

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

PATROL

Patrol officers are first responders to all police-related calls for service and some fire and EMS calls for service in Perry Township. The calls for service range from a suspicious person to armed robberies. Officers must solve problems, prepare reports, gather evidence, testify in court, and patrol their districts.



A Standard Perry Township Police Department patrol car. The Police Department has eight patrol cars in total.

The patrol bureau consists of three shifts: first (6a-2p), second (2p-10p) and third (10p-6a). Each shift is supervised by a sergeant. There are two additional shifts, day midwatch(8a-6p) and evening midwatch (6p-4a), that supplement staffing.

The sergeants report to the patrol operations lieutenant who reports to the Chief of Police. Sergeants oversee the day-to-day operations of the department, as well as additional duties assigned based on their shift.

Patrol officers drove over 200,000 miles last year, performed thousands of business checks, vacation house watches, responded to over 5,000 calls for service and took just over 600 reports.

2021 General Statistics		Totals	Crime Statistics		Totals
1	Calls for service	10,199	1	Homicide	3*
2	Police incident reports	546	2	Assault	30
3	Business checks	28,630	3	Burglary	9
4	House checks	13,652	4	Larceny	161
5	Traffic stops	425	5	Stolen vehicle	16
6	Traffic accidents	128			
7	Vehicle miles	221,536			

**Assisted other agencies; not in jurisdiction*

TRAINING

The Perry Township Police Department completed over 1,500 hours of training in 2021. The training is mandated by the department and/or the State of Ohio. Officers were trained on topics including firearms, search and seizure, domestic violence, de-escalation, and active shooter situations.

In addition to their mandated training, officers are encouraged to seek additional training which will not only benefit their job, but also benefit the agency and residents of Perry Township.

The Perry Township Police Department participated in the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) full scale exercise at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. The exercise was put on by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Perry Township Officers were able to work with officers from surrounding local and federal agencies in a fast-paced, evolving active shooter exercise.



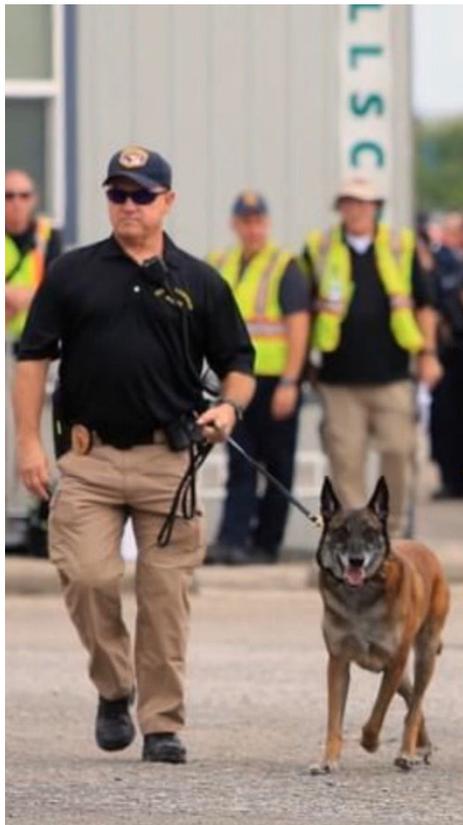
Perry Township Officers on-site at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery for the CCTA exercise

DETECTIVE BUREAU & K9 UNIT

The detective bureau investigated 76 cases in 2021. Of those 76 cases, 36 were cleared with no criminal charges, 19 investigations have had charges filed, 13 are still being investigated, 6 were unfounded, and 2 were turned over to another agency.

Investigations are reviewed and assigned a priority based upon the seriousness of the offense and solvability of the crime. Some crimes may take weeks, months, or in some cases years to fully investigate and prosecute.

	2021 Detective Bureau Cases	Totals
1	Total cases investigated	76
2	Cleared by exception (no charges)	33
2a	Non-Criminal	3
2b	Another agency	2
2c	Unfounded	6
3	Open	13
4	Charged	19
4a	Pending	12
4b	Convicted	6
4c	Dismissed	1



Detective Mills and K9 Coyle

The detective bureau manages criminal intelligence information, conducts employee background checks, processes crime scenes (fingerprints and photos) and collects evidence.

The Perry Township K9 Unit consists of K9 Coyle and his handler Detective Charles Mills. Coyle is a dual purpose K9 which means he is trained in explosives/odor and as a patrol K9.

As part of their ongoing training in 2021, they were certified by the ATF, participated in two full scale exercises, one with Homeland Security, and the other with the FBI. In addition to assisting patrol and other agencies, the K9 unit attends any and all events in Perry Township, including the 4th of July Parade, National Night Out, and Beggars Night.

MOUNTED PATROL

In 2021, the Perry Township had an opportunity to add a part-time Mounted Unit to patrol. The Mounted Unit consists of Sgt. Robert (Bobby) Forsythe and Cynthia Forsythe. Bobby retired from the Columbus Police Department and was the sergeant on their mounted patrol unit. Prior to going to the Mounted Unit, Bobby worked patrol and units that specialized in street crimes. Cynthia retired from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and was part of their mounted patrol unit. Cynthia spent time on patrol, as a community liaison, and in the detective bureau. After they retired, they still wanted to be in law enforcement and applied with Perry Township. During the hiring process they expressed their desire to bring the mounted patrol to Perry Township and that they owned the horses that were used at their respective departments.



Officer Cynthia Forsythe and Tucker (left) and officer Bobby Forsythe and Cisco (right)

The Forsythes were hired along with their horses, Tucker, Cisco, and Roman. There are no costs associated with the care and maintenance of the horses. All care and maintenance are taken care of by the Mounted Patrol Officers. The only additional costs to the Police Department are for saddle blankets and other miscellaneous equipment.

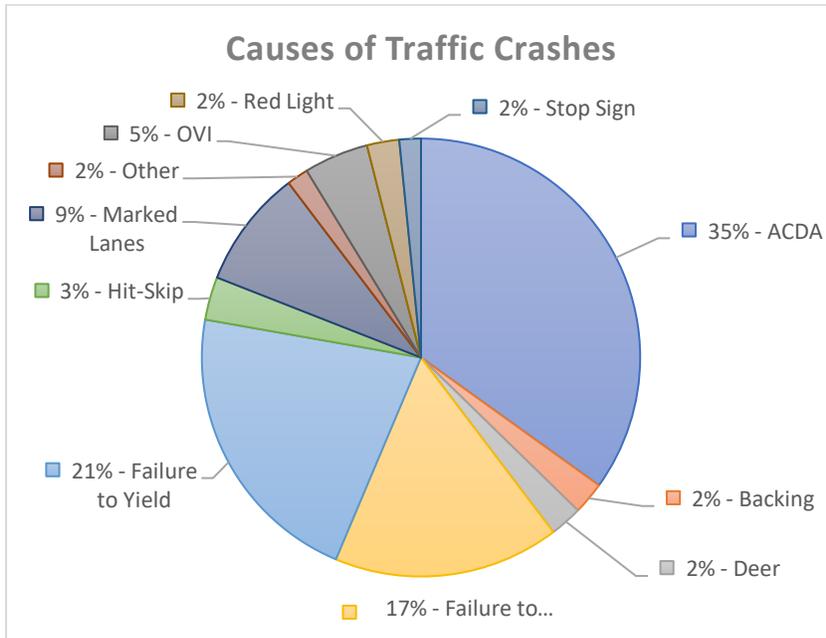


The Mounted Patrol visiting and teaching students at Worthington Hills Elementary School. Their third horse, Roman, is in the foreground.

The Mounted Unit's first event was Beggar's Night, and they were a huge success. They additionally helped with the holiday carriage rides in Brookside and Worthington Hills and visited both Brookside Elementary and Worthington Hills Elementary. They have already signed up to work several events in the township for 2022 and will also be patrolling our neighborhoods throughout the year. The Mounted Unit will increase our community policing efforts along with patrolling areas that traditional police patrol cars cannot. Both officers are also able to fulfill traditional policing roles when needed.

TRAFFIC CRASHES

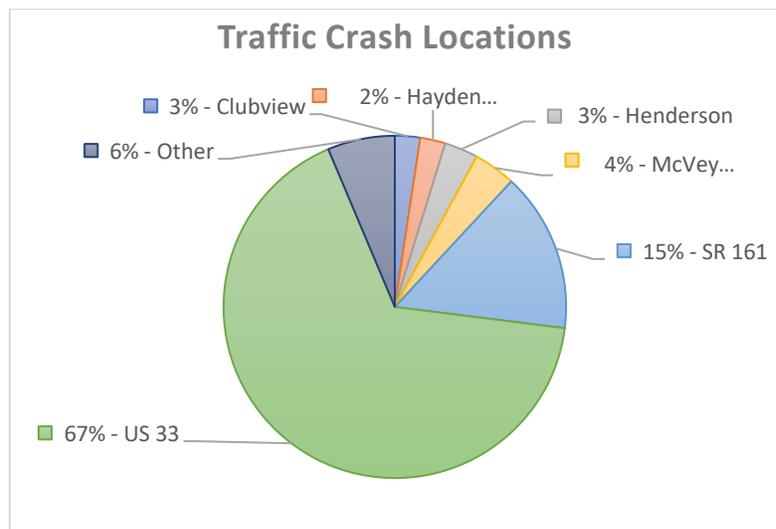
The Perry Township Police Department handled 128 crash reports in 2021 with no fatalities. The main cause of crashes in Perry Township is Assured Clear Distance Ahead (ACDA), which is when a vehicle is following too closely behind another vehicle and does not have enough time to stop when traffic slows down or stops.



Cause	Total
ACDA	44
Backing	3
Deer	3
Failure to Control	21
Failure to Yield	27
Hit-Skip	4
Marked Lanes	11
Other	2
OVI	6
Red Light	3
Stop Sign	2

The most accident-prone roadway in Perry Township is U.S. 33 (Riverside Drive) with the U.S. 33 and Hayden Run Road intersection being the busiest.

Location	Total
Clubview	3
Hayden Run	3
Henderson	4
McVey	5
SR 161	19
US 33	84
Other	8

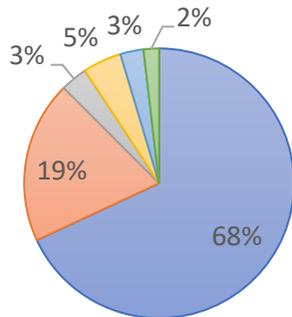


Reducing traffic crashes to reduce injury and property damage in Perry Township continues to be one of the primary goals of the Perry Township Police Department.

CITATION DEMOGRAPHICS

A total of 216 traffic citations were issued in 2021.

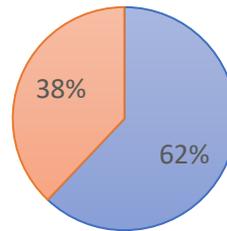
Citations Issued by Race



■ White ■ Black ■ Asian ■ Hispanic ■ Other ■ Unknown

Race	Total
White	147
Black	42
Asian	7
Hispanic	10
Other	6
Unknown	4

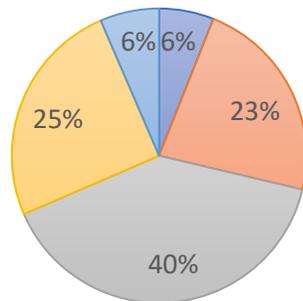
Citations Issued by Gender



■ Male ■ Female

Gender	Total
Male	134
Female	82

Citations Issued by Age

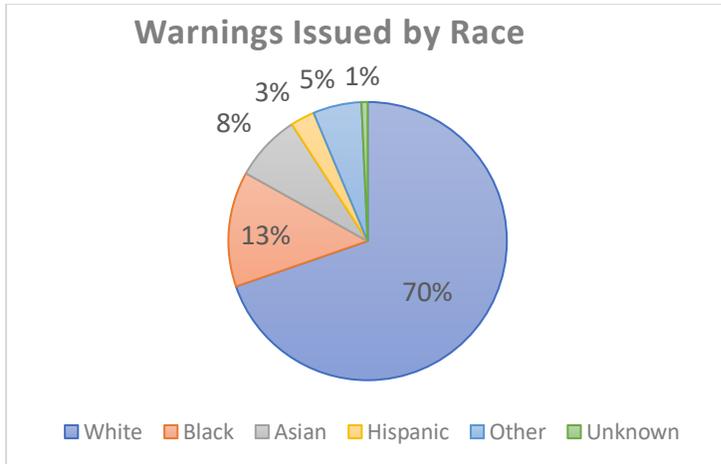


■ Juvenile ■ 18-25 ■ 26-40 ■ 41-64 ■ 65+

Age	Total
Juvenile	13
18-25	49
26-40	86
41-64	54
65+	14

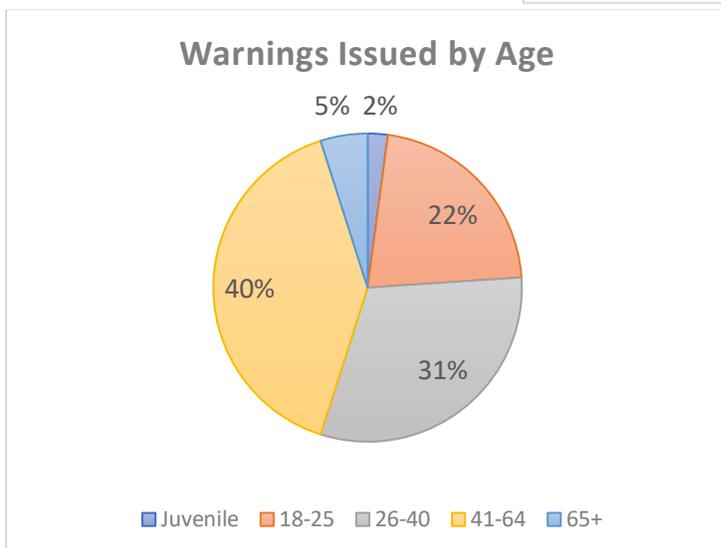
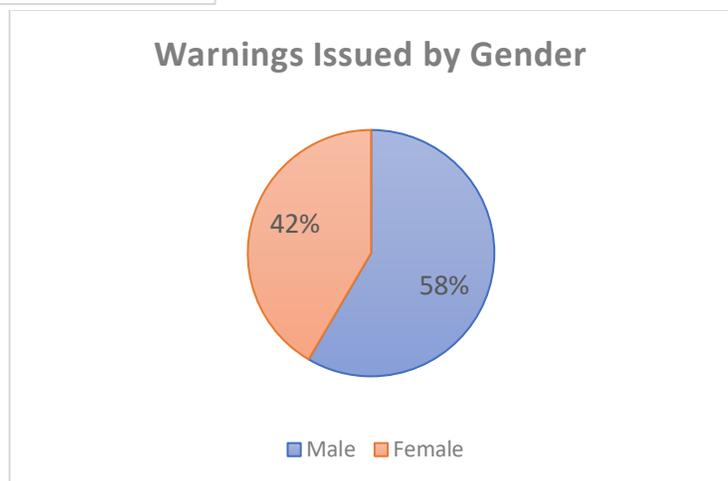
WARNING DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic data for warnings was first tracked in July of 2021. There are 142 for warnings for 2021 with this data.



Race	Total
White	99
Black	19
Asian	11
Hispanic	4
Other	8
Unknown	1

Gender	Total
Male	83
Female	59



Age	Total
Juvenile	3
18-25	31
26-40	44
41-64	57
65+	7