

OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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A Letter to Our Community

Ocean City Desidents and Visitors:

I am proud to present the 2022 Annual Report. The officers and staff members continue to exceed my expectations. The following pages are a testament to their hard work and dedication to the community of Ocean City. Within this report, you'll see a summary of their accomplishments from 2022, community engagement, and crime statistics.

I applaud the efforts of the men and women of this agency for making the sacrifice to protect the Town of Ocean City. I would also like to commend the partnerships and assistance we receive from our residents, visitors, and business community throughout the year. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a town that supports its police department.

As we look ahead, we will continue to employ new tactics, propose new legislation, and forge new partnerships to endure a safe and enjoyable community for our citizens. Any challenges we face along the way, we will work to overcome them.

I want to close by thanking the men and women of this department for their continued commitment and dedication to this great community of ours. The overwhelming community support is held in high regard in our department. Their sacrifice, hard work, and positive partnerships with our community make it possible to maintain the high quality of life we enjoy here in Ocean City.

Ross Buzzuro Chief of Police



Partnering with our Community

Special Olympics of Maryland

OCPD is a huge supporter of the Special Olympics of Maryland. From the torch run on the Boardwalk to the Polar Bear Plunge our officers find ways to help support the athletes. We hosted several Cover the Cruiser events this summer. In addition, our team held several fundraisers for their plunge. All together OCPD raised over \$40,000.





National Night Out

This year, OCPD hosted National Night Out at Northside Park.
National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors & law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. We were joined by members from the Ocean City Fire Department, Ocean City Fire Marshal Office, Atlantic General Hospital, and Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Holiday Toy Drive

For the seventh year, in a row, OCPD hosted a toy drive to benefit Worcester G.O.L.D. The generosity and love shown by our citizens help to ensure families in Worcester County had a wonderful holiday season.



Citizens Police Academy

After a two-year hiatus, we welcomed back the Citizens Police Academy. For 10 weeks, 18 community members attended the class to learn about their local law enforcement agencies and get a behind-the-scenes look.

American Cancer Society

In December, seven of our officers volunteered at the annual American Cancer Society's Holiday Wrapping Luncheon & Fashion Show. Rumor has it, our officers were the highlight of the show!













Crime Prevention Programs

Residential Security Check

Are you going on vacation for a week or two? Do you own a second home in Ocean City that is currently unoccupied? Let us know and we will check on it up to five times per week while you're away.

The Residential Security Check program is completely free and gives citizens that leave their homes peace of mind while they are away.

Bicycle Registration

The Ocean City Police Department offers a free bicycle registration program for all residents of Ocean City. Citizens who own bicycles are encouraged to register their bicycles as a deterrent to crime and to promote the safety and accountability of these valuable items.

Each year, OCPD officers locate numerous abandoned bicycles and bring them to the Public Safety Building for safekeeping. If the bicycle is registered, officers will quickly return the bicycle to its registered owner. You will receive a small decal to affix to the bicycle frame.

R.A.A.M

The R.A.A.M. program is an initiative designed to address underage drinking and the unacceptable behavior often associated with underage drinking. An essential component of the R.A.A.M. program is the great partnership that has been formed with the Ocean City business community. Without their help, this program would not be successful.

Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy was created to enable citizens to learn more about the Ocean City Police Department and build relationships between the police and the community. During this course, students meet various officers to learn about traffic enforcement, evidence collection, firearms, arrest procedures, narcotics enforcement, and many other topics. Students also participate in practical scenarios, which afford citizens a hands-on opportunity to understand various law enforcement applications.

Citizens Police Academy has a limited class size, and applicants must be 18 years of age to participate. Interested citizens must complete an application and permit the Ocean City Police Department to conduct a background check.

The Citizens Police Academy begins in October and will run for ten weeks in the evening hours. 2023 Start Date Coming Soon!

Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program (T.E.A.P)

Property owners/managers who sign up for the program pre-authorize the Ocean City Police Department to enforce, at their discretion, trespassing laws on participating properties. This is especially important during night time hours when contacting owners and managers is inherently problematic and inconvenient to all.

Interested in participating in a program?

Check out our website for more information and electronic applications for each of these programs. If you have any questions, please contact DCM Ashley Miller at 410-520-5395 or amiller@oceancitymd.gov.

Organizational Chart



Chief of Police Ross Buzzuro

Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police Marjorie Harms Professional Standards Lt. Frank Soscia

Public AffairsDCM Ashley Miller



Support Services
Division
Captain Michael Colbert



Criminal Investigation
Division
Captain Shawn Jones



Patrol
Division
Captain James Grady

Human Resources

Lt. Dennis Eade Section Commander

Training & Recruiting

Reserve Officers

Services Management

Lt. Frank Wrench Section Commander

Arrest & Detention

Property & Evidence

Finance Administration

Megan Sneeringer Fiscal Supervisor/Accountant

Records Management

Catherine Potter Supervisor

Assistant Commander

Lt. Todd Speigle

Major Crimes

Narcotics & Vice Intelligence Unit

Special Enforcement Unit

Forensic Services Unit

Crime Analysis

Assistant Commander

Lt. James Runkles

Special Events

Lt. Richard Moreck

Auxiliary Unit

Day Watch

Lt. Allen Hawk Shift Commander

Animal Control

Evening Watch

Lt. Andrew Yeager Shift Commander

Midnight Watch

Lt. Charles Kelley Shift Commander

K-9 Unit Mounted Unit Traffic Safety Unit Bike Maintenance Unit Quick Response Team

Specialty Units

Crisis Negotiation Team Honor Guard

Noise Unit

Field Training & Evaluation Program

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Patrol Division

WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO KEEP YOU SAFE

The Patrol Division provides the initial response to all calls for police service and works around the clock every day to prevent crime in Ocean City. The Patrol Division is the largest division in the department and over two-thirds of our officers are currently assigned to patrol.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Prior to 2020, several state and local agencies worked to assist homeless individuals in and around Ocean City with very little coordination. The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is comprised of representatives from the OCPD, Worcester County Health Department, Local Behavioral Health Authority, Department of Social Services, Ocean City Crisis Coalition, and Atlantic General Hospital. The team's mission is to coordinate efforts to offer outreach to homeless individuals throughout the county in a more coordinated and efficient way.



ACTIVE THREAT INTEGRATED RESPONSE COURSE (ATIRC)

Active Threat Integrated Response training is designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services in active shooter events. Law enforcement officers learn key medical skills based on tactical emergency care guidelines which are utilized at the point of injury to increase the survivability of victims. Incorporating this training will benefit not only OCPD but Ocean City Fire Department, Ocean City Fire Marshal Office, and Emergency Services.

INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENT, AND TACTICS (ICAT)

Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) is a training program that provides first-responding police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to successfully, and safely defuse a range of critical incidents. ICAT takes the essential building blocks of critical thinking, crisis intervention, communications, and tactics, and puts them together in an integrated approach to training.

ICAT is designed especially for situations involving persons who are unarmed or are armed with weapons other than firearms, and who may be experiencing a mental health or other crisis. The training program is anchored by the Critical Decision-Making Model that helps officers assess situations, make safe and effective decisions, and document and learn from their actions. ICAT incorporates different skill sets into a unified training approach that emphasizes scenario-based exercises, as well as lecture and case study opportunities.



Trusted Tools of the Trade

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

In 2021 the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation requiring law enforcement agencies to implement body-worn cameras for police officers, who regularly interact with members of the public, by July 1, 2025. The Town of Ocean City and OCPD took a proactive approach and outfitted all personnel with body-worn cameras by July of 2022.

Three vendors were tested by OCPD personnel. Axon was the only vendor capable of meeting our criteria with camera, storage, digital evidence management, savings on current budget items, and timeframe for deployment. Axon exceeded our expectations for integration with existing equipment and compatibility with State's Attorney's office, as well as having the best usability across all users.



Benefits of the Body Worn Camera program include:

- Increased public confidence in community policing
- Officers with body-worn cameras have fewer incidents of use of force
- A reduction in the number of complaints and allegations made against police officers
- Reduced criminal justice costs due to an increase in early guilty pleas
- De-escalation of anti-social behavior

KEEPING CRIMINALS OUT OF OCEAN CITY

License plate readers (LPRs) have been an essential tool for the OCPD for the last several years. LPRs automatically notify dispatchers when a vehicle comes into Ocean City that is owned by a wanted individual, is stolen, or even if the vehicle is attached to an AMBER Alert or missing individual. Countless cases have been closed because of evidence and information gleaned from both fixed and mobile license plate readers. All entrances and exits in and out of Ocean City are covered by an LPR. This tool repeatedly proves to be a vital investigative tool and allows officers to take criminals into custody as soon as they enter Ocean City.

In addition, to the use of LPRs, video evidence has played an essential role in solving cases. Video evidence from the City Watch Program, private businesses, and cell phone video has been used in many cases with great success. The City Watch Program has approximately 250 cameras and more than two dozen private cameras registered with the department.



Criminal Investigation Division

SOLVING CRIMES TO REMOVE CRIMINALS FROM OCEAN CITY

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) comprises six specialized units: Major Crimes, Forensic Services, Crime Analysis, Narcotics & Vice, Intelligence, and Special Enforcement.

WORKING AS A TEAM TO SOLVE CRIMES

The Major Crimes Unit is tasked with investigating the most serious crimes and incidents in the Town of Ocean City. Detectives provide around-the-clock on-call coverage throughout the year. Major Crimes detectives work seamlessly with patrol officers, other detectives within CID, and the community to solve and reduce crime in Ocean City.

In 2022, the Major Crimes Unit investigated 162 cases, including 52 Part 1 offenses, which is the most serious of crimes. This team of specially trained detectives was able to successfully close 96 percent of the cases investigated with the unit of 2022. This exceeds the national average.

Case in point, in June of 2022, the Major Crimes Unit assisted Patrol with a stabbing that occurred on the Boardwalk. Detectives learned that a mutual fight had occurred between two groups. During the fight, three individuals were stabbed. Through cooperation with the Patrol Division, City Watch, and body-worn camera footage, detectives were able to identify those involved. Detectives ultimately determined that only one individual in the two groups used the knife. That suspect has been charged with Attempted 1st-degree murder, 1st-degree assault, and other related charges.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND SOLVING CASES

The Forensic Services Unit (FSU) is staffed by five civilian crime scene technicians. FSU works closely with officers and detectives to solve cases.

Crime Scenes Processed	140
Evidence Submissions	4,225
Digital Evidence Requests	3,454
Latent Fingerprint Hits to Suspects	39
DNA Hits to Suspects	12
Firearm Traces	13
Assisted Other Agencies	20



FSU personnel assisted patrol with multiple thefts from motor vehicles. FSU was able to get 10 latent hits in this case. One suspect was connected to 7 different vehicles along with determining the involvement of a second suspect. FSU's expertise is often requested to assist other law enforcement agencies. FSU assisted Pocomoke with a shooting. Techs were able to get latent hits to help identify two suspects for Pocomoke.

Criminal Investigation Division

USING SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TO COMBAT CRIME

The Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) works primarily in a plain-clothes capacity and constantly varies its schedule, working during peak hours in locations where a high level of criminal activity is anticipated.

In 2022, SEU detectives made 64 arrests for crimes ranging from peace and good order to robberies and felony assaults.

In the Fall of 2022, the Salisbury Police Department was investigating a shooting that involved two suspects. One of the suspects was known to frequent Ocean City. A warrant was issued for this suspect for two counts of 1st-degree murder, two counts of 2nd-degree murder, 1st-degree assault, and several handgun-related charges.

The north-end License Plate Reader (LPR) alerted detectives that the suspect vehicle had entered Ocean City. The vehicle was located unoccupied at a condominium complex. SEU detectives conducted surveillance. The suspect eventually left the complex. SEU detectives along with Patrol and Narcotics detectives were able to stop the suspect and take him into custody. This investigation resulted in the arrest of a criminal who was residing within Ocean City and was recently involved in a shooting in Salisbury.



One of the many missions of the Narcotics & Vice Unit is ensuring drug distribution supsects are held accountable for the death of victims who overdose on the drugs provided by distributors.

In 2022, detectives set up and conducted 30 undercover drug buys, made 29 arrests and executed 50 search warrants.

During the month of November, the Narcotics Unit and the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team (CET) concluded a five-month-long investigation involving a large Drug Trafficking Organization, operating in Ocean City, Worcester, and Wicomico County. This investigation originated in Ocean City where an OCPD undercover narcotics detective was able to purchase cocaine from four separate individuals.

Numerous search warrants were served and detectives seized 3 handguns, over half a pound of crack cocaine, 130 grams of powder cocaine, half a pound of marijuana, 6 grams of heroin/fentanyl, over 80 prescription pain pills, suboxone strips, 12 grams of psilocybin mushrooms and over \$8,000 in US currency.

The arrest of these individuals involved had a direct impact on drug sales in Ocean City and possibly saved multiple lives by preventing overdoses.

Eupport Services Division

SUPPORTING OCPD TO ACHIEVE THE MISSION

The Support Services Division is comprised of four sections: Human Resources (Training & Recruiting), Services Management, Budget & Financial Services and Records Management.

PUBLIC SAFETY THAT IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

Public Safety will always be our top priority while recognizing our responsibility to be prudent and fiscally responsible. OCPD frequently applies for available grants to supplement the Department's budget.

Fiscal Year	Adopted Budget	Actual Spending	Savings
2018	\$21,379,983	\$20,695,598	\$684,385
2019	\$21,398,450	\$20,934,317	\$464,133
2020	\$21,792,273	\$23,299,722	\$219,024
2021	\$22,893,141	\$23,299,722	(\$406,581)
2022	\$24,198,153	\$24,623,217	(\$425,064)

In FY22, the Ocean City Police Department was over budget by \$425,064. The primary cause of this overage was the implementation of the Department's Body Worn Camera program. This was not a budgeted expense, but we wanted to get the program up and running before the Summer 2022 season.

In FY22, the Ocean City Police Department was awarded \$40,000 through the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO). These funds were used for traffic enforcement targeting four main areas: Impaired driving, speed enforcement, occupant protection, and pedestrian/bicycle safety. This funding was instrumental in keeping Ocean City's roads safe for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

AN ESSENTIAL BEHIND-THE-SCENES FUNCTION

The Records Management Section serves as the central repository for police records storage. In 2022, Records personnel completed a multitude of essential tasks including reviewing over 6,300 incident reports, preparing 4,382 cases for prosecution, processing 443 expungement orders, and fulfilling 1,427 report requests, and court summonses were recorded and delivered to officers. Records personnel also prepare the Uniform Crime Report that is provided to the FBI monthly.

The Records Management Section is tasked with the billing and collection duties related to the Inlet parking lot and the collection of parking fines. This includes daily camera review, correction of all unpaid fines at the Inlet Parking Lot, preparing files for invoices, and fielding customer inquiries by phone or online to resolve discrepancies. In 2022, Records personnel reviewed and prepared 28,268 invoices and 1,208 online appeals were resolved.

Join OCPD

BRINGING YOU THE BEST & BRIGHTEST

OCPD prides itself on having the best and brightest police officers in the region. The Recruiting Team strives to ensure that the department's high standards are met. In 2022, our recruiting efforts focused on our traditional method of in-person recruiting and expanded our digital presence. Our recruiters visited 51 colleges and universities along the northern portion of the east coast. We hosted 4 zoom informational sessions with almost 55 attendees combined.

The Ocean City Police Department transitioned to using the website PoliceApp for conducting applications and background investigations. This new tool is specifically used for advertising law enforcement jobs for both sworn and non-sworn positions. The website not only increases the Training and Recruiting Department's array of applicants, but it also helps streamline the background process for all applicants involved.

Knowing that social media plays a large role in just about everyone's daily life. We took steps to expand our social media presence. In 2022, 106,683 people through Facebook and Instagram, were reached by our ads through specific targeting for ideal candidates to take the test and/or sign up for employment. Our social media ads were seen by over 286,000 people. We boosted our Linkedin page to attract candidates actively looking for employment.



2022 SEASONAL CANDIDATES

In preparation for the 2022 season, 115 applicants tested for police officer positions, 37 of whom were hired as seasonal officers. Thirthy-two officers successfully completed the academy. Five seasonal officers returned from the previous summer which made for a total of 37 seasonal officers for the 2022 summer season.

There were 51 applicants for the public safety aide positions, 28 of whom were hired. One seasonal officer was retained as a public safety aide. Twenty former public safety aides returned for a total of 49 public safety aides for the 2022 summer season.



Visit our website www.joinocpd.com to learn more about the different career opportunities, upcoming testing dates, and much more!

If you already know that Ocean City is the spot for you, head on over to www.policeapp.com to start the process!







Auxiliary Officer Program

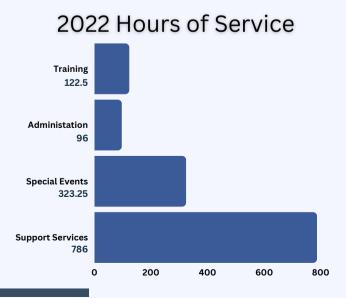
VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE OCPD

Since 1999, the OCPD has trained civilians to support the police department staff and serve the citizens of Ocean City. These citizens provide volunteer services to supplement OCPD personnel in the performance of specific duties in important operational areas:

- Town of Ocean City special events, such as Springfest, Sunfest, Winterfest
- Administrative support for the Support Services Division
- Reducing the Availability of Alcohol to Minors (RAAM) program

Over the last 23 years, the Auxiliary Officer Program has provided 70,001 hours of service to OCPD and the Town of Ocean City.

In 2022, the Auxiliary Officers contributed a total of 1,327 hours of service. Their contribution resulted in a little over \$44.341 in savings for the Town of Ocean City. We currently have 8 Auxiliary Officers in the program.





AUXILIARY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Tonja Sas has been an Auxiliary Officer since the program began in 1999. Tonja has donated over 5,000 hours of her time to the department and Ocean City community. From participating in events to meticulous record keeping, Tonja has been an influential member of the Auxiliary Officer Unit.

Tonja has officially retired from the unit but she is not done yet with giving back to the Ocean City community. She will remain onboard as the Caine Woods Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Tonja has also earned a Key to the City as well for her impeccable dedication to the Town of Ocean City.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN AUXILIARY OFFICER?

The OCPD is always looking for new members to fill the ranks of the Auxiliary Officer Program. To become an Auxiliary Officer, citizens will be required to complete a background check and additional training specific to the duties of an Auxiliary Officer. Citizens interested in becoming a volunteer Auxiliary Officer should contact the Public Affairs Office at 410-520-5395 or email DCM Miller at amiller@oceancitymd.gov

Promotions

Capt. James "Art" Grady Capt. Shawn Jones

Lt. Todd Speigle

Lt. Charles "Josh" Kelley

Lt. Allen Hawk

Sgt. Christopher Wrench

Sgt. James Rodriguez

Sgt. Kyle Murray

Sgt. Nicholas Forsyth

Cpl. Sean McHugh

Cpl. Nathan Kutz

Cpl. Michael Kirkland

Cpl. Justin Hoban

Cpl. NeShawn Jubilee

Cpl. Jacob Fetterolf

PFC Patrick McElfish
PFC Nathan Thompson
PFC Nicholas Fleming

PFC Noah Friedkin PFC Megan McHugh PFC Sierra Stevens

Ms. Catherine Potter Records Management Supervisor



Returements

Capt. Elton Harmon retired after 27 years of service.

Capt. Raymond Austin retired after 31 years of service.

Lt. Gregory DeGiovanni retired after 25 years of service.

Sgt. Michael Richardson retired after 20 years of service.

Cpl. Howard Caplan retired after 25 years of service.

PFC Pamela Russell retired after 24 years of service.

thank!

Departmental Awards



Each year the Commendation Board meets bi-annually to review nominations and make recommendations to the Chief of Police concerning award and commendation nominations.

The Commendation Board is made up of seven members who serve for two years, with new appointments every year. The members are selected to fairly represent each Division of the Department.

In 2022, the following commendations were awarded:

The *Silver Star* is awarded to any employee who distinguishes themselves conspicuously by gallantry and at the risk of their own life.

Cpl. Michael Karsnitz

The *Meritorious Service* commendation is awarded to any employee who distinguishes themselves by performing their duties in a manner that clearly exceeds what is normally required or expected or for a highly creditable accomplishment and sufficient to distinguish the individual from those performing comparable duties.

Cpl. Michael Kirkland DFC Carl Perry

A *Special Commendation* is awarded to any employee who distinguishes themselves by performing extraordinary physical acts or accomplishments or renders life-saving techniques to aid in the preservation of human life.

Sgt. Kyle Murray	Ofc. Jessica Wieber (x2)	Ofc. Benjamin Panitch
PFC Nathan Thompson	Ofc. William Mossop	Ofc. Justin Koser
PFC Christian Rodden	Ofc. Anthony Helias	Ofc. Devin Bartrom

Departmental Awards

Excellent Performance is awarded to any employee for an act or achievement above that which is normally required or expected or to any employee who distinguishes themselves by the performance of an act or contributes to a device or method that is adopted by the department to increase efficiency in administrative or operational procedure.

Cpl. Nathan Kutz PFC Patrick McElfish Ofc. Hailie Brumley

Cpl. Christopher Snyder PFC Christian Rodden Ofc. Charles Tyler

Natural Resources Police

DFC David Whitmer PFC Mark Cutter

Certificates of Appreciation are given to citizens for an act that materially contributes to a police accomplishment in the field of traffic safety, crime prevention, or police/community relations.

Mr. Thomas Treacy
Palmyra, PA

Mr. Blake Moody
Pasadena, MD

Officer of the Year

Cpl. Michael Kirkland

Cpl. Michael Kirkland was chosen as the Officer of the Year by 5 community members. We would like to thank Larry Yates, Tonja Sas, Charles "Newt" Weaver, Danny Robinson, and Lee Gerachis for meeting with the nominees and selecting the Officer of the Year. Also nominated were PFC Edward Newcomb, PFC Mark Cutter, PFC Kevin Herbert, and Officer Benjamin Panitch.

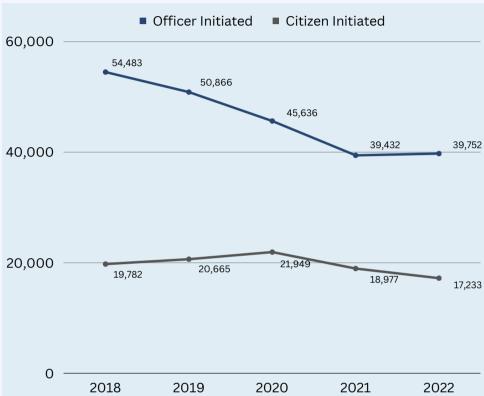
Cpl. Kirkland has been a member of OCPD since April 2012. Cpl. Kirkland was assigned to the Narcotics Unit in 2016, & then to the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team (CET) in 2018. Corporal Kirkland was promoted on August 1, 2022, & reassigned to the patrol division. During Cpl. Kirkland's tenure in Narcotics and CET, his primary duties included the undercover purchase of CDS, covert surveillance, tactical response, technical investigative techniques, and the management of complex CDS investigations. Cpl. Kirkland made countless undercover buys and handled numerous felony CDS cases. Cpl. Kirkland exposed himself to danger repeatedly to accomplish the mission.



Calls for Service

A call for service is generated for nearly anything that an officer does while on duty. This can include a traffic stop, residential security check, lost child, or a major criminal event just to name a few. Criminal and non-criminal incidents are documented equally.





CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Officer Initiated	1680	1772	2023	3450	4450	6866	6367	3930	3159	2230	1943	1882	39,752
Citizen Initiated	549	473	706	888	1746	2954	3304	2726	1700	868	625	694	17,233
Total	2,229	2,245	2,729	4,338	6,196	9,820	9,671	6,656	4,859	3,098	2,568	2,576	56,985

^{**} The number of calls for service listed on this page does not include business checks.

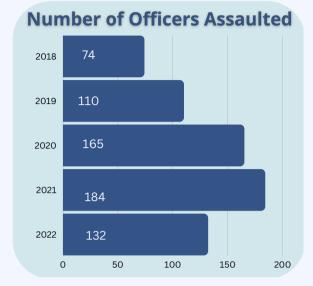
The total number of calls for service including business checks was 65,699.

Taser Use & Assaults on Officers

ASSAULTS ON OFFICERS

In 2022, OCPD officers were assaulted a total of 132 times. **5 of which resulted in an injury to the officer.**

This shows just how dangerous the job of a police officer can be. Assaults may be in the form of physical or non-physical violence and may or may not result in injury to the officer involved.

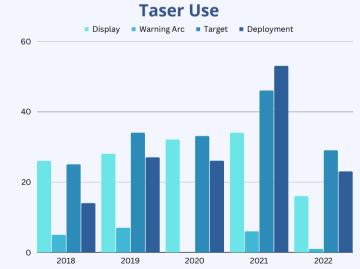


TASER USE IN OCEAN CITY

In 2022, OCPD upgraded to the Taser 7, a conducted electrical weapon (C.E.W). The Taser 7 links to the Axon body-worn cameras. Once, the officer pulls the taser from the holster and activates it, it will turn on all nearby Axon body-worn cameras. This will provide an accurate account and transparency in use-of-force situations.

In many cases, more than one C.E.W. use may take place during an incident. For example, an officer may display his/her C.E.W. in order to gain compliance but if the suspect refuses to cooperate, the officer may deploy his/her C.E.W. This one incident counts as a "Display" and a "Deployment".

- Display: C.E.W. is removed from the holster, not aimed at the suspect. This is done to simply make the device visible to the suspect.
- Warning Arc: C.E.W. is removed from the holster and the officer engages the noise of the electrical charge to get the suspect's attention.
- Target: C.E.W. is aimed at the suspect with the lasers clearly indicating where probes will hit the suspect if the officer were to activate the device.
- Deployment: C.E.W. was deployed in order to gain compliance. Deployment involves the probes entering the suspect's body, in addition, to drive stuns.
 - Note: Deployment includes probes entering the suspect's body, as well as drive stuns. Drive stuns involve the officer having to press his/her C.E.W. against the suspect's body and deploy the electrical charge manually.



CATEGORY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Display	26	28	32	34	16
Warning Arc	5	7	0	6	1
Target	25	34	33	46	29
Deployment	14	27	26	53	23

Uniform Crime Reporting

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation each year by the Ocean City Police Department and includes all serious crimes that occurred within the Town of Ocean City.

CATEGORY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5-YEAR AVG.	2022	% CHANGE
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	27	9	6	18	29	17.8	18	-38%
Robbery	32	14	18	30	10	20.8	19	90%
Aggravated Assault	55	63	66	116	107	81.4	86	-20%
Simple Assault	711	667	698	819	825	744	714	-13%
Burglary	113	113	94	126	85	106.2	84	-1%
Larceny/Theft	895	707	617	700	571	698	634	11%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	12	10	16	16	16	24	50%
TOTAL	1,860	1,585	1,509	1,825	1,643	1,684	1,579	-4%

^{**} The 5-Year Average is rounded to the nearest whole number. The percent change calculates the change between 2022 and 2021.

The transient nature of the resort must be taken into consideration when comparing Ocean City's UCR statistics with other jurisdictions. Over **59 percent** of the crime that occurred in 2022 took place in June, July and August which correlate with the spike in population.

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	3	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	3	3	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	2	0	6	5	1	1	0	2	2
Aggravated Assault	1	6	4	6	6	19	14	8	10	6	3	3
Simple Assault	24	18	39	35	56	183	155	101	46	22	21	14
Burglary	6	3	9	1	6	23	9	6	10	5	2	4
Larceny/Theft	25	14	17	37	58	168	117	104	48	15	15	16
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0	0	0	2	5	3	5	3	0	1	1
TOTAL	63	41	69	81	129	409	305	225	121	51	45	40

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) COMING SOON

What is the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)?

The National Incident-Based Reporting System, or NIBRS, was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. It captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident. In 2021, the historic Summary Reporting System (SRS) data collection, which collected more limited information than the more robust NIBRS, was phased out.

Why will OCPD change to NIBRS?

Law enforcement agencies across the country—including OCPD—have been making the transition to NIBRS reporting due to a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) mandate. The FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing.

What is the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program?

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program generates reliable statistics for use in law enforcement. It also provides information for students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. The program has been providing crime statistics since 1930. In 2021, the UCR Program retired the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and transitioned to NIBRS-only data collection.

What impact will NIBRS have on crime statistics?

The use of NIBRS to collect crime data will likely lead to an increase in the number of crimes reported because it provides a more comprehensive and accurate picture of crime. NIBRS collects more detailed information about each crime than the traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) did. For example, SRS only required recording the most serious offense that occurred during an incident, while NIBRS captures information about all offenses that are committed. This means that NIBRS is more likely to identify multiple crimes that might have gone unreported using other reporting systems.

Arrests & Citations

Custodial Arrests & Criminal Citations								
Year Custodial Criminal Arrests Citations								
2018	2,199	113						
2019	2,256	93						
2020	2,272	84						
2021 2,843 91								
2022	2,178	73						

*According to	Uniform	Crime	Reporting
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Weapons & Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS)								
Year	Year Weapon CDS Arrests Arrest							
2018	44	650						
2019	46	561						
2020	54	474						
2021 286 413								
2022	2022 300 216							

^{*}According to Uniform Crime Reporting

	Custodial Arrests & Criminal Citations												
CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Custodial Arrests	79	85	118	114	237	519	352	239	188	83	76	88	2,178
Criminal Citations	2	2	0	2	6	20	22	9	6	4	0	0	73

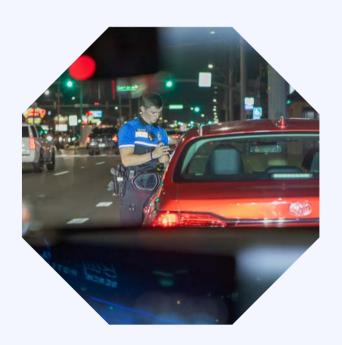
Civil Ci	tations
Year	Total
Alcohol	648
Marijuana < 10 grams	373
Smoking	872
Public Urination	43
Skateboard/Bicycle	37
Noise	17
Taxi	4
Overall Civil Citations	1197



Traffic Stops & Collisions

Traffic Enforcement													
CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Traffic Citations	382	393	465	486	1086	1190	929	667	794	746	430	553	8,121
Traffic Warnings	434	792	738	727	1015	1256	998	524	804	635	742	790	9,455
DUI Arrests	29	19	29	23	32	41	27	23	39	22	13	30	324

*Data pulled from MSP Delta Plus E-tix program



Reportable Traffic Collisions					
Year	Total	Fatal			
2018	547	1			
2019	566	3			
2020	526	1			
2021	571	0			
2022	520	2			

Pedestrian Collisions					
Year	Total	Fatal			
2018	22	1			
2019	21	1			
2020	25	1			
2021	22	0			
2022	27	2			

Scooter Collisions					
Year	Total	Fatal			
2018	34	0			
2019	27	0			
2020	55	0			
2021	25	0			
2022	24	0			

Bicycle Collisions						
Year	Total	Fatal				
2018	26	0				
2019	32	0				
2020	8	0				
2021	17	0				
2022	14	0				

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