



ST. MATTHEWS CITY HALL

911

POLICE
ST. MATTHEWS

St. Matthews Police Department
2022 Annual Report

Professional—Service Oriented—Proactive

Table of Contents



Page 3	Your SMPD
Page 5	Letter from the Chief
Page 6	Mission and Values Statement
Page 7	SMPD Crime Statistics
Page 9	Operations Bureau
Page 12	Support Bureau
Page 14	Significant Accomplishments
Page 15	Community Engagement
Page 16	Special Thanks



St. Matthews Police Department



Colonel Barry S. Wilkerson
Chief of Police



Major Anthony J. Cobaugh
Operations Bureau



Major Leon E. Jones Jr.
Support Bureau



Sergeant Norm Mayer
1st Platoon



Sergeant Barbara Shepard
1st Platoon



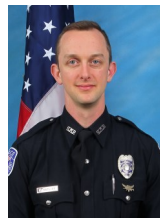
Sergeant George Jetter
2nd Platoon



Sergeant John Sanders
2nd Platoon



Sergeant Jeff Hancock
3rd Platoon



Sergeant Scott Ratliff
3rd Platoon



Sergeant Jonathan Smith
Criminal Investigations Division



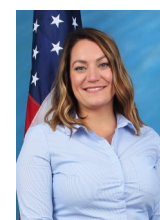
Sergeant Charlie Portman
Administrative Division



Officer Troy Armstrong
Department Resource Officer



Officer John Hackel
Evidence and Property Officer



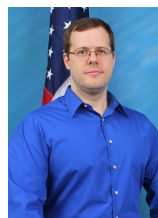
Mrs. Ashley Bratcher
Executive Assistant



Lisa Richardson
Supervisor/ Communications



Kyle Allen
Communications



Alex Cheatham
Communications



Josh Neely
Communications



Jennifer Newman
TAC / Communications



Phillip Rothenburger
Communications

St. Matthews Police Department



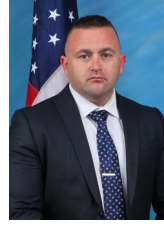
Officer Lytle Atherton
3rd Platoon



Officer Ryan Banta
2nd Platoon



Officer Jermeco Boleyjack
2nd Platoon



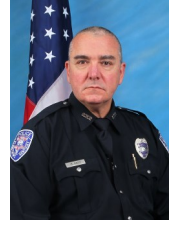
Officer Josh Bratcher
1st Platoon



Detective Matt Cheser
CID



Officer Julie Cobaugh
Part-Time Officer



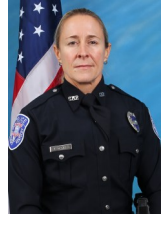
Detective Mike Coty
CID



Detective Billy Cundiff
CID



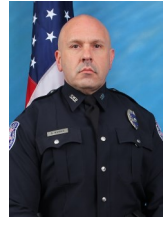
Officer Larry Cushman
1st Platoon



Detective Lisa Doyle
CID



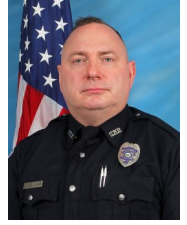
Detective Chris Frisby
CID



Officer Brad Harris
2nd Platoon



Officer Sean Hayden
3rd Platoon



Officer Brian Hellinger
2nd Platoon



Officer Jason Hilliard
3rd Platoon



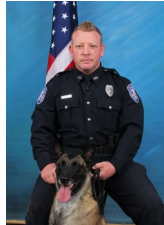
Officer Frank Jeffcoat
3rd Platoon



Officer Kent Jones
1st Platoon



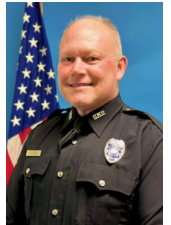
Officer John Kaelin
1st Platoon



Officer Wayne Kaufman
& Maxie
K-9



Officer Greg Kellerman
1st Platoon



Officer David Kemper
2nd Platoon



Officer Alex Lee
2nd Platoon



Officer Ed Loudon
3rd Platoon



Officer Debbie Marasa
Part-Time Officer



Officer Jeff May
1st Platoon



Officer Dexter Pitts
3rd Platoon



Detective Mark Richardson
CID



Officer Charles Robinson
3rd Platoon



Officer Brent Routzahn
3rd Platoon



Detective Kevin Roy
CID



Officer Shaun Sargent
2nd Platoon



Officer Paul Wheatley
1st Platoon

Letter From The Chief

It is hard to imagine it has been five years that I have had the honor of working and serving with the St. Matthews Police Department. We have made great strides in improving your police department. Your officers are hard at work everyday making a difference.

I am proud to say St. Matthews had a decrease in violent and overall crime in the last year. Violent crime decreased 35% and overall crime decreased 6.5% all while surrounding areas have seen an increase.

In response to citizen requests and our initiative to reduce crime, our officers increased their activity by 31%. This consisted of all self-initiated activity to include traffic stops, pedestrian stops, citizen patrol requests, house watches, and directed patrols.

In an effort to be more community oriented, we made access to our police services more readily available through an updated web page. Citizens may request many more police services such as Request a Speaker, Chat with the Chief, Coffee with a Cop, and our new Citizen's Police Academy.

We also have updated our Crime Tip Form. The new form allows the tipster to update the tip if more information becomes available and dialogue can be created for better information flow. We can also provide investigative follow-up to your tip.



Chief Barry Wilkerson

Although I believe we have one of the best police departments in the region, we will continue to improve our department and be responsive to the public. We are adding body cameras and utilizing software for officer well-ness and early warning intervention.

In the future, we plan to use technology to our advantage to lower crime even more. We have hired a crime analyst to analyze data and information to assist in solving crimes and determining criminal trends and patterns.

Our department will continue to address crime and work hard to make the community safe. I am proud of our officers and the work they perform everyday. Please take time to thank your officers for their hard work and service.

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.

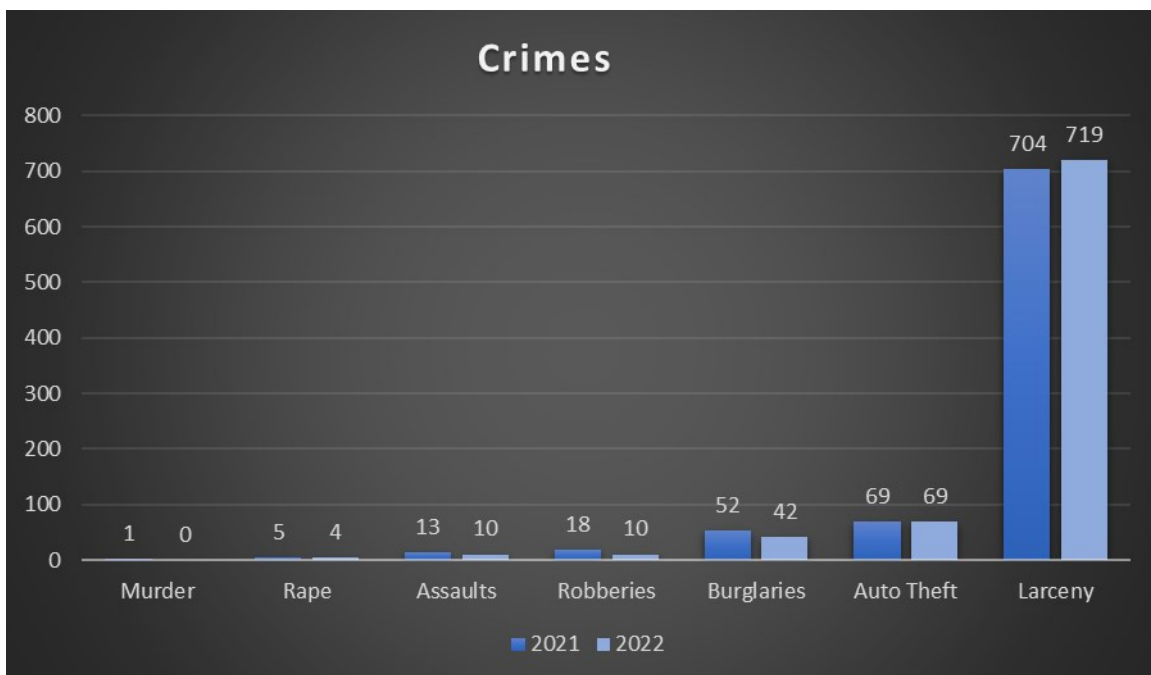
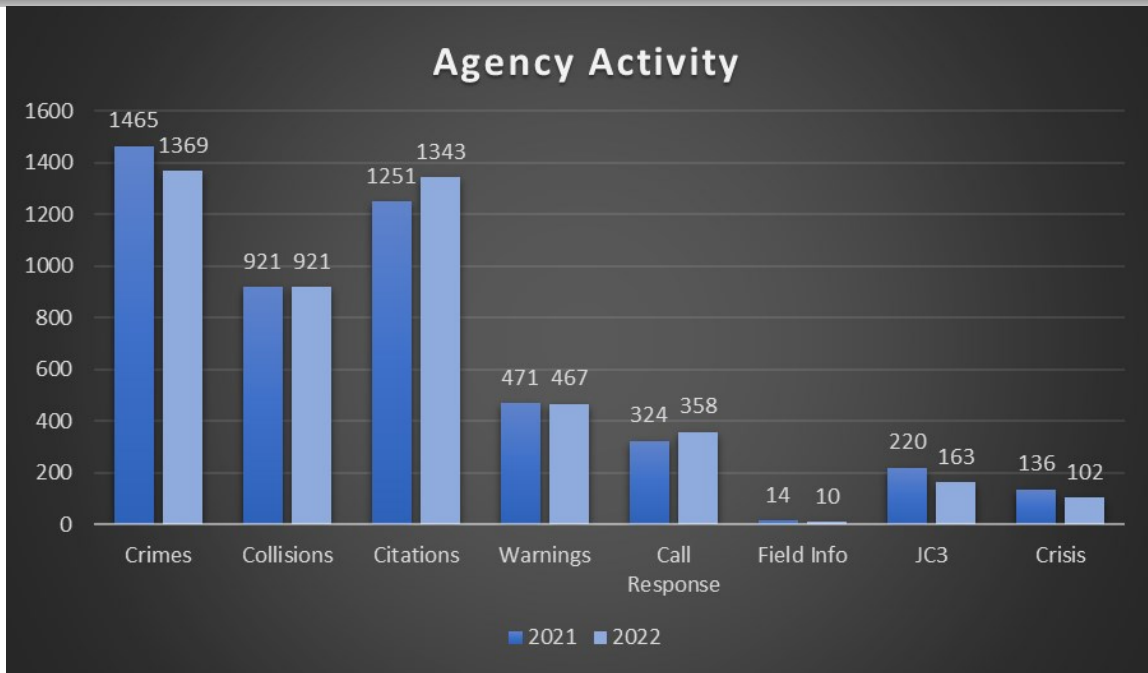
Proactive Policing with Pride and Professionalism

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

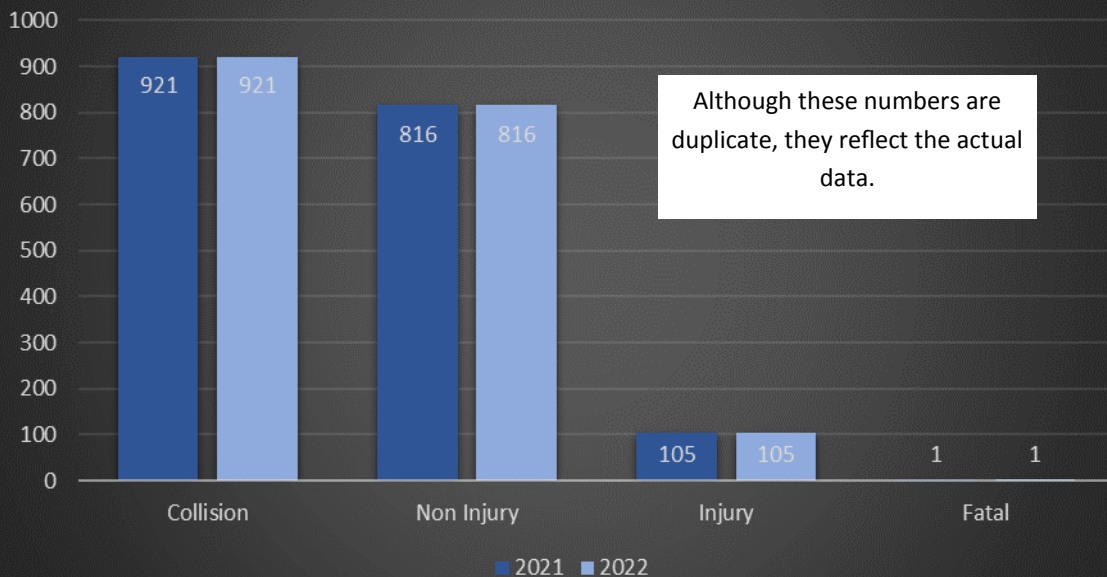


SMPD Crime Statistics

Previous Year Percentage Change Violent Crimes / Property Crimes



Collisions



Operations Bureau

Patrol Division

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 two full-time officers, two part-time officers and six sergeants. To ensure coverage to our community, the officers work three shifts patrolling the streets, responding to accidents and enforcing laws. During overlap shifts, sergeants establish proactive details to assist in deterring crime.



Patrol Highlights

On **03/07/2022**, at approximately 3:30 a.m., an officer located a vehicle backed into a parking space near the flagpole area in Brown Park. He observed the vehicle was occupied by one subject. The officer called for a back-up unit. When both officers were on scene, the first officer tapped on the passenger side glass window. The subject awoke from his sleep and pointed a handgun at the officer. Both officers discharged their handguns. The suspect was apprehended and no one was injured in this incident.

On **03/08/2022** at 9:07 a.m., officers were dispatched to Waggener High School on a detained student who brought a gun to school. The student had an "airsoft" black handgun concealed in his backpack. The student was arrested, released to his parent, and the pistol placed into SMPD Property as evidence. The student was charged with Unlawful Possession of Weapon on School Property and Disorderly Conduct 2nd.

On **03/08/2022** at 11:07 a.m., officers were dispatched on shots fired at 892 Breckenridge Ln., Jamestown Apartments. Units from CID and First Platoon arrived on scene and located shell casings in front of 3809 Beaufort Ln., a damaged streetlamp and possible ricochet damage at 3809 Beaufort. According to witness accounts, an unknown black male allegedly fired a gun and then fled towards Breckenridge Ln. in a white Ford Fusion. A second possible vehicle described as possibly blue in color was also observed speeding out of the complex. Five shell casings were collected.

On **03/31/2022**, while patrolling, an officer checked a registration plate on a vehicle. Dispatch returned information that did not correspond with the auto bearing that plate. The officer immediately initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 5000 Block of Shelbyville Rd. Both the driver and passenger were very upset and argumentative with the originating officer. Neither of the vehicle's occupants agreed to identify themselves. They were clearly representing themselves to be sovereign citizens. This vehicle was reported stolen through Louisville Metro Police. Both subjects were placed under arrest.

Operations Bureau

Patrol Division

On **03/18/2022** at 10:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Buffalo Wild Wings located at 4600 Shelbyville Rd. Management advised a subject had come into the business and was threatening to shoot an employee. Officers arrived and both the victim and suspect had fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival. Officers met with the manager and a witness. The manager advised the suspect came in and pinned one of the kitchen workers against the wall and threatened to shoot him. This situation left the restaurant and spilled out into the parking lot. The witness stated there was a fight in the parking lot and there were several participants. In connection with this case, approximately one hour later, officers were dispatched to meet Metro Officers at 309 Wendover. Officers were called to that location for shots fired where they found spent 9mm casings on the ground. The shell casings were collected and placed into property. A witness was located at DiOrio's Pizza who observed a black male walk from the Stock Yards Bank east past DiOrio's Pizza. The subject stopped in the parking lot behind 309 Wendover Ave., produced a handgun and fired it three times.



On **04/18/2022** at 12:12 a.m., First Platoon was dispatched on a missing 2-year-old. Units from CID and Administration responded as well. Upon arrival, officers quickly located a maintenance person employed by Waterford Place. Upon hearing the boy's mother's screams for help, the employee located the child floating face down and motionless in the retention basin at the entrance to the complex. Without hesitation, he jumped into the water and pulled the child out. The child's airway opened, he regained consciousness, and began to cry. Officers took the child into an apartment where his soaked clothing were removed and he was wrapped in warm blankets. St. Matthews Fire & Rescue transported the child and his mother to Norton Children's Hospital for further treatment.

On **04/29/2022** at approximately 3:28 a.m., a late watch officer observed a subject climbing into a window in the 500 block of Cornell. The subject was found to be in a stolen vehicle that was parked in the driveway. The vehicle also had three other occupants inside of it. All juvenile subjects were arrested and returned to their parents.

On **05/07/2022** at 7:10 a.m., JCPS school bus 2015 was involved in a single vehicle roll over on I-64 W/B between Browns lane and I-264, with twenty-one children on board . All the children were transported to three hospitals for evaluation where they were treated for minor injuries.

On **06/14/2022** at 1:18 a.m., Third Platoon officers responded to 4150 Westport Road (Speedway) on a confirmed robbery. The clerks stated a black male came into the store and indicated he had a handgun, and demanded and received the business cash. The suspect then fled eastbound on Westport Road in a dark colored vehicle with silver rims.

Operations Bureau

Patrol Division



On **06-1-2022** at 6:56 p.m., officers were flagged down by the store manager from Zumiez in the Mall St. Matthews. She stated two black male subjects had walked out of the mall with merchandise. She was informed by the Chattanooga, TN store there had been recent thefts from them also. An officer recognized the subjects who had left the mall and were walking towards the Cinemark theater. The officer located the subjects and was able to identify them in front of the theater. One subject matched the description from photos sent by the Chattanooga store. Officers requested for an on-call detective to the scene. One suspect fully cooperated with the original officer and provided a full verbal and written consent to search his bags and a Penske truck in his possession. Officers located merchandises from H&M, Zumiez, Nike, American Eagle and unknown brands inside the bags and inside the Penske truck. Officers located store receipts from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The receipts were store credits the subjects had gotten for returning merchandise without the original receipts. One suspect was arrested on an full extradition warrant out of Florida for dealing in stolen goods.

On **08-09-2022** at 1:00 a.m., Third Platoon responded to 1259 Westlyne Way on a burglary in-progress. Officers arrived on scene and surrounded the building. Officers observed a subject leaving the location and stopped him. Officers recovered the suspect's personal property from within the residence, along with a firearm. The suspect gained entry thru the patio sliding glass door.

On **10-19-2022**, Second Platoon officers responded to the Mall St. Matthews on an active fight between shoplifting suspects and Dillard's loss prevention personnel. Prior to officer's arrival, the two female suspects had been observed shoplifting inside the mall. When confronted by loss prevention personnel, one of the suspects assaulted the Loss Prevention agents in attempt to escape. The victims sustained minor injuries. The suspects were stopped by officers as they attempted to flee the mall parking lot in a black Chevy Impala bearing a false temporary tag. Two unrestrained children, ages two and four, were in the backseat of the vehicle. Both female suspects were taken into custody and transported to LMDC. The children were released to relatives.

On **10-20-2022**, at approximately 12:54 a.m., an officer was patrolling the Jamestown Apartment complex and observed three black males juveniles all wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks. When the officer approached, all subjects fled their vehicle on foot. Second and Third Platoon officers responded and were able to apprehend two juveniles after an extensive foot chase through the apartment complex. The vehicle the subjects fled from was reported stolen from Louisville Metro.

On **10-22-2022** at approximately 10:17 p.m., Second and Third Platoon officers responded to a break-in in-progress in the 3900 block of Staebler Ave. Upon arrival, officers were met by a female outside of the residence. She stated she was dog sitting for her son and she thought someone was inside of his residence. Officers made entry into the home and discovered an active marijuana grow in the home. Narcotics detectives were notified, and responded. A search warrant was drafted and served. Found during the search was marijuana grow equipment and several marijuana plants and four firearms with assorted ammo.

Support Bureau

Criminal Investigations 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, Impact Platoon, Communications Center, Evidence and Property along with other administrative tasks performed under this bureau.



The Criminal Investigations Division is made up of seven detectives and one sergeant. Three of these detectives investigate narcotics complaints. Reports that are forwarded to this unit require extensive and specialized follow-up investigations. 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 Investigations School which is conducted at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute. SMPD also has one detective assigned to the LMPD Criminal Intelligence Unit. This assignment benefits St. Matthews because it allows the city to obtain real time information that effects the entire metro area.

In 2022, detectives were assigned **1088** cases for follow-up investigation.

Detectives cleared:

243 cases

86 cases cleared by arrests

50 felony arrests

36 misdemeanor arrests

On March 8th, 2022, SMPD responded to 892 Breckenridge Lane on reports of several gunshots in the area. While detectives were on scene, they located and collected several shell casings from this incident. Through investigation, detectives learned that a female who had been forced into a vehicle by her boyfriend was connected to this incident. The victim was able to escape from her boyfriend in the Lyndon area. The suspect was located later in the evening by LMPD. After a pursuit, the suspect wrecked in the stolen car he was driving and was apprehended. He was charged with multiple felonies from both incidents.

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 2022, narcotics detectives seized:

18.8 grams of Cocaine,

83.9 grams of Heroin,

75.02 pounds of Marijuana,

502.8 grams of Methamphetamine,

2600 grams of Fentanyl,

\$36,362 in cash, and

9 weapons.

On October 9th, 2022, SMPD officers responded to 850 Washburn Blvd. on a male who had been assaulted with a machete. Once SMPD detectives arrived, they were able to pinpoint the apartment where the suspects were staying. After drafting a search warrant for the apartment, detectives were able to recover the machete and arrest the two suspects in the apartment. Both suspects were charged with Assault 2nd.

Support Bureau

Criminal Investigations Division

During the month of October, the City of St. Matthews encountered several catalytic converter thefts. During their investigation, detectives were able to develop a suspect. The suspect was eventually located and arrested by SMPD. He was charged with 10 counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking and 1 count of Criminal Mischief 1.

Communications Center

The St. Matthews Police Department Communications Center performs the communications 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 Metro Safe Communications which is an enhanced 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). We are a secondary PSAP, receiving 911 transfers from Metro Safe Communications. The Communications Center consists of one supervisor/dispatcher, five full-time dispatchers and thirteen part-time and seasonal dispatchers. In 2022, our dispatchers received **(31,256)** phone calls where **(2,595)** of them were 911 calls.



Property and Evidence Unit

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. In 2022 the SMPD Property Unit took in **(750)** pieces of property. **(652)** pieces were labeled as evidence, **(69)** pieces as found property, and **(171)** guns.

St. Matthews Police Department

Significant Accomplishments

St. Matthews had a decrease in violent and overall crime: Violent crime decreased (35%) and overall crime (6.5%). Citations increased by (7%).

In August, SMPD sent several officers to Eastern Kentucky to work in the flood stricken cities of Fleming-Neon and Jenkins for nearly a month. They provided 24/7 law enforcement coverage and were involved in several arrests (one being a significant methamphetamine arrest). We also donated several surplus Mobile Data Terminals to assist their officers. One resident stated "this is the safest she has ever felt with us being there".

The St. Matthews Police Department regularly interacts with individuals in emotional crisis. To better assist these individuals, our Department became 100% Crisis Intervention trained for the first time. All officers have received the basic training and others are continuing their development with advanced courses.

The St. Matthews Police Department established a relationship with the Faith & Blue movement which connects communities with law enforcement through faith based organizations. This year, SMPD partnered with Bluegrass Christin Church for a law enforcement display and a bike helmet give-away. We look forward to continuing this effort through other faith based organizations.



The St. Matthews Police Department hired four new full-time officers (Lytle Atherton, Brian Hellinger, David Kemper, and Dexter Pitts).

The St. Matthews Police Department is utilizing technology to assist in solving and preventing crimes. Kelli Morris, a part-time employee, is now acting as the Department's first crime analyst. Ms. Morris will be assisting on older major cases and utilizing software to analyze crimes in the City. The software will also allow SMPD to have its own crime mapping program which should be available in the Spring of 2023.

The St. Matthews Police Department applied and received three separate grants which will allow for the purchase of new weapons and Tasers. The total grant award is \$193,000.00, which is a direct savings to the City and community.

SMPD in conjunction with City Officials updated the City website making it more informative and user friendly. The Police page now offers more services and information which can be obtained with the click of a button. We are looking to upgrade even more in the Spring of 2023 to include more police webpage services.

The St. Matthews Police Force increased two officers which will allow for less overtime and more personnel to patrol the City.

In compliance with Kentucky state statute, SMPD developed an Emergency Vehicle Operating course. The mandate stated all officers would take an online course. In addition to the online course, our department created and performed a real-life scenario defensive driving course held in the parking lot of Mall St. Matthews.

St. Matthews Police Department

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 provides a sense of safety, connection and belonging making our neighborhoods 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 to establish relationships and an opportunity to learn more about what officers do every day. The 2022 NNO was the biggest year yet and it was a great time.



Halloween in Brown Park

The St. Matthews Police Department has provided security as well as participated in this yearly community event. As always, the turn out for this event was incredible. We always enjoy participating and look forward to it every year.



2022 Faith and Blue Weekend

Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. This was our first year for this event, and we will continue to partner with other faith based groups in the future for the Faith and Blue weekend.

St. Matthews Police Department

Special Thanks

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.