

# MONTPELIER POLICE

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**HONOR COURAGE DIGNITY**  
**LOYALTY RESPECT INTEGRITY**

**Dan McGee**  
Chief of Police

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## Montpelier Police Department Mission Statement

The Montpelier Police Department shall endeavor to be a caring organization which dedicates itself to personal excellence, teamwork, and focused performance.

Our mission is to be considerate of the needs of the citizens, while providing a safe and secure environment. We shall do this by enforcing laws; arresting violators when necessary; building community relations through a cooperative partnership with the citizens of Montpelier; respecting the dignity of all people; and by striving to protect individual rights afforded by the laws of this city, state, and within the United States Constitution.

This mission is to not only arrest violators, but to use our best discretion in order to improve the quality of life for all. All officers of the Montpelier Police Department shall be mindful and hold near to their heart what it means to have **Honor, Courage, Dignity, Loyalty, Respect, and Integrity**. These words represent our values.

We shall take this mission on not because we have to, but because we believe we serve a higher purpose. Each officer shall be unwavering in their commitment to this mission.



## Message From Chief Dan McGee



The Montpelier Police Department welcomes you to read the 2023 Annual Report. Our annual report reflects what our officers do, each year, in support of services supplied to the community and beyond. I am always very proud of the commitment of our officers, and this report reflects that commitment. Please read and enjoy.

In 2023, Montpelier PD went through various transitions. Maybe the single biggest change was to our reporting system. A two-year long project with Motorola Spillman came to fruition in April 2023, as we began using a new reporting system. This system allowed us to connect directly to the Central Dispatch, gave us more ability to track calls, and allows us more flexibility on patrols. It was a huge transition moving away from a system we had been on since 1998, but well worth it.

We continued our community policing mission by attending various events in 2023. You probably saw us at the Memorial Day ceremony, National Night Out, Bean Days, The Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering, Cops N Kids, numerous high school sporting events, and more! MPD is dedicated to being supportive to our community and developing bridges of communication. This is just one of the many reasons I am so proud of these troops!

The care and concern we take, along with the high volume of calls, often times causes issues. We did experience some of this in 2023, but managed to reinvigorate our ranks with new hires who want to be here. Working in a high-stress and demand job like ours takes special people. And, MPD has very expectations of work quality. So, while recruiting was difficult, MPD was able to do some new things in this area, helping us rebuild. We look forward to seeing what our troops can do in the future.

In 2023 we also said goodbye to long time employee Darrell Higbie. Darrell retired in 2023 as Lieutenant, with 25 years of service as a police officer. What an exceptional career and while sad to see him go, we cannot be more proud of his time here. We will miss him, but wish him the best of success and fun in his new venture.

What we want our community to see is we care. We do a little extra on things to make life better in Montpelier. From patrols, to aggressive work fighting drugs, to community events, MPD is dedicated to Montpelier, Holiday City, and beyond! I hope you find this annual report informative and we look forward to a strong 2024!

In His Service,

*Chief Dan McGee*  
Chief Dan McGee



## DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL


### **i. Fulltime Officers and Ranks**

501: Chief Dan McGee  
502: Lt. Jennifer Hern  
503: Sgt. Jason Sprague  
504: Sgt. Duaine Cluckey  
505: Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch (K9 Handler)  
506: Ptl. Hayworth Treace Jr.  
507: Ptl. Jared Armstrong  
508: Open  
509: Open

### **ii. K9 Unit**

K9-3: Knox

### **iii. Reserve Officers/4x4 Search & Recover Unit/Part Time Officers**



510: RPtl. Randy Buehrer (Part Time)      520: RPtl. Jarrod Golden  
512: Open      521: RPtl. Richard Shatzer  
513: RPtl. Bryan Hamilton      522: RPtl. Caden Hand  
514: RCpl. Darrin Repp      527: RPtl. Christopher Bryant (4x4 Unit)  
515: Open      528: RPtl. Dennis Custer (4x4 Unit)  
516: RPtl. Logan DeWitt      529: RPtl. William Hodapp (4x4 Unit)  
517: RPtl. Brayden Barrett      530: RPtl. William Keck (4x4 Unit)  
518: Open      531: RPtl. Matthew Bryant (4x4 Unit)  
519: RPtl. Kelley Foor      532: RPtl. Joyce Wyse (4x4 Unit)  
533: RPtl. Zechariah Andres (4x4 Unit)

**iv. Department Chaplin:** Pastor Adam Fox, *Montpelier Church of Christ*

**v. Administrative Specialist:** Darrin Repp

**vi. Total Fulltime Officers:** 7

**vii. Total Part Time Officers:** 1

**viii. Total K9's:** 1

**ix. Total Reserve Officers:** 16

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

*Below describes the following community relation events by the department, for the specified month.*

### January

There were no community events for the month of January.

### February

DATE: 2/9	OFFICER: Ptl. Mills	DESCRIPTION: Ptl. Mills attended parent teacher conferences at Montpelier Schools where she sat at a table provided by the ECHO
Collation on "Hidden in Plain Sight." Objects were on display for parents to view items kids may use to hide illegal substances.		

### March

DATE: 3/23	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and Ptl. Mills attended "Be In The Know" hosted by the ECHO Coalition at Montpelier Schools. This program was put on for the community bringing awareness to parents on things to look out for with their children Chief McGee sat on a 5-member panel answering questions pertaining to teens/young adults.
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### April

DATE: 4/25	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief spoke with preschoolers at Little Lights Daycare about following directions, stranger danger, and answered questions. Stranger Danger coloring books and sticker badges were handed out.
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### May

DATE: 5/18	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: RCpl. Repp, RCpl. Shatzer gave a bike safety lesson to 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders at Montpelier Schools. They spoke about safety, bike maintenance, and showed them the department bikes. Chief McGee also was present. Sticker Badges were handed out.
DATE: 5/28	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and RPtl. DeWitt provided an escort for the 2023 Montpelier Graduates. Graduates paraded through town in their personal vehicles after the ceremony.
DATE: 5/18	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, RCpl. Cluckey, RCpl. Shatzer, RPtl. DeWitt, RPtl. Hamilton, RPtl. Buehrer, RPtl. Barrett, 4x4 Team members participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

## June

DATE: 6/9	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: RCpl. Repp, RCpl. Shatzer, RPtl. Buehrer provided security for the annual Relay for Life held at the Fairgrounds. RPtl. Bryant and RPtl. Keck with the 4x4 Unit help transport attendees from the parking lot to the event and provided parking lot security during the event.
DATE: 6/10	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Ptl. Mills, Ptl. Gorsuch, Ptl. Suydam, K9 Knox attended the Park with Police event in Bryan. Ptl. Mills painted faces, Ptl Gorsuch took a turn in the dunk tank, and Ptl. Suydam brought K9 Knox.
DATE: 6/17	OFFICER: RPtl. DeWitt	DESCRIPTION: RPtl. DeWitt took a cruiser through the Bryan Parade. The 4x4 Unit also took their equipment through the parade as well.



*(Picture above is MPD Mascot Copper with a citizen at National Night Out 2023)*

## July

DATE: 7/14	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee made beans. Chief and Lt. Higbie served them for the annual Bean Day's celebration.
DATE: 7/14	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Officers from this agency to include fulltime, reserves, and 4x4 team members provided security for all Bean Days.
DATE: 7/15	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and RCpl. Repp provided security and assistance for the activities at Founders Park and Float Cruise In.

## August

DATE: 8/1	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: The annual National Night Out was hosted by our department and assisted by Montpelier Parks & Rec. Many activities took place to include face painting/tattoos, carnival games, bike rodeo, bounce house, SWAT obstacle course, and other community information tables from the library and Health Department. Civic League provided hotdogs and chips. Four of A Kind provided music.
DATE: 8/1	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: A promotion ceremony was held at National Night Out. Officer Jennifer Hern was promoted to Lieutenant and Officer Stephanie Mills was promoted to Sergeant.
DATE: 8/19	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Reserve Unit, and 4x4 Unit assisted Bryan Police Department with the Girl Named Tom event held in Bryan's Park.



*(Pictures above are from National Night Out 2023)*

## September

There were no community events for the month of September.

## October

DATE: 10/23	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and Sgt. Mills spoke with Montpelier Schools 9 <sup>th</sup> grade health class on alcohol awareness. The class was shown field sobriety tests and got to try on the Fatal Vision Goggles simulating being impaired.
DATE: 10/24	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee spoke at Head Start at Montpelier Schools about what/who a Police Officer is, and gave a tour of the police cruiser. Coloring books, stickers, and temp tattoos were handed out to the students.
DATE: 10/25	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee spoke to Mrs. Sloan's 7/8 <sup>th</sup> grade class at Carrer Day for Montpelier Schools. He spoke on being a police officer, its qualifications, and opportunities at MPD. A recruiting video was shown.

DATE: 10/25	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee attended Montpelier Schools E3 program. A booth was set up for MPD and Chief spoke on being a police officer and the qualifications. A recruiting video was shown and flyers and other materials were handed out.
DATE: 10/26	OFFICER: Admin Spec	DESCRIPTION: Admin Spec. Repp filled treat bags with candy and fun Halloween trinkets with Chamber members and Montpelier Schools Government students. Candy and trinkets were donated by businesses and Reserve Unit.
DATE: 10/28	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Lt. Hern, RCpl. Repp, RCpl. Shatzer, RPtl Buehrer, RPtl. Barrett, RPtl. Hand all participated in the 23 <sup>rd</sup> annual Community Halloween event at Founders Park. A costume judging, a pumpkin contest was held. Also, treat bags, cider, donuts were handed out and the MHS band performed. Officers then patrolled during trick or treat and handed out candy.



*(Pictured above is Chief McGee with Boomer at the Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering 2023)*

## November

DATE: 11/18	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Fulltime, Reserve Officer, and the 4x4 Unit provided security for the annual Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering Parade.
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## December

DATE: 12/9	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Lt. Hern, Ptl. Treace, Ptl. Armstrong, RCpl. Repp, RCpl. Shatzer, RPtl. DeWitt, RPtl. Hand, RPtl. Buehrer attended the annual Cops N Kids event sponsored by the FOP 181 at Walmart in Bryan. Officers shopped with kids for Christmas.
DATE: 12/19	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee (aka: Tactical Santa), Lt. Hern, A/S Repp went to Montpelier Schools and handed out candy canes and sang Christmas Carols with Montpelier Schools elementary students on the last day of school before break.





(Pictured above is from Cops N Kids 2023)

### Community Totals:

Officer	On Duty Hours	Off Duty Hours	Officer Total
Chief Dan McGee	10	20	30
Lt. Jennifer Hern	1	7	8
Sgt. Jason Sprague	4	4	8
Sgt. Duaine Cluckey	0	6	6
Ptl. Hayworth Treace Jr.	0	4	4
Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch	4	8	12
Ptl. Jared Armstrong	0	2	2
A/S Darrin Repp	3	19	22
<b>Department Total:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>70</b>	
<b>Total On &amp; Off Duty Hours:</b>	<b>92</b>		

### TRAINING

The below tables show what trainings each officer participated in throughout the year.

Chief Dan McGee	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
Legal Updates/ Ohio Public Record Laws	Use of Force: Deadly Force & Legal Guide
Use of Force: Onsite OPOTA Training	Officer Personal Wellness
Responding to Sexual Assault/Responding	Responding to Sexual Assault/Intervention
Responding to Sexual Assault/Investigations	Responding to Sexual Assault/Trauma
Domestic Violence/DV Legal Updates	Response to Protests/Demonstrations
Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	Fire Arms Livefire "Shoot/Don't Shoot"
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

Lt. Darrell Higbie	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

Sgt. Jennifer Hern	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

Ptl. Jason Sprague	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
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Domestic Violence/DV Legal Updates	Response to Protests/Demonstrations
Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	Fire Arms Livefire "Shoot/Don't Shoot"
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

Ptl. Christopher Suydam	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
Legal Updates/ Ohio Public Record Laws	Use of Force: Deadly Force & Legal Guide
Use of Force: Onsite OPOTA Training	Officer Personal Wellness



Responding to Sexual Assault/Responding	Responding to Sexual Assault/Intervention
Responding to Sexual Assault/Investigations	Responding to Sexual Assault/Trauma
Domestic Violence/DV Legal Updates	Response to Protests/Demonstrations
Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	Fire Arms Livefire “Shoot/Don’t Shoot”
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

<b>Ptl. Stephanie Mills</b>	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
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Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	Fire Arms Livefire “Shoot/Don’t Shoot”
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

<b>Ptl. Austin Batt</b>	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
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Domestic Violence/DV Legal Updates	Response to Protests/Demonstrations
Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>26.5</b>

<b>Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch</b>	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
Legal Updates/ Medical Marijuana	Legal Updates: New and Updated Charges
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Responding to Sexual Assault/Investigations	Responding to Sexual Assault/Trauma
Domestic Violence/DV Legal Updates	Response to Protests/Demonstrations
Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	Fire Arms Livefire “Shoot/Don’t Shoot”
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

Ptl. Randy Buehrer	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
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Standards for Vehicle Pursuits	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>26.5</b>

RCpl. Darrin Repp	
Crisis Intervention	Human Trafficking
Evidence Collection Procedures	Medical Marijuana
Vehicle Inventory	Used of Deadly Force & Legal Guide Lines
Officer Wellness Seminar	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>7</b>

RCpl. Duaine Cluckey	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

RPtl. Richard Shatzer	
Cultural Humility: Communications Disabilities	Cultural Humility: Community Diversity
Cultural Humility: Ethics and Professionalism	Legal Updates: Custodial Interrogation
Legal Updates: Use of Restraints	Legal Updates: Hazing
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

<b>RPlt. Jarrod Golden</b>	
Crisis Intervention	Human Trafficking
Evidence Collection Procedures	Medical Marijuana
Vehicle Inventory	Used of Deadly Force & Legal Guide Lines
Officer Wellness Seminar	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>7</b>

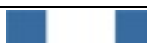


<b>RPlt. Brian Hamilton</b>	
Crisis Intervention	Human Trafficking
Evidence Collection Procedures	Medical Marijuana
Vehicle Inventory	Used of Deadly Force & Legal Guide Lines
Officer Wellness Seminar	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>7</b>




<b>RPlt. Logan DeWitt</b>	
Crisis Intervention	Human Trafficking
Evidence Collection Procedures	Medical Marijuana
Vehicle Inventory	Used of Deadly Force & Legal Guide Lines
Officer Wellness Seminar	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>7</b>








**AWARDS**



*The below tables show what awards each officer received for the past year.*






<b>Chief Dan McGee</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Community Service	




<b>Lt. Darrell Higbie (Retired)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service	
7 <sup>th</sup> Good Conduct	
6 <sup>th</sup> Safe Driving	




<b>Lt. Jennifer Hern</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service	
6 <sup>th</sup> Good Conduct	
6 <sup>th</sup> Safe Driving	




Sgt. Jason Sprague		
1 <sup>st</sup> Perfect Attendance		
8th Life Saving		
Field Training Officer		
1 Certificate		For Case Work

Sgt. Duaine Cluckey		
2nd Community Service		



Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch		
Special Commendation		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Life Saving		
1 Certificate		For Case Work







Ptl. Hayworth Treace Jr.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Longevity		
3 Certificates		For Case Work

Ptl. Jared Armstrong		
Armed Services		
1 Certificate		For Case Work

RCpl. Darrin Repp		
6 <sup>th</sup> Community Service		
1 Certificate		For Assistance in Case Work

RPtl. Randy Buehrer		
1st Community Service		

RCpl. Richard Shatzer		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Community Service		

RPtl. Logan DeWitt		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		
1st Good Conduct		
1st Safe Driving		

RPtl. Bryan Hamilton		
2nd Community Service		■ ■

RCpl. Brayden Barrett		
1 <sup>st</sup> Good Conduct		■
1 <sup>st</sup> Safe Driving		■

RPtl. Caden Hand		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		■ ■

RPtl. Bill Keck		
2nd Community Service		■ ■

RPtl. William Hodapp		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		■ ■

RPtl. Matthew Bryant		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		■ ■

RPtl. Joyce Wyse		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		■ ■

RPtl. Chris Bryant		
1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service		■ ■
Armed Service		■ ■



## CRIMINAL STATISTICS

### CALLS FOR SERVICE/EVENTS:

The below table depicts both specified and non-specified calls for service, for the entire year. *Please note that in April 2023 we switched to a new reporting system so stats reflection may be off.*

Event	No.	Event	No.
Accident w/Damage	49	Accident w/Injury	11
Agency Assist	141	Alarm	58
Assault	30	Attempted Burglary	1
Breaking & Entering	4	Burglary	7
Building/Residential Checks	1,344	Child Abuse or Neglect	14
Drug Complaint	39	Domestic	76
Felony Warrant	4	Juvenile	79
Kidnapping	1	Medical Emergency	288
Menacing	6	Misdemeanor Warrant	21
Rape	2	Sex Offense	20
Stalking	2	Suspicious Activity	149
Terrorist Threat	1	Theft – MV	4
Traffic Citation	60	Traffic Warning	531
Vandalism	2	Violations of Protection Order	2
Weapon Offense	2	Non-Specific Events	2,544
		Log Reports	326

<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>5,818</b>
<b>Total for 2022</b>	<b>4,002</b>

### CALLS FOR SERVICE/EVENTS – HOLIDAY CITY:

The below table depicts both specified and non-specified calls for service, for the entire year, for the contracted jurisdiction of Holiday City. \*These numbers are included in the above statistics for totals.

Accident w/Damage	3	Accident w/Injury	0
Agency Assist	5	Alarm	1
Assault	0	Attempted Burglary	0
Breaking & Entering	0	Burglary	0
Building/Residential Checks	0	Child Abuse or Neglect	0
Drug Complaint	0	Domestic	2
Felony Warrant	0	Juvenile	2
Kidnapping	0	Medical Emergency	7
Menacing	0	Misdemeanor Warrant	0
Rape	0	Sex Offense	0
Stalking	0	Suspicious Activity	13
Terrorist Threat	0	Theft – MV	5
Traffic Citation	0	Traffic Warning	23
Vandalism	0	Violations of Protection Order	0

Weapon Offense	0	Non-Specific Events	69
		Log Reports	28
		Total Holiday City Calls	157

## OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE INFORMATION

*In December 2014, Gov. Kasich signed an executive order creating a task force on community-police relations. In 2015, Gov. Kasich then created the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, to oversee recommendations on policy and practices of Ohio police agencies. In 2016, the Montpelier Police Department became the first agency in Williams County to comply with the standards and practices set by this board. The below information assists MPD in maintaining compliance with the standards we have met, through the release of public information. MPD is proud of our commitment to maintain a professional, community-based police department, and without efforts as first in Williams County in compliance with OCCP standards.*



### *Policy Compliance Standards:*

- Standard 8.2015.1 Use of Force - Final
- Standard 8.2015.2 Recruitment and Hiring - Final
- Standard 8.2016.3 Community Engagement - Final
- Standard 12.2016.4 Body Worn Cameras - Final
- Standard 3.2017.6 Bias Free Policing - Final
- Standard 3.2018.7 Investigation of Employee Misconduct - Final
- Standard 4.2020 Presidential Executive Order, Safe Policing for Safe Communities - Final
- Standard 4.2020.1 Vehicle Pursuits – Provisional

*MPD will recertify policy standards in 2024.*

Bias Incidents Reported	0
Internal	0

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

*The below table depicts select administrative requests to our department for the year.*

Local Background Checks	128
Report Request's	150
House Checks	8
Permits Issued	25



## Juvenile Resource Officer Report

*The below table depicts the activity of our JRO within Montpelier Schools*

Incidents Handled (Non- Specific)	10
Presentations Given	5

## REFLECTION 2023

2023 may be one of the most difficult years in for MPD in a long time. We had various personnel leave, and as with every law enforcement agency, recruiting was difficult. Losing a seasoned veteran like Lt. Higbie also left a space to fill. However, Sgt. Jennifer Hern was promoted to Lieutenant (the first female Lieutenant in department history), and we were able to rebuild our ranks with newer and some familiar faces. We saw RCpl. Duaine Cluckey return to full-time capacity as the rank of Sergeant. We saw Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch take on a new role as the new K9 Handler, and allowing us to move forward with our K9 program. We saw experienced officers apply, because they want to be a part of a team! And, we cannot wait to see where we are headed in 2024 with this new team of hard chargers!

The Motorola Spillman project took a lot of time and effort, but MPD worked directly with Williams Co. IT Specialist Mike Levy to ensure the launch was as painless as possible. Mike's involvement was so key, that we presented him with the 2023 Community Partnership Award. An award he well deserved. This new system gave us more accurate tracking of numbers, allows for better communication within our agency, and to other agencies on the system. It allows us flexibility in doing reports, as we also activated our MDT system in the cars. The move was necessary to continue to move forward, and so far, so good.

Speaking of Community Partnerships, Miller's New Market also received the 2023 Community Partnership Award! What a great partner for our community and our agency. Miller's is always there to provide help in fundraising for various efforts, and we support them wholeheartedly!

The uptick in calls placed a great demand on us in 2023, as for almost half the year we operated under normal staffing numbers. But, be proud of those officers who stayed on and stepped up. They did a great job in taking on almost a 45% increase in service calls, which results in more than 800 service incidents per officer! This great effort showed as we honored several officers with certificates for case work, ribbons for Life Saving, Community Service, and other awards. But, the demand also places extra stress on staff. In 2023, agencies all across the USA saw staffing numbers dwindle. MPD began the process to increase our Fitness for Duty policy, to bring more services for health and mental health needs. Chief McGee also began a proposal to seek out the hiring of two new officer positions, in hopes of alleviating the call volume.

MPD also worked directly with the school system to keep a uniformed officer in the school. In 2023, RCpl. Richard Shatzer took on a whole new role, as he was hired directly by the school as a uniformed security officer. RCpl. Shatzer performed various

functions while at the school, and we were very proud of his efforts to help bridge the gap until we can hire a new full-time JRO. Thank you, Richard!

Our 4x4/SAR Team began efforts to seek additional training, working at becoming a certified SAR Team through the NASAR! Certification should be complete in 2024! Additionally, MPD continued efforts in training with all officers meeting CPT requirements, plus additional training. And, MPD conducted a live-fire Shoot-Don't Shoot Course for officers, allowing officers to make real-time decisions under stress. All in all, though MPD struggled with personnel, the year had many positives and we continue to make positive strides as a team!

## RESERVE UNIT

*The Montpelier Police Reserve Unit, Inc., is a volunteer organization which augments services of the fulltime staff. Reserve Officers ride along to assist officers in daily duties, as well as staff high school games, and assist at other events.*

### Activities for 2023

Parades (A cruiser was taken to the parades listed below)	
West Unity	Pioneer
Bryan	Edgerton
Total: 4	

Basketball Games (Security provided for boy and girls)	
Edon Boys	Ayersville Boys
Hamilton Boys	Fairview Boys
Liberty Center Girls	Edgerton Girls
Holgate Boys	Hilltop Boys
Hicksville Girls	Fayette Girls
Stryker Girls	Delta Boys
Hilltop Boys	Jones Academy Boys
Antwerp Girls	North Central Boys
Antwerp Boys	Pettisville Girls
Pettisville Girls	
North Central Boys	
Total: 20	

Football Games (Security provided)	
Woodmore	Edgerton
Cardinal Strich	Vanlue
Hilltop	
Total: 5	

Parades (Security provided alongside fulltime officers)	
Memorial Day	Bean Days Float In

Halloween	Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering
<b>Total: 4</b>	

## Donations Out

The below table shows the organizations the Reserve Unit donated to in 2022.

Montpelier Police Dept. K9 Program	National Night Out
Sponsor K. Mills for Montpelier Pageant	Montpelier Police Dept. Banquet
Montpelier Athletic Boosters	Christmas Gifts for Families
Cops N Kids	Williams Co. Veterans Building
Montpelier Schools Therapy Dog	Montpelier Schools RESPECT Program
Montpelier Chamber for Halloween	Montpelier Eagles for Fishing Derby
Montpelier Fire Dept. 5k	Williams Co. Humane Society

## Total Hours

The below table shows the hours volunteered by the reserve unit.

Montpelier Police Reserves														
2023 Hours Worked														
Unit	Reserve	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
510	Randy Buehrer	14.00	2.00	12.50	20.00	11.00	12.50	8.00	25.50	12.50	21.50	21.50	24.00	185.00
511	Resrve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
512	Reserve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
513	Bryan Hamilton	17.00	13.50	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	5.50	11.50	4.00	4.50	7.50	3.00	69.50
514	Darrin Repp	38.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	3.50	9.50	13.00	20.50	20.00	9.50	20.00	25.50	183.50
515	Resere Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
516	Logan DeWitt	14.50	18.00	4.50	15.00	7.50	2.50	0.00	15.00	3.50	0.00	5.00	16.00	101.50
517	Brayden Barrett	4.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	5.50	0.00	18.00	4.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
518	Reserve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
519	Duaine Cluckey(P.time)	19.00	18.50	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.50	0.00	7.50	0.00	0.00
520	Jarrold Golden	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50	14.00	0.00	29.50
521	Richard Shatzer	9.50	12.00	7.00	0.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	9.50	10.00	4.50	20.50	11.50	97.00
522	Caden Hand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	125.00	106.00	139.00	445.00
523	Reserve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
524	Reserve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
502	Lt. Darrell Higbie (4X4)	1.50	2.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
526	Reserve Officer / 4X4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
527	Christopher Bryant (4X4)	1.50	0.00	1.00	0.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	9.00	0.50	0.00	3.00	2.00	36.00
528	Dennis Custer (4X4)	1.50	2.00	1.00	10.50	7.00	4.50	8.00	3.50	0.50	0.00	3.50	2.00	44.00
529	William Hodapp (4X4)	1.50	2.00	1.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.50	9.50	0.50	1.50	3.50	2.00	24.50
530	William Keck (4X4)	1.50	0.00	1.00	0.00	15.00	9.50	10.00	3.00	0.50	1.50	0.50	2.00	0.00
531	Matthew Bryant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.50	9.50	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	16.00
532	Joyce Wyse (4X4)	1.50	2.00	1.00	0.00	1.50	3.00	10.00	13.50	0.50	1.50	3.50	2.00	40.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>		135.00	82.00	37.00	53.50	73.50	49.00	73.00	130.00	149.00	178.50	220.50	229.00	1410.00



(Pictured above is from the 2024 Banquet)

*Our Reserve Unit volunteers exemplify the LDRSHIP acronym!*

**L**oyalty  
**D**uty  
**R**espect  
**S**elfless Service  
**H**onor  
**I**ntegrity  
**P**ersonal Sacrifice

## **A.L.E.R.T. TEAM**

The Advanced Law Enforcement Resource and Tactics (A.L.E.R.T.) team began development in 2014, launching in 2015. The team is made up of skilled and diverse officers of this agency, whose goal is to provide additional support for critical incidents and a higher-level of performance.

### **MISSION**

The mission of the ALERT team is to support and augment the Montpelier Police Department with a more advanced response to critical or higher-risk incidents, and help reduce the risk of injury to innocent citizens, police officers, and suspects. The ALERT Team shall operate with a lawful purpose, within the scope of the laws of Montpelier and State of Ohio, ensuring that all persons are afforded their rights given to them under the Constitution of the United States.

Description	Number
2023 Operations*	2
2023 Operational Hours	4
2023 Specialized Training Hours	18

\*Does NOT include standby alerts.

In 2023, the MPD ALERT Team continued efforts to help the agency, by continued training beyond the normal. However, due to personnel shortage, the ALERT did reduce hours training, in order to better serve on the patrol side. With replenishing staff at the end of 2023, the ALERT Team will get back to aggressive specialized training in 2024!

## K9 Unit

The Montpelier Police Department reinstated the K9 Unit in 2018. Since then, our K9 Unit has made a positive impact with the community and department. Today, they train and deploy in the field regularly.

Description	Number
2023 K9 Incident Reports	9
2023 Training Hours	195



K9 Handler Ptl. Tyler Gorsuch  
and  
K9 KNOX





Our agency is always mindful of our fallen brethren across the world. In 2022 we paid special recognition to fallen officers due to the turmoil across the U.S. We reserve any judgment of the specific cases and choose to simply remember those special people who gave their lives in the name of serving the public. And we pay a special reverence to the families of officers across this world, for we understand that you sacrifice each and every time your hero walks out the door...

## FALLEN HEROES

**138**

(National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial 2023)

RESPECT. HONOR. REMEMBER.  
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“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

- *Sir Robert Peel*



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