

Niles Police Department

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Annual
Report

2022

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Niles Police Department 2022 Annual Report



From the Desk of the Chief

Thank you for reading our annual report. 2022 again brought changes to our staffing. Longtime Officers Paul Hogan and John Marhulik retired after 31 and 28 years of service respectively. Patrol Officers Allan Fields, Krysta Wedge, and Blake Davis joined the force helping us to return to our new full authorized of 37 sworn officers. An additional position was added as the Niles City Schools hired a second School Resource Officer. Officer Tyce Gall was selected to fill that position for the new school year. The department documented a total of 15,397 calls for service in 2022, an increase from 2021. There were ten use of force incidents with three Taser deployments. 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 no homicides during calendar year 2022 which is contradictory to the increasing national homicide rate trend. In fact, we have had just one homicide in the past three years. The biggest story of the year (in my humble opinion) is the installation of a citywide network of Flock license plate reader cameras. What these do is capture images of vehicles and their plates as they pass. These images are then processed by Flock's software into a searchable database for investigators. For example, in October Mt. Carmel Church had commercial fryers stolen when they had them outside to clean. A witness could only tell us the suspect loaded them into a red pickup. We searched Flock for all "red pickups" in the last hour and low and behold found an image of a red truck with two cheese puff fryers in the bed. This info allowed us to recover the expensive fryers for the church and charge a suspect. The Flock system is also linked to the national crime computer (NCIC) and compares read plates to a database of stolen vehicles, wanted/missing persons, and Amber Alerts. The system is not used for traffic enforcement, nor does it "run" your plate (showing your name, address, driving record like an officer can on the in-car computer or via dispatch) as you pass. I believe Flock is game changer for community safety as we have already used the system to recover ten stolen vehicles, two missing persons, and solved dozens of criminal cases. Our Detective Bureau saw an increase in their workload in 2022, especially in the category of stolen vehicles. The department also saw about an equal amount of Methamphetamine and units of heroin taken from suspects this year. Our department continues to replace our patrol fleet on a fixed schedule. Three 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptors and one Ford F150 Police package truck was purchased in 2022. Also, each uniform patrol supervisor now will now carry a ballistic shield that can be accessed without returning to the station. Our Street Crimes Unit had another great year of work as detailed on page seven. As 2023 opens, we are fully staffed, well equipped, and ready to excellently serve and protect Niles.

Chief Jay Holland



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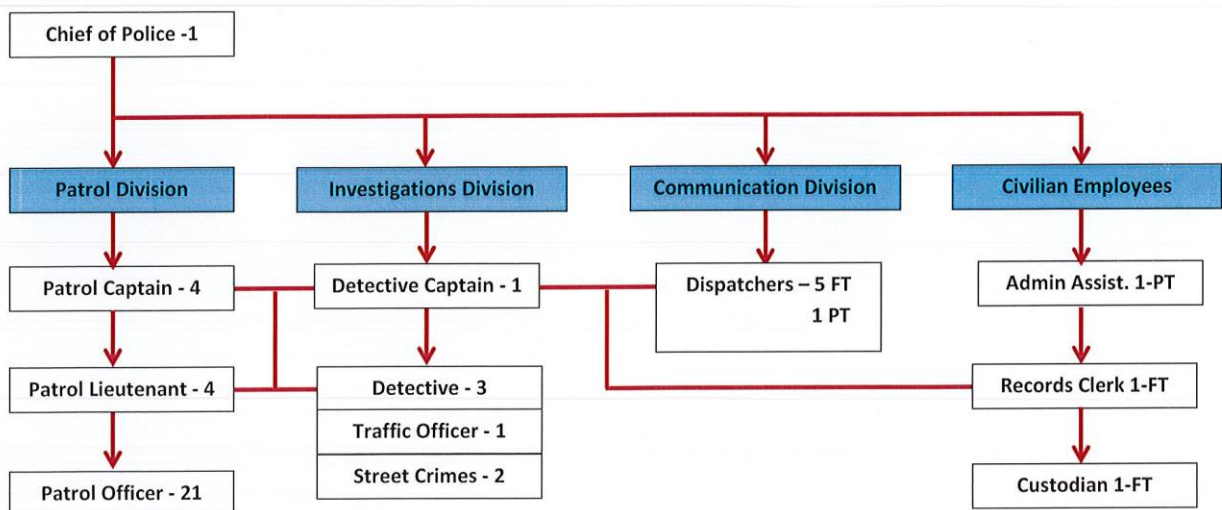


Organizational Chart

Authorized Strength 37 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, Open Slot

Patrol Day Turn – Mobley, Myers, Brady, Walp, Hacker, Wedge

Patrol Afternoon Turn – Townley, Reppy, Ifft, Greene, Young, Haupt

Patrol Midnight Turn – Vallas, Washington, Conway, Zadroski, Fields, Davis

School Resource Officers – Corll, Gall Muni Court Security - Helmick



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Total Calls for Service

15,397

KEY 2022 NPD STATS

Homicide 0

Theft or Shoplifting 508

Overdose 64

Assault 136

Burglary 41

Domestic Disputes 144

Domestic Violence Arrests/Charges 134

911 Calls made to Niles Dispatch Center 10,014

Assist Other Departments 87

Alarm Drops 844

Unwanted Person(s) 222

Traffic Stops 1,731

Traffic Citations 474

Vehicles Impounded 291

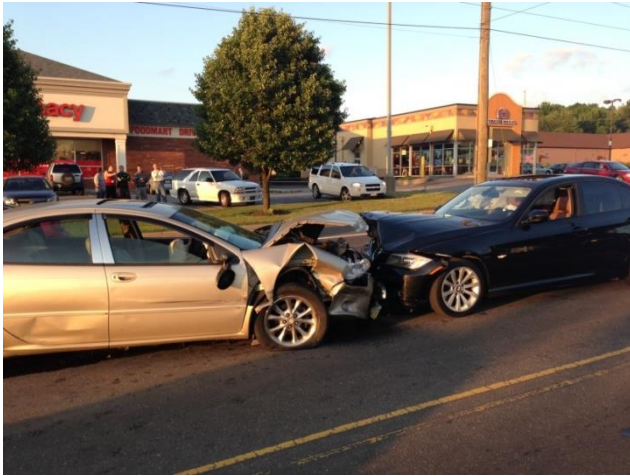




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Traffic Statistics



Total Crashes - 491 (87 Injury 0 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 – 1,731

Traffic Citations - 474

Verbal Warnings – 1,257

Most Cited Offense – Driving Under Suspension



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2022 Detective Bureau Activity

Total Cases Assigned – 1195 (97% closed)

Homicides – 0

Most severe non homicide crimes:

- **October 28 – Chestnut St. – Underage party/non-fatal shooting of juvenile female** Cleared by arrest of and adult and two juveniles/weapon recovered
- **December 10 – Felonious assault of police officer/Pursuit of stolen commercial truck/Officer involved shooting** – Awaiting DNA evidence from Ohio BCI&I lab

45 Sexual assault or sex crime complaints were investigated. 28 criminal charges filed.





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2022 Street Crimes/Drug Unit Activity



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2022 Street Crimes/Drug Unit Activity

Drug Complaints that warranted investigation in 2022- 56

Number of search warrants executed- 2

Traffic Stops Conducted- 556

Citations Issued- 129

Arrest Warrants Served- 105

Total Units of Drugs Seized- 390 *Breakdown below*

Heroin- 29 Methamphetamine- 31 Marijuana- 136

Crack/Cocaine- 24 Scheduled RX's- 174

Drug Abuse Instruments or Paraphernalia seized- 162

Firearms Seized- 11

Stolen Vehicles Recovered- 4

Cash Seized- \$7,644

- Many low-level drug arrestees were offered the chance to join Judge Shaker's NARP program to seek treatment.
- Increased presence during the holiday shopping season in retail areas.
- Conducted multiple saturation patrols throughout the city.
- Conducted multiple warrant sweeps in the city.
- Niles Street Crimes Unit teamed up and worked multiple drug cases with Trumbull Action Group (TAG) and Warren Police Street Crimes Unit.



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Fleet Status and Mileage

Total Miles Patrolled in 2022

235,448



2022 Ford F150 Police Responder

Fleet Roster by Year/Model

2015-2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility – 27

2018-2023 Ford F150 Police Responder - 5

Unmarked/Plainclothes vehicles – 6