



COME TOGETHER & THRIVE

Dear Mayor Welo and Members of Council:

On behalf of the men and women of the South Euclid Police Department, I am proud to present our 2022 Annual Report. Our department welcomed the opportunity to reconnect with the community in 2022 after two years of virtual meetings and canceled events. We were finally able to resume our public programming like our Youth Police Academy. Our Youth Academy allows us to connect with the youth from the South Euclid/Lyndhurst School District in a constructive and meaningful way. We also enjoyed some fantastic weather for our National Night Out at Bexley Park, which allowed residents and officers to get to know each other under positive circumstances.

It is a well-known fact that for a police agency to be successful, it must have the trust and support of the community. In November, South Euclid showed its support for our safety forces by passing the renewal levy. Our officers have worked hard to earn and keep your trust. Thank You for your support!

Last year our officers responded to 29,430 calls for service. This was a 2.45% increase over 2021. The bulk of the increase came in shoplifting calls from our big-box retail chains, with a 51% increase over 2019. Excluding shoplifting, property crimes are down 30%. Violent crimes are trending down after seeing a spike during the pandemic due to an increase in domestic violence calls.

Looking to 2023, the police department will be working on technology enhancements. Our sworn officers and civilian staff are our most valuable resource. With staffing challenges facing law enforcement across the country, we must become efficient in how the work gets done. In 2023 the police department will implement a new computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and records management system (RMS). This new system is designed to increase productivity, optimize time management, and keep everyone connected. Rather than having disparate systems for report writing, evidence management, or processing court documents, the new system will handle those tasks in one place. This will ultimately lead to a more streamlined workflow and a better overall customer and employee experience.

Again, I am extremely appreciative of the support and encouragement from our city leaders and residents. We look forward to serving you in 2023 as we challenge ourselves to be better than before.

Joseph Mays
Chief of Police

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PERSONNEL

Retirements/Resignations

James Fitzgerald
Matthew Arko
John Camper
George Mrofchak
Rick Friedl

New Hires/Promotions

Kenan Senel
Corey Robinson

Personnel

In 2022 the South Euclid Police Department was comprised of:

- 34 sworn officers
 - 9 Female Officers (3 African-American)
 - 2 Male -African American Officers
 - 1 Pacific Islander – American Officer
- 3 Administrative support staff
- 2 Special police officers
- 2 Auxiliary police officer

DANERGROUS DOG

Information provided by Lisa Gross

This ordinance was passed in January 2005 to protect residents from dogs running loose or becoming a danger to any person or animal while off the premises of the owner.

When a complaint is received by the Police Department, a determination is made at the discretion of the Police Chief, based on the facts presented, as to whether the dog shall be deemed as dangerous or vicious. Once a dog is deemed dangerous/vicious a certified letter is sent to the owner which states the owner has 30 days to comply with the stipulations of the ordinance. If the owner fails to comply, they are charged criminally for each violation. An owner has the right to appeal within seven days after receipt of the notice by making a written demand to the Chief of Police for a hearing on the question of whether the dog is dangerous or vicious.

- Since the program's inception, the Chief has deemed 104 dogs to be dangerous/vicious.
- Twenty-seven of those residents appealed their dogs being deemed dangerous/vicious and 5 were overturned.

RECORDS CRIME STATS

Information provided by: Senior Records Clerk Davina Kabicek

Crime Statistics	2021	2022
Murder	2	1
Negligent Homicide	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0
Kidnapping	3	2
Forcible Rape	2	6
Forcible Sodomy	0	0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0
Forcible Fondling	8	7
Robbery	9	11
Aggravated Assault	36	25
Simple Assault	161	176
Intimidation	13	2
Arson	0	0
Extortion/ Blackmail	2	0
Burglary B&E	37	29
Pocket Picking	9	116
Purse Snatching	0	0
Shoplifting	200	355
Theft from Building	49	38
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	57	30
Theft of MV parts/access.		8
Other Larceny	67	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	46	25
Counterfeit/ Forgery	4	8
False Pretenses/ Swindle	85	37
Credit Card/ Teller Machine Fraud	7	16
Impersonation	0	0
Welfare Fraud	0	0
Wire Fraud	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0
Identity Theft	37	35
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0

Statistics taken from OIBRS

RECORDS CRIME STATS - CONTINUED

Crime Statistics	2021	2022
Stolen Property Offenses	10	5
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism	73	71
Drug/ Narcotic Violations	11	3
Drug Equipment Violations	1	0
Incest	0	1
Statutory Rape	1	0
Pornography/ Obscene Material	2	2
Betting/ Wagering	0	0
Operating/ Promoting/ Assisting Gambling	0	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0
Sports Tampering	0	0
Prostitution	0	0
Promoting/ Assisting Prostitution	0	0
Bribery	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	14	16
Animal Cruelty	1	2
Bad Checks	13	22
Curfew/ Loitering/ Vagrancy Violations	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	32	34
Driving Under the Influence	11	9
Drunkenness	0	0
Family Offenses, nonviolent	6	15
Liquor Law Violations	1	3
Peeping Tom	0	1
Runaway	65	69
Trespass of Real Property	44	47
All Other Offenses	114	84
TOTAL	1,235	1315

RECORDS TRAFFIC STATS

CITATIONS	2021	2022
Citation Total	3516	2789
Parking Total	5783	4492
Assured Clear Distance	40	31
Audio Volume	1	2
Child Restraints	9	9
Driving Left of Center	7	9
Driving on Closed Road	5	5
Driving Over Marked Lines	22	27
Driving Under Suspension (all types included)	356	353
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	4	0
Yield to Traffic/ Pedestrian	27	21
Expired Plates/Display of Plates	630	641
Headlights Required	6	10
3Hit Skip Accident	25	25
Motorcycle Endorsement	1	0
Jaywalking	2	0
No Valid Operator's License	7	215
Red Light	212	123
Passing Left of Center	15	0
Reckless Operation	11	4
Right of Way	43	52
Right Turn on Red After Stop	2	2
Right Turn on Red Prohibited	35	46
Seatbelt (driver and passenger)	287	131
Shortcutting	2	3
Signals Before Changing Course	17	16
Speed	705	281
Squeal Tires	1	0
Starting and Backing Vehicle	20	16
Stop Sign	164	97
Stopping for School Bus	1	2
Tail Light/Rear License. Plate Illum	15	10
Temp Permit w/o License Driver	64	40
Turn at Intersection/Center Turning Lane	8	8
Weaving Course	10	18
Prohibit Use of Cell Phone	312	12
Miscellaneous Traffic Offences	151	110

NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

OFFENSE	2021 CASES	2021 CASES
Non-Traffic Total	297	445
Assault	4	3
Barking & Howling Dogs	9	1
Child Endangering	12	11
Compliance with Lawful Fleeing	0	0
Compliance with Lawful Order	0	1
Contribute to Truant/Delinquent Juv.	0	2
Criminal Damaging	6	5
Criminal Trespass	11	48
Cruelty to Animals/Neglect	4	5
Discharging Firearms	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	24	22
Disturbing the Peace	3	0
Dog Running Loose	10	11
Drug Abuse/Possession	7	3
Drug Paraphernalia	0	3
Falsification	.0	3
Loitering	0	1
Obstructing Official Business	11	5
Open Container	6	3
Providing False Information	2	1
Public Indecency	1	1
Sale Liquor Underage Person	0	0
Theft	186	318
Resisting Arrest	1	1

RECORDS -ALARMS-BILLING

ALARM STATISTICS

Month	2021	2022
January	88	118
February	104	86
March	142	103
April	92	84
May	116	119
June	135	98
July	139	102
August	133	105
September	105	79
October	137	72
November	110	78
December	101	106
Total Alarms	1402	1146

The ordinance was established in 1985 for residential and commercial properties who have multiple police responses for false alarms. The owner of the property is sent a warning letter after two false alarms have occurred within a six-month period, then a charge of \$50.00 is assessed for each subsequent false alarm that requires police response. In 2022 the total of alarms that were billed \$6,100.

KENNEL FEES

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Month	2021	2022
January	\$0	\$20
February	\$0	\$80
March	\$90	\$110
April	\$20	\$40
May	\$70	\$0
June	\$100	\$40
July	\$60	\$20
August	\$0	\$0
September	\$90	\$0
October	\$60	\$0
November	\$20	\$40
December	\$20	\$0
Total Kennel Fees	\$530	\$350

RECORDS – MONTHLY FEE TOTALS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>SNOW PLOW</u>	<u>TOW</u>	<u>PARKING</u>
JANUARY	\$23.90	\$225.00	\$800.00	\$12,176.35
FEBRUARY	\$79.60	\$35.00	\$850.00	\$28,853.80
MARCH	\$24.60	0	\$675.00	\$24,753.40
APRIL	\$61.10	0	\$475.00	\$46,579.30
MAY	\$37.30	0	\$425.00	\$17,195.98
JUNE	\$50.80	0	\$575.00	\$13,048.71
JULY	\$31.00	0	\$350.00	\$12,149.00
AUGUST	\$44.00	0	\$475.00	\$15,362.74
SEPTEMBER	\$48.60	0	\$675.00	\$10,062.30
OCTOBER	\$82.00	\$215.00	\$525.00	\$10,830.43
NOVEMBER	\$149.90	\$465.00	\$400.00	\$9,528.83
DECEMBER	\$53.20	\$395.00	\$425.00	\$13,130.00
TOTAL FEES	\$686.00	\$1,335.00	\$6,650.00	\$213,669.94

JAIL

Information provided by Lieutenant Mike O'Connor the following data describes the population and cost of operating the Jail in 2022:

The South Euclid Municipal Jail is a holding facility for arrested adults awaiting court proceedings in the South Euclid Municipal Court, and arrested juveniles awaiting transport to County Detention or release to their parents. The jail is a 12-day facility, capable of housing 8 males and 5 females on any given day.

The jail is serviced by the members of the South Euclid Police Department which includes booking, fingerprinting, hygiene, feeding of meals and transport between other facilities.

Since 2015, when the Bedford Hts. Jail ceased operations, an agreement was entered into with the Solon City Jail to temporarily house prisoners that exceeded the capabilities of the South Euclid jail.

The overall general operation and costs of the jail facility are the responsibility of the Jail Administrator.

Average Daily Population (Calculated per month)	Total	Male	Female
Low day prisoners	0	0	0
High day prisoners	11	7	4
Arrests	274	201	73
Time Servers	8	2	6
Average Stay of Court Commitments			
Cost for persons sentenced in South Euclid / Housed in Solon Jail	\$1,500.00		
Prisoners held for other departments	9		
Meals Served	2013		
Breakfast	701		
Lunch	723		
Dinner	589		
Total Cost of Meals	\$67,078		
Prisoner Care			
Treated	38		
Transported	30		
Laundry Costs	\$2,652		
Laundry Deliveries	51		
Cost for Pharmacy and medical supplies	\$1,348		
Other Costs (supplies, toiletries, uniforms, bedding)	\$1,413.67		

TRAINING

Information provided by Assistant Chief Bob Abele

South Euclid Police Officers attended the following trainings in 2022.

Tactical Medical for First Responders	E-Bike Training
North American Police Work Dog Association	North American Police Work Dog Workshop
Writing Well for Public Safety Forces	OTOA Conference
Taser Instructor Course	Jail Administrator
Crisis Intervention Training	Youth Academy
Photography for Investigators	Supervisor Leadership Training
Firearms Instructor Development – Semi Auto Pistol	Command Leadership Institute
Counters, Reversals, and Fishers Course	Executive Leadership Institute
Evidence Technician	Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Association Training
The Gun Game	Advanced Crime Prevention the Environment Design
Crisis Intervention Training	Rescue Task Force
Force Science Certification Course	Basic Field Training Officer
Advanced Homicide Investigation/Violent Crime	American Tactical K9 Conference
Eight Hour Jail Training	Managing Inmate Behavior
Basic Accident Investigation	Rescue Task Force
STEP	Building Mutual Respect and Community Respect
North American Police Work Dog Association	Patrol Related Canine Unit Evaluation
Special Purchase Canine Evaluation	School Based Policing SRO Supervision
2022 Coordinator Response – Pipeline Emergency	Profiling Teen Killers, School Shooters, Mass Murders
Digital DNA Law Enforcement Adv Cell Phone Analysis	Critical Incident Debriefings and Lectures
Contact Threat Mitigation	Patrol Rifle Problem Solver
Red Dot Law Enforcement	Practical De-escalation for Road Patrol Officers
Covert Lock Picking	Training for the Fight
Officer involved shooting overview	Cell Phone Evidence
Basic Swat School	Cultural Humility: Diversity, Inclusion, Equity
Domestic Violence Update	Legal Updates
Responding to a Mental Health Crisis	Responding to Sexual Assaults
Use of Force	Officer Personal Wellness

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Information provided by Detective Christine Marabito

The South Euclid Police Department (SEPD) developed a Citizens Police Academy in 2008 to help educate citizens about what it's like to be a Police Officer and the daily decision making and critical thinking that their job entails. It also gives us an opportunity to become better acquainted with those we serve, and those we serve better acquainted with our officers.

It is a ten-week program that meets once a week for three hours. A large portion of the Academy is instructed by South Euclid Police Officers. The officers instruct on topics which they have special knowledge and a particular interest in. These topics include K-9's, Patrol Tactics, Evidence Collection and Preservation, Weapons and Tactics, and Legal Aspects, to name a few. Other topics are presented by a Common Pleas Court Judge, Domestic Relations Judge, and an attorney.

The SEPD has currently graduated eight Citizen Academy classes. Applications are accepted from any interested party. If you would like additional information or an application, please call Detective Christine Marabito at 216.691.4257.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Information Provided by Patrol Officer Joe Dilillo, Patrol Officer Adam Singerman, Patrol Officer James Patrick

Since 2013, the South Euclid Police Department works directly with the SE-L School District to oversee a Youth Police Academy. The weeklong academy offers cadets the opportunity to spend the week with members of our department, as youth police cadets. The class is free of charge, lunch is provided, with great speakers and instructors brought in.

The mission of the South Euclid Police Department's Youth Police Academy is to present an interactive program, including role reversal scenario's, designed to foster positive interactions, break down barriers, and educate youth.

The sessions included instruction and role playing designed to allow young people to see the challenges police face, and for officers to learn more about the challenges with which young people contend. The academy is open to junior high and high school students. The focus was on various topics; including the use of force; the dangers of social media and distracted driving; the need to wear seat belts; arrest, search and seizure; teens' perceptions of their rights; and evidence processing.

This year we will again be hosting two one-week sessions during the summer. If you would like additional information or an application, please email Officer Crow at jcrow@seuclid.us.

Lyndhurst Detective Allan Beil and South Euclid Officer Joe Di Lillo demonstrate how to safely cross the street at Safety Town.



YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY CONTINUED

Brush High School SRO Detective Allan Beil and Firefighter Dan Barnoski of the Lyndhurst Police Department.



Working in collaboration with the City of Lyndhurst, first responders hosted two weeklong safety towns for children who reside in both communities.



YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY CONTINUED

After spending the morning at Lake Farm Parks, officer picked up lunch at Tommy's Subs in Mentor, and Cadets enjoyed a day at Squires Castle.



YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY CONTINUED



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HONOR GUARD

Information Provided by Sergeant William Lazor

The South Euclid Honor Guard consists of eight volunteer members of the South Euclid Police Department, including two members of the Detective Bureau. A new Manual of Arms was adopted, combining some of the best ceremonial drill movements from the US Army, Marine Corps and Air Force Drill Manuals, while still keeping with time honored traditions. Unit members designed and approved their new uniforms. The Honor Guard Unit has received generous donations from University Suburban Health Center, Walmart, and Legacy Village to make it all possible. Donations were used to purchase the leather gear and equipment, while the clothing portion was paid for by each individual member. The unit's rifles, the venerable M-1 Garand, are on loan from the Department of Civilian Marksmanship.

The Honor Guard routinely participates in the City of South Euclid's Memorial Day Parade and provides a rifle salute at the City's War Memorial.

The unit is honored to train and prepare to represent the South Euclid Police Department, as the Ceremonial Unit at any time duty calls.

The Unit members are:

Sergeant William Lazor – Unit Commander

TBA – Executive Officer

Detective Christine Marabito

Patrol Officer Bob Baldyga

Patrol Officer Shauna McCann

Patrol Officer Adam Singerman

Patrol Officer Brian Shamblin

CANINE UNIT

Information Provided by Sergeant Fink

The South Euclid Police Department K9 Unit was founded in 2002 to support the efforts of patrol officers and detectives in a variety of ways. The South Euclid Police K9 teams are trained in:

- Narcotics Detection
- Building and Area Search
- Evidence Recovery
- Tracking
- Suspect Apprehension
- Handler Protection
- Community Policing
- Tactical Operations

The South Euclid Police K9 Unit is made up of three K9 teams. Sergeant Mike Fink serves as the K9 Unit supervisor, and is partnered with K9 Kolbe, a Belgian Malinois, who joined the department in 2013. K9 Kolbe was purchased with a grant from the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation following the retirement of SEPD's original police work dog, K9 Rex, who retired in 2012. Patrolman Miles Blansette is partnered with K9 Kaos, a German shepherd who joined the department in 2013 following the retirement of Patrolman Blansette's first partner, K9 Recon. K9 Kaos was purchased with an anonymous donation from the community. K9 Arie, a Belgian Malinois, joined the police department in 2018 and is partnered with Ptl. Pat Delehanty. K9 Arie was purchased with community support of the South Euclid Police K9 Foundation. The support included memorial donations in honor of the foundation's first president, Pam O'Toole, as well as funds raised by VCA Great Lakes Veterinary Specialists and a grant from the National Police Dog Foundation.

In 2022, the K9 unit responded to a wide variety of calls for service. These include tracking for fleeing suspects, searching building that have been broken into, sniffing for hidden narcotics and searching for discarded evidence. Our K9 teams also provide a strong preventive presence when officers are working to take suspects into custody. Often times, the presence alone of a police K9 team is enough to encourage a criminal suspect to comply with officer's orders. This force multiplier often prevents officers from having to resort to physical force.

CANINE UNIT- CONTINUED

The ultimate success of a police K9 team, and the resulting safety of the community, is directly related to the amount of quality in-service training the team receives. It is for this reason that the South Euclid Police Department K9 Unit pursues advanced training with a sense of urgency. Both Sergeant Fink and Patrolman Blansette serve as K9 evaluators for the Ohio Attorney General's Office. The department is also certified to conduct in-house K9 training through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. Sergeant Fink holds national accreditation through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) as a master trainer of patrol and narcotics detection K9 teams. Our K9 unit is also the anchor agency for a regional K9 training group that meets bi-monthly to conduct in-service K9 training. The group is made up of dog teams from numerous area law enforcement agencies. Additionally, Ptl. Fink has had several articles published in the newsletter for the North American Police Work Dog Association. He also instructs as a member of the NAPWDA Tactics Committee at various workshops and training events held throughout the country. This allows him to bring back cutting-edge training techniques to our K9 unit and the those in the Cleveland area.

The K9 teams also take part in many community policing activities throughout the year. Our K9 handlers and their dogs are well known around the community and can regularly be seen visiting our elementary schools.

In addition to being a patrol/narcotics team, K9 Kolbe, K9 Arie and K9 Kaos are deployed alongside the EDGE SWAT Team during tactical operations as part of the EDGE SWAT Tactical K9 Program. Deployments include searching confined spaces, high risk building searches, perimeter containment or high-risk open area searches. The K9 team also provides a unique less lethal option to the SWAT Team for subduing violent criminals. Prior to deploying with the SWAT Team, the SEPD K9s and their handlers attended an intensive training course to prepare them for the tactical environment. They also routinely attend SWAT training to maintain their skills.

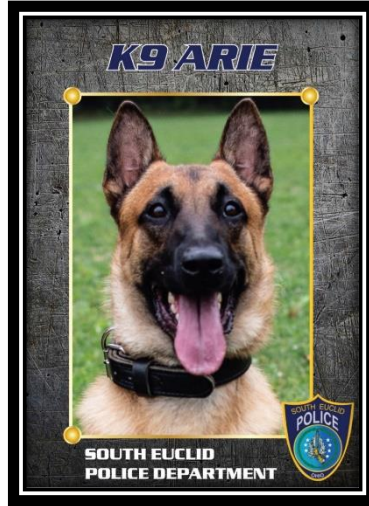
The South Euclid Police Department continues to receive tremendous support from the community through the South Euclid Police K9 Foundation. This non-profit organization is made up of local residents and other K9 supporters. The foundation raises funds to provide the South Euclid Police K9 Unit with the finest training and equipment available.

Finally, 2022 will marked the 20th anniversary of the South Euclid Police K9 Unit. The K9 unit has grown from a new and experimental one-team unit into a three-team unit that is a well-respected and vital part of both the South Euclid Police Department and EDGE SWAT Team. SEPD K9 teams are also well known throughout the community. The spirit of community policing is a role the K9 Unit embraces and will continue to use to foster a positive and mutually supportive relationship wit

CANINE UNIT- CONTINUED



KOLBE



ARIE



KAOS



CANINE UNIT MEMORIAM



REX



RECON



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DETECTIVE BUREAU

Information provided by Lieutenant Parisi

Please reference some case summaries and outcomes from the South Euclid Detective Bureau in 2022.

In March of 2022 a female shoplifter was arrested at Walmart. Upon her arrest she was found to have controlled substances and over \$5,400 on her person. Investigation revealed that she had stolen the cash from a friend of hers during a burglary. The female was charged and later found guilty.

In March of 2022 juvenile females were having an argument over social media. The argument escalated to the point where one of the juveniles told the other to come to her home after her dad got home. The female went to the other female's house with some friends. When the female and her friends arrived on the other female's street, the father came out of the house with a gun and started shooting at the female and her friends in their car. The father was arrested and later found guilty.

In the spring of 2022 SEPD began investigating three overdoses, two of which resulting in death. All three overdoses were linked to same drug dealer. The drug dealer was identified and charged. These cases are pending.

In May of 2022, SEPD received a 911 call during which a woman said "he shot my husband". Officers arrived and found a 67-year-old resident of home deceased with multiple gunshot wounds. Investigation revealed that the 67-year-old was shot by another resident of the home, a 26-year-old male. The 26-year-old was arrested and this case is pending in common pleas court.

In July of 2020 employee of a gas station reported that she was just robbed at gunpoint. Investigation revealed that during the robbery the suspect wore a distinctive hoodie. This same suspect had robbed several other businesses in Cuyahoga county recently while wearing the same hoodie. This suspect was identified, charged and his case is pending.

In July the South Euclid Police received an alarm notification at the Greenview School building. Officer responded and located a 26-year-old male exiting the building. He claimed to have been chased by unknown suspects, and hid in the building for safety. Video footage showed this to be untrue. The male entered the building with no provocation and was seen inside 'browsing' for electronics. He attempted to flee when he saw police cruisers arriving. He was charged with Felony Breaking and Entering.

In July of 2022 a shoplifter at Walmart threatened the store loss prevention team with a knife. The shoplifter fled the store and barricaded himself inside a Shaker Hts. Fire department vehicle that was parked outside of the store. Negotiation and SWAT teams were later able to get the shoplifter out of the vehicle and into custody. The shoplifter was charged and was later found guilty.

In July of 2022 a resident noticed several jewelry items and his surveillance camera missing from his house. Investigation revealed that the surveillance camera was web based and captured his neighbor entering his home through a window and taking the items. The neighbor was found to have sold the jewelry to a local jeweler. The neighbor was arrested and later found guilty.

In November a South Euclid Resident reported that her car was stolen by an acquaintance. That person was given several opportunities to return the auto, and chose not to. In addition, the suspect obtained an illegal title for the car. The suspect was eventually arrested by Liberty Township Police Department on the warrant, and in the stolen car.

DETECTIVE BUREAU-CONTINUED

A 19-year-old, female, South Euclid resident reported that she was being threatened by a male she had recently started chatting with on a dating app. The male had looked up her personal Snapchat account. He messaged her on both Snapchat and the dating app. He messaged that he would 'take your worthless life' among other disturbing statements. After she blocked him he also messaged her contacts, in an attempt to reach her. The suspect was identified, arrested and charged with Menacing by Stalking.

The South Euclid Police Department responded to a report of a burglary and sexual assault of an elderly resident on Laclede Road. The elderly resident reported that a male knocked on her front door offering to rake her leaves and forced his way into her home when she answered the door. The suspect knocked the victim to the ground where he sexually assaulted her before fleeing the scene. Evidence was collected from the scene, that was later examined by the laboratory and found to contain a DNA profile from an unknown male. The Detective worked diligently developing a suspect after thorough investigation. A search was conducted of the suspect's residence and located evidence that later linked him by DNA to evidence collected at the crime scene. The suspect was arrested and indicted by a grand jury on charges of Rape, Attempted Rape, Aggravated Burglary & Tampering with Evidence.

COMMUNITY DIVERSION

Information Provided by: Diversion Officer Jennifer Crow

The Community Diversion Program was created to offer children and families an opportunity to voluntarily participate in community- based services in lieu of a formal court action.

In 2022 the South Euclid Juvenile Diversion Program had 20 contacts with 20 Participants. In July of this year the CCJC made changes to improve the program. One improvement made in July to the program was to establish meetings with the juveniles instead of having court proceedings. The initial meeting includes the juvenile and parent in an effort to use positive reinforcement to make corrective action. Allowing children to make amends and receive supportive services at a grass roots level within the community allows children to better understand their behaviors, decision making points, and impact on the community overall.

The goal of this program is to provide positive interactions with various leaders and offer diverse options to address the specific needs of the child and family, provide mentorship and guidance to the children, and ultimately steer them towards successful completion of court involvement.

A letter is sent to the juvenile's parent or guardian to inform them that their child has been selected to participate in the program. A notice is given with a goal of a meeting within seven days from receiving the complaint. During the meeting it is determined what course of action will be taken. There are many options discussed but a common assignment is some form of community service.

Currently community service has included assisting the Partnership on aging making calls to seniors in the area to see how they are doing. The juveniles also spend time picking up trash at the city parks weather permitting. The juveniles ride along in my police cruiser and any interaction with the community they are introduced as a volunteer assisting with a community policing project. This alleviates any possible stigma directed toward the juvenile. In addition, to them being an extension of the Police Department serving the community. Although being new both juvenile and the parents strongly support this type of interaction. There were 80 hours of community service assigned in 2022 with a large portion suspended.

With the change made in July of 2022 to the Diversion Program the participation rate has been 100%, most importantly the juveniles are more engaged in the program. With the promising outcome, I'm hoping this will lead to a lesser recidivism rate.

TRAFFIC

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PERSON KILLED IN VEHICLE CRASHES	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TWO VEHICLE INJURY CRASHES	96	96	83	85	82	96	110	45	33	29	23
POSSIBLE TWO VEHICLE INJURY CRASHES								83	66	54	66
PEDESTRAINS KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OTHER INJURY CRASHES										13	18
PEDESTRIANS INJURED	5	5	3	13	5	7	12	8	4	7	8
BICYLCISTS KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BICYCLIST INJURED	2	0	1	3	1	6	3	2	5	3	5
MOTORCYCLIST KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PERSONS KILLED	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	103	101	87	95	88	109	125	138	108	106	120

TRAFFIC- CONTINUED

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE NO ACCIDENT(DUI)	50	36	21	28	22	28	28	26	22	16	11	11
FATAL ACCIDENTS (DUI)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INVOLVED IN INJURY ACCIDENT(DUI)	9	4	7	7	4	6	8	5	5	5	3	5
INVOLVED IN PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT (DUI)	12	4	6	14	12	15	10	10	7	8	12	6
PHYSICAL CONTROL ARRESTS									5	0	0	1
TOTAL DUI'S	71	44	34	50	39	49	46	41	39	30	26	23

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AVERAGE % BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT BAC	.175	.153	.163	.148	.184	.127	.172	.164	.180	.207	.189	.212
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS	9	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0
REFUSAL OF BAC	20	16	17	29	22	24	25	22	28	17	13	15
OPERATING WHILE UNDERAGE						1	0	0	0	0	0	0

TRAFFIC- CONTINUED

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	FATAL	INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY	PROPERTY	TOTAL
2 MOTOR VEHICLES IN TRANSPORT	0	29	54	301	384
SELF REPORTED ACCIDENT	0	0	0	255	255
PEDESTRIAN	0	6	1	1	8
PARKED MV	0	1	1	43	45
PEDACYCLE	0	2	1	1	4
ANIMAL	0	0	0	7	7
FIXED OBJECTS	0	7	4	36	47
OTHER OBJECTS	0	0	0	6	6
OTHER NON-COLLISON	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	45	61	651	757

TRAFFIC- CONTINUED

POLICE MOTORCYCLE

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed by three (3) officers, Patrolman Robert Baldyga, Patrolman Mark Preztak and Patrolman Andrew D'Eusano. These officers ride the motorcycle weather permitting. One of the requirements in order to keep their riding status, is an annual proficiency course that takes place at Bexley Park in May.

The Motorcycle Unit is used for special traffic details that include running radar on side streets and in school zones. The Motorcycle Unit is also used as an escort for a variety of functions.

REPORTABLE ACCIDENT STATISTIC COMPARISON

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
FATAL	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
INJURY	101	87	95	114	88	109	125	45	38	45	34
Possible Injury								83	70	61	86
PROPERTY DAMAGE	538	606	655	616	595	623	637	639	550	651	586
TOTAL	639	693	750	732	683	732	763	767	658	757	706

EDGE SWAT

Information provided by Captain Mike Janson – Euclid Police Department

The EDGE SWAT Team is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of members from seven (7) communities, including: Beachwood, Bratenahl, Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights. Currently, the team consists of 33 SWAT Officers (4 sniper/ observers included), 10 Crisis Negotiators, 10 Tactical Medics, 5 SWAT Canines, and 6 Bomb Technicians. I would like to thank Euclid Police Officers Lt. Joel Barron and Sgt. Paul Wittreich for their dedication to the EDGE SWAT Team. Both retired from the EDGE SWAT team in 2022 after serving both the EDGE and Euclid SWAT teams faithfully for many years. I would also like to thank Officers Charles Darrah (University Heights PD) and Brett Buchs (Euclid PD), who resigned in 2022 after providing dedicated service to the EDGE SWAT Team since its inception in 2014.

The EDGE SWAT Team is led by Team Commander Captain Mike Janson from the Euclid Police Department, Assistant Team Commander Detective Dave Carpenter of the Euclid Police Department and Head Team Leader/Training Coordinator/Euclid Police Detective Josh Schultz. We have identified and trained several team members to fill Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader roles within the team and they are stepping up and contributing as expected. I would also like to thank the team's previous Commander, Lieutenant Rick Friedl of the South Euclid Police Department, who retired in 2022. The EDGE SWAT Team would not be as successful as it is without the excellent leadership of Lieutenant Friedl and his vision for the team's future.

In 2022, we added seven (7) new SWAT operators, two from South Euclid PD, two from Shaker Heights PD and three from Euclid PD. We also added two (2) new Medics from Beachwood FD and a canine from Cleveland Heights PD. The tactical explosive breaching program continues to evolve, and two of the breachers attended an Advanced Explosive Breaching Course. I would like to thank all 64 members of the EDGE SWAT Team for their ongoing devotion to enhancing their tactical skills and tactical experience. The residents, business owners, school officials and leaders of our seven cities should be proud of our SWAT Team and know that our team is competent to handle any critical incident.

In 2022, the EDGE SWAT Team had 66 deployments, seven (7) of which were responses to armed, barricaded suspects. The majority of SWAT deployments are to serve high-risk search and arrest warrants connected to drug trafficking (37) or offenses of violence (18). In 2022, four (4) warrants were served in relation to homicides. EDGE SWAT continues to have good working relationships with Cleveland SWAT, WEB SWAT, and several Federal Agencies. Numerous warrants were served on behalf or in conjunction with these units. The EDGE SWAT Team assisted the Cleveland Division of Police SWAT UNIT during the three-day NBA All-Star game in February of 2022 and the Cleveland Guardians American League Divisional Series in October of 2022.

The EDGE SWAT team is looking forward to 2023 to continue to grow and build upon the accomplishments of 2022. There is a saying in the SWAT community that "You are only as good as your last operation." EDGE SWAT will continue to train hard and be prepared and mission ready, no matter what the circumstances are.

EDGE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

The team was formed in January 2018 for the purpose of having an investigative unit for all serious and or fatal traffic crashes. The team is comprised of nine members from the following cities:

- Beachwood Police Department
- Cleveland Heights Police Department
- Shaker Heights Police Department
- South Euclid Police Department
- University Heights Police Department

This year, AIU unit spent a lot of time at training completing several crash or fatal reports that occurred through the year.

In 2022, the Edge Accident Investigation Unit (EDGE AIU) was utilized twenty-two (14) times. Four of them were for fatal crashes that occurred within the EDGE Communities. The other ten crashes were serious injury or non-fatality scenes to assist a community in taking measurements, diagramming or crash data retrieval from the vehicles involved. A summary of the AIU callouts has been provided. Dates, locations, report numbers, and cities were included in that outline. In 2022 the AIU unit responded to fifty percent less crashes and fatalities then in previous years.

In summary the AIU Team in 2022 had a great year of training. As a team, we continued to train with our new equipment and use it in many active cases.

EDGE ACCIDENT MMF

The EDGE Mobile Field Force (MFF) Team was authorized to organize in October, 2015. Through this authorization the Mobile Field Force Team was created and became available for deployment on July 14, 2016.

The EDGE MFF team maintained a state of readiness and availability for deployment with no deployments or enforcement in 2022. The Team has been team concentrating on becoming a Mobile Rapid Response Team, using bicycles for a quick and organized response to disturbances.

MFF Training sessions throughout the year have included handgun qualifications in full riot gear, field force formations, Pepperball recertifications, officer rescue, small squad tactics, defense tactics as well as escort technics. Attendance has become difficult due to manpower issues within all the departments of EDGE.

In 2022, the team had some new additions. Some of these members need to be sent to the Center for Domestic Preparedness to attend their Field Force Operations training, which is standard for most Field Force Teams in the area. This training provides consistency within our team and for outside teams deployed during civil unrest.

EDGE MFF Training Hours:

All MFF Training in 2022 was conducted in-house using certified instructors within our team membership.

1,064 Total Training Hours in 2022

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

In 2019, the City of South Euclid in collaboration with the South Euclid/Lyndhurst Board of Education, established a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO is a sworn police officer who is stationed within the schools during the school year. In the summer months the SRO officer works as a Patrol Officer with the South Euclid Police Department.

There are many advantages to having a School Resource officer within the school district:

- They can serve as problem solvers
- Advocates for students
- School and Community liaisons
- Mentors
- Classroom instruction
- Role models
- Work with Counselors and administration to support kids



Charles F. Brush graduate Kennedy Williams was the recipient of our 2022 [South Euclid Police Department](#) Lodge #80 Scholarship.