

2024 Annual Report

LOVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT



Continuing Improvement

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FROM THE CHIEF



The mission of the Loveland Police Department is to provide excellent, customer-oriented service with integrity while continuously improving. Every day, we strive to uphold this commitment, and in 2024, we placed a strong focus on continuous improvement.

Improving any organization is essential to achieving higher productivity, enhancing service to the community, adapting to changing standards and trends, and boosting employee morale. By pursuing these strategic goals, we position ourselves for long-term success, optimizing operations and fostering a more efficient, effective, and supportive work environment for all.

My personal goal each day is to make a positive impact—on this agency and within our community—to leave it a little better than it was the day before. No matter what the scale, our aim is to deliver realistic, practical results with meaningful outcomes for everyone. While we may not always get it right the first time, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of improvement, learning from experience, and striving to do better.

An organization can never fully capture or measure every accomplishment of its staff. However, the pages of this annual report highlight key projects completed throughout the year, showcasing how the men and women of the Loveland Police Department have fulfilled their commitment to continuous improvement.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the officers, support staff, volunteers, and command staff who work tirelessly each day to fulfill our mission. Our success would not be possible without the support of the Mayor and City Council, city staff, local businesses, and the citizens of Loveland, Ohio. Your continued support is deeply appreciated, and we remain grateful for the opportunity to serve this great community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Gabrielson".

Chief Michael Gabrielson



RECOGNITION



The Ohio Collaborative is a panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders, who establish Ohio's state law enforcement standards. LPD went through its on-site assessment that occurs every three years and is proud to be compliant with the State of Ohio Standards for Law Enforcement, ensuring our accountability to the community. This highlights our commitment to the public to maintain and improve our standards within the agency.



Loveland Police Department (LPD) has achieved a high level of excellence in managing public safety policies and online training by receiving this award from Lexipol, a company specializing in providing public safety agencies with comprehensive and updated policy solutions. LPD officers participate in a minimum of 12 hours of training to qualify the agency for the Lexipol Gold Standard.



Loveland Police Department (LPD) is proud to be recognized as the April 2024 "Agency of the Month" by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. and The Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc. for our dedication to community policing. We are honored to serve our community through programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, National Night Out and many more. This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to building strong relationships and fostering trust within our community.



RECOGNITION



In September 2024, the City Council recognized Lt. Kevin Corbett for his 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Loveland. Throughout his career, he has served in patrol, criminal investigations, and the drug abuse task force, demonstrating unwavering commitment to public safety. Lt. Corbett has received numerous accolades, including being named Clermont County Investigator of the Year in 2012. Since 2017, he has served as lieutenant, leading LPD's criminal investigations and overseeing critical programs, including fleet management, the School Resource Officer program, the property room, and the body camera program. We congratulate Lt. Corbett on this milestone and thank him for his outstanding service to our community!



In June 2024, the City Council recognized Officer Elliott Spraul for his five years of dedicated service to the City of Loveland. Officer Spraul plays a vital role in LPD as one of our Field Training Officers, helping to mentor and train new officers. Additionally, he was recently certified as a Senior Operator for the new IntoxDMT, further enhancing his expertise in DUI enforcement. We appreciate Officer Spraul's dedication and contributions to our department and community!



COMMUNITY RELATIONS



In 2024, LPD actively connected with the community through various programs, including the Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, National Night Out, "Stuff-a-Truck," "Stuff-Our-Cruiser," and the Diaper Drive, alongside everyday interactions during routine patrols. These initiatives demonstrate our continuous dedication to establishing strong relationships and nurturing trust within the community we serve.





TECHNOLOGY



ELECTRIC BIKES

LPD purchased another E-bike to add to the fleet in 2024. These electric bicycles allow officers to navigate urban environments quickly and quietly, making them ideal for patrolling crowded areas, parks, or pedestrian zones where traditional vehicles might be cumbersome. Overall, e-bikes serve as a versatile and effective tool for modern policing.



MOBILE RADIOS

We have completed the installation of the upgraded Motorola APX 4500 P25 CAP-compliant mobile radios, allowing officers to tune into more frequencies to improve mutual-aid communication and public safety. This upgrade was made possible by a COPS grant to LPD.



UPGRADED TASERS

This year, LPD has transitioned to the Taser 7 for all its officers. The Taser 7 features improved close-range effectiveness, enhanced accuracy with its laser dot system, and the capability to upload device logs directly into Axon Evidence. This upgrade aims to protect more lives and helps officers make arrests in a safer manner.



TECHNOLOGY



GPS PREEMPTION

In 2023, LPD made steps towards installing GPS Preemption devices in all of the marked vehicles. These devices change traffic signals for approaching public safety vehicles responding to an emergency. This year the project has been completed and our department has already seen a 7% decrease in response time From 4:51 in 2023 to 4:30 in 2024. We expect to see more as the construction is completed.

INTOXIMETER

The IntoxDMT is a desktop breath testing device designed to assess a person's blood alcohol level. This upgraded model features an integrated computer with a touch screen and boasts the fastest signal processing available in the industry. This court-approved system will keep supporting our officers in effectively prosecuting OVI cases.

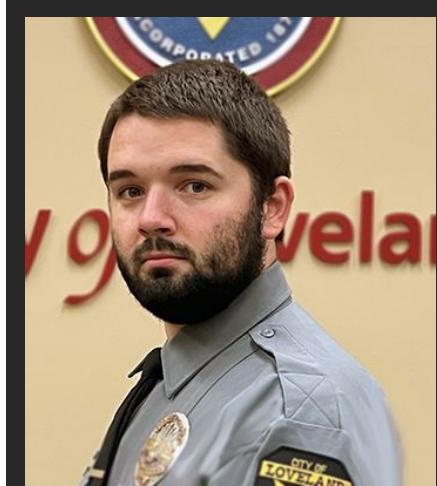
IN-CAR CAMERAS

In 2024, LPD equipped every marked patrol vehicle with Axon Fleet 3 in-car cameras. These advanced cameras can seamlessly integrate with our current video evidence system. Additionally, Fleet 3 includes an Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system, which checks license plates against the National Crime Database in real-time, alerting officers to stolen vehicles and missing persons.

LPD WELCOMES 3 NEW MEMBERS



WALTER GRIFFITH
OFFICER
JANUARY 2024



BENJAMIN MARCUM
OFFICER
OCTOBER 2024



ERIN GODSEY
SUPPORT SERVICES
OCTOBER 2024

Officer Griffith began his law enforcement career in 2011. He has served as a patrol officer, detective, SWAT member, and as a member of the Brown County Drug and Major Crime Task Force. Additionally, he has served the Georgetown Fire Department.

Officer Marcum previously served as a ranger with Five Rivers Metro Parks in Dayton, Ohio.

Erin joined LPD last year as our part-time Property Room Manager. She will now be taking on her new full-time role as Support Services Assistant. She still will manage the property room in addition to duties in customer service, data entry, scheduling, payroll, and purchasing.

2024 RETIREMENTS



AMY CAMPBELL
LIEUTENANT
JANUARY 2024



MICHAEL SZPAK
LIEUTENANT
MARCH 2024



MELISSA BACON
CLERK OF COURTS
DECEMBER 2024

Lt. (Campbell) Humphrey has been recognized for ten years of dedicated service to Loveland, serving as Quartermaster, overseeing LPD hiring, and leading community outreach initiatives.

Lt. Szpak served Loveland for 28 years, beginning as a part-time officer in 1996 and rising to lieutenant. His roles included bike patrol and firearms instructor, and he initiated the “Candy Police” Halloween tradition while organizing community events like National Night Out.

Mel Bacon has dedicated 30 years to the City of Loveland beginning at City Hall and ending as Mayor’s Court Clerk. A longstanding presence at the Loveland Police Department, Mel has built an efficient and highly regarded Mayor’s Court.

PROMOTIONS



MICHAEL BOETTGER
LIEUTENANT
JANUARY 2024



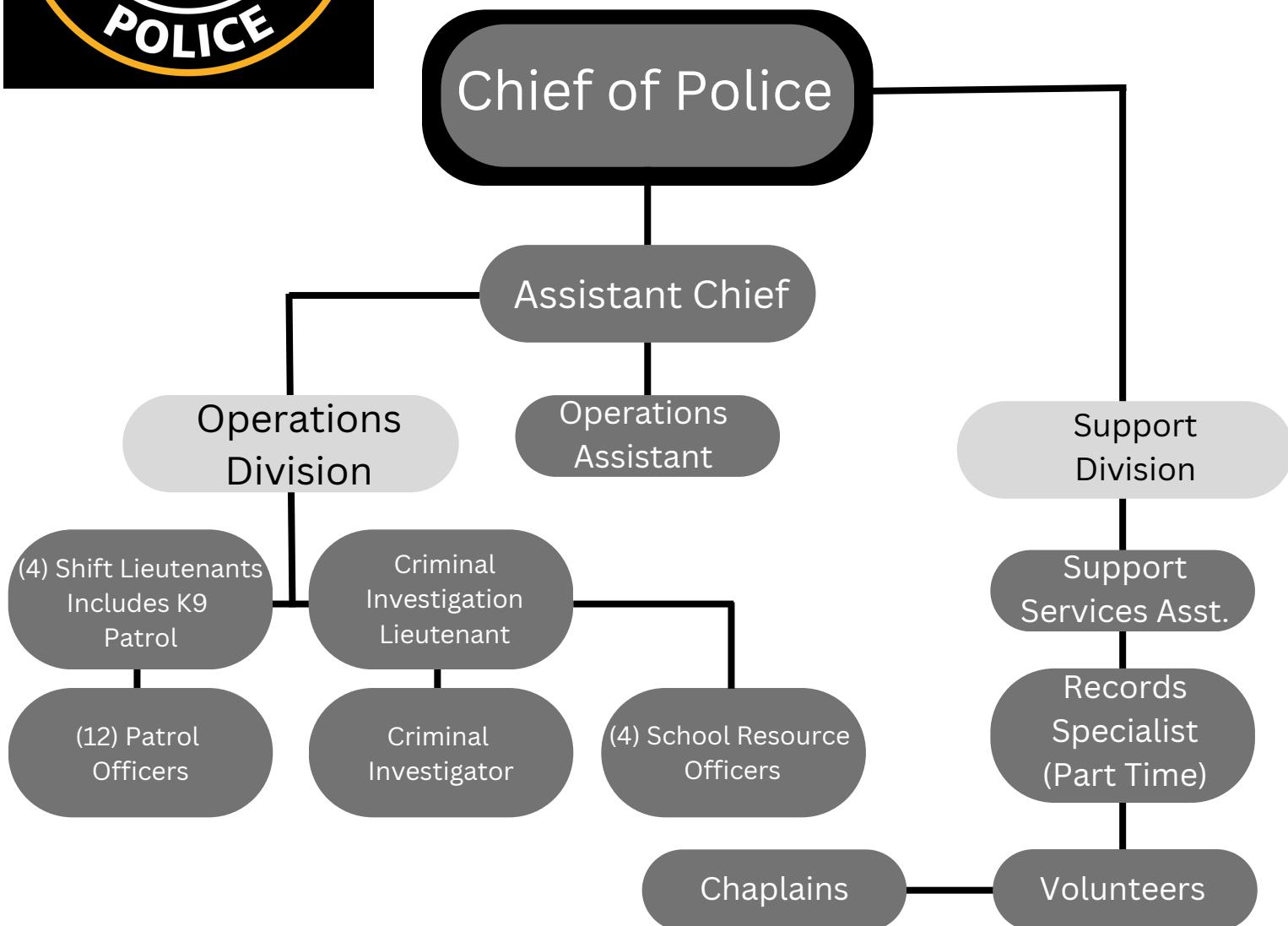
MICHAEL WRIGHT
LIEUTENANT
JULY 2024

In January, Officer Michael Boettger was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He has served the citizens of Loveland since 2017, working in patrol, investigations, and most recently as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Loveland Intermediate and Middle School.

In July, Officer Michael Wright was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He has served the citizens of Loveland since 2021, primarily working in patrol.



STAFFING LEVELS



30 Total Staff
24 Sworn
2 Civilian (Full Time)
1 Civilian (Part Time)
2 Chaplains
1 Volunteer



2024 CANINE HIGHLIGHTS

The Loveland Police Department's canine team made significant contributions to local law enforcement efforts in 2024. They had an impressive 31 K9-specific deployments with 14 arrests and the recovery of over 40 grams of methamphetamine! Lt. Biblehausen and Officer Cruz also seem to have been proactive in fighting drug-related crime with their additional seizures of cocaine and opiates, not just in Loveland but also helping out neighboring jurisdictions. It's clear that their work has been essential in disrupting criminal activity and making communities safer.

Loveland's K9 team had a busy year with our community, showcasing their skills at the National Night Out event, Touch-A-Truck events and two Citizen Police Academies. As you can see below, Cruz takes a special interest in our river areas to ensure the canoers are safe!

Keeping on top of training and developing the best skills has been a year-long process for Officer Cruz and Lt. Bibelhausen. Together, they have successfully certified with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA). They also achieved the highest level of certification possible with both the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association and the North American Police Work Dog Association. Lt. Bibelhausen has been certified as a police canine evaluator for OPOTA and has maintained his status as a NNDAA official carrying out duties in evaluating and training police canines throughout the region.





SRO DIVISION

Loveland Police Department is continuing its partnership with our schools to maximize the level of service to our community by providing four School Resource Officers.

Officer Larry Mehn obtained his SRO Certification this year joining the SRO Division. He is currently serving at the Loveland High School. In May, LPD also conducted a full-scale safety drill and training day that incorporated the SRO's, Police Command Staff, LSFD firefighters and EMT's as well as school staff and teachers. We trained on how to respond as a team, communicate effectively and extricate safely.

This year, Officer Jacob Steinkoenig earned his certification as a Professional SRO from the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA). This certification is voluntary and only validates the dedication Officer Steinkoenig has for the staff and students in our Loveland City Schools!





CHAPLAIN PROGRAM



LPD has two volunteer chaplains, Phillip Spence and Jonathan Eilert, who offer emotional and faith-based support to LPD employees, their families, and the community during tough times. This support is essential for coping with stress and trauma, especially in high-stress environments like law enforcement.

The chaplains are available to respond to critical incidents, providing valuable assistance to families and officers.

LPD has strengthened its partnership with the chaplains through the "Faith & Blue" events. At the heart of this initiative is the reinforcement of connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the support of houses of worship. During the weekend of October 12-13, the "Faith & Blue" chapter at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church hosted a food drive for the Life Food Pantry and held an Appreciation and Blessing service.



HEALTHY INITIATIVES



Josh True
MA, ATC, CSCS, FMSC
Athletic Trainer

In 2024, LPD was awarded a grant through the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA). Every LPD staff member received a mental health wellness visit with Dr. Erica Birkley, a local expert in mental health services for first responders.

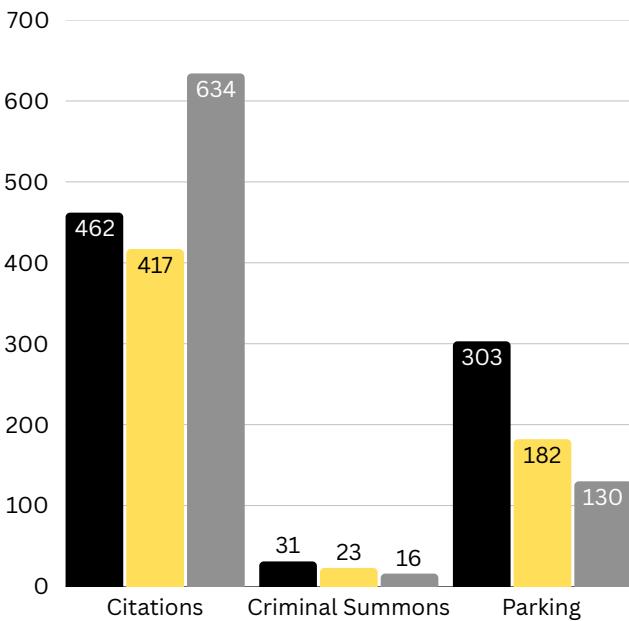
Additionally, staff had weekly access to a Tactical Athletic Trainer, offering top-notch sports medicine, medical support services, education, and training from Beacon Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine. Officers are also granted on-duty time to workout at the new LSFD Fitness Center.



LOVELAND MAYOR'S COURT

CASELOAD

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024



Loveland Mayor's Court is held every two weeks at 4:00 p.m. at the Loveland Safety Center.

Payments can be made 24 hours a day online or by phone through Court Payment Services.



MOBILE FINGERPRINTING



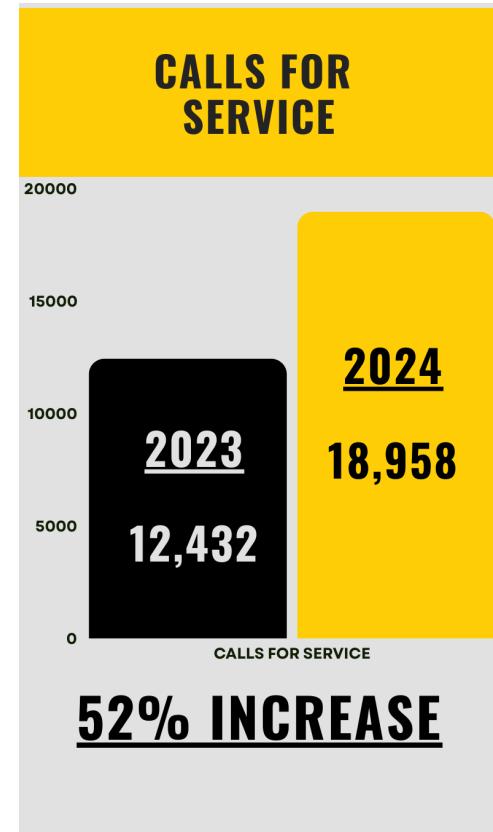
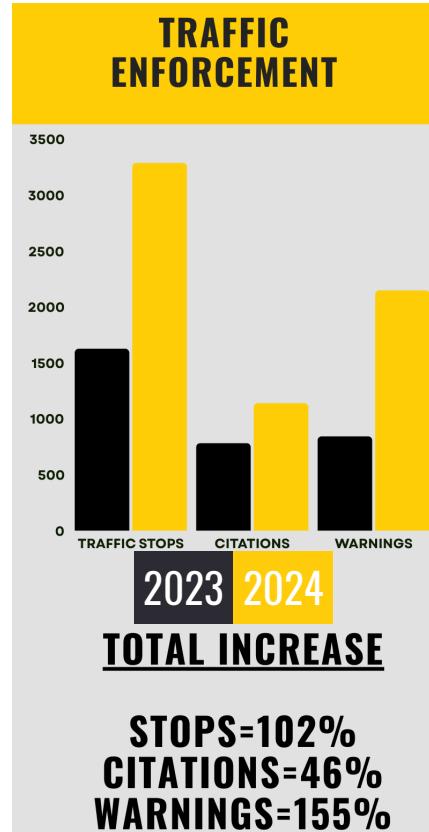
Loveland Mayor's Court is now equipped with a mobile fingerprinting unit. This will allow the court to hear OVI's and escalating misdemeanors in 2025, decreasing the caseload to the Municipal Courts.



CRIME STATISTICS

ADULT ARRESTS
2023 = 290
2024 = 285

JUVENILE ARRESTS
2023 = 70
2024 = 57



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2021	2022	2023	2024	INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR
PARKING CITATIONS	175	297	182	130	-28%
TOTAL TRAFFIC CHARGES	995	1306	783	1140	46%
TOTAL WARNINGS	343	439	844	2149	155%
OPERATING VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED (OVI)	10	17	17	6	-65%
OVI PER 1,000 RESIDENTS	0.72	1.31	1.31	0.46	-65%
AUTO ACCIDENTS	136	158	127	105	-17%
INJURY AUTO ACCIDENTS	14	23	30	18	-40%
AUTO ACCIDENTS / ALCOHOL RELATED	5	6	2	3	50%
FATAL AUTO ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0%



CRIME STATISTICS

PART I CRIME	2021	2022	2023	2024	INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0%
RAPE	6	5	3	4	33%
ROBBERY	0	0	1	2	100%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	2	1	1	0%
BURGLARY, BREAKING AND ENTERING	7	11	6	8	33%
THEFT/LARCENY	94	103	88	56	-36%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	7	7	6	6	0%
ARSON	1	2	3	1	-67%
TOTAL PART I CRIME	115	130	108	78	-28%
PART I CRIME / 1,000 RESIDENTS	8.27	10.00	8.31	6.00	-28%

CRIME RESPONSE	2021	2022	2023	2024	INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR
TOTAL ARRESTS	215	246	290	285	-2%
DRUG RELATED ARRESTS (ALL)	19	40	30	22	-27%
JUVENILE ARRESTS	41	45	70	57	-19%
JUVENILE DRUG RELATED ARRESTS	11	13	5	10	100%
ARRESTS / 1,000 RESIDENTS	15.47	18.92	22.31	21.92	-2%
USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	5	2	3	3	0%
VEHICLE PURSUIT	1	2	0	2	
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME TO PRIORITY CALLS IN MINUTES (FROM DISPATCH TO ARRIVAL)	5:16	4:58	4:51	4:30	-7.22%

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- Property Maintenance Concern
- Public Records Request
- Report a Pothole
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