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## Our Mission

The Ashland Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection.

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## Organizational Values

Integrity  
Fairness and Equity  
Teamwork  
Planning and  
Problem-Solving  
Customer Service  
Approachability  
Personal Accountability

## Our Vision Statement

We will strive to develop police/ community partnerships involving neighborhood groups, schools, businesses and individual citizens in order to improve the effectiveness of police services. We will strive to better provide the basic services expected by the community and keep pace with the growth of the city in order to continue the delivery of high quality service. We will develop, through training, the skills necessary to lead the community in cooperative efforts to solve problems and consider other solutions before law enforcement actions.



**"Our goal is and will always be to make Ashland one of the safest cities in America."**



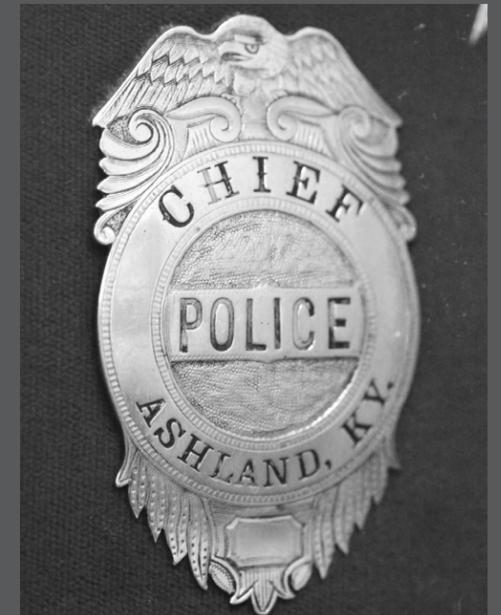
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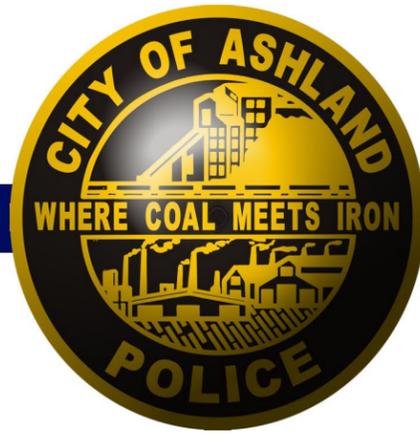
As Chief of Police, I am pleased to present the Ashland Police Department 2013 Annual Report. This report reflects the hard work, outstanding accomplishments and professional services provided by the men and women of this agency. The APD is a progressive law enforcement agency that will always strive to maintain excellence and professionalism in its service to the citizens and businesses of the City of Ashland.

In the Annual Report you will find an overview of department activities and a breakdown of statistical crime and traffic data. I hope you find this report to be an informational and beneficial resource relating to our organization, personnel, activities, and accomplishments. Once again, we saw continued reduction of criminal offenses in most all categories and we also saw an increase in traffic enforcement efforts leading to a decrease in the number of traffic crashes. The department's continued success across all Divisions is a tribute to the men and women of our organization and the great services they provide to all those that live, work, and visit the City of Ashland.

We are also proud of the fact that in 2013, the Ashland Police Department achieved our second 5 year award of accreditation. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is one of the most valuable and cost effective ways currently available to departments that wish to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism. In addition, accreditation serves to create a feeling of confidence among residents that their police department recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining as high a degree of effectiveness and professionalism as possible.

Our goal is and will always be to make Ashland one of the safest cities in America. All members of the Police Department take seriously their responsibility to provide our community with professional, innovative and efficient police services. I am confident with the commitment of our staff, the continued support of our public officials and City leadership, along with the unending support from community members, we will continue to face and overcome the challenges ahead.





# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Field Operations Division

MAJOR MARK McDOWELL - COMMANDER



The Ashland Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service and protection. The Mission Statement of the Ashland Police Department drives home our goal of working with you to make Ashland the place to safely raise your family. Partnerships with the people we are sworn to protect is paramount in this mission. In 2013, the Field Operations Division logged over 252,000 miles patrolling the streets while responding to over 27,000 calls for service. We have highly dedicated and skilled officers eager to maintain the peace and dignity of Ashland. From traffic collisions to criminal investigations, our team of officers stands ready to be of service to you. Service calls make up a majority of our responses. Do you want an alarming statistic? Ashland Police responded to 1,621 alarms in 2013; that averages 135 alarm calls each month. This figure includes burglary, panic, and robbery alarms. The real eye opener behind this stat is only 6 of these alarm responses resulted in an investigation, making over 99.6% of the alarms we responded to FALSE! Over 799 man hours were used in responding to these alarms. You can help reduce this percentage of false alarms: 1. Have your system professionally installed. 2. Notify 9-1-1 when you are conducting maintenance on your system. 3. Make sure family members and employees are well versed in the system operations. 4. Know your pass code and password. 5. Ensure your home system is pet friendly. Field Operations is truly the first responder of your law enforcement needs. Be vigilant and watch your neighborhood; don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 on suspicious persons and vehicles. Chances are, if it doesn't look right, something very well may be wrong.



So many people and families are affected by a fatal traffic collision- here are fatal collision summaries from Kentucky since 2002:

2002-	915
2003-	931
2004-	964
2005-	985
2006-	913
2007-	864
2008-	826
2009-	791
2010-	760
2011-	721
2012-	744
2013-	635

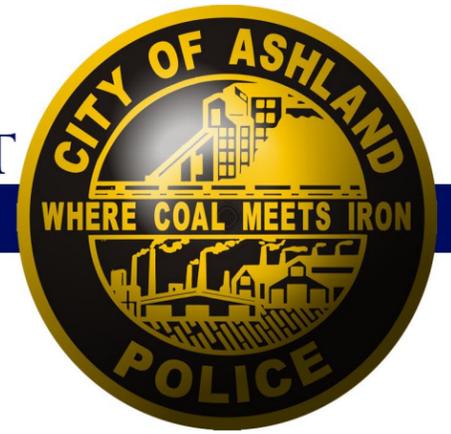
Source: Kentucky Office of Highway Safety

While these stats are on the decline, our efforts of reduction must continue. The Ashland Police Department will continue to make enforcement efforts a priority to make our community safer for all to enjoy.

# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Technical Services Division

MAJOR TODD KELLEY - COMMANDER



The Ashland Police Department Technical Services Division is comprised of sworn officers and civilian personnel. These members have several duties that provide services to the Field Operations Division, the Administration Section and to our community.

In the history of policing, it was common for officers to answer calls, write reports and investigate crimes. To solve a crime it was almost a necessity that you have at least a witness or two. Some crimes would require confessions only, fingerprints or the officer catching the violator in progress.

In the past 30 years significant strides in technology have come forward and law enforcement has taken advantage of it. The Technical Services Division provides that necessary technology today to be efficient and to solve crimes. By all means I am not saying the confession, witness or simple evidence identification is no longer needed. Today, technology has provided extras to enhance that basic police work.

The Criminal Investigations Section is responsible for complicated investigations involving narcotics, serious criminal offenses and those complicated in nature. The detectives assigned there are tasked for these investigations and assisting in physical evidence identification along with advanced interview and interrogation skills. In today's world, technology is involved in the majority of crimes. The digital evidence footprint that is contained on a computer, surveillance system, smartphone

or tablet is increasing daily. Officers in the Criminal Investigations and Support Services Sections provide computer forensic support to aid officers in retrieving digital evidence. Constant training and equipment is being provided by the United States Secret Service and the Kentucky State Police for our investigations. These retrievals of digital evidence have been successful. These have been cases for simple thefts that surveillance cameras captured, pornography offenses to a cluster of information in a car bombing case the department has recently investigated.

The Support Services Section houses the departmental reports. These are still held as paper as required by Kentucky retention laws. But technology has helped make the reporting process more efficient. Mobile data terminals in police vehicles and updated computer stations in the new building have allowed the installation of software provided by the Kentucky State Police at no cost. These put together provides for consistent reporting data, centralized storage and searchable data for the officers to have at their disposal. The days of handwriting a report on a homemade form have gone away. The data collected and the report information is used for statistics, crime mapping and trends.

The Support Services Section assigns two police officers for School Resource Officer and D.A.R.E./Crime Prevention. The data used from field units that are reported can be used to examine issues at schools and to identify

crime trends in neighborhoods. These pieces of information can be used for neighborhood watch meetings, local hot spots for crimes that field officers can use for pro-active patrol and to help with reducing or eliminating crime through the process called Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

The Support Services Section also manages the evidence/property that is collected by police officers in the field. The system has evolved also. The tracking of evidence and its storage is computerized. The digital evidence is also secured there. The officer assigned to be custodian takes in and releases property in the thousands each year.

I will say that all of this technology does not replace the simple questioning of a victim, witness or suspect. Also, it does not relieve the officer from looking on the ground to get some good old fashion physical evidence that is processed by hand. In law enforcement today, the officer must take a second look or thought to see if that digital evidence is available. With what the Ashland Police Department has available as resources to our officers today, the Technical Services Division will support the officers in the field and to investigators working those offenses involving the digital footprint.

# Our Social Circle

# It's A New Day!



**We** began with a website. Then we expanded to Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. In last year's annual report, we were actually excited to see our Facebook fan base to be a whopping 1803 people. Today we top over 4,300 fans and a reach of over 25,400 people every post.

Last year, APD created their own phone app (Apple, Android, & Kindle); a first of any agency around and remains one of only a handful of agencies offering such connectivity with the citizens in real time. The smartphones have become an attachment of oneself; carried more than currency, which it is quickly replacing. We were really able to get ahead on this one and when utilized in combination with Facebook, Twitter and YouTube – it's not only an information sharing tool – it's a real time crime fighting tool. We can share information and photos that reach tens of thousands of people in seconds. We have developed a system that allows our shift and section supervisors to monitor and act on information and tips as they are received in real time as personnel allows. The app gives citizens access to a variety of ways to stay informed and in contact with APD even if you do not maintain a social media account. We are also able to produce emergency push notifications to all subscribers in the event of an emergency,

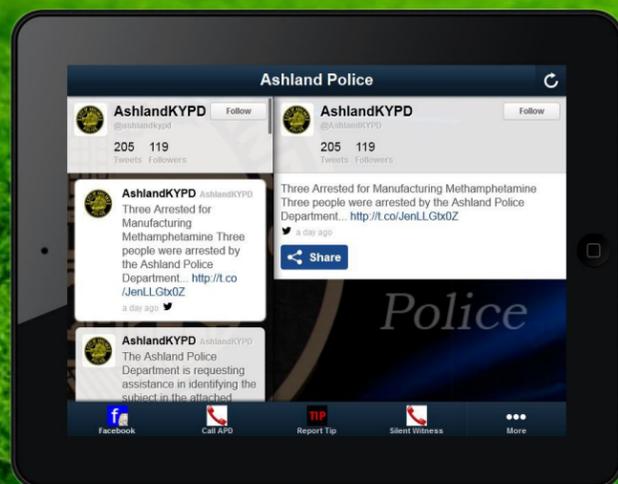
so you can be assured you are getting official information.

The combination of our app and social media has led to numerous captures of fugitives and criminals from tips of our friends. It's clear the community wants to be involved in making Ashland one of the safest cities in the nation.

We currently offer five ways to contact the police while remaining anonymous: Our website, via email, calling 911 and simply not giving personal information, calling into silent witness message line, and the app. We will expand with text tips in early 2014, where the citizen may store APD's text number and send us a message. We do

not need to know who you are to find out who they are. It is helpful for us to be able to obtain more information, but we understand the desire to be anonymous.

We are committed to sharing information with our citizens and the benefits of technology. We continue to find new ways to keep information flowing. With this interaction of our concerned citizens, we continue to become a stronger network taking a stand on crime and criminals in Ashland. ~Sgt. Ryan Conley



# GHOST OUT

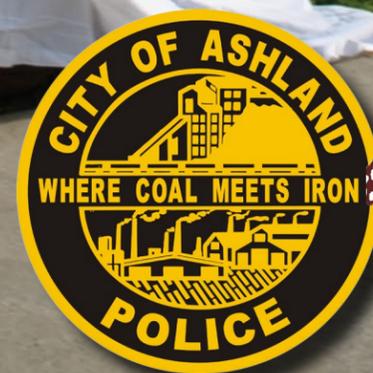
In the highway safety arena is the catch phrase "3 E's". This refers to enforcement, engineering and education. All of them are vital components in making our roadways safer from coast to coast and border to border. Obviously, enforcement involves law enforcement officers working the roadways and issuing citations for a variety of driving infractions such as speeding, reckless driving, DUI and disregarding traffic control devices. The engineering angle involves careful design of our roadways to ensure they are graded properly, have adequate drainage, signage and roadway markings, etc. I would like to examine education and a program that was shared with our teen drivers. Oh, I failed to mention our young drivers are at greatest risk of being involved in a fatal traffic crash.

The Ashland Police Department, in conjunction with the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and administrators from Paul Blazer High School, teamed up this past May for GHOST OUT. This was truly a team effort involving several organizations including the Ashland Fire Department, Boyd County EMS, Boyd County Coroner's office, McGuire's Towing and Recovery and Steen Funeral Home. The Ghost Out was strategically scheduled on the Wednesday before Ashland's PROM. That morning, students were greeted in the student parking lot by a full scale (simulated) motor vehicle crash with a fatality. This was staged directly in front of Building 1, complete with police, fire, ambulance and yes, a hearse was even on scene. Students were selected by school administrators to volunteer to be "victims" of this crash. The Grim Reaper went through the hallways and classrooms of each building that morning to "take" the student out of their classroom. Derek Runyon, Principal at Paul Blazer said "the program sends a very powerful message to our students about making smart

choices and the possible life-altering outcomes that can happen when we choose poorly". The class was told the student was involved in this crash, and they could pay their respects later in the day, at the assembly.

The victims were brought together to write their own obituary and described their aspirations and plans for college before they made the bad choice of drinking and driving. Juniors and Seniors gathered for a Ghost Out assembly in the afternoon in the gymnasium for a memorial service for these students. As their obituary was read, the student was covered with a white sheet by the Boyd County Coroner's office. Runyon went on to say "I believe this program truly helps our students think about the decisions they make." One student was selected to NOT be an impaired driver and chose to call her parents for a ride home. The overall message was very clear, nobody is immune from the effects of an impaired driver and consequences many times, are permanent. A video highlight of the APD Ghost Out program can be seen on YouTube, search APD Ghost Out.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aiKaRRoQlc#t=11](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aiKaRRoQlc#t=11)



Partners for Life.

Ashland student, Olivia Black, reacts as she arrives at school and observes the staged crash scene

# REMEMBERING FALLEN OFFICERS

**On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 57 hours.**

Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been over 19,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 19,981 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.



## APD REMEMBERS *Jason Ellis*

Police Officer Jason Ellis was shot and killed from ambush on an exit ramp off the Bluegrass Parkway shortly before 2:50 am May 25, 2013.

A citizen called 911 at 2:53 am to report that an officer had been fatally struck by a vehicle. A Kentucky State Police trooper responded to the scene and discovered that Officer Ellis had been shot.

Officer Ellis was enroute to his home following his shift and was in uniform driving a marked vehicle. It is believed that a subject had purposely placed debris in the middle of the roadway with the intent of setting an ambush. As Officer Ellis removed the debris the subject opened fire with a shotgun from a nearby hilltop, shooting him multiple times and killing him instantly.

**The subject who shot him remains at large.**

Officer Ellis had served with the Bardstown Police Department for seven years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, mother, stepfather, and two sisters. Officer Ellis is buried in Highview Cemetery, Chaplin, Kentucky.



### Ashland Police Officers

Patrolman James Layne  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Friday, October 8, 1937  
Cause: Gunfire

Patrolman Lon Castle  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Saturday, May 9, 1925  
Cause: Gunfire

Patrolman William G. Johnson  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Thursday, July 19, 1923  
Cause: Gunfire

Patrolman Doc Lefler  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Monday, July 4, 1921  
Cause: Gunfire

Patrolman Charles West Hatfield  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Monday, March 31, 1919  
Cause: Gunfire

Lieutenant Conrad Frank  
Ashland Police Department  
EOW: Wednesday, June 29, 1910  
Cause: Gunfire

# 58,261

Assaults against officers each year



# 19,981

Names engraved on the wall

Photos from <http://www.nleomf.org/>

# Salute to our Troops!

**The Ashland Police Department is proud to be the home of several active and military veterans. Over 10% of our officers are currently or have served in protecting our nation and freedom. We are overjoyed to report that all of our officers have returned home safely to continue their service in Ashland. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Ofc. Floyd during his current deployment. We are grateful to all of the men and women who serve our country.**



Ofc. Barada



Ofc. Williams

- Lt. Bill Bare - Air Force**
- Lt. Michael Crawford - Air Force**
- Lt. William Hensley - Army**
- Ofc. Chris Kohut - Air Force**
- Ofc. Steve Moore - Air Force**
- Ofc. Rob Simpson - Army**
- Ofc. Troy Patrick - Air Force**
- Ofc. Tony Floyd - Air Force**
- Ofc. Jeremy Barada - Army**
- Ofc. Kevin Williams - Army National Guard**

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*Years in the making*

Lewis E. Mutters was born in Boyd County, Kentucky, November 23, 1913. He attended the Ashland Public Schools and graduated from Ashland High School in 1933.

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. during WWII and seeing duty in the South Pacific and China, Mutters returned to Ashland in 1946 and joined the APD. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1953 and Detective Sergeant in 1958. In 1963 he was named Chief of Police, a position he held until his retirement in 1979.

Chief Mutters was the first Ashland officer to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy at Quantico, VA and graduated from the 71st Session.

He is a member of Ashland Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #3 and was President of the Kentucky Peace Officers' Association in 1964-1965. He was a member of the first meeting of the Kentucky Peace Officers' Standards and Training Council that was held December 1, 1966 where he continued to serve until 1972. That Council evolved into what is known today as the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC) which governs training for all of the state's law enforcement

While Mutters was Chief of Police many changes were made within the department. With his involvement in the KLEC, training for officers was placed at the top of his priority list. During his term as Chief, Ashland police officers were probably the best trained in Kentucky. Ashland officers received training from the Kentucky Bureau of Training but extensive training also took place in Ashland which included firearms instruction.

Other noted changes in the Ashland Police Department while he was Chief included a new radio communication system, a mobile evidence collection unit, and a modern color photography laboratory. Other changes included an increase in manpower and police vehicles. Manpower increases placed more police officers on patrol, added a detective, two evidence technicians, five civilian radio dispatchers and an officer for records and identification purposes.

In celebration of his 100th birthday, the members of the Ashland Police Department want to extend our sincere thanks to Chief Mutters for the many contributions he made to the law enforcement profession, both locally and across this Commonwealth.

~Chief Ratliff



The Ashland Police Department's Youth Services program has developed over the years to better address the community's changing juvenile needs and to offer to the youth of our community the opportunity to succeed. The School Resource Officer (SRO) program was developed to address juvenile crime and safety concerns in our local schools. Ashland's SRO program started in 1996 and was the first known SRO program in the state of Kentucky.

The SRO program places a police officer in the grade, middle, and high schools with the goal of creating and maintaining safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers, and staff. The SRO program reflects the community's desire to ensure that its schools are safe, secure, and orderly. SRO's represent a proactive strategy designed to bring prevention and intervention into the schools.

The Ashland Police Department SRO is on campus daily at Paul G. Blazer High School, Verity Middle School, and our grade schools. The presence of a uniformed police officer provides a deterrent to criminal activity by discouraging unwanted and undesirable visitors on the school grounds or in the surrounding area.

The SRO provides support and training for school staff on issues of juvenile law, substance abuse, and school safety. The SRO also educates students on topics such as internet safety, cyber bullying, bus safety, bicycle safety, and other subjects related to the safety of students while at school and at home. The SRO investigates crimes committed by juveniles and is involved in planning and executing several enforcement programs throughout the year. The School Resource Officer is a positive role model for many students who are not exposed to such role models in today's society, and his presence in the school sends a strong message that violence and certain behaviors are not acceptable.

Kentucky statutes define a SRO as a sworn law enforcement officer who has specialized training to work with youth at a school site. These SROs serve in variety of roles including law enforcement officer, law-related educator, problem-solver, and community

liaison. The Ashland Police Department SRO plays a vital role to our schools in the City of Ashland.

This is my second year as the SRO. I have learned a lot in just one year as SRO. In April of this year the Department of

Highway Safety came to Paul G. Blazer High School to put on the Ghost Out Program for the Junior and Seniors. It's a program they developed to show the impact of drinking and driving and how choices could change your life.

In June I attended the KYASRO and Safe School conference in Louisville. There I attended several breakout sessions on what's going on with today's youth. I also attended a KLEC credited course on Bridging the Generation Gap. The course explained the different generations we have in our schools, from the leaders all the way to the students and the characteristics of each generation. While I was at the KYASRO conference I was recruited to fill the vacant position on the KYASRO board as the representative of district 5. Also in June I attended the 40 hour Department of Criminal Justice Training for Basic SRO. The course covered the basic role and importance of the SRO in the schools. In July I attended the NASRO conference in Orlando Florida. There I elected to take their 32 hour Advanced SRO course to further my training as SRO for the Ashland Schools. At the NASRO conference I was able to communicate with other SRO's from all over the United States. We compared the issues our schools face and the solutions we use to combat those issues.



SRO E.J. Church

*School Resource Officer*

## DRUG AWARENESS AND RESISTANCE EDUCATION

# D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. is currently in 75 percent of school districts nationwide. As of 2008, the D.A.R.E. program is taught in all 50 states and in 43 countries, reaching 36 million kids a year - 26 million in the US alone. The Ashland Police Department currently teaches the D.A.R.E. program to 6th grade students in 5 public and 2 private schools with a yearly average of 260 participants.

Starting with the 2013-14 school year the Ashland Police Department is implementing the D.A.R.E. Keepin' It Real program. This curriculum represents over 20 years of research by the Drug Resistance Strategies Project (DRS) about why our youth use drugs. This program was developed collaboratively by Penn State University, D.A.R.E. America, and schools around the country. Grounded in cultural norms, the program teaches youth how to live drug free lives confidently, drawing on the strengths of the students, their families and communities.

The acronym REAL is the central message of the curriculum and teaches youth four ways to refuse drug offers – Refuse, Explain, Avoid, and Leave. These strategies help youth stay away from drugs by preparing them to act decisively and responsibly in difficult situations. The curriculum teaches students how to resist drug offers by presenting practical strategies that are easy for them to remember and use.

The core D.A.R.E. keepin' it REAL curriculum is organized as a 10 lesson program delivered in 45 minute classes by a trained, uniformed police officer. Each lesson is designed to promote interaction between students and instructor. Engaging activities are included to involve students in their own learning. Through sharing their own stories, practicing decision making and role-playing the REAL resistance strategies students gain mastery of new skills. The program ends with a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony at each school followed by D.A.R.E. Day where all graduates spent a day celebrating their achievements.

D.A.R.E. is the most popular drug abuse prevention program in the US. Its mission is teaching students good decision making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives.

All curricula are written by a national panel of curriculum and prevention experts. Does D.A.R.E. work? Let's look at the science and the recent studies: Since 1997 there have been 18 studies conducted on D.A.R.E. showing positive results. The most eye-opening study was published by the Journal of the National Medical Association showing that D.A.R.E. graduates are five times less likely to begin smoking than non-D.A.R.E. graduates.

Officer Rob Simpson

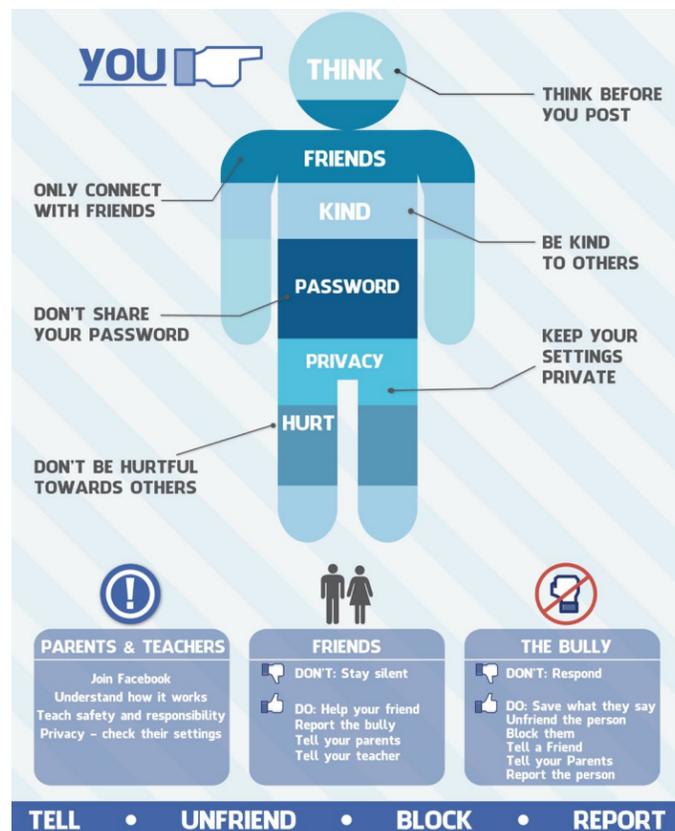


# Today's Schoolyard Playground gone Digital

Technology has changed so much in our lives. Modern electronics, cell phones and the internet have completely redefined a generation. With all of the good and convenience that this technology brings, people have found ways to use the technology to commit crime. Cyber crime and online scams continue to grow and get attention in the media, but technology has also transformed and strengthened a vile perpetrator that we all know something about from our childhood, the school yard bully.

The proliferation of social media into lives has changed the way we communicate in general. Kids today, especially teenagers, embrace their online life and take great effort in building a digital persona of themselves to use across many social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and Kik. Teenagers live and interact in this world and it is as real and important to them as the natural world. Naturally, bullies have also crept into the digital world and the power of social media has given the bully more power than ever before.

Before the integration of cell phones and the internet, kids who were victimized could usually escape the ire of the bully simply by leaving school for the day. Now, the argument that started in school



goes home with them and is played out across social media. Relentless texting is bad enough, but the bullies are using social media as well and posting terrible things that are seen and heard by a larger audience than ever before. The teens that are being victimized now believe that everyone knows what is being said about them and they have no way to cope with what is being done to them. Teens suffer in silence as it seems that other kids who are part of the same social circle have a disconnect from the bad behavior they are witnessing because it is occurring on the screen of their phone and they don't want to be involved. The victim of the bullying cannot just shut down the digital life that they worked so hard on and feels that that life on social media has been destroyed, therefore their real life suffers as well. Many teens have committed suicide as a result of bullying online. Unfortunately, the anonymity that the internet offers empowers and emboldens the bully to continue and has given rise to people who just go out on social media simply to aggravate and enflame random people. Called internet Trolls, these people bully as a pastime.

The problem of what is being termed as cyber bullying is that the problem is already well ahead of the response to it. Much of the behavior goes on in places where people who try to protect kids do not have any experience with. Most parents and educators have a limited knowledge of social media, if any familiarity at all. Many parents of bullied children report that they never had any idea that there was a problem occurring.



Most of the larger, more reputable social media outlets have taken the problem of bullying on and made it easy for anyone to report abuse occurring on their websites. Media, schools and the government have also taken notice to the rising problem. Websites like cyberbullying.org and stopcyberbullying.gov have been set up to give parents and kids a resource in combating the problem. The Cyber Bullying Research Center (cyberbully.us) is a very good source for statistics on the problem. An October 2013 survey of 400 middle school (11-14 y.o.) children resulted in these quick stats:

- 97.5% have been online in the previous 30 days
- 63% have a cell phone
- 45% are on Facebook
- 42% are on Instagram
- 11.5% have been the target of cyber bullying in the previous 30 days (boys: 6.8%; girls: 16.0%)
- 3.9% have cyber bullied others in the previous 30 days (boys: 0.6%; girls: 6.9%)

All of the national studies of children, pre-teen to legal adult, seem to show that between 15 to 20 percent online have been victims of cyber bullying.

Education and awareness are the keys to combating the problem. Anyone who had a positive influence on child's lives, Parents, administrators, mental health professionals and law enforcement; need to be aware of the problem and how to recognize the signs that a problem is occurring and what to do about it.

Cyber Bullying is a crime in Kentucky. The statute used to prosecute these cases is Harassing Communications, K.R.S. 525.080, which, among others, has specific provisions against harassment against a student enrolled in a local school district. Harassing Communications is a class B misdemeanor.

The Ashland Police Department has taken a proactive role in combating bullying and cyber bullying in our schools. APD's School Resource Officer has been making presentations to students and school administrators on the recognition and prevention of bullying and cyber bullying for several years now. The program has been so successful that it has been adopted for use outside of the schools. In-depth seminars and presentations have been given over the past several years to parents, mental health professionals, civic organizations and school administrators and officials about this problem. Many who have attended has reported a very eye opening experience to the danger and been introduced to effective, free and low cost means of prevention.

The Ashland Police Department remains a committed partner with parents and schools in the safety of our children in the community as well as online.

Ofc. Ed Harrison

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

## *It's not a job, but a career*

The process of selecting candidates for police officers is strenuous and long. From advertisement to going solo, you are looking at approximately an 11 ½ month process. This year, the Kentucky legislature revised provisions of KRS 95.440, pertaining to peace officer hiring. A stipulation that you must not be over 50 years of age was deleted from the statute. Therefore, anyone who is at least 21 years of age and meets the following prerequisites may apply with the Ashland Police Department:

Requirements: must be a high school graduate or have earned GED and pursuant to KRS 95.440, shall be able to read, write and understand the English language; must be 21 years of age by date of submission of application; must be an orderly, law abiding citizen with no prior felony conviction(s) or conviction(s) of domestic violence; not prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm; if a veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces, you must have received an honorable discharge as indicated by your DD214; not have had certification as a peace officer revoked in Kentucky or any other state; must be willing to and become a qualified resident of Kentucky prior to administration of the Oath of Office, if employed; must acquire/possess/maintain a valid Kentucky driver's license; be willing to undergo and successfully complete thorough physical agility tests; be fingerprinted and undergo and successfully complete a thorough personal background investigation; be willing to complete a suitability screener examination; be willing to submit to and successfully complete polygraph testing and after a conditional offer of employment, be willing to undergo and successfully complete thorough medical examinations; must, as a pre-condition to employment and a condition to continued employment, execute a waiver to submit to random drug testing for illicit drugs; must successfully complete DOCJT basic training academy at Richmond, KY; and must acquire/maintain certification as a Kentucky police officer. Any applicant who is a "certified peace officer" as defined in KRS 15.382 must provide a copy of the Peace Officer Professional Standards Certification issued by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council

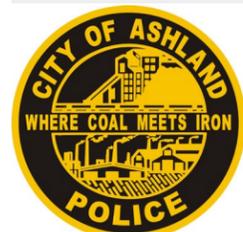
with the application - as these applications will be processed in a streamlined employment process.

Successful candidates will begin basic training at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond.

There, you will undergo 18 weeks of comprehensive basic training, rated as one of the best in nation. The 768 hour curriculum is challenging both mentally and physically. Following basic training, recruits enter our field training officer program where they shadow a veteran officer for 12 weeks. Only then, will you solo and serve out your first year as a probationary officer. The police officer selection process for the Ashland Police Department is covered in detail by the "Comprehensive Hiring Ordinance for Police Officers for the Department of Police of the city of Ashland" currently cited under city ordinance 121-2010. You can go to our website ([ashlandkydpd.com](http://ashlandkydpd.com)) and click on the careers link in the middle of the page. Here, you will find more detailed information on the selection process.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing hosts an excellent web site "[www.discoverpolicing.org](http://www.discoverpolicing.org)" to show you the benefits of a career in law enforcement. This link is also found on our website and is an excellent source of information to introduce you to a rewarding career. The city of Ashland offers a complete benefits package including hazardous duty retirement, competitive health insurance benefits, sick leave credited 1 per month with a cap of 120 days, 3 weeks paid vacation, \$25,000 life insurance policy with additional voluntary life insurance, and 10 paid holidays yearly. Remember, you must provide a photocopy of your high school diploma/GED; copy of birth certificate and driver's license; and a copy of your DD214, for those who have served in our military. The Ashland Police Department is a great place to work and provide for your family. Your initial application can be downloaded and printed at [www.ashlandky.gov](http://www.ashlandky.gov); applications are kept for 1 year. The city of Ashland is Equal Opportunity Employer.

Major Mark McDowell



## THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

## *Ashland Police Department: Achieves 2nd-Five Year Award of Accreditation*

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY – On July 31, 2013 the Ashland Police Department was awarded its 2nd-Five Year Award of Accreditation during a ceremony at the 41st Annual Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. The first accreditation was received in 2008.

During 2012 and 2013, the Ashland Police Department General Orders and Rules and Regulations were reviewed against the over 160 standards established in the accreditation program. Along with the orders and regulations, the Ashland Police Department facility and personnel are also evaluated. After the 18 month process, the Ashland Police Department met the standards and continues being accredited. With all of this being stated; what is accreditation?

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.

The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is one of the most valuable and cost effective ways currently available to departments that wish to enhance overall agency effectiveness and professionalism. Accredited departments benefit from the use of consistent and proven procedures, clearly outlined policies,

and efficient practices. In addition, accreditation serves to create a feeling of confidence among our residents that their police department recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining as high a degree of effectiveness and professionalism as possible.

Accreditation:

- Provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- Provides a basis to correct deficiencies in the agency's operations before they become public problems.
- Requires that agencies commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Provides a norm for an agency to judge its performance.



- Has the potential to reduce liability insurance costs.
- Promotes accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- Enhances the reputation of the agency, thereby helping to attract the most qualified candidates for employment.
- Minimizes an agency's exposure to liability, reducing vicarious liability suits.
- Builds a stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen

complaints.

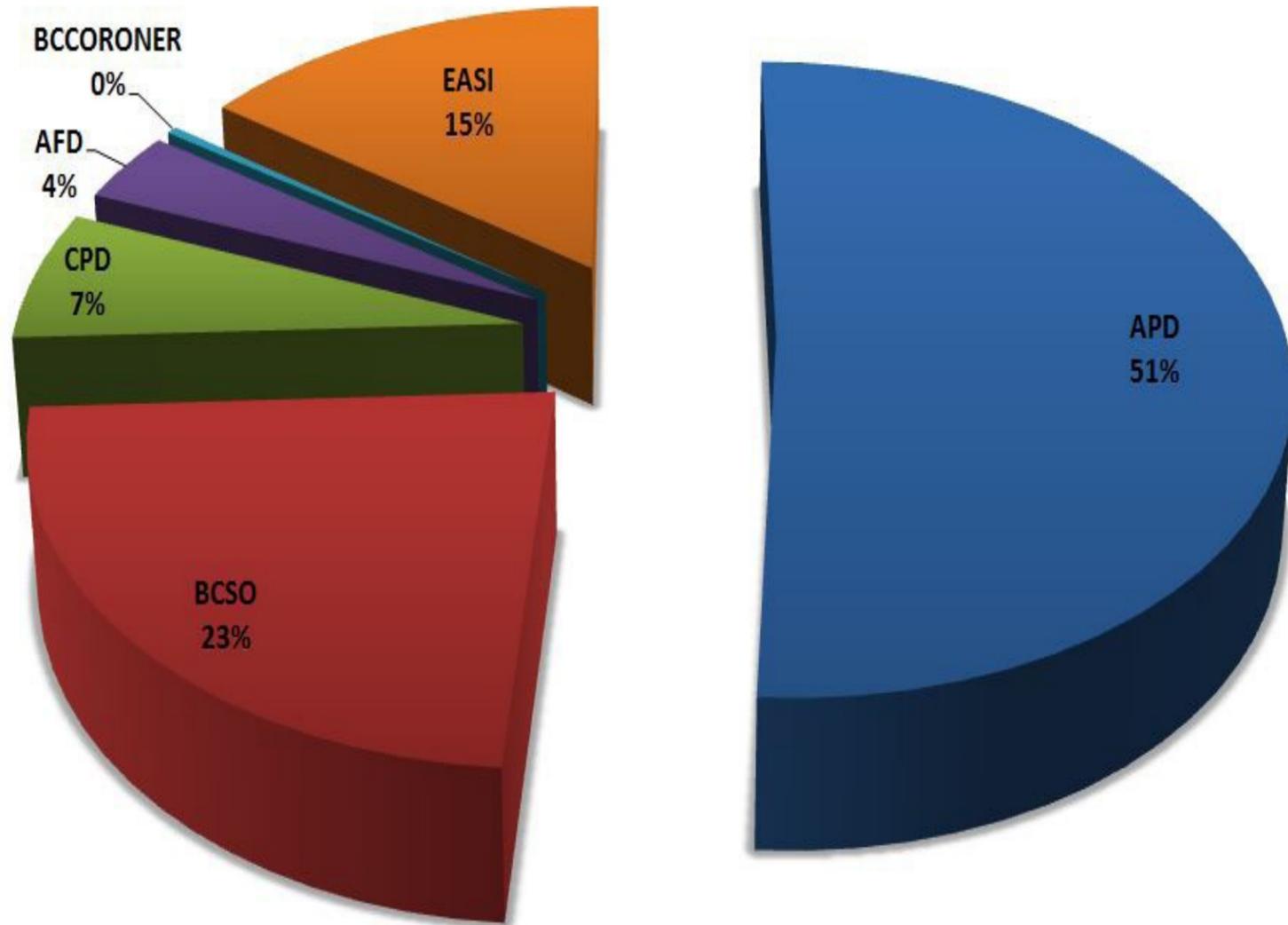
- Increases the community's confidence in its police department.
- Recognizes agencies for meeting standards of excellence.

The Ashland Police Department is currently the only agency in Boyd County that is accredited. The closest agencies are Maysville and Morehead Police Departments.

The officers of the Ashland Police Department have always been looked up to as a premiere agency. This is just one more accolade that they can say they have that gives them the merit.



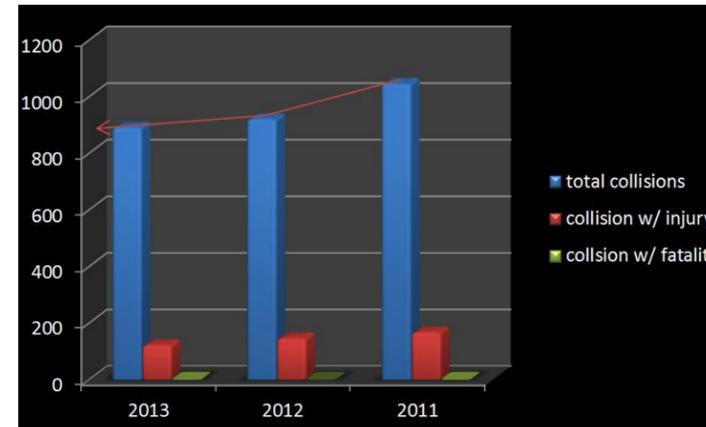
## Total Calls for Service Dispatched



	Total CAD 2013	Total CAD 2012	% Difference
Ashland	27115	27045	0%
Boyd	12344	12506	-1%
Catlettsburg	3522	3067	13%
AFD	1958	1928	2%
BCCORONER	207	220	-6%
EASI	7980	8177	-2%

**27,115**  
APD Calls for Service

	2013	2012	2011
total collisions	890	920	1045
collision w/ injury	122	146	167
collision w/ fatality	1	0	1



# 2013 Crime Stats



Ashland Police Department responded to 27,115 911 calls this year, which is 70 more calls than 2012. There was a total of 42,981 law enforcement calls from the 911 center.

There has been a 100% decline in the 4 year average robbery trend, where there were 48 robberies reported in 2010 with a steady decline to 16 in 2013!

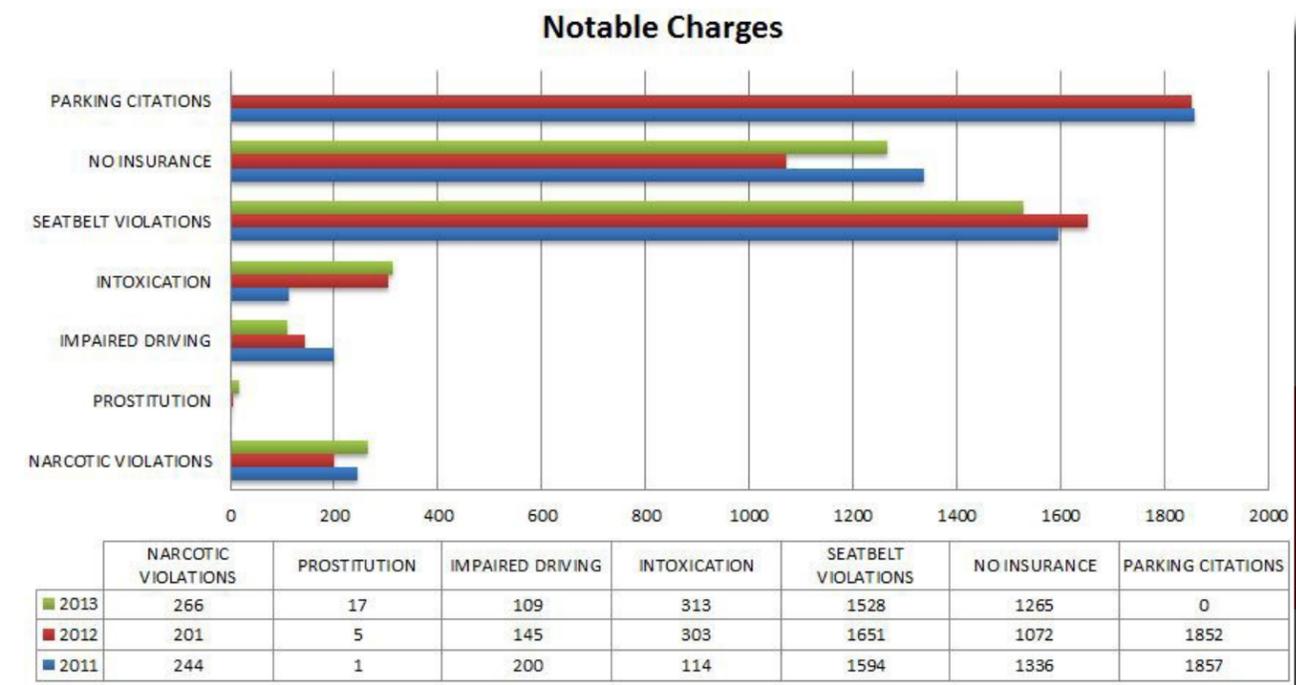
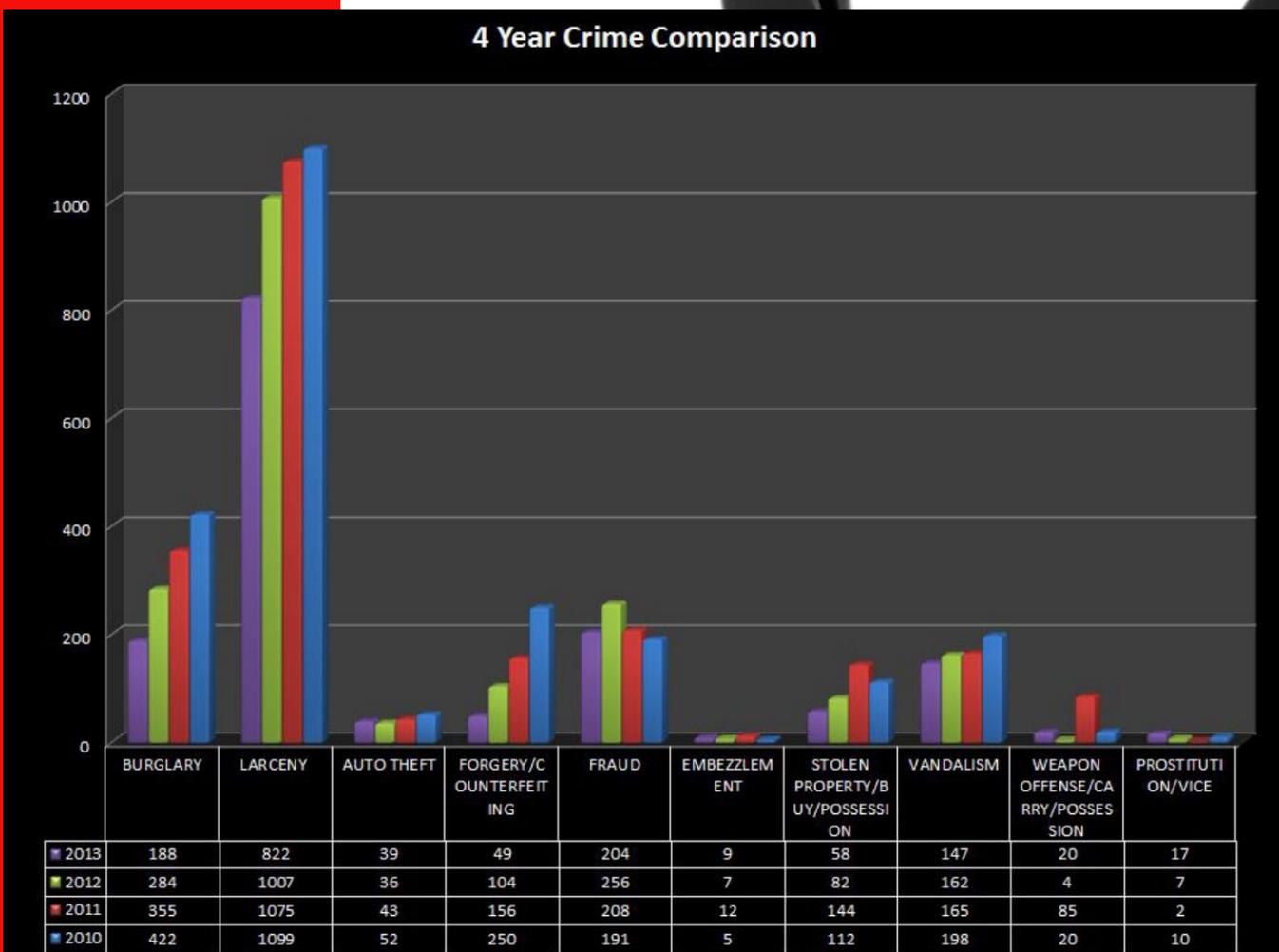
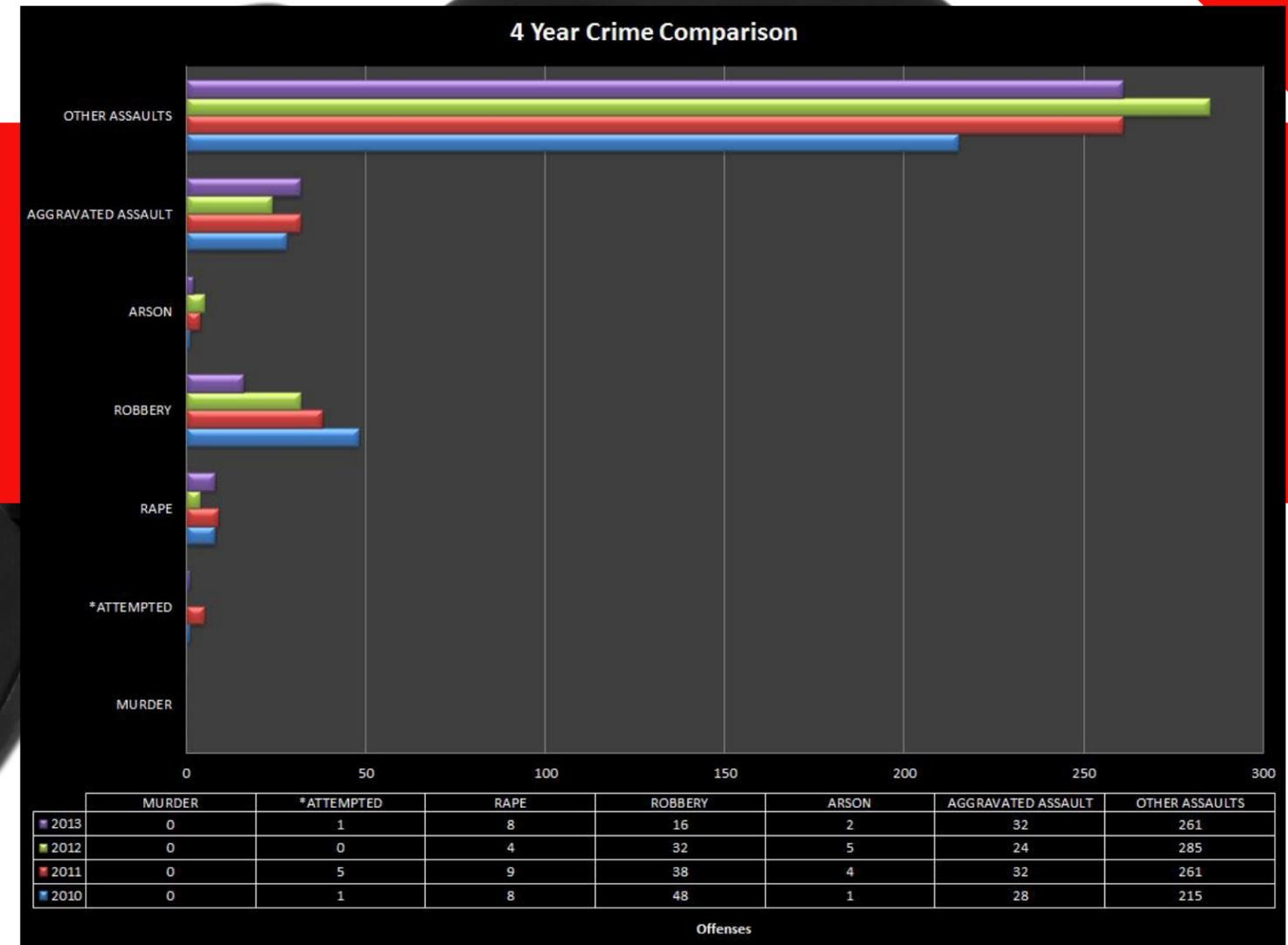
Burglary trend shows a 47% decrease along with a 22% decrease in larceny calls. Our efforts in meeting with businesses and investment in technology have further shown their benefits with a 112% decrease in calls of forgery and counterfeiting from 2012.

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

# CRIME TRENDS 2013

Source: KYOPS

Citation Type	2013		2012		2011	
	citations	counts	citations	counts	citations	counts
traffic	3641	5631	3601	5550	4000	6412
criminal	1144	1533	1026	1382	1187	1587
juvenile	69	84	45	52	62	79
warrants	562	973	496	852	485	760
criminal summons	30	37	35	49	30	49
total	5446	8259	5203	7585	5764	8887
arrests	1516	2506	1509	2481	1740	2878



Parking Citations are down due to the inability to provide full time enforcement. Full time enforcement was deleted when a Public Service Officer resigned and the position was deleted in the 2013/2014 budget.

# AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

The Ashland Police Department Commendations and Awards program is to foster and maintain a continuous program for extending official recognition to members of the Ashland Police Department (APD) who perform acts of meritorious service or who accomplish outstanding achievements. The Department shall extend official recognition to members of other law enforcement agencies, private citizens and other City employees who perform meritorious acts in rendering aid to a fellow citizen or the Department under circumstances that are within the scope of Department responsibility. The ceremony is held each year in May to honor the achievements for the prior year.

## Combat Cross Award:

May be awarded: To a department member or member of another law enforcement agency for an act of heroism extending far above and beyond the normal call of duty or service performed at great risk to his own safety or life in an effort to save human life; To any department member or member of another law enforcement agency for the successful performance of an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged in personal combat with an adversary at imminent hazard of life and the performance of duty  
May be awarded posthumously.

## Medal of Honor:

May be awarded to a department member or member of another law enforcement agency for an outstanding act in the line of duty, at imminent personal hazard of life, with full knowledge of the risk involved.

## Meritorious Service Medal:

May be awarded for a highly unusual accomplishment with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the nominee or where death or injury to a third party is prevented.

## Honorable Service Award:

Maybe awarded for a creditable act in the line of duty that meets some but not all of the requirements for other medals, unusual in the nature of showing initiative and accomplishment.

## Educational Achievement Awards:

May be awarded to a member in recognition of that member's certified completion of a course of instruction resulting in a Degree from a recognized university, while a member of the Department.

## Letters of Commendation:

May be awarded by a command officer or the Chief of Police when a member's performance does not qualify for any other award.

## Certificate of appreciation

May be issued to any citizen for services rendered to the Department.

## Life Saving Award:

May be awarded to a department member for an act performed in the line of duty that, through disregard for personal safety or prompt and alert action results in saving a life. Officers performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be eligible for this award.

## Civilian Service Award:

May be awarded for personal assistance by a civilian in apprehending a criminal, or in extending oneself beyond ones own safety to provide prompt action to aid people who are in danger.

## Exceptional Duty Award:

May be awarded for a highly creditable accomplishment bringing public acclaim to himself, his department, or the police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty, or service to the public.

# 2012 RECIPIENTS

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Dustin M. Allgood, Officer  
Kevin M. Williams, Officer

## EXCEPTIONAL DUTY

William T. Kelley, Major  
Darren S. Wilson, Lieutenant (2)  
Jason A. Moore, Sergeant  
Dustin M. Allgood, Officer (2)  
Richard L. Bohanon, Detective (3)  
Brian J. Clark, Detective (2)  
Adam L. Daniels, Officer (2)  
P. Christopher Lee, Officer  
O. Gavin Patrick, Detective (3)  
Glenn W. Porter, Jr., Officer (2)  
Larry J. Smith, Jr., Officer  
Kevin M. Williams, Officer

## HONORABLE SERVICE

Lukas J. Burr, Officer  
Brian A. Horn, Officer  
N. Troy Patrick, Officer  
Erik M. Wilder, Officer (2)  
Kevin M. Williams, Officer

## EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jason A. Moore, Sergeant  
Steven K. Moore, Officer

## LIFE SAVING

Adam L. Daniels, Officer  
Jason Hartzler, Officer (Resigned)  
S. Aaron Helms, Officer  
Christopher L. Kohut, Officer  
P. Christopher Lee, Officer (3)  
Steven K. Moore, Officer  
Eric A. Taylor, Officer  
Kevin M. Williams, Officer

## CIVILIAN SERVICE

Isaiah Darby  
Gordan Farmer  
James Gallian  
Sydney Hutchinson  
Franklin Slone  
Michael Whitaker  
Michael Bates  
Steven Conley  
Chris Helphinstine  
Jane Williams



Combat Cross



Medal of Honor



Meritorious Service



Honorable Service



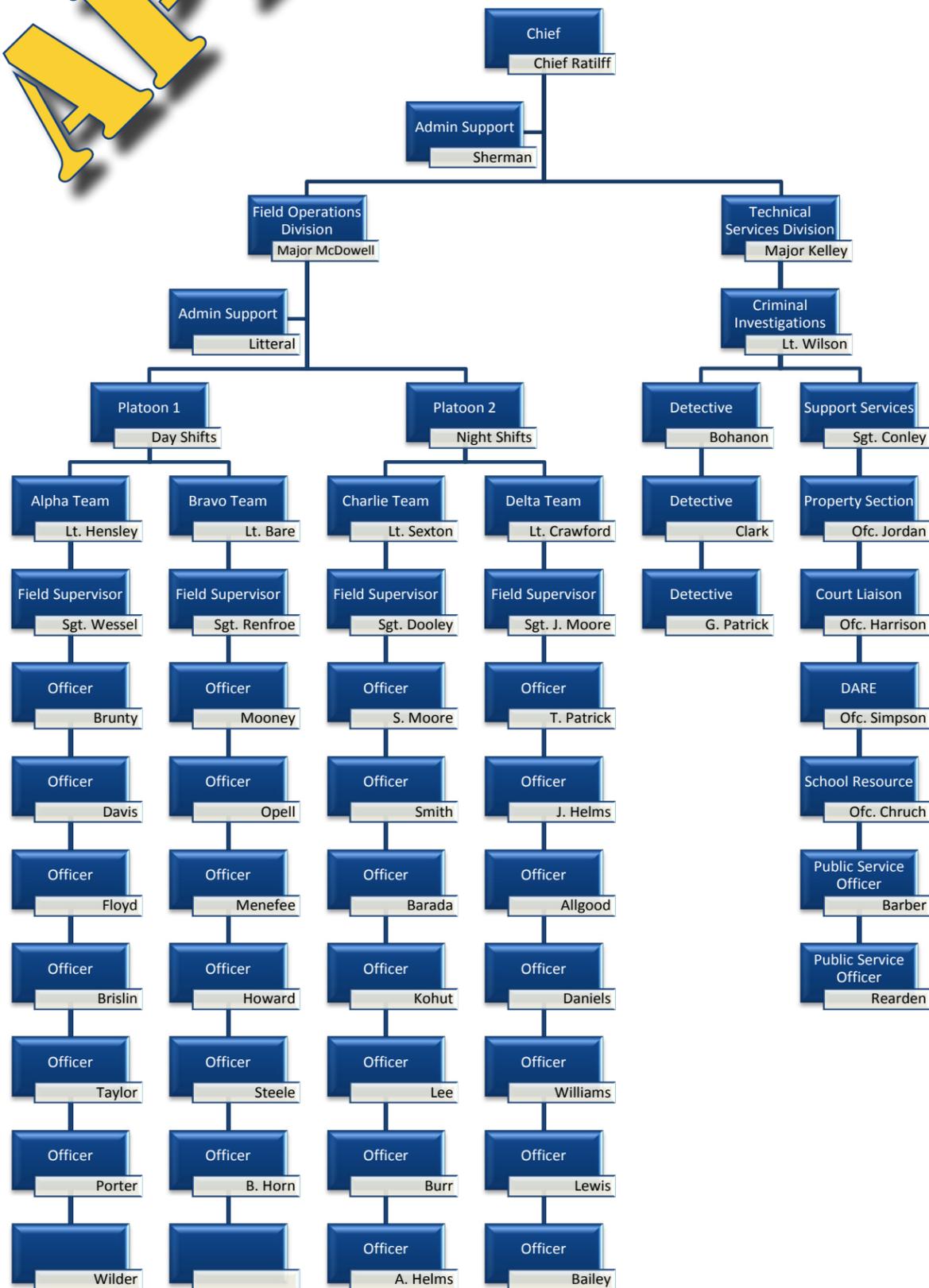
Exceptional Duty



Life Saving

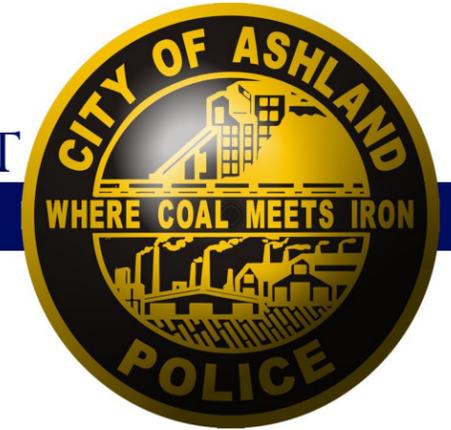


# Organizational Chart



## ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Records Section

Sgt. Ryan Conley



It is the goal of the Ashland Police Department to support and promote openness in government by releasing information in a timely and responsible manner. It is our obligation to protect the lives and property of the residents of Ashland and to ensure that those who stand accused of violating the law receive a fair trial.

Police Records are maintained for a variety of purposes. It is our duty to disseminate the records appropriately, always weighing the competing interests of all parties involved. It is important that we consider the need to know, right to know, and what is best for the public interest. Many police reports are not available for public release. In the event that a requested case is an open investigation, only the first page of the report can be released. Allow 5-7 business days for the report to be processed; you may call to see if the report is ready.

### Overview:

This Support Services Section of the Ashland Police Department is led by Sgt. Ryan Conley and consists of three Units:

**Records:** Provides records and retrieval services, including accident and incident reports.

**Property:** Processes all found property and evidence seized in the city. To contact the property officer, please call 606-327-2062 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

**Parking Enforcement:** Enforces parking regulations in the city of Ashland, including parking meters, 2 hour parking and residential parking.

The Records Section is led by Sgt. J. Ryan Conley.

### Obtaining a Crime Report:

There are three ways to obtain a police report. The first way is to come in person to the Police Department Records Section, request the needed report and pay the fee (10 cents per page).

The second way is to request a copy by mail. Print out the police report request form [link to pdf form], fill it out, and mail it along with a check or money order payable to the City Cashier and a self-addressed stamp. If you cannot print the document, you may

write a letter requesting the report. You must include the type of incident or accident, date and location of the incident and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please include payment for the copy.

A new online retrieval is also available for crime reports at \$10.00 per copy. You may choose to log into [www.buycrimes.com](http://www.buycrimes.com) and complete the information to receive a copy of the report.

Report release is governed by the Open Records Act per Kentucky Revised Statute.

### Obtaining a Collision Report:

In person at Ashland Police Department. The fee is \$5.00 per report cash or check; the Police Department is not able to accept credit or debit cards.

On the internet at [www.kyonlinereports.com](http://www.kyonlinereports.com)

The fee is \$10.00 online and is paid by debit or credit card.

All support or issues with the website are through [www.kyonlinereports.com](http://www.kyonlinereports.com) and not the Ashland Police Department.

The fees and requirements are set by KRS 189.635. Per KRS 189.635 to obtain a copy of a Vehicle Accident Report (Collision Report), you must be a party to the accident, the parent/guardian of a minor who is party to the accident, insurers of any party who is the subject of the report, or an attorney of the parties.

You will need the following information (given to you by the officer taking the report):

- Date of collision/accident
- Your Last Name
- Local incident/report code
- Officer Badge number
- Agency ORI

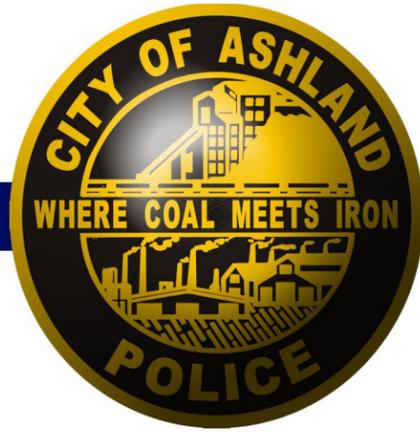
Ashland Police Department

201 17th Street

Ashland, KY 41101

606-327-2020

Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday  
(Closed holidays)



## ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING ENFORCEMENT

### Parking Limits

Downtown parking has a two hour parking limit, after two hours the vehicle must be moved to another space.

Some parking spaces have a parking meter. Spots that are metered are requiring the fee listed on the meter. The two hour limit still applies, as the vehicle would need to be moved before the two hours expires. (Ordinance no. 102 of 2008) There are two types of meters downtown indicated by their color. A gray meter is for up to two hours parking. A red meter is for up to 15 minutes parking and only except one nickel. The 15 minute meters allow for a quick, convenient stop such as paying a bill, or picking up lunch from one of our local restaurants.

### Loading Zones

In a city like Ashland, every part of town offers a wide range of services. To help with the convenience of picking up and dropping off loads at our establishments, the City of Ashland has loading zones available for use all over town. Remember that when occupying one of the loading zones, you must have your hazard lights blinking and show signs of actively loading or unloading. When a vehicle is in a loading zone, it receives what is called a courtesy notice. That courtesy notice basically means, we are aware you are in process of loading or unloading. There is no fine associated with this courtesy notice, but checks will be made to make sure you are not using the space in an improper manner. (Ordinance no. 55 of 2009)

### Painted Curbing

Last but not least, please be aware of the marks on the streets and sidewalks all over town. Yellow is for No Parking. White is for Residential Parking. Blue is for Handicapped parking. Please be respectful of the few, but strictly enforced parking regulations of Ashland, KY and those who enforce them.

### What to do if you receive a parking ticket.

If you do receive a ticket for overtime parking, in the downtown area's you will find red drop boxes to pay your fine in the yellow envelope given with the ticket. They can also be paid in person at the Ashland Police Department (cash only), the Ashland City Building (cash, credit, or debit), or over the phone by debit/credit card. (Ordinance no. 140 of 2000)

If you have received a parking citation, and you feel there is a problem with the parking meter, there are procedures in place to have the meter checked for malfunctions. If the meter is found to be in ill repair, the ticket will be excused and you will be notified of our findings. Forms are available at the Police Department to have the parking meter inspected by the Street Department.

City of Ashland parking ordinances may be viewed at:

[www.ashlandky.gov](http://www.ashlandky.gov)

## ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Property

Ofc. Jordan is an eighteen 18 year veteran of the Ashland Police Department, and serves as the property officer for the department. During his 18 year career, he has served in many areas of the department, to include: Patrol Officer, Detective, Special Response Team, Less Lethal Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Range Officer, Field Training Officer, and Crime Scene Investigator. Currently along with his duties as property officer, he is one of the department's crime scene technicians, and tasked with assisting at major crime scenes and conducting forensic examinations of evidence collected by APD members. As a Crime Scene Technician, Officer Jordan has successfully identified, developed and collected Latent Fingerprints from a major crime scene which assisted with the arrest of several individuals. Officer Jordan has also assisted Field Operations Officers with locating and developing fingerprints through chemical and physical processing which resulted in positive "Hits" for suspects through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

As a bicycle officer, Officer Jordan routinely participates in child bike safety events sponsored by the APD, along with DARE Officer Simpson.

His background also includes background investigator for the department in regards to recruitment, retention and background investigations for new hires.

The main task of the property officer is to maintain the chain of custody of all evidence that comes into the department's possession during an investigation.

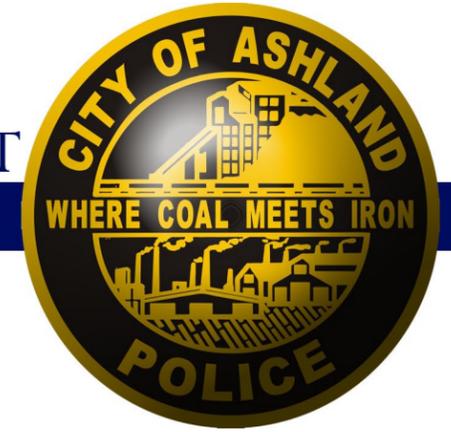
Maintaining the chain of custody is always knowing where the evidence is. That could be in the main storage area, one of the Kentucky State Police Crime labs or when an investigator signs out the evidence. The property officer at times will transport evidence to and from the crime labs when an analysis is required and also take evidence to court to present the evidence at trial and testify about the entire chain of custody to the court and to a jury. After the evidence is no longer needed, the property officer attempts to return the evidence to the original owner or properly disposes of the evidence at the courts discretion.

Over six years ago this office began an effort to purge old, unnecessary and no longer needed evidence from the system and that

### High Security Evidence Storage

effort still continues. Every year our goal is to purge more items from the system than are taken in. Each case and all the exhibits in that case are recorded in a computerized database especially designed for evidence tracking, this database is maintained by the property officer.

In 2008 the Ashland Police Department became an accredited agency through the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Since that time we have worked with the accreditation board not only to maintain the high standard of accreditation but also implement changes as the need arises.



The property officer is also responsible for the management of department assets. All of the assets are now tracked by a computer program from the time they are purchased until they are no longer needed or serviceable. An annual inventory is taken in the fall of each year to account for each item purchased and owned by the department.

In 2013 the Ashland Police Department received 838 cases that had evidence entered into them along with 2,215 individual pieces of evidence. During that same time we closed 407 cases that had evidence entered into them along with 1,033 individual pieces of evidence disposed of.

### Release of Property

If you have property being held by APD, the property must be cleared for release by the prosecutor and/or the case officer. If your case is active, the only way to obtain property is by a release from the prosecutor. Once the case has been adjudicated, the case officer will determine the status of the property.

### Found Property

APD commonly locates or receives lost property, we make every effort to contact the owner if any owner identified markings allow. If you have lost an item that you feel someone will turn in, please contact the property officer with a detailed description.

### Contact

To contact the property officer, please call 606-327-2062 between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

# Unthinkable...

## Training

**O**n December 14, 2012, 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot twenty children and six adult staff members in a mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the village of Sandy Hook in Newtown, Connecticut. Before driving to the school, Lanza shot and killed his mother Nancy at their Newtown home. As first responders arrived, he committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

It was the second deadliest mass shooting by a single person in American history, after the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, and the second deadliest mass murder at a U.S. elementary school, after the 1927 Bath School bombings in Michigan.

The Ashland Police Department has been preparing through training, coordinating and engaging with the Ashland Independent and Holy Family Schools for several years. Through our relationship with the schools, security and heightened awareness has been a top priority. Sergeant Ryan Conley, School Resource Officers Scott Menefee and Jay Church along with D.A.R.E. officer Rob Simpson have been a part of a team to make schools safer. With Federal assistance schools have increased building security and are using technology to make the campuses safer. In response to that, the Ashland Police Department has been increasing active shooter training every opportunity it gets. This training is not only in schools but in private businesses or industry locations.

In the early months of 2013 after the tragedy in Newtown, Ashland Police made inquiry to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, which it is a part of, to see if the yearly simulated disaster could be



focused on an active shooter scenario. The planning began and included many agencies (listed in chart) from the local area.

A core group from each involved organization came together as one to plan for this very important training event. Many months of planning finally came together in July.

The scenario involved an active shooter situation along with a hazardous material incident at Charles Russell Elementary School. Local educators played the role of teachers and students so that no children were involved. A very detailed plan was executed in creating the incident and it included all law enforcement agencies in Boyd County.

The event was to evaluate what law enforcement agencies had learned up to this point on responding and handling an active shooter. It was the first time

known in Boyd County that all law enforcement agencies came together as one to train in a hazardous situation. The need for outside agencies was already known. Each agency was dispatched in a controlled situation to an unknown set of circumstances upon their arrival. The only thing that was known to them was an active shooter had entered the school premises. As the different agencies arrived they had to work together for the first time to resolve the crisis.

Evaluators were brought in from across the region to observe and evaluate what they saw. Responses were favorable. One consistent observation was that law enforcement agencies worked together as though they did it daily. EMS and fire responders did very well. Even school educators playing roles learned and became very familiar with what could have been and how they should react and handle a similar situation.

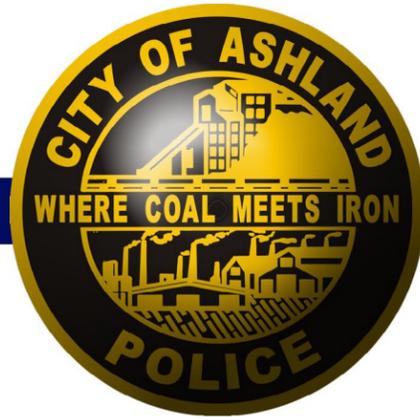
The evaluation also brought out the negative aspects to enhance future training and responses. These will be put into place for the next evaluation which is scheduled for 2014. The event will be large scale and will again involve many different agencies and organizations.

With information gained, training will continue, we will expand our drills at locations other than schools and continue to be proactive in our community. This event also reminded us that we must continue to remain vigilant.



**APD would like to thank those that participated:**  
Ashland Police Department  
Boyd County Sheriff Department  
Boyd County EMS,  
Greenup County EMS,  
Carter County EMS,  
KDMT,  
Net Care,  
Patriot Ambulance  
Catlettsburg Police Department  
Kings Daughters Medical Center  
Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital  
Boyd County Emergency Management  
Health Net  
Boyd County Coroner  
Ashland Fire Department  
Boyd County Schools  
Holy Family Schools  
Fairview Independent Schools  
Ashland Independent Schools  
Rose Hill Christian School  
Ashland Department of Public Works  
Kentucky State Police Post 14  
Region 7 Emergency Management  
Kentucky Education Development Corporation





# ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Criminal Investigations Section

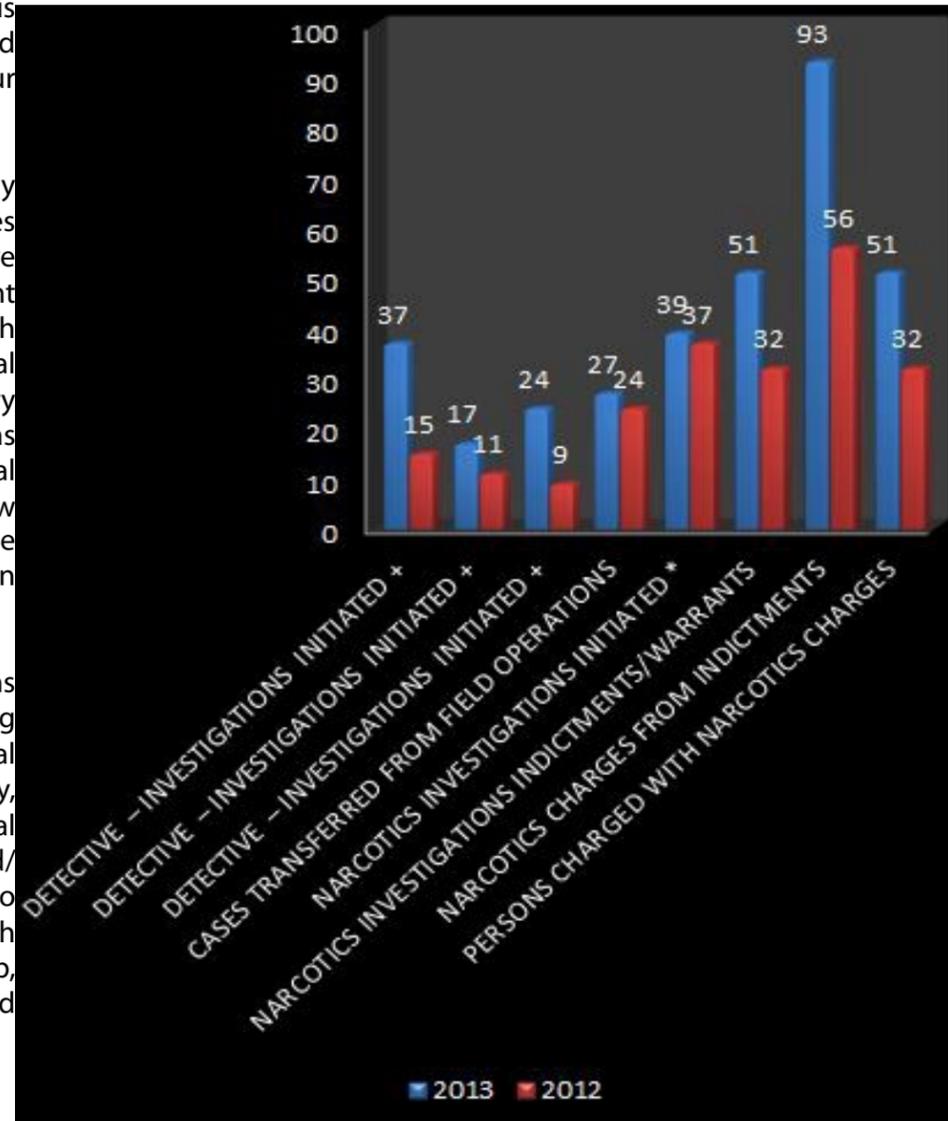
Lt. Darren Wilson

The Criminal Investigation Section is responsible for effectively identifying, apprehending, and assisting in the prosecution of those responsible for crimes. They also analyze crime trends and patterns so as to proactively intervene with appropriate resources. We encourage the community to remain involved by reporting criminal activity and providing us with witness statements. It is imperative the citizens stay involved and take a stand against crime in our passion to protect Ashland.

Detectives are normally assigned to several types of crimes to investigate. Detectives receive specialized training and equipment to assist in collecting evidence. Each Detective has developed several areas of expertise, becoming very proficient and knowledgeable, as well as developing professional associations with other Law Enforcement agencies. CIS has three detectives supervised by Lt. Darren Wilson.

The Criminal Investigations Section handles the following situations: Homicide-Assault, Special Assault, Arson, Residential Burglary, Computer crimes, Commercial Burglary, Robbery, Forgery/Fraud/Identity Theft, Auto Theft-Auto Burglary, Domestic Crimes, Youth and Family Services, Photo Lab, Forensic Services, Support Staff and Subpoena Control.

The Criminal Investigations Section conducts separate narcotics investigations that are complex and require in depth investigations. The arrests from these investigations are coded as arrests on warrants. The results are listed below:



# OXYCONTIN AND HEROIN: An Old Enemy Returns



We've all read about marijuana being a "gateway drug" to more dangerously addictive drugs, such as cocaine and crack, or methamphetamine, or narcotics like heroin and morphine. The new "gateway drug", especially to heroin, is the prescription narcotic OxyContin, and its active opioid ingredient, oxycodone.

In cities, towns and even rural areas all across the Tri-State, heroin addiction is a growing problem. Even in communities where there was previously little or no heroin abuse, the notorious illicit street drug is now becoming more and more familiar, and the need for local heroin detox programs continues to grow.

The common denominator in all these communities, according to recent studies, is the proliferation of OxyContin addiction and abuse (heroin's legal opioid cousin). This prescription narcotic is so chemically similar to heroin that, for addicts and abusers, they are virtually interchangeable.

But what is not interchangeable is the price, says enforcement. A hit of heroin is a fraction of the cost of the same high from OxyContin (or oxycodone). Prescription narcotics generally sell on the illicit street market at around \$1 per milligram. A one-time high from an 80 milligram oxycodone pill for an experienced user would run roughly \$80.

Heroin, on the other hand, sells in many areas for around \$100 a gram. Depending on a user's tolerance level (long-time users need more per dose) a gram can deliver up to 20 doses, or highs. In other words, it's vastly less expensive to get and stay stoned on heroin than OxyContin.

Recent laws across the country have been created to help create difficulty in fraudulently obtaining OxyContin. Recently Florida has been notorious for a state that has no regulations on how much OxyContin you can obtain. Laws to create a on-line computer system to limit the transactions one can make to obtain the drug has literally changed that state. It is now just as difficult to obtain the drug there as it is in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. In fact more and more states are implementing these programs and laws. That's what is driving OxyContin addicts away from their tidy, predictably-measured and reliably-pure prescription OxyContin, to the infinitely more unpredictable and dangerous heroin.

We say heroin is more dangerous only in this one aspect: unlike laboratory-pure and laboratory-measured pharmaceuticals like OxyContin, heroin is usually mixed, or cut, with unknown and sometimes toxic substances. This renders both its strength, and its level of toxicity, unknown until after you've tried it – and possibly died in minutes.

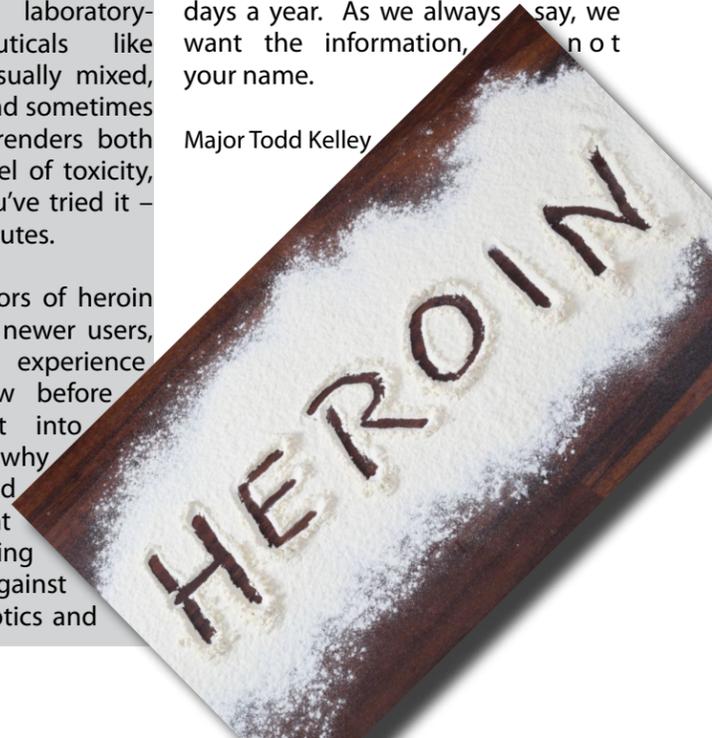
These danger factors of heroin are more important to newer users, who lack the street experience and contacts to know before they go shooting it into their veins. That is why members of the Ashland Police Department are aggressively taking enforcement actions against any and all illegal narcotics and

those that are legal that someone unlawfully possesses.

The quality of life in our community is a top priority. The constant opponent is illegal drug use and activity. This runs over to other crimes being committed to support these addictions or sales. Our goal is to combat that activity and offer improvements to the quality of life for neighborhoods and families. Once these illegal substances are removed from the streets, we continue to work with the local prosecutors in supporting rehabilitation of those who may be addicted. Not always is jail the answer. A chance to recover is and The Ashland Police Department supports that concept.

The community has been extremely helpful in giving us tips and solid evidence in investigating and taking these drugs off of the streets. We encourage residents to continue to use the Silent Witness tipline (606)-327-1777, Silent Witness email (silentwitness@ashlandkypd.com), or make notification through our mobile app (Ashland PD at the Apple/Playstore) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As we always say, we want the information, not your name.

Major Todd Kelley



# COMPUTER CRIMES

Computers have become an undeniable part of just about everyone's life. It is unlikely there is a person alive today that has not at least seen some type of computer or electronic device. Our lives are so connected to electronics it's hard for modern people to imagine a time before computers or a life without a dependence on modern technology. Electronics are so tied to human life they are being incorporated into the human body. Computers are being used to keep hearts pumping and keep diabetes under control. They are even being developed to help the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and to replace lost limbs. The possibilities for electronics are endless and will no doubt continue to expand exponentially over the coming years.

Unfortunately, as with other things, there is a downside to the expansion of computer technology into our everyday lives.

Criminals have found many ways to use computers to commit their choice of illegal indiscretions. From fraud, forgery, and theft to child exploitation, kidnapping, murder, and everything in between have all been documented crimes perpetrated via an electronic device. Just as computers and cellular phones now play a vital role in the everyday citizen's life so too do they play an ever expanding role in criminal activity.

Criminals can use cellular phones to communicate and make it nearly impossible to be traced or tracked in real time as they complete their evil schemes. Pedophiles are able to trade their collections via the internet and remain virtually anonymous and unknown. Scammers can buy and trade their victim's personal and financial information with other scammers in order to defraud unsuspecting individuals. Basic computers are used with inexpensive printers to counterfeit

US currency and create forged checks. The list of crimes that can be committed using an electronic device or that may involve electronic evidence of some sort continues to expand. Every person that is in contact with a computer can become victim to one of these crimes.

The Ashland Police Department has established the Cyber Crimes Unit in order to investigate and help prevent crimes involving electronic devices including desktop computers, laptops, portable hard drives, thumb drives, digital cameras, flash memory, cellular phones, surveillance systems, CDs, DVDs, and nearly any device with memory. At the APD two state-of-the-art F.R.E.D. (Forensic Recovery of Evidence Device) machines are used to analyze and examine the memory on the devices to locate and seize any pertinent evidence. Programs such as Access Data's Forensic Toolkit and Guidance Software's Encase Forensics are used to identify the millions of files found on computer hard drives and organize them so the examiner can more easily find that vital evidence. Access Data's Mobile Phone Examiner (MPE+) is used to extract information from cellular phones, tablets, and other portable devices to examine the contents of the devices' memory. Finally, the Starwitness video enhancement system allows investigators to enhance video and images taken from surveillance footage to help identify suspects and vehicles involved in crimes.

The typical process of examination includes first removing the computer's hard drive. It is then placed on what is called a "write blocker" which prevents anything from being

changed on the hard drive therefore maintaining the evidence. The hard drive is then forensically imaged; meaning an exact bit for bit copy of the hard drive is made. The original hard drive is then placed back into the seized computer and secured in the APD Property Room. The examiner can now analyze and examine the write blocked copy while the original evidence remains protected and unchanged. After the examiner has completed their examination, a report is completed showing the results of the analysis and examination.

Much of the computer equipment in APD's Computer Crimes Lab has been provided through partnerships with the US Secret Service and the FBI Regional Computer Forensics Lab in Louisville, KY. This equipment includes the above mentioned F.R.E.D. machine, forensic software, laptops for on-scene triage of evidence, a TD1 forensic duplicator, write blockers, multiple hard drives, thumb drives, card readers, cameras, and tool kits. All of this equipment is maintained in the Computer Crimes Lab within the Criminal Investigations Section of the APD.



## Digital Fingerprint

Computer Forensic Examiners with the APD have extensive training in the following areas:

US Secret Service National Computer Forensic Institute  
F.B.I.

Kentucky State Police ICAC

Access Data's Forensic Bootcamp

AccessData's Certified Examiner Program

Access Data's Windows XP Forensics

Access Data's Internet Forensics

Access Data's Mobile Phone Examiner Analysis

Access Data's iOS Forensics

Access Data's Windows Registry Forensics

ATC-NY MacMarshal Digital Forensics Training

National White Collar Crime Center's Fast Track Series

Digital Intelligence Computer Forensics with F.R.E.D. course

Internet Crimes Against Children Strategies for Effective

Investigation and Prosecution of Child Exploitation Offenses

FBI Image Scan Software Training Course

EnCase Forensic Software

Cellebrite Mobile Forensics

Lantern Mobile Forensics



# APD leads the way!

APD is breaking new ground; again - Taking reports is a large part of what our officers do throughout the day. While continuously searching for ways to maximize our efficiency and coverage, we have created a process for you to create a minor incident report without having to call 911 or otherwise meet with an officer for the initial information. Time is valuable for everyone and the reality is, if an officer is working on a report, they cannot use that same time to investigate and patrol. We have partnered with our KYOPS reporting system to allow the citizen to complete an initial report online, in the comfort of their own home or on the go, for certain minor incidents that require a written report. You will be able to create an account and track the progress of your report. You will also be able to obtain a copy of the report directly from the internet (*this specific online report is only available online for the fee of \$10; you will maintain the option to choose to call 911 or visit the Police Station to obtain a report through past procedures*). The Ashland Police Department is a pioneer for this program and currently the only agency in the area offering this new and revolutionary service; which means these reports are only available for incidents that occur within the city limits of Ashland.

## What can I report?

**Criminal Mischief/Vandalism (Under \$1,000)** - Defaced, damaged property (e.g. graffiti, damaged mailbox, keyed vehicle, broken windows)

**Credit/Debit Card Fraud (Under \$500 over a six month period)** - Intent to defraud; unauthorized use of forged, expired, or revoked card to obtain money or purchase goods or services.

**Harassing Communication** Unwanted phone calls of an annoying, harassing or threatening nature. Repeated or immediate hang-ups, obscene language.

**Theft from Auto (Under \$500)** - Property stolen from motor vehicle. Stolen equipment or belongings from a vehicle.

**Property Lost or Missing (Under \$500)** - Property that is missing, leaving items in a restaurant, or missing from home.

**Theft by Unlawful Taking (Under \$500)** - Stolen property without permission - excludes vehicles, firearms, farm equipment, boats, aircraft. Property known to be stolen and missing can be reported as this type. Lost property is not a theft.

**Non-Criminal Property** - Damage Unintentional damage caused to property, either personal or real, e.g. a tree falls on your house, a shopping cart damages your car.

# Online Civilian Incident Reporting

First, let's check if your incident qualifies for Self-Reporting

Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No

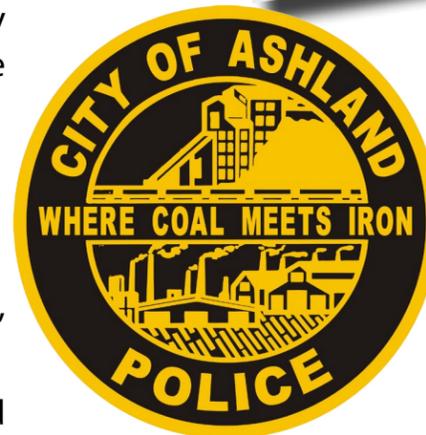
Are you at least 18 years of age?  
Have you previously reported this Incident?  
Were there any injuries?  
Is a firearm involved?  
Are narcotics involved?

In what County did the Incident occur (only participating counties are shown)?  
If the County of the Incident is NOT in this list, your Incident is **not** eligible for this site. Please report it to your local law enforcement agency.

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Which Agency should the report be sent to?

<https://ksportal.ky.gov/CivilianReporting>



Here's a first look of the new reporting system

## Report a crime online.

## What happens next?

Upon completion and submission, your Civilian Online Report will be sent electronically to the law enforcement agency that you selected. A police officer will review the report, and one of three things will occur:

The officer will accept the Incident report, and you will receive email notification with further instructions. Approved Incident reports are available for purchase on [www.BuyCrimes.com](http://www.BuyCrimes.com) for \$10.

The officer will decline the Incident report, and you will receive an email notification. You may make corrections and resubmit.

The officer determines that the Incident requires further investigation. The officer will contact you to complete the Incident report. Once the Incident report is completed by the officer, it will be available for purchase on [www.BuyCrimes.com](http://www.BuyCrimes.com) for \$10.

*Sign me up!*

<https://ksportal.ky.gov/CivilianReporting>

# APD SWAT



The SWAT Team is a designated law enforcement team, whose members are recruited, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and/or investigative units. SWAT Team Members receive specialized training, expertise and equipment.

The primary characteristic of SWAT Team that distinguishes it from other units is the focus of effort. The SWAT Team is focused on tactical solutions, as opposed to other functions, such as investigation. The purpose of SWAT Team is to increase the likelihood of safely resolving critical incidents and the preservation of life.

The SWAT Team is the designated entity to be activated for SWAT-specific incidents such as hostage situations, barricade incidents or other high-risk situations requiring specialized capability and equipment.

Incidents in which the **SWAT** Team would respond include:

- Hostage situations
- Barricaded suspects
- High risk arrest
- High risk search
- High risk stake-outs
- Search and Rescue
- Terrorist threat or attack

# HONOR GUARD

The purpose of the Ashland Police Department Honor Guard is to honor and respect fallen officers, both active and retired. They are also called to demonstrate the department's pride through presentation of colors, and guidance in ceremonial events. It is the privilege of the officers to represent the department in honoring both those within the law enforcement profession as well as the Ashland community.

Currently, the Ashland Police Department Honor Guard is comprised of seven officers: Robert Simpson, Jay Church, Troy Patrick, Scott Menefee, Jeremy Barada, Chris Lee, and Mark Wessel. These officers participation is in addition to their regular responsibilities and are dedicated in their attention to preparation and practice prior to events. As part of the preparation, members are required to maintain specialized uniforms. Also, attention is given to understanding and practicing ceremonial procedures, which include marching, care and presentation of flags, as well as rendering guidance and order for services.

It is through commitment to professionalism, integrity, and respect that we are able to support annually the Fraternal Order of Police Memorial service and the Ashland Police Department's Awards and Commendations Ceremony. Other events we have had the privilege of being a part of this past year are the Martin Luther King Memorial Ceremony, First Responders Day, Ashland's First Friday honoring the Military, and the Eastern Kentucky Military Historical Society services. Other past occasions we have supported are memorials, funerals, parades, holiday services, and other various events.



# SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITY CRIME PREVENTION

## Ashland Police Department Crime Prevention

is a proactive response to reduce crime through community involvement. Crime Prevention activities provide an opportunity for a partnership between the community and the Ashland Police Department. This partnership provides a vital role in an effort to create safer neighborhoods throughout the city of Ashland.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

In an effort to support community involvement as a vital part of Crime Prevention, APD offers various services; Neighborhood Watch being one of them. Neighborhood Watch is a service that provides the opportunity to be involved in structured meetings with fellow citizens and Crime Prevention Officers. These groups provide a source of information that educates on many types of security issues. This allows citizens to have the tools to become safer and identify information, which helps law enforcement to be more effective. Neighborhood Watch also promotes a stronger community, as neighbors work together.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In order to support the Neighborhood Watch efforts, APD proudly participates annually in the National Night Out initiative. This event is for the community and law enforcement to join together in showing support for the fight against crime in their community. During the events there are various block party activities for all ages to enjoy while also having an opportunity to support crime prevention and strengthen unity in the neighborhoods.



## CHILD FINGER PRINTING

Another effort APD's Crime Prevention is involved with is Child Fingerprinting. Fingerprinting is an excellent identification tool in case a child is missing. The APD participates in various community events where child fingerprinting

is used to provide record keeping.

APD is also happy to provide various Crime Prevention and safety information to businesses, clubs, organizations, and individuals. Some areas of information available include: home security, identity theft, general safety, child safety, driver safety, internet safety, and more. We ask you complete a **speaker request** form at least two weeks in advance for prior approval due to scheduling issues. These forms are available on our web page, [www.ashlandkypd.com](http://www.ashlandkypd.com). For information about Neighborhood Watch Groups or other Crime Prevention services you can contact the Crime Prevention office at 606-327-2020.



**Silent Witness**  
606-329-1771  
or email  
[silentwitness@ashlandkypd.com](mailto:silentwitness@ashlandkypd.com)

# TRAINING TO WIN



**The Training Section** evaluates training standards and requirements for every Police Officer as well as those of the entire department. From these evaluations, departmental training needs, priorities and goals are established.

The Training Section ensures that all Ashland Police Officers receive on-going training in order to maintain certifications and meet required Department, City, State, and Federal standards. The Training Section provides a constant influence throughout an officer's career in the Police Department.

## POLICE OFFICER ACADEMY

The 768 hour basic academy curriculum is designed to provide recruit officers with the basic knowledge and skills necessary for safe, proper and effective law enforcement service. Instructional blocks include: Criminal Law and Procedures, Traffic Enforcement, Cultural Awareness, Communication Skills, Firearms, Crisis Intervention, Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigation and Defensive Tactics. The course is held at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond Kentucky.

## FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Newly hired police officers are required to successfully complete a comprehensive field-training program after

graduation from the police academy. Officers are assigned to specially trained and certified Field Training Officers for an extensive twelve-week, police skills training curriculum.

## FIREARMS TRAINING

Ashland Police Officers participate in on-going firearms instruction and are also required to qualify with assigned firearms. The Ashland Police Department utilizes a variety of outdoor and indoor simulator firing ranges to accommodate the various training needs and the Department.



## POLICE SKILLS REFRESHER

Ashland Police Officers attend a minimum biannual training session each year. Other training covers several state standards such as first aid, blood borne pathogens, CPR, AED, and hazardous materials. Officers also refresh their skills in other areas such as emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, and legal updates.

## CAREER LEVEL CERTIFICATION

The Career Level Certification Program is a state wide structured curriculum designed to ensure conforming statewide supervisory training standards. The Training Section arranges for each officer to attend a 40-hour "core" course. The supervisor also completes 80 additional hours of supervisory training academy after or just prior to promotion.

## DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

On dedicated Saturdays in April and September this year, the Ashland Police Department collected a combined 273 pounds of prescription medications from the members of the community. In the 2 years of participation in the program this brings the total amount to 653 pounds. Ashland area residents emptied medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers of unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs and took them to collection sites located at the Ashland Police Headquarters and to King's Daughters Medical Center as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Our community added to the collections from the DEA's previous four Take-Back events. In those events more than 2 million

pounds of medications were removed from circulation.

## DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM CONTINUES ALL YEAR LONG

The Ashland Police Department does take in medications in between the take-back initiatives. Any citizen can bring unwanted medication to the Information Desk at police headquarters Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If citizens are concerned about transporting, a call can be made to the non-emergency number 606-327-2020 to schedule an appointment to have an officer pick up the medication. Pickup services are only available within the corporation limits of the City of Ashland.

# GOT DRUGS?





ON MY HONOR,  
I WILL NEVER  
BETRAY MY BADGE,  
MY INTEGRITY,  
MY CHARACTER OR  
THE PUBLIC TRUST.

I WILL ALWAYS HAVE  
THE COURAGE TO HOLD  
MYSELF AND OTHERS  
ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS.



I WILL ALWAYS UPHOLD THE  
CONSTITUTION,  
MY COMMUNITY  
AND THE AGENCY  
I SERVE.