

WOODLAWN PARK

Police Department



2021



ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION & VALUES STATEMENT

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

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

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



WOODLAWN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

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

PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE

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

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

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

DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the 2021 Woodlawn Park Police Department's Annual Report. This report covers the highlights of the 2021 calendar year. This is another opportunity to display the transparency of our agency and showcase the goals achieved, while outlining our vision for the upcoming year. This report also includes all crime statistics for 2020 and directly compares it to our 2021 crime statistics. We can see and understand crime trends and better direct our resources in the coming year to respond to those concerns.

Reflecting on my tenure here, I think it is noteworthy to acknowledge that my initial vision for The Woodlawn Park Police Department encompassed the need for additional transparency, accountability, and reform. This vision was put into action in October 2019, when the agency adopted over 72 policies and procedures. These adopted standards are deemed by The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and The Kentucky League of Cities as 21st Century best practices in policing. These policies and procedures established protocols, ethics, transparency, and accountability on all police department functions.

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



Communication

We are eagerly anticipating the end of a 2-year pandemic, and I believe effective communication will be the golden key. We look forward to ways that we can build community relationships. Building relationships within a community that I am tasked with serving and enforcing the law, can at times put me at a disadvantage. Let's face it, no one enjoys receiving a warning, much less a ticket of any kind. Often citizens have a negative outlook towards law enforcement officers after receiving enforcement action, even if it's only a warning.

I have been successful in overcoming these sometimes-negative obstacles by enforcing all ordinances the same. When enforcing laws in our community, I use a 4-tier scale, based on respect, fairness, consistency, and transparency. In my opinion, all four must be utilized at the same time to be successful!

Years ago, a former chief of mine said, "If you treat everyone you come in contact with, with the same respect you show your very own mother, you will have very little problems as a police officer." This was very good advice! I am proud to say that in my 25-year career, I have never been sued civilly or criminally.

As written in my Mission and Values Statement on the first page of this report, "We are committed to maintain respect for individual right and human dignity regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability." Having established a fair and equitable way of respecting and treating everyone, next comes the tier called consistency. For example, I provide every resident with two written warnings before issuing a citation, unless the violation puts the safety of others in jeopardy.

The last tier to success is transparency. At the beginning of this year, I launched a database that was created by one of our very own residents, Mr. Sean Haarsager. A big thank you to Mr. Haarsager. I could have never pulled this one off, if it wasn't for his expertise and willingness to give of his time and talent, at no cost to the city! The database created logs every entry and allows me to ensure

every resident receives two written warnings before a citation when safety is not a concern. I utilize another layer of transparency by activating my body camera when conducting enforcement actions within the city. The camera acts as my witness and will show how I said something, or if I said something, and accurately records my actions that can then be reviewed by others. Lastly, the Code Enforcement Board made up of civilians in our community reviews all of my enforcement actions to ensure these principles are met.

Education and Training

As promised in last year's Annual Report, I sought out additional education and training. Having the understanding that most use-of-force incidents involve individuals with diminished capacity, I was one of the first officers to obtain training in a Kentucky certified program called Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training uses proven concepts and follows a national model. Due to constant change and updates to the training course, I signed up to take the class again. After completing the basic course, I took the advanced CIT course. At the conclusion of this training, I was asked to become a CIT instructor. I have since signed up to be an instructor and will begin when a class becomes available.

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

Very Respectfully,

"Ofc Mike"

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Behind the Badge . . .

As I prepare to start my 25th year in law enforcement, I look back over the last several years. I see a lot of division in our nation and here at home. I have talked with many of you at-length over the last several years and have learned much about you and your families. I would venture to say after you read this, you may be surprised to learn a few things about me. Do you really know the officer *behind the badge*?

I am going to give you a 30,000 feet flyover of my life journey to this day and what inspires me to continue my career in law enforcement, proudly serving the citizens of Woodlawn Park.

My parents divorced when I was two years old due to domestic violence. My mother had to immediately find work to support and raise me and my six older siblings. If it weren't for her sacrifices, grit, and love, who knows what would have been. Times were tough and money was tight, to say the least. My father was diagnosed with a mental illness (paranoid schizophrenia) a short time later, and I witnessed him struggle his entire life with the illness. I was held back in the second grade and found school to be challenging ever since.

I am a survivor of child sexual abuse. At the age of 18, I survived a business robbery. I was locked in a cooler for several hours before I was rescued by the opening manager. There is no question my past negatively compounded my life. However, I credit my success to my tenacity to improve self. I would be amiss if I didn't give credit to my mother and all those mentors who embraced and supported me along the way and are the champions of my cause!

I do believe my life journey has prepared me for some of the most challenging times we face in our community today. Becoming a police officer was a true calling for me and a childhood dream come true! I have always sought out ways to positively impact the people I serve. I share my journey with you in hopes it inspires you, encourages you, and motivates you to find meaningful ways to contribute your time and talents to **OUR** community! After all, your identity will be tied to whatever you give your heart to.

I recently partnered with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK) in hopes my story inspires others with the courage to speak up and out about child abuse. PCAK is the leading statewide child abuse prevention agency in our state and works every day to help ensure Kentucky's children grow up in safe, stable, nurturing environments. Through a partnership with you, together we can prevent the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children through advocacy, awareness, education, and training.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month – If you, or someone you know, would like to support PCAK, you can visit their website at www.pcaky.org. There are many ways you can get involved, from purchasing pinwheels to wearing **BLUE** on **WEAR BLUE DAY, Friday, April 1, 2022**, to show your support. They, and I appreciate your support.

Colonel Michael Koenig



CRIME REPORT

2021

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

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

The FBI places crime types into two different categories; Part I and Part II crimes. Part I crimes are major crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, burglary, larceny (theft), auto theft and arson. Part II crimes are what is considered minor crimes such as simple assault, forgery, fraud, criminal mischief (vandalism), etc. Flip the page to see a comparison of Part I and Part II crimes reported to WPPD in 2020 and 2021.



2021

PART I Crimes

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

2020

PART I Crimes

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

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PART II Crimes

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

2020

PART II Crimes

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

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WPPD - Other Accumulated Statistics

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

2020

WPPD - Other Accumulated Statistics

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

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WPPD - Code Enforcement Actions

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

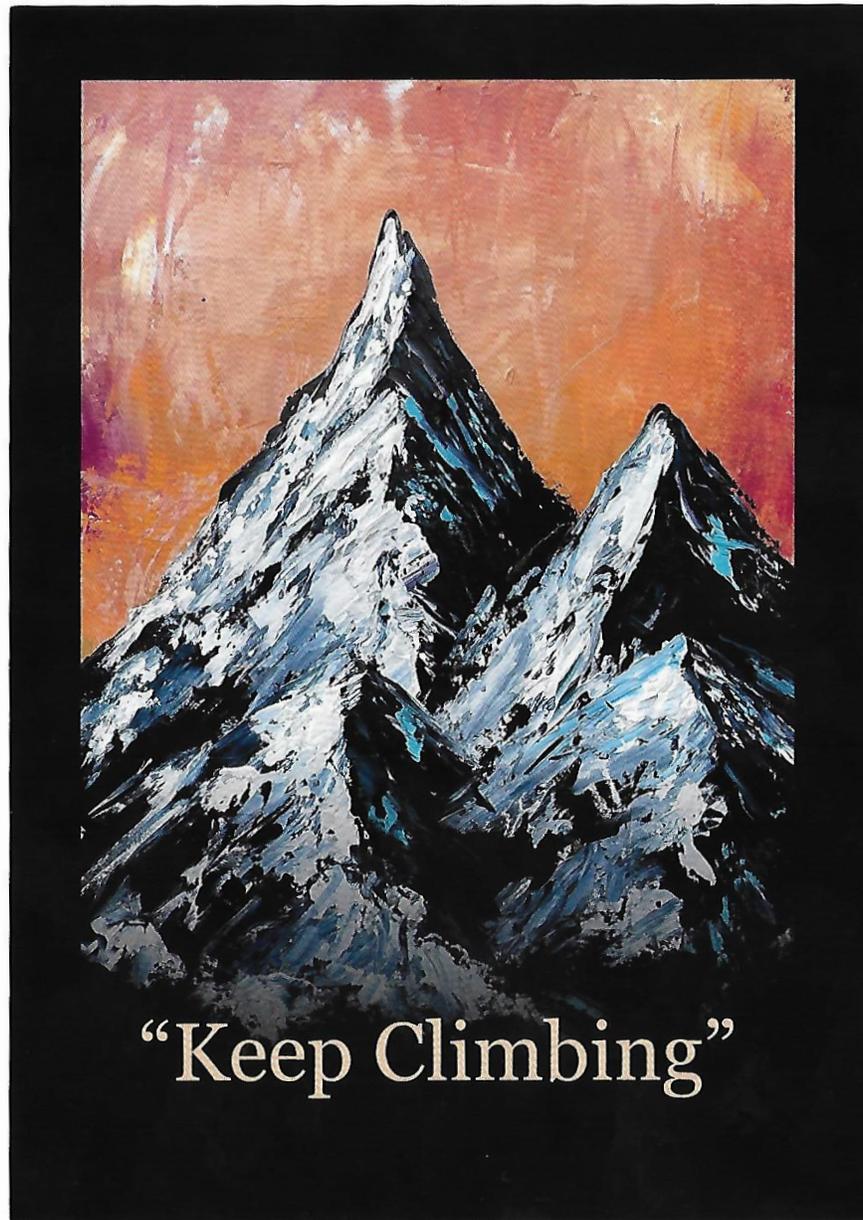
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WPPD - Code Enforcement Actions

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

SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ If you must shop at night, park in a well-lit area. Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an antitheft device.
- ✓ Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- ✓ Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- ✓ Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- ✓ Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. Lock them in the trunk or put them out of sight. Keep vehicle doors locked, even when in the driveway.
- ✓ Locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- ✓ Keep a secure hold on your purse, and bags. Do not put them down, or on top of the car in order to open the door and don't leave your purse in a shopping cart as you shop.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ✓ Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. Dress casually and comfortably.
- ✓ Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. Avoid carrying large sums of cash.
- ✓ Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- ✓ Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- ✓ Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- ✓ Remember the #9PM Routine: Remove valuables from vehicles, Lock vehicle doors, Lock residence doors, Turn on exterior lights and Activate all alarms and security systems



The 5 Pillars of Resilience By Sam Glenn

(SamGlennArt.com)

1. **Example.** Your example is the impression of your choices, actions and attitude. Is it worth replicating?
2. **Encouragement.** We all need a pick me up from time to time. A little encouragement goes a long way.
3. **Empowerment.** Find what inspires you and visit it often.
4. **Excellence.** Excellence is doing the best you can with what you have, where you are and with who you are.
5. **Empathy.** Empathy is the recognition that other people have a story and that you can be a positive contributor to that story.

