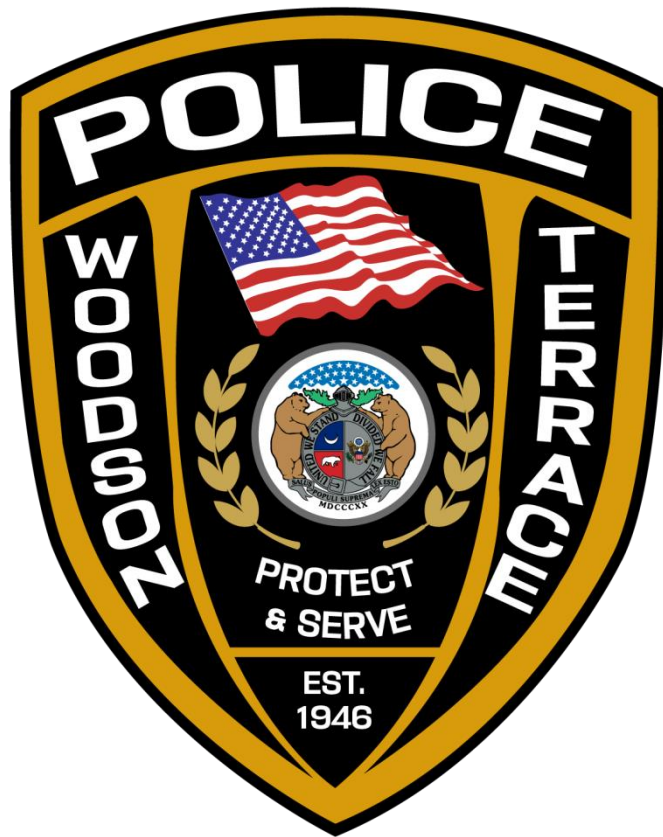


2023 Woodson Terrace Police Department Annual Report



Prepared by Chief Dominic Orlando #98
May 22, 2024

Chief's Message

Chief Dominic Orlando #98



Dear Residents,

I hope that you all had a great 2023 and a wonderful start to 2024. In the last year, the Woodson Terrace Police Department saw a few changes and overcame some challenges. We had a change in our command staff when I was appointed to Chief of Police and a few officers come and go. One thing that I was happy to see was that we finally became fully staffed with our allotted number of Officers.

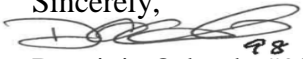
We always focus on the safety of our residents, business owners and visitors. The department increased production in traffic enforcement and will continue to do our best to combat hazardous driving conditions. We know that it is a daily issue with drivers not obeying traffic laws but sadly, there are little to no consequences given to those violators after our interactions with them. Our patrols have been consistent and our officers have stepped up their business checks overnight. We also started to join our neighboring agencies and began a Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Interdiction Task Force. The task Force consists of several officers working together to combat crime in each of cities by working together beyond our boundary lines. The Task Force was very successful and we have decided to continue into 2024 with the operations.

Our goals for this year is to keep moving forward and progressing with keeping the city a safe place to live. Our department keeps finding ways to improve the quality of life and being involved with the community.

We are also getting closer to our Accreditation through CALEA. We have contacted them and should be, scheduled for an assessment in the fall pending their schedule. You can help us by visiting our website and using the Public Portal link and provide any feedback you wish to leave.

The following is a look into what the Woodson Terrace Police Department had done in 2023.

Sincerely,

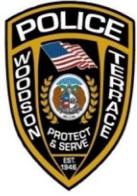

Dominic Orlando #98
Chief of Police

Woodson Terrace Police Department Mission Statement

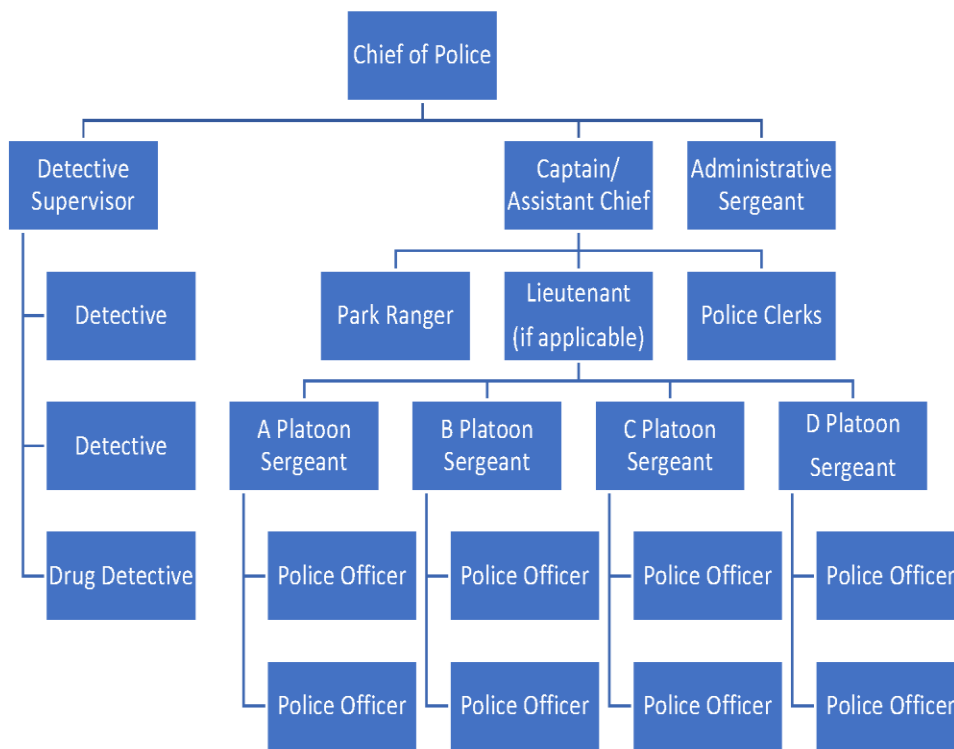
“Our mission is to provide essential services, preserve peace and order, reduce the occurrence and impact of crime, facilitate traffic safety, and protect the constitutional rights of all persons.

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.”





WOODSON TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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2023 Statistical Data

WOODSON TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime by Date Summary 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

Offense Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
RAPE, BY FORCE (AFTER 12-31-2012)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SEX OFFENSE, FORCIBLE, ATTEMPT TO COMMIT RAPE (PRIOR TO 01-01-2013)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ROBBERY, FIREARM	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ROBBERY, STRONGARM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, FIREARM	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, KNIFE/CUTTING INSTRUMENT	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, OTHER DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED, HANDS/FEET/FISTS	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
ASSAULT, INTIMIDATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ASSAULT, SIMPLE/OTHER	4	4	2	2	1	0	2	4	6	3	6	5	39
BURGLARY, FORCIBLE ENTRY	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
BURGLARY, UNLAWFUL ENTRY/NO FORCE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
LARCENY \$200 AND OVER	2	3	3	3	3	7	4	6	1	3	2	2	39
LARCENY \$50 TO \$199	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	1	0	2	13
LARCENY UNDER \$50	3	0	0	2	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	19
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, AUTO	8	7	9	4	8	6	8	10	5	7	3	5	80
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, OTHER VEHICLE	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BAD CHECKS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FRAUD, CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
FRAUD, FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
FRAUD, IMPERSONATION	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	9	4	3	2	7	9	12	8	8	6	8	7	83
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	5
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	2	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	1	15

Citation/Summons Issued January 1- December 31, 2023

Violation Category	# Tickets	% of Tickets
Accidents	4	0.42
Animals	2	0.21
Damage Property	10	1.05
Driver's License	144	15.08
DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic	3	0.31
Family Offenses	30	3.14
Financial Responsibility	202	21.15
Fraudulent Activities	1	0.10
General Driving	5	0.52
Health-Safety	3	0.31
Lane Usage	13	1.36
Lights-Vehicle	15	1.57
Obstructing Justice, Police	11	1.15
Parking	37	3.87
Public Order	3	0.31
Public Peace	4	0.42
Registration	276	28.90
Seat Belts, Child Restraint	65	6.81
Signs, Signals	34	3.56
Speeding	46	4.82
Stealing, Larceny	6	0.63
Traffic- Other	13	1.36
Trespassing	7	0.73
Turning	1	0.10
Vehicle Equipment, Inspections	10	1.05
Weapon	3	0.31
Yield Right of Way	7	.073
Totals	955	100.00%

The Officers of the Woodson Terrace Police Department handled 8,429 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 637 written reports for some of those calls for service and made 95 arrests. There were also 61 auto accident reports taken.

One of those reports taken was a Robbery 1st Degree in which a male subject entered a local store and demanded money from the clerk. The subject was able to get away with money from the store and the clerk's phone. The case is still under investigation.

A few other cases were Domestic Violence incidents. The first case was a boyfriend who was separated from his live in girlfriend had illegally entered her home and assaulted her. He also kept her from leaving for several hours. The subject was taken into custody and warrants were issued for Burglary 1st Degree, Sexual Offenses, and Assault. The second incident involved another boyfriend who physically assaulted his girlfriend and caused severe injuries. He was also taken into custody and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. Last, a female subject had used a pan to assault her stepfather, which also caused severe injuries. She was also charged with Assault 2nd Degree. The St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office issued warrants in all three cases.

We also made multiple drug violation cases throughout the year. Many came towards the end of the year, as we were able to re-instate our K9 program. K9 Diesel joined the department and is handled by PO Gregg. They made several drug arrests right away after completing their training.



Woodson Terrace Police Department Personnel Roster and Years of Service

The Woodson Terrace Police Department for the year of 2023 was comprised of 17 officers. In the month of December, we finally went back to full staff of 18 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 three (3) Detectives. We had hired several officers and lost one due to a termination for a policy violation. The following was the makeup of those officers:

Officer Name	DSN	Years with the Department
Chief Dominic Orlando	98	7
Captain Bret Carbray	102	4
Lieutenant Paul Wactor	106	3
Sgt. Todd Thomas	94	8
Sgt. George Forir	63	4
Sgt. John Brown	110	3
PO Nick Steinhauer	104	4
PO Kyle Gregg	105	4
Det. Chad Hembree	108	3
Det. Matt Anton	113	1
PO Justin Schaffer	114	1
PO Al Haller	116	1
PO Jon Strode	118	1
PO Xavier- Nacoste-Davis	119	1

The following Officers were hired in 2023.

Officer Name	DSN
PO Stan Nieweglowski	120
PO Christopher Tanner (Terminated)	122
K9 Diesel	123
PO Dominic Genovese	124
PO William Aston	125
PO Michael Preston	127

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



Det. Anton and Sgt. Brown head the Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch group. They worked in conjunction with the community to provide safety and crime preventions. The group meets every few months.



Officer Nacoste-Davis who provides area businesses with tips to succeed and be safe leads the Business Outreach Program. This program was developed to create a network of business leaders and owners to have better communication with each other and the department.



In February we celebrated the retirement of Police Chief Randy Halstead. He served the community for 34 years. He has been traveling the US with his wife and relaxing.

Our first Coffee with a Cop event was held and sponsored by 7-11. The provided us and their customers with coffee in the morning. The event is held to have a chat with our residents and visitors who came in for coffee. We can have a nice casual conversation and get to know each other more.



We also hosted a few fun events for the community as well. We co-hosted the 2nd Munic-Central Citizen's Police Academy with our neighboring cities. This program was put on for our residents to learn more about what their police departments do.



We also hosted our first Trick or Treat event. This was originally slated to be an open house/ trunk or treat event but the weather had other plans. So instead of being outside, we moved everything inside and had help from City Hall. The kids got to come in and get treats from all of the office staff, see the inside of the police department, and then head over to City Hall. When they finished getting treats, they were able to enjoy a hotdog and drink.

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. You can also visit and make comments on the CALEA Citizen's Portal and there is a link on our website.