

2022 Woodson Terrace Police Department Annual Report



Prepared by Chief Dominic Orlando #98
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Chief's Message

Chief Dominic Orlando #98



Dear Residents,

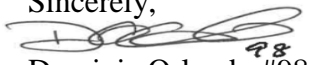
I would like to present to you all, the first Woodson Terrace Police Department Annual Report. This report was prepared to inform you of what our department has been doing for you. I have included some crime and traffic statistics along with our community involvement.

This year began with a big change in our department with the retirement of Chief Randy Halstead. In February, I was appointed as the new Chief which surprised many of us. I have learned a lot from Chief Halstead and have a great support system starting with Captain Bret Carbray and all of the other officers. I have a lot of goals for our department and have been able to implement a few of them in my short time as Chief so far. One goal that I am still working on is getting our department fully staffed. Currently we are down two officers but our services are not affected by that shortage. Sadly many other area departments are facing the same officer shortage as we are.

I do want to let you all know that your safety and well-being is our number one priority. We will always provide you with the best and most professional police services. Please contact us any time you may need us. One thing I want to stress is that you will not be bothering us when you call. We want to work as a team to keep Woodson Terrace a wonderful city to live in, work in, and visit.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to a prosperous 2023.

Sincerely,


Dominic Orlando #98
Chief of Police

Woodson Terrace Police Department Mission Statement

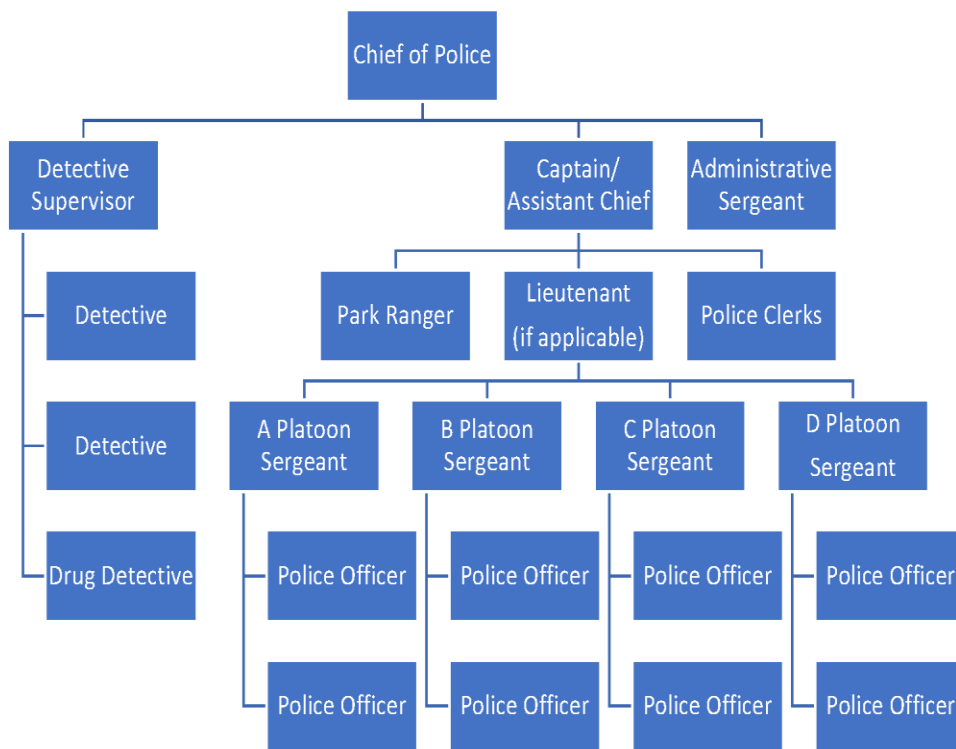
“Our mission is to provide essential services, preserve peace and order, reduce the occurrence and impact of crime, facilitate traffic safety, and protect the constitutional rights of all persons.

We will continually examine community values, our beliefs, and re-evaluate priorities. We will inaugurate effective responses to promote and maintain services and protection for this community.”





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2022 Statistical Data

WOODSON TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime by Date Summary 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Offense Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
HOMICIDE, MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RAPE, BY FORCE (AFTER 12-31-2012)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SEX OFFENSE, FORCIBLE, RAPE BY FORCE (PRIOR TO 01-01-2013)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RAPE, SODOMY (AFTER 12-31-2012)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROBBERY, FIREARM	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, FIREARM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, HANDS/FEET/FISTS	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	8
ASSAULT, INTIMIDATION	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
ASSAULT, SIMPLE/OTHER	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	5	2	0	2	18
BURGLARY, FORCIBLE ENTRY	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
BURGLARY, UNLAWFUL ENTRY/NO FORCE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
LARCENY \$200 AND OVER	1	3	2	1	4	1	8	2	1	3	2	4	32
LARCENY \$50 TO \$199	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	6
LARCENY UNDER \$50	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	1	2	1	0	2	15
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, AUTO	5	6	5	3	4	2	5	5	3	6	2	4	50
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, TRUCK/BUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, OTHER VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FRAUD, CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
FRAUD, FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
FRAUD, IMPERSONATION	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY (BUYING, RECEIVING, POSSESSING)	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	0	4	3	2	2	3	8	9	8	14	2	4	59

WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
SEX OFFENSE, OTHER	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	4	1	7	6	1	4	3	1	5	10	0	1	43
DRUG EQUIPMENT/PARAPHERNALIA VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	10
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
VIOLATION OF ROAD AND DRIVING LAWS	2	1	18	12	4	0	1	4	10	40	8	3	103
VIOLATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS	2	0	29	17	5	1	5	0	10	21	9	52	151
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
COUNTERFEITING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MISC. OFFENSES NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	5	1	0	16
RUNAWAY (UNDER 18)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MISSING PERSON	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5
TAMPERING WITH AUTO NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	1	11
TRESPASSING	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	18
VIOLATION COUNTY/MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	10
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
FILING FALSE POLICE REPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
LITTERING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
VEHICLE NOT STOLEN LOCALLY/RECOVERED LOCALLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	7
FAILURE TO APPEAR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WARRANT ARREST	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	6
FUGITIVE ARREST	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
NON UCR	17	16	15	8	14	23	20	29	16	18	5	13	194
NON CLASSIFIED INCIDENT	2	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	1	14
VEHICLE ACCIDENT, PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	3	2	5	2	2	21
VEHICLE ACCIDENT, INJURY	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
SUICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ACCIDENTAL INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Citation/Summons Issued January 1- December 31, 2022

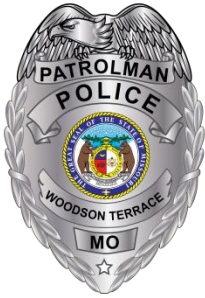
Violation Category	# Tickets	% of Tickets
Accidents	5	0.76
Alcohol, Drugs-Non Traffic	3	0.45
Animals	4	.061
CMV	1	.015
Damage Property	6	.091
Drivers License	94	14.22
DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic	1	0.15
Family Offense	11	1.66
Financial Responsibility	116	17.55
General Driving	3	0.45
Health-Safety	1	.015
Lane Usage	8	1.21
Lights- Vehicle	20	3.03
Obstructing Justice, Police	25	3.78
Parking	2	0.30
Public Order	1	0.15
Public Peace	3	0.45
Registration	152	23.00
Seat Belts, Child Restraint	67	10.14
Signs, Signals	34	5.14
Speeding	56	8.47
Stealing, Larceny	6	0.91
Traffic- Other	1	0.15
Trespassing	10	1.51
Turning	1	0.15
Vehicle Equipment, Inspections	17	2.57
Weapon	2	0.30
Yield Right-of-Way	5	0.76
Zoning	6	0.91
Total	661	100.00%

The Officers of the Woodson Terrace Police Department handled 6,896 incidents throughout the year. These calls consisted of a wide range of incidents. They include traffic stops, burglaries, barking dogs, suspicious persons, and many more. They took 582 written reports for some of those calls for service and made 95 arrests. There were also 59 auto accident reports taken.

One incident that I would like to highlight was the one Homicide that we investigated on June 1st in the 9500 Block of Harold. Officers received a report of shots fired in that area and upon arrival located two victims of a shooting. Sadly one subject was deceased and the other was wounded. The responding officers secured the scene and it was decided to activate the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad to assist us in the investigation. Once the Major Case Squad arrived, the incident was turned over to them. With the dedicated Major Case Squad investigators and Woodson Terrace Officers, the investigations led to an arrest with in about 17 hours. The case was presented to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office with charges issued.

Another investigation which came from a traffic stop resulted in the seizure of 11,509.8 grams of Marijuana. The subject who was on his way to Chicago was taken into custody and warrants were applied for. This drug seizure is one of the largest in the history of the department.





Woodson Terrace Police Department Personnel Roster and Years of Service

The Woodson Terrace Police Department for the year of 2022 was comprised of 17 officers. The ranks and organization consisted of one (1) Chief of Police, one (1) Captain, one (1) Lieutenant, three (3) Sergeants, one (1) Corporal, eight (8) Patrol Officers, and two (2) Detectives. We had hired several officers and lost several as they left for other departments or left law enforcement for private sector jobs. The following was the makeup of those officers:

Officer Name	DSN	Years with the Department
Chief Randy Halstead	51	36
Captain Bret Carbray	102	3
Lieutenant Dominic Orlando	98	6
Sgt. Todd Thomas	94	7
Sgt. Paul Wactor	106	2
Sgt. George Forir	63	3
Cpl. John Brown	110	2
PO Nick Steinhauer	104	3
PO Kyle Gregg	105	3
Det. Chad Hembree	108	2

The following Officers were hired during 2022:

Officer Name	DSN
Det. Matt Anton	113
PO Justin Schaffer	114
PO Al Haller	116
PO Noah Kramer	117 (resigned)
PO Jon Strode	118
PO Xavier- Nacoste-Davis	119

These officers came to us with prior law enforcement experience from other departments.

The department provides police service to the residents on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, all year long. The front lobby may close after normal business hours but we are always here to serve the city and its visitors.

Community Involvement



The Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch group came back and was started up by Det. Anton and Cpl. Brown. They worked in conjunction with Council Member Caroline Martin to bring the program back after it was stopped due to Covid-19. The group meets at multiple times of the year and discusses several different topics for safety and crime prevention.



The Business Outreach Program was started in 2022 and Officers had begun the process of contacting all of our local business and updating their emergency contact information. This program was developed to create a network of business leaders and owners to have better communication with each other and the department.

The Department also participated in a couple of city events. One of those events was for Halloween. Yesterday's Bar and Grill hosted a community Trunk-or-Treat and we were asked to participate. We were excited to be a part of it and got to see many great costumes and residents. It was a great time and we ran out of candy.





Another event was when Santa Claus came to pay a visit at the city's Christmas Party. The Christmas party was put on by the Woodson Terrace City Hall for the families of the city. The kids that came got a chance to see Santa and received some gifts. They also enjoyed a nice warm pancake breakfast.



Our department was also a part of the Muni-Central Patrol Citizens Police Academy. Lt. Orlando represented our department along with the cities of St. John, Overland, and Breckenridge Hills. The class was held on Wednesday nights and lasted for nine (9) weeks. Each student successfully graduated and received a certificate and t-shirt. They learned all about traffic enforcement, Community Policing, crime scenes and investigations, along with firearms and other aspects of Law Enforcement.

One event that we love to be a part of and hope that it continues is Christmas in the streets. We have partnered up twice now with St. Louis Youth Sports Outreach which provides sports equipment to area youth. The STLYSO partners up with other area cities and delivers donated toys, games, and bikes to kids all over. We were also joined by Santa Claus, the Grinch, and we even had some St. Louis Cardinals with us.



Police Accreditation

Even with all that we do we are also working on improving our department. We began a community survey asking our residents how well we are doing and what we can improve on. Our department is also working on becoming CALEA accredited. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA, was formed in 1979 and is considered the gold standard for professional law enforcement agencies. CALEA standards are what holds police departments accountable by making sure they are following their policies and procedures.

We began our accreditation process on May of 2021 and are currently in the three year self-assessment phase. We have been going through all of our 95 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) and making sure we are up to date with case law and CALEA standards. Once we finalize our self-assessment phase, we will conduct a mock assessment which will allow us to see how well we are doing and correct any issues we may have. After the mock assessment, we move into a dual on-site/virtual assessment where a team of certified assessors will verify that we are following our policies.

If we meet all the standards by CALEA, we will be awarded our first ever accreditation. We hope to receive the award by June of 2024. You can also visit and make comments on the CALEA Citizen's Portal and there is a link on our website.