

SHARONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL
REPORT





MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to safeguarding our community through service with purpose and by providing a safe environment while upholding public trust.

VALUES

- P**rofessionalism – We encourage teamwork, innovation, and constant evaluation, and pledge to adopt best practices in service to the community.
- R**esponsibility – We will be accountable for our actions to earn trust and respect from the public.
- I**ntegrity – Ethical behavior is the cornerstone of public trust.
- D**edication – We are committed to allegiance and devotion in the execution of our duties.
- E**xcellence – The quality and distinction of our actions will make our Department a preeminent law enforcement organization.

City of Sharonville

2024 Operating Budget

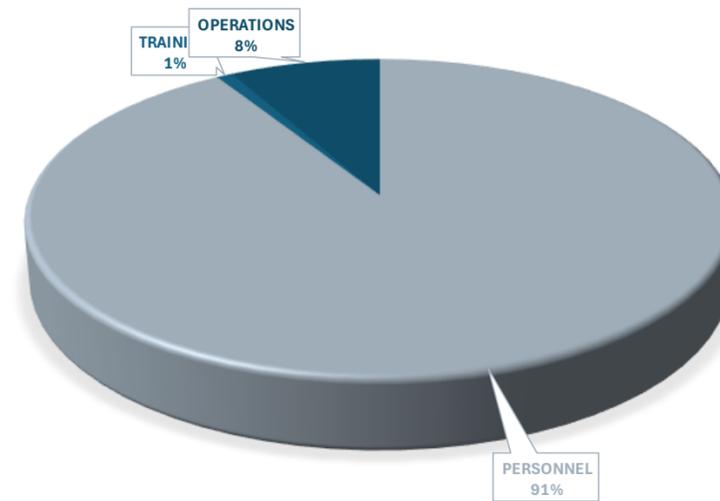
2024 Capital Expenditures



Population: ~ 13,899

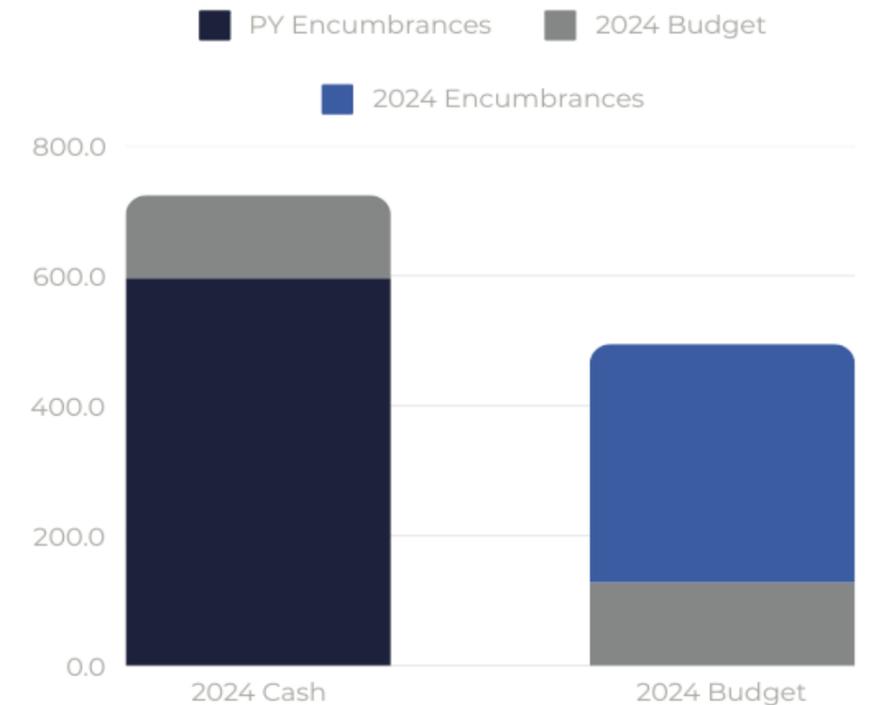
Land Area: 9.888 square miles

Highway Miles: Over 65 lane miles



BUDGET SUMMARY \$\$\$ SPENT

PERSONNEL	\$7,286,492
TRAINING	\$68,814
OPERATIONS	\$630,720
TOTAL	\$7,986,026



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

PY ENCUMBERED	\$596,336
2024 BUDGET EXP	\$127,693
2024 ENCUMBRANCES	\$367,383

NEW TO THE TEAM IN 2024



Meghan Burke was born and raised in Mason, Ohio. She graduated from The University of Findlay in 2024, earning bachelor's degrees in both criminal justice and psychology. She then attended the Great Oaks Police Academy, graduating in November of 2024.



Tristan Rothenbusch was born in Rhode Island and has lived in Hamilton, Ohio for most of his life. He graduated from Miami University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2023. He has always been passionate about working in law enforcement and helping members of the community.



Jacob Carter was born and raised in Colerain Township. He graduated from Colerain Highschool in 2017. Before starting at Sharonville, he worked as a clerk/dispatcher at Colerain Township Police and City of Springdale Police.

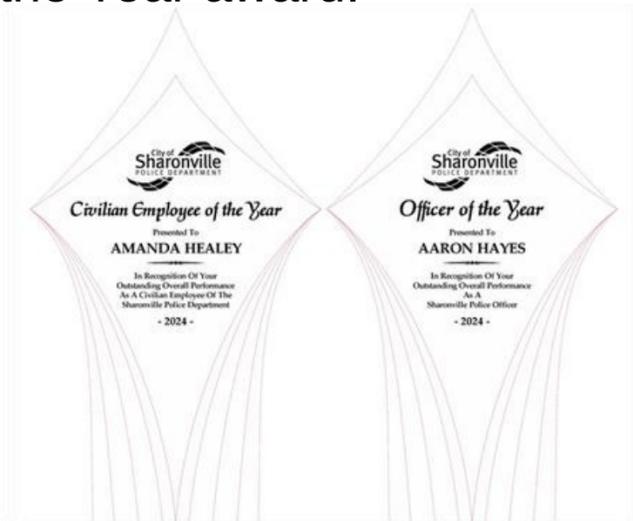


Ryan Gregory grew up in Mt. Orab Ohio and began his career as an Officer for the Village of Mt. Orab where he served for 15 years, with his final rank being Detective. Ryan is appreciative for the opportunity to come to the City of Sharonville and will do his best to uphold the police department's high morals and standards.



2024 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Aaron Hayes exemplifies pride and professionalism within the department, fostering strong relationships with colleagues, schools, and the community. In his role as Community Resource Officer, he has earned extensive praise for his leadership, commitment to training new recruits, and dedication to community initiatives, such as the D.A.R.E Program, Shop with a Cop, and Citizens Police Academy. His genuine kindness and positive influence have made a significant impact, earning him the 2024 Officer of the Year award.



2024 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Dispatcher Amanda Healey, a dedicated Police Clerk/Dispatcher with 28 years of service, is recognized for her exceptional contributions to the department. As a training dispatcher, she has developed a comprehensive training manual and consistently streamlines processes, ensuring accuracy and efficiency. Her commitment to training new clerks and her professional approach have had a significant impact on the department's success, earning her the 2024 Civilian of the Year award.



Community Outreach

The Sharonville Police Department is committed to protecting and serving the community. We are always eager to work with businesses, community members and residents to promote the safety and well being of the City of Sharonville. Our outreach includes many things, but our highlights include:

- **Social Media**
 - Where we have surpassed 7,800+ followers on Facebook
- **Citizens Police Academy**
 - 2nd successful year – 10 week session with 17 applicants. Citizens toured the PD, Communications Center, Coroner's Office, and saw / participated in numerous other presentations. The course was overwhelmingly a success.
- **Domestic Violence Response (DVERT)**
 - Sharonville Police Department is part of this trauma focused crisis response team that provides an on-call, on-scene response to domestic violence
 - 2024 saw 19 DVERT responses for Sharonville incidents.
 - Sharonville PD spearheaded police training efforts with Tri-Health for multiple events to train police officers who respond to victims of strangulation.
- **2 Community Self Defense Classes**
- **Commitments to community events, schools, DARE programs and more**



◆ When self defense is the only option

SELF
DEFENSE
COURSE



March 7, 14 & 21 | 6:00pm-7:00pm
Sharonville Community Center

Join the Sharonville Police Department
and some of our amazing officers for this
FREE self defense series. Class is part

Community Outreach

Generosity, Commitment and Veteran's Outreach

Shop w/ a Sharonville Cop received gracious donations from the BAPs Charities and the CMPC President's Trust (Continental Minerals President's Fund) to promote 2024 event and next year!

Lt. Ryan Hermes and Disp. Miranda Oursler sit on the Sharonville Community Fund board. Efforts throughout the year coordinating with other board members for outreach such as food pantry and direct emergency needs.

Ofc. Joel Altman led the way with assisting several armed forces veterans who are residents in the city with their needs. In conjunction with the funding from the Community Fund he has directed several other projects that positively impact our community.



Community Recognition

On June 11th, Officer Livingston located a wanted subject at Sunoco. Shortly after approaching this subject, he fled from the officer and ran onto Chester Road. After a short chase, the subject went down to the ground while Officer Livingston struggled to take him into custody.

Jeff Ayer rushed to aid the officer, disregarding his safety and being unaware of the potential severity of the situation. Mr. Ayer did not hesitate to help Officer Livingston handcuff the subject. Later that same day, Mr. Ayer called to inquire about the officers' well-being.

Mr. Ayer was nominated for the Civilian Commendation Award. In a private ceremony held at Mr. Ayer's request, he was presented the Civilian Commendation Award, a token of our gratitude for his selfless actions. We are humbled and honored to be supported by gallant and caring community members such as Mr. Jeff Ayer.



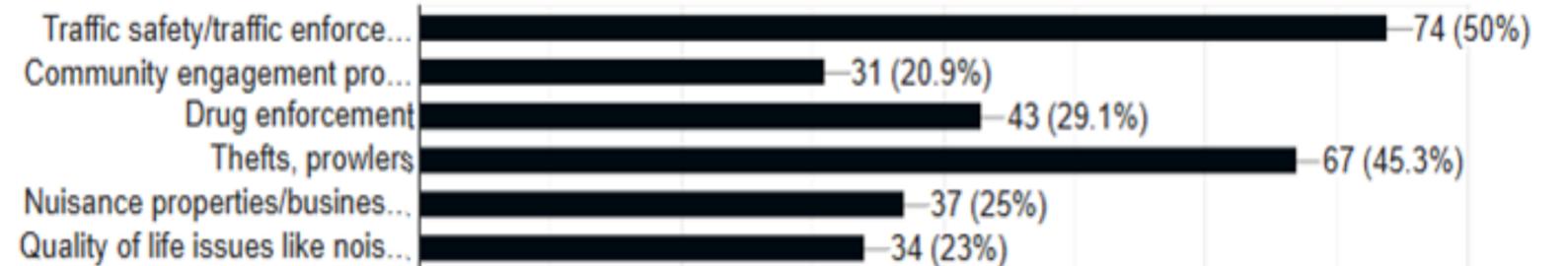
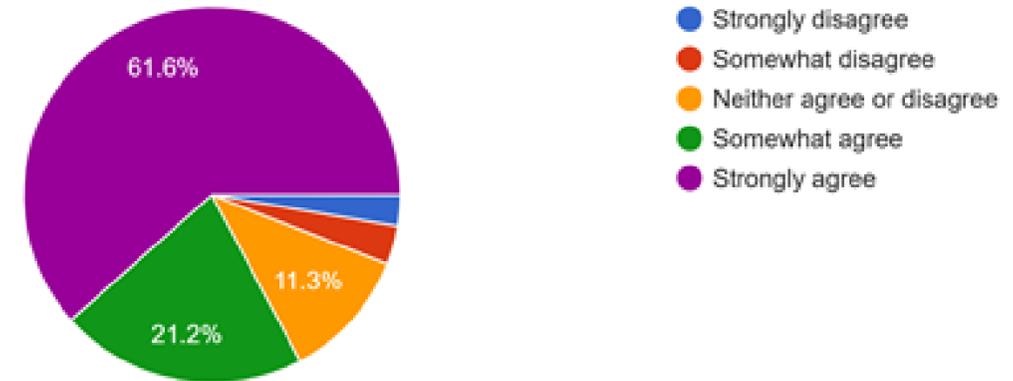
Community Survey

The Sharonville Police Department conducted its third annual public survey from November to December 2024. Lt. Hermes created this year's survey and provided the summary.

- 81.5% of respondents are Sharonville residents and the majority (53%) are hilltop residents.
- 88.7% of respondents agreed that they will be treated fairly if they were to have an encounter with our police officers.
 - This response is higher than Gallop's most recent national poll which indicated 80% of Americans believe police officers are "doing the right thing".
- 36.4% of respondents claimed that they don't see officers enough, or just did not know if they see officers regularly on patrol in their neighborhoods.
 - 15.5% of residents do not feel safe walking in their neighborhoods at night.
 - 30.5% reported a similar feeling in 2023 and 16.5% in 2022.
 - 44.7% of residents believe crime has risen or stayed the same. Only 8.1% believe it has decreased with the remainder identifying as "I'm not sure".
- Overall satisfaction with the Sharonville Police Department remained above the 80th percentile at 82.8% reporting somewhat or strongly agree. Only, 5.5% reported disagreement. In 2022, 81.7 reported the same and in 2023, 76.5% highly satisfied.
- Citizen priorities for police services (similar order found in '23 survey)
 - Traffic Safety / Enforcement (50%)
 - Thefts / Prowlers (45.3%)
 - Drug Enforcement (29.1%)
 - Nuisance properties and businesses (25%)
 - Quality of life issues like noise complaints, littering, parking violations (23%)

Overall, I am satisfied with the level of police services and interaction with the Sharonville Police Department

151 responses



LATINO COALITION

In 2024, we continued our work with the founders, Louis Valencia and Deifilia Diaz, of the Latino Coalition organization, and we continue to be the hosting department.

The Coalition’s mission is to promote education in southwest Ohio Latino communities while bridging the gap between law enforcement agencies and community members.

We host monthly meetings that consolidate resources in support of our community.

In 2024 we hosted our first multi-jurisdictional event with help from neighboring agencies. The event brought in community members and residents to Heritage Hill Elementary to discuss how best to work together and provide resources to the community.



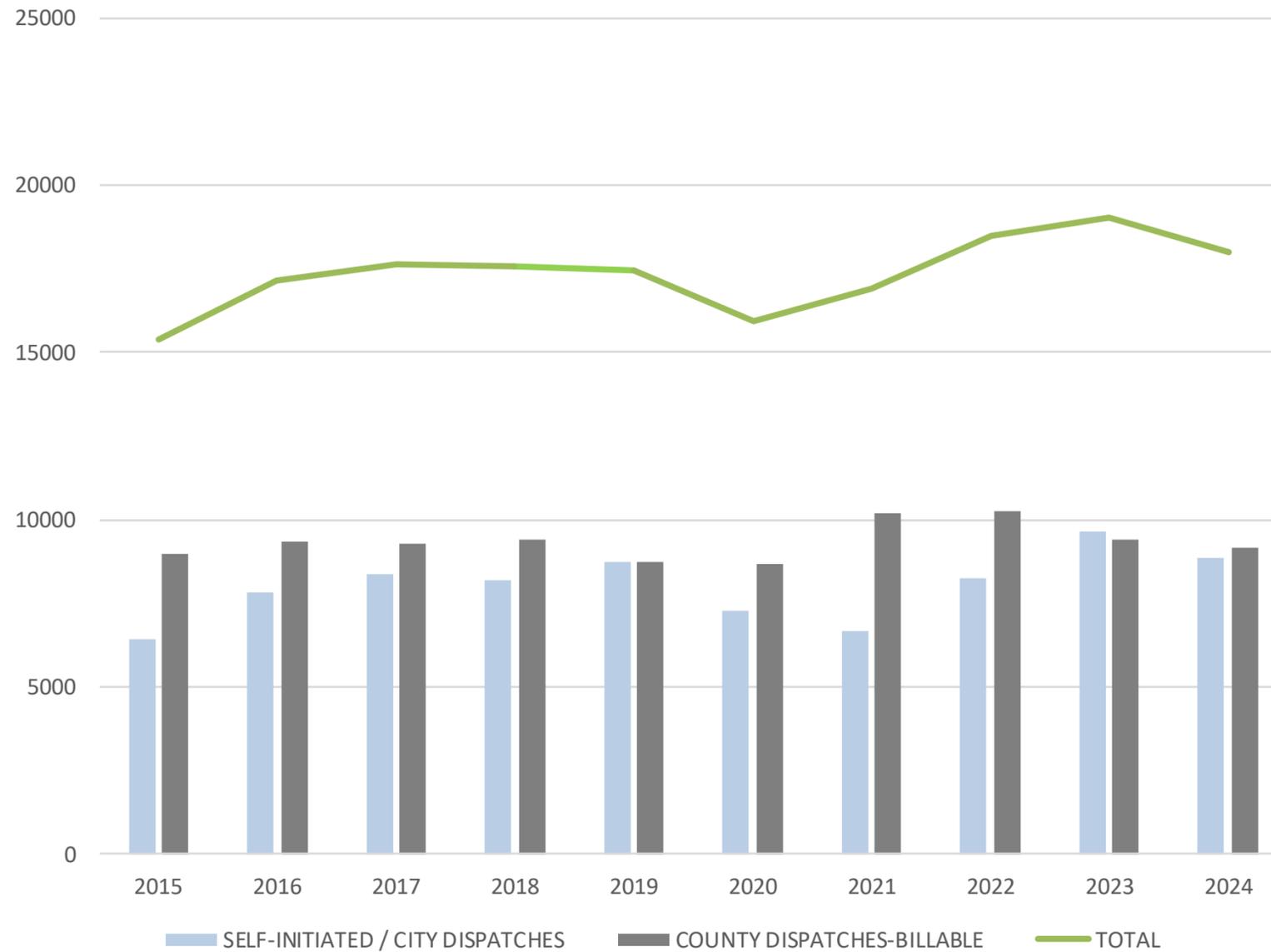
LATINO COALITION
OF SOUTHWEST OHIO

Sharonville Police Department
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re excited about the return of the Latino Coalition of Southwest of Ohio. This started seven
ago with our friends at the Springdale, Ohio Police Department. We're looking forward to
ing more about how to engage with the Latino community in our region and adding new
e department members!



YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SELF-INITIATED / CITY DISPATCHES	6425	7842	8352	8198	8707	7246	6684	8261	9660	8842
COUNTY DISPATCHES-BILLABLE	8981	9333	9267	9400	8745	8690	10204	10228	9405	9178
TOTAL	15406	17175	17619	17598	17452	15936	16888	18489	19065	18020

2024 Calls for Service



* Starting in 2021, calls for service data is reported as dispatches from Hamilton County Comm Center. This includes 911 calls and radio communications from officers placing themselves on a city dispatched detail.



Crime Statistics



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
MURDER	0	1	0	0	0
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	6	2	7	5	4
ASSAULT	56	28	65	60	54
DV / STRANGULATION	33	35	44	36	31
TPO VIOLATION	10	9	11	9	18
AGG MEN / MENACING / STALKING	30	12	34	26	31
TELE COMM HARASSMENT	28	9	14	30	10
AGG ROB & ROBBERY	2	4	9	12	2
AGG BURG & BURGLARY	15	5	5	12	9
B&E	29	18	13	18	20
VANDALISM / CRIM DAMAGING	72	89	60	63	93
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	34	36	35	22	23
THEFT	366	383	352	313	259
THEFT (MV)	18	27	42	42	34
FORGERY / MISUSE CC / PBC	13	14	31	35	23
IDENTITY / WIRE / TELE FRAUD	7	11	19	39	31
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	16	7	12	10	11
WEAPON OFFENSES	N/A	N/A	14	14	11
DRUG OFFENSES	181	117	101	79	102
SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENSES	15	18	31	28	24
PROSTITUTION / SOLICITING	N/A	N/A	4	11	7
EXTORTION	0	2	0	5	4
OVI	92	102	76	79	72
PARKING VIOLATIONS	11	3	29	111	160

Self-Initiated Collection Of Data / Traffic Stops by Diversity Reporting

Race/Sex	Contacts	% of All Contacts
White Male	1063	40%
White Female	552	21%
Black Male	584	22%
Black Female	309	12%
Hispanic/Unknown Male	69	3%
Hispanic/Unknown Female	19	<1%
Asian/Pac Islander Male	41	2%
Asian/Pac Islander Female	22	<1%
American Indian/Alaskan Male	0	0%
American Indian/Alaskan Female	0	0%

Officers collect data regarding the race and gender of all self-initiated traffic stops. This information should be derived from the officer's observations and perceptions or from known information services, i.e., LEADS, OHLEG, CCH, or other known and trusted resources.

Traffic Safety Summary

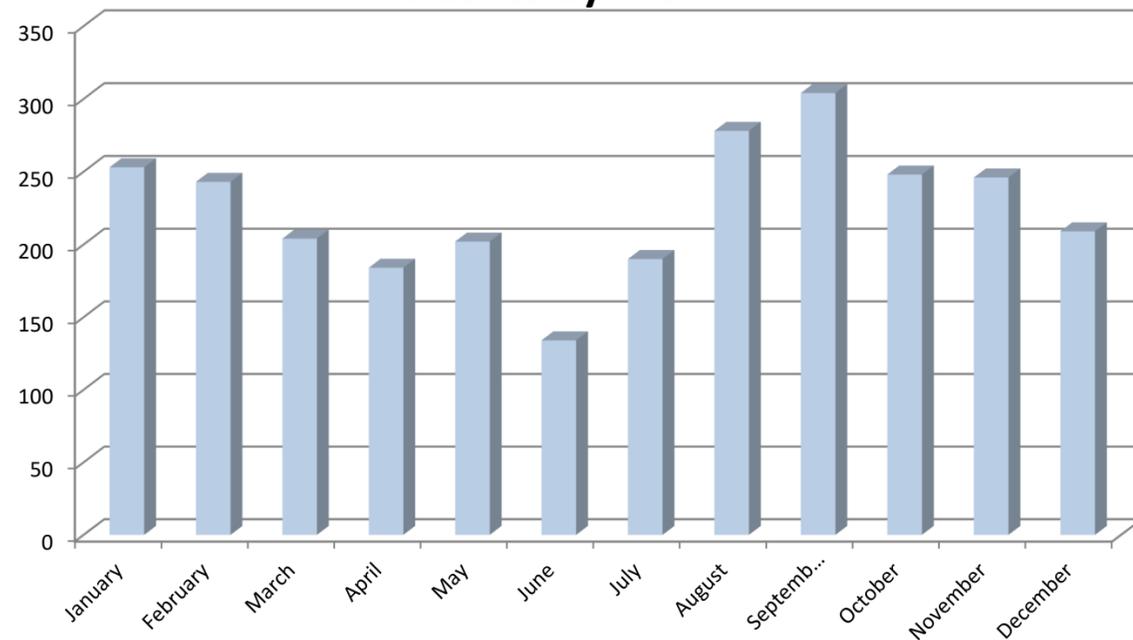
1227 Calls for Auto Accidents
813 Crashes Reports Taken

112 Total Injuries
0 Fatal Crashes
73 OVIs

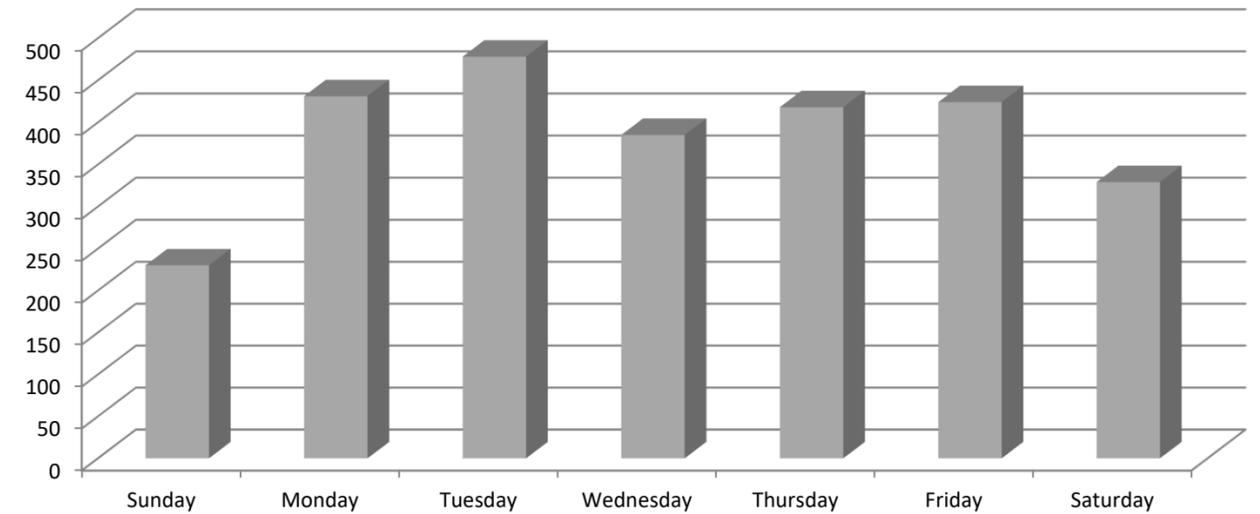
Responses to Community Traffic-Related Concerns
STEP Results: 165 Citations and 113 Warnings

2,693 traffic enforcement contacts, resulting in 1,156 Warnings and 1,537 Citations

Crashes by Month



Crashes by Day of the Week



Use or Display of Force

There were 46 incidents in 2024 that required SPD officers to use or display force. In 17 of these incidents, the person involved was suspected to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs. There were 4 officers injured while using force and 8 suspects reported sustaining some type of injury.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	0	0	0
Discharge of Taser	2	1	2	1	3
Discharge of Chemical Irritant	2	0	1	0	0
Display of Firearm	30	24	19	28	20
Display of Taser	13	5	5	3	11
Display of Chemical Irritant	0	0	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0	1	0
Physical Control Techniques	10	15	10	9	13
Total Uses of Force	59	28	13	10	17
Total Use of Force Arrests	28	23	13	10	15
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency Arrests	499	456	533	514	549

2024-637 – Nails in Roadway – A homeless suspect that resided in his van, but traveled throughout the Sharonville, Springdale, and West Chester area was throwing nails into the roadways regionally causing damage to the tires of many public motorists and government vehicles alike for several years. After a lengthy investigation involving the collaborative efforts of the West Chester Police Department, Springdale Police Department, a suspect was identified, arrested, and convicted for vandalism, placing injurious materials on the highways, and the suspect's primary method of committing these crimes, his vehicle, was seized by police.

2024-2486 – Rape/Missing Child – Detectives followed up on a report of a missing 12-year-old from Princeton Middle school. After she was located, the child confessed to having a sexual relationship with an older man. This investigation resulted in the uncovering of multiple instances of abuse by two suspects that spanned multiple jurisdictions. Detectives from Cincinnati, Fairfield, Green Township, and Springdale were involved bringing this case to a resolution that included the arrest of two men in their 20's.

2024-495 – Armed Robbery/Shooting – Two male suspects fired gunshots into the Red Roof hotel during a drug related robbery. After three days of investigation, a total of three suspects were identified, two of whom were arrested in Arizona with weapons possession, drug possession, identity theft, and auto theft charges in the following states: Ohio, Kentucky, and Arizona. The results of this investigation were achieved by working in collaboration with state and local police departments from all states.

INVESTIGATIONS

DETECTIVE DIVISION	
Assigned Cases	146
Closed Cases	132
After Hours Call Outs	7

2024-723 – Theft from Auto – Several hotels and public access parking areas were experiencing a high volume of car break-ins and theft of firearms from vehicles. Sharonville detectives were able to utilize surveillance camera footage and track stolen property to identify a juvenile offender with gang ties, conduct a search warrant with the assistance of the Cincinnati SWAT team, and recover property stolen from these theft offenses and return them to their owners, recover a firearm used in a homicide, and secure a conviction against one of the numerous juvenile offenders for the car break in offenses. The resulting intelligence generated by the Sharonville Police Department was of assistance to regional law enforcement partners in filing charges on other offenders for similar crimes that occurred in their jurisdictions.

2024-113 – Felonious Assault – A male subject was found shot multiple times in the hallway outside of 11341 Lippelman Rd. The victim survived and was able to positively ID the suspect, an acquaintance. Investigation led to the arrest of the 28-year-old suspect by Cincinnati Police two weeks later.

HOTEL LIAISON

Michael Mathis was hired to serve as the Hotel Liaison for the City of Sharonville in February of 2021. The position is a part-time civilian staff position within the Police Division.

Mission

The hotel liaison will work with the lodging industry; and with the City of Sharonville and its partners to create a safe, clean, and prosperous environment for the lodging industry. This includes those who work for the lodging industry, for the guests who use the lodging industry, and the greater Sharonville community. The hotel liaison will adopt a role of coordination, facilitation, and education to promote best practices. The hotel liaison will make referrals to the appropriate agencies for enforcement of existing rules and laws. The hotel liaison will work to improve communication and understanding between all involved as they move towards the goals of the program.

Safe environment – This includes crime prevention and criminal enforcement. This includes fire prevention and fire suppression. This includes building and zoning issues that could impact safety. This includes the Police Department, State of Ohio Public Safety (Liquor), Sharonville Fire, State of Ohio Fire Marshal, and the Sharonville Community Development Department.

Clean environment – This includes creating a hygienic environment through health and sanitary inspections. This involves our partners in Hamilton County Health, Sharonville Community Development (clean lots, junk motor vehicles), and the State of Ohio Fire Marshal.

Prosperous environment – This includes working to aid the Lodging Industry to be successful in their business models. The Hotel Liaison will facilitate issues with Sharonville Tax Department, Sharonville Community Development, Convention Center, and other local/regional entities/associations.

Goals/Objectives

- 1) Reduce calls for service to the Hotels by Police and Fire.
 - a. Impact lodging practices that would tend to encourage prostitution, drug activity, and disorder.
 - i. Criminal Patrol
 - ii. Criminal Investigations
 - iii. Best practices for Hotels – education/policy/practices
 - iv. Fire/Health Inspections
 - v. Community outreach
- 2) Create clean, hygienic, and attractive Lodging properties.
 - a. Work with the Lodging industry to have litter free premises, acceptable building/zoning compliance, and clean rooms/buildings that would meet health codes.
 - i. Property maintenance inspections
 - ii. Building code compliance
 - iii. Health inspections
 - b. Work with the Lodging industry to obtain grants and loans to improve facilities and operations.
- 3) Create a prosperous environment
 - a. Work with the convention center to promote opportunities for the Lodging industry
 - b. Work with regional and state partners to promote opportunities for the Lodging industry
 - c. Work with the Tax department to ensure that proper business practices are followed
 - d. Work with economic development to aid the Lodging industry where possible
 - e. Work with private organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Hotel Lodging Association to work towards completing the Mission for the Hotel Liaison.

Hotel Outlook within Sharonville, Ohio

The City of Sharonville started with twenty-four hotels at the beginning of 2021. The Clarion Hotel shut down its operation in December of 2021. At the beginning of 2022 that left twenty-three hotels in operation in Sharonville. These hotels ranged from major corporate operations at large hotels (257 rooms in one) to small owner/operated hotels (19 rooms in one). The city had a total of 2,695 hotel rooms available throughout 2024.

From 2020 to early 2022, COVID had a major impact on hotel operations. The relatively new concept of working from home (loss of business travel), entertainment/attractions that were shut down, and less vacation travel caused significant economic impact on the hotel industry. Social service agencies began using hotels as shelters and this created some increased calls for service at our hotels.

2022 and 2023 showed a strong rebound which can be tracked through the transient tax that the City of Sharonville collected. However, 2024 showed a slight decrease in the transient tax.

Transient Tax

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Prior Yrs Past Due	41,828.30	98,128.29	15,032.42	0.00		
Prior Yr 4th Quarter	212,888.31	197,206.68	123,555.92	204,949.07	232,541.68	210,323.33
1st Quarter	226,575.62	175,799.58	159,668.74	201,051.51	247,212.43	197,849.02
2nd Quarter	303,064.17	119,037.36	266,085.16	335,766.82	325,056.99	316,040.76
3rd Quarter	329,042.68	189,419.28	349,675.75	393,885.45	379,806.54	329,749.11
P&I	8,139.36	2,896.94	18,303.70	0.00	2,560.09	497.89
Other			8,195.28	2,891.26	0.00	
\$	1,121,538.45	782,488.13	940,516.97	1,138,544.11	1,187,177.73	
Finance	1,121,538.45	782,488.13	940,516.97	1,138,544.11	1,187,177.73	1,054,460.11
Difference	0.01				0.00	

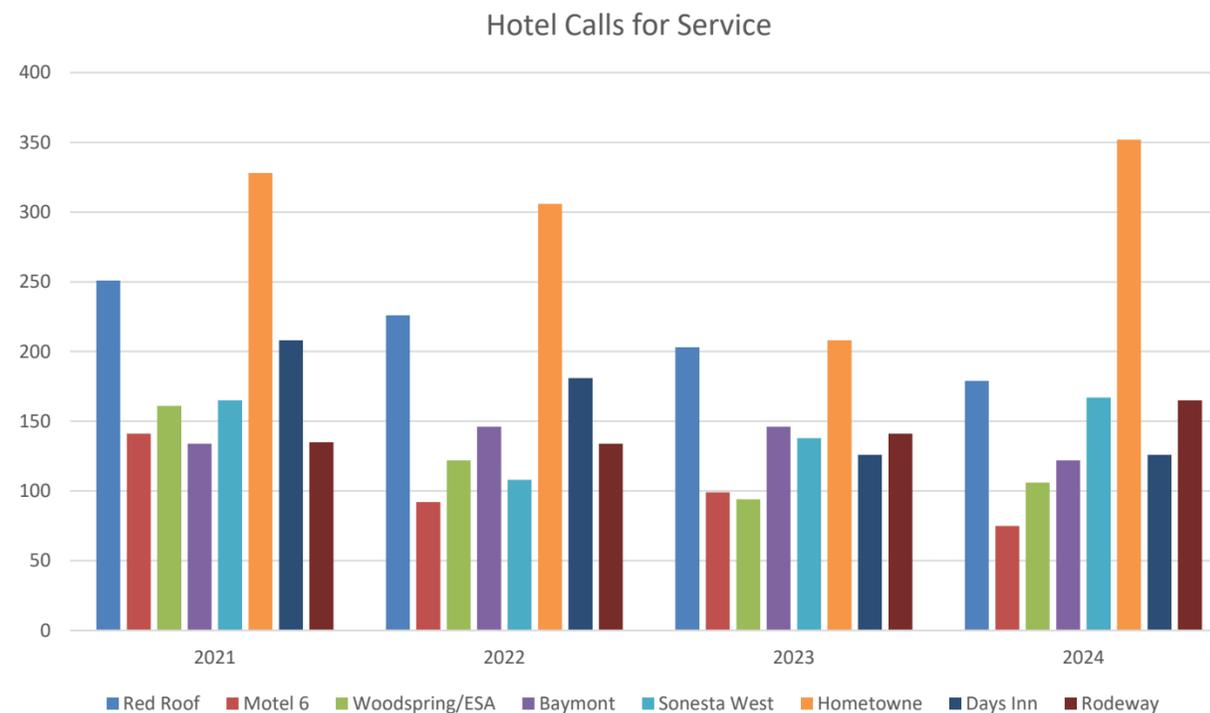
The above chart shows indications that occupancy was declining slightly at local hotels.

Strategies utilized in 2024

- 1) Hawthorne effect – This is a basic principle of psychology that people’s behavior changes when they know they are being observed. At the most basic level – having a hotel liaison stop in at the hotels on a regular basis lets the hotels know that they are being monitored. This should logically aid, at least a little bit, in better behavior.
- 2) Relationship building – Having the hotel liaison stop in on a regular basis aids in developing relationship and trust. This facilitates communication. Good communication provides for information flow about crime and disorder that can assist the police division in stopping criminal behavior. The Hotel Liaison can make recommendations to the hotels about practices that may improve operations.
- 3) Criminal Intelligence – The Hotel Liaison’s background in law enforcement allowed him to develop intelligence information for the police division. More proactive law enforcement strategies were implemented in 2024. These proactive strategies involved focused criminal investigations in and around the hotels. There was an increased focus on prostitution-related cases. Officers who have received training and experience in the drug task force used these skills to make drug cases.
- 4) Governmental partnerships – The Fire Department, State Fire Marshal, Hamilton County Health, Community Development, Economic Development, and the Police Department all work holistically to try and improve operations.
- 5) The Chronic Nuisance Property or Premises Ordinance – This ordinance places a responsibility on property managers and owners to aid the city in regulating crime and disorder on their properties. This ordinance was updated in 2024 to more fully cover potential problems that could arise.

Impact of Strategies

There are many issues that must be considered or factored into what drives calls for service to our hotels. Some are outside of city control. However, the police and fire calls for service showed marked improvement in 2023 over 2022. There were several properties that showed a significant increase in calls for service in 2024. Two of those hotels, Hometowne and Sonesta West, now have new management in 2025. **This list tracks the progress of what were the top eight hotels for calls for service starting in 2021.**



<u>Hotel</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2024 Change</u>
Red Roof	251	226	203	179	-28.69%	-11.82%
Motel 6	141	92	99	75	-46.80%	-24.24%
Woodspring/ESA	161	122	94	106	-34.80%	12.76%
Baymont	134	146	146	122	-8.90%	-16.43%
Sonesta West	165	108	138	167	1.20%	21.89%
Hometowne	328	306	208	352	7.30%	69.23%
Days Inn	208	181	126	126	-39.42%	0%
Rodeway	135	134	141	165	22.20%	17.02%
Totals	1523	1315	1155	1292	-15.17%	11.86%
15.17% decrease in CFS EOY 2021 to 2024						
11.86% increase from 2023 to 2024						

TOTAL HOTEL CALLS FOR SERVICE

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hotel CFS	1349	1516	1709	1811	2161	2158	2521	2280	2148	2246
% of Total CFS	8.6%	8.8%	9.7%	10.3%	12.4%	13.5%	14.9%	12.3%	11.3%	12.5%



Officer Recognition

Not since 2011 have our Civilian Staff and Police officers been recognized in accordance with our 2008 departmental policy.

Beginning in 2022 and through 2024, Sgt. Eric Asbrock led a team of officers, supervisors, and civilian department members in refining our policy. They then took on the task of compiling records and nominations.

Due to the time, many awards were given to several departmental members, most notably:

10 Life Saving Awards, many were related to caring for shooting victims

30 Good Conduct awards recognizing exceptional service

1 Medal of Valor was awarded for an officer's actions in which the officer was forced to engage a suspect in a gun battle.

In addition to awards for exceptional and heroic actions, Sgt. Asbrock's team implemented special service pins recognizing those who go above and beyond to represent the department as detectives, school resource officers, SWAT team Members, and others.

A separate pin was adopted to recognize veterans and their service to our county.



In Memory of Jack



Jack faithfully served our department along side Sgt. Danny Lee from April 19th, 2019, until November 2nd, 2024. Jack passed away from an unexpected illness while still an active K9 officer. He was a huge part of our community, our department and our hearts. We'll miss you buddy. That's a good boy!!!