

Uniontown Police Department

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

A message from Chief Batchik



Welcome to the Uniontown Police Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report includes information and statistics about the activities of the Uniontown Police Department, and the services it provides. The information and crime statistics in this report are presented in separate charts or categories.

Having lived in this community for nearly my entire life and serving this community for the last 22 years, I feel that I have an excellent grasp on what our community expects from our Police Department. Since being promoted to Chief in May 2018, with the help of the Lake Township Trustees, we have been able to add an additional full-time officer position and fill several vacant part-time officer positions. We have a good balance of experienced veteran officers, along with younger officers assisting with our proactive efforts to keeping our community safe and staying connected with our community. The safety, security, and sense of well-being of every member of the Uniontown community is the foremost responsibility of each individual within the Police Department. With all the challenges that we have faced in the past year, I am proud of how our Police Department has performed.

The continued success of our Police Department extends much further than the walls of our department. One of the biggest reasons for our success is due to the overwhelming amount of support in which we receive from our community. We greatly appreciate all the cards, letters, and phone calls as it reminds us of the continued support we receive from our community. Information and feedback from citizens help direct our efforts in service to the community.

I am going into my 4th year as Chief, and I am confident that we will continue to grow as a department and as a community. Thank you to all the residents of and visitors to our community for your continued help and support!

Sincerely,

Michael P. Batchik

Michael P. Batchik, Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Vision:

- *Through innovative thinking and goal setting, we are committed to delivering unparalleled service to our community.*
- *We will continue to strengthen community relationships and public trust while striving for excellence through employee development, self-discipline, and strong leadership.*

Our Mission:

It is the mission of the Uniontown Police Department to work with the citizens of our community to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility and community commitment. This teamwork effort is the move of the future.

Our Values:

Integrity – Community Trust – Communications – Employee Trust – Problem Solving & Leadership

Standards and Accreditation

The **Ohio Collaborative** is a twelve-person panel in Ohio that establishes statewide standards for law enforcement agencies. The result of recommendations from a task force created by former Ohio Governor John Kasich, the Ohio Collaborative is co-chaired by Director of Public Safety John Born and former Ohio Senator Nina Turner. Other members of the collaborative include representatives from law enforcement, community members, and legislators. In 2017, the department achieved compliance and was issued certification in the first round of standards that govern use of force, recruiting and hiring. Our department is committed to maintaining compliance with the current and any future standards to ensure that we are providing the best possible service to our community. Of the 831 law enforcement agencies in Ohio, we are one of just 329 certified by the Ohio Collaborative.



**Ohio Collaborative
Community-Police Advisory Board**

Social Media Presence

<https://www.facebook.com/UniontownPDOhio>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Service Area

Uniontown Police District Population

(2025): Roughly 13,000+

Area: 9 Square Miles

Police Department Established: 1966

1635 Edison St NW

Uniontown, Ohio 44685

330-699-6444



SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief
Michael Batchik
Serving Since 2000
Appointed - May 2018

Captain
Kevin Pierson
Serving Since 2025

Lieutenant
Nathan Weidman
Serving Si 2004
Promoted September 2018

Sergeant
John Koehler
Serving since 2001
Promoted May 2018

Sergeant
Angela Molea
Serving Since 2018
Promoted March 2025

Full-Time Officers

Officer
Dominic Simko
Since 2006

Officer
David Picard
Serving Since 2018

Officer
Michael Arena
Serving since 2020

Officer
Brian Marinchek
Serving Since 2022

Officer
Cole Stafford
Serving Since 2024

Officer
Dylan Soisson
Serving Since 2025

Part-Time Officers

Officer Brian Beavers
Serving Since 2010

Officer Tyler Boiarski
Serving Since 2018

Officer Michael Arena
Serving Since 2020

Officer John Schilling
Serving Since 2021

Officer Joseph Nelson
Serving Since 2022

Officer Melissa House
Serving Since 2025

Ofc. Christopher Butler
Serving Since 2025

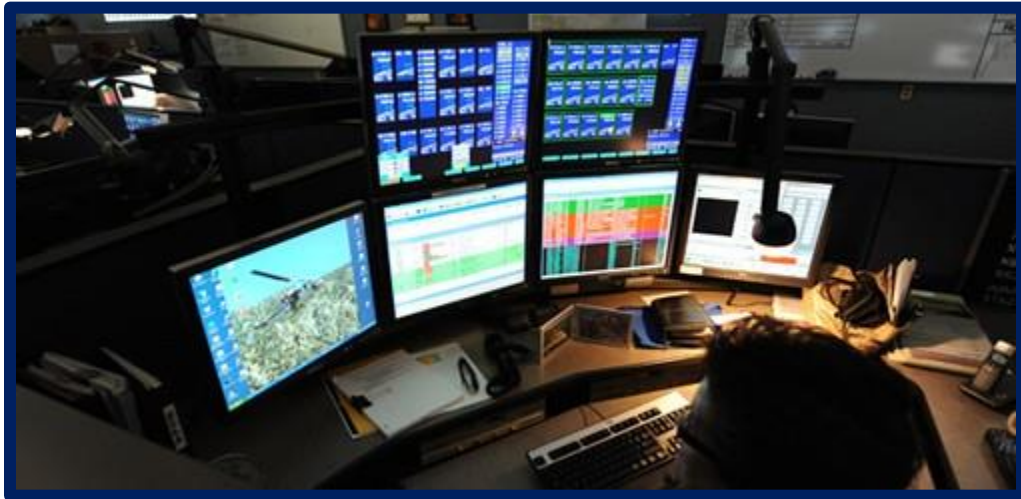
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Administrative Staff

Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant to the Chief
Kim Berry
Serving Since 2015

Dispatcher/Secretary
Summer terra
Serving Since 2024

Part-Time Dispatcher
Debby Davis
Serving Since 2000



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In the hierarchy of the department structure,
the Administrative Staff reports directly to the Chief of Police.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

In addition to Patrol Duties, many of our officers are assigned secondary special assignments to support our overall mission. Below listed in no specific order are some of the assignments and the allocation of Officers/Supervisors for 2025.

Regional Crash Team Specialists	1
Field Training Officers	4
Firearms Instructors	4
Stark County OVI Task Force	4
Public Information Officers	1
U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force Member	1

NEWLY SWORN



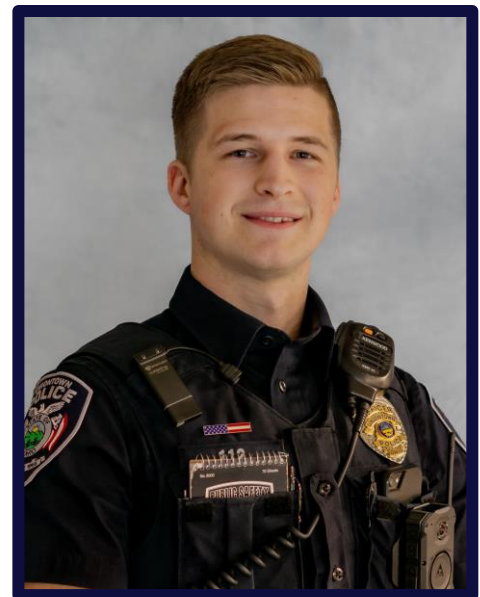
**Full Time Captain
Kevin Pierson**



**Full Time Officer
Dylan Soisson**



**Part Time Officer
Melissa House**



**Part Time Officer
Christopher Butler**

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

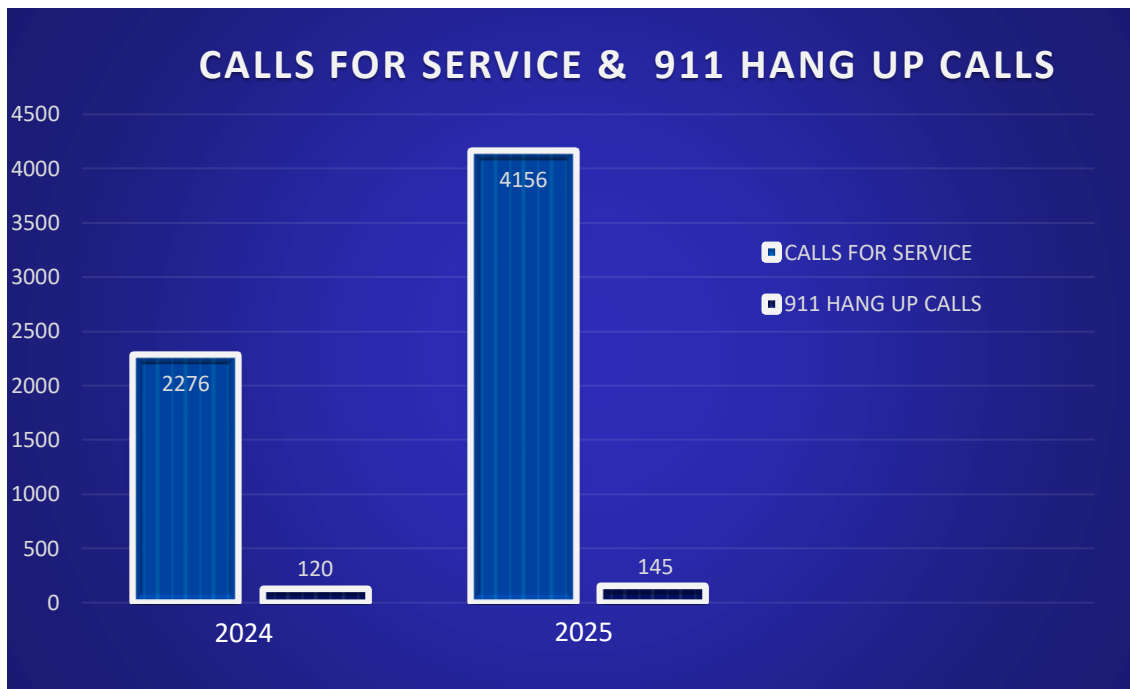
Housed within the Uniontown Police Department is our dayshift Dispatcher, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, except for government holidays. Our dispatcher duties include answering all incoming telephone lines and radio transmissions in addition to monitoring fire department and other township radio traffic for needed police responses. Afterhours, weekend, and holiday calls still ring into our department and then are transferred directly offsite to The Canton Police Departments Communication Center (CANCOM) whom we contract with to provide our 365/24/7 Emergency Dispatch Service including all our jurisdiction's 911 emergency calls and area Fire Departments. CANCOM also provides us with prompt notification of vital police response needed for life-threatening calls involving fire and medical situations.

Dispatchers are an essential link between the community and our Officers. In addition to call taking and assessing the priority of the call, they are frequently the initial contact between the department and the citizens by telephone and sometimes in person. Our in-house Dispatchers also function as public record clerks, receptionists, notary publics, and secretaries. Responsibilities including record storage, record keeping, record release functions, record proofreading, entering data into our records management system, and processing and proofing all court paperwork including citations, summons and complaint forms. The variance of calls handled daily range from accidental vehicle lockouts to suspicious subjects or vehicles parked in a neighborhood.

The Officers can utilize their Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in their cruiser to retrieve prompt information on subjects they encounter; this information is provided by the Ohio Law Enforcement Data System (LEADS). Our Dispatchers and Officers are LEADS trained and certified biannually. Early in 2012 we contracted with Armada Group which then became iLincs Corporation LLC, to provide our MDT service which includes a secured utility providing a two-way instant messaging option for Officers and in-house dispatch. Entries of stolen items, missing and/or wanted persons for LEADS are entered into LEADS and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) by CANCOM.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

A Call for Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the Dispatcher for any incident that an Officer responds to or generates themselves. These include traffic stops, calls from citizens, assisting FD/EMS personnel, hazards, arrests, assisting other public safety departments, and any other activities that the Dispatcher or Supervisor deem necessary to keep a record of. The Officers and Supervisors also keep written logs of their daily shift events. CANCOM's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system allows the Department to track many activities and ensures an adequate response and prompts Officer safety checks, when needed. In house we utilize The State of Ohio call record program that is provided to all Police Departments at no cost. The below chart shows the number of Calls for Service handled over the past 2 years.



UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division comprises the largest and most visible segment of the department. During 2025 the Division consisted of the Chief of Police, one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, eight full-time patrol officers, and 5 part-time patrol officers. The Patrol Division is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Our Patrol Division officers work day-shift, afternoon-shift or midnight-shift. There is a Sergeant or Officer in Charge (OIC) assigned to supervise each shift. The Shift Sergeants report to the Captain in Charge of Operations. The Captain reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The Captain in Charge of Operations is also responsible for monitoring arrest statistics, traffic stop statistics, gender/race reports, as well as any bias-based complaints generated throughout the year. Our records management system (OHLEG) monitors the activity of each police officer, allowing the Lieutenant and Shift Sergeants to track a wide variety of activity and intervene if necessary. These reports are a valuable tool for both the supervision, and the officers alike.

POLICE JURISDICTION



From 2013 GIS - Some newer streets are not listed on this map. The yellow section on the right of the map, as well as LHS are in Hartville PD's Jurisdiction

UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

For Patrol purposes there are a minimum of two patrol cars assigned to the police jurisdiction for each shift. In addition to the two patrol cars, there may be additional cars assigned to special patrol duties such as traffic enforcement, neighborhoods, accidents, etc.

The patrol officers are the first responders to a wide variety of calls ranging from noise complaints, alarms, thefts, suspicious persons, domestic disputes, burglaries, and assaults. The strength of our department depends on the excellent service which our patrol officers provide to our community. Most of our patrol officers also have other assignments in addition to their patrol responsibilities. Among the major responsibilities of the Patrol division, community engagement, traffic enforcement and crash investigations are some that take up most of the officer's time.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

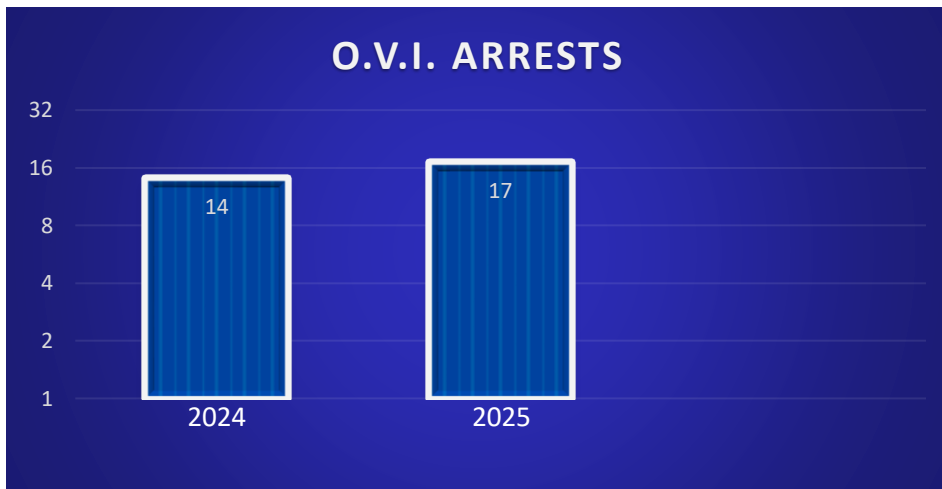
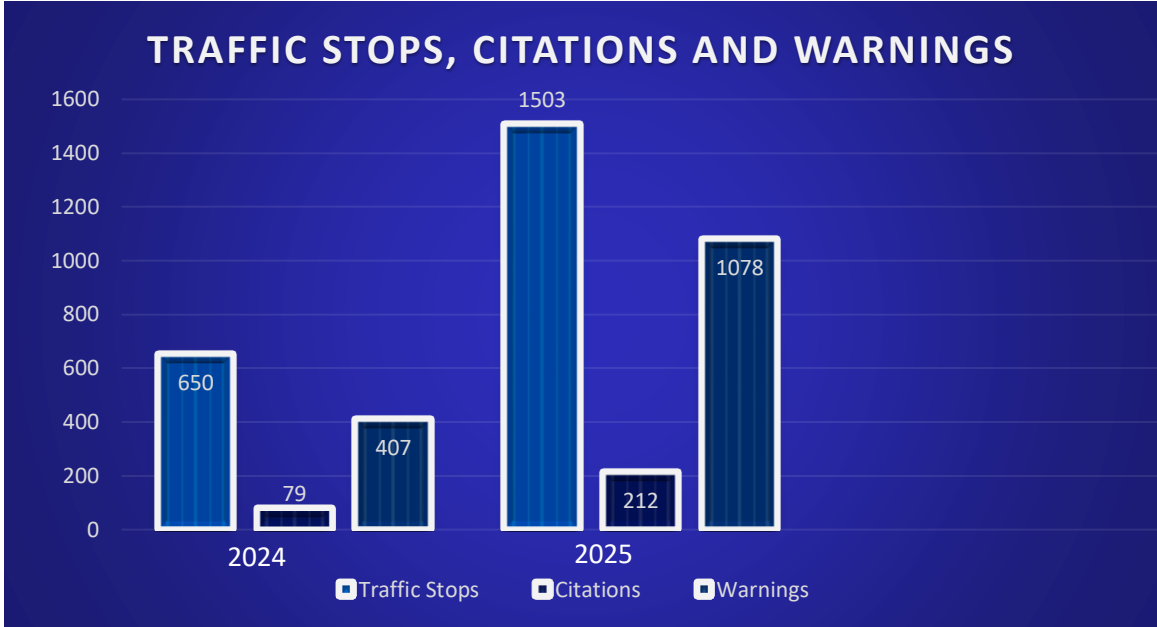
The Uniontown Police Department enforces traffic offenses in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. All adult citations are sent to Canton Municipal Court for processing. All juvenile citations are handled by The Stark County Family Court.



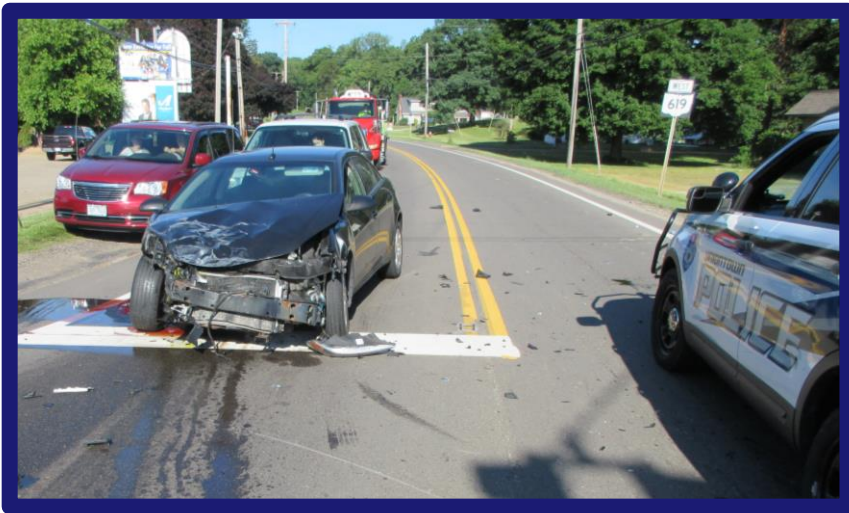
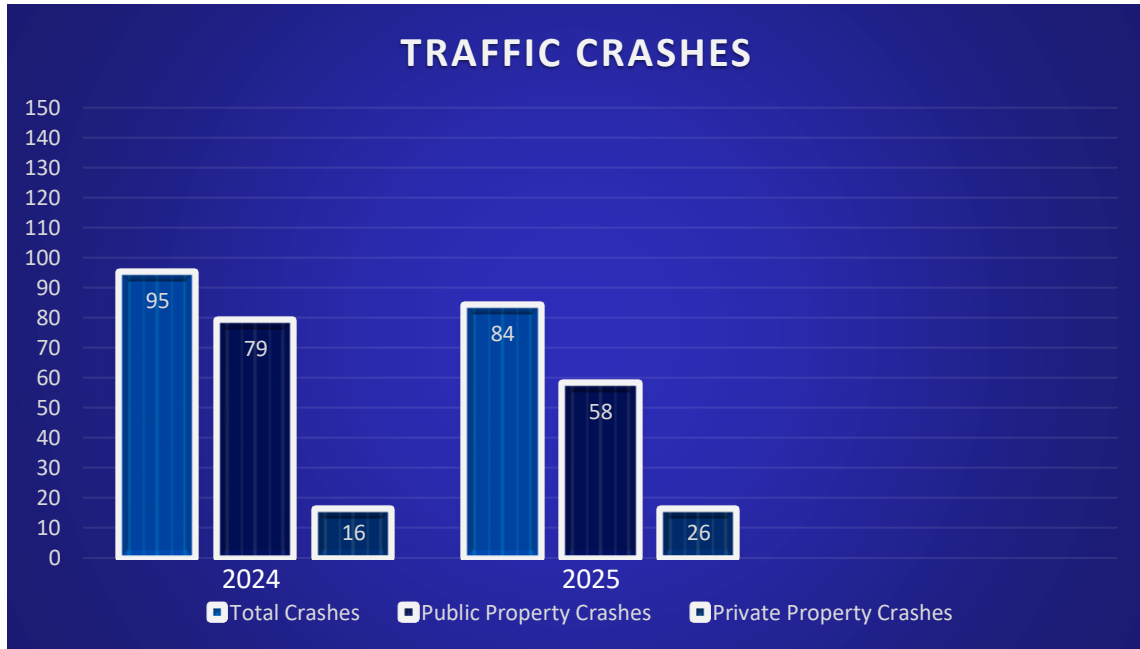
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

During traffic enforcement, Officers are given the discretion to issue a warning for the traffic violation instead of a citation. Sometimes warnings can accomplish the goal of promoting traffic safety while bringing awareness to the driver without an actual citation. Our warnings are kept on file and in our mobile computers and can be checked by officers during a traffic stop. Officers can see if the driver in which they have stopped, has ever been warned before for the same violation.

TRAFFIC STOPS & OVI'S

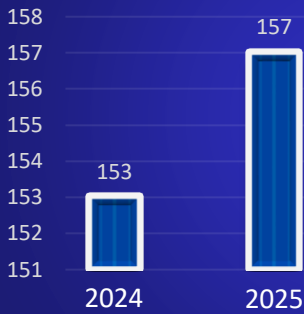


TRAFFIC CRASHES

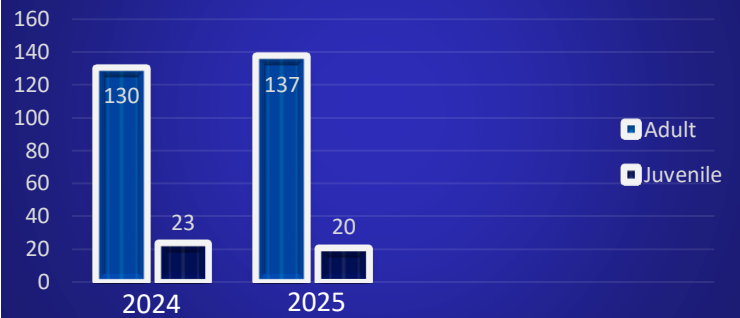


CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS

TOTAL ARRESTS



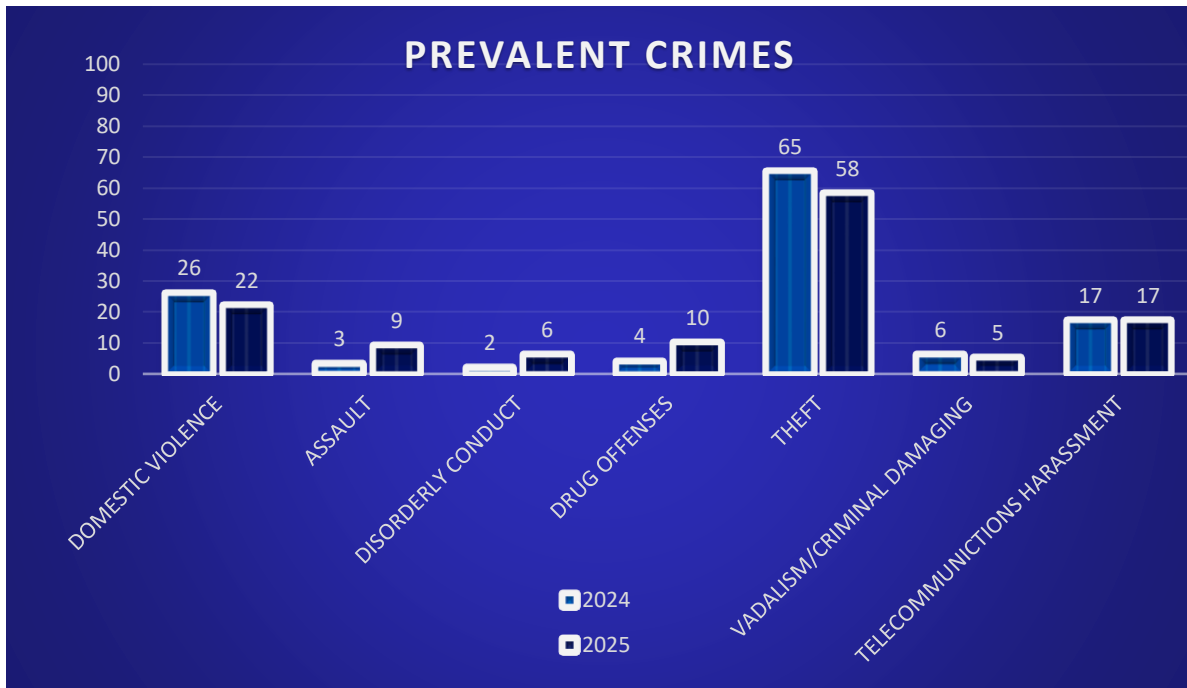
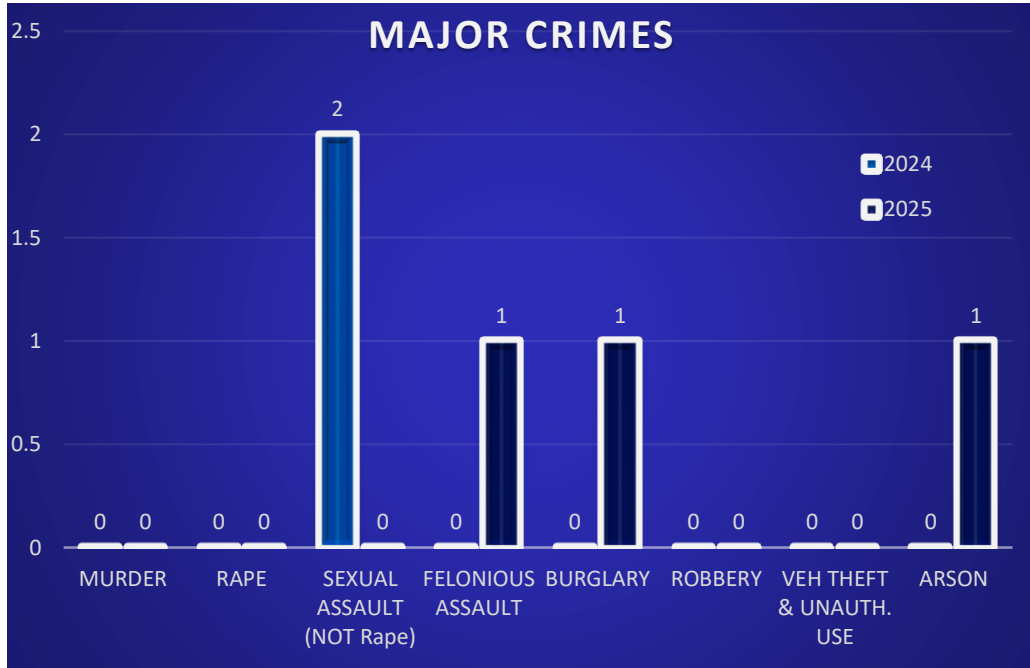
ADULT vs. JUVENILE



The Uniontown Police Department utilizes the Stark County Common Pleas Court, Canton Municipal Court and Stark County Family Court for all criminal and traffic offenses. Felony charges against adults are heard by the Stark County Common Pleas Court while adult misdemeanor charges are heard by Canton Municipal Court. All traffic and criminal charges against juveniles are heard by the Stark County Family Court.

When charges are filed against a juvenile or adult, the offender can either be summoned to court or incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or Juvenile Attention Center depending on the severity of the offense.

UNIONTOWN CRIMES



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

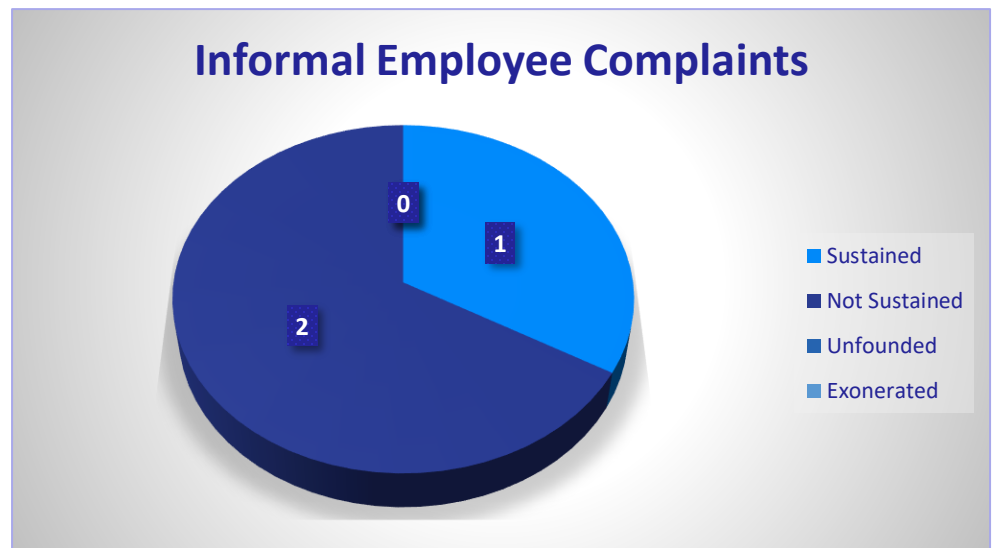
The Uniontown Police Department has established a reputation as a professional organization continually seeking opportunities to serve our community with fairness, impartiality, and respect in accordance with the law. Integrity, community trust, communication, employee trust, problem solving, and leadership are the fundamental values that provide the foundation for our service.

Internal Affairs works diligently to preserve the integrity of our agency through an internal system where objectivity, fairness and justice are ensured by intensive and impartial investigation and review of the actions of departmental employees. Its purpose is to clear the innocent, establish guilt of wrongdoers and facilitate prompt, fair and consistent disciplinary action. The Uniontown Police Department will investigate all complaints, alleged or suspected, either signed or anonymous, that are made against the department or its employees.

Statistics:

Informal Employee Complaints received in 2025: 3

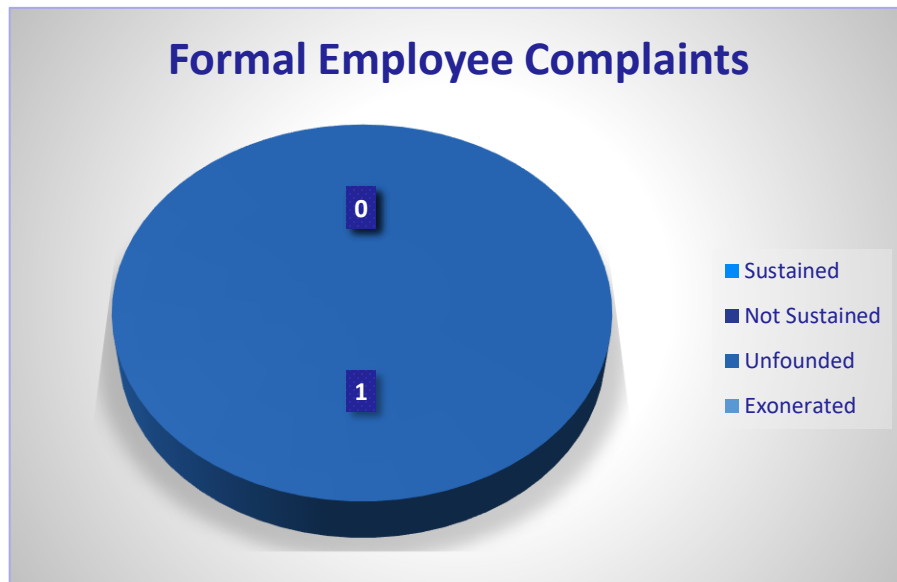
- Sustained: 1
- Not Sustained: 2
- Unfounded: 0
- Exonerated: 0



INTERNAL AFFAIRS (cont.)

Formal Employee Complaints received in 2025: 1

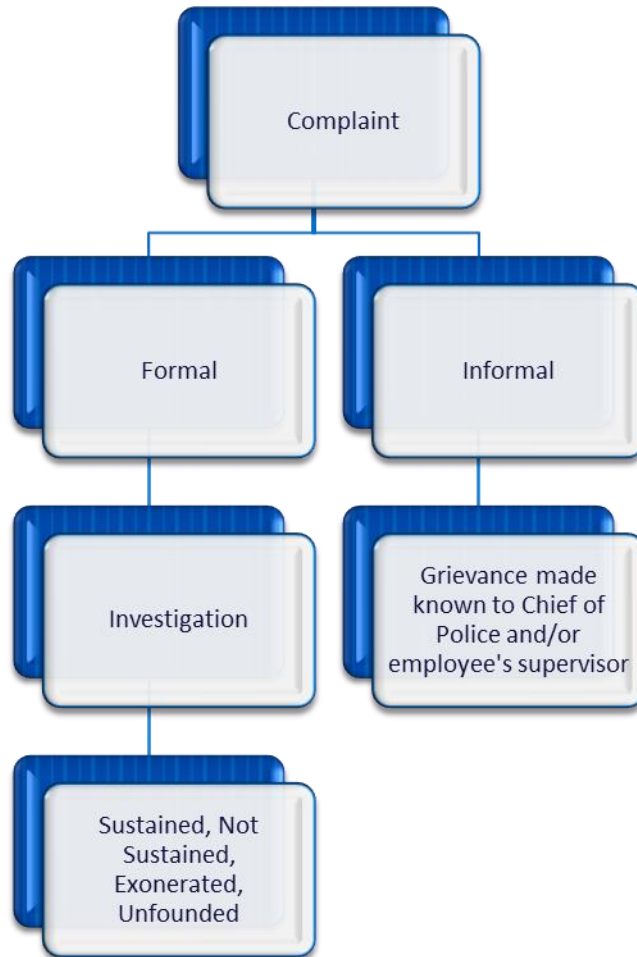
- Sustained: 0
- Not Sustained: 0
- Unfounded: 1
- Exonerated: 0



Annual Bias Free Policing Administrative Review

In 2025, the Uniontown Police Department did not receive any reports from citizens with bias based policing claims or concerns. A review was completed by the Patrol Lieutenant covering Employee Complaints, Criminal Reports, Incident Reports, Citations, Written Warnings, and Calls for Service. The review revealed no violations for bias based policing. An administrative review was completed with the department's Lexipol policy reference Bias Free Policing (Policy #401) and the policy was found to be up to date with all current standards and expectations. Every officer has completed online policy training covering bias free policing standard.

Uniontown Police Department Complaint Flow Chart



Sustained: The allegation is supported.

Not Sustained: Insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

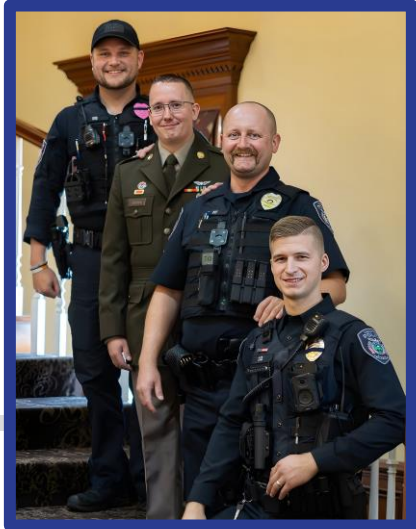
Exonerated: The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal, and proper under the circumstances.

Unfounded: The allegation was false or did not occur.

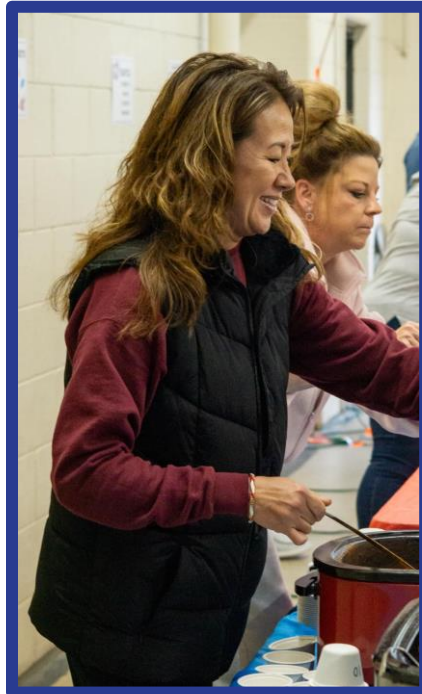
COMMUNITY EVENTS



PRINCESS WITHIN PAGEANT



UPD vs. UFD CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER



SANTA'S SLEIGH AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



SHOP WITH A COP

