

CITY OF LOGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the men and women of the Logan Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2021 annual report. Through the narrative and statistics within this report, I hope to provide the residents of Logan further transparency between the police department and the community which we serve.

I am exceedingly proud of my sworn officers and civilian staff who bring to life this police department. Their hard work and diligence provide stability amongst the challenges of the always fluctuating criminal justice environment. We understand that building and maintaining strong relationships within our community is essential to achieving the critical relations needed to better serve and protect the City of Logan. For this reason, in conjunction with our community outreach initiatives, we will continue forward with our mission of preservation of life, reduction of fear and crime, and the protection of persons and property within our community.

I am truly honored to lead this organization. As we look ahead to the challenges of 2022, it is through mutual respect and support that allows us to succeed and grow as a community. We look forward to gaining new community partnerships and nurturing existing ones as we move forward in 2022. The Logan Police Department remains committed to keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family and we will do so through effective policing and community partnerships.

DEPARTMENT MISSION

The mission of the Logan Police Department is to create a safer Logan by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our citizens, and building trust in partnership with our community.

DEPARTMENT MOTTO

The Department's motto is to "Serve and Protect". Personnel pride themselves on the personal touch service offered to the community. The department believes in its philosophies of grass roots policing and strive to be proactive rather than reactive. It is for this, and other reasons, that the community continues to strongly support its police department.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The cornerstone of the organization's philosophy is its community oriented, grass roots, customer-based service style policing effort. Employees strive to fulfill this goal by providing the citizens of Logan with a full range of police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Both the Department and its employees are committed to providing exceptional service and maintaining an excellent "quality of life" environment for the public. Throughout the year, officers and staff can be seen at local festivals, motorcycle runs, and many other local events.

2021 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- The Police Department participated in many community outreach programs (see Community Outreach Initiatives section for a full list).
- Completed the implementation of a Department wide Computer Aided Dispatch system.
- Acquired MARCS radios to be placed in every cruiser throughout the Department fleet.
- Implemented use of the digital fingerprint machine.
- Was able to provide personal protective equipment to the Department through the use of Cares Act funds.

BUDGET

The Logan Police Department's annual revised budget appropriation for 2021 was \$2,283,459.08. This was funded almost exclusively by the City's General Fund, which accounted for \$1,962,824.00 of the overall budget. The remaining \$320,635.08 was funded through Capital Improvements.

GRANTS RECEIVED

- Federal Ballistic Vest Program (BVP) - \$3000.00
- JAG LE Grant - \$10,893.60
- JAG Grant - \$26,000.00
- 911 Grant - \$112,422.00
- Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant - \$168,000.00

STAFFING and ASSIGNMENTS

The following spreadsheets reflect staffing for the calendar year.

Position Police Department	<i>Authorized Strength</i>	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Captain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Detective	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Patrolman	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
SRO	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Full Time Dispatcher	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part Time Dispatcher	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Records Clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Absent Positions		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CRIME STATISTICS

Included within this report are several tables and figures analyzing Calls for Service (CFS) data, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data and self-initiated traffic stop data for our agency. **Tables 1 and 2** found in this section of the report show the last three years of data on an annual basis and should be used for comparison. **Figures 1 through 3** found in this section of the report are specific to 2021 data only.

Figures 4 through 6 found in this section of the report are specific to 2021 self-initiated traffic stop data.

CFS DATA – Table 1 is a detailed listing of all CFS to the Logan Police Department. This list reflects the CFS as they were reported from the caller to the Dispatcher. This table does not reflect changes made to the original CFS due to a status change such as unfounded or a change to a more accurate call type.

Table 1: CFS Data.

Type of Call for Service	2019	2020	2021
911 Hang ups	73	62	35
Accident/Property only	221	184	216
Accident/Injury	35	25	29
Accident-Hit/Skip property	70	72	71
Accident-Hit/Skip injury	0	1	2
Alarm Calls	203	192	215
Animal Complaint	58	92	92
Assault	76	28	53
Assist other unit	290	248	237
Bad Check/forgery/Identity Fraud	9	6	11
Burglary	97	106	67
Civil Complaints	92	73	45
Criminal Damaging	38	18	18
Criminal Mischief	33	20	21
Criminal Trespass	100	181	76
Disorderly Conduct	75	95	87
Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles	95	65	70
DOA	10	7	10
Dog Bite	5	8	9
Domestic/Disturbances	225	254	203
Drug Complaints	105	69	75
Drunk	90	51	36

Emergency Squad needed	0	0	1
Escorts/Parades	75	62	43
Explosions	1	1	1
Fight	96	68	61
Fire Calls	41	21	13
Follow-ups	15	23	6
Found Property	107	66	73
Homicides	0	1	0
Investigative Complaints	1083	1289	872
Juvenile Complaints	162	110	112
Theft	520	411	347
Mental	67	45	71
Missing Persons/Returned	29	40	39
Motorist Assists	396	386	325
Person with a gun/knife	20	14	6
Nature Unknown	64	61	45
Neighbor Complaints	71	168	111
Prowler	56	51	10
Rape	6	6	8
Other Sexual Offenses	29	20	16
Road Blocked	8	6	1
Robbery	5	4	1
Shooting/Shots fired	10	5	7
Stabbing	4	0	0
Stolen Vehicle	38	60	34
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	15	19	14
Special Detail	5	3	3
Suicide/Suicidal	67	42	36
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	536	442	307
Unknown	57	41	29
Vandalism	35	23	20
Threats/Harassment	142	123	102
Open Door	29	19	13
Traffic Offense	66	27	18
Traffic Stops ¹	970	773	801
Warrant/Civil Process	203	185	160
Welfare Checks	239	209	187
All other misc. call types ²	44	83	225
Total	7311	6764	5796

REPORT DATA

Table 2 is an abbreviated listing of actual offenses. This table does not reflect all offenses for 2021, only those reports that are typically considered of general interest to the public.

Table 2: Report Data.

Offenses	2019	2020	2021
Assault: all	98	52	55
Breaking and Entering	49	43	13
Burglary	45	33	12
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	28	18	45
Criminal Mischief	123	103	39
Criminal Trespass	94	122	43
Disorderly Conduct	218	182	78
Drug Offenses	105	101	16
Drug Para/Instruments	110	100	49
Domestic/Distrubances	64	64	38
Violating a Protection Order	32	33	17
Harassment	17	14	4
Homicides	0	0	0
Menacing	56	39	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	8	4
OVI	19	18	10
Rape	14	7	3
Other Sex Crimes	32	7	8
Robbery	6	4	1
Theft	444	359	137
Totals	1565	1307	585

Figure 1: Number of CFS by days of the week.

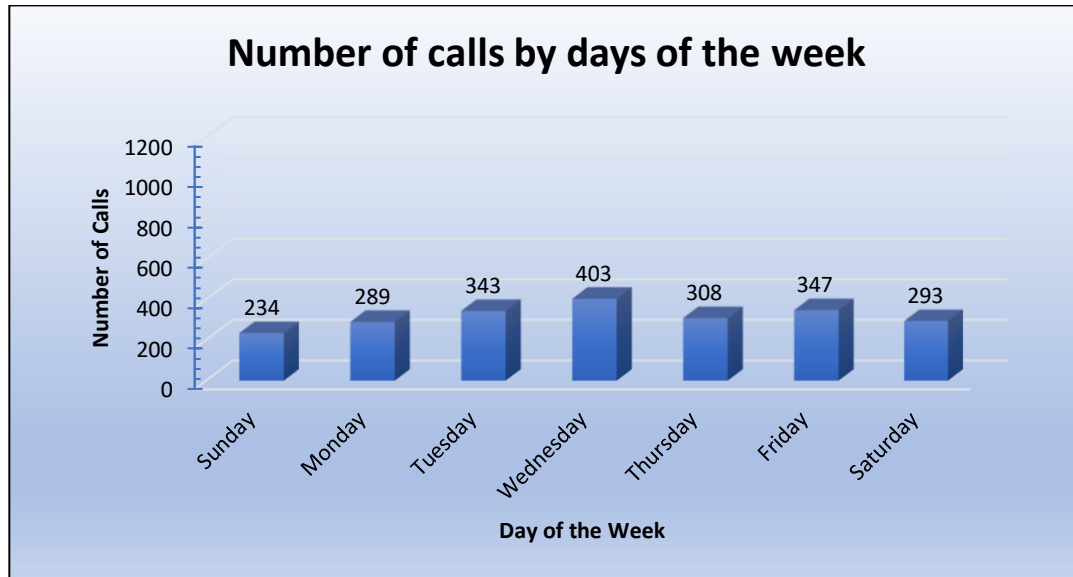


Figure 1 illustrates that CFS volume rises as the week progresses. This data reflects CFS from Aug 18 through 31 Dec, 2021. CFS data for the first half of FY 2021 was not available from the old CAD system utilized by LPD prior to 18 Aug, 2021.

Figure 2: City of Logan Geocode map.

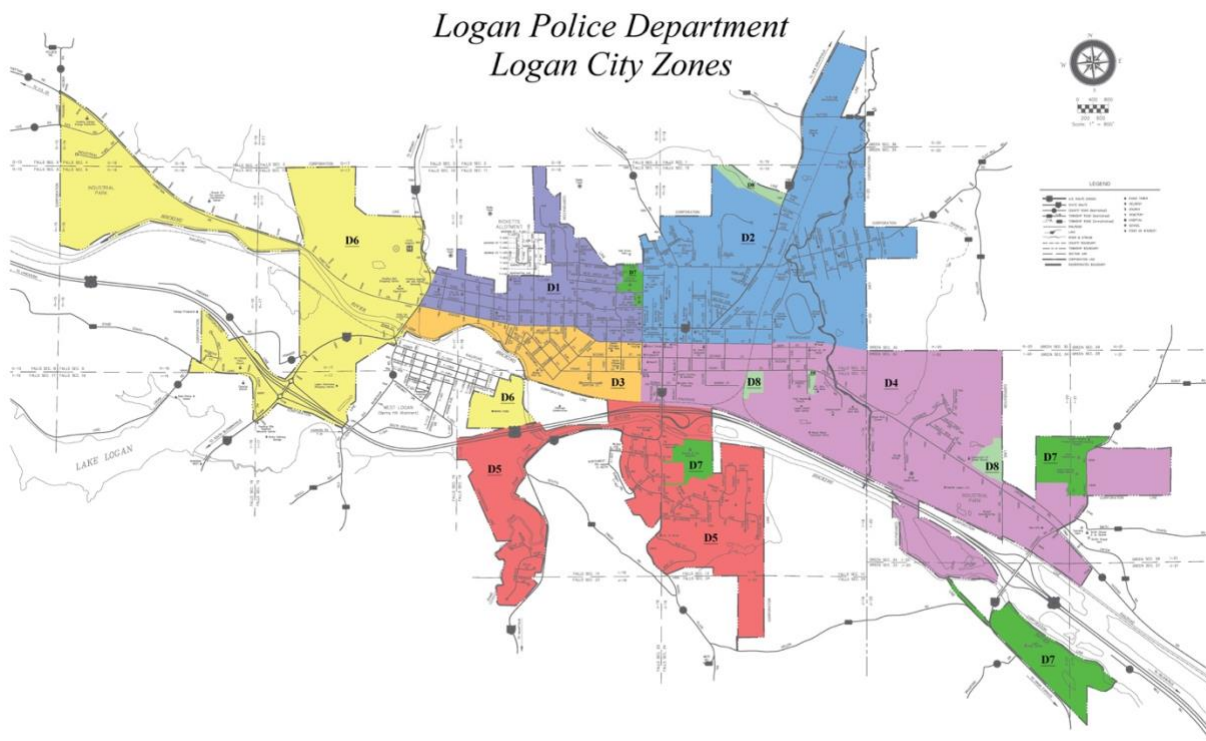


Figure 2 illustrates the districts of the City of Logan broken down into Geocodes for CFS reporting purposes.

Figure 3: Number of CFS per Geocode.

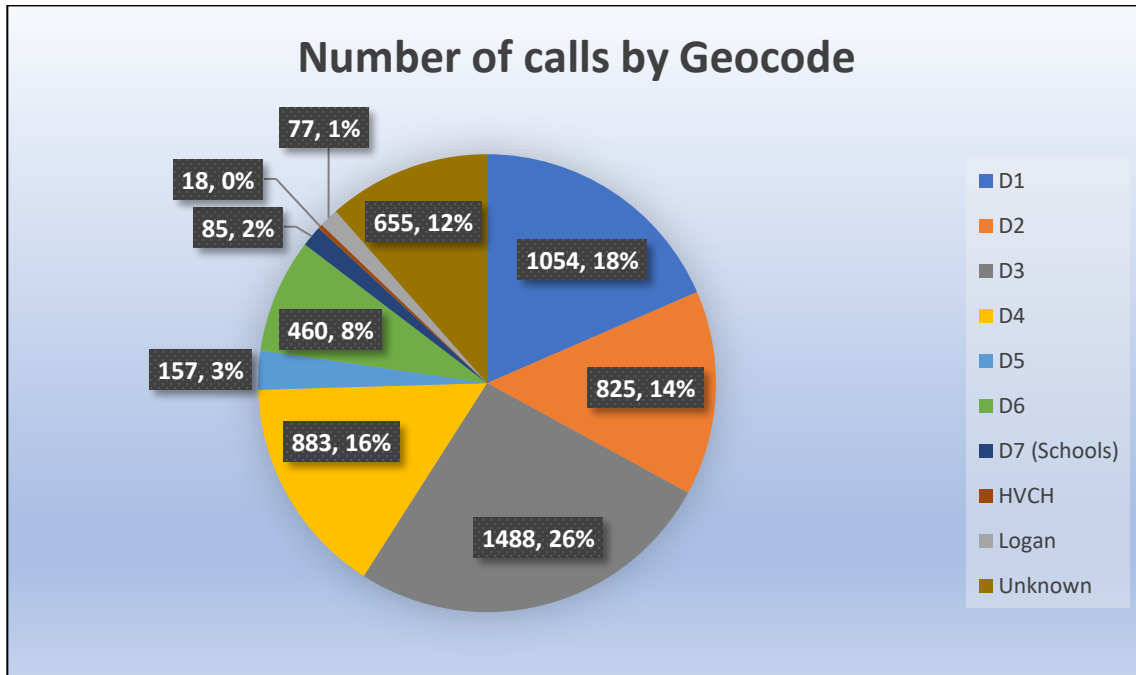


Figure 3 illustrates the CFS per Geocode district. Geocode D6 is under reported and “Unknown” is over reported due to the unknown nature of the Geocode when a CFS is taken.

Note: HVCH is Hocking Valley Community Hospital.

Figure 4: Self-initiated traffic stops by race.

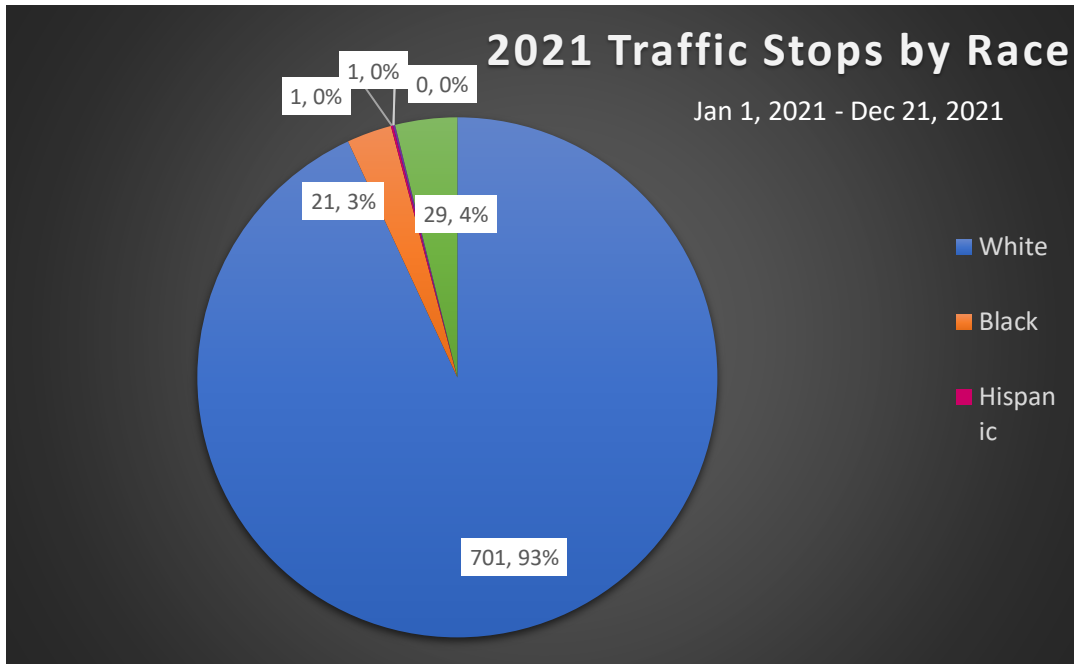


Figure 5: Total self-initiated traffic stops data chart.

2021 Traffic Stats		
Total Stops	753	
Total Stops with Citations	130	
Total Stops with Warnings	594	
Stops with no data	29	
Total Males	481	
Total Female	243	
		Percentages
White	701	93.09
Black	21	2.79
Hispanic	1	0.13
Asian	0	0.00
Other	1	0.13
Unknown	29	3.85

Figure 4 and **Figure 5** illustrate the number of self-initiated traffic stops by race and the percentage of total self-initiated traffic stops that number represents.

Figure 6: Self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings.

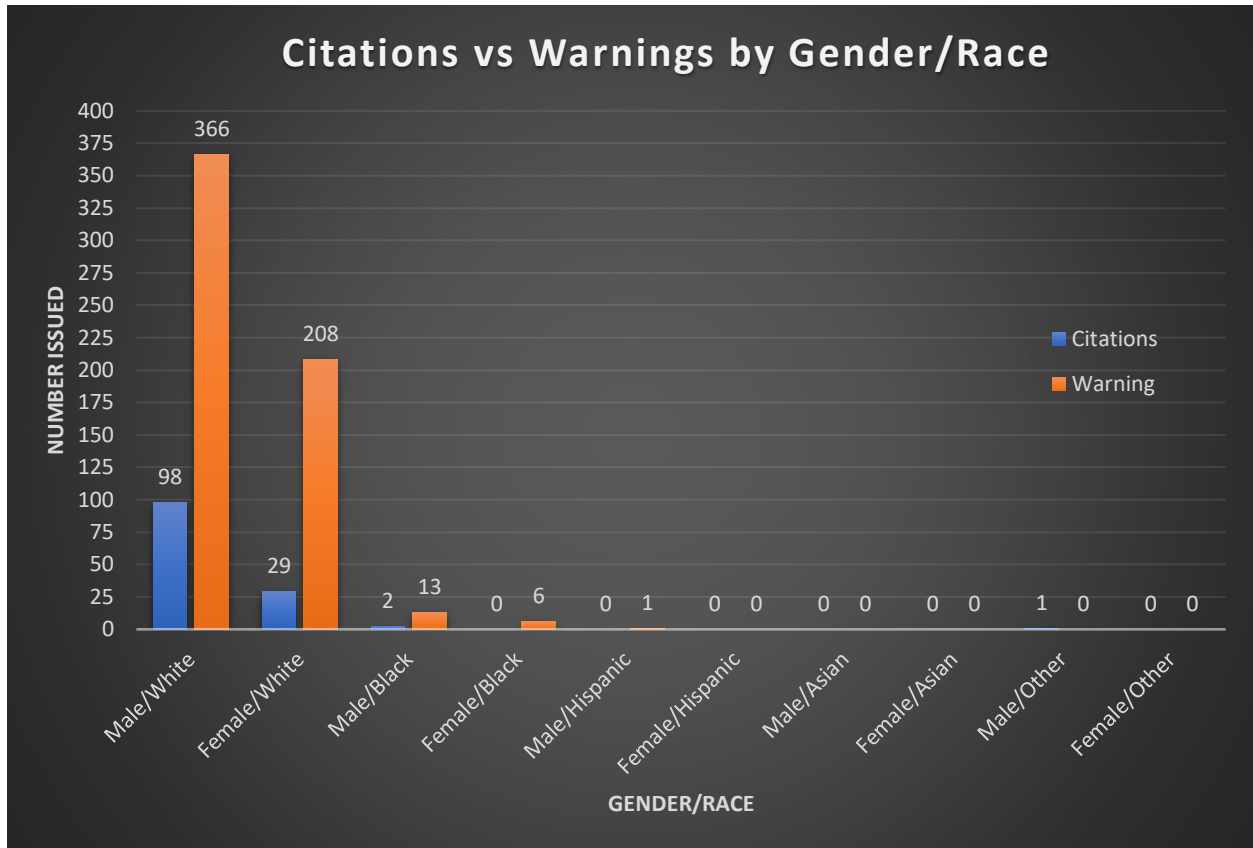


Figure 6 illustrates the number of self-initiated traffic stop, citations versus warnings as they relate to race and gender.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL):

Since its inception in 2019, the Police Athletic League has provided opportunities for children in the community to participate in positive, wholesome sports, recreational, and extracurricular activities - providing children between the ages of 5 and 18 with an alternative to life on the streets. With 228 registered participants, PAL hopes to divert children from negative influences and enhance a child's individual self-esteem, discipline, and actualization. PAL coaches help provide good role models for the children to interact with as they develop into adulthood. Additionally, the Logan PAL program provides adult classes, which focus on the same core values as the traditional PAL children's program.



SHOP WITH A COP:

Taking place during the Christmas season, this unique experience provides for a number of children in need throughout the community while creating positive relationships with law enforcement. Annually, uniformed first responders from various local and state offices, healthcare workers, and veterans volunteer their time to shop with the children at the local Walmart. In 2021, the Shop with a Cop program assisted 182 families throughout our community with a total contribution of just over \$26,000.



COFFEE WITH A COP:

Coffee with A Cop was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 with a focus on finding ways for Law Enforcement to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our community has changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded outside of the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.



K9 OFFICER DEMONSTRATIONS:

Throughout the year, K9s Bungge and Anni travel throughout the community providing demonstrations to local charitable organizations as well as to our local schools. Additionally, the Logan Police Department K9s present demonstrations to members of Tri-County Technical High School's criminal justice program and participates in their annual job fair.



SAVE CHRISTMAS FROM THE GRINCH:

A local realty business in Logan, initiated a program this year, “Save Christmas from the Grinch”. The local business donated a Santa Mailbox in front of their storefront, where local children could send a letter to Santa and it would be answered. The other part of the program involved the business posting on social media, the local newspaper, and radio stations about the “Grinch” being seen locally trying to steal the letters from the mailbox. The program culminated with an event in downtown Logan, where local children were given “Heart” stickers and when the “Grinch” arrived, Officers from the Logan Police Department arrested the Grinch and the children placed the heart stickers on his costume. The Grinch was transported by the Logan PD officers in marked cruisers and then brought back a short time later to the event. When the Grinch emerged from the cruiser, officers advised that his heart grew while in jail thanks to the children, so they let him out. The Grinch then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and lead in the singing of Christmas Carols. Children were allowed to have pictures taken with the Grinch and the participating Officers after the event. Due to the popularity of the event, it’s scheduled to continue next year.



LPD MOUNTED POLICE PROGRAM:

Established in 2019, by Patrolman John Sharp, the mounted unit worked the Veterans and Christmas parades as well as several Athens events in support of the Athens Police Department. The unit has established itself as popular community relations tool as well as an effective crowd control measure.

ANNUAL BICYCLE GIVEAWAY:

Annually, the Logan Police Department takes the many bicycles that have been recovered, impounded, or seized and donates them back to underprivileged members of the community. During this event, members of the community that receive a bike can make a donation that goes towards Shop with a Cop.

POLICING FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

Created in 2017, Policing for our Community is a Department authorized Facebook Page and community outreach program initiated by Midnight shift personnel. The program allows the midnight shift to post timely crime watch information, safety tips, and explanations of various city ordinances to keep the public informed and educated concerning local police matters. The program has also donated thousands of dollars' worth of toys, bicycles, gift cards, and other goods to members of the community while out conducting patrol duties. This program has become hugely popular in the community, garnering nearly 41,000 thousand followers.

DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE:

In 2021 the Police Department teamed up with the Major Crimes Unit for the nationwide annual Drug Take Back Day, where 31 pounds of prescription medications were collected. These medications were received and properly disposed of from our community. This program keeps these medications out of our water supply and out of our landfills. In addition, disposing of these drugs properly keeps them out of homes where thefts or misuse of these medications could be a possibility.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM:

Initiated in early 2000, this is the first major community relations program initiated by the Logan Police Department, and it's still the most popular and well-known community program in the department. The SRO program has evolved from simply having a patrol officer based at the school for public safety, to a comprehensive program involving elementary, middle school and high school students throughout the school district. The SROs conduct educational programs at the schools that include: drug and alcohol prevention, cyberbullying awareness, safe driving, and general health and wellness education to students in the community. The SROs serve as mentors, counselors, and advocates for at risk students in the schools. They provide a positive role model for many kids who lack any structure or positive influence in their homes.

OFFICER PHIL:

The Officer Phil safety program teaches children about stranger danger, the negative effects of bullying, fire safety, and internet safety through fun interactive lesson plans, with the idea of bringing child safety lessons to elementary schools. These programs are continued throughout the year by our School Resource Officers.

2021 GOALS (revisited)

- Maintain full staffing levels. (Complete)
- Complete the integration of the CAD/RMS system with Hocking 911. (Complete)
- Complete integration of the fingerprint scanner in order to fulfill State mandates. (In Process)
- Secure continued funding for Shop with a Cop. (Complete)
- Complete the implementation of the Enterprise vehicle lease program. (Complete)
- Send Patrolman Baker to a School Resource Officer Basic course. (Complete)

2022 GOALS

- Maintain full staffing levels.
- Complete the integration of the fingerprint scanner into the new CAD system
- Complete the integration of the Axon camera system into the new CAD software.
- Continue collaboration with Enterprise Fleet Management.
- Send Officers to first line supervisor training.
- Conduct a needs assessment and design study for a new public safety facility.