

The Hamilton Township Police Department



2024 Annual Report



“Guardian Heart, Warrior Spirit.”

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Message from the Chief

Reflecting on 2024, one thing is abundantly clear—Hamilton Township is growing. With new neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and ongoing development, our community is quickly becoming one of the region's most dynamic and desirable places to live, work, and raise a family. With that progress comes increased responsibility for public safety and rising demands for service—challenges our department is proud to meet head-on.

The Hamilton Township Police Department stands ready for this next chapter. As calls for service grow and expectations evolve, we remain anchored in our guiding principle: “Guardian Heart, Warrior Spirit.” These words are more than a motto—they represent our daily commitment to balance compassion with courage. With the heart of a guardian, we serve with empathy, build trust, and foster meaningful connections. With the spirit of a warrior, we train for the unknown, uphold the law, and respond with strength when called upon.

In 2024, I was honored to graduate from the FBI National Academy—an intensive 10-week leadership program attended by law enforcement professionals worldwide. The experience provided invaluable insight into modern policing strategies, crisis leadership, and officer wellness. More importantly, it reinforced the importance of bringing innovation and best practices back home. This opportunity benefits not just our department, but the entire Hamilton Township community as we continue building a forward-thinking, professional, and community-driven agency.

But the progress we’ve made isn’t ours alone. It reflects the strength of our partnership with the community—residents, business owners, and local leaders alike. Your trust, support, and involvement have been instrumental in making Hamilton Township a safe, vibrant, and wonderful place to call home. As we welcome growth, we remain committed to keeping this community secure, connected, and ready for the future.

We look forward to continuing this journey—together.

Respectfully,
Chief Scott Hughes
Hamilton Township Police Department



About the Department

One of the most significant trends in 2024 was the increase in criminal investigations across Hamilton Township. This rise in investigations can be attributed to several factors, including a proactive approach to crime prevention. This increase has placed a higher demand on our investigative resources, but it has also underscored the importance of adapting to new trends in criminal activity. Additionally, our focus on crime prevention through community engagement has played a key role in combatting crime. The strength of our partnership with the community has increased the reporting of suspicious activity, allowing us to act before incidents escalate.

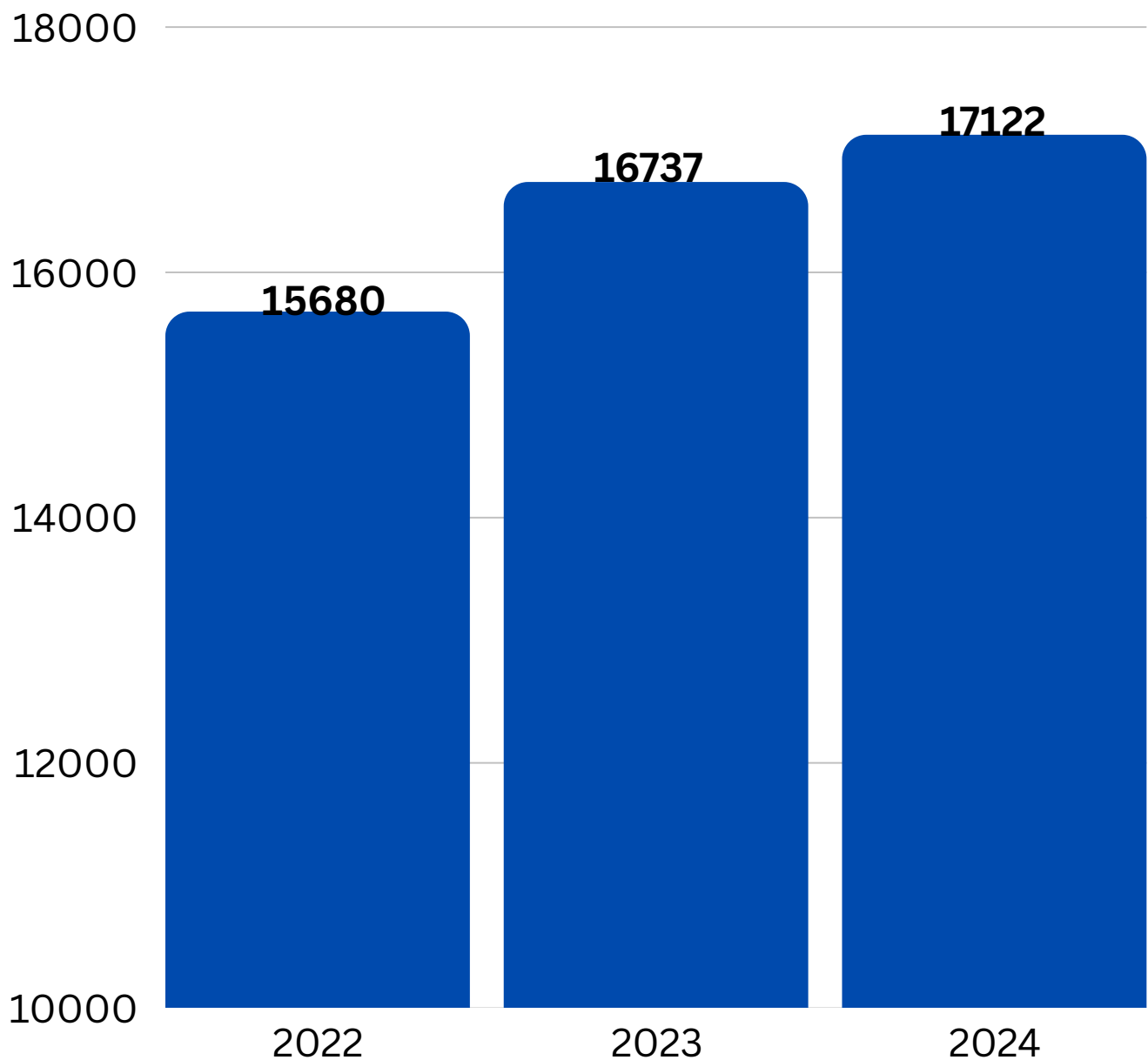
Our School Resource Officers (SROs) have continued to play an essential role in the safety and well-being of students, staff, and the broader school community. The SROs' ongoing dedication to student safety, combined with their proactive approach to problem-solving, has made them an invaluable resource for our school districts.

The year 2024 has been one of growth and challenges, as we move into the next year, we will continue adapt to new challenges. Together, we will ensure that 2025 is another year of progress and achievement in our ongoing mission to serve the residents of Hamilton Township.

Respectfully,
Assistant Chief Quillan Short



Total Calls For Service



WARREN COUNTY
Emergency Dispatch

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2024 Patrol Division & Promotions

2024 was an exciting year for the department. The patrol division is the front-line component of the agency and often makes the first impression to the public. Hamilton Township Police strives to exercise our motto of “Guardian Heart, Warrior Spirit” with each encounter we have. The men and women serving in the patrol division are a dedicated group of individuals with a strong sense of community and will continue to serve professionally.

2024 also saw three promotions within the patrol division.

Sgt. Huelsman was promoted to the rank of sergeant from her position as detective. Sgt. Huelsman joined the agency in 2017 with prior service with the Monroe Police Department. Sgt. Huelsman has served as a patrol officer, task force officer, and detective within the agency.

Sgt. Perry was also promoted to sergeant from patrol officer. Sgt. Perry has served the agency since 2020. Before joining the Hamilton Township Police Department, Sgt. Perry served as a trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Captain Rector was promoted from the rank of sergeant. Captain Rector has served the township since 2004. During his service with Hamilton Township, he has been a patrol officer, canine handler, and sergeant. Captain Rector now serves as the Patrol Captain of the agency.



Criminal Investigation Division



The Hamilton Township Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), led by Detective Shawn Parks and Detective Joseph Kibbee, played a crucial role in investigating a wide range of criminal cases throughout 2024. Their work spanned from personal crimes such as sexual assaults, child abuse, and death investigations to property crimes such as business break-ins and vehicle thefts.

Criminal Investigative Cases Per Year



**172 total cases in 2024

Criminal Investigation Division

Significant Increase in Case Volume

Compared to 2023, CID experienced a dramatic rise in cases, with the most notable increases in sexual assault and child abuse investigations. This surge highlights the growing need for investigative resources and specialized training to address these serious offenses. The increasing prevalence of digital evidence in nearly all investigations underscores the urgent need for continued investment in training, equipment, and resources to effectively combat these crimes.

Combating Online Crimes Against Children

HTPD CID remains an active participant in the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, targeting online predators who exploit children through digital platforms. In 2024, detectives successfully investigated numerous cases of online sexual exploitation, sexual assault, and child abuse, leading to dozens of arrests and criminal charges.

Commitment to Community Protection

As crime trends continue to evolve, detectives with the Hamilton Township Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division remain committed to relentlessly seeking justice for victims and holding offenders accountable

2024 Case Description

Type Event	Total #	Disposition				
		CBA	CBE	Open	Inactive	Unfounded
Car Break-In	10	5	1	2	2	0
Theft	63	9	33	7	13	1
Burglary	4	1	1	1	1	0
Assault	5	3	0	0	0	2
Sex Offense	35	7	22	4	1	2
Vandalism	4	2	1	0	1	0
Child Abuse	15	5	4	2	0	4
Drug	2	0	1	1	0	0
Z	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	138	32	63	17	18	9
Other	34	7	21	4	0	1
Total	172	39	84	21	18	10

Warren County Drug Task Force

The Hamilton Township Police Department continues to demonstrate its dedication to combating drug-related crime through its active support of the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force. This specialized, multi-jurisdictional unit focuses on investigating drug trafficking, prescription drug diversion, money laundering, and a wide range of other drug-related offenses.

The Greater Warren County Drug Task Force is comprised of personnel from local, state, and federal agencies. These include the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Franklin Police Department, Hamilton Township Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Springboro Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio National Guard – Counter Drug Unit, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Through continued collaboration and shared commitment, the task force remains a vital force in the fight against illegal drug activity in Warren County and beyond.



WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
DRUG TIP HOTLINE 513-695-0070

Little Miami School Resource Officers

With approximately 1500 kids to 1 School Resource Officer, it is difficult to explain every single type of contact made with staff, visitors, and students in the building. Most of those contacts are summarized as “Administrative or Community Related” type contacts. These types of contacts are usually brief encounters with an individual or groups. Everything from speaking with a parent who enters the building to pick up a child, to walking through the hallways with an officer presence in mind, greeting kids. That officer presence is key to maintaining relationships. That presence allows for students to approach you, sometimes with problems of their own, sometime just to say hi and break down the unseen barriers. Most importantly, an officer presence is a deterrence. The hope is always to deter problems before they ever happen.



High School
SRO Brandenburg

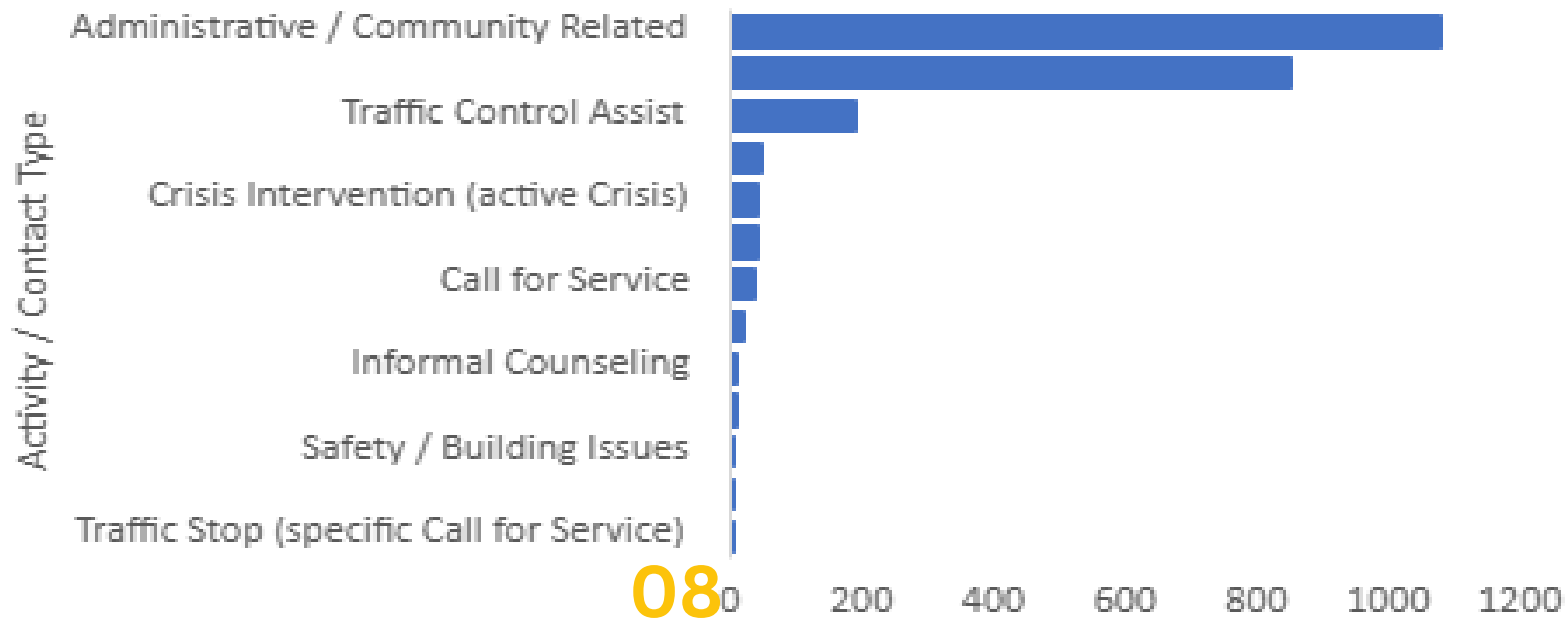


JR High School
SRO Rosenberg



Primary School
SRO A. Hayslip

Activity / Contact Type



Little Miami School Resource Officers

Building Security

First and foremost, keeping the building secure is the first line of defense against a threat. Monthly drills to maintain compliance is our way of ensuring that the building, teachers, and classrooms function as they should in an emergency. Building security checks are done every day, multiple times a day, in order to prevent threats from the outside before they can ever happen. Lockdown drills are completed with district staff and Safety Directors from the Board of Education in order to observe and correct any flaws in the safety plan. Notes are taken during each test in order to correct mistakes and make the school safer going forward.



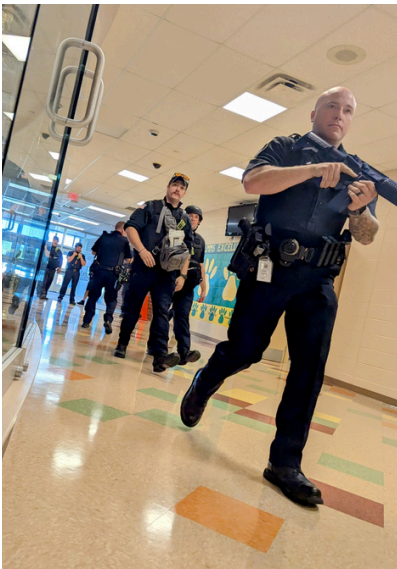
SRO's attending a training on forced entry



SRO Rosenberg presenting an award to one of his Junior High students

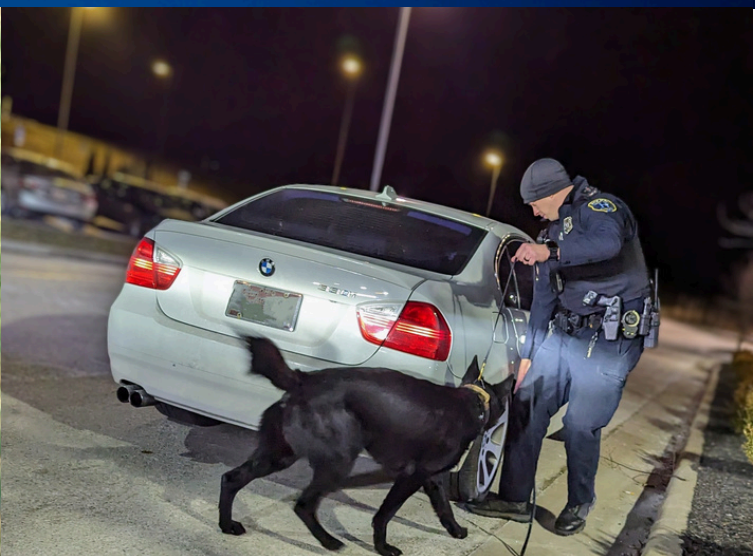


SRO Hayslip reading a book to his Primary School students



Active shooter training conducted at Little Miami Schools with

K9 Division



Kahn is a dual-purpose police K9 trained in narcotics detection, tracking, building searches, evidence searches, and apprehension. In 2024, Kahn and Officer Stephens completed 170 hours of training and attended the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH) in Alpena, MI. Kahn became nationally certified in all areas in which he is trained.

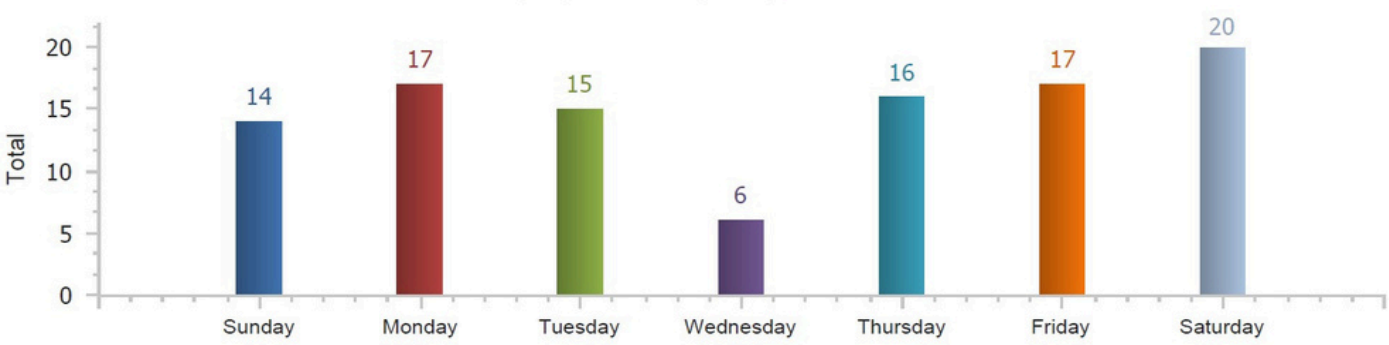
Overview

Total Deployments: 105
Total Arrests: 7

Detection Deployments: 72
Arrests With Bites: 0

Patrol Deployments: 33

Deployments By Day Of Week



Kahn had 105 total deployments, resulting in 7 arrests and multiple drug and drug paraphernalia seizures. Kahn performed multiple tracks and helped to locate a suicidal subject who had jumped out of their vehicle and run into the woods. Kahn also assisted with several article searches, which resulted in the recovery of evidence and lost property. Having a police K9 is a great asset to any department. They are a force multiplier and help to de-escalate tense situations that could potentially result in the use of force by officers. Kahn assisted in the arrest of several subjects with felony warrants, which resulted in successful apprehension and zero use of force incidents.

Training Report

The Hamilton Township Police Department takes great pride in its commitment to ensuring officers are thoroughly trained and prepared for their roles. Not only do our officers complete the mandatory hours of training given by the state, our officers attend additional training to further their knowledge and skills.

Overall

- 2432 total hours of training
- 20 hours of additional defensive tactics training hours
- 16 hours of firearms training
- Monthly roll-call trainings including case law updates and crime scene investigations.

Achievements

- Chief Hughes graduated from the FBI Academy
- SRO Brandenburg was one of 13 SRO's in Ohio to achieve NASRO Practitioner status
- K9 Kahn and Officer Stephens completed 40 hours of training at The National Association of Police K-9 Handlers.
- All female officers at HT completed 16 hours of Women in Command Training,
- The Hamilton Township Police Department created a Department Training Committee

Supervisors & Detectives

- Supervisors completed 312 hours of training
- Detectives completed 323 hours of training

Warren County Tactical Response Unit

- Tactical Response Unit Officers completed 288 hours of training.
- Deployed 19 times.

K9 & School Resource Officers

- K9 Officer Stephens & K9 Kahn completed 248 hours of training
- SRO's completed 164 hours of training.



Citizen's Police Academy



We hosted our sixth annual Citizen's Police Academy in 2024. Twenty residents participated in an 11-week course of hands-on law enforcement training, learning various aspects of the job.



Junior Police Academy



2024 was the fourth year of the Junior Police Academy, which involves a week-long camp for children between the ages of 9 and 12, during which they learn about all the different aspects of law enforcement.



2024 Community Events

National Night Out



Officer's attending a Little Miami football game



Trunk or Treat



Annual Cones With The Cops event



PD & FD rescued a baby fawn from the road



Touch a Truck Event



2024 Community Events



“Fishing With The 5-0” giveaway shopping



Officer’s having fun at the Annual Hop into Spring Township event



K9 Kahn enjoying the solar eclipse



Cardboard boat regatta



Taser Demo at National Night Out



Christmas with an Officer



Blanket Donation at Local Nursing Home



Special Needs Fishing Tournament