

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



MARK KAYE
CHIEF OF POLICE



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Mayor Burke, Members of City Council, and Garfield Heights residents:

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2021 Annual Report for the Garfield Heights Police Department. This report will provide some statistics, highlights, and information about the year our department had.

2021 definitely brought unique challenges, such as working through the COVID-19 pandemic and a national rise in crime, specifically violent crime. Our officers persevered, remained professional, and continued to answer the call to duty.

Our department saw many changes in 2021 including the hiring of six new officers who are featured on page 4 of this report. In addition to those officers, we welcomed K9 Officer Echo (Handler Ptl. Tim Baon) and K9 Officer Creed (Handler Sgt. Carlos Crespo). In July I was sworn in as Police Chief replacing Chief Robert Byrne who retired after 31 years of service. Also at that time, Dale Merchant was

sworn in as Deputy Chief. Officer Brittany McCune became our School Resource Officer at the High School taking over for Officer James Seawright who moved into our Detective Bureau.

Through funding made available via the CARES Act we were able to make significant renovations to our police department. The entire department received new paint and new carpeting throughout. All new desks and cubicles were purchased for every office making the space we have much more functional. All bathrooms were updated, specifically with all touchless fixtures. We also created a brand-new locker room for patrol officers and supervisors. New window treatments, storage, and police lobby rounded out the renovations.

In September we hosted our first ever Citizen's Police Academy. This first class was invite only and we had 11 participants attend class for two hours, once a week, for ten weeks. The purpose was

to educate citizens on the operations, policies, and procedures of our department. Citizens received training in use of force, OVI enforcement, legal procedures, life saving measures, patrol techniques, and several other areas of focus. Overall, the participants were fantastic and the program was a success. Our second class will be starting in the Spring of 2022.

In an effort to become more efficient, several supervisors took over tasks that fell within their areas of expertise. Lt. Todd Vargo was moved into a Staff Services position to oversee several administrative tasks of the department. Sgt. Crespo took over management of our Patrol vehicles in order to maximize their life and functionality. Lt. Matt Berdysz took over training for our entire department. Sgt. Nick Rossi took over our Field Training Officer Program and is in charge of training our new officers. Finally, Deputy Chief Merchant began overseeing our new Drone Unit comprised of five officers.

Officers continued our com

munity engagement efforts which included meeting children at the schools, attending block watches, and participating in the city's first "Night with First Responders" at the Fire Station in November. Increasing the trust and transparency between our department and our community remains a top priority.

I will close by saying how incredibly blessed I am to be able to lead such a fine group of men and women at our department. The professionalism, dedication, and often heroism they show on a daily basis never ceases to impress me. While admittedly biased, I believe them to be the finest group of officers around and I am honored to be a small part of our team. Thank you.

- Chief Mark Kaye



"We take pride in the relationships we have with our local partners and these two arrests are an example of that. Our task force members worked closely with the Garfield Heights Police Department to safely and efficiently arrest two homicide suspects within the same week,"
Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Brian Fitzgibbon said."

"Officer Cornell and his son had the opportunity to participate in "Operation Santa's Sleigh" on behalf of GHPD. They went to local hospitals to bring holiday cheer to the children, families and staff. Check out their decorations!"



Patrol Division

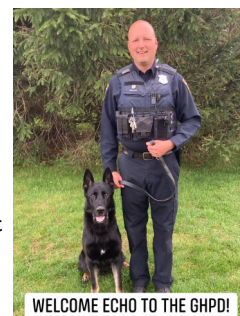
- Consists of 28 patrolmen divided among 4 shifts with a Lieutenant and Sergeant on each shift.
- In 2021 Patrolman Carlos Crespo was promoted to Sergeant and Sergeant Matthew Berdysz was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Responded to 19,416 calls for service in 2021.
- Officers confiscated 235 firearms in 2021.
- Patrol officers also conduct routine traffic enforcement resulting in 2,739 citations issued for the year.
- OVI's are of the utmost importance at our agency. Officers made 90 OVI arrests in 2021.
- Lieutenant Matt Berdysz was put in charge of training for the department. He taught officers several classes that were mandated by the state of Ohio.
- Sgt. Nick Rossi also became the supervisor of our Field Training Program for new officers. Our department currently has six field training officers.

Detective Bureau

- The head of the bureau is Lieutenant Robert Petrick. Sergeant Todd Cramer is also a supervisor in the bureau.
- Consists of five Detectives, with one assigned to juvenile crimes.
- 377 Criminal cases were investigated in 2021.
- 193 Felony cases were filed with the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.
- 61 misdemeanor cases were filed with the GH Municipal Court.
- Nine homicides were investigated.
- Juvenile Detective Bureau
- In 2021, 176 cases were investigated by the juvenile Detective Bureau.
- 158 juvenile cases were filed with juvenile court.
- 38 cases were investigated that did not result in charges filed.
- 41 Missing Juvenile cases were investigated.
- 24 Heroin Overdose cases were investigated.

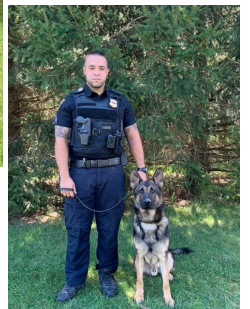
K-9 Unit

- Our department has three K-9 officer teams.
- Deputy Chief Merchant and Arlo, Ptl. Baon and Echo, Sgt. Crespo and Kreed.
- Kreed and Echo were purchased through a private donation.
- K9's and their handlers train twice a month and are responsible for numerous public relations events throughout the city.
- K9 officers also assist other agencies when a K9 is needed.



Ptl. Baon & Echo

Sgt. Crespo & Kreed



South East Area Law Enforcement (SEALE)

- We are one of seven agencies in the Southeast Area Law Enforcement regional group.
- SEALE units include SWAT, CIT, CART, AIU, and Bomb.
- We have the following number of members allocated to each:

SWAT = 7

CIT = 3

CART = 1

Bomb = 2

- Officers Eric Garcia and Robert Pitts joined the SWAT team in 2021. Officers Eric Cornell and Noelle Ivaskovic joined the Crisis Intervention Team.
- Team members attend training either once or twice a month.



Mission Statement

The Garfield Heights Police Department is committed to protecting and serving all the people of our community with respect, fairness and compassion. Acting in partnership with our community to protect life and property, we strive to prevent crime and preserve peace, order, and safety. We will seek just solutions with honesty and integrity. We will encourage and need community involvement to work toward a mutual goal of enhancing the quality of life within our city.

Jail/Bookings

- The police department also operates a 12-day Jail with capacity for 12 males and 3 female prisoners.
- Booking numbers for 2021:
- Adults booked: 730
- 632 males, 98 females
- Juveniles booked: 49
- 41 males, 8 females

Dispatch Center

- Currently have 8 full-time dispatchers and 5 part-time.
- Center dispatches for police, fire and EMS units.
- In 2021, dispatchers answered 47,450 calls.
- 14,022 911 calls were received along with 13 texts to 911.
- Overall for 2021, our dispatchers had an average 911 call answering time of 3.0 seconds. The average call answering time for non-emergency calls was just over 4 seconds.

Auxiliary Police

- The department has an Auxiliary Police force which currently consists of 20 officers.
- The unit worked a total of 2,806 compensated hours. They also worked 368 volunteer hours.
- Auxiliary officers also help in the jail, with prisoners, traffic control, and special events such as Halloween and Night with First Responders.
- They were also instrumental in coordinating special events such as the Memorial Day Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at City Hall.



Our Newest Team Members



Sgt. Crespo & K9 Creed



Ptl. Pete Stockhausen



Ptl. Youssef Ihiri



Ptl. Lueth Ajieng



Ptl. Colton Cramer



Ptl. Tim Baon & K9 Echo

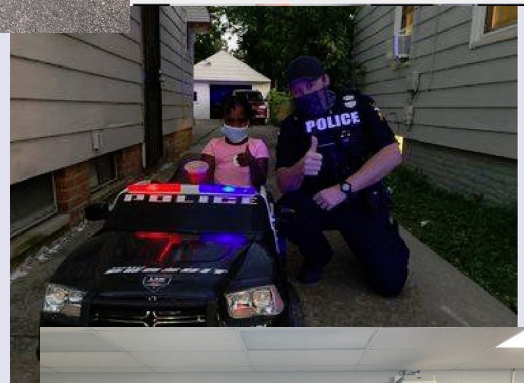


Ptl. Noelle Ivaskovic



Ptl. Zachary Krebs

2021 At-A-Glance



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Values

Professionalism – *Our conduct and demeanor display the highest standard of personal and organizational excellence.*

Honor – *We strive to accomplish our mission to serve the citizens of Garfield Heights with the dignity that reflects the responsibility of our oath*

Integrity – *We are committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct, which are the cornerstones of our profession. We will uphold the public trust and our commitment to our core values.*

Unity – *We foster collaboration between our employees and the community in order to achieve shared goals and objectives.*



GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Type	Number Of Calls
911 HANGUP	302
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	16
ALARM	1,776
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	663
ANIMAL CRUELTY	16
ARSON	6
ASSAULT	207
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	2
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	342
ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD	29
ASSIST WITH PROPERTY	11
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	23
BAD CHECKS	9
BAR CHECK	13
BODY FOUND	49
BREAKING AND ENTERING	38
BREAKING AND ENTERING - ATTEMPT	1
BURGLARY	67
BURGLARY - ATTEMPT	7
CAPIAS/WARRANT ON FILE	243
CHILD ENDANGERING	26
CHILD NEGLECT	11
CIVIL MATTER	100
COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY	11
COMPLAINTS - GENERAL	11
COUNTERFEITING	5
CRIMAL DAMGE	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - AUTO	110
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER	41
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - RESIDENCE	109
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	38
CURFEW	5
CUSTODY DISPUTE	132
DEBRIS ON STREET	85
DETAIL	3
DIRT BIKE/	1
DIRT BIKE/ATV DISTURBING	130
DISABLED VEHICLE	569
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	44
DISTURBANCE	745
DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE(S)	43
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	673
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	183
DRUG ABUSE	14
DRUG ACTIVITY	8
ENDANGERING CHILD	4
ESCORT	195
FALSIFICATION	1
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	28
FIELD TRAINING SCENARIO	1
FIRE/SMOKE/EXPLOSION	52
FIREWORK	1

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Type	Number Of Calls
FIREWORKS	241
FORGERY	2
FOUND PERSON	37
FOUND PROPERTY	115
GAMES ON STREETS	41
GARBAGE COMPLAINT	11
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	78
HARASSMENT	102
HEROIN - OVERDOSE	16
HOMICIDE	8
IDENTITY THEFT	148
ILLEGAL DUMPING	19
IN SERVICE TRAINING	1
INJURY TO PERSON	26
JUVENILE(S)	390
K-9 ASSIGNMENT	1
KIDNAPPING	1
LANDLORD / TENANT DISPUTE	31
LITTERING	4
LITTERING FROM MV	2
LOCKOUT - HOME PD	13
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE	41
LOITERING	10
LOST / STOLEN LIC PLTS	19
LOST PROPERTY	40
LUNCH /	1
LUNCH / OFFICER	625
MAPLE HEIGHTS	1
MED 10	132
MENACING	185
MISCELLANEOUS	2
MISSING JUVENILE	119
MISSING JUVENILE RETURNED	46
MISSING PERSON	42
MISUSE OF A CREDIT CARD	8
MVA	826
MVA FATAL OH-1	1
MVA HIT SKIP	262
MVA INJURY OH-1	150
MVA LOCAL	54
MVA OH-1	80
MVA PEDESTRIAN OH-1	16
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	196
NOISE	910
NOTIFICATION	53
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS	8
PANIC ALARM	1
PARKING COMPLAINT - 24 HOURS	294
PARKING COMPLAINT - 48 HOURS	34
PARKING COMPLAINT - 72 HOURS	1
PARKING COMPLAINT - HANDICAP	21
PARKING COMPLAINT - OTHER	875
PARKING COMPLAINT 3-6	142
PASSING BAD CHECKS	6
PEDESTRIAN COMPLAINT	12
PERSONAL WELFARE	889
PRISONER CARE	8
PRISONER TRANSPORT	74
PRIVATE TOW	161
PROBATE	14

Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Type	Number Of Calls
PROPERTY DAMAGE - NON CRIMINAL	49
PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION	286
PUBLIC INDECENCY	12
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	31
RAILROAD CROSSING	2
RECOVERED PROPERTY	35
RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO	89
RESISTING ARREST	2
ROBBERY	17
ROBBERY - BUSINESS STRONG ARM	3
ROBBERY - FORCIBLE PURSE SNATCHING	1
ROBBERY - STREET STRONG ARM	4
SCAVENGING	2
SCHOOL GUARD DETAIL	33
SECURITY CHECK - BUSINESS	46
SECURITY CHECK - RESIDENCE	188
SERVE SEARCH WARRANT	2
SEX OFFENSE	29
SEXUAL ASSAULT	16
SEXUAL HARASSMENT	2
SHOTS FIRED	263
SOLICITOR	90
SUICIDE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	251
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	7
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	409
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	409
SWAT CALLOUT	5
TAMPERING W/UTILITIES	1
TELECOMMUNICATION HARASSMENT	112
THEFT	319
THEFT - BICYCLE	6
THEFT - FIREARM	48
THEFT - SHOPLIFTING	78
THEFT FROM AUTO	68
THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	149
TRAFFIC ALTERCATION	29
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - OTHER	86
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - POSSIBLE OVI	44
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - RECKLESS	154
TRAFFIC CONTROL	11
TRAFFIC DETAIL	6
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	1
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - DUS	65
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - FLEEING	108
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - NO DL	9
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - OTHER	19
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - OVI	63
TRAFFIC OFFENSE - RECKLESS	37
TRAFFIC SIGNAL CHECK	12
TRAFFIC STOP	2,349
TRANSPORT BY POLICE	27
TRESPASSING	94
TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER	164
TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER.	1
UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE	4
UNAUTHORIZED USE - VEHICLE	58
UNWANTED GUEST	231
UTILITIES - PUBLIC	85
VANDALISM	13

Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Type	Number Of Calls	
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	53	
WEAPON OFFENSE	128	
WEAPON TURNED IN	3	
	Grand Total	21765



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Calls By Day and Hour

Calls received - breakdown by day and time received

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Agency Range GARFIELD To GARFIELD

Hour of Day:	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
00:00-00:59	194	129	108	123	133	136	158	981	4.51%
01:00-01:59	180	97	105	110	123	113	158	886	4.07%
02:00-02:59	163	54	95	93	96	90	119	710	3.26%
03:00-03:59	112	70	84	67	77	86	101	597	2.74%
04:00-04:59	90	68	68	71	66	74	79	516	2.37%
05:00-05:59	57	59	55	61	57	64	47	400	1.84%
06:00-06:59	48	44	52	59	37	45	47	332	1.53%
07:00-07:59	47	77	94	88	95	75	69	545	2.50%
08:00-08:59	60	76	111	114	111	120	83	675	3.10%
09:00-09:59	102	134	127	126	146	121	73	829	3.81%
10:00-10:59	105	145	168	145	162	149	123	997	4.58%
11:00-11:59	114	138	138	147	147	136	139	959	4.41%
12:00-12:59	112	162	157	158	143	142	118	992	4.56%
13:00-13:59	117	144	177	144	171	174	130	1057	4.86%
14:00-14:59	121	150	198	168	190	158	118	1103	5.07%
15:00-15:59	131	183	201	174	168	171	140	1168	5.37%
16:00-16:59	146	172	198	203	153	182	139	1193	5.48%
17:00-17:59	148	173	184	210	172	170	149	1206	5.54%
18:00-18:59	126	154	169	150	145	151	137	1032	4.74%
19:00-19:59	137	158	170	167	152	167	180	1131	5.20%
20:00-20:59	179	138	144	151	141	162	188	1103	5.07%
21:00-21:59	189	151	155	149	151	183	197	1175	5.40%
22:00-22:59	157	133	147	158	151	163	210	1119	5.14%
23:00-23:59	142	128	125	150	153	158	198	1054	4.84%

Calls By Day and Hour

Calls received - breakdown by day and time received

Date Range	1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021							
Agency Range	GARFIELD		To	GARFIELD				
	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>	
Totals:	2,977	2,937	3,230	3,186	3,140	3,190	3,100	21,760
%	13.68%	13.50%	14.84%	14.64%	14.43%	14.66%	14.25%	100.00%



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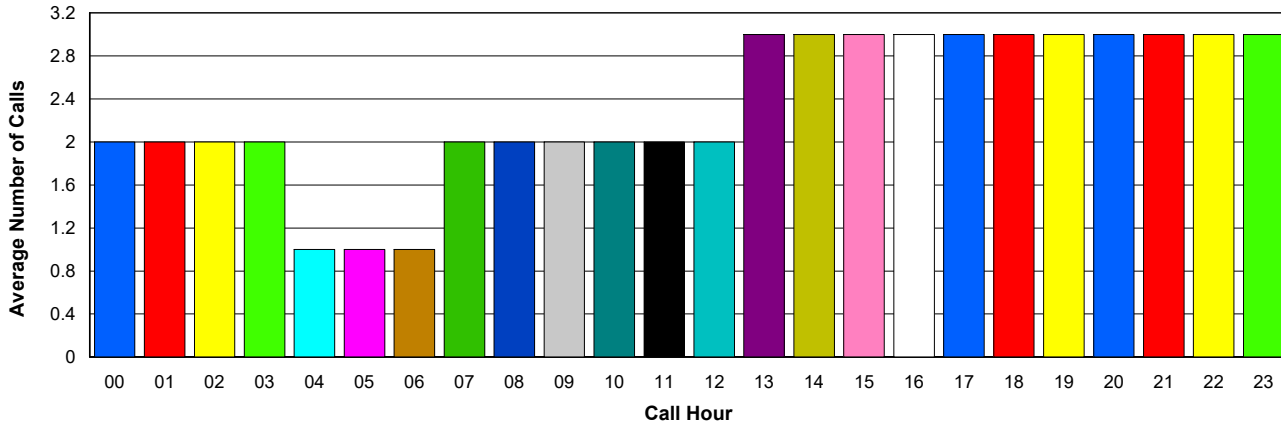
Calls Grouped By Hour

Date Range: 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Agency Range: GARFIELD

To GARFIELD

Average Number of Calls Per Hour



Call Hour	Sum Of Calls	Average Number Of Calls
00	981	2
01	886	2
02	710	2
03	597	2
04	516	1
05	400	1
06	332	1
07	545	2
08	675	2
09	829	2
10	997	2
11	959	2
12	992	2
13	1,057	3
14	1,103	3
15	1,168	3
16	1,193	3
17	1,206	3
18	1,032	3
19	1,131	3
20	1,103	3
21	1,175	3
22	1,119	3
23	1,054	3

Grand Total of Calls

21,760



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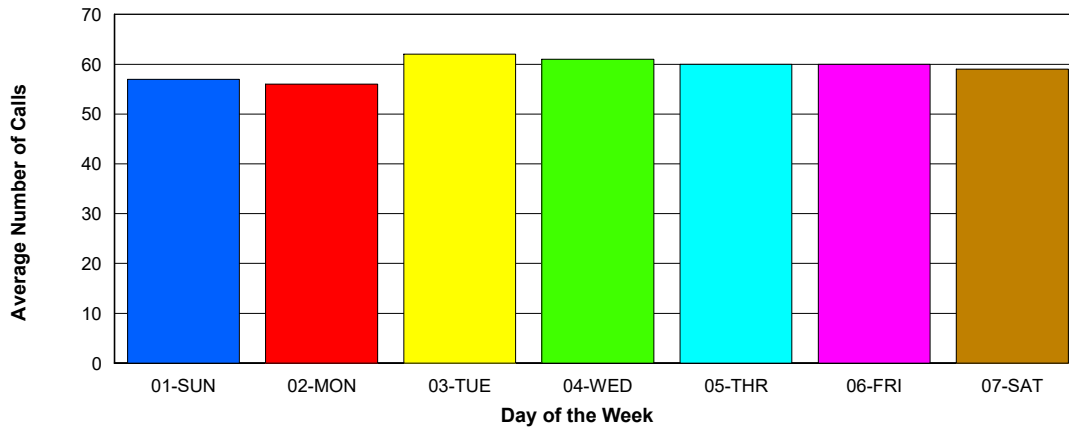
Calls Grouped By Day of Week

Date Range: 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Agency Range: GARFIELD

To GARFIELD

Average Number Of Calls Per Day



Call Day	Sum Of Calls	Average Number Of Calls
SUNDAY	2,977	57
MONDAY	2,937	56
TUESDAY	3,230	62
WEDNESDAY	3,186	61
THURSDAY	3,140	60
FRIDAY	3,190	60
SATURDAY	3,100	59
Grand Total of Calls		21,760