Kingsport Police Department Annual Report - 2022









Disclaimer:

The Kingsport Police Department strives to collect and distribute accurate and timely data. The data in this report reflects a snapshot of various data points used to assist the agency in the decision-making process. The variation in totals from year to year can be attributed to several factors, including but not limited to evolutionary reporting practices and a decrease in available personnel to conduct proactive calls. Additionally, during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, leadership eliminated several types of calls for service from our response protocol, such as non-criminal private property crashes.



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The City of Kingsport's government is based upon the Council-Manager form of government. This form of government was established in 1917 when the City was re-incorporated into what is now known as the modern city of Kingsport.

The City is governed by a seven member Board of Mayor and Aldermen, elected at-large and on a non-partisan basis for four-year staggered terms. The exception to this rule is that the Mayor is elected at-large for a two year term. Elections are held in May during odd numbered years. The new Board of Mayor and Alderman is seated on 1 July of each election year.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen for 2022 was comprised of the following individuals: Mayor Patrick Shull, Vice Mayor Colette George, Alderman Darrell Duncan, Alderman Betsy Cooper, Alderman Paul Montgomery, Alderman Tommy Olterman, and Alderman James Phillips. To contact the Board of Mayor & Aldermen please call 423-229-9412.



Patrick W. Shull, Mayor



Colette George Vice Mayor



Paul Montgomery Alderman



Betsy Cooper Alderman



Tommy Olterman Alderman



Darrell Duncan Alderman

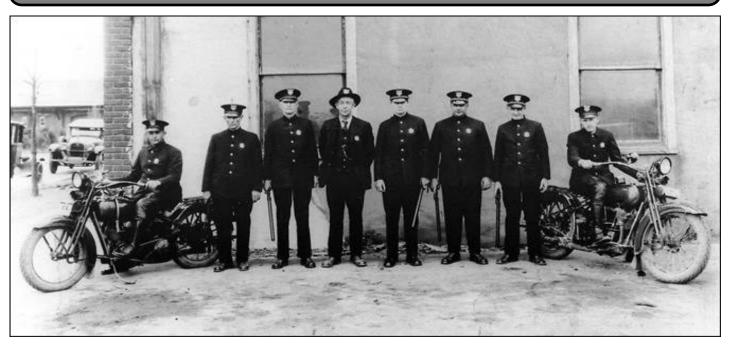


James Phillips Alderman





INTRODUCTION



In 1822 the town of Christianville and the town of Rossville combined to form the incorporated town of Kingsport. The second oldest town in Sullivan County, Kingsport was considered the largest and most influential City in the county. Almost 100 years elapsed before Kingsport officially became a City in March 1917. Until that time, all law enforcement was performed by constables and the Sheriff of Sullivan County.

Upon being notified that the City had been chartered, the new governing body appointed George Barger as Chief of Police and three additional officers, W.P. Flora, A.R. Hagy, and Sam Barger, to serve and protect the City of Kingsport. Sullivan County Deputies W.W. Leedy and S.P. Devault were also still assigned to patrol the City. The City of Kingsport has had fifteen Police Chiefs since its charter, the current being Chief Dale Phipps. Currently, the Kingsport Police Department has one hundred and nineteen sworn Officer positions, nine Corrections Officers, twenty-two Telecommunicators, and eleven civilian positions variously assigned. The department serves a population of slightly over 55,000 citizens. The City encompasses 53.90 square miles, the majority of which is inside of Sullivan County, with the westernmost edge in Hawkins County. Officers patrol 503.59 miles of streets, which include 25.53 miles of interstates.

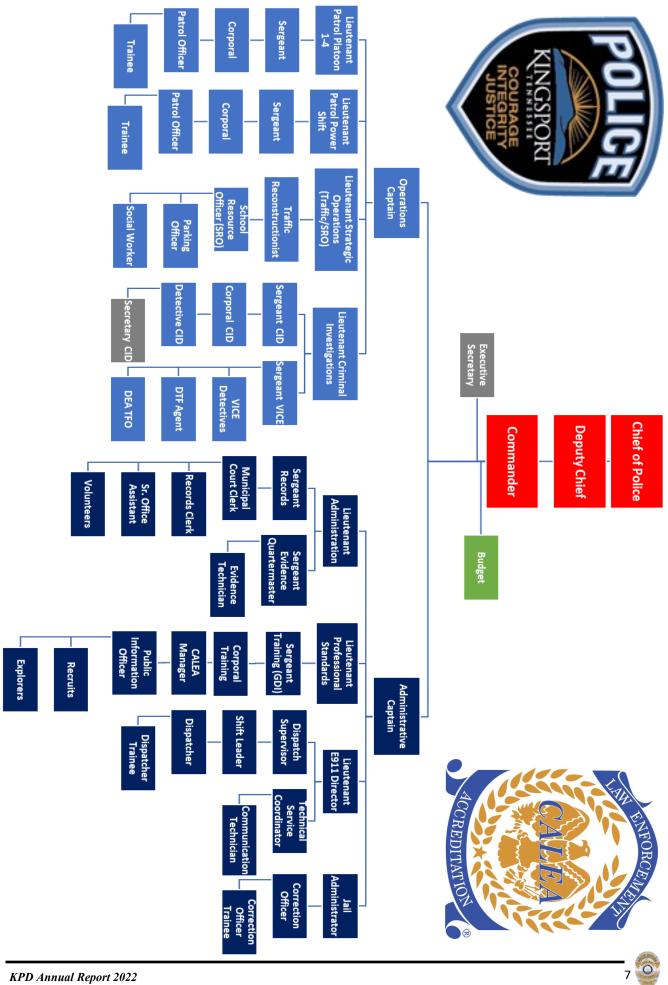
The Kingsport Police Department also operates the City's 911 Communications Center. The department is unique in

that it is one of the few municipal police departments in the state that operate an in-house city jail. In 1989, the police department moved into the current Justice Center. Shortly after this move, the department was able to achieve an important goal by obtaining national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Kingsport Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the East Tennessee region, as well as being only the third agency in the entire State of Tennessee, to achieve this honor.









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Operations Bureau Patrol Division

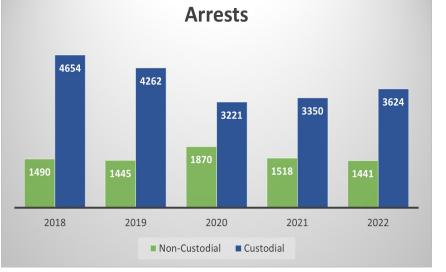
As the backbone of the police department, the Patrol Division is divided into four rotating platoons. These four platoons are responsible for responding to citizens' complaints, handling calls for service, initiating police investigations, and enforcing traffic laws. With additional specialized units supplementing the Patrol Division, the Kingsport Police Department answered 59,104 calls in 2022 compared to 60,014 in 2021. This is a decrease of 910 calls, or 1.527 %. As a result of these calls and investigations, 5,065 adults and juveniles were either arrested or issued a misdemeanor citation in lieu of arrest.



Calls for service (CFS) represent all calls handled by KPD. These include 911 calls and non-emergency calls. CFS does not take into account the amount of work needed to complete varying types of calls. The amount of time to handle each CFS range from a few can minutes to thousands of hours for significant incidents.

Non-custodial arrests are arrests where the suspect is arrested then released on a misdemeanor citation. Custodial arrests are arrests made where the suspect is arrested and subsequently transported to the City Jail or the Sullivan County Jail.

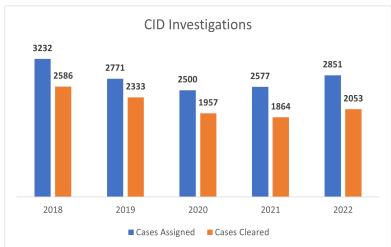
*2021 Arrest data is corrected in this publication. Original data did not calculate 265 Juvenile arrets.





Operations Bureau Criminal Investigations Division

The Kingsport Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division encompasses the traditional investigations of crimes against persons and property crimes as well as the specialized investigations of vice and narcotics related crimes. The C.I.D. Commander manages four supervisors and over a dozen detectives who collectively investigate all major crimes reported to K.P.D. Detectives utilize conventional methods, state of the art technology, and good old fashioned police work to process crime scenes, identify perpetrators, and bring criminals to justice. The detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 2,851 cases in 2022. Of these 2053 were cleared, for a clearance rate of 72%.





KPD Detective Jason Powers (second from left) with TBI Director David Rausch, Tennessee Sheriff's Association Executive Director Jeff Bledsoe, and TBI Deputy Director Brad Nealon

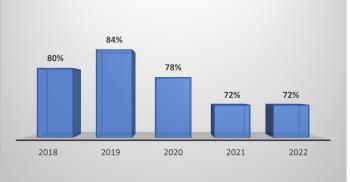


Detective Kevin Ewing's graduation from the National Forensic Academy (NFA) in Oak Ridge, TN.



KPD Detective Corporal Erik Steele (center) with University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC) Executive Director Rick Scarbrough and State Representative Jeremy Faison

Clearance Rate



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Operations Bureau School Resource Officers

The Kingsport Police Department continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with the Kingsport City Schools. Two officers are dedicated to Dobyns-Bennett High School while Cora Cox, DB Excel, John Sevier Middle School and Ross N. Robinson Middle School have one officer assigned to each school. Additionally, four part-time officers share responsibilities for the elementary schools. For the year 2022, the SROs documented three hundred seventy four reports.

In addition to the SROs, Kingsport Police Department Patrol Officers conducted 1,658 school "walk-thrus" at all city schools in 2022, to include the Palmer Center and St. Dominic Catholic School.

Operations Bureau Traffic Enforcement Unit

There were 2,734 traffic crashes investigated by members of the Traffic Unit and Patrol Division in 2022. Of those crashes, there were (14) fourteen fatal crashes, resulting in the deaths of (15) fifteen people, and 478 personal injury crashes that resulted in the injury or potential injury to 654 occupants or pedestrians. The to-tal number of crashes decreased by 2.77 % compared to 2021.

One of the most common ways the Kingsport Police Department attempts to reduce traffic crashes is through diligent traffic enforcement and D.U.I. and seatbelt checkpoints. There were 9,333 citations issued in 2022 (this number includes violations of city ordinance as well as state law), with 43.68% of those being warning citations. Members of the department participated in D.U.I. and seatbelt checkpoints as well as saturation patrols as part of a Tennessee Highway Safety Office Grant. The focus of these saturation patrols is traffic safety and the reduction of crashes and fatalities through traffic law enforcement.



Kingsport PD Traffic Unit partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) and area McDonald's stores to encourage motorists to "Slow Down Tennessee!"



Corporal Matt McGuire with THSO East TN Law Enforcement Liaison Derrick Woods with three top awards KPD received at this year's THSO Lifesavers Conference and Law Enforcement Challenge.





Operations Bureau Power Shift

The Power Shift Unit is comprised of a group of officers that are utilized to target what the police department considers "hot spots" of criminal activity. Members of this unit handle everything from juvenile vandalism to serious drug complaints. The Power Shift Unit also has the ability to answer calls city-wide wherever the greater need exists. Another benefit is being able to spend more time in different communities to address problems and concerns the residents may perceive. In addition, the officer can help them figure out a solution for the problem.

Operations Bureau Special Weapons And Tactics

Commonly referred to as the "S.W.A.T. team", twelve members make up this unit. Additionally, there are two highly trained hostage negotiators on 24-hour callout that provide a valuable resource to the team. The S.W.A.T. team is activated only under the most extraordinary of circumstances, where the team's specialized training, weapons, and tactics can be utilized. The S.W.A.T. team was activated twelve times in 2022.





Operations Bureau K-9

The use of a trained police canine is an effective tool in law enforcement. Although their greatest value lies in the deterring effect of their presence, the use of a canine in making an arrest is only authorized when the circumstances legally justify such use.

The canine handlers must be constantly alert to the amount of force they can legally use to make or maintain an arrest, and in determining the degree of force to be used; the handlers must take into consideration all known circumstances.

Primarily canines are assigned to each patrol shift and all are dual purpose dogs. In other words, they may be used for tracking, building searches, apprehensions, and item location (other evidence) at crime scenes which is patrol work. They are also used for scent work, locating narcotics and bombs, as the second job.

The Kingsport Police Department began using K-9s in 1968, and has the second oldest continuous K-9 force in Tennessee, behind Memphis. The KPD uses the Malinois (pronounced MAL-in-wah) generally imported from Holland. They were chosen over the more famous German Shepherd because they have fewer health problems and have longer useful service lives, usually until they are 11 years old. They are also a very high-energy dog.

Dogs and handlers are carefully screened and tested prior to training. It takes 16 weeks to train the basics for a dog. In addition, each dog and handler team currently attends a 2-8 week school together in preparation for their function as a "K-9" team. This time variation depends upon the experience of the handler. Unlike some departments, KPD canines are not assigned "ranks".

K9s often respond to commands in multiple languages such as Dutch, German and English. Generally, this is the handler's choice.

For the year 2022, the K-9 teams were utilized 209 times.



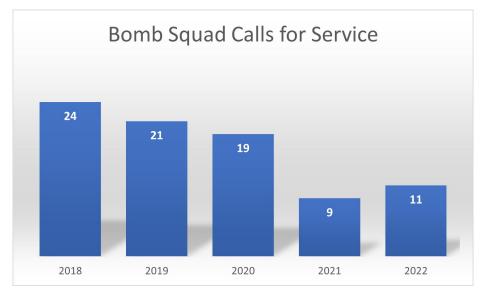






Operations Bureau Bomb Squad

In 2022, the Kingsport Police Department Bomb Squad responded to eleven calls and safely disposed of various types of explosives. Due to current events, the Bomb Squad also responds to calls of suspicious packages. They are often utilized for mutual aid in assisting other jurisdictions before significant events.



Operations Bureau Parking Enforcement

The Parking Enforcement Officer issued 696 citations for illegal parking. These were issued for violations of the various parking ordinances to include handicapped parking violations.





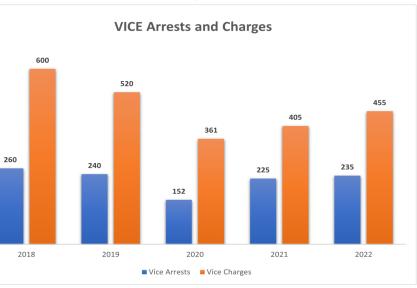


Operations Bureau VICE

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PAPERS SERVED	82	62	55	70	102
DRUG BUYS	76	81	33	61	58
AGENCY ASSISTS	221	208	169	196	181
BEER INSPECTIONS	128	172	38	68	36
BEER APPLICATIONS	25	53	22	34	43
SEARCH WARRANTS	10	7	13	14	9

The VICE unit handles a number of investigations, including illegal drug sales and surveillance, prescription drug fraud, prostitution, underage alcohol sales, and gambling, among others. The Vice unit maintains an excellent working relationship with neighboring agencies, the District Attorney's Office, as well as Federal and State agencies, such as ATF, TBI, Homeland Security, and the DEA. In 2022,

the Vice unit seized over \$64,861.00 in currency, and 2 vehicles valued at an estimated \$36,000. The drugs seized by the VICE unit had an estimated street value of over \$1,145,795.00. In total, VICE officers made 235 arrests placing 455 charges.

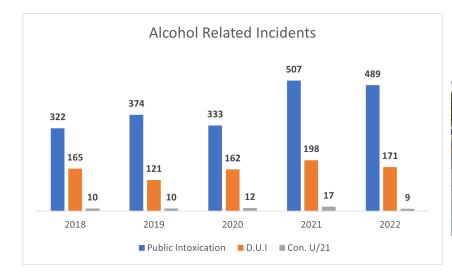




Operations Bureau Crime Analysis

Crime analysis is an important part of detecting current and developing trends in criminal activity. When patterns are detected, the information can be pushed out to the appropriate division or unit for action. This task requires constant monitoring of data and reports as they come in to see if the resources that have been deployed are being effective. This is crucial when blended with the CompStat (Computerized Statistics) program for police supervision. The Crime Analyst is able to provide supervisors the most current information so decisions and adjustments can be made regarding manpower and resources.

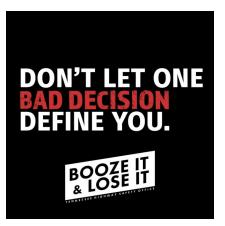
Statistics



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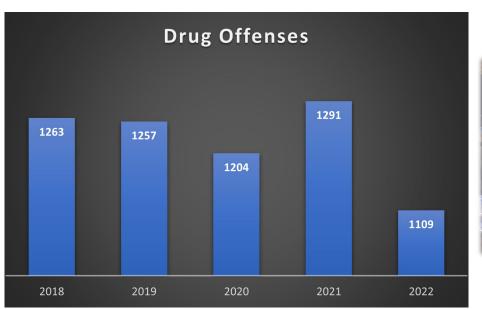




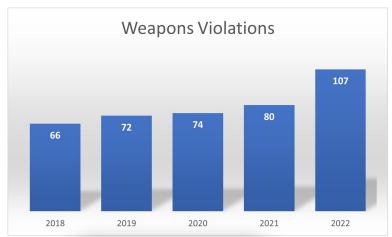




Operations Bureau Statistics





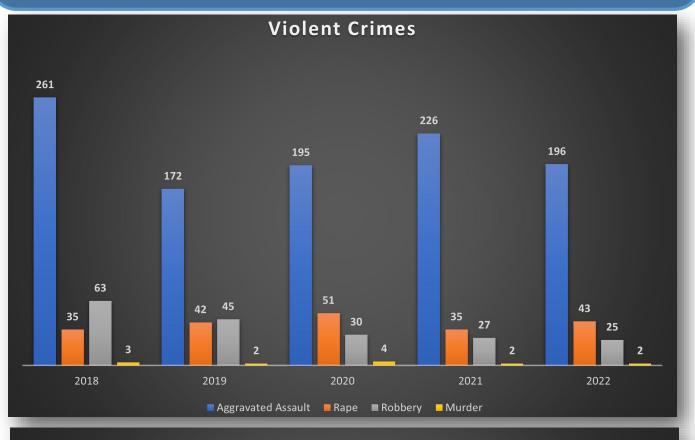




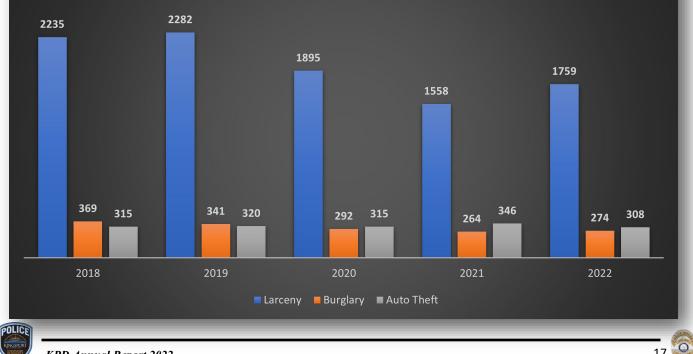




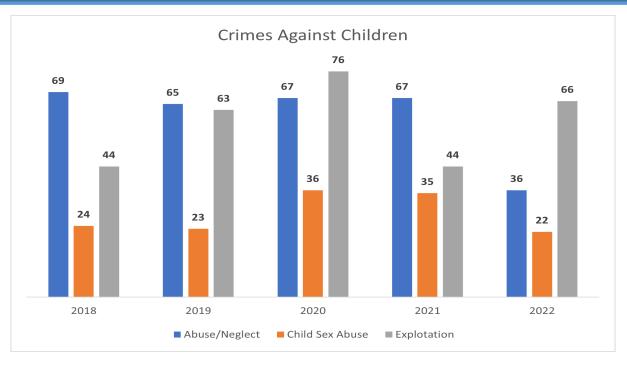
Operations Bureau Statistics



Property Crimes



Operations Bureau Statistics



KPD works in conjunction with multiple agencies to care for child victims of crime properly. KPD partners with the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, Department of Children's Services, Children's Advocacy Center, and many others. Also, KPD is part of the Tennessee Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.







Administrative Bureau Introduction

It is the responsibility of the Administrative Bureau to provide technical support to all components within the organization of the Kingsport Police Department for orderly and efficient day-to-day functions.

Administrative Bureau Corrections/Jail

The Kingsport City Jail is classified as a Type II facility by the State of Tennessee, meaning that prisoners are held for 72 hours or less. Correctional Officers are responsible for booking and processing persons arrested by police personnel. Once the prisoner is brought into the jail, the Correc-

tional Officer begins the booking process, which includes a thorough search of the prisoner, securing the prisoner's property, a detailed medical screening, fingerprinting and photographing the prisoner, and securing them in a cell. Once incarcerated, Correctional Officers are responsible for the constant monitoring of the prisoners until they are released or transferred to another holding facility. In 2022, the Kingsport City Jail processed 2,205 physical arrests on over 5,506 charges and processed 169 subjects that were issued Misdemeanor Citations. The Kingsport City Jail is a state certified holding facility, falling under the rules and regulations of the Tennessee Corrections Institute. Our jail is inspected annually by a Detention Facilities Specialist from the Tennessee Corrections Institute, ensuring that our facility and staff are meeting the criteria mandated by the state.





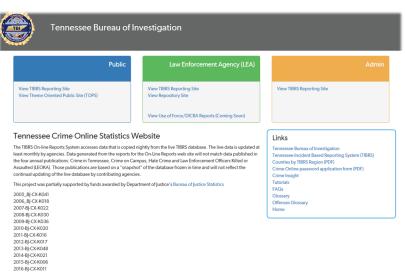
Administrative Bureau Records Division

In addition to personnel in the Records Division being the first interaction many citizens have at the police department, this division is also the central repository for nearly all police department generated paperwork. This includes handwritten handicap parking citations as well as closed major crime investigations. The Records Division is staffed by three full-time Records Clerks, one part-time Records Clerk, one full-time Court Clerk, and one full-time Receptionist. These clerks continue to ensure reporting accuracy of TIBRS data via validation checks of electronic reports submitted by officers. Additionally, they collect fines for city ordinance and Red Light Camera violations, fulfill citizen's requests for police reports, track all court subpoenas for departmental personnel, and assist patrol officers and detectives when requested.

Administrative Bureau TIBRS Reporting

The Kingsport Police Department reported 6,296 Group A offenses to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in 2022, which is 240 less than 2021 (6,536). In 2022 2,882 cases were cleared, resulting in a 45.78% clearance rate which exceeds the state average. For additional information on crime statistics, contact the T.B.I. at:

https://crimeinsight.tbi.tn.gov/

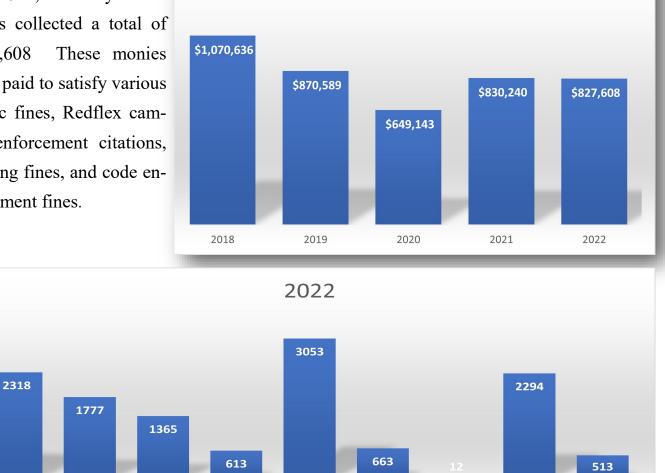


The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this project are those of the TBI's Statistical Analysis Center/Crime Statistics Unit and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice.



Administrative Bureau City Court Collections

For 2022, the City Court clerks collected a total of \$827,608 These monies were paid to satisfy various traffic fines, Redflex camera enforcement citations, parking fines, and code enforcement fines.



Municipal Court Collections

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The Kingsport Police Department continues to utilize our Red Light Traffic Enforcement System to capture violations at various intersections across the city. The Red Light Traffic Enforcement System is located at ten intersections, with 12 approaches, where past data has shown a trend of serious crashes. The photo enforcement system captures potential violations. These violations are reviewed by sworn officers with the Traffic Unit. In 2022, the Traffic Unit approved 12,608 citations that were then issued to motorists for the violations.

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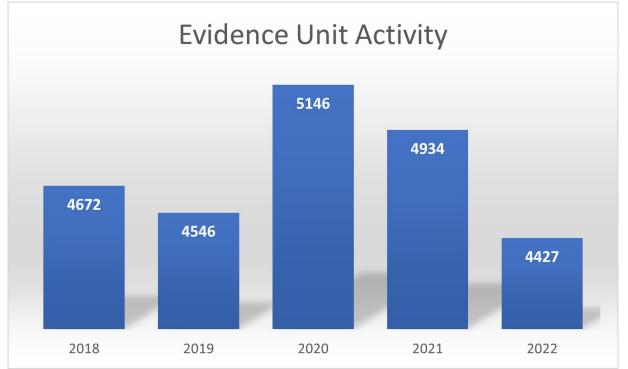
Ft. Henry

@Moreland

Administrative Bureau Evidence, Property, Storage Unit

The Evidence/Property Unit is responsible for all items and property that come into the possession of the Kingsport Police Department. The numbers charted below represent items submitted by officers of the Kingsport Police Department.







Administrative Bureau Professional Standards



The Kingsport Police Department Professional Standards Unit is an integrated unit that encompasses internal affairs investigations, background investigations, accreditation, training, community relations and recruitment. Each element of the Professional Standards Unit works toward the common goal of maintaining a high level of professionalism within the Kingsport Police Department that reflects on the community it

serves. During 2022, the Kingsport Police Department Professional Standards Unit conducted seven (7) Internal Affairs Investigations. Three (3) investigations were exonerated, two (2) were substantiated and two (2) investigations were unsubstantiated. The Kingsport Police Department has been accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.) since 1992. The Kingsport Police Department has been awarded re-accreditation in 1997, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2017 In 2020, the Kingsport Police Department successfully completed another three year C.A.L.E.A. compliance review .



In 2022, there were two hundred seven (207) applicants that applied for the position of police officer. Of that num-

ber, there were seventy-two (72) applicants who moved forward to the physical agility portion of the testing. For the year of 2022, sixteen (16) police officers were hired.





Administrative Bureau Professional Standards

The Kingsport Police Department's Public Information Officer is responsible for maintaining the department's positive image as perceived by the community it serves by effectively building trust and strong working relationships with private businesses and industry, other government entities, citizens, and the media. During 2022, the P.I.O. issued 102 official news releases that were circulated to traditional media outlets and the general public via e-mail and social media. News releases were disseminated on a variety of issues to include wanted suspects, major arrests, serious motor vehicle collisions, missing persons, significant accomplishments, etc. These news releases resulted in the P.I.O. conducting dozens of interviews throughout the year. The P.I.O. continues to work with the Operations Bureau to assist the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions with soliciting help from the public in closing unsolved cases. The P.I.O. was also responsible for maintaining the department's website (over 50,000 visitors), WordPress blog (404 subscribers), FaceBook page (over 18,000 fans), Twitter feed (2,895 followers), YouTube channel (581 subscribers), and Instagram account (2,864 followers). The P.I.O. also conducted over 100 separate face-to-face public safety education and crime prevention oriented programs reaching thousands of individual citizens. These programs were on a variety of topics to include child safety, scam and identity theft prevention, neighborhood watch, church security, substance abuse prevention, traffic safety, etc.



The training mission of the Professional Standards Unit is one of the most critical functions of the Kingsport Police Department. The primary role of the officers assigned to this duty is to ensure that all personnel receive the training needed to complete the tasks of their assigned jobs. Officers of the Kingsport Police Department received 33,727 hours of training during 2022.

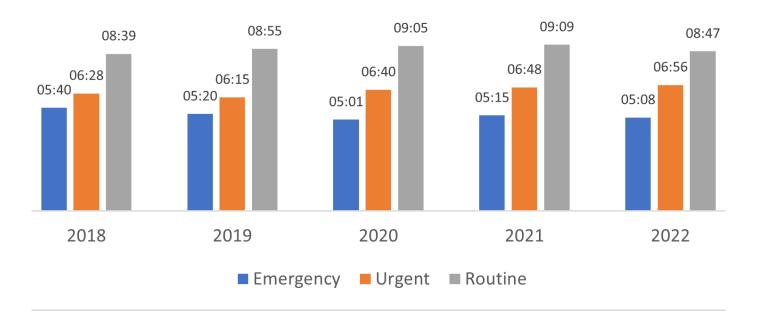


Administrative Bureau Central Dispatch

In 2022, Kingsport Central Dispatch handled 229,265 phone calls. Of those, 60,176 were 911, while 177,593 were non-emergency; 58,779 calls were police department related; 8,652 were fire department related; and 12,465 were EMS or KLSC related. Dispatchers also made 94,293 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) entries into the system to document their activities. This is an average of 258 entries per day.



Avg. Police Response Time Dispatch to Arrival (mins:sec)





Administrative Bureau Budget FY:2021/2022

The Kingsport Police Department actual budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021 was \$11,648,530. The monies for this budget were divided amongst eight categories. These categories and funds are:

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY					
EXPENDITURES	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>			
	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>			
Police Administration	\$1,894,836	\$1,963,100			
Jail Operations	\$425,213	\$517,700			
Training	\$388,821	\$428,923			
Criminal Investigation	\$1,438,929	\$1,579,300			
Patrol	\$5,687,789	\$6,370,956			
Central Dispatch	\$1,372,624	\$1,563,000			
Communications	\$416,848	\$171,300			
Traffic School	\$23,470	\$21,900			
Total	\$11,648,530	\$12,616,179			
Personnel Costs	\$9,792,888	\$10,883,680			
Operating Costs	\$1,855,642	\$1,696,999			
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$35,500			
Total	\$11,648,530	\$12,616,179			
Personnel Expense as a % of Budget	84%	86%			

Budgeted Position FY 21/22	Sworn	Non-Sworn
Administration	10	9
Jail	0	9
Training	3	0
Criminal Investigation Division	20	1
Patrol Division	85	0
Central Dispatch	1	23
Communication Maintenance	0	2
Totals	119	44



Administrative Bureau Recognition– Promotions













Ed Ragsdale Lieutenant



Craig Dunworth Sergeant



Ray Mailloux Corporal

Teresa Hillman Communications Supervisor

> Cathy Matt Communications Shift Leader







Administrative Bureau Recognition Awards







Lieutenant Kevin Hite Distinguished Service





Officer Monica Swayze Distinguished Service Award

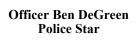


Officer Bailey Malone

Purple Heart



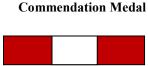




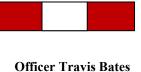


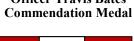
Detective Brandon Arnold

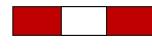




















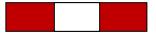
Officer Billy Boyd Commendation Medal



Officer Scott Reid Commendation Medal



Officer Emily Rhoton Commendation Medal



Malila Williams Commendation Medal









Administrative Bureau Recognition—Retirement





Captain Mike Roark Retired: 12-31-2022 37 Years 5 Months of Service



KPD Motorcycles: Photo courtesy of the Hal H. Crumley family. Hal H. Crumley was one of the first motorcycle officers in Kingsport.









2022 2nd Annual KPD "No-Shave Fallvember" campaign





From September 1 through December 31, 2022, K.P.D. conducted its 2nd Annual "No-Shave Fallvember" campaign for charity. During those four months, K.P.D. allowed its employees the option of making a monthly monetary donation in exchange for the privilege of either growing and maintaining a neatly groomed beard, wearing blue jeans on Fridays, or wearing a solid-color ribbon in one of the traditionally associated cause awareness colors. K.P.D. generated a grand total of \$19,000 with its campaign. \$13,000 of this was raised in-house, while the remaining funds were donated by community partners, Holston Medical Group (\$5,000) and the Kingsport Area Safety Council (\$1,000). The monies raised were divided evenly and donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport and Girls, Inc. of Kingsport, with each organization receiving a check for \$9,500.

"Today, more than ever, we see how organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport and Girls Inc. of Kingsport are making a difference in the lives of young people in our community. By providing a safe environment and positive programs in academics, athletics, leadership, life-skills, and character-development, they are positively impacting our next generation of citizens and directing them down the path toward success," said Chief of Police Dale Phipps. "It is imperative that organizations that are dedicated to making investments into children's lives have the proper funding in order to meet the needs of those who are less fortunate than others. We want to express our sincere appreciation to all employees, citizens, and our community partners for their generous support toward this campaign."



Administrative Bureau Contact Information

Location	<u>Number</u>
ALL CITY EMERGENCIES AND TDD	911
Central Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	246-9111
Central Dispatch-FAX	224-2594
General Police Information	229-9300
Police Administration	229-9344
Police Administration-FAX	224-2786
Police Chief	229-9423
Deputy Chief of Police	229-9437
Commander	229-9469
Watch Commander	229-9438
Criminal Investigation Division	229-9429
Patrol Division	229-9436
Training Division	229-9339
VICE	224-9434
Jail	229-9435
Records/Tickets	229-9427
Records/Tickets-FAX	229-9495
Public Information Officer/Community Relations	229-9433
Communications Manager	229-9358
Communications Maintenance	229-9468

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