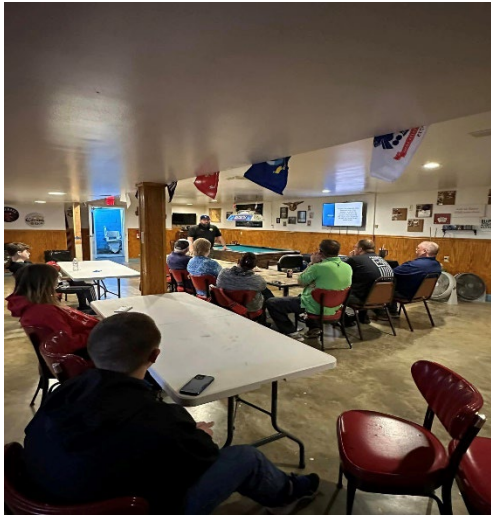


Kyle Williams and the Commonwealths Attorney's Office



Jody Perry and the Larue County Detention Center

Citizens Police Academy



We continued our annual CPA in 2024 and added a Teen CPA to the mix!



2024 Police Week, Washington, DC.



HPD started its Cadet Program in the fall of 2021. With a grant from Livin Well Larue we have been able to take our Cadets to Police Week in Washington, DC for the past three years. These youth from our community were able to see numerous national landmarks as well as numerous museums. They also took part in different activities at Police Week such as the candlelight vigil for fallen officers.

Hangin With Heroes



HPD continues its annual Hangin with Heroes Program by taking local children shopping for the holidays. In 2024 we were able to take several families shopping as we joined up with our friends from the Greensburg PD!

Chalk the Walk



During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, HPD conducts its annual Chalk the Walk!

DUI Education



HPD attended the 2024 Expo at the LCMS and our Cadets used our SIDNE Cart to show everyone the dangers of impaired driving. They also conducted a demonstration at the Larue County Public Library in 2024!

2024 Awards and Recognition

2024 Governor's Award for Impaired Driving Enforcement



SGT Terry Riley

2024 Governor's Award for Occupant Protection



Chief James Richardson

Meritorious Service Award

The MSA is awarded to officers that go above and beyond in their efforts and save a life.



Officer Josh Keltner was awarded the departments MSA for actions leading to locating and saving the life of an overdose victim.



Recruit Officer (then Code Enforcement Officer) Jonathan Hughes was awarded the departments MSA for medical actions leading to saving the life of a man having a medical condition in order to get him to BHH ED for treatment.

Certificate of Achievement



Officer Grant was awarded a certificate of achievement for his recognition by DOJCT for his accomplishments in the police academy.



HPD received a plaque from the Buffalo Baptist Church as a sign of their appreciation!

Promotions



SRO Kevin Bennett was promoted to
Sergeant



Officer Howard was promoted to
Corporal