



## Memorandum

**TO:** Mariah Walton, Interim City Manager

**FROM:** George T. Rouhib Jr., Director of Public Safety

**DATE:** January 13, 2022

**RE:** **2021 Eastpointe Police Department Annual Report**

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Ms. Walton,

I am pleased to present the 2021 Police Annual Report. The following information is an overview of the Police Department during the previous year. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Department Overview**

The City of Eastpointe Police Department is a 24/7 operation that provides services such as patrol, accident investigation, criminal investigations, animal control, code and traffic enforcement, community outreach, narcotic investigations, and school crossings. The command staff and patrol officers work 12-hour shifts that are divided into four platoons. The department has thirteen marked patrol vehicles that consist of a mobile data computer, printer, and other emergency equipment. The department also has a separate lockup for prisoners and a gun range located in the lower level of the building. The department participates in the Hope Not Handcuffs program and has initiated a Neighborhood Watch Program. Recently, the department has implemented a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) that consists of specially trained officers that can associate with individuals who suffer from mental illness. The department has also expanded the Chaplains program. Three influential chaplains from neighboring places of worship are part of our department and assist and support the officers with certain situations. In addition, the department employs 25 police reserve officers who assist with special events, school events, park patrols, and work in conjunction with our Neighborhood Watch Program.

The department is budgeted for forty-four sworn officers and consists of many civilian employees. Additionally, it entails many specialized divisions and units such as Patrol, Records, Criminal Investigations, K-9, Special Response Team, Police Service Aides, Code Enforcement, Police Reserves, Chaplains, Narcotics, Auto Theft, and Crossing Guards. In 2020, three officers were assigned to special task forces such as the Macomb County Auto Theft Squad (MATS), the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF),

and the Macomb County SWAT team. The MATS and VCTF positions are partially grant funded.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Eastpointe Police Department is to continually serve the community with a sense of courage, dedication, and compassion and to always keep the citizens' best interests at heart. We will strive to earn the community's respect with our dedication to this cause. This will be accomplished through a broad based combination of traditional and innovative police services while always protecting constitutional and basic human rights. All members of the Eastpointe Police Department will stand accountable for their conduct.

### **Police Budget 2020/21**

\$11,646,903

### **Staffing Levels**

In 2021, the budgeted staffing levels of the Eastpointe Police Department consisted of the following employees

Director of Public Safety	1
Deputy Police Chief	1
Lieutenants	5
Sergeants	5
Patrol Officers	32
Police Service Aides	8
Records Supervisor	1
Code Enforcement (part time)	1
Animal Control (full time)	1
Administrative Secretary	1
Clerks (2 FT/1PT)	3
Police Reserves (civilians)	25
Porter (civilian)	1
Property (civilian)	1
Crossing Guards (civilians)	4
Chaplains	3



## CRIME STATISTICS

The following crime statistics that occurred in Eastpointe are reported annually to the FBI for their yearly Uniform Crime Report (UCR). The chart depicts crime trends for the past five years.

VIOLENT OFFENSES							
OFFENSE TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	%CHG 2021vs2019	% CHG 2021vs2020
HOMICIDE	1	2	3	6	2	-33.33%	-66.67%
RAPE	60	46	34	29	36	5.88%	24.14%
ROBBERY	59	45	37	38	40	8.10%	5.26%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	929	738	628	655	776	23.56%	18.47%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT OFFENSES</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>21.65%</b>	<b>17.30%</b>
PROPERTY OFFENSES							
OFFENSE TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	%CHG 2021vs2019	% CHG 2021vs2020
BURGLARY	238	173	169	110	118	-30.17%	7.27%
LARCENY	581	524	478	351	332	-30.54%	-5.41%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	187	279	113	155	170	50.44%	9.68%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY OFFENSES</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-18.42%</b>	<b>0.65%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART 1 OFFENSES</b>	<b>2055</b>	<b>1807</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>1344</b>	<b>1474</b>	<b>0.82%</b>	<b>9.67%</b>
OTHER OFFENSES							
OFFENSE TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	%CHG 2021vs2019	% CHG 2021vs2020
DRUG CRIMES	215	205	122	226	233	90.98%	3.09%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	34	39	43	65	77	79.06%	18.46%



## Department Performance Statistics

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Patrol Division</b>				
Calls for Service	26,067	26,118	23,728	24,991
Arrests	1,687	1,609	1,516	1,489
Citations Issued	12,093	9,621	11,963	9,786
Vehicle Accidents	664	613	582	507
Fatal Accidents	0	2	3	2

<b>Detective Bureau</b>				
Cases Assigned	1,819	1,761	1,470	1,805
Felony Warrants	504	512	468	586
Misdemeanor Warrants	469	429	408	538
Ordinance Violations	69	58	59	75
Liquor Inspections	44	38	0	26

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Juvenile Division</b>				
Cases Assigned	595	489	395	323
Felony Warrants	20	5	3	3
Misdemeanor Warrants	28	16	11	7
Citations Issued	76	114	106	31
Felony Petitions	59	49	23	32
Misdemeanor Petitions	133	76	43	31
Status Petitions	23	23	0	53
<b>Records Division</b>				
FOIA Requests Processed	N/A	4,092	1,784	1,857
Gun Permits Entered	N/A	1,207	1,939	1,468
Gun Permit Applications	N/A	137	68	73
<b>Code Enforcement</b>				
Parking Tickets	N/A	N/A	127	390
Warnings	N/A	N/A	58	66
Abandoned Vehicles	N/A	N/A	537	594
Impounds	N/A	N/A	16	44
Littering Complaints	N/A	N/A	8	26
Inoperable Vehicle Complaints	N/A	N/A	25	6
Ordinance Violations	N/A	N/A	46	286
<b>Animal Control Division</b>				
Calls for Service	N/A	501	790	571
Citations Issued	N/A	79	85	198
Intakes/Other	N/A	565	513	318

## Specialized Divisions/Units

Chaplain Services

Patrol

Code Enforcement

Criminal Investigations

Crossing Guards

Drone Unit

K-9

MATS (Auto Theft)

Narcotics

Animal Control

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Police Reserves

Police Service Aides

Records

Traffic

Violent Crimes (FBI Task Force)

Special Response Team (SRT)

SWAT

## New Hires (police officers)

Kyle Severini

Jamie Kibler

Stephan Karpuk

Ryan May

## Promotions

Joe Madonia

James Zwicker

Matthew Hambright

Matthew Merlo

## Retirements

Eric Keiser

Kelly Shock

Mark Barr



## Department Awards

In 2021, a total of 63 department awards were administered to various officers for their service.

Officer Joshua Ballard-Officer of the Year (Chamber of Commerce)

Deputy Chief Merlo Two-unit citations/one commendation

Lt. Hambright Unit Citation

Lt. Madonia Commendation

Sgt. Rhodea Unit Citation

Sgt. Holish Unit Citation

Sgt. Zwicker Commendation

Ofc. Fortunato Three Unit Citations

Ofc. Wood	Unit Citation/Commendation
Ofc. McNeil	Unit Citation
Ofc. Piro	Commendation
Ofc. Burkall	Three Unit Citations
Ofc. Mikulec	Unit Citation
Ofc. Prude	Unit Citation/Commendation
Ofc. Wiederhold	Two Unit Citations/Life Saving
Ofc. Deckert	Unit Citation
Ofc. Victor	Unit Citation/Commendation
Ofc. Showers	Commendation
Ofc. Rebar	Two Unit Citations
Ofc. Holder	Four Unit Citations
Ofc. Reinhold	Two Unit Citations/Commendation
Ofc. Thome	Two Unit Citations/Commendation
Ofc. Beam	Unit Citation
Ofc. Pulst	Four Unit Citations
Ofc. Welch	Four Unit Citations/Commendation
Ofc. McDerment	Unit Citation
Ofc Olesky	Two Unit Citations
Ofc. Ziske	Two Unit Citations

## **Vehicle Pursuits**

There was a total of ten vehicle pursuits in 2021 resulting in five arrests

## **Accomplishments for 2021**

- Purged all weapons in the property room. Sold over 150 weapons with a private auction firm
- Purged hundreds of paper police reports
- Continue to improve all department policies and procedures (Lexipol)
- Enhanced the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer
- Coordinated two sergeant's promotional exams
- Continue to enhance all social media sites
- Enhanced the communication process within the department-daily blotters
- Continue to enhance all department policies and procedures
- Implemented a Drone Unit
- Purchased body worn cameras for every officer

- Purchased all new cameras for each patrol vehicle
- Purchased ballistic vests for the SRT team and Narcotics Unit
- Purchased a blue tooth system for the two motorcycles
- Enhanced pay for all the police reserves
- Leased three new patrol vehicles and two detective vehicles
- Passed our state LEIN audit
- Passed our Department of Agriculture animal kennel inspection
- Made several improvements to the fitness room
- Enhanced the department Chaplain Program
- Purchased a new Live Scan machine for electronic fingerprinting

## **Community Outreach**

- Revamped the Neighborhood Watch brochures
- Continued with the Ride-Along Program
- Created a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- Participate in Hope Not Handcuffs
- Participate in the Drug Takeback Program
- Operation Safe Streets (Halloween)
- Provide free gun locks
- Offer various drug testing kits
- Hosted our first Cops for Kids Program during Christmas

## **Building Improvements**

- Remodeled the basement area as a result of flooding
- Enhanced the police fitness room
- Purchased a new LED “Eastpointe Police” sign for the front of the building
- Remodeled the Special Response Team Office
- Created a separate Detective Lieutenants office
- Made several landscaping improvements around the building
- Improved the lighting system within the police building to LED
- Purchased three new garage doors
- Improved the entire Animal Control garage
- Painted several offices and the exterior of the building
- Replaced several broken concrete slabs
- Installed new LED lights in all prisoner cells
- Purchased a new stainless-steel prisoner bench
- Ordered a new restraint chair for prisoners
- Made several mechanical improvements
- Several roof repairs were conducted

## **Specialized Training**

A number of officers attended the following training in 2021

Field Training Officer School	Criminal Gypsies/Travelers
Evidence technician	Shooting Reconstruction
Traffic Crash Investigation	Covert Surveillance
Detective School	Computer Forensics
Leadership Training for Supervisors	Northwestern School of Police Staff &
Officer Wellness	Command
REID Interviewing and Interrogations	

## **Grants**

- RAP Grants
- Restraint Chair
- Bullet Proof Vests (BVP Program)
- MCOLES Training
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Body Worn Camera Grant

Total Grants Received: \$54,445

## **Goals for 2022**

- Bring the department up to the proper staffing levels
- Enhance the recruitment process
- Conduct a study on our current firearms and firearms program
- Participate in the COMEBACK program working with addiction
- Work with the District Court to create a Drug Court Program
- Continue building improvements
- Expand the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Expand the Police Reserves Program
- Redesign and remodel the entire lockup area
- Create an interview room in the police lobby
- Upgrade the firearms range

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