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**"...The mission of the Austin Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Austin by working cooperatively with the public to enforce the law, preserve peace, reduce fear, and provide for a safe environment."**



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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Austin Police Department**

### **2022**

I present the Austin Police Department's 2022 Annual Report to the Mayor, City Council, and citizens of Austin. This report is meant to give you a brief overview of the activities and accomplishments of the staff of Austin Police Department who serve our City.

Our current authorized budgetary staffing level remained the same in 2022 with funding for 34 sworn Officers, 2.5 CSOs (Community Service Officers), and one Administrative Assistant. We started 2022 with 4 unfilled Officer positions. Our agency, like most, struggled with the labor side of the equation throughout 2022 due to a shortage of candidates in our field. While we ultimately hired to fill those open spots, that was offset by ongoing losses in staff and we never were able to operate at a fully staffed level in 2022. We also ended 2022 with unfilled positions. We also had a variety of FMLA leaves to cover in 2022 that left our staff to work longer hours and more days in order to fill in those gaps.

Our 2022 work year also continued to be affected by the pandemic, especially early in the year when the omicron surge occurred. We still employed the PPE measures we used since 2020 to protect our employees and followed CDC guidelines when there was a positive Covid-19 test. By the end of 2022, however most of the Covid-19 issues of the past two years had receded and were no longer quite the focus that they had been previously.

Our officers responded to 17,196 total calls for service in 2022, which is very near to our long-term average. We continued to see a drop in some of our proactive statistical categories such traffic stops and arrest warrant services, in large part to the staffing levels being lower. Our staff also engaged in 1,000's of contacts that due not generate a statistically trackable case number.

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officers, CSO's, and Administrative staff for work they performed for this Department and the citizens of Austin in 2022. They do a fantastic and I am happy to advocate for them and share their accomplishments in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

David McKichan  
Chief of Police



# AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ROSTER

Chief of Police David McKichan  
Captain Todd Clennon

## Lieutenants

Dustin Wollenburg  
Jeff McCormack  
Michael Hartman

## Detectives

Pat Retterath  
Mark Walski  
Brant Strouf  
Dustin Hicks  
Derek Ellis

## Sergeants

Kim Lenz  
Mike Tischer  
Travis Martin

## Officers

Ryan Leif  
Chad Norman  
Brian Blake  
Mike Tischer  
James Lunt  
Samuel Schuweiler  
Aaron Juenger  
Nathan Hoefs  
John J. Mueller  
Michael Nordean  
Michael Hulloper  
Ryan McCormack  
Josh Bradley  
J. Daniel Osborne  
Jeffrey Marx  
Zachary Gast  
Hannah Mueller  
Samuel Diggins  
Jorge Jimenez  
Ted Sherwood  
Brady Johnson  
Jessy Betts

## Community Service Officers

Ernesto Cantu, Nick Zago

Administrative Assistant Kari Haarstad

**DAY SHIFT - PATROL**

## Lt. Dustin Wollenburg

The day shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. When at full staff, there are a total of nine officers assigned to the day shift,



which includes a shift lieutenant and sergeant. The day shift has a three-officer minimum staffing level, but we try to have at least four officers working when manpower allows. The day shift is also supplemented by two School Resource Officers, two mid-shift officers that overlap from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a day shift Community Service Officer.

### **The day shift patrol division consisted of the following officers in 2022:**

- **Lieutenant Dustin Wollenburg – Badge# 3D89**, a 20-year veteran officer, Lieutenant and Day Shift Patrol Supervisor, Administrative Vehicle Forfeiture Coordinator, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-Drone Pilot, Field Training Program Coordinator, Field Training Officer, and MN Public Employee Association Supervisor Unit Union President.
- **Sergeant Kim Lenz – Badge# 8D99**, a 15-year veteran officer, Sergeant and Day Shift Patrol Supervisor, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Negotiator, Crime Free Multi-Housing Unit Coordinator, Field Training Officer, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Ryan Leif – Badge# 9D83**, a 22-year veteran officer, assists the department canine program.
- **Patrol Officer Samuel Schuweiler – Badge# 9D101**, a 15-year veteran officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Negotiator, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Patrol Officer Union President and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer J.J. Mueller – Badge# 9D123**, a six-year veteran officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, Toward Zero Death Coordinator (TZD), Firearm Pistol and Rifle Armorer, Project Life Saver Operator, DMT Breath Test Operator and Field Training Officer.
- **Patrol Officer Michael Nordean – Badge# 9D123**, a six-year veteran officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, Department Vehicle Fleet Manager, Alcohol Server Awareness Training Instructor and a Project Lifesaver Operator.

### **The School Resource Officer Program consisted of the following officers in 2022:**



- **SRO/Patrol Officer Brian Blake – Badge# 9D96**, a 16-year veteran officer, School Resource Officer assigned to Ellis Middle School, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor and Patrol Officer Union Steward.
- **SRO/Patrol Officer James Lunt – Badge# 9D98**, a 15-year veteran officer, School Resource Officer assigned to Austin High School.

Although each school resource officer is primarily assigned to one specific school, they are responsible for overseeing police related activities at all schools in the district. Generally speaking, Ofc. Blake oversees the schools on the South and East sides of the city, while Ofc. Lunt oversees the schools on the North and West sides of the city.

## *Staffing*

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The day shift officers handled 7416 calls and contacts in the community this year. Calls and contacts include both dispatched calls for service and self-initiated activities like traffic stops and warrant service. Day shift officers also issued 557 citations throughout the year for various criminal, traffic and parking related offenses.



**Sgt. Tischer, Ofc. Mueller and Deputy Meyer being honored for their active DWI enforcement**

Throughout the year, the day shift was operating short-handed and often-times working at minimum staffing levels. Our shift is supposed to have nine officers assigned to it; however, we operated at least three officers short for most of the year. At times, we had to move officers around to fill openings in the scheduling and cover shifts. Additionally, afternoon and night shift officers often times picked up daytime overtime shifts to help cover the shortages. Unfortunately, our department has not been immune to the national shortage of police officers and it doesn't appear to be getting better anytime soon.

In December, Ofc. Norman left the department after twenty years of service to the citizens of Austin. Norman was a very valued member of our team and he will be greatly missed. We wish Ofc. Norman the best as he starts a new chapter in life!

## *Highlights of Activities and Community Involvement*

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2022 proved to be another busy year for our department and the officers on the day shift. As the Covid-19 Pandemic waned, we began to get back to our normal operations. As stated earlier, one of the biggest challenges throughout the year were consistent manpower shortages. This puts a lot of pressure on the officers to handle a higher volume of calls per officer, handle labor intensive calls with minimal staff and frequently work overtime shifts. Despite these challenges, the officers on the dayshift remained steadfast in their commitment to serve the community.

- In January, Ofc. JJ Mueller was recognized by the Office of Traffic Safety for his work in keeping our roads safe through active DWI Enforcement.
- In February, Lt Wollenburg, Ofc. Schuweiler and CSO Zago accepted treats for the dayshift officers from Hy-Vee staff. This was in recognition of National Law Enforcement Week, which was a very nice and much appreciated gesture.
- In February, Officers Norman and Schuweiler arrested multiple subjects following a traffic stop after discovering they were involved in a multi-state debit card scam. The officers recovered numerous items of stolen property and more than \$16k in fraudulently obtained debit cards.
- In February, Ofc. Norman stopped a vehicle for illegal window tinting. During the stop and subsequent investigation, he ultimately arrested the driver and recovered approx. two pounds of marijuana, 50 THC vape cartridges and \$26k in cash.
- In February, Officers Blake and Lunt escorted the Austin Packer Dance team out of town to kick off their state competition.
- In February, the Employee Assistance Program focusing on mental health support for officers was rolled out. This program was spearheaded by Lt Wollenburg and Capt. Clennon.
- In February, Ofc. Norman was selected to serve on the Ford Police Advisory Board. This is a national board of advisors that assists the Ford Motor Company with the production designs of their police vehicles.
- In March, Officers Blake and Lunt escorted the Austin High School boys basketball team out of town to kick off their state competition.



(Ofc. Norman displaying a large drug and money seizure)



- In March, Ofc. Lunt was commended for his role in providing medical training and direction to the department. Lunt stepped down after a long tenure in this very important position. In addition to being a police officer, Lunt is also a paramedic with many years of EMS service to the community.
- In May, Lt Wollenburg, Ofc. Blake and CSO Zago participated in the Neveln School Bike Rodeo. This program teaches kids about bike safety. Our department donated five bikes to the program which were given away to kids during the event.
- In May, Ofc. Nordean conducted a Responsible Server Awareness presentation to local restaurant and bar staff members. This program helps local establishments that serve alcohol to make sure they are operating in a safe and legal manner.
- In July, Ofc. Lunt was commended for his handling of a severely autistic subject that was out of control and being assaultive toward family and police. This was a very volatile and challenging situation, especially due to the sensitive nature of the call.
- In August, Ofc. Nordean took over the department fleet program, which oversees the equipment and maintenance of all the department vehicles. This was a position that was previously held by Ofc. Norman for many years.
- In September, officers from the dayshift, along with school resource officers and detectives, responded to the Austin High School for a report of an active shooter. Fortunately, the threat was not real, and nobody was hurt. This was later identified as being part of a nationwide series of false threats being reported to local police.
- In October, Ofc. JJ Mueller conducted a robbery training event at Accentra Credit Union. This training was to help staff know what to do in the event of a robbery.
- In October, Lt Wollenburg held the annual City of Austin bike and property auction. This is a public auction where DWI/drug forfeited vehicles and miscellaneous abandoned property are sold to the highest bidders.
- In November, Sgt. Lenz gave a presentation to the Village Coop residents on how to avoid being the victim of fraud.
- In December, Sgt Lenz, along with other officers and first responders from the area, participated in the Shop with a Hero event at Walmart. This program allows underprivileged children in the community to shop with members of local police, fire and ambulance services. The kids get a \$50 gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and their family members.

The day shift is a very proactive team of professional officers that work together to achieve the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Austin. We are committed to providing the best service possible to our community and we look forward to continuing that service in the New Year.

## EVENING SHIFT – PATROL

Lt. Jeff McCormack



The evening shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. The evening shift is one of the largest and busiest shifts on the department. At full staff, there are a total of nine officers and two CSO's assigned, including two "mid-shift" patrol officers that work from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The "mid-shift" also provides supplemental manpower to the day shift, but those officers are primarily responsible to the evening shift schedule. When fully staffed, the evening shift has a minimum of four officers working at any given time, with possibly up to five or six if no officer takes their shift off. The evening shift overlaps with the night shift from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., which provides extra manpower during what is often a very busy time of the shift.

### **The evening shift patrol division consisted of the following officers in 2022:**

**Lt. Jeff McCormack – Badge# 3D75** is a 27½ year veteran officer and is currently the longest standing member on the department. Lt. McCormack is the Evening Shift Patrol Lieutenant/Supervisor, Evidence/Property Room Manager, DMT Breath Test Operator and a speaker at the fall APD Citizen's Academy (which was not held this past year).

**Sgt. Travis Martin – Badge# 8D109** is an 8+ year veteran officer. Sgt. Martin is the Evening Shift Sergeant/Supervisor, Department Firearms Instructor, Firearms Pistol and Rifle Armorer, Field Training Officer, Special Incident Response Team Operator, SIRT team Sniper, Internship/Mentorship Program Coordinator, the CSO supervisor and a DMT Breath Test Operator.

**Patrol Officer Aaron Juenger – Badge# 9D111** is a 7+ year officer of the department. Officer Juenger is a Use-of-Force Instructor for the department, a DMT Breath Test Operator and a Union Steward.

**Patrol Officer Daniel Osborne – Badge# 9D128** has been with the APD for a little over 3 years. Officer Osborne came to us with 4 years of prior Police Officer experience, coming to us from a large department in Kentucky. Officer Osborne is on the APD uniform committee and is an in-house CIS trainer.

**Patrol Officer Jeff Marx – Badge# 9D129** has been with the APD for a little over 3 years. Officer Marx came to us with 10 years of prior Police Officer experience, coming to us from the Minnesota Lake area. Officer Marx is a Special Incident Response Team Operator, a member of the regional Mobile Field Force (MFF) Unit, a DMT Breath Test Operator and is in the process of becoming a department Drone Operator/Pilot.

**Patrol Officer Zachary Gast – Badge# 9D130** has been with the APD for a little over 3 years, starting with the department in October 2019.

**Patrol Officer Hannah Mueller – Badge# 9D131** has been with the department a little 3 years. Officer H. Mueller was posted into one of the department's 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. mid-shift positions and worked that shift from January through July at which point she switched to the straight afternoon shift (4p-2a) for the rest of the year. Officer Mueller is a certified member of Project Lifesaver International, a program to help locate lost/endangered Autistic subjects, is an Explorer Advisor and is one of the departments National Night Out coordinators.

**Patrol Officer Jorge Jimenez – Badge# 9D117** had previously worked for the Austin Police Department from approximately 2015-2021, at which time he took a job as a Sheriff's Deputy with the Pine County (near Hinckley, Mn) Sheriff's Department to fulfill his dream of living in the Minnesota northwoods. After approximately 4 months, Officer Jimenez realized that he would rather be back in Austin and was hired back at the APD with open arms. Officer Jimenez is a DMT Breath Test Operator and a Special Incident Response Team Operator.

The evening shift patrol division is/was also supplemented by Community Service Officers Ernesto Cantu and Brady Johnson (formerly McDermott). CSO Cantu works full-time, typically from 4 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. while CSO Johnson worked part-time on a varying schedule. CSO Johnson was also a part-time PEO (Parking Enforcement Officer) and handled parking enforcement when he worked hours more on the dayshift side of the schedule. Around September of this year, CSO Johnson was hired as a full-time police officer by The City of Austin and resigned his position of CSO.

The CSO's handle the animal control duties throughout the city, take care of the City animal shelter, take vehicle lock outs, handle many minor violations of state statutes and city ordinances, including but not limited to juvenile and parking complaints. The CSO's also frequently assist the patrol officers during the course of their duties (such as with traffic and crowd control) and they are a real asset to the department and the City of Austin. The CSO Program is supervised by evening shift Sgt. Travis Martin.

In 2022, the evening shift officers responded to a wide variety of calls such as domestic disturbances, assaults, illegal drugs, robberies, burglaries, thefts, missing persons, medical emergencies to name a few.

Officers also handled many traffic related incidents including, but not limited to, DWI enforcement (Alcohol and Drug Impairment), unlicensed drivers, reckless/careless driving, speeding, insurance violations, traffic accidents in addition to other general traffic enforcement. Unfortunately, officers also responded to a fatal hit and run Vehicle vs. Pedestrian accident right at the end of the year where alcohol was the contributing factor.

In 2022, officers covering the afternoon shift hours handled 9,791 contacts and/or calls for service out of the approximately 18,000 total contacts and calls for service for the entire department in 2022, proving again to be a very busy and active shift. Additionally, the 2 CSO's responsible for the afternoon shift handled a total of 1373 contacts/calls for service. The busiest time of the afternoon shift is consistently between the hours of 5 p.m. thru 7 p.m. Calls for service and contacts include both dispatched calls for service and self-initiated activities. The total calls for service were just about or maybe slightly below average for the department for the year. Unfortunately, even though the numbers were a little below average, the APD was short staffed for much of the year again due to

officers leaving the department for various reasons and various medical issues (including birth of a child) and the afternoon shift is where the brunt of the short staffing was, which required the surrounding shifts to often work overtime to cover minimum manpower requirements.

Evening shift officers issued approximately 575 citations and numerous documented warnings throughout the year for various criminal, traffic and parking related offenses. The most common criminal offense that the evening shift officers cited was for theft-related and assault-related crimes. The most common traffic offense citations were issued for driver's license violations (No Driver's License, Driving after Revocation, Suspension or Cancellation), DWI, no insurance and speeding.

Evening shift officers were also responsible for serving 116 arrest warrants out of the 237 warrants served by the entire department in 2022.

### **A few highlights of evening shift activity and community involvement:**

**August:** Several officers took part in the National Night Out at the Bandshell Park. This is always a well attended event and is a good opportunity for the public to meet officers in their different capacities and see the equipment that they use throughout the department on a regular basis.

**December:** Several officers took part in the annual Shop with a Hero program at Walmart. This program pairs selected children with a local "Hero" (officer/deputy/fire fighter/paramedic) and provides the children with gift cards so they can go Christmas shopping for their families while assisted by the officers.

**December:** Sgt. Martin, Officers Marx and Jimenez responded to a report of a 2 year old child choking on a grape. Upon their arrival, officers found the child unresponsive and CPR was performed, their efforts were successful as the child's life was saved.

The evening shift is a very pro-active team of professional officers that work well together to achieve the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Austin. We are committed to providing the best service possible to our community and we look forward to continuing that service in 2023.

## **NIGHT SHIFT - PATROL**

Lt. Michael Hartman



The night shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. When at full staff, there are a total of seven officers assigned to the night shift, which includes a shift Lieutenant and Sergeant. The night shift has a four officer minimum staffing level from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., followed by a three officer minimum from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The night shift overlaps with the afternoon shift from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., which provides extra manpower during what is often the busiest time of the night.

**The night shift patrol division consisted of the following officers in 2022:**

- **Lieutenant Michael Hartman – Badge# 3D103**, a 13 year veteran officer, Lieutenant and Evening Shift Patrol Supervisor, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator and Team Lead, Field Training Officer, Mobile Field Force Coordinator, Department Head Use of Force/Defensive Tactics Instructor, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
  - **Sergeant Michael Tischer – Badge# 8D97**, a 16 year veteran officer, Sergeant and Evening Shift Patrol Supervisor, Evidence Room Supervisor, Field Training Officer, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
  - **Patrol Officer Nathan Hoefs – Badge# 9D116**, a 7 year veteran officer, Field Training Officer, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
  - **Patrol Officer Michael Hulloper – Badge# 9D125**, a 4 year officer, Mobile Field Force, and DMT Operator.
  - **Patrol Officer Ryan McCormack – Badge# 9D126**, a 4 year officer, Crisis and Hostage Negotiator for the Special Incident Response Team (SIRT), Field Training Officer, and DMT Operator.
  - **Patrol Officer Joshua Bradley – Badge# 9D127**, a 4 year officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, Less Lethal/Chemical Munitions Instructor, Pepperball Instructor, Mobile Field Force, National Night Out Coordinator, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
  - **Patrol Officer Samuel Diggins – Badge# 9D132**, a 3 year officer, Explorer Program Coordinator, Internship Coordinator, and DMT Operator.
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The night shift officers respond to a wide variety of calls relating to things like assaults, runaways, burglaries, robberies, homicides, illegal drugs, thefts, missing persons and medical emergencies along with multiple other types of calls.

Officers also handled many traffic related incidents including traffic accidents, unlicensed drivers, speeders, reckless/careless driving, DWI's – both alcohol and drug impaired, uninsured vehicles, stolen vehicles, general traffic violations and much more.

In 2022, the night shift responded to 5,743 calls and contacts. This includes both calls that were dispatched to officers as well as self-initiated activities. Night shift officers also issued 359 citations and served 93 warrants. The citations issued include not only traffic violations, but also citations for minor criminal offenses.

The night shift also saw some staffing changes and shortages in 2022. At the beginning of the year, Officer Diggins transferred to the night shift to help fill an open spot on the shift. Also, both Officer Hoefs and Hulloper suffered injuries throughout the year while on duty, causing them to be placed on light duty for extended periods of time. Even with



these shortages, officers were able to maintain similar contact numbers as previous years.

### **Highlights of night shift officers' activity and community involvement:**

- In March, Sgt. Tischer, Officer McCormack, Officer Bradley and Officer Diggins responded to a possible burglary in progress. Upon arrival, officers located a screen cut and determined a male had broken into the residence. Ultimately, K-9 Rudy was contacted and apprehended the suspect inside the residence.
- In May, Officer McCormack attempted to stop of vehicle due to its driving conduct. The vehicle fled from McCormack, crashing into a tree shortly after, causing the vehicle to start on fire with the driver still inside. Officer McCormack and Officer Diggins arrived on scene and were able to extricate the male prior to being seriously injured.
- In May, Officer McCormack completed a "DWI Hat-Trick", having three DWI arrests in one 10 hour shift.
- In May, Officer Bradley completed Basic SWAT training.
- In June, Lt. Hartman, Sgt. Tischer, and Officer Hullopeter searched the NE part of town looking for a male wanted on multiple serious warrants. The male was located by Hartman, leading to a short foot chase and arrest. The male was arrested for multiple new charges as well as the multiple warrants.
- In June, Lt. Hartman, Officer McCormack and Officer Bradley responded to Lyle for a SIRT call-out on a barricaded robbery suspect. The call resulted in the suspect being located and taken into custody.
- In July, Lt. Hartman, Officer McCormack, and Officer Diggins responded to Kwik Trip for a suspicious vehicle/male. The call resulted in the male being arrested for DWI. Officers also located narcotics, multiple firearms and ammunition inside the vehicle.
- In August, Sgt. Tischer, Officer Hullopeter, and Officer McCormack responded to a motor vehicle tamper call. The call resulted in an individual being arrested for multiple warrants and a handgun being located.
- In August, Officer Bradley completed Chemical Munitions/Less Lethal training, becoming an instructor for the Austin Police/Mower County Special Incident Response Team. Bradley also completed Pepperball training, becoming the instructor for the department.
- In August, Officer Bradley helped to coordinate National Night Out, where the public has the opportunity to meet with local law enforcement, fire department, and medical personnel.



- In December, Officer Hullopeter, Officer McCormack, and Officer Bradley responded to a possible hit and run. The call resulted in a female being struck by a vehicle. Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and suspect soon after, leading to an arrest for Criminal Vehicular Homicide.
- In December, Officer McCormack and Officer Bradley participated in Shop with a Hero at our local Wal-Mart. This program allows underprivileged children to shop with local police officers, firefighters, and Mayo Ambulance members. The children are given a \$50 gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and/or their family members.
- The night shift officers were active in the Toward Zero Death's (TZD) campaign. This campaign involves multiple traffic enforcement waves throughout the year, focusing on violations such as seat belt enforcement, speeding, distracted driving, and DWI enforcement. This campaign and officer participation is essential to keeping the community safe.
- In 2022, Officer McCormack received an award by the State of Minnesota for his outstanding job in DWI enforcement. This type of work is vital in keeping the community safe, taking impaired drivers off the road before they can hurt themselves, or anyone else.



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Sgt. Travis Martin

The Austin Police Department Community Service Officer (CSO) program provides many valuable services to the citizens of Austin and is a great asset to the department.



The CSOs handle the animal control duties throughout the city, care for and maintain the city's animal shelter, oversee the operations of the city's bike shed, and handle many minor violations of state statutes and city ordinances. Additionally,

the CSOs frequently assist the patrol officers during the course of their duties.

## Community Service Officers

The CSO Program has two Fulltime positions and one Part time position:

- Ernesto Cantu, CSO11, is the most senior CSO and has been with the department since the start of the program in 1999. CSO Cantu works the evening shift full-time.
- Nick Zago, CSO19, has been with the department since October 2019 and works day shift Fulltime.
- Brady Johnson (formerly McDermott), CSO18, accepted a job offer in October 2022 and is working as a full-time Sworn Police Officer for Austin Police Department.
- In January of 2023, Damien Schroeder, CSO20 was hired to fill the part-time CSO position vacated by Johnson. CSO20 works the day and evening shift part-time on a rotating schedule. He is the primary caretaker of the city's Animal Shelter, Bike Shed and Parking Enforcement.

The Animal Shelter is located next to the Humane Society. The new Animal Shelter can hold sixteen dogs and sixteen cats inside, compared to holding only ten dogs and twelve cats at the old facility. The dog area has a feature that makes feeding and cleaning easier without taking the dogs out.

The CSOs responded to 1,637 calls for service in 2022. The majority of these calls were for animal related complaints, found property, juvenile runaway reports and key retrieval from locked vehicles. There was a total of 144 citations issued in 2022. The vast majority of citations issued were for various parking violations.

A total of 215 animals were placed at the Animal Shelter in 2022: including 152 dogs, 59 cats and four chickens. Of these, 105 dogs and 9 cats were released to their owners. Forty-One dogs and 41 cats were released to the Mower County Humane Society. Two cats were also adopted by private citizens.

## AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer James Lunt



Officer James Lunt is currently the School Resource Officer serving Austin Public Schools. SRO Lunt has been located at the Austin High School since October 2013. Officer Lunt is primarily responsible for Austin Public High School, along with Banfield and Sumner elementary and the Oakland Education Center. Officer Lunt will continue to build the SRO program and work closely with school administration, teachers, staff, and students to provide high quality, school-based law enforcement.

Officer Lunt has continued his duties to include student home visits and welfare checks. Officer Lunt has been working closely with Mower County Probation and school administration to identify truancy issues within the school. Officer Lunt will contact students and families to make sure they have all the access they need to be successful with their chosen learning style.

Officer Lunt attends weekly building and leadership meetings and monthly safety meetings that focus on safety issues within the district.

**Officer Lunt is involved in a variety of functions:**

- Responsible for the safety and security of assigned schools
- Liaison between the Austin Police Department and Austin Public Schools
- Serves on the school safety committee to implement security and emergency procedures
- Coordinates alcohol compliance checks within the City of Austin
- Conducts investigations in cases assigned within the school district
- Serves as a guest speaker for classrooms on topics such as alcohol, drugs, and criminal matters
- Assigned to patrol division when not performing School Resource Officer duties

During the summer, Officer Lunt continues to be a part of the Austin Public School System for summer programing and assist street patrol as needed.

Officer Lunt provides a program of educational leadership to the school staff, students, and parents. The program addresses tobacco, alcohol, drug issues, gang activity, violence prevention, crime prevention, and safety issues in the school community.

Officer Lunt continues to combat the rise in use of electronic nicotine delivery devices known as "Vapes." Vaping is becoming increasingly common in our high school; not only do vapes deliver a high concentration of nicotine, vapes can be used as a delivery device for a controlled substance. Through an array of anti-vaping polices and school discipline initiatives, we will continue to fight this issue and educate students about the health hazards of vaping.

Officer Lunt assists Students Taking A New Direction (STAND), with sticker shock. Students are transported to liquor establishments where they place stickers on alcohol products that advise not to sell to minors. The feedback from the liquor stores is very positive with the program.





Officer Lunt has been involved with a variety of incidents while working within the schools. Most of the criminal complaints he responds to include theft, drug use, child abuse, child welfare, assaults, disorderly conduct, and socially based media harassment.

On 09/21/2022, the Austin Public Schools placed all buildings under a lockdown after receiving a threat of gun violence at the High School. At 11:20 hours Mower County Dispatch received the call stating there was an active shooter at the High School on the third floor. School Administration acted swiftly with the lockdown while multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the school. The response was rapid, and officers immediately went to the possible threat and cleared the school. Officers quickly determined that threat was not credible, and all students and staff were safe. This was a result of an internet-based call known as Swatting. Swatting is a criminal tactic of deceiving emergency services and sending them an emergency that does not exist.

Officer Lunt is involved with the District Crisis team and was invited to debrief school staff. Lunt received feedback from staff which was very positive. Some of the comments were "It was amazing at the quick response". "The police made me feel safe when they entered the room". "The officers gave clear commands when they entered the classroom and reassured our safety."

Due to this incident the District Response team invited Homeland Security to APS to assist with safety planning and response. They did a walk through of the schools and had many recommendations for safety plans. One change made was going to a Standard Response Protocol which makes communication in an emergency much more effective for the campus. Also, as a result of the threat, law enforcement KNOX boxes were installed on all schools. The KNOX box contains multiple keys to the interior of the school to assist LE with access.

Due to the rise in opioid overdoses in the country, the district considered getting Narcan which is an Opioid reversal drug. Opioid induced respiratory depression is common and can cause sudden death. Officer Lunt met with Dr. Page and started the discussion of Narcan which will be implemented very soon.



Officer Lunt has seen an increase in student depression and mental crisis within the school. Lunt works closely with staff counselors in assessing the needs of these students and assist where needed.

Officer Lunt continues to be an integral part of the daily operation at the Oakland Education Center. Oakland Education Center is a cooperative school with Albert Lea and Austin that provides education to Level 4 students with behavioral and emotional disturbances. Dealing with student's behaviors can be very challenging and time consuming, but also rewarding to see the positive changes that students can make.



# ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Brian Blake

I am Officer Brian Blake; I am starting my sixth tenth year with the Austin Police Department and I am one of two school recourse officers for the Austin school district. This is my fifth year as a School Resource Officer. I am responsible for the following schools in the district. Ellis Middle School, IJ Holton Intermediate, Neveln Elementary, Southgate Elementary and Woodson Kindergarten Center. My office is located at Ellis Middle School. I enjoy my role here at Ellis



Middle School and I enjoy working with the administration, staff, and students. During the beginning of the school year, once again Officer James Lunt and I continue to be a part of the annual Parent Teacher Committee Walk-a-Thon at Southgate. The walk-a-thon allows the children to raise money for the upcoming years activities and field trips. At the beginning of this school year we started back with full in person learning which is the best thing for the students and staff. It's also pretty great for the parents that had to help teach and work last year. It allows the staff and students to have more social interaction once again, which we all need.

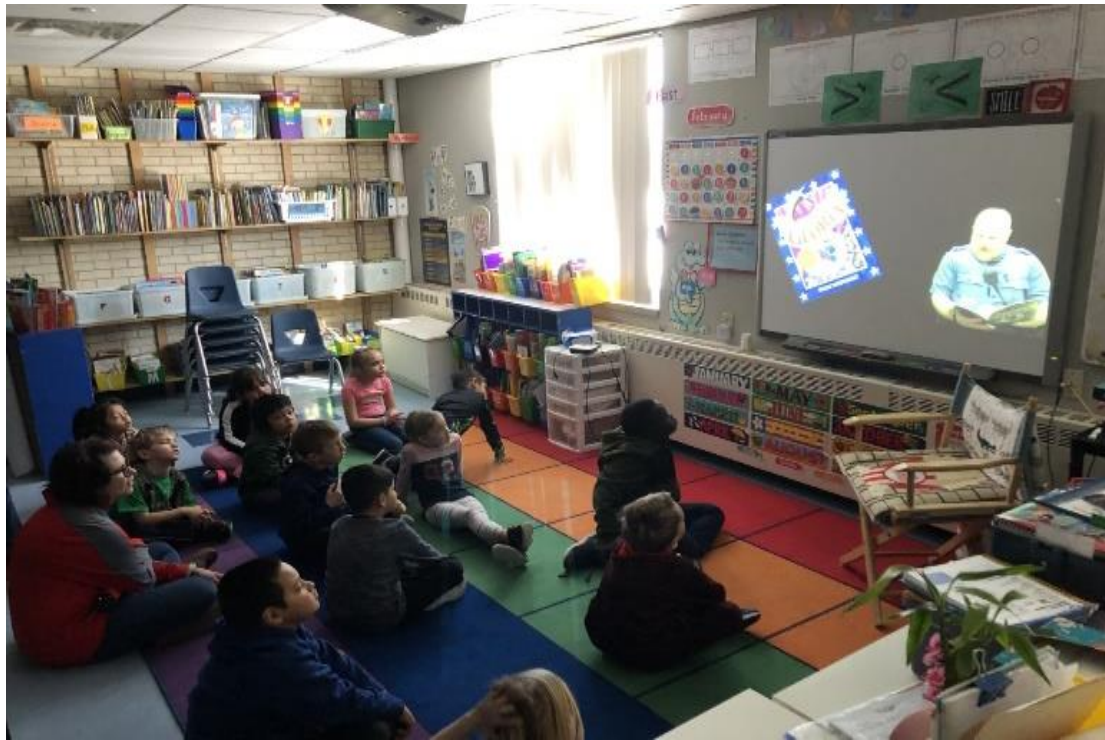
This is my third year in a row of having lunch with Mrs. White's Special Education class at Southgate. Once a month I visit the children at Southgate, and we have lunch together and play games. Whether it is board games, singing, reading or shinny hockey. The children are so full of excitement and a willingness to learn and it is such a joy to watch. This year I purchased a hockey set for the children to play with and to keep it at the school for the current children to use and the future children that attend Mrs. White's class.

Because of the Austin School district's effort, this year Ellis Middle School will be getting an upgrade to its security system. This will include cameras, wiring, monitors and servers. We will also be adding key card entrances to all of the buildings exterior doors at Ellis Middle School. This will greatly help keep all the staff and students safe and will allow law enforcement easier access if the need should arise.

Also, Ellis Middle School and IJ Holton Intermediate School made some changes to how vehicles exit both buildings. Meaning we changed the exit turn lanes at both schools into just one exit lane which exits to the right towards the east along 4TH AVE SE. With that one change it alleviated a great deal of the traffic issues both schools we're having.

In conclusion I'm really grateful to be able to work as one of the School Resource Officers in this district. I find this job most satisfying. It allows me to have a good rapport and positive interaction with the student population within all the school that I interact with.





# K9 RUDY

Detective Derek Ellis

K9 Rudy is an eight-year-old male Belgian Malinois and is partnered with Detective Derek Ellis. During 2022 K9 Rudy was on the Day shift from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. K9 Rudy is a dual purpose K9, trained for patrol work and narcotics detection.

K9 Rudy certified at the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region 12 Narcotics Trial in Brainerd, Minnesota in March. In June K9 Rudy certified at the USPCA Patrol Dog Trial held in Monticello, Minnesota. K9 Rudy also was awarded the case of the Quarter for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter in 2022 for Region 12. K9 Rudy was awarded National Case of the Quarter for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. K9 Rudy was deployed over 28 times in 2022.

K9 Rudy is utilized for vehicle sniffs, school sniffs, search warrants, high risk call outs with the Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) and more. In 2022 K9 Rudy was able to provide community outreach by providing K9 Demonstrations to the community.



## Some K9 highlights of 2022:

**February:** K9 Rudy assisted the Mower County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop on Interstate 90 near the Austin Airport. K9 Rudy assisted the Sheriff's Office with a vehicle sniff. As a result of the vehicle sniff and subsequent search, 1 kilogram (2.2lbs) of cocaine was located vacuumed sealed and wrapped in electrical tape.

- K9 Rudy was awarded the Region 12 Narcotics Case of the Quarter for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**March:** K9 Rudy certified in the USPCA Region 12 Narcotics Trial in Brainerd MN. K9 Rudy placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall and placed 1<sup>st</sup> as a team.

**March:** K9 Rudy located and apprehended a burglary suspect. Officers responded to a report of multiple burglaries in the southwest of Austin. Officers believed they had located the suspect at a home actively burglarizing it. The homeowners were not at the residence. The suspect refused to turn himself over to police or communicate. K9 Rudy assisted officers in locating the suspect in a basement room. K9 Rudy apprehended the suspect and the suspect was safely taken into custody by officers.

**May:** K9 Rudy conducted a vehicle sniff and located 5 lbs. of methamphetamine. K9 Rudy assisted the Mower County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop just outside of the city of Austin. K9 Rudy was asked to conduct a vehicle sniff. K9 Rudy alerted inside the vehicle on the back seat. A search of the vehicle turned up 5 lbs. of methamphetamine.

The Methamphetamine was triple heat sealed and hidden inside sealed inflatable pool toy boxes.

- As a result of this narcotics find K9 Rudy was awarded USPCA Region 12 Narcotics Case of the Quarter for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022.
- In September 2022 K9 Rudy was awarded the USPCA National Narcotics case of the quarter for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022. National Case of the quarter means a board of USPCA members found that K9 Rudy's case was the most outstanding performance in the detection and prevention of crime throughout the nation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2022.

**June:** K9 Rudy certified at the USPCA Region 12 Patrol dog trial in Monticello, MN. K9 Rudy received the following awards.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Article Search
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Obedience

## **SPECIAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (SIRT)**

Detective Dustin Hicks, Commander  
Detective TJ Lynch (MCSO), Assistant Commander



The Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) is a joint law enforcement agency team that includes members from both the Austin PD and the Mower County Sheriff's Office. SIRT responds to incidents requiring specialized training and equipment throughout the city of Austin, Mower County, and neighboring jurisdictions.

The team has 14 operator positions, including the commander and assistant commander, as well as 6 crisis negotiator positions and 2 tactical medics. All members participate on the team as a collateral duty in addition to their regular duties elsewhere. Given the current challenges in hiring that law enforcement agencies are facing across the nation, the team had open positions throughout 2022.

One of the biggest personnel changes on the team took place in September of 2022 when Det. Brant Strouf decided to move on from the team after 12 years of dedicated service. Det. Strouf served the team as a tactical operator, sniper, assistant commander and commander. His leadership and tactical knowledge were of great value to the team and the greater Austin community. The team will continue to benefit from his experience and direction.

SIRT conducts in-house trainings that are regularly scheduled throughout the year. Given the personnel challenges of the time, trainings have become more efficient yet broader in scope. In 2022 the team trained on additional tools and added certain



aspects to adhere to new laws and executive orders. These trainings allow members to focus on honing their special skills to function effectively in high risk, unpredictable environments.

Additionally, all members are encouraged to seek outside training opportunities. Many of these trainings are offered through the Heartland Tactical Officers Association (HTOA) and the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA). Membership in these organizations is instrumental in keeping up with the rapidly evolving world of policing.

The continued changes require SIRT to constantly evaluate training, equipment, and operating procedures. In 2022 SIRT deployed several times for a variety of planned and unplanned operations. The incidents included high risk search warrants and apprehensions, potentially barricaded subjects, and assisting neighboring jurisdictions.

SIRT's most important asset continues to be its personnel. The community can be assured SIRT will continue to make training, equipment, and tactics a top priority so the quality of life in our area will continue to be strong.



SIRT Operators participating in a multi-jurisdictional operation in 2022



Team Photo 2022



SIRT Training Event



SIRT Training Event



# **SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA VIOLENT CRIME ENFORCEMENT TEAM**

Detective Mark Walski



The City of Austin and Mower County continues to partner with the Southeast MN Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (SEMVCET), which is represented by eight counties and five cities. There are currently two Task Force Detectives assigned to Austin/Mower County.

Task force officers work narcotics and violent crimes in the Austin/Mower area, but also assist in other counties and other task forces, including Iowa TF agents. It is also common that incidents and controlled buys occur at unusual times and situations. The local detectives from the Austin Police Department and Mower County Sheriff's Department assist with controlled buys and search warrants when the time frame is not practical to have other agents travel from other locations. The SEMVCET in the Austin/Mower area would be unable to do many of these cases without the help from local detectives.

There was a total of 260 operations in Mower County compared to 161 last year between Det. Walski and Hemann. These operations are for controlled buys, search warrants, and other violent crimes that are being investigated. The task force spent just under \$75,000 during their investigations in 2022, up from \$25,000 from the year before.

Drugs seized by the Southeast MN Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (2022/2021): Methamphetamine – 78,495/14,376 grams, heroin- 143/292 grams, cocaine- 13,315/4,893 grams, marijuana- 47,318/157,931 grams, fentanyl-10,633/346 grams, and multiple other drugs such as wax, oils, and LSD. In Austin, we have seen little to no heroin any longer; the drug of choice for opioid users is fentanyl. Unfortunately, the amount of fentanyl that is needed for a 1<sup>st</sup> degree sale is 50 grams, compared to 10 grams for heroin. This is an easy transition for drug dealers to get around the laws.

The patrol division in Austin has been known to be a very proactive group and has continued to do an excellent job in identifying drug houses, making proactive stops, and assisting the task force in numerous investigations. If it wasn't for the patrol division, a lot of the investigations would be more difficult to complete.

## **Austin / Mower County Cases**

Austin saw an uptick in fentanyl use in 2021 of "MBox30" and an even greater increase in 2022. In late 2022 we charged out 17 people after a two-to-three-month long investigation. There were 9 search warrants executed after the controlled buys were completed. Some of the sales from the task force assisted other detectives in a case where a female pled guilty for 2 counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree murder for selling fentanyl to some of our youth in the city. More investigations are pending and going to start in hopes of slowing the flow of fentanyl into our community.

In early December co-defendants were arrested and charged federally for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine. The main target was arrested in San Jose, California, with

the assistance of local police and federal agents. According to court documents: this case focuses on the drug trafficking activities of a group of drug dealers from Southeast Minnesota, which included 5 co-defendants. One defendant was based out of California for most of the conspiracy. He directly supplied 4 co-defendants with pound quantities of methamphetamine, predominately through the United States mail. In total, just under 10 pounds of methamphetamine was seized between multiple suspects and over 30 pounds was located historically in the mail. The drugs involved in this investigation were associated with a homicide in Albert Lea. This investigation transpired between September 2021 until July 2022.

## **2022 EVIDENCE ROOM**

SGT. M.TISCHER

The evidence room in the Mower County LEC is shared by the Austin Police Department and the Mower County Sheriff's Office. With approximately 65 officers and deputies collecting and submitting evidence, along with additional evidence being collected and submitted by surrounding local Mower County agencies such as Brownsdale, Grand Meadow and Lyle occasionally. When officers and deputies collect evidence, they take it to the evidence room where it is processed, packaged, labeled and logged into the system and placed into temporary evidence lockers. The evidence room officers, afternoon shift Lt. Jeff McCormack and night shift Sgt. Mike Tischer, then transfer the evidence from the temporary lockers into 1 of 2 back secure evidence rooms for long term storage. In a typical year, between 2200-2500 pieces of evidence are checked into the evidence room and 2022 was no different.

The evidence room is open to the public for property pick up/release most Monday mornings from 8a-12p. The evidence officers also assist detectives, officers, deputies prosecuting attorneys and defense attorneys with prepping or viewing evidence for upcoming court cases and processing new evidence. The evidence is stored until the cases are closed by one means or another. The evidence is then returned to the owners, sold at public auction or disposed of properly following the appeal period.

Evidence room officers also transport evidence to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) in St. Paul for further analysis and processing prior to the court trials. These trips occur on an average of every 30-45 days and typically consist of 40-50 pieces dropped off for processing, with some trips exceeding 80. Most of the cases are related to felony drug cases but also include evidence from homicides, serious assaults, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults and other serious type cases.

Evidence set aside for destruction is transported to 2 different facilities. Any metal evidence, such as guns, bats, paraphernalia, brass knuckles, knives, etc. is melted down and recycled into rebar at a Gerdau Metal Foundry. All other evidence that can be burned is taken to the Wilmarth Generating Plant (subsidiary of Excel Energy) in Mankato, MN. Here, the evidence is burned in a series of incinerators, creating energy. Both Wilmarth and Gerdau have provided these services to law enforcement

departments as a public service so there is no cost associated with the disposal to the department or the public.

On 12/02/22, Lt. McCormack and Sgt. Tischer took 65 boxes containing 869 pounds of evidence to the Wilmarth Generating Plant in Mankato for destruction. This included 21 boxes of general evidence and 44 boxes of mixed drugs, which include illicit drugs and mostly discarded and turned in prescription drugs. This trip cleared up some shelf space to start the whole process over again in 2023!!!





## TOWARD ZERO DEATHS PROGRAM

Officer JJ Mueller

The 2022 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant was handled by Officer John (JJ) Mueller from the Austin Police Department, with the assistance of Deputy Jamie Meyer from the Mower County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). The Austin Police Department and the MCSO received up to a \$15,325 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for TZD traffic



enforcement in the 2022 cycle, which is about five thousand dollars less than the previous year. The grant cycle ran from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and was used to cover overtime that was incurred by the officers and deputies during specific enforcement hours, and also for dispatch services.

Although the public considers traffic enforcement to be a core duty of law enforcement, it is secondary for most local agencies behind answering calls for service. This can mean that on a busy night when the call load is high from the citizenry, traffic stops could be quite low as officer resources will first go to answering calls to dispatch on the regular and 911 lines. The TZD grant program allows police and sheriff's departments to call in additional resources whose sole duty is to work traffic violations.

The goal of the enforcement is to lower the rate at which accidents occur and the rate at which injuries/fatalities occur within those accidents. People will follow the traffic regulations in order to stay safe and to avoid getting a traffic citation. Enforcement is the "avoid getting a ticket" part of the equation that helps make our roads safer and strives to get closer to the goal of the program, zero fatalities statewide.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety works hand in hand with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to launch informational campaigns to make the public aware of upcoming enforcement waves and enhanced traffic enforcement. This is accomplished through Public Service Announcements with local, state, and national media. The Austin Police Department also utilizes its own Facebook Page to broadcast upcoming enforcement details.

The TZD Program partners with and gets support from the Safe Communities Coalition. Representatives on the Coalition include the media, Parenting Resource Center, schools, law enforcement, driver's education, medical professionals, and concerned citizens. They are a very vital part of the TZD Program. The Coalition helps line up the Public Service Announcements by working with the television stations and newspapers on ad campaigns and they provide all of the electronic media around town. They help law enforcement with the "making safe choices/educational" part of the equation, which is the other goal of the Toward Zero Deaths endeavor.

In addition to the enforcement and media messaging, the State of Minnesota also works with its Department of Transportation (DOT) branch to enhance the safety of roadways. The ultimate goal of the TZD campaigns is to get to zero deaths on our state's roads.

Over the course of the 2022 Grant cycle, officers/deputies worked approximately 130 hours of enforcement which is down from the previous year of 206 hours. Of those hours' three different areas of enforcement were focused on: impaired driving, distracted, and seat belt. During grant funded shifts there were 220 traffic stops, down from 334 traffic stops made last year. Of the 220 traffic stops there were 5 people arrested for various offenses.



The trends have been very positive since the TZD campaign waves started; going from an average of over 600 persons killed per year in the late 1990s and early 2000s, to averaging fewer than 400 traffic related deaths per year for the past several years. In 2022 the preliminary numbers show approximately 440 people died in traffic crashes throughout the state of Minnesota which is up down from 2021 where 598 people were killed.

TZD overtime work continues to help save lives by reducing fatality and injury statistics.

## **DEPARTMENT FLEET**

Officer Mike Nordean



Officer Mike Nordean has recently taken over the fleet management duties for the Austin Police Department since August of 2022. The department's fleet has six marked



patrol vehicles along with a single unmarked squad car, a Community Service Officer (CSO) truck, and two marked patrol cars that are utilized by the two School Resource Officers.



Apart from the patrol units, the Austin Police Department also utilizes unmarked vehicles that are operated by Austin Police Department administration and detectives. The Austin Police Department/Mower County Sheriffs Office have a joint Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) which has two vehicle's tailored to high risk operations. These two vehicles include a large truck which serves as a mobile command post during incidents along with SIRT team deployment and an armored HMMWV

(Humvee) that serves as ballistic protection/team insertion during high risk SIRT callouts. The Austin Police Department also utilizes a vehicle that was forfeited from a drunk driving incident which occurred in 2016 as a training vehicle. One vehicle in the department is provided by the Southeast Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team (SEMV CET).

The current patrol vehicle for our department is the Ford Police Interceptor Utility hybrid. The Interceptor is four wheel drive and has proven to be popular with our officers during winter weather conditions. The four wheel drive systems allow officers to stay safe while patrolling in the winter. The Ford Police Interceptor Utility hybrid Squads have much more room and have proven to be very reliable and efficient, achieving better fuel mileage than the Ford Crown Victoria and Taurus patrol cars previously used, saving the city fuel and repair costs. The Ford Police Interceptor's are the only brand of police squads that come standard with a 75 mph rear crash protection rating and a 100,000 mile powertrain warranty.

The change to a hybrid platform has been very positive as we are now saving up to \$4,000 per year, per squad on fuel cost and reducing our carbon output per squad by 22,560 lbs. per year. The Ford Police Interceptor Utility hybrid will fill every patrol squad position in years to come. At this time 5 out of 9 patrol units are currently utility hybrid units, with the remaining units to be changed over within the next 2 years.

Austin's patrol squads are kept an average of three years, during which they are driven about 100,000 miles, but can accumulate up to 400,000 wear miles on the engines due to idling time. The unmarked cars and other vehicles are kept much longer because they do not accumulate miles as quickly as the patrol squads.

At this time the Austin Police Department is currently awaiting the delivery of the 2022 vehicle order from Ford, which includes a new Hybrid F150 to serve as a new CSO

truck and a new hybrid SUV which will serve as a marked patrol unit. These are expected to arrive early 2023.

The Austin Police Department is currently operating with a 1 marked patrol unit shortage following an accident that occurred in October of 2022 that totaled a marked patrol unit. That gap in patrol units is hoping to be filled prior to summer of 2023.

## **DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**

Captain Todd Clennon



The Division of Investigation has an authorized staff of five detectives. 2022 saw a full complement of detectives for the entire year. Case load has moderated since 2020-2021 and overall fell 15% when compared to 2021. There were a total of 398 assigned cases in 2022. This is a manageable number for the unit compared to the 665 cases in 2020 and 468 in 2021. In 2022 detectives worked or were assigned to 398 cases which averages out to 79.6 cases per detective. This is an acceptable number and allows detectives to prioritize cases and devote the needed time to solve them. Cases assigned to detectives often require an incredible amount of time, man power and collaboration to reach a resolution. The APD has a wonderful group of detectives and officers that stepped up to the challenges of 2022 and demonstrated their dedication to the City and public safety multiple times throughout the year.

Patrick Retterath, Mark Walski, Brant Strouf, Dustin Hicks and Derek Ellis are the current detectives and worked in this capacity for all of 2022. Four of the authorized five detective positions work general, non-drug related cases. Detective Retterath specializes in child crimes and criminal sex cases. Detectives Strouf and Hicks work predatory offender registration and failure to register (POR), computer crime cases, many of the serious assault and fraud/forgery/theft cases. Detective Ellis works most of the ICAC (Internet Crimes against Children) cases in addition to general case load. Detective Walski is assigned to the Southeast Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team (SEMV CET) and worked most of the city's narcotics cases.

The Division of Investigation works with the SEMVCET in executing narcotics search warrants. The division works closely together with the three Mower County Sheriff's Office detectives in executing numerous search warrants in Austin and Mower County. The detectives in both units also work with each other and assist one another on cases whenever possible. This good working relationship with the city and county detectives serves citizens in both jurisdictions well, as there is so much cross over crime.

The general detectives work a day shift Monday through Friday. The Task Force member works non-traditional hours to complete his cases. One of the five detectives per week is assigned an "on call status," meaning they must maintain an hour response time during that week and are responsible for the investigation of any serious cases that come in after

hours. Even matters that may end up not being criminal, such as suicides, require us to treat them as a crime until we can make a determination otherwise and may need investigative response after hours.

Detectives are often assigned cases that require follow up that the patrol division can't do based on their time schedule and need to respond to calls. In addition to these assigned cases, the detectives are also often called on to do short next day follow-ups on arrest and in custody cases in which additional detail or interviews must be provided for charging. They also often do the same thing when cases reach the trial phase.

**Patrick Retterath** has over 26 years of experience in law enforcement. He has served twelve years in investigations. Retterath is the main liaison with Mower County Human Services and works the majority of the child abuse, child neglect, sex abuse, and sex assault investigations that occur in the city. He handled 41 such criminal sex and abuse cases in 2022 and 69 cases overall. Detective Retterath is responsible, along with Det. Hicks, for screening all Human Services intakes for possible cases in which law enforcement would take action. Examples of the type and seriousness of the cases Retterath worked include:

**January 2022** Det. Retterath along with Human Services personnel went to an Austin home to remove a child that was in an abusive situation. Upon attempting to recover the child the mother attacked Retterath and Human Services staff with a meat cleaver. Fortunately, Det. Retterath and other officers were able to de-escalate and defuse the situation without injury to anyone. The mother was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault and convicted. She is working her way through treatment for methamphetamine abuse and toward getting her child back.

**March 2022** Det. Retterath, assisted by Det. Ellis, investigated a fatal Fentanyl overdose. The detectives were able to build a case that led to an arrest of the suspect who sold the Fentanyl. The case resulted in a conviction of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree homicide.

**April 2022** Det. Retterath investigated three separate cases of Child Sexual Abuse involving one foster father. The children were removed from the home and the suspect arrested. The case is currently awaiting trial.

**Mark Walski** has approximately 22 years of law enforcement experience with the City of Austin's Police Department. Walski is assigned to the SEMVCET. He joined the Investigations Division in 2015. Walski worked 116 cases in 2022, a majority of those are self-initiated narcotic and gun investigations. Det. Walski also helped or worked on numerous other APD and SEMVCET cases in southeast Minnesota. Walski will provide examples of his work in the Task Force section of the annual report.

**Brant Strouf** has worked for the Austin Police Department for 20 years and became a detective in 2016. He handled 71 cases in 2022. Det. Strouf handles general cases, predatory offender registration (POR) and does background investigations. Det. Strouf was the SIRT team commander during 2022 and is the department's lead range instructor. Examples of Strouf's case work include:

**March 2022** a joint investigation with Mower County led to felony level convictions for two subjects that burglarized a residence and stole multiple firearms. One of the suspects was a career criminal and was sent back to prison as a result of the investigation. Another



suspect in this case was taken into custody after fleeing from police in multiple jurisdictions.

**June 2022** joint investigation with Rochester PD led to the capture of a robbery suspect following a police chase after he robbed an Austin convenience store. The suspect was charged with committing four gas station and liquor store robberies in Austin and Rochester within a short time frame and sent to prison with a lengthy prison stay.

**October 2022** robbery investigation at a local restaurant led to charges against a juvenile that had been previously charged in the 2021 homicide/manslaughter of an elderly Austin man. The juvenile was on electronic home monitoring from the homicide incident at the time he committed the robbery.

**Dustin Hicks** has worked for the Austin Police Department since 2016. He joined the Division of Investigation in April of 2019. Det. Hicks was assigned 70 cases in 2022. He assists Det. Retterath with Human Services intakes, handles general cases and works with predatory offender violations and requirements. Det. Hicks also does police candidate background investigations and fraud/forgery cases. Det. Hicks was selected to be the Commander of the Special Incident Response Team at the end of 2022 replacing Det. Strouf who stepped down after 12 excellent years of service with the team. Examples of Hicks work include:

**July 2022** Det. Hicks was assigned a felony theft from the Muffler Center in Austin. The victim advised 9k-15k worth of catalytic converters were stolen from the business. Through collaborative efforts with patrol, citizens and other detectives he and Det. Walski were able to secure charges and convictions of the two suspects.

**August 2022** Det. Hicks was called to a domestic incident in which a subject had been stabbed. Through search warrants, investigation and excellent response from patrol the suspect was apprehended, weapon recovered and charges of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felonious assault secured. The suspect is currently in custody awaiting trial.

**Nov. 2022** an investigation was started on a local construction contractor who was accused of swindling thousands of dollars from several clients over the course of several months. Det. Hicks was instrumental in taking the case from only a civil case to criminal violations. Collaborative efforts between Det. Hicks and Officer Hulloper resulted in Felony and Gross misdemeanor charges against the suspect. The case is pending trial.

**Derek Ellis** has been with the Austin PD since 2014. He joined the Division of Investigation in 2020. In 2022 Det. Ellis was assigned 72 cases. Det. Ellis is a general detective specializing in ICAC (internet crimes against children) and has recently renewed the APD partnership with the BCA ICAC Task Force. Det. Ellis is also engaged in the forensic review of cell phones and other current technology devices. In addition to investigations, Det. Ellis is a Department Drone Pilot and handler for K-9 Rudy. Examples of Ellis's work include:

**March of 2022** Det. Ellis, assisted by other detectives, investigated a fatal Fentanyl overdose. The detectives were able to build a case that led to an arrest of the suspect who sold the Fentanyl. The case resulted in a conviction of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree homicide.

**July of 2022** Det. Ellis investigated a burglary at a local business. Through collaborative efforts, numerous search warrants and interviews a suspect was identified. The suspect was arrested and charged for burglary and felon in possession of a firearm. The suspect ultimately pled guilty to charges.

During 2022 Det. Ellis investigated numerous tips of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The ICAC tips require enormous amounts of time to investigate as most of the evidence is gathered through search warrants, digital data and social media sites. Det. Ellis made 5 ICAC related arrests during 2022.

Cases which the detectives handle tend to require additional follow up which the patrol division can't complete due to call load. The cases often also require additional training and expertise. Even cases that seem simple in nature, such as a check forgery, often require hours of follow up to reach a point where a suspect can be identified and charged. The service of a search warrant at best also takes hours to write, prepare, and serve. Often these cases require more than one person, and the case of a single search warrant may require four to six hours or more.

From the perspective of cases assigned to the unit, 2022 saw case numbers more in line with historic averages when compared to the past 2 years which had significant increases in cases assigned.

Minor cases such as gas drive-offs, minor thefts, ongoing animal issues, or initial runaway reports continue to be shifted to the uniformed patrol division, CSOs, or school liaisons in order to free up investigators' time for larger cases, as well as provide experience to the patrol officers in investigating cases.

In addition to investigating new cases, the detectives are responsible for aiding the county attorney's office in cases that go to trial. These duties, in serious matters, may tie up an investigator for the better part of a week's time between trial preparations and testifying; all while new cases continue to flow in.

Other time may be spent working with the BCA and State Crime Lab to process evidence from victims or scenes. The Austin Police Department has had some success in identifying suspects from fingerprint recoveries and DNA evidence. It is also something that the public has come to expect from local law enforcement as technology has improved.

## **TRAINING**

Captain Todd Clennon

All officers must have at least a two-year degree in law enforcement (some have four year degrees) and be licensed by the State of Minnesota. Officers then must receive continuing education in order to maintain a Peace Officer license. Training is monitored by the Minnesota Board of Police Officers Standards and Training, or MN POST Board as it is more commonly known.

Licenses are issued for 3-year periods of time. They start 7-1-XX of the year of issue and expire three years later on 6-30-XX. Officers are required to have 48 hours of educational

credits every three years. All officers receive mandatory in-house training for Use of Force, firearms, first aid/CPR, and emergency vehicle operations. These are all tracked for POST audit purposes. In-house training alone can be enough for officers to receive their 48 hours of mandatory training every three years.

Beginning in 2018 officers needed to receive an additional 16 hours of POST mandated training every three years spread across the areas of Crisis Response, Conflict management, Cultural Diversity and Autism Awareness (added 2021). The three-year window is dependent on when their POST license was issued. The Austin Police Department needs to track these hours for all of its officers. We partner with several outside agencies to bring this training locally to our officers. To date the partnerships have proven valuable and officers are gaining credits through these courses. Additional, cost effective training was identified through the League of Minnesota Cities "PATROL" online training courses. This program includes courses in the 16 hour mandates and allows officers to complete the courses when it is convenient for them.

The Austin Police Department is able to provide much of our training in-house because many of our officers have expertise and teaching skills in most of these areas. Training in-house can significantly cut the cost associated with training and often eliminates course fees, meals, and lodging costs; which can be significant. Having instructors and experts in-house also enables the department to host annual Citizen Police Academy (this has not been held the last two years due to the Covid restrictions).

Sgt. Travis Martin and Detective Brant Strouf instruct officers in the use of firearms during quarterly qualifications. Officers qualify using handguns and rifles to increase their proficiency with both. Officers train in real life conditions that are likely to be encountered during the performance of their normal duties. Conditions include normal daylight, a two officer combat course, night time, and inclement weather training. The department continued its focus on training in 2022 with the weapons used, as opposed to simply qualifying with them.

Officers also receive non-mandatory training that may include leadership courses, instructor certifications, DWI detection, legal updates, and special investigation techniques for drugs, financial, computer, identity theft, and child abuse investigations.



2021 saw the integration of the new Autism awareness program. There was a tight timeline to get expiring officers this training before June 2022 so an outside instructor was brought in through partnering with Autism Friendly Austin. Although the training was completed in early 2022 it was driven by the 2021 changes and given a high priority. This training was well attended by officers and other area first responders. Standard, mandatory training continued throughout 2022 and was consistent to past practice without issue. Officer attendance to outside agency training returned to normal levels during 2022. The APD training budget did not have remaining funds at the end of 2022 which was anticipated in the 2021 report. In addition to a return to "normal" the MN POST board and MN legislature seem to be requiring new training on an annual basis to existing curriculums. These demands will require an increase in training areas previously not accounted for. All APD Officers completed the necessary mandated POST requirements in 2022.

Officers Sam Schuweiler and Brian Blake focus on enhancing the driving skills of officers through their instruction of EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course). Officers are provided classroom instruction and then must perform their skills on the driving course.

This year's training was held at the airport. Officers must acclimate to various conditions, such as darkness and slippery pavement. Receiving ongoing driving training is a POST licensing requirement. The Austin Police Department exceeds the state guidelines for driving training hours offered. The reason for this is the amount of time our officers spend behind the wheel and the many dangers posed by Austin's traffic and diverse weather, especially when responding to emergency calls.

Lt. Mike Hartman and Ofc. Aaron Juenger instruct officers in the Use of Force. Instruction includes discussion on Use of Force statutes and continuum; as well as hands-on instruction on techniques for defensive tactics, weapon retention, mace, Tasers, batons, and our new one this year, pepper ball guns.

Like driver training, this ongoing training is POST required, although there is no set guideline by POST as to hours needed. The Austin Police Department trains regularly to ensure proficiency and avoid injury to our officers, citizens, and suspects.

The success and safety of the officers is dependent upon practical and diverse training. We are fortunate to have officers that are qualified to share their knowledge and skills with others. The training that officers receive benefits the department and the City of Austin because it increases officer safety, reduces officer injuries, and reduces the chance of litigation.

In addition to the traditional hands-on type classes and classroom type activities, the Austin Police Department encourages its officers to train physically for the rigors of the job. The department makes a workout room available towards that goal for the department, as well as a training room. Many of the items in these rooms are equipped and maintained by the officers. As our officers are often outside and exposed to environmental dangers, in addition to the potential physical encounters with suspects that occasionally occur, the need to be physically fit can help protect them from harm and the city from work comp and lost work related issues.

**Types of non-mandatory specialized training attended in 2022 by officers include:**

- USPCA region 12 K9 qualification and certification
- BCA leadership classes for supervisors
- DMT-G training (breath test instrument operator for DWI testing)
- Narcotics investigations
- Interview and interrogation
- Basic SWAT (for SIRT)
- Leadership Austin (the APD sends one officer per year and hosts one session)
- NTOA Team Leader Development
- MN BCA Investigation certification 2022
- Force Science Human Dynamics and Conflict Resolution
- Firearms Armorers courses
- Qualified Immunity and Body Worn Cameras
- FTO Basic Certification
- Specialty Munitions Instructor training

# Vehicle Forfeitures

Lt. Dustin Wollenburg

Motor vehicles can be seized and forfeited for several offenses. Those offenses include certain levels of alcohol DWI, certain repeat alcohol or controlled substance DWI, possession of controlled substances, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, use of a vehicle in the commission of a felony, drive by shootings, and prostitution. When a motor vehicle is seized, the owner and driver are typically served with an official Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit the property. This document advises those subjects with an interest in the vehicle that the state intends to forfeit the vehicle for the aforementioned offenses. The interested party then has 60 days to contest the seizure and forfeiture to the district court. If the forfeiture is not contested within that time period, the forfeiture is automatic. If the forfeiture is contested, the case will be heard before a judge who will make a ruling on the forfeiture.

The Austin Police Department seized a total of 11 vehicles in 2022. This included:

- Six were the result of Driving While Impaired offenses including 1<sup>st</sup> Degree DWI and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI
- Three vehicles were seized for drug arrests relating to possession and/or sales offenses
- Two were seized for Fleeing a Peace Officer

Just because a vehicle is seized, doesn't mean that the forfeiture is always pursued. There are a variety of reasons as to why the city or county attorneys may not pursue the forfeiture. Some of those reasons include things like an innocent owner defense, the prosecuting attorney declines prosecution of the designated offense, or the vehicle may be heavily damaged and have no value.

If there is a known lien on the vehicle, the lien holder is given notice of the seizure and intent to forfeit the vehicle. If they already had a repossession order on the vehicle, it is turned over to them. The lien holder has the right to claim and take possession of the vehicle but if the driver or owner contests the forfeiture and wins, the lien holder would need to turn the vehicle back over to the prevailing party. So ultimately, it comes down to a matter of who is going to store the vehicle until the



Austin Police Department Vehicle Impound Building



forfeiture is resolved and that can be months or even years. Most lien holders choose to leave the vehicle at the city impound until the matter is resolved.

If the vehicle forfeiture has not been contested, or if the forfeiture was contested and upheld, the vehicle may be sold in a public manner after the 60 days has lapsed. This usually occurs during a public auction in which the property is sold to the highest bidder. If there is not a lien, the department will sell the vehicle and then take from the proceeds the cost of the title transfer, preparing the vehicle, auction fees, and any towing or other fees the department incurred. Any remaining funds are directed to the City's DWI fund.

The DWI fund is separate from the department and city general funds. The DWI fund is used for DWI training, education, and enforcement equipment. Education can include traffic enforcement law updates, seatbelt and child seat training, and training officers to be certified Data Master Breath Testing Operators. Equipment can range from traffic enforcement tools such as radar units and PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) units, to audio/video recording devices used for preserving evidence such as field sobriety tests. Vehicles that are not returned to innocent owners, lien holders, or ordered by the courts to be returned, and are successfully forfeited, may be retained by the department for official use. They may also be sold in a commercially acceptable manner, which means taking bids or selling at public auction.



Austin Police Department Public Auction 2022

The Austin Police Department typically holds two auctions each year, usually in May and September. After a vehicle is sold, the costs of the vehicle preparation, towing, title, and auction are taken out of the gross income. It is important to know that not all of the vehicles sold at these two auctions were seized in the same year that they were sold. The process for a vehicle to be successfully forfeited can be very long.

Unclaimed property, such as abandoned bikes, are held for a minimum of 60 days before being sold at auction. In addition, the auction is also opened up to other city departments that sometimes sell equipment or vehicles that are no longer needed. The city contracts with Thompson Auction Services to conduct the auctions which are held on the South side of the Packer Arena.

Our department only held one auction this year which occurred on October 1st, 2022.

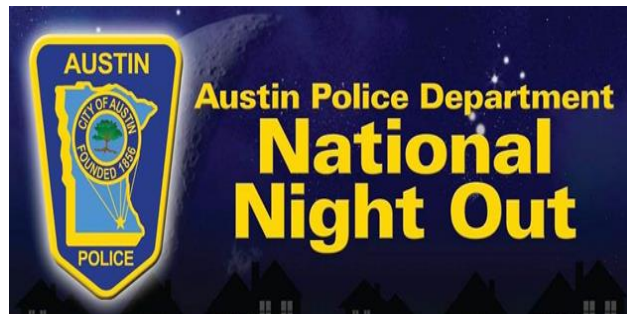
A total of seven vehicles were sold. In addition, many bicycles and other miscellaneous abandoned property were also sold. Because the County Attorney's office prosecuted two of the DWI cases that resulted in forfeitures, state law mandates that 30% of the proceeds from those vehicles be forwarded to the County Attorney's office. After costs were paid, \$7313.50 was put into the DWI fund while \$3286.42 was put into the city's general fund.



The emphasis in the DWI vehicle forfeiture laws is to get vehicles out of the hands of impaired drivers. Proceeds from the sale of forfeited vehicles are further used to enhance public safety and protect our community. All seizures and sales are reported to the Minnesota Auditor's Office.

In 2022, there were significant changes to the asset forfeiture laws in Minnesota. These changes significantly reduced the DWI offenses that result in a subsequent vehicle seizure and forfeiture. Because of this, we seized far fewer vehicles this year and that trend will likely continue into the foreseeable future.

As always, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to removing impaired drivers from the roadways and helping to keep our community safe!



## **CRIME PREVENTION -- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Officer Josh Bradley and Officer Hannah Mueller

The officers of the Austin Police Department appreciate the opportunities to interact with the public in a positive manner and to present information on topics of interest to the public. In addition to Law Enforcement Center tours for schools and other student groups such as scout troops, officers go to various places and service organizations within the local community to interact with community members and make presentations.

In what is probably the largest crime prevention event in the city, Officer Josh Bradley and Officer Hannah Mueller teamed up with the Austin Hy-Vee store to partner with the Austin Police Department in hosting the twelfth annual "National Night Out" event in August 2022. This is the first year that these officers were in charge of the event. This was Hy-Vee's seventh year as a partner with us on this event, and their time and

generosity are greatly appreciated. Hormel Foods once again showed their ongoing community support by providing thousands of hot dogs at no cost.

The event was held at the Austin Veterans' Park, with several activities for the children. The SIRT truck and armored Humvee were open for public tours, with a couple of SIRT members available to answer questions. A fire truck and MCHS emergency vehicle were also at the event so the public could see the equipment inside their vehicles.

National Night Out is an opportunity for neighbors to meet each other and for residents to build relationships with local first responders from the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service.

The Austin Police Department is hoping the event will grow and continue to make progress towards building more positive interaction with police and the public. The officers of the Austin Police Department take their duties seriously to prevent crime and nurture community relations through these opportunities, and they look forward to continuing their crime prevention efforts in 2023.



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## **CALL FOR SERVICE STATISTICS**

### **Austin Police Department Calls For Service**

#### **Breakdown per Month 2022**

JAN	1269
FEB	1096
MAR	1336
APR	1191
MAY	1572
JUN	1498
JUL	1658
AUG	1598
SEP	1642
OCT	1568
NOV	1353
DEC	<u>1415</u>
TOTAL CALLS	17196



# INCIDENT ANALYSIS - DAY

Date 02/22/2023

Time 11:06:10AM

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Agency Austin Police Department

Dates 01/01/2022 Thru 12/31/2022

Activity		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Total
Agency: APD Austin Police Department									
		3	2	3	1	4	2	3	18
00911	911 Hang Up	117	109	85	119	113	110	111	764
ABANV	Abandoned Vehicle	2	2	3	2	4	1	2	16
ACCAN	Accident vs Animal	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	9
ACCCH	Accident Hit Run	28	28	22	26	9	14	22	149
ACCI	Motor Vehicle Injury	4	3	7	3	5	4	6	32
ACCP	Motor Vehicle Property	53	77	80	60	58	69	64	461
ACCVD	Vehicle in Ditch	1	3	3	2	3	0	2	14
ACTSH	Active Shooter	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
AGAA	Agency Assist Assault	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
AGAP	Agency Assist Pursuit	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
AGAS	Agency Assist	45	36	61	49	46	59	41	337
ALARB	Alarm Bank	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
ALARC	Alarm Commercial/Business	38	29	33	29	30	33	46	238
ALARM	Alarm Medical	16	23	20	28	24	29	16	156
ALARR	Alarm Residential	11	12	14	7	11	7	6	68
ANIBI	Animal Bite	11	8	12	15	12	10	9	77
ANIMB	Barking Dog	9	18	10	6	11	7	14	75
ANIMC	Animal Complaint	23	35	24	29	21	19	33	184
ANIML	Animal Loose/Found	56	90	66	64	69	62	51	458
ANIMW	Animal Welfare	17	15	19	11	15	27	14	118
ASSAU	Assault	21	19	15	11	16	17	23	122
BURG	Burglary	15	13	8	8	13	13	10	80
BURGI	Burglary in Progress	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	10
BURNP	Burn Permit	0	5	2	3	1	3	2	16
CHILA	Child Abuse	1	3	5	2	2	5	0	18
CHILC	Child Custody	9	12	8	8	8	10	8	63
CHILN	Child Neglect	2	1	3	1	1	5	4	17
CIVIM	Civil Matter	36	37	31	44	31	30	29	238
CIVIP	Civil Process	0	15	10	22	9	7	4	67
CONT	Contact	43	29	42	26	39	46	29	254
CSC	Criminal Sexual Conduct	5	16	10	11	11	8	5	66
CSCC	Sexual Conduct Compliance	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CSCSA	Sexual Conduct Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
CSCU	Sex Conduct Unknown	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
DANCO	Danco Violation	1	8	7	5	6	10	1	38
DEATH	Death Body Found	8	2	4	4	8	5	9	40
DEATN	Death Notification	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	6
DISCO	Disorderly Conduct	0	2	1	2	2	6	1	14
DISPA	Dispatch	14	15	14	10	8	17	19	97
DISTU	Disturbance	59	49	48	36	37	47	68	344
DOMEI	Domestic In Progress	5	6	7	9	11	6	6	50
DOMEP	Domestic Physical	17	18	19	13	5	20	24	116
DOMEV	Domestic Verbal	24	12	12	10	11	9	18	96
DOORC	Door Check	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DRIVE	Driving Complaint	46	37	50	48	49	50	48	328
DRUGS	Drugs	3	22	29	25	15	13	7	114
DWIAC	DWI Accident	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ESCAP	Escape	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
EXTRA	Extra Patrol	10	8	8	6	8	9	5	54
FIGHT	Fight	14	4	4	4	3	2	14	45
FINGE	Fingerprints	0	23	22	26	32	26	0	129

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FIRAC	8	7	10	6	3	5	7	46
FIRE	8	7	6	11	6	7	1	46
FIREA	57	56	50	41	48	38	52	342
FIREG	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FIREL	5	7	3	7	3	5	3	33
FIRER	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	7
FIRES	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	5
FIREV	3	3	1	1	1	0	2	11
FOLLO	0	1	1	5	1	1	1	10
FOUPE	2	6	5	4	3	4	6	30
FOUPR	25	34	26	36	26	31	27	205
FRAUD	8	26	26	24	27	25	18	154
GARBD	3	2	2	3	7	4	2	23
HARAR	3	9	5	2	4	6	3	32
HARAS	18	26	41	33	42	32	26	218
ILIEG	9	11	4	5	9	9	9	56
INVES	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
JUVAL	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
JUVEC	21	31	33	37	19	23	23	187
JUVTO	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
K9SEA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
K9SNI	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
LIFTA	49	38	49	35	39	44	37	291
LIQLI	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LOCKO	76	63	66	78	79	75	62	499
LOSTP	4	12	9	8	10	11	5	59
MAILV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MEDIC	300	315	292	288	251	309	235	1,990
MEDID	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MEDIO	1	3	6	0	1	0	1	12
MENTA	7	12	8	8	10	14	16	75
MILPA	4	5	3	3	5	4	2	26
MILPJ	2	10	5	2	2	5	2	28
MISAC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MISC	7	4	11	12	14	10	5	63
MOTOR	13	15	25	14	23	27	19	136
MVPED	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
NEIGH	12	6	4	4	2	8	2	38
NOISE	73	41	24	23	25	29	75	290
OPFVI	1	3	2	3	0	2	0	11
OPEND	7	3	1	4	4	3	5	27
ORDIN	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	8
PARKA	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
PARKC	50	122	56	89	73	79	48	517
PARKN	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
PARKO	0	14	13	15	15	1	3	61
PATRO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PREDO	1	34	37	19	22	26	5	144
PROBC	1	2	4	3	9	0	0	19
PROBV	2	1	6	5	4	1	0	19
PROPD	32	37	21	18	28	33	29	198
PUBAS	99	117	103	127	119	123	99	787
PURSU	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

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REPO	Repossession	4	6	2	2	4	1	1	20
ROADC	Road Closure	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	6
ROBB	Robbery	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	7
RUNA	Runaway	16	23	18	22	13	20	18	130
SCHED	Scheduled Event	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
SEARW	Search Warrant	1	3	6	2	8	3	0	23
SEVER	Severe Weather	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
SUIC	Suicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SUICA	Suicide Attempt	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4
SUICP	Suicidal Party	12	12	11	8	11	11	12	77
SUICT	Suicide Threat	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	8
SUSPA	Suspicious Activity	109	106	123	87	105	95	136	761
TAMPV	Tamper with Vehicle	3	6	5	5	3	1	3	26
TEST	Test	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	9
THEFB	Theft Bicycle	5	9	7	2	11	7	5	46
THEFG	Theft Gas Drive Off	2	3	3	2	5	6	2	23
THEFI	Identity Theft	0	3	5	4	3	4	0	19
THEFT	Theft	37	76	75	60	68	66	47	429
THEFV	Theft From Vehicle	7	16	14	12	10	18	11	88
THEOV	Theft Of Vehicle	8	6	5	4	9	8	6	46
THREC	Threats Complaint	11	12	17	17	11	15	9	92
TOBAC	Tobacco Compliance Check	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
TRAFB	Traffic Complaint	2	3	0	2	1	5	2	15
TRAFD	Driving Under the Influen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFO	Traffic Other	2	2	0	3	1	1	3	12
TRAFW	Driving While Intoxicated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRANA	Transport Appointment	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TRANF	Transport Other Facility	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
TRANS	Transport	0	8	11	11	8	5	0	43
TRESP	Trespassing Complaint	27	35	33	41	41	42	29	248
TS	Traffic Stop	228	219	174	207	225	218	254	1,525
VACAC	Vacation Check	0	4	2	3	1	1	0	11
VICNO	Victim Notification	2	27	16	16	24	22	1	108
VOID	Void ICR	9	6	13	10	11	10	6	65
WARAT	Warrant Attempt	9	13	10	23	18	15	11	99
WARRA	Warrant	13	20	22	13	23	22	16	129
WELFA	Welfare Check	100	105	105	112	112	121	104	759
ZONEV	Zoning Violation	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Austin Police Department Agency Total		2,304	2,671	2,474	2,454	2,444	2,553	2,296	17,196
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## ***Notes of Appreciation***



Officers.

We want to thank the 3 officers who came to read at Neveln for Read Across America! Seeing you in our schools really inspires our kiddos! Thank you again!

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## In Your Community: Country Financial donates to Austin Police Department

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From left: Officer JJ Mueller, Sgt. Kim Lenz, Det. Dustin Hicks and Jordan Johnson. The officers are all part of the Fitness Center Committee. Photo provided

***Austin Police Department would like to “Thank” this great community for its continued support for this Department and we will continue to do the best job we can for all of you.***