

Niles Police Department

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Annual
Report

2021

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From the Desk of the Chief

Thank you for reading our annual report. 2021 continued to be a year with some staffing changes at 15 E. State St. Longtime Captain Mark Thou retired as head of the Detective Bureau after 33 years of service. The Captain of the Detective Bureau role was filled by Captain John Marshall. Lieutenant Patrick Cox was promoted to Captain in the Uniform Division. Patrol Officer Bill Pike was promoted to Lieutenant to replace Cox. Patrol Officers Michael Conway and Christopher Zadroski joined the force helping us to return to our full authorized of 36 sworn officers. The department documented a total of 13,794 calls for service in 2021. Officers only had to use physical force (which is documented if above simple handcuffing or escort holds) ten times during those calls for service. This low number of use of force incidents speaks to the quality of our officers and their training. Our violent crime in the city continues to be low with property crimes being the dominant type of crime occurring. The City of Niles had one recorded homicide during calendar year 2021 which is well below the increasing national homicide rate trend. Our Detective Bureau saw an increase in their workload in 2021, especially in the category of sexual assaults with suspect known to victim. The department also saw an uptick in Methamphetamine seizures in 2021, surpassing the units of heroin taken from suspects. Our department has finally completely modernized our patrol fleet. Two 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptors and two Ford F150 Police package trucks were purchased in 2021. Each uniform patrol Captain now will have an F150 so that most gear needed (such as ballistic shields) can be accessed without returning to the station. We now only have three (one used as a spare) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria sedans that are slated to be replaced in 2022. Our Street Crimes Unit had another full year of work on the streets and the results continue to be impressive. You will find a section of this report detailing their activity. The unit has conducted saturation patrols in areas of high drug complaints and conducted "bait" operations in our retail area to deter thefts. 2022 will be another challenging year with national violent crime trending upward per the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report. Be assured your police department will continue to excellently serve and protect Niles in 2022.

Chief Jay Holland



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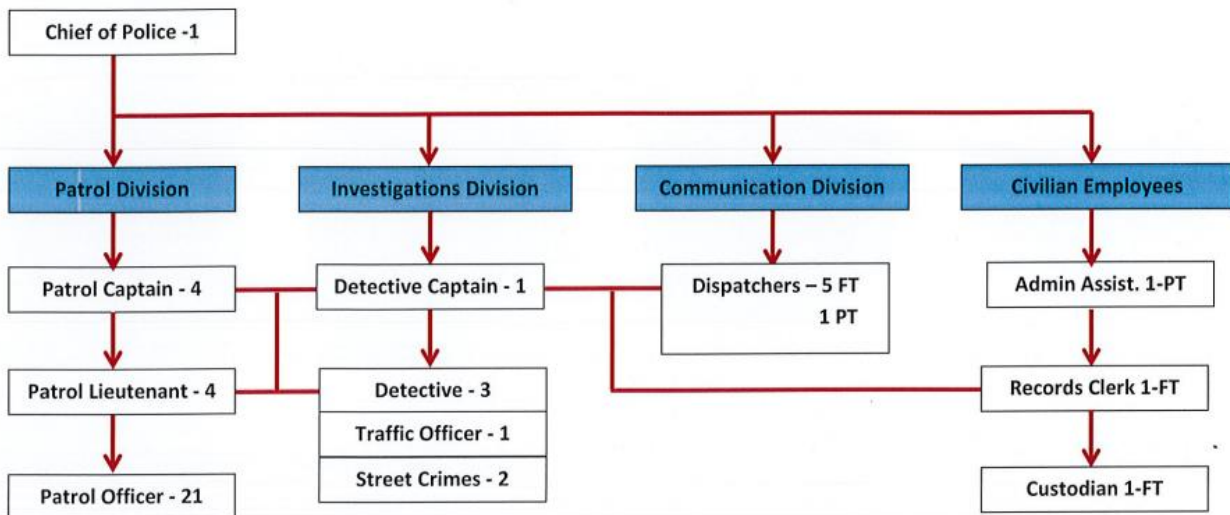


Organizational Chart

Authorized Strength 36 Full Time Sworn Police Officers



NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT Organizational Chart



Supervisor Team 1 (Day) – Capt. Miketa/Lt. Bailey

Supervisor Team 2 (Day) – Capt. Villecco/Lt. Clay

Supervisor Team 3 (Night) – Capt. Adkins/Lt. Bayless

Supervisor Team 4 (Night) – Capt. Cox/Lt. Pike

Investigations – Capt. Marshall, Det. Wright, Det. Aurilio, Det. Roberts, T.O. Crank, Grabosky, Young

Patrol Day Turn – Hogan, Marhulik, Mobley, Myers, Townley, Gall

Patrol Afternoon Turn – Helmick, Reppy, Ifft, Greene, Hacker, Haupt

Patrol Midnight Turn – Brady, Walp, Vallas, Washington, Conway, Zadroski

School Resource Officer – Corll Court Security Officer - Zigmont



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Total Calls for Service

13,794

KEY 2021 NPD STATS

Homicide	1
Theft	354
Overdose	83
Assault	128
Burglary	36
Domestic Disputes	183

Domestic Violence Arrests/Charges - 134

911 Calls made to Niles Dispatch Center- 11,459

Alarm Drops 921

Traffic Stops 1,629

Traffic Citations 477

Business/Residential Spot Checks 509

Vehicles Impounded 294

Use of Force Incidents 10 (2 with Taser deployments)

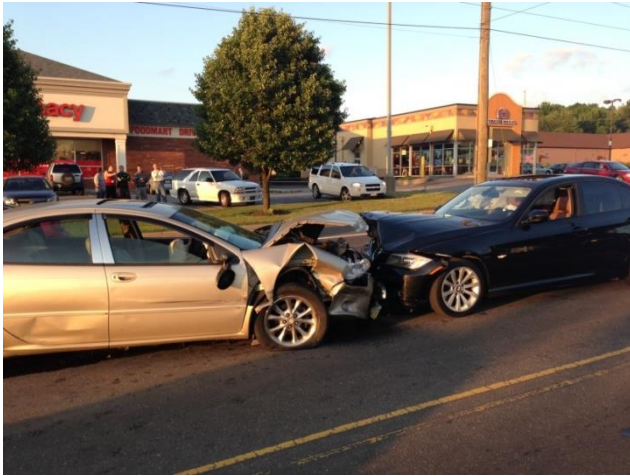




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Traffic Statistics



Total Crashes - 427 (91 Injury 1 Fatality)

Top 3 Crash Locations

1 - US 422 / Youngstown-Warren Rd.

2 - SR 46 / Main St.

3 - Niles Cortland Rd.

Traffic Stop Information

Traffic Stops - 1,629

Traffic Citations -511

Verbal Warnings - 1,118

Most Cited Offense - Speed Limits



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2021 Detective Bureau Activity

NILES POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING



ABOVE: Niles police were called out Sunday afternoon to a report of a shooting at the Mauro Circle apartments. Police had one entrance to an apartment building roped off with yellow crime scene tape as they look around the nearby lawn with flashlights. Trumbull County 911 reports show someone in a black pickup truck shot at the apartments. Police said one man was taken to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, but the extent of his injuries is not known.

RIGHT: Niles police talk Sunday afternoon outside one of the apartment buildings at Mauro Circle apartments, where a drive-by shooting took place around 4 p.m. Four cruisers were at the scene.

Staff photos / Bob Coupland



Total Cases Assigned – 909



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Homicides – 1

Shooting of Thomas Carr at 109 W. 1st. St. is still under review by the Trumbull County Prosecutor's office for possible charges or declaration of justified homicide.

Most severe non homicide crimes:

- **January 31st - Mauro Circle - Felonious assault/Love triangle shooting/Innocent bystander struck** – Cleared by the arrest and conviction of Nicklas Trkula.
- **February 23rd – Royal Mall Dr. - Burglary/shooting of Rodney Cole Jr.-** Cleared by arrest of Cole for Burglary. Homeowner no charges/justified.

54 Sexual assault or sex crime complaints were investigated. 25 criminal charges filed.

Notable sex crimes

Rape of a victim under 13. Offender has been charged and faces a possible life sentence.

Rape of minor where a 26 year old male suspect was charged after giving intoxicants to a 13 year old victim. Awaiting trial.



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2021 Street Crimes/Drug Unit Activity

Drug Complaints that warranted investigation in 2021 - 59

Number of search warrants executed - 2

Traffic Stops Conducted - 668

Citations Issued - 124

Arrest Warrants Served - 119

Total Units of Drugs Seized - 276 *Breakdown below*

**Heroin - 21 Units Methamphetamine - 45 Units Marijuana -101 Units
Crack/Cocaine - 15 Units Scheduled RX's - 84 Units LSD - 10 Units**

Drug Abuse Instruments or paraphernalia Seized - 182

Firearms Seized - 3

Stolen Vehicles Recovered - 4

Cash Seized - \$9,686.84

- **Street Crimes officers were deputized as Deputy DEA agents to join Operation Legend, a federal initiative to combat violent crimes in cities. This is a joint effort between FBI, ATF, DEA, US Marshalls, and local police to keep citizens safe and violent offenders off the street.**
- **Street Crimes officers participated in federal search warrants.**
- **Multiple drug investigations that began in Niles were turned over to DEA, resulting in federal prosecutions.**
- **Many low-level drug arrestees were offered the chance to join Judge Shaker's NARP program to seek treatment.**
- **Increased presence during holiday shopping season in retail areas.**



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Fleet Status and Mileage



Total Miles Patrolled in 2021

2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor

267,763

Fleet Roster by Year/Model

2015-2021 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility - 26

2018-2021 Ford F150 Police Responder - 4

2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor - 3

Unmarked/Plainclothes vehicles - 6