

Versailles Police Department



FY 2022 Annual Report



Mike Murray
Chief of Police



Mission Statement

As employees of the City of Versailles, Kentucky, Police Department our mission is to serve, educate and protect the public through community collaboration, problem recognition, problem resolution and police action. In carrying out our mission, we must work with the community as a team to ensure that the citizens of Woodford County are provided the best protection and service we can give them and to establish the Versailles Police Department as the finest in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America.

Goals and Value Statements

- 1) PROTECTION OF LIFE AND LIBERTY - Officers will through patrol, protect the lives and property of all citizens of our community. Officers will become familiar with their community, its residents and normal activities of the community. Through this familiarity, officers will be more able to detect potential threats to life and property of the citizens of our community. Once the threats have been identified or detected, officers will make every effort within police powers, to eliminate the threat and protect the life and property of the citizens of our community.
- 2) DETECTION, APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS AND INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES - Officers, through directed patrol of Woodford County, will detect, deter and apprehend criminal offenders. Officers will also take information and make reports concerning crimes and criminal activity in Woodford County. Patrol officers as well as detectives will investigate crimes. Patrol officers will be required to investigate crime of misdemeanor in nature, such as simple assault, hit and run cases and minor theft cases. Larger more complex investigations, namely felony cases, such as homicides, rapes, drugs, felony assault and major theft and burglary cases shall be conducted by detectives.
- 3) MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER - Officers will strive through patrol and enforcement of laws and ordinances to maintain public order.
- 4) COMMUNITY SERVICE - Officers will make every effort to assist any citizen of our community, whenever possible through service to the entire community. Officers will develop a positive relationship with the citizens which will in turn provide the officer and the department with the relationship necessary to effectively police our community.
- 5) CRIME PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION - Crime prevention and suppression will be accomplished through enforcement patrol, special educational programs and positive interaction with citizens and civic organizations of our community. It is the responsibility of all members of the Versailles Police Department to promote crime prevention and suppression.
- 6) TRAFFIC FLOW AND ENFORCEMENT - Through manual traffic control officers will facilitate the movement of traffic through our community when necessary. Officers will also through enforcement of traffic laws and education, provide safer street for our citizens to travel in our community. The enforcement of traffic laws should reduce accidents, therefore making our streets a safer place for our citizens.

Personnel

The Versailles Police Department employs thirty eight (38) full-time officers, four (4) part-time officers, one (1) civilian clerk,

The Department is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and provides around the clock police protection and service to Versailles, Midway and Woodford County.

All sworn personnel are POPS certified meaning that they having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Peace Officers Professional Standards program of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. This means that all officers have met and/or exceeded the following requirements:

- Is a citizen of the United States and at least 21 years of age;
- Is a high school graduate or has successfully completed a General Education Development (G.E.D.) examination;
- Possesses a valid license to operate a motor vehicle;
- Has been fingerprinted for a criminal background check;
- Has not been convicted of a felony;
- Is not prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm;
- Has been interviewed and undergone a background investigation;
- Has taken a polygraph examination and a suitability screener;
- Has passed a drug screening test;
- Discharged under honorable conditions, if having served in the armed services;
- Has received and read the Kentucky law Enforcement Officer's Code of Ethics;
- Has received and read the Kentucky law Enforcement Officer's Canon of Ethics

The Versailles Police Department also conducts testing using the National Police Officer Selection Test and a thorough background investigation for all employees.

Officers receive continuous training through the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) located at Eastern Kentucky University. DOCJT was the first training facility in the US and Canada to become CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) certified. DOCJT offers a wide range of training opportunities to allow officers to continue their education and sharpen their law enforcement skills.

Officers

Mike Murray
Chief of Police

Rob Young
Assistant Chief of Police

Investigations

Det. Sergeant Steve Sparkman	Detective Steve Cobb	Detective Matt Dawkins
Detective Brad Flynn	Detective Matt Mitchell	Detective Dawn Monks

Patrol

Sergeant Scott Carnes	Sergeant Anthony Conner	Sergeant Tim Conner
Sergeant John Costigan	Sergeant Kevin Estes	Sergeant Jordan Lyons
Sergeant Brent McGee	Sergeant Josh Vieyra	

Officer Scott Bobbitt	Officer Sam Colantuoni	Officer David Clark
Officer Michael Cole	Officer Scot Cottingham	Officer Nathan Craig
Officer Jesse Evans	Officer Jonathan Geilear	Officer John Giles
Officer Jeff Haney	Officer Jacob Hardin	Officer Ben Hartley
Officer Stephen Johnson	Officer Ashley Koch	Officer Allen Leigh
Officer Derek McKibben	Officer Jeremy Miller	Officer Daniel Padgett
Officer Jim Parrett	Officer Michele Remark	Officer Eric Radford
Officer Jimmy Sewell	Officer Coleman Sparks	Officer Drew Stakelin
Officer Casey Whittle	Officer John G. Wilhoit	

Accreditation

The Versailles Police Department was initially accredited through the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP) in 1999. Since that time, the Department was re-accredited in 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019.

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Overview and Benefits:

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.

The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is one of the most valuable and cost effective ways currently available to departments that wish to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism. Accredited departments benefit from the use of consistent and proven procedures, clearly outlined policies, and efficient practices. In addition, accreditation serves to create a feeling of confidence among your residents that their police/sheriff department recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining as high a degree of effectiveness and professionalism as possible.

The Versailles Police Department is proud of its accreditation status and strives to exceed the professional standards set forth through the program.



Statistics

During FY 2022, the Versailles Police Department responded to 33,390 calls for service, completed over 3,300 traffic stops, wrote over 1,990 citations and made 719 arrests.

Crime categories as follows:

	FY21	FY22
Murder	1	0
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	0	0
Rape	11	4
Robbery	3	3
Aggravated Assault	16	26
Arson	0	1
Burglary	57	46
Auto Theft	35	28
Theft	238	213
All Other Offenses	1437	1449
Total	1798	1770

Vehicle Accidents:

	FY21	FY22
Total Collisions	808	859
Collisions with Injury	79	115
Collisions with Fatality	8	2
Collisions with Property Damage	721	742
Total Injuries	117	162
Total Fatalities	11	2

Policy & Procedures

The Versailles Police Department has over ninety policies and procedures in place. These policies follow the guidelines of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police's recommendations as well as the model policies from the Kentucky League of Cities. The Department's policies are reviewed annually and updated or added to as needed to fulfill the mission of the Department.

Assistant Chief Young arranges for monthly roll call trainings of the various policies to keep all personnel current on the Department's policy. Policies that cover high risk situations are also reviewed on a scheduled basis.

The last Safety Audit conducted by the Kentucky League of Cities' awarded the Department a score of 92.86 which is the highest achieved by the Department. This is largely in part to the current policies and the utilization of KLC's Bridge on line training program. This score results in KLC insuring the Department with all available discounts.

Equipment

It has long been a goal of the Versailles Police Department to keep officers equipped with the most up to date and necessary items to do their job in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The Department continues to maintain body cameras for all patrol officers which allow officers to document their interactions and save that documentation electronically for court or other purposes.

In addition to body cameras and other standard issue equipment, the officers also carry Narcan, tourniquets, maintain mobile computer terminals in their vehicles and have access to law enforcement applications for their cell phones. All of these items promote officers having the resources available to perform their duties in the best way possible.

FARO 3D Imaging System - The Department was able to purchase the FARO 3-D measurement and imaging solution this year. The system allows for the secure capture of detailed and accurate crime scene evidence through 3-D imaging. By scanning accident scenes, the system is also being utilized by accident reconstructionists to help identify human, mechanical and speed related factors in serious crashes. The FARO system provides survey grade data and is a huge resource for the Department.

Community Oriented Policing Programs

The Versailles Police Department implements community oriented policing to make our community a safer and better place to live and work for our citizens and our officers. Our programs demonstrate that through collaborative efforts communities can reach goals and objectives, which would not be possible, attempted individually. It is only through cooperative efforts that identified problems in communities can be resolved.

The following are a few of our programs and collaborative efforts in our community:

Weekend Call Checks: This program provides a service check on Senior Citizens who may not have anyone else to check on their welfare during the weekend.

Business Checks/Door Checks: Patrol officers check the doors of downtown businesses nightly and conduct extra patrol on all other businesses throughout the community to assist with crime prevention.

Bicycle Patrol/Foot Patrol: Officers routinely patrol outside of their vehicles to interact with the community and local businesses on a one on one basis. This assists with communication within the community and allows officers the ability to observe areas of concern for citizens that they might not otherwise be aware of.

Extra Patrol: Citizens may contact the Versailles Police Department at any time to request extra patrol for their residence while they are away due to illness, vacation, etc. Officers will then conduct the extra patrol daily or even more often to ensure the security of the property while the homeowner is away.

CPA (Citizens Police Academy): CPA is an 8 week course designed to help citizens better understand the role of law enforcement in the community and to provide interaction between citizens and officers. The Academy teaches some of the basic concepts of law enforcement and allows participants to participate in a ride-a-long with an officer as well as observe in the Central Telecommunication Center.

Neighborhood Meetings: Meetings are conducted for residents of various neighborhoods through the Spring and Summer to address concerns of citizens for their neighborhoods such as traffic, parking and City and County Ordinances.

Training/Education: Detectives and officers regularly provide training and education throughout the community at civic organizations and local businesses regarding topics such as fraud and identity theft prevention, robbery prevention and general safety precautions.

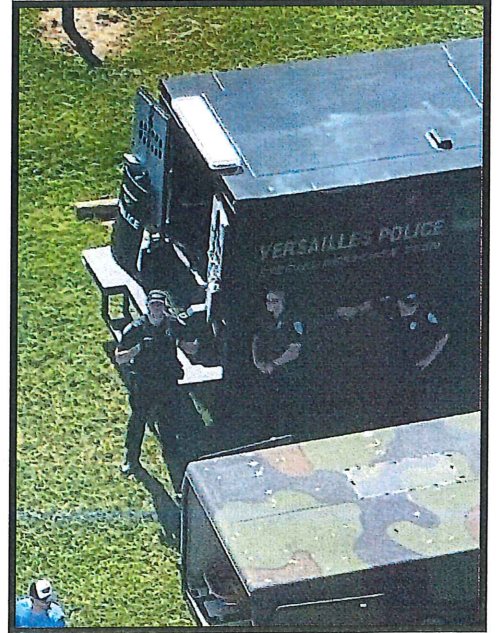
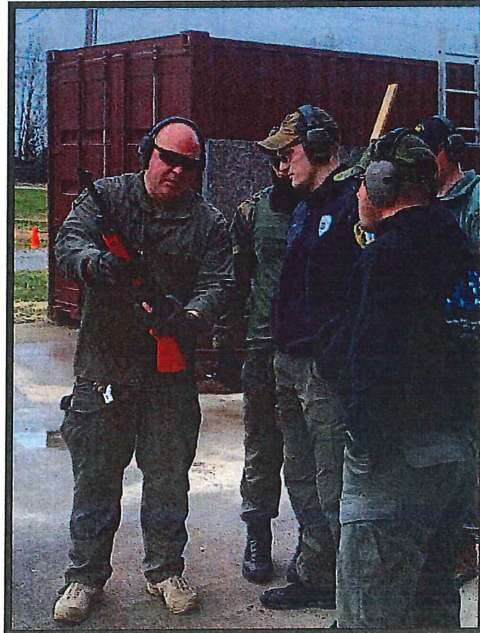
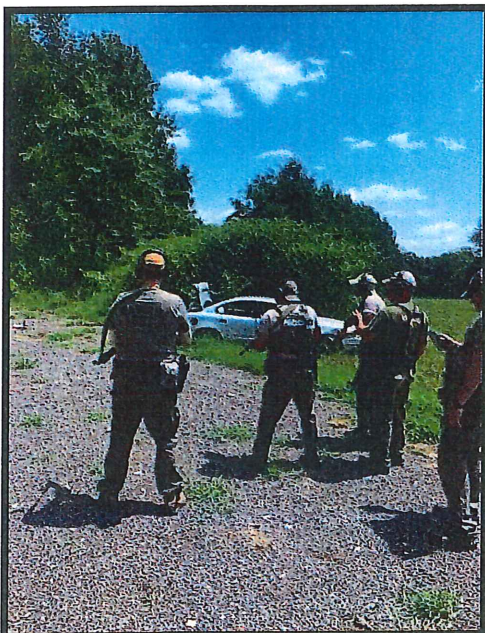
The Department also has representatives that serve with many of our organizations & activities in the community such as GUS, the Family Resource Center Advisory Council Board, the Interagency Council and ASAP.

The Department also works closely with all other public safety and emergency service organizations in Woodford County.

Special Response Team

The Special Response Team is utilized for situations such as barricaded subjects, domestic related offenses, suicidal subjects, search and arrest warrants, and weapons of mass destruction suspicion. Sergeant John Costigan serves as the SRT Commander.

The team trains twelve (12) hours per month with training consisting of firearms, extensive medical training, vehicle operations and assaults, less lethal munitions including gas, taser, bean bag rounds, and distractionary devices, boat operations, and entry and search of residences, schools, and places of business.



K-9

The Versailles Police Department's canine, Nico, and his handler Sergeant John Costigan continue to be extremely busy. Nico is trained to sniff marijuana, cocaine, meth, heroin, MDMA and is also a tracking canine. Sgt. Costigan and Nico have been involved in many cases and participated in numerous arrests. Nico has also assisted other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

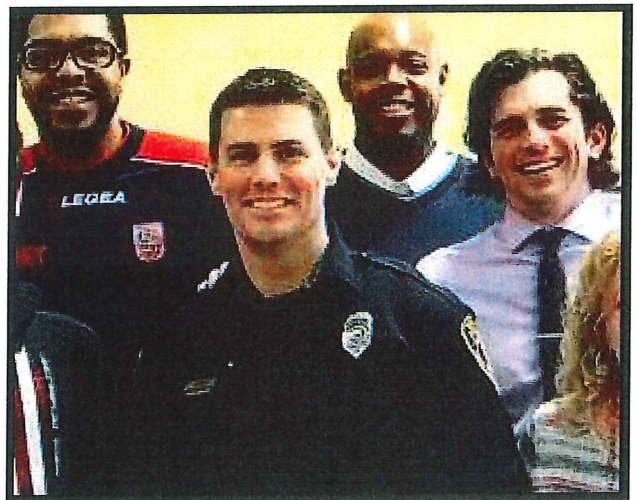
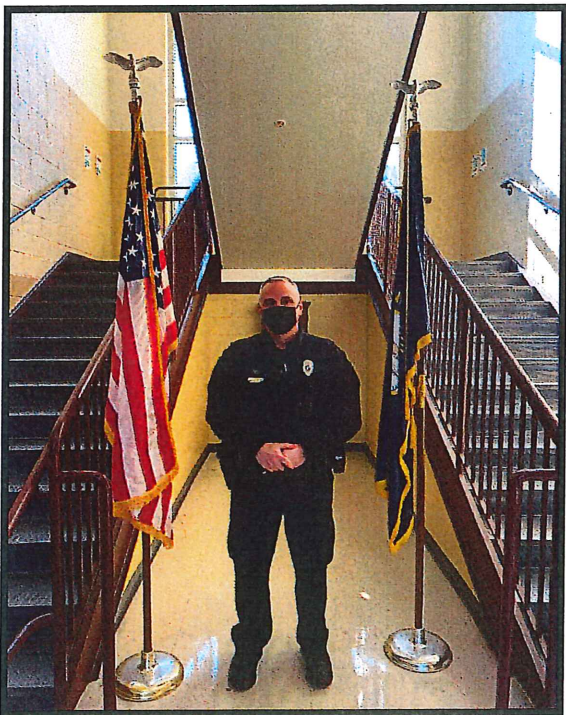
Nico and Sgt. Costigan have also been involved in the community and provided demonstrations at the libraries, schools, civic groups and attended events such as Touch a Truck. The canine program's impact has been tremendous as officers have come to rely on Sgt. Costigan and Nico and the community has embraced the program through donations and support.



School Resource Officers

There continue to be two School Resource Officers (SRO), Officer Scot Cottingham is assigned to the Woodford County Middle School and Officer Scott Bobbitt remains assigned to the Woodford County High School.

Both officers stay busy in the schools investigating criminal activity, conducting classes and implementing crime prevention initiatives with the students. The officers provide security at school events such as ballgames and dances and accompany the students on field trips. The SROs also transport juveniles, work traffic, assist with mandatory safety drills at the schools such as fire, lock down and tornado. The officers assist with school administration and counselors with home visits, de-escalating students when necessary and work with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department for Community Based Services.



Angel Program

The Versailles Police Department continues to provide much needed assistance to individuals suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and work diligently to help others through board membership to Woodford County's Agency for Substance Abuse and Prevention (ASAP) and the Department's Angel and Naloxone (aka Narcan) Programs. Officers continue to distribute treatment information to many individuals and provide information about our Angel Program.

Narcan is provided to the Department free of charge by the Kentucky Pharmacists Association through their Pharmacy Public Health Program. Since the inception of the Naloxone Program in November 2017, Versailles Police Officers have administered Narcan to over 100 individuals during emergency responses to suspected opioid overdoses.

Cops for Kids

Cops for Kids, Inc. is the Department's charitable organization. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group led by the Versailles Police Department. The organization is comprised of the Versailles, Midway and Woodford County Emergency Services and includes the Versailles Fire Department, Woodford County Ambulance Service, Woodford County Detention Center, Woodford County Sheriff's Office and Woodford County Animal Control.



Personnel raise funds throughout the year in order to provide gifts to underprivileged children of Versailles, Midway and Woodford County at Christmas. The organization also provides clothing, toys and school supplies to children who are victims of fire, flood or other natural disaster or tragedy on an as needed basis throughout the year.

The Cops for Kids annual budget is \$20,000 to \$25,000 with the main fundraisers being collections at the intersections and solicitation of local businesses. Efforts also include other smaller activities at local events such as the Twilight Festival.

Previously, at Christmas, children ages 5 and under participated in a party and Santa visited with each child and gave them a gift bag filled with their presents. Children ages 6-13 were picked up by officers and taken shopping at local stores. Children 14-18 received a gift bag that was delivered by officers to their home.

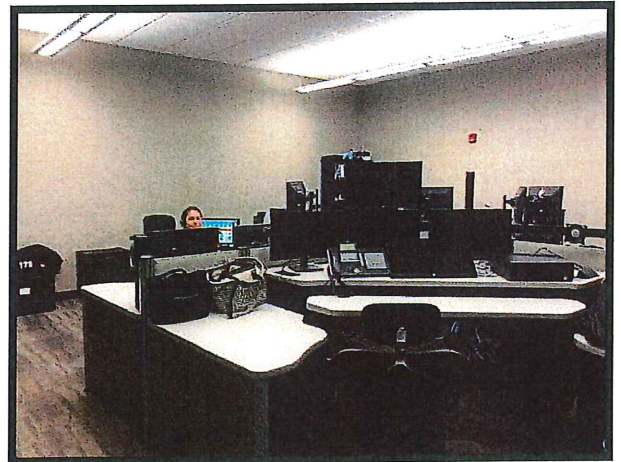
Due to the pandemic, in 2021 we made gift bags for each child and the bags were picked up or delivered to limit contact. Pick up day included many officers and first responders as well as Santa. In 2021 over 100 families, 300 children were served.



Telecommunications

The Telecommunication Center handled over 42,400 calls for service during fiscal year 2021-2022. The Telecommunications Center serves as the Woodford County 911 Center as well as Central Dispatch for all Emergency Service Agencies in Woodford County. This includes the following agencies:

Woodford County Animal Control
Woodford County Disaster and Emergency Services
Midway Fire Department
Versailles Fire Department
Versailles Police Department
Woodford County EMS
Woodford County Animal Control
Woodford County Coroner
Woodford County Fire Department
Woodford County Sheriff



The Center operates 24 hours a day and employs ten (10) telecommunicators.

The 911 Center received a grant from the Kentucky 911 Services Board to implement Text-to-911. The project was completed and Text-to-911 is now available in Woodford County. The Center also upgraded the recording system so that Text-to-911 is also recorded along with telephone calls and radio traffic.

The Versailles Midway Woodford County 911 Board has met regularly throughout the year. The Board has overseen the collection of the 911 service fee and handled other matters relating to 911.



The Board also hired a new Executive Director, Crystal Campbell, to supervise all personnel and operations of the 911 Center. Ms. Campbell is doing an excellent job and her dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

The Versailles Police Department is thankful for the incredible support of the Mayor and Versailles City Council.

Many agencies do not have the support and encouragement that we enjoy. The Department is appreciative of the remarkable generosity and support that our programs and our employees receive from the Community and we look forward to serving our home and its citizens for another year.