



# ANNUAL POLICE SERVICE REPORT 2020

## Ellisville Police Department

*Missouri Police Chiefs Association State Accredited*  
*Department Motto: "Excellence, Pride, Dedication"*



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# ELLISVILLE POLICE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Annual Police Service Report contains information on the service efforts and accomplishments of the Ellisville Police Department to support its mission, goals, and objectives. The goal of this report is to keep the City of Ellisville residents, staff, administrators and elected officials informed of police service and crime activity in the city. We are transparent. Transparency means being open to public review and scrutiny and always operating with honesty and integrity in every mission we undertake. This is what this report is all about. Enjoy.

## **Acknowledgements**

The members of the Ellisville Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank our city leaders and the residents of Ellisville for their support. As we move forward into 2021, we are committed to community collaboration and embrace our partnership with those we serve and realize it is teamwork that keeps this community safe. Thank you to all who contributed to making this report. This includes pictures submitted by the police officers, the Ellisville Police Department Facebook, and other contributors.

Picture on front page is of the department's Humvee tactical vehicle proudly displaying two American flags.

# OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE



## **Mayor and City Council**

Mike Roemerman, Mayor

Vince McGrath, Council Member District I

Stephen Chismarich, Council Member District 1

Mick Cahill, Council Member District II

Linda Reel, Council Member District II

Dan Duffy, Council Member District III

Cindy Pool, Council Member District III

## **City Manager**

William (Bill) Schwer, City Manager

## **Police Executive Command Staff**

Steven Lewis, Chief of Police

Andy Vaughn, Assistant Chief of Police

Jeff Diehl, Captain

# CODE OF ETHICS/MISSION STATEMENT

*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 laws 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 the 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.



## Mission Statement

The Ellisville Police Department is responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of human life, protection of the rights of persons and property of both residents and visitors to the city. We work within the structure of the Constitution, state statutes, and city charter to enforce all laws, preserve the peace, diminish fear, and provide safe conditions within the city.



We are devoted to providing high-quality protection and service with concern and understanding, protecting constitutional rights, problem solving, teamwork, honesty and integrity, continuous improvement and planning for the future.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



2020 was a year to remember not just for our community and our Country but also for the Ellisville Police Department. We faced what I consider the most difficult year in my 32-year law enforcement history. The challenges faced by our agency due to the COVID 19 Pandemic were unprecedented and brought risks that were hard to predict and even harder to respond to. Fortunately, for our agency and our citizens, the Ellisville Police Department is a progressive, professionally managed, and staffed police agency. Throughout my police career, I have been involved in many response modalities in the Emergency Management field. As a member of the regional incident stabilization team, I work closely with the local St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management. As part of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs organization and through several other response groups, our agency was positioned to be at the forefront of the response. We worked with area departments to identify and respond in a concerted effort to provide services consistent across the region. We also put in place MOU's between neighboring agencies to ensure continuity of services regardless of the impact of COVID on our officers and staffing and I authored the regional staffing support guidelines adopted by the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs to ensure that all police departments in the area were capable of providing full service to their residents.

In addition to these planning phases, our officers worked through hazardous conditions responding to calls for service in full PPE's and utilizing the proper equipment to again ensure that our residents received the highest level of services. In the City of Ellisville, no priority call went unanswered and no citizen need was ignored. Key to our success was the support and efforts by our Mayor and City Council in providing whatever our agency needed to continue serving the public. The final amazing effort of course came from our citizens whose outpouring of support for the police department was undeniable and for which I am ever thankful. The fact is, while 2020 was a challenging year, your police department succeeded in providing full police service and kept our community safe, and in the end, that is what it is all about. We look forward to 2021 and moving forward with great success!

Colonel Steven Lewis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Steven Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief of Police

# HISTORY

The existence of Ellisville as a community can be traced back as far as the 1800's. Recorded in St. Louis County's Government Center is the official beginning of the Village of Ellisville, dated May 23, 1932 after an election carried by a two-thirds vote, and the County Court certified the election. In the early days of the Village of Ellisville, city board meetings were held in private homes and later in public meeting places such as the Ellisville School. The first officially recorded board minutes on file were taken April 4, 1952.

Many of their concerns at that time are not unlike those that we face today such as: city ordinances, road repair and upkeep, residential development, building codes, taxes, merchant licenses, and annexations. However, we do not share the problems of earlier residents such as: odors from neighbor's hog pens, loose roaming farm animals, septic tank run-off, gun discharges in the city, and the sharing of one policeman for the areas of Ballwin, Manchester, and Ellisville.

On November 12, 1957, a special election was held and the proposition of whether or not the Village of Ellisville was to become a fourth-class city was put before the voters. The proposition passed by the majority of 140 votes in favor and 77 votes against. The Village of Ellisville became the City of Ellisville, of the fourth class under the laws of the State of Missouri, having a mayor and aldermen instead of trustees.

In the early days the Village of Ellisville was served by a marshal and deputies. When we became the City of Ellisville, officials considered contracting with the county for police protection, but the cost was too high. Our own police force was formed. In the late 1960's, the Ellisville City Hall was moved to a new location at 1024 Manchester Road in Tammy Square. This housed the city offices, the police department and the municipal court. In 1970, the police force was made up of only five men. On October 6, 1971, a much-needed new city hall/police station (nine officers) was completed on the corners of Manchester Road and Weis Avenue. In 1980, the first female police officer was hired. In 1982, police officers received their first bullet resistant vests donated by the Friends of Police organization. In 1983, the police department had 19 police officers including two female officers. In 1994, a new police department was built at 37 Weis next the city hall located at 1 Weis Avenue. This is where the present police station is located.



The Ellisville Police Department has come a long way since the early days when the "Village of Ellisville" was served by a marshal and deputies. Today, the Ellisville Police Department has 24 fully certified and commissioned law enforcement officers, one K9, and three certified and commissioned police reserves to service the citizens of Ellisville. There are two civilian clerks, one civilian police chaplain, and eight civilian VIPS, all serving the City of Ellisville.



# ACCREDITATION

The Ellisville Police Department is proudly recognized by the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation as an Accredited Agency. In 2019, the department was certified through the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF) State Certification Program. The certification program was created to establish a cost-effective way to improve and enhance law enforcement as a profession in our state. The standards of the certification were developed to reflect current, progressive thinking, modern policing methods and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers in Missouri.

The program is voluntary and is open to all law enforcement agencies in the state. It allows agencies to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement and provides a process to systematically conduct reviews and assessments of their agency's policies and procedures. Revisions and adjustments are made whenever necessary to meet and exceed accepted law enforcement standards. The cost of the program is \$5,000 for a three (3) year period.

MPCCF's Certification Program currently consists of 198 standards and requires an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. It has proven to be very successful method of defining and reaching administrative and operational goals, while providing clear direction to law enforcement team members. These standards provide the agency's chief executive officer with a proven management system, clear and effective written directives, sound training principles and clearly defined lines of authority and responsibility within their organization. They also focus on the creation of routine reports that support effective and efficient decision-making, resource allocation tasks and projections, and other necessary reports and analyses that a chief executive officer needs to make timely, fact-based, informed management decisions.

Benefits to the program include greater accountability within the agency. Certification compels an agency to operate within specific guidelines. It improves agency morale and prevents an agency from slipping into mediocrity. It also provides increased community advocacy. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to solve problems and prevent and address challenges confronting law enforcement, while providing for a clear, recurring dialogue on community needs and expectations.

Achieving certification further demonstrates the progressive, professional, and responsive service that the Ellisville Police Department provides every day, now and in the future.

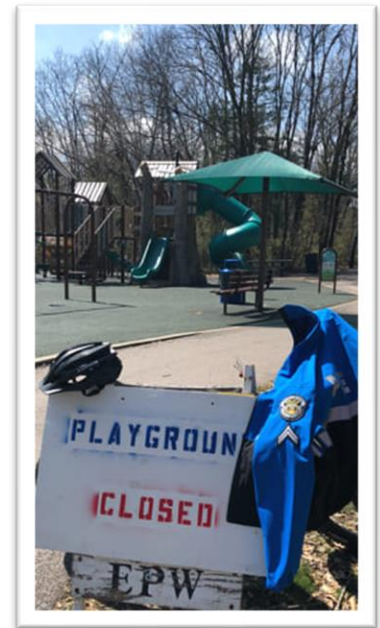


# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

A coronavirus is a kind of common virus that causes an infection in your nose, sinuses, or upper throat. Most coronaviruses aren't dangerous...



In early 2020, after a December 2019 outbreak in China, the World Health Organization (WHO) identified SARS-CoV-2 as a new type of coronavirus. COVID-19 is a disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. The outbreak quickly spread to every continent including Antarctica (due to its remoteness and sparse population, Antarctica was the last continent to have confirmed cases of COVID-19 and was one of the last regions of the world affected directly by the pandemic with the first case reported in December 2020) and has resulted in an ongoing pandemic. The novel coronavirus spread across the United States, with the first U.S. COVID-19 virus case confirmed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on January 21, 2020. On January 30, WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern, a designation reserved for extraordinary events that threaten to spread internationally. This is only the sixth time in history this has occurred. On March 7, Governor Mike Parson announced Missouri's first case of COVID-19. A young St. Louis County woman in her 20s who had recently returned from studying abroad in Italy, one of the hotspots of the disease at the time. On March 13, President Trump declared an U.S. national emergency. By March 17, the Coronavirus was present in all 50 states and by March 19, Missouri schools were closed. The City of Ellisville followed the recommendations and restrictions from St. Louis County Executive, Sam Page. The many playgrounds in Ellisville were closed for several months due to the Covid-19. Corporal George Corless was on bike patrol when he found the first sign regarding the closing in one of Ellisville's parks in March (see picture).



While social distancing measures and stay-at-home orders were implemented across much of the country, "essential workers" and first responders remained in their jobs, taking on active roles in their communities-in situations where they risked contracting coronavirus themselves. These workers included doctors, nurses, other hospital workers, farmworkers, cleaners, grocery store workers, transportation workers, firefighters to name just a few, as well as those people employed by police departments, whose duties increasingly included imposing social distancing and shelter-in-place measures in circumstances that were hard to practice.

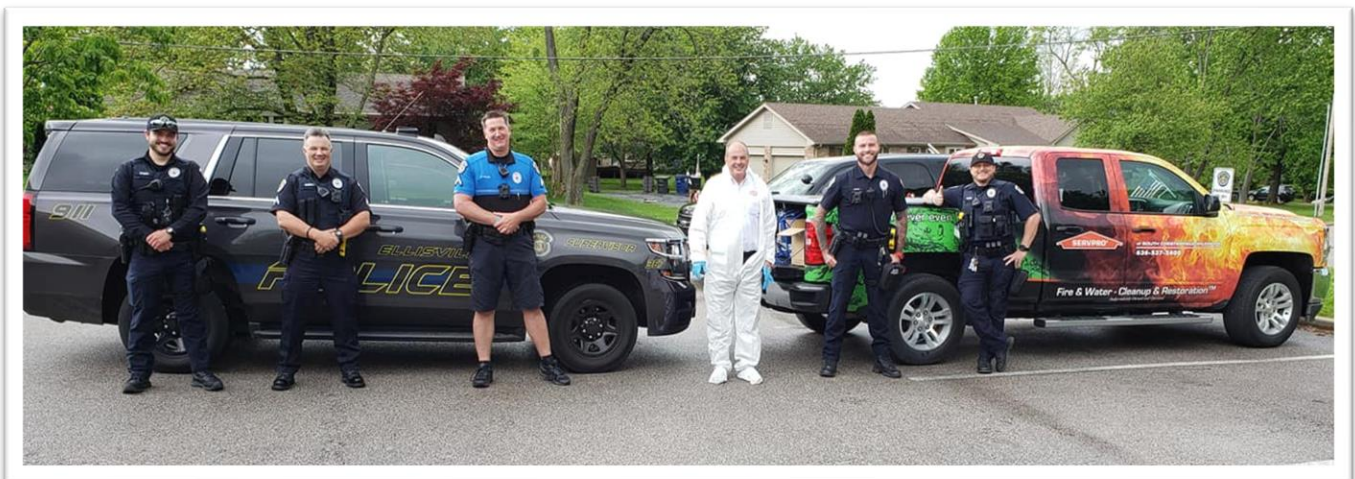
Police officers have always been more at risk for violence because of our profession and possibly more at risk of the virus because of our profession. Amid the pandemic, law enforcement officers tried to strike a balance act between protecting civilians and protecting themselves. Many police departments around the country had officers test positive for the coronavirus, and unfortunately, died from the COVID-19. Police departments scrambled to ensure that their officers were significantly protected by supplying personal protective equipment (PPE) to each officer and had to prioritize infection control protocols within police facilities.

In order to protect our police personnel and the community, Ellisville implemented new ways to respond to service calls to reduce officers' and staffs' contact with possible carriers of the virus. Residents were asked to report non-emergency incidents online or over the phone, or to call first before coming to the police station. The police department was still open, but there were limitations to access to the offices. Officers responded to all emergency calls. When officers did have to respond in person, they followed social distancing protocols and other guidelines recommended by the CDC. The CDC stated that law enforcement personnel who make in-person visits should protect themselves from coronavirus exposure by maintaining a distance of at least six feet, practice proper hand hygiene and not touch their face. People who reported or witnessed emergency incidents were asked to step outside to speak to officers, and officers wore gloves and masks.

While many police departments in other areas had to deal with multiple incidents in which they were spat on, coughed on or otherwise assaulted by individuals claiming to have been diagnosed with the coronavirus, Ellisville officers were pretty lucky when it came to those types of incidents. Our officers had to respond to a few incidents, but all in all, the Ellisville community conducted themselves quite well. Unfortunately, some of our officers, staff, and family members tested positive for COVID. Most cases were not severe and no one was seriously ill.

To make sure our officers, staff and anyone who came into the police station or police vehicles, felt safe, SERVPRO cleaning services of South Chesterfield/Wildwood came and decontaminated the police station and squad cars. SERVPRO disinfected both the police station and police vehicles according to the protocols set forth by the CDC. The CDC recommended usage of a labeled hospital-grade disinfectant with claims against similar pathogens to the coronavirus. While there is currently no product tested against this particular strain of coronavirus, SERVPRO followed all guidelines as provided by the CDC and local authorities.

SERVPRO provided this service to the Ellisville Police Department free of charge and came more than once.

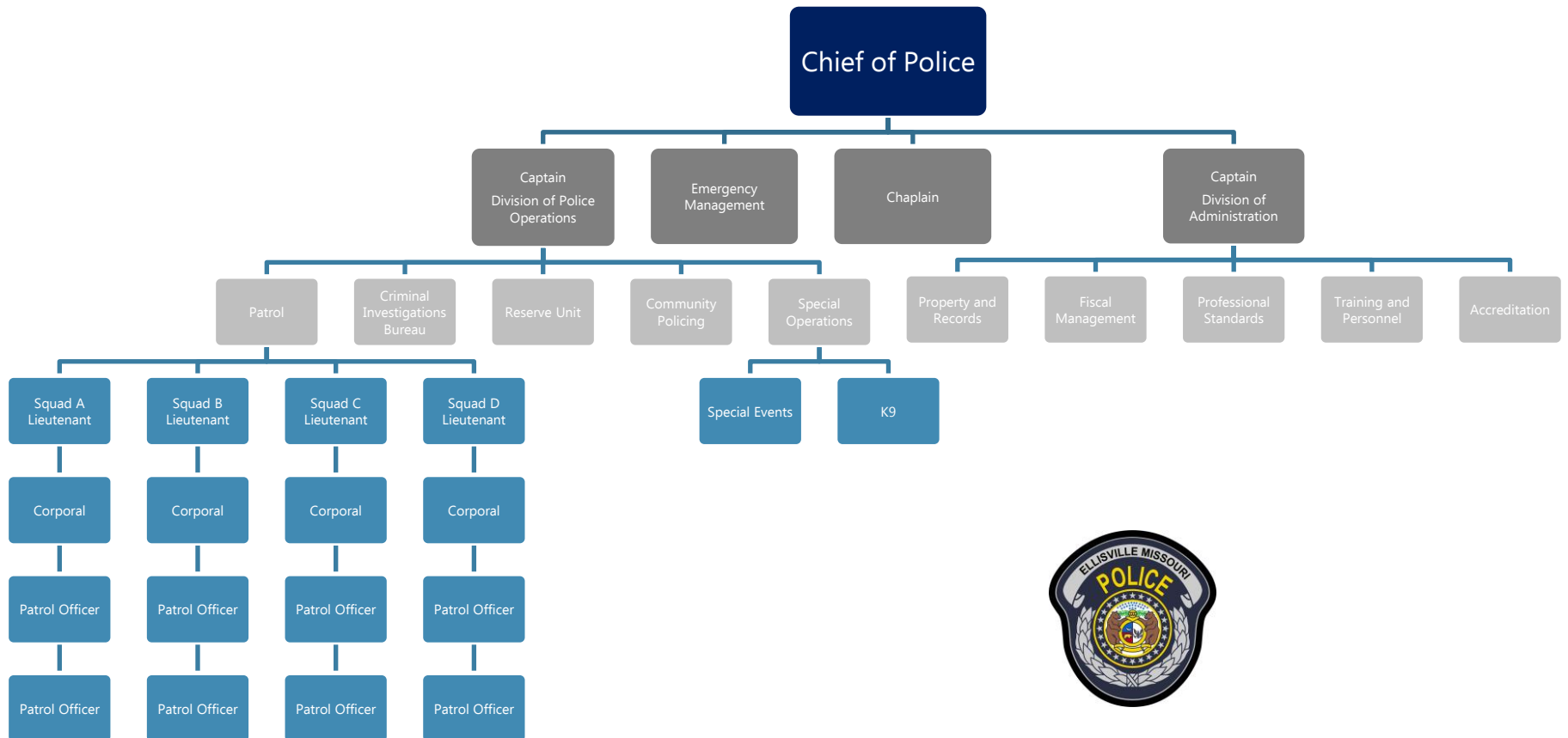


Thank you SERVPRO and Mr. Mattingly for keeping us safe and doing an incredible job.

Pictured from left to right: Officer Matt Kenney, Corporal Jim Corbett, Corporal George Corless, Mr. Jeff Mattingly, owner of SERVPRO, Officer Samm Povich, and Officer Chuck Kraus.

# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

## Organizational Chart



# DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



## Personnel Years of Service

### Police Personnel

#### **0-5 Years of Service**

Officer Nick Lawrence (2020)  
Officer Tony Stewart (2020)  
Officer Samm Povich (2020)  
Officer Matthew Kenney (2019)  
Reserve Officer Nelson Saucedo (2019)  
Reserve Officer Chad Green (2018)  
Officer Daniel Best (2018)  
K9 Officer Josiah Peacock (2017)  
Chief of Police Steven Lewis (2017)  
K9 Dark (2016)  
Officer Chuck Kraus (2016)  
Officer Zach Dorton (2015)  
Reserve Officer Steve Heinke (2015)

#### **6-10 Years of Service**

Corporal AJ Neff (2014)  
Officer Jake Adams (2013)  
Detective Joey Nickles (2010)

#### **11-15 Years of Service**

Corporal Travis Detring (2008)  
Corporal Corey Smith (2008)  
Captain Andy Vaughn (2007)  
Lieutenant Brian Bardle (2005)

### Police Personnel

#### **16-20 Years of Service**

Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie (2004)  
Corporal George Corless (2004)  
Detective Paul Keller (2002)  
Captain Jeff Diehl (2001)

#### **21-25 Years of Service**

Lieutenant John Connor (1998)  
Corporal Jim Corbett (1997)

#### **31-35 Years of Service**

Lieutenant Kelly Murray (1989)

#### **36-40 Years of Service**

Sergeant Nancy Walker (1981)

### Non-Sworn Personnel

#### **0-5 Years of Service**

Administrative Assistant Kelli Budd (2019)  
Police Chaplain Ryan Boyer (2018)

#### **11-15 Years of Service**

Executive Assistant Aimee Brand (2008)

# RESIGNATIONS AND HIRING

## Officer Christopher Annis

On January 1, 2020, Officer Christopher Annis resigned from the Ellisville Police Department to pursue a new career in accounting. Officer Annis started his career with Ellisville in 2018 and came to us from the St. Louis City Police Department where he was a police officer for ten years and worked in their Domestic Violence Task Force Unit.



We wish him all the best in his new profession.

## Officer Samm Povich

Officer Samm Povich is an experienced officer with a diverse background in community policing and comes to us from the St. Louis County Police Department. Officer Povich is a great fit for our community and also within the Ellisville Police Department family. We welcome him to our agency.



Pictured is Officer Samm Povich with Chief Steve Lewis on April 27, after he was sworn in as an Ellisville Police officer.

## Corporal Ryan Schneider

On October 11, 2020, Corporal Ryan Schneider resigned from the Ellisville Police Department to pursue a law enforcement career with the Town and Country Police Department. Corporal Schneider started his career with Ellisville in 2013 and came to us from the Pine Lawn Police Department.



We wish him luck as he begins a new chapter in his career.

## Officer Tony Stewart

On October 26, Officer James (Tony) Stewart was sworn in as a member of the Ellisville Police Department. Officer Stewart is a veteran police officer with 18 years of experience including the last 12 years with the Troy, Missouri Police Detective Bureau. Officer Stewart has been a great addition to the Ellisville Police Department and we are glad to have him.

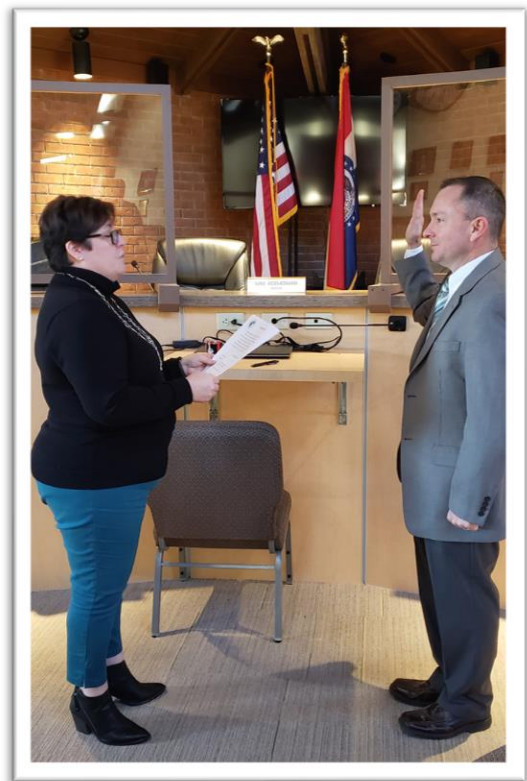


Pictured is City Clerk Leigh Dohack swearing in Officer Stewart at the Ellisville City Hall.

## Officer Nick Lawrence

On November 2, Officer Nick Lawrence was sworn in as our newest member of the Ellisville Police Department. Officer Lawrence is a 19-year veteran including time employed with the Hazelwood Police Department and the Lincoln County Police Department. His experience and prior training will bring a great deal to our agency and we are glad to have him aboard.

Pictured is Officer Lawrence being sworn in by City Clerk Leigh Dohack.



## Officer Nathan Dye



November 29 was the last day for Officer Dye who resigned from the Ellisville Police Department to pursue a law enforcement career with the O'Fallon Police Department. Officer Dye started his career with Ellisville in October of 2014 and came to us from the Missouri Baptist University as a Public Safety Officer.

We wish him well as he begins his new career.

## Sergeant Nancy Walker

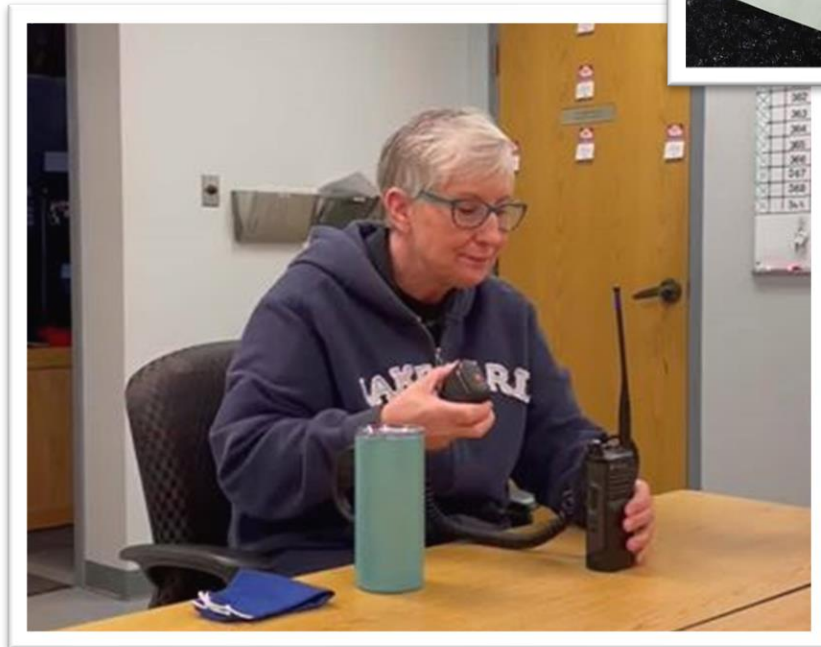
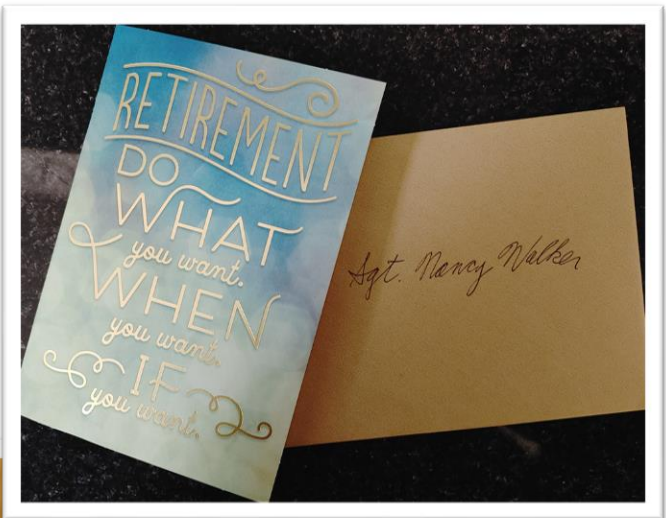


After putting in 45 years of service as a police officer, Sergeant Walker decided it was time to retire. Sergeant Walker put in her last day as a full-time Ellisville Police officer on December 30. Sergeant Walker started her police career with Ellisville on April 1, (April Fool's Day!) 1981 as a patrol officer. She has had the opportunity to be a detective, DARE officer and sergeant. Before she came to Ellisville, she had been a police officer for the Ballwin Police Department for five years and also, a reserve with Ballwin.

On December 4, the Hoffman Family delivered donuts to Sergeant Walker for her retirement and thanked her for her many years of service to the City of Ellisville. The donuts were delicious and she shared them with her fellow officers and staff.

Thanks to residents like the Hoffman's, is the reason why Sergeant Walker loved being a police officer in Ellisville.

On December 11, Chief Lewis had pizza brought in for a special luncheon for Sergeant Walker. She was able to enjoy the pizza with her fellow workers - at a safe distance of course.



On December 30, Sergeant Walker signed off on her final 10-42 (end of duty), see picture.

Sergeant Walker will continue to serve the citizens of Ellisville by volunteering part-time for the department doing many of the things she did before.

# DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

The Ellisville Police Department is a full-service, community-oriented policing law enforcement agency dedicated to partnering with our citizens for problem resolution. Inspiring community collaboration through outreach and education is our commitment. We embrace our partnership with those we serve and realize it is teamwork that keeps this community safe. The success in all we do comes from the bond we share with our supportive and engaged community. As a trusted neighbor, our doors are always open to the people we protect. The Ellisville Police Department is a force of true professionals who strive to deliver consistent service with courage and compassion.

The Ellisville Police Department is organized into three components, the Office of the Chief of Police, the Division of Police Operations and the Administrative Services Division.

## Office of the Chief - Steven Lewis

The Office of the Chief is the Chief Executive Officer and is accountable for all aspects of the Ellisville Police Department's function and mission including planning, overseeing, and directing the activities, operations, and personnel of the police department. Chief Steven Lewis provides leadership and direction, serves as the department's primary liaison with all internal and external stakeholders and builds partnerships that focus on enhancing public safety and the quality of life for the Ellisville community. By continually assessing the community's needs, the department is better able to serve the citizens of Ellisville.

Chief Lewis is the present coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the City of Ellisville. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis and Missouri Police Chief Association, chaired the committee on Mutual Aid Response and Continuity of Operations, and is on the State Terrorism Funding Committee. Included in the Office of the Chief is Emergency Management and the Chaplain Program.

## Emergency Management

As the OEM Coordinator, Chief Lewis works in conjunction with the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Metro West Fire District, as well as any other entity that may be needed and utilized in the event of an emergency, manmade or natural in the City of Ellisville.

## Police Chaplain

The Ellisville Police Chaplain Program was established to provide emotional, moral, and spiritual assistance and support to employees requesting it, and to assist the department with victims and the families of victims when deemed necessary.

See page 27 for more information.

## Executive Command

The Chief's Executive Command includes the Division of Police Administration and the Division of Police Operations commanded by Assistant Chief of Police, Captain Andy Vaughn and Captain Jeff Diehl. Captain Vaughn is second in command and acts in lieu of the police chief as needed. The Division of Operations is comprised of Uniform Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Reserve Unit, Community Policing and Special Operations. The Division of Administration is comprised of Property and Records, Fiscal Management, Professional Standards, Training and Personnel and Accreditation. Chief Lewis works very closely with his Executive Command who sees to the day-to-day running of the police department.

## Command Staff

The Chief's Command Staff includes four patrol lieutenants and one administrative sergeant. Lieutenants Kelly Murray, Brian Gillaspie, John Connor, and Brian Bardle, are responsible for the day-to-day operations of their squads which includes daily squad assignments; roll call presentations; training; inspections; personnel complaints: reviewing and approving of police reports; and, responding to calls as needed. In addition to carrying out their daily responsibilities, they are also responsible for assigned specialized duties such as armorer, firearms instructor, training coordinator, grant coordinator, and vehicle coordinator.

Sergeant Nancy Walker is the Administrative Sergeant which duties include: Chiefs' Aid/Community and Administrative Public Affairs Officer; School Programs; Evidence Officer; VIP Coordinator; and Senior Living Liaison Program Coordinator. She also provides direct assistance to the chief and captains as needed, prepares special reports, and supervises the Administrative Services and Records personnel.

## Evidence

Property and Evidence is responsible for the management, storage, disposal and destruction of all evidence, found property, and property kept for safekeeping. The Evidence officer is accountable for the intake, storage, security and release of all property and evidence taken into custody.

A strict chain of custody must be maintained at all times to ensure credibility of investigations and prosecutions. When property or evidence is no longer needed for a case, the property is returned to the owner if they are known, or it will be destroyed, released to a non-profit agency, or disposed of by other means.

In 2020, the Ellisville Police Department purchased new evidence management tracking software to maintain the integrity of evidence management. In 2020, a total of 1,783 pieces of evidence were processed in the new evidence system.



## Police Administrative Services and Records

The Police Administrative Services and Records personnel fulfills multiple important roles within the Ellisville Police Department and is comprised of one full-time Executive Assistant, Aimee Brand, and one part-time Administrative Assistant, Kelli Budd. They are responsible for maintaining all official records of the department including crime and motor vehicle crash reports, traffic citations violations, alarm violations, and numerous other documents. Police Administrative Services and Records responds to public records requests from insurance companies, citizens, attorneys and other law enforcement agencies as well. They answer all telephone calls and assists citizens who come into the police station. They also maintain personnel records, payroll, and purchasing for the department. Ms. Brand is the police records custodian and notary. She is also responsible for keeping record of all required REJIS and MULES training for the department.

## Uniform Patrol Division

Every employee who works for the Ellisville Police Department is vital to successfully providing effective public safety. Yet, one group represents the public face of our organization more than any other. The Uniform Patrol Division is the largest and most visible part of the department and is responsible for providing the primary response to citizen's calls for service. Officers in this division enforce state statutes, local ordinances and traffic laws, as well as prevent criminal activity, conduct preliminary criminal investigations, apprehend criminals, accident investigation and community interaction. They are generally first on the scene for most emergency calls and undergo continuous advanced training to enhance and improve first response services for the City of Ellisville. Combined, this division is committed to the philosophy of community policing and problem solving, in partnership with the citizens we serve to help build stronger relationships and to increase public trust.



The Uniform Patrol Division is currently authorized 12 sworn personnel. Each patrol shift is staffed with one lieutenant, one corporal and two patrol officers, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year including weekends and holidays. In order to effectively provide coverage throughout the city, the Patrol Division utilizes four shifts that work in 12-hour rotations with both day (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and night (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) shift coverage. Patrol areas are divided geographically in two sector - East Sector and West Sector.

To accomplish the departments mission of providing high-quality protection and service with concern and understanding, our officers adhere to the values of service, professionalism and integrity as they work to deliver the highest level of law enforcement service to the Ellisville community. The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Ellisville Police Department. Pictured is Officer Samm Povich taking a break from patrolling Parkview Estates Drive in Ellisville.

In 2020, several of our police officers were assigned to areas of civil unrest. Areas such as Ferguson, Richmond Heights, Ballwin Frontenac and Eureka. Ellisville participated and support regional efforts such as these to ensure that should we need or request assistance we would receive the same regional support.

## Police Color Guard

The Honor Guard is an integral part of the Ellisville Police Department, dedicated to the mission of remembering and honoring all those serving in law enforcement, the fire service and the United States military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our grateful nation. The Ellisville Police Color Guard consists of a team of sworn officers who are assigned to participate in various formal ceremonies at community and departmental functions. Some of the regular functions the Color Guard participates in are the City of Ellisville's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, the Police Memorial Breakfast, and various posting of colors and community events. Down to the smallest detail, each member works diligently to ensure that their uniforms and their performance are perfect for every event.

The Color Guard is made up of police officers of all ranks who volunteer their time for the guard's public appearances. Officers currently serving as members of the Color Guard are: Color Guard Commander Corporal George Corless, Lieutenant Brian Bardle, Detective Joey Nickles, Officer Chuck Kraus, and Officer Zach Dorton.

## Crisis Intervention Team

Police officers are often the first responders to incidents involving people in a mental health crisis. Families and other citizens often call the police for assistance during these emotional times. People with mental illness aren't necessarily more likely to be violence or prone to criminal behavior than anyone else, but the police are often those citizens' last resort for help. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year with 1 in 25 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year. It is estimated that 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24. These struggles are across all races, sexes and socioeconomic statuses and the City of Ellisville is no different.



The Ellisville Police Department recognizes the importance during these crises and the families being overwhelmed at the time they call for help. Ellisville made a commitment to better educate our officers and assist the public when police services are needed during these calls. Ellisville Police has a long-time partnership with the St. Louis Area Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The mission of CIT is to deliver positive law enforcement crisis intervention service to people with mental illness in the St. Louis area. We do this by:

- Providing cooperative community partnerships of law enforcement, mental health services providers, consumers, families, and advocates.
- Coordinating and enhancing services to people with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems through law enforcement-based Crisis Intervention Teams.
- Providing leadership to facilitate CIT programs and playing an integral role in the design of training for the CIT officers.
- Supporting success and continuing improvement of CIT.

Police officers take part in an extensive 5-day, 40-hour training program. The program includes mental health and substance abuse experts, legal experts, consumer/family advocates, and experienced CIT officers. Once trained, officers are in place to handle high-risk calls where they can employ a de-escalation intervention strategy and have access to Behavioral Health Response (BHR) crisis services, or transport individuals to a partnered hospital emergency room.

All Ellisville police officers are CIT trained and qualified to better serve our community. Corporal George Corless was appointed CIT Coordinator in October 2020 after Corporal Ryan Schneider resigned. The CIT Coordinator monitors and reviews all CIT reports within the police department. He also conducts follow ups with BHR and schedules CIT training for officers. In 2020, Ellisville officers responded to 70 calls for individuals in crisis and 28 CIT reports were written.

## Field Training Officer Program

The Field Training Officer (FTO) Program is intended to facilitate a police officer's transition from the academic setting to the performance and application of general law enforcement uniformed patrol duties. Although an officer graduating from the police academy has received thorough instruction on basic law enforcement subjects, that officer cannot be expected to immediately assume the full responsibilities of an experienced officer. Newly assigned officers must receive additional training in the field where they can learn from officers who have already gained a great deal of practical patrol experience. The FTO Program introduces a newly assigned officer to the personnel, procedures, policies, and purposes of the individual law enforcement agency and provides the initial formal and informal training specific to the agency and the day-to-day duties of its officers.

Current Ellisville Field Training Officers include: Corporal Jim Corbett, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith, Corporal Travis Detring, Corporal AJ Neff, Officer Chuck Kraus, and Officer Zack Dorton.

## Community Policing Unit

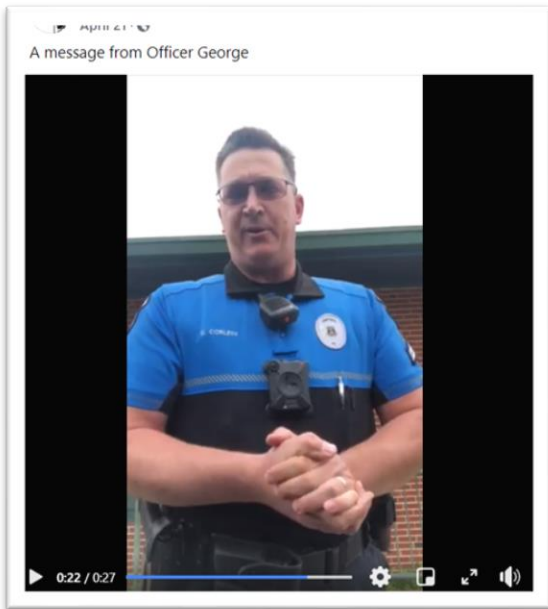
Currently, three officers are assigned to the Ellisville Community Policing Unit (CPU). Corporal George Corless who has been assigned to the CPU since its conception in 2018 and, K9 Officer Josiah Peacock and K9 Dark who joined the CPU in 2019. In December, Officer Jake Adams was selected to join the CPU in January 2021. He will be a great addition to the CPU with his unique perspective and skills.

Corporal Corless and Officer Peacock engage in a great deal of teamwork, displaying integrity and leadership while carrying out their duties at the neighborhood level. Officer Peacock and K9 Dark are also available for all squads and shifts when needed.

See more about the K9 Unit on page 21.



Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. Community policing comprises three key



components: developing community partnerships, engaging in problem solving, and implementing community policing organizational features (provides line-level officers with decision-making authority and accountability). Can officers really transform a community by implementing community policing? Under the community policing model, where officers are empowered to identify and solve problems proactively, the answer is certainly YES.

Being an effective community policing officer involves a unique blend of skills. Some of the unique skills are: Ability to use good judgment and to problem solve, capacity for empathy and compassion, capacity for multi-tasking, ability to demonstrate courage and to take responsibility, ability to be resourceful and

show initiative, demonstrate assertiveness, possess and demonstrate integrity, and the capacity for engaging in teamwork and ability to collaborate.

Our department strongly embraces the philosophy of community policing in our daily operations and functions. All of our police officers practice community policing, however, the CPU fills the primary role in community policing in Ellisville and strives to build strong, trusting relationships with the citizens. Ellisville officers are available to meet with community groups, homeowners, and business associations to present advice on crime prevention and safety issues, as well as provide a means of feedback for the police department on community concerns.

Pictured on page 20 is Corporal Corless with St. Louis Blues mascot Louie at the Ellisville Elementary School's assembly on February 24. Picture on this page is Corporal Corless giving a digital goodbye message to students of Ellisville Elementary School as seen on their school website on April 21.

## **K9 Unit**

The Ellisville Police K9 is part of the CPU and is a vital part of law enforcement efforts. Beyond serving as a conversation piece, K9 programs have long been one of the greatest resources that a police department can have. With noses that work hundreds of thousands of times better than their human partners, police dogs have the ability to track suspects, locate missing persons, clear a building significantly faster than even a team of officers, and locate very small amounts of narcotics or firearms. We can often spot these patient and regal dogs sitting quietly in the back of a police unit boldly marked K9, or patrolling the schools, or helping out their fellow officers on a traffic stop.

A K9 Unit is a specialized group of law enforcement officers who use service dogs to perform the responsibilities of a general police officer. In addition to their usual duties, a K9 officer is also a dog handler, meaning that they

have to train and care for their canine partner. Officer Peacock is the second partner that Dark has had, teaming up in 2019. Dark is a male Belgian Malinois and was born on January 12, 2015 in Slovakia and began basic training in his home country before training with his first partner at the Shallow Creek Kennels located in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. When Officer Peacock partnered up with Dark, he had to attend an extensive six-week training course to become certified as a Police K9 handler and Dark had to be re-trained to work with Officer Peacock. K9 Dark is probably our favorite officer with the community.



In February, Officer Peacock and Dark meet with the attendees of the City of Manchester Citizens Police Academy. During the presentation, Dark showed off some of his skills and of course was happy to take a photo (see photo).

Also in February, Officer Peacock and Dark responded to the intersection of Big Bend Blvd. and Dougherty Ferry Road in the 7<sup>th</sup> precinct's venue to assist St. Louis County with a K9 track. A suspicious vehicle (which had been stolen) occupied by five suspects, fled the area. The

vehicle crashed at the Mobil on the Run at the intersection of Big Bend and Dougherty Ferry Road. All of the occupants fled on foot, running into the Big Bend Driving Range. Officer Peacock and Dark started a track in the direction the suspects were last seen running. Dark tracked two of the suspects hiding in the wood line near the driving range. Dark tracked for a while longer to no avail. When Officer Peacock and Dark arrived back at the crash scene, St. Louis County Air Unit advised they had located a heat signature in the woods outside the driving range. Office Peacock and Dark responded to the area and was able to locate the three other suspects hiding in the woods. All five suspects were taken into custody without incident. Pictured is Dark enjoying some well-deserved, delicious shaved ice at our friends Kiraboo Kones.



On November 26, Officer Peacock and K9 Dark assisted Chesterfield Police with a search for a wanted suspect. The suspect was wanted for several felonies, including kidnapping, felonious restraint and several other charges. The suspect fled when Chesterfield Police arrived on the scene of the Comfort Inn located on Chesterfield Airport Road for a disturbance and assault call. Officer Peacock and K9 Dark conducted an open-air (dog works off lead, ranging back and forth in an area to pick up the human scent left by the subject) search. Dark was able to pick up the suspect's scent and tracked him to a large barn located in a field. Once Dark located the area the suspect was hiding in, Officer Peacock was able to spot the suspect laying on a stack of tires. Officer Peacock gave him commands to come out with his hands in the air. The suspect was taken into custody without incident by Chesterfield Police. Great job!

## Bureau of Criminal Investigations

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations establish and maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, local courts and citizens. The detectives investigate cases that can be very involved, complicated or cannot be handled through patrol officers. The Bureau investigates missing persons, felony crimes, to include robbery, assault, thefts, frauds, sexual assaults, vehicle thefts, crimes against elderly and children. They also conduct pre-employment background investigations for those seeking employment with the Ellisville Police Department. Detectives are available 24 hours a day for call outs and crime scene investigations when needed. Regardless of the degree of



the crime, all cases were handled with attention to detail in order to resolve the incident. The Bureau balances caseloads among two detectives, Detective Paul Keller and Detective Joey Nickles, utilizing a case management software that assists in tracking case progress, responses to victims, trends and much more. The detectives also transport evidence for patrol officers to the St. Louis County PA's office and to the crime lab. The detectives also transported sexual assault kits to the Missouri Attorney Generals office for the SAFE Kit Initiative.

On January 13, Detective Nickles spoke at the Lafayette Older Adults Program (LOAP) held at the Ballwin Golf Course, located at 333 Holloway Road. Detective Nickles spoke on how they can protect themselves on several topics. The LOAP consists of six municipalities and two school districts that work together to make this program a success. They include Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood, Parkway School District and Rockwood School District.

Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood, Parkway School District and Rockwood School District.

In 2020, the Bureau filed 170 investigative reports and worked a total of 54 cases. Two investigative subpoenas were issued and three search warrants were applied for and served. The detectives conducted five background investigations on police applicants and processed 20 crime scenes. Detectives made 18 arrests and referred eight for federal prosecution. They also recovered three items from pawnshops.



Pictured is Detective Keller and Detective Nickles processing a vehicle for prints.

## Interesting Cases

At approximately 4 a.m. on January 31, four individuals broke into the ATM of the Bank of America, located at 15886 Clayton Road in Ellisville. The suspects pulled up to the bank in a white pickup truck (which had been stolen from St. Charles) that had a chain hooked to the back, which was used to pull the ATM open. Ellisville police officers arrive within a minute, however, the suspects made good with their escape in the stolen truck after stealing ATM cash boxes. A search of the area led to the recovery of the stolen truck and at a later search, the cash boxes which had been taken. Video surveillance showed the thieves tried to mask their faces by pulling hoodies over their faces and tying them tightly. The Ellisville police collaborated with the FBI after a series of ATM heists in the St. Louis area including Ballwin and Lake Saint Louis. Several federal indictments were made in this case.



On February 4, 2020, detectives obtained warrants charging a subject in the Clarkson Jewelry burglary which occurred overnight in April of 2019. At the scene through excellent crime scene processing, Detective Keller was able to obtain "Touch DNA." This DNA was entered into the national database and through matching and other investigative techniques, Detective Keller was able to positively identify a suspect and tie him to the crime. The St. Louis county Prosecutor issued warrants charging the suspect with Attempted Burglary Second Degree (Class D Felony) and Property Damage Second Degree (Class B Misdemeanor).

In April 2019, a female victim reported to the Ellisville Police Detectives that she had a sexual encounter with someone in Ellisville in 2016. The victim reported that when she was 15 years of age, she began talking to someone named Michael on the phone apps Whisper and Snapchat. These initial benign conversations quickly turned sexual in nature which led to an in-person meeting with the suspect. Detectives ultimately identified the suspect as Michael Bakale who was 33 at the time of the incident. After a lengthy investigation, detectives presented the case to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. On February 10, Mr. Bakale was charged with one count of Statutory Sodomy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class C Felony.

On September 24, Detective Nickles arrested a 49-year-old Fenton man for Stealing - \$25,000 or More From a Building after an extensive investigation regarding a systematic and deliberate theft of Home Depot property using a scheme in which a Home Depot employee, was the primary player. At least two contractors participated in the thefts, but since the investigation is on-going, there could be more. The employee would check out one of the contractors and the contractor would either not pay the whole amount charged or would leave the store without paying anything. After interviewing the two contractors, a 50-year-old Overland man and a 41-year-old Florissant man both were arrested for Stealing - \$25,000.

## Major Case

When a serious crime occurs, the Major Case Squad is activated and the investigators are assigned to assist the local police department with the investigation and prosecution of the suspects involved in the case. The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis is recognized as being one of the top investigative squads in the United States and has a clearance rate of over eighty percent (80%) on the cases they are involved in.

The Major Case Squad of St. Louis is comprised of investigators from 119 participating agencies through the St. Louis Metropolitan area. The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis became operational on May 1, 1965. The Squad originally covered a geographical area comprising of the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, and Franklin in Missouri, and Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe Counties in Illinois, Presently, the Major Case Squad has expanded its geographical area to include the Counties of warren and Lincoln in Missouri and the Counties of Jersey, Macoupin, Bond, Clinton, and Randolph in Illinois.

Chief Steve Lewis is on the board of the Major Case Squad and is the Chief Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Squad. Detectives Paul Keller and Joey Nickles are investigators as well, and Detective Nickles is also a PIO. Officers Chuck Kraus and Daniel Best attended Major Case Squad New Investigators orientation and training in 2020. The two officers are now a part of the Major Case Squad Homicide Investigators group and will be used to investigate homicides when an agency does not have the resources to complete such an investigation themselves.

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“The major advantage to the City of Ellisville (as a member of the Major Case Squad) is the availability of 25 trained investigators should we have a major incident such as a homicide or kidnapping.”

Chief Lewis

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## Drone Program

In November of 2018, the Ellisville Police Department acquired a DJI Mavic 2 Zoom Drone (remotely piloted aerial



vehicle) to better serve the citizens of Ellisville and take full advantage of advances in technology. Ellisville has had one FAA certified and licensed drone pilot, Detective Joey Nickles, who spearheaded the program. Three officers were to receive their training in 2020 but was cancelled due to the COVID. Pandemic. They are Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith and Corporal Travis Detring. They should receive their certification in 2021 to meet all national training requirements.

The police department utilizes the drone for public relations events and operationally to assist in searches for missing persons, lost children and similar activities. The main function will be to alert social media followers of traffic crashes, traffic delays and to share on social media training and public relations activities of the Ellisville Police Department. The drone will not be used for enforcement efforts or to view private property of businesses or citizens.

Pictured on page 25 is an aerial view of a concert in Blue Bird Park and the picture to right is police training at the Chesterfield gun range.



## Ellisville Police Volunteer Services

For any number of reasons, working full time in law enforcement may not be practical for everyone. Still, there are many people who are drawn to the profession than are able to work in it. Many law enforcement agencies offer volunteer opportunities to augment their forces, giving the community an opportunity to serve in a way and at a time that works better for them. Public safety is the jurisdiction of both law enforcement and the community that it serves.

The Ellisville Police Department is proud to offer various, important volunteer opportunities for community participation. All of our volunteers bring an assortment of skills and talents, new perspective, and a commitment to their volunteer roles that demonstrates how essential this partnership between our department and our citizens truly is.

## Police Reserves

Police departments appreciate having volunteers to supplement their service to their communities. Reserve police officers are fully trained and licensed police officers. They are held to the same standards as are our full-time police officers, to include ongoing training and licensing. Most of our reserve officers came to Ellisville with several years of full-time police service, but are now working full-time careers in other professions.

The reserve position is voluntary and is not a paid position. They are dedicated and motivated individuals who give of their own time and energy to help make Ellisville a better place to live. Currently the department has three police reserve officers: Stephen Heidke who was “hired” in 2015, Chad Green in 2018, and Nelson Saucedo, who resigned his commission as a full-time Ellisville police officer in June 2019 to accept a position in the private sector, but still wanted to give back to the Ellisville community. The police department is always looking for experienced, professional individuals who would like to serve their community as a reserve officer.

## **Police Chaplain Program**

The Police Chaplain Program creates a partnership with various faith-based leaders of a community to respond and assist law enforcement agencies providing an overall better quality to the citizens of our communities. The goal is that by having the police and clergy working together during times of crisis or incidents, a more comprehensive response will be given to those in need.

The faith-based leaders perform tasks of a more emotional, social or spiritual nature while officers handle those tasks that are of a law enforcement nature. The role of the chaplain is to provide support for police officer and civilians in their time of need.

The Ellisville Police Department currently has one chaplain, Ryan Boyer, who has been our chaplain since 2018. Chaplain Boyer is a pastor with the Ellisville Church of Christ on Henry Avenue in Ellisville and is a former police officer with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. He graduated from the Kansas City Police Academy in 2003 and served until 2007 as a sworn officer. Chaplain Boyer earned a Masters of Arts Degree in Theological Studies and most importantly an understanding of both police work and the job that police officers do on a daily basis. An example of what Chaplain Boyer does, is when he assisted the Office of Emergency Management at the Family Assistance Center for families of COVID-19 victims. He was available to provide grief counseling services and spiritual guidance to families in need. We are very lucky to have Pastor Boyer as our department's chaplain.

## **Volunteers in Police Service Program**

The Ellisville Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program which was established in 2018 by Chief Lewis, helps to sustain a spirit of cooperation and partnership with the community to enhance the Ellisville Police Department's ability to serve the city of Ellisville. The VIPS Program draws on the skills and abilities of community volunteers to support the Ellisville Police Department in a wide range of non-patrol roles. Volunteers are a valuable resource and serve in diverse array of capacities including clerical assignments, as well as special projects, crime prevention initiatives and community events. By providing vital support services to the department, volunteers enhance public safety and enable sworn personnel to handle critical public safety needs. Volunteering is an incredibly rewarding way to spend your time while enriching the lives of others.

There are eight VIPS members currently serving the community of Ellisville. They include: Larry Schwartz, Sandie McGrath, Mike Rhoads, Terre Pirro, Mark Preuss, Bill Menchak, Gary Faust, and Becky Faust . The program is overseen by Sergeant Nancy Walker.

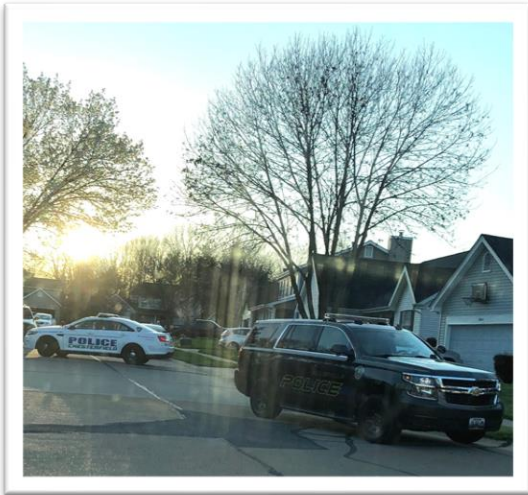
Unfortunately, with the Coronavirus outbreak and most of the events been cancelled, the opportunity for our VIPS to volunteer was limited. However, they are ready to go in 2021.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Schwartz, one of our favorite citizens and VIPS. He provided extra-large pizzas from Pizzarelli's for the police department on April 19 as a thank you to our department. As if that wasn't enough, his son Dan, wanted to do something to show his support and respect. On June 22, Dan provided Charlotte's Rib BBQ for the entire police force. We appreciated their generosity and support!

## Lafayette Area Cooperative Force

In an effort to improve on our agency's ability to provide the best possible service to our community, in August of 2020, we established a Lafayette Area Agencies "cooperative". The agreement is for each member agency

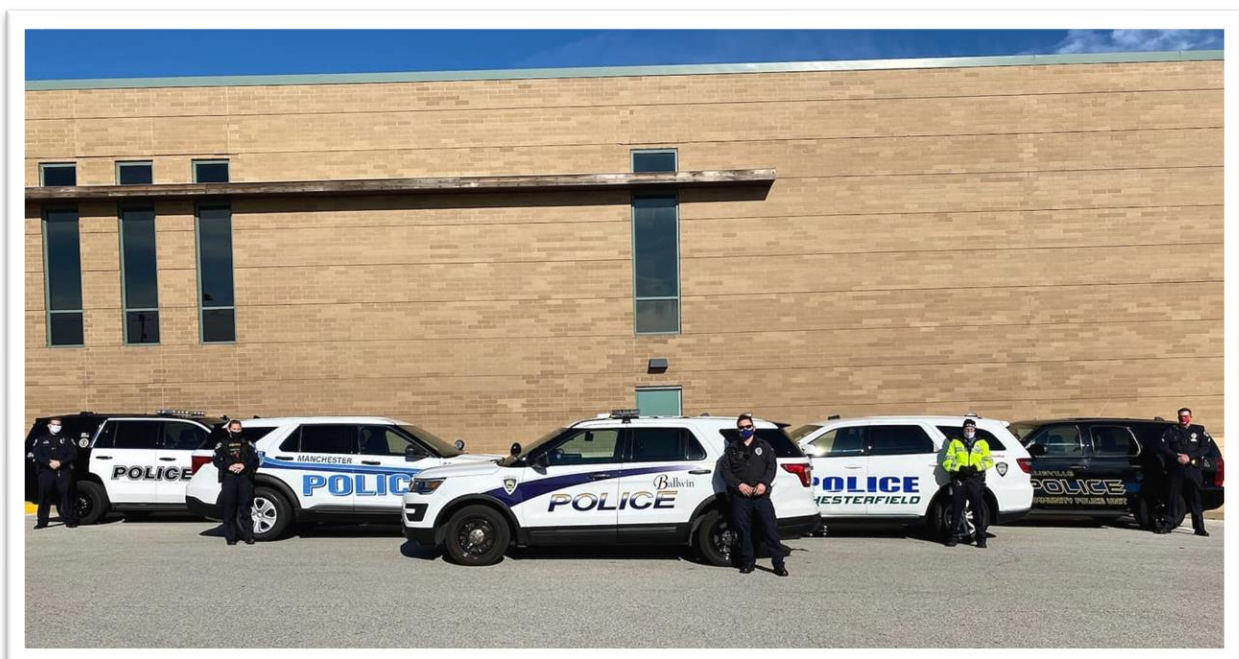
(Ellisville, Manchester, Town & Country, Chesterfield, and Ballwin) to work cooperatively in at least two areas. The first area is a Task Force. When one of the member agencies has a specific crime issue (i.e. car thefts, car cloutings, burglaries, etc.) they can activate the Task Force. Each agency will send a designated number of officers and equipment to assist for a defined amount of time to target the activity.



The second area is in our capabilities. Each agency has a number of capabilities (equipment, trainers, specialty training, etc.) that all member agencies can take advantage of when needed.

Pictured above are vehicles from Ellisville and Chesterfield in the area of Reinke Road and Barbara Ann Lane, as the officers were searching for a missing child. Luckily the child was found safe. Our local partnerships are something we are very proud of and we thank the Chesterfield Police Department, the St. Louis County Police Wildwood Precinct, and the Ballwin Police Department in assisting us with this happy end to a call for service.

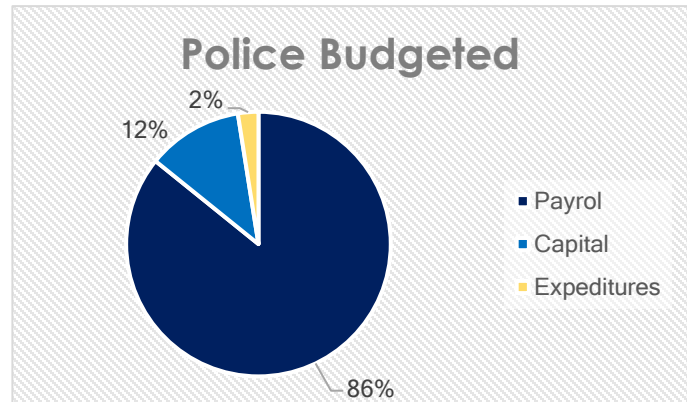
Pictured below are officers from Town and Country Police, Manchester Police, Ballwin Police, Chesterfield Police, and Ellisville Police (Corporal George Corless) reminding residents to lock your doors, take your keys and valuables with you, and make sure you close your garage doors in a joint public service announcement Facebook post.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

## 2020 Budget

The City of Ellisville fiscal year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31. Preparation of the annual budget begins in early June and is approved by the Ellisville City Council in November for the next fiscal year. For the Fiscal Year 2020, the Ellisville Police Department operating budget totaled \$3,168,002 or 28.6% of the city's budget.



## 2020 Budget Explanations

## Original Total Budget

### Payroll Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$1,877,900
Overtime	\$46,350
FICA/Insurance/Pension	\$844,730
Holiday Pay/Year-End Awards	\$57,100

### Operations Expenditures

Professional/Contractual/Service Agreements	\$100,362
Personal Training/Travel & Meetings	\$27,800
Dues and Membership Fees	\$4,810
Publications and Journals/Printing	\$1,700
Office Supplies and Expenses/Postage	\$14,400
Prisoner Housing/Crime Scene Supplies	\$4,975
Uniforms	\$37,500
Gasoline, Oil and Car Wash	\$43,500
Ammunition/Firearms/Weapons	\$28,000
Computer Equipment/Software	\$3,000
Equipment Purchase	\$27,165
Maintenance/Repair Equipment/Structure	\$8,450
Community Relations	\$6,000
K9 Program	\$2,920

### Capital Outlay Expenditures

Vehicle Purchase	\$64,703
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## Ellisville Police Foundation

The Ellisville Police Foundation (501 C) was established in 2019 with the intent to gain community support for unmet police department needs, and provide financial assistance for department employees and their families in times of crises. These funds would be used to improve police services, the safety of our officers, and would benefit the community through our goal of providing the highest level of professional police services.

The City of Ellisville fully funds the police department and has an established budget and is able to provide a full-time well-trained police department providing 24 hours, 7 days a week service. The mayor and council are very understanding of the needs of the department and ensures that operational expenses are fully covered. However, in law enforcement, there are items outside of the normal budget that may be purchased to enhance the safety, security, and wellness of police officers. The Foundation was established to meet the needs of the police officers of the Ellisville Police Department, with 100% of the funds benefitting the officers.

In April, Chief Steve Lewis was contacted by the members of the Ellisville Police Foundation who wanted to do something to show both their gratitude and support for the members of our agency during the difficult time of Corvid-19 pandemic. The board provided a gift card of \$50 to one of four local restaurants (Faraci's Pizza, Mulligans Grill, Chick-Fil-A, and Walnut Grill) that were providing take out at that time. The purpose of the gift card was for the police employee to treat themselves and their family to a meal on the Police Foundation. The board wanted to show the officers their gratitude for the job the department does on a daily basis and to let the officers know that they are appreciated. This gesture was also a great way to help support Ellisville businesses during the coronavirus. The Foundation was also very generous in their continuing support of the health and wellness of our officers by purchasing a Concept 2 Model D indoor rowing machine for the officers to utilize. It took us four months to get it delivered, but it finally arrived and is very much appreciated. In July, the Foundation also voted to purchase face covering gaiters for every member of our agency. They were authorized for use by all personnel during the Coronavirus pandemic at the officer's discretion. Each patrol officer received two and the civilian staff, office personnel, and our chaplain each received one. In November, Chief Lewis met with the Foundation members and discussed what they could do to show their appreciation for the work that the police do on a daily basis especially at the holiday time. The Foundation gave gift cards to Dierbergs Markets to help offset the cost of Thanksgiving dinner this year to each police employee and their family.

These are examples of how the Foundation has shown our department that we are a valued part of the community and that they truly appreciate what our department does. We would like to thank the Foundation for the generosity that they have showed us all year.

*"Thank you to the Ellisville Police Foundation, our police officers for their continued dedication to service, and our community members for your cooperation during these stressful times. Be well!"*

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*Chief Steve Lewis*

## Grants

The Ellisville Police Department used grant funds received from the State of Missouri, toward the Highway Safety Division's general 2020 Hazardous Moving Violation (HMV) Enforcement Campaign. The goal of this campaign was to change behavior and curb aggressive, often dangerous driving. Together with our law enforcement partners around the state, Ellisville worked toward our objective of reducing the number of casualties and crashes that could be attributed to hazardous driving. Officer Travis Detring worked the HMV grant on August 7 for 12 hours. In that time, he conducted 13 stops and issued five warning tickets.

## Requests for Patches



A young man from Alhambra, California wrote Chief Lewis and requested a patch from the Ellisville Police Department to go with his collection. He sent us this picture of our patch with all of the other patches he has collected. Glad you included us in your collection.



A Jasper, Missouri patrol officer wrote to Chief Lewis and asked if he could send a patch to his son who collects shoulder patches. His son was so excited when the patch arrived, he had to stay up late to take this picture to send to us. Good looking wall display with your patches and the American flag.

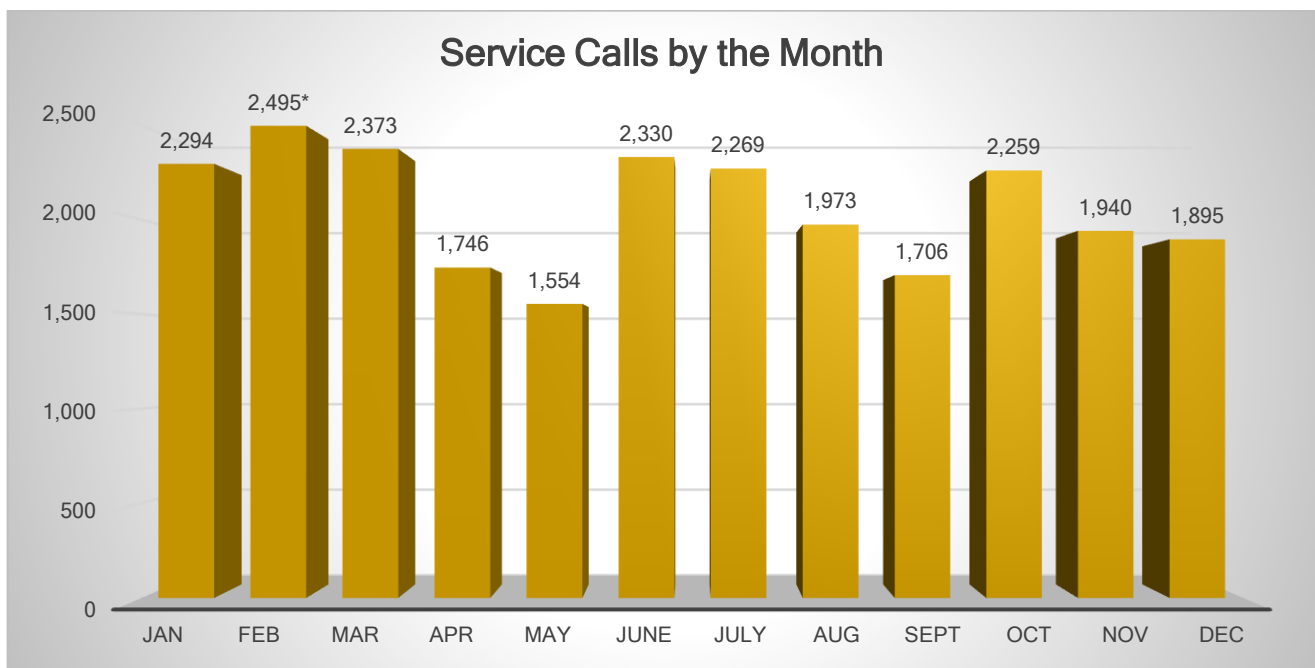
The Police Department received approximately \$75,000 - \$100,000 of donated furniture from a partnership with Ameren. The 27-year-old furniture the police were using was replaced with the new executive style furniture during the month of December. This became possible through a contact Detective Joey Nickles had at Ameren and through much communication and planning. Enough furniture was obtained to also provide new office furniture for much of City Hall. Thank you, Ameren, for your generosity.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE SUMMARY

Calls for Service (CFS) generally refers to assignments that are typically distributed to public safety professionals that require their presence to resolve, correct or assist a particular situation. The calls are generally initiated by the public and relayed through the emergency telephone service and divulged to the public safety personnel via a dispatcher by way of radio. As it pertains to police work, when the CFS is broadcast over the radio, it is assigned to an officer who patrols the specific sector or beat within the CFS originates. Once assigned, the officer must respond and issue some type of finality back to the dispatcher indicating the action taken in order to essentially ‘finish’ that particular call. Multiple calls for service may be assigned at once to several patrol beats and, depending on the severity or urgency of the call, multiple calls may be assigned to one individual officer or pair of officers. An officer may also directly observe an incident or a citizen may flag down an officer because an incident has taken place where they live.

The St. Louis County Police Department Bureau of Communications provides police radio communications service for Ellisville through a formalized law enforcement service contract. The agreement exists between the cities of Ellisville, Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Eureka, and Wildwood who share the Muni-West radio frequency. All of the police radio transactions or CFS are tracked by St. Louis County Communications. St. Louis County Communications recorded 24,834 Calls for Service for the Ellisville Police in 2020. A total of 5,359 calls were received and dispatched by St. Louis County Police Communications, 15,507 calls were self-initiated by officer or citizen contact, and 3,968 were assisted by officers backing up the original assigned unit.

## Calls for Service by the Month



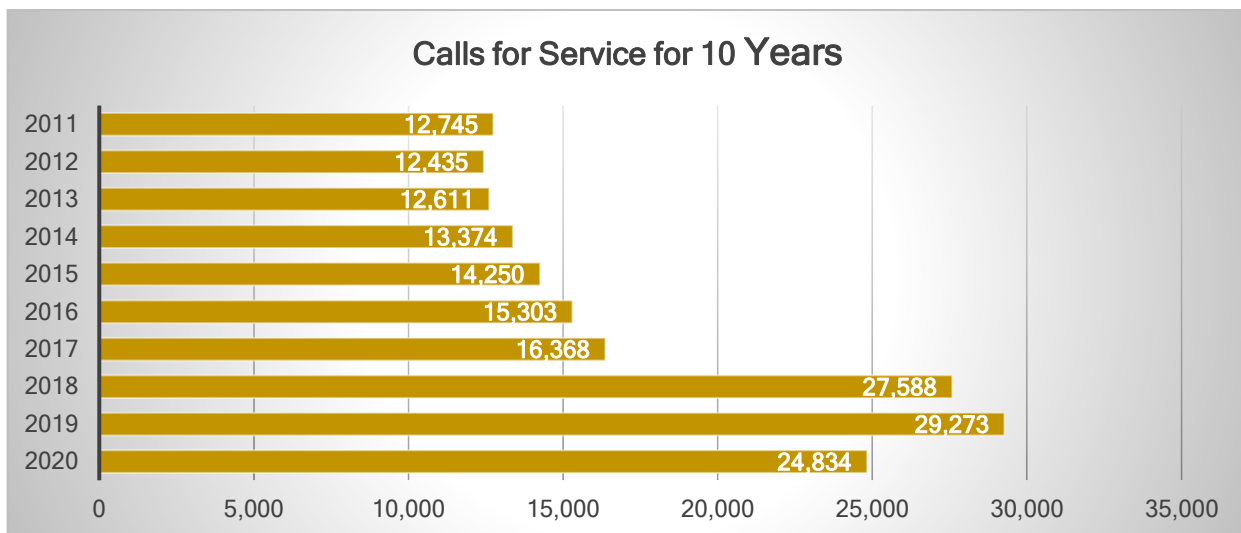
\*The month of February was the busiest month for calls in 2020.

## Calls for Service by Day of Week

Day of Week	Directed	Self-Initiated	Assists	Totals	% Total
Sunday	671	1,888	498	3,057	12.3%
Monday	736	2,249	471	3,456	14.0%
Tuesday	804	2,240	660	3,704	14.9%
Wednesday	803	2,321	633	3,757	15.1%
Thursday	819	2,337	582	3,738	15.0%
Friday	779	2,330	600	3,709	14.9%
Saturday	747	2,142	524	3,413	13.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>15,507</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>24,834</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*The busiest day for calls was Wednesday in 2020.

## Calls for Service Trends



## Average Call Response Times

Priority	Designation	Time
1	Emergency Code Call-Response is immediate with lights and sirens. Officers may exceed the speed limit-two officers responding.	4.58 Minutes
2	Emergency (Immediate) Calls-response is immediate with lights and siren, but usually maintaining the speed limit. One or two officers will respond depending on the call type.	4.72 Minutes
3	Non-Emergency (Routine) Calls-officers will maintain the speed limit. The response may be delayed depending on call type. Usually, one officer will respond.	6.02 Minutes

Average response times are calculated from the time the officer is dispatched until the time the officer arrives on the scene.

# HIGH INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

## 2020 Incident Crime Summary (Call Received for the Period of 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 compared to 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019)

Crime Classification	2020	2019
Rape, By Force (After 12-31-2012)	0	1
Robbery, Strongarm	0	1
Assault, Aggravated, Firearm	0	1
Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Weapon	2	0
Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists	6	9
Assault, Intimidation	2	3
Assault, Simple/Other	14	22
Burglary, Forcible Entry	3	8
Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force	3	3
Burglary, Attempt Forcible Entry	0	1
Larceny \$200 and More	43	39
Larceny \$50 to \$199	14	14
Larceny Under \$50	18	32
Motor Vehicle Theft, Auto	14	10
Motor Vehicle Theft, Truck/Bus	1	0
Arson	1	0
Bad Checks	0	4
Fraud, Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine	7	22
Fraud, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	6	1
Fraud, Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	0
Fraud, Identity Theft	6	12
Fraud, Impersonation	1	4
Fraud, Wire	2	2
Embezzlement	2	0
Stolen Property (Buying, Receiving, Possessing)	1	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	11	20
Weapon Law Violations	1	4
Sex Offense, Forcible, Fondling	1	0
Sex Offense, Non-Forcible, Statutory Rape	0	1
Sex Offense, Other	2	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	95	71
Drug Equipment/Paraphernalia Violations	19	19
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	3	3
Driving Under the Influence (DWI)	39	26
Liquor Law Violations	7	7
Disorderly Conduct	0	3
Violation of Road and Driving Laws	10	9
Parking Violations	7	13

Violation of Motor vehicle Laws	4	6
Forgery	2	0
Counterfeiting	1	1
Pornography/Obscene Literature and Objects	1	0
Miscellaneous Offenses Not Otherwise Classified	22	33
Runaway (Under 18)	1	3
Missing Person	6	5
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution	0	0
Tampering with Auto Not Otherwise Classified	2	1
Trespassing	1	2
Violation County/Municipal Ordinance Not Otherwise Classified	3	7
Animal Cruelty	0	0
Littering	3	4
Abduction	1	0
Vehicle Not Stolen Locally/Recovered Locally	6	0
Failure to Appear	5	13
Warrant Arrest	17	66
Fugitive Arrest	2	2
Non UCR	82	102
Non-Classified Incident	11	2
Vehicle Accident, Property Damage	196	274
Vehicle Accident, Injury	31	51
Vehicle Accident, Leaving the Scene	28	20
Suicide	3	3
Attempt Suicide	7	5
Accidental Injury	2	1
Total	779	971

## Work Load Statistics

There were 534 original reports and 849 supplemental reports for a total of 1,383 reports that were entered into CARE in 2020. There was a total of 777 original reports and 849 supplements approved in 2020. There were 264 original reports entered into LETS4 (roadway and private property collision reports).




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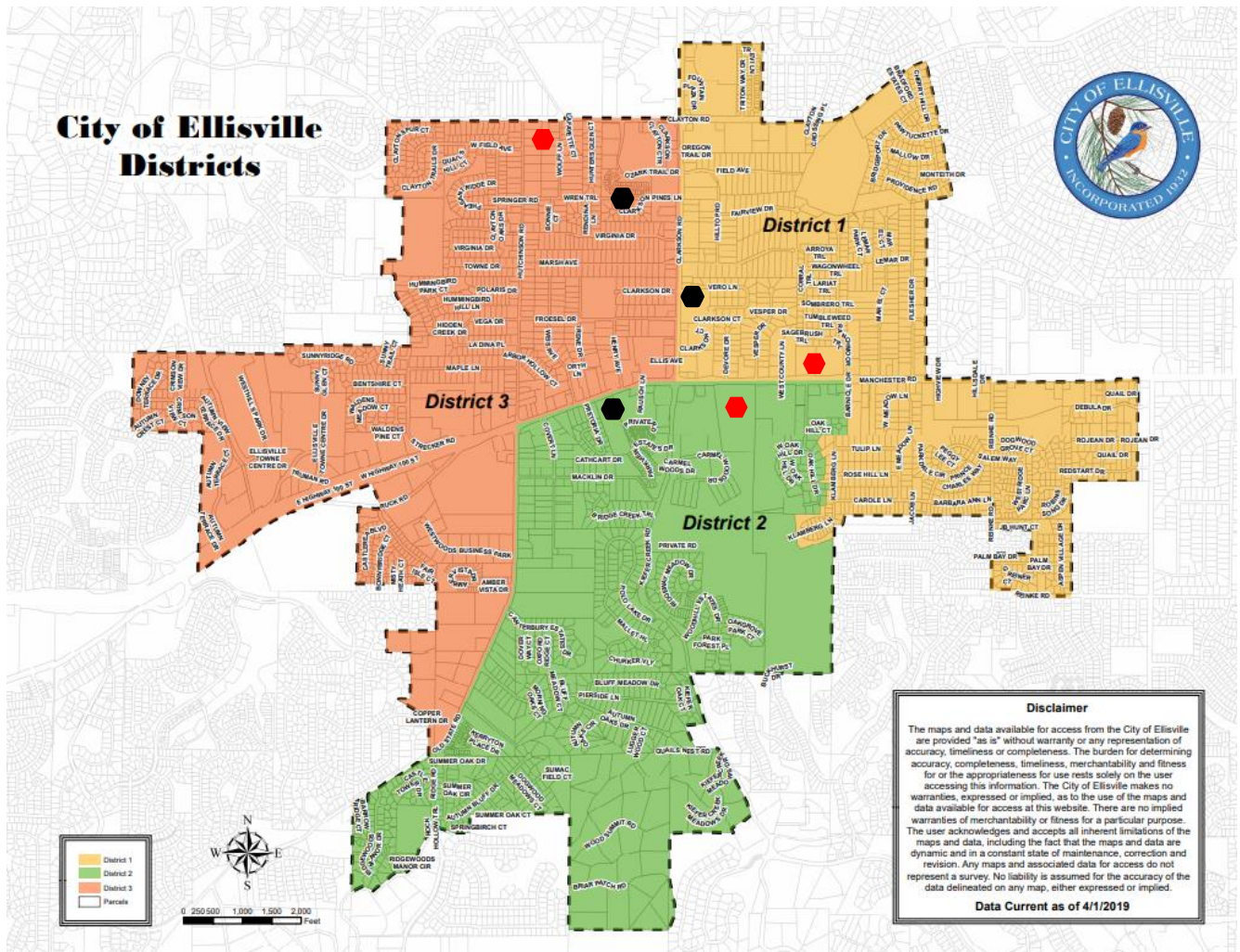
The City of Ellisville was named the eighth safest city in Missouri overall in 2020 by HomeSnacks. Ellisville had less than one violent crime per month, and the eight lowest rate of property crime in the state. *In other words, it's more likely that a magpie will steal your valuables at Mockingbird Park than a human* stated HomeSnacks.

Ellisville also scored a 9.5/10 on HomeSnacks overall snackability score, with a special emphasis on excellent education and top-notch job/housing markets.

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# HIGH INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

## Burglary Reports by District



### DISTRICT 1

Burglary, Forcible Entry ●  
 15811 Manchester Road/Margaret's Tailor Shop

Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force ●  
 101 Clarkson Road/Extra Space Storage

### DISTRICT 2

Burglary, Forcible Entry ●  
 15800 Manchester Road/PathFinder Church

Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force ●  
 15950 Manchester Road/Construction Site

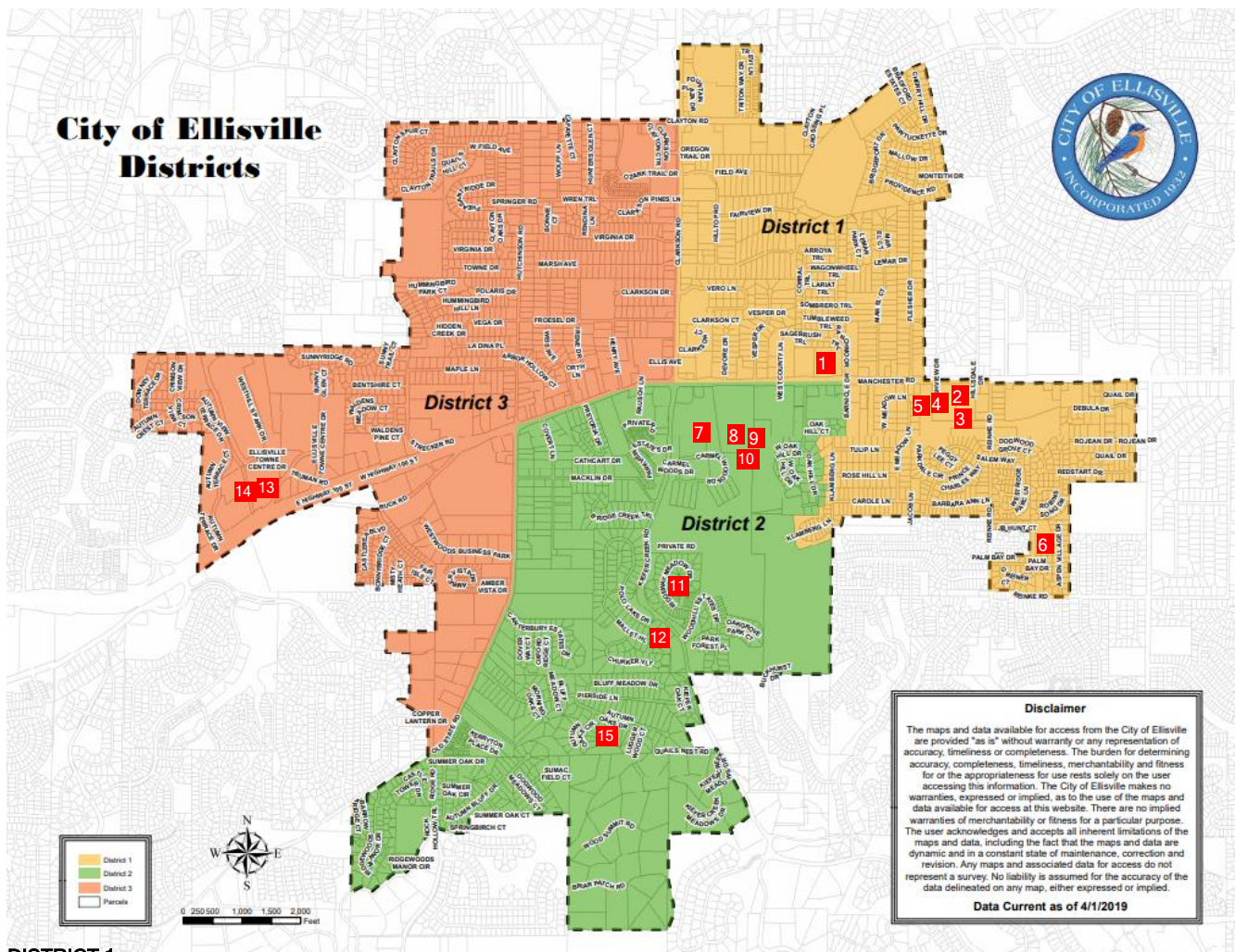
### DISTRICT 3

Burglary, Forcible Entry ●  
 16164 Clayton Road/Private Residence

Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force ●  
 1343 Kensington Way Drive/Private Residence

# HIGH INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

## Stolen Vehicle Reports by District



### DISTRICT 1

1. 15675 Manchester Road - Bo Beuckman Ford - 2020 Ford Explorer stolen. Vehicle recovered.
2. 15502 Manchester Road - David Taylor Dodge - 2016 Dodge Charger.
3. 15502 Manchester Road - David Taylor Dodge - 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup stolen. Vehicle Recovered. One arrest.
4. 15532 Manchester Road - West County Honda - 2019 Dodge Challenger stolen. Vehicle recovered.
5. 15532 Manchester Road - West County Honda - 2017 Acura RDX stolen.
6. 801 Red Bay Ct. - Unoccupied residence - 2003 Ford Taurus stolen. Vehicle recovered.

### DISTRICT 2

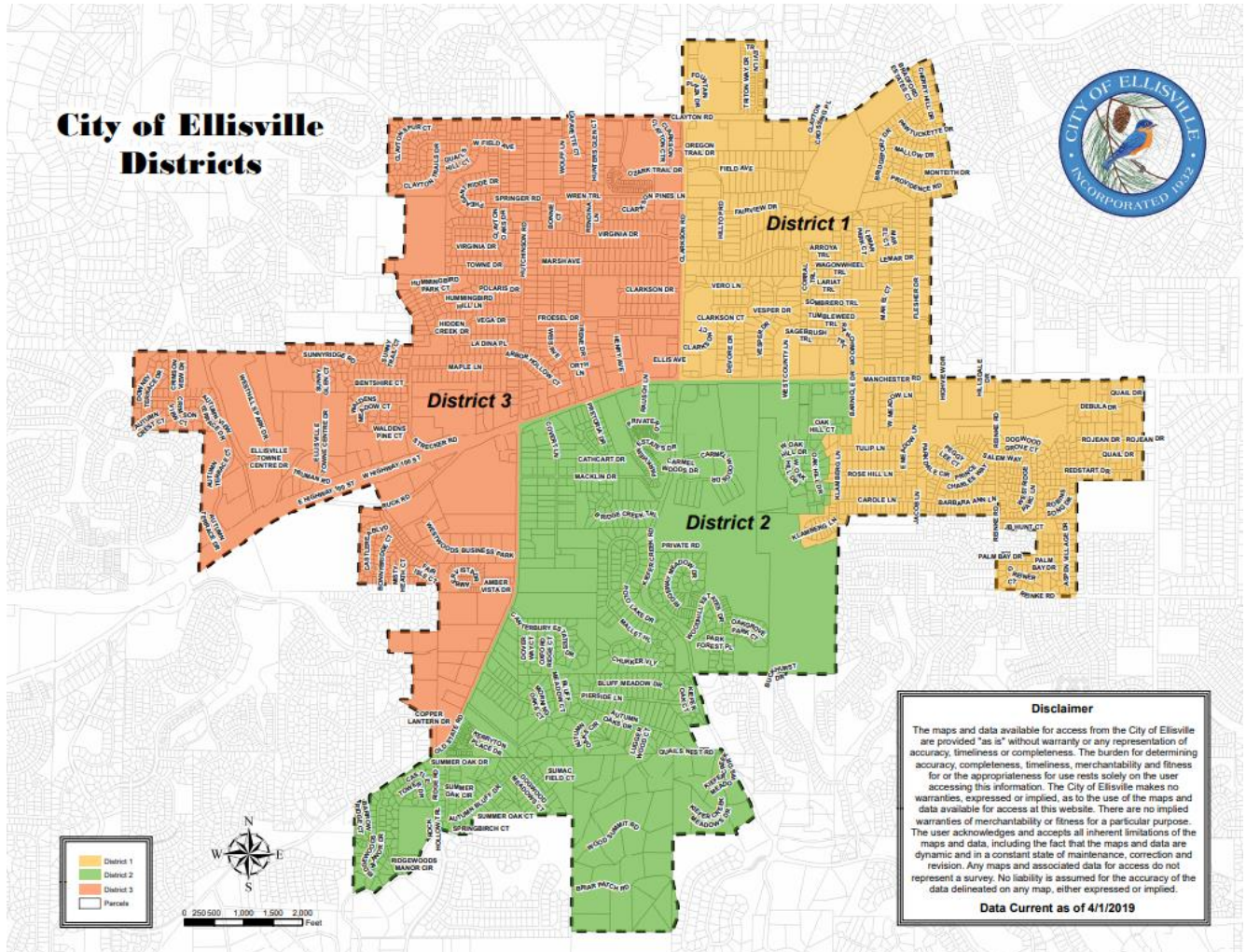
7. 15890 Manchester Road - Gold's Gym - 2012 Infiniti G37 stolen. Vehicle recovered. Two arrests.
8. 15736 Manchester Road - Bommarito Audi - 2020 Audi stolen. Vehicle recovered. One arrest.
9. 15736 Manchester Road - Bommarito Audi - 2020 Audi stolen. Vehicle recovered.
10. 15736 Manchester Road - Bommarito Audi - 2020 Audi stolen. Vehicle recovered.
11. 1000 Ridgeway Meadow - Residence - 2011 Honda Civic stolen. Vehicle recovered.
12. 1341 Mallet Hill - Residence - 2016 Nissan stolen. Vehicle recovered.

### DISTRICT 3

13. 8 Ellisville Towne Center Drive - Mobil On the Run- 2015 KIA stolen. Vehicle recovered.
14. 8 Ellisville Towne Center Drive - 2015 Chevy Colorado.
15. 530 Autumn Oaks Drive 2012 Ford Edge stolen. Vehicle recovered.

# HIGH INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

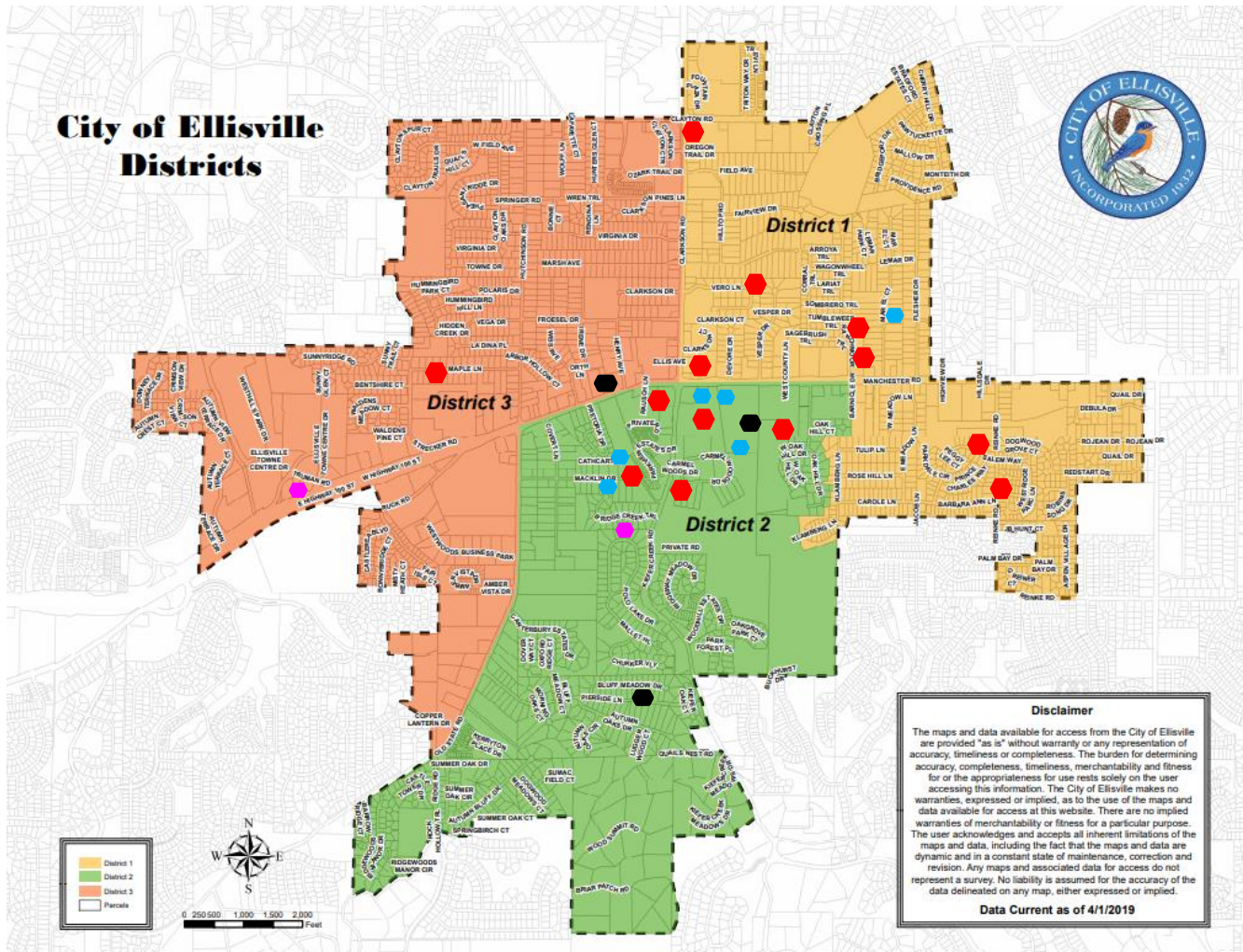
## Larceny Reports by District



DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3
Larceny \$200 and Over	Larceny \$200 and Over	Larceny \$200 and Over
10	9	24
Larceny \$50 to \$199	Larceny \$50 to \$199	Larceny \$50 to \$199
6	2	6
Larceny Under \$50	Larceny Under \$50	Larceny Under \$50
2	8	8

# HIGH INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

## Assaults Reports by District



### DISTRICT 1

#### Assault, Simple/Other ●

- 15856 Clayton Road
- 124 Ranchmoor Trail
- 183 Ranchmoor Trail
- 11 Clarkson Road
- 834 Salem Way
- 15828 Manchester Road
- 1279 Vero Lane

#### Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists ●

- 16 Mar-el Court
- 1472 Macklin Drive

### DISTRICT 2

#### Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists ●

- 63 Cathcart Drive
- 105 Carmel Woods Drive
- 15836 Manchester Road (2)

#### Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Weapon ●

- 433 Bluff Meadow Drive

### DISTRICT 2

#### Assault, Simple/Other ●

- 1199 Oak Hill Court
- 78 Cathcart Drive (2)
- 333 Carmel Woods Drive
- 15909 Manchester Road

#### Assault, Intimidation ●

- 1346 Bridge Creek Trail

### DISTRICT 3

#### Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Weapon ●

- Manchester Road and Henry Road

#### Assault, Intimidation ●

- 15682 Manchester Road
- Ellisville Towne Centre Drive and Truman Road

#### Assault, Simple/Other ●

- 1548 Maple Lane

# STOLEN PROPERTY

## Property Stolen by Classification

### Classification of Offenses

### Monetary Value of Property Stolen

1. Robbery	\$0
a. Highway (streets, alleys, etc.)	\$0
b. Commercial House (except c, d, and f)	\$0
c. Gas or Service Station	\$0
d. Convenience Store	\$0
e. Residence (anywhere on premises)	\$0
f. Bank	\$0
g. Miscellaneous	\$0
<b>Total Robbery</b>	<b>\$0</b>
2. Burglary - Breaking or Entering	
a. Residence (dwelling)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)	\$0
(2) Day (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)	\$9,500
(3) Unknown	\$130
b. Non-Residence (store, office, etc.)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)	\$528
(2) Day (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)	\$2,156
(3) Unknown	\$6,480
<b>Total Burglary</b>	<b>\$18,794</b>
3. Larceny - Theft (except Motor Vehicle Theft)	
a. \$200 and Over	\$181,376
b. \$50 to \$200	\$1,390
c. Under \$50	\$332
<b>Total Larceny</b>	<b>\$183,098</b>
4. Motor Vehicle Theft (including Alleged Joy Ride)	\$476,002
<b>Grand Total - All Items</b>	<b>\$677,894</b>
3X. Nature of Larcenies Under Item 3	
a. Pocket-Picking	\$0
b. Purse-Snatching	\$0
c. Shoplifting	\$27,946
d. From Motor Vehicles (except e)	\$13,722
e. Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories	\$38,021

f. Bicycles	\$0
g. From Building (except c and h)	\$83,004
h. From Any Coin Operated Machine (parking meters, etc.)	\$0
i. All Others	\$20,405
<b>Total Larcenies</b>	<b>\$183,098</b>

## Property by Type and Value

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Stolen</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
A. Currency, Notes, Etc.	\$39,663	\$5
B. Jewelry and Precious Metals	\$43,910	\$0
C. Clothing and Furs	\$8,181	\$0
D. Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$474,929	\$366,379
E. Office Equipment	\$4,000	\$750
F. Televisions, Radios, Stereos, Etc.	\$300	\$0
G. Firearms	\$3,430	\$1,325
H. Household Goods	\$1,687	\$0
I. Consumable Goods	\$15,037	\$1,795
J. Livestock	\$0	\$0
K. Miscellaneous	\$83,440	\$20,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$674,577</b>	<b>\$390,428</b>



The week of April 13 was National Telecommunicators Week and the Ellisville Police Department wanted to thank our partners at St. Louis County Police Communications for the outstanding job that they do every day of the year. St. Louis County Police dispatchers provide service for the county and several municipalities including Ellisville. Pictured is Ellisville Police picking up some delicious Faraci Pizza to delivery to the St. Louis County dispatchers. Enjoy and thank you for your service.

# INCIDENTS OF INTEREST

1/22/2020 - After a thorough investigation, an 18-year-old St. Louis man and an 18-year-old Hazelwood man were arrested for stealing a motor vehicle on 1/16/2020 from the Gold's Gym located at 15890 Manchester Road. The victim placed his car keys and wallet in a locker inside Gold's Gym and went to work out. After he completed his workout, he found that his keys were missing. He went out to check the parking lot and discovered that his 2012 Infiniti was gone. A friend of the victim had left his car keys and wallet inside the vehicle while they were both inside. The second victim also had his vehicle stolen from his Wildwood residence after the suspects used his credit card to gas up at the QT gas station located at 15902 Manchester Road. Officers reviewed the surveillance video at QT and saw the stolen vehicles along with two other vehicles at the gas station filling up the vehicles. It should be noted that four vehicles were stolen from the west county area (Town & Country, Chesterfield, Ellisville, and Wildwood) in approximately one hour the same night. The St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney (PA) issued one count of Stealing a Motor Vehicle on both suspects and the Ellisville PA issued the Hazelwood man with two counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Device for the crimes committed in Ellisville.

1/23/2020 - A 26-year-old Ellisville woman was arrested for Fraudulent Use of Credit Device, Failure to Comply, and Assaulting a Law Enforcement Officer when officers responded to a call reference to the victim stating that her daughter had stolen her credit card. When officers went to arrest the daughter, she became difficult and aggressive, kicking the front door several times and yelling at her mother. As she was being placed into the patrol car, she leaned over on her left side and kicked one of the officers in his stomach, knocking the wind out of him.

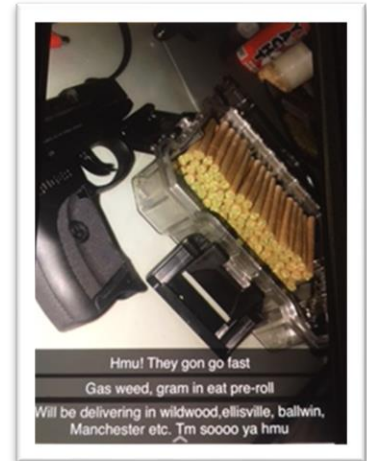
2/23/2020 - At 11:00 p.m., an officer found a 34-year-old Union male slumped over in the driver's seat of his vehicle on the parking lot next to pump #9 of the closed bp gas station located at 28 Clarkson. The officer tried several times to keep the subject awake, but he kept falling back to sleep. This action is typically referred to as "nodding off" after consuming heroin. While attempting to wake the subject, he observed several pill capsules with a white powder inside of the capsules located in the vehicle near the driver. Due to the subject not being able to stay awake and finding the pills, Metro West Fire Paramedics were requested. The ambulance responded and transported the subject to the hospital for further evaluation.

2/28/2020 - At 10:59 p.m., an officer was patrolling near the Westview Assisted Living and Memory Care facility located at 27 Reinke Road when he observed a vehicle on the parking lot occupied by two subjects. After contacting the subjects, it was learned that the 33-year-old House Springs man was wanted by Eureka Police and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Our K9 Unit was called in and found four bags of suspected methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia. The other occupant, a 33-year-old Dittmer woman was arrested for felony Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

2/29/2020 - A 31-year-old Ellisville male was arrested for Speeding and Failure to Comply with Order of a Police Officer. An officer was patrolling near the intersection of Old State Road and Pierside Lane when he observed a vehicle going at a high rate of speed on Old State Road. The officer activated his emergency lights and siren but the subject would not stop. The suspect finally stopped and exited his vehicle and began to walk away. The officer gave him several verbal orders to stop but the subject ran from the officer. The officer pursued him on foot and

took him into custody. The suspect stated that he was speeding because he was late to his psychotherapist appointment.

3/5/2020 - Officers observed what they thought was a drug buy on the parking lot of McDonalds located at 15901 Manchester Road. Both vehicles pulled out of the lot going opposite directions on Manchester Road. The first vehicle was stopped and marijuana was found in the vehicle. The subject was issued a citation for Possession of Marijuana. The other vehicle was stopped and marijuana and a firearm were found in the vehicle. A 16-year-old female was taken into custody for Delivery of Marijuana and Possessing a Weapon. Three other people were in the vehicle at the time of the stop. Two 16-year-old females and one 18-year-old male. All were arrested for Possession of Marijuana and/or Delivery of Marijuana.



3/21/2020 - A 34-year-old Wildwood man was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana after a traffic stop. The officer detected the odor of what he thought was marijuana coming from the vehicle and found a bag containing suspected methamphetamine, marijuana, smoking pipe, scale and other paraphernalia. See picture.



3/28/2020 - Officers were dispatched to Autumn View Gardens located at 16219 Autumn View Terrace Drive for an accidental injury. Metro West Fire District Paramedics arrived just before the officer and found an 85-year-old deceased male laying at the bottom of the steps of the second floor. The male had attempted to drive his motorized chair/scooter down the steps from floor four to floor two. The chair landed on him. The St. Louis County Medical Examiner's office responded and took custody of the body. The Medical Examiner advised the cause of death was blunt craniocerebral trauma and ruled an accident.

4/17/2020 - A 30-year-old Ellisville man overdosed on drugs and was administered Narcan twice by Metro West EMS. The victim was found by his sister who was doing laundry in the basement. She heard her brother gasping for air and found him on the floor of his bedroom which is located in the basement. The victim was transported to the hospital after responding to the Narcan for further evaluation.

5/25/2020 - A 60-year-old Ellisville man was arrested for Unlawful Use of a Weapon after he began discharging firecrackers throughout his home. After igniting several fireworks, he then obtained his personal shotgun, and discharged at least two rounds within the confines of his residence. The suspect was intoxicated and upset that his son and his girlfriend had insisted that he quiet down. No one was injured.

6/6/2020 - A 45-year-old Ellisville man was found dead inside his vehicle which was parked in his garage with the engine running by his girlfriend. The Medical Examiner was contacted and responded took custody of the victim.

6/28/2020 - A 31-year-old St. Louis man was arrested for Stealing (over \$1,400), after he and his wife/girlfriend entered Walgreens with three kids, one in a stroller. The man was pushing the stroller and putting items that he stole into the stroller. The man and his family left the store and fled westbound on Manchester Road in a black vehicle. Ellisville Police officers were able to locate the vehicle near Manchester Road and Ruck Road. The man stated that he stole items from the Walgreens because he was working for another man who requested that he and others, come to the "county" and steal specific items that the other man would pay a certain amount of money per item upon delivery.

9/1/2020 - A 36-year-old St. Louis County man was arrested for Resisting Arrest and Careless & Reckless Driving after he tried to flee a traffic stop. Shortly thereafter, officers received a call for a traffic accident near the location that he was last seen. When the officers arrived, they found the vehicle was up against the garage door of the home with significant damage to the vehicle. The suspect was lying on the ground next to the vehicle. Subject was able to walk and was placed under arrest. When asked why he ran from the police, he said he was "sick and tired of being pulled over by the police." The subject was transported to the hospital after he stated he was having chest pains. He was immediately released from the hospital and transported to the Ellisville Police station for booking.

9/4/2020 - Unknown person(s) poured a bottle of AJAX dish soap in the water fountain at McDonalds located at 15901 Manchester Road overnight. There were lots of suds on the sidewalk and parking lot but no other damage. Made for a beautiful sight. Pictured is Officer Daniel Best on top of the mountain of bubbles.



9/5/2020 - A 22-year-old Georgia woman was arrested for Domestic Assault, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest and Fail to Obey Police after she and her girlfriend got into a disagreement inside Chipotle Restaurant. The employee of Chipotle had asked her friend to come talk to her, but after arriving, the two engaged in a verbal argument for about an hour inside the restaurant. The employee became increasingly angry with the other woman and told her to go outside as their fight was disturbing other staff members. As the other woman continued to argue with the employee, the employee yelled and struck the other woman several times in the cheek, temple, and head with her cell phone. When officers arrived and asked for the employee's license, she informed the officers that it was in the other woman's car. They walked out onto the parking lot to the car. The woman opened the door to her vehicle and searched for the license. Officers smelled a faint odor of marijuana coming from the car and observed small amount of marijuana. The woman tried to conceal the contents of the bag from the officers while she searched for the license. After opening the bag again, she told the officer that she would not allow the officer to take her girlfriend's weed and wouldn't allow him to charge her for it. During the course of arresting the woman and handcuffing her, she took her left hand, closed a fist and struck the officer. Four warrants were issued by the Municipal Court.

9/14/2020 - A 29-year-old St. Charles man was found sitting in his vehicle parked on the parking lot of the bp gas station located at 28 Clarkson Road. The subject was taken to the hospital by Metro West EMS for treatment and evaluation after he told the police he had taken heroin. Drugs were also found inside the vehicle. Later it was learned that the subject had left the emergency room before being seen by a doctor.

9/22/2020 - Two men and a woman were doing landscaping at a residence when one of the men started sweating profusely and looked like he was going to be ill. The woman told him to go sit in the truck and drink some water. When she later returned to the truck, she found the man unresponsive. She and the other man drove the sick man to Metro West House 4 when they realized he had overdosed. When they got him to the house, Metro West medics administered one does of NARCAN. He finally woke up and was transported to the hospital.

9/26/2020 - A 20-year-old Ballwin man was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia after he was stopped for an expired plate. During the traffic stop, the suspect was yelling a lot and spiting when he yelled. When the suspect was released, (he was offered a ride home but he declined) still really upset that his truck had been towed. As he exited the police parking lot, he threatened he would get the officers at a later date, maybe when we were off-duty. He also said he would shoot them and run them off the road with his vehicle. About 3-5 minutes later, the suspect's father drove over the curb in front of the station and parked sideways on the parking lot demanding to know what was going on with his son. He just talked to his son by phone and now he was suicidal over the truck being towed. The officers told the father that they would help look for his son. When the officers attempted to contact the son near Cathcart and Pretoria Drives, he ran into the woods where he hid for about an hour. After searching for him with help from Chesterfield Police and St. Louis County Police, he was located by the St. Louis County Police helicopter. The son was detained (it took four officers, one was kicked in chest) and transported by ambulance to the hospital for observation.

10/18/2020 - A 32-year-old Pevely man was arrested for DWI after he was observed by an Ellisville police officer traveling west bound on Manchester Road weaving and with heavy front-end damage to his vehicle including a flat left front tire. After being stopped, the subject told the officer that he had been in an accident. He didn't know where but he had hit something and his car was acting weird. When the officer told the subject that it appeared that his vehicle was totaled, the subject appeared surprised. It was later found that the subject had been involved in a leaving the scene accident within the City of Ballwin at Baxter and Claymont, where he struck a concrete median and road sign.

10/30/2020 - A 20-year-old Festus man was arrested after he was stopped for running a red light at the intersection of Clarkson Road and Froesel Drive. The traffic stop resulted in the seizure of several thousand dollars in cash and a large quantity of illegal marijuana product packaged for sale (see picture).

11/24/2020 - A 46-year-old Park Hills man was arrested after he refused to yield to a traffic stop in reference to a larceny call at



Home Depot and traffic charges. The subject driving slowed down so a passenger exited the vehicle and then the vehicle accelerated. The vehicle violated a red electric signal and collided with the rear end of a vehicle. The male driver fled the vehicle and was chased by the officer on foot and was located laying against a house. When asked if he had any weapons, the suspected stated he had a knife in his pocket. The suspect complained of trouble breathing so an ambulance was called and responded. While still out on the call, a report of a stolen vehicle with a dog inside was reported near the area that the passenger of the vehicle had exited. The vehicle was disabled by ONSTAR and was located in Ballwin. The dog was still inside safe and unharmed. It is believed that the vehicle was stolen by the passenger that exited the vehicle.

11/26/2020 - A 29-year-old Ellisville man was arrested for Domestic Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree after he assaulted his wife, her child and her brother. The suspect became angry because his friend's wife had already made him breakfast and the suspect hadn't received his breakfast. The suspect fled the scene before the police arrived. An officer spotted the suspect later at his residence and took him into custody.

11/27/2020 - A 36-year-old Ellisville man was found by his wife struggling to breathe from a drug overdose. Metro West Fire District ambulance responded and administered 2mg of Narcan. The subject responded and was able to walk outside to the ambulance with the paramedics and was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

12/4/2020 - A 46-year-old Wildwood woman was arrested for two counts of Assault after the police received a call for a disturbance. When they arrived on the scene, they saw the suspect chasing another female and spraying her with pepper spray. The disturbance began with the suspect being upset that another customer was not wearing a proper mask in Michael's store and ended with the suspect pepper spraying two people on the parking lot. An ambulance was summoned to decontaminate the woman who was sprayed due to her face being red and having trouble opening her eyes. Another person had been sprayed before the police arrived, but he declined treatment.

12/17/2020 - A 37-year-old Ellisville man attempted suicide when he stepped into the path of a vehicle going northbound on Old State Road. The subject received a dislocated shoulder and lower back pain. The subject stated that he was worthless and wanted to end his life and asked to be shot to end it all. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment.

# 2020 ADULT ARRESTS/JUVENILE CUSTODIES

## ARRESTS

### ADULT ARREST

In 2020, police made 161 adult (17 years old or older) arrests. Of those arrests, 53 were charged with committing a felony offense and 108 were charged with a misdemeanor charge or an ordinance violation. All adult offenders were referred to the Ellisville Municipal Court or to the Missouri State Court depending on the seriousness of the charge.

### JUVENILE TAKEN INTO JUDICIAL CUSTODY

In 2020, police took into custody 3 juveniles (16 years of age or younger) offenders. All 3 were charged with an ordinance violation. Juvenile offenders are referred to the St. Louis County Family Court for review and disposition.

## Demographics of Person Arrested

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	%
13-16	0	3	3	2.00%
17-20	13	4	17	10.40%
21-29	27	16	43	26.21%
30-39	40	10	40	24.40%
40-49	18	9	27	17.00%
50-59	17	6	23	14.0%
60-69	1	0	1	0.620%
70-91	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	116	48	164	100.00%

## Residence of Person Arrested/Custody

CITY	NUMBER	%
Ballwin/Manchester/Winchester	29	17.68%
Chesterfield	11	7.00%
Ellisville	30	18.30%
Out of State	4	2.44%
St. Louis City	33	20.12%
Various Cities	45	27.44%
Wildwood/Grover	12	7.32%
Total	164	100.00%

Ellisville Police officers issued 203 summonses for offenders to appear in the Ellisville Municipal Court in 2020. Below are the types of violations and the number of summonses issued.

## Ordinance Violation Summons

Violation Category	#Summons	% of Summons	Violation Category	#Summons	% of Summons
Alcohol, Drugs-Non-Traffic	161	79.31%	Health Safety	2	0.99%
Assault	4	1.97%	Obstructing Justice, Police	9	4.43%
Damage Property	1	0.49%	Stealing, Larceny	7	3.45%
Family Offenses	2	0.99%	Trespassing	1	0.49%
Fraudulent Activities	2	0.99%	Zoning	14	6.90%
			Total	203	100.00%

# 2020 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

During the calendar year of 2020, there were 207 reported automobile collisions on state, county, municipal roadways, and private property within the City of Ellisville. This equates to a 21.12% decrease in reported collisions over 2019 when 356 motor vehicles collisions were reported. There were 207 collisions that occurred on the roadways and 56 collisions that occurred on private property. A total of 34 injury collisions occurred resulting in 48 people being injured.

## 2020 Traffic Collisions by Month

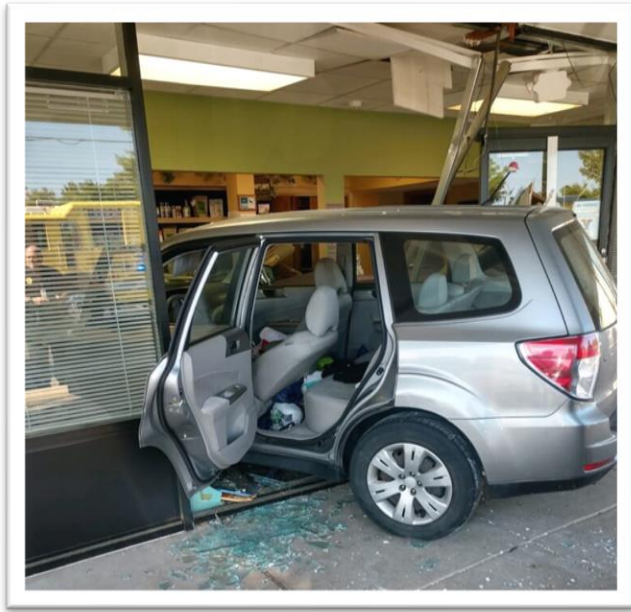
Month	Roadway	Private Prop	Total	%
January	20	6	26	9.89%
February	28	4	32	12.17%
March	12	2	14	5.32%
April	9	2	11	4.18%
May	23	0	23	8.75%
June	19	5	24	9.13%
July	12	5	17	6.46%
August	8	7	15	5.70%
September	14	7	21	7.98%
October	21	8	29	11.03%
November	14	5	19	7.22%
December	27	5	32	12.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

*\*In 2020, the most traffic accidents in a month occurred in February with 32 accidents - 28 roadway and 4 private property  
December had 32 also with 27 roadway and 5 private property.*

## Traffic Collisions by Day of Week

Day	Roadway	Private Property
Sunday	10	7
Monday	33	6
Tuesday	36	12
Wednesday	30	6
Thursday	36	8
Friday	38	10
Saturday	24	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>56</b>

*\*During 2020, most traffic collisions occurred on Friday with 48 - 38 roadway and 10 private property collisions. Tuesday had 48 also with 36 roadway and 12 private property.*



Collisions, unfortunately, are a daily occurrence in Ellisville as they are in every other city. Several factors are involved in why collisions occur and what can be done to reduce or prevent them. Many of these factors are driver related, meaning the driver has control over the factors that contribute to the cause of the collision. Other factors, like weather and traffic volume are not controllable by the drivers in our community.

Pictured: A car ran into the Tri-City Animal and Bird Clinic, located at 15646 Manchester Road on June 17. Luckily only minor injuries to driver. No animals were harmed in the store; however, a woman had a minor cut on her hand.

Collisions in Ellisville appear to have occurred primarily on major roads, as would probably be expected. The top five (5) locations for collisions to occur in Ellisville are (in order of severity):

## Top Four Locations

Location	Number of Collisions
MO 100 at CST Clarkson Road	8
MO 100 at CST Clayton Road	8
MO 100 at CST Kiefer Creek Road	6
MO 340 at CST Reinke Road	6

## Collisions by Severity

### Classification

Value	Number	Percent
Fatal	0	0.000%
Injury*	34	12.928%
Property Damage Only	229	87.072%
Total	263	100.000%

\*If a collision has both fatalities AND injuries, it is classified as a Fatal Crash

### Number of Injuries and Deaths

Value	Number
Injuries	48
Deaths	0

## Economic Loss to Community Due to Collisions

Value	Number	X	Cost
Number of Fatalities	0	1,210,000.00	\$0.00
Number of Injuries	48	62,500.00	\$3,000,000.00
Number of Property Damage Only	229	8,200.00	\$1,877,800.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,877,800.00</b>

## Probable Contributing Circumstances

Number of Collisions: 263

Number of Vehicles: 515

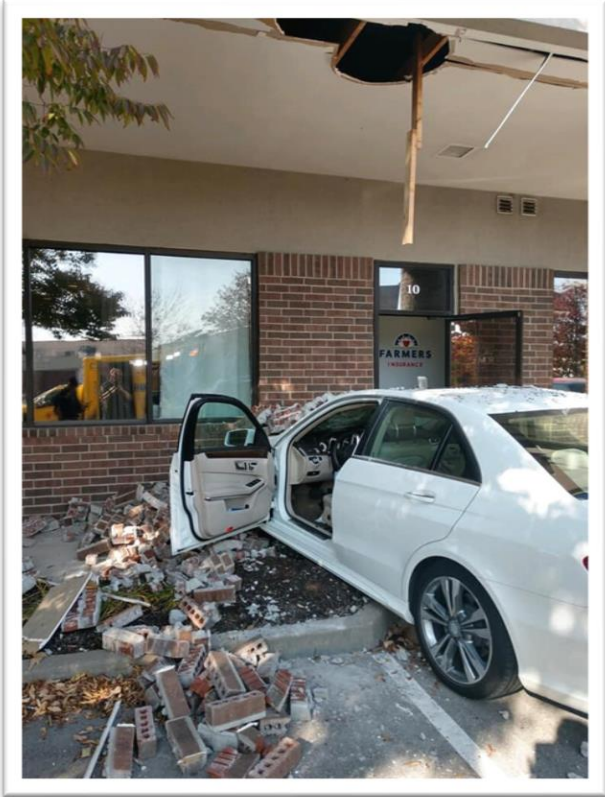
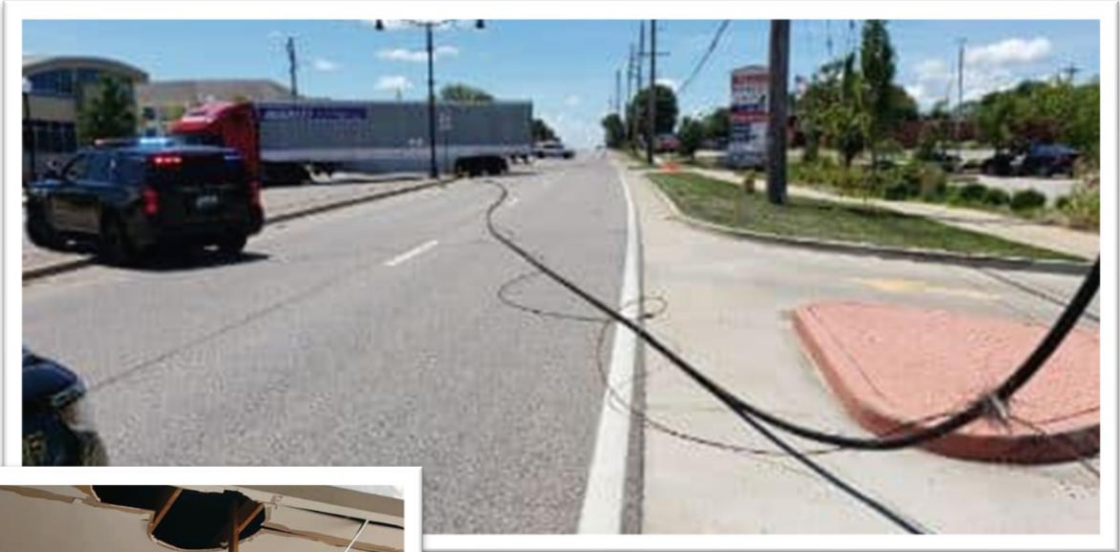
Value	Number of Vehicles
Vehicle Defects	5
Improperly Stopped on Roadway	1
Speed-Exceeded Limit	8
Too Fast for Conditions	12
Improper Passing	3
Violation Signal/Sign	6
Following Too Close	60
Improper Backing	10
Improper Turn	10
Improper Lane Usage/Change	20
Wrong Way (One-Way)	2
Improperly Parked	2
Failed to Yield	65
Alcohol	7
Drugs	1
Physical Impairment	2
Inattention	36
None	241
Vision Obstructed	8
Driver Fatigue	1
Animal(s) in Roadway	3
Other/Unknown	57

## Traffic Collisions Five Year Comparison

Location	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Collisions	263	356	376	357	405
Roadway Collisions	207	310	331	314	349
Private Property Collisions	56	46	45	43	56
Fatal Collisions	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage Only	229	304	325	318	357
Injury Accidents	48	52	51	39	48
Number Injured	34	63	62	44	70

Statistically speaking, it can be offered that you are most likely to be involved in a motor vehicle collision while in the City of Ellisville traveling on Manchester between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. in the month of February. The vehicle will most likely be driven by a non-resident and the operator will most likely be a young male between 21 and 25 years of age.

On July 26, traffic lanes of Manchester Road just west of Clarkson Road were shut down due to overhead phone lines across the roadway. The semi-truck hit the lines with the top of his semi.



On October 8, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. in the morning, an 86-year-old woman ran into the Farmers Insurance building located at 333 Ozark Trails. She did not sustain any



injuries however, her car had to be towed. No one in the building was injured.

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic enforcement is significant part of a police officer's daily activity. Proactive patrols discourage hazardous driving which reduces the amount of traffic crashes. Visible patrols also assist us with the reduction of crime as a potential criminal may be deterred by seeing patrol cars every time they enter our city.

## Traffic Stops

Ellisville Police officers issued 381 traffic citations and 1,714 warning tickets for a total of 2,095 citations issued during 2020. Listed below is a breakdown of the citations issued during traffic stops.

### Traffic Citations and Warning Tickets by the Month

Month	Traffic Citations	Warning Tickets	Total	Percentage
January	67	269	336	16.03%
February	53	373	426	20.33%
March	19	175	194	9.26%
April	6	4	10	0.47%
May	22	40	62	2.96%
June	24	176	200	9.55%
July	33	152	185	8.83%
August	34	80	113	5.40%
September	31	84	115	5.49%
October	43	139	182	8.70%
November	35	100	135	6.44%
December	14	123	137	6.54%
Total	381	1,714	2,095	100.00%

### Traffic Citation/Tickets by Violation

Violation Category	# of Citations	# of Warnings	Total	Percentage
Accidents	7	0	7	0.33%
Careless & Imprudent	0	2	2	0.95%
Child Restraint/Seat Belt Violation	7	4	11	0.52%
Defective Equipment/Inspections	1	16	17	0.81%
Driver License Violation	59	25	84	4.00%
DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic	50	11	61	2.91%
Expired Plates	0	434	434	20.71%
No Front Plate	0	57	57	2.72%
No Headlights	0	39	39	1.86%
No License Plate Light	0	17	17	0.81%
Failure to Dime Headlights	0	6	6	0.28%
Failure to Signal Lane Change	0	17	17	0.81%

Failure to Signal Turn	0	24	24	1.14%
Failure to Yield	0	4	4	0.19%
Financial Responsibility	66	0	66	3.15%
Following Too Close	0	16	16	0.76%
General Driving	10	0	10	0.47%
Improper Lane Use	11	47	58	2.76%
Improper Turn	1	29	30	1.43%
Lights - headlight/taillight/brake	4	246	250	11.93%
No Proof of Insurance	0	40	40	1.90%
Non-Traffic	0	8	8	0.38%
Non-hazardous Violation	0	17	17	0.81%
Other Hazardous Violation	0	14	14	0.67%
Parking Violation	2	13	15	0.71%
Passing Violation	1	0	1	0.05%
Registration	66	149	215	10.26%
Speeding	59	274	333	15.89%
Stop Signs/Signal Violation	30	178	208	9.92%
Traffic - Other	5	0	5	0.23%
Window Tint Violation	0	27	27	1.28%
Yield Right-of-Way	2	0	2	0.09%
Total	381	1,714	2,095	

# ANNUAL VEHICLE STOP REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Missouri state law requires that all peace officers in the state report specific information including a driver's race for each vehicle stop made in the state. Below is the required data for 2020.

TOTAL STOPS		AGE OF DRIVERS STOPPED		STOPS WITH CONTRABAND	
<b>Total Stops</b>	<b>4197</b>	Under 18	267	Contraband	113
		18 to 29	1492		
OFFICER ASSIGNMENT		30 to 39	894	TYPE CONTRABAND DISCOVERED	
General Patrol	4168	40 to 64	1321	Drugs/Paraphernalia	106
Dedicated Traffic Enforce	20	65 Plus	223	Alcohol	25
Special Assignment	9			Currency	2
		GENDER OF DRIVERS		Weapon	1
LOCATION OF STOPS		Male	2513	Stolen Property	2
Interstate Hwy	4	Female	1684	Other	3
US Hwy	159				
State Hwy	2056	DRIVER RESIDENCE		RESULT OF STOPS	
County Road	331	Residence of Jurisdiction	446	Citation	326
City Street	694			Warning	2306
Other	953	SEARCHES		Custodial Arrest	64
		Total Stops with Search	201	No Action	1627
VIOLATIONS		SEARCH PROBABLE CAUSE		Other	27
Moving	1297	Consent	134		
Equipment	1186	Suspicious Weapon	1	CIT/WARN-VIOLATION ALLEGED	
License	1774	Incident to Arrest	12	Moving	922
Investigative	122	Plain View Contraband	49	Equipment	685
		Other	3	License/Registration	1041
INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORIES		Drug Dog Alert	4		
Call for Service	38	Inventory	2	ARREST-VIOLATION ALLEGED	
Detective or Crime Bull.	1	Drugs/Alcohol	103	Outstanding Warrant	13
Officer Initiative	65			Offense Against Person	1
Other	18	What Was Searched		Resisting Arrest	2
		Driver Only	7	Drug Violation	22
RACE/MINORITY		Property Only	141	DWII/BAC	29
White	3520	Driver and Property	53	Property Crime	1
African American/Black	430			Traffic Violation	12
Hispanic/Latino	65	Search Duration		Other	2
American Indian/Alaskan	25	0-15 minutes	198		
Asian	81	16-30 minutes	3		
Other	76	Over 30 minutes	0		

# USE OF FORCE SUMMARY

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to review and analyze all incidents involving the use of force by an officer during the year of 2020 and identify patterns or trends which could indicate training needs, equipment upgrades or policy modification.

## METHOD:

This analysis was conducted by reviewing all Defensive Action Reports (DAR), which were submitted during 2020. Ellisville Police Department General Order 600-2R4 requires that in all instances where deadly or physical force are utilized, a report is made through the chain of command using this form. In each case a supervisor use of force review was conducted following the reported incident, and found that the involved officers acted within department policy and state law. The individual police reports outlining the events which led to the use of force were also reviewed as well as the body worn camera footage from all officers involved.

## SUMMARY:

There were six “use of force” incidents from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; five involved physical force only and one involved tactical control of a suspect with a firearm. Five of the six cases involved a Caucasian subject (three males and two females) and one was an African American female. A total of seven officers used force in the six incidents; all officers are Caucasian males. There were no serious injuries however, officers were assaulted in five of the six incidents. No citizen was injured during the use of force incidents.

Two of the incidents were related to a call for service related to an intoxicated person, one occurred during a domestic assault, one during a traffic stop, one during a sick case, and one during a report of an emotionally disturbed person. Four of the incidents occurred along a roadway or in a parking lot, one occurred at a residence, and one occurred on a church playground.

Two of the incidents occurred on a Saturday, two occurred on a Sunday, one occurred on a Monday, and one occurred on a Friday. All incidents occurred between the hours of 1700 - 2330. Four of the citizens were in their 20s, one was in their 40s, and one was in his 60s. Three of the seven officers who used force were patrol officers assigned to “B Squad,” two officers were assigned to “C Squad,” and one assigned to “D Squad.” One officer used force three times and four officers used force once during this time period. No batons, pepper spray, or Tasers were deployed in a use of force incident in 2020.

## FINDINGS:

Though there are many similarities, there is no pattern or trend that would indicate a flaw in policy or training. Additionally, the similarities do not identify a pattern or trend of unusual amounts of use of force for any one

officer or groups of officers. One officer used force on three separate occasions, however this particular officer was active in the categories of drug and alcohol related arrests. As a result, he was more likely to encounter and arrest a person under the influence. His use of force incidents were all defensive and based on the actions of the suspect in question. When considering that there were 24,834 calls for service and 164 arrests in calendar year 2020, and that only six (6) contacts resulted in the use of physical force by the police, this report demonstrates that officers employed by this agency are exercising above average restraint and professionalism when dealing with the public.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

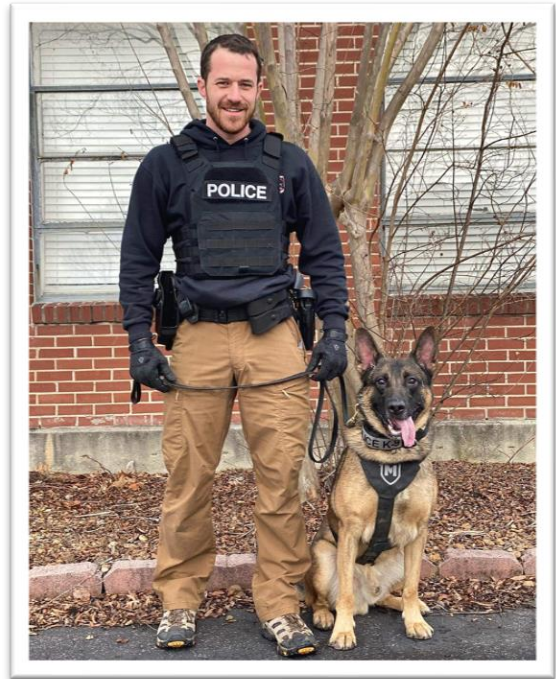
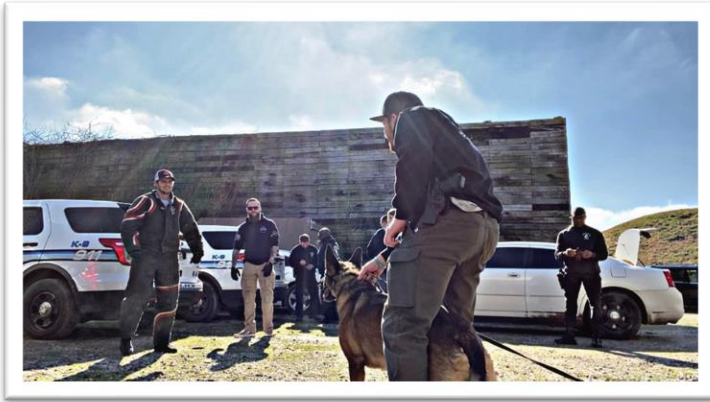
This analysis failed to identify any concerns relative the behavior of any individual officer which would exceed the norm or current patterns of conduct expected of the members of the Ellisville Police Department. Based on the results of this analysis, there are no recommendations for revisions in department policy, training, equipment, disciplinary procedures, or allocation of resources. Our agency will continue to explore and develop a high level of training for our officers. This will be achieved by dedicating a training officer to meet with our squads on a regular basis to conduct scenario-based training on our most critical incidences and related policies.

# TRAINING

The Ellisville Police Department is committed to providing educational opportunities and professional training to all police employees to meet the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). This training not only allows employees to remain certified, but also helps gain knowledge and skills needed to keep citizens safe and provide all citizens with the best service available. Each year, officers must complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education through POST. Ellisville Police employees received over 650 hours of formal instruction during 2020. Training is usually provided by the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, PoliceOne Academy, In-house training, and other POST certified and non-POST certified training, but due to COVID, most of the training was on-line this year (except weapon training). Listed below are the types of training received by Ellisville Police officers and staff. Even though a lot of our training was cancelled or postponed due to the virus, our officers were still able to receive all of their required POST training for 2020.

Training Course Name	Training Course Name
Active Shooter Preparation and Response for Schools	Handgun and Rifle Qualification and Skill Development
Active Shooter: Phases and Prevention	Identity Theft Crimes
Active Shooter: Recognition and Basic Response	Invest., Examiners, & Analysts Working Remotely-COVID
Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens	REJIS Level 019
Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement	REJIS Level 045
Anti-Harassment in the Workplace	MACTAC Tabletop Training
Arrest, Search and seizure Fourth Amendment	MULES Certification Training
Best Practices in Dangerous Canine Encounters	Of Eggplants & Umbrellas: Legal & Investigative -EMOJIS
Bomb Threats in Schools	Open Source Digital Forensics Basics
Cell Phone Technologies and Data Recovery	OSINT Made Easier: BSING BABEL Street Intel. Search
Constitutional Law	Overcoming Resistance: Start with Mental Preparation
Contraband Control	Racial Profiling for Missouri
Controlling the Situation	Social Media and Law Enforcement
COVID-19 Cond. for Collecting & Handling Digital Evidence	Suicide Prevention for Public Safety
Dealing With Stress	Surviving and Thriving in the Court Room
Defensive Driving Basics and Principles	Taking the First Steps into Windows Memory Forensics
Diversity in the Workplace	The Art of Social Engineering: Proactive Investigations
Drone Training	TOR, DARNET, and Dark Markets: Criminal Investigators
ECOATM, Support for Criminal Investigations-Mobile Devs.	Trying a DWI Case with Low or No BAC
Emergency Vehicle Operations	Understanding Facebook Search Warrant Returns
Encryption, Encoding, Inaccessible Data and Devices	Understanding Legal Marijuana
Enhancing Work Relationships	Using OSINT to Track Suspicious Cryptocurrency Activity
Field Trainer Refresher for FTO Training Challenges	What Invest. Need to Know About Hiding Proxies & VPNS
Financial Crimes Against Seniors	What is There to Know About Credit Card Fraud?
Follow the Money: Fin. Crime Investigation Case Studies	Why'd It Have to Be Snakes? Python Programming for LE

Officer Josiah Peacock and K9 partner Dark attended a week-long High-Risk Deployment training, assisting with the safety and security of both the officer and his canine partner.



## The “Murph”

On May 25, some of our officers joined patriotic workout enthusiasts across the world in completing the Murph Challenge. The “Murph” is a CrossFit workout consisting of a mile-long run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 air squats and a final mile run - all while wearing a 200-pound vest or body armor.

The challenge’s namesake is U.S. Navy SEAL Lieutenant Michael Murphy. Lieutenant Murphy died in a 2005 firefight in Afghanistan along with three of his SEAL teammates. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor. The “Murph” is a workout performed on Memorial Day to remember all who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. It’s a way of honoring lives lost with effort, sweat and pain.

The Pathfinder Church in Ellisville was kind enough to allow the officers to use their playground and equipment for the challenge.



Pictured from left to right: Officer Josiah Peacock, Officer Nelson Saucedo, his son, Ethan Saucedo, Corporal AJ Neff and Officer Jake Adams. Congratulations on a job well done.

## Other Training

Chief Steve Lewis, Captain Andy Vaughn, Captain Jeff Diehl, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant John Connor and Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie attended the MACTAC Active Shooter Tabletop Training Exercise hosted by the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management. Captain Jeff Diehl attended training provided through the

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on integrated use of force. Chief Lewis taught a law enforcement leadership course on media relations for the Town and Country Police Department Command Staff, conducted training for the Major case squad,

Don't we all wish we were as cool under pressure as Chesley Sullenberger, the pilot who carefully landed US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River in 2009, saving 155 passengers from a sure crash when the engines failed? What was his secret? What made him able to function so effectively in an emergency? Was he simply not frightened? In a CBS 60 Minutes interview, Sullenberger was quoted as saying that in the moments before the crash he experienced "the worst sickening, pit-of-your-stomach, falling-through-the-floor feeling." So, he certainly experienced fear. How did he manage to overcome it? Speaking with the news anchor Katie Couric, he said, "One way of looking at this might be that for 42 years, I've been making small, regular deposits in this bank of experience: education and training. And on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the balance was sufficient so that I could make a very large withdrawal." In other words, his competence was a combination of his rigorous Air Force training, his familiarity with safety procedures as an accident investigator, and his many hours of flight experience.

Police Departments all over the country are being criticized for most everything they do and police reform is being called for. There are no magical answers to police reform, but education, better training would help. The Ellisville Police Department strongly believes that the better an officer is trained, the better he or she can do their job.

In December, Corporal George Corless was selected by Chief Lewis to participate in a two-year Missouri Counter Terrorism Program. This program places Corporal Corless on a state terrorism training and response group. Only a few select agencies were identified to participate from across the state.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

Working in partnership with the community to support a safe environment is our goal. In order to accomplish this goal, the Ellisville Police Department enjoys opportunities to connect to the community and in turn allows the community to feel a deeper connection to their police department. Community engagement is not the job of one single division or unit within the police department, it is the entire department's job to participate in events and to get to know our community. Together we can all create a safe community to live, work and play.



Unfortunately, due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, Ellisville had to cancel or suspend a number of activities while the City of Ellisville was under a Declaration of Emergency. Most of the community engagement events such as Kid's Safety Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and National Night Out were cancelled. Department-sponsored training and all ride-a longs were suspended for a time. But somehow, our officers were still able to be involved with the community, before and after the virus interrupted some of our events,

Corporal George Corless (left) read to the students at Ridge Meadows Elementary for World Read Aloud Day on February 5. He is a favorite with the students.

Chief Steve Lewis, Captain Jeff Diehl, Lieutenant Brain Bardle, and Officer Chuck Kraus attended the annual Sportsmen's Banquet held on February 1 at the Fellowship of Wildwood (formerly the First Baptist Church of Ellisville). Every year, the Ellisville Police Department are guests of the



fellowship. This year, the guest speaker was Ralph Duren (picture left), an entertainer, humorist, wildlife impersonator, outdoorsman, two-time Grand National Wild Turkey Gobbling Champion, and first World Quail Calling Champion. He has appeared on TV and radio. Reed Low, NHL St. Louis Blues, 2000-2004, was EMCEE and

Auctioneer.

On February 2, Sergeant Nancy Walker (right) conducted a station tour for students and teachers from Rockwood Valley and LaSalle Middle Schools.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3154 enjoyed a tour of our station. They also brought Valentine's and sweets to the police officers to enjoy on Valentine's Day.



Pictured (left to right) is Chief Steve Lewis, Detective Joey Nickles, Captain Andy Vaughn, and Officer Daniel Best with the girl scouts from Brownie Troop 3154. Thank you very much for thinking of us.

Chief Steve Lewis (below) participated in "Donuts with Dudes" on March 5 at Ellisville Elementary School, spending

the morning with a student who did not have a male role model available to attend with him. His mother had contacted Chief Lewis and asked him to stand in with her son to enjoy the morning breakfast and book fair which, of course, Chief Lewis was more than happy to do. Breakfast looks delicious.



On May 12, friends and officers from surrounding departments

including Ellisville (see below picture), Missouri Highway Patrol, Wildwood, Ballwin, and the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, took part in a surprise



birthday parade for Lieutenant Colonel Bud Jones (pictured above), who turned 99 in May. Lieutenant Colonel Jones is a World War II Veteran fighter pilot and a retired Major after 40 years with the Missouri Highway Patrol. Neighbors also lined the sidewalks to see the many police vehicles. It was our honor to take part in saluting this hero both as a military officer and as a trooper.



On August 21, our officers joined Metro West Fire District in cheering on Marc Cox of the Marc Cox Morning Show on 97.1 FM Talk, as he made his promise to shave his head if he reached his goal of raising \$5,000 for the BackStoppers®. BackStoppers provides ongoing needed financial assistance and support to the spouses and dependent children of all police officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs in our area, who have lost their lives in the line of duty. In addition to supporting families of fallen heroes, BackStoppers provide assistance to first responders who suffer a catastrophic injury performing their duty.

Mr. Cox was able to raise over \$10,000 for this great cause! Thank you, Mr. Cox for your support, you look great!

Pictured from left to right: Officer Chuck Kraus, Officer Josiah Peacock and K9 Dark, Corporal Jim Corbett, Mr. Cox, and Metro West Fire Chief Mike Krause.



On August 25, the Ellisville Police Department staff was visited by Tabby, a trained LCC (Lutheran Church Charities) K9 Comfort Dog with the St. Paul Lutheran Church located in Des Peres. She and her handlers came by the department to show support for the police and to let us know they are here for us any time we would need her. Our officers, municipal court staff and prosecuting attorney's staff enjoyed the visit very much.

LCC K9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need.

The LCC K9 Comfort Dogs serve every day in the community in which they are placed and are dispatched in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers. Tabby is a very good comfort dog and very well trained.



Thank you Tabby! Pictured from left to right: Ellisville Assistant Court Clerk Marilee Ruch, Ellisville Court Clerk Joanna Fiehler, Ellisville Police Officer Sergeant Nancy Walker, Tabby, and Ellisville Prosecuting Attorney's Assistant Pam Jaeger.



On August 28 from 3:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Dogwood Social House hosted a BackStoppers® Fundraiser attended by Ellisville Police Chief Steve Lewis and Corporal George Corless. On September 15, Chief Lewis (right) and Metro West Fire Chief Mike Krause (left) presented Chief Ron Battelle (center) of BackStoppers a \$10,000 check donated by Dogwood Social House. It did not take long for the Dogwood Social House to become an incredible member of our community. Thank you, Dogwood Social House, for donating to BackStoppers

On August 30, our police officers represented our community in the Law Enforcement Parade that took place



before the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 race at the World-Wide Technology Raceway in Fairmont City, IL.

Approximately 100 police vehicles took two laps around the track. One lap was taken in silence as the names of area law enforcement officers who lost their life in the line of duty were displayed on the

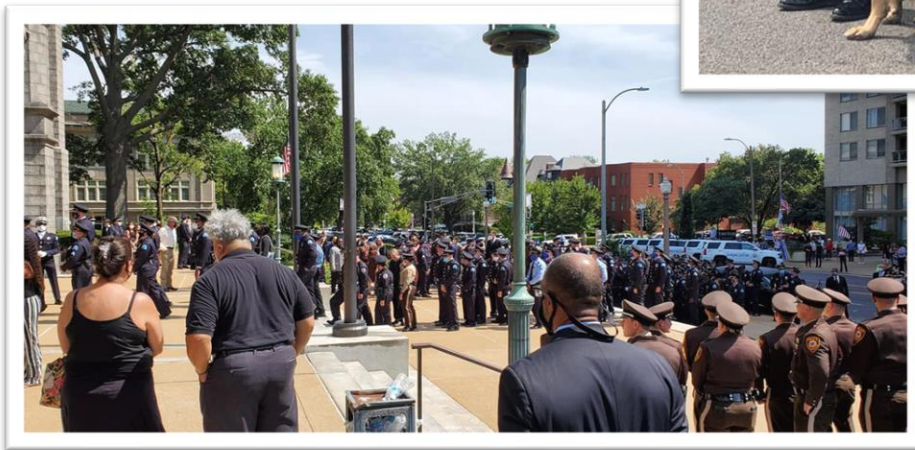
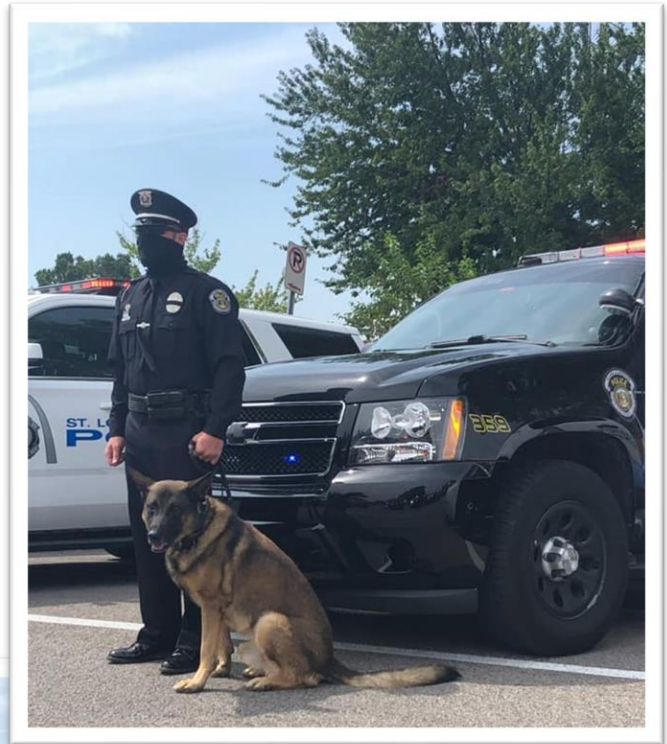
main screen while the song Amazing Grace was played.

The second lap was taken with their lights and sirens activated. It was an honor for our agency to participate in this event and we appreciate the incredible show of support from World Wide Technology and the Bommarito Automotive Group.

On September 6, Officer Josiah Peacock and K9 Dark represented the Ellisville Police Department by attending the funeral for St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Tamarris Bohannon.

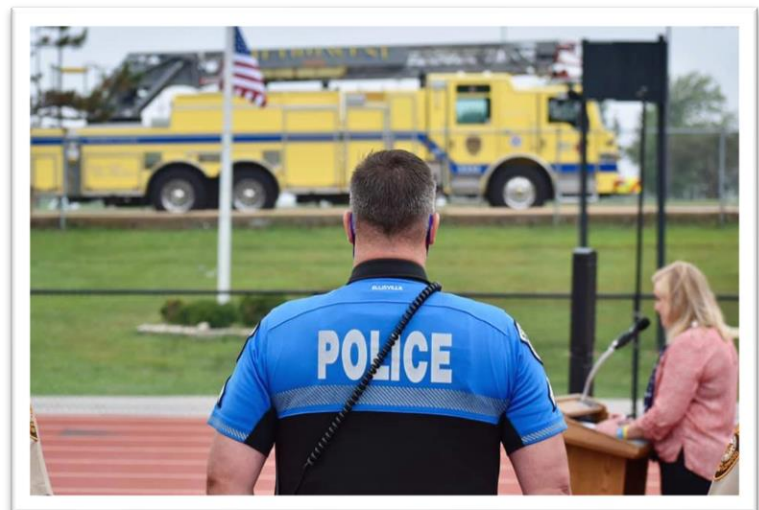
Officer Bohannon was shot while responding to a call August 29, 2020 in the Tower Grove South neighborhood, he died the next day. The suspect was caught and has been charged with first-degree murder and other criminal charges.

Our prayers remain with his family and friends. We will never forget his sacrifice.



Corporal George Corless along with St. Louis County Wildwood police officers and Metro West Fire Department attended the 9/11 ceremony held at Lafayette High School located at 17050 Clayton Road in Wildwood. The ceremony was conducted by the Missouri 81<sup>st</sup> Junior Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps. With the student body noticeably absent due to virtual learning, Lafayette High School chose to hold the remembrance ceremony to honor those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Pictured is Corporal Corless listening to Karen Calcaterra, Principal of Lafayette High School speak. Picture courtesy of the Metro West Fire Department.



On September 26, Corporal Corless and his daughter joined the Ellisville Elementary Tigers team and hit the trails for the Pedal for the Cause in the fight against cancer. Corporal Corless and his daughter rode in honor of Angela Corbett, wife of another Ellisville Officer, Corporal Jim Corbett. Mrs. Corbett recently rang the bell in her fight against cancer. We are more than a department, we are a family.

All money raised stays in the community at Siteman Cancer Center and Siteman Kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital and funds ground-breaking research.

"I am proud to join Pedal the Cause in the fight against cancer. Pedal the Cause is more than the region's largest cancer fundraiser, it's a way of life, a celebration, a family and a movement fueled by the courage to end cancer" stated Corporal Corless. Picture as seen on the Ellisville Police Department Facebook.



Corporal George Corless stopped by to say "hi" and congratulations to our friend, Jamie Eyrich, on his work anniversary at McDonalds. He was presented with one of our face covering gaiters.

Anyone that has gone to McDonalds in Ellisville, knows Jamie and how dedicated and caring he is. Jamie has been a fixture at McDonalds for 30 years and has had several articles written about him. He even had Louie, mascot for the St. Louis Blues, drop in and surprise him at work.

Jamie is deaf, but hasn't let that stop him from doing a great job at McDonalds, even being recognized for his good work. Jamie collects pins as you can see from his hat in the picture and even has his own Mc.Bobblehead! Congratulations on so

many years of making people smile. The Ellisville Police Department is proud to call him our friend.

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*On October 5, Jaime posted on his Facebook page - Gotta Love the Ellisville Police !!!! As George pulled up to my window, his order is taken care of as he is working. But then he said "I want to pay for the person behind me." So he hands me his card, then I swiped it and hand his card back. Then this retired disabled veteran pulled up to my window. I explained to him that the cop ahead of you has paid for your order. All of sudden he started to cry and said "He did? No one has ever done that to me." I said "He's one of my favorite cops and he has been in the army before he became the best police here." He said "God bless his family."*

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This is what our community means to the police department. Great interactions and great friends.

Ellisville Parks and Recreation sponsored a Porch Decorating Contest in 2020. They invited Ellisville residents and businesses to join in on the fun and decorate their porch or patio. The contest ran from September 16 to October 30. Pictured is the Ellisville Police Department's decorated "porch." The police department became "Spiderville" with all the spiders climbing all over the police station. Restoration Alley business won the People's Choice award and the police department won the Judge's Choice award for best decorated business.



On October 22, Chief Steve Lewis attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Bluebird Park Amphitheater roof structure along with Ellisville mayor, council members and other dignitaries. The structure over the amphitheater is the first phase of the amphitheater renovation project. The structure will enhance the original brick backdrop constructed

over 30 years ago. The project is primarily being funded by a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission. Planning Design Studios provided planning and design services and Hoff Construction started construction over the winter, with an anticipated completion by the spring of 2021 in time for the Bluebird Park Summer Concert Season.

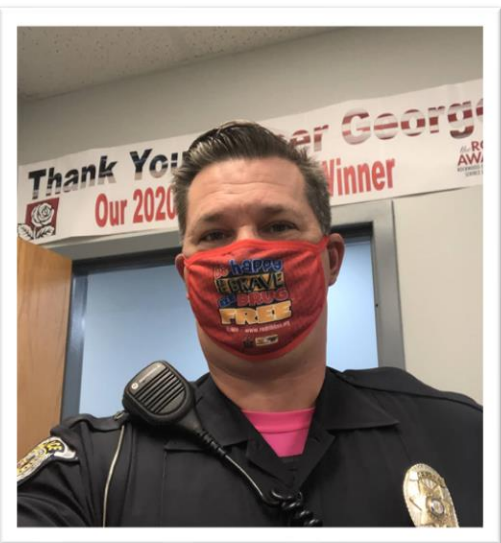


On October 22, Corporal George Corless (pictured right) and Officer Josiah Peacock assisted with the Ellisville Elementary Drive Thru Halloween Parade and helped direct over 440 cars through the streets and school property. The event took place between 4:45 p.m.

and 5:45 p.m. and the route the parents took was the normal parent pick up line. Teachers and staff dressed up in Halloween costumes and greeted the students and parents along the route. Social distancing was followed by all that attended the event. Pictured on page 64 is Dr. Allison Loy, Principal of Ellisville Elementary School and Mr. Brian Gentz, the Assistant Principal of Ellisville Elementary School who dressed as rock stars.

The Ellisville Police Department once again partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to dispose of unwanted medication. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day sponsored by DEA was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellisville Police Station. In order to comply with COVID-19 precautions, the collection took place on the parking lot of the police station and participants were asked to wear mask if within six feet of others. Reserve Officers Stephen Heidke and Chad Green were on hand to help collect the drugs. A total of 211 pounds of unwanted drugs were transported to the DEA for disposal. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day brought in nearly a million pounds of unused, expired, and unwanted medications across the country, the largest amount ever collected in the program's ten years.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The Ellisville Police Department is also a DEA Authorized Collector year-round. The department has an authorized container in the lobby of the police station so residents may drop off unwanted pharmaceuticals all year long.



Corporal George Corless joined the Rockwood School District in celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 26-30, the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation.

Rockwood invited our department to participate in spreading the word about Red Ribbon Week by taking a selfie wearing the mask that Rockwood provided and sharing on our own social media with #RedRibbonWeek. Corporal Corless was happy to oblige to help get the word out.

On Friday, December 18, "Buddy the Cop" (Corporal George Corless) made the rounds at Ellisville Elementary School and Ridge Meadows Elementary School to visit.

The number one question asked of Buddy that day was, "Did you find your dad?" We're happy to report that Buddy did in fact find his dad and that he was in New York helping spread the holiday cheer. See picture to left.



Buddy also stopped by McDonalds to hang out with "Santa Jamie" at the drive thru window. Everyone loves to see Buddy. See picture to the right.



Chief Lewis, Corporal George Corless, and Officer Josiah Peacock attended the Ellisville

Elementary Appreciation luncheon. Officer Peacock and K9 Dark presented a school program to the students. See above picture.

Officer Josiah Peacock and K9 Dark stopped by to wish a happy birthday to Henry who turned nine years old on December 28. The police department hopes he enjoyed the visit and had a great day. See picture to right.



# D.A.R.E.

## D.A.R.E. KEEPIN' IT REAL

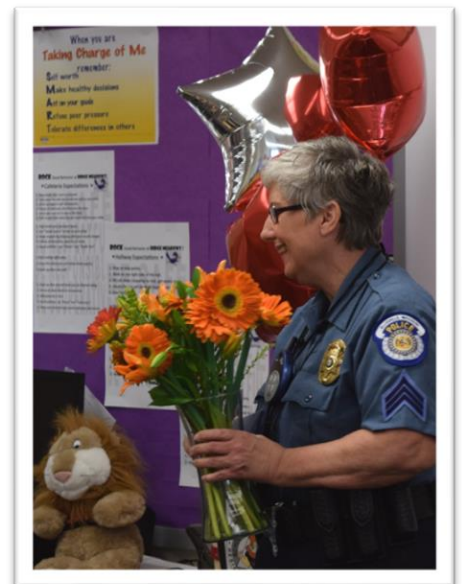
For the past 30 years, Sergeant Nancy Walker had the privilege of teaching the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to the fifth-grade students at Ellisville Elementary School, Ridge Meadows Elementary School, St. John Lutheran School, and St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. D.A.R.E.'s *keepin' it REAL* elementary



school curriculum provides students instruction that helps prevent drug use by developing basic, core skills needed for safe and responsible choices...skills that extend well beyond drugs to healthy and mature choices in life.



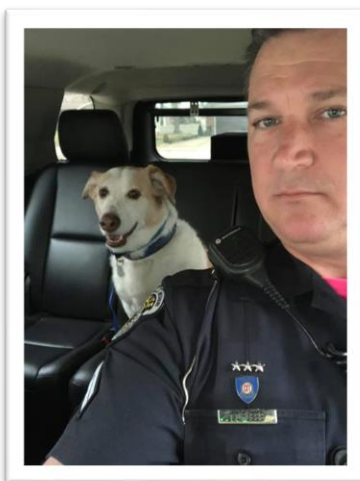
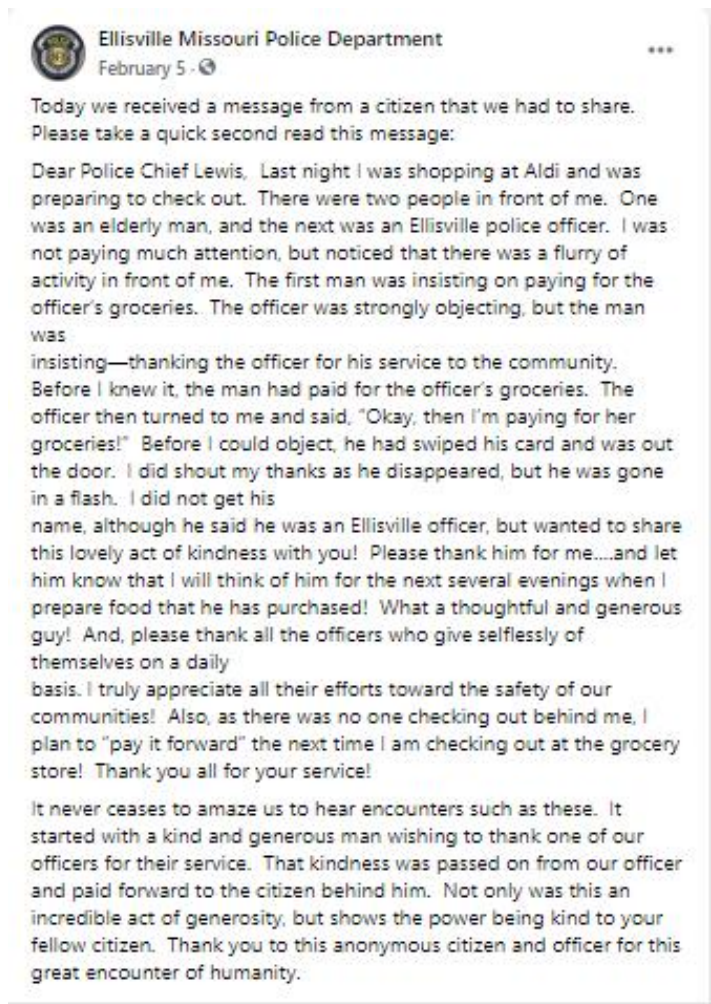
Due to the Coronavirus disrupting the 2020 school year, Sergeant Walker was unable to finish teaching D.A.R.E. to the students at Ridge Meadows Elementary and St. Clare of Assisi. Unfortunately, the D.A.R.E. program is being phased out in the Rockwood School District, so 2020 was the last year that Sergeant Walker was able to teach D.A.R.E. Rockwood School District is embarking on a new school program teaching life skills for the 2020-2021 school year. The new program will also be taught by officers and will be the same number of hours as the D.A.R.E. program. A few pictures during the years that Sergeant Walker taught D.A.R.E.



# SOCIAL MEDIA

To reach a larger audience in today's fast-paced world, the Ellisville Police Department uses Facebook and Twitter as tools to help connect to our community. Social media is an economical and effective way to inform the community about current events, issue warnings and share real-time information that protects the public in time of emergencies such as bad weather or traffic issues. Social media can also be used to solicit public support in reporting crime by creating public awareness and encouraging citizens to report suspicious activity. It is important that police departments are able to communicate information to the public in a timely manner.

In addition to sharing information and tracking illegal activities, social media can also improve the public perception of law enforcement. Social media provides an avenue to help show the community our police officers in a more personable way. By using social media, we have a positive representation of our department. We also have improved community communication and effective community policing. On February 5, the department received this message from a citizen that we shared on Facebook. →



On October 20, Corporal George Corless found this doggy on Greiner Court near the intersection of Palm Bay and Reinke Road. His chip was un-registered, but after posting his picture on the Ellisville Police

Facebook page, Georgie (dog's name, not Corporal Corless) was reunited with his owner.



# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

## Officer Chuck Kraus

On January 15, at the city council meeting, Officer Chuck Kraus was awarded a Chief's Commendation as well as a Lifesaving Award for his actions that helped save the life of a citizen. Officer Kraus received a call for an individual having a medical emergency. Upon arrival, Officer Kraus recognized that the gentleman was experiencing a traumatic cardiac event. Officer Kraus initiated CPR and was able to sustain the gentleman's life until the arrival of Metro West Fire and EMS. The citizen made a full recovery thanks to Office Kraus' efforts. Pictured left to right is Captain Jeff Diehl and Officer Kraus.



## Corporal George Corless

On March 4, Corporal George Corless was surprised with the official notification that he was a 2020 recipient of the prestigious Rockwood Rose Award. The Rockwood Outstanding Service in Education award is bestowed upon individuals who show excellence of character, performance, leadership, and service to the Rockwood School

### ROSE Awards

- Welcome from Dr. Miles
- Teachers of the Year
- Cornerstone
- Retirees
- Service Awards
- Congratulation Messages for Awardees and Retirees

A video player showing a scene from an awards ceremony. A man in a blue police uniform (Corporal George Corless) is walking through a crowd of people, including children and other officers. He is holding a large red award certificate. The video player has a title 'ROSE Award Recipients' and a 'Copy link' button. The video progress bar shows 4:25 / 5:37.

MORE VIDEOS

4:25 / 5:37

YouTube

District. Corporal Corless was joined by friends, fellow officers, and family as Ellisville Elementary School held a

parade in his honor and he received his ROSE pin. This was part of the video that was posted on the Rockwood School District's website.

All the award winners were to be formally recognized at a dinner on May 3, unfortunately, due to the COVID-19



pandemic, Rockwood School District could not hold their annual ROSE Awards ceremony. Corporal Corless received his ROSE award on October 16 at the Ellisville Elementary School.

Corporal Corless also received a Letter of Appreciation for rescuing several baby fawns, whose mother was killed by a vehicle. On June 9, a doe was struck and killed near the intersection of Manchester



Road and Old State Road. However, the two fawn she was pregnant with were wrapped up and transported to Ellisville Veterinary Hospital. Thank you, Ellisville Veterinary Hospital, for their help in caring for the injured deer and stabilizing care, and finding shelter for the fawns. Thanks to Corporal Corless for his compassion and quick action on rescuing the two young fawns.

## Officer Zach Dorton

Officer Zach Dorton was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for an investigation and arrest of a suspect who left the scene of an accident.

## Corporal Jim Corbett and Officer Matt Kenney

Corporal Jim Corbett and Officer Matt Kenney received letters from citizens thanking them for their caring and compassion during very trying times. Corporal Corbett's letter was from a 17-year old girl who lost her 13-year old sister, and Officers Kenney's letter was from a hospice patient. Both letters lauded the officers' caring and compassion.

## Officer Josiah Peacock

Officer Peacock received a letter of thanks from the Chesterfield Police Department for his and K9 Dark's responses to assist their officers with the apprehension of subjects wanted for stealing and drug crimes.

# BEST COMMUNITY EVER!

The support and generosity of our community has been heartwarming. We want to thank everyone who showed

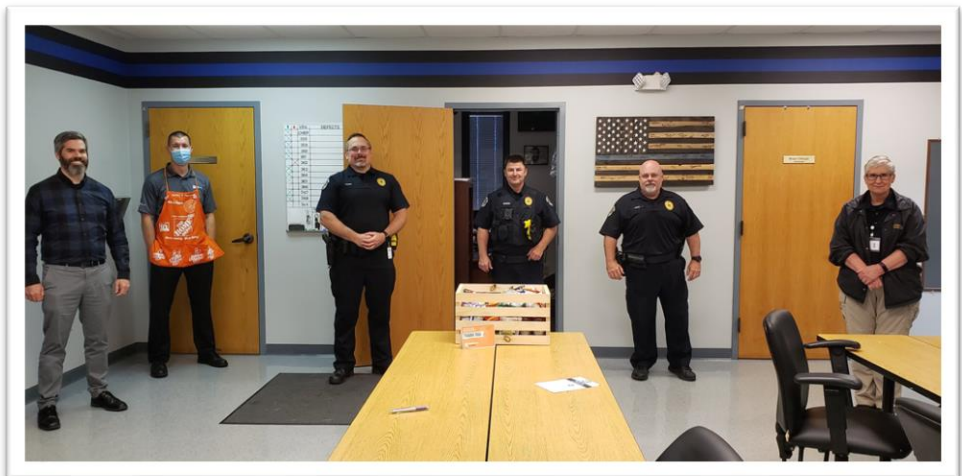
us how much they appreciate us. This means a lot, more so now with everything that occurred in 2020. We weren't able to get pictures from everyone, but that doesn't mean they meant any less to us.



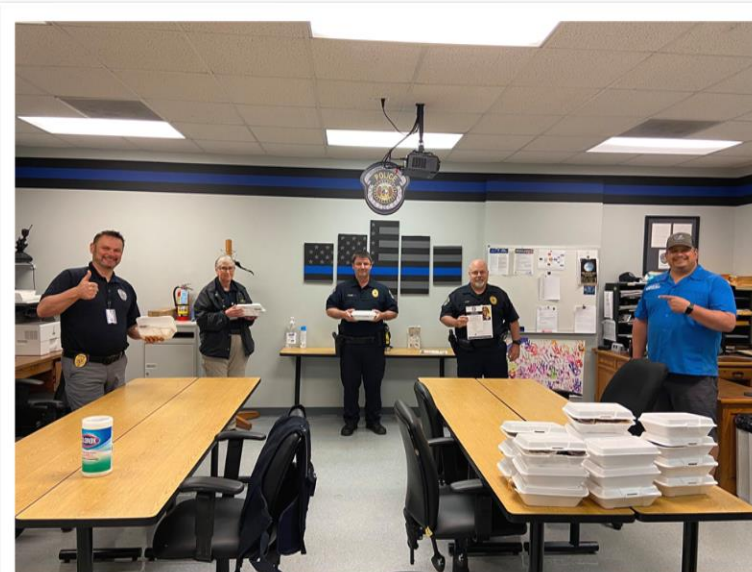
Thank you to the Ellisville Home depot for their donation of the hard to come by N95 masks. Their generosity helps our officers be safe while they continue to protect our community. Our officers practiced social distancing when they picked up the masks from Home Depot. Pictured is Officer Chuck

Kraus with Home Depot employees.

As if donating safety masks weren't enough, Home Depot dropped off a basket of treats for our officers. We are very lucky to be partners with a great company as Home Depot. Pictured are officers



Detective Paul Keller, Captain Andy Vaughn, Lt. John Connor, Chief Steve Lewis and Sergeant Nancy Walker.



The St. Louis Police Foundation donated food to every police department, fire department, EMS, dispatch center and first responders in our area. They brought food for the officers four Wednesdays in a row from restaurants such as Super Smokers BBQ and Big Chief Grill. The food was delicious and we appreciated it very much.



On July 7<sup>th</sup>, officers and staff were treated to breakfast from Missouri State Representatives Bruce DeGroot (District 101), Derek Grier (District 100) and Dottie Bailey (District 110), who delivered the food personally to our police station. We enjoyed a tasty breakfast from Chick-fil-A and great conversation with the representatives. They wanted to stop by and visit with police employees and let us know they support the police during these trying times. The food and assurance were truly appreciated. Pictured from left to right: Corporal Ryan Schneider, Representative Dottie Bailey, Representative Derek Grier, Corporal George Corless, Detective Paul Keller, Representative Bruce DeGroot, Chief Steve

Lewis, Captain Andy Vaughn, Executive Assistant Aimee Brand, and Detective Joey Nickles.

PM BBQ located on Manchester Road in Ellisville, dropped off lunch for our officer. The reason? They wanted to thank our department for all that we do for the community. We want to thank them for the delicious BBQ. Officers couldn't wait to dig in. Thank you, PM BBQ! Pictured left to right is Detective Paul Keller, Lieutenant Brian



Gillaspie, Paul Lamers, Captain Andy Vaughn, and Detective Joey Nickles.

Bridge Bread Bakery delivered a sweet batch of cinnamon rolls to our officers. As you can see in the picture, Officer Josiah Peacock and Officer Chuck Kraus thoroughly enjoy them.



Bridge Bread Bakery located in St. Louis, is a non-profit social enterprise that provides supportive employment to people without safe and stable housing. Through meaningful work they become valued, contributing members of our community Thank you Bridge Bread Bakery

for the delicious rolls and for helping the community.

State Farm Agent Troy Pieper from Troy Pieper Insurance Agency Inc. located on Westwoods Business Park in



Ellisville brought gift cards from local restaurants for each of our officers. Cards were from local restaurants such as Walnut Grill, Mulligans and Chic-fil-A. Another wonderful Ellisville businessman who wanted to show his appreciated to our police department. Thank you, Mr. Pieper for all your support now, in the past and in the future. Pictured from left to right: Officer Daniel Best, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Captain Jeff Diehl, Mr. Pieper, Detective Joey Nickles, Chief Steve Lewis and Detective Paul Keller.

On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Alibi 25 located on Clayton Road in Ellisville, provided lunch for our officers. They brought delicious wings and salad. They support us 100% and we appreciate our businesses in Ellisville very much.



Pictured left to right is Lieutenant John Connor, Denise Gestring, Bill Herr, Officer Samm Povich, and Aimee Brand.

All-Star Trophy in Ellisville generously donated to each officer and staff member, a Polar Camel 16 oz. Tervis mug personalized with their name and the Ellisville Police logo on them. Mayor Mike Roemerman was contacted by All-Star Trophy and arranged to bring the mugs to the police station. Pictured from right to left on page 73: Mayor

Roemerman, City Manager Bill Schwer, Aimee Brand, Detective Paul Keller, Corporal Travis Detring, Chief Steve Lewis, Lieutenant John Connor, Corporal George Corless, Detective Joey Nickles, Captain Jeff Diehl, Captain Andy Vaughn, and Officer Samm Povich.

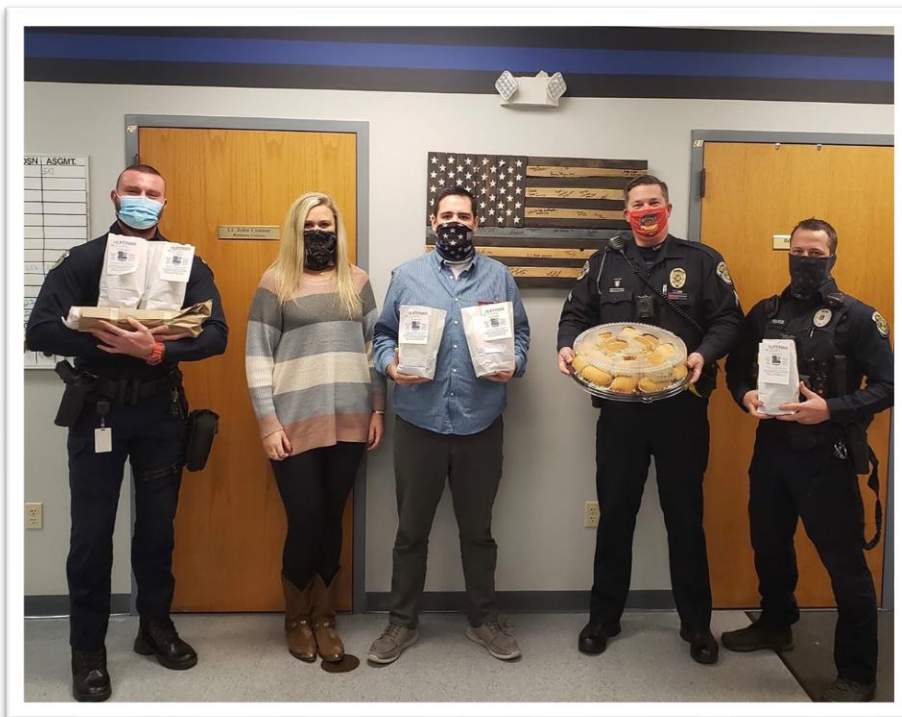


We want to thank All-Star Trophy for their continued support and generosity.



Meramec Valley Bank located on Clarkson Road in Ellisville, has provided lunch for the Ellisville Police Department every year on 9/11 in appreciation for our service. We want to thank Senior Vice President Jim Jones who personally brought the food to our police station and continues to support our department. Pictured left to right: Officer Samm Povich, Corporal Travis Detring, Officer Josiah Peacock, Mr. Jones, Officer Jake Adams, Detective Paul Keller, Executive Assistant Aimee Brand, and Sergeant Nancy Walker.

Thank you to the Pathfinder Church in Ellisville for providing donuts for our officers on October 19. The donuts were hand delivered to the police station by the owner of The Donut Palace located on Clarkson Road in Ellisville. Pictured right is Ann Saladin, owner of The Donut Palace and Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie. We appreciate your continuing support for our officers and of course, we appreciate the delicious donuts!



On December 4, a generous family dropped off these wonderful gift baskets full of treats. We are blessed to serve in an incredible community! Middle picture is Officer Nick Lawrence and Officer Samm Povich.

On December 15, the owners of Huffman Jewelers brought food to the police station for our officers and staff. Thank you to our friends at Huffman Jewelers for the generous food donation. We really appreciate it. Pictured on

page 75 are Officer Samm Povich, Corporal George Corless and Officer Josiah Peacock with Kelly and Brenden Huffman.



On December 16, Westview Living Center brought a big tray of delicious cookie to the police station. They dressed up in festive wear to say thank you to our officers. Pictured with the employees of Westview is Officer Nick Lawrence, Detective Joey Nickles and Detective Paul Keller. Love this time of year!

## Special Note

Many thanks to our citizens who generously drop off goodies such as brownies, water, chips, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, fruit, cards, granola bars, slim jims, sandwiches, cakes, and of course donuts for our officers on a monthly basis and on special holidays. We cannot express how much this means to both the officers and staff at the police department. We also would like to thank the Men's Ministry Team for inviting our officers to your New Community Church Men's Breakfast each month.

# POLICE OFFICERS' PRAYER

*As I go about my duty, God,  
Every step along the way,  
Help me make a difference  
In this world each passing day.  
Give me a heart to be concerned,  
A mind that knows what is right,  
Give me the eyes and ears to see and hear  
The truth as in Your sight.  
Give me protection from things unseen,  
Strength to face each test,  
Help me to stand for law and order,  
To daily do my best.  
Give me the courage to defend the weak,  
Compassion for those oppressed  
Help me lift up the ones who have stumbled,  
Give a hand to those who are distressed.  
Give me grace to face my final hour,  
To give my life in service.  
Let your strong hand and living heart  
Protect the ones that I hold dearest.*