

2023 Annual Report



**Martinsville Police
Department**

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The MPD Mission

**Serving our community with pride,
professionalism and respect.**

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Martinsville Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing the responsibility to maintain order while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership that promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.

Chief's Message

Dear Citizens,

As we reflect on the past year, I am immensely proud to present the annual report of our police department. It is a testament to the dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment of our officers and staff to serve and protect our community.

Over the past year, we have worked diligently with our citizens to make great strides in reducing crime in our wonderful city. This partnership has resulted in a 19% reduction in overall crime and further emphasizes how, together, we have made Martinsville a great place to live and work.

Our department has remained focused on community engagement and building trust with the residents we serve. Through initiatives such as neighborhood patrols, community outreach programs, and collaborative partnerships with local organizations, we have worked tirelessly to foster positive relationships and address the concerns of our community members.

Additionally, we have prioritized training and development opportunities for our officers to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to adapt to evolving circumstances and uphold our commitment to fair and equitable policing.

While we have made significant progress, we recognize that work must be done. We remain committed to listening to the needs of our community and implementing strategies to enhance public safety while promoting accountability and transparency within our department.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of our community for their continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue to strive for a safer, stronger, and more resilient community for all.

Sincerely,

Robert Fincher

Chief of Police



Organizational Chart

Administration



Chief R. B. Fincher



Administrative Assistant
Dawn Hale



Major C. H. Rhoads



Captain J. R. Minter



Captain S. E. Hines

Organizational Chart

Investigations

Lieutenant
J.B. Lovell



Lieutenant
R. J. Barrow



Criminal Investigations



Special Investigations Division



Organizational Chart

Patrol Division

A - Shift



B - Shift



C - Shift



D - Shift

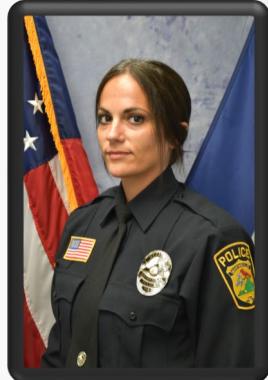


Organizational Chart

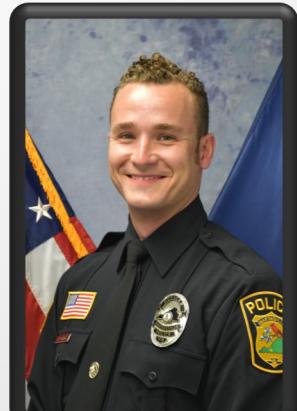
Community Resources Unit



Animal Control



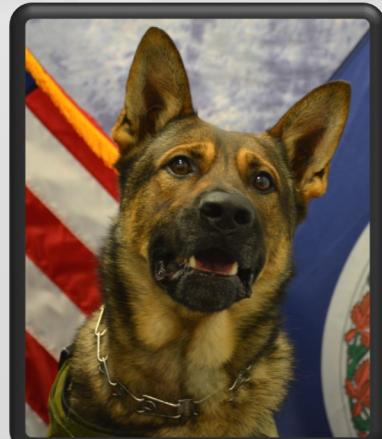
School Resource Officers



K9 Jaco



K9 Ronnie



Organizational Chart

Records Division

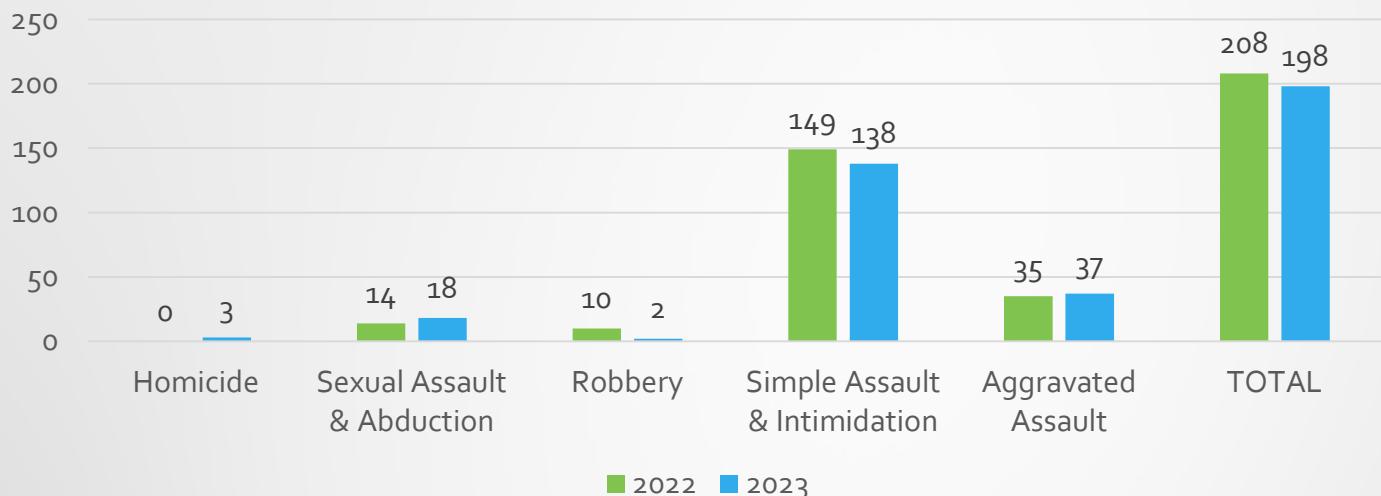


Chaplains

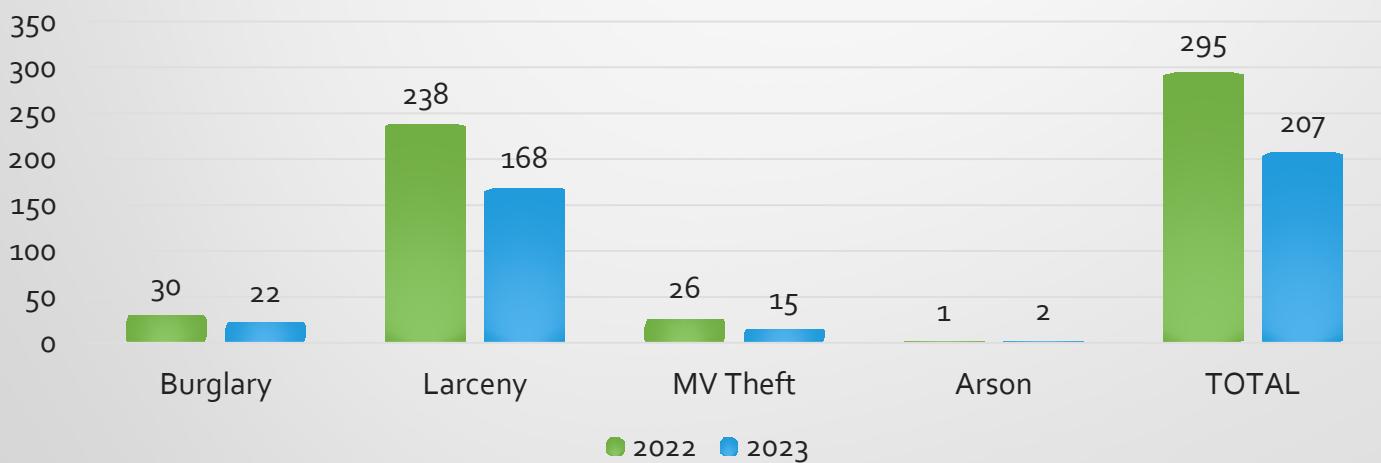


Year in Review

VIOLENT CRIME



PROPERTY CRIME

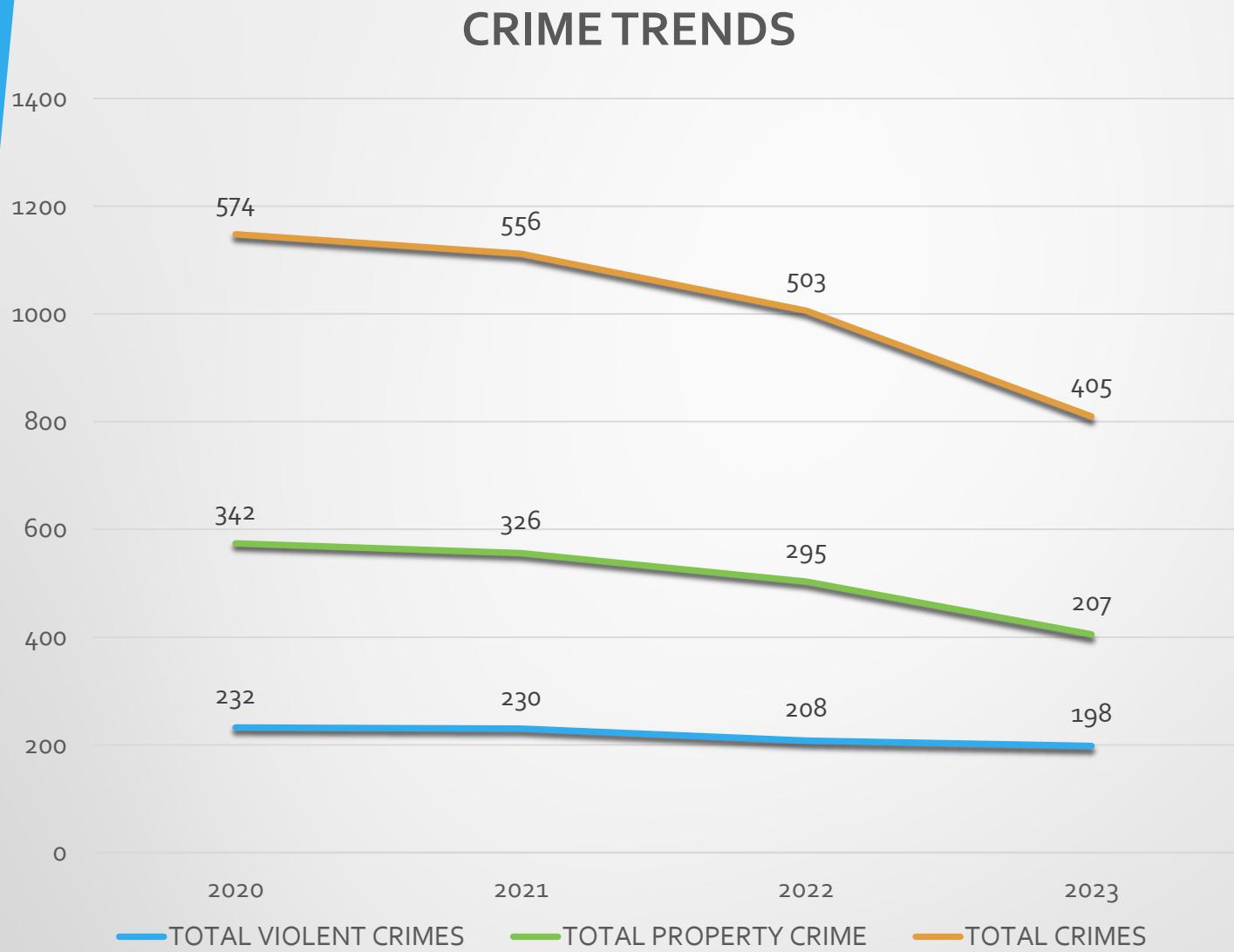


TOTAL CRIME 2022 **503**

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19.48% *DECREASE* IN CRIME

CRIME TRENDS



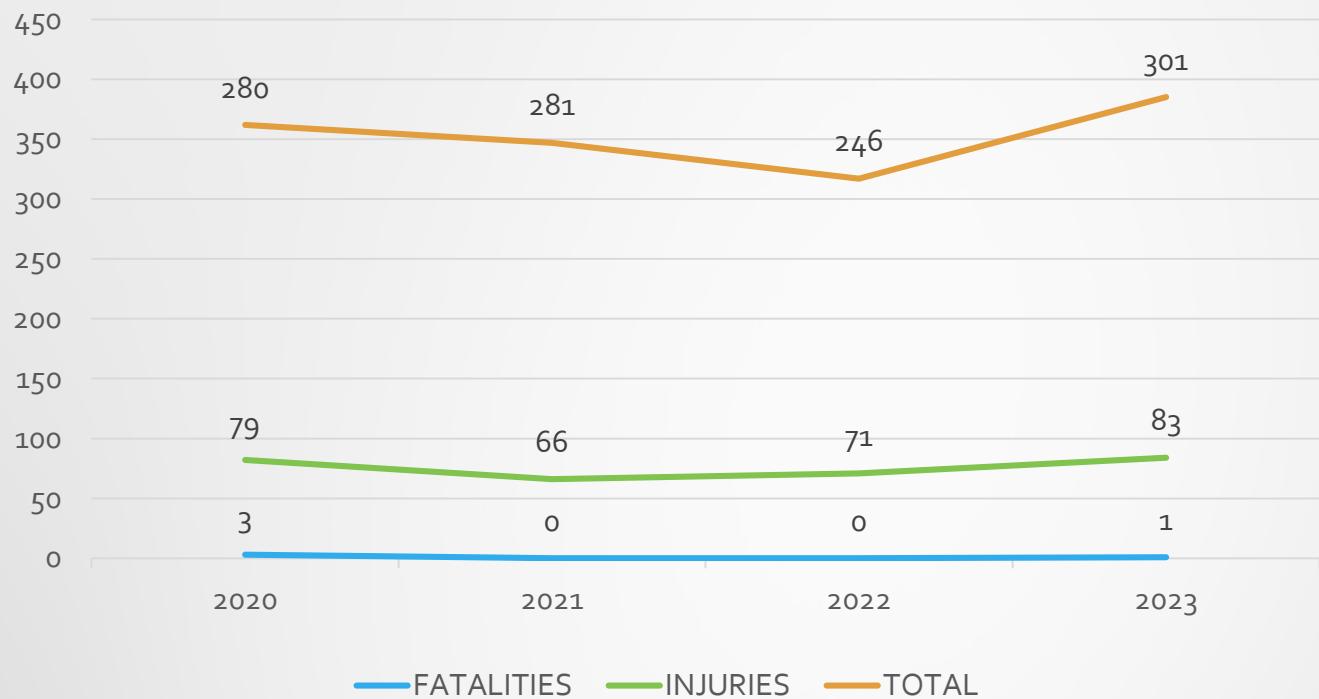
DEFINITION OF SELECT GROUP “A” OFFENSES:

VIOLENT CRIMES: *Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Abduction, Simple/Aggravated Assault, Intimidation*

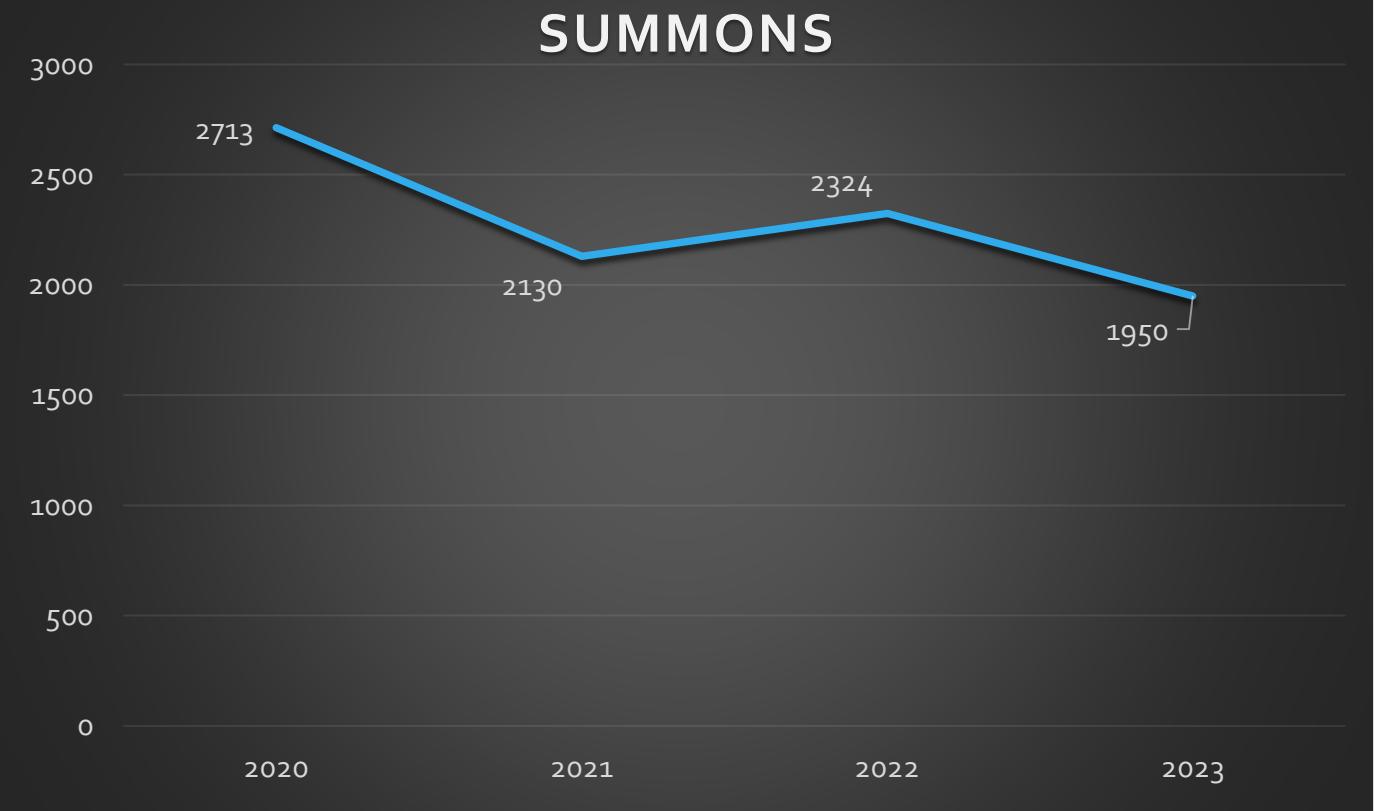
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY: *Burglary, Larceny (including Shoplifting), Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson*

TRAFFIC

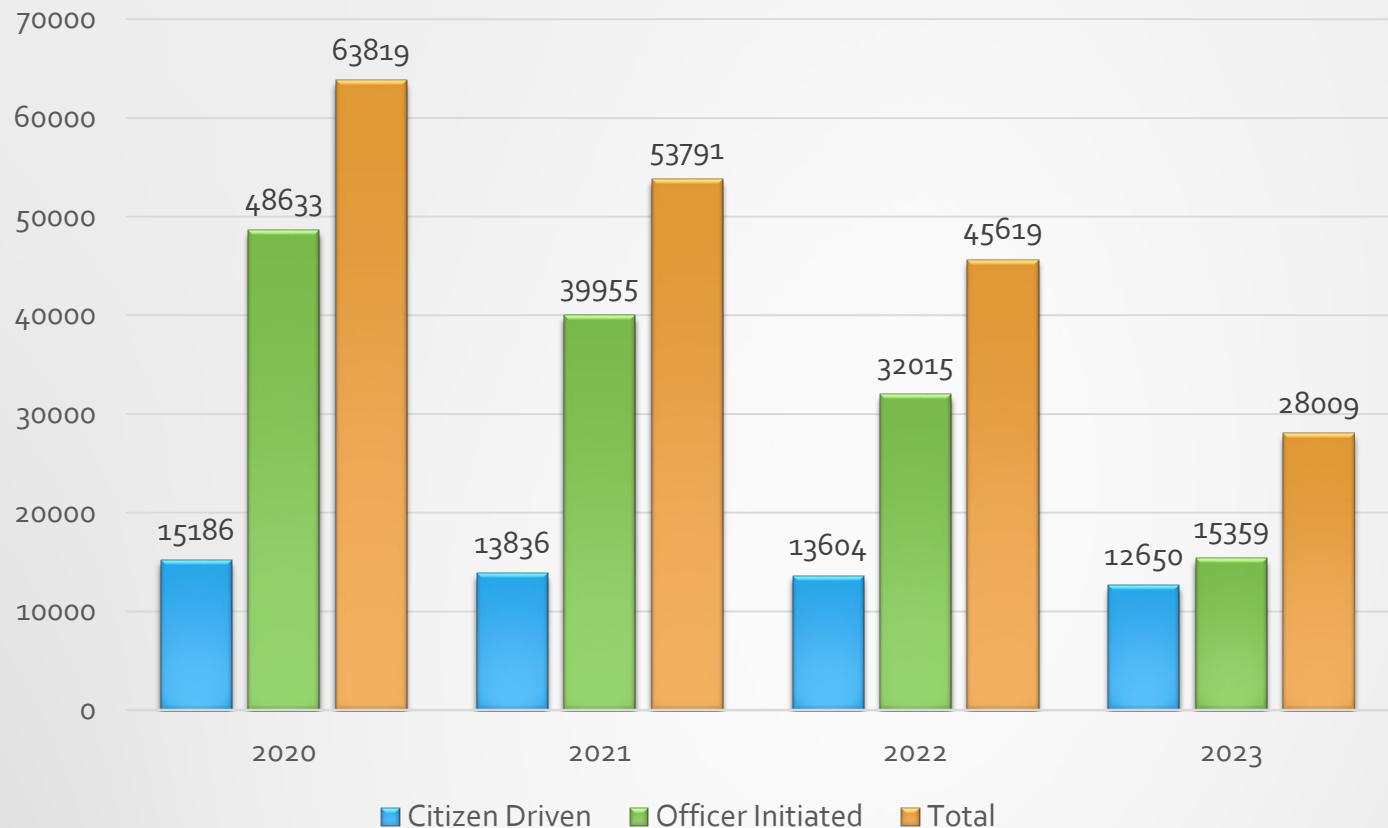
Reportable Motor Vehicle Crashes



SUMMONS



Citizen/Officer Initiated Calls For Service

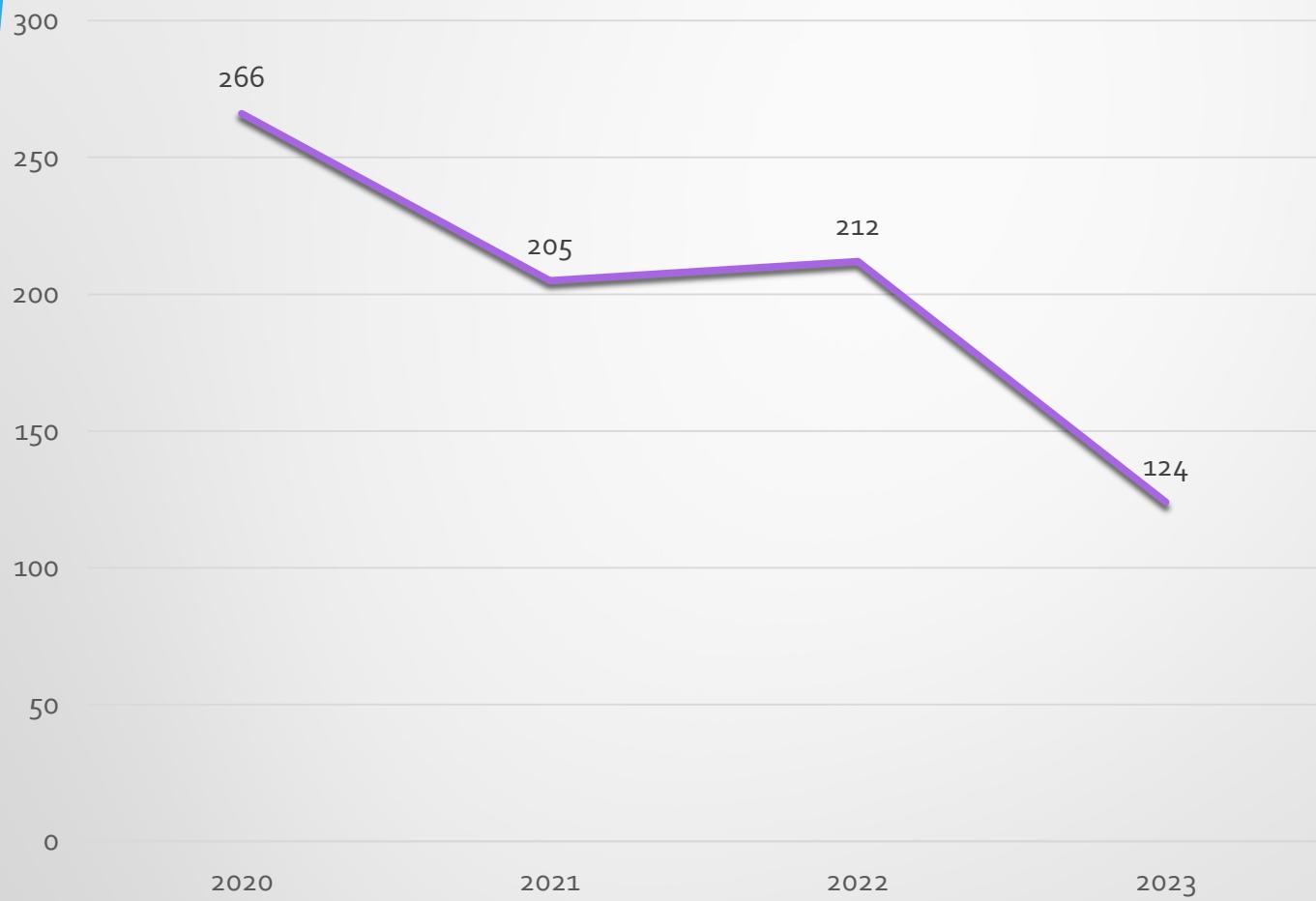


CITIZENS' TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE 2023

1. Call by Phone	1757
2. Suspicious Circumstances	1364
3. Dog/Animal Calls	948
4. 911 Open Line/Hang Up	624
5. Disturbances	620
6. Business Alarms	454
7. Larcenies	412
8. Report in Person	398
9. Motor Vehicle Accidents	392
10. Assist Motorist	286

TOTAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT

DRUG OFFENSES

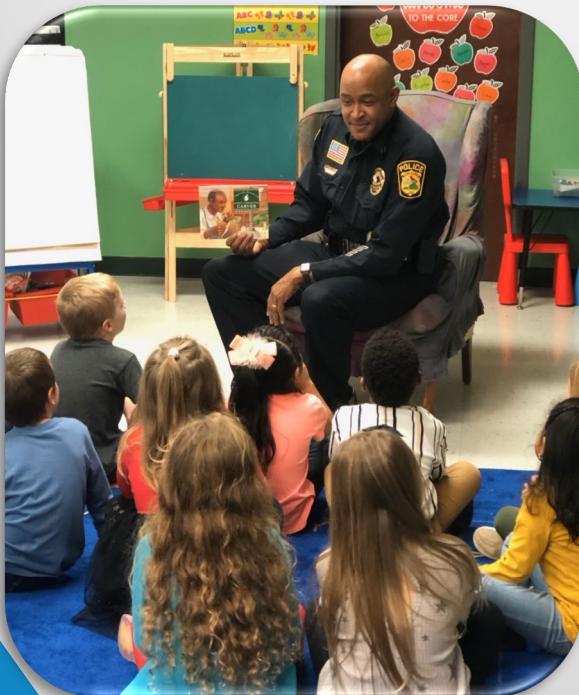


All employees at the Martinsville Police Department are certified in the administration of NARCAN.

NRO Program

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) Program assigns an officer to each of the 22 NRO districts in the City of Martinsville. This program allows each neighborhood to have a point of contact within the police department who can address issues and build relationships within the community. NRO's spend time during their shift in their assigned NRO area.

NRO's are meant to address non-emergency situations. They can provide advice and assist in directing citizens to the resources available to address their concerns.



Awards & Recognition



2023 Officer of the Quarter

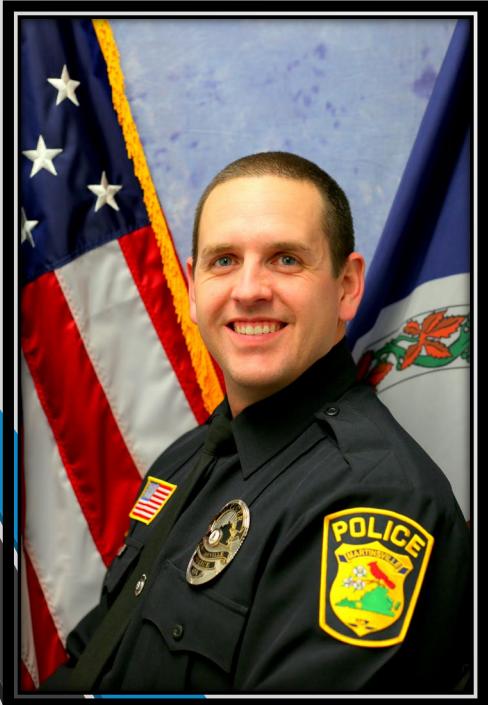
1st Quarter



2nd Quarter



3rd Quarter



4th Quarter



Officer of the Year



Congratulations to Sgt. H.T. Durham for being recognized as the 2023 Martinsville Police Department Officer of the Year.

Sgt. Durham has been with the department for 11 years and currently works in the Criminal Investigations Division. Sgt. Durham was selected by his peers as Officer of the year because of his work ethic and dedication.

Life Saver Award



We proudly recognize Ofc. Rogers and Ofc. Huerta for their life saving efforts during an emergency call. The officers performed first aid to include CPR which saved the life of a citizen of Martinsville. The officers were honored by the Martinsville Fire Department in December of 2023 with the Life Saver Award.



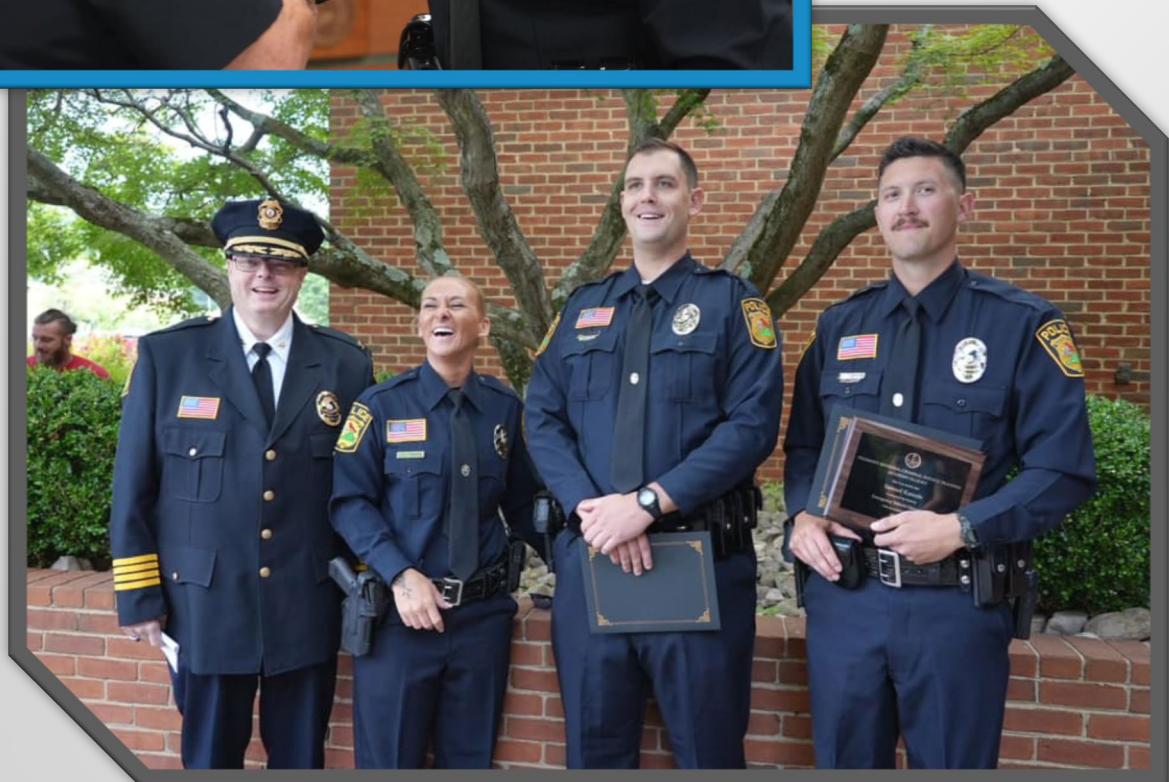
Retirees

The Martinsville Police Department would like to congratulate Ofc. Coretha Gravely, Cpt. Jim Minter, Ofc. Shane McPeek and Sgt. Richard Ratcliffe on their retirement. Thank you for your contributions and commitment to our community.



New Officers

**Martinsville Police Department
added four new officers to the
department in 2023.**



New Recruits

Martinsville Police Department welcomed four new recruits to the department in 2023.



Community Engagement

Martinsville PD hosted the first

Catalytic Converter Marking Event

this year. This event helped to raise awareness about catalytic covert thefts and discourage potential thieves by uniquely marking each converter.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER EVENT

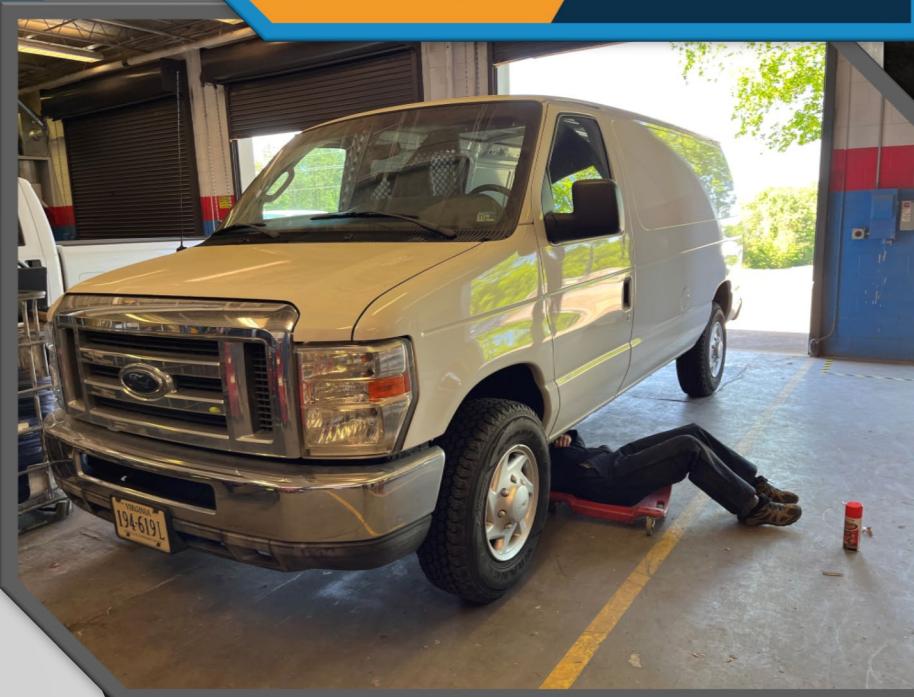
When: Saturday, May 6th 8am-4pm

Where: MHS Garage 200 Hospital Drive Martinsville, VA 24112

REGISTER NOW



OFFICER WARNICK
276-806-3403



Community Engagement



Touch a Truck



Octoberfest



Community Engagement

Fast Track - Trade Show



Christmas Parade



Community Engagement

Santa Cops For Kids

2023 was our largest shopping event to date. We were able to shop with 127 children from our local community.



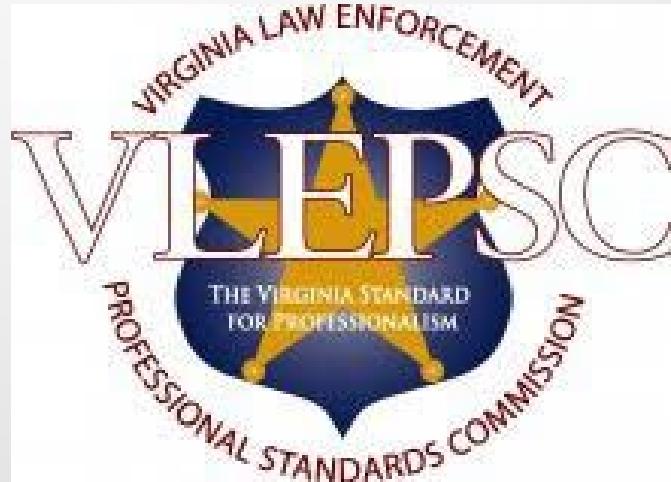
Drug Take-Back

The Martinsville Police Department conducted two drug take-backs in 2023. Over **500 pounds** of unused prescription medications were safely disposed of as a result of this event!



VLEPSC Accredited Agency

The Martinsville Police Department is an accredited agency through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Department was first accredited in 1998 and has maintained accreditation for 4-year intervals in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019 and most recently in January of 2023. Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria and have compliance with that criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body.



Grants

OPERATION BOLD BLUE LINE

The Martinsville Police Department was awarded grant funds as part of Governor Glenn Youngkin's initiative "Operation Bold Blue Line". The operation is a sustained effort to comprehensively address the challenge of reducing violent crimes to make communities safer.

As a part of the initiative the Martinsville Police Department was awarded funds for equipment to develop a real-time crime center, forensic science equipment to aid in criminal investigations, equipment to aid in police response and equipment to increase officer safety.

Flock Camera System	\$371,850
Pole Cameras	\$3,330
FARO Crime Scene Laser Scanner	\$59,780
Cellbrite	\$55,085
TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzers	\$62,100
Tactical Vests	\$48,960
Volcanic Electric Bikes	\$23,196
TUORE-V Off Road Electric Vehicle	\$17,500
Radio Headsets	\$19,777
Recon Robotics Throw-bot	\$19,190
Surveillance Vehicle	\$32,229
Criminal Investigations Equipment	\$7,020

Total Grant - \$720,056

Grants Continued

DMV GRANT

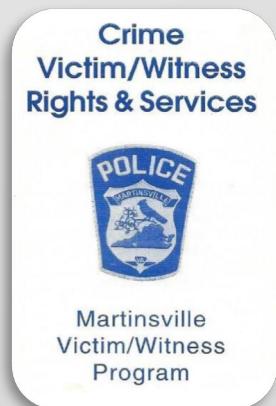
Each year the Martinsville Police Department receives grant funding from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Based on statistical data, the grants are given to jurisdictions in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and deaths related to vehicle crashes. The 2023 funding was used to purchase a new radar unit and fund additional traffic enforcement efforts.

Total Grant - \$16,230

PARTNERSHIPS



- Martinsville City Sheriff's Office
- Henry County Sheriff's Office
- Virginia State Police
- US Marshal Service
- ATF
- DEA
- Commonwealth Attorney's Office
- Martinsville Victim/Witness Program
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Southside Survivor Response Center
- Department of Social Services
- 9-1-1 Center
- PRCJTA
- ICAC
- CAC
- Crime Stoppers
- SPCA of Martinsville/Henry County



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