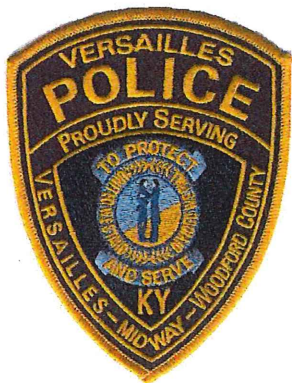




Versailles Police Department FY 2024 Annual Report



Mike Murray
Chief of Police



Versailles Police Department

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"Proudly Serving Versailles, Midway and all of Woodford County"

August 5, 2024

To All of Woodford County:

It is with great pride that we present the annual report of the Versailles Police Department for FY 2024. This report provides an overview of the efforts we took this year to ensure public safety and to foster strong community relations. The success of our department is built on the professionalism and commitment of our officers, dispatchers, and support staff. Additionally, our achievements would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of our government leaders, first responder partners, and incredible community.

We believe that the safety of our citizens is best achieved through a relationship founded on trust and collaboration. Over the past year, we focused on strengthening community relations through neighborhood meetings aimed at improving communication and to gain a better understanding of the issues impacting our residents. We hosted multiple child outreach programs, including the annual Cops for Kids Christmas Program and parents' night out events that allowed our officers to interact with local children in a positive environment.

We continuously seek to implement and use cutting-edge technologies to enhance our ability to combat crime. The FLOCK cameras we deployed throughout Woodford County have resulted in the recovery of stolen vehicles, the arrest of fugitives, and the safe return of missing persons. Additionally, our implementation of the FARO 3D scanner has enabled our officers to document crime scenes and significant vehicle collisions more effectively and efficiently while minimizing the time our roadways are shut down.

Our efforts to maintain the physical and mental well-being of our officers through the department's health improvement policy continues to result in a healthier and happier workforce that has experienced fewer injuries and less time off. We have encouraged and supported our personnel in pursuing advanced training opportunities. For instance, this year we increased the number of trained bike patrol officers and had a second officer graduate from DOJT's 10-week Criminalistics Academy. The Versailles Police

Department now has two fully-trained crime scene technicians that are knowledgeable and skilled in the latest crime-scene processing technologies available to law enforcement.

We continue to work diligently to reduce the negative impact of illegal drugs in our community through the targeting of drug traffickers that distribute these destructive and deadly substances. We've made significant strides in supporting those who are struggling with substance use disorders. We have done so by having Versailles Police personnel serve on the ASAP Board, Drug Court Staff, and working collaboratively with other stakeholders to implement a Mental Health Court. Additionally, our Victim Advocate has successfully guided families in filing Casey's Law petitions, found treatment for individuals in active addiction, and secured temporary housing for those that are experiencing homelessness.

In closing, we would like to extend our gratitude to the men and women of the Versailles Police Department for their commitment, bravery, and professionalism. We also express our sincere appreciation to our governmental leaders, first responder partners, and community for their continued support. There's still work to be done and we can achieve great things when we work towards our common goal of a better and safer Woodford County.

Respectfully,



Mike Murray
Chief of Police
Versailles Police Department

Respectfully,



Rob Young
Assistant Chief of Police
Versailles Police Department

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

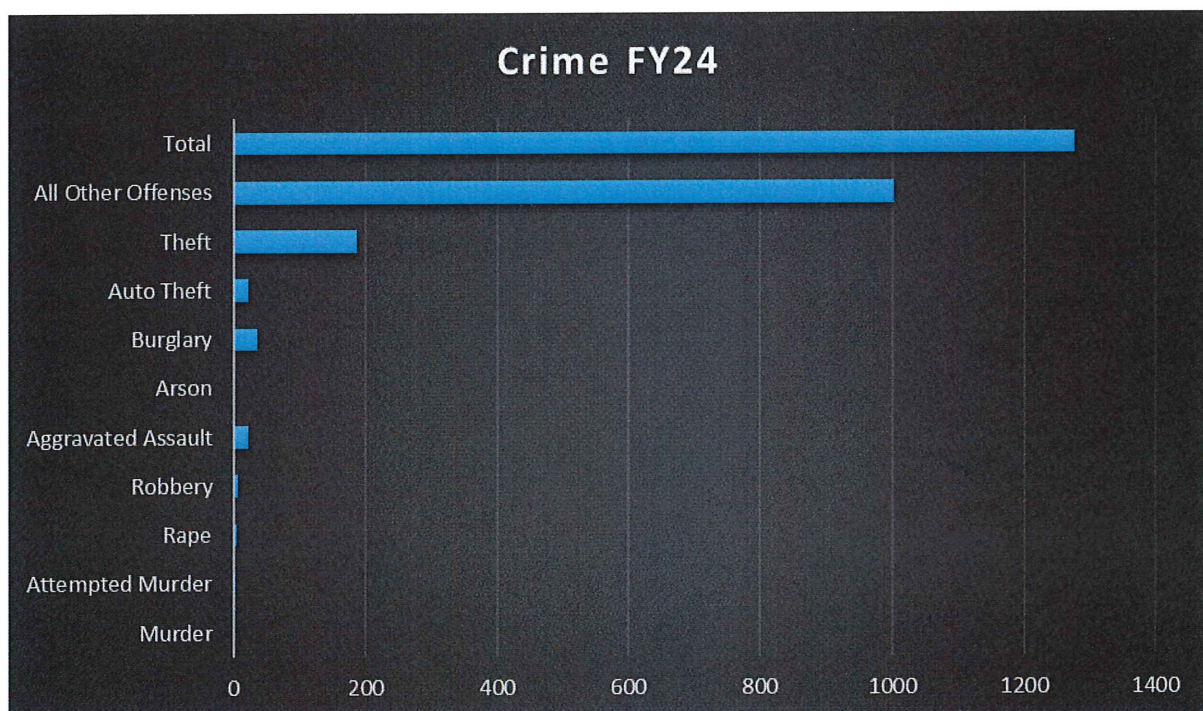
- 1) PROTECTION OF LIFE AND LIBERTY - Officers will through patrol, protect the lives and property of all citizens of our community. Officers will become familiar with their community, its residents and normal activities of the community. Through this familiarity, officers will be more able to detect 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.

Mike Murray		
Chief of Police		
Rob Young		
Assistant Chief of Police		
Sergeants		
Anthony Conner	Tim Conner	John Costigan
Kevin Estes	Jesse Evans	Jacob Hardin
Jordan Lyons	Brent McGee	Steve Sparkman
Investigations		
Nathan Craig	Matthew Dawkins	Brad Flynn
Tim Graul	Matthew Mitchell	Dawn Monks
Patrol		
Scott Bobbitt	Josh Butcher	John Carmickle
David Clark	Ace Colantuoni	Scot Cottingham
Ben Dawson	Tracy Gates	Jonathan Geilear
Jeff Haney	Ben Hartley	Stephen Johnson
Allen Leigh	Derek McKibben	Daniel Padgett
Jim Parrett	Eric Radford	Michele Remark
Drew Stakelin	Zachary Traugott	Joseph Warth
Casey Whittle	John Wilhoit	Zakkary West
Victim Advocate		
Ellie Castle		
IT Director		
Brian Hawker		
Custodian		
Glenn Crawford		

Crime Statistics

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

Crime Category	FY23	FY24
Murder	0	0
Attempted Murder	0	1
Rape	5	4
Robbery	1	6
Aggravated Assault	22	21
Arson	2	0
Burglary	46	34
Auto Theft	29	21
Theft	218	187
All Other Offenses	1086	1002
Total	1409	1276

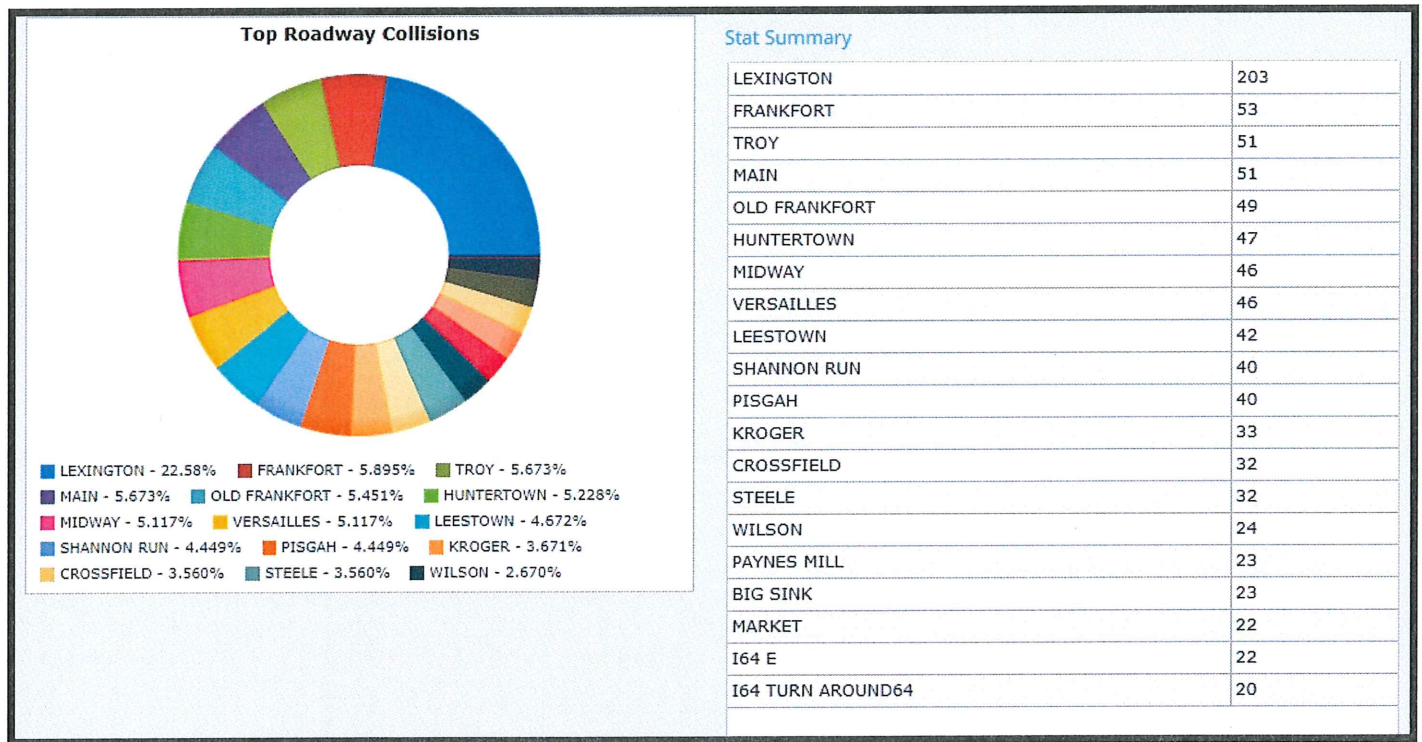


Motor Vehicle Accidents

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

	FY23	FY24
Total Collisions	892	932
Collisions with Injury	99	101
Collisions with Fatality	4	6
Collisions with Property Damage	789	825
Total Injuries	138	151
Total Fatalities	4	6

Top 20 Roadway Collisions



Sworn Officers & Training

Officers of the Versailles Police Department responded to 33,362 calls for service during FY24. It is the policy of the Versailles Police Department to enforce the traffic laws, rules, regulations, and all criminal laws of the Commonwealth as well as all ordinances of the City of Versailles, City of Midway and Woodford County in a fair and impartial manner. Enforcement shall be the objective of all Versailles Police officers, with the goals of: Protection of life and property, Detection and apprehension of criminals and the investigation of crimes, Maintenance of public order, Community service, Crime prevention and suppression, and Traffic flow and enforcement.

The calls for service responded to by officers are of innumerable situations and circumstances that require the most comprehensive training possible to navigate successfully. Officers are required to complete mandatory training through the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) annually. They may also complete more specialized training through DOCJT as elected or required by special assignments. In addition, the Department holds regular roll call trainings and mandates in-house training for topics such as driving, fire extinguishers and critical incidents among others. Officers are also required to regularly review Department policies regarding endangered, missing and mentally ill citizens.

The policy of the Versailles Police Department is to protect and serve all citizens while at the same time respecting the rights of suspects and balancing the need for officer safety in use of force events. It is the policy of the Versailles Police Department that officers will use only reasonable force to bring an incident or event under control. Reasonable force is only that force which is necessary to accomplish lawful objectives. All uses of force must be objectively reasonable. The Versailles Police Department and all its officers recognize that the sanctity of human life serves as the guiding principle in response to resistance decisions. Based upon this philosophy, range, taser and other use of force training is provided throughout the year.

Taser



Range



Investigations

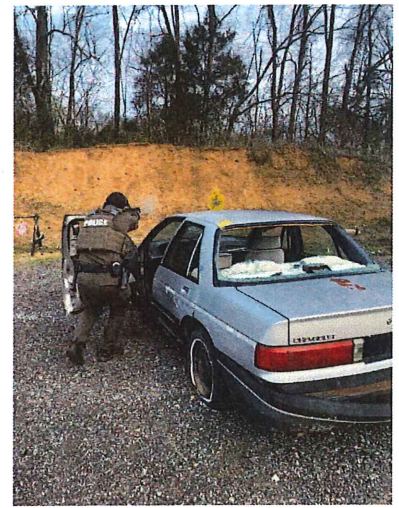
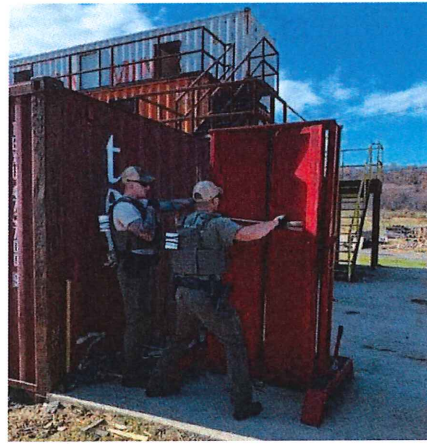
The Investigations unit is comprised of a Sergeant, five (5) full-time officers and one (1) part-time officer. The primary purpose of a police investigation is to collect facts leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of an offender, and to organize and present the facts for a successful prosecution. The single most important criteria which determines a successful investigation is the officer obtaining and handling information supplied by a victim or witness after the crime. The Versailles Police Department expects officers to treat investigations as a skill developed through training and experience, a skill that demands intelligence, logic and discipline. Two of the full-time officers are assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and focus on working crimes related to illegal drugs and criminal drug networks.



Specialty Programs

Special Response Team (SRT)

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. Currently the team consists of eight (8) Versailles Police Department officers with two vacancies, two paramedics and one (1) trauma surgeon. During FY24 the team has logged 144 hours of training as well as many additional personal training hours.



Collision Reconstruction



The Collision Reconstruction Unit is comprised of five collision reconstructionists and two evidence technicians who assist in gathering vital evidence on the scene of serious and fatal collisions. This year, three new reconstructionists completed accident reconstruction training including a rigorous 6 week class held in Georgetown.

The photo is Officer Derek McKibben and Sergeant Brent McGee training with the FARO 3D scanner.

FLOCK

In September of 2022 VPD began installing Flock automatic license plate reader cameras at nineteen (19) separate locations on roadways throughout all of Woodford County. The program was initiated by the department to assist in legitimate law enforcement activities that enhance public safety, deter criminal activity, and assists officers in the investigation and prosecution of criminal acts.

During this past fiscal year the Flock cameras have processed 2,158,140 plate reads which have resulted in the recovery of multiple stolen vehicles, fugitive arrests, and investigative leads in criminal cases.



FARO

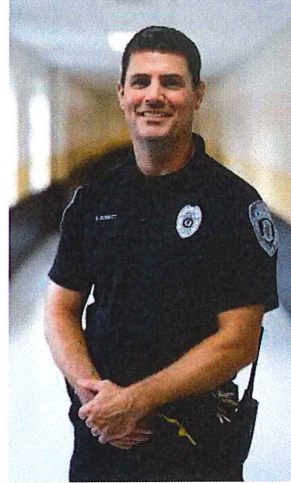
The Department was able to purchase the FARO 3-D measurement and imaging solution over two years ago. The system allows for the secure capture of detailed and accurate crime scene evidence through 3-D imaging. By scanning accident scenes, the system is utilized by accident reconstructionists to help identify human, mechanical and speed related factors in serious crashes and in criminal cases is used to document scenes. The FARO system has been greatly utilized and has become a huge resource for the Department.

School Resource Officers (SRO)

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.

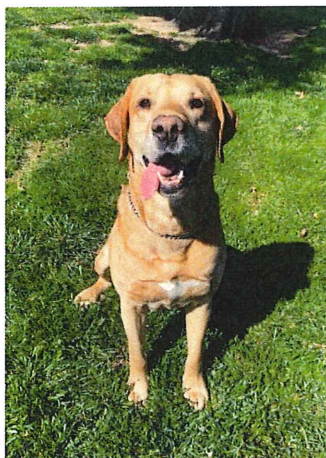
Both officers are a member of SRT and Officer Cottingham participates in the Realty Store and presentations for the Citizens Police Academy.



K-9 Program

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. Nico is certified with NNDDA (National Narcotic Detection Dog Association). 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.



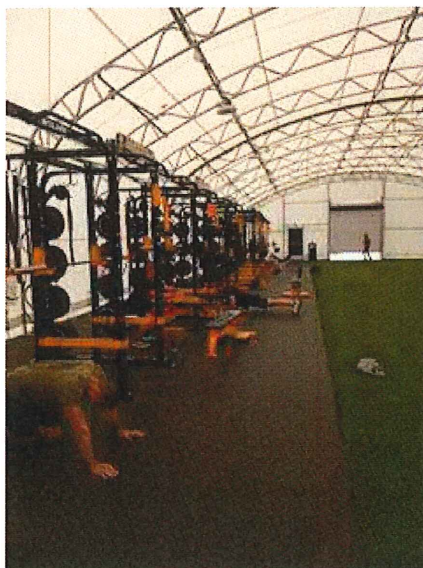
Bike Patrol



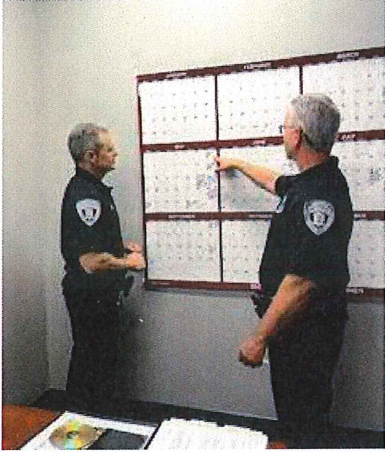
Bicycles are fully equipped with emergency lights, gear bags, run flat tires, and a heavy duty bike rack for transport. The Bike Unit officers utilize the bicycles to perform extra patrols, patrols in hard to reach areas and allow officers to more efficiently and effectively patrol areas during many public events throughout Woodford County.

Fitness Program

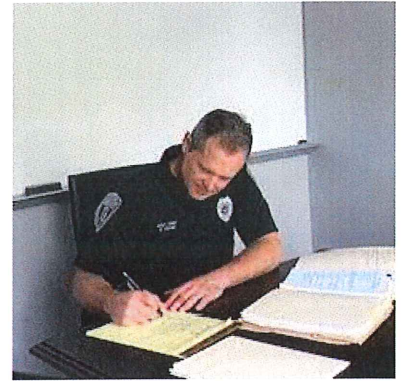
In January 2022 the Versailles Police Department implemented a Health Improvement Program. The program's purpose is to ensure personnel have the physical capacity to safely fulfill the requirements of the job; improve mental and physical well-being; increase productivity; reduce injuries and the use of sick leave; and improve the department's public image. The program is incentivized to increase voluntary participation. Participants are encouraged to work throughout the year towards meeting established standards in an effort to improve their quality of life and job performance.



Special Events



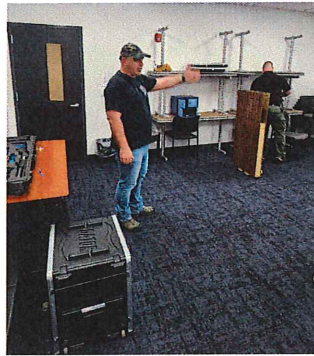
Many special events are held throughout Versailles, Midway and Woodford County during the year. Individuals and organizations wishing to sponsor events are required to complete an Event Permit Application and submit to the Chief of Police for approval. Permits are then reviewed for safety, traffic concerns and compliance with state and federal laws as well as local ordinances. Chief Murray and Assistant Chief Young spend a great deal of time ensuring local events are handled properly and with the safety of the public in mind.



Community Outreach

Citizens Police Academy

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 members to participate in a ride-a-long with an officer as well as observe in the Central Telecommunication Center. The classes include instructional time with classes being taught by Versailles Police Department officers as well as hands on experiences such as time with the Firearms Training System (FATS), a scenario based audiovisual tactical training simulator. During the past year, two CPA classes were held under the director of our CPA Coordinators, Sgt. Jacob Hardin and Officer Derek McKibben.



Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is comprised of graduates of the Citizens Police Academy that wish to continue their support of the police department. The members participate in fundraising activities to establish funds to support programs of the police department. They purchase small equipment, contribute to community outreach, support employees through special gifts for birthdays and holidays and volunteer their time to assist with Cops for Kids and other ventures of the Department. Their dedication and commitment is greatly appreciated by everyone.

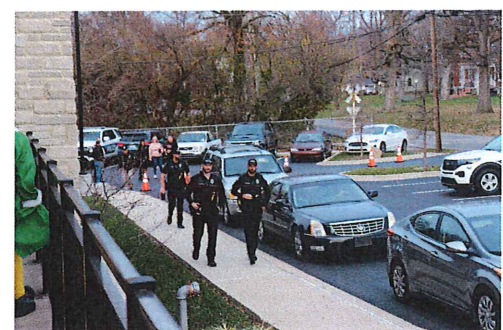
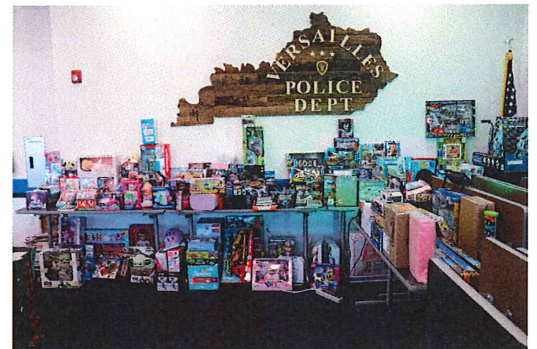


Cops for Kids

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 \$25,000 to \$30,000 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.

At Christmas, families of children needing assistance with providing Christmas gifts go through an application process and are then notified in November if they are approved for the program. The children in the program make suggestions on the application of items they would like to receive from Santa. Volunteers then shop for the items and prepare gifts bags for all of them. Families pick up the gift bags on a designated day in December and visit with Santa if they wish. In 2023 Cops for Kids had 300 Christmas participants and the program was blessed and grateful for the contributions and support of the community that allowed us to provide for these families.



Victim's Advocate



Ellie Castle serves as the Versailles Police Department Victim's Advocate and her role is to support crime victims and witnesses by helping them navigate the criminal justice system. She provides resources to help victims cope with the trauma following victimization - safety planning, referrals for counseling or legal services, accompaniment to court, case status updates and new court dates.

In addition to serving victims, Ms. Castle assists people who are in crisis or have other social service needs (families in conflict, the homeless or housing insecure, the mentally ill and their families, those battling substance use disorders or who have a loved one who is, those grieving the loss of a loved one) by connecting them with resources. She assists those with substance use disorders who are willing to get help in finding treatment. She also assists families and friends of those who don't recognize their need for treatment, due to their impairment, in petitioning the court for an order for involuntary treatment through Casey's Law.

In October, 2023, we implemented Project Blue Connect. This project is funded by a mini grant from the Agency for Substance Abuse Policy and is geared at connecting law enforcement with children and their families, with an emphasis on the community's disadvantaged/marginalized, in an effort to create and foster relationships, as studies show that relationships with positive role models decrease a youth's potential for risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse.



On Friday, October 20, 2023, we hosted our first event – Spooky Movie/Parent's Night Out with an Officer. Our community room was converted into a movie theater and the officers had dinner, watched a scary movie and did Halloween crafts with the children. There were 17 children in attendance and the event was a lot of fun.

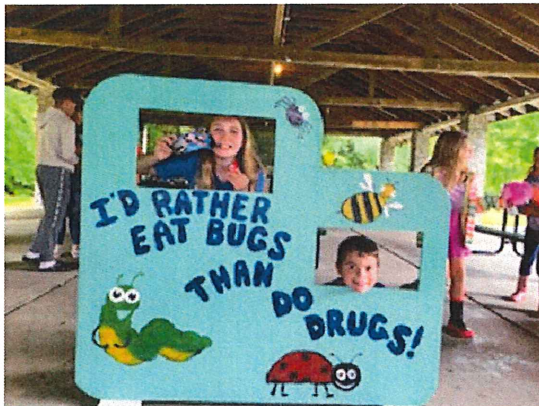




On Friday, February 9, 2024, we hosted a Love Your Heart Say No to Drugs/Parent's Night Out in our Community Room with 28 children in attendance. Officers talked to kids about healthy choices for our bodies and the risks of drinking, smoking, vaping and substance abuse. The children were fed a heart smart meal and heart healthy snacks. A local yoga instructor led the children and officers in a Mindfulness Strategies Workshop, discussing healthy ways to alleviate stress in their lives. Life Adventure

Center sent two of their Program Directors to lead the children and officers in a Resilience Building Program, this program focused on building resilience and encouraging perseverance when challenged, through active and challenging games.

On Friday, May 17, 2024, we held a Safe Summer Kick-Off at our local park for children and families in our community. Officers roasted hotdogs and served dinner to 30 people. There was live entertainment, a rock hunt, a duck pond with prizes, face painting and a photo booth. Representatives from our Health Department provided bike helmets to those who needed them and bike safety tips to parents and children. Our Woodford County School System Food Service Director was on hand providing information for the County's free summer food services. Representatives from the library provided schedules for the fun and educational activities taking place at the library this summer break to keep them busy.



Other Community Policing Efforts

Our goal is to continue building and strengthening relationships between our officers and the diverse community they serve. 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 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.

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.

Neighborhood Meetings: Meetings are conducted for residents of various neighborhoods 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 has representatives that serve with many of our organizations & activities in the community. The Department also works closely with all other public safety and emergency service organizations in Woodford County.

Versailles Midway Woodford County 911

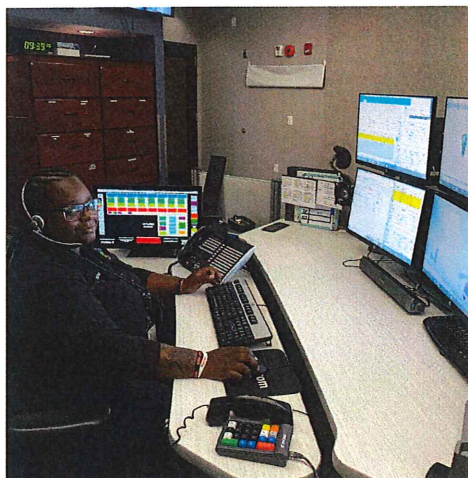
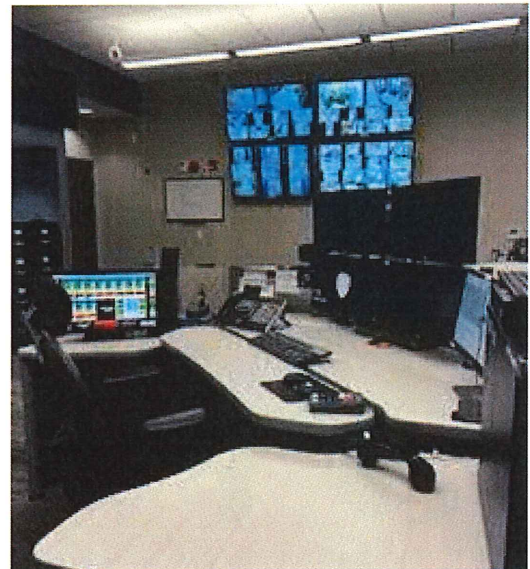
Crystal Campbell
Executive Director

Telecommunicators

Amy Earlywine	April Gullett	Diana Leininger Barnett
Beth Lewis	Haley Lynn	Kishma Smith
Christina Stapp	Albert Woodrum	

The Telecommunications Center processed 42,595 calls for service from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Telecommunications Center serves as the Woodford County 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as well as Central Dispatch for all emergency service agencies in Woodford County. This includes the following agencies:

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



The Center operates 24 hours a day and is budgeted for (10) full-time telecommunicators. Currently, the Center has eight (8) telecommunicators, plus the Executive Director.

Crystal Campbell continues to serve as the Versailles Midway Woodford County 911 Executive Director. Ms. Campbell is a member of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO). She attended the Kentucky Emergency Number Association annual conference and encourages all of the telecommunicators to join professional organizations and

continue their career development. Ms. Campbell oversees all daily operations of the communications center and has managed the schedule, arranged for new uniforms and purchased additional headsets and small equipment in order to maximize the productivity and satisfaction of the employees.

Telecommunicator John Long who served as the Center's Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) retired at the end of March 2024 after 29 years of service. John was a dedicated employee and is greatly missed.

Kishma Smith was appointed as the Center's new TAC and works diligently to ensure the Center's LINK/NCIC (Law Enforcement Information Network of Kentucky/National Crime Information Center) paperwork and corresponding entries are accurate. Ms. Smith also oversees all agencies' monthly validations and reviews all LINK/NCIC documents so that the Center is prepared for their LINK/NCIC security audit and in compliance with accreditation standards.



Diana Leininger Barnett serves as a member of the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) Board. TERT is a group of professional specially trained dispatchers who provide mutual aid response in the aftermath of disasters and other special circumstance events. The Kentucky TERT currently has forty nine (49) members from across the state. As an active TERT member Ms. Leininger Barnett has volunteered at the Winchester 911 Center for funeral coverage for Retired Chief/Sergeant Marty Jackson, worked with Eva Skaggs from Union County and Joe Ford from

Muhlenberg County. She serves as a Certified Training Officer (CTO) at the Center and is a member of APCO and NENA. Ms. Leininger Barnett also received a special award from Cops for Kids for her outstanding service in 2023. Ms. Leininger Barnett is not only dedicated to the Center and community but has demonstrated how she can utilize her professional skills and expert abilities to serve others in many areas.

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.

Thank You

The Versailles Police Department is grateful 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.

