Waterloo Police Department

Year in Review - 2022

The year of 2022 was very dynamic for the Police Department which felt the effects of the shortage of Police Officers across the country. Recently there has been an unprecedented number of police officers leaving law enforcement, and a large decrease in the number of applicants that want to get into law enforcement. Many officers are leaving prior to retirement, and academy classes have seen the number of drop-outs more than double. Our department lost several officers due to these issues other departments are raising pay and increasing incentives. Officers Nolin and Steele transferred to the Seneca County Sheriff's Office and Officer Fleming was hired by the New York State Police. Chief Godley also retired leaving four full time openings. Even with all these challenges, officers have been able to provide around the clock police service to village residents. Late in 2022 officers transitioned to a 12-hour shift schedule which has been successful.

Although there were challenges with staffing, the department is still handling a large volume of calls and making a higher number of arrests compared to pre-pandemic statistics.

Calls for Service

6,752 total calls for service in the year 2022, the most notable being:

911 hang up/open line calls	61
Alarms (Fire/Medical/Burglary)	163
Animal Complaints	140
Medical	683
Assist other LE Agency	272
Bomb Threats (School)	2
Burglary	8
Child Abuse	22
Criminal Mischief	41
Death Investigations	7
Dispute/Disorderly Conduct	56
Domestic Incidents	101
Drug Complaints	24
Fraud	31
Harassment	104
Juvenile Complaints	101
Larceny	34
Mental Health	101

Welfare Check	106
Property Checks	1,598
Trespassing	43
Suspicious person/vehicle	282
Motor Vehicle Accidents	91
Warrants	34

1,094 traffic stops resulting in:

- 484 traffic tickets issued.
- 13 DWI arrests.

216 Total Arrests made (42 mental health arrests)

- 17 Juvenile Arrests.
- 199 Adult Arrests.

Demographics of adult arrests:

- 140 males/ 59 females
- 158 white, 27 black, and 14 Hispanic

Use of Force Data

In the year 2022 officers used physical force during 12 of the 216 arrests made by the department. In 9 of these incidents soft hand techniques/joint manipulation was the highest force used to take the subject into custody. 2 of these incidents a taser was drawn from the holster and turned on, displaying the red laser, and the subject complied without the Taser being deployed. There was once incident where a Taser was deployed to subdue a subject during an incident where the individual was pointing a BB gun at officers and provoking them to shoot him.

Mental Health Incidents

Officers handled over 100 mental health incidents, resulting in 42 mental health arrests in the year 2022. The department continues to improve relationships with Seneca County Mental Health, and other local agencies to address mental health issues with individuals of all ages. The department actively uses an iPad through Telemed services that can be used in the field to allow persons immediate access

to a mental health professional, often times preventing our officers from having to take individuals into custody and potentially using force on a person in crisis. The department is always seeking new training through participation with the Critical Incident Team and other resources to learn how to best deal with people in crisis.

Community Relations

In 2022 the police department participated in many community-related events to better the already strong relationship the department has with the community, to include:

- 2 Drug Take Back Events where over 50 pounds of medications were taken in.
- Law Day- Two high school students interested in Law Enforcement shadowed an officer for a day.
- Participation in "Operation Freeze" with the Speedway gas station which allowed officers to hand out coupons for free slushies to kids.
- Officers attended youth fishing day on Oak Island, held by the Finger Lakes Conservation Club.
- National Night Out.
- Touch a truck event at Tractor Supply.
- Hosted trick or treating for Halloween at the police department and attended "Trunk or Treat" at Walley Ford.

Goals for 2023

Our primary goal for the year 2023 will be to increase efforts in recruiting to bring the department back to full staff. The loss of officers in the year 2022 will make it challenging through out the busy summer months where there is an increase in call volume and requests for time off.

Other goals include improved use of department social media and department app. The use of these platforms for information sharing with the public can help keep the public informed and also assist with department investigations where the public may be able to help.

Following our successful accreditation assessment in December 2022, another department goal is to continue to meet or exceed each accreditation standard, including training requirement of 21 hours per officer for the year.

Chief's Remarks

In the year 2022 the department saw an unprecedented number of officers leaving to other agencies or retiring. Although we finished the year short-staffed, the officers of the department remained flexible. The officers approached the challenges without complaint and with the attitude that they would do whatever it takes to continue to provide the best service possible for village residents. The commitment that our officers have to the department and to the community is unmatched and I can not thank them enough for the hard work and perseverance shown through out the past year.

James B. Chechak

Chief of Police

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Vehicle Maintenance Supervisors Monthly Report

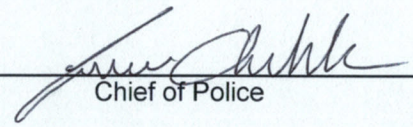
Vehicle Report for the Year 2022

	7E240 19 Dodge	7E241 14 Ford	7E242 16 Ford	7E243 19 Dodge	7E244 19 Dodge	7E245 14 Ford		YEARLY TOTALS
Mileage	**5023**	**3515**	**18279**	**16927**	**18920**	**2417**		**65081**
Beginning	14375	76705	93856	32587	38318	103508		
Ending	19398	80220	112135	49514	57238	105925		
Fuel	**326.8**	**413.3**	**1829.9**	**1596.1**	**1708.3**	**297.6**		**6172**
Avg Miles	15.4	8.5	10.0	10.6	11.1	8.1		**10.5**
Fuel Cost ($4.00/gal)	$1,307.20	$1,653.20	$7,319.60	$6,384.40	$6,833.20	$892.80		**$24,390.40**
Oil	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**		**2**
Oil Cost	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$16.00	$0.00	$0.00		**$16.00**
Repairs*	$0.00	$633.50	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		**$633.50**
Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$676.28	$0.00	$0.00	$341.40		**$1,017.68**
Days N/A	0	5	11	40	30	20		**106**
Misc.			Fluids/Parts/Other			$73.90		**$73.90**
Total Cost	**$1,307.20**	**$2,286.70**	**$7,995.88**	**$6,400.40**	**$6,833.20**	**$1,234.20**		**$26,131.48**

*Maintenance/Repairs covered by Enterprise Fleet Program not included.

P.O. M. Felice #515 — Maintenance Supervisor

01/05/2023 — Date



Chief of Police

1/6/23 — Date