

Monroeville Police Department 2023 Report



Message From The Chief

2023 was a year of transition. Part of which was saying goodbye to a dear friend and supporter of the police department and its community outreach activities. Mr. Jeff Kimball passed away in August of 2023. He is the father of Lieutenant Troy Kimball. He and his wife, Becky, volunteered for many years at our Hooked On Fishing and Safety Town events. Pictured on the cover is a photo of them working with some of the children at Safety Town. Jeff will be missed by his friends, family, and the Monroeville Police Department.

Several officers left the Monroeville Police Department to work at other agencies. We are fortunate to be able to bring on new people and are in the process of training.

After several years of dealing with Covid-19 restrictions, things were returning to normal in 2023. Hooked on Fishing and the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies at Commons Park were back. This year Officer Nick Meyer was honored as Officer of the Year.

Finally, this is goodbye for me as I will be retiring later this year, after approximately 49 years in law enforcement. It has been a privilege to be your police Chief of Police. I leave knowing the police department and the Village are in good hands. I wish the good citizens of Monroeville nothing but the best. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Gary M Lyons, Chief of Police

Training

Training has always been important, not only in developing new officers but also honing the skills of seasoned veterans. As with many things this year, most training could not be conducted due to Covid-19 issues except for those areas that was mandated by the state such as recertification on the BAC Verifier which conducts blood alcohol testing by breath as well as LEADS which is the state-run system to permit the search of driver and vehicle information. Throughout the year we have steadily updated our policy and procedure manual in order to be in compliance with the most recent federal and state mandates.

All police department officers are required to complete at least 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT). They include the following topics and hours:

Cultural Humility; Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity; Responding to Mental Health; Use of Force; Legal Updates; Officer Personal Wellness; Responding to Sexual Assaults; Domestic Violence; Law Enforcement Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations; Standards for Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuit; Investigation of Employee Misconduct; Bias-Free Policing; Body-Worn Cameras; Use of Deadly Force; Community Engagement

Personnel

Officers Jordan Eggleston resigned in March to take a position with the Elyria Police Department. Officer Curtis Silvers III resigned in May to take a position with the Avon Lake Police Department. Jonah Mersereau was promoted to full time officer to replace the vacancy left when Officer Jordan Hanuscin left in October 2022. Erik Reinhart was hired as a part time officer, but later promoted to full time to replace the vacancy left by Jordan Eggleston.

In addition, the police department hired Logan Gale and Matt Wilson as part time officers.

Incidents For 2023

In 2023 officers of the Monroeville Police Department responded to or initiated 1,188 incidents. This represents a drop of approximately 39.54% over 2022 when officers responded to or initiated approximately 1,965 incidents. Some of this decline is due to the loss of Officer Hanuscin in October 2022 and Officers Eggleston and Silvers that resulted in the department being down two full-time officers. A detailed listing of those incidents is attached to this report.

Photo Enforcement

During 2023 1,397 complaints were issued for red light violations and 11,146 for speeding violations for a total of 12,543 complaints. This is a substantial increase compared to 2022 when a total of 7,440 complaints were issued. Several things factored into this

increase. This included operating nearly the entire year without interruption and the addition of speed cameras on North Street and the 300 Block of East Monroe. For several months, State Route 99 was closed north of U.S. Route 20. This resulted in a higher-than-normal number of vehicles utilizing North Street.

The average speed violation was approximately 15.82 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The most flagrant speed violation was 50 miles per hour over the posted speed limit or 75 miles per hour in a posted 25 zone. The vehicle was northbound on North Street.

The average red-light violation was approximately 2.79 seconds. This means the light was red for 2.79 seconds when the vehicle crossed the stop bar prior to entering the intersection. The most flagrant violation was 35 seconds which occurred at the intersection of U.S. 20 at State Route 99, westbound.

To be considered a red-light violation, the vehicle must have crossed the stop bar after the traffic light has turned red. The stop bar is the very wide white line that is located next to the crosswalk lines, furthest from the intersection. It is not considered a red-light violation if the vehicle is in the intersection when the light turns red. For example, a vehicle stopped in traffic, inside the intersection, to make a left turn would not be considered a red-light violation. Unless there is signage prohibiting, vehicles are permitted to make a right turn on red provided they come to a complete stop first before proceeding safely with the turn.

Speed violations are recorded when a vehicle reaches a speed of 12 mph or higher in a non-school zone area. In school zones a vehicle must be going 10 mph or higher to receive a notice of liability.

Traffic Accidents

In 2023 there were a total of 28 accidents recorded on the highway and on private property. This is up from 26 last year. Part of this can be attributed to increased vehicle traffic with Covid-19 restriction being lifted and people beginning to resume their normal activities including vacation travel. Please see the attached maps for a general view as well as close up views.

Norwalk Municipal Court- Fines

In 2023 Norwalk Municipal Court assessed \$12,931 in traffic fines as compared to \$29,052 in 2022. In 2023 \$1,985.40 in fines were assessed for criminal cases as compared to \$7,860 in 2022. Fines for Failure to File Village Income Tax are included in the criminal fine total.

Police Cruisers



Cruiser	#Year	Odometer at year end	Miles Driven 2023	Condition
12	2013	102,669	645	Fair
18	2020	32,923	6,135	Excellent
20	2020	45,105	14,846	Excellent

Community Outreach Programs

Hooked on Fishing.

On Memorial Day, Officer Nick Meyer was honored by the American Legion with the Officer of the Year Award. We also had our annual Hooked On Fishing event. There were 72 children who registered for the event with approximately 175 adults and children attending. Carter Carrol won the biggest fish award catching a fish that was 29 inches long. Brad Hay caught the most fish and Carley Rew caught the smallest fish at 4.25 inches. A fun time was had by all.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers and businesses that donated their time and resources. The Twenty-First Century Foundation, Myers Rental Service, Dollar General, Firelands Credit Union, Bait Brothers, Nobil's Sports & Trophy, Armour Eckrich Meats, New Horizons Baking Company, 7-Eleven of Monroeville, Frito-Lay, Rural King, and Fair Publishing. We could not have done it without your support.

Picture below are Chief Lyons and Mayor Fries-Seip along with Lt. Troy Kimball and Officer Nick Meyer. Along with them are Brad Hay, Carter Carroll, and Carley Rew. Congratulations to everyone!



This year 32 children participated in our 2023 Safety Town. They observed and participated in presentations by the Monroeville Police Department; Huron River Joint Fire District; The Village of Monroeville Electric Department; Firelands Electric; North Central EMS, and Firelands Red Cross. A big thank you goes out to the Monroeville Public Schools for allowing us to use the MAC center and the cafeteria for our banquet of Pean's Pizza! Pictured below are the 2023 Safety Town graduates along with Chief Lyons, Officer Jonah Mersereau, Mayor Fries Seip, and Lt. Troy Kimball.



Finally, I would like to thank those who volunteered their time. We could not have pulled it off without them. Thank you, Mayor Fries-Seip, Heather Alicea, Makenna, and Mattie.

Respectfully submitted.

Gary M Lyons, Chief of Police

Monroeville Police Department
Officer Activity 2023

Category	Officer													
	981	982	983	983E	984	985	986	987	988	989	9810	9811	9812	Total
DUI	1		1											2
DUS/No OL			4		1	9					1		1	16
Red Light			2		1									3
Stop Sign								1						1
Speed			30	1	7	32			8	2	2	1	6	89
Dragon Cam	211	111	10											332
Expired Plates			3			1				1				5
Seat Belt Violations			1											1
Equipment Violations			6			1								7
Accident Citations	3	3		2	1	1			1	1				12
Accident Investigated	3	7		2	5	3			1	1				22
All Other Citations			3			2							1	6
Warnings	1	1	35	9	84	103		3	36	19	9		11	311
Parking Tickets														0
Felony Arrests			3											3
Misdemeanor Arrests			8		3						1		2	14
Felony Warrants	1		2		1					1				5
Misdemeanor Warrants			6	1	5	4				2				18
Major Incidents	7	6	12	2	7	1				1	2	1	1	40
Routine Incidents	35	67	84	22	163	70	4	4	3	10	9	4	10	485

981-Lyons
 982-Kimball
 983-Meyer
 983E-Eggleston
 984-Mersereau
 985-Reinhart
 986-Querin
 987-Sheehan
 988-Henderson
 989-Wilson
 9810-Broeckel
 9811-Gale
 9812-Silvers

MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Incident Type Comparison Statistics

Month and Year Processed: 12 2023

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MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Incident Type Description	Incident Type Code	2022 Dec	2023 Dec	PERCENT CHANGE	2022 TO DATE	2023 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
911 Hang Up Call	911HANGUP	1	4	300.00%	38	44	15.79%
Alarm Burglar	ALARMBUR	2	5	150.00%	25	24	-4.00%
Alarm Hold Up	ALARMHOLD	0	1	0.00%	2	4	100.00%
Alarm Medical	ALARMMED	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Animal At Large	ANIMALATLR	1	1	0.00%	23	32	39.13%
Animal Bite	ANIMABITE	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Assault	ASSAULT	0	0	0.00%	3	3	0.00%
Assist Other Agency	ASSTAGENCY	1	2	100.00%	39	24	-38.46%
Bad Checks	BADCHKS	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Breaking And Entering	B&E	0	0	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Burglary	BURGLARY	0	0	0.00%	0	2	0.00%
Civil Matter	CIVIL	0	1	0.00%	12	21	75.00%
Crash Animal	CRASHANML	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Crash General	CRASHGNRL	4	0	-100.00%	21	17	-19.05%
Crash Hit Skip	CRASHHITSK	0	0	0.00%	1	4	300.00%
Crash Injury	CRASHINJRY	0	0	0.00%	2	3	50.00%
Crash Private Property	CRASHPP	0	0	0.00%	4	4	0.00%
Criminal Damaging	CRMDMG	0	0	0.00%	4	4	0.00%
Criminal Mischief	CRMMIS	0	1	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Detail Paperwork	DETAILPRK	1	0	-100.00%	13	1	-92.31%
Detail Traffic	DTL-TRAF	0	0	0.00%	0	2	0.00%
Disorderly Conduct	DISCNDT	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication	DISCNDTINT	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Disturbance	DISTURB	2	2	0.00%	19	16	-15.79%
Disturbing The Peace	DISTRBPEAC	0	0	0.00%	2	3	50.00%
Domestic Violence	DOMESTIC	1	1	0.00%	5	4	-20.00%
EMS Call	EMS CALL	6	4	-33.33%	77	53	-31.17%

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EMS-Assistance	EMS-ASSIST	0	0	0.00%	3	0	-100.00%
Escort	ESCORT	0	0	0.00%	5	4	-20.00%
Fire Call	FIRE CALL	0	1	0.00%	5	4	-20.00%
Fire Investigation	FIRE-INVES	1	0	-100.00%	2	0	-100.00%
Firearms Complaint	FIRE-ARMS	0	0	0.00%	2	1	-50.00%
Fireworks	FIREWORKS	0	0	0.00%	2	1	-50.00%
Follow Up Investigation	FOLLOWUP	2	1	-50.00%	51	6	-88.24%
Fraud	FRAUD	0	0	0.00%	6	2	-66.67%
Fraud Credit-Debit Card	FRAUDCRED	1	1	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Harassment	HARASSMENT	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Harassment Telephone	HARRAS-TEL	0	0	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
Hazard	HAZARD	0	0	0.00%	17	10	-41.18%
Information	INFO	9	12	33.33%	100	112	12.00%
Juvenile Abuse	JUV-ABUSE	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Juvenile Contact	JUC-CONTCT	0	0	0.00%	4	2	-50.00%
Juvenile Curfew	JUV-CURFEW	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Juvenile Delinquent	JUV-DELQ	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Juvenile Unruly	JUV-UNRULE	0	0	0.00%	13	10	-23.08%
K-9	K9	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Liquor Violations	LIQUOR	0	0	0.00%	4	0	-100.00%
Littering	LITTERING	0	0	0.00%	3	0	-100.00%
Medication Turn In	MEDICATION	0	0	0.00%	3	3	0.00%
Menacing	MENACING	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Mental Health	MENTAL	0	0	0.00%	7	3	-57.14%
Narcotic Drugs Possession	NARCS-POSS	2	0	-100.00%	49	8	-83.67%
Narcotics Drug Paraphernalia	NARCS-PARA	1	0	-100.00%	10	1	-90.00%
Narcotics Drugs Trafficking	NARCS-TRAF	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Narcotics Overdose	NARCS-OD	0	0	0.00%	5	2	-60.00%

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OVI	OVI	2	0	-100.00%	5	1	-80.00%
Open Building Door Window	OPENDOOR	1	0	-100.00%	11	8	-27.27%
Parking Complaint	PARKING	0	0	0.00%	2	1	-50.00%
Person Deceased	PER-DOA	1	0	-100.00%	2	3	50.00%
Persons Missing	PER-MISS	0	0	0.00%	0	3	0.00%
Persons Suspicious	PER-SUSP	1	1	0.00%	21	23	9.52%
Prisoner Detail Transport	PRISON-TR	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Property Damage	PROP-DMG	0	0	0.00%	6	3	-50.00%
Property Found Recovered	PROP-FOUND	0	0	0.00%	12	3	-75.00%
Property Lost	PORP-LOST	0	0	0.00%	3	1	-66.67%
Sex Offenses - Gross Sexual Imposition	SEX-IMPOS	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Sex Offenses - Pandering Obscenity	SEX-PANDER	0	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Sex Offenses - Rape	SEX-RAPE	0	0	0.00%	2	0	-100.00%
Solicitor Complaint	SOLICITOR	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Suicide Attempted	SUICIDE	0	0	0.00%	4	2	-50.00%
Theft - From Car	THEFT-FROM	0	0	0.00%	2	0	-100.00%
Theft - Petty	THEFT-PET	1	0	-100.00%	10	5	-50.00%
Theft - Shoplifting	THEFT-SHOP	1	0	-100.00%	2	1	-50.00%
Theft Id	THEFT-ID	0	0	0.00%	2	0	-100.00%
Theft Of Car	THEFT-OF	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Theft Other Offense	THEFT-OTHE	0	0	0.00%	3	1	-66.67%
Traffic Offense	TRAFIC OFF	2	4	100.00%	46	35	-23.91%
Traffic Stop	TRAFSTOP	12	8	-33.33%	441	148	-66.44%
Traffic Stop-Warning	TRAFWARN	16	11	-31.25%	561	350	-37.61%
Trespassing	TRESPASS	0	0	0.00%	3	4	33.33%
Utilities Complaint	UTILITIES	1	0	-100.00%	27	6	-77.78%
Vandalism	VANDALISM	0	0	0.00%	0	2	0.00%
Vehicle Disabled	VEH-DISABL	4	3	-25.00%	27	27	0.00%

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Vehicle Fleeing & Eluding	VEH-FLEE	0	0	0.00%	1	0	-100.00%
Vehicle Immobilized Towed	VEH-IMBTOW	1	0	-100.00%	9	1	-88.89%
Vehicle Lock Out	VEH-LOCKOU	5	1	-80.00%	33	23	-30.30%
Vehicle Repo	VEH-REPO	0	0	0.00%	1	4	300.00%
Vehicle Suspicious	VEH-SUSPC	5	4	-20.00%	43	21	-51.16%
Violation Of Court Order - Tpo - Court Order	VIOL-TPO	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Void	VOID	0	0	0.00%	2	1	-50.00%
Warrant Arrest Service	WARNTSRV	1	0	-100.00%	15	5	-66.67%
Warrant Arrest Summons	WARRANT	2	2	0.00%	21	15	-28.57%
Weapons	WEAPONS	0	0	0.00%	0	1	0.00%
Welfare Check	WELFARECK	3	4	33.33%	46	31	-32.61%

Total incidents for MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

94	75	-20.21%	1965	1188	-39.54%
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**TRAFFIC-CRIMINAL REPORT
2023 YEAR-TO-DATE - DECEMBER**

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023	:	\$	41,159.99	
Total Received from: 01/01/23 to 12/31/23	:	+	\$	1,201,582.09
Total Disbursed from: 01/01/23 to 12/31/23	:	-	\$	1,215,483.39
BALANCE CARRIED TO JANUARY 2024	:	\$	27,258.69	
SUNDRIES				
Miscellaneous Checks	\$	100,108.29		
Restitution		35,203.48	\$	135,311.77
CITIES				
Norwalk criminal fines	\$	9,785.01		
Norwalk traffic fines		20,559.60		
Sealing Record fees		120.00		
Costs		170,486.48		
Ignition Interlock fee (IIFL)		97.50		
40-45% Ohio State Patrol fines		57,474.42		
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund (IATC)		5,501.18		
Witness fees reimbursed		60.19	\$	264,084.38
Willard criminal fines	\$	1,751.00		
Willard traffic fines		2,149.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$	3,900.00
VILLAGES				
Greenwich criminal fines	\$	570.00		
Greenwich traffic fines		793.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$	1,363.00
New London criminal fines	\$	2,464.00		
New London traffic fines		2,730.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$	5,194.00
Milan criminal fines	\$	-		
Milan traffic fines		-	\$	-
Monroeville criminal fines	\$	1,985.40		
Monroeville traffic fines		12,931.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$	14,916.40
Plymouth criminal fines	\$	-		
Plymouth traffic fines		-		
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$	-
Wakeman criminal fines	\$	550.00		
Wakeman traffic fines		7,078.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		18.84	\$	7,646.84
SHERIFF				
Huron County Sheriff Department	\$	6,076.70	\$	6,076.70
COUNTY				
**Less Huron County Law Library	\$	(3,913.16)		
10% Ohio State Patrol fines		14,361.71		
50% Liquor fines		2,466.50		
Criminal fines		54,375.52		
Dog fines		1,745.00		
Health Department		250.00		
Highway Maintenance		22,870.00		
Highway Safety (Child Restraint)		60.00		
Public Defender Fund		5,556.77		
Sealing Record fees		540.00		
Uniform traffic fines		165,089.94		
Jury fees reimbursed		360.00		
Witness fees reimbursed		2,240.37	\$	266,002.65
STATE				
50% Liquor fines	\$	2,466.50		
Bail Bond Surcharge		4,775.00		
Drug Enforcement Fund (DEFC)		12,431.13		
General Revenue Fund (GRF)		258.50		
Highway Safety Act (Child Restraint)		585.00		
Indigent Defense Support Fund (IDFC)		107,422.20		
Indigent Defendant Support Fund (IDSF)		14,733.40		
Indigent Driver Interlock Fund (IDIF)		8,272.74		
Justice Program Service Fund (JPSF)		402.38		
45-50% Ohio State Patrol fines		71,781.17		
Sealing Record fees		990.00		
Seat Belt fines		12,480.00		
State Highway Safety Fund (IIFS)		97.50		
Victim of Crime Fund (RRF)		38,578.56	\$	275,274.08
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Ohio Department of Public Safety	\$	300.00	\$	300.00

**TRAFFIC-CRIMINAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2023**

BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023	:	\$	29,788.99
Total received from 12/01/23 - 12/31/23	:	+	\$ 77,838.02
Total disbursed from 12/01/23 - 12/31/23	:	-	\$ 80,368.32
BALANCE CARRIED TO JANUARY 2024	:		<u>\$ 27,258.69</u>
SUNDRIES			
Miscellaneous Checks	\$	6,080.00	
Restitution		5,177.04	\$ 11,257.04
CITIES			
Norwalk criminal fines	\$	631.81	
Norwalk traffic fines		876.00	
Sealing Record fees		-	
Costs		10,040.89	
Ignition Interlock fee (IIFL)		-	
40-45% Ohio State Patrol fines		3,548.75	
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund (IATC)		331.50	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 15,428.95
Willard criminal fines	\$	130.00	
Willard traffic fines		80.00	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 210.00
VILLAGES			
Greenwich criminal fines	\$	150.00	
Greenwich traffic fines		200.00	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 350.00
New London criminal fines	\$	50.00	
New London traffic fines		150.00	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 200.00
Milan criminal fines	\$	-	
Milan traffic fines		-	\$ -
Monroeville criminal fines	\$	150.00	
Monroeville traffic fines		966.00	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 1,116.00
Plymouth criminal fines	\$	-	
Plymouth traffic fines		-	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ -
Wakeman criminal fines	\$	-	
Wakeman traffic fines		307.00	
Witness fees reimbursed		-	\$ 307.00
SHERIFF			
COUNTY			
Huron County Sheriff Department	\$	283.00	\$ 283.00
**Less Huron County Law Library	\$	-	
10% Ohio State Patrol fines		880.61	
50% Liquor fines		419.50	
Criminal fines		3,034.48	
Dog fines		355.00	
Health Department		-	
Highway Maintenance		1,519.00	
Highway Safety (Child Restraint)		-	
Public Defender Fund		315.00	
Sealing Record fees		20.00	
Uniform traffic fines		12,952.13	
Jury fees reimbursed		-	
Witness fees reimbursed		63.96	\$ 19,559.68
STATE			
50% Liquor fines	\$	419.50	
Bail Bond Surcharge		200.00	
Drug Enforcement Fund (DEFC)		749.19	
General Revenue Fund (GRF)		18.00	
Highway Safety Act (Child Restraint)		30.00	
Indigent Defense Support Fund (IDFC)		6,431.85	
Indigent Defendant Support Fund (IDSF)		1,255.00	
Indigent Driver Interlock Fund (IDIF)		805.00	
Justice Program Service Fund (JPSF)		23.87	
45-50% Ohio State Patrol fines		4,376.87	
Sealing Record fees		30.00	
Seat Belt fines		570.00	
State Highway Safety Fund (IIFS)		-	
Victim of Crime Fund (RRF)		2,338.20	\$ 17,247.48
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Ohio Department of Public Safety	\$	-	\$ -







