



NEW ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Citizens and Visitors of New Albany,



Welcome to the New Albany Police Department's 2022 Annual Report. The annual report provides the community and others with information on the type of law enforcement services and activities within New Albany and more importantly, the resources devoted to providing an appropriate police response to local problems and concerns.

In 2022 the department continued its work to provide the community with the highest level of services by hiring the most qualified individuals and developing its staff through leadership and training. The dedicated and professional men and women of the department are the core of the law enforcement services provided to the community. There were many staffing changes throughout the year, including new officers, dispatchers, and a police clerk. The department also saw promotions, changes in specialty assignments, a retirement, and a military deployment.

In this report, you will also find New Albany Police Department statistics from 2022. We have included statistical data from previous years to reflect the way in which different categories of crime and enforcement activities have changed over time.

The men and women of the New Albany Police Department are committed to keeping pace with community growth and ensuring the safety and security of those who live, travel, and/or work in New Albany. We hope that you find our 2022 Annual Report interesting and informative. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions that could improve our annual report, please contact me via email (police@newalbanypolice.org), telephone (614-855-1234), or mail at 50 Village Hall Road; P.O. Box 271; New Albany, Ohio 43054.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Jones".

Gregory V. A. Jones
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the men and women of the New Albany Police Department, in partnership with the community, are committed to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property. We are proactive in promoting, preserving, and maintaining a feeling of safety and security to all citizens and visitors. We maintain the public's trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of excellence and professionalism in the delivery of law enforcement services. We provide a quality work environment and continually strive to develop each employee through effective training and leadership.



VISION STATEMENT

To meet the growing needs of the community, the New Albany Police Department will continue to provide the highest level of law enforcement services available through a department-wide community policing philosophy. Provision of police services will be accomplished by hiring the most qualified personnel, providing superior training to all personnel, and providing the most current equipment, technology, and facilities to provide these services.

DEPARTMENT VALUES



VALUES STATEMENT

We, the men and women of the New Albany Police Department, hold these values and principles to be of the utmost importance:

PROFESSIONALISM

We conduct ourselves, both on-duty and off-duty in a manner that reflects favorably on our profession and the community we serve. We take pride in our appearance and demeanor. We hold ourselves to the highest standards and will not allow friendships, prejudices, or animosities to influence our decision-making when providing law enforcement services. We continuously strive for excellence through training, education, and innovation.

INTEGRITY

We are guided by the principles of honesty and integrity in our daily lives. We constantly strive to maintain the public's trust through honesty and integrity in both words and actions.

RESPECT

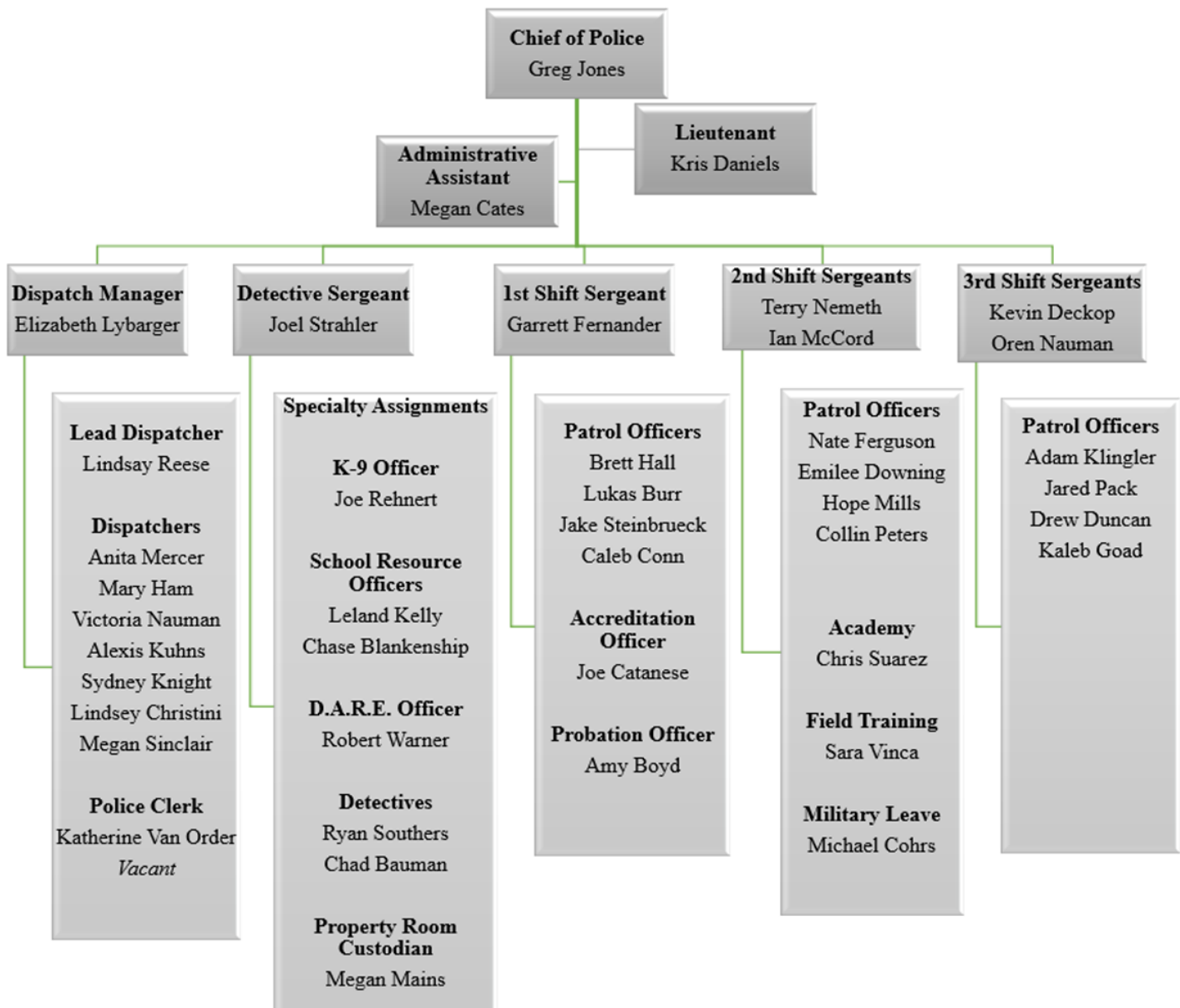
We treat all people with the dignity and respect they deserve. This includes the protection of individual rights while upholding the laws and ordinances of the United States of America, the State of Ohio, and the City of New Albany.

COMPASSION

We conduct all citizen contacts with courtesy and compassion. We are sensitive to the needs of others and possess empathy in dealing with individuals in their time of need.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The chart represents the organizational structure of the New Albany Police Department. This chart depicts the chain-of-command within the organization at year end of 2022.



PERSONNEL

2022 contained a significant number of personnel additions and changes. The city's growth and the department's operational improvements have brought about the addition of many promising individuals and the movement of talented staff members.

Total Personnel	43
Sworn	30
Non-Sworn	13
Volunteer	1

Personnel Additions

- Christafer Suarez, Police Officer
- Sara Vinca, Police Officer
- Katherine Van Order, Police Clerk
- Lindsay Christini, Dispatcher
- Megan Sinclair, Dispatcher



Police Academy Graduates (Began Academy in 2021)

- Hope Mills
- Drew Duncan
- Kaleb Goad
- Collin Peters

Military Deployment

- Michael Cohrs, Police Officer & Ohio Army National Guard

Promotions

- Kris Daniels, Lieutenant
- Ian McCord, Sergeant
- Oren Nauman, Sergeant

New Assignments

- Chad Bauman, Detective
- Chase Blankenship, School Resource Officer

Retirement

- Jeff Wall, Police Officer with 27 Years of Service



PERSONNEL

Retired Sergeant Edwin L. “Ed” Burton

Retired Sergeant Ed Burton passed away on May 12, 2022, after a brief but courageously fought battle with cancer. He retired in 2017 after serving 28 years with the New Albany Police Department and having 36 years of law enforcement experience. Sgt. Burton epitomized the department’s values of Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, and Compassion. He was a true friend to the men and women he served with, faithfully served his community, and was a credit to the badge.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



In 2022 the New Albany Police Department Communication Center upgraded the 911 software to Guardian 911. Once fully integrated, the software will encompass next generation 911 (call handling software capable of enhanced 911), text to 9-1-1– and what3words.

2022 Statistics

911 Calls	1,637
Computer Aided Dispatch Entries	16,634
Total Calls Received (<i>Including Admin</i>)	53,796
Warrants Entered	233
Warrants Validated	277
Warrants Cleared	276

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

School Resource Officers (SRO) and D.A.R.E.

The department created a third school resource officer thanks to funding from the New Albany Plain Local School District. Officer Chase Blankenship, the new SRO, joined Officer Leland Kelly and Jobie Warner as the department's full-time officers dedicated to the schools. Officer Warner is the D.A.R.E. Officer and remains at the schools as SRO when D.A.R.E. classes are not in session.



The 2021-2022 school year had 385 fifth grade students graduate from the D.A.R.E. program, and the SROs taught nine active shooter response classes.

The SROs also brought the department's two distracted simulators to the schools where approximately 220 students experienced the distracted driving simulator and the Simulated Driving Experience Cart (SIDNE).



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Investigations

The detective bureau is made up of one sergeant and two detectives. A patrol officer is also linked to investigations as part of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. The department joined the Homeland Security Task Force, where our ICAC officer will continue his efforts to combat internet crimes against children.

INVESTIGATIVE STATISTICS

Human Trafficking Operation	1
Arrest of Women Engaged in Commercial Sex	5
Guns Recovered	2
ICAC Felony Cases (U.S. & Abroad)	8
Search Warrants	75
Subpoenas	150
Pre-Employment Backgrounds	37
Grand Jury Packets Submitted	52
Firearms Cases	25
Felony Drug Cases	70
Cases Assigned to Bureau	271
Cases Closed	93
Drone Mission Hours	39
Drone Training Hours	9
Operations Plans Submitted	16
Hours of Training	360

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Canine Amigo and Handler Officer Rehnert

Officer Rehnert and his canine partner continue to be an asset to the community, the school district, and other area law enforcement agencies they are called upon to assist. The canine team trains weekly with other area canine teams as a training group. The training group also supports each other by coming together on school and facility drug sweeps including the New Albany Plain Local School district. Officer Rehnert and Amigo also participate in events such as Safety Town, D.A.R.E. graduation, and Special Olympics.

Statistics

Deployments	193
Search Areas	318
Alerts/Indications	149
Seizures	499
Drug Seizures (grams)	932.8



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Police Executive Leadership College

Sergeant Garrett Fernander graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). PELC is a three-week executive leadership program designed to develop dynamic leaders by teaching them how to practically apply leadership concepts. Sergeant Fernander completed the rigorous training while maintaining his patrol shift and providing training to a new officer.



Supervisor Training and Education Program

Lead Dispatcher, Lindsay Reese and Sergeant Ian McCord graduated from the Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP). STEP is a three-week training program designed to develop newly promoted supervisors into highly effective first line supervisors.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Awards

Mothers' Against Drunk Driving Award

Officer Joe Rehnert was selected as a recipient of a 2022 MADD Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence is presented to officers, judges, prosecutors, and prominent citizens in Ohio who have made a significant impact in their communities to stop impaired driving.



2021 Ohio Gold Star Communications Supervisor of the Year

Elizabeth Lybarger, Communications Center Manager, was selected as the 2021 Ohio Gold Star Communications Supervisor of the Year. She was honored at the Ohio Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials at their conference and award ceremony on April 13, 2022.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You, Veterans!

The following members of the New Albany Police Department are United States Military Veterans. Officer Michael Cohrs is currently serving and is deployed overseas. We recognize and thank these men and women for the sacrifices they and their families have made during their commitment to the military, national defense, and service to our nation.



Michael Cohrs
Army



Kris Daniels
Army



Nathan Ferguson
Marines



Kaleb Goad
Coast Guard



Terry Nemeth
Marines



Alex Pack
Marines



Jake Steinbrueck
Marines

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Drug Drop Box & Drug Take Back Days

The prescription Drug Drop Box (located in the lobby of the police department) collected 85.6 pounds of unwanted medications. The drop box is accessible to the public 24/7/365 and helps keep unneeded medication away from children and others who may accidentally ingest or abuse them.

The department also partnered with the DEA to participate in their Drug Take Back Day. There were two events in 2022, where the department collected 105 pounds of drugs.

2022-2023 Deer Management Program

The New Albany Deer Management Program ran from September 24th, 2022 through February 5th, 2023. There were 42 hunters who were eligible to participate in the program and 30 actually participated. The Deer Management Program ended the season with a total of 31 harvested deer, three more than the prior year. There were 25 doe taken and six buck taken. Five deer were donated to Farmers and Feeding the Hungry. The deer management program helps to thin the deer population within the city and reduce the chances of car crashes involving deer.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense System) Classes

The department held two RAD classes with 16 attendees. The RAD course offers a holistic approach to women's self-defense. The course blends lectures, discussions, physical resistance strategies, and practical scenarios. Probation Officer Amy Boyd and School Resource Officer Leland Kelly have taught the program within the community since the department began offering RAD instruction.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Citizen Police Academy

The 2022 Citizen Police Academy saw 22 residents graduate after the nine-week program. The 2022 program was revised for 2022 to increase the number of interactive activities and enhance the program's value for residents. The classes included shoot, don't shoot scenarios, crime scene processing, and canine drug enforcement. The academy provides attendees with insights into being a police officer and the operations of the police department in their community. It also provided the attendees and department staff a great opportunity to get to know each other and build positive relationships.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach

Our police department is fortunate to receive widespread support from the community. The city conducted a community survey that found that 94% of respondents were satisfied with their police service and 95% were satisfied with the department's outreach programs. Community engagement has undoubtedly played a significant role in the department's relationship with the people it serves. Although this report highlights some of the organized activities, the department's engagement also occurs on a daily basis and often in one-on-one contacts between officers, dispatchers, and community members. The department remains dedicated to being proactive in maintaining a safe community and the public's trust.



Bike Helmets and Ice Cream

To encourage the community's children to wear bike helmets while riding this year, the department once again teamed up with Johnson's Ice Cream to hand out free ice cream coupons to young bike riders found wearing a helmet. In 2022 officers handed out over 300 coupons and 209 were redeemed for ice cream. Giving out the coupons also allows officers to build positive relationships with the community's youth and families. Wearing helmets reduces the chance of head injuries by nearly half and serious head injuries by 60%. It also reinforces the lessons many of the community's children are taught during New Albany's Safety Town.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Trick or Treat

The department deploys additional patrol officers for Trick of Treat in New Albany. In 2022, the community was fortunate to experience good weather which increased the number of families participating. Officers handed out candy from their police cruisers and were able to interact with community members in a positive environment.

Toy Drive

The New Albany Police Department hosted a toy drive in partnership with New Albany High School student Gwen Mouat. Gwen was born with a condition called propionic acidemia. She started a toy drive last year as her “wish” through A Special Wish Foundation because she loves helping kids. Gwen and her mother approached the police department about partnering with her for her 2022 toy drive. The department loved her story and wanted to help her collect as many toys as possible. The event was a success with over 750 toys collected and donated to Toys for Tots Columbus.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Special Olympics

School Resource Officer Leland Kelly has been a supporter of and active in the Special Olympics community. This year, under his leadership, the department participated in multiple Special Olympics events. The New Albany Police Department along with the Plain Township Fire Department and New Albany High School Varsity Football team participated in the annual flag football game with the New Albany Special Olympics team.



The department took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ohio. The run began at the police station, where officers and New Albany Special Olympic members also came together to sign the state banner. Officers and members passed the torch as they ran from the New Albany Police Department to the New Albany High School track. The department raised \$2,510 for Special Olympics Ohio, contributing to the statewide effort that raised over \$48,000.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Safety Town

New Albany Safety Town is a summer safety educational camp for children entering kindergarten or first grade in the upcoming fall school year. All lessons are taught by state certified teachers, New Albany police officers, and Plain Township Fire Department firefighters, along with teen volunteers, subject matter experts and community partners. A Graduate Camp immediately proceeds Safety Town and offers advanced safety lessons for children who have already graduated from Safety Town and are entering the fall school year. This program re-enforces key safety lessons and provides a more in-depth education on selected safety topics.



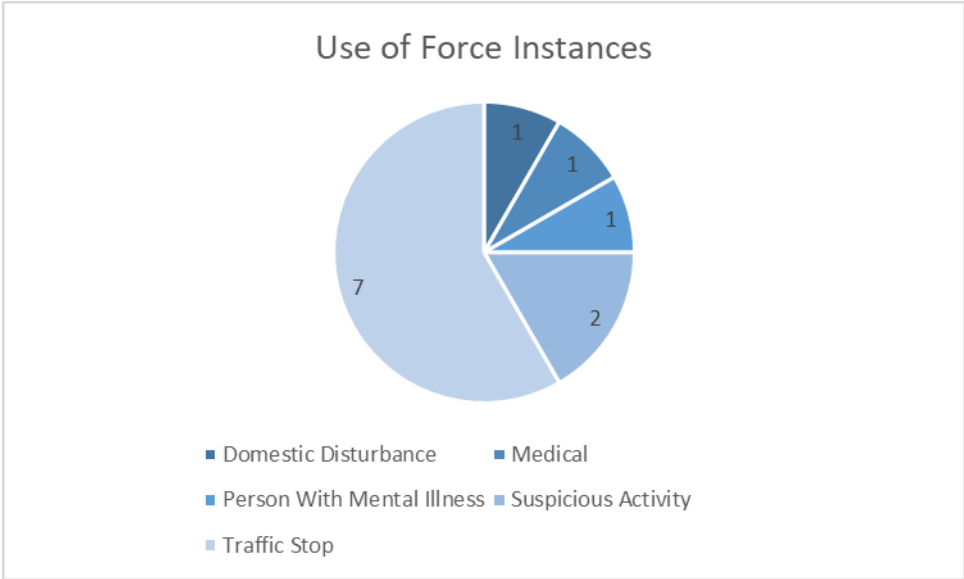
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Use of Force

The New Albany Police Department defines force as any violence, compulsion, or constraint physically exerted by any means upon or against a person or thing, and when any injury, illness, or other physiological impairment occurs due to force. Each incident of the use of force is thoroughly reviewed by command staff, including a review of the response to resistance reports, body-worn camera audio/video, cruiser camera audio/video, and other available evidence. The department also analyzes all responses to resistance reports annually to identify patterns or trends that may indicate training needs, program effectiveness, and/or policy modifications.

In 2022 New Albany Police Officers responded to 3,730 calls for service, initiated 4,600 traffic stops, and made 281 arrests. Of that activity, there were twelve response to resistance reports completed, all of which were found to be justified and in compliance with department policy. Of the twelve incidents, five resulted from operating a vehicle while intoxicated, three were mental health crises, two failed to comply with arrest, and two failed to comply during a traffic stop. The number of responses to resistance is a one-incident increase from the average of eleven incidents per year, and the number of arrests (281) in 2022 is a 13.7% increase over the average (266 arrests per year).

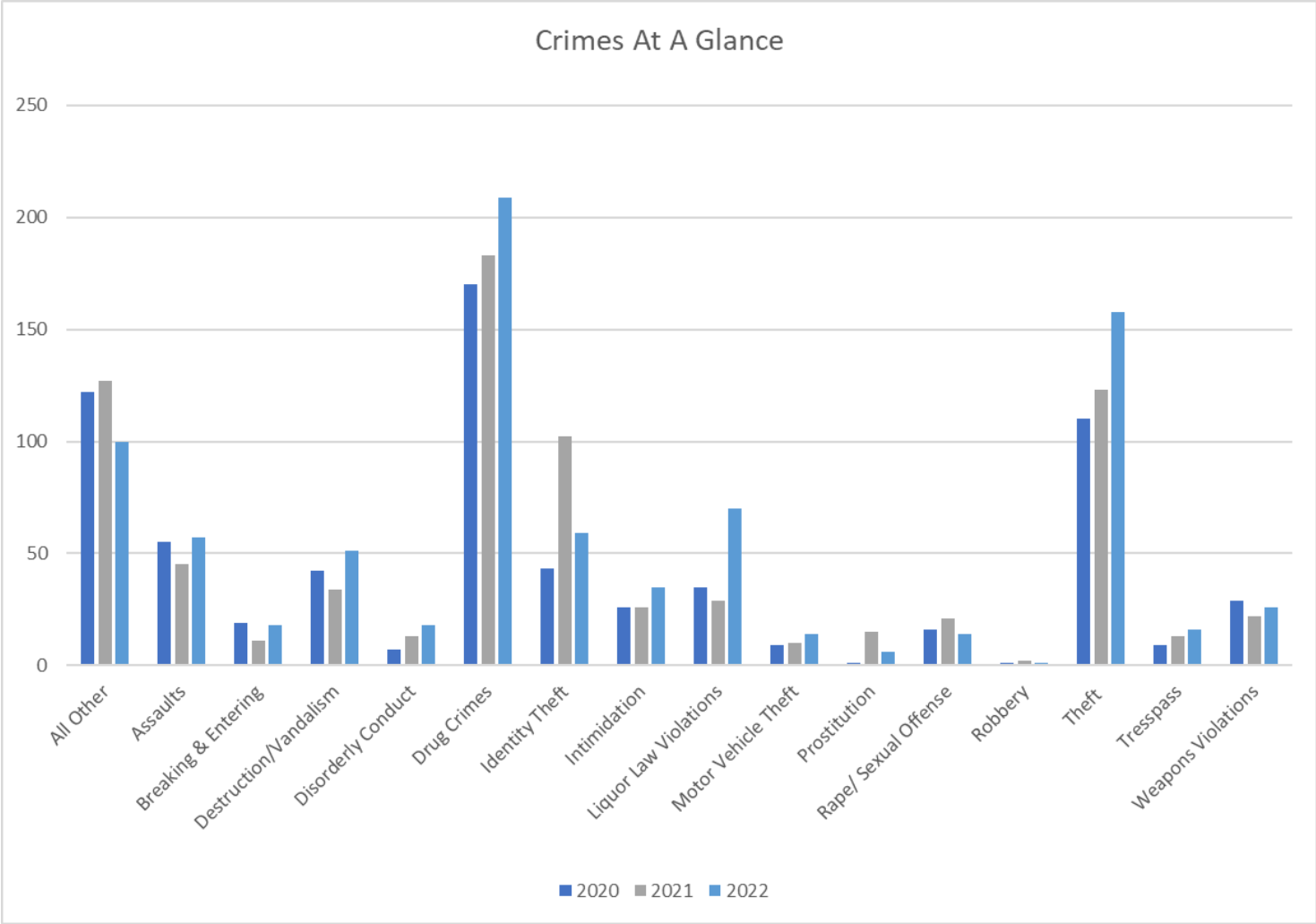
Of the response to resistance incidents, there was one minor injury of an officer and one minor injury of a suspect with no hospitalizations. One use of force incident included an immediate Taser deployment in a drive-stun manner for a subject resisting arrest and concealing his hands. Officers apply multiple tactics of de-escalation before resorting to a use of force response including officer presence, verbal/physical commands, and utilizing the escort position.



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Crimes At A Glance

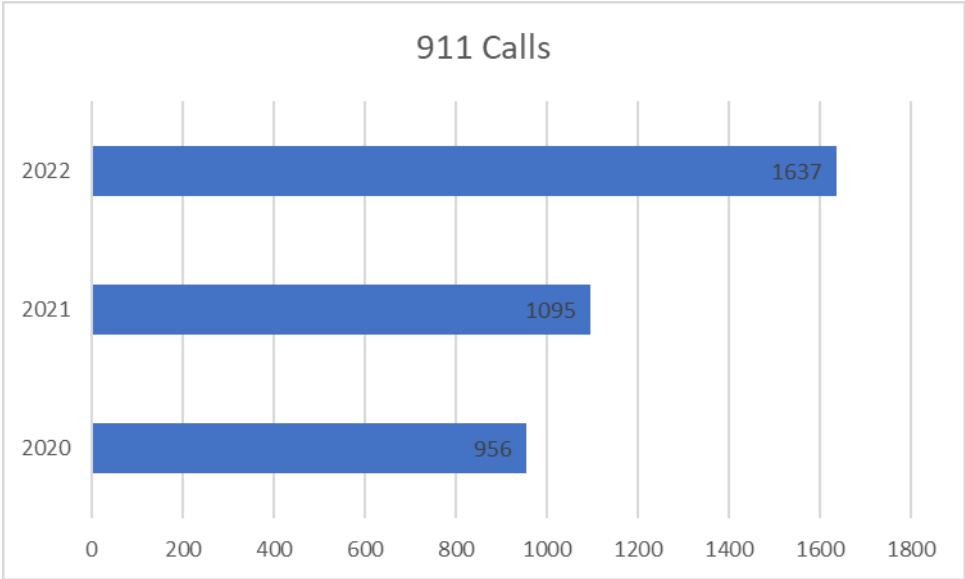
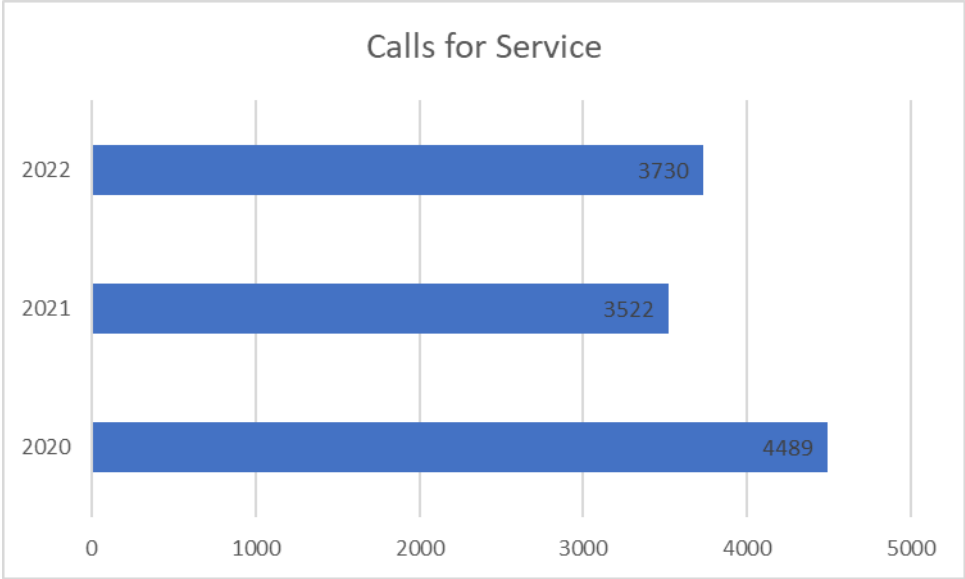
The crimes at a glance statistics shown in the graph are a few of the more commonly reported crimes in New Albany. It is not a comprehensive breakdown of all reported crimes in 2022. The crime titles are also general terms to categorize crimes. For example, crimes under “Intimidation” include certain sections of the domestic violence law, Menacing, Endangering Children. Crimes under “Weapon Violations” could include having weapons while under disability and improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle.



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Calls for Service & 911 Calls

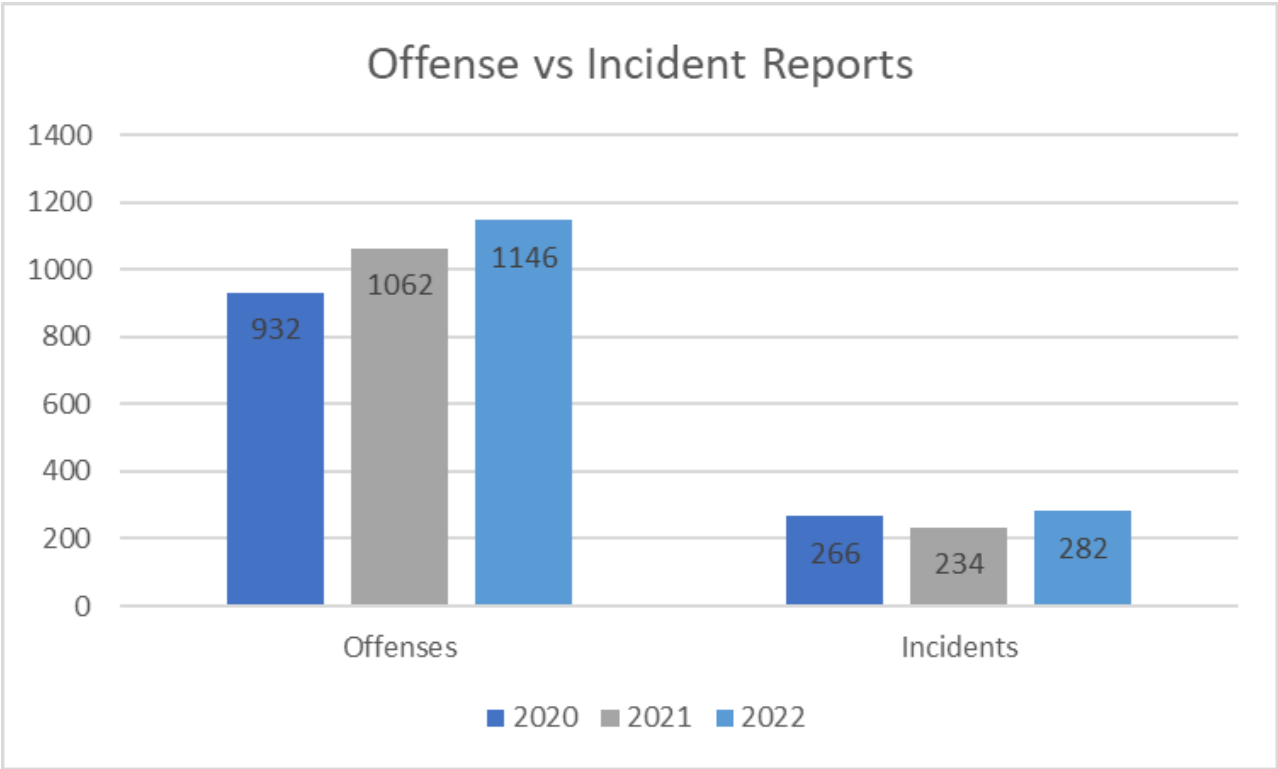
The number of calls received by the Communications Center is outlined below. Calls for service are the number of calls for assistance that were received and dispatched. 911 calls refer to the actual number of calls for assistance via dialing 911.



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Offense and Incident Reports

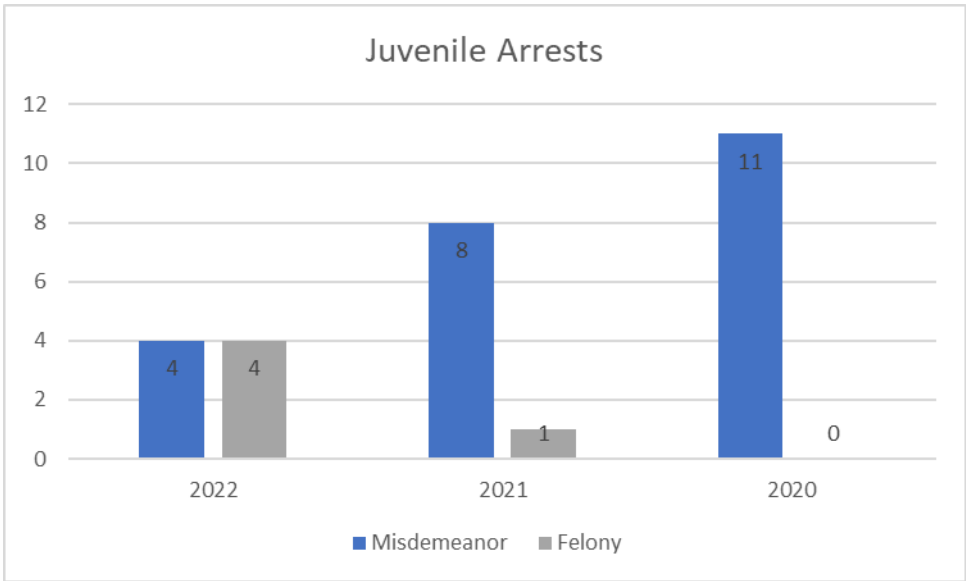
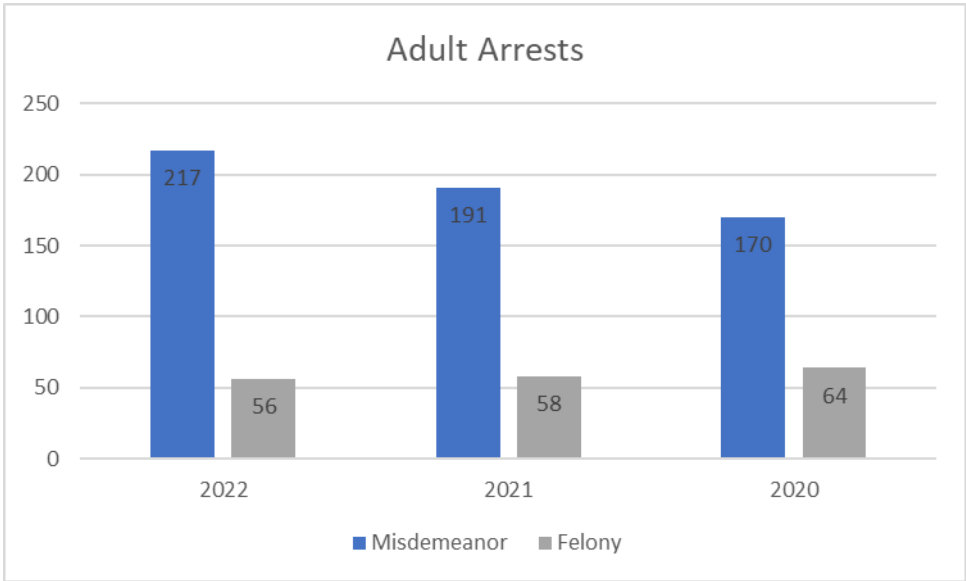
The New Albany Police Department takes three basic type of reports- offense reports, incident reports and traffic crash (accident) reports. An offense report is defined as a violation of the criminal code. An incident report is used to record non-criminal calls for service, such as found property or domestic disputes. The chart below depicts the total number of offense reports and incident reports taken (*traffic crash reports will be reflected in traffic statistics*).



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Arrests

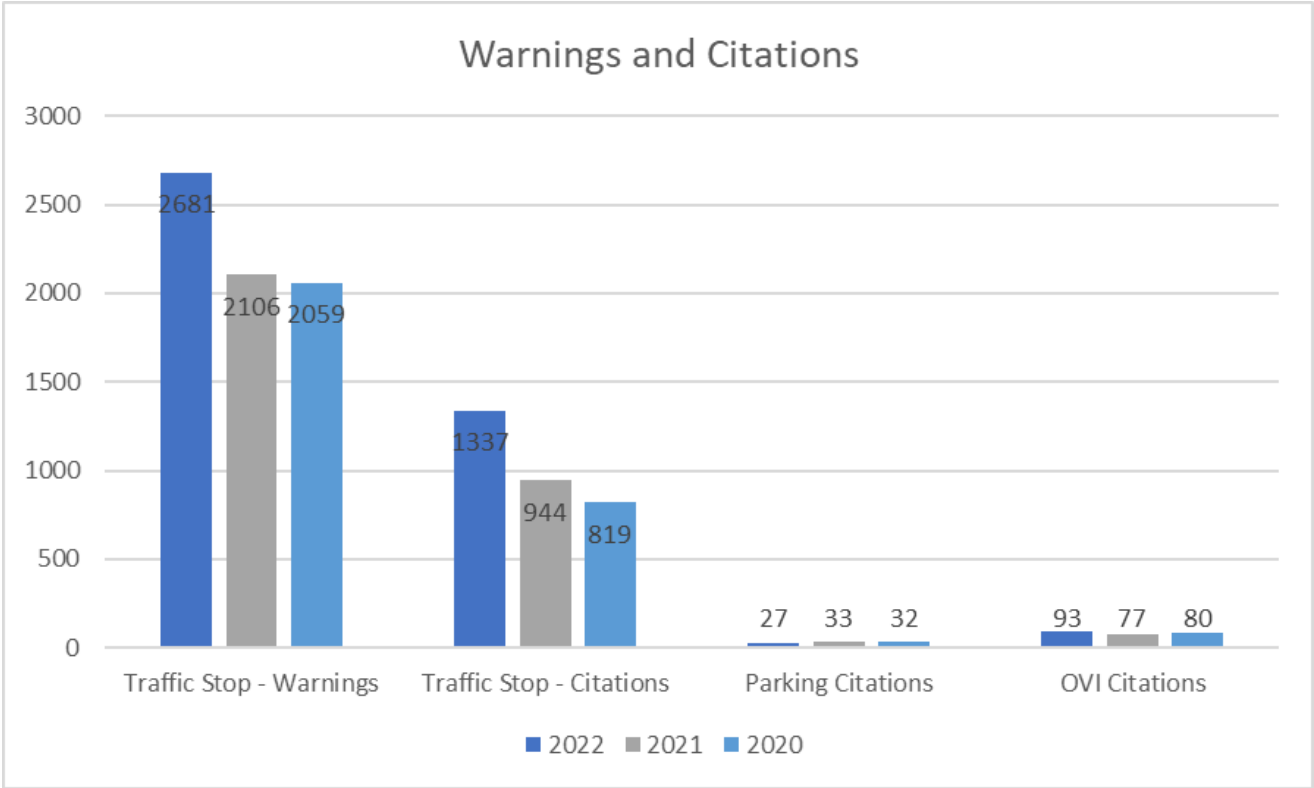
The New Albany Police Department investigates criminal offenses to their fullest potential. Common felony arrests include: Breaking and Entering, Domestic Violence, Drug Possession, OVI (3 or more priors), and Receiving Stolen Property. Common misdemeanor arrests include Assault, Driving under Suspension, Menacing, OVI (1st or 2nd), Theft, and Drug Abuse/Paraphernalia. A breakdown of both adult and juvenile felony and misdemeanor arrests for the past several years is as follows:



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Traffic Data

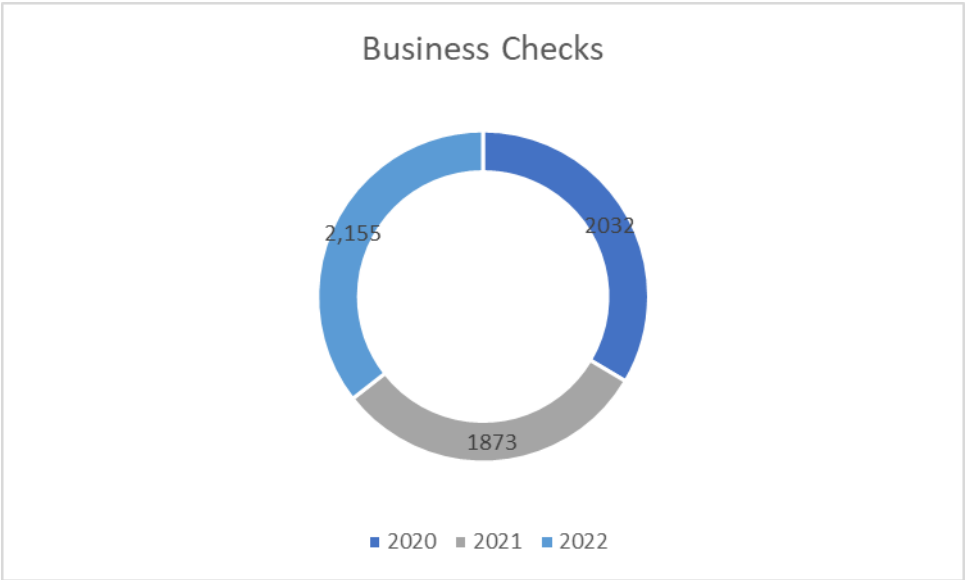
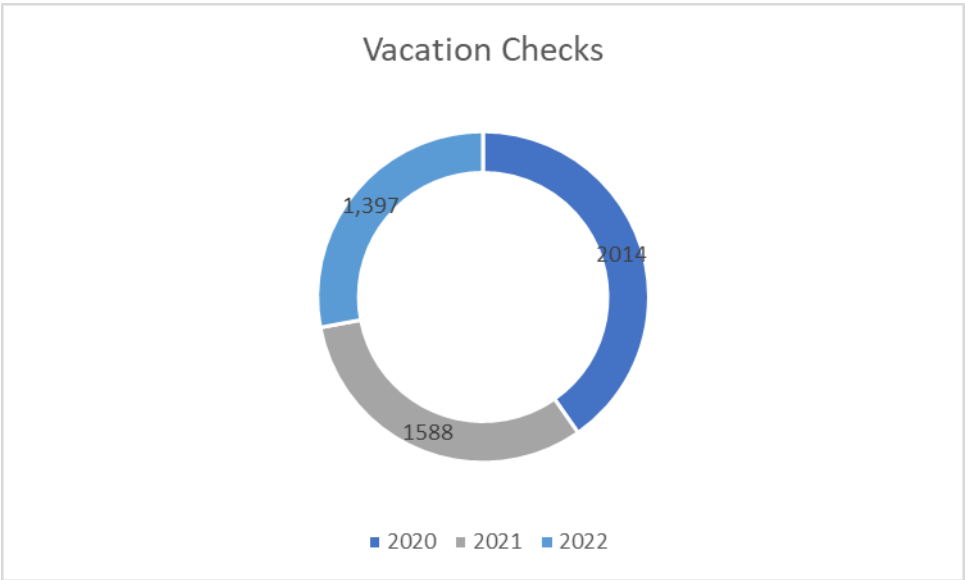
The New Albany Police Department issues both citations and warning to motorists who are observed violating traffic laws within New Albany. Warnings are often issues for minor moving violations, equipment violations and parking violations. When investigating traffic crashes, it is the policy of the department to issue a traffic citation (s) to the at-fault driver. The department also takes an aggressive stance against drunk driving in an effort to minimize the loss of property and life within our community. A breakdown of warnings and the different citations issued are depicted in the chart below:



STATISTICS

Vacation/Business Checks

A resident or business can contact the department to request a vacation check by calling or visiting the website to fill out the form. A breakdown of vacation and business checks completed by officers is depicted in the chart below.



STATISTICS

Training

Training plays a significant role in the level of professionalism and competency of the New Albany Police Department. The city has consistently dedicated a great deal of funding and resources towards the development of our employees through effective training. By utilizing various training resources, the department continues to progress in many areas within our department, such as investigations, juvenile crimes, crisis response and leadership. Training allows our department to improve the services provided to our community.

