# CITY OF LOGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



# **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Jerry Mellinger, Chief of Police

### **INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of the men and women of the Logan Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2020 annual report. Through the narrative and statistics within this report, I hope to provide the residents of Logan further transparency between the police department and the community which we serve.

I am exceedingly proud of my sworn officers and civilian staff who bring to life this police department. Their hard work and diligence provide stability amongst the challenges of the always fluctuating criminal justice environment. We understand that building and maintaining strong relationships within our community is essential to achieving the critical relations needed to better serve and protect the City of Logan. For this reason, in conjunction with our community outreach initiatives, we will continue forward with our mission of preservation of life, reduction of fear and crime, and the protection of persons and property within our community.

I am truly honored to lead this organization. As we look ahead to the challenges of 2021, it is through mutual respect and support that allows us to succeed and grow as a community. We look forward to gaining new community partnerships and nurturing existing ones as we move forward in 2021. The Logan Police Department remains committed to keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family and we will do so through effective policing and community partnerships.

### **DEPARTMENT MISSION**

The mission of the Logan Police Department is to create a safer Logan by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our citizens, and building trust in partnership with our community.

### **DEPARTMENT MOTTO**

The Department's motto is to "Serve and Protect". Personnel pride themselves on the personal touch service offered to the community. The department believes in its philosophies of grass roots policing and strive to be proactive rather than reactive. It is for this, and other reasons, that the community continues to strongly support its police department.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The cornerstone of the organization's philosophy is its community oriented, grass roots, customer-based service style policing effort. Employees strive to fulfill this goal by providing the citizens of Logan with a full range of police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Both the Department and its employees are committed to providing exceptional service and maintaining an excellent "quality of life" environment for the public. Throughout the year, officers and staff can be seen at local festivals, motorcycle runs, and many other local events.

## 2020 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- One Patrolman was hired in September to fill a vacant position.
- The Police Department participated in many community outreach programs (see Community Outreach Initiatives section for a full list).
- Began the implementation of a Department wide Computer Aided Dispatch system
- Acquired MARCS radios to be issued to every Officer in the Department.
- Acquired a digital fingerprint machine.
- Became the first agency in Ohio to re-certify in the Group 1-RC1, through the Ohio Collaborative.
- Was able to provide personal protective equipment to the Department through the use of the Cares Act funds.

### BUDGET

The Logan Police Department's annual revised budget appropriation for 2020 was \$2,191,818.00. This was funded almost exclusively by the City's General Fund, which accounted for \$1,954,666.00 of the overall budget. The remaining \$237,152.00 was funded through Capital Improvements.

### **GRANTS RECEIVED**

- OHLEG Body Armor Grant \$3,465.00
- Federal Ballistic Vest Program (BVP) \$11,615.00
- JAG LE Grant \$12,104.00
- JAG Grant \$58,450.24
- Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant -\$3,460.00
- Ohio 911 Local Sub-Grant \$155,832.00

# **STAFFING and ASSIGNMENTS**

The following spreadsheets reflect staffing for the calendar year.

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Position Police Department	Authorized	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	ylul	August	September	October	November	December
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Captain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Detective	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Patrolman	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9
SRO	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Full Time Dispatcher	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part Time Dispatcher	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Records Clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Absent Positions		0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

# **CRIME STATISTICS**

Included within this report are several tables and figures analyzing Calls for Service (CFS) data, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data and self-initiated traffic top data for our agency. **Tables 1 and 2** found in this section of the report show the last three years of data on an annual basis and should be used for comparison. **Figures 1 through 4** found in this section of the report are specific to 2020 data only.

Self-initiated traffic stop data, Figures 5 through 7 of this section are specific to 2020 data only.

**CFS DATA** – **Table 1** is a detailed listing of all CFS to the Logan Police Department. This list reflects the CFS as they were reported from the caller to the Dispatcher. This table does not reflect changes made to the original CFS due to a status change such as unfounded or a change to a more accurate call type.

Table 1: Number of calls for service bro Type of Call for Service	2018	2019	2020	
911 Hang ups	116	73	62	
Accident/Property only	262	221	184	
Accident/Injury	35	35	25	
Accident-Hit/Skip property	81	70	72	
Accident-Hit/Skip injury	0	0	1	
Alarm Calls	211	203	192	
Animal Complaint	42	58	92	
Assault	60	76	28	
Assist other unit	239	290	248	
Bad Check/forgery	5	9	6	
Burglary	70	97	106	
Civil Complaints	78	92	73	
Criminal Damaging	15	38	18	
Criminal Mischief	4	33	20	
Criminal Trespass	57	100	181	
Disorderly Conduct	33	75	95	
Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles	65	95	65	
DOA	3	10	7	
Dog Bite	7	5	8	
Domestic/Disturbances	244	225	254	
Drug Complaints	88	105	69	
Drunk	94	90	51	

#### Table 1: CFS Data.

Emergency Squad needed	15	0	0	
Escorts/Parades	45	45 75		
Explosions	1	1	1	
Fight	116	96	68	
Fire Calls	37	41	21	
Follow-ups	44	15	23	
Found Property	69	107	66	
Homicides	1	1 0		
Investigative Complaints	869 1083		1289	
Juvenile Complaints	142	162	110	
Theft	543	520	411	
Mental	68	67	45	
Missing Persons/Returned	40	29	40	
Motorist Assists	416	396	386	
Person with a gun/knife	13	20	14	
Nature Unknown	49	64	61	
Neighbor Complaints	113	71	168	
Prowler	47	56	51	
Rape	8	6	6	
Other Sexual Offenses	14	29	20	
Road Blocked	24	8	6	
Robbery	3	5	4	
Shooting/Shots fired	9	10	5	
Stabbing	1	4	0	
Stolen Vehicle	44	38	60	
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	14	15	19	
Special Detail	9	5	3	
Suicide/Suicidal	63	67	42	
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	464	536	442	
Unknown	69	57	41	
Vandalism	54	35	23	
Threats/Harassment	147	142	123	
Open Door	27	29	19	
Traffic Offense	212	66	27	
Traffic Stops	1160	970	773	
Warrant/Civil Process	191	203	185	
Welfare Checks	202	239	209	
All other misc. call types <sup>1</sup>	66	44	83	
Total	7218	7311	6764	

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### **REPORT DATA**

**Table 2** is an abbreviated listing of actual offenses. This table does not reflect all offenses for 2020, only those reports that are typically considered of general interest to the public.

#### Table 2: Report Data.

Offenses	2018	2019	2020
Assault: all	84	98	52
Breaking and Entering	13	49	43
Burglary	42	45	33
<b>Criminal Damaging/Vandalism</b>	24	28	18
Criminal Mischief	85	123	103
Criminal Trespass	79	94	122
Disorderly Conduct	223	218	182
Drug Offenses	108	105	101
Drug Para/Instruments	73	110	100
Domestic/Disturbances	85	64	64
Violating a Protection Order	35	32	33
Harassment	10	17	14
Homicides	1	0	0
Menacing	44	56	39
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	11	8
ΟVΙ	21	19	18
Rape	10	14	7
Other Sex Crimes	20	32	7
Robbery	4	6	4
Theft	410	444	359
Totals	1384	1565	1307

NOTE- Not all Calls for Service received by our department require a written report. Not all reports generated by our department are listed here, only those reports that are typically considered of general interest to the public.

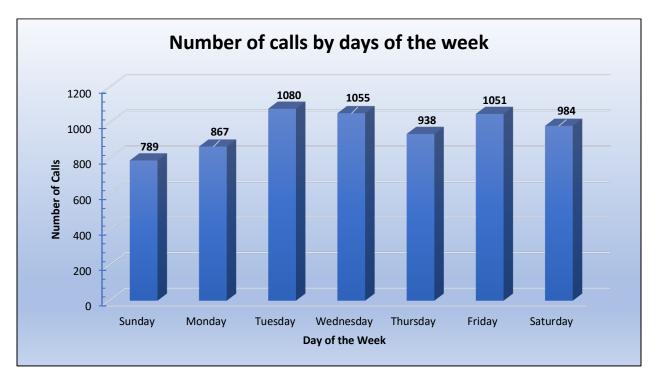


Figure 1: Number of CFS by days of the week.

**Figure 1** illustrates that CFS volume rises as the week progresses. The majority of CFS occur on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which is non typical of our community.



Figure 2: Number of offenses by days of the week.

Figure 2 illustrates that the number of offenses rise as the week progresses then drops off prior to the start of the weekend.

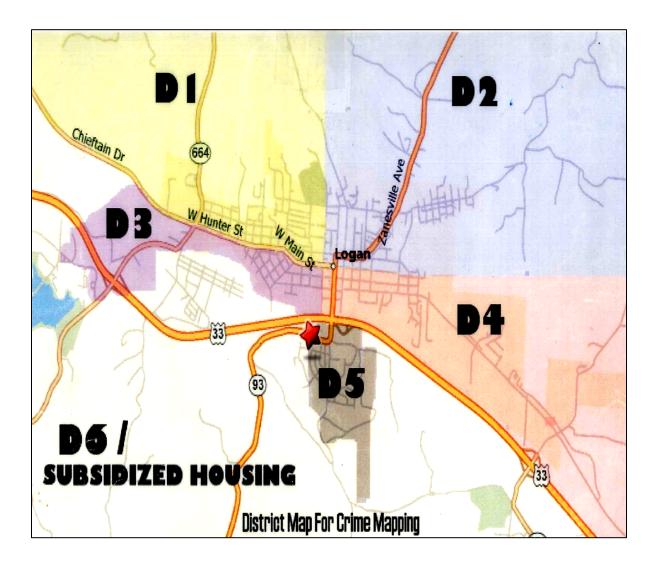
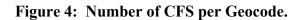
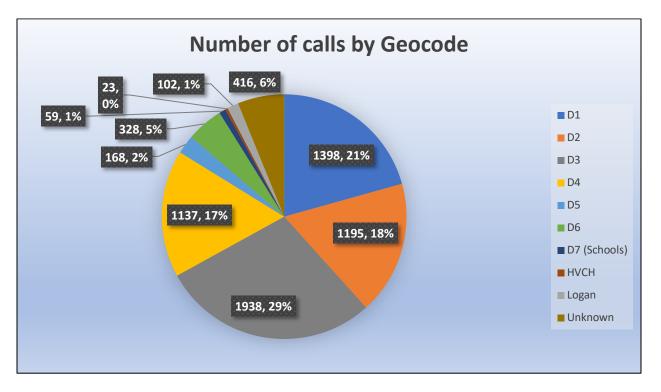


Figure 3: City of Logan Geocode map.

**Figure 3** illustrates the districts of the City of Logan broken down into Geocodes for CFS reporting purposes.





**Figure 4** illustrates the CFS per Geocode district. Geocode D6 is under reported and "Unknown" is over reported due to the unknown nature of the Geocode when a CFS is taken.

Note: HVCH is Hocking Valley Community Hospital. Unknown means that no Geocode was listed in the call record

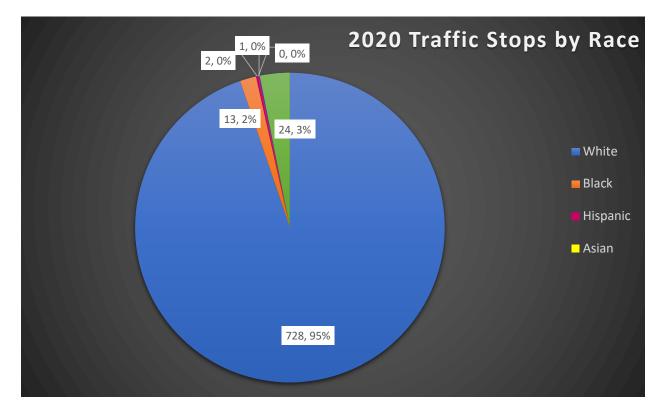


Figure 5: Self-initiated traffic stops by race.

Figure 6: Total self-initiated traffic stops data chart.

2020 Traffic Stats		
Total Stops	768	
Total Stops with Citations	154	
Total Stops with Warnings	614	
Stops with no data	0	
Total Males	498	
Total Female	246	
		Percentages
White	728	94.79
Black	13	1.69
Hispanic	2	0.26
Asian	0	0.00
Other	1	0.13
Unknown	124	3.13

Figure 5 and Figure 6 illustrate the number of self-initiated traffic stops by race and the percentage of total self-initiated traffic stops that number represents.

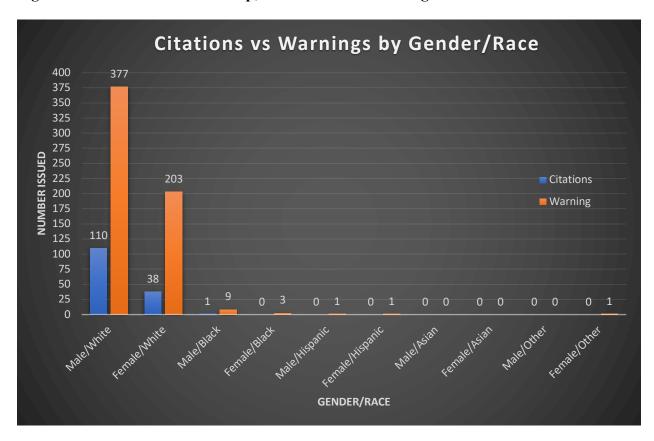


Figure 7: Self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings.

**Figure 7** illustrates the number of self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings as they relate to race and gender.

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES**

### POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL):

Since its inception in 2019, the Police Athletic League has provided opportunities for children in the community to participate in positive, wholesome sports, recreational, and extracurricular activities - providing children between the ages of 5 and 18 with an alternative to life on the streets. With 228 registered participants, PAL hopes to divert children from negative influences and enhance a child's individual self-esteem, discipline, and actualization. PAL coaches help provide good role models for the children to interact with as they develop into adulthood. Additionally, the Logan PAL program provides adult classes, which focus on the same core values as the traditional PAL children's program.



### SHOP WITH A COP:

Taking place during the Christmas season, this unique experience provides for a number of children in need throughout the community while creating positive relationships with law enforcement. Annually, uniformed first responders from various local and state offices volunteer their time to shop with the children at the local Walmart. In 2020, the Shop with a Cop program assisted 145 children throughout our community with a total contribution of just over \$18,000.



### COFFEE WITH A COP:

Coffee with A Cop was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 with a focus on finding ways for Law Enforcement to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our community has changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded outside of the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.



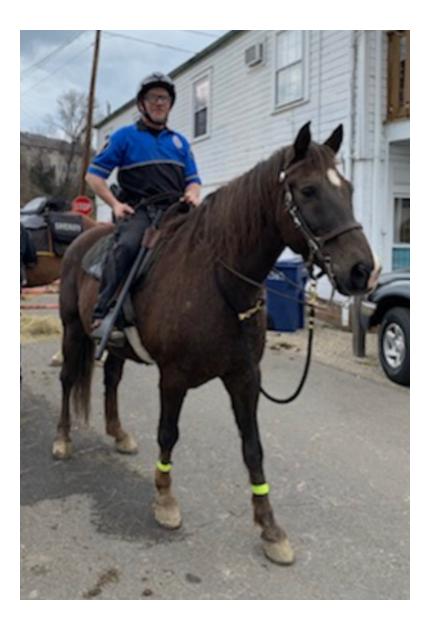
#### **K9 OFFICER DEMONSTRATIONS:**

Throughout the year, K9s Bungge and Anni travel throughout the community providing demonstrations to local charitable organizations as well as to our local schools. Additionally, the Logan Police Department K9s present demonstrations to members of Tri-County Technical High School's criminal justice program and participates in their annual job fair.



### LPD MOUNTED POLICE PROGRAM:

Established in 2019, by Patrolman John Sharp, the mounted unit worked the Veterans and Christmas parades as well as several Athens events in support of the Athens Police Department. The unit has established itself as popular community relations tool as well as an effective crowd control measure.



#### **POLICING FOR OUR COMMUNITY:**

Created in 2017, Policing for our Community is a Department authorized Facebook Page and community outreach program initiated by Midnight shift personnel. The program allows the midnight shift to post timely crime watch information, safety tips, and explanations of various city ordinances to keep the public informed and educated concerning local police matters. The program has also donated thousands of dollars' worth of toys, bicycles, gift cards, and other goods to members of the community while out conducting patrol duties. This program has become hugely popular in the community, garnering nearly 41,000 thousand followers.

### DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE:

In 2020 the Police Department teamed up with the Major Crimes Unit for the nationwide annual Drug Take Back Day, where 9 pounds of prescription medications were collected. These medications were received and properly disposed of from our community. This program keeps these medications out of our water supply and out of our landfills. In addition, disposing of these drugs properly keeps them out of homes where thefts or misuse of these medications could be a possibility. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 related issues, only one event was authorized for FY2020.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM:

Initiated in early 2000, this is the first major community relations program initiated by the Logan Police Department, and it's still the most popular and well-known community program in the department. The SRO program has evolved from simply having a patrol officer based at the school for public safety, to a comprehensive program involving elementary, middle school and high school students throughout the school district. The SROs conduct educational programs at the schools that include: drug and alcohol prevention, cyberbullying awareness, safe driving, and general health and wellness education to students in the community. The SROs serve as mentors, counselors, and advocates for at risk students in the schools. They provide a positive role model for many kids who lack any structure or positive influence in their homes.

### **OFFICER PHIL:**

The Officer Phil safety program teaches children about stranger danger, the negative effects of bullying, fire safety, and internet safety through fun interactive lesson plans, with the idea of bringing child safety lessons to elementary schools. These programs are continued throughout the year by our School Resource Officers.

# 2020 GOALS (revisited)

- Maintain full staffing levels. (Complete)
- Integration of a CAD/RMS system with Hocking 911. (Complete)
- Integration of a fingerprint scanner in order to fulfill State mandates. (Complete)
- Send 2 Patrolmen to First Line Supervisory school. (Incomplete)
- Secure continued funding for Shop with a Cop. (Complete)
- Secure grant funding to replace outdated handheld and mobile radio units. (Complete)
- Establishment of a City Enterprise vehicle lease program. (Complete)
- Send Patrolman Baker to a School Resource Officer Basic course. (Complete)

# 2021 GOALS

- Maintain full staffing levels.
- Complete the integration of the CAD/RMS system with Hocking 911.
- Complete integration of the fingerprint scanner in order to fulfill State mandates.
- Secure continued funding for Shop with a Cop.
- Complete the implementation of the Enterprise vehicle lease program.