

# WOODLAWN PARK

Police Department



2020



# ANNUAL REPORT



## **MISSION & VALUES STATEMENT**

**The Woodlawn Park Police Department is committed to working with the community to instill public confidence through a partnership with our citizens.**

**The Community policing partnership draws people together to enhance the quality of life and the common good; a safe and peaceful community where individuals, families, and businesses thrive!**

**We are committed to maintain respect for individual right and human dignity regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.**



# WOODLAWN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **W**ELCOME TO COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

*We will provide community oriented policing to all people of the Woodlawn Park Community with a genuine concern for those we serve.*

## **P**ARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE

*We understand that to be effective we must create partnerships with our community and provide a service that exceeds their expectations.*

## **P**UBLIC CONFIDENCE

*We will police with humble pride and professionalism to keep our community safe while always leading with our best foot forward to earn the respect of those we serve.*

## **D**EDICATED TO COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION

*We will be dedicated to the Woodlawn Park community and the law enforcement profession by utilizing 21st Century policing practices and methods.*

# FINAL SALUTE TO COLONEL HEATON (Retired)

**Robert Leon Heaton Jr.** (75 years young) passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 29, 2020. He was known to many as R.L., Officer Bob, Tomato Plant, Uncle Jupy, Daddy and Paw Paw. He was a “10-10” to all and will be greatly missed.

Born May 31, 1945, to Louise (Harrod) and Robert L. Heaton Sr. in Frankfort, KY. He graduated from Franklin County High School. After going to Georgetown College (well, walking in the front door of the admin building and straight out the back) he decided to join the Frankfort Police Department; graduating the Lexington Police Academy Class 1968. While in Frankfort, he dated a young lady, then he preferred her roommate, and he and Rose Ellen Wiley were married March 8, 1971. In 1972, they packed up and moved to Louisville. He enjoyed a long 31-year career as a proud Officer with the Jefferson County Police Department (Adam District). He was known throughout the community during his time with the department. He provided security for too many places to list; though his favorite had to be working the Ballard HS Football games in the late 90’s.



He retired in 2003 and tried his hardest to relax. That just wasn’t in his nature, so after a few jobs, he landed as Chief of Police for the City of Woodlawn Park, Louisville, KY. From 2005-2018, every day he worked hard, cracking down on residents who let their grass get too long. In 2018, he knew it was time to walk away from being a Policeman, and actually really retire. That was a very hard decision for him, for nearly 50 years public service was all he knew. In retirement, he found a new passion...as a YouTube influencer! Yep, he decided to document his travels and start a YouTube Channel, “Ridin’ with Uncle Jupy.” Luckily for us all, his legacy will live on. He taught us all not to take life so seriously - to love hard and laugh loud...even when in public, and not to worry about judgement, that you, and the people you are with, are who matters in the moment. He certainly lived by the lyrics of his favorite song, “My Way.”

He joins in Heaven his parents, Louise (Harrod) and Robert L. Heaton Sr., and his beloved nephew, J. Michael Clark. He leaves behind to miss his jokes and laughter, his tolerant wife of 49 years Rose (Wiley) Heaton. As a Girl Dad, he taught his daughters, Rebecca Ellen Oeffinger (Rich) and Bobbi Lynn Croce (Kevin) to be strong and that no dream is too big. Being big brother to his sisters, Sandy Clark (Jim) and Marcia Southworth (Wayne) was a role he adored. He was fun Uncle Jupy to his niece and nephews. His proudest title was being Paw Paw to his grandchildren: William Robert, Katherine Rose, and Stella James Croce; Isla Rose and Wesley Harrison Oeffinger. He made friends anywhere he went and will be missed and celebrated by all who were lucky enough to cross paths with him.

*Yuckadee*



*Back in the day!*

*These officers may need to thumb a ride!*



# Colonel RL "Bob" Heaton

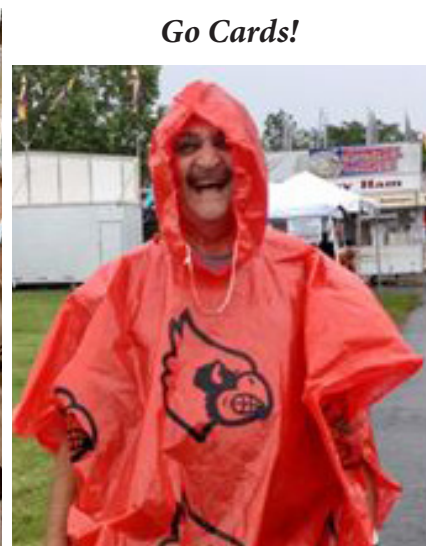
May 31, 1945 - September 29, 2020



*Overdressed & Proud!*



*Photo bombing his girls!!*



*Go Cards!*

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the 2020 Woodlawn Park Police Department's Annual Report. This report covers the highlights of the 2020 calendar year. This is another opportunity to display the transparency of our agency and showcase the goals achieved, while outlining our vision for the upcoming year. This report also includes all the crime statistics for 2020 and directly compares it to our 2019 crime statistics. We can see and understand crime trends and better direct our resources in the coming year to respond to those concerns.

Reflecting on my tenure here, I think it is noteworthy to acknowledge that my initial vision for The Woodlawn Park Police Department encompassed the need for additional transparency, accountability, and reform. This vision was put into action in October 2019, when the agency adopted over 70 policies and procedures. These standards adopted are deemed by The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and The Kentucky League of Cities as 21st Century best practices in policing. These policies and procedures established protocols, ethics, transparency, and accountability on all police department functions.



After a great deal of discussions with The City Council and The Code Enforcement Board, I had a database created that tracks, records, and analyzes all code-enforcement data entries from all enforcement. All this enforcement and data is then reviewed monthly by a Civilian Review Board whose members are citizens of Woodlawn Park. Also, there is an established process that allows anyone who receives a Code-Enforcement Citation the opportunity to contest the citation to the Civilian Review Board. All these provisions ensure that all enforcement is done in a fair and equitable fashion.

## ***Transparency and Accountability***

I would be amiss, if I did not take some time to call-out areas where improvement can be made, reflect on the impacts our community has faced living with the COVID-19 pandemic, listen to the communities' voices calling for police reform, and the need to ensure fair and equitable treatment without bias. It is imperative that law enforcement agencies and officers alike, listen with an ear to understand. Once they understand then formulate an action plan that builds the trust and partnerships needed to thrive. This was achieved this year by implementing a body-worn camera, a body-camera policy, and defined procedures of how and when it will be used. These standards also show how the data is saved, stored, and released. I have also shown a lot of grace when resolving issues through enforcement with the understanding of how the pandemic has caused hardships and stress on our residents.

Mayor Lewis and I are also utilizing the new city website as a catalyst to become more transparent and informative with our citizens regarding the agency's goals and objectives. For starters, I have posted the department's Annual Report on the new city website. This report identifies the city's crime rate, coupled with goals achieved, while identifying future objectives. It is very important to me that all people who reside within or visit Woodlawn Park, feel safe and welcome! I have also attached several forms that residents will find helpful, such as the House Watch Form and the Welfare Check Form. The House Watch Form can be filled out by a resident going on vacation and can be submitted within the comforts of their home. The form contents are then directly emailed to me, so I can keep an eye on your home and alert you to anything that is suspicious or out of place during your absence. This is a service that big city police departments cannot offer and one of the most under-utilized services within Woodlawn Park. The Welfare Check Form is on the website and can be submitted on-line as well. This form is to be utilized if you are aware of a citizen who is sick or in distress of any kind and would benefit from having an officer stop by, or call by phone periodically to check on them.

The Complaint Form was recently added to the city website and is a way a resident can submit their concerns to me, without having me stop by in-person due to the need to social distance when possible. I am very responsive to these forms, pending you leaving your name, email and or phone number as a means for me to get back with you with my findings.

Mayor Lewis and I created a Complaint Form that residents can file regarding my job performance if I fall short of their expectations. This form can be located at City Hall on the table in the meeting room. If you have difficulty finding this form, please ask Mayor Lewis for one directly, as he will be the one this form needs to be submitted to for further investigation and review.

### Education and Training

Coupled with transparency and accountability is the need for continuing education and training. Training has always been a huge part of this profession; however, I believe our profession needs to do more listening at times and now is that time! This will require law enforcement leaders across our Commonwealth to listen with an ear to understand, rather than an ear to be understood. This level of listening must start with the use of Emotional Intelligence, requiring officers to listen more, while showing respect and empathy towards those they encounter.

Knowing nearly all use-of-force incidents involve individuals with diminished capacity, I was one of the first officers to obtain training in a Kentucky certified program called Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training uses proven concepts and follows a national model. Due to constant change and updates to the training course, I have registered to take the CIT Training again, to polish up on my understanding of these techniques and a way to better serve you.

Lastly, The Woodlawn Park Police Department recently filed for and met the standards within the Safe Policing for Safe Communities set forth by the President of the United States. Using safe policing principles, law enforcement will continue striving to improve policies and procedures ensuring transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of services to our communities. This will enhance citizen confidence in law enforcement and facilitate the identification and correction of internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

I look forward to this New Year in ways that we can come together as a community to collaborate on new ideas and aspire to make a positive difference in The City of Woodlawn Park!

Very Respectfully,

*Colonel Michael Koenig*

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01/11/2021

Woodlawn Park Police Department  
4327 Wingate Rd  
Woodlawn Park, KY 40207

Dear Chief Michael Koenig,

On behalf of KACP, this letter confirms we are certifying that the Woodlawn Park Police Department meets certain eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. The Woodlawn Park Police Department is qualified to receive federal grants for three years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"), the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) credentials certifying that they meet certain standards on use of force. The Executive Order on Safe Policing empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies — including KACP — to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

Following our review, we have determined that the Woodlawn Park Police Department meets the conditions for certification. Accordingly, KACP will include your agency going forward within our database of certified law enforcement agencies. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> each year, we will provide the name of each certified law enforcement agency to the U.S. Department of Justice.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at [SafePolicing@KYpolicechiefs.org](mailto:SafePolicing@KYpolicechiefs.org) or by phone at (859) 743-2920. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Shawn Butler  
Executive Director  
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# CRIME REPORT

2020

All law enforcement agencies throughout the United States are responsible for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) were established in 1929 to meet the needs for reliable crime statistics. Each year, crime reporting data from law enforcement agencies across the nation is submitted to the FBI to be compiled and analyzed. The statistics that are published, are often leading social indicators to determine the health and status of local communities. If our size city were analyzed alongside of some of the bigger surrounding cities, we would be one of the safest cities on the list.

The Woodlawn Park Police Department (WPPD) uses the statewide crime reporting database called Kentucky's Open Portal Solution (KYOPS) to enter our department's UCR and collision reports. KYOPS in turn, can provide a more complete timely crime report with crime statistics to the FBI for analysis and publishing. I also compare information received from Metro Safe when compiling the statistics contained in this report.

The FBI places crime types into two different categories; Part I and Part II crimes. Part I crimes are major crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, burglary, larceny (theft), auto theft and arson. Part II crimes are what is considered minor crimes such as simple assault, forgery, fraud, criminal mischief (vandalism), etc. On the next page is a comparison of Part I and Part II crimes reported to WPPD in 2019 and 2020.



# 2020

## PART I Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Violent Crime Statistics Reported	
Homicide	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>0</b>
WPPD Uniform Crime Report Property Crime Statistics	
Arson	0
Auto Theft	1
Burglary	0
Larceny/Theft	3
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>4</b>

# 2019

## PART I Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Violent Crime Statistics Reported	
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Aggravated Assault	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>0</b>
WPPD Uniform Crime Report Property Crime Statistics	
Arson	0
Auto Theft	0
Burglary	1
Larceny/Theft	2
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>3</b>

# 2020

## Part II Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Minor Crime Statistics Reported	
Domestic Violence - Misdemeanor Assault/Simple Assault	7
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	1
Exploitation of an Adult	0
Forgery	0
Fraud	0
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	3
Theft by Unlawful Taking O/\$500	0
Theft by Unlawful Taking U/\$500	3
<b>Total Minor Crime Statistics</b>	<b>14</b>

# 2019

## Part II Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Minor Crime Statistics Reported	
Domestic Violence - Misdemeanor Assault/Simple Assault	4
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	1
Exploitation of an Adult	1
Forgery	0
Fraud	0
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1
Theft by Unlawful Taking O/\$500	0
Theft by Unlawful Taking U/\$500	2
<b>Total Minor Crime Statistics</b>	<b>9</b>

# 2020

## WPPD – Other Accumulated Statistics

Arrest	0
Calls for Service	168
Courtesy Notices – Written	3
House Watches	15
Injury Accident	2
Miscellaneous	19
Motorist Assist	2
Non-Injury Accident	10
Police Back-up	14
State Citations	3
Welfare Checks	3
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>239</b>

# 2019

## WPPD – Other Accumulated Statistics

Arrest	1
Calls for Service	88
Courtesy Notices – Written	18
House Watches	39
Injury Accident	10
Miscellaneous	61
Motorist Assist	5
Non-Injury Accident	18
Police Back-up	11
State Citations	3
Welfare Checks	5
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>259</b>

# 2020

## WPPD Code Enforcement Actions

Disregarding a Stop Sign	2
Construction of Unapproved Fence and /or Shed	2
Discharging a Weapon within the City	1
Dog/Cat Leash	2
Lot Maintenance – Grass over 8", Debris or Trash on Property – Leaves, Limbs, Etc.	3
Noise Ordinance	1
Parking on the Street	4
Parking Only on Paved Areas / No Trailers or Recreational Vehicle Parked Forward of the House	3
Speeding	18
Voided due to a clerical error # 332	1
<b>Code Enforcement Citations Total</b>	<b>37</b>
Written Warnings	125
<b>WPPD Code Enforcement Total</b>	<b>162</b>

# 2019

## WPPD Code Enforcement Actions

Disregarding a Stop Sign	1
Dog/Cat Leash	1
Inoperative, Unlicensed or Discarded Vehicle on Property	2
Parking on the Grass	1
Parking on the Street	11
Speeding	10
<b>Code Enforcement Citations Total</b>	<b>26</b>
Written Warnings	159
<b>WPPD Total Code Enforcement Total</b>	<b>185</b>

# COMMUNITY

