



ANNUAL  
REPORT

2022



# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you for your interest in the Hamilton Township Police Department's 2022 Annual Report.

As our township continues to grow, so do the demands placed on our department. In 2022, our agency handled approximately 16,000 calls for service – a nearly 10% increase from 2021. Our Criminal Investigations Division saw a 33% increase in criminal cases from 2021. For this reason, our agency will be adding a second detective to our force in 2023. While there is a slight uptick in activity, Hamilton Township continues to be one of the safest communities in Ohio... and in the United States!

Our agency continues to place a heavy emphasis on training. In 2022, our officers attended nearly 1,800 hours of advanced law enforcement training, ranging from de-escalation to firearms tactics and techniques. A well-trained police department equates to higher employee satisfaction, increased confidence and morale, and ultimately better service to our community.

In 2022, our agency added a third School Resource Officer (SRO) to the Little Miami School District. Officer Joe Smith returned as the SRO at the Little Miami Primary campus. This is "Officer Joe's" second rotation as an SRO!

Also in 2022, Sgt. Quillan Short was promoted to the rank of Police Captain and will serve as our department's Assistant Chief of Police. Captain Short has been a member of the Hamilton Township Police Department since 2002 and has been a great asset to this agency and our community.

Since July 2020, Hamilton Township Police Department has provided police protection to the Village of Maineville. In 2022, our officers handled nearly 1,300 calls for service inside the Village limits. This is a 1.3% increase from 2021. The relationship between the Township and the Village has never been stronger, and we are proud to serve the Village residents and business owners.

The Hamilton Township Police Department recognizes the importance of involving the community to help combat crime and increase the quality of police service. HTPD manages various community policing programs to engage with those living, working, and visiting our community. In the winter of 2022, we once again hosted a Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class. The goal of the CPA is to provide education and awareness to our residents. Classes are comprised of lecture and realistic hands-on training when possible. Participants have a better understanding of HTPD and the day-to-day responsibilities and duties that our officers are tasked with on a regular basis.

Our agency continued our commitment to community engagement by participating in several events, including National Night Out, July 4th Freedom Parade, and Touch-a-Truck to name a few. In 2023, we are hosting our first Fishing with the 5-0 event at Mounts Park and holding another Junior Police Academy in the summer.

As we look forward to 2023 and beyond, we are excited about the future of Hamilton Township and HTPD. There is a tremendous amount of growth happening in our community, and rest assured, your officers are prepared to effectively – and professionally – deal with these changes.

On behalf of the men and women of this remarkable agency, thank you for your continued support of our police department!

Sincerely,

Scott Hughes, CLEE

Chief of Police

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**Scott Hughes**

**CAPTAIN**  
Quillan Short

**PATROL SERGEANTS**

Tim Rector  
Rich Smith  
Terry Viel  
Chris Wall

**POLICE CLERK**

Amy Scheeler

**CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION**

Brittany Huelsman  
Drug Task Force Agent

**PATROL OFFICERS**

Josh Clift  
Ayden Courtney  
Chris Kaufholz  
Joseph "Eli" Kibbee  
Shawn Parks  
Daniel Perry  
Alex Stephens  
Jimmy Schelldorf  
Joseph Smith  
Megan Thomas  
Greg Watkins  
Darcy Workman

**SCHOOL RESOURCE  
OFFICERS**

Shane Brandenburg  
Jordan Elzey  
Joseph Smith

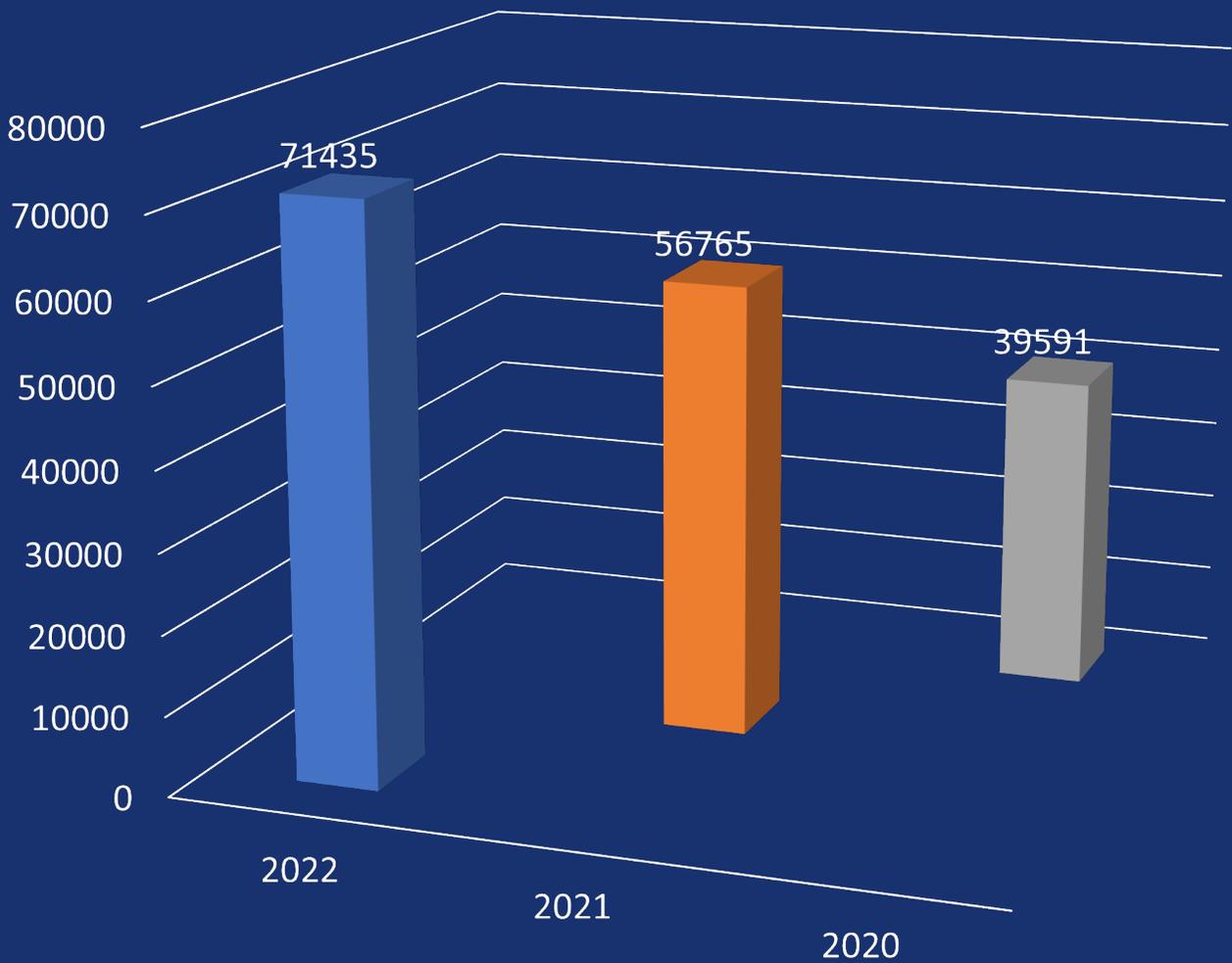
**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE  
OFFICER**

Rande Rigby

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
OFFICER**

Molly Hayslip

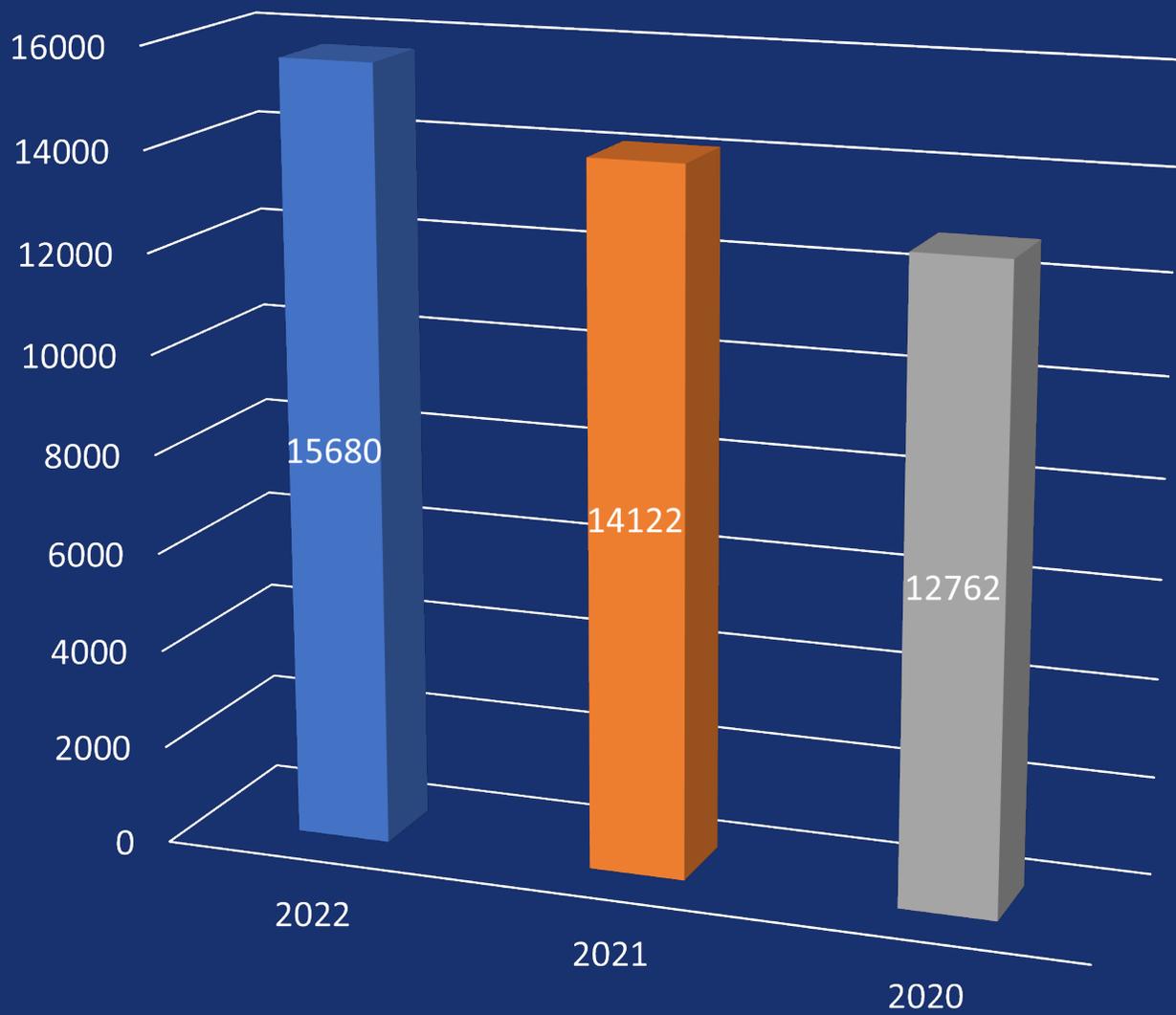
# Total Number of Incidents



*Incidents are defined as both dispatched calls for service and self-initiated activity (i.e. vacation home checks, business checks, and extra patrols)*



# Total Calls for Service

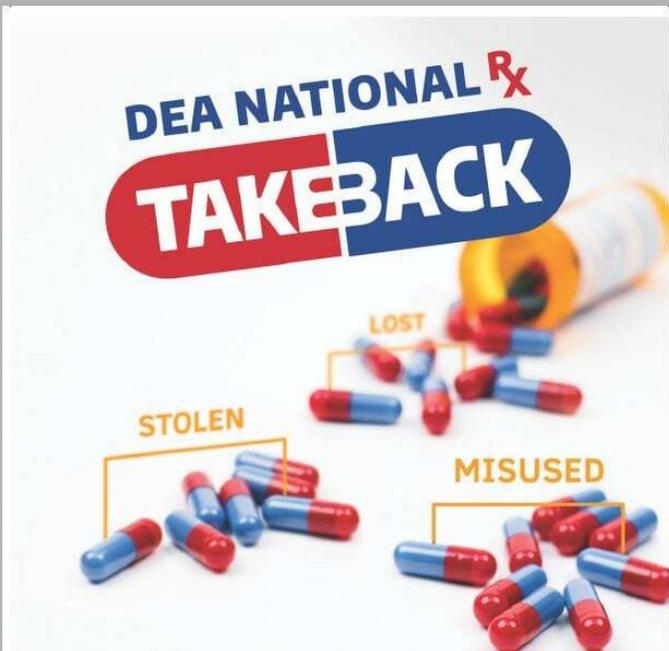




Additional School Resource Officer Joe Smith was added to the Little Miami Primary School.

## DRUG TAKE BACK

Officers collected 42 pounds of prescription drugs during the multiple Drug Take Back events we held in 2022.



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



Detective Brittany Huelsman leads our Criminal Investigations Division. In 2022, Det. Huelsman handled 127 criminal cases, a 33.8% increase from 2021.

Offense	CBA	CBE	Active	Inactive	Unfounded	Total	Successful Closure Rate
Car Break-In	1	0	0	7	0	8	14%
Theft	13	35	8	6	0	62	21%
Burglary	0	1	0	1	0	2	50%
Sex Offenses	4	14	7	0	3	28	75%
Assault	1	0	0	1	0	2	50%
Child Abuse	0	1	1	0	1	3	66%
Drug Offense	3	0	0	0	0	3	100%
Other	7	8	2	1	1	19	84%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>72%</b>

*CBA: Closed By Arrest*

*CBE: Closed By Exception.*

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE OFFICER (APO)



**Officer Rande Rigby** serves as our department's Administrative Police Officer (APO). The primary role of the APO is to assist with day to day administrative tasks, which previously required police officers to leave their patrol beats and respond to the police department to handle. In addition, the APO oversees the property room and serves as our court liaison officer.

## APO Report - 2022

	NUMBER OF EVENTS	TIME
WALK IN ASSISTANCE	114	129
REPORTS TAKEN	103	56.5
INVESTIGATIVE WORK		112
TIME SPENT ON WORKING ON EVIDENCE		273
ROAD PATROL	11	68

\*\*Time in hours

# Advanced Law Enforcement Training

Officer	Hours
Brandenburg	96
Clift	56
Courtney	16
Elzey	121
Hayslip	59
Hughes	48
Kaufholz	121
Kibbee	53.5
Huelsman	120
Parks	34.5
Perry	54
Ratliff	84
Rector	56
Rigby	46
Schelldorf	56
Short	112
J. Smith	55
R. Smith	68
Stephens	179
Thomas	36
Viel	105
Wall	56
Watkins	56
Workman	76
Total	1764

In 2022, Hamilton Township officers completed 1764 hours of advanced law enforcement training. These topics ranged from firearms to deescalation techniques.

# 2022 Junior Police Academy



2022 was the second year HTPD conducted our own Junior Police Academy. Children between the ages of 10 to 14 participated in a one week course of hands-on law enforcement training, learning various aspects of the profession.



# 2022 PROMOTION



***In May of 2022, I humbly accepted the promotion to Captain of The Hamilton Township Police Department. During my tenure, I have had the opportunity to serve this community in various capacities, including school resource officer, patrol officer, detective, and sergeant. I am excited about the future of Hamilton Township and look forward to seeing our agency remain progressive. Our commitment to professionalism and community-oriented policing will remain at the forefront, as we strive to remain one of the safest communities in the State of Ohio.***

**Sincerely,**

**Captain Quillan Short**

# 2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



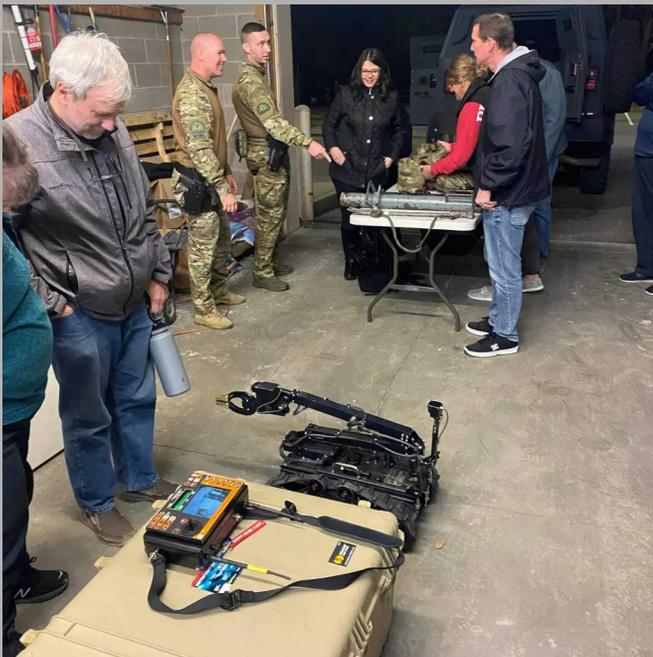
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement by bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



# 2022 Citizen's Police Academy



**HTPD hosts a free 11 week Citizen's Police Academy at the beginning of every year. The Academy is a great opportunity for community members to grow in their knowledge of public safety; topics covered include Functions of Government, Criminal Investigations, K9, SWAT, Drug Task Force Operations, Traffic Stops, and more!**





Officer's Participating at The Annual Trunk Or Treat



Officer's training with HT Medics at Little Miami Schools



Officer Elzey at Cones with the Cops.



First CarFit event held at Hopkin's Commons.



Police and Fire competing at water balloon toss at Picnic in the Park event.



Officer Clift competing at The Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta



Sgt. Rector & Officer Stephens supporting a local lemonade stand.



Coffee with a Cop at UDF