

# 2021 Annual Report

"For the City We Serve"

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Chief Scott Shoemaker

2021 was another year controlled by Covid-19 but there was some good news, schools remained in session, vaccinations were released in February, and we returned to our pro-active policing style that had been dampened in 2020. That year saw the lowest number of calls for service since, at least, 1993. I am proud of our accomplishments in 2021. A few of those are detailed in this report.



Our police department worked extremely hard to continue to reduce crime in our city. Our reportable crime to the federal government dropped 15% compared to 2020 numbers. Officers increased traffic enforcement by 25%. We believe there is a strong correlation between the amount of traffic stops and the reduction in crime. The best way that the public sees the police working is when the red and blue emergency lights are visible. The criminals see it too.

It was an exciting year in terms of training. Our main goal for 2021 was to increase the amount of training related to mental health situations. Our agency purchased a virtual reality system from Wrap Reality thanks to a generous donation from the Center Township Trustees Office. This new, state-of-the-art system will train officers in de-escalation and use of force. Thanks to the United Way, we received a grant to start the first Critical Incident Stress Management Coalition with Healthy Communities and started an internal Peer Support Team.

Every day, the employees of the Frankfort Police Department come to work to serve this great city. Many of them work without applause and most of them know, at any time, they could get seriously hurt or killed in the line of duty. Please continue to support your police officers while we continue to train in best-practices to ensure we have every tool available to meet any situation.



## 2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Zachary Nichols joined the department in 2018. Since then he has been a leader in our patrol and training divisions. His expertise has proven invaluable. Congratulations, Officer Nichols!



## FPD LINE OF DUTY DEATH

AMOS HAMILTON

OCTOBER 12, 1929



## REPORT PREPARED BY:

Chief Scott Shoemaker  
Deputy Chief James Skinner  
Administrator Colleen Moore

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Captain Cesar Muñoz was awarded the Police Meritorious Service Medal for his work with a suicidal female in August 2021. The female had a firearm to her chest and wanted to end her own life. Due to Captain Muñoz's quick crisis intervention work, the female removed herself from that situation. She was safely transported to the hospital and is alive today to tell her story. In his nomination, an officer wrote: "Captain Munoz immediately recognized a highly charged incident where his quick, decisive, and compassionate actions resulted in a positive outcome. Law enforcement officers are often overlooked for the good they so I would like to take this opportunity to call attention to the exemplary acts of Captain Munoz on August 12, 2021."



Officer Zach Nichols was awarded the Police Medal of Bravery for his heroic actions in August 2021. Officer Nichols performed with life saving skill on top of a residential rooftop in the city. A man in mental crisis was attempting to harm himself when Officer Nichols quickly brought the man safely into his custody. This occurred as the man attempted to push Officer Nichols off of the roof. A four-hour standoff ended by Officer Nichols leaping over a pitched roof and holding onto the man to prevent him from rolling off the roof. The individual was taken by ambulance to the hospital to receive necessary medical treatment.



*"Bravery is the ability to look fear and hurt in the face and say move aside, you are in the way." Melissa Tumino*



## RANK AND FILE

Chief	Scott Shoemaker	09/02/06
Deputy Chief	James Skinner	02/18/80
Detective Major	Jason Albaugh	02/20/96
Detective Captain	William Hackerd	08/29/87
Captain	Brady Sorrells	09/10/12
Captain	Cesar Munoz	09/10/12
Lieutenant	Evan Hall	03/25/13
Lieutenant	Joshua Ruben	02/25/16
Sergeant	Thomas Dillingham	03/17/11
Sergeant	Jeremy Rushton	01/14/08
Sergeant	Lance Pickrell	11/24/14
Sergeant/K-9	Christopher Salaba	09/04/17
Detective	Chad Walker	01/20/07
Detective	Eric Booth	03/06/94
Detective	Joshua Danner	08/20/05
Patrol Officer	Michael Cesare	03/06/94
Patrol Officer	Jacob Myers	07/14/98
Patrol Officer/SRO	Robert Hession	07/06/99
Patrol Officer	Glenn Talbot	10/01/02
Patrol Officer/SRO	Mark Schilling	08/20/05
Patrol Officer/K-9	Beau Smith	04/15/14
Patrol Officer	Marisol Douglass	11/24/14
Patrol Officer	Mitchell Cottrell	05/13/15
Patrol Officer	Kaleb Thompson	05/13/15
Patrol Officer/K-9	Andrew Snyder	08/04/16
Patrol Officer	Zachary Nichols	04/23/18
Patrol Officer	Jordyn Kuglarz	05/21/18
Patrol Officer	Blake Ramos	10/22/18
Patrol Officer	Dallas Snell	01/21/19
Patrol Officer	Brett Waggoner	09/09/19
Patrol Officer	Charles Baetz	03/16/20
Patrol Officer	Brett Dale	05/26/20
Patrol Officer	Freddy Martinez	07/13/20
Patrol Officer	Madison Douglass	08/22/20
Reserve Officer	Ryan Weaver	08/04/16
Code Enforcement	Jay Large	05/02/16
Code Enforcement	Edward Russell	06/02/20
Maintenance	Kerry Harshbarger	05/13/02
Administrative Specialist	Charity Keller	12/28/07
System Administrator	Colleen Moore	12/24/07

## GRANTS

In 2021, FPD received a grand total of \$105,418

\$16,371 CHIRP

CHIRP (Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program) utilizes federal dollars provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to fund overtime projects. Officers who work the grant conduct highly visible traffic enforcement during various times of the year.

\$31,547 JAG

JAG is short for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. In 2021, the funding was used to purchase new portable radios.

\$10,000 Clinton County United Way and Eli-Lilly– Mental Health

\$40,000 Center Township Trustee – Virtual Reality

\$1500 Eagles of Frankfort for K9 and SWAT

\$1000 NHK Seating for K9

\$5000 Good Oil Company for K9



## CROSSING GUARDS

**Robert Mitchell**

**Jeff O'Brien**

**Patricia Manion**

**Susie Rynearson**

Intern- Eriana Ivansiecko– Purdue University



## TRAINING



### 2021 Instructors

Mitchell Cottrell– Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations/  
Generalist/Field Training Officer

Joshua Danner– Emergency Vehicle Operations/ Generalist

Zachary Nichols– Firearms/ Generalist

Lance Pickrell– Physical Tactics/ Generalist /Field Training  
Officer

Jeremy Rushton– Physical Tactics/ Generalist/Field Training  
Officer

Brady Sorrells– Firearms/ Field Training Officer/Generalist

Brett Dale– Generalist/STOPS

Our instructors work extra hours in planning and overseeing training throughout the year. In 2021, FPD officers had 2,799.5 hours of training. Without these instructors and their commitment to training, our officers would not meet their annual requirement. The average officer has well over the annual training required by the state. The average training is 45 hours per officer.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT STATS

The Code Enforcement Division is staffed with two officers who divide the city in half. One officer patrols the north side of Clinton Street and the other, the south side. In 2021, Code Enforcement Officers created 1,336 incidents that resulted in 572 citations and 799 warnings. Downtown parking accounted for 118 of the annual citations. Code enforcement is responsible for property maintenance in regards to trash and debris, parking violations, junk vehicles, grass complaints etc. Some of their time is spent in city court as well as working with the Clerk-Treasurer's office and City Attorney to file lien paperwork. The officers work Monday through Friday and are under the direction of Deputy Chief Skinner.



## NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM/RECORDS DIVISION

Frankfort Police have been transmitting crime data to the FBI on an annual basis. Starting January 2021, all police departments are required to use the new National Incident Based Reporting System. Our records division, headed by Systems Administrator Moore has been voluntarily transmitting this information since 2019.

2021 saw another reduction of crime by 15%. Calls for service were up 560 calls from 2020 to 11,093 in 2021. Gun permits were down to 235 in 2021 from 245 in 2020.

2021	Reported	2020	Reported
Homicide	0 (Same)	Homicide	0
Rape	6 (Same)	Rape	6
Robbery	3(Down 57%)	Robbery	7
Assault	161 (Down 4%)	Assault	167
Burglary	36 (Down 37%)	Burglary	57
Larceny-Theft	230(Down 16%)	Larceny-Theft	275
Motor Vehicle Theft	21 (Down 9%)	Motor Vehicle Theft	23

## Department Data

### By the numbers:

**Incidents: 11,093**

**Collisions: 405**

**Traffic Stops: 5,151**

**Citations: 756**

**Warnings: 1341**

**Adult Arrests: 878**

**Juvenile Arrests: 131**

**Fleet Mileage: 414,615**

**Sworn Officers: 34**

**Office Staff: 2**

**Maintenance: 1**

**Code Enforcement: 2**

**Crossing Guards: 4**

**Budget: \$4 million**

**Use of Force Reports: 0**

**Use of Force Complaints: 0**





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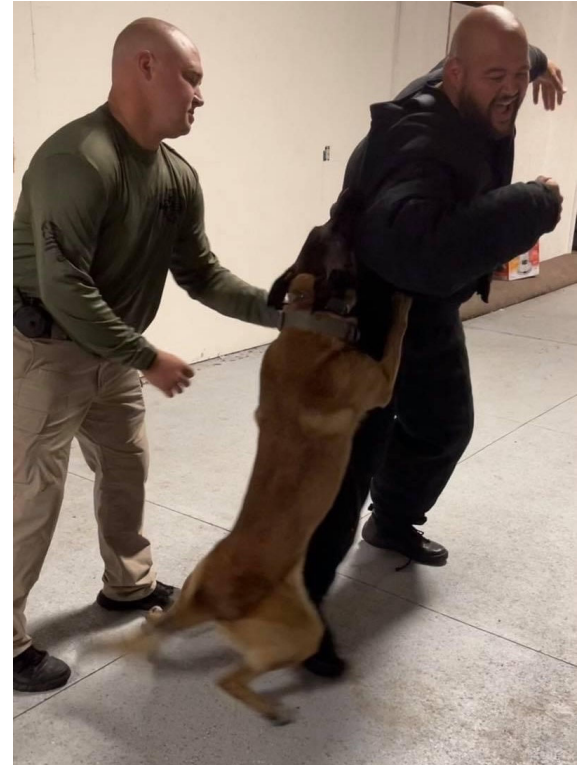
## DEPARTMENT UNITS/TEAMS

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### K9 UNIT

Our K9 unit consists of three handlers and K9s. Sergeant Chris Salaba handles Athena, Officer Beau Smith handles Bane and Officer Andrew Snyder handles Turbo. All three K9s are assigned to the patrol division. Bane is a Dutch Shepherd, Athena is a German Shepard/ Belgian Malinois mix and Turbo is a Belgian Malinois . All have attended 240 hours of dual-purpose training in Michigan that is nationally certified through the North American Police

Work Dog Association. All handlers and K9s are trained in the areas of narcotics detection, article search, area search, building search, tracking, aggression control and obedience. K9 teams were called out 217 times in 2021. Their work has resulted in 66 arrests for heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. K9s train 16 hours a month as a team and are available 24/7 when off-duty.





## SWAT TEAM

The Frankfort Police Department has seven positions on the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). SWAT is used for emergency services such as high-risk search and arrest warrants, hostage situations and active shooter incidents.



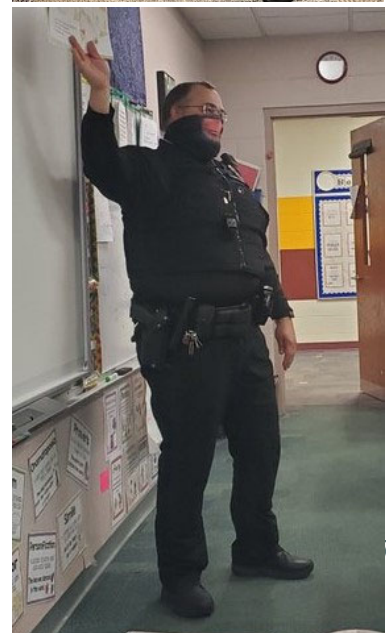
## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Frankfort Police supports the Community Schools of Frankfort with two officers staffed at Blue Ridge/Green Meadows and Suncrest Elementary Schools. They are at the schools when they are in session. As you can tell, Officer Hession loves to dress up at Halloween. The students love their SROs!



## CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

This new team of officers along received valuable training in 2020. This allows us to provide services to our community and internally through our peer support team.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Thank you to all who participated throughout Clinton County!



Participants: Frankfort PD, Indiana State Police, Mulberry, Rossville, Clinton County SWAT, FPD K9. United Way, Center Township, Project Lifesaver, WILO, Rossville Lions Club, FOP Lodge, Goodwin's, Pastor Leo's Church-Primera Iglesia Bautista DE Frankfort and Gourmet George Cotton Candy.



## 2021 Events

National Night Out

Halloween

Holiday Festival of Lights

Santa Escort

Youth Sports

Overdose Awareness Day

Fire and Ice Festival

Senior Fair

4th of July

Hot Dog Festival

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT







## PROPOSED POLICE DEPARTMENT



In October 2022, The Frankfort Board of Public Works and Safety, as well as the City Council, hired Envoy Companies to develop and build our new police department.

This process has been ongoing for over four years and we are finally seeing this idea come to fruition.

We plan to break ground for our new building in May 2022!

## PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver of Clinton County is a search and rescue program designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. For more information on the program or to apply for a transmitter contact Colleen Moore with FPD at 654-4277.

### CITY ADMINISTRATION

**MAYOR:** JUDITH SHEETS

**CLERK-TREASURER:**  
CAROL BARTLEY

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND SAFETY:**

MEGAN SHEETS

GREG MILLER

### CITY COUNCIL :

ERIC WOODS– PRESIDENT  
PRO TEM

JOE PALMER

MEGAN SHEETS

STEVE BEARDLSEY

CLARENCE WARTHAN

MICHAEL BRITE

BRANDT FULLER

**CITY JUDGE:** MATTHEW  
BEARDSLEY

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