

WOODLAWN PARK

Police Department



2022



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

WELCOME 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.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE

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

PUBLIC 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.

DEDICATED 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.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the 2022 Woodlawn Park Police Department's Annual Report. This report covers the highlights of the 2022 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 crime statistics for 2021 and directly compares it to our 2022 crime statistics. We can see and understand crime trends and better direct our resources in the coming year to respond to all 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. My vision was put into action in October 2019, when the agency adopted over 72 policies and procedures. These adopted standards 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. I think it's noteworthy that these standards were put into practice before the pandemic and civil unrest in our community.



After many 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. These provisions ensure that all enforcement is handled in a fair and equitable manner.

Respect

As written in my Mission and Values Statement on the first page of this report, "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." Early in my career, I set out to treat everyone I encountered with the same level of respect that I showed my own mother. I contribute this to my success, not only here in Woodlawn Park, but in every position I have held over the last twenty-five years in policing. Respect goes a long way in the eyes of those I encounter, and often I think people are pleasantly surprised. It takes very little effort and is more times than not reciprocated back to me. Often I encounter people at their worst, but if I can find creative ways to allow them to keep their dignity throughout the encounter, the situation is most often resolved peacefully.

Education and Training

I completed the Critical Incident Team (CIT) Instructor Development Course this year and will soon be able to join instructors teaching these concepts to law enforcement officers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. How does this benefit our city, one might ask? This is a big deal in Kentucky Law Enforcement. Woodlawn Park will be represented everywhere I go, and our city will get positive publicity from it. This training first started in Louisville in 2005. The training has proven to lower use-of-force encounters, while at the same time providing the best level of treatment and support for people with a diminished capacity or mental illness. Having an instructor in the city ensures the residents of Woodlawn Park receive the best level of service relating to these types of responses. Not to mention, the certification should lower our insurance liabilities, due to the level of training required within the subject matter. Police agencies across the state are mandating all their officers become certified as CIT Officers.


Congratulations are in Order!

I would like to personally thank Larry Lewis for his years of service to the Woodlawn Park City Council. After serving four years as a Councilman, Larry ran for Mayor, was elected, and has served in this capacity for the last eight years. As this year comes to a close, Larry has decided to hang it up and is preparing to ride off into retirement on January 1st.

I sincerely wish him well and thank him for his faithful service to the residents of Woodlawn Park. I know firsthand that he took this position seriously and put the needs of the city before his own. He led the city through its darkest hour, as we were all met with the forever changing COVID-19 pandemic protocols. These constant changes made running a business and a city government all that much more of a challenge. Larry's positive contributions to Woodlawn Park will be felt and enjoyed for generations to come! Congratulations on your retirement Mayor Lewis, and don't be a stranger!

Very Respectfully,
Colonel Michael Koenig

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Behind the Badge . . .

I published the first article of "Behind the Badge" in the 2021 Annual Report. I have decided to continue the article to reach the residents that I don't see often or miss entirely due to their busy schedules. I believe to be effective in law enforcement you must find creative ways to humanize the badge. This article is my attempt to do just that. I am no better or no different than any of you. I put my pants on the same way you do, and it's important to reiterate that from time to time.

Have you ever heard the saying that you have no idea what someone is going through until you have walked a mile in their shoes? Well, most of you would never know unless I told you that this past year has been especially challenging for me. I gained COVID weight like most Americans did, however I really struggled to lose the extra 50 pounds or so.

I eventually reached out for some assistance at the Baptist Health Milestone Wellness Center, located at 750 Cypress Station Drive. There I met the director of the HMR Program, Chuck Bent (502-896-7083). Mr. Bent shared his story of losing over 100 pounds and successfully keeping it off. I was convinced that the HMR Program could help me as well.

I did see immediate results! The Baptist Health Milestone plan is designed to get the weight off fast, and then teach you how to maintain. However, my success didn't last long. My weight crept back on me, and it was no fault of the program, I later learned.

After eating super-healthy and exercising and not seeing any results on the scale, I decided it was time to schedule a physical with my primary doctor. After a battery of blood work and testing, it was determined that my thyroid was not functioning the way it is supposed to. What does the thyroid do, you might be wondering? Well, it would be easier to describe what the thyroid doesn't do, as to what all it does do. I learned that the thyroid controls your mood, your quality of sleep, and your weight, wouldn't you know it! I have been prescribed a medication that I now will have to take the rest of my life to regulate my thyroid.

Now that all systems are functioning properly, I am finally seeing results on the scale. I have since lost 50 pounds using the Baptist Health Milestone Program through Baptist Health Milestone, located just off Bowling Blvd, off Shelbyville Road, located in the heart of St. Matthews. I must admit that early on my frustration of not losing weight started to affect my confidence levels and played havoc on my psyche. They say this is all normal; however, I share this story with you in hopes that if you don't have a primary doctor, you will get one. If you have a doctor and haven't had a recent physical, schedule one!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure . . . meaning that it is better and easier to stop a problem, illness, etc., from happening than to stop or correct it after it has started. I am hopeful that my story inspires you to take charge of your health in the New Year! Just think, you didn't come this far to only come this far! Shoot for the Moon, and if you miss you will still be amongst the stars!

I wish each of you and your families a Happy New Year!

Colonel Michael Koenig



CRIME REPORT

2022

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. Flip the page to see a comparison of Part I and Part II crimes reported to WPPD in 2021 and 2022.



2022

PART I Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Violent Crime Statistics Reported	
Homicide	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Total Violent Crime	0
WPPD Uniform Crime Report Property Crime Statistics	
Arson	0
Auto Theft	0
Burglary	0
Larceny/Theft	0
Total Property Crime	0

2021

PART I Crimes

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

2022

PART II Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Minor Crime Statistics Reported	
Domestic Violence - Misdemeanor Assault/Simple Assault	15
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	0
Death Investigation	1
Forgery	0
Fraud	0
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	0
Theft by Unlawful Taking O/\$500	0
Theft by Unlawful Taking U/\$500	0
Total Minor Crime Statistics	16

2021

PART II Crimes

WPPD Uniform Crime Report Minor Crime Statistics Reported	
Domestic Violence - Misdemeanor Assault/Simple Assault	15
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	0
Exploitation of an Adult	0
Forgery	0
Fraud	1
Death Investigation	1
Theft by Unlawful Taking O/\$500	1
Theft by Unlawful Taking U/\$500	3
Total Minor Crime Statistics	21

2022

WPPD - Other Accumulated Statistics

Arrest	2
Calls for Service	85
Courtesy Notices – Written	2
House Watches	19
Injury Accident	2
Miscellaneous	241
Motorist Assist	10
Non-Injury Accident	9
Police Back-up	9
State Citations	3
Welfare Checks	5
Total Activity	387

2021

WPPD - Other Accumulated Statistics

Arrest	1
Calls for Service	115
Courtesy Notices – Written	7
House Watches	25
Injury Accident	3
Miscellaneous	281
Motorist Assist	24
Non-Injury Accident	7
Police Back-up	8
State Citations – Speeding	10
Welfare Checks	4
Total Activity	485

2022

WPPD - Code Enforcement Actions

Disregarding a Stop Sign	0
Construction of Unapproved Fence and /or Shed	1
Dog/Cat Leash	1
Lot Maintenance – Grass over 8”, Debris or Trash on Property – Leaves, Limbs, Etc.	58
Noise Ordinance	0
Parking on the Street	113
Parking Only on Paved Areas / No Trailers or Recreational Vehicle Parked Forward of the House	22
State Citations for Speeding	2
Code Enforcement Citations Total	10
Written Warnings	198
WPPD Code Enforcement Total	208

2021

WPPD - Code Enforcement Actions

Inoperative, Unlicensed or Discarded Vehicle on property	10
Construction of Unapproved Fence and /or Shed	5
Debris, Limbs, etc. on Easement	1
Noise	4
Dog/Cat Leash	1
Lot Maintenance – Grass over 8”, Debris or Trash on Property – Leaves, Limbs, Etc.	33
Noise Ordinance	1
Parking on the Street	110
Parking Only on Paved Areas / No Trailers or Recreational Vehicle Parked Forward of the House	15
Unpaid Business License	1
Voided due to a clerical error #346	1
Code Enforcement Citations Total	10
Written Warnings	182
WPPD Code Enforcement Total	192

Despite the fact that many famous people kill themselves in the United States every year, we still do not recognize the fact that many people just like us also decide to die by suicide every year. It is a tragedy that touches the lives of millions of Americans.



According to Centers for Disease Control, suicide is one of the 10 leading causes of death in the United States. In 2020 suicide claimed 45,979 lives in the US; and nearly 48,000 lives in 2021. However, these deaths are only the tip of the iceberg. For every person who dies by suicide, thousands more experience suicidal thoughts or attempt suicide. When someone experiences a suicidal crisis or dies by suicide, countless others—including family members, friends, teachers, and coworkers—are affected. Losing someone to suicide is a tragedy that has long-lasting consequences and may increase the risk for their own suicidal behaviors.

*Although suicide is a complex behavior that can be influenced by many different factors, **suicide is preventable.***

Suicide often stems from a deep feeling of hopelessness. The inability to see solutions to problems or to cope with challenging life circumstances may lead people to see taking their own lives as the only solution to what is really a temporary situation, and most survivors of suicide attempts go on to live full, rewarding lives. Depression is a key [risk factor](#) for suicide; others include psychiatric disorders, substance use, chronic pain, a family history of suicide, and a prior suicide attempt. Impulsiveness often plays a role among adolescents who take their life.

MYTH Does asking someone about suicide put the idea in their head?

No. Studies have shown that asking people about suicidal thoughts and behaviors does not cause or increase such thoughts. Asking someone directly, “Are you thinking of killing yourself?” can be

MYTH Do people ‘threaten’ suicide to get attention?

No. Suicidal thoughts or actions are a sign of extreme distress and an indicator that someone needs help. Talking about wanting to die by suicide is not a typical response to stress. All talk of suicide should be taken seriously and requires immediate attention.

What should I do if I am in crisis or someone I know is considering suicide?

If you notice warning signs of suicide—especially a change in behavior or new, concerning behavior—get help as soon as possible.

Family and friends are often the first to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and they can take the first step toward helping a loved one find mental health treatment.


If someone tells you that they are going to kill themselves, do not leave them alone. Do not promise that you will keep their suicidal thoughts a secret—tell a trusted friend, family member, or other trusted adult.

Call 911 if there is immediate danger, or go to the nearest emergency room.

988 Mental Health Crisis Line

30
Percent

Percent the suicide rate
has climbed since 1999

1 in 5


persons above the age of 12
has a mental health condition

280

For every one person that
dies by suicide, 280 people
seriously consider suicide

Why Do We Need 988?

America is experiencing a mental health crisis. But the crisis is not irreversible.

- The suicide rate has climbed nearly 30% since 1999 – and the rate has increased in 49 out of 50 states over the last decade.
- From 2016-2017 alone, there was a 10% increase in suicides of young persons between 15-24 years old in the US.
- Approximately one in five persons above the age of 12 has a mental health condition in the US.
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people, and the tenth leading cause of death in the US.
- **More Americans died from mental health crisis and substance abuse in 2018 alone than have died in combat in every war combined since World War II.**
- However, suicide is most often preventable. For every person who dies by suicide, there are 280 people seriously consider suicide but do not kill themselves.
- Over 90% of people who attempt suicide go on to live out their lives.

For too long, our system for mental health crisis services has been underfunded and undervalued. It's time to meet this challenge with the evidence-based crisis intervention that the 988 crisis line will provide.

What Will 988 Be?

A direct three-digit line to trained counselors can open the door for millions of Americans to seek the help they need, while sending the message to the country that healing, hope, and help are happening every day.

In 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is estimated to reach over 2.5 million people through phone and chat. **With an easy to remember and dial number like 988, the Lifeline hopes to reach many more people in emotional crisis.**

A 988 crisis line that is **effectively resourced and promoted** will be able to:

- Connect a person in a mental health crisis to a trained counselor who can address their immediate needs and help connect them to ongoing care
- Reduce health care spending with more cost-effective early intervention
- Reduce use of law enforcement, public health, and other safety resources
- Meet the growing need for crisis intervention at scale
- Help end stigma toward those seeking or accessing mental healthcare

When you've got a police, fire or rescue emergency, you call 911.

When you have an urgent mental health need, you'll call 988.

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