



# **OLDHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023**

**SERVICE | INTEGRITY | COURAGE**

## DEPARTMENT HISTORY

January 1, 2023, marked the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oldham County Police Department (OCPD). OCPD was approved by Oldham County Fiscal Court on October 21, 1977, and the department officially began operations on January 1, 1978, with four officers. Since 1978, the department has grown to an authorized strength of 46 sworn officers and 3 civilian administrative personnel. Over the past 45 years, approximately 150 sworn and civilian employees have worked at the department.

Initially based out of the Oldham County Courthouse, the department was later relocated to the Central Dispatch building, and on February 9, 1997, moved into the current headquarters facility at 1855 N Hwy 393 in Buckner. In 2019, the department acquired the use of an adjacent office building and relocated investigative personnel due to space limitations in the current headquarters building.

The department's uniforms and equipment have also changed over time. The first OCPD officers were issued grey and blue uniforms, campaign or sheriff's style Stetson hats, carried .357 caliber revolvers, leather duty gear, and wore two-tone gold and silver badges.



Through the years officer uniforms changed several times with the trends in law enforcement. The current OCPD officer is outfitted to modern law enforcement standards with improved uniform designs, external body armor carriers which improve equipment weight distribution and ballistic protection, footwear that provided more protection and traction, body worn cameras to document situations from the officer's point of view, semi-automatic pistols, patrol rifles, electronic control weapons (Tasers), and more.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Oldham County Police Department is to provide professional law enforcement services to the residents and visitors of Oldham County.

The mission is based on the premise of developing respectful partnerships with our community to enhance a safe and peaceful community.



## OUR VALUES

### *Service*

We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, responsive, and efficient. An attitude of respect for and the protection of, the worth, dignity, and rights of all we serve is the foundation of our law enforcement.

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### *Integrity*

We value the uprightness of character and soundness of moral principles which include qualities of truthfulness and honesty. We are committed to upholding our positions of trust by maintaining the highest ethical standards as set forth in the Code of Ethics and Canon of Ethics.

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### *Courage*

We value the strength to master fear, to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct, to lead by example, and to take necessary actions under stress and pressure.

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# OLDHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Organizational Chart



## UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible component of the Department. OCPD Patrol has the primary responsibility for providing 24-hour law enforcement services to all areas of Oldham County outside of the city of La Grange. Patrol officers are also available to assist the La Grange Police Department when necessary.

The Patrol Division consists of four platoons, each comprised of six officers and one sergeant. Platoons work 12-hour shifts, with dayshift on-duty from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and nightshift on-duty from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Two platoons are assigned to dayshift, and two to nightshift.

During their shift, officers are assigned to one of five patrol districts within the county to provide maximum police presence and help reduce response times on calls for service. The men and women of the Patrol Division serve the needs of the community through the protection of life and property, prevention of crimes, apprehension of criminals, enforcement of laws, responding to calls for assistance, conducting criminal investigations, and performing special assignments as needed.



## 2023 OCPD Patrol Division Activity

❖ <u>Calls for Service</u>	
○ <u>Total officers dispatched on calls:</u>	<u>42,872</u>
○ <u>Annual calls per officer (avg):</u>	<u>1,531</u>
○ <u>Calls per hour, per officer (avg):</u>	<u>.74</u>
○ <u>Calls per week (avg):</u>	<u>824</u>
○ <u>Calls per day (avg):</u>	<u>117</u>
○ <u>Calls per hour (avg):</u>	<u>5</u>
❖ <u>Directed Patrols:</u>	<u>1,929</u>
❖ <u>Neighborhood Patrols:</u>	<u>12,675</u>
❖ <u>Business / Area Checks:</u>	<u>2,717</u>
❖ <u>Traffic Stops:</u>	
○ <u>Countywide:</u>	<u>4,341</u>
○ <u>I-71:</u>	<u>2,245</u>
❖ <u>Motorist Assists:</u>	
○ <u>Countywide:</u>	<u>432</u>
○ <u>I-71:</u>	<u>289</u>
❖ <u>Citations Issues:</u>	
○ <u>Countywide:</u>	<u>2,412</u>
○ <u>I-71:</u>	<u>1,085</u>
❖ <u>Domestic Violence &amp; Self Harm Calls:</u>	<u>460</u>
❖ <u>Crime Reports Taken:</u>	<u>998</u>

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) consists of four detectives and a detective sergeant. Detectives have the responsibility of investigating crimes that are more complex or serious in nature. Investigations assigned to detectives typically involve high value thefts, burglaries, violent crimes, narcotics investigations, homicides, sexual assault, robberies, fraud, and sensitive / confidential investigations. Detectives work a varied shift during the week and are available for after-hours callouts nights and weekends.



### 2023 OCPD CID Activity

❖ <u>Cases assigned to detectives</u>	<u>472</u>
❖ <u>Case follow-up investigations</u>	<u>2,422</u>
❖ <u>Field interviews</u>	<u>955</u>
❖ <u>Supplement reports completed</u>	<u>1,074</u>
❖ <u>Search warrants executed</u>	<u>224</u>
❖ <u>Cases resulting in arrest warrants</u>	<u>74</u>
❖ <u>Cases resulting in Grand Jury Indictment</u>	<u>39</u>
❖ <u>Victim follow-up contacts</u>	<u>956</u>



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer Program (SROs) is a cooperative effort between Oldham County Fiscal Court and the Oldham County Board of Education consisting of ten OCPD school resource officers. OCPD SROs are retired peace officers who returned as contract employees. SROs are permanently assigned to Oldham County elementary, middle, and high schools whenever school is in session. When school is not in session, SROs frequently perform law enforcement duties during special events, assist with patrol division coverage, and other duties as needed.

For the 2022/2023 School Year (Aug 22 - May 23) SROs conducted **28,378** total actions.

<u>Advisory Sessions</u>	<u>3,343</u>
<u>Arrests</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Assist Patrol / CID Units</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>Assist with School Drills</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>Athletic Event</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Case / Report Follow-Up</u>	<u>164</u>
<u>Cases Closed</u>	<u>94</u>
<u>Cases Opened</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>Classroom Lectures</u>	<u>52</u>
<u>Conflict Intervention</u>	<u>816</u>
<u>Criminal Complaints</u>	<u>79</u>
<u>Criminal Mischief</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Domestic / Custody Assistance</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Drug Investigation</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>Extra-Curricular Activity</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Gang Related Activity</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Informal Criminal Intervention</u>	<u>160</u>
<u>K-9 Searches</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Meetings or School Assemblies</u>	<u>681</u>
<u>MIW / Mental Assistance</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Observed Breakfast / Lunch</u>	<u>2,519</u>
<u>Observed Parking Lot</u>	<u>7,919</u>
<u>Observed Student Arrival / Dismissal</u>	<u>2,960</u>
<u>Observed Student Recess</u>	<u>1,555</u>
<u>Parking/Traffic Complaints</u>	<u>665</u>
<u>Referral to Organizations</u>	<u>154</u>
<u>Reports Preparation</u>	<u>194</u>
<u>Schools Visited/Building Check</u>	<u>5,252</u>
<u>Security Survey</u>	<u>1,023</u>
<u>Special Events</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>Suicide / Crisis Intervention</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Suspicious Persons/Vehicles</u>	<u>207</u>
<u>Trespassing Complaints</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Weapons Confiscated</u>	<u>2</u>





# SPECIAL UNITS

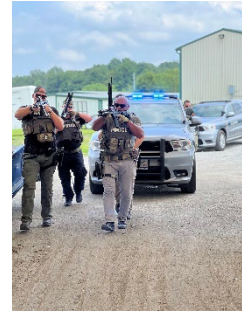
## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team (SRT) is a team of officers from the Oldham County Police Department, Oldham County Sheriff's Office, and Oldham County EMS (tactical medical support) with specialized training in firearms, tactical response, building searches, and high-risk law enforcement operations.



Critical incidents where SRT may be utilized include high risk warrants, search warrants, arrest warrants, vehicle takedown, barricaded individuals, hostage situations, open field searches, search and rescue operations, special event security, & VIP protection details.



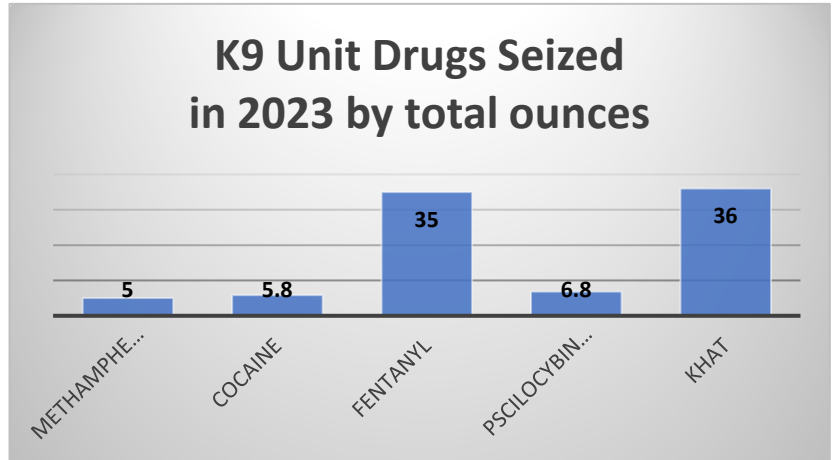
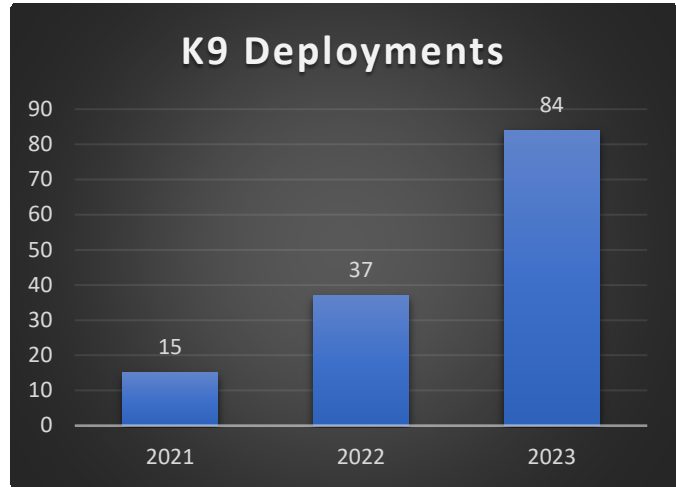
In 2023 SRT conducted 136 total hours of tactical skills training through monthly sustainment sessions and a 40-hour team training course.

SRT conducted deployments including assisting Patrol and CID with apprehension of a wanted felony suspect and conducting an area search of a decommissioned underground quarry.



## K9 UNIT

OCPD's K9 Unit and Patrol Division worked diligently in 2023 to reduce criminal activity and drug trafficking in Oldham County. K9 deployment has continued to increase over the past 3 years due to focused efforts on Interstate 71.



## FIREARMS TRAINING SECTION

Officers are required to qualify annually with all firearms carried both on-duty and off-duty. The course of fire utilized by the Oldham County Police Department exceeds the minimum requirements under Kentucky law and department firearms instructors are continually reviewing the training conducted to ensure that officers are well trained and prepared in the event of a violent encounter.

Officers are equipped with the firearms necessary to protect themselves and the public. Officers qualify on a live-fire range annually and receive additional training throughout the year. The primary duty pistol is the Glock 34 9mm pistol, with the Glock 43X as a back-up/off-duty weapon. Officers and SROs are also issued AR-15 patrol rifles. Patrol Division sergeants and certain SRT members are issued 40mm less-lethal munitions launchers. 12 gauge less-lethal shotguns issued to selected officers in the Patrol Division.

In 2023 OCPD personnel constructed a tactical training facility to conduct additional in-house room entry and building clearing training. The facility includes a classroom and multi-room mock building where officers can learn tactics needed to safely conduct tactical operations. The facility has also been utilized by the department to host tactical training attended by law enforcement officers from area agencies.



## **RECRUITING**

In 2023, OCPD received a combined 88 total of employment applications for the positions of police recruit, lateral police officer, and school resource officer. Out of the eighty-eight applications, nine applicants successfully completed the hiring process and were hired, with seven now working in our Patrol Division and two assigned as school resource officers.

*Officer Hunter Smith*

*Officer Tom Stettenbenz*

*Officer Don Gosney*

*Officer Bryan Bramlett*

*Officer Ethan Southard*

*Officer C.J. Weires*

*Officer Todd Maggard*

*Officer Josh Myers (SRO)*

*Officer Evan Harrod (SRO)*

The selection and hiring of law enforcement officers is governed by statutes and regulations administered by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC). All applicants must successfully complete the hiring process and demonstrate their qualifications, abilities, and character before being trained and certified as a peace officer certification. The KLEC approved process conducted by our department includes physical agility testing, suitability/psychological screenings, background investigations, polygraph examinations, drug screening, medical examinations, and several rounds of interviews with the OCPD Merit Board, OCPD Command Staff, and the Oldham County Judge Executive. This process helps ensure that only the most qualified applicants are eventually hired and enables our department to continue to provide professional law enforcement services within the community.

## 2023 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

### OCPD COLLISION REPORTS

#### All Roadways

Collisions w/injury:	125
Collisions w/fatality:	6
Collisions w/property damage:	821
Collisions w/commercial vehicle:	126
Total injuries:	168
Total fatalities:	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>952</b>

#### Interstate 71

Collisions w/injury:	31
Collisions w/fatality:	1
Collisions w/property damage:	257
Collisions w/commercial vehicle:	94
Total injuries:	44
Total fatalities:	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>

## DUI Collisions - Alcohol

Collisions w/injury:	5
Collisions w/fatality:	2
Collisions w/property damage:	23
Collisions w/commercial vehicle:	1
Total injuries:	5
Total fatalities:	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## DUI Collisions – Drugs

Collisions w/injury:	5
Collisions w/fatality:	0
Collisions w/property damage:	9
Collisions w/commercial vehicle:	1
Total injuries:	5
Total fatalities:	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

## CITATIONS AND ARRESTS

	Citations	Counts
Total Citations:	2,413	4,458
Total Traffic:	1,766	3,413
Total Criminal:	267	502
Total Juvenile:	145	207
Total Outstanding Warrant:	232	329
Total Criminal Summons:	3	7
Total Arrests:	575	1,463
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,413</b>

DUI ARRESTS – 78

DRUG ARRESTS FOLLOWING A TRAFFIC STOP – 180

SPEEDING CITATIONS – 1,143

SEAT BELT CITATIONS – 60

OPERATOR'S LICENSE & VEHICLE INSURANCE CITATIONS – 291



## VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

### VEHICLES

The vehicle fleet consists of approximately sixty vehicles, with forty-six assigned to individual officers. The marked fleet consists of vehicles such as the Ford Police Interceptor SUV, Dodge Durango Pursuit, Chevrolet Tahoe Pursuit, and Chevrolet Silverado Pursuit Pickup. Investigative and command staff vehicles include Dodge Durango, Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, Chevrolet Traverse, and RAM pickups.



Special purpose vehicles include a command post / specialized unit response vehicle, Polaris RZR side by side ATV, and several Humvees.



A total of 559,675 miles were driven in 2023 by OCPD officers while on-duty, attending training, and participating in special events such as parades and vehicle escorts.

OCPD marked patrol vehicles are equipped with mobile data computers, speed measuring radars, vehicle cameras integrated with the officer's body worn cameras, secure weapons storage,

## **AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Throughout 2023, numerous citizens contacted the department with phone calls, emails, letters, and feedback through our website and social media to commend the excellent work being done by officers. Numerous officers received letters of commendation from department supervisors for outstanding performance. This correspondence and commendations included assisting victims during emergencies, community relations, conducting investigations, apprehending those suspected of crimes, recovering stolen property, as well as helping those in need and citizens experiencing a crisis.

The following OCPD personnel were presented awards in recognition of superior efforts and their dedication to the mission and values of both the agency and community.

### **Officer of the Year**

**Officer Will “Frank” Sower**

### **Life Saving Medal**

**Sergeant Steven Jenkins**

### **Meritorious Service Medal**

**Detective Sergeant Jared Ellison**

### **Distinguished Service Commendations**

**Sergeant Dwaine Durrett**

**Officer Tracy Toler & K-9 Fanta**

**Officer Tyler Birk**

**Officer Ashley Reyna-Padilla**

**Officer Parker Thomas**

**Officer Tyler Covington**



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