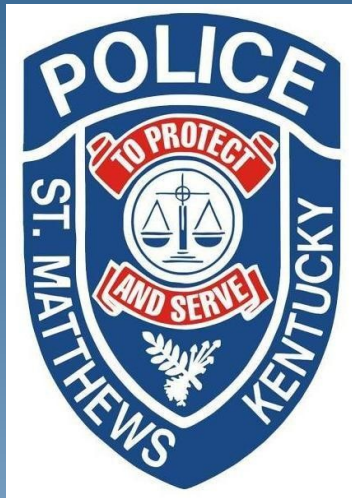


St. Matthews Police Department

2019 Annual Report



Professional - Service Oriented - Proactive

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Letter from the Chief...

After completing my second full year as your police chief, I truly understand what an honor it is to lead a group of dedicated professionals. It is an opportunity I do not take for granted. I have garnered a true respect for the unique aspects of St. Matthews and those who reside, work and visit here. One of these aspects is the pride of the St. Matthews community, the same pride I see in our dedicated members of our Department.

Our members strive to keep St. Matthews one of the safest cities and to protect those we serve. We have initiated crime prevention strategies such as zero tolerance for habitual offenders and specific crimes, quality of life improvements, problem solving tactics, proactive policing and most importantly, listening to our community.

We are successful because we have an outstanding working relationship with our city government, businesses and residents. By working as a team, we can prevent and reduce crime in this great city.



And we have... in 2019, St. Matthews saw a reduction in violent crime by 29%. Other cities saw a significant rise in property crimes, but we remained relatively steady with the exception of shoplifting.

Still, we can do better... our members will continue to take pride and be dedicated to those in the community. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our department members and thank them for doing a great job on a daily basis. We will stand, protect, listen and work with you to make us a better and safer city.

Mission and Values Statement

Vision Statement

The St. Matthews Police Department strives to maintain a safe environment to protect the unique character of the community, its residents and visitors through service-oriented proactive policing.

Mission Statement

The St. Matthews Police Department provides high quality services to a community which values public safety through professional, proactive and innovative police services.

Service Oriented Policing

We will provide service-oriented policing to all people of the St. Matthews Community with a genuine concern for those we serve by creating partnerships and exceeding their expectations.

Making Ourselves Accountable

We will make ourselves accountable in all facets of our job through moral, ethical and legal policing.

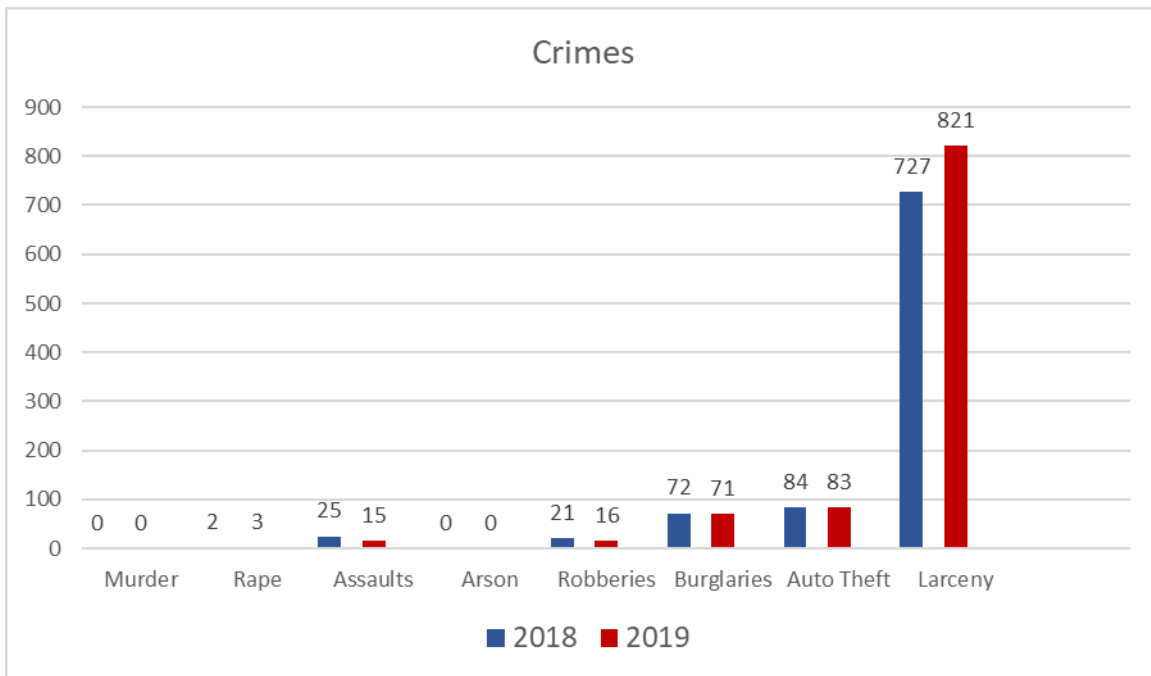
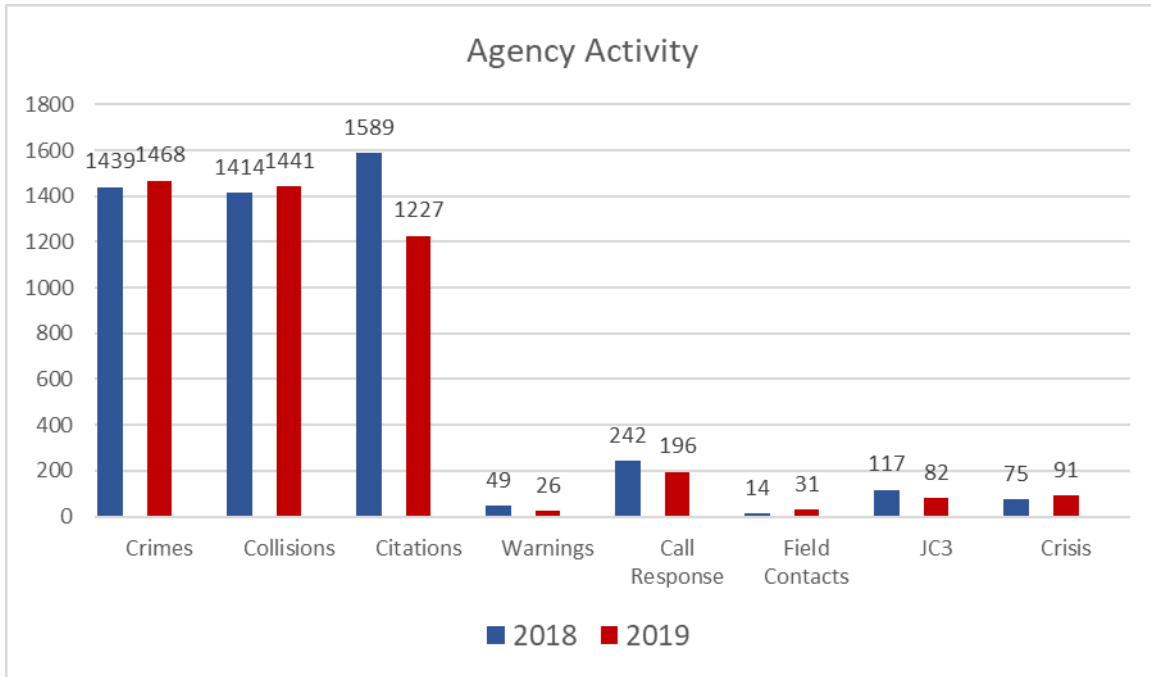
Proactive Policing with Pride and Professionalism

We will proactively police with humble pride and professionalism to keep our community safe.

Dedicated to Community and Law Enforcement Profession

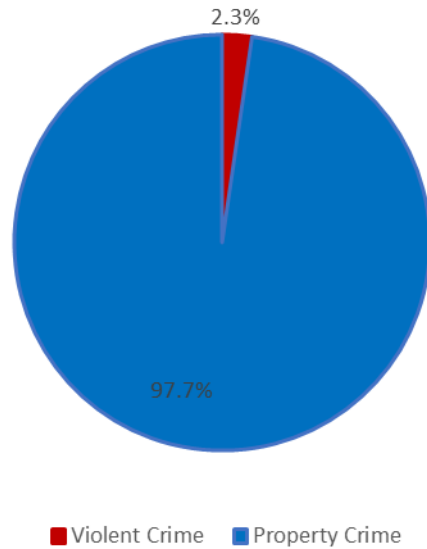
We will be dedicated to the St. Matthews community and the law enforcement profession by utilizing cutting-edge practices and methods.

SMPD Crime Statistics

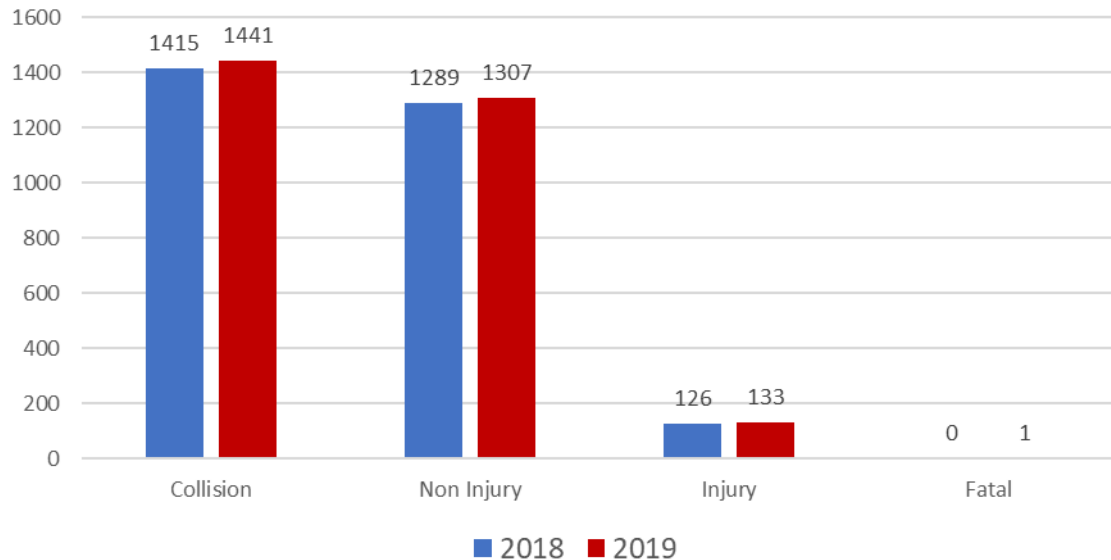


SMPD Crime Statistics

Percentage Violent Crimes / Property Crimes



Collisions



Support Bureau

Criminal Investigation Division

The St. Matthews Police Department Support Bureau is commanded by Major Eddie Jones. It is comprised of several units, each of which are tasked with distinctive roles that are directed toward supporting the police department. These units consist of Criminal Investigations/Narcotics, Communications Center, Evidence and Property along with other administrative tasks performed under this bureau.



The Criminal Investigations Unit is made up of six detectives and one sergeant. Two of these detectives investigate narcotics complaints. Reports that are forwarded to this unit require extensive or specialized follow-up investigation. The detectives work with neighboring agencies and businesses to recover property, identify and apprehend suspects, conduct interviews and collect evidence. To better serve the citizens of St. Matthews, detectives attended the Homicide Investigation School which is conducted at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute. Detectives also attended training provided by the Louisville Metro Police Crime Scene Unit. This training provided specialized skills in investigating and collecting evidence at a crime scene.

In 2019, detectives were assigned **1064** cases for follow-up investigation.

Detectives cleared:

- **313** cases
- **108** cleared by arrest
- **67** were felony arrests
- **41** were misdemeanor arrests.

In 2019, SMPD responded to Norton Suburban Hospital on reports of gunfire. Once on scene, it was discovered a male had kidnapped his girlfriend, with which he has a child in common. He pointed a shotgun at the victim and forced her into his vehicle. The victim was able to escape safely in the west end of Louisville. Detectives were able to identify the suspect and make an arrest in this case quickly, without further incident.

The Narcotics detectives work closely with patrol, neighboring police agencies, federal task forces and community partners to address crime trends impacting the quality of life in St. Matthews. More specifically, they address drug, gang and prostitution crimes, utilizing plain clothes operations and surveillance. In 2019, narcotics detectives seized (5,401) grams of Cocaine, (1,312) grams of Heroin, (25,979) grams of Marijuana, (6,690) grams of Morphine and (9,346) grams of Methamphetamine.

SMPD was contacted by the Jefferson County Attorneys Office requesting assistance in locating and serving several arrest warrants on an individual. The subject was wanted on multiple warrants resulting from a violent domestic incident. Once he was apprehended, it was determined that he was operating a large narcotic trafficking operation from inside his home in St. Matthews. Besides the warrants, he was charged with Trafficking in Narcotics. Detectives were able to seize cash and a 2017 Mercedes Benz. Forty-eight firearms were also taken off the streets.

Support Bureau

Criminal Investigation Division

Ulta Beauty contacted SMPD to report that the same individual had committed several thefts from their store over many weeks. They reported the suspect had been captured on their in-store video. Through an extensive investigation, the detectives were able to identify the suspect. They located the suspect at an address in the Okolona area. He admitted to the crimes during an interview and admitted to reselling the property to other individuals. The property from these thefts were valued at over \$700.00. This individual was charged with three counts of Shoplifting and one count of Theft of Merchandise for the Intent to Resale.

In a separate investigation, Ulta Beauty observed a female suspect had shoplifted merchandise from their store on several occasions throughout the year. SMPD detectives were able to identify this suspect from in-store video. The business encountered a total loss of over \$3,500.00. Detectives were able to locate her and make an arrest.

Communications Center

The St. Matthews Police Department Communications Center performs the communication operations for the St. Matthews Police Department. The Communications Center receives, prioritizes and dispatches all emergency and non-emergency calls for police, on a 24-hour basis. Fire and EMS calls are referred to MetroSafe Communications which is an enhanced 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). We are a secondary PSAP, receiving 911 transfers from MetroSafe Communications. The Communications Center consists of a supervisor/dispatcher, four full-time dispatchers and thirteen part-time and seasonal dispatchers. In 2019, our dispatchers received 35,497 phone calls where 3,462 of them were 911 calls.



Property and Evidence

The Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for receiving, processing, storing and disposing of evidence, found property and personal property. This unit is also responsible for maintaining the chain of custody for evidence and to ensure the availability of that evidence for court.

During the renovation of City Hall, the property section was expanded and provided with a more secure space within the police department. This space will ensure the police department can meet its storage needs for years to come. In 2019, the Property and Evidence Unit logged in **696** pieces of property and evidence.

Operations Bureau

Patrol

The St. Matthews Police Department Operations Bureau is commanded by Major A.J. Cobaugh. It is comprised of the Patrol Division and several auxiliary units, each of which are tasked with distinctive roles that are directed toward the basic tactical operations of the police department. These units consist of the Patrol Division, Training Cadre, Accident Reconstruction Team and Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

The Patrol Division is made up of twenty-four full-time officers and three part-time officers and three sergeants. To ensure coverage to our community, the officers work three shifts patrolling the streets, responding to accidents and enforcing crimes. During overlap shifts, sergeants establish proactive details to assist in deterring crime.



Patrol Highlights

2nd Platoon conducted a knock and talk on Quails Run and upon lawful entry yielded ten pounds of marijuana and cash.

3rd Platoon responded to a church on a stolen trailer. Officers located the trailer at Cannons Ln. and Warner Ave., where the suspect was arrested.

2nd Platoon officers were dispatched to a man firing a gun while riding a bike on New LaGrange Rd. Officers first located stolen property from several burglaries and then the suspect was located armed with a stolen handgun. The suspect was arrested without incident.

1st Platoon officers responded to several subjects with handguns in the area of the Mall St. Matthews. Three subjects were located who had just purchased air soft guns to carry concealed into the mall. Upon the officer's approach, these subjects tossed the guns into the bushes.

2nd Platoon officers responded to the Extended Stay on Dutchmans Ln. in an attempt to serve a warrant on a male subject. When officers arrived, they found the subject had been staying there with his wife and two children to avoid being homeless. One of the officers took it upon himself to pay for an additional week of stay for the family out of his own pocket. For several days, the same officer visited the family with dinner and was able to find a job for the father starting the following week. The second officer spoke with the family about their needs and realized the children were not in school due to not having the necessary clothing to wear. He continued to visit the family on his days off providing them dinner. He also coordinated with JCPS to find programs to completely clothe the children, personally provided transportation to get the children registered for school and was able to arrange a bus stop at the motel to get the children to and from their new school. Both officers, although not wanting to be recognized, went beyond the scope of their law enforcement duties to help change the lives of this family.

Operations Bureau

Patrol Highlights

2nd Platoon officers responded to a theft of an auto from a fitness center off of Bowling Blvd. The officers discovered the juvenile suspect was staying at a nearby hotel with family. He was located and the stolen auto was recovered.

1st Platoon officers responded to package thefts from porches on Hillsboro Rd. Five suspects were located in Brown Park and arrested. The property was recovered and returned to the owners.

2nd Platoon officers responded to a theft of services call at a restaurant on Shelbyville Road. The suspects were located on a stolen motorcycle and arrested.

1st & 2nd Platoon officers responded to a man holding a knife to his throat walking in the roadway on Bowling Blvd. The individual was contained to a parking lot. One officer negotiated with this man for thirty minutes before the despondent man surrendered.



3rd Platoon officers responded to a roof top burglary at a local high school. Three suspects were located on the roof and taken into custody.

1st Platoon officers responded to a movie theater where a suspect stayed inside overnight. Upon arrival of employees the next morning, he committed a robbery. The suspect then carjacked a waiting patron in the parking lot and fled in the vehicle. The vehicle was discovered on Springhill Rd. which contained evidence inside. The Federal Bureau of Investigations is investigating this case.

3rd Platoon officers responded to a felony theft at the Mall St. Matthews. Officers located the suspects on Dutchmans Ln. where \$5,200 in stolen property was recovered and two arrests were made.

3rd Platoon officers responded to Breckenridge Ln. and Hycliffe Ave. on suspicious persons stealing packages from area porches where two suspects fled on foot. The female suspect was captured hiding in a yard on Breckenridge Ln.

1st Platoon officers responded to a strong-arm robbery in the 5000 block of Shelbyville Rd. Shortly after this crime, the officers responded to subjects stealing packages from porches off of New LaGrange Rd. Three juvenile suspects were located and charged in relation to both offenses.

Significant Accomplishments

St. Matthews violent crime, in relation to all crimes committed, has dropped from 5% in 2018 to 2.3% in 2019.

The Department transitioned to the GLOCK Gen5 (9mm). This change has created better proficiency in our shooting qualifications, decreased the ammunition budget and standardized the caliber of weapons that officers carry.

The Department purchased a speed detection box which is being used for speeding complaints and traffic patterns. This will provide for more detailed speed studies, decreasing the need to utilize patrol officers and allowing for more effective use.

After an extensive police study of our fleet, the Department purchased five Dodge Durangos which saved approximately \$25,000. These savings alone paid for the emergency equipment for these vehicles.

The First Annual St. Matthews Awards Ceremony was held at the Community Center. The ceremony recognized many of our officers for their special accomplishments, those who retired and our corporate partners. There was also a small memorial ceremony for our officers who have passed away while serving with the police department.

The St. Matthews Emergency Rescue Vehicle was completed and is now being used to assist in special operations. The vehicle will be used in inclement weather, high risk warrants and SWAT response.

The St. Matthews Police had its first ever graduate of the highly esteemed Southern Police Institutes Administrative Officers Course in 2019. Sergeant Eddie Parsons graduated with honors and was well respected by his peers.

The Department hired six new full-time officers (Mike Coty, Vadim Dale, Lisa Doyle, Chris Frisby, Brad Harris, Charles Robinson) and three part-time officers (Julie Cobaugh, Chris Harr, Charles Mann). Dispatch also hired Bailey Becker, Josh Neely and Ryan Straw.

Officers attended the NORSE Close Quarters Tactical Operations Course, providing our officers with valuable tactical movement principles. This will help standardize tactics for our officers.

Benefits were restructured to improve pay for sergeants, the vacation accrual schedule, standardization of special duty pay and combining holiday and vacation pay to paid time off.

Community Engagement

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes strong police and community partnerships and strengthens neighborhood camaraderie. It makes our neighborhoods safer and a more caring place to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year marked our 3rd annual event and included Police, Fire/EMS demonstrations, local eateries, city officials, a DJ and snow cones!!



Halloween in Brown Park (Walden School)

The St. Matthews Police Department has provided security as well as participated in this yearly community event. Due to inclement weather, it was moved to Walden School, but was still a huge success.



Community Engagement

Helmet Smart Program AAA

Officers can issue positive safety citations to individuals/kids wearing helmets while riding bicycles. These citations are good for a McDonalds Happy Meal and a chance to win a new bike. We also partnered with Bike Louisville, who provided the department with 100 helmets to give out to riders without a helmet. Each year, those receiving safety citations are entered into a bike giveaway. This year, the free bike was awarded to a St. Matthews resident.



Coffee with a Cop

The St. Matthews Police Department has partnered with local eateries/coffee houses for Coffee with a Cop. This has given the citizens of St. Matthews a chance to sit one-on-one with a member of local law enforcement for fellowship and discussion. Officers also “worked” the McDonalds drive-thru to interact with citizens.



Community Engagement

Toys for Tots

For the past several years, the St. Matthews Police Department has partnered with the Toys for Tots organization, along with other local police and fire departments, to provide route safety for the riders in this yearly event where over 200 toys were donated.



Prescription Drug Take Back

The St. Matthews Police Department took part in the National Drug Take Back program and collected over 300lbs. of unwanted drugs.



St. Matthews Baptist Church Field Day

The St. Matthews Baptist Church hosted a field day displaying different transportation vehicles including police, fire, wreckers, construction and limousines. St. Matthews Police displayed several of our vehicles including our new Emergency Rescue Vehicle (ERV).

SMPD Awards Banquet

On January 25, 2020, the St. Matthews Police Department held the Second Annual Awards Ceremony recognizing those on our Department and in the community deserving of various awards. The night featured a banquet-style meal, awards ceremony and a guest speaker, Natalia Martinez from WAVE 3. The following active and retired personnel were recognized at our awards banquet on January 25, 2020.

Retirees

Paul Bartleson · Karen Hight · Andy Holden · Frank Jeffcoat · Dan Mahaffey · Jeff Roehrs

Lifetime Achievement

Major Kathy Eglebach (Ret.)

Medal of Valor

Off. Larry Cushman · Off. Chris Frisby · Det. Rick Hageman · Det. John Sanders

Life Saving

Off. Jermeco Boleyjack · Off. Alex Lee

Meritorious Service Medal

Ashley Bratcher · Off. Billy Cundiff · Off. Vadim Dale · Off. George Jetter · Off. Wayne Kaufman
K9 Maxie



Meritorious Unit Citation

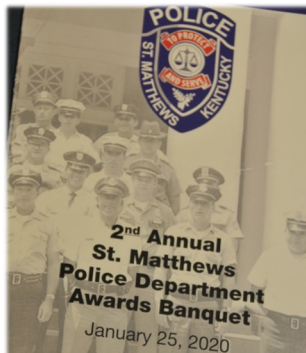
3rd Platoon (Patrol)

Certificate of Commendation

CID Platoon · Det. John Sanders

Certificate of Appreciation

St. Matthews EMS



St. Matthews Police Department

The St. Matthews Police would like to thank the following for their continued support. They allow us to be a premier law enforcement agency in the region:

Mayor Rick Tonini, Members of the City Council, City Administrators and the St. Matthews community which includes those who reside, work and visit our unique City.



Working together for a safer community.