

**BIRMINGHAM
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

March 2020

Birmingham City Commission
Thomas M. Markus, City Manager

As Chief of Police for the City of Birmingham, I am proud to present the 2020 edition of the annual report. The year 2020 will be remembered as one of the most difficult and challenging on record. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic influenced our daily lives in an unprecedented manner. Social unrest following a number of high profile police incidents strained community bonds and heightened racial tension. A divisive national election further complicated our ability to move forward together as a nation.

Despite all of this, we must all look to the future. We must set aside our differences, respect one another as human beings and move forward for the common good of all people. As police chief for the City, I pledge to continue to do exactly this. The men and women of the police department work diligently to keep Birmingham a safe and welcoming community. Officers of the department are highly trained, educated and professional individuals. The department holds all officers to the highest level of conduct and demands honesty, respect and integrity from all. As chief, I have strived to create and maintain a culture in the department that encourages officers to exercise compassion, empathy and a sense of duty to the service of others. I will continue to work together with the community and the public at large to build a future for all people that ensures fairness, respect, dignity, security and justice for all.

As we begin a new year, we must always embrace change in order to improve ourselves and continue to evolve as an agency to meet new and changing roles and demands in order to safeguard the rights of all citizens. In 2020, the police department continued to strive to meet community expectations of continued professionalism, responsiveness and transparency. Measures and programs undertaken included:

- Initiated a two-year project for department accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP).
- All officers now wear body-worn cameras while on patrol consistent with department policy and procedure.
- Areas of concern in police reforms (chokeholds, duty to intervene, de-escalation training, use of force reporting, use of force continuum, bias-based policing, early intervention

policy for potential problem officers) were all examined to ensure that all police department policies and procedures clearly addressed reform issues.

The police department planned several new projects in 2020 for 2021 that include:

- Examining mental health related service calls in our community.
- Examining current methodology as it relates to providing service to those in the community suffering from mental illness and/or other “non-criminal” social issues.
- Researching how the police department can better utilize services already in existence to address issues of mental health and other “service” related issues (substance abuse/senior assistance/juvenile behavioral issues).
- Create, develop and implement an interlocal agreement between the City of Birmingham, the Township of Bloomfield and the City of Auburn Hills to collaborate with the Oakland Community Health Network to provide for a full time social worker to be exclusively assigned to the aforementioned communities. The cost of the social worker will be shared equally between the three communities.
- Explore the possibility of receiving grant funding to support a pilot project to create a mental health co-response program.
- Assessing options to train at least 20% of Birmingham police officers in advanced crisis intervention (40-hour training course).

The 2020 edition of the Department’s annual report continues a trend of decreasing crime in our community. All of the circumstances listed earlier have had a direct impact on our crime levels. However, the efforts of all police department staff, including officers, auxiliary officers, non-sworn personnel and the community itself should be recognized for continuing to work together to reduce crime. As we navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic, the police department continued to enforce all existing laws and ordinances to maintain the peace and safety of our community. The police department was also tasked with complying with Executive Orders issued from the Governor’s Office and orders issued from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office. Most public engagement activities were curtailed and significant time was expended by the police department encouraging social distancing and promoting the wearing of masks.

The mission statement of the Department reflects our agency’s commitment to the safety and security of all our residents and visitors:

The Birmingham Police Department is committed to fairness, compassion and excellence in providing services sensitive to the priorities and needs of the community: the protection of life and property, the apprehension of criminal perpetrators and the prevention of crime in accordance with the law.

The chart below summarizes this report, delineating calls for service, major crime categories and arrest categories. For historical perspective, included in this chart are crime statistics from 25 and 50 years ago. While any crime is unacceptable to the police department, the citizens of

Birmingham should be very proud of a crime rate that has been consistently low over the course of the past several years.

	2020	2019	2018	1995	1970
Total calls for service	21,167	20,537	17,945	19,269	15,528
Number of sworn officers	33	33	32	35	42
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct I, III	0	3	1	3	3
Robbery	1	1	5	4	23
Vandalism	33	33	39	257	N/A
Burglary	14	20	11	47	182
Larceny	80	94	164	622	826
Vehicle theft	10	8	6	41	43
Operating While Impaired	27	95	76	212	55
Fraud	89	110	139	120	72
Adult arrests	172	441	594	738	503
Juvenile arrests	12	9	17	51	398

Despite our relatively small size, the police department's footprint in Oakland County's law enforcement community is broad. The department is a participating member of several multi-jurisdictional task forces organized under cooperative agreements with numerous neighboring law enforcement agencies. These task forces address specialized and complex crime and service related issues. Currently, the department participates in eight of these task forces/cooperative agreements:

CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System): CLEMIS provides records management, computer aided dispatch systems and criminal data base records for Oakland County police agencies and other local, state and federal agencies. By serving as a technical link among multiple members, CLEMIS promotes communication and sharing of criminal justice information.

PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point): The City has provided dispatch services to the Village of Beverly Hills since 2012.

MCAT (Major Case Assistance Team): 9 local law enforcement agencies that provide experienced investigators to work on major and complex criminal investigations.

NET (Narcotics Enforcement Team): 16 local law enforcement agencies and two federal partners (Drug Enforcement Administration and the Department of Homeland Security) that conduct narcotics investigations throughout Oakland County and other areas. The Oakland County Sherriff's Office supervises the team.

SIU (Special Investigations Unit): 5 local law enforcement agencies that target organized criminals/criminal enterprises utilizing undercover operations and surveillance. The team also

assists in wanted fugitive apprehensions. The City of Troy Police Department supervises the team.

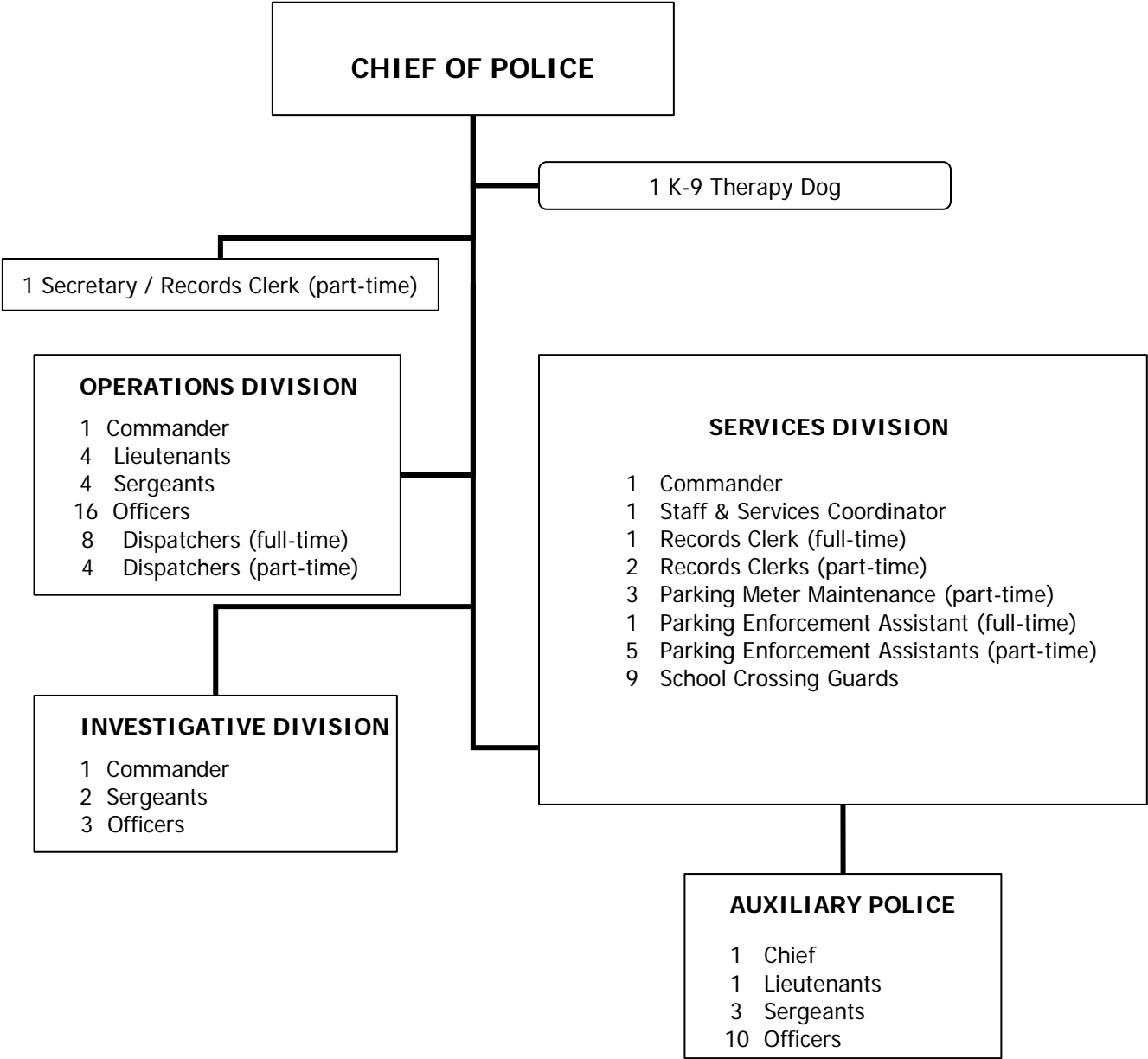
OAKTAC (Oakland County Tactical Unit): 40 local law enforcement agencies throughout Oakland County trained in the area of crowd management and civil unrest events. The team can also assist with active shooter and hostage tactical situations.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Financial Crimes Task Force (FBI): Cooperative agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assign local law enforcement officers to the FBI in order to work on local fraud cases at the federal level to enhance investigatory capabilities and address large scale fraud cases crossing local, state and federal jurisdictions.

SOCCIT (South Oakland County Crash Investigation Team): 5 local law enforcement agencies that provide highly trained officers in the field of accident investigation/reconstruction. The team conducts accident investigations involving serious or fatal vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic related incidents.

It is my hope that this message provides a well-rounded view of the commitment and dedication of the men and women of the Birmingham Police Department. The department could not do the important work of providing for the safety and well-being of the community without the assistance and support we receive from the City Manager, the City Commission and our residents.

2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
2020**

FULL TIME SWORN POSITIONS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
CHIEF OF POLICE	1	1	1	1	1
COMMANDER	3	3	3	3	3
LIEUTENANT	4	4	4	4	4
SERGEANT	6	6	6	7	7
POLICE OFFICER	19	19	18	17	17
SWORN OFFICER TOTAL	33	33	32	32	32
FULL TIME CIVILIAN POSITIONS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT	1	1	1	1	1
STAFF & SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	1	1	1	1
DISPATCHER	8	8	8	8	7
RECORDS CLERK	1	1	1	1	1
FULL TIME CIVILIAN TOTAL	11	11	11	11	10
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE TOTAL	44	44	43	43	42
PART TIME CIVILIAN POSITIONS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PARKING METER MAINTENANCE	3	3	3	3	2
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD	9	9	9	9	9
CLERK / SECRETARY	3	3	3	3	3
PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT	5	5	5	5	5

**BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL REGISTER
PRESENT FOR DUTY DECEMBER 31 2020**

CHIEF OF POLICE		Mark H. Clemence
COMMANDERS	SERVICES DIVISION	Michael Albrecht
	INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION	Chris Busen
	OPERATIONS DIVISION	Scott Grewe
LIEUTENANTS	PLATOON A PLATOON B PLATOON C PLATOON D	Greg Wald Christopher Koch Ryan Kearney Raymond Faes
SERGEANTS	PLATOON A PLATOON B PLATOON C PLATOON D	Michael Lyon Katherine Long Michael Romanowski Joseph Bunting
	INVESTIGATORS	Rebekah Springer Michael Simpson David Buttigieg Alex Linke Jeff Whipple
POLICE OFFICERS		Seth Barone Josh Bouchard Christopher Bukoski Nicholas Hill Josh Husted Yacoub Iseid Nicholas Krumm Brent Macumber Michael Manzo Kyle McCanham Scott McIntyre

		Gina Moody Casey Pedersen Evan Rothe Stefan Syts Jordan Zale
DISPATCHERS	FULL TIME	Sharon Blair Joya Davis Jamie Irwin Steven Lemiere-Bozynski Joseph Misiak Daniel Ruby Melissa Toole Terez Willis
DISPATCHERS	PART TIME	Janice Delinko Antoinette Licari Kristine Longtine David Sharick
STAFF & SERVICES COORDINATOR	FULL TIME	Ellen DeView
RECORDS CLERK	FULL TIME	Jennifer Davis
SECRETARY RECORDS CLERK	PART TIME	Gwynn Duffy Brandi Ljungvall Darlene St. Charles
PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANTS	FULL TIME PART TIME	James Lotridge Kenneth Hitchcock Howard Jacobs Robert Prew Linda Rodriguez Christine Williams
PARKING METER MAINTENANCE AND COLLECTION	PART TIME	Rick Waynick Cheryl Vassallo Vacant
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	PART TIME	Rick Argus Evan Berns * Suann Darmody Alexandra Harris Laura Keaton Thomas Lynch

Kenneth McQuillan *
George Oltman, Jr.
Iris Poole *
Audrey Reed
Steffanie Rhymes
Mary Sczesny *

* SUBSTITUTE

2020 PERSONNEL CHANGES

PROMOTED

Steven Lemiere-Bozynski, Dispatcher (to full time)

POSITION ELIMINATED

None

RECRUITED

Antoinette Licari, Dispatcher (part time)

Kristen Longtine, Dispatcher (part time)

Walter Radu, Dispatcher (part time)

Evan Berns, Crossing Guard (part time)

RESIGNED

Renee Backlund, Dispatcher

Kristen Longtine, Dispatcher (part time)

Walter Radu, Dispatcher (part time)

Dennis Sheppard, Crossing Guard

Chester Zuchlewski, Crossing Guard

RETIRED

Frank Russell, Dispatcher

TRANSFERRED

None

2020 SENIORITY DISTRIBUTION

OFFICER / SERGEANT

00-04 years of service	9
05-09 years of service	10
10-14 years of service	0
15-19 years of service	1
20-24 years of service	5
25-30 years of service	0
Total	25

LIEUTENANT / COMMANDER

05-09 years of service	0
10-14 years of service	0
15-19 years of service	2
20-24 years of service	4
25-30 years of service	1
31-35 years of service	0
Total	7

CHIEF

35 + years of service	1
Total	1

DISPATCHERS

00-04 years of service	6
05-09 years of service	4
10-14 years of service	0
15-19 years of service	0
20-24 years of service	0
25-29 years of service	0
30-35 years of service	2
Total	12

SWORN OFFICER SENIORITY AVERAGE	12.49 YEARS
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SENIORITY AVERAGE (FULL TIME)	16.26 YEARS
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SENIORITY AVERAGE (PART TIME)	8.20 YEARS

SUMMARY OF OFFENSES, ARRESTS, AND VIOLATIONS

The primary goal of the department is protection of life and property, prevention of crime, and apprehension of criminal perpetrators. We strive to deliver the best possible police service in a professional, courteous manner to the residents of the city and to those who work, travel, and shop here.

In 2020, we responded to 21,167 calls for police service, an increase of 3.07% from the previous year. These calls are classified into three separate groups:

Group A includes: Robbery, forcible sexual assaults, larceny, burglary, damage to property, etc.

Group B includes: Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), disorderly conduct, liquor law violations, misdemeanor sex offenses, non-violent family offenses, etc.

Group C includes: Traffic offenses, traffic crashes, juvenile offenses, warrant arrests, general patrol activity, etc.

Group A incidents were down 16.98%
2020 = 308
2019 = 371

Group A arrests were down 37.50%
2020 = 30
2019 = 48

Group B incidents were down 32.14%
2020 = 133
2019 = 196

Group B arrests were down 50.79%
2020 = 62
2019 = 126

Group C incidents were up 3.53%
2020 = 20,728
2019 = 20,021

Group C arrests were down 70.42%
2020 = 71
2019 = 240

Traffic citations were down 61.77%
2020 = 2,859
2019 = 7,479

Total parking violations were down 38.60%
2020 = 28,052
2019 = 45,691

**SUMMARY OF OFFENSES
THREE YEAR TREND**

OFFENSES	2020	2019	2018	3 YEAR AVERAGE
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0.00
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT I, III	0	3	5	2.67
ROBBERY	1	1	3	1.67
ASSAULT ALL	34	46	51	43.67
BURGLARY	14	20	24	19.33
LARCENY	80	94	84	86.00
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	10	8	9	9.00
ARSON	0	0	0	0.00
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT II, IV	1	2	5	2.67
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	4	5	1	3.33
FRAUD	89	110	113	104.00
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	8	8	6.33
VANDALISM	33	33	19	28.33
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	27	95	71	64.33
TOTALS	296	425	393	371.33

ADULT ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

OFFENSES	2020	2019	2018	3 YEAR AVERAGE
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT I, III	0	1	1	.67
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0.00
ROBBERY	0	0	3	1.00
ASSAULT	15	25	34	24.67
BURGLARY	3	0	7	3.33
LARCENY	9	21	22	17.33
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	1	1	1.33
ARSON	0	0	0	0.00
TOTAL PART A	29	48	68	48.33
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT II, IV	1	0	1	0.67
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	0	0	0	0.00
FRAUD	5	10	5	6.67
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	4	0	1.67
VANDALISM	4	3	6	4.33
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	26	86	62	58.00
OTHER PART B	26	23	14	21.00
*TOTAL PART B	63	126	88	92.33
WARRANT ARRESTS	25	85	85	65.00
MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING OFFENSES	46	155	156	119.00
TOTAL PART C	71	240	241	184.00
GRAND TOTAL	163	414	397	324.67

ADULT ARREST BY MONTH REPORT

MONTH	2020	2019	2018	3 YEAR AVERAGE
JANUARY	32	41	42	38.33
FEBRUARY	32	46	33	37.00
MARCH	20	43	54	39.00
APRIL	0	34	32	22.00
MAY	5	29	31	21.67
JUNE	7	38	26	23.67
JULY	3	36	34	24.33
AUGUST	9	27	39	25.00
SEPTEMBER	8	33	27	22.67
OCTOBER	14	24	21	19.67
NOVEMBER	6	23	33	20.67
DECEMBER	9	24	33	22.00
TOTAL	145	398	405	316.00

ACCIDENT SUMMARIES / TRENDS

ACCIDENT TYPE	2020 TOTAL	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	3 YEAR AVERAGE
FATAL INJURY	2	0	0	0.67
PERSONAL INJURY	43	83	60	62.00
PROPERTY DAMAGE	466	743	765	658.00
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	511	826	825	720.67
# PERSONS KILLED	2	0	0	0.67

2020 PARKING VIOLATIONS SUMMARY

PARKING VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
2020	28,052
2019	45,691
2018	40,637
2017	37,278
2016	34,078
2015	25,010
2014	34,127
2013	31,535
2012	30,182
2011	31,844
2010	27,695
2009	33,827
2008	34,592
2007	40,614
METER VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
2020	26,438
2019	42,110
2018	36,612
2017	32,691
2016	29,633
2015	20,842
2014	29,629
2013	28,162
2012	27,935
2011	29,737
2010	25,252
2009	30,314
2008	30,584
2007	35,274
NON - METER VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
2020	1,614
2019	3,581
2018	4,025
2017	4,587
2016	4,445
2015	4,168
2014	4,498
2013	3,373
2012	2,247
2011	2,107
2010	2,443
2009	3,508
2008	4,008
2007	5,340

2020 MOVING VIOLATIONS SUMMARY

MOVING HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
2020	1,672
2019	4,096
2018	3,512
2017	3,784
2016	3,637
2015	3,355
2014	3,707
2013	4,039
2012	2,285
2011	2,040
2010	2,275
2009	2,429
2008	3,100
2007	4,320
2006	4,739
2005	3,846
2004	3,637
2003	2,725
2002	3,894
MOVING NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	TOTAL
2020	1,187
2019	3,383
2018	3,645
2017	3,176
2016	2,795
2015	3,464
2014	4,280
2013	4,525
2012	4,325
2011	3,082
2010	3,054
2009	4,551
2008	2,378
2007	2,119
2006	2,390
2005	2,816
2004	2,813
2003	2,370
2002	2,702



CALLS FOR SERVICE

2020	21,167
2019	20,537
2018	21,032
2017	17,945
2016	14,863
2015	16,771
2014	17,678
2013	18,372
2012	16,571
2011	16,983
2010	17,713
2009	16,031
2008	20,104
2007	18,749
2006	19,997
2005	20,003
2004	20,004
2003	19,628
2002	20,978
2001	19,276
2000	19,469
1999	21,150
1998	21,250
1997	20,950
1996	20,094
1995	19,269
1994	18,864
1993	19,900
1992	18,579
1991	19,286

2020 JUVENILE ARRESTS / DISPOSITIONS

	2020	2019	2018
ARRESTS			
MALE	6	6	7
FEMALE	6	3	2
TOTAL	12	9	9
FELONY *	3	1	2
MISDEMEANOR *	14	15	9
DISPOSITIONS			
PARENTAL CONFERENCE	0	2	2
YOUTH ASSISTANCE	8	6	0
JUVENILE COURT	4	1	7

* MAY REPRESENT MULTIPLE CHARGES



AUXILIARY POLICE REPORT

The Auxiliary Police is comprised of dedicated volunteers who either live or work in the City of Birmingham.

Each member has been trained through the Police Academy Reserve Officer Training Program.

Auxiliaries assist regular officers during many special events held throughout the year and act as back up to the regular officers on patrol. Members of the Auxiliary Police are perhaps most visible while providing crowd, traffic control, and security for high school sporting events and also while participating in foot patrol assignments in the downtown area throughout summer.

AUXILIARY POLICE ROSTER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

CHIEF

Kurt Gerber

LIEUTENANTS

Timothy Griswold

SERGEANTS

Berge Avesian
Robert Denton
Brian Fitzerman

OFFICERS

Alex Calderone
Brian Farrar
James Glavin
Brennan Hamilton
David Jevahirian
Robert Prew
Kyle Ramfos
Michel Saikalis
Charles Tallinger
Michael Wooley