

Richfield Police Department 2022 Annual Report



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Chief of Police

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Honorable Michael Wheeler
Mayor, Village of Richfield
RE: Annual Report, 2022

Mayor Wheeler,

On behalf of the Richfield Police Department, attached is our 2022 annual report. In 2022, we have experienced difficulty recruiting qualified applicants. We are currently at full staff for our full-time officers; however, we currently only have one part-time officer--which is an all-time low for the police department. This year we also lost two part-time officers to seek full-time employment elsewhere. We continue to recruit in the police academies and from other agencies, but the problem persists here and across the country--there are just very few police applicants. We have been able to maintain all our staffing levels in the dispatch department.

The station remodeling was completed in 2022, which consisted of new flooring, re-painting of all the walls and new furniture. All of the aforementioned was original when the building was constructed in 2001, so thank you and council for approving this necessary project.

In 2023, we are reinstating our K-9 program with K-9 Officer Jacob Totten and his K-9 partner. We will certainly keep you and council apprised, as we move forward with the program and K-9 selection. It has been many years since we have had a K-9 program, and we are all looking forward to the addition to our staff and the increased security for the community.

As we move forward into 2023, the police department staff continues to remain committed to providing the Richfield Community with the best police service possible, with an increased focus on training, community policing and overall enforcement. Thank you for the continued support and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Swanson,

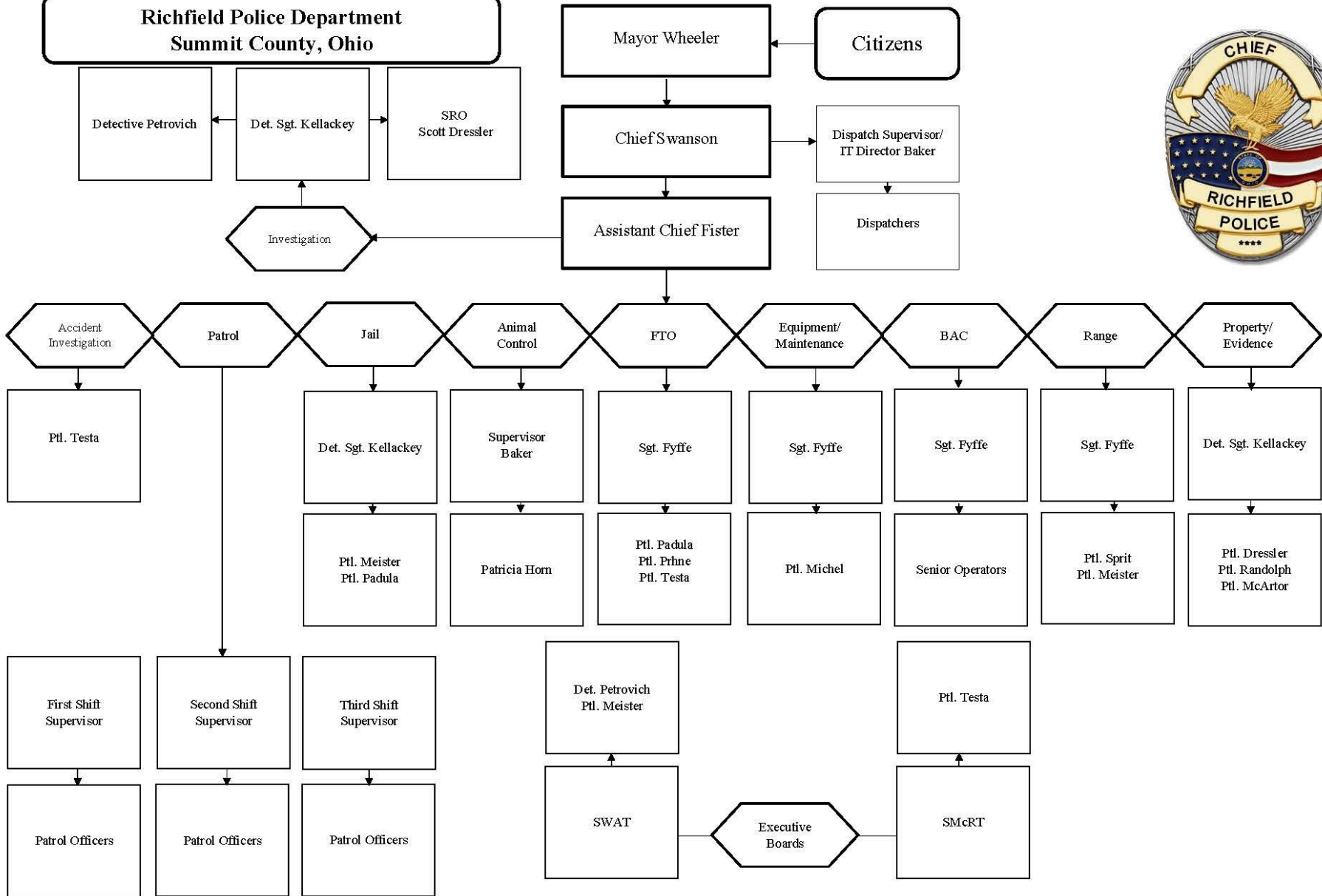
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richfield Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the community to improve their quality of life.

Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.

**Richfield Police Department
Summit County, Ohio**



Richfield's Law Enforcement History

The Richfield Police Department can trace its law enforcement tradition back to 1816. The first law enforcement official was a constable who was elected to office. Two of the first known constables were John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins. One of the most colorful constables was Arthur Scobie who served from 1920 to 1935. Constable Scobie wore boots and a western style hat. He rode a horse in order to perform his duties.

Web Orcutt and Joseph Smith also served as constables in the 1920's, while Preston Fauble was the first motorcycle officer. In the early 1930's, Orcutt, Smith and Fauble changed careers and were each elected to the office of Justice of the Peace.

William Guthrie was the last constable of Richfield and the first to have a car with two-way radio. An auxiliary Captain, Charlie Palmer, and Virgil Newton served as deputies. The constable system was replaced by the Summit County Sheriff in 1962. Three local men, Tom Fisher, Ed Peffer and Lee Weber were sworn in as deputies. The Summit County Sheriff continued to serve in Richfield until 1970, shortly after the Village of Richfield was formed. The formation of the Village resulted in two entities: Richfield Township and Richfield Village.

In 1970 the Richfield Village Police Department was formed. Tom Fisher was chosen to be the police chief, a position that he held until 1988. The Township continued its affiliation with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Richfield Township did have a police chief, Dave Arbogast, who was appointed in 1984. Chief Arbogast worked in conjunction with the Sheriff's department. The Township formed their own department with six additional officers joining Chief Arbogast. In 2001, the Richfield Township Police Department was dissolved. Richfield Township contracted with the Richfield Village Police Department for police services and has since that time. In 2002 the Richfield Village Police Department moved into a new facility.

John Walsh was appointed as Tom Fisher's replacement in 1988. Chief Walsh served in the capacity until 2001. Chief Merlin Canter was the third police chief for the Richfield Police Department with his appointment in 2001. Chief Canter served in the capacity until 2012. Chief Keith Morgan was the fourth police chief with his appointment in 2012. Chief Morgan served in the capacity until 2019. Chief Michael Swanson was the fifth and current police chief with his appointment in 2019.

There have been many changes since John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins took their oaths of office in the early 1800's. However, the law enforcement mission remains the same--to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield.

CHIEFS OF POLICE

John Walsh
1988 to 2001



Dave Arbogast
Richfield Township



Tom Fisher
1962-1988



Dale Canter
2001-2012



Mike Swanson
2019-Present



Keith Morgan
2012-2019

Personnel Information

The Richfield Police Department is currently staffed with 32 employees as follows:

Chief

Assistant Chief

1-Patrol Sergeant

1-Detective Sergeant

1-Detective

1-School Resource Officer

12-Full-Time Officers

1-Part-Time Officers

1-Animal Control Officer

Dispatch Supervisor

7-Full-Time Dispatchers

4-Part-Time Dispatchers



The Richfield Police Department currently has 18 full-time sworn officers and 1 part-time sworn officers. We employ 8 full-time dispatchers and 4 part-time dispatchers. We also employ 1 part-time animal control officer. Our current full-time police officers consist of 16 white males and 2 white females. The part-time officer employed is 1 white male. The full-time dispatchers consist of 2 white males and 6 white females. The part-time dispatchers consist of 4 white females. The Village of Richfield consists of 47.3% male and 53.7% female. The village is 96.14% White, 2.52% two or more races, 0.85% Asian, 0.49% Black, 0.00% Native American, 0.00% Other Races.

In 2022, Dispatch Supervisor Timothy Baker was promoted to a newly formed position--Dispatch Records Supervisor/IT Coordinator. Supervisor Baker has been employed full-time with the village since March 22, 1999. Since that time, he has rose through the ranks in Dispatch, to Dispatch Supervisor and has successfully commanded the dispatch center for many, many years. In that time, Supervisor Baker has also taken on the role of managing the police department's public records, as well as, the Information Technology (IT) village wide. Supervisor Baker also serves as an Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief—and has for years. Needless to say, Supervisor Baker has served many essential functions for not only the operations of the police department, but the operations of the entire village. He has certainly earned the promotion.





Officer Robert Gaydosh submitted his retirement, which was effective October 1, 2022. Officer Gaydosh is a Padua High School graduate; he attended the University of Akron where he studied criminal justice and is a graduate of the University of Akron's Police Academy. Officer Gaydosh began his employment with the village on 5-15-2000. He has served our community for over 22 years and was the department range instructor for decades. Prior to that he served as a police officer with the City of Garfield Hts. from 1997 to 2000, so overall he has served as a police officer for over 26 years. We thank Rob for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

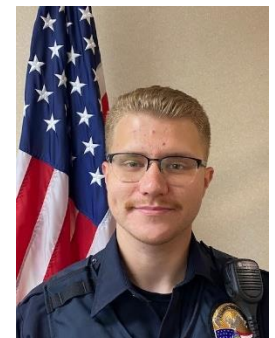
Dispatcher Amy Anter submitted her resignation to seek a position with Garfield Heights Court. Amy has been employed with us since 2008 and we want to thank her for all of her years of dedicated service. Amy will truly be missed and we wish her the best with her new position with Garfield Heights.



Detective Ryan Kellackey was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2022. Ryan is a Revere High School graduate; earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Criminal justice from the University of Akron and graduated from the University of Akron's Police Academy. Detective Kellackey was hired as a part-time police officer with us on 8-16-2016 and was promoted to full-time on 2-2-2017. Ryan was moved into the detective bureau in 2019 and in that time has excelled as a detective earning the Summit County Prosecutor's Office Top Cop award in 2020. We are looking forward to him leading the department as a Sergeant—assigned to the detective bureau.

To fill the ranks due to 2022 retirements/resignations, Officer Travis Hoffman and Dispatcher Jacqueline were promoted to full-time positions.

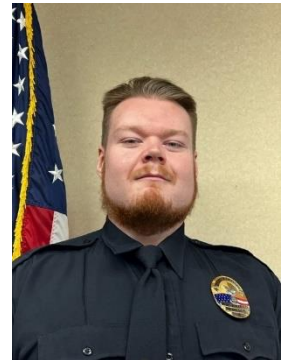
Officer Hoffman is an Ellet High School graduate and attended the University of Akron's Police Academy and is certified to be a police officer in the state of Ohio. Officer Hoffman served as dispatcher, then a Deputy for the Summit County Sheriff's Office for the past 4 years where he received extensive training in police communications, patrol tactics as well as inmate and jail training. Officer Hoffman is a very welcome addition to our department.





Dispatcher Racut is an Independence, Ohio resident and a graduate from Berea Mid Park High School. Jacqueline came highly recommended from another one of our dispatchers; she has passed a department background investigation, as well as, in-depth testing and assessment conducted by an independent firm. Dispatcher Racut is highly motivated, was eager to begin her employment with the village and is a very good addition to our full-time dispatch staff.

Brett Lee was hired as a part-time officer in 2022. Brett attended the Kent State University Police Academy, is certified to be a police officer in the state of Ohio and graduated from Nordon High School. Brett has a very large presence and a very calm demeanor. Brett is a very welcome addition to our department and we look forward to him serving our community as a Richfield Police Officer.



We are all excited as we move forward into 2023, with such qualified staff as the aforementioned. We will continue to focus on hiring qualified candidates through stringent hiring protocols, with the ultimate goal being to provide the citizens of Richfield with the best possible police service we can.

Detective Bureau

The detective bureau is currently staffed by Detective Sergeant Ryan Kellackey and Detective John Petrovich. Detective Petrovich also serves on the Metro SWAT Team as the Command Staff Administrator. The detective bureau still maintains a close working relationship with School Resource Officer Scott Dressler to address investigations involving juveniles.

In 2022 the detective bureau investigated 121 cases. Among the investigations were 52-thefts/fraud, 4-assaults/domestics, 10-sex crimes, 7-harassment/menacing cases, 4-missing person, 9-deaths, 1-B&E and 1-burglary.

Three search warrants were prepared and served in 2022, along with numerous subpoenas and court orders. Additionally, 18-felony arrest warrants and 10-misdemeanor arrest warrants were obtained in 2022.

Below is security video still photos from a theft investigation this year. The investigation determined that two suspects stole over \$75,000 from an elderly resident. Both suspects were arrested and charged with felony-2 grand theft and are currently in the court process.



All of the case work involves countless hours of investigation which includes, but is not limited to, crime scene processing, victim-witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, report writing and warrant preparation. Additionally, many hours are spent coordinating efforts with the Summit County Common Pleas Court, the Akron Municipal Court, the Summit County Juvenile Court and their prosecutor's offices, as well as other state and federal agencies.

These photographs are related to several smash and grab thefts that occurred this year. The investigation determined that the suspects were involved numerous thefts from vehicles all over northeast Ohio. Felony arrest warrants were issued as a result of the investigation.



The pictures below are related to a drug trafficking investigation worked jointly with the DEA. The investigation resulted in felony-1 charges of drug trafficking being filed in federal court.



The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for police department applicants and other Richfield employees. This is a very involved process that requires hours of research and investigation into the applicant's background. It includes interviews of the applicant, their past employers and references. The background investigation process is similar to any other investigation, which is why it's typically assigned to the detective bureau.

Also in 2022, SRO Dressler, along with detective bureau staff and the Bath Police Department, established a juvenile diversion program in order to better serve the community by having more involvement with the disposition of juvenile misdemeanor arrests. The program was established to divert low-level juvenile offenders away from the court system by giving them an opportunity to participate in thoughtful programming run through both Richfield and Bath Police Departments, which results in the sealing of the arrest record after the program is successfully completed. The program began operating in October of 2022, and already has several juvenile cases pending.

Communications Division

Information Technology



The communications division of the Richfield Police Department is supervised by Tim Baker. There are seven (7) full-time and five (4) part-time dispatcher that, in 2022 were responsible for all communications incoming and outgoing for the following communities;

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| Richfield Village | Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments |
| Richfield Township | Police, Fire, EMS and Service Departments |

The dispatch center fielded 17,080 calls for service in 2022. This is down from 2021 with the leaving of Valley Fire and Peninsula Police.

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| Richfield Police - | Village | 12,453 |
| | - Township | 2,555 |
| | - Other | 685 |
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| Richfield Fire - | Village | 916 |
| | - Township | 345 |
| | - Other | 126 |

With the leaving of Peninsula Police and Valley Fire, we did not reduce our services to our residence.

We have continuing to train once a month, as of March 2022, we are a part of Police One Training center and every dispatcher is assigned a training module each month. With Police One, each dispatcher has completed 11.5 hours of training.

School Resource Officer

Scott Dressler

I went to several training sessions over the summer. The first was SORAT, Single Officer Response to an Active Threat. I also attended the annual SRO conference in Sandusky. We ran a food pantry for the 3rd year in a row in the month of July, we averaged 23 families a week. The school year started in August.

I worked with the teacher's union to get 100 percent compliance with the School Guard app. This app gives the staff real time information and location in case of an active threat. I also gave several presentations to parents and students. These topics were, dangerous apps, social media dangers, underage drinking and street law. We started two very exciting things this year. The first is a student safety council. We meet monthly and discuss safety concerns. The second thing was an SRO connect QR code. This allows students and staff to reach out with information to me. We also started a juvenile diversion program with the school and Bath Police Department. We have had 4 juveniles go through the program since November. We started to plan a full scale all hazard drill in cooperation with all the safety forces and the school in 2023.

In October we received a bomb threat at Bath Elementary School. We evacuated the building and the Summit County Bomb Squad checked the building. All students were evacuated to another school. In December we were able to help 29 families with gift cards and cookies. The donations of gift cards and cookies were from Bethel Church, Revere Middle School student council and the juvenile diversion program.



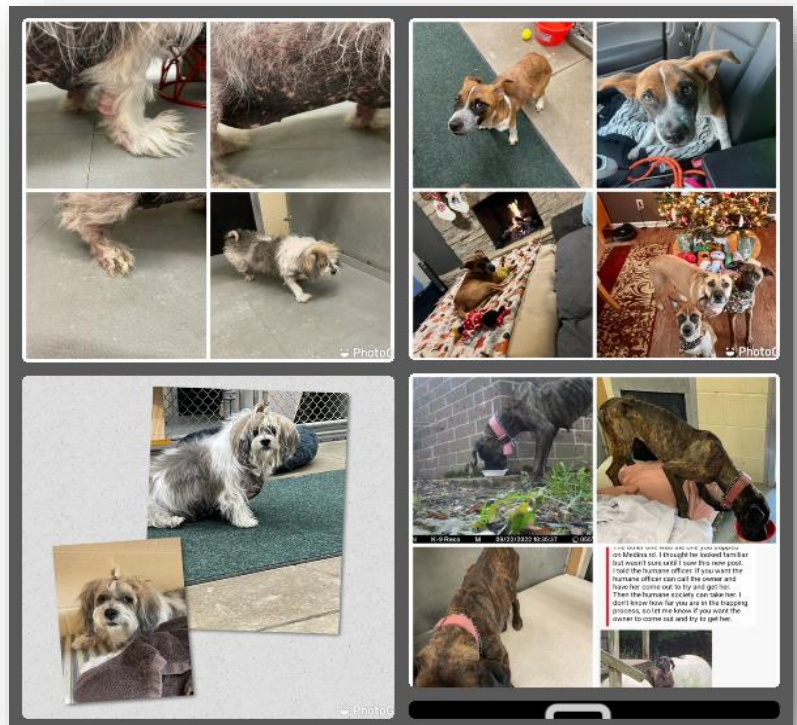
Animal Control

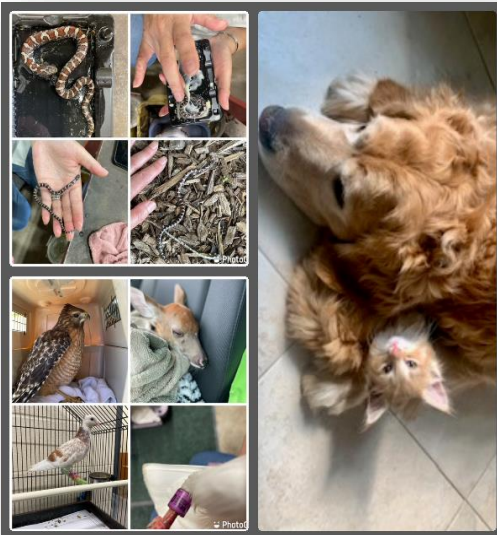
Dog Warden Patricia Horn

In 2022 there were a total of 279 calls for service. 146 for animals at large, 116 for misc. including anything from raccoons stuck in dumpsters to snakes in houses. 4 animal bites and 13 noise calls. I had 44 animals housed in the kennel this year, 32 dogs, 10 cats and 2 birds. From the kennel, 30 animals went home, 9 to rescues and 5 had other outcomes: 1 humanly euthanized, 1 returned to the rescue it was adopted from, 1 turned over to Metro emergency hospital, 1 turned over to the Humane society due to possible abandonment/abuse case and finally the pigeon captured at Eastwood preserve turned over to a local pigeon racing club in hopes they could trace the leg band and locate the owners. 2 cites were issued this year for animals (dogs) at large.

This year, same as last I had a senior dog turned over to me when the owner had passed away. At the beginning of February, I took in Hershey, she was a 13-year-old Lhasa mix with the worst skin condition I have ever seen among other age-related issues. The owner was able to supply me with her many prescriptions. I was totally committed to her medication schedule, including medicated weekly baths, in the time I had Hershey, her skin improved tremendously and her hair was growing back. I had Hershey's company for about 5 months, when she declined and appeared to be in distress, I took her to Dr. Fogel when it was discovered Hershey was in heart failure and she was bloated with fluid, we agreed it would be a kindness to let her go, Hershey was humanly euthanized July 22nd.

In May I received information that a Richfield resident took herself to Metro urgent care in Brecksville, she was admitted to Parma hospital, when the owner was able, she contacted a friend and advised her dog was left in her vehicle at Metro. With the assistance of Metro security and Brecksville PD we located the dog alive and well in the vehicle, The dog Bella, was housed in the kennel until the owner was released from the hospital and was able to claim her. The owner was extremely grateful for our help.





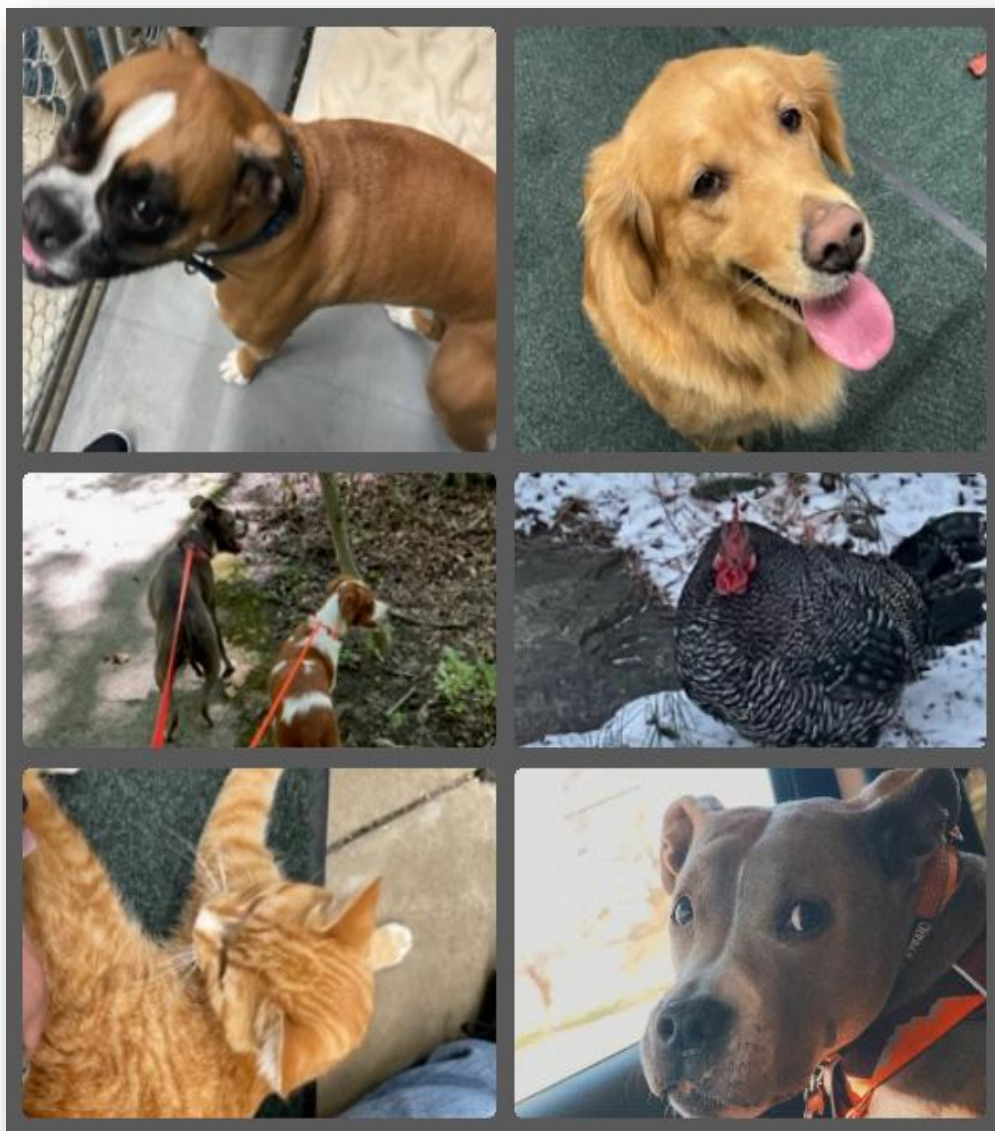
The success I've had in returning pets to their owners can be attributed to microchips or ID tags. For instance, a resident on Forest Brook Ct North found a skinny older cat in her yard, she brought him to the kennel where I discovered the cat was micro-chipped and registered to an address in Broadview Hts. The owners were contacted and responded immediately to the kennel, and they advised their cat "Brodie" had been missing for 6 weeks at least.

For most of September we received numerous calls about a large (very skinny) brindle dog on Wheatly Rd. I was never able to set eyes on this illusive ghost dog even after reports she was hit by a car. I contacted Tom and Tamara Slopek of K9 recovery, they set up trail cameras and traps in several places along Wheatley Rd and finally was able to trap the dog behind Panda Chinese restaurant. Tom informed me they had a report from the Humane Society that the owner was trying to rehome this dog and her littermate. The littermate was dumped on Rt 18 near I-77, thankfully K9 recovery trapped him and turned him over to Summit County animal control. It took much longer to trap the female dumped here in Richfield, she was hit by a car, resulting in a broken foot/ankle and was also heartworm positive. The dog was transported to the Humane Society in hopes they would follow up with citing the owner and the dog could start receiving medical attention needed.

A Olde English Sheepdog was picked up on Brecksville Rd, she had several ID tags and was microchipped, registered to an address in Willoughby. I was unable to make contact with any of the contacts listed, so I did a google search on the owner's name and found her obituary. The owner passed away in 2021 and the obit listed a daughter, so I also searched her name and discovered she lives in Richfield. A search of our inhouse records gave

me contact information. I contacted the daughter and she was horrified a relative had let the dog out unattended. The resident had taken in the dog, “Ginger” after her mother had passed. The daughter, still grieving the passing of her mother didn’t have the heart to replace the old tags and she had no idea the dog was microchipped. I supplied the resident with the microchip contact information so she could update the information.

A puppy was dumped on Everett Rd. A 5- to 6-month-old Cattle Dog had been in the area for at least a week when the Fire Chief spotted her, the pup was very skinny, had been surviving on feed corn, covered in ticks, loaded with worms and I discovered she was anemic by her very pale gums. When no owner came forward to claim her, she was turned over to a rescue where she could get the medical attention she desperately needed and placed for adoption.



A beautiful Golden Retriever was picked up on Brecksville Rd by Pilot. “Aubree” the Golden caused quite a stir with golden lovers all over. It appeared she was used as a breeder then dropped off and she was lacking in basic attention and care. When she was turned over to a Golden rescue there was already a list of people interested. Aubree went directly to a foster to find an adoption home for her.

I’ve met so many wonderful people and their pets, made great contacts with the rescues I network with. I consider myself very lucky, in placing animals after I have loved and spoiled them for the time they are with me.

Training

It is the continuous duty of Richfield Police Department to train officers, staff, and the public, as well as hold those who are privileged to uphold the law and protect our community accountable to a standard that fundamentally values human life. In the law enforcement profession, training and education are a vital aspect for continued growth of the Richfield Police Department. By accomplishing this primary task, it serves to strengthen and build trust in Richfield community.

It is essential for the Department's members to attend various types of training to maintain proficiency and further develop their skills and abilities. Some of the training is mandatory for the members, both sworn and nonsworn, to maintain certain certifications, as well as keeping current with changes in laws and current trends of the law enforcement profession. The role of law enforcement depends in large part on having the trust of all our citizens regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender. Law enforcement must be reminded that its role is to "serve and protect" while being both warrior and guardian; but also, to humanely assist with interdictions.

The Richfield Police Department seeks to provide ongoing training and encourages all personnel to participate in advanced training and formal education on a continual basis. Training is provided within the confines of funding, requirements of a given assignment, staffing levels and legal mandates. The objectives of the training program are to:

- a. Enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public.
- b. Increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of Department personnel.
- c. Provide for continued professional development of Department personnel.
- d. Assist in compliance with statutory requirements.

In 2021, the Richfield Police Department provided approximately 1,297 hours of training, both in-house and outside the agency. In 2022 the Richfield Police Department provided approximately 1883 hours of training which exceeded our goal from 2021. The Richfield Police Department will again strive to go above and beyond the 1,883 hours of training in 2023.

The Richfield Police Department is to administer a training program that will meet Department or nationally recognized standards and provide for the professional growth and continued development of its personnel. By doing so, the Department seeks to ensure its personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the public. The Richfield Police Department policy contains content that pertains to Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification (OCLEAC) Standards

In 2022 Richfield Police Department complied with the Continuing Professional Training (CPT) mandate, in which required every peace officer in Ohio to complete 24 hours of state mandated training in the calendar year of 2022. This mandate was not in effect for a couple of years and reinstated in the 2022. The Richfield Police Department received a grant from the state that was used to cover some of the costs associated with providing Continuing Professional Training. The Richfield Police Department then in turn sent a report to the state of Ohio on how its officers received this training. To assist the Richfield Police Department in completing this mandate, the Richfield Police entered into an agreement with Police One Academy--a division of Lexipol.



The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) is required to set a minimum number of hours for continuing professional training (CPT). Supporting funding is to be determined. The OPOTC Commission, at its January 10, 2023 meeting, established the following distribution of the 24 hours of required training: Three topics, totaling 8 hours, set by the Commission that all peace officers and troopers must take in 2023 are: 3 hours School Threat and Safety Training, 3 hours Legal Updates, 2 hours Arrest, Search & Seizure.

16 hours of training topics at the direction of the Agency Administrator. For the remaining 16 required hours, Agency Administrators can use any pre-approved training that meets the requirements OAC 109:2-18-03.

This training can be completed in-house, with series of training videos and once completed sent to the state of Ohio to complete its Continuing Professional Training Mandate. Sixteen hours of CPT must come from the following list (the first category plus three of the others):



Diversity, Inclusion, Equity: 4 hours (mandatory), Responding to Mental Health: 4 hours, Use of Force: 4 hours, Legal Updates: 4 hours, Officer Personal Wellness: 4 hours, Responding to Sexual Assaults: 4 hours, Domestic Violence: 4 hours.

For the final eight hours of training: Categories may come from two of the remaining three categories that are listed above. Categories may come from the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board standards (categories already named in the top list are not repeated here): Law Enforcement Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations, Standards for Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuit, Investigation of Employee Misconduct, Bias Free Policing, Law Enforcement Telecommunicator Training, Body Worn Cameras, Use of Deadly Force, Employee Recruitment and Hiring, Community Engagement, and Agency Wellness.



The Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs) are a web-accessed system that provides training on the Richfield Police Department Policy Manual and other important topics. Generally, one training bulletin is available for each day of the month. The Richfield Police Department has participated for two years in a row and achieved the Gold Standard for excellence in Law Enforcement Policy management. This includes: 100% Policy Issuance, 99% Policy Acknowledgement, 114% DTB Issuance, and 99% DTB Completion.

The Daily Training Bulletins uses the IRAC method which is a framework for logical method of applying rule of law to facts. The basic structure is: Issue, Rule, Analysis, and Conclusion. This method is taught in our nation's law schools. The first set of Daily Training Bulletins are related to the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Standards. Each training bulletin will have a question related to the policy. These training bulletins are to keep Richfield Officers current on policies, linked to Richfield policies, and to be a positive experience.

This past year, every sworn officer attended several Use of Force Trainings, which included de-escalation techniques. Richfield Officers who are authorized to carry the Electronic Control Weapon shall be permitted to do so only after successfully completing the annual department approved training by Ofc. Prhne. This past year Ofc. Randolph completed his training in the Gracie Defensive Tactics sponsored by Bath and Richfield Departments.



The Benefits of the Engage Virtual Range simulator training: judgmental and circumstantial training, lifelike and realistic settings, shoot/don't shoot situations, less lethal scenarios, controlled stress and active response shooter scenarios with authentic sim guns with realistic recoil.

Engage Training is where decision making, and stress responses are tested. Richfield Officers attended Engage Virtual Range to routinely utilize de-escalation techniques in their job in law enforcement. If these skills are not regularly practiced in educational environment, these skills may not be deployed in a way that always produces a positive outcome. The Engage Range and our Range officers created a simulated training environment for Richfield Officers to practice essential and potentially lifesaving drills.

Richfield Officers are continuing to receive training on driving skills through Drive Team a company located in Cuyahoga Falls. Drive Team has trained police officers and sheriff's deputies from 120 law enforcement agencies across the state of Ohio. Richfield Officers learned evasive maneuvering, braking techniques, ABS, threshold braking, driver/vehicle limits, advance vehicle dynamics, safe and effective emergency response driving. The Richfield Police Department this year also sent officers to Mid-Ohio Driving Course taught by the Ohio State Patrol--to diversify our emergency response driving.

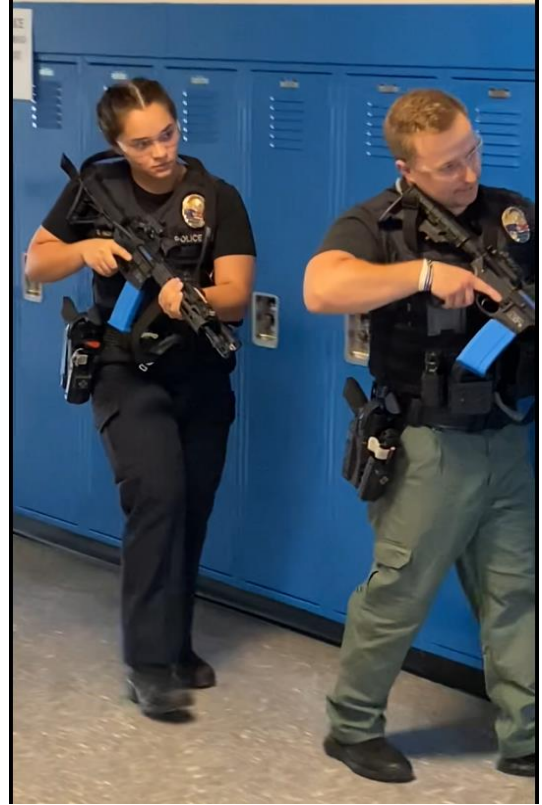
The Richfield Police Department was approached by surrounding agencies in response to today's times of Civil disorder. A mutual aid agreement was created with surrounding agencies including Bath, Copley, Tallmadge, Fairlawn, Hudson, Stow, and Summit County Sheriff. Eleven officers were initially selected for the team; however, in 2022 we decreased the number of officers, but increased training to quarterly. The quarterly training was held at Revere stadium in the Fall of 2022 (Seen below). Tactics for effectively dealing with civil disorder, violent disorders, violent protests, officer rescue, and looters. Tactics also trained were for arrests and removing violent persons, rapid mobilizations, and deployment of police resources.



The national standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course is three to four days long and combines classroom instruction, hands-on work with car seats and in vehicles, and a community safety seat checkup event. Successful completion of this course certifies the individual as a national CPS technician for two years. Richfield Police Department sent two officers this year to be certified for correct installation of Child safety seats. Contact Ofc. Randolph or Ofc. Totten at the Richfield Police Department to make an appointment to have a seat safety inspection by one of our nationally certified Police Officers



The Richfield Police Department also sent a portion of its officers to a Two-Day class in Advanced Patrol Tactics hosted by Metro SWAT Members. The goal of this course is to provide the patrol officer with a set of principles to help them safely and effectively deal with combative subjects in a wide array of situations and arenas. The officers will be able to apply the principles to building searches, vehicle stops and high-risk vehicle stops. The class focused on manipulation of the Richfield Department's side arms and rifles in a safe and efficient manner. In turn, the Richfield officers will be able to employ these tactics in a solo or group environment.



In addition to the approximate 1,883 hours of training attended, several Richfield Officers received certification; some of the highlighted courses are: Advance search and seizure classes, Advanced Traffic Stops, Vehicle Pursuit Supervision Training, Crisis Intervention Training, Mobile Field Force FEMA Training, Technology/Social Media Training, and De-escalation, Intervention & Force Mitigation Training. Officers received advanced training in these areas which allows them to pass along the knowledge and certification quickly and efficiently to the rest of the Department without adding additional cost. We look forward to more of our officers becoming certified instructors in other areas in 2023.

Property Room

The proficiency of the property room often makes the difference in a successful outcome of a criminal case. There is a constant flow of property and evidence that passes through the property room each year. Each piece of property/evidence must be packaged, labeled, logged and properly stored.

Many pieces of evidence are submitted to the crime lab each year for analysis and this process is also managed through the property room. The evidence must be prepared for submission, and after analysis, it's returned to our property room. The accompanying lab reports that follow, then must be filed appropriately and forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

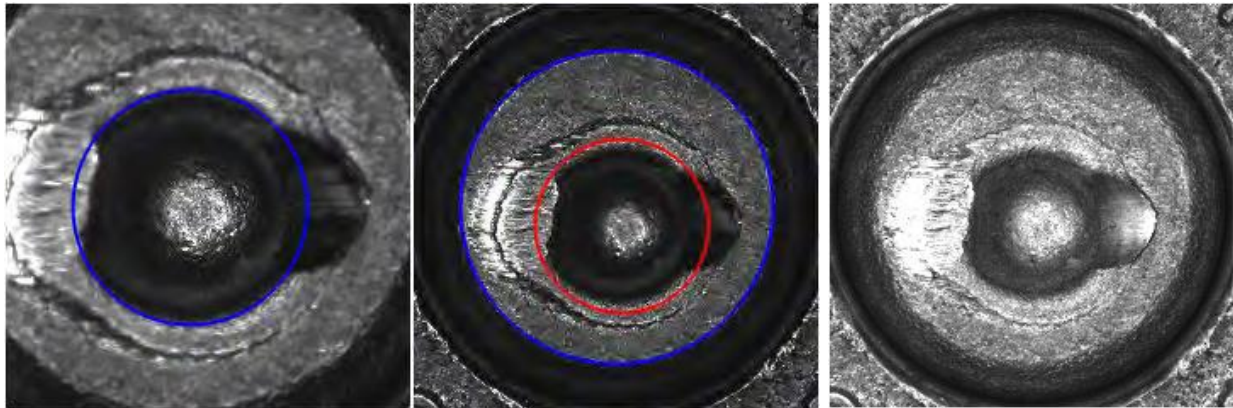
The day-to-day operations of the property room are managed by Det. Sgt. Ryan Kellackey, Officer Bart Randolph, Officer Doug McArtor and SRO Scott Dressler on their respective shifts while also performing their other assigned duties.



During 2022 the property room booked in over 200 pieces of evidence. The photographs above are some of the items that were collected by RPD this year.

During 2022, property room staff conducted a full audit and inventory of all items currently being stored in the property room. This process consisted of generating a report which detailed every piece of property that has been booked into the property room in the history of the department, and the disposition of that property. Officers then manually inventoried all pieces of property that were currently in the property room, and compared that list with the report. All discrepancies, or items that were not located, were then researched through inspection of previous destruction logs, property sheets and incident reports.

Property room staff also oversaw the destruction of 73 firearms, many of which have been stored for decades. This process included test firing 44 firearms to be submitted to NIBIN, one of which was linked to two shootings in the Cleveland area being actively investigated.



The photographs above show markings from a bullet casing that was submitted to NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network). The markings are then compared to other millions of casings collected at crime scenes across the country to generate investigative leads.

Summit Metro Crash Response Team



The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT) is Summit County's first multi-jurisdictional crash response team. Investigators are assembled from 15 police agencies throughout Summit and Portage County. The team includes officers from Boston Heights, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Peninsula, Richfield, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, Twinsburg, Streetsboro, and the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The Cities of Kent and Tallmadge will be joining the Team in 2023. SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineers Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner, and our municipal and county prosecutor's offices.

The team is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. One or more members of each team are Level IV Crash Reconstructionist or Level III and II Technical Crash investigators. These investigators have training in vehicle dynamics, crush deformation, low speed impact, commercial vehicles, motorcycles, occupant kinematics, lamp and tire analysis, evidence collection and court room testimony. Other team members are basic crash investigators who assist the reconstructionist in data collection and evidence preservation.

The team is investigative only and does not initiate any enforcement action. Investigators support and advise the requesting agency as to the causes and factors involved in the crash and can provide an agency with professional and scientific analysis and reconstruction of a serious crash. Participation in the team serves to multiply our resources in a crash emergency, both in terms of man power as well as equipment, which is shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as expert investigation.

Officer Michael Testa is an active member of the SMcRT and has been a team member since 2021. Officer Testa is a Level II traffic crash investigator. SMcRT holds training once per month with the exceptions of June, July, and August. Officer Testa responded to multiple serious injury and fatal crashes in 2022.

During 2022 there were 3 fatal crashes in Richfield. There were 28 crashes with reported injuries on scene. The vast majority of the crashes that occurred in Richfield resulted in property damage only. Richfield Police Officers have made traffic enforcement a high priority. Due to the increase in traffic enforcement, we believe that this contributes to less serious injury and fatal traffic crashes. The speed signs located throughout town is believed to give us an accurate representation of problem areas in Richfield that could benefit from increased traffic enforcement. Richfield Officers are working hard to ensure the safety of all citizens who live and commute in Richfield.

The SMcRT responded to one crash in Richfield that resulted in a fatality. A pedestrian was struck by a commercial vehicle on Interstate 77 south near the 145-mile marker. The investigation showed the pedestrian was intoxicated and walked onto Interstate 77. Witnesses report the pedestrian was attempting to wave down a motorist for a ride when the pedestrian was struck. No fault was assigned to the motorist that struck the pedestrian.

Two other fatal crashes occurred in Richfield that did not need the assistance of the SMcRT. A driver involved in a single vehicle crash on Interstate 77 south died as a result of their injuries at a later date. The State of Ohio considers a crash fatal when injuries sustained in a crash lead to a death within 30 days of the crash. The third fatality occurred on State Route 303 at Medina Line Road. The two-vehicle crash resulted in a fatality of a passenger who was located in the vehicle at fault. A careful investigation of the crash led to the execution of two search warrants for the at fault drivers' blood and information found inside the vehicle. Evidence showed the driver was intoxicated at the time of the crash and has been charged and indicted with Aggravated Vehicular Homicide. The case is still being adjudicated.

Richfield Crash Statistics

| Interstate 77 | Interstate 271 | Village/Township Roads | Total |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 80 | 24 | 87 | 191 |

| Fatal | Serious Injury | Minor Injury | Possible Injury | Property Damage |
|-------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 140 |

Firearms/Range



The Richfield range and firearms program currently consists of three firearms instructors (Ptl. Dressler, Ptl. Padula and Ptl. Sprit). The program and range are overseen by Sgt. Fyffe. Ptl. Meister will be added to the program in 2023, once he completes the state mandated firearms instructor training.

Officers must qualify at least one time a year with their pistol, rifle, shotgun and with any secondary backup weapons. The Richfield Police Department used approximately 7,000 pistol rounds, 5,000 rifle rounds and 250 shotgun rounds during qualifications and practice throughout the year. The pistol qualifications are currently being completed at the Richfield pistol range while all other qualifications are performed off site.

The patrol cars are equipped with a patrol rifle and a shotgun given officers the ability to respond to any type of call. Officers are trained in combat marksmanship, which is a multiday training which consists of approximately 500 rounds of ammunition each. The course incorporates movement drills, skill development drills and several other “real life” training drills. The Richfield Police Department currently uses the Smith & Wesson M&P pistol in 45 ACP or 9mm.

This year we once again incorporated virtual range training. Engage Virtual Range is located in Medina and is a state-of-the-art virtual range. The training uses scenario-based technology which simulates live fire exercises. The training is designed to help grow skills, accuracy, and confidence in various realistic scenarios.

The Police Department has ordered new Defense Technology 40 mm tactical launcher which will allow Officers to deploy less lethal ammunitions when needed. The Police Department will be sending an Officer to training to become an instructor with the 40 mm launcher sometime in 2023.

The Police Department currently has officers on a waiting list to become firearms trainers for handgun and rifle instructors. The recent retirement of Officer Gaydosh, has left the department short a rifle instructor which will be filled sometime in 2023.

Police Vehicles

The Richfield Police Cruisers are easily identified and recognized as protectors of peace. They have black with white letters and numbers on the license plate, American Flag design, and a reflective strip on the back. In 2020, Chief Swanson allowed Officers to design new graphics for the new Patrol Cars. The entire fleet has been updated as of 2022 with the new graphics.

New Patrol Car Graphics



The Cruiser Inventory of vehicles presently consists of 13 vehicles. Within the Cruiser Inventory are Ten Marked Road Patrol Units, and Three Unmarked Units. The 10 marked patrol cars all have also been outfitted with all new patrol rifles with lighting systems.

The marked road patrol cruisers are equipped including: communication equipment, emergency lighting, crash equipment, weapon retention equipment, mobile data terminals, automated external defibrillator (AED) which also contain two doses of Narcan, and in-car video cameras. The in-car video system is now paired with body-worn cameras that officers wear throughout their shift. The marked road patrol cruisers also are equipped with ready bags located in the front compartment of each cruiser, which contain extra ammunition, and first aid supplies for an officer to take with them to high-risk incidents. Lastly, located in the trunk of each marked patrol cruiser are: Ballistic shields, flak jackets, helmets, low profile police uniforms, and chemical suits in addition are gas masks for our first responder police officers.

Current Fleet

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Car #01 | 2016 Ford Police Explorer (SRO) | 103278 Miles |
| Car #02 | 2019 Ford Police Explorer | 82329 Miles |
| Car #03 | 2021 Ford Police Explorer | 17560 Miles |
| Car #04 | 2019 Ford Police Explorer | 51968 Miles |
| Car #05 | 2019 Ford Police Explorer | 50058 Miles |
| Car #06 | 2020 Ford Police Hybrid | 51658 Miles |
| Car #07 | 2021 Ford Police Interceptor | 31471 Miles |
| Car #08 | 2020 Ford Police Hybrid | 57689 Miles |
| Car #09 | 2019 Chevrolet Police Tahoe | 96139 Miles |
| Car #10 | 2019 Chevrolet Police Tahoe | 84134 Miles |

Total miles driven on patrol in 2022 is approximately 235,558 miles which is up 1,000 miles from 2021. This is almost 648 miles of patrol per day in a 24-hour time period on average.

In addition to the Richfield Police Cruiser Inventory are two vehicles assigned to the Detective Bureau, and one vehicle assigned to Chief of Police. These vehicles are not marked, but they are equipped with police radios, and weapon retention equipment. These vehicles carry all necessary equipment for detectives' assist them at crime scenes, and to transport all evidence back to police department. The vehicle assigned to Animal Warden is used and equipped to aid her in her duties and is marked similar to our Road Patrol.

The entire fleet is on a weekly maintenance program set up through our department with Sgt. Fyffe, Ptl. Michel, and the Village's mechanics Chuck Soulek, Ken Horn, and John Luther. This is an effort to maintain efficient service at a minimal cost and to make every effort to provide a safe and properly working vehicle for our Richfield Police Officers.

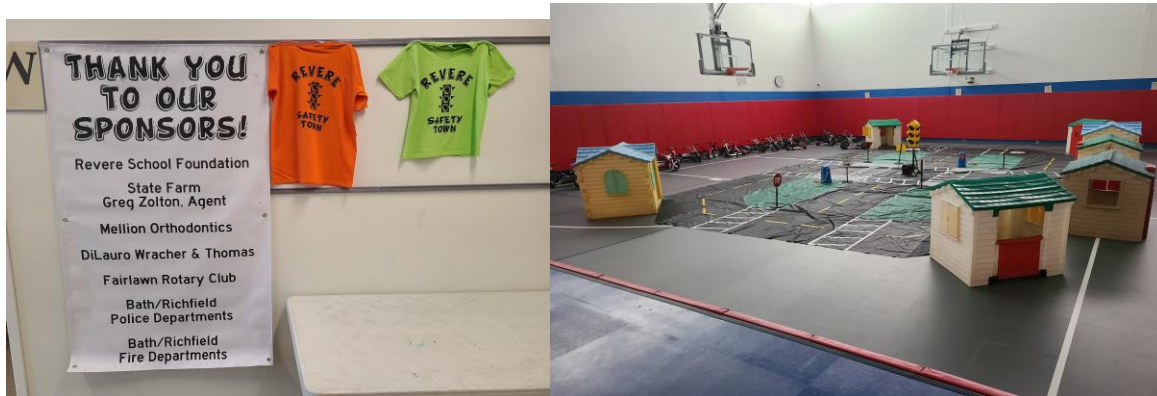
SAFETY TOWN

This was the second year of the combined Revere Safety Town. This year we had it at Bath Elementary School from June 20th to June 24th. We had 2 sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The total combined children that attended were 141, 4- and 5-year-olds. We also had 125 student volunteers from Revere Middle School and Revere High School.

This year we went to an exclusive online registration process and QR code for sign up. We continued to run Safety Town with community donations. This year our sponsors were: Greg Zolton (State Farm), Revere Schools Foundation, Mellion Orthodontics, DiLauro, Wracher & Thomas, Fairlawn Rotary Club and the safety forces of Bath and Richfield. Safety Town usually costs approximately \$2,500.00 to \$ 3,500.00 a year, with all expenses covered by donations.

We also have a Safety Town committee that makes all the decisions and handles all planning. This committee consists of Geoff Kuzas from Bath Fire, Kevin Urban from Richfield Fire, Stacie Campbell from Bath Police and myself. I would also like to thank Rochele Bolton from Bath Fire, Danny Pierce from Richfield Fire for all their help. They both were present every day at Safety Town and worked very hard to make it a success.

I would also like to mention all the support we received from Chief Swanson, Chief Sinopoli, Dr. Tefs and the Board of Education. We could not have done it without their support and trust in us. The Safety Town committee looks forward to making Safety Town a great program for the children to remember for a lifetime.



Metro SWAT

Police Officers from Summit and Portage Counties make up the Critical Response Rescue Team known as Metro SWAT. The team has 23 member jurisdictions with officers assigned to the team. Richfield Police is an active member of Metro SWAT and currently has two members assigned to the team. Detective John Petrovich is a UAS (Drone) pilot and serves on the command staff as the administrator, and Joel Meister is a tactical operator and sniper with the team.



In 2022, Metro SWAT responded to 21 calls for service, ranging from high-risk arrest warrants, high risk search warrants, barricaded subjects and search and rescue. The Metro SWAT Team currently has 47 members including command staff, doctors, medics and negotiators. These members are on call 24/7 365 days of the year. Current member jurisdictions are: Aurora, Barberton, Boston Hts, Brimfield Twp, Copley Twp, Fairlawn, Hudson, Kent, Kent State, Macedonia, Munroe Falls, NEOMED, New Franklin/Clinton, Northfield Village,

Peninsula/Boston Twp, Ravenna, Richfield Village/Twp, Sagamore Hills, Silver Lake, Springfield Twp, Stow, Streetsboro and Twinsburg.



The Metro SWAT team stands ready to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield Village and Township whenever their services are needed. Stop and see our SWAT members and some of their equipment during Community Days this summer.

Drone Team

The Richfield Police and Fire Drone team was created in 2022. The team consists of FFA certified UAS (unmanned aircraft system) Pilots, that are members of our Richfield Safety Forces. We have recognized that this life saving technology will advance our safety forces into the future.



Drones have proven to be invaluable assets during missing person operations and disaster response efforts as well, such as tornadoes, floods, and large-scale power outages. Drones allow the police/fire departments to cover large search grids quickly and efficiently compared to what's possible with traditional ground teams.

During active incidents and scenarios involving armed and dangerous suspects, we can deploy our drones to support operations happening on the ground. Not only is it considerably safer to send in drones to investigate these highly volatile and dangerous scenarios in place of sending in police officers into direct lines of fire, but the drones can also gather significantly more informative data in real-time.



Thanks to their ability to capture aerial images and generate 3D mapping of crash scenes we can also use them to reconstruct traffic collisions. This helps police to streamline traffic collision investigations, provide collision-related traffic impact assessment in real-time, and facilitate the clearing and reopening of roadways safely and efficiently post-incident.



The Richfield Safety Forces Drone Team looks forward to assisting our residents in Richfield Village and Township.

B.A.C. Datamaster

(Blood Alcohol Content)

Sergeant Chris Fyffe is responsible for the Breathalyzer Equipment; Patrolman Michael Testa assists him.

The B.A.C. Datamaster, is an Infrared Electronic Breath Alcohol Measuring Instrument used for determining the alcohol concentration in a person’s breath. The B.A.C Datamaster is approved by the National Traffic Safety Administration and by the Ohio Courts. The B.A.C. Datamaster measures the grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The B.A.C. Datamaster is an essential tool used for the prosecution of impaired drivers and for the prosecution of underage consumption. In the State of Ohio, the Prima Facie Evidence for a subject under the influence of alcohol is .08 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

A B.A.C. Datamaster instrument check is required every seven days, not to exceed 192 hours. The operation and instrument checks are overseen by Sgt. Fyffe with Ptl. Testa assisting. The instrument checks are done to ensure the integrity of the tests and the instrument. A Senior Operator who has been certified by the Ohio Department of Health can only conduct an instrument check. The Richfield Police Department has five Senior Operators and two Standard Operators. The Standard Operator may only administer a test to a subject and are not authorized to conduct an instrument check. The Standard Operators have also been certified by the Ohio Department of Health. Five officers are slated to receive Senior Operator training in 2022.

The B.A.C Datamaster was used 43 times by four different Law Enforcement Agencies, from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for OVI’s and alcohol related calls for service.

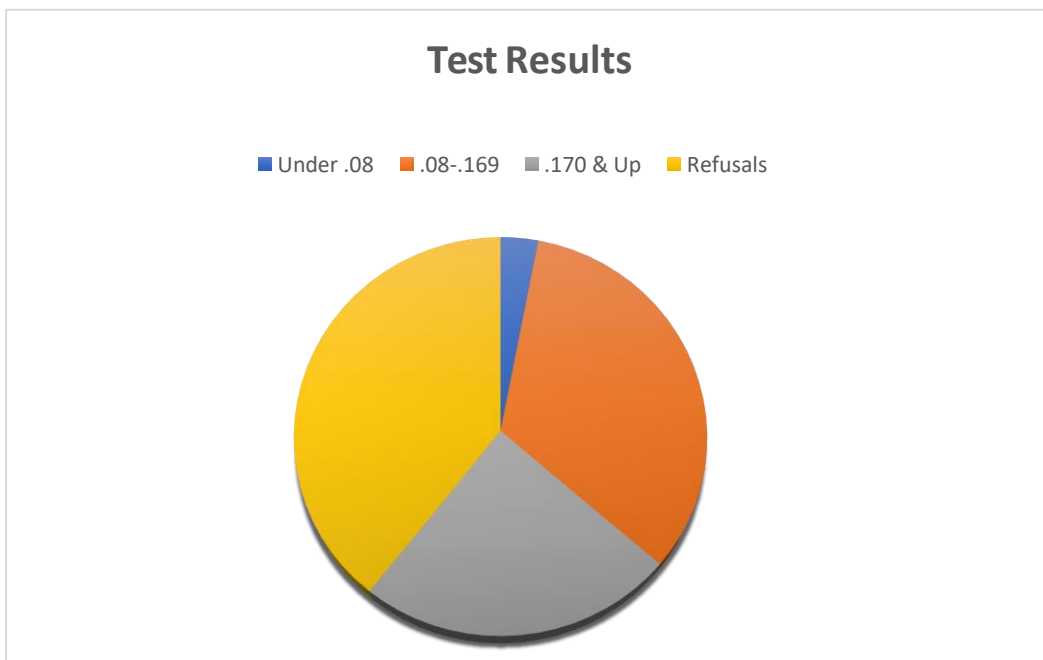
| <u>Agencies</u> | <u>Arrests</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Richfield Police | 34 | 27 | 7 |
| Peninsula Police | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Ohio Highway Patrol | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| National Park Service | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 43 | 33 | 10 |

| <u>Break Down by Test Results</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Under .08 | 3 |
| .08-.169 | 4 |
| .170 and up | 13 |
| Refusals | 23 |
| Faulty Machine | 0 |
| Highest Test Given | 0.325 |

The Following is a breakdown of the B.A.C Datamaster for 2021.

| <u>Breakdown by Shift</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Day Shift | 2 |
| Afternoon Shift | 14 |
| Midnight Shift | 27 |
| Total | 43 |

| <u>Breakdown by Month</u> | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| January | 5 | July | 3 |
| February | 5 | August | 4 |
| March | 2 | September | 4 |
| April | 3 | October | 4 |
| May | 4 | November | 3 |
| June | 2 | December | 4 |



The B.A.C Datamaster was also used by several Police agencies from surrounding Counties for proficiency testing of officers. Statistics nationwide reveal that impaired drivers cause a fatal accident once every fifteen minutes. The number listed in this report do not tell how many lives may have been saved by removing 43 OVI suspects from the roads. Fortunately, we will never know because they were taken off our roads before a fatality occurred.

Richfield Jail



The Richfield Jail Staff are expected to follow and maintain the standards set forth by the state of Ohio. The Richfield jail is located within the police department; the facility consists of three 12-day jail cells, a holding cell and a detox cell. These cells can be used to detain adults for a maximum of 288 hours. The jail is available to detain individuals at any time our department warrants it. Once the jail is occupied with a detainee it is to be staffed by road patrol officers. The detainee is evaluated by a booking officer to determine what classification the arrestee is to be held under.

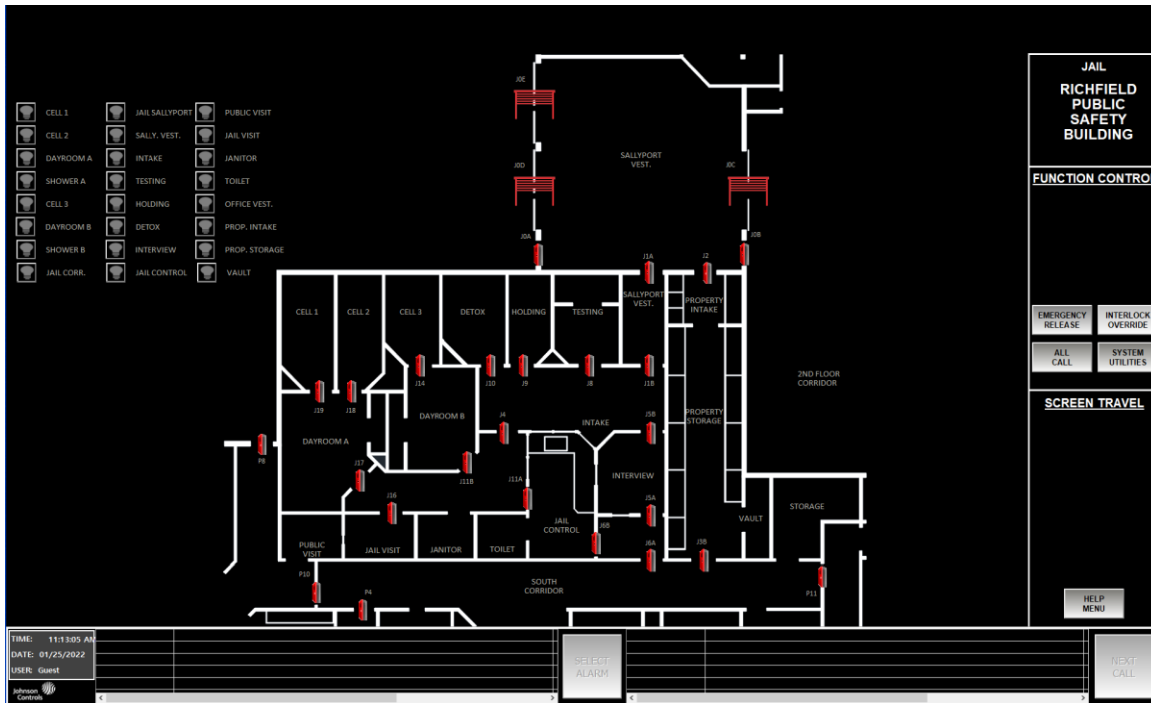
The Richfield Jail staff, along with Richfield Road patrol, sustain their duties in a manner that will preserve the high standards of professionalism expected by the community of Richfield. The Richfield Jail has policies and procedures to direct staff members in the performance of their job, tasks and duties while inmates reside in the jail. These policies and procedures along with an onsite inspection are reviewed annually by the State of Ohio. The inspection consists of assessing compliance of the Richfield Jail with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio, formulated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The Richfield Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a “compliant jail”, for 2022.



The photos above show the jail control room and booking area. The Richfield Jail is staffed by Det. Sgt. Ryan Kellackey, Ofc. Tony Padula and Ofc. Joel Meister who are responsible for the day-to-day activities. The Richfield Jail Staff are responsible for weekly jail checks, and maintaining standards set forth by the state of Ohio to continue the title of a “compliant jail.”

The Richfield Jail Staff belongs to the North Coast Correction Manager's Association (NCCMA). The association is comprised of jail administrators, corrections officers from county agencies, local municipalities, and state correctional facilities throughout the region. Meeting several times a year fosters a collaboration and sharing of information between state, county, and local agencies to improve processes and provide continuing education for administrators and corrections officers.

All Richfield Police Officers receive training related to the Jail, and are responsible for booking in arrestees and ensuring safety and security while inmates are being held. The Jail is accessed and controlled through the use of new control panels (pictured on the next page), that were purchased last year.



Jail Control Panel

In 2022 the Richfield Jail continued its partnership with University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, as our medical control under the direction of Dr. Anthony Daher. Dr. Daher and the staff are available on a 24-hour basis to handle medical situations that occur within the jail. Ahuja Medical Center also continues to provide meals for inmates. Dr. Daher is also responsible for training the Richfield Police Department Officers on such issues as: medical intake of inmates, suicide prevention, and lastly educate the officers of the opioid epidemic and how it relates to the Richfield Jail.

In 2022, the Richfield Jail had a total of 61 prisoners, the offenses ranged from: alcohol involved arrests, domestic violence, aggravated menacing, theft and fraud, drug involved crimes, fleeing, and aggravated vehicular homicide. Felony warrants are initially processed through Richfield Jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail to await trial.

Employee Wellness

It is well established by research that the field of law enforcement is physically and mentally taxing because of the long hours, irregular sleep schedule and job-related stress that all officers must deal with. In the recent years it has become more well known that in order to support officers, and create an environment that sets them up for success, departments must have a focused effort to provide them with the tools to stay physically and mentally healthy. In that effort the Richfield Police Department has established an employee wellness program. The program is managed by Det. Sgt. Ryan Kellackey and Officer Bart Randolph. The program currently consists of efforts to provide our employees with access to qualified mental health professionals following their involvement in a critical incident, including access to follow-up support if necessary. The program has also addressed efforts to support officers' physical wellness by establishing an on-duty exercise program that utilizes the new fitness equipment purchased by the Village.



This year we did utilize the FOP of Ohio's Critical Incident Response Service to assist us in a debrief following a critical incident, and received a very favorable response from the involved officers. The FOP was able to provide a qualified mental health professional to respond to our facility in person on short notice outside of normal business hours. Research into other industry options to support officer mental health were also explored this year including a demo from Power DMS for their Powerline product, which is a mobile app that gives officers access to chat with peers and mental health professionals about any issues they want to discuss. However, after review, and discussion with officers, it was determined that our current practices are meeting our needs.