

# 2025 HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



# Our Mission



**To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.**

# Our Values

## EMPATHY

We will treat all persons with compassion and understanding, always demonstrating our strong belief that one should always treat others as they would like to be treated. A significant part of our business involves customer service. All personnel who come into contact with citizens shall treat ordinary citizens with extraordinary respect. Each citizen-police encounter should foster a feeling of goodwill that extends throughout the community. We will treat all persons with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, creed, sex, or social position.

## INTEGRITY

We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. Our word is our bond. We will be honest in all of our dealings, with justice as our objective. Our decisions will be based on common sense guided by integrity.

## EXCELLENCE

Our demeanor, and our appearance, should be above reproach. An unkempt appearance reflects poorly on all of us. We will constantly strive to improve our skills, knowledge, and abilities to improve our performance. By reaffirming our goal of overall excellence, we set the standard for pride in ourselves and in our department, always being mindful that members of the Hamilton Police Department, in both their professional and personal lives, are held to a higher standard than those we serve.

## JUSTICE

We are sworn to protect and preserve all human life. We will scrupulously observe the rights of all suspects, but will not coddle criminals. We will give recidivists the scrutiny they deserve.

## COOPERATION

We welcome neighborhood involvement and encourage our officers to be role models within the community. We will strive to cooperate with the community and among ourselves. Differences in opinion are inevitable, but are also healthy. Conflict in appropriate settings encourages creativity that leads to equitable problem solving and trust-building. We will be innovative, open minded, and imaginative when solving problems. How we settle our differences sets the tone for our future working relationships. Whenever possible, we will strive for a “win-win” resolution.

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Detective Doug Trenum investigating a case.

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Members of the Honor Guard in Washington, DC.



Officer Kristy Collins at a Community Event.

# Letter from the Chief of Police

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Hamilton Police Department (HPD) for 2025, and I am honored to submit this report to you, the City Council, and the residents of our city. It is my continued privilege to have been the Chief of Police since July of 2024. The men and women of HPD continue to serve with professionalism and dedication to ensure the safety and security of our community.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every officer, both sworn and civilian, for their commitment to doing the next right thing in service to our community. As a leader, I am immensely proud of the teamwork, professionalism, and dedication each member of HPD demonstrates daily.

In 2025, our mission of providing exceptional police service for a better Hamilton was focused on a “return to the basics” approach while ensuring the safety and security of our citizens and inspiring trust and confidence in our organization.

## 1. Creating a People-Centered Organization

The success of our department depends on the recruitment, selection, retention, training, and development of our people, and ensuring they have the necessary tools and resources.

- Officer Training and Agency Accountability:** We embraced the philosophy of continued improvement by focusing on essential skills and acting in a manner such as that of a “teaching hospital” that requires supervisors/leaders to serve as teachers.
- Lateral Officer Entry Program / Recruitment and Retention:** We expanded recruitment by opening a new path to becoming a Hamilton Police Officer. For the first time ever, a lateral entry program was evaluated and implemented allowing experienced officers from other departments to join HPD. In 2025, we hired nine new officers, and promoted three sworn members. We also hired three lateral candidates.



- Police Safety Associate Program:** This program, which allows young individuals aged 18–20 to gain experience in law enforcement, remains a strong recruitment tool. In 2025, we added three new associates, and four associates successfully graduated into a full-time officer position.
- Butler County Prosecutor Partnership:** In an effort to improve our efficiency, effectiveness, and level of professionalism, we partnered with Prosecutor Gmoser and his staff to identify areas of growth needed surrounding case preparation within the police department. This partnership created a path for training courses, case reviews, and all around better communication.
- Therapy Dog to Drug Detection Dog:** After recognition of the high energy/drive of a therapy K9 and receiving a request from his handler (Officer Leisinger), the department took the unusual step of sending both dog and handler to a drug detection school. Officer Leisinger and Snoop graduated from training in June and were immediately placed into action. This is a great example of the open communication within the department.
- HPD Family Academy:** We took an inward facing approach and conducted our first ever HPD family academy. Numerous officers and their family members participated in the program to truly understand what their family member does. It was a great opportunity to thank family members for sharing their loved ones.



Chief Trent Chenoweth speaking at the HPD Family Police Academy.



Officer James Leisinger and K9 Snoop in front of headquarters.



Officers Chelsea Arent, Andrew Prather, and Jacob Hiatt at headquarters.

## 2. Ensuring Safety and Security

Ensuring the safety and security of our community remains our top priority. Our efforts in this area focus on proactive policing, addressing problems that undermine safety, and responding to the needs of our community.

- **Calls for Service and Crime Investigations:** HPD responded to 79,736 calls for service and investigated over 5,535 reported crimes.
- **Traffic Safety:** We continued to focus on reducing egregious speeding violations, particularly in high-traffic areas. Through daily traffic enforcement, we saw a decrease in violations when compared to the 2022-2024 average.
- **Community Policing Expansion:** In an effort to strengthen our partnership with the community and focus on specific neighborhood issues, we returned to a philosophy of policing involving permanent beat assignments. In doing so, officers volunteered to take responsibility for a given neighborhood for the year. In addition to this change, Detectives were also assigned to individual neighborhoods (beats) to support the efforts of the officers. Increased community interaction has been evident.
- **Gun Violence Reduction:** We have continued our efforts to reduce gun violence and gang-related activities. Through targeted intelligence-led policing, we reduced aggravated assaults by 9%, and homicides by 54% compared to the 2022-2024 average.



Detective Doug Trenum instructing at the HPD Family Police Academy.



Officer Nicholas Lagedrost

3. Inspiring Trust and Confidence

Building and strengthening relationships with our community is crucial to ensuring that we are a trusted partner.

- **HPD Recruiting video** – In partnership with the City and TV Hamilton, HPD developed a recruiting video to demonstrate the great variety of work within the police department. Our video serves as a tremendous recruiting tool and reaches candidates we would not normally be able to reach.
- **HPD History** – In partnership with Brad Spurlock and the Lane Public Library, we completed a digital inventory of historically significant HPD photos and our retired personnel. This is part of a larger project to modernize how we display images at HPD.
- **Community Outreach:** HPD hosted and attended numerous community events, including the Citizens Police Academy, HPD Family Academy, Safety Town, Easter Egg Hunts, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, Trunk or Treat events, the Butler County Fair, Operation Pumpkin, Mock Crash Hamilton High, Future Planning Day at Hamilton High, 17 Strong Neighborhood Summit, History of Hamilton presentations at the Freshman School, History of HPD - Lane Public Library, Shop with a Cop at Walmart and Meijer at Christmas – 45 kids, and National Night Out at Fairfield PD. Additionally, the Chief and Assistant Chiefs attend neighborhood community meetings throughout the year as assigned.

- **Community Cookouts for a Better Hamilton:** We partnered with the City Manager’s office and attended informal cookouts in neighborhoods like Second Ward at Bailey Square, Highland Park at Virginia Park, Lindenwald PROTOCOL at Benninghofen Park, Jefferson at Jefferson Park, German Village at Carriage House, and the East End Boys and Girls Club to engage with residents and discuss neighborhood issues.
- **Social Media:** Our social media continues to be an area of focus as a means of connecting with the community and recruiting. We connect via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. By engaging across these platforms, we help keep the community informed and involved. HPD had a 121.8% increase in likes on our Facebook page.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation to you and the members of City Council for your continued support. I would also like to recognize the retirement of Safety Director J. Scott Scrimizzi. His passion and expertise will be missed.

Achieving our mission requires collaboration, and I am confident that by working together, we can build upon the positive momentum Hamilton has experienced in recent years. We remain committed to our core goals of creating a People-Centered Organization, Ensuring Safety and Security, and Inspiring Trust and Confidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Trent C. Chenoweth – Chief of Police



Officers Cody Rush, Jacob Hiatt, and Andrew Prather speaking at the HPD Family Police Academy.

Operations Bureau



Assistant Chief D. Shawn Fryman

The Hamilton Police Operations Bureau, led by Assistant Chief Shawn Fryman, serves as the core of the department’s community focused public safety mission. The Bureau is structured to deliver timely police services while supporting longterm, community driven problem solving. Its work is grounded in the principles of community oriented policing; building trust, strengthening partnerships, and addressing the

underlying conditions that affect neighborhood safety and quality of life.

The Operations Bureau includes several key components: the Patrol Division, Investigations Division, Specialized Units such as the SWAT Team, and the Neighborhood Policing Section. The Patrol Division functions as the department’s primary emergency response unit, providing swift, professional service to calls for service while maintaining a visible, approachable presence throughout the community. Officers are encouraged to engage with residents, identify emerging concerns, and work collaboratively to prevent crime before it occurs.

The Investigations Division conducts detailed followup investigations, working diligently to identify suspects, build strong cases, and bring matters to resolution through the criminal justice system. Investigators also collaborate with patrol officers, community members, and partner agencies to address repeat offenders, chronic problem locations, and patterns of criminal activity that impact neighborhood wellbeing.



Captain Jackie Flannery display at the Butler County Historical Society.

The SWAT Team, a highly trained and specialized unit, enhances the department’s readiness to respond to highrisk incidents. While focused on critical events requiring advanced tactics and equipment, the team’s mission supports broader community safety by ensuring that dangerous situations are resolved with professionalism, coordination, and minimal risk to the public.

The Neighborhood Policing Section plays a central role in proactive crime reduction and community engagement. This section works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, city departments, and community partners to address persistent quality of life concerns. Through targeted enforcement, problem oriented policing, and partnership driven initiatives, Neighborhood Policing addresses issues such as drug activity, illegal firearms, gang involvement, and chronic nuisance properties— while fostering trust, communication, and shared responsibility within the neighborhoods they serve.

Together, these divisions and units operate cohesively to provide comprehensive, community centered law enforcement services. The Operations Bureau’s commitment to professionalism, collaboration, and community oriented policing reflects its dedication to enhancing public safety, strengthening public trust, and delivering a high standard of service to the citizens of Hamilton.



HPD Cruiser.



Detective Doug Trenum instructing at the Citizens Police Academy.



Officers Brady Huffman and Dylan Ballauer instructing at the Citizens Police Academy.



Detective Dan Karwisch speaking to a group in the Crime Lab.



Officers Cody Rush and Andrew Prather instructing at the HPD Family Police Academy.

# Patrol Division

The Hamilton Police Department's Patrol Division consists of three shifts. The shifts provide around the clock protection to our citizens. Each shift has one lieutenant and two sergeants. The lieutenant serves as the shift commander and the sergeants are the shift supervisors. Officers that are assigned to the shift answer calls for service. These calls range from crimes in progress, car accidents, missing persons, incident reports, and a wide range of other assistance calls. Beside reactive based calls, officers engage in proactive police service, such as serving arrest warrants, addressing traffic complaints, and conducting business and schools checks.

## Day Shift



Lt. Taylor



Sgt. Habig



Sgt. Lee

## Afternoon Shift



Lt. Crouch



Sgt. Root



Sgt. Peters

## Night Shift



Lt. Barker



Sgt. Laney



Sgt. Brockman



**Officer Hank Adkins and K9 Mollie at Operation Pumpkin.**



**Officers John Ebbing and Montez Lee participating in the Hamilton High School Mock Crash.**



**Lieutenant Brian Gleason, Officer Peyton Pakozdi, and Officer Jose Hernandez.**



**Officers detaining a suspect from the view of a drone.**



**Officer Cody Rush using a drone.**



**Officer Joseph Johnson at a traffic accident.**



**Officer participating in a night time training.**



**Officers at the scene of traffic crash.**



**Members of the Honor Guard in Washington D.C.**



**Officer Kiersten Brisset.**



**Arrival of a new group of HPD Cruisers.**

# Retiree and Employee Appreciation Luncheon



Retired Personnel:  
Officer Gary Day,  
Chief Neil Ferdelman,  
and Sergeant Pat Erb.



Officer Andrew Lymburner,  
Lieutenant Jon Richardson,  
Neil Ferdelman,  
Lieutenant  
Brian Gleason.



Sergeant Michael Thacker



Chief Trent Chenoweth speaking  
with Retired Chief Neil Ferdelman.



Retired Officer Larry Clark and  
Officer Brian Buchanan.



Officers enjoying a break.

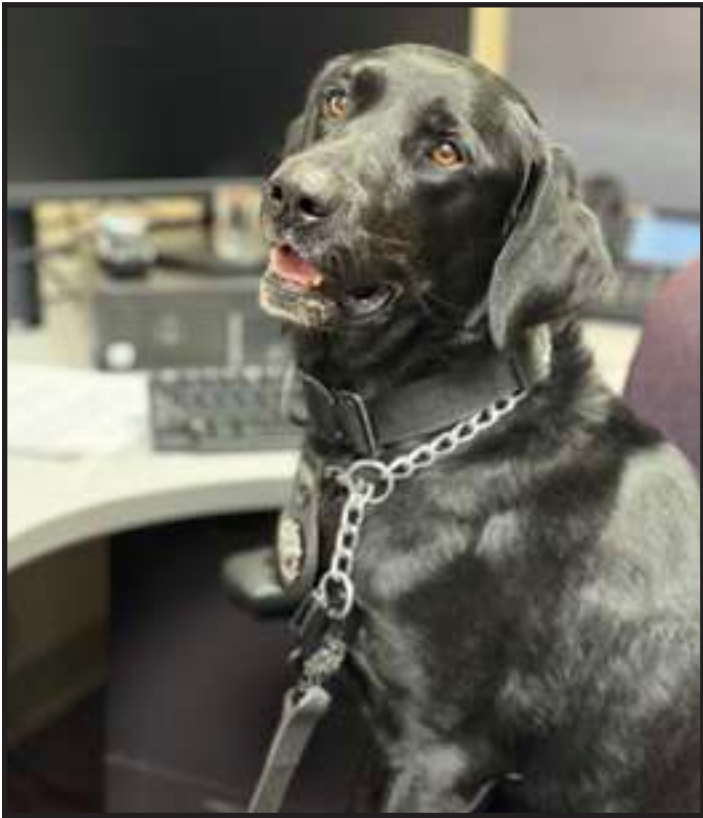
# Therapy Dogs



K9 Gloria



K9 Mollie



K9 Draco



K9 Arthur

# Investigations Division



Lieutenant  
Patrick Erb II

The Investigation Division is responsible for investigating criminal complaints. Investigators strive to uncover the facts of the complaint and develop a clear picture of the incident in question. They accomplish this task by searching for evidence and interacting with people associated with the crime. Evidence can be located in a multitude of ways. The Investigation Division strives to stay current in best practices to uncover evidence. Investigators work diligently in locating victims, witnesses, and suspects to provide this clarity as well. Once a crime has been established and the perpetrator(s) have been identified, we pursue criminal charges. We work closely with the prosecutor's office throughout the court process to ensure the case is brought to justice.



Sergeant  
Matthew Fishwick



Crime Scene taped off.



Footprint evidence  
from a crime scene.



Measurement being taken by laser at a scene.



Detective Karwisch speaking with a group  
in the Crime Lab.



Arial footage of a scene.



Bullet with fingerprint.



Vehicle being pulled out of the river.

# Neighborhood Policing Section



The Neighborhood Policing Section is comprised of uniformed officers and detectives. The Neighborhood Policing Section uses a problem-solving approach to address neighborhood complaints in the community. Officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods throughout the city and work closely with the residents of those neighborhoods and patrol shift officers to address the problems in those neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Policing Section is committed to building partnerships in the community to help solve the neighborhood problems.

The Neighborhood Policing Section also conduct opioid outreach in the community as part of the H.A.R.T (Hamilton Addiction Response Team) program. They partner with outside organizations to help those who suffer from addiction find a treatment option and connect with resources. Part of this outreach also includes addressing the homeless population throughout the city and connect them with resources.



Drugs and Money seized by NPS.



Drugs, Money, and Firearms seized by NPS.



Firearms seized by NPS.



Firearms and Drugs seized by NPS.



Firearms and Drugs seized by NPS.



Firearms and Drugs seized by NPS.



Drugs and Money seized by NPS.

# Drone Program

The HPD Drone Program continued to provide the department with valuable information on real-time events, traffic flow issues, surveillance and searches for missing and endangered parties. We responded to multiple mutual aid requests from other nearby agencies, and numerous suspects were located and apprehended. The program currently consists of six-FAA Part-107 certificated pilots who have gone through various training with the drones. In 2025, the pilots flew a cumulative 778 flights amounting to 188 hours of flight time. We are actively working to continue building the program with additional pilots and equipment to better support our officers and protect our community.



View from drone of a call at the Parking Garage.



View from drone of a call on High Street.



View from drone of a vehicle in the river.



Drone in flight.



View from drone of a traffic stop.

# Patrol Canines



Officer James Leisinger and K9 Snoop.



Officer Chelsea Arent and K9 Ziko.



Officer James Leisinger and K9 Snoop.



K9 Ziko.

# Operations Roster

**OPERATIONS COMMANDER**      **Assistant Chief D. Shawn Fryman**

**PATROL DIVISION**

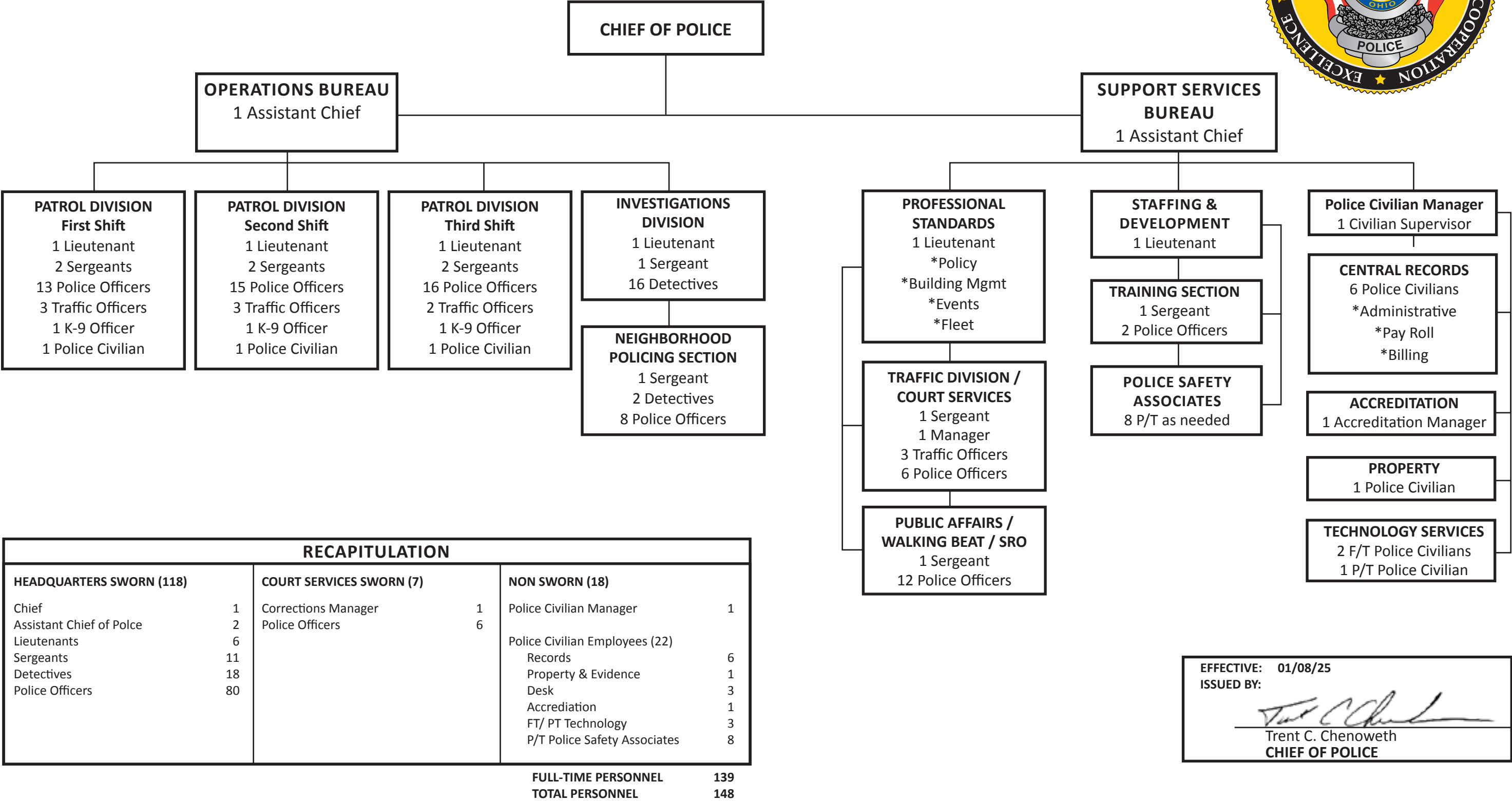
| DAY SHIFT and TRAFFIC     | AFTERNOON SHIFT             | NIGHT SHIFT              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lieutenant Eric Taylor    | Lieutenant Gary Crouch      | Lieutenant Robert Barker |
| Sergeant Jon Habig        | Sergeant P. David Root      | Sergeant Scott Laney     |
| Sergeant Montez Lee       | Sergeant Christopher Peters | Sergeant Ryan Brockman   |
| Officer David Anglin      | Officer Chelsea Arent       | Officer Hank Adkins      |
| Officer Bryan Bowlin      | Officer Zeke Chenoweth      | Officer Derrick Apking   |
| Officer Faith Brown       | Officer Lauren Cox          | Officer Taylor Bryant    |
| Officer John Ebbing       | Officer Gunnar Dawson       | Officer James Carpenter  |
| Officer Peter Gibbons     | Officer Jason Dean          | Officer Emmanuel Gaither |
| Officer Stephen Heffernan | Officer D. Nate Fryman      | Officer Rebecca Gall     |
| Officer Jason Holmes      | Officer Jose Hernandez      | Officer Hunter Graves    |
| Officer Zoe Hyden         | Officer Nicholas Lagedrost  | Officer Tiffany Gray     |
| Officer Joseph Johnson    | Officer Cameron Lapthorn    | Officer Brady Huffman    |
| Officer Terrrance Kiep    | Officer James Leisinger     | Officer Mason Kimmel     |
| Officer Andrew Prather    | Officer James Mignery       | Officer Ryan Laney       |
| Officer Rebeccann Richter | Officer M. Ivan Miranda     | Officer William Phillips |
| Officer Cody Rush         | Officer Sam Noel            | Officer Daniel Pratt     |
| Officer Ross Sherman      | Officer Peyton Pakozdi      | Officer Stephen Rosenow  |
| Officer Anthony Sora      | Officer Joseph Reece        |                          |
| Officer Zachary Strack    | Officer Paola Vallejo       |                          |
| Officer Rodney Wilson     | Officer Gregory Weber       |                          |
| Desk Officer Kevin Imfeld | Desk Officer Brandon Welch  | Desk Officer Sky Arvin   |

# Operations Roster

**INVESTIGATIONS**      **NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING**

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lieutenant Patrick Erb II     | Sergeant Scott Arbino         |
| Sergeant Matthew Fishwick     | Detective Jeffrey Benge       |
| Detective A. Ryan Beckelhymer | Detective Christopher Gibson  |
| Detective Frank Botts         | Detective R. Anthony Nichting |
| Detective Justin Boyd         | Officer Corey Nunn            |
| Detective Mark Hayes          |                               |
| Detective Robert Horton       |                               |
| Detective Aaron Hucke         |                               |
| Detective Katherine Johnson   |                               |
| Detective Daniel Karwisch     |                               |
| Detective Mark Nichols        |                               |
| Detective David Patterson     |                               |
| Detective Amanda Roach        |                               |
| Detective Kevin Ruhl          |                               |
| Detective Brittney Sorrell    |                               |
| Detective M. Douglas Trenum   |                               |
| Detective Brian Wynn          |                               |

# Hamilton Police Department Organizational Chart



# Support Services Bureau



Led by Assistant Chief Brian Robinson, the Support Services Bureau is the administrative backbone of the Hamilton Police Department. The bureau manages a wide array of critical functions, including professional standards, traffic, court services, public affairs, staffing, and training. Throughout 2025, the Bureau’s primary focus was multi-faceted, including: successfully adapting departmental policies and protocols following the December 2024 move to the newly constructed Hamilton Justice Center; assisting with a focus on the department’s proactive quality-of-life goals; and ramping up hiring efforts to fill our available sworn and non-sworn positions.

## Professional Standards, Traffic, and Court Services

Lt. Brian Gleason oversees the Professional Standards Section, handling hefty responsibilities that include department policies, building and fleet management, and city-wide events. Under his command, Sgt. Anthony Kiep directly supervises the Traffic Division and Court Services. Court Services personnel provide essential security and prisoner transport for the Hamilton Municipal Court. Meanwhile, the Traffic Division manages major accident investigations, hit-skips, traffic complaints, impounds, and local quality-of-life initiatives.

## Public Affairs and Community Outreach

Sgt. Ungerbuehler directs the Public Affairs Section, the School Resource Officer Program, K9 units, and the downtown business walking beat. Assisted by Officer Kristy Collins and Officer Haleigh Daniels, the Public Affairs team drives the department’s vital community outreach efforts, successfully maintaining public programs like Safety Town and the Citizen’s Police Academies.

## Staffing, Development, and Training

Ensuring the department remains fully staffed and highly trained is a continuous, year-round priority. Lt. Jon Richardson leads proactive recruiting and retention efforts as the Staffing & Development command officer. Alongside him, Sgt. Thacker and his staff manage the Training Section, delivering mandatory continuous professional training (CPT), semi-annual in-service updates, new hire orientations, and training facility maintenance.

## Dedication to Service

Working tirelessly behind the scenes, the personnel of the Support Services Bureau keep the organization firing on all cylinders. Their daily dedication professionally supports our front-line officers and investigators, ensuring the department is always ready to serve the citizens of Hamilton.



Honor Guard leading the parade.



Officer Brian Buchanan instructing during a Citizens Police Academy.



Lieutenant Jon Richardson graduation from PELC.



HPD Booth at the Butler County Fair.

# Professional Standards



The Professional Standards and Services Division is commanded by Lieutenant Brian Gleason. This division is responsible for CALEA accreditation and compliance, development and maintenance of departmental policies and procedures, and oversight of daily operations within the Hamilton Justice Center. In addition, the division manages Public Affairs, School Resource Officers, Court Officers, Special Events, and the department’s vehicle fleet.

The Hamilton Police Department is an accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA defines law enforcement accreditation as a program that provides a framework for addressing high-risk issues in a contemporary environment while ensuring agencies are prepared to meet community service expectations and effectively manage critical

incidents. Every four years, the department undergoes a comprehensive on-site reaccreditation assessment conducted by independent subject matter experts, evaluating compliance with 167 professional standards. The Hamilton Police Department was first accredited in 1990 and is entering its 36th year of continuous accreditation.

In 2025, the Hamilton Police Department completed its first full year of operations within the new Hamilton Justice Center. Following the transition in late 2024, the facility has become fully integrated into daily operations. Housing both the Police Department and Municipal Court under one roof has enhanced interagency coordination and improved service delivery to the community. As part of this transition, all departmental policies and procedures were reviewed and updated to reflect revised workflows, security measures, and operational efficiencies associated with the new facility. This ongoing evaluation ensures continued alignment with industry best practices and maximizes the benefits of the Justice Center.

During 2025, the department also completed a comprehensive redesign of its patrol vehicle fleet. The updated graphics package presents a modern, professional appearance while improving visibility and officer safety in both daytime and nighttime conditions. The redesign incorporates cleaner lines and enhanced reflectivity, aligning the fleet with contemporary law enforcement standards and supporting the department’s broader modernization efforts.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Hamilton Police Department will continue to strengthen core policing practices, enhance internal coordination, and prioritize traffic safety and quality-of-life concerns. The department remains committed to maintaining CALEA accreditation standards while fostering a culture of accountability and professionalism. Efforts will focus on addressing neighborhood concerns and roadway safety through a balanced approach of education, enforcement, and community engagement. Internally, the department will continue to rebuild staffing levels, invest in leadership development, and prepare personnel for specialized and rotational assignments. Clear communication of expectations across all ranks will remain a priority to ensure organizational alignment and continued progress.



Police cruisers lined up at headquarters.



Police UTV.



Accreditation Seal.

# Court Services



The Court Services Division of the Hamilton Police Department is supervised by Sergeant Anthony Kiep and staffed by Officers Goldie Greene, Patrick Fackey, Andrew Lymburner, Carla Browning, Danielle Sorber, and Jeffrey Benge. In 2025, the division continued its essential role in ensuring the safe, orderly, and efficient operation of Hamilton Municipal Court.

This year marked a significant milestone as Hamilton Municipal Court and the Hamilton Police Department fully merged into the same facility, creating a unified Criminal Justice Center. This consolidation has streamlined communication, improved operational efficiency, and strengthened coordination between court personnel and police officers. The result is a smoother, more responsive court process for staff, defendants, attorneys, and the public.

Court Services officers are responsible for a wide range of critical duties that support the daily functioning of the court. Typical assignments include transport operations, security

checkpoints, courtroom operations, and holding area/booking responsibilities. Officers transport prisoners to and from the Butler County Jail and other regional detention facilities, serve warrants, and make arrests as needed to maintain the safety and integrity of court proceedings.

Over the course of a year, the Court Services Division is responsible for transporting thousands of prisoners to and from Hamilton Municipal Court. These movements require precision, communication, and constant situational awareness to ensure safety for staff and the public. Officers also supplement patrol operations by assisting with prisoner booking and transport when needed, reinforcing the division’s value to the broader organization.



Officer Patrick Fackey at the HMC checkpoint.

The Court Services team remains committed to providing a secure environment for court operations, City Hall, and the surrounding business district. Their presence ensures that employees, visitors, and community members can conduct their business safely each day. The officers assigned to this division take pride in their professionalism, adaptability, and the essential role they play in the city’s justice system.



Officer Andrew Lymburner in the HMC holding area.

# Traffic Division

The Hamilton Police Department Traffic Division operates under the Support Services Bureau and is committed to improving the quality of life for residents by enhancing roadway safety throughout the city. The division is led by Lieutenant Brian Gleason and Sergeant Anthony Kiep, who oversee daily operations, strategic enforcement initiatives, and community driven traffic safety efforts.

The division focuses on reducing crashes, addressing hazardous driving behaviors, and responding to community concerns with transparency and accountability. Enforcement efforts prioritize egregious speeding violations and other high risk behaviors in high volume, high visibility, and high violation areas. These locations are identified through citizen complaints, crash data, and speed surveys, ensuring that enforcement remains data driven and community focused. To further protect students and families, the Traffic Division conducts monthly school zone speed blitzes targeting peak arrival and dismissal times.

Most traffic and parking complaints are received through the City’s E311 online reporting system. Supervisors review each complaint, assign it to an officer, and ensure that all investigative steps and resolutions are documented within the same E311 entry. This allows residents to follow updates and communicate directly with the assigned officer. Additional complaints are received through department voicemail, social media, and referrals from the City of Hamilton Health Department.

The Traffic Division maintains several critical responsibilities beyond routine enforcement. The division works closely with the City Traffic Engineer to support safe roadway design and traffic control planning. Officers conduct severe injury and fatal crash investigations and deploy and maintain the department’s speed monitoring equipment, including digital speed trailers, portable speed signs, the Stealth Stat data collection unit, and drones used to monitor congested corridors.

Quarterly, the division partners with railroad police to conduct Operation Lifesaver educational and enforcement activities on and around railroad property, promoting safe behavior near tracks and crossings. During warmer months, officers also conduct bicycle-related enforcement and education details within the business district to ensure safe interactions between cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists.

The division works in conjunction with Resident Services to identify and remove junk motor vehicles and abandoned boats from private property, improving neighborhood appearance and safety. Additionally, the Traffic Division oversees deployment, documentation, and compliance for STEP, IDEP, and OVI grant funded enforcement initiatives throughout the year.

Officer Hiatt serves as the department’s dedicated Traffic Officer, managing daily enforcement, complaint followups, crash investigations, and specialized traffic safety operations.



Traffic Accident Investigation.



Traffic Accident Investigation.



Traffic accident investigation.



Traffic accident investigation.

# Public Affairs Section



In 2025, the Public Affairs Section continued to actively participate in community outreach efforts throughout the City of Hamilton. Through these efforts, we strive to provide exceptional police service while strengthening relationships with our community and working toward a better Hamilton. Outreach programs supported this year included the Third Grade Seat Belt Program, Career Fairs, DEA Drug Take Back Day, Safety Town, Citizens Police Academies, and Community Cookouts hosted by the City Manager’s Office.

This year also marked a significant milestone for the Hamilton Police Department as we celebrated our 150-Year Anniversary at the new Police Headquarters. Numerous community partners joined us in commemorating this event. To further recognize the anniversary, commemorative challenge coins were created and made available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting the Officer Wellness Fund.



Throughout the year, officers attended several neighborhood cookouts, engaging directly with residents and listening to their concerns. In 2026, we plan to continue our participation in neighborhood cookouts and other community engagement opportunities.

In 2025, we hosted our annual Citizens Police Academy as well as our first-ever Family Police Academy. The Family Police Academy provided officers’ family members with a hands-on look at the daily responsibilities and challenges faced by their loved ones. Both the Citizens Police Academy and Family Police Academy will continue in 2026.

The Greater Hamilton Safety Council and Lindenwald Kiwanis once again partnered with the department to host Safety Town. Officer Kristy Collins oversaw the program and ensured its continued success. Due to strong community demand, Safety Town operated for a total of eight weeks this year. Generous donations from the community and the annual Officer Bob Gentry Golf Scramble allowed for the purchase of materials and supplies, while JAG Sporting Goods continued to donate shirts for Safety Town volunteers.

The Hamilton Police Department will continue to promote positive community relationships through these outreach programs and remain a positive force by living our core values of empathy, integrity, excellence, justice, and cooperation.



Officer Kristy Collins and students for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seatbelt Program.



HPD Booth at National Night Out.



Sergeant Brian Ungerbuehler speaking with a family at Linden Elementary.



Chief Trent Chenoweth and Officer Kristy Collins walking in the July 4th Parade.



National Night Out Event



Sgt. Montez Lee and Officer John Ebbing participating in a mock crash.



Officer Dylan Ballauer at a Community Event.



Safety Town

# Shop With A Cop



Officers Kristy Collins and Haleigh Daniels and friends shopping.



Officer Derrick Apking and friend shopping.



Detective Brittney Sorrell and friends shopping.



Lieutenant Jon Richardson and friend shopping.



Officer Brady Huffman and friend shopping.



Officer Jacob Hiatt and friend shopping.

# Staffing, Development and Training Section



Lieutenant  
Jon Richardson



Sergeant  
Michael Thacker



Officer  
Brian Buchanan

The Training Section provides job-specific knowledge, instruction, and resources to personnel of all ranks within the Hamilton Police Department.

In 2025, Officer Buchanan, Sergeant Thacker, and Lieutenant Richardson collaborated to train six newly hired patrol officers, along with two lateral applicants hired through the department’s lateral entry pathway.

Lieutenant Richardson successfully completed the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), an advanced supervisory program focused on strengthening leadership capabilities, improving organizational management, and enhancing community trust.

Sergeant Thacker continued his professional development by completing the “Instructional Skills” course, earning state certification as an instructor. This certification enables him to train department personnel as well as instruct at the local police academy, further supporting recruitment and regional training partnerships.

The Field Training Officer (FTO) program underwent additional revisions as part of an ongoing evaluation process aimed at optimizing the training experience for new hires. All department FTOs completed a refresher course to ensure consistency and standardization in training delivery.

From spring through fall, the Training Division conducted a range of courses, including mental wellness, critical incident management, high-threat tactics, an FTO School, a red dot optic pistol course, and a two-day de-escalation course in partnership with the National De-escalation Training Center. The division also delivered its annual fall in-service training.

Additionally, the Training Section partnered with the Butler County Prosecutor’s Office to provide monthly training focused on improving officers’ skills in courtroom testimony and case development. The section also hosted several courses open to outside agencies, including: “Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy,” “Traffic Stops: Start to Finish,” “Financial Literacy” in partnership with the Todd Group from Stifel Investments, and “Patrol Legal Updates” presented by Bob Meader.

Law enforcement training must continually adapt and evolve to remain effective, relevant, and responsive to the needs of both officers and the community.

The Training Section’s efforts are supported by Chief Chenoweth, Assistant Chief Robinson, and Assistant Chief Fryman, whose continued commitment ensures that training remains a foundational pillar of the department’s success.



Sgt. Thacker instructing at a Citizens Police Academy.



Sgt. Ryan Brockman conducting a training on drones.



Officer at night time training.



Officer Brian Buchanan demonstrating at the range.

# Central Records



Brittney Geurin supervises the Central Records Section at the Hamilton Police Department. The Records Department continues to adapt as they take on new responsibilities. The team includes Christine Niehaus, Lisa Mosley, Carole Walters, Marianne Burgess, Amber Harris, and Jennifer Henry.

The team validates and maintains a variety of reports such as crime (5,417), arrests (3,369) and accident reports (1,625). Copies of reports are distributed to requestors daily, as well as being submitted to the state on a weekly or monthly basis. In 2025, Central Records handled thousands of phone calls and emails; mostly requests for copies of reports. Averaging over 6,000 calls and emails a year. Email requests continue to increase as this is the requestor’s first choice of communication and is the most convenient way to receive report copies. In 2025 a total of (3,412) warrants, (4,151) moving violations citations, and (687) misdemeanor citations were entered into the records management system. Other tasks performed by the

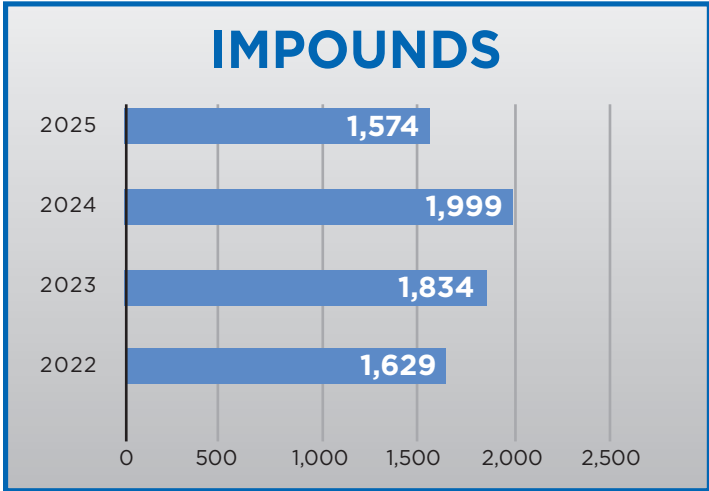
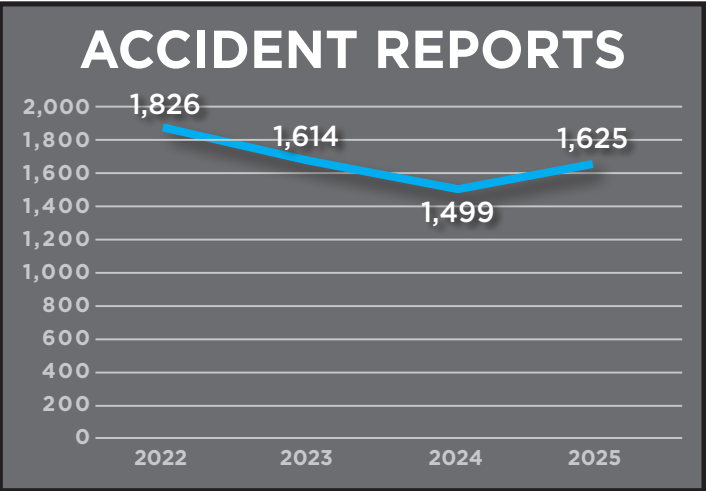
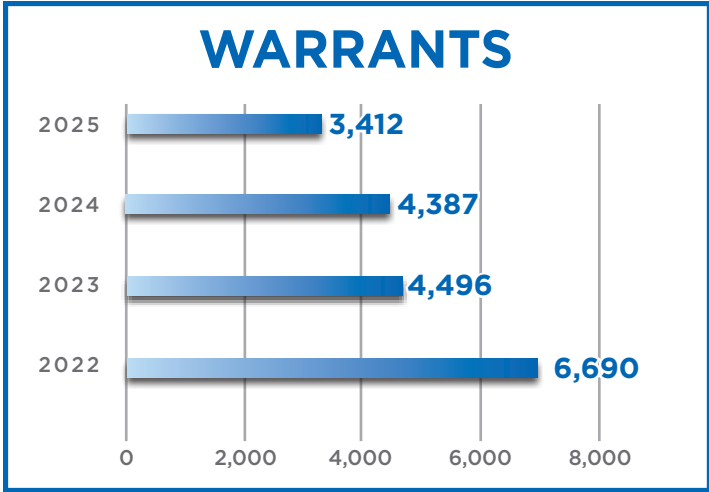
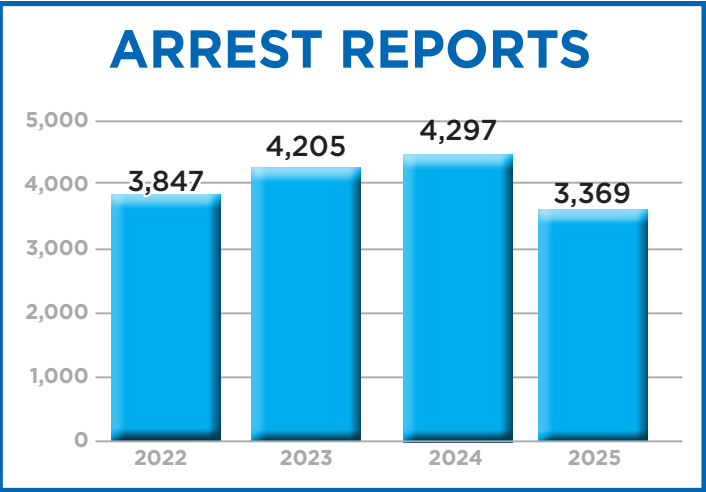
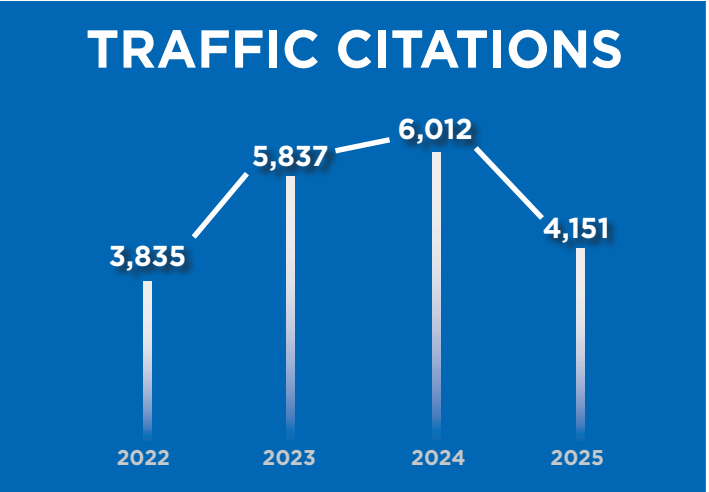
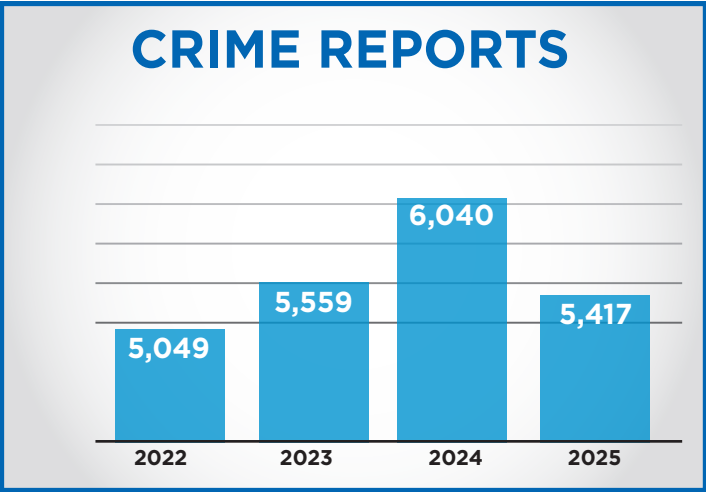
Central Records Section include, but are certainly not limited to, body worn camera requests, case file requests, uploading and updating various documents, and maintaining numerous spreadsheets and audits.

On a monthly basis, data is submitted to the State of Ohio and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Please visit <https://www.fbi.gov> to learn more.



Central Record Staff

# STATISTICS



# Support Services Roster

## Support Services Commander

Assistant Chief Brian Robinson

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Lieutenant Brian Gleason

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Sergeant Brian Ungerbuehler  
Officer Kristy Collins  
Officer Haleigh Daniels

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Lanny Ash  
Officer Richard Cardwell  
Officer L. Earnest Huff  
Officer Thomas Hurst  
Officer Todd Hurst  
Officer Terry Kiefer  
Officer Robert Snyder

### OFFICERS IN THE ACADEMY / FIELD TRAINING PROCESS

Officer Noah Banks  
Officer Kiersten Brisset  
Officer Jason Dean  
Officer Rachel Hohman  
Officer Thomas A. Hurst  
Officer Colby Idle  
Officer Christina Kennedy

### STAFFING AND DEVELOPMENT

Lieutenant Jon Richardson  
Sergeant Mike Thacker  
Officer Brian Buchanan

### PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATES

Safety Associate Karen Cortez  
Safety Associate Drew Enginger  
Safety Associate Lilyanna Hayes  
Safety Associate Brady Kiep  
Safety Associate Victor Luna-Mata  
Safety Associate Austyn Mahyer

Officer Mason Kimmel  
Officer Cameron Lapthorn  
Officer William Phillips  
Officer Patrick Ray  
Officer Stephen Rosenow  
Officer Greg Weber

# Support Services Roster

### COURT SERVICES

Sergeant Anthony Kiep  
Officer Jeffrey L. Benge  
Officer Carla Browning  
Officer Patrick Fackey  
Officer Goldie Greene  
Officer Andrew Lymburner  
Officer Danielle Sorber

### CENTRAL RECORDS

Supervisor Brittney Geurin  
Marianne Burgess  
Amber Harris  
Jennifer Henry  
Lisa Mosley  
Carole Walters

### ACCREDITATION MANAGER

Christine Niehaus

### UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Supervisor Joseph Murray

### TRAFFIC DIVISION

Sergeant Anthony Kiep  
Officer Jacob Hiatt

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Brett Britt  
Robert Gordon  
Anthony Helton  
Katlin Richardson

### PROPERTY MANAGER

Ashley Thacker

# Personnel in Transition

## RETIREMENTS

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Officer Steven McFall    | 1/2/25  |
| Lieutenant John Fischer  | 2/7/25  |
| Officer Chad Stafford    | 3/7/25  |
| Officer Joel Mast        | 7/14/25 |
| Sergeant Joseph Thompson | 8/1/25  |



Chief Trent Chenoweth and Officer Chad Stafford at his retirement.



Chief Trent Chenoweth and Sergeant Joey Thompson at his retirement.

## APPOINTMENTS

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Officer Cameron Laphorn   | 1/13/25  |
| Officer Mason Kimmel      | 1/13/25  |
| Officer Jason Dean        | 1/13/25  |
| Officer Gregory Weber     | 3/17/25  |
| Civilian Jennifer Henry   | 4/21/25  |
| Officer Thomas A. Hurst   | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Kiersten Brisset  | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Rachel Hohman     | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Christina Kennedy | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Colby Idle        | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Patrick Ray       | 7/14/25  |
| Civilian Anthony Helton   | 7/14/25  |
| Officer Anthony Phillips  | 9/8/25   |
| Officer Stephen Rosenow   | 9/8/25   |
| Officer Noah Banks        | 9/22/25  |
| Officer Brady Huffman     | 10/20/25 |
| SA Lilyanna Hayes         | 10/6/25  |
| SA Drew Enginger          | 10/6/25  |



Swearing in of Officer Cameron Laphorn.



Swearing in of Officer Gregory Weber.



Swearing in of Stephen Rosenow.



Swearing in of Kiersten Brisset.



Swearing in Ceremony for Officers Gaither, McGaughey, Kimmel, and Apking.



Swearing in of Officer Ryan Laney.



Swearing in of William Phillips.

# RESIGNATIONS

|                        |         |                          |          |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| Officer Sean Figley    | 2/2/25  | Officer Gavin McGaughey  | 7/15/25  |
| Officer Ram Kafley     | 3/10/25 | Officer William Feck     | 8/28/25  |
| Officer Dylan Ballauer | 5/23/25 | Officer Tyler Hensley    | 10/10/25 |
| Officer Daniel Rollins | 6/13/25 | Officer Tyler Ballauer   | 12/18/25 |
| Officer Brady Huffman  | 6/22/25 | Officer Kiersten Brisset | 12/25/25 |
| Officer George Arnold  | 7/5/25  |                          |          |

# PROMOTIONS

|                    |         |                        |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Gary Crouch        | 1/10/25 | Sergeant to Lieutenant |
| Christopher Peters | 4/11/25 | Officer to Sergeant    |
| Ryan Brockman      | 4/11/25 | Officer to Sergeant    |
| Montez Lee         | 8/1/25  | Officer to Sergeant    |



Promotion of Gary Crouch from Sergeant to Lieutenant.



Promotion of Montez Lee from Officer to Sergeant.



Officer Ryan Laney, Gregory Weber, and Jason Dean at their Graduation from Butler Tech Police Academy.



Promotion of Christopher Peters and Ryan Brockman from Officer to Sergeant.

# MILESTONES

25  
YEARS  
SERVICE

Brian Wynn  
Robert Snyder

30  
YEARS  
SERVICE

Robert Horton  
Kristy Collins

20  
YEARS  
SERVICE

Pete Gibbons

10  
YEARS  
SERVICE

Stephen Heffernan  
Daniel Karwisch  
Katherine Johnson  
Montez Lee  
Danielle Sorber



Officers Peter Gibbons and Kiersten Brisset.



Police Cruiser at dusk.

## Honor Guard

**Unit Members:** Officers Cody Rush, Patrick Fackey, Terry Kiep, Rebecca Gall, Tiffany Gray, Zoe Hyden, Nick Lagedrost, Hank Adkins, Corey Nunn, and Pete Gibbons **Unit Supervisor:** Sergeant Anthony Kiep

### Unit Overview

The Hamilton Police Honor Guard serves as a ceremonial representation of the Hamilton Police Department, upholding the highest standards of **honor, respect, pride, and purpose**. The unit's mission is to pay tribute to fallen officers, support community traditions, and represent the City of Hamilton with dignity at local, regional, and national events. Throughout 2025, members demonstrated unwavering professionalism, discipline, and commitment to preserving the traditions of the law enforcement profession.

### 2025 Activities

- **Training and Readiness:** Ongoing drills and instruction to maintain precision, uniformity, and ceremonial excellence.
- **Funeral Details:** Providing solemn honors for fallen officers and community members, reflecting the department's deep respect for service and sacrifice.
- **OPOTA Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony:** Representing Hamilton at the statewide memorial honoring Ohio's fallen law enforcement officers.
- **Memorial Day Parade & Fourth of July Parade:** Marching in two of Hamilton's signature community celebrations, proudly carrying the colors of the City and the Department.
- **National Police Week – Washington, D.C.:** Participation in national observances, including visits to the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**, the **U.S. Capitol**, and the **White House**, reinforcing the unit's connection to national remembrance and tradition.
- **SSgt Fred Brown Memorial Flag Dedication:** Honoring a legacy of military and community service through formal presentation of colors.
- **Hamilton Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony:** Recognizing **Earl Grubb**, World War I Army veteran and Hamilton Police Officer killed in the line of duty in 1935.

### Commitment to Service

The Honor Guard's presence at these events reflects the Department's enduring commitment to **honor, city, purpose, pride, and respect**. Each appearance reinforces the values that define the Hamilton Police Department and ensures that the sacrifices of those who served before us are remembered with dignity.

In 2025, the Hamilton Police Honor Guard continued to exemplify professionalism and tradition, proudly representing both the Department and the City of Hamilton.



Honor Guard members marching in parade.



Honor Guard members at the ceremony at Bailey Square.



Honor Guard members in Washington DC.



# In Memoriam



## **Police Officer Kevin Flannery (RET.)**

Kevin passed away on February 22, 2025  
at the age of 62.

Kevin Flannery was appointed to the  
Hamilton Police Department on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1985,  
as a patrol officer.

Officer Flannery retired on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.