

2022 Martin Police Department Annual Report



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Chief of Police

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

To the Citizens of Martin

It is my privilege as your Chief of Police to present you the 2022 Annual Report. It is a testament of the hard work and commitment of the men and women of the Martin Police Department in conjunction with the partnerships that we have built with our community.

The purpose of this document is to provide you statistics, reports and descriptions of the activities and successes of the department's efforts to make Martin a safe place to live, travel in, work and play. Not only will you see a snapshot of where we have been over the last year, but you will also find some of the goals that we will be pursuing in the coming year.

We continue striving to build and maintain a relationship with our citizens and encouraging our community to report and assist in the investigation of crime in order to hold those responsible accountable, while creating an environment that discourages criminal activity. Although over the last ten years, we have succeeded in reducing crime overall, we do still see criminal activity in areas of the City. We continue to work diligently and aggressively to keep crime at a minimum and to efficiently solve these crimes. With just over 244 crimes reported in 2022, the effective crime rate is 23.2 crimes per 1,000 population. With the average Tennessee clearance rate of about 41%, Martin boasts a clearance rate of close to 85.4% for 2022. Martin's clearance rate is one of the highest in the state, making Martin an undesirable community for criminals.

As a continuing effort to reduce crime in the City of Martin, we also take efforts to reduce traffic crashes. We participate in the THSO traffic safety programs. We are excited to have received 3rd place in our division. We also continued our Impaired Driver Safety Bus Program in 2022 with over 100 riders taking advantage of our program on New Year's Eve alone.

Our overall goal continues to be to provide the best service available to our citizens through efficient and timely police services in a courteous and professional manner. As we review the contents of this report, we are constantly reminded of our tasks at hand and seek ways to improve our services and the results that we deliver. We invite the people to provide input, suggestions, and when necessary, constructive criticism of how we can make our department and your city better. As a state accredited agency through TLEA (TN Law Enforcement Accreditation Program), we recognize the value of our community and the need for transparency.

It is always an honor to serve our community alongside the fellow members of this department as we strive to earn your trust and respect while trying to keep you safe here in Martin.

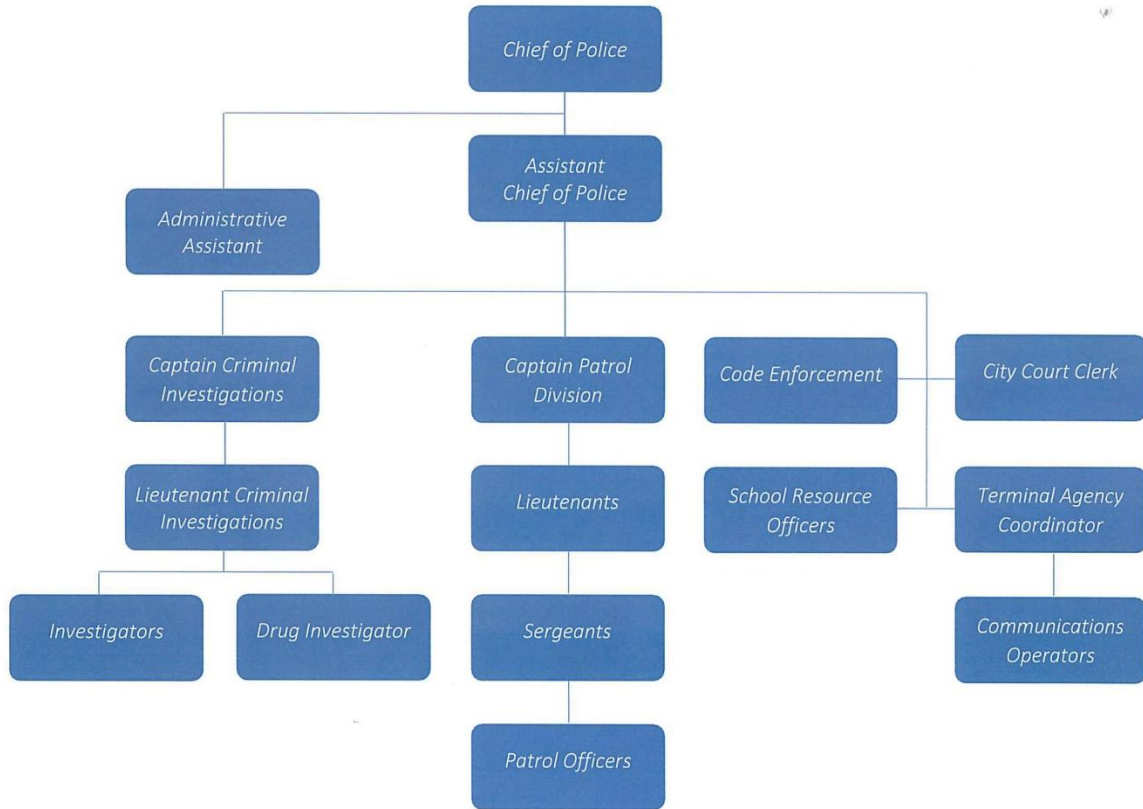


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Martin Police Department

Organizational Chart



Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the Martin Police Department. The Martin Police Department currently consists of 30 sworn police officers and 10 civilian employees.

In 2022, the Martin Police Department:

- Answered 18,475 Dispatched Calls for Service
- Made 231 arrests
- Issued 245 Misdemeanor Citations
- Made 1701 Traffic Stops
- Issued 577 Traffic Citations
- Issued 132 Parking Citations
- Participated in over a Dozen Community Events

2022 Employee Awards and Citations



Employee of the Year- Administrative Assistant Lynn Vincent



Officer of the Year- Investigator Sarah Rogers Turner



Life-Saving Medals Awarded to Ptl. Cody Stewart and Ptl. Kelly Hendon for life-saving actions involving the implementation of Narcan to an unresponsive citizen. June 6, 2022.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is directed by a Patrol Captain and has nineteen sworn officers, one K-9 unit and four School Resource Officers.

The Patrol Division is primarily a law enforcement operation. It is a generalized function in which officers engage in a wide variety of activities, including but not limited to enforcing traffic and criminal law, answering complaints, conducting investigations, community relations, transporting prisoners and crime prevention activities.

BIKE PATROL

The Martin Police Department Bike Patrol Unit is used as a proactive approach to effectively patrol high pedestrian areas and events not conducive to conventional patrol techniques and vehicles. The bike unit consists of eight certified bike officers assigned to bikes and deployed in two-man units. Officers on bikes are more approachable by citizens in our community. These officers are also much more aware of their surroundings, but still maintain a means of conveyance to respond to calls within a given area in a timely manner. The bike units were deployed during City of Martin events and parade details in areas where vehicle patrols were unable to be utilized due to large crowds. When high crime areas are determined, the Martin Police Department deployed these bike units to these areas to deter crimes such as trespassing, narcotics sales and vehicle burglaries. The Martin Police Department Bike Unit will continue to provide a presence in the downtown business area, interact with the public, respond to emergencies and to improve the quality of services.

K-9 PATROL

The Martin Police Department K-9 Unit consists of one K-9 (Ziggy) handled by Sgt. Marty McClure and supervised by Captain Eric Reed. The work in this K-9 unit is specifically utilized for the detection of explosive materials. K-9 Ziggy specializes in the location of bombs, bomb-making ingredients, spent shell casings or recently fired firearms. He is also utilized in several public demonstrations and during our Citizen's Police Academy.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Martin Police Department is responsible for all animal related calls within the city limits of Martin. One full-time non-certified Codes Enforcement Officer is assigned to this division. Codes Enforcement has been instrumental in enforcing the animal ordinances and laws within the city limits, and continues to make a positive impact on the human/animal relations for the citizens of Martin. Codes Enforcement/Animal Control continues to strive for excellence and to maintain a high standard for this department. The Codes Enforcement Officer handles all animal related calls, domestic, wild, exotic and agricultural. This unit enforces the leash law, captures stray, nuisance, aggressive, injured and lost animals. When not on an active call, the unit actively patrols the City of Martin for animal-related issues and assistance when needed. The Codes Enforcement Officer also maintains and operates the City of Martin Dog Pound facility.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The goals and objectives for the Criminal Investigations Division are to conduct through investigations, conduct relentless follow-ups on all leads in a timely manner and to conduct effective interviews in order to obtain as many admissions and confessions as possible, in order to assist in prosecutions.

During 2022, the Criminal Investigations Division consisted of one CID Captain, one CID Lieutenant and two investigators. They opened 244 criminal cases during the 2022 calendar year. They achieved a closure rate of 85.4% for the 2022 year.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Communications, when fully staffed, consists of seven full-time 911 Operators. The Communications Division maintains one Terminal Agency Coordinator and one Alternative Terminal Agency Coordinator. These are assignments to two existing 911 Operators. Additionally, one 911 Operator serves as the Communications Division Supervisor. These assignments include the tasks of assisting with Standard Operating Procedures and TIES/NCIC compliance checks. The responsibilities of the Communications Division include answering administrative lines and 911 lines. Communications monitors adjacent agencies' radio traffic as well as those of the City of Martin.

They dispatch for Martin Police Department, Martin Fire and Rescue and the Martin Ambulance Service. They also perform NCIC queries for the University of TN at Martin Public Safety Officers. After regular business hours, they dispatch emergency call-out services for City of Martin Public Works.

RECORDS

The Records Management Division currently consists of one Administrative Assistant. The division responsibilities include entering data into the Records Management System, completing local background check requests and assistance with copies of reports for citizens.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS/ACCREDITATION

TLEA

The self-assessment phase of accreditation was completed in 2010 and the on-site assessment was held in November of 2011. The department received its initial TLEA accreditation at the December meeting of the TN Chiefs of Police Association in 2011. The department recently received its fourth TLEA accreditation award in December of 2022.

TRAINING

The Martin Police Department submitted 5400 hours on specialized, in-service and firearms training during the calendar year of 2022. This averages out to approximately 180 hours of P.O.S.T. approved training per officer for the 2022 training year. One CID Lieutenant completed

the 281st Session of the FBI National Academy during the spring of 2022 and one investigator completed the TBI State Academy in 2022. The training division hosted a 40-hour Patrol Officer Rifle Instructor Course, a 16-hour SRO Refresher Course, a 16-hour In-service course and an 8-hour Firearms Qualification course during the 2022 training year.

PURSUIT ANALYSIS 2022

The Martin Police Department did not participate in any vehicle pursuits during the 2022 calendar year.

USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS 2022

The Martin Police Department maintains a very strict Use of Force Reporting policy and practice. Incidents that involve any physical control (arm bar take downs, strikes with empty hands, etc.) are reported as physical uses of force, Intermediate Weapons usage includes Taser deployments and/or O.C. Spray (MPD does not use/carry impact weapons such as batons), Deadly Force is reported for the display or use of a deadly weapon (Sidearm or Patrol Rifle). There were no incidents of Use of Force for MPD during the 2022 calendar year that involved the firing of a firearm or physical striking of an individual. There were also zero usages of O.C. Spray during 2022.

- 2022 = 16 total reported Uses of Force – 231 total custodial arrests = .07% of arrests involved some type of Use of Force

- Use of Force Incidents by Month: Use of Force Incidents by shift time:

January- 2	July- 2	0600-1800 = 7
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February- 0	August- 2	1800-0600 = 9
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March- 2	September- 2	<u>Use of Force Incidents by Patrol Zone:</u>
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April- 2	October- 2	North = 8
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May- 0	November- 2	Middle = 1
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June- 0	December- 0	South = 7
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- Types of Use of Force by category:

Physical – 10 (All takedown maneuvers/no striking involved)

Taser – 8 (7 probe deployments/1 drive stun)

Display of sidearm – 3 (no discharges/no patrol rifles deployed)