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# City Manager Durham, Mayor Maas and members of the City Council

It is my pleasure to submit the Grandville Police Department 2022 Annual Report for your review. We began the year by establishing goals to guide us in our pursuit of perpetual improvement. As part of that goal setting, we adopted the following quote from Benjamin Franklin.

## "If better is possible, good is not enough" Benjamin Franklin

This quote was selected because it reflected the efforts extended by those who came before us to help establish our department as one that is now and always has been community centered while recognizing that there is always room for improvement.

This report will highlight our personnel, departmental goals, professional standards, crime and traffic statistics, collaborative efforts, training, and community-based activities.

Our calls for service increased for the second year in a row. Our 9,221 calls represent an 8.9% increase from 2021 and a 22.6% increase from 2020. It appears that we have returned to pre-pandemic call levels, (9,264 CFS in 2019). Our community events also increased with the addition of Skate with a Cop, Picture Books and Police, Badges and Boo, and multiple Bike Rodeos.

The department understands we would not be able to accomplish our mission without the support of our community and elected officials. We are grateful for the support that we have been shown throughout the year. As we prepare to enter our 90<sup>th</sup> year of Providing Professional Police Services we remain committed to honoring our past while protecting the future for all our citizens and guests.

**Chief Paul Anglim** 

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **STAFFING**

We finished the year with 25 sworn officers, two full-time and one part-time civilian positions. We ended the year two positions below our authorized strength of 27 sworn officers. In August, Sgt. Garth Cross was called to active military duty with the National Guard and will be activated for a majority of 2023 as well. We appreciate his service and dedication to our citizens and to our nation. Additionally, we deployed two Police Cadets during the summer months thanks to a generous donation by the Weller Family Foundation.

### New hires this year include:





Cadet De'Shaunta Davis

Cadet Emma Joslin

### **RETIREMENTS, PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS**

Officer Jon Steffes was promoted to Acting Sergeant to fill the void caused by Sgt. Garth Cross being called to Active Military Duty.





### **DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOT**

On average our officers have 11.5 years of experience with the Grandville Police Department and 15.2 years of total law enforcement experience.



All of our police officers hold college degrees, 32% hold associate's degrees, 52% hold bachelor's degrees and 16% hold master's degrees.

### **NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES (5-year increments)**



Ofc. Matt Meeuwsen 20 years



Ofc. Jim Gainey 15 years



Sgt. David Huizinga 15 years

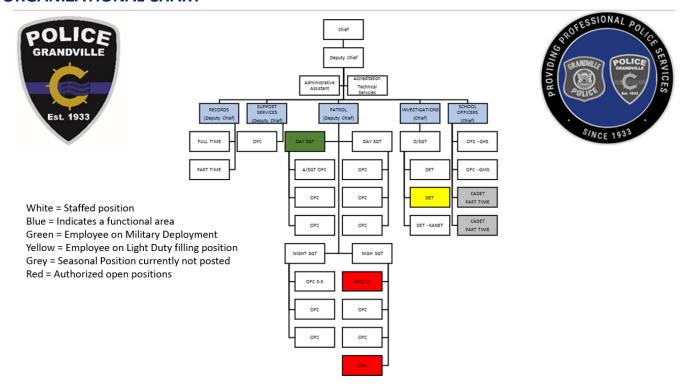


Sgt. Andy Genuise 15 years



**Chief Paul Anglim 10 years** 

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

The Department has an employee-based awards program in which officers can submit their fellow workers for consideration by the Awards Board for formal recognition. All award nominations are carefully reviewed and then decided upon by the board. The following awards were authorized by the Awards Board for 2022.



Granted to an officer for the saving of a human life. The award is intended for all officers directly responsible for the saving of a human life.

### **Officer Noah Farrant**

Officer Farrant assisted other first responders in providing CPR to an individual at a local restaurant. The subject arrived at the hospital conscious and alert and was discharged to sub-acute rehabilitation 18 days after the incident.

### Sergeant Jon Steffes, Officer Chad Buchholz and Officer Keegan Syme

Officers arrived on the scene of a juvenile who was attempting to commit suicide. The juvenile had sustained several severe lacerations and was actively cutting themselves. The officers quickly disarmed the subject and restrained them to prevent further injuries from occurring.



Granted to a police officer or civilian employee who has performed efficient and valuable service to the department, either in carrying out a specific task or in the performance of general duties over an extended period of time.

### **Detective Andrew Measell**

Detective Measell was assigned a fraud case with a loss of more than \$60,000.00. Through his investigative expertise he was able to develop three suspects through the effective and efficient use of search warrants. Once he had the case nicely packaged it was turned over the United States Secret Service.



### **Departmental Unit Commendation**

Granted in recognition of outstanding police services performed by any departmental unit. The award may be presented in addition to an individual award arising from the same activity.

## Sergeant Jon Steffes, Officer Chad Buchholz, Officer Matt Meeuwsen, and Officer Keegan Syme

Officers were dispatched on a disorderly subject in the drive-thru of a local restaurant who was only dressed in their underwear and threatening people with a knife. Upon arrival the subject made verbal threats toward the officers. The subject was in a highly manic state and very unpredictable. The officers formulated an action plan and were able to safely remove this individual from their vehicle and take them into protective custody without injury to the subject or any officer.



Granted for service rendered in the line of duty to a group of officers who identified problems and by working together, made a noticeable impact in resolving those problems, thus significantly improving the quality of life for residents. The act must be beyond what is normally expected of police officers.

## Detective Andrew Measell, Officer Chad Buchholz, Officer Jeff Oostdyk, and Officer Dayton Schultz

Officers were working on an armed robbery of a local business. After a K-9 track failed to locate a suspect the officers canvased the area for surveillance cameras. The officers were able to track and locate the suspect who was now in a local motel. They worked to obtain a search warrant for the room the suspect was located in and with the assistance of a tactical team they took the suspect into custody.



Officer Jeff Oostdyk

Officer Oostdyk is a self-motivated officer with keen investigative instincts. In his patrol assignment he recovered 30 grams of methamphetamine, several grams of cocaine and heroin and a stolen firearm. He has proactively sought out video surveillance which proved to be instrumental in the arrest of previously unknown suspects. He consistently leads the department in the apprehension of suspects.

#### LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Granted to a police officer or civilian employee who has performed efficient and valuable service to the department, either in carrying out a specific task or in the performance of general duties over an extended period of time.

### Detectives Andrew Measell, Detective Stacey Johnson, Officer Matt Meeuwsen, Officer Jeff Oostdyk, Officer Keegan Syme and Officer Kayleen Willemsen

Officers arrived at the scene of a breaking and entering at a local elementary school to find the building in disarray. Utilizing the school camera footage, a suspect was developed. Utilizing their knowledge of the area they checked a close motel to see if they could locate the suspect. The suspect was confirmed to be at that location. A search warrant was obtained. This led to the suspect being taken safely into custody.

### Sgt. Ken Howland

While on patrol Sgt. Howland heard a vehicle revving its engine. Following this sound to its source he observed a pickup truck attempting to pull an ATM machine from its base. He notified dispatch of the situation. This truck was occupied by three suspects who fled on foot. A K-9 officer from another agency was called to begin a track. The track was successful and one of the subjects was taken safety into custody.

### **Sergeant Darin Rietman**

Sgt. Rietman heard Wyoming Department of Public Safety Officers being dispatched on a shooting that just occurred in the area of 44<sup>th</sup> and Byron Center Avenue. He positioned himself in a location along a likely escape route to watch for the suspect vehicle. A short time later he observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description. He began to follow the suspect and called for additional units. Once those units were in place, he commenced a felony traffic stop. Thanks to his knowledge of the area, keen observation and professional response, an armed and dangerous suspect was safely taken into custody.

### Sgt. Ken Howland

While conducting directed patrol at a local motel, Sgt. Howland conducted a traffic stop. While talking with the occupants he noted unusual behavior from these subjects. He

spoke to each subject individually outside of the vehicle. One of these subjects was observed to have a packaged substance in their mouth. Additional packaging items were found in the suspects' pockets. He obtained consent to search the motel room which yielded 46 grams of crack, packaging materials and a scale. Thanks to his keen observation skills and investigative abilities the subject was arrested for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

### Officer Jeff Oostdyk and Officer Dayton Schultz

While investigating two armed robbery complaints, Officer Oostdyk was able to obtain a partial license plate of the suspect vehicle. With this limited information he worked diligently to match that partial plate with a locally registered vehicle. He continued to investigate and found that the suspect was linked to this vehicle due to the fact they had overdosed in this vehicle the previous month.

The following employees were recognized for educational achievements.



Sgt. Garth Cross was awarded his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University on May 30.



Deputy Chief Renee Veldman graduated from the 283<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

The following employees were recognized for specialized assignments.



Officer Noah Farrant – De-escalation

Officer Jim Gainey - Taser

Officer Matt Meeuwsen - OC

Officer Jeffery Oostdyk – OC





### **DEPARTMENTAL GOALS**

### **PURPOSE:**

The mission of the Grandville Police Department is to provide a safe environment and the highest quality of life in which all people may live, work, and learn. To that end we set forth to develop our department and unit goals with two focus areas:

- Will the proposed goal enhance our service delivery to the citizens?
- Will the proposed goal help us to achieve perpetual improvement?

### **DEPARTMENT GOALS:**

We are focusing our goals on the three core areas of:

Operational

**Community Outreach** 

Technological

#### **OPERATIONAL**

GOAL: Decrease the amount of traffic crashes within the City of Grandville

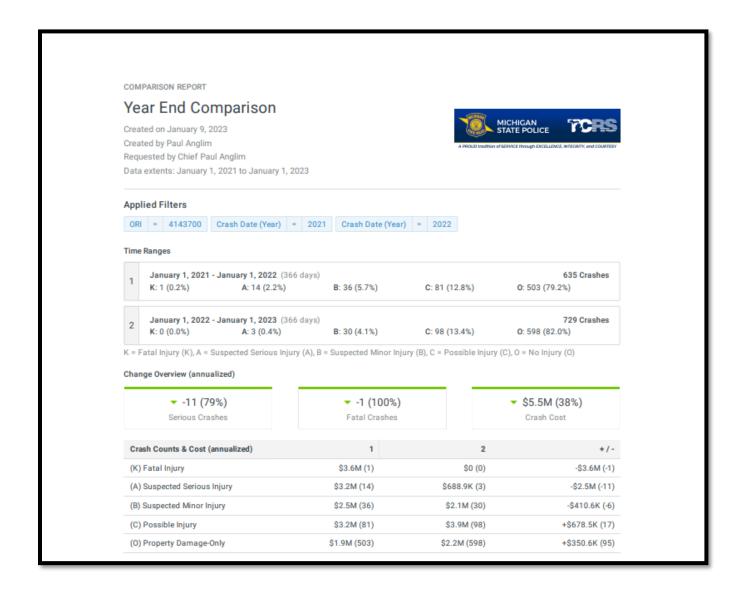
by 5% from the 2021 crash totals, by focusing our visibility and enforcement

efforts in high crash areas.

STATUS: Not obtained. The city had an overall increase of 14.8% in total traffic crashes

during 2022 as compared to 2021. While the overall number increased, we did see a decrease in both fatal and injury crashes. The report on the next

page shows a breakdown of the crash severity.



GOAL: Make formal application to begin the Accreditation Process through the

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

STATUS: Accomplished, we are working toward becoming accredited in the summer of

2024.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

GOAL: Hire, train, and deploy two Cadets during the summer.

STATUS: Accomplished. Our cadets worked 590.75 hours this summer. During this

time, they interacted with over a thousand citizens, conducted 233 park

visits, 54 trail patrols and provided 565 miles of bicycle patrol.

GOAL: Maintain the programs established in 2021 and enhance them with the

addition of two single session educational opportunities for the public and the establishment of an event over spring break that provides our youth who are not able to travel over spring break something to do during this week.

STATUS: Partly accomplished. We were able to add many community events during

the year. These include Skate with a Cop, Picture Books and Police, spring break bicycle rodeo, a summer bicycle rodeo and Badges and Boo. Sgt. Rietman provided a presentation on Senior Safety in November. Our Citizen's Police Academy class was postponed this year due to low

enrollment. It is our hope to be able to offer this course in the fall of 2023.

GOAL: To increase the number of foot patrols at the RiverTown Crossing Mall by ten

percent from our 2021 totals (goal of 526).

STATUS: Not accomplished. We finished the year with 424 foot patrols at the River

Town Crossing Mall. While we are still in the mall at least daily we did not have the presence there that we had hoped for. This was due in part to our staffing issues being multiple patrol positions down in the second half of the year due to two vacancies, an officers being called to active military duty and

officers being on light duty.

#### **TECHNOLOGICAL**

GOAL: To implement an electronic daily within the department

STATUS: Not accomplished. We have continued our discussions with Kent County

about this project. However due higher priorities for the county IT staff we

were unable to accomplish this goal.

GOAL: Develop the proper infrastructure to allow remote access from our mobile

data computers to our in-house networks.

STATUS: Not yet accomplished. The city changed IT vendors in July and this is still

identified as a work project for them.

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

#### **ACCREDITATION**

In March our department filed an application with the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission to begin our process. Since filing the application, the department has been reviewing and revising our policy and procedures to reflect national best practices. We are on track to obtain our accreditation in the summer of 2024.

### **COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Members of the Grandville Police Department are granted a public trust which requires we are consistently demonstrating the highest degree of integrity. To be worthy of this public trust, and to ensure that our professional conduct is above reproach, we must conform and embrace a standard of conduct consistent with the Oath of Office all members accepted at the time of hire. With this being the case, we make the commitment to impartially investigate all complaints against members of the department, without prejudice or biases, with the truth as the directing factor. The department conducted thirteen internal investigations in 2022. Eight investigations were initiated by citizens and the other five were initiated by department supervision. All thirteen complaints were investigated as policy violations and were investigated by department administration. The eight investigations which resulted in a "substantiated" disposition, had appropriate corrective measures taken in each case.

Number of Dispositions	DISPOSITIONS								
	Classification	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Exonerated	Unfounded	Policy Error			
7	Improper or Rude conduct	5		2					
2	Missing or damage to personal property				2				
2	Vehicle crash or damage	2							
2	Missed court – late for work	2							
1	Improper Use of Force			1					
14 <sup>1</sup>		9		3	2				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This total includes the disposition of a 2021 complaint. That disposition was not determined until after the publication of the 2021 Annual Report. It involved rude or improper behavior.

DEFINITIONS (note: disposition titles were changed in 2022 to match our updated policy terminology)

**SUBSTANTIATED:** Evidence exists to support the complaint's allegation and further action was warranted.

**UNSUBSTANTIATED:** Insufficient evidence exists to either support or to disprove the allegation. The case may be returned for further investigation.

**EXONERATED:** No violation occurred, or the employee's actions were justified.

**UNFOUNDED:** The event as alleged did not occur.

**POLICY ERROR:** Allegation of wrongdoing is supported by sufficient evidence, but the department policy is insufficient or in error, and the complaint occurred by following it.

### **USE OF FORCE**

Beginning in January of 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation developed the National Use of Force Data Base. The Grandville Police Department has submitted monthly reports going back to the inception of this Data Base. This collection includes actions by a law enforcement officer as a response to resistance that result in the death or serious bodily injury of a person, or when a law enforcement officer, in the absence of death or serious bodily injury, discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person.

Grandville Police Department had <u>no</u> incidents that qualified for submission during 2022. More information on the National Use of Force Database is available at:

https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/use-of-force

If a Grandville Police Officer were involved in a Deadly Force Incident that incident would be investigated by another Law Enforcement Agency according to our policy.

The department's Use of Force Policy was certified in December of 2020 as meeting the requirements of the Presidential Executive Order of Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929. This certification remains in place for a period of three years.

The department tracks all Use of Force (UoF) incidents during the year. Officers are required to complete a Use of Force Report for any force above the level of compliant handcuffing. Each of these reports are reviewed by the Chief or Deputy Chief. Below is a summary of the UoF by members of the department for 2022.

Total number of calls for service	9,221
Percent of calls where force was used	0.5%
Number of excessive force complaints received	1
Number of Incidents where force was used	48
Number of Persons subjected to a use of force	53
Number of Officers who reported using force during the year	17

As noted in the Complaint Summary area of this report the officer was exonerated of any wrongdoing.

The table below shows a breakdown of call types that resulted in the use of force.

Call Type	# of incidents
Domestic Violence	8
Suicidal	6
Medical or Mental	4
Welfare Check	4
Traffic Crash	3
Disorderly	2
Open Intoxicants in MV	2
Retail Fraud	2
Shots Fired	2
A&B	1
Assist other agency	1
B & E	1
Fight	1
Larceny from MV	1
Larceny of ATM	1
Mental Pick up order	1
MIP	1
OWI	1
Shooting	1
Stolen Auto	1
Strong Armed Robbery	1
Suspicious	1
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Stop - CCW-VCSA-Warrants	1
Total Incidents	48

During the application of force, a total of 12 injuries were reported, 8 by suspects and 4 officers.

Reported suspect injuries included:

- Cuts from broken glass
- A nosebleed
- Complaints of chest pain
- Scrapes on knees and elbow
- Scrapes on knuckles
- Scrapes
- Abrasions
- Self-inflicted cuts

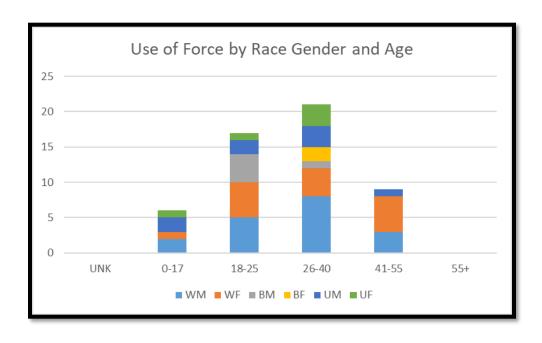
All suspects were provided with appropriate medical care.

Reported officer injuries included:

- Cut finger
- Injury to wrist and knee
- Laceration
- Bloodborne exposure

All officers were provided with appropriate medical care. The officer who injured their wrist and knee was on light duty for a period of 13 weeks due to the injuries sustained.

The graph below indicates the demographic information of the subjects of force.



### **LEVELS OF FORCE**

**DEADLY FORCE:** Any force used against an officer and/or another person that reasonably could result in death or serious injury.

**ARREST AT GUN POINT:** The act of pointing a firearm at another person for the purpose of taking them into custody.

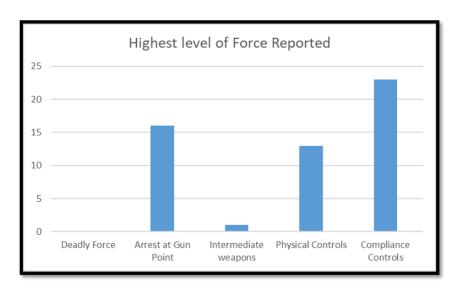
**INTERMEDIATE WEAPONS:** The level of control that employees use with Department approved equipment (i.e. TASER, impact weapons, less lethal munitions) when soft empty hand control and hard empty hand controls has failed or the officer reasonably believes that empty hand control would be insufficient to establish control and the use of deadly force is not justified. Note this also included pointing a TASER at a subject for the purpose of control.

**PHYSICAL CONTROLS:** Hard empty hand techniques such as kicks, strikes, take downs, etc. Hard empty hand techniques are used to counter active resistance or active aggression. They are applied when soft empty hand controls has failed or the officer reasonably believes that soft empty hand control will be insufficient to establish control and the use of deadly force is not justified.

**COMPLIANCE CONTROLS:** Soft empty hand techniques (i.e., joint lock, pressure points, etc.) Compliance Control Devices (i.e., handcuffs, ASR's, etc.). The techniques that are generally designed to control primarily low levels of resistance. Generally, these techniques are used to control passive or active resistant subjects.

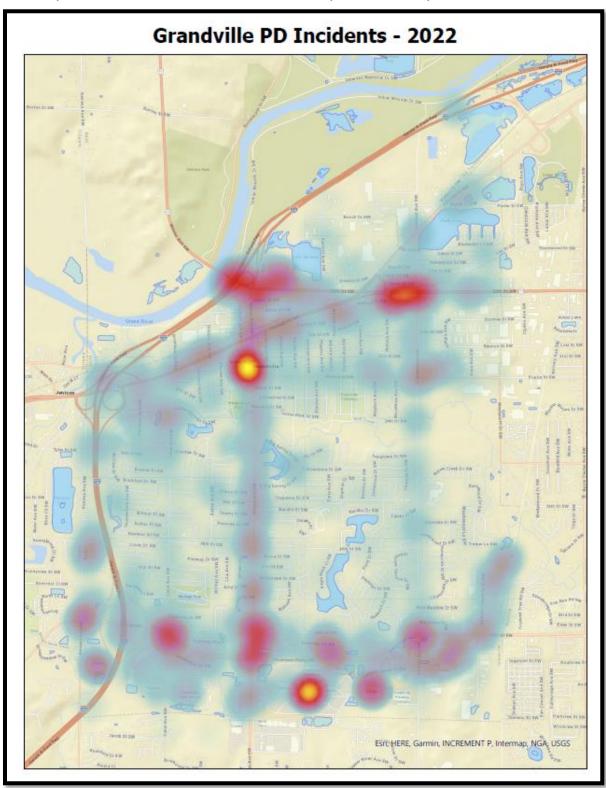
**OFFICER PRESENCE:** Identification or Authority (i.e., uniformed presence, or identification as a police officer); Verbal Direction (i.e., for arrest or to control subject's movements); Use of Restraint Devices (i.e. compliant handcuffing).





### **CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES**

The heatmap below indicates the location of all police activity for 2022.



#### **NOTEABLE CRIMES:**



On February 3, officers responded to a report of a felonious assault with a knife. The responding officers scoured the area and found the suspect at a bus stop slightly less than a mile away from the initial crime scene and took that suspect into custody without incident. This suspect plead guilt to Assault

and Malicious Destruction of Property under \$200.



On March 6, a subject with a simulated weapon committed an armed robbery and fled on foot. Officers responded and attempted a K-9 track which terminated in a nearby parking lot. Our officers continued to investigate and collected video

evidence from local businesses and picked up the suspects trail again, subsequently locating them in a local motel. A search warrant was obtained and then served by the Wyoming Department of Public Safety Tactical Team. The suspect was taken into custody, mere hours after the crime was committed. This case is set for a jury trial in March 2023.



On April 17 at approximately 3:08 am one of our night shift patrol officers came across an inprogress theft of an ATM. After a K-9 search, one of the three suspects was taken into custody. The vehicle used in this crime had been stolen out of the City of Grand Rapids. This is our second ATM incident during this calendar year. The trial date is still pending in this case.



On May 24, 599 days after the homicide of Alex Isahia Disla, (October 2, 2020) a Kent County jury brought a piece of closure to his family by finding the suspect guilty of Second-Degree Homicide. The suspect was sentenced to 30-45 years (plus an additional two year mandatory sentence for Felony Firearm). This violent act was very unusual for our city and our officers worked diligently to bring the suspect into custody

within twelve hours of the homicide occurring. The COVID pandemic delayed the trial, but justice prevailed. Photo Credit MLive



On June 2, Officers responded to a domestic violence call where a shot had been fired and it was unknown if anyone was injured. The officers arrived on scene to find all parties now outside of the residence. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. This suspect plead guilty to Felon in Possession of a Firearm

and Possession of a Firearm while intoxicated.



Six armed robberies occurred in Grandville and Wyoming between 11/13/22 and 12/20/22. 3 in each. A possible suspect plate was obtained during a robbery on 12/15/22 and a possible suspect was developed by Grandville Officers. A search warrant for the vehicle was obtained by Wyoming DPS.

Flock cameras assisted in locating the suspect vehicle and other investigative tools were utilized to verify that the suspects vehicle was at the scene of the most recent robbery. The vehicle and suspect were located and arrested within 1 hr. of the armed robbery. The prosecutor's office authorized 4 charges of armed robbery and 1 attempted armed robbery. The combined effort by Wyoming DPS and Grandville Police led to a safe and successful arrest of a dangerous subject. These cases are still working their way through the court system.

### **Complaint Activity**

Murder	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Homicide	0	0	1
Attempted Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide	0	0	1
Total:	0	0	2
	-	-	
Criminal Sexual Conduct			
First Degree: (Sexual penetration by force)	8	6	8
Second Degree: (Sexual Contact of any kind by force)	7	5	5
Third Degree: (Sexual penetration where the victim is 13, 14 or 15 years of age, or force or coercion is used to accomplish penetration)	5	8	10
Fourth Degree: (Sexual contact where force or coercion is used, or actor knows/has reason to know that the victim is mentally impaired)	10	10	9
Total:	30	29	32
Robbery			
Armed	11	13	11
Unarmed	2	2	3
Total:	13	15	14
Assaults			
Felonious	17	29	22
Simple	202	183	164
Stalking (includes harassing phone calls)	40	55	37
Total:	259	267	223
Arson	2	0	1
Breaking & Entering	39	33	55
Larceny	247	240	171
Retail Fraud	329	301	200
Auto Theft	54	47	42

Fraud	2022 90	2021 83	2020 96
Weapons	16	9	21
Violation of Controlled Substance	56	40	24
Suicides and Attempts	81	58	56
Disorderly Conduct	24	40	40
Drunk Driving	27	25	25
Other Alcohol Violations (Includes MIP)	10	5	2
Malicious Destruction of Property	115	87	101
Attempt Kidnapping	1	1	0
Sex Offenses-other	10	7	13
<b>Health and Safety</b> (includes animal complaints and Ordinance Violations)	8	10	10
Extortion	6	2	5
Stolen Property	2	1	5
Forgery / Counterfeiting	14	11	12
Embezzlement	15	7	18
Obscenity	11	8	2
Family Offenses	17	22	15
<b>Obstruct Police</b>	42	34	35
Obstruct Justice	33	28	44
Traffic Offenses	165	140	96
Trespass	40	36	37
Conservation	2	4	1
Juvenile Runaway	16	12	13

### Activities from the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team



### 2022 Year End Stats



Michelle LaJoye-Young SHERIFF

	2022	2021	2020
Officers	7	6	6
Investigations	660	742	620
Seizures/Forfeitures			
Receipted to Date	\$ 159,943.50	\$ 206,855.60	\$ 171,031.00

	2022	2021	2020
Search Warrants	64	60	65
Consent Searches	59	20	32
Buy/Busts	1	0	2
Reliability Buys	226	227	217
MLCC	63	48	59
Tobacco Checks	108	62	74
Arrests	283	365	229
Call Outs	153	167	165
Guns	57	72	44

### Approximate Amounts/Values of Drugs Seized:

	2022	2022	2021	2020
Processed Marijuana	8519.04 gm	\$ 85,190.40	5313.27 gm	5,944.67gm, 37 du
Marijuana Plants	.2 gm	\$ 200.00	35 mp	0
Crack / Cocaine	310.46 gm	\$ 24,836.80	495.68 gm	254.74 gm
Powder Cocaine	1781.02 gm	\$ 142,481.60	1250.77 gm	542.67 gm
Acid/LSD	92 du, 5.61 gm	\$ 976.10	5.2 gm, 4 du	19 du
Meth	2110.83 gm	\$ 105,541.50	5507.4 gm, 37 du	1820.18gm, 63 du
Meth Lab	0	\$ -	0	3
Heroin w/o Fentanyl	327.33 gm	\$ 49,099.50	1754.51 gm, 3 du	594.66 gm, 1 du
Mushrooms	1597.82 gm	\$ 31,956.40	224.8 gm	50.1 gm
Molly /MDMA	45.68 gm, 11 du	\$ 4,843.00	3.4 gm, 4 du	45.65 gm, 252 du
Synthetic	0	\$ -	0	0
Ecstasy	1.22 gm	\$ 24.40	25 du	10.8 gm, 204 du
Fentanyl	1316.12 gm	\$ 197,418.00	235.06 gm, 2 du	67.55 gm
Prescription (other)	1858 du, 50.34 gm		729.33gm, 2710 du	862.24gm, 1263 du
Street Value \$\$		\$ 642,567.70	\$ 809,032.35	\$ 330,453.00

### TRAFFIC RELATED ACTIVITIES



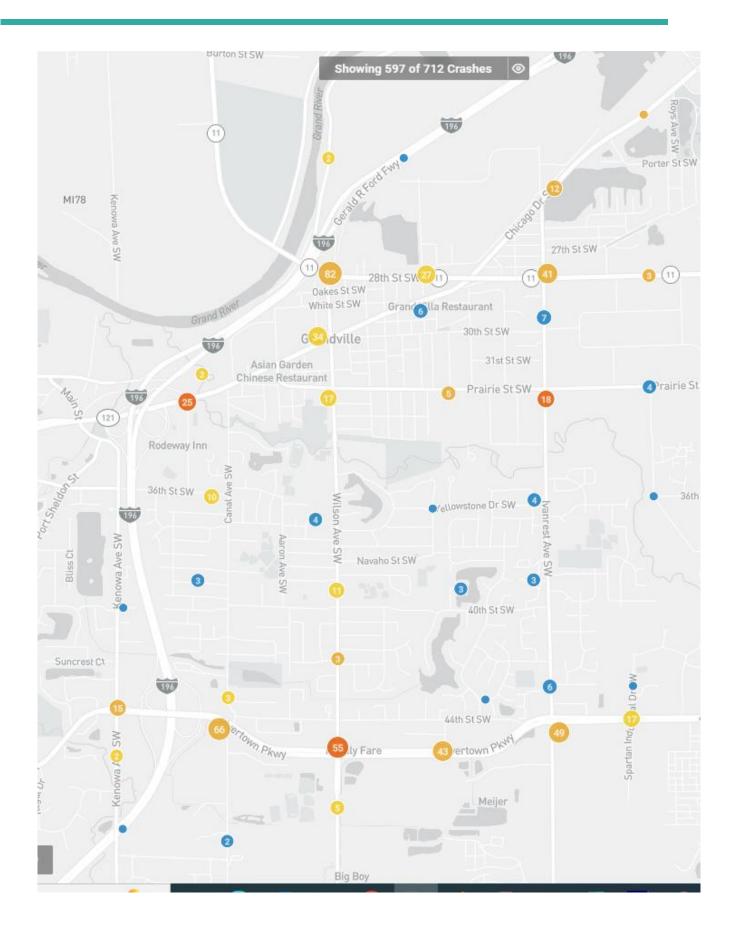
This crash occurred on March 21 causing a re-routing of east bound Rivertown Parkway for about 40 minutes.

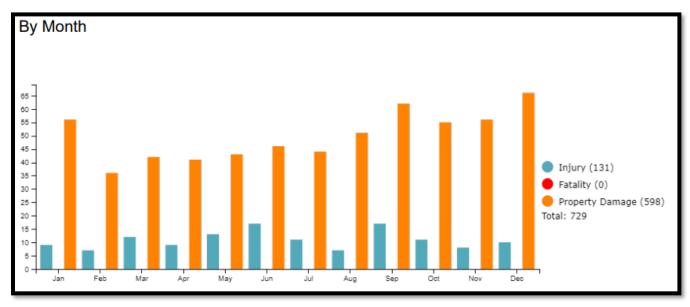
### Our top ten crash locations this year

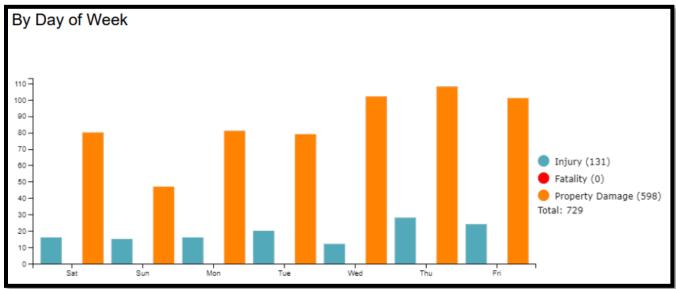
Intersection/Location by Severity					
Intersection/Location by Severity					
Agency: Grandville Police Department	•	•			
Start Date: 01/01/2022		En	d Date: 01/01/2023		
Grand Total:	0	131	597		
Location	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage		
RIVERTOWN PKWY SW & WILSON AVE SW	0	7	34		
RIVERTOWN PKWY SW & POTOMAC AVE SW	0	9	24		
28TH STSW & WILSON AVE SW	0	8	22		
RIVERTOWN PKWY SW & CANAL AVE SW	0	4	21		
44TH ST SW & SPARTAN INDUSTRIAL DR SW	0	6	17		
28TH STSW & IVANREST AVE SW	0	5	15		
44TH STSW & CANAL AVE SW	0	3	17		
44TH STSW & IVANREST AVE SW	0	2	9		
CANAL AVE SW & WIMBLEDON DR SW	0	2	9		
28TH STSW & CHURCH AVE SW	0	3	10		

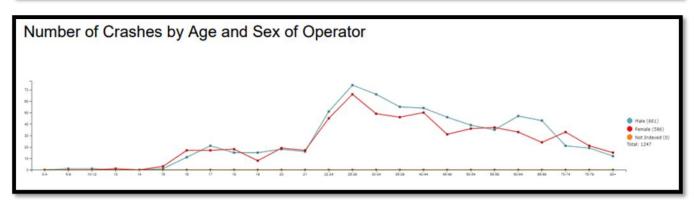
The top two intersections remained the same as last year

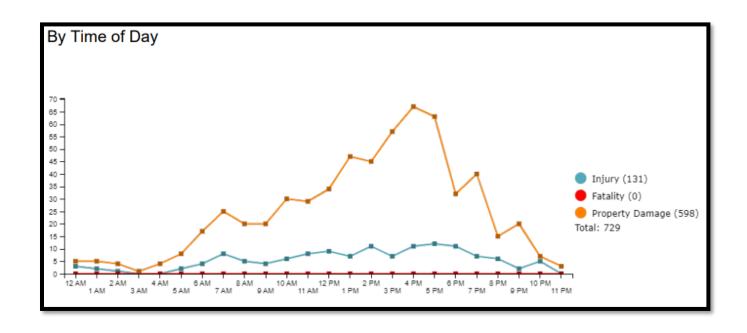
The graphic on the next page shows the location of our 2022 crashes.



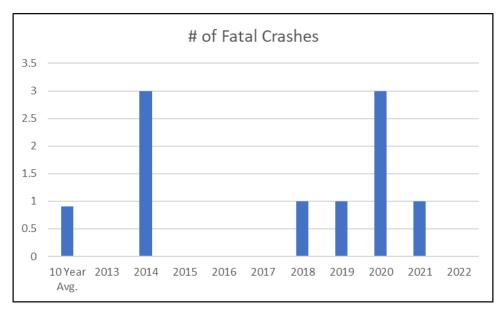








**Fatal Crash**Our ten-year fatal crash average remains at less than one fatal crash per year.



The graph above indicates a fatality in 2021 and none were reported in the 2021 Annual Report. This is due to the fact that the subject passed away as a result of their injuries after that report was published.



### **Enforcement Activities**

			%
	2021	2022	Change
Vehicle Stops	1743	1870	7.29%
Hazardous Violations	408	399	-2.21%
Hazardous Warnings	702	710	1.14%
Non-hazardous Violations	222	271	22.07%
Non-hazardous Warnings	768	904	17.71%
Motorist Assist	158	184	16.46%

### **COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

By working together with our partners we are able to provide a variety of high quality services in an economical fashion to the citizens of our city.



### **Crisis Negotiation Team**

We partner with the Wyoming Department of Public Safety to provide professional Crisis Negotiation services in both jurisdictions during critical incidents. We have a Sergeant and an Officer assigned to this function on an as needed basis.

### Dispatch

We receive our dispatch services under a contract with the Kent County Sheriff's Office. This contract allows us to provide professional dispatch services to our citizens at a lower cost than if we had our own dispatch center.

#### **KANET**

We have a detective assigned full-time to the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team. This team is housed at the Kent County Sheriff's Office and handles vice and narcotics investigations throughout the county. They are also available as a force multiplier for our detective bureau.

#### **Metro Honor Guard**

All of our Honor Guard members are also part of the Kent Metro Honor Guard. This unit is comprised of members from nine different agencies. While this unit was formed to ensure that proper honors would be rendered to any officer who lost their life in the line of duty it also allows us to present our nation's colors at various public and civic events.

### **Mobile Field Force**

We have partnered with area agencies to provide a professional team to handle crowd control and civil unrest. We have three officers assigned to this unit on an as needed basis.

#### **Records**

We share a records management system with the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.

### **Regional Incident Management Team**

The Regional Incident Management Team is a multi-discipline, multi-jurisdictional team with extensive training in the application of the Incident Management System that is available to assist municipalities with incident response and event preplanning. Currently we have one member assigned on an as needed basis.

### **Sheriff's and Municipal Memorial Assistance Response Team (SMMART)**

SMMART is a multi-jurisdictional team that responds when there is a line of duty death of a police officer anywhere in the State of Michigan to assist that agency deal with the loss and to help ensure that protocols are followed to render proper honors to the fallen officer and their family. We have one member assigned on an as needed basis.

### **West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium**

This consortium is comprised of 92 law enforcement agencies and three institutions of higher learning. The goal of this group is to provide high quality training at a reasonable price. Membership dues in this group are based on a percentage of the state training funds provided to each agency.

### **DEPARTMENT TRAINING**

Members of the department logged 3,550.50 hours of training during 2022.

	2021	2022	% Change
Instructors	2268.25	692.5	-69.47%
In-service	1575.25	1640.25	4.13%
Schools	1496.75	1218.75	-18.57%
Total Training Hours	5340.25	3551.5	-33.50%

The reduction in our training hours can be attributed to our staffing. We only had one officer in field training this year and that officer did not complete the program. With the staffing levels we were not able to send as many officers to specialized training schools. We did see an increase in our in-service training hours.



In February our firearms training involved a Use of Force Simulator at the Wyoming Department of Public Safety. This technology allows for practicing de-escalation techniques, responding to an active shooter event, responding to an incident where lethal force may or may not be required.









Basic Honor Guard Training School, 32 hours of instruction on how to properly honor our fallen.



Handgun and Rifle Training in March, working on speed and accuracy while engaging multiple targets.



March Block training we had Network 180 present on the Kent County Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team, the staff from Athletco presented on officer injuries and prevention. We also had internal instructors present on OC refresher training, Line of Duty Death Benefits and Honors, and GST - Gracie Jiu-Jitsu



Sgt. Rietman attended the four-week GRPD Leadership Institute with leaders from several different West Michigan Public Safety Agencies. Above he is pictured presenting on a leader of his choice, Cornella Arnolda Johanna ten Boom.



On March 26 we hosted a High-Risk Unified Command Class. We had close to forty supervisors (4 from GPD and 3 from GFD) from thirteen different police and fire agencies in attendance. The photos above show a Rescue Task Force comprised of both police and fire personnel getting a briefing prior to the practical exercise. The center photo shows the class participating in a tabletop exercise. The final photo shows city staff along with the instructor, Jim Etzin and Central Elementary Principal Mike Gelmi.







April 25 – April 29 Officers Dean and Steffes attended Crisis Intervention Team Training. This weeklong training is designed to better equip our officers in dealing with persons who are having a mental-behavioral crisis. Also during the Month of April, we had a number of officers attend various driving schools.

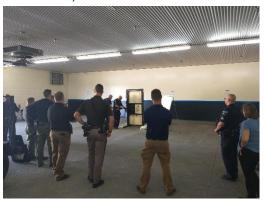


On June 3, twelve of our retirees returned to complete their LEOSA yearly firearms training – qualifications. This was followed by a lunch and time for our new officers to learn from the hundreds of years of experience possessed by our retirees. We appreciate their continued desire to protect and serve.





Our focus for training in July was Active Assailant Response. This was accomplished through practical exercises, call reviews, webinars and fourteen of our officers attended a Patrol Breaching Class.





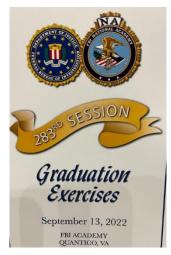


On September 12, Deputy Chief Renee Veldman became the first officer from the Grandville Police Department to successfully complete the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (Session 283). Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 283rd session consisted of two hundred and thirty-five law enforcement officers from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from twenty-one countries, five military organizations, and five federal and civilian agencies.







In October we held another set of block training days where we covered the following topics: Active Shooter Hostile Event Response, Cyber Crimes, Defensive Tactics, and Explosive Device Identification.







In November the department trained for response to Hazardous Materials Events. Supervisory training this month included: First Line Supervision, and Incident Command System. In December the department trained for Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens and Managing Fatigue in 24/7 Operations.

Below is a list of courses that members of the department attended in 2022.

**Accreditation Conference** 

**Active Shooter Phases and Prevention** 

**Active Shooter Response** 

Active Shooters & Mass Assaults: Considerations That Impact Policy & Response

**Advanced Interpersonal Skills** 

Advanced Issues in Forensic Interviewing

Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens

ALERRT Active Shooter Training level 1

ASHER 50,000 foot view

AXON in car camera system

**Basic First Aid** 

**Basic Honor Guard** 

**Basic Narcotics Investigations** 

Behavioral Health Emergency Partnership Training

Behavioral Threat and Assessment Management

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education

**Bleeding Control** 

Career Survival & Emotional Wellness

Car Seat Technician

Changing Landscape of Terrorism & Violent Extremism

Clean Slate, set aside and SOR training

Constitutional Use of Force

**Corporate Security** 

**Criminal Justice Security Awareness Training** 

Crisis Awareness

**Crisis Intervention Team** 

**Cyber Crimes** 

**Dealing with Cold Stress** 

**Dealing with Heat Stress** 

**Death Investigations** 

**Defensive Driving** 

**Defensive Tactics** 

Defensive Tactics – Gracie Jiu-Jitsu

**Digital License Plates** 

**Driving Refresher Training** 

**Driving Safety for First Responders** 

Duty to Intercede

Eating Right for Health and Fitness

**Electrical and Fire Safety** 

**Emergency Driving** 

Emergency Procedures 59th Dist. Court

**Emergency Vehicle Operations** 

**Explosive Device Identification** 

FBI - NA

Field Force In-service training

First Responder Traffic Incident Management

FLETC Leadership Series One Chief's Experience

**FLETC School Safety Summit** 

**FLOCK** 

Forensic Interviewing

Forensic Interviewing Instructor Training

Grand Rapids Police Department Leadership Institute Week #2

Grand Rapids Police Department Leadership Institute Week #3

Grand Rapids Police Department Leadership Institute Week #4

Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference Schools track

High Risk Unified Incident Commander

**Honor Guard Training** 

**Honors and Benefits** 

How to Craft Your Agencies Story

Injuries and Prevention

Interdiction Mastermind

Intermediate Interpersonal Skills Development

Internal Affairs Investigations and Due Process Rights for Officers

Introduction to Interpersonal Skills Development

**KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training** 

Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence

Leadership Library

Leading through Crisis and Implementing Change

Legal Update

Legally Justified but was it Avoidable

Line of Duty Death Honors and Benefits

**Local Agency Security Officer Training** 

Managing Fatigue in 24/7 Operations

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

Michigan Hostage Negotiation Conference

Mobile Crisis Response

**Nobel Profession** 

**OC** Instructor

OC refresher

**Our Noble Profession** 

**Patrol Tactical Considerations** 

PowerDMS Academy

**Public Recording of Police Activities** 

Realistic De-escalation Instructor

Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence

Reducing Graffiti in your Community

Research, replication, and reality: incorporating evidence-based practice into the operational realitites of training

Robb Elementary School Attack Response Assessment and Recommendations

**SAFLEO Executive Leadership Training** 

Scenarios and Tactics for the Field Training Officer

Security Awareness Training

She Leads Government

Shifting Narratives to Prevent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Deaths

**Spring Storms** 

Stress Management Balancing the 5 Pillars of Wellness

**Taser Instructor** 

**Taser Recertification** 

The Strength of Resilience

Using Engagement Tools to Activate Your Participant

Violence Prevention in Michigan Schools

Youth & Seniors Hate and Bias Crimes

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

In January we started our year of community events by joining with other Kent County Law Enforcement Agencies to provide a Skate with a Cop event at the Van Andel Ice Arena.







In February, Deputy Chief Veldman attended a Scout worship service.







In March we expanded our March is Reading Month activities by hosting Picture Books and Police at our branch of the Kent District Library. Additionally, we posted videos to our Facebook page of officers reading children's books each Friday during the month.





We provided the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events to the teachers and staff of Calvin Middle and

High Schools.





In March we supported the City's "Egg-Spedition."

In April we partnered with our friends from the Kent County Sheriff's Office, Walker Police Department, and the Wyoming Department of Public Safety to host a Spring Break Bike Rodeo at the RiverTown Crossing Mall. We were thankful for these partnerships and those of the Mall and Dick's Sporting Goods. We also supported Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy and Kent Career Technical Center Criminal Justice Program by providing proctors for their scenario days.















We support the Riverbank Run each year by staffing locations in our city and assisting in the City of Grand Rapids to help ensure a safe event.

Each year our school

officers escort the students who volunteer as patrol safeties to a Whitecaps game at LMCS Ballpark. This year the safeties attended a game on May 25. Sadly, the game was rained out after a few innings. We are not sure who has more fun at this event between the officers and the safeties.

June was a very busy month for us in the community. Some of the events we were able to host, or support include: The Metro High School Police Academy, Music, Food and Fun at the Commons, Grandville Public Schools Summer Recreation Program and of course Cones, Cops and Cadets.













July is always a busy month for us. We started the month with the John Davis Memorial Softball Game. It was another hard-fought victory for the Police Department. But more importantly through the

combined efforts of the two departments we were able to gift Grandville Firefighter Tommy Datema with \$3,500 to assist him and his family during his ongoing battle with cancer.



Police in the Parks was a hit again this year with return trips to Lee Street Park, Heritage Park, and Wedgewood Park. The First Responders Children's Foundation gave us a large amount of baseball items, so we held one of the events at Calvin Crest Park this year. The Foundation also provided basketballs and volleyballs that were given out at Heritage Park, and footballs and soccer balls that were given out at our finale in Wedgewood Park. It was hard to tell who had more fun the kids or the cops. We are thankful to the Grandville Parks and Recreation Board for funding our giveaway items this year. The sinch sacks and water bottles were a huge hit.



To finish out a busy July we joined with the Kent County Sheriff's Office and Walker Police Department to conduct a Bicycle Rodeo at the Van Andel Arena for the Grand Rapids Griffins.



We kicked off August with National Night Out on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We again started the day at Consumers Energy. Then we moved to the RiverTown Crossings Mall and finished the evening by visiting our six neighborhood parties. We were once again able to provide our neighborhoods with gift boxes thanks to the First Responders Children's Foundation. This year the neighborhoods received sporting goods, squirt bows, and fitness watches.





Cops Fore Kids is one of many activities our School Resource Officers participate in each year. This program pairs at risk youth with Police Officers and other Criminal Justice Professionals. This program allows for the youth to interact with our officers on a personal level.

September was another busy month of community activities. Our Honor Guard participated in multiple 9-11 events, attended a neighborhood food truck event at the Grand Castle, supported Grandville Public Schools at their Kindergarten Tailgate, Homecoming Festival, Victory Day Program, fall color walk and

participating in a dunk tank fundraiser for West Elementary.









It was a balmy 56 degrees when Ofc.
Meeuwsen climbed into the dunk tank.
He was dunked by ten of the top
fundraisers for the West Elementary PTC
fundraiser.

In October we again partnered with our faith communities to host a food and basic needs drive to support four food pantries and Meals on Wheels. Thanks to our joint efforts over two thousand pounds of food were collected. Our activities continued during the month with our joining the Fire Department Open House and hosting our first "Badges and Boo" event for Halloween.





In November the department assisted Santa Claus make a safe arrival at Cabela's for the start of the holiday season, assisted the RiverTown Crossings Mall with a food drive, attended Project Night Lights at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, attended a Veterans Day program at American Legion Post 179, provided safety presentations to the Grandville and Byron Center branches of KDL and the Grandville Ladies Literary Club, and participated in the Youth Speak Out program at Kent ISD. The signature event of this month was our No Shave November contest. This contest raised over \$1,800. The money will be awarded to a public safety family experiencing a medical issue at the 2023 John Davis Memorial Softball Game.



In December we supported the Christmas on the Commons event, held multiple Shop with a Cop events, escorted Santa to the elementary schools, facilitated a local business in gifting \$3,000 to needy families

and headed up the First Responders Children's Foundation Toy Express Event for the patients at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.









# **SUMMARY**

As we closed our eighth decade of providing professional police services to our citizens the department participated in a SWOT (Strengths – Weakness – Opportunities – Threats) analysis to help guide us into the future. With input provided from all members of the department we were able to identify the following:

### **STRENGTHS**

- 1. Strong Community Support
- 2. Family Feel
- 3. Opportunities for different positions and trainings

#### **WEAKNESSES**

- 1. Wages
- 2. Ability to recruit quality long term employees
- 3. Diversity

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Training
- 2. Recruitment
- 3. Grants

#### **THREATS**

- 1. The public is not as accepting or respecting of the Police
- Our current staffing level is getting critical and the loss of another patrol officer before we get someone hired and trained will put an even greater strain on the department
- 3. Fluctuations in the economy threaten budgetary needs of ever-increasing operational costs

Reviewing the results of the exercise, we can see our strengths are a combination of internal and external factors. The staff quickly identified the support received from our citizens and elected officials as the top strength of the department.

Our weaknesses are in line with similar sized agencies. The recruiting pool is decreasing for several reasons and larger departments can offer better pay and opportunities for

varied assignments. This is somewhat contradictory to our strength of "opportunities for different positions and trainings." Many prospective officers are looking for specific career opportunities such as Special Weapons and Tactics Teams, K-9 positions, and Cyber Crimes Investigators. They wrongly think that a medium-sized department such as ours does not offer anything beyond patrol and investigations. Our officers know the many opportunities that we do provide. We are working to enhance our recruitment materials to accurately reflect the various specialty assignments that we have available and are increasing our recruitment presence at various training academies in the state. Diversity in smaller agencies is difficult to obtain. We have increased our recruitment efforts and are hopeful that our cadet program will assist us in attracting a more diverse hiring pool in the future. The cadet program is an entry level position that is geared toward recent high school graduates and college underclassmen who want to explore the field of criminal justice prior to committing to the field. It is our hope that this early exposure to our department will increase our hiring pools for our sworn positions.

The opportunities for our department included continued training to help ensure our officers are properly equipped to perform the various tasks that are expected of a modern professional police officer. We have increased our recruiting presence in the local police academies in an attempt to attract future officers. We are also pursuing various grant opportunities (such as the one used to fund our initial Cadet program).

The threats are more national in nature. While we experience local support, the national narrative is eating away many good prospective police officers from this profession.

The women and men of the Grandville Police Department strive each day to deliver professional, unbiased police services to all who live, work, worship in or visit our community.



As we close out one year and move into the next, we all begin to reflect on those things that are important to us.

# Law Enforcement Oath of Honor.

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution and community I serve.