

**Taylor Mill
Police Department**

TMPD

2020 Annual Report

Taylor Mill Police Department

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Welcome to the 2020 Year-End Report for the Taylor Mill Police Department. I hope the information compiled in this body of work will provide you with insight into the operation of your police department. We have gathered this information over the past twelve months; intending to offer a snapshot of the officers who protect and serve your community.

March of 2020 found us living with and responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a result of the virus the PD had to modify the way we did business and adjusted some of our standard operating procedures, for purposes of safety. Case in point, two new police recruits graduated in the spring of this year and their entire field training program was modified to enhance everyone's personal safety. Nonetheless, Officers Nathan Kling and Jordan Norris successfully completed their field training and are patrolling our city streets. 2020 was a banner year for School Resource Officer (SRO) Jimmie Poynter. Not only was he selected to preside as the president of the Kentucky School Resource Officers Association, but he was also recognized as the Kentucky SRO of the year, due to his outstanding work at Scott High School. The year 2020 found TMPD undergoing an assessment of our operations by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA Accreditation serves as the international gold standard for public safety. This is the 4th time TMPD has been awarded law enforcement accreditation by CALEA. CALEA Accreditation is a continuous process and serves as the foundation for a successful, professionally managed, transparent, community-focused public safety agency. TMPD stands committed to professional excellence through both CALEA and state accreditation.

I hope this report provides you with an informative glimpse of how YOUR police department functioned to protect and serve you during the year of 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Steve Knauf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Knauf
Chief of Police

Taylor Mill Police Department

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Taylor Mill Police Department is to:

Protect and Serve our customers,

While we strive to do the right thing,

To do our best,

And to treat others as we would like to be treated.



VALUES STATEMENT

We value human life and personal dignity.

*We value personal and professional integrity as the basis for
community trust.*

We value fair and impartial enforcement of all laws.

We value professional excellence and customer service.

*We value all members of the Taylor Mill Police Department, both
sworn and unsworn.*

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**Taylor Mill Police Department is Internationally Accredited by
Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies**

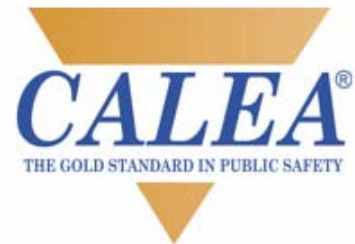


November 2010

November 2013

November 2016

November 2020



**Taylor Mill Police Department is State Accredited by
Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police**



March 2002

March 2007

March 2012

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Chief Steve Knauf

Steven A. Knauf is a thirty-eight-year veteran of the Kenton County Criminal Justice field, holding a diverse range of positions in the Justice system. He has served thirty-two years with the Division of Police in Taylor Mill, and is one of the longest serving Police Chiefs in Kentucky, where he was appointed to his current position in 1994.

A graduate of Northern Kentucky University, he holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice Studies. In 1998 he was chosen by the FBI to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, graduating with the 195th Session, and earned a certificate in Criminal Justice and certified as a Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Instructor and Domestic Violence Instructor. Moreover, he attended graduate school at the University of Cincinnati, where he was awarded the degree of Master of Science in Criminal Justice in 2005.

His Criminal Justice career experience ranges from service with the Kenton County Sheriff's Office, the Kenton County Detention Center, as well as with the Covington and Taylor Mill Police Departments. He has extensive experience in investigative and supervisory assignments in criminal investigation (death, drug enforcement, special investigations, sex crimes, robbery, burglary, and crimes against children), police administration, critical incident management and sexual harassment. He has received numerous commendations and letters of recognition over the years for his work and service in the field of Criminal Justice.

During his tenure as Police Chief the department has been three times accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, The Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team was created and received the award for "The Best Crime Prevention Program in Kentucky" 2005, and the agency's "Because We Care Program" was bestowed the President's Award of Excellence by the Kentucky League of Cities. In July 2006, he authored an article about the department's NEAT program that was published internationally in "The Police Chief" magazine. Moreover, he coordinated and oversaw a complete renovation of police headquarters, in order to come into compliance with State accreditation standards and lead the department's effort toward achieving international accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), where the department received its initial award on November 20, 2010.

Chief Knauf is the past President of the Kenton County Police Chief's Association as well as previously serving as the President of both the Northern Kentucky Police Chief's Association and the Kenton County Animal Authority Board. Chief Knauf is a past recipient of the Public Service Recognition Award from the City of Cincinnati, in the category of Northern Kentucky Public Sector Employee Award. Moreover, the Northern Kentucky Area Development District recognized him as a past Outstanding Police Chief in Northern Kentucky. In the year 2008, Chief Knauf was one of nine nominees in the state to be considered for the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement. Additionally, Chief Knauf is a member of the Kenton County Emergency Communications Board. In 2014, the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) recognized Chief Knauf at their Public Administrator of the Year Award Banquet in the category of "Program Excellence".

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Lieutenant James Mills Jr.

Lieutenant James Mills has been a police officer for fifteen years. Lieutenant Mills began his career with the City of Taylor Mill in November of 2009. He came to our agency with four years of experience from the Dalton, Georgia Police Department and one year with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department. Lieutenant Mills is a certified International Police Mountain Biking Officer and Police Training Officer. Sergeant Mills became the department's first Accident Reconstructionist in 2014, and is the department's Advisor to the Explorer Program. Lieutenant Mills is an Academy of Police Supervision Class 72 graduate as well as a Criminal Justice Executive Development Class 24 graduate. Lieutenant Mills has authored and supervised multiple grants for the police department for the purchase of equipment and special project overtime for the officers. Lieutenant Mills was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2016. He was promoted to Lieutenant in February of 2018. Lieutenant Mills holds a Bachelors of Art's in Integrative Studies from Northern Kentucky University. Lieutenant Mills is married and has one son. In his free time, he enjoys traveling to his family's favorite Disney destinations on both land and sea.



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Sergeant Cyrus Harris

Sergeant Harris has been a police officer in Kentucky for twelve years. Sergeant Harris served three years as a federal law enforcement officer with the Federal Reserve Police. He was promoted to Corporal and was a tactical firearms instructor. Sergeant Harris served three years with the Kentucky State Police Vehicle Enforcement Division where his primary focus was on driver safety, commercial vehicles, and drug interdiction on Kentucky highways. Sergeant Harris joined Taylor Mill Police in November of 2012 after spending two years with the Park Hills Police Department and was promoted to Sergeant in February of 2018. Moreover, Sergeant Harris was a 2018 nominee to receive the Robert A. Shield's Memorial Award, Outstanding Police Officer of the Year. He was nominated by Chief Knauf for his exemplary bravery and his demonstrated lifesaving actions during a violent dog attack. Sergeant Harris is a veteran of the US Army 82nd Airborne Division and has an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement Technology. He is married with four children and spends most of his free time attending his kids sporting activities. Sgt. Harris retired from the Taylor Mill Police Department in December 2020.



Sergeant Ken Holstein

Sergeant Ken Holstein has been serving in law enforcement since August 1988. He began his career with the Covington Police Department and has worked in several areas including: patrol; K-9; SWAT; Drug and Vice Unit and was assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force; and the Criminal Investigations Bureau. Sgt. Holstein was promoted to Sergeant with the Covington Police Department in 1998 and has completed several supervisors' courses and graduated the Department of Criminal Justice Trainings Criminal Justice Executive Development (class 3). Sgt. Holstein began his career with Taylor Mill in 2008 and in 2010 received the Robert A. Shields Memorial Award for Outstanding Police Officer. Sgt. Holstein was promoted to Sergeant in November 2018 and assist with firearms instruction as a certified instructor and is the property/evidence room manager.

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Officer Mac Vollet began his career with the City of Taylor Mill in February of 2018. Officer Vollet received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Kentucky University and plans to further his education in the future. Officer Vollet assists with the Explorer Program. Officer Vollet is married and has two dogs. In his free time, he enjoys working out, sports, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Officer John "Mac" Vollet



Officer Noe grew up in Taylor Mill and is a graduate of Scott High School. Officer Noe attended Northern Kentucky University where he obtained an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement and Bachelor Degree in Justice Studies. Officer Noe served active duty in the U.S. Army and was with the Armor Tank Division, achieving the rank E-5 Sergeant. Officer Noe's police career started with the Kenton County Police Department where he served for 20 years, reaching the rank of Sergeant. During that time, he received extensive training in the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force Unit, Boone County SWAT Team, Kenton County Regional SWAT Team, Honor Guard Officer and Training Officer. Officer Noe joined the Taylor Mill Police Department in October of 2016.

Officer Jake Noe



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Officer Poynter started his police career as a reserve officer in Dayton, KY before going full time and graduating from DOCJT in 1990. Officer Poynter served 19 1/2 years with Bellevue Police Department and achieved the rank of Major, supervising the drug unit and department fleet, and served as a team leader on the NKY Special Operations Group. Officer Poynter is a certified Accident Reconstructionist, SAVE, Active Shooter, CCDW and Driving Instructor. Officer Poynter started with the Taylor Mill Police Department in 2016 as the School Resource Officer at Scott High School. Officer Poynter is the President of KYASRO and was recently appointed by the governor to the KCSS Board and an active member and past president of FOP Lodge 10. Officer Poynter was also the 2020 Kentucky SRO of the year! Officer Poynter is currently working towards his Bachelors of Science Degree from UC in Management and Leadership. Officer Poynter is married with three children and in his spare time he enjoys traveling with his family, and working on old card.



Officer James Poynter



Officer Bob Fultz, is a US Army veteran with 4 ½ years of Combat Military Police in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 16th MP Brigade 18th Airborne Corp. Officer Fultz started his law enforcement career with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, where he served 2 years. Officer Fultz then joined the Kenton County Police Department for 21 years where he served as a firearms instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, ASP and Monadnock Baton Instructor, Field Training Officer, Pepper Spray Instructor and was a DEA Task Force detective for 4 ½ years with over 400 hours of narcotics training including Meth Lab School. Officer Fultz retired in 2012 and began working in the civilian sector. Officer Fultz joined the Taylor Mill Police in December of 2016 and retired from the Taylor Mill Police in 2020.

Officer Robert Fultz



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Officer Matt Hicks began his police career in 1994 with the Dry Ridge Police Department. Since then, he has also served with the Grant County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Independence Police Department. He retired from the Independence Police Department December 31, 2018. During his time at Independence Police Department, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Lieutenant upon his retirement. He was in charge of 3rd shift operations, fleet management, and the explorer program. He has also served on the Dry Ridge Fire Department in which he rose to the rank of Captain and was also an E.M.T. He's been a nationally certified fire and explosive investigator/instructor among holding other certifications.

Officer Hicks became a member of the Taylor Mill Police Department in September 2019. Officer Hicks is a U.S. Army veteran. He is married to his wife, Christy, and has three children, Sydney, Emma, and Andy. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, golf, and spending time with family and friends.

Officer Matt Hicks

Officer Patrick Reis has been police officer for twenty-six years. Officer Reis has worked for the City of Taylor Mill since 1995, and has extensive training in Criminal Investigations. Officer Reis is a graduate of the Academy of Police Supervision in 2008, and is also a graduate from the National Intelligence Academy in Covert Video Surveillance Installations. Officer Reis has received seven Career Development Certifications through the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Officer Reis has previously received the Governors Award for DUI arrest and also the Robert A. Shields Memorial Outstanding Police Officer of the Year Award in 2003. In 2014, Officer Reis attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, graduating with the 258th Session, earning a certificate in Criminal Justice. Officer Reis is married with two children and in his spare time enjoys coaching football and spending time with his family.



Officer Patrick Reis



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Officer Jordan Norris began his career with the City of Taylor Mill in October of 2019. Officer Norris comes to Taylor Mill from Northern Kentucky Probation and Parole. He is also a state certified EMT. Officer Norris completed his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Thomas More University. Officer Norris is married, has one child and two dogs. In his free time, he likes to hike, attend sporting events, and spend time with family and friends.

Officer Jordan Norris

Officer Nathan Kling started both his law enforcement career and his career with Taylor Mill in October of 2019, when he and Officer Norris attended the DOCJT police academy together. Officer Kling has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Psychology from the University of Louisville and wishes to continue his education in the future. During Officer Kling's college career, he was an intern with the United States Marshal's Office, where he was able to observe and learn from both their federal court security and fugitive task force. Officer Kling is married and he and his wife welcomed their first child to their family in December of 2020.



Officer Nathan Kling



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Officer Charles Phillips



Officer Phillips has been a police officer in Kentucky for 29 years. Officer Phillips served as a Deputy Sheriff in Owen County for 9 years and was an EMT prior to that service. Officer Phillips began working with the Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and achieved the rank of Captain prior to retiring in 2018. Officer Phillips was a K-9 Officer and assisted in starting K-9 programs in Tennessee and Maryland. Officer Phillips was the President of the Port Security Committee for the Cincinnati Area Maritime Committee of Homeland Security. Officer Phillips also served as a member of the Southwest Ohio Environmental Crimes Task Force out of the U S Attorney's Office. While serving in this capacity Officer Phillips was the only officer in the state of KY to receive the Eagle Award. This is the highest honor anyone can receive from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Officer Phillips joined the Taylor Mill Police Department in 2018 and now proudly serves as a school resource officer at Woodland Middle School.

Administrative Assistant Aimee Pulsfort

Police Administrative Assistant Aimee Pulsfort started with the department in November 2018 after previously working for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is the office manager of the department, the direct assistant to the Chief of Police, where she is responsible for a wide range of important duties. Aimee oversees the PD records management system, provides support to police officers and assists both internal and external customers. Aimee is married and has two children. In her spare time, she enjoys watching her children play sports for their travel club teams.



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RECOGNITION PAGE



SRO Poynter was the recipient of the 2020 Kentucky “SRO of the Year” award from the KY Association of School Resource Officers (KYASRO)



In December, Lt. Mills graduated from Northern Kentucky University with his Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies.

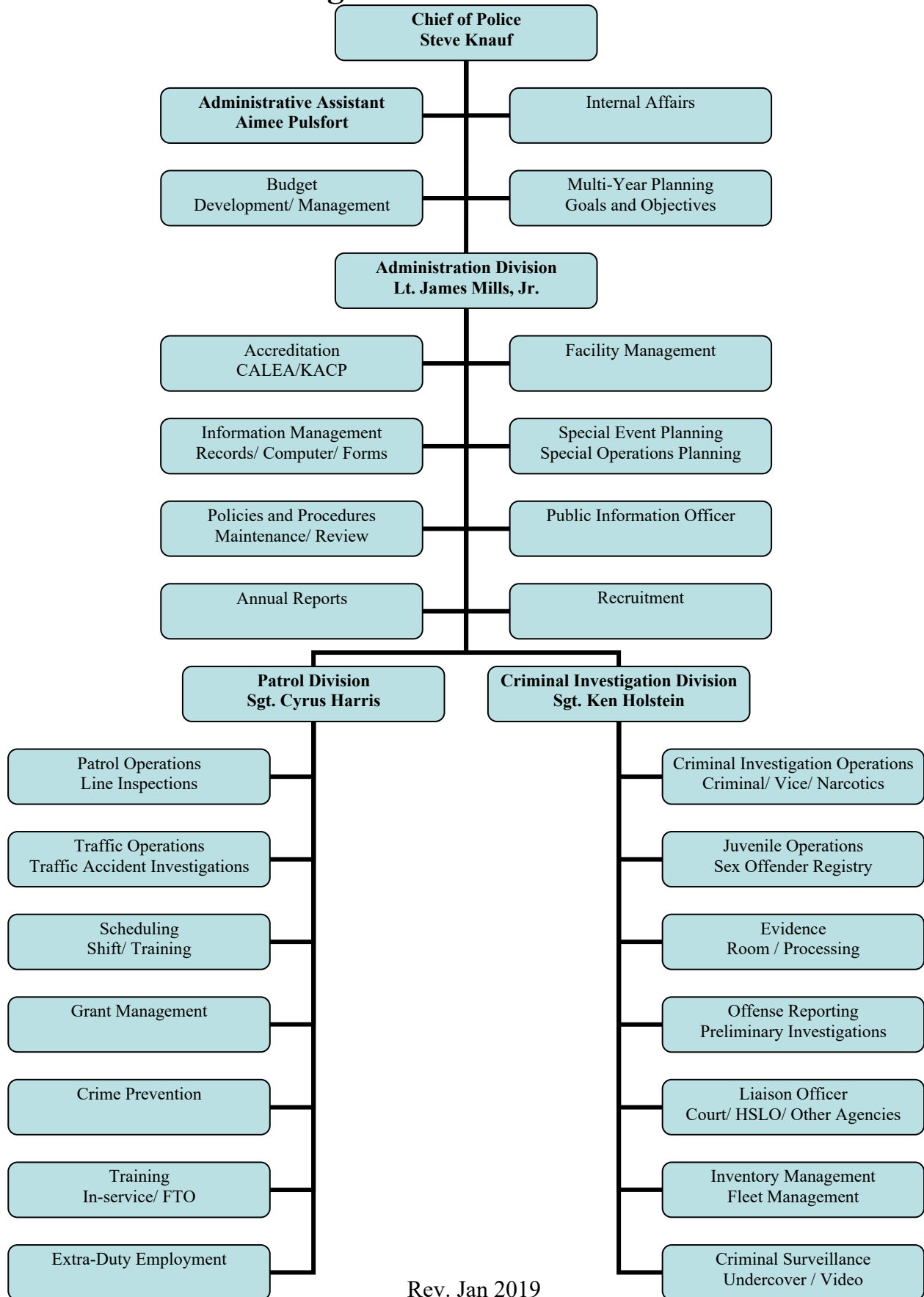


Officer Poynter, Mrs. Stewart (Principal at Scott High School), and other members of school staff attended FOP Lodge 10 annual Cops and Kids event where they were able to shop for Christmas gifts with some Kenton County youth!



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Organizational Structure



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STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2020

Kentucky Uniform Citations Total		340
<i>Total Traffic Citation Violations</i>	<i>200</i>	
<i>Total Criminal Citation Violations</i>	<i>135</i>	
<i>Total Non-Traffic and Non-Criminal Citation Violations</i>	<i>5</i>	
Taylor Mill Citations		10
Taylor Mill Courtesy Notices (Written)		65
Total arrests		108
Traffic Stops		815
DUI arrests		11
Assisting Other Agencies		15
Auto Accidents Total		306
	<i>Injury Collisions</i>	<i>29</i>
	<i>Number Injured</i>	<i>37</i>
	<i>Number Killed</i>	<i>0</i>
Residential and Business Watch Checks		4930
Total Calls for Service		18,241

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Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes

<u>Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	1
Robbery	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	5	2	0
Burglary	6	5	8
Theft Over	34	35	32
Auto Theft	9	3	4
Arson	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Total Part 1	56	45	45



<u>Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Other Assaults	47	51	23
Forgery & Counterfeiting	5	1	0
Fraud	9	7	8
Embezzlement	1	2	2
Stolen Property; Buying; Receiving; Possess	1	2	2
Vandalism	22	18	20
Weapons	1	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	5	1	1
Drug Offenses	66	39	19
Gambling	0	0	0
Off. Against Families & Children	3	4	0
DUI	5	6	11
Liquor Laws	1	0	1
Drunkenness	10	6	9
Disorderly Conduct	28	36	14
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	14	22	6
Total Part 2	218	196	116

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Administrative Review

Biased Based Policing Complaints

Complaints from:	2018	2019	2020
Traffic contacts	0	0	0
Field contacts	0	0	0
Asset Forfeiture	0	0	0

Formal Grievances

	2018	2019	2020
Grievance Number	1	0	0

Personnel Actions

	2018	2019	2020
Suspension	1	0	0
Demotion	1	0	0
Resign In Lieu of Termination	0	0	0
Termination	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Commendations	0	0	0

Complaints and Internal Affairs Investigations

	2018	2019	2020
External			
Citizen Complaint	0	0	0
Sustained	0	0	0
Not Sustained	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0
Exonerated	0	0	0
Internal			
Directed complaint	1	0	0
Sustained	1	0	0
Not Sustained	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0
Exonerated	0	0	0

Use of Force

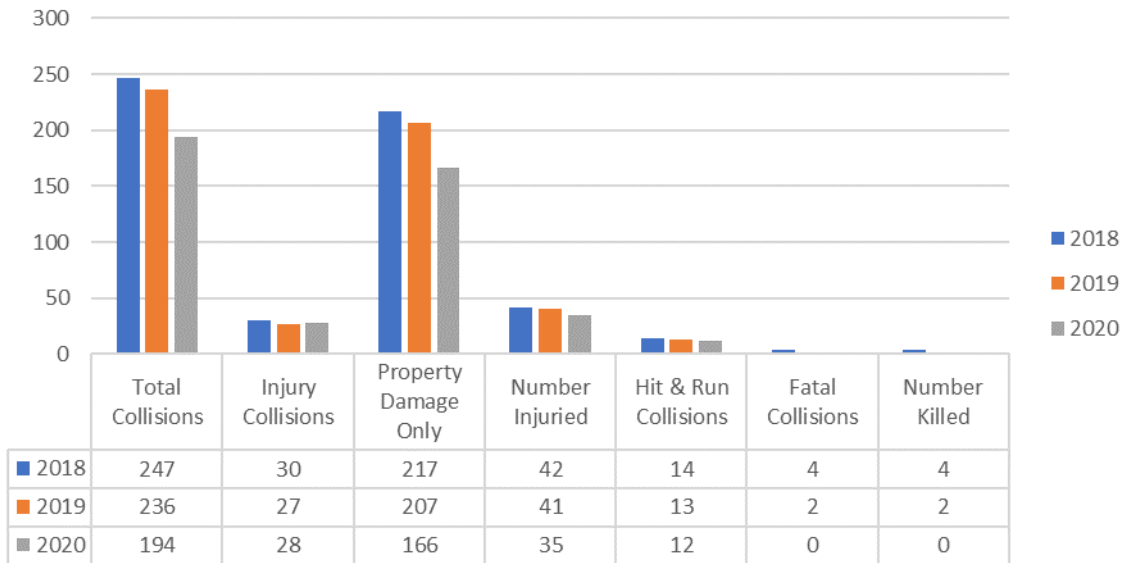
	2018	2019	2020
Firearm Total	10	14	12
<i>Humans</i>	0	0	0
<i>Animals Euthanized</i>	8	10	10
<i>Firearms Displayed Only</i>	2	4	2
ECW Total	2	0	0
<i>Humans</i>	1	0	0
<i>Animals</i>	0	0	0
<i>ECW Displayed Only</i>	1	0	0
Bean-Bag Shotgun	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0
OC	0	0	0
Weaponless	6	2	4
Total Types of Force	18	16	16
Total Use of Force Arrests	4	5	3
Complaints	0	0	0
Total Agency Custodial Arrests	165	179	113
Total Injuries			
<i>Officer</i>	0	0	0
<i>Suspects</i>	1	0	0
<i>Third Party</i>	0	0	0

Pursuits

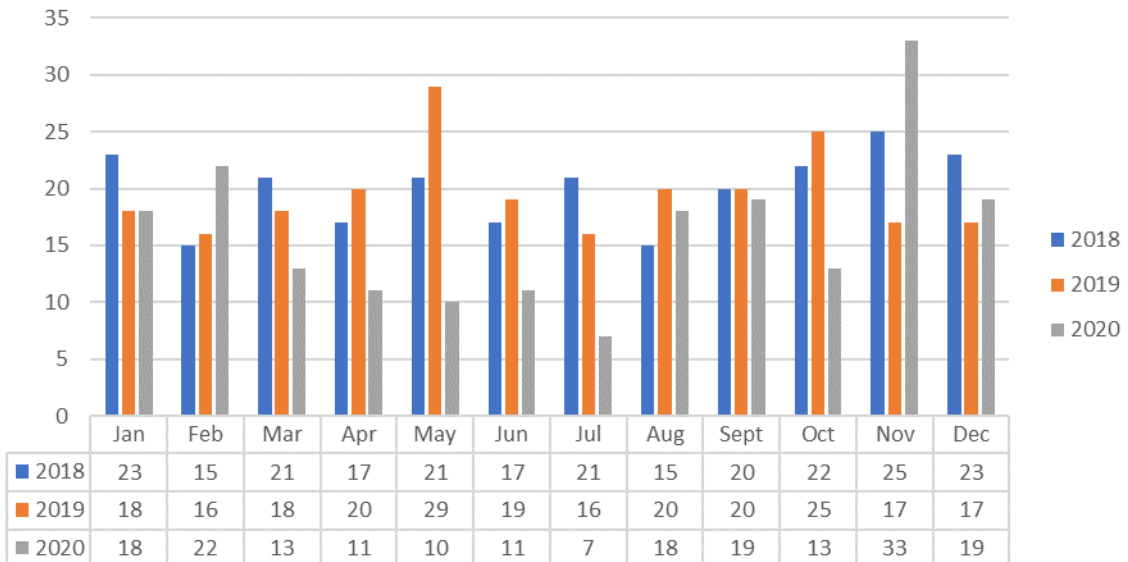
PURSUITS	2018	2019	2020
Total Pursuits	0	1	0
<i>Vehicle Pursuit</i>	0	1	0
<i>Foot Pursuit</i>	0	0	0
Terminated by agency	0	1	0
Policy Compliant	0	1	0
Policy Non-compliant	0	0	0
Accidents	0	0	0
Total Injuries			
<i>Officer</i>	0	0	0
<i>Suspects</i>	0	0	0
<i>Third Party</i>	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0
Felony	0	1	0
Misdemeanor	0	0	0

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Traffic Collisions Comparison

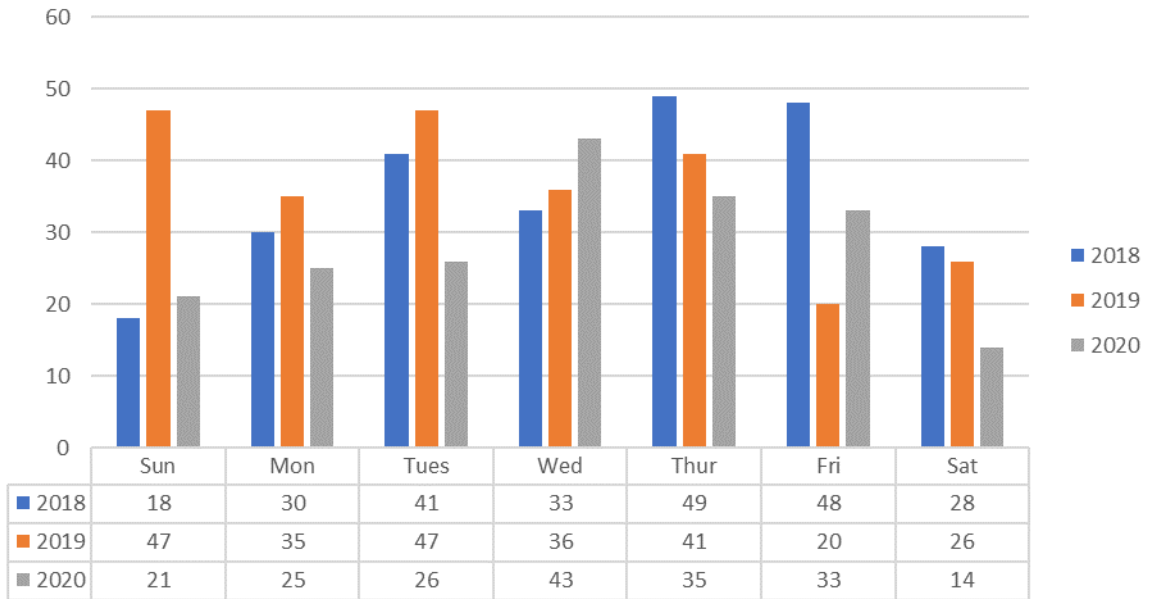


Collisions By Month

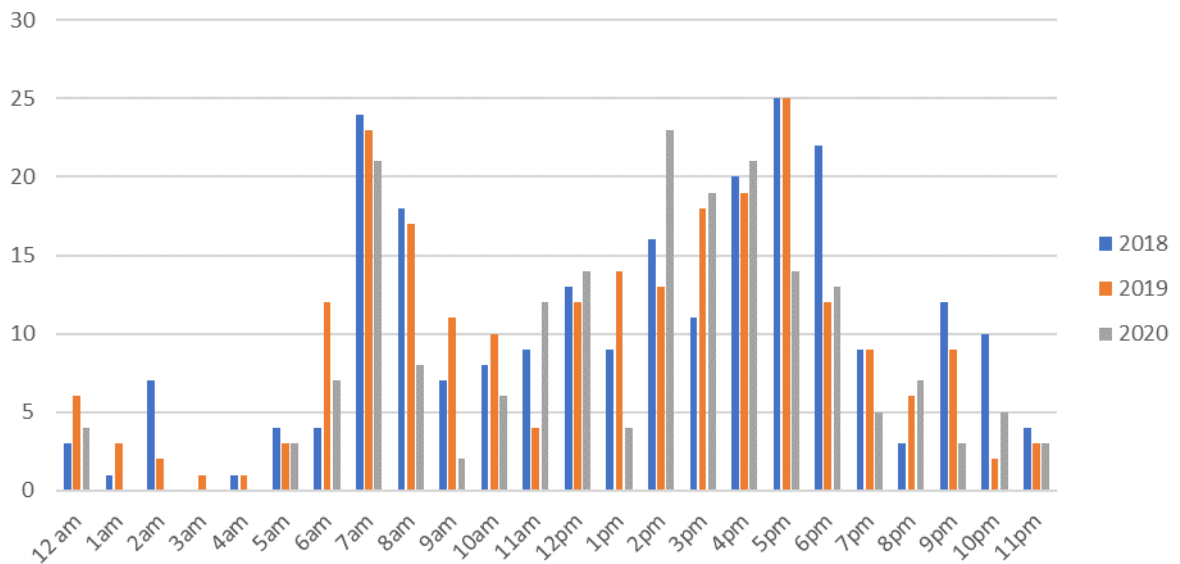


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Traffic Collisions By Day of Week



Traffic Collisions By Time of Day



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2020 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Taylor Mill Police Officers take pride in the professional community relations that we share with our customers. The relationship is strengthened through joint training with TMPD officers, citizens and business owners. Six main programs are used to outreach/train citizen partners:

1. **Drop-Off Box** - The Taylor Mill Police Department has a prescription drop box located in the lobby of the police department and will be available during regular business hours Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm. The purpose is to provide Taylor Mill residents with a way to properly dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired household medications, prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and veterinary medications.
2. **Explorer Post #2522** – Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14-20. It provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields and network with professionals already working in those fields. The Taylor Mill Police Department started its post in 2011 and currently has 10 active members with the hopes of expanding the program in the future. The Explorer Program is a division of the Boy Scouts of America. Members meet twice a month and will assist the police department at community events as well as attend competitions.
3. **Vacation Check** – The Taylor Mill Police Department officers a free vacation watch for residents who plan on being away from home for temporary periods of time covering weekends or short-term vacations. Officers routinely check the unoccupied homes for any signs of suspicious activity and notify residents if something is out of the ordinary or there has been an incident on the property. Residents can participate in this voluntary program by filling out a Vacation Watch form and submitting it to the Taylor Mill Police Department.
4. **Facebook** - A profile site was also created on the social network site “Facebook”. It is apparent that our residents use this feature and we have received positive feedback from the community. Topics included have been traffic information, crime prevention tips, holiday safety and Homeland Security updates plus many other interesting subject matter. To view our page, please visit: www.facebook.com/Taylor-Mill-Police.

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Police Explorers Program Post #2522



Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the ninth grade and are between 14 - 21 years of age. Our post is in its full ninth year and we currently have 5 youth. Due to COVID-19 the TMPD Explorers were not able to meet but we look forward to meeting when it is safe to do so.



The Explorer program help youths gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Explorers offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youths.

The Taylor Mill Police Explorer Program meets twice a month for training. A few of the topics that Explorers are trained in are:

- Crime Scene Search / Investigation
- Bomb Threat Response
- Building Entry and Search Techniques
- Accident Investigation
- Domestic Crisis Intervention
- Hostage Negotiation
- Traffic Stops
- Defensive Tactics/ Arrest Techniques



All Explorers that join, may participate in the Ride-Along Program with Taylor Mill Police Officers after a six-month probationary period, are 16 years of age and have passed all required tests. During a ride-along, Explorers will see first-hand what an officer's daily duties are. Explorers will see what happens on the street and assist officers with tasks such as paperwork, computer operations, and radio operation.

Explorers may also aid in investigations, crime scenes, and with traffic and crowd control in certain situations, with the necessary training. Explorers will also compete in local, regional, state and national competitions.

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2020 Significant Investigated Cases

In 2020, the Taylor Mill Police Department responded to 18,241 calls for service. This is an increase from the previous year where the call volume only reached 18,125. The following are some of the more significant cases worked or completed in 2020 or cases that were ongoing into 2021. **All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

2020-13308



On 09/10/2020 at 3:30 p.m., Officer Reis and Kling observed a suspicious subject walking on Taylor Creek. One subject went directly to his vehicle, the other subject walked the opposite way. Officer Kling stopped the subject in the vehicle, who had an active arrest warrant. Officer Reis stopped the subject who attempted to walk away. This subject gave a fake name and continued to lie for approximately 15 minutes about his identity. He was eventually identified as Joseph Wiseman. He also had a warrant for his arrest but was additionally charged with identity theft. It is believed the two of them were casing houses on the street that had their garage doors open, hoping to find something to sell quick to purchase narcotics. On 01/08/2021 Joseph Wiseman was sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison for identity theft.

2020-06657



On 05/25/2000 Marcus Roberts left the vehicle he owned on High Ridge because he was too intoxicated to get it moving. He then proceeded to go into the residence through the open garage door, and took the keys he found hanging on the hook belonging to the homeowner. The homeowner, stated he never met Mr. Roberts, and he didn't have permission to be in his house or to take his car. Officer Kling subsequently arrested Mr. Roberts and charged him with Burglary and vehicle theft. Mr. Roberts has subsequently pled guilty, and is facing 11-20 years for the crimes he confessed to.

2019-11124



On 08/06/2019 Taylor Mill Police Officers were dispatched to the front of 723 Sharon Drive for a body lying in the grass. Once Officers arrived on the scene, it was determined that the male victim was already deceased. Through the course of subsequent investigation, it was discovered that the subject who passed away did so in an apartment belonging to Elizabeth Wheatley. Ms. Wheatley was currently going through a custody battle and the deceased was an ex-boyfriend of hers who had spent the night and overdosed while she was asleep. Ms. Wheatley stated she panicked, and called a friend to help her remove his body from her apartment. The victim's body was according to Ms. Wheatley drug through the hallway and dumped into the front yard before she left for work. Ms. Wheatley was subsequently arrested and charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence. On 06/12/20 Ms. Wheatley received 3 years in prison.

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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY



Registry Search Disclaimer

The information contained in the sex/criminal offender registration database is primarily provided by the offender when they register with the Department of Corrections or the Division of Probation and Parole. This information is then forwarded to the Kentucky State Police for inclusion in the database. As such, the Kentucky State Police does not guarantee the accuracy of the information provided.

Also, it should be noted that offenders may have moved without notifying the Kentucky State Police or the Division of Probation and Parole of the change, even though it is a violation of the law. The database is updated on a daily basis, except for weekends and state holidays. All attempts are made to provide complete and accurate information.



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Last Name

City

County

ZIP Code

The Taylor Mill Police Department upgraded the policy on registered sex offender notifications. This was done in an effort to strengthen the relationship between the residents and police, and to provide for a safer community through communication. Furthermore, it puts registered sex offenders on notice that the citizens and police department work as a team when it comes to the safety of its residents.

The policy requires immediate notification by mail when a sex offender moves into a neighborhood. It further requires an annual notification to the neighbors of a registered sex offender. The improvements to the current policy were made to keep new residents informed, and remind current residents about the possible dangers that exist. This is accomplished by mailing the flyer (which can be printed from the KSP website) that contains a picture, address and the offense committed by the offender.

Currently, the City of Taylor Mill has only four registered sex offenders residing within the city. The website is checked on a weekly basis and alerts are sent to the police administration when new registered sex offenders move within the area of Taylor Mill.

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PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE CONTROL

Taylor Mill Police Policy and CALEA Standards for law enforcement agencies mandate strict measures for the receipt, handling, security and disposition of property/evidence. In order to maintain a high degree of evidentiary integrity over agency-controlled property and evidence, the following documented inspections, inventory and audits shall be completed:

- a. An inspection to determine adherence to procedures used for the control of property is conducted semi-annually by the person responsible for and evidence control function or his/her designee:
- b. An inventory of property occurs whenever the property and evidence custodian is assigned to and/or transferred from the position and is conducted jointly by the newly designated property and evidence custodian and a designee of the Chief of Police to ensure that records are correct and properly annotated:
- c. An annual audit of property and evidence held by our agency is conducted by a supervisor not routinely or directly connected with control of property and evidence;
- d. An unannounced inspection of property storage areas is conducted, as directed by the police chief, at least once a year.

All property and evidence are entered into storage in a uniform manner, where each article is labeled and recorded in our computerized "Evidence Tracker" evidence management system. Moreover, extra security measures are in place when handling and receiving items that are considered to be sensitive, high in value, or otherwise constituting an increase security risk. These types of precautions are taken when handling items such as money, precious metals, jewelry, firearms, weapons, drugs, blood and other body fluids.

TMPD is committed to adhering to the aforementioned standards, as we endeavor to provide full transparency to our internal and external stakeholders, our customers. We welcome your examination of our semi-annual inspection, annual audit, and unannounced inspection reports. Our intent is for our customers to have full faith and credit in your police department's ability to properly handle/manage the property and evidence that comes into our possession. Following, are the dates when inspections and audits transpired for the year 2020.

2019 Property and Evidence Inspections

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE INSPECTION</u>	<u>INSPECTING SUPERVISOR</u>
01/22/2020	Annual Audit	Chief S. Knauf
04/07/2020	Semi Annual Inspection	Sgt. K. Holstein
07/06/2020	Property Custodian Change	Lt. J. Mills
08/26/2020	Unannounced Inspection	Lt. J. Mills
11/02/2020	Semi-Annual Inspection	Ofc. J. Vollet

Taylor Mill Police Department



2020 Department Training



In 2020, Taylor Mill Police Officers received a combined total of 2,041 hours of training. This is in addition to the combined total of over 176 years of law enforcement experience that our department currently has. The training listed below includes bi-annual 8 hours of firearms qualification that every officer receives. In order to remain current with previous and new techniques, officers are sent to a variety of classes. Below is a list by officer of the total hours of in-house training and DOCJT (Department of Criminal Justice Training) training in 2020.

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>IN-HOUSE</u>	<u>DOCJT</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>IN-HOUSE</u>	<u>DOCJT</u>
<u>Knauf</u>	8	8*	<u>Mills</u>	26.5	8*
<u>Reis</u>	44.5	48*	<u>Holstein</u>	10	8*
<u>Fultz</u>	8	8*	<u>Vollet</u>	25	8*
<u>Noe</u>	8	8*	<u>Poynter</u>	9	8*
<u>Harris</u>			<u>Phillips</u>	48	10*
<u>Hicks</u>	11	52*	<u>Kling</u>	25.5	813*
<u>Norris</u>	25.5	813*			
<u>Total In-House Training: 249 Hours</u>					
<u>Total DOCJT Training: 1792 Hours</u>					

***DUE TO THE ON GOING COVID 19 PANDEMIC THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RELAXED THE REQUIRED TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR 2020. SOME TMPD OFFICERS HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THERE ANNUAL TRAINING PRIOR TO THE CLOUSER OF THE ACADEMY AND THE RELAXED REQUIREMENTS**