



NEW CASTLE



POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

***As a law enforcement officer**, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.*

***I will** keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.*

***I will** never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.*

***I recognize** the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.*

***I know** that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.*

I will** constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... **LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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Dear New Castle Residents,

It has been an honor to serve the community of New Castle as your Chief of Police over the last 6 years. Our focus has been, and will continue to be, on improving and maintaining a high quality of life for our residents and visitors as well as building lifelong relationships with all of those residing in, and visiting, our great community.

We are here to respond to calls for service in the community as well as special requests from residents, schools, and businesses. We live in our community, we love our community, and we share the concerns and challenges experienced by our community. I believe as a society we must work on equality issues and basic human decency. We must ensure that all people are equal with no assumptions made simply because of race, gender, orientation, religion, etc. Our responsibility as humans is to abolish those biases and continue to break down the barriers between the public and the officials that serve the public.

The New Castle Police Department is dedicated to serving the City of New Castle. We work with all city government departments to provide the best possible service to residents and visitors. We are in the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are always available to assist you. New Castle Police Department is eager to be a part of resolving issues or addressing concerns within the city. We are all in this together and must continue working to make the City of New Castle a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Matt Schofield

Chief of Police

City of New Castle



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NCPD RANK STRUCTURE

ADMINISTRATION

Chief-Matt Schofield

Assistant Chief-Justin Wardlow

UNIFORM DIVISION STAFF

Cpt. Jim Nicholson – Uniform Division Commander

Lt. Adrian Darling - Day Shift Commander

Sgt. Eric Jackson - Day Shift Sergeant

Lt. Jason Boring - Afternoon Shift Commander

Sgt. Zack Medford - Afternoon Shift Sergeant

Lt. Joshua Hedges - Night Shift Commander

Sgt. Neil Sealover - Night Shift Sergeant

DETECTIVE DIVISION STAFF

Cpt. Scott Ullery-Investigations Commander

Sgt. Chase Hightower-Detective Sergeant

Det. Nick Rhodes-Detective

Det. Kirstyn Shafer-Detective

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UNIFORM DIVISION PATROL OFFICERS

JB Nicholson ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Lisa Fullman ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Ty Terrell ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Brandy Pierce ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Joe Tompkins ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Tony Hughes ★★★★★★★★★★

Chase Koger ★★★★★★★★★★

Tyler Reece ★★★★★★★★★★

Justin Farr ★★★★★

Dustin Sult ★★★★★

John Buckingham ★★★★★

Ellis Evans ★★★★★

Joshua Harter ★★★★★

Wendell Jagers ★★ ★

Jake Nicholson ★★ ★

Joshua Roe ★★ ★

Brady Renner ★

Trevor Morrison ★

Jackie Hernandez ★

★ Stars denote one year of service with the New Castle Police Department ★

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Dear Citizens of New Castle,

Serving the City of New Castle as a Police Officer is a tremendous privilege but also a tremendous responsibility. 2022 has been an exceptionally busy year for our police department as we worked to move into our new police headquarters, fielded Body Worn Cameras (BWC) to all uniformed officers, worked to order and maintain our vehicle fleet, added an additional K9 and handler, and continued to address the challenges of recruiting and retention within our ranks. While 2022 brought many challenges for our officers, I am proud to say that we as a police department, with the backing of our community, are succeeding in creating a safe and welcoming city.

During 2022, we purchased and issued body worn cameras to all uniformed officers as a means to increase evidence collection, professional interactions between citizens and law enforcement, and accountability and transparency for all. Additionally, we began moving into our new police headquarters, added a third police K9, hired a 35th Police Officer, assigned NCPD's first full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) to New Castle Community School Corporation, and had the opportunity to promote a new Lieutenant and two new Sergeants.

As we move into 2023, Chief Schofield and I remain committed to fairly, professionally, and impartially policing the City of New Castle. We will continue striving to build positive and impactful relationships with our citizens and will remain committed to being transparent in both our successes and failures. Chief Schofield and I continue to seek out opportunities for professional growth for ourselves and the Police Officers we are responsible for. We will also continue to seek out funding opportunities for necessary equipment as we strive to give our citizens a professional, competent, and well-equipped police force. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of New Castle as a police officer and look forward to continuing the work of serving and protecting the citizens of New Castle.

Respectfully,

Justin Wardlow

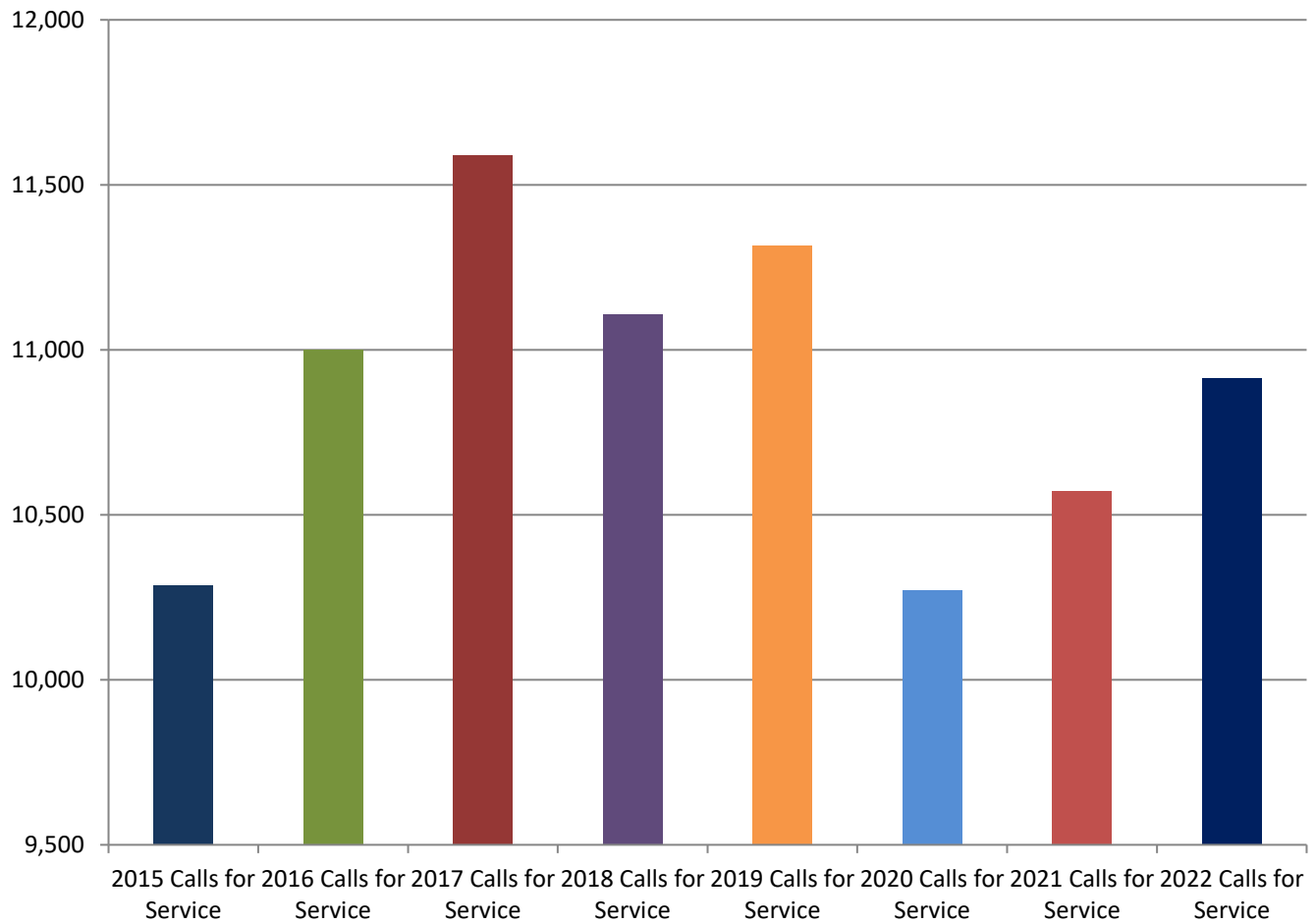
Assistant Chief of Police

City of New Castle



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NCPD Service Calls



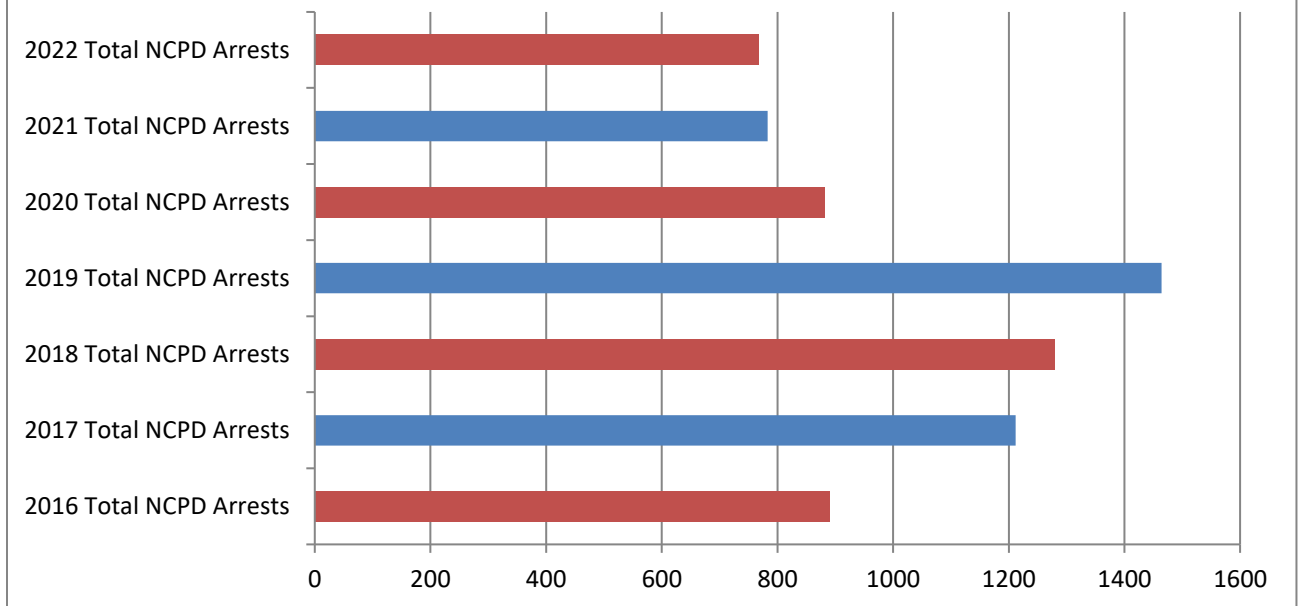
Starting midway through 2021, New Castle Police Department stopped responding to non-violent civil calls where no crime had been committed. The purpose of this guidance was to mitigate introducing law enforcement officers into situations where citizens had not committed a crime. In select situations, interjecting law enforcement into situations where no crime has been committed can escalate, rather than de-escalate, situations.

Examples: Landlord Tenant Disputes, Child Custody Disputes, Juvenile Problems

Additionally, as we continue to progress into a post-COVID era, we are seeing calls for service increase. Calls have steadily increased since 2020 and we are nearly back to 11,000 calls for service annually. If NCPD still responded to all civil calls where crimes were not occurring, we would already be exceeding 11,000 calls per year.

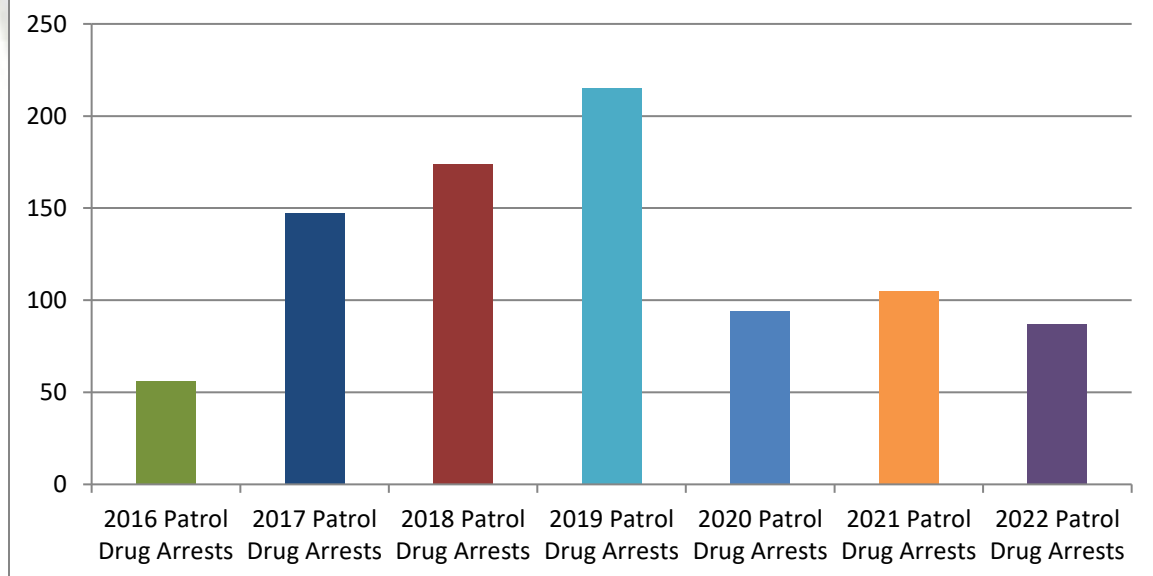
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NCPD ANNUAL ARRESTS



This data is the total number of incidents resulting in arrest, Not the total number of individuals arrested. For example, if a call resulted in 3 individuals being arrested it is tracked as 1 arrest incident. Additionally, many misdemeanor arrests are resolved through summoning the accused into court rather than incarcerating the individual in jail.

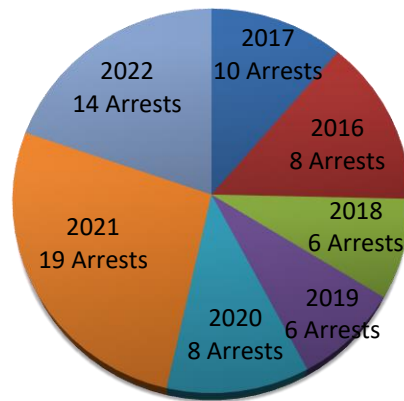
NCPD Uniform Division Drug Arrests



NCPD remains committed to combating the illegal sales, distribution, and possession of illegal drugs and narcotics within our community.

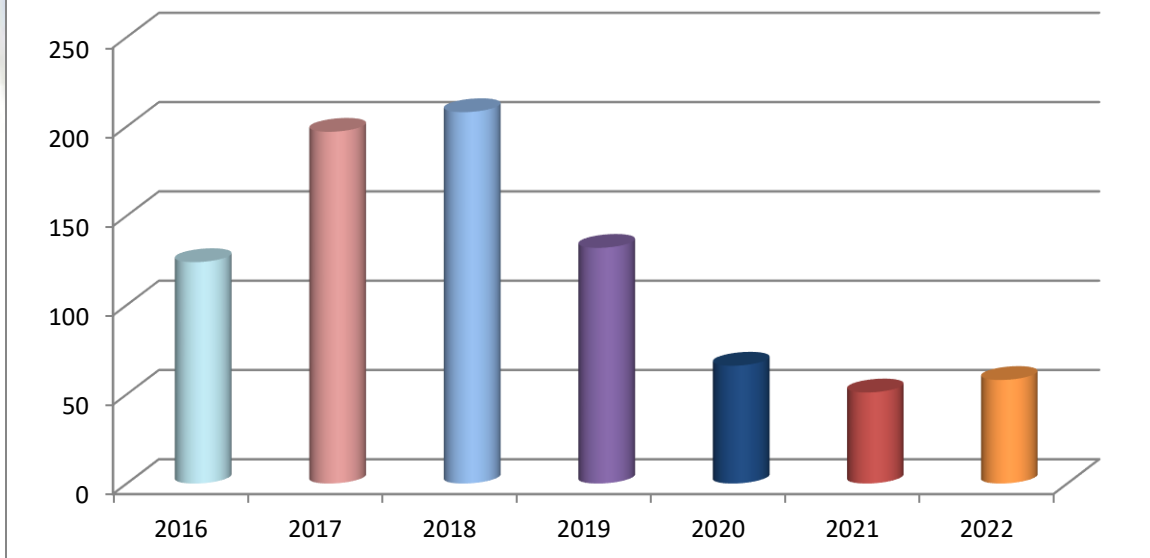
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Gun Arrests



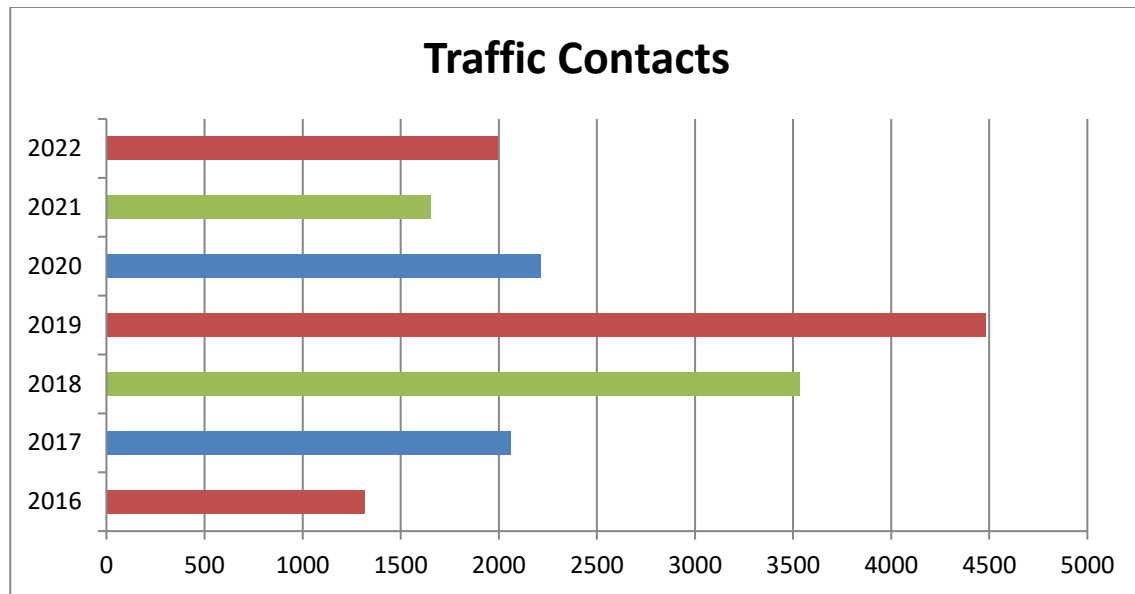
This is strictly arrests for illegal gun possession and/or Red Flag Firearms Seizures and does not factor incidents where legal guns were involved. Example-DUI arrests where the suspect was in possession of a legal gun.

NCPD Impaired Driving Arrests

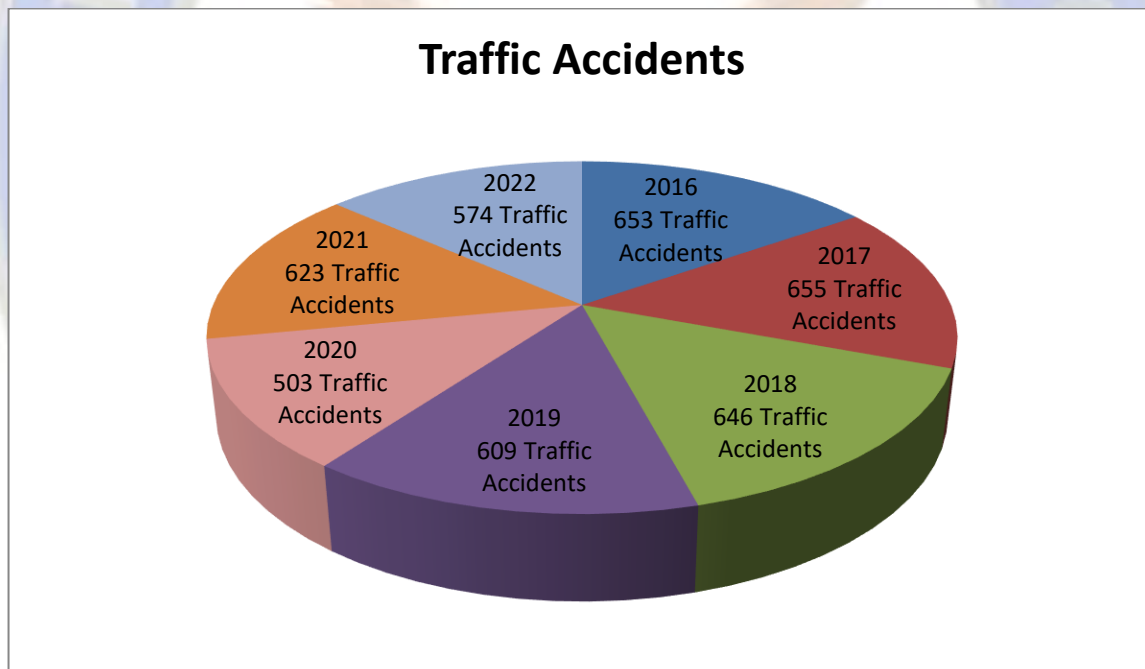


*In 2022 NCPD saw a slight increase in impaired driving. NCPD arrested 58 impaired drivers. This was made possible in-part due to the Operation Pull-Over Grant. **New Castle Police Department would like to remind our community to NOT drink and drive. Drink responsibly, use designated drivers, or call a friend for a ride.***

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These numbers include traffic citations and traffic warnings. NCPD encourages traffic enforcement in an effort to combat impaired driving, narcotics distribution, and safe driving.



*During 2022 traffic accidents decreased by 7.8%. Due to the significant increase in traffic accidents from 2020 to 2021, NCPD attempted to increase traffic enforcement on our roadways throughout 2022. **If you reside in an area, and/or believe there are certain areas that would benefit from increased traffic enforcement contact New Castle Police Department at 765-521-6810.***

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NCPD K9 PROGRAM



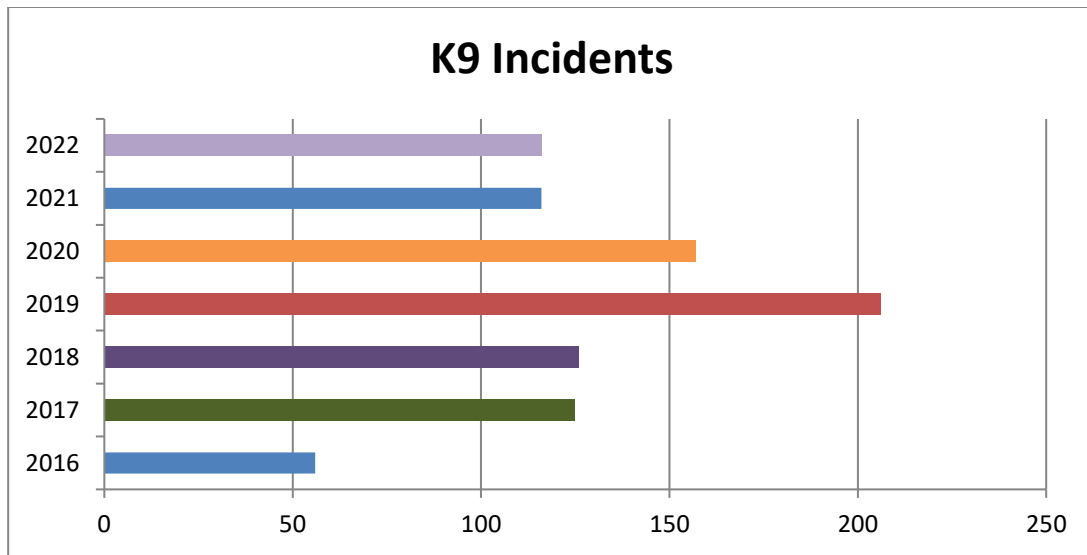
The New Castle Police Department K9 Unit consists of three dual purposes trained Belgian Malinois named Zorro, Kori, and Awpur. All three canines are dual purpose patrol/narcotics K9's which aid in tracking, apprehension, and drug/narcotics detection.

Officer Brandy Pierce and K9 Zorro have been partnered for 5 years. Officer Justin Farr and K9 Kori have been partnered for 4 years and Officer Jake Nicholson and K9 Awpur have been partnered for 1 year.

All of NCPD's canines were trained by Vohne Liche Kennels. NCPD K9 handlers train continuously throughout the year to maintain their proficiency. In addition to patrol and narcotics duties our K9 Unit also makes it a priority to interact with the citizens of New Castle by conducting demonstrations for various schools, organizations, and civic groups when requested.



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2022 K9 Incidents - 116

NCPD had 116 canine incidents in 2022. Our K9 handlers and their partners are instrumental in our ability to combat the sales, distribution, and use of narcotics within the City of New Castle. We greatly appreciate all of their hard work in 2022. We would like to thank the City of New Castle and citizens of our community for your continued support of our K9 Program.

New Castle Police Department was able to purchase a third K9 in 2022. We now have a K9 assigned to all three shifts. Anyone wishing to donate to the NCPD K9 program may do so at 227 North Main St. New Castle, IN 47362 Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. We greatly appreciate all of the support from our community during 2022.

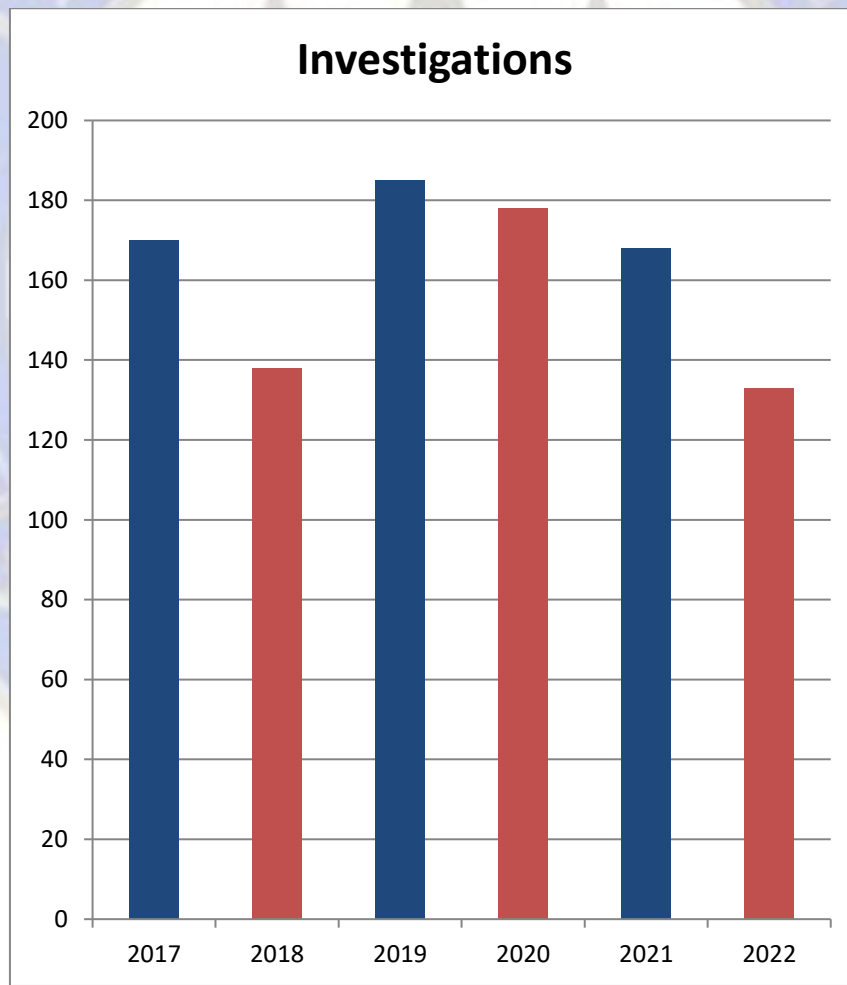


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NCPD DETECTIVE DIVISION

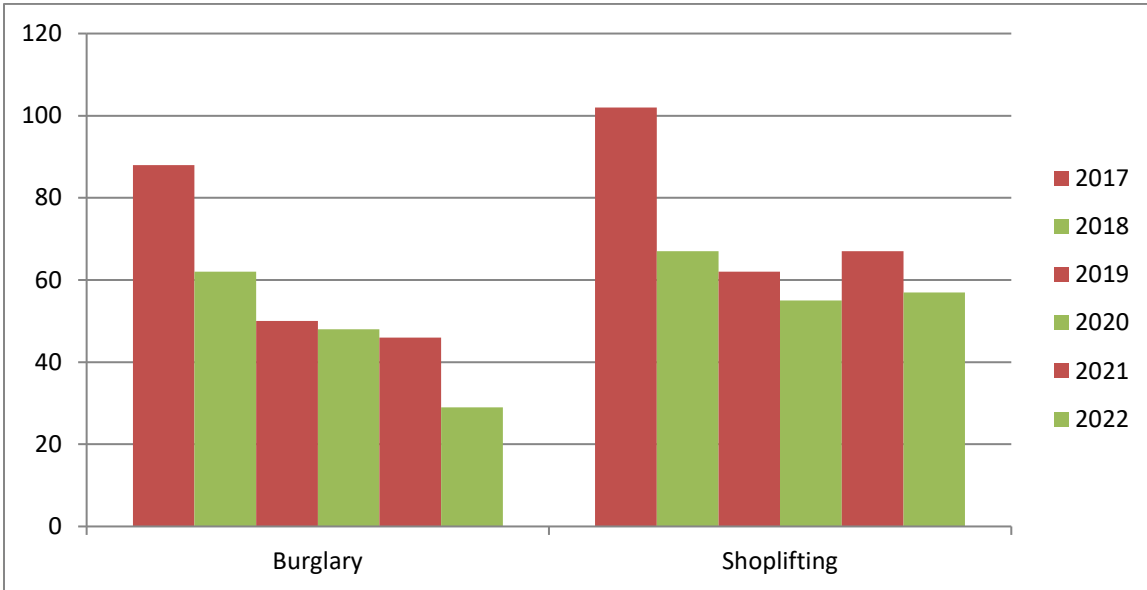
The New Castle Police Department Detective Division conducted 133 Criminal Investigations over the course of 2022 resulting in numerous felony arrests. Many criminal investigations are complex and require many hours of investigation. Detectives spend time tracking down leads, interviewing witnesses and suspects, and completing reports to facilitate prosecution in these investigations.

Complex criminal investigations can take days, weeks, or even months before being completed. We greatly appreciate the hard work of all of our detectives and investigators as they diligently pursue suspects, collect evidence, and work with the Patrol Division to apprehend offenders.



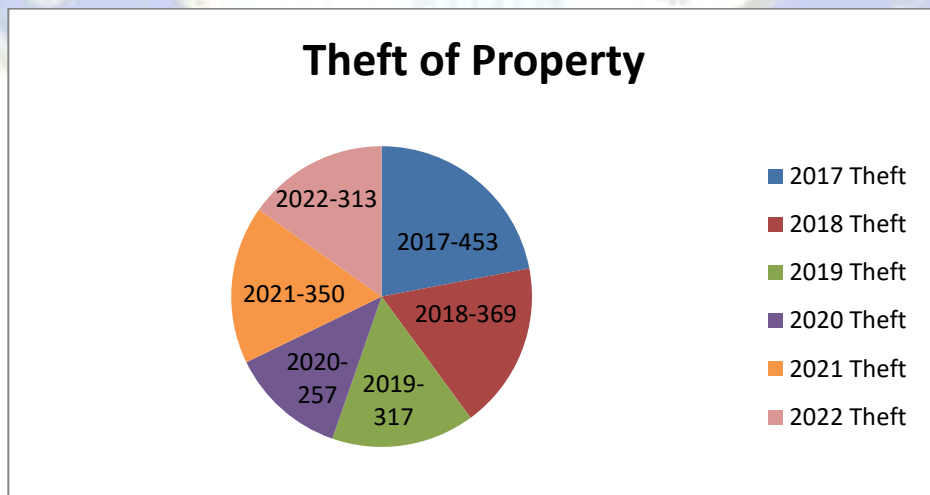
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New Castle Police Department responds to numerous property crimes every year. In the last 5 years NCPD has seen significant decreases in property crimes. NCPD appreciates the vigilance of our citizens, business owners, and officers as we all work together to mitigate these types of criminal offenses.



- *Burglary has decreased by 67% since 2017 in the City of New Castle*
- *Shoplifting has decreased by 44.1% since 2017 in the City of New Castle*
- *Theft has decreased by 30.9% since 2017 in the City of New Castle*

Shoplifting and theft decreased from 2021 to 2022. Both have significantly decreased from 2017. This is likely a combination of easing of COVID restrictions as well as the opening of the new Henry County Jail allowing for incarceration of these offenses as needed. NCPD will continue working with citizens and business owners to combat shoplifting and theft to the best of our ability during 2023.

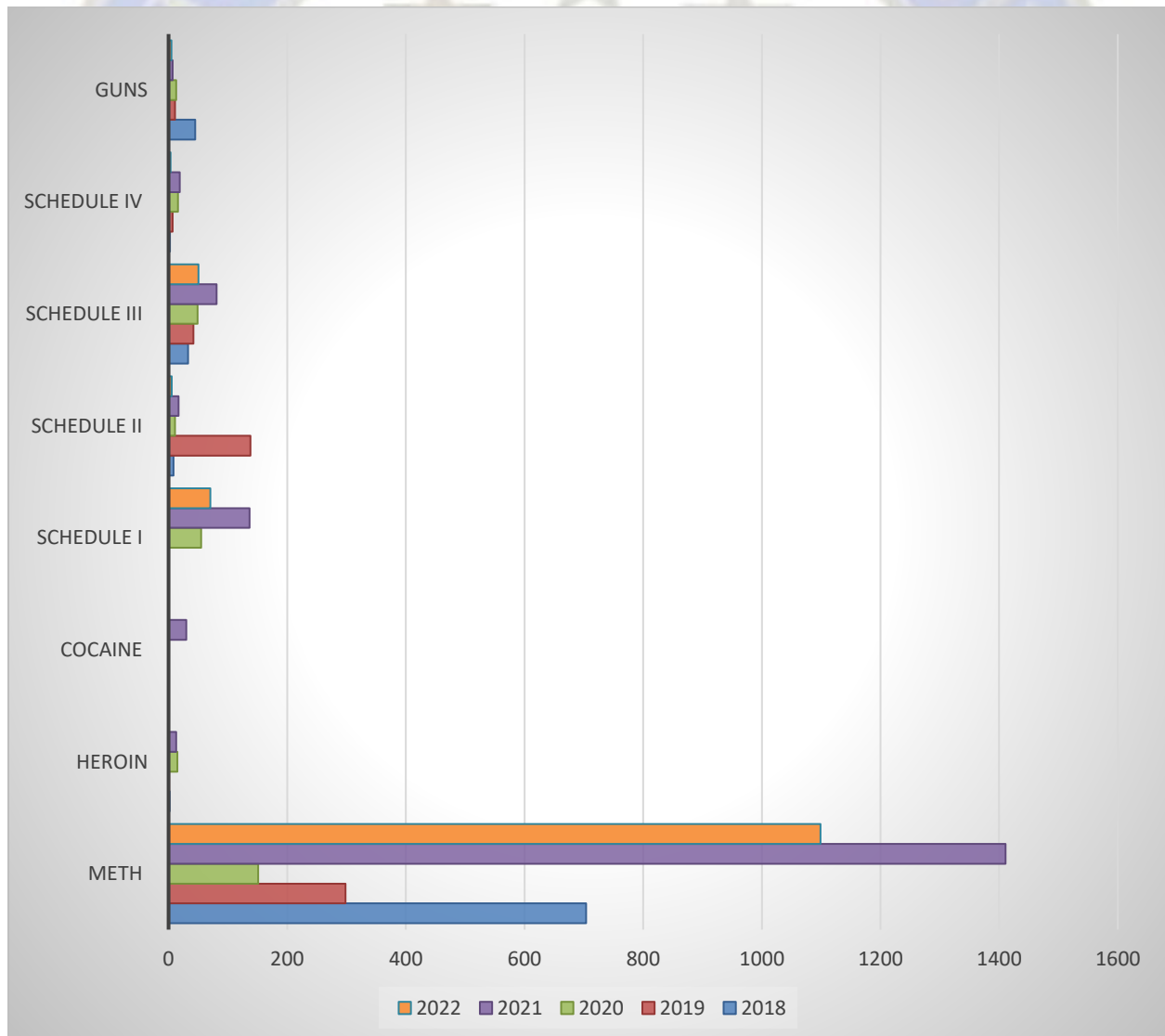


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Henry County Area Drug Task Force

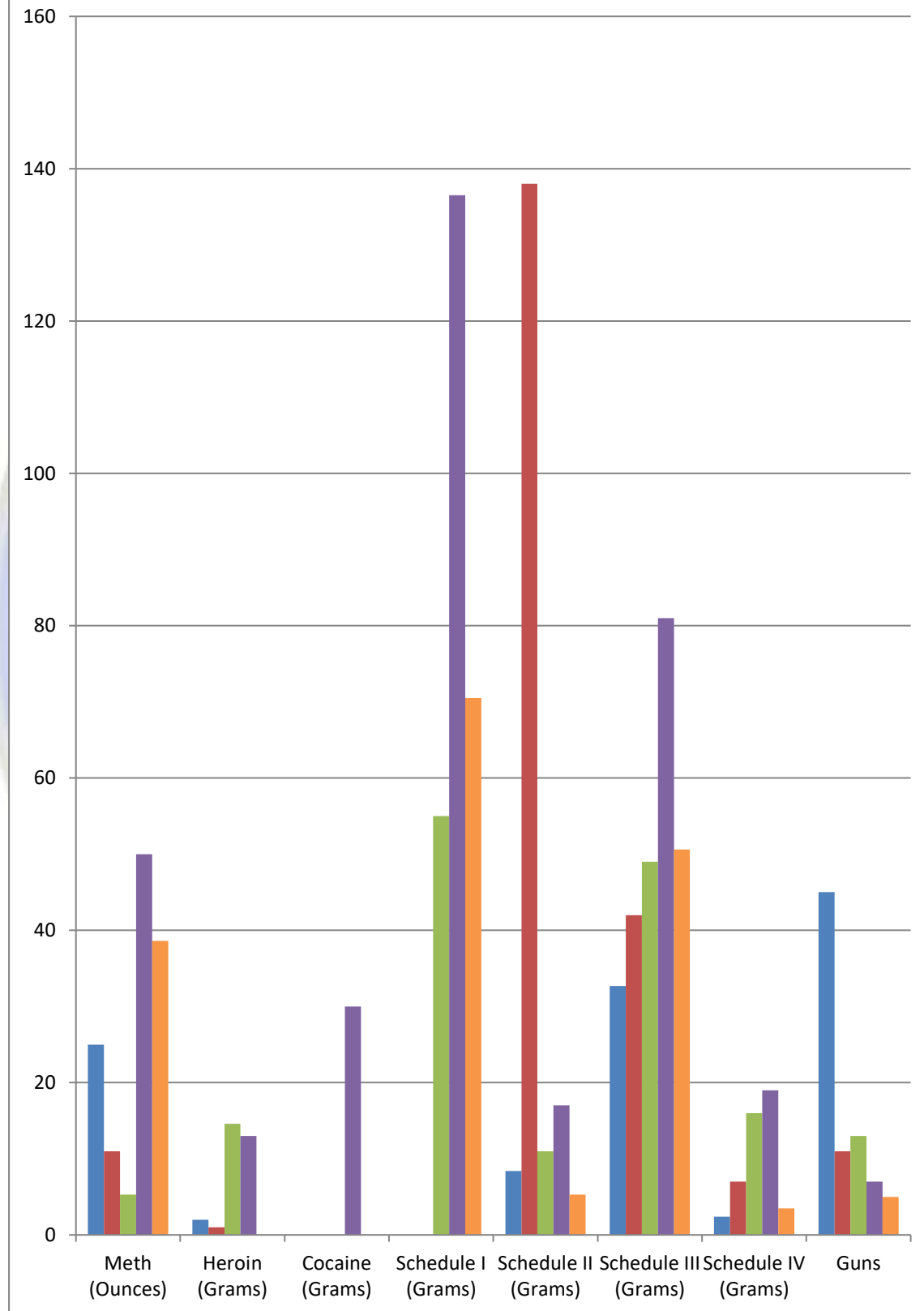
New Castle Police Department contributes narcotics officers to the Henry County Area Drug Task Force. These officers conduct narcotics investigation in and around Henry County in an effort to combat the sales and distribution of illegal drugs and narcotics.

In 2022 Undercover Narcotics Officers from New Castle Police Department made over 200 purchases for narcotics, conducted numerous Search Warrants on phones, vehicles, and residences suspected of dealing drugs/narcotics, and made numerous arrests on suspects involved in the sale, use, or distribution of drugs/narcotics. Over the course of 2022 ADTF Investigators seized over \$6,000 in US Currency, 5 Firearms, and 1000 Grams of Methamphetamine.



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2018 - 2022 SEIZURES IN GRAMS



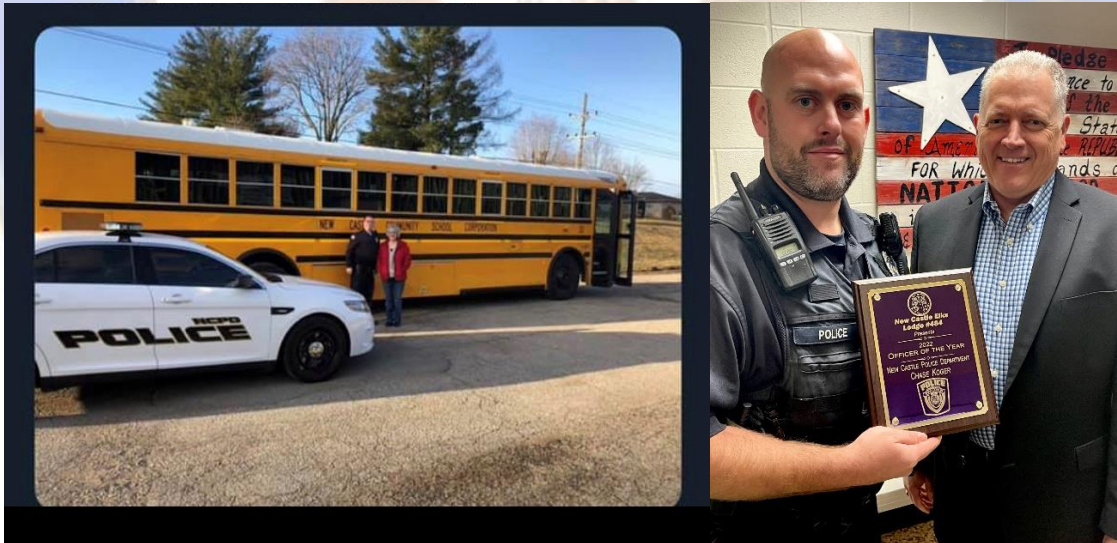
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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Over the course of 2022 our SROs were able to complete additional training to ensure the safety and security of the school campuses and children they are assigned to protect. Our SROs are responsible for safety and security of the children and faculty at New Castle High School, New Castle Middle School, Riley Elementary School, Parker Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School, Westwood Elementary School, and Wilbur Wright Elementary School.

In 2022 New Castle Police Department and New Castle Community School Corporation worked together to add the first full-time School Resource Officer for New Castle Community Schools. Ofc. Chase Koger was selected to fill this position and has proven instrumental in increasing the effectiveness and professionalism of our SRO Program.

New Castle Police Department and New Castle Community School Corporation continues to look for ways to expand the safety and security of our schools as well as ensure the protection of our most important resource, our children. We look forward to expanding the SRO Program during 2022 to better serve New Castle Community School Corporation and their student body.



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NCPD OFFICER TRAINING

All NCPD Officers are certified through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (ILETB) within their first year of employment. This consists of 15 weeks of training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. After completing that initial 15 weeks of training all officers must complete mandatory In-Service training annually.

Training our officers and staff to perform their duties safely and effectively continues to be a top priority for the New Castle Police Department. The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board mandates that all sworn police officers complete 24 hours of annual in-service training; however, it is our goal to far surpass this minimum standard on an annual basis.

Throughout the year NCPD Officers complete multiple firearms trainings, defensive tactics trainings, emergency vehicle operations training, de-escalation training, and many other trainings to ensure that our officers are able to safely, efficiently and professionally complete their duties.

In 2022 NCPD tried to send numerous officers to additional trainings above and beyond the state mandated training. In 2022 various officers attended the Indiana SWAT Conference, K9 School, School Resource Officer Conference, Basic Investigator School, Instructor Development, and several other specialized training courses.

Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board Requires 24hrs of Training Annually, NCPD is proud to be far exceeding the State requirement for training.

- *Average Training Hours for All Officers – 63.3 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for Detectives – 82.3 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for K9 Officer – 126.6 HRS*
- *Average Training Hours for SWAT Officers – 135.1 HRS*

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NCPD RECRUITING

Recruiting qualified applicants is a year-round effort. NCPD is always looking for qualified applicants to participate in our competitive hiring process. Officers assigned to the recruiting team are all volunteers and assist in job fairs, college outreach, and any other recruiting drives initiated by NCPD.

New Castle Police Department also accepts lateral candidates. Lateral applicants must have completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and be in good standing with their current law enforcement agency. By accepting lateral applicants NCPD is able to attract more qualified candidates and save money required to train newly hired officers.

While we are excited about the possibility of hiring lateral applicants NCPD's goal is and always will be, to hire, train, and equip the best police force we can for the residents of the City of New Castle.

If you know of a person that would be an asset to policing the City of New Castle encourage them to apply for NCPD. Additional information can be found on the New Castle Police Department Facebook page and by contacting New Castle Police Department at (765)-521-6810.



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NCPD 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Hired 3 New Police Officers to fill vacancies within NCPD*
- *Moved Road Division into new Police Department*
- *Returned Area Drug Task Force (ADTF) to Full Staffing*
- *Purchased 10 new police vehicles*
- *Decreased burglary in the City of New Castle*
- *Purchased and implemented Body Worn Cameras for all Uniform Officers*
- *Returned Criminal Investigations Division to full strength*
- *Strengthened police and community relations*

NCPD 2023 OBJECTIVES

- *Hire 5 new officers and return NCPD back to full strength*
- *Complete final construction requirements for new Police Department Headquarters*
- *Purchase new police vehicles as budget allows to maintain vehicle fleet*
- *All newly hired officers successfully complete Field Training Program and ILEA*
- *Continuously seek out new training opportunities for all officers*
- *Continue to evaluate equipment needs and considerations*
- *Conduct hiring process with New Castle Police Merit Board*

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*ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NEW CASTLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT, THANKS FOR REVIEWING OUR ANNUAL 2022 REPORT*



*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ASSISTANT
CHIEF JUSTIN WARDLOW or CHIEF MATT SCHOFIELD 765-521-6810*