

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



City of **Stow**

A Message from Chief Jeff Film

Mayor John Pribonic,

It is a privilege to serve as the Chief of Police for the City of Stow. Through a collaborative effort with the City Administration, City Council, community leaders and my department personnel, we have been working hard to provide the best possible services to our community. It is my privilege to present to you and City Council the 2022 Annual Report of the Stow Police Department. This report is a compilation of statistical information as well as an outline of the multiple services that we provide to the community.

As you will see in this report, we have made several very positive steps forward in improving our police department.

We received a state grant that assisted us in updating our body worn camera system, we hired four new officers to fill vacancies created by retirements and personnel changes. Lastly, we hired two additional IT staff members to work with the administration in the ever changing technology of records management, computer aided dispatching and police software management.

While COVID 19 precautions and response strategies were still in place for the officers, we did not experience much change in the total calls for service from the previous year. However, our officer initiated calls for service increased by 6%. We are hopeful as we pull out of the COVID era that we can get back to a sense of normalcy as our citizen interactions and our services increase throughout the community.

Recruiting for our department has been very challenging. We have seen a severe drop in law enforcement applicants locally as well as across the nation. This is a crisis. My staff and I have been very proactive in promoting our department and community to potential candidates around the State of Ohio. I am proud to say that we hired four very talented officers in 2022. We have laid the groundwork to continue hiring and promoting the best candidates to provide the highest level of services to our community.

I am very proud of the men and women that represent the Stow Police Department. Their outstanding performance during the past year is a reflection of their commitment and dedication to provide the best possible service to our citizenry. It is our honor to work for this community and we strive to perform to the highest level by always serving with a service above self mentality.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mission, Vision Statements, and Core Values



Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a visible deterrent to criminals and a visible assurance to the public; to protect those who have been wronged and pursue those who have done wrong, and to serve all with dignity and respect.

Vision Statement

We will meet challenges and inspire public confidence through innovation, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence.

Core Values

- Integrity:*** We adhere to a code of honesty and ethical principles in all that we do.
- Service:*** We faithfully and selflessly serve those who have entrusted us to perform the duties of a Stow Police Officer.
- Commitment:*** We are dedicated to performance reflective of the highest standard of personal and organizational excellence.

Uniformed Patrol

Out of the 45 full-time sworn police officers at Stow PD, 36 are assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division. These officers are dedicated to patrol duties and are first responders to all emergencies and calls for service from the community.



At the start of 2022, Stow PD introduced its first pick-up truck to its fleet of frontline cruisers. This cruiser, a 2021 Ford F-150, allows for a wide range of capabilities, including towing, hauling, & off-road performance. This enhanced the utility of the fleet and gives us another tool to accomplish our mission.

With the help of Captain Snavely and Sergeant Bell, Stow PD was awarded a \$53,000 grant through the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in 2022. The Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program is designed to aid local law enforcement agencies across the state in covering the costs of body cameras, equipment, & other related expenses. Using the funds received from the grant, Stow PD was able to purchase a set of brand-new Motorola body cameras & equipment to expand and upgrade its existing technology. This grant helped fund a 5-year program that will ensure our body camera equipment stays functional and well-maintained.

In April, Ohio Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted visited Stow PD and was provided with an overview of the department's body camera program. Stow PD received the shipment of these new body cameras in November and immediately began putting them to use.



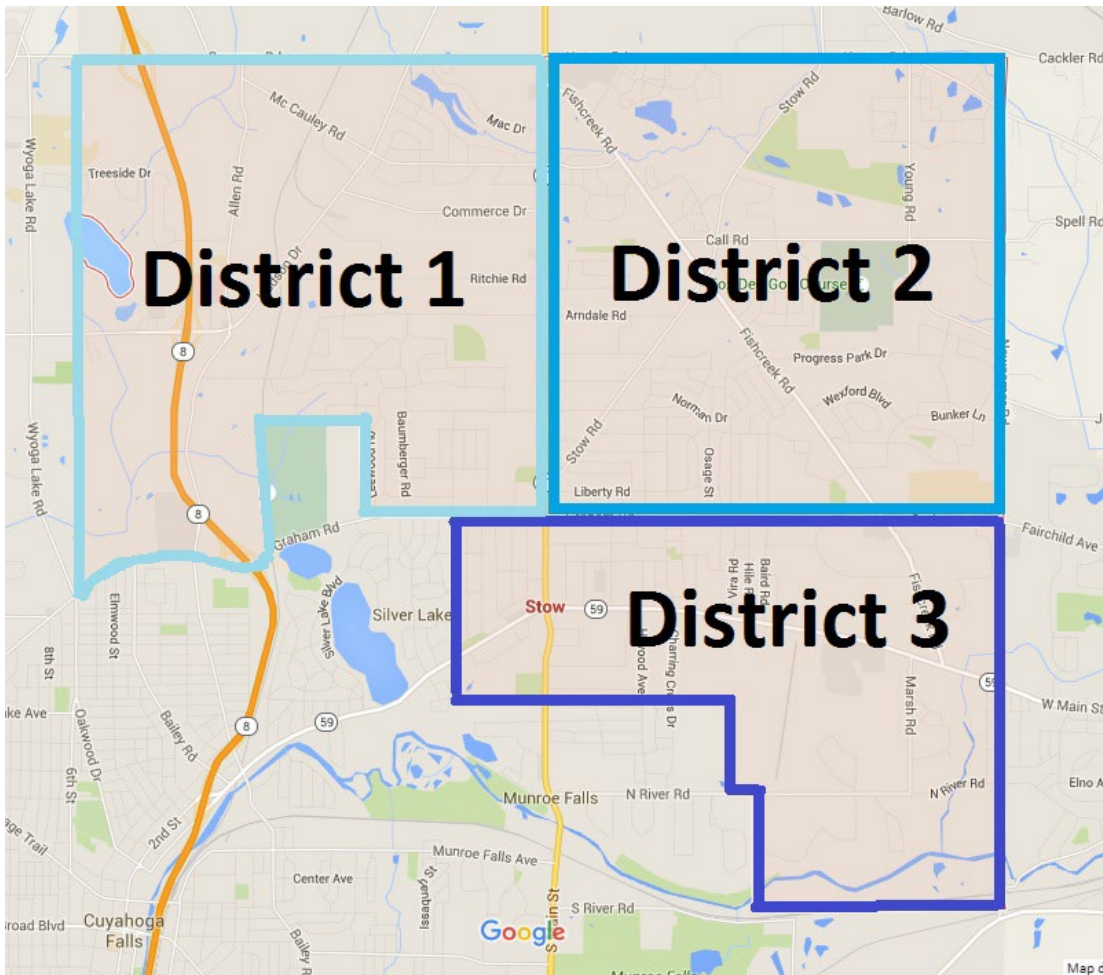
Captain Snavely demonstrating the department's body cameras to Ohio Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted



Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted pictured with Stow Mayor John Pribonic and several members of the Stow Police Department during his visit in April

Patrol Districts

The city is divided into 3 separate districts for police coverage. Each officer is assigned a district at the beginning of their shift. Supervisors and officers who are not assigned a designated district are referred to as “District 4” cars which means they cover the entire city. Each district has unique characteristics. District 1 houses industrial areas, business districts, SR-8, an Army National Guard armory, area hotels, a hospital, and residential areas. District 2 is largely residential, but does contain some business districts, large areas of green space, and the city’s high school. District 3 has large areas of retail business, along with the Kent State Airport, three schools, and many residential streets.



The City of Stow shares a border with seven different cities: Cuyahoga Falls, Franklin Township, Hudson, Kent, Munroe Falls, Streetsboro, and Tallmadge.

While the police department is responsible for law enforcement duties in the city, other law enforcement agencies also have shared jurisdiction in Stow. These agencies include the Summit County Sheriff’s Department, the Ohio State Patrol, as well as other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

2022 Night Shift

Night shift operates from 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM and traditionally leads the patrol division in OVI (drunk driving) and alcohol-related incidents and arrests. In 2022, night shift made a total of 52 OVI arrests. Overall call volume for the shift increased by 10% from the previous year.



2022 Day Shift

Day shift operates from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM and typically bears much of the responsibility for interacting with schools, courts, local businesses, and banks. In 2022, the shift saw an 8% decrease in total calls from the year before. A total of 7,906 calls were handled by day shift officers.



2022 Afternoon Shift

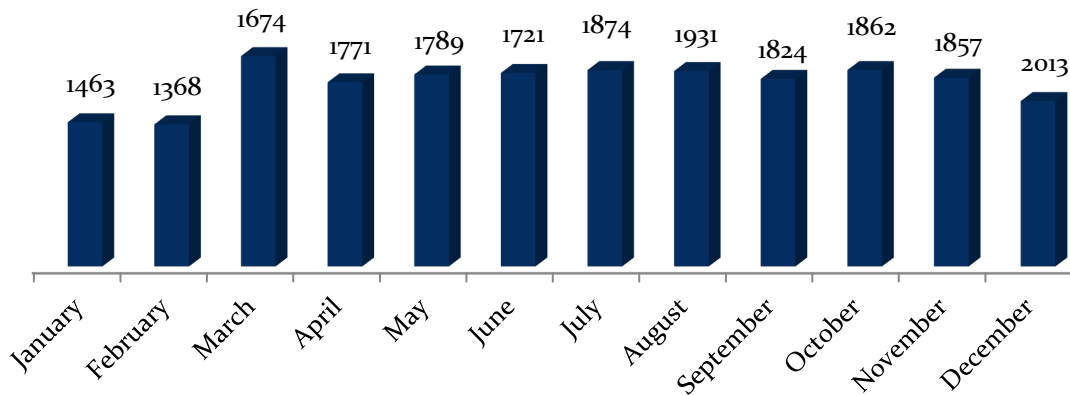
Afternoon shift operates from 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM. This shift handles a wide variety of incidents, such as vehicle crashes, domestic-related calls, neighbor disputes, shoplifting, and welfare checks. In 2022, afternoon shift officers responded to 5,198 calls for service, which was a 7% decrease from 2021. Proactive, officer-initiated calls saw a sharp increase, jumping up 23%.



Statistical Information

In 2022, Stow Police handled 21,147 calls for service. This was a decrease of less than 1% in total calls from 2021. Self-initiated, proactive policing saw a 6% increase. This was despite restrictions in place at times throughout the year due to Covid-19 spikes. The below charts and graphs will help give you an idea of when our calls for service occurred.

Calls for Service Monthly Breakdown



Crime Statistics

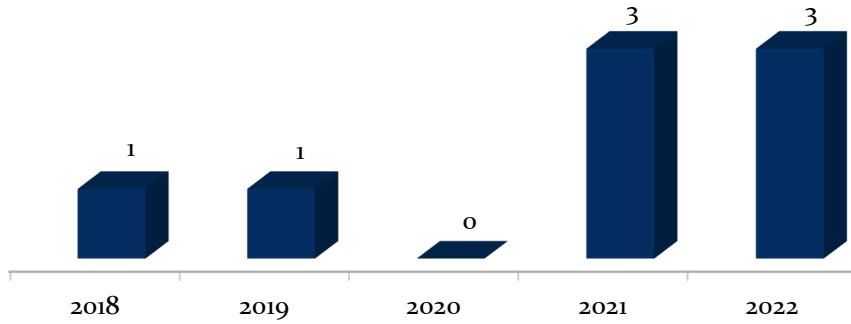
Calls are classified using FBI Uniform Crime Reporting standards. This method of reporting breaks down calls into Part I and Part II offenses. Part I crimes consist of Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary/Breaking & Entering (B&E), Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson. Part II crimes cover all other offenses.

Part 1 Crimes

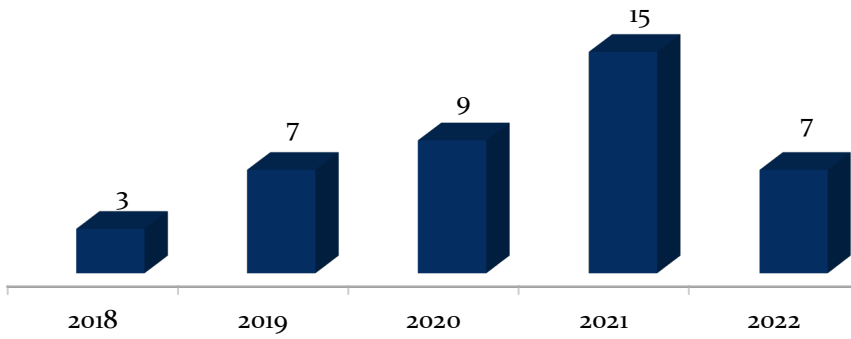


Part 1 Crimes – 5 Year Look Back

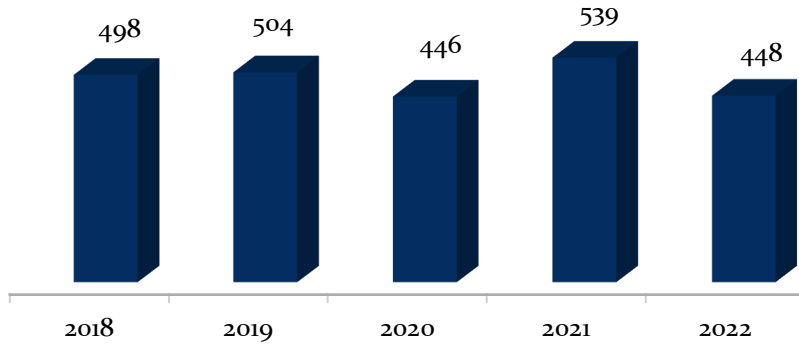
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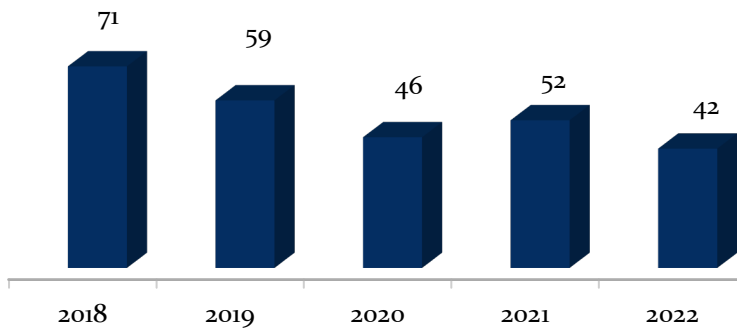
Auto Theft



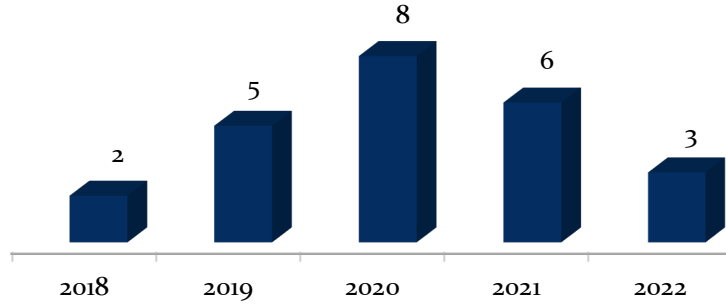
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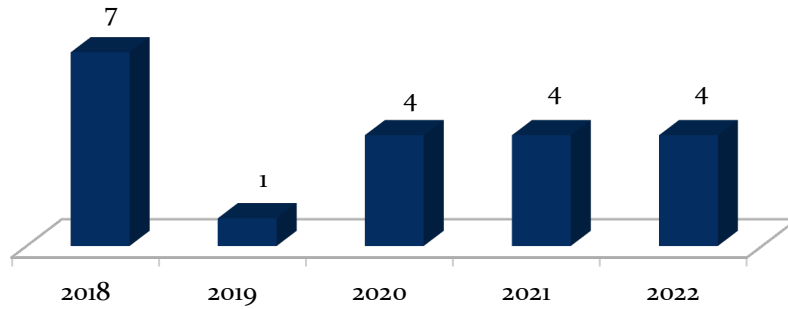
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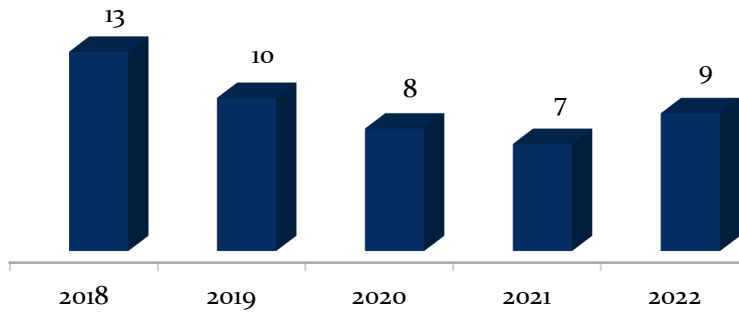
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Assault



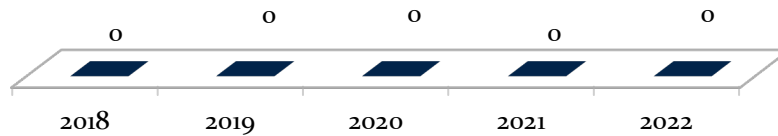
Robbery



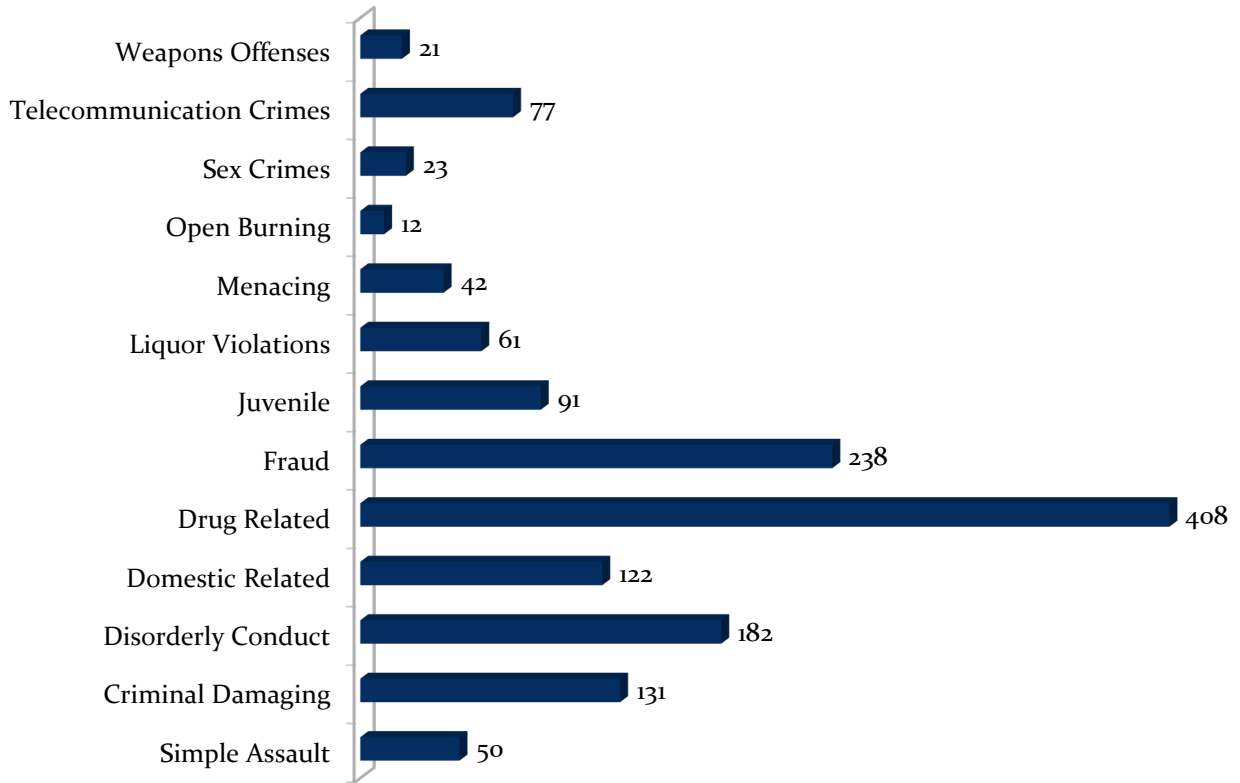
Rape



Homicide

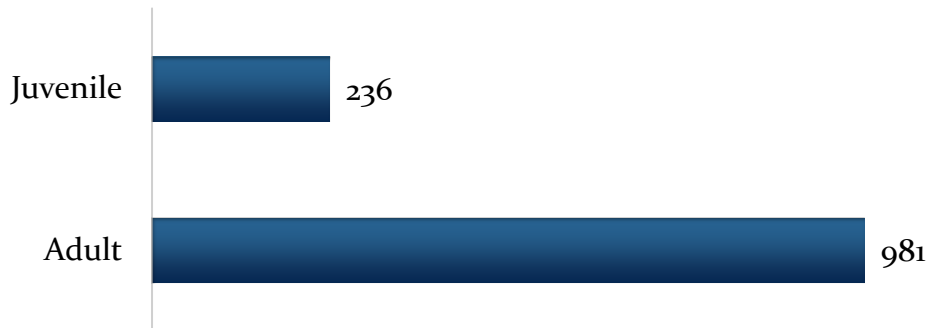


Other Reports & Part II Crimes

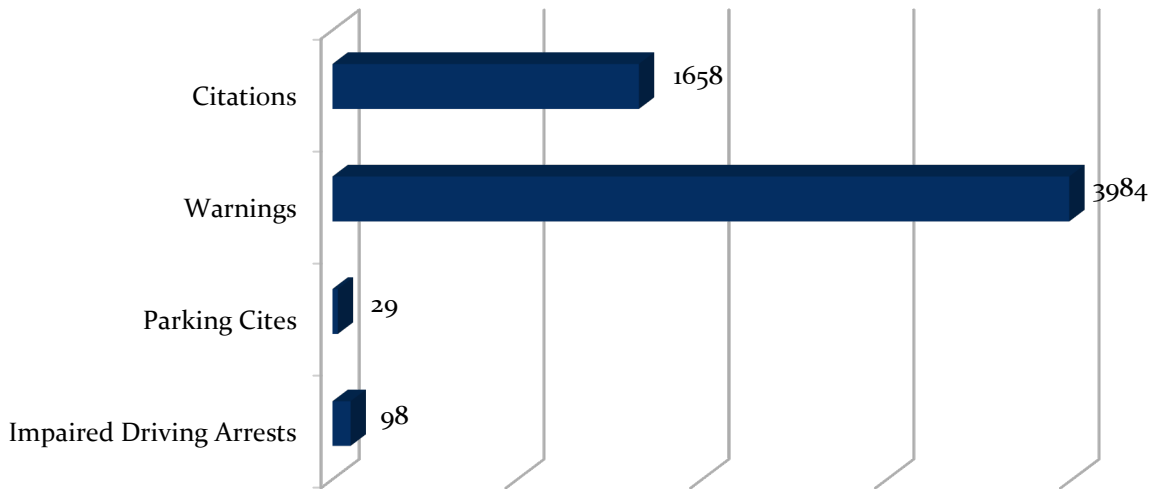


Arrests

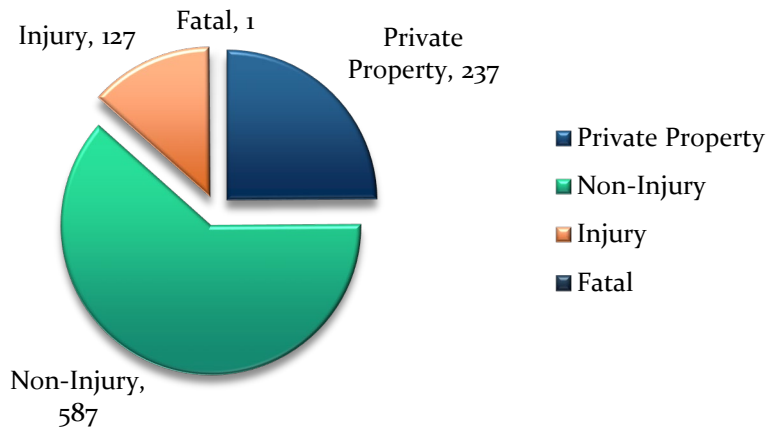
In 2022, Stow Officers made 1,265 arrests. Arrests were only down 4.5% overall from the prior year. Juvenile arrests and referrals made to Stow Youth Services by officers were up 13% from 2021.



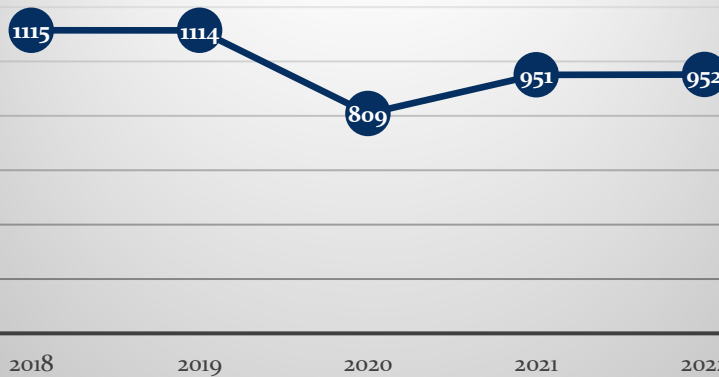
Traffic Enforcement



Traffic Crashes



Traffic Crashes - 5 years data



Retirements, Promotions, and New Hires

Retirements

Officer Timothy Reiheld retired on June 10, 2022. Officer Reiheld started his law enforcement career with the Munroe Falls Police Department where he served for a year and a half. Officer Reiheld was then sworn in at the Stow Police Department on September 28th, 1989, totaling 33 years with the force. Officer Reiheld served in many ways throughout his career. He was the first Stow Police Officer to graduate as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, a DARE Officer for 5 years, a Union Representative for 10 years, and the current FOP Lodge 82 President.



Officer Reiheld was also recognized by the Stow City Council for helping people with disabilities by writing almost 700 handicapped parking cites. When he retired, FOX8 came to the police department to interview Officer Reiheld for a job well done.



New Hires



Officer Nicholas Flasco was sworn in on February 28, 2022. Nick was born in Akron, Ohio, and has lived in Cuyahoga Falls his entire life. He went to Woodridge High School where he played football, basketball, and golf. Nick attended Lourdes University in Toledo, Ohio where he played golf and lacrosse while he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the University of Akron Police Academy in 2017. He served as a patrolman for the Village of Silver Lake Police Department, Fairlawn Police Department, and Summa Protective Services Police Department before joining the City of Stow. Nick is committed to serving the community and is looking forward to his career at Stow.



Officer Shawn Baker was hired on August 22, 2022. Shawn went to Lake High School. After high school, he attended The University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH where he played varsity baseball while completing his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. After graduating from the police academy, he worked for the Uniontown Police Department. Shawn enjoys playing and watching golf in his spare time. He is looking forward to serving the community of Stow and to his career as a law enforcement officer.



Officer Tristen Kidd was also sworn in as a Stow Police Officer on August 22, 2022. Tristen grew up in Rittman, Ohio attending Rittman High School. He continued his education at Ashland University for two years majoring in Criminology while playing football. Tristen then transferred to Kent State University where he majored in Criminology and will graduate with a bachelor's degree. He completed the University of Akron's police academy prior to being hired by Stow.



On October 3, 2022, Officer Antonio Johnson was sworn in as the newest member of the Police Department. Antonio was born in Akron, Ohio, and moved to Stow when he was 10 years old. Antonio played a lot of sports growing up and became a coach for Stow Youth Football. After graduating from Stow Munroe Falls High School, he was a boy's volleyball coach. In 2018, Antonio joined the Air Force and was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. In 2021 he returned to Ohio and attended the University of Akron police academy. After graduation, Antonio worked as a detention officer at Summit County Juvenile Detention Center, before being hired by Stow. He is looking forward to serving the community that he grew up in.

Promotions

On February 4, 2022, Officer Jacob Corfman was promoted to Sergeant. He remained on Afternoon shift for the remainder of the calendar year. He completed a written test, an independent panel assessment, a psychological



evaluation, and a departmental interview before being promoted. Sgt. Corfman has been with the police department for eight years. Prior to his promotion, Sgt. Corfman acted as one of the department's K9 handlers with his partner, K9 Ruger.

Lt. Dirker was promoted to Lieutenant on February 4, 2022, after completing an independent panel assessment, psychological evaluation, and departmental interview. He continued working



on the night shift command staff for the year 2022 which is where he worked as a Sergeant the year prior. Lt. Dirker also served as a firearms instructor and worked on the department's honor guard. He was previously a K9 handler prior to being promoted to supervisor.

Farewell

Jami Lord-Smith was hired by the Stow Police Department on August 1, 2005. She faithfully served in our Records Department for just under 17 years. Jami was the girl to go to when it came to many things, but in particular, Accident Reports and Public Records Requests. The Police Department gets numerous requests for public records and reports from accidents. Luckily, Jami would always be there to take care of these.

On March 7, 2022, Jami Lord-Smith was hired as the Executive Assistant in the Planning and Development Department for the City of Stow. Although the Police Department and her fellow employees miss her greatly, we are very happy for her well-deserved success and the fact she is just across the parking lot!



Welcome

The Stow Police Department welcomed two new hires to the IT staff. Both bring a lot of knowledge and experience with them. These new staff members do an excellent job and we are very grateful to have them on board.

Chris Singh

Chris Singh has been in the IT field for over 17 years. Of those 17, he has worked in the public sector with a main focus on Public Safety for just over 15 years. His passion is technology, especially regarding Public Safety, as it enhances our lives, continues to revolutionize the way we serve citizens, and strengthens the community's ability to respond to emergencies making it safer and easily adaptable. Born and raised in Guyana, he came to the States at the young age of 14 where he and his mother planted their roots in Florida until he met the love of his life in 2013. Chris and his wife (Ashley) moved to her home state of Ohio in 2019 with their 2 daughters (Maria and Isabella) and their Boxer/Pit pup (Abby). When he is not spending quality time with his family, he enjoys time at the range, shooting pool, and playing cards.

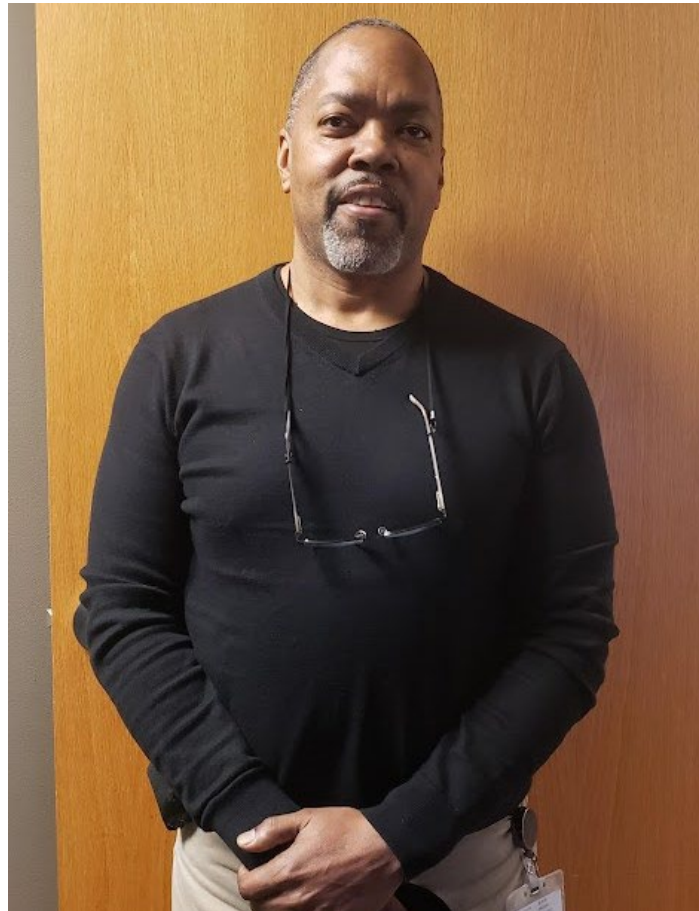


Kevin Davidson

Kevin Davidson is one of our new IS Project Managers for the City of Stow. Kevin provides computer and network support for the Police and Fire Departments, along with City Hall.

Before accepting this position, Kevin was employed with The Washington Post for 18 years. He first started there as a maintenance electrician. During his last 5 years with the company, he accepted a position in the IT Client and Production Support Department.

Kevin lives in Painesville with his family. He is a lover of the great outdoors. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys walking, hiking, and cycling in our area Metroparks.



Life Saving Awards

On May 4, 2022 Officer Christian Musarra responded to an address on Maplepark Rd in regards to a male that was found unresponsive and turning blue. The male's son had called the police and began CPR. Officer Musarra quickly responded to the scene. He administered Narcan to the male and took over CPR for the mother. While performing CPR, the male began to breathe. The male may not have survived without Officer Musarra's actions. Officer Musarra was later given the Life Saving Award by Chief Film.



Training

Members of the Stow Police Department train several times a year in various disciplines in order to stay proficient in their skillset. SPD has several certified Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy (OPOTA) training instructors within the department. These officers provide practical training in the areas of Defensive Tactics, Less Lethal defensive weapons, Firearms, Rapid Deployment (Active Shooter Response), De-Escalation, Tactical Medical, Riot Control, and other various topics throughout the year. In 2022, Stow PD conducted 38 hours of continuing education in-house which exceeded the 24 hours mandated by OPOTA.

First Aid and CPR



Stow Police Officers receive biannual Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training. In 2022 officers went through the recertification course taught by American Red Cross instructors that we have in-house at the Stow Fire Department.

For many medical emergencies like overdoses, shootings, and vehicular accidents, police officers are the first on scene. Performing CPR as soon as possible can dramatically increase survival odds. Having officers properly trained in CPR can be a difference between life and death when they arrive on scene first with EMTs still minutes away.

In addition to CPR training, officers also receive training on first aid techniques utilizing equipment that is readily available in each Stow PD cruiser and

personal equipment stored on police uniforms. Equipment includes tourniquets, chest seals, combat gauze, personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. Training includes how and when to apply the equipment and determines whether the application is done correctly and working effectively.

De-Escalation & Less Lethal

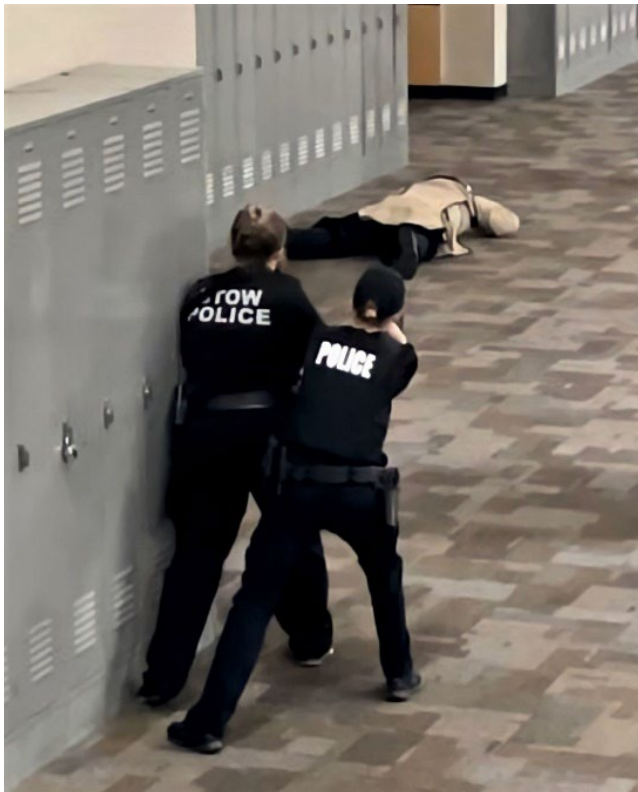
Stow Police Officers can utilize a wide range of options to gain compliance from an uncooperative subject. Officers receive training in De-Escalation and Less Lethal tools. Training includes case law review, application of tactics and equipment, and uses scenario-based training to present realistic situations an officer may encounter.

When feasible, officers may use de-escalation tactics, which will attempt to calm a subject with their words. Officers are also trained annually on empty hand skills and have several different types of less lethal equipment available to them including a Taser, O.C. Spray, ASP Baton, and a PepperBall launcher. In 2022, we introduced the 40MM launcher, which utilizes “Exact Impact” sponge rounds.



Ofc. Williams demonstrates the use of the 40MM Launcher during training.

Rapid Deployment



Officers receive training on how to respond to an active threat on a yearly basis. Active threats, otherwise referred to as active shooters, can occur at any populated location. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the violence and mitigate harm to victims. The training covers the most up to date tactics and equipment available to officers to respond quickly and efficiently.

Rapid Deployment (cont.)



Department instructors are comprised of current and former SWAT team members and firearms staff who have attended advanced training to bring the information to our officers. Over the years, our department has trained in area schools, churches, courthouses, city administrative buildings, and businesses. In 2022, the police department utilized the Stow-Munroe Falls High School for the training after having trained at Stow-Glen Retirement Village the year prior. The recent events that took place at the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, TX, demonstrated the importance of this annual training and preparing for the unpredictable. Many officers advance their knowledge of active threats during outside training throughout the year and the department continually addresses the active threat scenarios through other in-house training such as Firearms.

Mass Protest Training

In 2022, Officers trained in techniques to prepare for civil disturbances such as mass protests and riots. This training covers crowd control methods, emergency deployment, riot control formation, mass arrest procedures, etc. Every Stow Police Officer is assigned riot gear to them once hired. Officer Maruna completed the task of outfitting new officers, as well as replacing equipment for current officers. Training includes trying on the gear for proper fit and function and how to use the assigned gas mask.



Outside Training

The City of Stow regularly invests in advanced training for members of the police department. This allows members to stay up to date on current case law, tactics, and law enforcement trends. Many of our officers also hold advanced training certifications in specific disciplines.

Training courses were much more readily available this year. In 2022, officers attended 187.5 days of outside training courses. Some of the courses span multiple days or weeks. Stow Police completed 1,539 hours of training for the year!



Sgt. Jacob Corfman, an 8-year veteran, was promoted to Sergeant on 02/04/2022. He attended the Law Enforcement Foundation's Supervisor Training and Education

Program (STEP) one week per month, starting in September, and graduated in November 2022.

STEP is designed to develop newly promoted officers, or soon-to-be promoted officers, into highly effective first-line supervisors with the competency skills necessary to lead and supervise in a high-performance organization. Over 800 Ohio law enforcement first-line supervisors have attended STEP since its beginning in 2004.





Detective Schulz attended several outside training courses directly related to his position on the Summit Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. In 2022, he attended “Sexual Assault Investigation” through the Ohio Peace Officer’s Training Academy (OPOTA), “Human Trafficking Summit” through the Ohio Attorney General’s office, “Child Trafficking in America and How to Keep Kids Safe” through Samaritan Behavioral Health and “Human Sex Trafficking for Law Enforcement” through Street Cop.



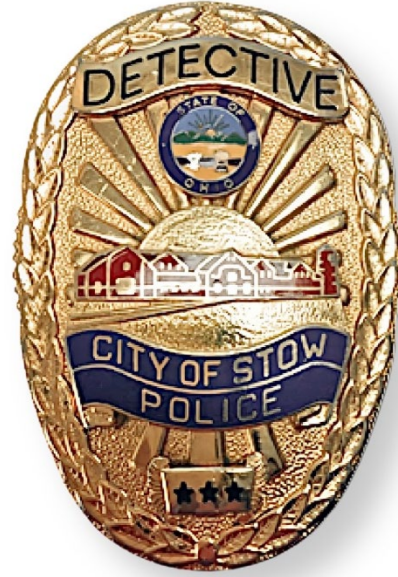
Ofc. Balog (Left) and Ofc. Williams (Right)

Instructional Skills is a two-week, 80-hour course that prepares officers to write, present and teach in a law enforcement setting. The skills that are taught in this course include but are not limited to, lesson plan development, teaching techniques, student learning objectives, facilitative learning, and evaluation of peers.

Ofc. Balog is a Taser, Rapid Deployment, and Defensive Tactics instructor while Ofc. Williams teaches our staff firearms and other tactical operations. Both officers have advanced training and knowledge in their areas of expertise. This course aided them in presenting their knowledge to other Stow officers to enhance their skills and education. Both officers received their Instructional Skills certification in 2022, adding to the other training staff who have completed this valuable course.

Investigative Division

The Detective Bureau is comprised of one supervisor and five detectives. Overseen by Captain Bryan Snavelly, these detectives investigate crimes of a more serious nature within our community. Detectives also assist officers with more detailed follow-ups and help manage crime scene processing. They are trained in advanced interview and interrogation techniques and have access to investigative tools that provide comprehensive data critical to case development.



Notable Cases

Some notable accomplishments for the division in 2022 include:

Stow detectives investigated a case where a 38-year-old male was squatting in a condo that belonged to a deceased relative. During the time the male was at this condo where predominately senior citizens live, he broke into multiple coin machines and stole cash before deciding to burglarize a nearby condo. After a lengthy investigation, three search warrants, an interview, and a DNA match, the male was charged and convicted of Burglary, Aggravated Possession of Drugs, and Tampering with Coin Machines.



Stolen items found from the burglary during a search warrant of the suspect's vehicle.

A local business reported that an employee had been making unauthorized voids over a period



of five years. The business owner turned over records to Stow P.D. and an investigation began. Detective Gaffney was assigned the case and collected evidence, obtained banking records and held interviews with the victim and suspect. Ultimately, the investigation revealed that an employee had stolen in excess of \$165,000 and Detective Gaffney was able to gain a confession. One person has been charged with Aggravated Theft and the case has been assigned to a prosecutor at the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

A female working at a local food establishment was identified as a suspect in a fraud case. She was accused of taking photos of customer credit cards at the drive-thru window of the establishment and later using the credit card information to make online purchases. It was later revealed that she would send those pictures to a male friend, who would make fraudulent purchases with the stolen credit card information. Detective Schulz and Detective Dolezal interviewed the female suspect and gained a confession, but she only gave half the story. A search warrant was prepared and executed on the female's phone, revealing more evidence. The male suspect declined to be interviewed but the evidence obtained in the search warrant made it clear that he was involved. Detective Schulz identified seven victims of this crime, though there were likely more that were unable to be identified. The total loss from these fraudulent online purchases totaled \$13,736.37. Both suspects were charged with Theft, Misuse of Credit Cards, Telecommunications Fraud, and Identity Fraud. The female pleaded guilty to four counts of Felony 4 Identity Fraud and received two years of probation. The male suspect's case is still pending at the completion of 2022.



A search warrant of the suspect's phone showing multiple photos of victim's credit cards



Sextortion is a form of child sexual exploitation that is an ongoing problem in America. It is an online crime where an adult poses as a same-aged peer who convinces the victim to send explicit pictures or perform sexual acts on camera. Once the suspect receives the explicit photos or videos, they blackmail the victim by threatening to distribute the explicit material if the victim doesn't provide the suspect with what they want (often

times money). Detective Swanson was working on a case involving a Stow juvenile who sent a nude photograph to someone on Snapchat and was then blackmailed. Though the suspect wasn't able to be identified, it is notable in that it brings awareness to this ongoing problem and demonstrates the importance of educating children to not send this type of material online. Often times the suspects are difficult to catch as they are usually out of the country or several states away.

In addition to their Stow duties, detectives from the bureau work in conjunction with multiple specialized units including:

Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Stow detectives participate in Ohio's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). This task force is also comprised of local and federal officers whose mission is to identify, arrest and prosecute individuals who: (1) use the Internet to lure minors into illicit sexual relationships; or (2) use the Internet to produce, distribute or solicit child pornography.



Summit Regional Human Trafficking Task Force

The Stow Police Department joined the Summit Regional Human Trafficking Task Force in September 2021 with one of Stow's five detectives assigned to the unit. The task force began as a part of the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking and is funded by a federal grant. It is made up of a partnership between seven law enforcement agencies and numerous social services entities. The purpose of the task force is to strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking and to provide justice for those victims through the apprehension and prosecution of their traffickers. The task force covers Summit, Stark, Portage, and Medina counties.

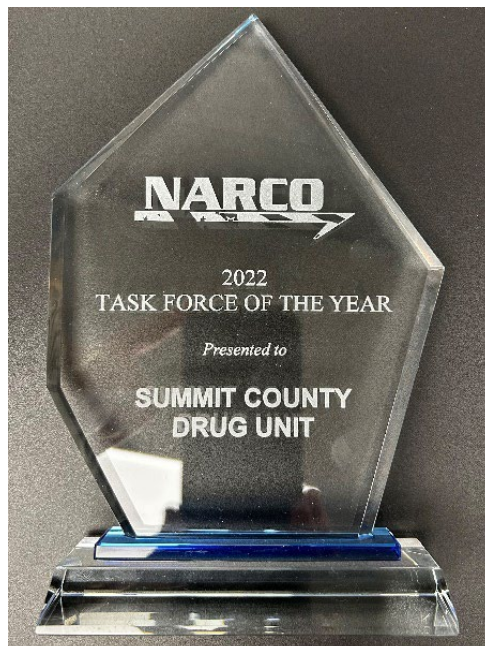




Summit County Drug Unit

One of Stow's five detectives is assigned full-time to the Summit County Drug Unit (SCDU). This is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of officers from eight (8) local agencies in Summit County, as well as federal agents from the DEA, ATF, FBI, and Ohio Parole Authority. They investigate major organized groups involved in the illegal distribution of drugs throughout the county. This unit not only focuses on large-scale violators but also conducts undercover drug purchases and responds to mitigate all methamphetamine labs discovered in the county. Additionally, they provide training and educational classes to both officers and citizens of the community. The Summit County Drug Unit has joined with the Akron Police Department Task Force to form the Akron/Summit County HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Initiative. Northern Ohio has been designated a high intensity drug trafficking area by the federal government. The staff at HIDTA provides training, intelligence, de-confliction, and financial support to participants. The Ohio HIDTA coordinates intelligence information with over 20 other HIDTA areas throughout the United States. The Akron/Summit County HIDTA Initiative is the largest in Ohio.

In 2022, SCDU opened 223 new cases resulting in 82 direct arrests related to those cases. 153 search warrants were served resulting in 52 illegal firearms being seized, as well as 2.5 million dollars in US currency and assets seized. 43,035 grams of Cocaine; 59,056 grams of Methamphetamine; 6,507 grams of Fentanyl; 140,514 grams of Marijuana; and 3,986 dosage units of pharmaceuticals were seized. SCDU was recognized as the 2022 Task Force of the Year by the Ohio Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers (NARCO).



Specialized Units

Metro SWAT



Metro SWAT is comprised of 23 area police departments from Summit and Portage Counties including Stow, as well as fire personnel from those jurisdictions. The SWAT team is comprised of tactical operators, negotiators, technical support staff, medics, and doctors. Metro SWAT has five vehicles including an Armored Lenco Bear Cat, Command Post, Negotiator truck, Utility box truck, and Entry van.

SWAT stands for Special Weapons and Tactics and the team is called out for situations including criminal barricades, hostage rescues, high-risk warrant services, dignitary security details, and land navigation searches for criminals or missing persons. The team trains monthly on all these topics and more.

Metro SWAT was activated 23 times in 2022. One of the activations was on Stow Rd on June 24, 2022. Metro SWAT responded in regards to an arrest warrant due to a domestic violence situation. The male subject's wife had sent text messages regarding threats that were made to her and her belief that he was going to kill her. Stow Police Officers responded to the address but did not receive an answer at the door. Due to one of the messages claiming that the male subject had firearms in the residence, Metro SWAT was activated. After the residence was surrounded and numerous announcements were made, the male subject surrendered and was charged with Domestic Violence.



The Stow Police Department has five (5) members on Metro SWAT serving in the Tactical Operator and Negotiator roles. In October 2022, Stow Police Detective Ryan Schulz, a member of Metro SWAT since 2008, was promoted to the Commander of the SWAT team, which was a much-deserved promotion. Ryan previously served as a Tactical Operator, Team Leader, and Assistant Commander. Congratulations Commander Schulz!

Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMCRT)

The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMCRT) is a multi-jurisdictional crash response team founded in 2002. Stow was a founding member of this team and continues to participate in this unit which includes eighteen (18) different police departments. Stow Officer Kristopher Maruna has been an active member of the team since November 2019. The team consists of highly trained crash investigators and reconstructionists who respond to assist with crash investigations. Situations where the unit might be activated include crashes resulting in serious injury or fatality; crashes involving pedestrians; crashes involving motorcycles or commercial vehicles; or any other complex crash. In 2022, the team was called to assist at twenty-four (24) crash scenes, two of which occurred in Stow.



A member of the SMCRT working at the scene of a serious injury crash on Kent Road at Hiwood Avenue in August 2022 where a drunk driver struck two workers who were painting new stripes on the roadway. Through their investigation, SMCRT determined the driver was going 5mph and never applied the brakes. The driver had a Blood Alcohol level of .086 BAC.

Honor Guard

The objective of the Honor Guard is to represent the department at various ceremonial events held throughout the year. In 2022, the Honor Guard unit was comprised of ten members of the department, which included Lieutenant Dirker, Detectives Dolezal, Schulz, & Murphy, and Officers Molody, Haddix, Reedy, J. Smith, Frisina, & Bailey. Training is conducted on a quarterly basis in order to maintain a high level of precision.



In 2022, the Honor Guard participated in several events and ceremonies throughout Stow & surrounding areas. Some of these included attending fallen Cleveland Police Officer Shane Bartek's funeral, guarding former Munroe Falls Police Chief Stahl's casket at his funeral, & marching in Stow's annual 4th of July parade. On September 11th, the Honor Guard posted Colors at the City of Stow's 9/11 memorial service. The Honor Guard also posted Colors at the Stow-Munroe Falls Heroes Day during the high school's varsity football game. For the first time ever, the Honor Guard was asked to present Colors at the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Stow Cemetery. The purpose of this ceremony, which takes place each December, is to honor and remember veterans across the country. During the ceremony, a wreath is laid at each veteran's grave.

At the conclusion of 2022, Lieutenant Dirker & Detective Schulz stepped down from the Honor Guard unit to focus on their numerous other responsibilities. Both were members of the original unit, which was formed in 2010. Their service and the countless hours they spent maintaining the high standards the unit has come to expect are greatly appreciated! Officer Dylan Gabel was welcomed as one of their replacements, and he is expected to fill the role admirably due to his prior military experience and attention to detail.



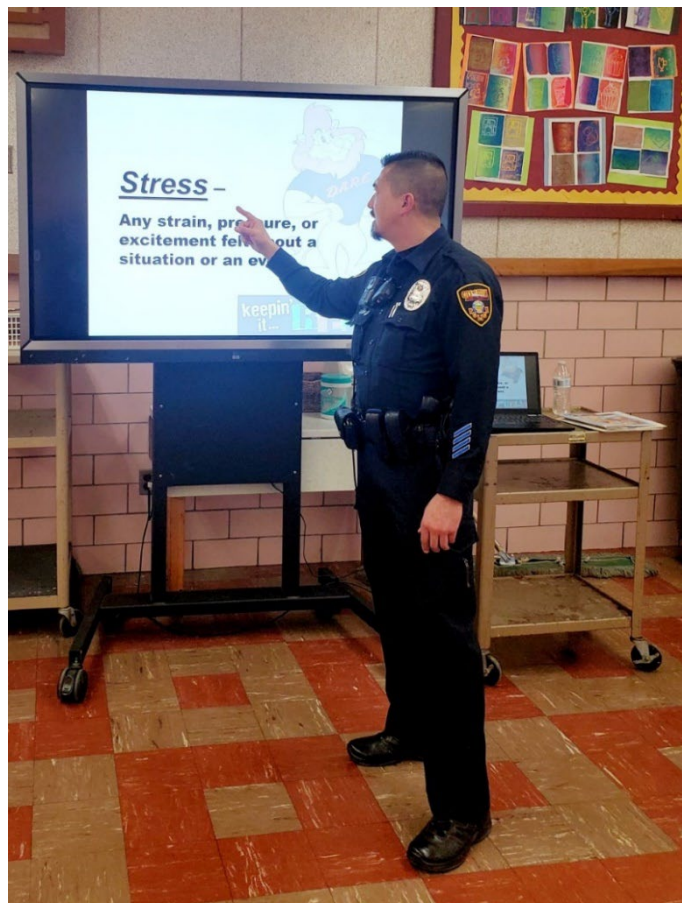
School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)



Since 1996, the Stow Police Department has had a full-time School Resource Officer(SRO) assigned to the Stow-Munroe Falls High School. Officer Barry Smith has held this assignment since 2004. SRO Smith is a uniformed presence in the school and is responsible for providing the safety and security of both the staff and the students who attend the school. In addition to providing security, he provides instruction in law-enforcement related matters and answers calls for service within the school and its immediate vicinity. The SRO program is partially funded through both a grant from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office as well as funds from the school district.

DARE

The Stow Police Department provides D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to the sixth-grade class at Stow-Munroe Falls Schools. D.A.R.E. consists of police officer-led lessons that teach students how to resist negative peer pressure and to become leaders by being sources of encouragement (positive peer pressure). Other than drugs, some topics include risks and consequences, resistance strategies, healthy ways to deal with stress, effective communication, bullying, and help networks. D.A.R.E. emphasizes the D.A.R.E. Decision-Making Model (Define, Assess, Respond & Evaluate) to teach students how to live productive lives, free from drugs and violence. Officer Jason Bailey completed his training and took over the D.A.R.E. program in September of 2020. Officer Bailey educates approximately 430 students annually. The program is partially funded through a grant from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. The grant covers D.A.R.E and School Resource Officers who provide students with education and counseling services.



School Security Detail

Since 2012, the department has partnered with the schools in our city to provide an additional security presence at the intermediate school and the six elementary schools. Since its inception, this program, which is fully funded by the school district, has proven to be beneficial to both the schools and the department. It has allowed officers to become familiar with the operations and layout of the schools and it gives students, staff, and parents the ability to interact with officers in a non-enforcement setting.



While on school security detail, Officer Paxton joins students for a game of tug-of-war during field day!

Evidence Technician

The Evidence Technician team consists of officers who are specially trained to process crime scenes. These officers work in conjunction with the Detective Bureau and respond to scenes in which there is potential for forensic evidence to be collected. Forensic evidence can be anything from photographing a crime scene, lifting latent prints from a surface, collecting bloodstain evidence, and beyond. Any evidence collected is sent to Ohio's Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) crime lab for processing.

To become an evidence technician, officers must go through an advanced 80-hour course. Many evidence technicians have advanced training beyond 80 hours. The evidence technician team consists of Ofc. Jesse Reedy (Master Evidence Technician), Ofc. Brian Haddix, Ofc. EJ Wonner, Ofc. Bethany Childers and Ofc. Jacob Pajestka.



Polygraph Examiner

Stow Police Department is one of the few local departments that have a polygraph examiner in-house. Detective Nick Dolezal is certified through the American Polygraph Association and conducts numerous examinations throughout the year. These examinations are done for pre-employment screening for new police officers, firefighters, dispatchers, and reserve officer candidates. Additionally, numerous evidentiary examinations are conducted on people suspected of committing crimes. These criminal examinations are often at the request of the Stow Detective Bureau but also come from other law enforcement agencies who partner with Stow PD.



Community Service Officer (CSO)

The department has one full-time Community Service Officer to be of assistance within the department and the city. CSO Edward Young handles all animal control issues and is certified by the National Animal Control Association. He also assists the community with service calls that do not require a sworn officer, such as when citizens lock their keys in their vehicles. In addition to handling animal control and service calls, CSO Young is responsible for maintaining the department's fleet of vehicles and equipment and is often tasked with other miscellaneous jobs and special projects. In 2022, CSO Young handled 292 calls for service, with the majority of these calls involving animal complaints.

K-9 Unit

In 2022, K-9 Diesel & his handler, Officer Patrick Myers, were assigned to Night shift. K-9 Diesel was born in December 2016 in Wapakoneta, OH at Von Der Haus Gill German Shepards. In 2018, Officer Myers & K-9 Diesel attended a 6-week Police K-9 Academy at Von Der Haus Gill. K-9 Diesel is a certified dual-purpose dog. He is used for narcotics detection (marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and all of their derivatives), tracking, criminal apprehension, building searches, area searches, & article searches. K-9 Diesel is certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, as well as the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers.



K-9s are a valuable resource and a major asset to both the department and the community. K-9 Diesel, guided by his handler, has been instrumental in tracking and apprehending numerous criminal suspects and has seized thousands of dollars worth of illegal narcotics that pass through the city.

Some notable deployments for Officer Myers and K-9 Diesel in 2022 include:

- On 8/31/22, night shift officers responded to a serious-injury crash on Kent Road, in which a vehicle struck two road workers. Both occupants of the vehicle fled on foot immediately after the crash. The passenger later returned to the scene and provided officers with the last-known direction of travel of the driver. Approximately one hour after the crash occurred, Officer Myers & K-9 Diesel performed a track. K-9 Diesel successfully located the driver, and officers were able to take the driver into custody.
- On 10/28/22, Officer Demars conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. After observing numerous criminal indicators, he requested a K-9 sniff of the vehicle. Officer Myers & K-9 Diesel responded. K-9 Diesel subsequently indicated on the vehicle for the presence of narcotic odor. A search of the vehicle was performed, which led to the discovery of approximately 45 grams of methamphetamines.

In November of 2022, the owners of StowNut Donut & Diner, Andy & Karen Belian, generously donated a brand-new bite suit to the K-9 unit. A bite suit is a vital tool for helping to train K-9 Diesel in numerous aspects, such as criminal apprehension. Officer Myers is pictured below utilizing the suit with Diesel.



On February 4, 2022, K-9 Ruger officially retired from duty after his handler, Officer Jacob Corfman, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. K-9 Ruger currently remains at home with Sgt. Corfman.

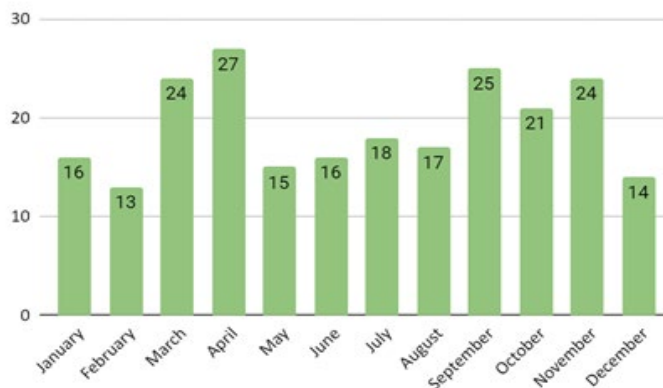
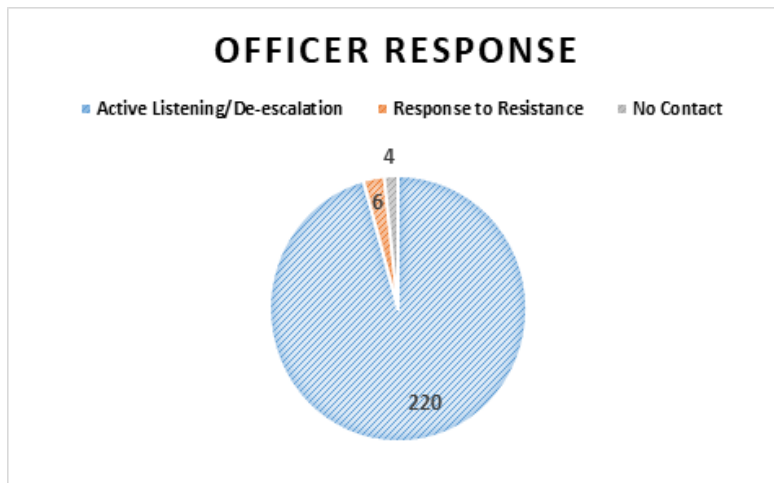
Crisis Intervention Team

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) at Stow PD is a group comprised of twenty-two (22) sworn officers who have attended forty (40) hours of specialized training to recognize and effectively respond to someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Officers routinely use techniques they have learned in order to de-escalate crises with the goal of helping to direct persons with mental illness into treatment. Half of our officers assigned to patrol are CIT certified.



Officers documented 230 calls involving a mental health crisis in 2022, which is a slight decrease from the previous year (242). Afternoon shift responded to the most calls for service involving a mental health-related crisis (91). Day shift responded to 82 calls of this type, while night shift responded to 57. The month of April logged the highest call volume for mental health-related calls.

Of these calls, none of them resulted in any immediate arrests. 131 calls were resolved with instantaneous mental health treatment, or referred to a crisis resource. Approximately 95% of crisis calls were resolved using Active Listening and De-escalation skills.



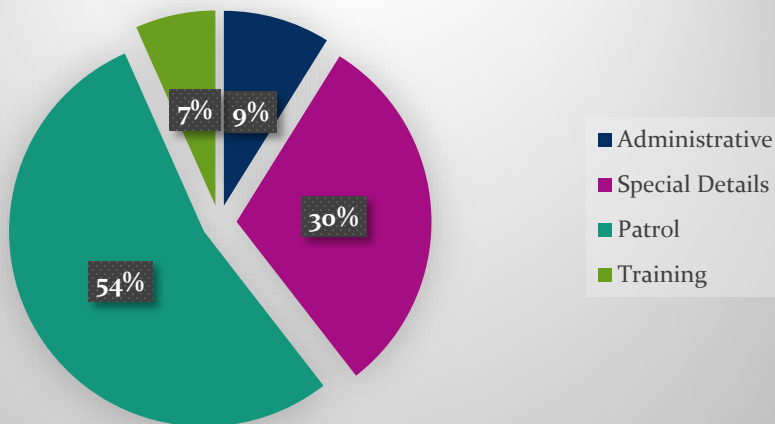
Stow Police Reserve Unit

Reserve Officers provide a number of valuable support services for the City of Stow Police Department. They are non-sworn volunteers, although they do receive worker’s compensation benefits and a small monthly stipend to cover expenses.

Reserve Officers' regular patrol duties include: checking the homes of residents on vacation, vehicle lockouts, checking disabled vehicles, and assisting with traffic control at accidents. They also assist with weather emergencies and at special events such as traffic at high school football games, 5-K runs, trick-or-treat, National Night Out, and the July 4th parade.



Reserve Officer Volunteer Hours



Overall, the Reserve Unit volunteered 988 hours in 2022, which was an increase from the 880 hours volunteered in 2021. Members of the unit worked a total of 26 special details in 2022, some of which included Shop with a Cop, Glow with Stow, & the Summer Sunset Blast.



On May 19, 2022, several Reserve Unit officers were recognized for their accomplishments. Lt. Donovan Kelley retired from the unit following 15 years of volunteer service, while Sgt. Mike Dolbow & Officer Gregory Hunter received awards for 15 years of volunteer service. Sgt. Alisha Greenawalt-Johnson was also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officers Brad Hough, Richard Dennis, & Anthony Villanueva were officially sworn in by Stow Mayor John Pribonic.



Stow Municipal Court



Officially opened in 2009, the Stow Municipal Court serves sixteen (16) communities across northeast Summit County. Cases are filed by Summit County agencies, which reside in the court’s jurisdiction. In 2022, a combined total of 15,847 cases were filed in the court’s traffic, criminal, and civil divisions. This was a slight decrease from the previous year. Of these filed cases, The City of Stow accounted for 16.94% of the total caseload.



The Stow Police Department assigns one officer to work full-time at the courthouse in conjunction with the security forces there. The court officer is responsible for ensuring the security of the building and overseeing prisoner transports. Additionally, they are tasked with ensuring the safety of the judges, magistrates, and court staff, as well as all visitors to the building. Officer Joseph Hepler is assigned to the position.

Communications Division



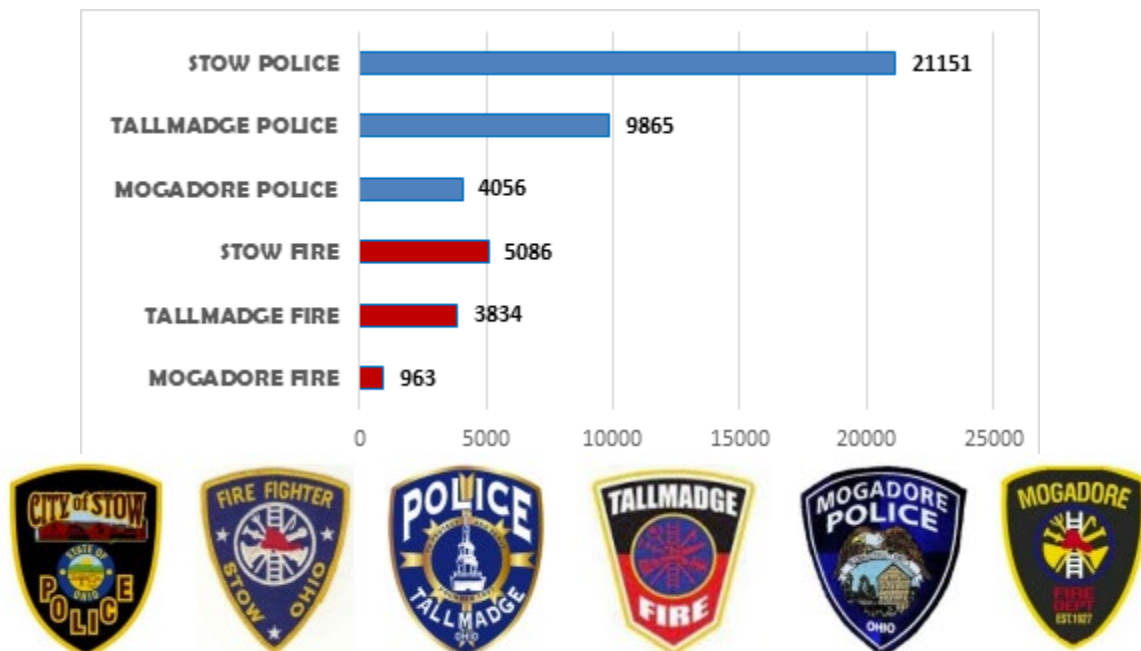
The Stow Regional Communications Center is staffed by 14 full-time Communication Specialists (CS) and 2 part-time CS. Each member is certified by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch. All 9-1-1 calls, all non-emergency calls, and most administrative calls are received through the Communications Center. The Stow Communications Center dispatches calls not only for the City of Stow safety forces, but also for the City of Tallmadge and the Village of Mogadore.

This includes the police and fire departments for each agency. The unit is supervised by Administrative Lieutenant, Heather Prusha.

CS are responsible for receiving incoming emergency calls, prioritizing calls based on the nature of an emergency, providing instructions on life-saving emergency medical interventions, and dispatching the proper emergency personnel. CS monitor numerous radio frequencies and use the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system to log calls while answering both emergency and non-emergency lines.

Each CS goes through an initial 16 weeks of on the job training before being released to work on their own. They continue to receive training throughout their career in order to stay up to date on the latest skills and information.

In 2022, Stow Regional Communications logged nearly the same amount of calls as the previous year. There were 44,955 incidents in our CAD system - that's about 122 incidents every day. Below is a breakdown of the Stow Regional Communications call volume by agency:



New Hires in Dispatch



Dominick Hicks

In June of this year, we welcomed part-time hire, Dominick Hicks. Dominick also currently works part-time as an EMT and has future plans to attend the police academy and start a career in law enforcement. Dominick is a Field High School graduate and has been a great addition to our team!

Lisa Maxwell

In May of 2022, we welcomed Lisa Maxwell to our dispatch team. Lisa had been an Akron dispatcher for 17 years, so she joined us with plenty of experience. Lisa has lived in the area most of her life and is a Woodridge High School graduate. She lives with her husband and has two adult children and two grandchildren. She travels to Florida as often as she can!



What's New?

A final vote from Stow's City Council in January of 2022 solidified the move to a regionalized dispatch center known as a Council of Governments (COG). 2023 is slated to be the last year for Stow Regional Communications Center before the center merges with several other dispatch agencies. Multiple decision-making meetings to implement this merge occurred several times a month and involved dispatchers, dispatch managers, and police and fire administration. Many hours went into planning and preparing which will continue into 2023.



February 17, 2022 signing of the COG agreement by each involved city. Pictured to the right in the photo is Stow Mayor John Pribonic.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

A DRE is a police officer who has advanced training in recognizing impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. A DRE is skilled in identifying and detecting drivers under the influence of drugs and in identifying the type or category of drug that is causing the impairment. A DRE conducts evaluations post-arrest that consist of analyzing



appearance and behavior, measuring vital signs, and observing a person's response, reaction, judgment, and coordination during certain sobriety tests. DREs are called to assist Summit County Agencies in drug-related OVI arrests. Drug Recognition Experts represent only 1% of officers in the United States. Officer Burgess is a certified DRE for the City of Stow. Having a DRE in the department has proven beneficial to the City of Stow and Summit County as a whole as he has aided in the arrest of six (6) different drug-related OVI cases in 2022.

Records Division

Stow Records Division is responsible for maintaining all records produced by the Stow Police Department. The division is staffed by a supervisor and three full-time records clerks. They process criminal, incident, and crash reports, among several other various police documents.



Staff is also in charge of data entry, preparing criminal and traffic charges, as well as video evidence for court. All members of the Records Division attend training to stay up to date on public records laws. They also manage and distribute all public records requests.

Pam Schafino



In 2022, the Stow Police Department Records Division welcomed a new employee, Pam Schifano. Pam grew up in Akron and graduated from Ellet High School in 2000. Pam's father is an Akron Police Sergeant. She is the oldest of six girls. She has been married to her husband, Andy, for almost 18 years and they have three children of their own.

Pam has always been a stay-at-home mom for the most part, working part-time jobs here and there around work and school schedules to help make ends meet. Those jobs include a part-time manager at Five Below, a part-time bank teller at Huntington, and working for Cuyahoga Falls Schools as a cafeteria worker. In 2018, she started working part-time at Cuyahoga Falls Police Department in their Records Department as a transcriptionist while working for Cuyahoga Falls Schools. She continued to work at CFPD part-time for the next 4 ½ years, until coming to Stow Police Department Records in May 2022.

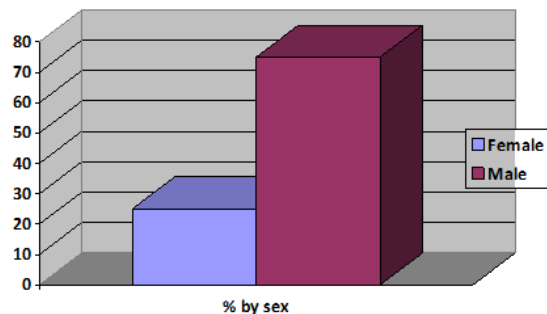
Stow Youth Services

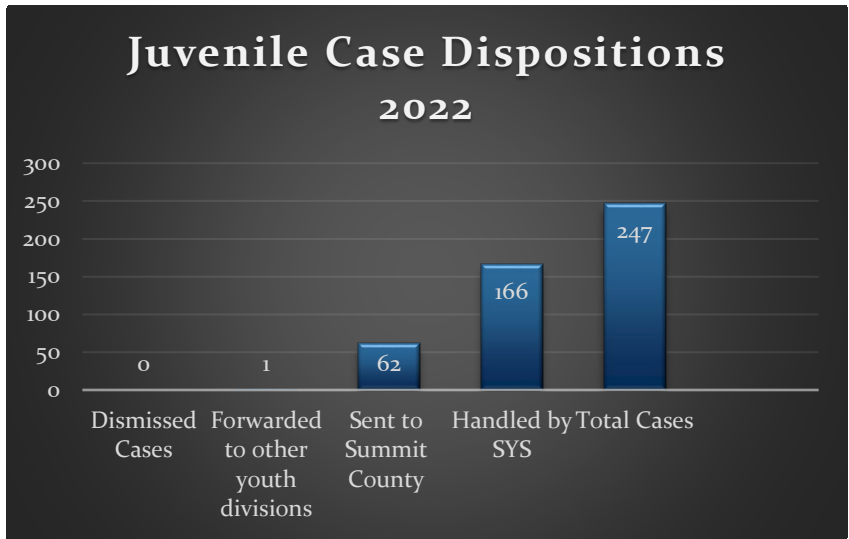


Stow Youth Services (SYS) provides alternative rehabilitation for juveniles who have been arrested by local police. The SYS program diverts teens from the Juvenile Court System and provides accountability and assistance to the teens and their parents. This is a cooperative effort between the youth, parents, and SYS staff. Any juvenile who lives in the City of Stow or Munroe Falls and becomes involved with the police is eligible by referral. Walk-ins are also considered when parents need help providing the proper information to their children. The majority of juveniles are placed on a 3-month contract where they are closely monitored and given effective logical consequences to abide by. Other programs that are provided: 4-hour Mandatory Parent/Student Educational Groups, Vaping Education classes, Community Service, and Safety Town.

Participants in the Stow Youth Services program are required to pay an initial diversion fee of \$10 upon entering the program for the first time. Stow Youth Services collected \$640 in Diversion Fees in 2022.

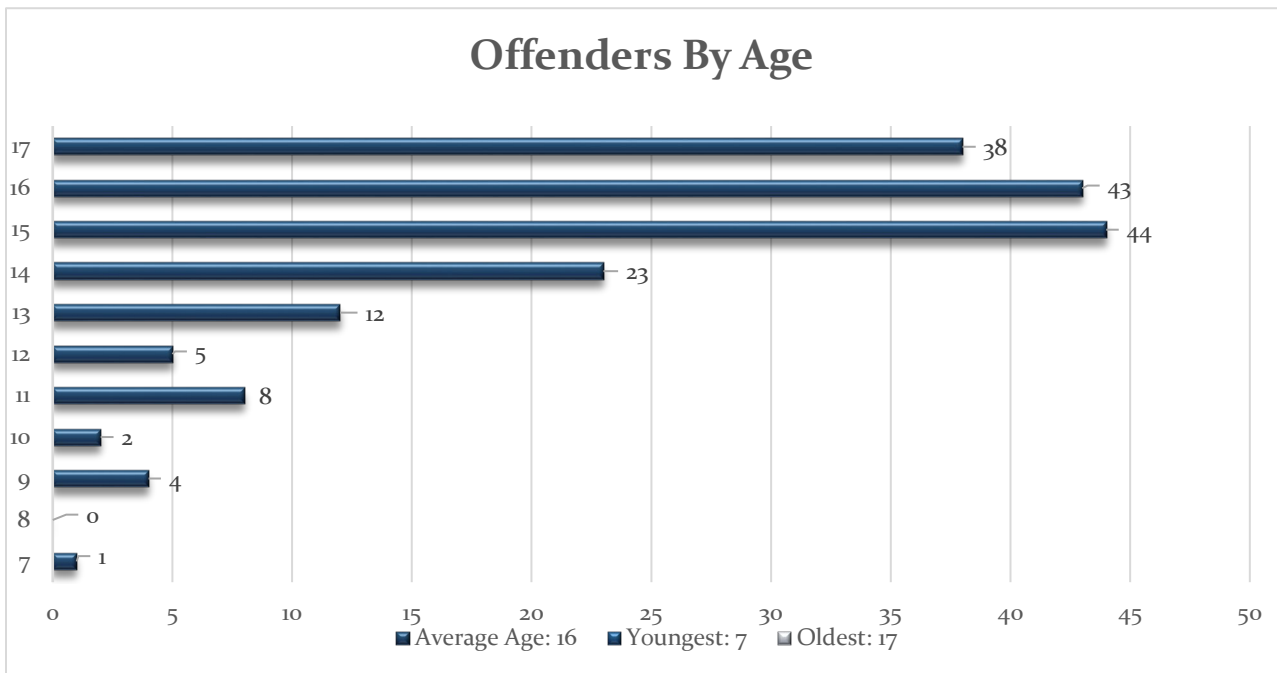
In 2022 there were 129 male juvenile offenders (71%) and 52 female juvenile offenders (29%).





Top 3 Offenses:

- 1) Unruly (Curfew, Incurrigibility, Runaway)
- 2) Drugs/Alcohol
- 3) Theft



SYS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In addition to maintaining a steady flow of cases and community supervision, the Stow Youth Services (SYS) participated in many outside community events and programs in 2022. These programs are directly related to youth safety and crime diversion and include: The Narcotics Overdose Prevention Task Force (NOPE), Safety Town, National Night Out Against Crime, and several community presentations.



In 2022, Stow Youth Services was able to get the Vaping Intervention Program up and running full steam. This program is designed to address the trend of juveniles using vaping devices. This curriculum is a two-hour class. The program is designed to make students aware of how deep their involvement is with vaping and the future consequences of continued use. Sixty-one students completed the Vaping Intervention Program this year.

In August 2022, Stow Youth Services provided an alternate class to the Saturday Family Workshop (SFW). While our agency assigns and schedules families for the SFW, there was a long gap anticipated between the classes, and our program had a large number of families that needed to finish their cases. As a result, SYS put on a Substance Abuse Education class that primarily incorporated information presented in the SFW.

In 2022, SYS continued working with the schools to address truancy issues as they arose. The department worked with the schools to specifically address truancy prior to sending them to Summit County Juvenile Court.

As usual, SYS continued to seek meaningful community service projects for youth involved in our program. Youth in the program assisted the city's service department with various tasks, including washing equipment in the city service center, cleaning up the mulch beds around the safety center and cleaning in city parks, as well as setting up and tearing down picnic tables at pavilions at Silver Springs Park.

In addition to this community involvement, SYS also continued to be responsible for crossing guard duties for the elementary and intermediate schools serving Stow. The department was responsible for scheduling and assignments, covering absences at any and all school locations as necessary, and making sure pay stubs were available each payday for the guards to pick up.

SYS is also involved in the planning and execution of National Night Out Against Crime (NNOC) as well as Safety Town. NNOC includes pre-planning with local businesses, vendors, sponsors, and scout groups as well as the setup and tear down of the event. Safety Town is coordinated and planned by SYS Toni Carter who puts a lot of work in every year to plan and operate 4 sessions during a 2 week period in the summer.

Safety Town

In June of 2022, Stow Youth Services (SYS) had 145 kids come through four (4) Safety Town sessions. A total of thirteen important lessons are covered during the five-day program. Topics covered over the five days include fire safety, playground safety, dog bite prevention, seat belt



safety, weapon safety, poison safety, 9-1-1 safety, bike safety, personal safety, pedestrian safety, bus safety, weather safety, and water safety. SYS partners with other agencies, such as Akron Children's Hospital, and the Stow-Munroe Falls School District, to provide comprehensive, current instruction. Safety Town employs two full-time certified teachers from the Stow Munroe-Falls School District to plan and lead the daily educational process.



Eddy Eagle Teaches about Weapon Safety

They help the students by being role models for the kids to look up to and by guiding them through their daily activities. They also lead the students on tours of the Police Department, Fire Department, Dispatch Center, and during the field trip to the Safety Village and Red Park.

Stow Safety Town is coordinated by Youth Services Specialist Toni Carter who works diligently for over 6 months to put on a well-loved and educational program. In 2020 and 2021, Toni came up with a Covid-safe alternative to Safety Town that was web-based and could be completed from home. After all Covid restrictions were lifted, Toni worked effortlessly to bring back the beloved in-person Safety Town that kids will remember for generations.

Safety Town takes a village and Toni had a lot of help! There were 41 total student volunteers from 8th to 12th grade working to make the four classes possible. Our amazing volunteers are such an important part of Safety Town. They help the students by being role models for the kids to look up to and by guiding them through their daily



The Stow Safety Village is one of the most popular field trip sites during Safety Town. Kids learn important lessons while at the Safety Village like crosswalk and stop sign safety, helmet safety, and more.

The Stow Firefighters Local 1662 Safety Village was constructed in 2007 as a permanent site for students to learn and practice these valuable lessons in a realistic setting. The Safety Village consists of miniature replica structures featuring local companies and landmark buildings identifiable in Stow.

In 2022, The Safety Village began an upgrade with the new construction of a miniature Stow Public Library. The Six District Compact Construction Program, lead by Don Titko out of Kent High School built the replica while Stow artists, Kimmy Henderson and Anne Geraghty provided the painting. The project was completed in December 2022.



Pictured: Sgt. Dan Drummond, JT Hill, Owen Snyder, Gavin Nesbitt, Officer Paxton, Anne Geraghty, Don Titko, Ann Malthaner, Andrew Kline, Firefighter Mel Gammel, Kimmy Henderson, Toni Carter, Mayor Pribonic, Sylvester Freeman

School Crossing Guards

In 2022, Stow PD employed ten (10) crossing guards. These dedicated individuals are managed by the Stow Youth Services Supervisor and are assigned to help children cross the road at seven (7) school locations throughout the city. These folks are trusted with the safety of the city's schoolchildren. They can be seen out stopping traffic and keeping things running smoothly in the sunshine, rain, sleet, or snow! Challenges continued throughout 2022 with the rise in the number of students being driven to school, which caused an increase in traffic during the times of crossing students. Inclement weather and snow/ice mounds have added to the difficulty of their jobs. Yet, they remain positive and greet students with a smile and salutation!



Community Events

National Night Out



In conjunction with Target stores, Stow PD participated in National Night Out (NNO) in August. A yearly event, this presents a fantastic opportunity for the police department to interact and engage with the community. A large outdoor festival, which is open to the public, is held in front of the safety center.



The event features large inflatables for kids, face painting, free food, and many police-related activities for families to enjoy, including a K-9 demonstration & a chance to check out police vehicles and equipment.



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Each year, the Special Olympics torch passes through the City of Stow as it makes its way across the State of Ohio, proudly carried by law enforcement officers to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Hudson officers pass off the torch to Stow officers at the



northern border. Stow PD then runs the torch three and a half miles to the southern edge of the city where it is transferred to Munroe Falls officers so that it can continue on its journey. On June 21, 2022, Stow had 15 runners participate, which included family members, Police Chief Film, Law Director Syx, and Mayor Pribonic. The Stow team was third in the entire state in fundraising, raising over \$3,766.40 to donate to the Ohio Special Olympics! This year, Sgt. Kasey Lasko was selected to be a Northeast Ohio Leg Leader, coordinating 5 days of routes and runners from Painesville, OH (Lake County) to Westerville, OH (Franklin County). This was the first time the Torch Run had been totally in-person since 2019 and many parts of the program had to be rebuilt from the ground up.



Operation Chill



Officers partnered up with 7-Eleven to enact Operation Chill. This community outreach program is designed to reduce crime and enhance relations between police and youth. Operation Chill allows law enforcement officers to “ticket” kids they observe doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior. The ticket is actually a coupon good for a free Slurpee from 7-Eleven. In addition to encouraging positive behaviors like wearing bicycle helmets, doing good deeds, participating in community activities and organizations, picking up trash, deterring crime or observing street crossing rules, the Operation Chill Program offers opportunities for officers to establish a rapport with kids in a neighborhood. Though the reasons for being “ticketed” may vary, the end result is the same for every youngster: A free Slurpee drink and a smile for a good deed.

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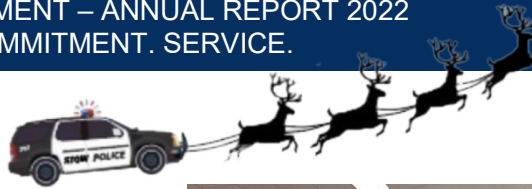
Handel’s Ice Cream Rewards

Handel’s Ice Cream Rewards Similar to Operation Chill, Handel’s Ice Cream provides officers with coupons for a free ice cream cone which we also use for community outreach. These coupons are given out to kids who we “catch” doing positive things, or kids who need an ice cream cone to cheer them up due to their circumstances.



From November until February, male officers can elect to grow facial hair outside of the normal clean shaven uniform policy. In order to do this, officers have to donate a minimum of \$25 to different charities for each month of participation. November strikes the beginning of the charitable months where officers

donate to the Movember Foundation, a global foundation focused solely on men’s health. If officers choose to keep their facial hair the following month in December, they must donate to Shop with a Cop followed by the First Responders Memorial in January and the Summit County Police Chaplaincy Center in February.



Shop with a Cop

The Stow Police Department continues to be a regular participant in the annual Shop with a Cop (SWAC) event. SWAC gives the police an opportunity to connect and build strong, trusting relationships with children in our community. It also gives families that are struggling financially an opportunity to shop for toys and gifts to help make the season more bright.

This year, Kimpton Middle School in Munroe Falls hosted 11 Summit County agencies and 201 children for breakfast with Santa and their favorite Disney princesses and superheroes. Breakfast was donated by many local restaurants and businesses.



After breakfast, the children were transported to the Stow Target via all different types of police and SWAT vehicles. Thanks to generous donations from local citizens and businesses, Stow Police were able to provide \$300 Target gift cards to 28 Stow children to shop for Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. Each family was also given multiple gift cards to different restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and places of entertainment courtesy of an anonymous Stow resident.



2022 Personnel

Sworn Officers

Chief Jeffrey E. Film

Captain Bryan J. Snavely

Lieutenant Michael A. Titus
Lieutenant Erik N. Dirker

Lieutenant Heather M. Prusha Lieutenant Stephen W. Miller

Sergeant Daniel N. Drummond
Sergeant Theodore L. Bell

Sergeant Jeffrey A. Breznak
Sergeant John L. Ginther

Sergeant Kasey L. Lasko
Sergeant Jacob D. Corfman

Detective Edith F. Gaffney
Detective Stephen J. Heim

Detective Jeffrey D. Swanson
Detective Ryan M. Schulz

Detective Nicholas F. Dolezal
Detective Michael B. Murphy

Officer Timothy J. Reiheld
Officer Robert S. Molody
Officer Justin C. Smith
Officer Edward J. Wonner
Officer Brett M. Balog
Officer Justin M. Burgess
Officer Christopher J. Musarra
Officer Dylan M. Gabel
Officer Nicholas J. Flasco
Officer Antonio Johnson

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