





## FROM THE CHIEF

2023 marked the Loveland's Police Department's 75th anniversary, and I am honored to serve this community during its milestone.

The modern-day Loveland Police Department began its evolution as the Loveland Horse Thief Patrol in the **late 1800s**. These "vigilantes" deterred horse thieves by tracking stolen horses. As horses lost societal importance, these groups often morphed into enforcing laws and citizen conduct.

In **1876**, a single Town Marshall was elected to serve the Village of Loveland as a "peacekeeper." Duties included serving warrants, transporting prisoners, cleaning streets, and lighting lamps. He also was the animal control officer and village engineer. This was a solo position until legislation in **1939** created the office of Deputy Marshal.

The office of "police chief" first is mentioned in legislation in **1943**, but it was not until **1948** when Village Council created the Loveland Police Division and named John Fritz as chief. It took another decade for the village to authorize the hiring of a patrolman to support Chief Fritz.

The next 65 years saw the village grow to earn its city status, and LPD now serves this community with an authorized strength of 24 full-time police officers including the police chief, assistant chief, five lieutenants, and 17 patrol officers. Many of our team members have multiple roles including three evidence technicians, two Taser instructors, six firearms instructors, a K9 team, four school resource officers, six bike patrol officers, one detective, and two defensive tactics instructors. Our administrative team is led by our systems manager and includes an operations assistant, records specialist, and property room specialist. In addition, LPD operates a Mayor's Court, and we are further supported by volunteers including two police chaplains.

What has not changed is the hard work and dedication of everyone who has, is, or will serve with this agency. These professionals strive to enforce laws impartially and respect principles. We use every opportunity to improve the already strong relationship we share with the Loveland community. You are just as likely to see an officer spending time talking with a citizen along the bike trail, as you are to see them responding to a call for service.

To honor the past, present and future of this agency, and to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, LPD designed a 75th anniversary badge for every active officer and team member. **These badges, authorized for one year, are a tribute to our long-standing tradition of service and devotion to this community.** We pledge to uphold our mission to provide *Excellent Customer-Oriented Service with Integrity while Continuously Improving*.

— Chief Michael Gabrielson



# CELEBRATING our Diamond Jubilee



## Open House

During National Police Week, LPD invited all retired officers and former employees home. An open house showed our appreciation for those who shaped today's LPD.



## Badge Presentation

In October, LPD presented honorary badges to City Council to commemorate the 75th anniversary.



# RECOGNITION



## Policy & Training Award

LPD received the Lexipol Gold Standard. Lexipol is a risk management solution for public safety, developing comprehensive and continuously updated policies for public safety agencies. The Gold Standard is given to agencies who achieve excellence in policy and online training management.



## Professional Accreditation

The Ohio Collaborative is a panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders, who establish Ohio's state law enforcement standards. These standards hold agencies accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. All Ohio law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these standards. LPD went through its certification process and is proud to be compliant in the State of Ohio Standards for Law Enforcement, ensuring our accountability to our community.



## Investigation Awards

In 2023, Officer Michael Wright was honored for his work on a credit card skimming investigation that occurred in late 2022. Wright collaborated with multiple agencies to help identify suspects in an organized ring of criminals who were federally charged.

*Hamilton County Police Association - Clarence "Cid" Caesar Award for Interagency Investigations*

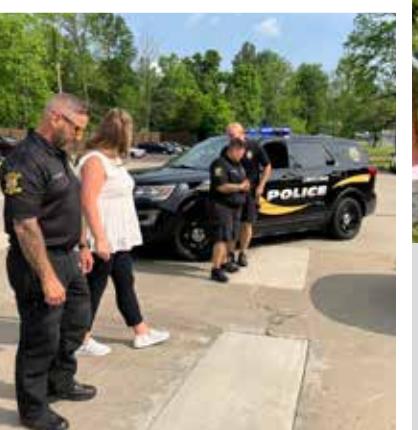
*Loveland City Council - Challenge Coin*

*Clermont County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet - Excellence in Service Award*

## K9 Team Certifications

K9 Cruz and K9 Handler Kyle Bibelhausen certified with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association. They passed each test in temperament, obedience, suspect apprehension, tracking, and narcotics detection, requiring no retesting or remedial training. In addition, the team earned certifications with the North American Police Work Dog Association and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, continuing the high standards of LPD's K9 program.

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



## Citizen Police Academy

Through the Loveland Citizens Police Academy, adults go behind the scenes with LPD through 10 weeks of hands-on learning.

## Student Resource Officers

LPD provides four full-time student resource officers for grades 1-12. The SROs work from each Loveland City School building and St. Columban School.

## Buckle Up Campaign

LPD participated in the Quick Click Challenge. This is an annual awareness campaign to help promote Click It or Ticket, a national effort to enforce seatbelt laws.

## Junior Police Academy

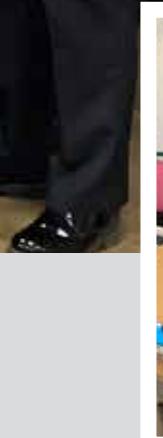
In collaboration with Goshen and Miami Townships, LPD hosted its week-long summer daycamp. Teens learned about fingerprinting, use of force, traffic stops and firearm training, plus took part in a K9 demo.

## National Night Out

LPD partnered with Hamilton Township to host a National Night Out event in August. Lt. Szpak led a taser demo, and the K9 team showed off their skills, too. There was a police vs. kids water balloon toss, bounce houses, and tons of fun.

## Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive

In May, officers collected non-perishable donations for Loveland LIFE Food Pantry during Loveland's annual Food Truck Rally. The community generously packed LPD's Ford F150, donating 487 items and more than \$500.



## Food for Fines

During the holiday season, officers issued warning slips for specific traffic-related violations. Violators were invited to donate 10 items for the local food pantry in lieu of paying a fine. LPD collected 500 pounds of food.

## 5th Annual Candy Police

Officers from Loveland and Hamilton Township, as well as deputies from Warren County, visited children and adults in the community who can't get out to enjoy trick-or-treat events.

## CARE Center Support

LPD has a relationship with the CARE Center, an organization that provides resources for local families. LPD staff volunteered to serve a meal and donated funds for hair cuts, gift cards, and diapers.

# TECHNOLOGY



## Electric Bikes

LPD purchased two E Bikes in 2023, allowing bike patrol officers to travel farther, faster, and still have the energy to respond when they arrive on scene.



## Upgraded Radios

Five cruisers were outfitted with Motorola APX 4500 P25 CAP-compliant mobile radios, allowing officers to tune into more frequencies to improve mutual-aid communication and public safety.



## New Cruisers

In June, LPD took delivery of two new Dodge Durango Pursuit Police Cruisers.



## GPS Preemption

LPD continues to take steps to install preemption devices in all marked vehicles. These devices change traffic signals for approaching public safety vehicles traveling to an emergency.



## Flock Safety Cameras

Ten Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers were placed throughout the city to capture the "fingerprint" of vehicles. A vehicle fingerprint includes the license plate, make, model, color, and number of times the vehicle has been seen. Flock Safety Alerts are sent to officers for cars wanted in connection with crimes, stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and Amber/Silver Alerts for missing persons. In 2023, on average, 145k vehicles were detected in Loveland over a 30-day span. Read our success stories...

### ***Solving a hit-and-run***

*A suspected drunk driver fled the scene of a crash. A Flock Camera near the crash scene captured the vehicle, and officers were able to quickly locate the involved vehicle and suspect. Without the information obtained from the camera, it is unlikely they would have been located.*

### ***Locating a missing person***

*LPD received multiple alerts of a vehicle associated with a missing person from Illinois. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and confirm the missing person was safe. The entering agency contacted family members who were thankful to learn their missing loved one was found and in good health.*

### ***Finding a stolen vehicle***

*LPD officers received an alert on a vehicle stolen from Miami Township (Clermont County). Officers were able to use the information, locate the vehicle, and confirm it was an active stolen vehicle. Although the driver fled on foot, an apprehension was made and the subject was charged.*

# LPD STAFFING



## Welcome

**Dan Gangwer** joined LPD as Assistant Chief — a position that had been unfilled since 2016. Dan came from the Kettering Police Department, where he served 27.5 years.

In 2023, LPD gained two new officers: **Ryan Wedmore** and **Michael Spinelli**. Previously, Ryan served as a patrol sergeant with the Brown County Sheriff's Office, and Michael worked in investigations for the Trenton Police Department.

Also joining the agency was Property Room Specialist **Erin Godsey**. Previously, Erin spent 17 years with Union Township as a patrol officer and detective.



## Command Staff Expands

In December, Officer **Kyle Bibelhausen** was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Kyle has served the citizens of Loveland since 2002, most notably as handler for K9 Mack (retired) and now K9 Cruz.

As a lieutenant, he assumed command of a patrol squad while still leading the K9 Patrol.



## Chaplain Program

LPD gained two chaplains: **Jonathan Eilert** and **Phillip Spence**. Through this volunteer role, they offer support and counseling for LPD employees, their families, and citizens in times of stress or struggle.

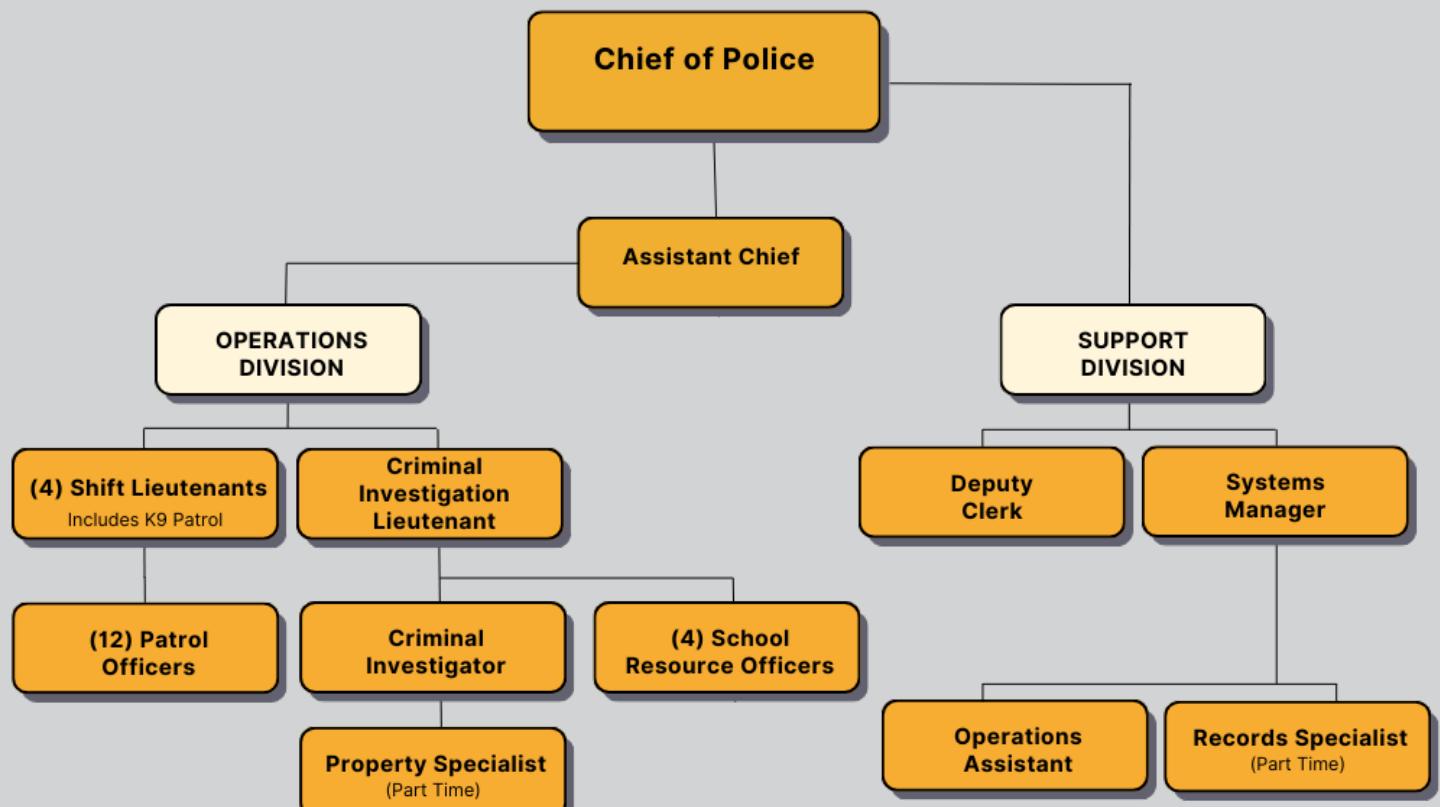


### Building Community

In October, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invited LPD to participate in their first Faith & Blue event. Officers joined Chaplains Eilert and Spence.

Faith & Blue is a national program to facilitate safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations.

## LPD Staffing



**29 Total Staff**

24 Sworn

3 Civilian (Full Time)

2 Civilian (Part Time)



## SERVICE CALLS

JANUARY	705
FEBRUARY	662
MARCH	854
APRIL	1,219
MAY	225
JUNE	758
JULY	987
AUGUST	1,234
SEPTEMBER	1,167
OCTOBER	1,205
NOVEMBER	1,139
DECEMBER	1,277

**TOTAL: 11,432**

# BY THE NUMBERS

## CRIME

	2022	2023	Change
Murder	0	0	0%
Rape	5	3	-40%
Robbery	0	1	100%
Aggravated Assault	2	1	-50%
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11	6	-45%
Theft/Larceny	103	88	-15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	6	-14%
Arson	2	3	50%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-17%</b>

## CRIME RESPONSE

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total Arrests</b>	246	290	18%
Drug-Related Arrests (All)	40	30	-25%
Juvenile Arrests	45	70	56%
Juvenile Drug-Related Arrests	13	5	-62%
Arrests per 1,000 Residents	18.92	22.31	18%
Use of Force Incidents	2	3	50%
Vehicle Pursuit	2	0	-100%
Average Response Time to Priority Calls (Minutes from dispatch to arrival)	4:58	4:51	-2.35%

## TRAFFIC STOPS

	Loveland Data	Ohio Data	2022 Citations	2023 Citations
Male	46.5%	49.3%	60.2%	60.0%
Female	53.5%	50.7%	39.8%	40.0%
Black	4.8%	13.2%	6.5%	9.0%
Non-Hispanic White	86.2%	77.7%	89.0%	87.0%

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	2022	2023	Change
Parking Citations	297	81	-73%
Total Traffic Charges	1,306	783	-40%
Traffic Warnings	439	844	92%
Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated (OVI)	17	17	0%
OVI per 1,000 Residents	1.31	1.31	0%
Auto Accidents	158	127	-20%
Injury Auto Accidents	23	30	30%
Auto Accidents Involving Alcohol	6	2	-67%
Fatal Auto Accidents	0	0	0%



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