

**CAMPBELL**

**COUNTY**

**POLICE**

**DEPARTMENT**

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2020 Annual Report

# A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

At the outset of this letter, I must express my immense appreciation for the officers and staff of the CCPD. We truly have a fine and caring group of people who work very hard to serve you each and every day. I say this not just because it is something a Chief is expected to say. I say it because having been in this business a long time, I know not all communities and organizations are as fortunate as we are!

As for the crime rates, you will see later in the report that this was another very good year for unincorporated Campbell County. We continue to have significant decreases in our Part I crimes, and cumulatively the decrease over the last several years is truly impressive. As I have noted in past letters, inevitably, I will end up having to report to you that our downward trend has come to an end. However, as I have

as I have also noted in the past, until that day comes, let's enjoy it well it lasts! On the pandemic front, we were challenged to find ways to maintain the level of service you have come to expect of us, while at the same time trying to keep the public and our staff safe. More to come on this topic later in the report.

Obviously, 2020 was a challenge for policing... as we were in the cross hairs - so to speak. Given our responsibilities and authorities, it is completely reasonable the public pays close attention to the what, why, and how we do our jobs. Also, police officers, like others, must be held accountable for their misdeeds. Questioning procedures, engaging with agencies, the judiciary, other governmental bodies and stakeholders, even marching in peaceful protest, to ensure one's police departments are living up to their responsibilities, is a fundamental right - and duty.

Unfortunately, in some communities, these pursuits devolved into lawlessness and violence. I hope the coming year brings greater understanding, from both sides of this discussion. For law enforcement, a greater understanding of their communities and a top to bottom reevaluation of policy and procedures. For governmental leaders, activists and regular citizens, a sincere effort to come to understand the how and why of what their respective police agencies do. Only then, through conversation, mutual understanding, and respect, can substantive and sustainable change occur. We must stave off the influences of those who would create division and work together to build strong, safe, and fair communities.

In closing, I am happy and proud to share that contrary to divisive images of conflict between police officers and the public at the national level; our experience has been an outpouring of appreciation and expressions of support. For all those who came forth, we thank you!



Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Craig P. Farrell



## Mission Statement

As employees of the Campbell County Police Department we recognize that Service and Integrity are the cornerstones from which our Department is built. We will continually strive to enhance our knowledge, skills and ability to enforce the law, protect life and property, detect and deter crime, preserve the peace, and enhance the quality of life for all of the Campbell County residents in a highly efficient and professional manner.

## Core Values

<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Developing leadership in our employees through the process of creating an organizational climate that fosters learning, opportunity, ownership, and accountability.
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	Fostering positive relationships through community involvement and partnerships while recognizing that we are a part of and represent a diverse community.

<b>SERVICE</b>	A commitment to providing professional police services to enhance the quality of life for Campbell County residents and our employees.
<b>EFFICIENCY</b>	Striving to enhance our ability to serve the public and our employees through a continuous process of evaluation of performance, maximizing the use of both human and technological resources, and encouraging diversity of thought and approaches to problem solving.



# Core Values In Action

## Community

In each annual report, we like to highlight some act of community engagement by the Campbell County Police Department. For 2020, we wanted to share our efforts involving a challenge, the Kenton County Police Department, and Girl Scout cookies. The pandemic presented individuals and organizations alike with challenges they had not experienced before. In the case of the Girl Scouts, it was how to sell and distribute their ever-popular cookies. Out of this predicament was born the law enforcement challenge. Through Facebook, NKY police agencies challenged each other to sell Girl Scout cookies, preferably out selling the challenger. For the CCPD, meeting this challenge fell on the shoulders of Sergeant Nick Heiert. Through a show he undertakes on Facebook to the benefit of a variety of people and organizations, he was quickly able to sell 28 cases of Girls Scout cookies. All of them which were charitably donated and distributed to senior care facilities in Campbell County, as well as a veteran's group. Not only did this effort benefit the Girl Scouts through sales, and provide our seniors with a bit of joy, we also learned that the Girls scouts were using part of the proceeds to fund the digging of fresh water wells in Honduras.

On a side note, we also wanted to share that through your support the 2020 CCPD Giving Tree, to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center (see 2018 Annual Report for further), had its biggest year thus far! The program, spearheaded by our Administrative Assistant Nikki Owen, continues to be a great success. Please be sure to see the CCPD Giving Tree in our pictures section of this report!

## Service

Obviously, the pandemic presented many challenges for our agency. In particular, how could we continue to provide the level of service our Campbell Countians have come to expect, while at the same time, protecting our employees and avoid spreading the COVID19 virus? Many law enforcement agencies made the decision to essentially close their offices. Instead, the CCPD implemented a plan that put protective measures in place to ensure officer and public safety, while continuing to provide all services both in the field and at the police department.

One such service was fingerprinting. Many people including teachers, nurses, certain government personnel, weapons purchasers etc. have a need to officially have their prints taken. As the pandemic dragged on, we found ourselves being virtually the only police agency in the entire region who continued to help people get fingerprinted. With nowhere to turn, we were getting calls from nursing schools in Ohio who reported spending hours trying to find a law enforcement agency who would help them. Throughout the year, until in December when a new commercial digital fingerprinting initiative by the State eliminated our ability to take prints, we never turned anyone away!



# Core Values In Action

## **Leadership**

We recognize that to be successful now and, in the future, we must dedicate funding, time, and resources to ensure our employees receive the training they need to succeed. We want to take a moment here to share with you some of the training your police officers are getting. Every officer of the CCPD is required to attend a minimum of forty (40) hours of training annually. Additionally, they will participate in a wide variety of both in-house and external training courses each year. Within the realm of leadership development, as an officer advances in rank they must attend or are selected to attend the following leadership development courses.

### Academy of Police Supervision (APS) Course

APS is the first core leadership course attended by all CCPD sergeants. Course attendees learn or expand upon their knowledge of constitutional and administrative law, situational leadership, emotional and social intelligence, change management, ethical decision making, problem solving, emotional survival, and public speaking.

### Criminal Justice Executive Development (CJED) Course

CJED is the second of our core leadership courses, typically attended by our sergeants. In this course, sergeants learn or expand upon their knowledge of contemporary police theories, management techniques and leadership skills, problem identification, analysis and solving; personnel administration; operations and fiscal management; policies and procedures; legal concerns; and organizational behavior and culture.

### Current Leadership Issues for Mid-Level Executives (CLIME)

CLIME is the agencies third core leadership course and is required for those being promoted to lieutenant. In this course, newly promoted lieutenants learn or expand upon their knowledge of current leadership issues, law enforcement matters specific to Kentucky police officers, constitutional and state law legal updates, and guest speakers from around the state and nation.

### Federal Bureau of Investigation – National Academy

The FBI National Academy, a 10-week course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers, is held in Quantico, Virginia. Only personal nominated by the Chief of Police, after having demonstrated their leadership capabilities, are selected for this course. In this course students learn or expand upon their knowledge of intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science.

### Police Executive Command Course

PECC is a leadership course designed specifically for senior level command staff. The course covers a wide variety of topics including state and federal law legal updates, current trends and challenges in policing, public relations, administrative practices, agency accreditation, records retention, as well as presentations from experts from around the country.



# Core Values In Action

## Efficiency

In 2020 the CCPD, as part of a regional initiative encompassing Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties, moved to an entirely digital radio communications platform. As part of this transition, the agency replaced all in car and portable radios. This much needed and enhanced communications system allows for uninterrupted communications throughout the three counties with no dead spots. Working together, this multi-jurisdictional approach to communications will help ensure that the many police, fire, ambulance, emergency management, and other first responder entities in Northern Kentucky can communicate easily across the entire region to provide the emergency services our citizens expect and deserve.

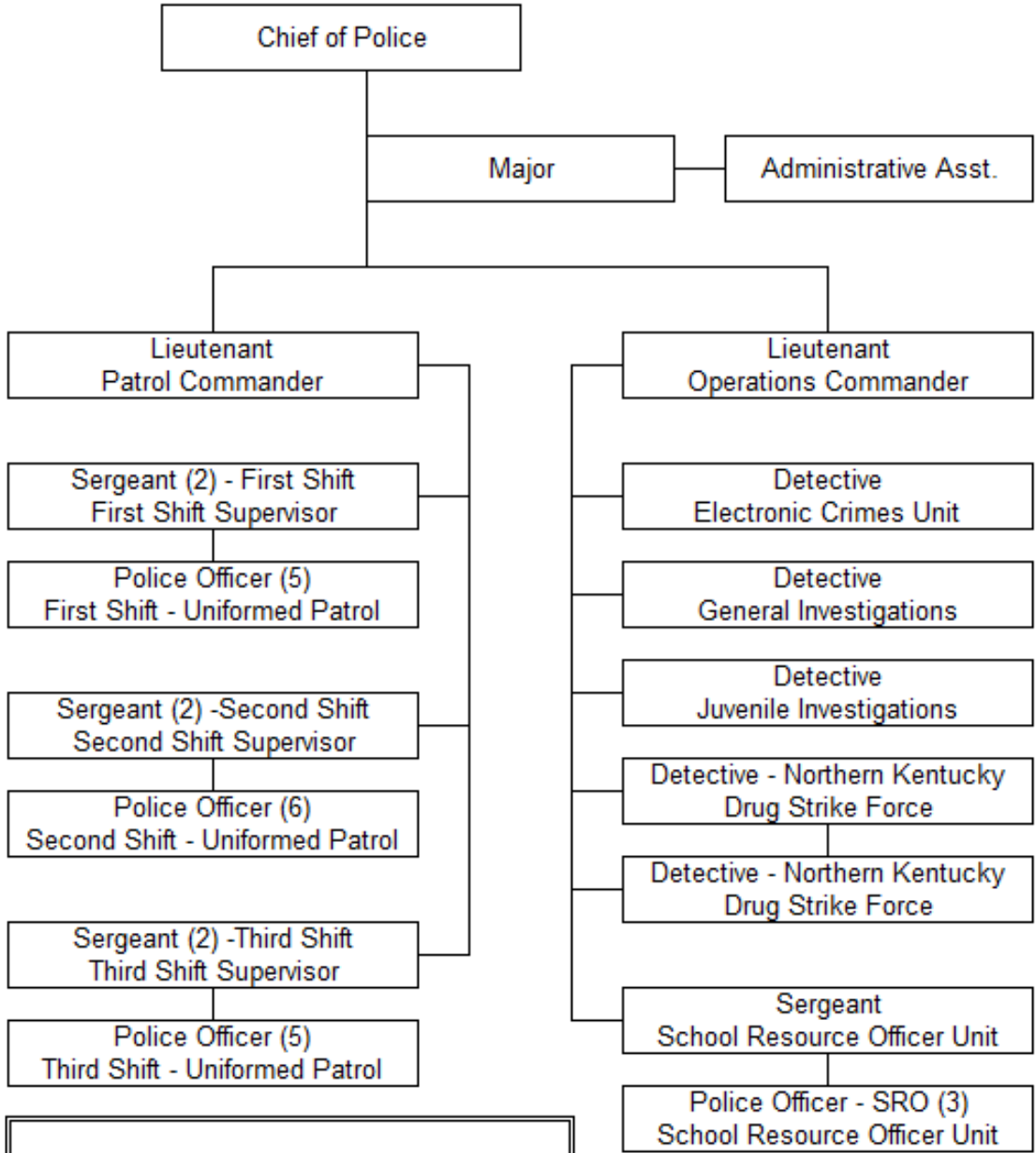
Additionally, this year the agency implemented the use of software developed by Computer Information Systems (CIS) that enables GPS location and dispatch capabilities for patrol units. Through this program, dispatch and patrol units can see, via mapping software, exactly where units are located. This capability more easily facilitates closest unit dispatch in emergency situations and keeps our patrol units aware of how far away their back up is. Beyond the GPS features, the program provides a great deal of historical data on persons and locations we may have encountered in the past. The transition to this software will not only increase the efficiency of the CCPD, but also enhance officer safety!







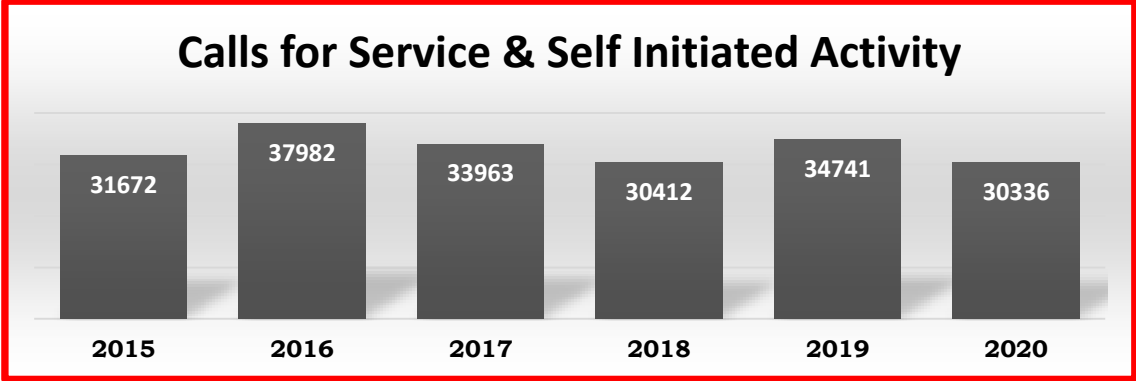
# 2020 Organizational Chart



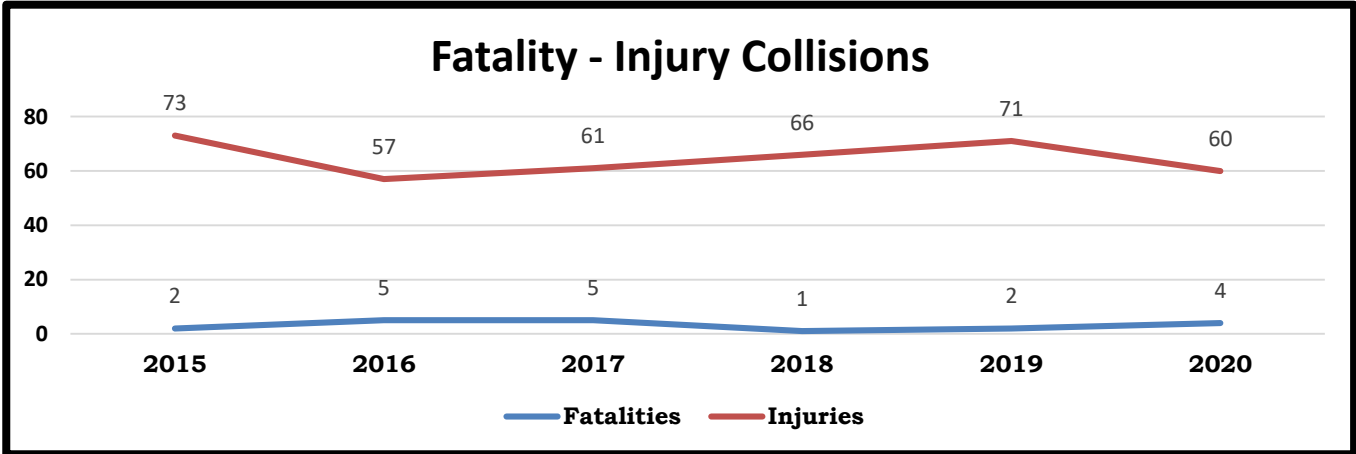
Chief	1
Major	1
Lieutenant	2
Sergeants	6
Police Officer - Patrol	16
Detective	5
Sergeant - SRO	1
School Resource Officer	3
Administrative Assistant	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>



# Activity



# Collisions



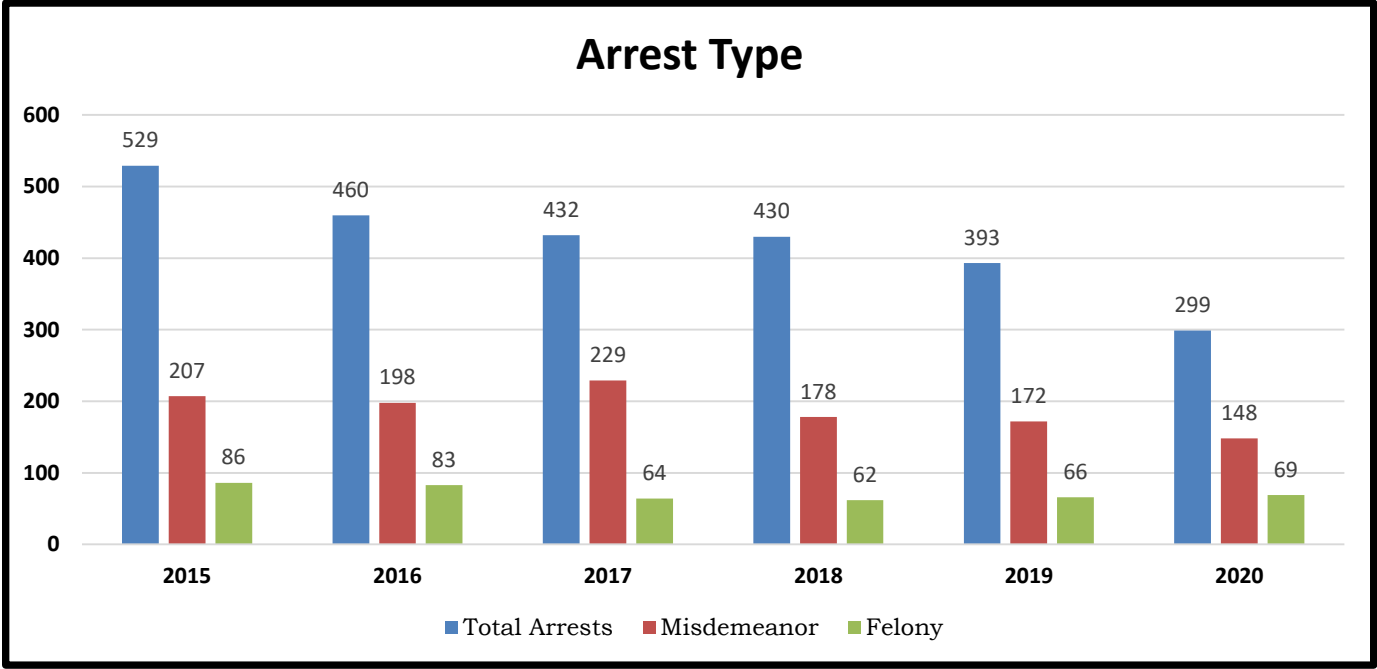
### Collision Statistics

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average
Total Number of Collisions	445	489	486	555	516	401	482
Injury Collisions	73	57	61	66	71	60	65
Total Injured	97	82	76	93	92	80	87
Fatal Collisions	2	5	5	1	2	4	3
Total Killed	2	5	6	2	2	4	4
Commercial Vehicle Collisions	10	26	18	28	24	24	22
Property Damage Collisions	73	73	80	82	59	71	73
Parking Lot Collisions	36	39	30	33	27	20	31
Private Property Collisions	38	38	60	62	53	67	53
Alcohol / Drug Collisions	29 / 3	19 / 5	19 / 4	24 / 2	21 / 5	21 / 9	22 / 5





# Arrest Data

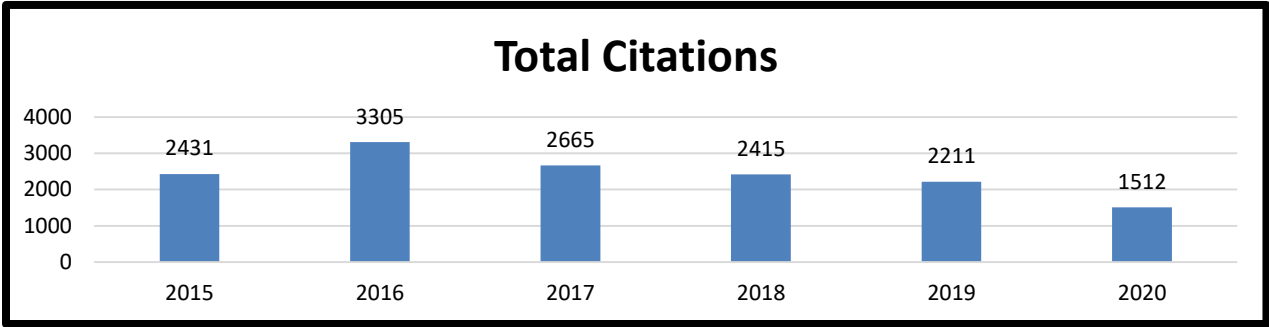


### Arrests

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average
Total Arrests	529	460	432	430	393	299	424
Felony	86	83	64	62	66	69	72
Misdemeanor	207	198	229	178	172	148	189
Traffic Total	128	124	93	95	91	78	102
Traffic Counts	294	287	199	237	244	177	240
Traffic - DUI	80	72	87	106	84	74	84
Criminal	122	108	95	105	82	91	101
Criminal Counts	211	169	140	174	148	165	168
Juvenile	13	14	3	4	5	5	7
Juvenile Counts	18	31	20	5	7	6	15
Warrants	266	214	237	226	214	125	214
Warrant Counts	300	247	274	252	227	131	239



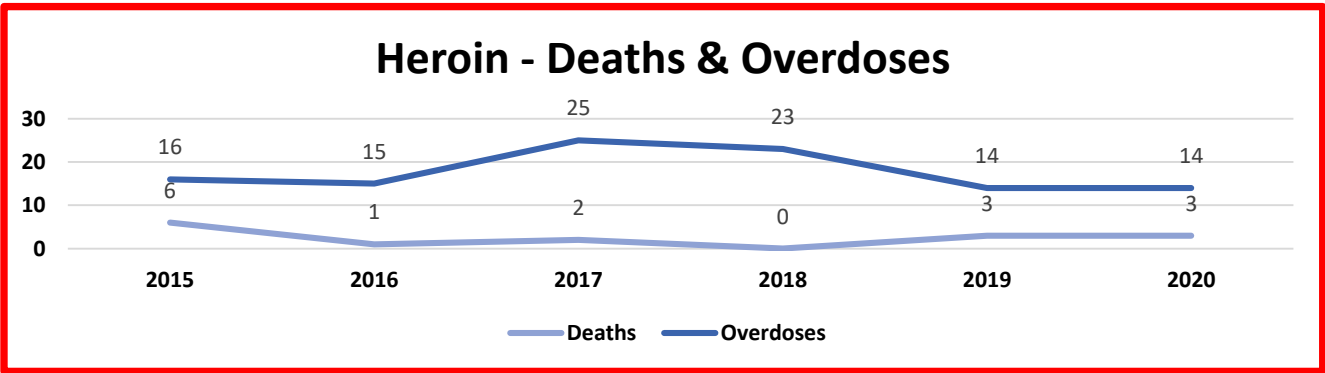
# Citations



### Citations

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average
Total Citations	2,431	3,305	2,665	2,415	2,211	1,512	2,423
Traffic Citations.	1,966	2,876	2,243	1,997	1,824	1,178	2,014
Traffic Citation Counts	2,825	3,760	2,990	2,939	2,695	1,793	2,834
Courtesy Warnings	284	743	485	472	514	250	458

# Heroin

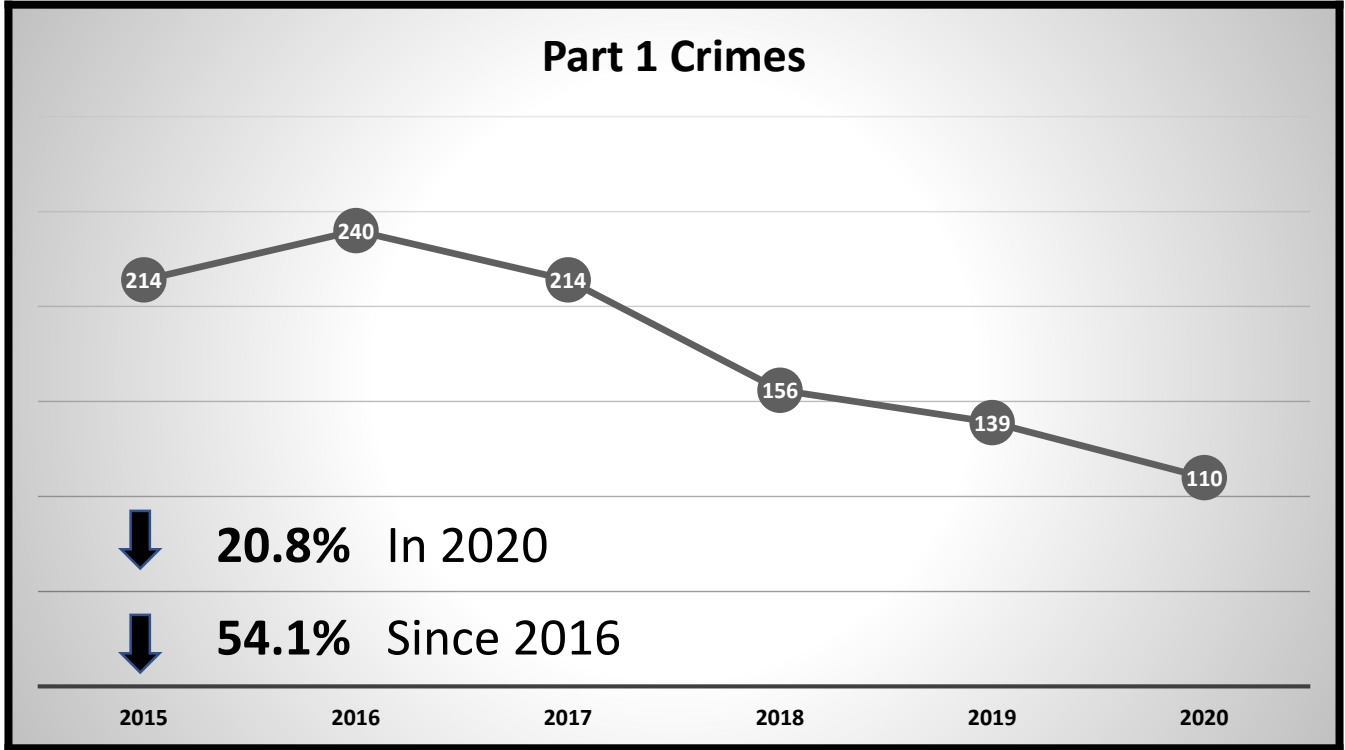


### Heroin

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average
Other: Calls - Reports	7	16	19	8	4	4	10
Deaths	6	1	2	0	3	3	3
Overdoses	16	15	25	23	14	14	18
Arrest - Citation	58	48	18	12	13	13	27



# Statistics Cont.



### CCPD Uniform Crime Report - Part I Crimes

Offenses Committed	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Clearance Percentage	5 Year Average
Criminal Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0
Forcible Rape, Sodomy, Fondling	12	11	13	12	9	7	43%	9
Aggravated Assault	3	3	2	1	2	3	100%	2
Burglaries	59	48	46	34	36	23	22%	35
Larceny - Theft	119	155	129	96	82	66	24%	92
Auto Theft	20	21	21	12	9	8	13%	13
Arson	0	2	0	0	0	1	100%	1
Robbery	1	0	2	1	1	2	100%	1
<b>Total Part I Crimes:</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Total All Crimes:</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>816</b>



# Statistics Cont.

## 2020 County Wide Data By Police Jurisdiction

Data Set	Alexandria	Bellevue	Campbell County	Cold Spring	Dayton	Fort Thomas	Highland Heights	Newport & Woodlawn	NKU	Southgate	Wilder	Totals
Total Crimes	371	210	535	202	259	383	283	1,091	49	114	111	3,608
Felony Arrests	47	66	69	48	38	87	28	203	0	30	32	648
Misdemeanor Arrests	128	116	148	117	102	149	46	445	2	47	76	1,376
Driving Under the Influence	74	27	74	34	11	64	26	54	2	12	33	411
Total Citations	669	367	1,512	1,015	332	942	328	1,966	18	212	381	7,742
Traffic Citations	491	149	1,178	777	105	653	192	827	14	127	234	4,747
Traffic Citation Counts	732	315	1,793	1,334	211	1,568	304	1,529	18	268	442	8,514
Courtesies	1,169	14	250	129	2	15	4	69	0	17	13	1,682
Total Collisions	206	161	401	229	89	255	167	950	23	137	222	2,840
Injury Collisions	32	8	60	23	8	31	24	73	4	16	28	307
Fatal Collisions	1	0	4	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	13
Population Estimates*	9,715	5,721	20,401	6,571	5,609	16,263	7,065	15,170	-	4,013	3,056	93,584
County Population %	10.38%	6.11%	21.80%	7.02%	5.99%	17.38%	7.55%	16.21%	-	4.29%	3.27%	100.00%

\* Law Enforcement statistics above derived from the Kentucky Open Portal Solution.

\* Population estimates based upon United States Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of Populations for Incorporated & County Places in Kentucky: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019

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Total Crimes	376	249	643	187	310	370	257	1,105	119	83	87	3,786
Total Felony Arrests	30	55	66	52	52	52	43	195	2	14	39	600
Total Misdemeanor Arrests	110	170	172	115	114	120	61	645	9	38	94	1,648
Driving Under the Influence	36	41	84	12	12	68	23	59	2	15	39	391
Total Citations	541	633	2,211	1,374	465	1,088	472	2,422	81	417	582	10,286
Total Traffic Citations	373	302	1,824	1,119	159	806	305	930	4	342	389	6,553
Total Courtesies	1,704	39	514	122	0	33	1	15	1	108	38	2,575
Total Collisions	282	195	516	314	95	329	228	1,195	62	170	277	3,663
Total Injury Collisions	31	12	71	32	7	37	15	78	1	23	40	347
Fatal Collisions	2	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	12
2019 Population*	9,549	5,772	20,141	6,446	5,507	16,364	7,103	15,258	-	3,942	3,070	93,152
County Population %	10.25%	6.20%	21.62%	6.92%	5.91%	17.57%	7.63%	16.38%	-	4.23%	3.30%	100.00%

\* Law Enforcement statistics above derived from the Kentucky Open Portal Solution.

\* Population estimates based upon United States Census Bureau: 2018 Population Estimate (as of July 2018)



## In Remembrance



Chief George Benz

On May 13, 2020, the name of former Campbell County Police Chief George Thomas Benz was added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. The memorial honors all police officers who died in the line of duty. The story of Chief Benz had been lost to time until we were contacted by the Officer Down Memorial Page. Subsequently, largely due to the efforts of our Administrative Assistant Nikki Owen, we were able to learn some about his life and passing.

George Benz was born March 12, 1887 in Cincinnati. The first of five children born to Joseph and Catherine Benz who were first generation Americans from Germany. Within a year after George was born, the family moved to Bellevue Kentucky. By 1910, George was employed as a lineman for the Citizen's Telephone Company in Covington. In 1915, he would marry Josephine Birk. In the mid 1930's, George would serve as a Bellevue City Councilman and in 1938, he became a Patrolman with the Campbell County Police Department. He worked his way up the ranks, and in 1944, he was named Chief of Police, replacing Chief Leonard Plummer.

On September 20, 1948, Chief Benz and Probation Officer August Utendorfer were transporting a juvenile to the Greendale House of Reform near Lexington, KY. Utendorfer, also a German born first generation American, was a past Campbell County Police Department Patrolman and had previously served nearly seven years as a Campbell County Deputy Sheriff. On their return, at approximately 3:30 p.m., their vehicle, driven by Chief Benz, skidded off Kentucky State Route 17 in Nicholson. The vehicle skidded sideways on two wheels in the oncoming lane before striking a large milk truck from the L.P. Vastine Dairy in Butler, KY. Chief Benz and Utendorfer were transported via ambulance to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Covington; however, both succumbed to their injuries.

Inquiries continue to determine if Probation Officer Utendorfer's position was considered a police officer, entitling his name to be added to the national memorial as well.



PO August Utendorfer





# Command Staff



Major Newberry



Lieutenant Nitschke  
Bureau of Patrol  
Commander



Lieutenant Downs  
Bureau of Operations  
Commander





# Supervisors



Sergeant Heiert  
2005



Sergeant Markus  
2007



Sergeant Meyer  
2008



Sergeant Noyes  
2007



Sergeant Dornheggen  
2011



Sergeant Lauer  
2013





# Agency Personnel



Officer Boody  
2019



Officer Bray  
2015



Officer Champagne  
2013



Officer Curtis  
2018



Officer Daley  
2014



Detective Dieman  
2011



Detective Gray  
2012



Officer Holt  
2015



Detective Kush  
2006



Officer Lakes  
1993



Officer Latham  
2014



Officer Lindle  
2017





# Agency Personnel



Officer Linville  
2018



Detective McGohan  
2013



Officer Schmidt  
2007



Officer Stewart  
2020



Officer Tate  
2018



Officer - Chaplain Turner  
2015



Officer Vance  
2018



Admin. Asst. Owen  
2014





## School Resource Officers



Sergeant Dill  
Campbell County  
High School



Officer French  
Northern Kentucky  
Cooperative for  
Educational Services



Officer Donelan  
Campbell County  
High School



Officer Conrad  
Grants Lick  
Elementary School



Officer Harney  
John W. Reiley  
Elementary School





## Campbell County Police Force Merit Board



Rees Hardy  
Chairman  
1990



Keith Daniels  
Secretary  
2008



William Voelker  
Board Member  
2000



Van Needham  
Board Member  
2007

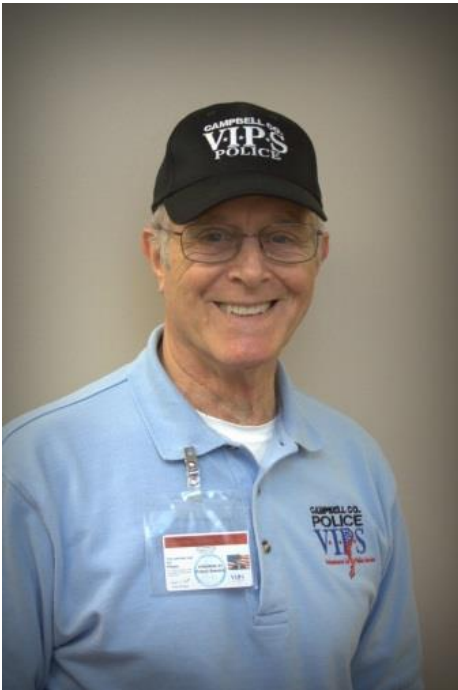


Thomas Ramler  
Board Member  
2018

The CCPD Merit Board is established under Kentucky Law and has the duty to classify and examine police applicants; as well as, to establish rules and regulations to guide the actions of our police officers in the performance of their duties. All of us here at the agency are very appreciative of the efforts of our board members and their contribution of time and talent toward the betterment of the agency and our ability to serve the county.



## Volunteers In Police Service



VIP Jim Pfister



VIP Bruce Siry



VIP Tom Read

The Volunteers in Police Service is comprised of dedicated people from the community who volunteer their time and talents to assist the agency in a variety of ways so as to diminish some of the time spent by our police officers on administrative tasks. Their delightful demeanor, willingness to do whatever is asked of them, and commitment to the agency and Campbell County is most commendable. Each year these fine people donated countless hours to help to ensure that the CCPD continues to be an agency you can be proud of. We are eternally grateful for all that they do!







## 2020 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Officer of the Year is selected by the Campbell County Police Merit Board and the Chief of Police from nominations submitted by departmental personnel. The award is given to the officer who has demonstrated the highest standard of performance, exceptional achievement, conduct, professionalism, work ethic, or motivation, and is a role model within the organization.



The award, presented by the Campbell County Fiscal Court, read as follows:

On behalf of the Campbell County Police Department and the Campbell County Police Merit Board, it is my great honor to present you with the 2020 Officer of the Year award. During the pandemic of 2020, through your “Nick @ 9” Facebook show, you raised more than \$30,000 for local charities, projects, veterans, businesses, and many other causes. In addition, you lead the CCPD effort to support our community and the Girl Scouts, through a very successful cookie drive. Your endeavors resulted in the sale of 28 cases of cookies, which were distributed to elderly care homes in Campbell County and a veteran’s group. The funds raised through these sales were ultimately used by the Girl Scouts to support water well projects in Honduras. Your initiative, and willingness to go above and beyond, as well as your untiring service to the agency and our community, reflects great credit upon you, the Campbell County Police Department, and the law enforcement profession.



## Outstanding Achievement Award



Award presentation before the Campbell County Fiscal Court

### Narrative

On the morning of November 9, 2019, Officers French, Curtis and Linville, were dispatched to apprehend a wanted double homicide suspect who had been on the run since the afternoon of the day prior. Based upon the investigation to that point, combined with the information from the 911 caller, there was little doubt they would encounter the suspect. Working in unison as a team the officers were able to approach the residence undetected, execute a search plan ensuring over-watch throughout, and after locating the suspect hiding in a building, take the suspect into custody without force or harm to the officers or the suspect. The dedication to duty, professionalism, and outstanding performance of each of these officers reflects great credit upon themselves, the Campbell County Police Department and the law enforcement profession!





# 2020 In Pictures

Sgt. Heiert shows his excitement for Det. Dieman's Officer of the Year Award.



Ofc. Zach Stewart appointed as a Police Officer with the CCPD.



Chief Sorrell and Sergeant Heiert presenting Girl Scout Cookie donations.

SWAT Team Members Major Newbery (back row second from left) Sergeant Lauer (front row far right).







## 2020 In Pictures



The CCPD Giving Tree to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center

Sgts Heiert & Dornheggen, along with Officers Latham & Lindle at the 2020 FOP COPS & KIDS Event.



Lt. Nitschke & Sgt. Markus with the agencies police boat.



## Enforcement Commendations

<b>Officer Z. Vance</b>	<b>Officer Z. Vance</b>	<b>Sergeant D. Dornheggen</b>
For having made the highest number of arrests for Driving Under the Influence.	For having made the highest number of drug arrests.	For having written the highest number of citations for seatbelt offenses.

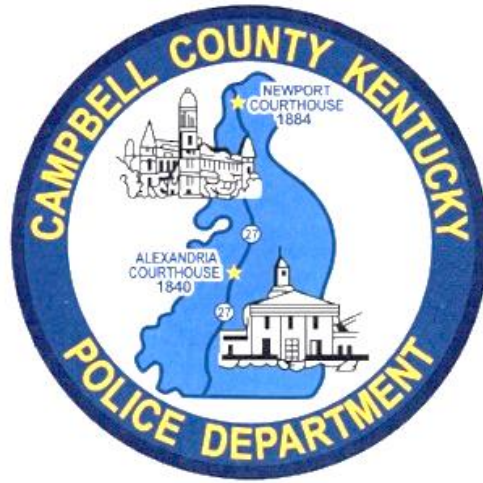
## Fit for Duty

Each year, we extend an invitation to all members of the agency to participate in a physical fitness test, as a means by which to encourage an active and healthy life style. Participants are tested in five events and are required to obtain a passing score based on the exit standards set for police recruits graduating from the Department of Criminal Justice Training – Basic Police Academy. The events are comprised of: bench press; sit-ups; 300-meter sprint; pushups; and the 1.5 mile run.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2020 Fit For Duty award recipients.

Officer Robert Boody  
Officer Andrew Champagne  
Officer Jacob Daley  
Officer Timothy "TJ" French  
Sergeant Nicholas Heiert  
Sergeant Christopher Lauer  
Major Jeremy Newberry  
Sergeant Andrew Noyes  
Chief Craig Sorrell  
Officer Zachary Stewart  
Officer Alex Turner

We Want To Hear From You!



The Campbell County Police Department is continuously striving to find better ways to serve the citizens of Campbell County. Please feel free to contact us anytime to discuss any problems, concerns, or suggestions you may have.

We can be reached by phone:

**859-547-3100**

We can be reached by email at:

**[ccpolice@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:ccpolice@campbellcountyky.gov)**

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**<http://www.campbellcountyky.gov>**

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