

# CAMPBELL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025 Annual Report

# A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It would be fair to note that my letters typically begin the same way, and once again I will continue that pattern. This is not a lack of creativity, but rather a reflection of the importance of the topic that deserves to be addressed at the outset of every letter: recognizing the true key to the success of the Campbell County Police Department, our people. Our police staff, including Captains, Sergeants, Officers, and Detectives, along with our civilian staff, Police Social Workers, and our Records Specialist, are what make this agency exceptional. They consistently demonstrate professionalism, commitment, and care in everything they do, and the success and reputation of this agency are the direct result of their daily efforts, often performed quietly and without recognition.

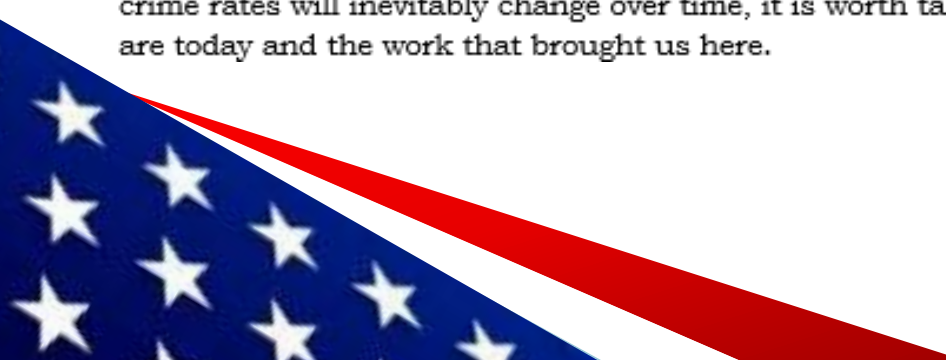


I would be remiss not to acknowledge the Campbell County Fiscal Court, the Judge Executive, Commissioners, and the administrative staff, without whose support we could not fulfill our responsibility to the residents of Campbell County. Their efforts, day after day and year after year, do not go unnoticed and are essential to the success of not only the Fiscal Court, but the Campbell County Police Department by extension. We are especially appreciative of the Fiscal Court's commitment demonstrated through the purchase of land for the planned Campbell County Public Safety Building. As we look forward to transitioning from a facility that will be nearly fifty years old, this investment ensures our personnel will have the space, resources, and infrastructure necessary to serve the community effectively for decades to come.

To the citizens of Campbell County, thank you for your trust and continued support. Sir Robert Peel, widely credited with shaping modern policing, once said, "The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." Policing is truly a shared responsibility and a partnership, and the quality of life enjoyed here in Campbell County would not be possible without the continued support, cooperation, understanding, and engagement of the community.

As I bring this letter to a close, I want to take a moment to look at crime rates over the past decade or so, back to their peak in 2016. Since that time, with minor fluctuations along the way, Part I crime has dropped to its lowest level, representing an overall reduction of nearly seventy percent (70%). While no trend lasts forever, this progress reflects years of hard work by our staff, the sound decision making of our supervisors and commanders, and the value of the strong partnerships we have formed with the Fiscal Court and, most importantly, the community. While crime rates will inevitably change over time, it is worth taking a moment to appreciate where we are today and the work that brought us here.

Sincerely,



# Mission Statement

As employees of the Campbell County Police Department we recognize that Service and Integrity are the cornerstones from which our Department is built. We will continually strive to enhance our knowledge, skills and ability to enforce the law, protect life and property, detect and deter crime, preserve the peace, and enhance the quality of life for all of the Campbell County residents in a highly efficient and professional manner.

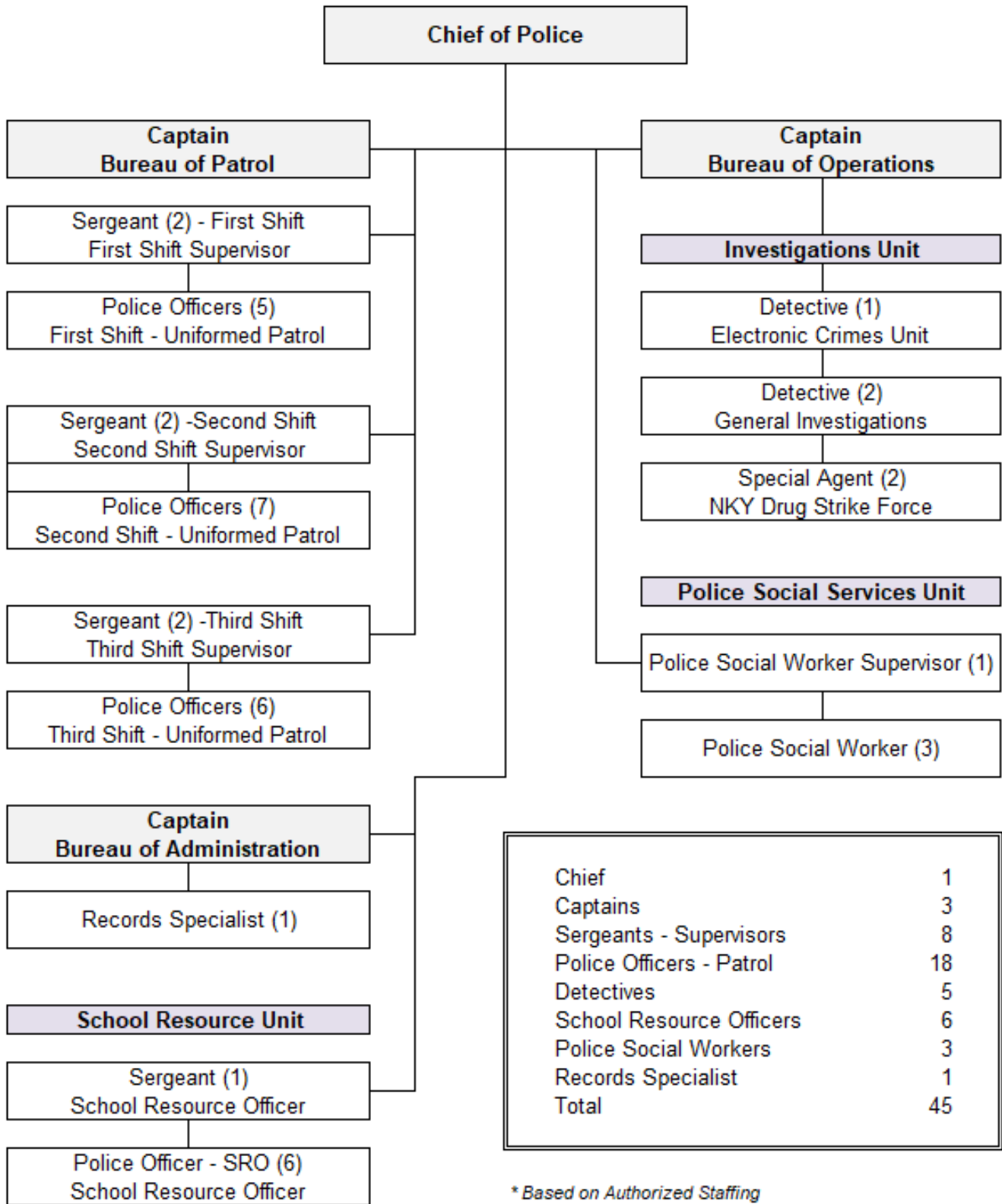
# Core Values

<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Developing leadership in our employees through the process of creating an organizational climate that fosters learning, opportunity, ownership, and accountability.
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	Fostering positive relationships through community involvement and partnerships while recognizing that we are a part of and represent a diverse community.

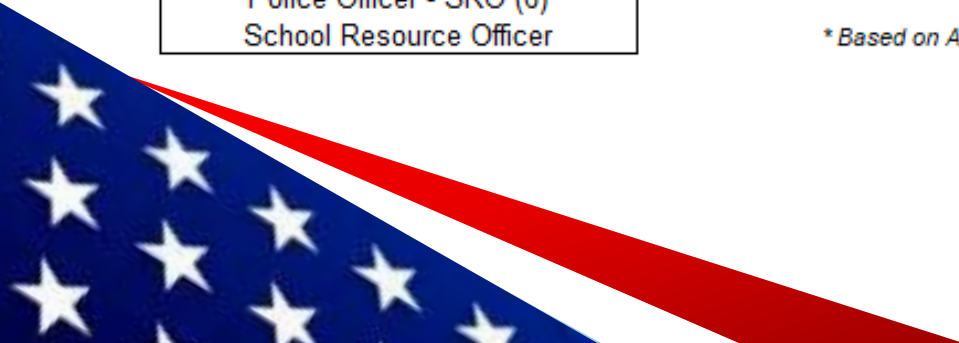
<b>SERVICE</b>	A commitment to providing professional police services to enhance the quality of life for Campbell County residents and our employees.
<b>EFFICIENCY</b>	Striving to enhance our ability to serve the public and our employees through a continuous process of evaluation of performance, maximizing the use of both human and technological resources, and encouraging diversity of thought and approaches to problem solving.



# 2025 Organizational Chart



\* Based on Authorized Staffing



# Command Staff



Captain Lauer  
Bureau of Operations



Captain Dornheggen  
Bureau of Patrol

Captain Noyes  
Bureau of Administration



# Supervisors



Sergeant Heiert  
2005



Sergeant Dieman  
2011



Sergeant McGohan  
2014



Sergeant Daley  
2014



Sergeant Latham  
2014



Sergeant Curtis  
2018



PSW Supervisor Wilson  
2023



# Agency Personnel



Officer Bray  
2015



Detective Bright  
2021



Officer Broomall  
2022



Detective Champagne  
2013



Officer DeWaine  
2025



Officer Hanssen  
2021



Officer Herolaga  
2024



Officer Holt  
2015



# Agency Personnel



Officer Kendall  
2022



Detective Kush  
2006



Officer Lakes  
1993



Officer Merson Jr.  
2024



Officer Mullins  
2023



Recruit Nelson  
2023



Officer Painter  
2023



Officer Sewell  
2024



# Agency Personnel



Officer Surber  
2009



Officer Tucker  
2023



Officer Wagner  
2023



Officer Wilhoit  
2022



Records Specialist Owen  
2014



PSW Williams  
2024



PSW Ford  
2025



PSW Best  
2025



School  
Resource  
Officers



Sergeant Meyer  
Northern Kentucky  
Cooperative for  
Educational Services  
2008



Officer Beighle  
Campbell County  
High School  
2023



Officer Bryant  
Cline  
Elementary School  
2023



Officer Conrad  
Grants Lick  
Elementary School  
2020



Officer Fillhardt  
Campbell County  
High School  
2023



Officer Delaney  
Crossroads  
Elementary School  
2023



Officer Newberry  
John W. Reiley  
Elementary School  
2025

# Retirements

After retiring in February 2025, Major Jeremy Newberry concluded an entire career of dedicated service with the Campbell County Police Department. As the second in command of the department, he served in numerous positions and leadership roles, including Commander of Patrol, Investigations, and Administration. He was also a long-time member of the SWAT team, serving as a police sniper, and served as Commander of the Honor Guard while remaining an active member for many years.

Highly respected within the agency and the community, Major Newberry was known for his professionalism, physical fitness, and character. Fondly referred to as “the natural,” he was regarded as a leader who set the standard and as a genuinely good person whose service leaves a lasting impact on the Campbell County Police Department.

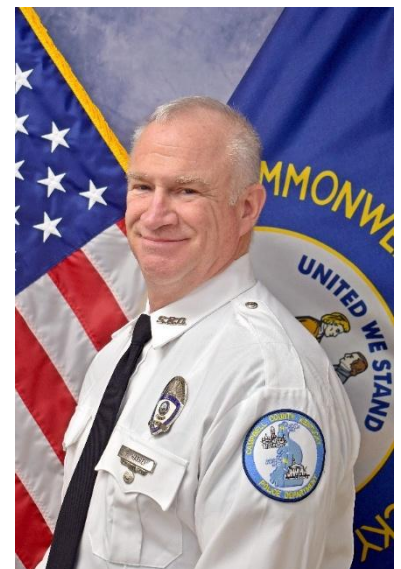


After retiring in August 2025, Captain Thomas Nitschke II concluded 23 and one half years of dedicated service in law enforcement and was the senior member of the agency at the time of his retirement. During his career with the Campbell County Police Department, he served as Patrol Commander and as the long-term Commander of the Bureau of Administration. He also completed a tour of duty as a General Crimes Detective.

Prior to joining the Campbell County Police Department, Captain Nitschke served in law enforcement with the United States Mint Police at Fort Knox. Universally well-liked by his coworkers, he was known for his positive attitude and professionalism. Outside of work, he was well known as a devoted Eastern Kentucky University fan and for his fondness for visiting Richmond, Kentucky.

After five years of service with the Campbell County Police Department, Officer Philip Harney concluded his career as a School Resource Officer at Reiley Elementary School, where he served for the entirety of his tenure. Known for his positivity and perpetual good mood, he was affectionately referred to as “Officer Phil” by students and staff.

Officer Harney was widely loved by the school community, and his presence made a lasting impact on those he served. He will be sincerely missed by students, staff, and his colleagues within the Campbell County Police Department.



# Campbell County Police Force Merit Board



Rees Hardy  
Chairman  
1990



Keith Daniels  
Secretary  
2008



William Voelker  
Board Member  
2000



Thomas Ramler  
Board Member  
2018



Rebecca Kirchhoff  
Board Member  
2024

The CCPD Merit Board is established under Kentucky law and is responsible for classifying and examining police applicants, as well as establishing rules and regulations that guide our police officers in the performance of their duties. We greatly appreciate the dedication of our board members and their generous contributions of time and expertise, which help enhance our agency and improve our ability to serve the county.



# Volunteers In Police Service



Tom Reed  
VIP  
2019



David Bazanson  
VIP  
2025

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program is composed of dedicated community members who generously contribute their time and talents to support the agency in various ways, helping to reduce the time our police officers spend on administrative tasks. Their positive attitude, willingness to assist with any task, and commitment to both the agency and Campbell County are truly commendable. Each year, these remarkable individuals donate countless hours to help ensure that the CCPD remains an agency you can be proud of. We are deeply grateful for all that they do!



# 2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



## - AWARD CITATION -

On behalf of the Campbell County Police Department and the Campbell County Police Merit Board, we proudly recognize Officer Eric Surber as the 2025 Employee of the Year. As the agency's senior patrol officer, Officer Surber has served with distinction in numerous roles, including Detective, NKDSF Agent, Property Room Officer, Bike Patrol Officer, Drone Operator, Field Training Officer, Honor Guard Member, Fire Investigation Team Member, and CARE Team Member. He is widely respected for his patience, professionalism, and ability to lead and teach by example. Officer Surber consistently accepts additional responsibilities without hesitation, quietly stepping forward to do what is needed. His positive attitude, strong work ethic, empathy, and unwavering dedication set a standard of excellence and exemplify the highest ideals of service and commitment.

# Enforcement Commendations

<b>Officers P. Wagner &amp; S. Painter</b>	<b>Officer W. Herolaga</b>	<b>Officer S. Painter</b>
For having made the highest number of arrests for Driving Under the Influence.	For having made the highest number of patrol related drug arrests.	For having written the highest number of citations for seatbelt offenses.

## Fit for Duty

Each year, we extend an invitation to all members of the agency to participate in a physical fitness test, as a means by which to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle. Participants are tested in five events and are required to obtain a passing score based on the exit standards set for police recruits graduating from the Department of Criminal Justice Training – Basic Police Academy. The events are comprised of bench press; sit-ups; 300-meter sprint; pushups; and the 1.5-mile run.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's Fit For Duty award recipients.

Officer Bailey	Officer Herolaga
Detective Bright	Officer Kendall
Detective Champagne	Captain Lauer
Sergeant Curtis	Sergeant McGohan
Sergeant Daley	Officer Merson
Officer DeWaine	Recruit Nelson
Captain Dornheggen	Officer Painter
Officer Hanssen	Officer Wilhoit
Sergeant Heiert	



# Core Values In Action

## **Leadership**

The CCPD implemented a formal Sergeant Roll Call Training program, providing focused, shift-level instruction on policies, tactics, safety issues, and recent incidents. In addition, officer input led to the formation of a vehicle design group, resulting in a new patrol car design featured on the cover of this annual report.

## **Efficiency**

This year, the CCPD implemented virtual reality training, allowing officers to safely practice decision-making and communication skills in realistic, high-stress scenarios. Officers found the training highly beneficial, and it is expected to continue. The agency also placed two electric police bicycles into service, enhancing bicycle patrol capabilities and operational flexibility.



# Core Values In Action

## **Community**

The CCPD expanded community-focused prevention efforts by qualifying two instructors to teach Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). RAD classes will be offered several times each year to female members of the public and focus on awareness, prevention strategies, and practical self-defense skills.

## **Service**

With the support of the Campbell County Fiscal Court, land was acquired and final planning began for a new public safety facility. The building will house the CCPD, Emergency Management, Consolidated Dispatch, the County Coroner's Office, and the Emergency Operations Center, which serves as a centralized location for coordinating response during major incidents and disasters.



# 2025 In Pictures



CCPD Supports Child Abuse Prevention Month



Ofc. Tucker and Records Specialist Owen attend the Rape Aggression Defense Instructor certification course



Silver Grove Heritage Festival



CCPD Supports AJ Jolly Park Spooktacular



# 2025 In Pictures



Honor Guard – From left: Ofc. Surber, Major Newberry, Ofc. Tucker, Ofc. Mullins



CCPD Police Social Workers



Sgt. Heiert & Ofc. Surber on CCPD E Bikes



Cops & Kids





# THE CHIEFS

John Baptist Sheeran	1922 - 1926
John J Higgins	1926 - 1930
Ernest R. (E.R.) Brandes	1930 - 1934
James Manning Reed Wood	1934 - 1936
Edwin Erwing Offenback	1936 - 1937
Julius Lenorard Plummer Jt.	1938 - 1944
George Thomas Benz (Bens)	1944 - 1948
Jacob Frank Racke	1948 - 1950
Ralph Williams Adams Sr.	1950 - 1951
James Earl Winters II	1952 - 1955
Hugh Arthur Hacker	1955 - 1956
Henry Benjamin Stuart	1958 - 1964
George A. Arnold	1964 - 1982
Thomas Bridges	1983 - 1993
David Herman Sandfoss	1994 - 2004
Keith D. Hill	2004 - 2014
Craig Patrick Sorrell	2015 - Present



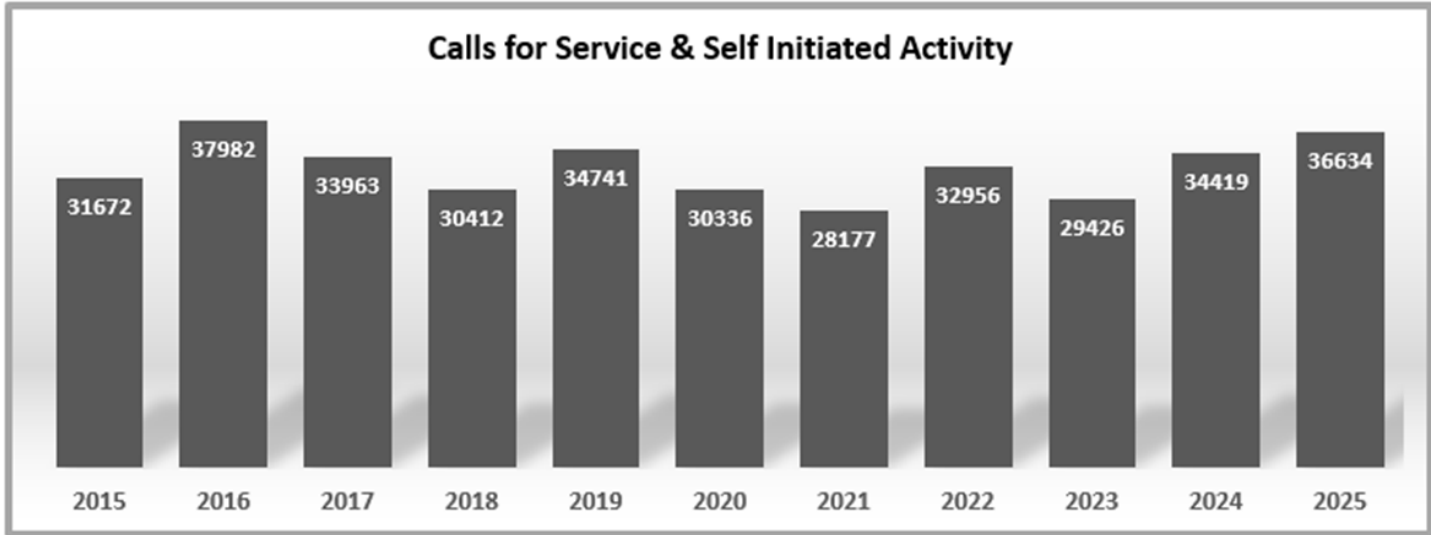


**2025**

**STATISTICS**

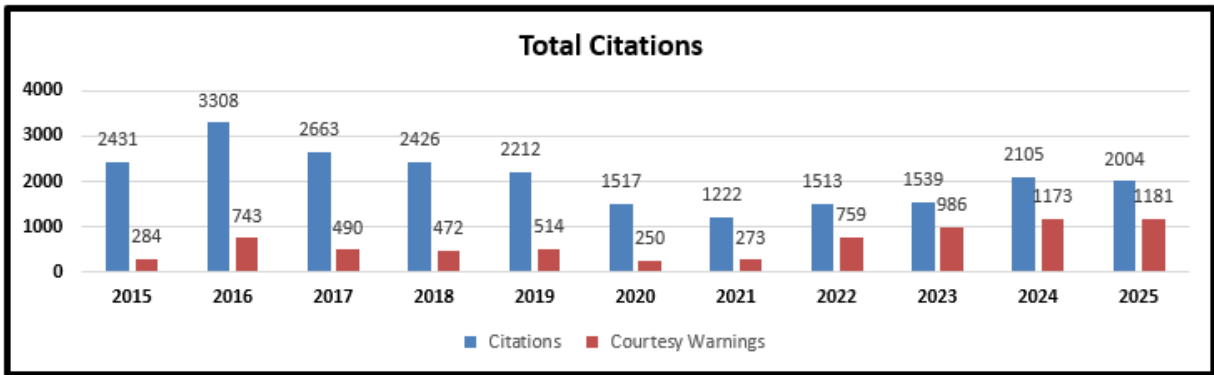


# Activity

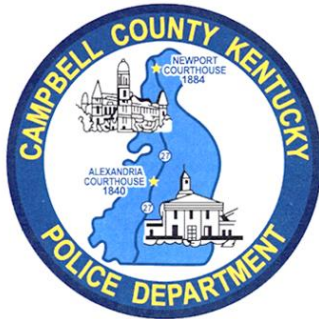
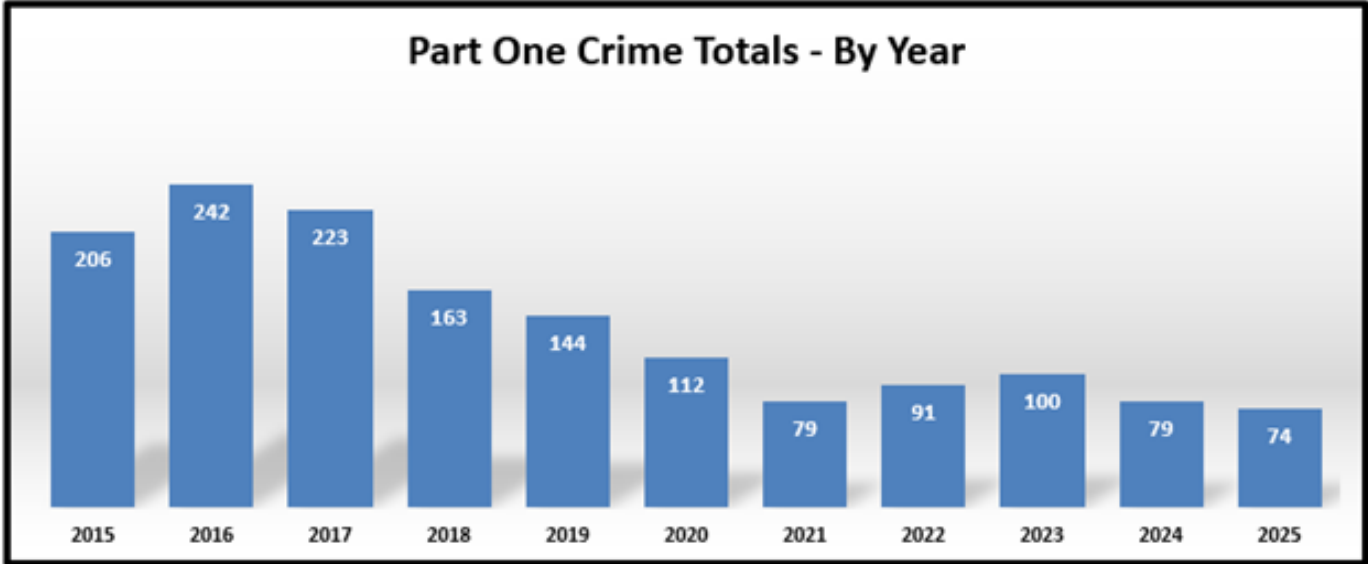


# Citations

Citations												
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average
Total Citations	2,431	3,308	2,663	2,426	2,212	1,517	1,222	1,513	1,539	2,105	2,004	2,085
Traffic Citations	1,966	2,876	2,243	1,997	1,824	1,178	968	1,223	1,202	1,770	1,660	1,719
Traffic Citation Counts	2,825	3,760	2,990	2,939	2,695	1,793	1,447	1,781	1,689	2,307	2,201	2,402
Courtesy Warnings	284	743	490	472	514	250	273	759	986	1,173	1,181	648



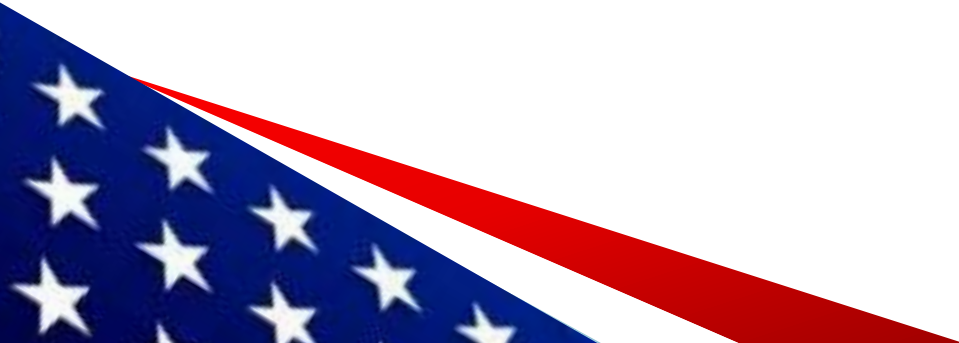
# Part 1 Crimes



### CCPD Uniform Crime Report - Part I Crimes

Offenses Committed	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 Part 1 Crimes	2025 Clearance Rate	Duration Average
Criminal Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
Rape (Includes Sodomy & Fondling)	12	11	13	12	9	7	4	8	3	2	7	57%	8
Aggravated Assault	3	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	5	1	1	0%	2
Burglaries	59	48	46	34	36	23	7	9	10	3	3	67%	25
Larceny - Theft	111	156	138	103	87	68	53	67	71	69	58	33%	89
Auto Theft	20	21	21	12	9	8	13	6	10	4	3	33%	12
Arson	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0
Robbery	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	100%	1
Human Trafficking	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Total Part I Crimes:</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Total All Crimes:</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>657</b>

\* Clearance rates are affected by: open cases actively being worked, lack of continued cooperation by victims, solvability factors, and other considerations.



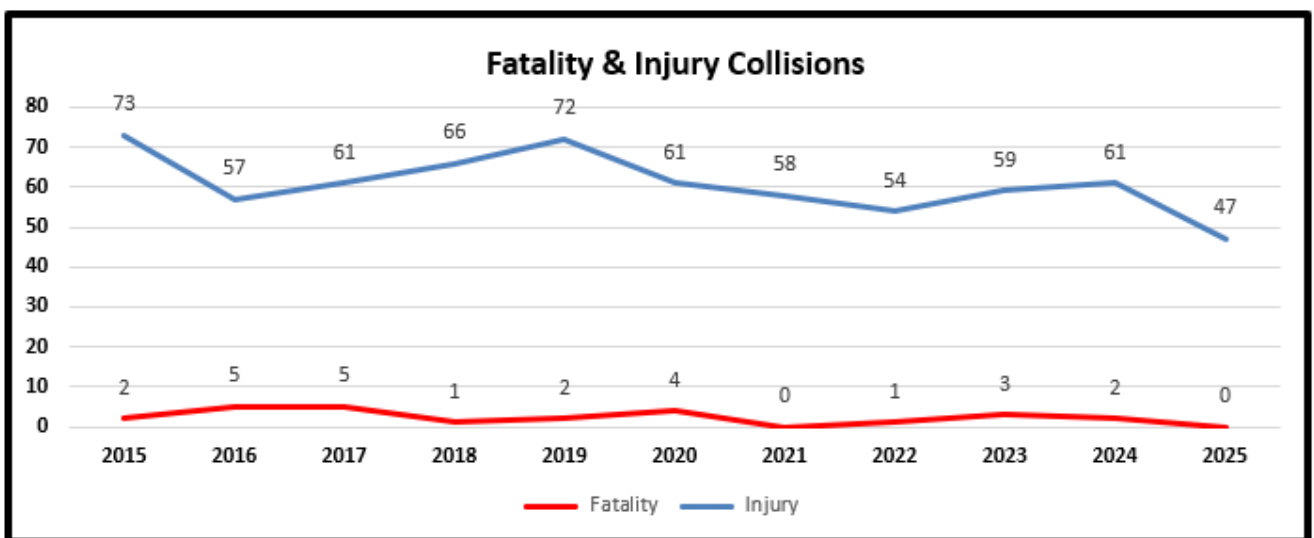
# Collisions

## Collision Statistics

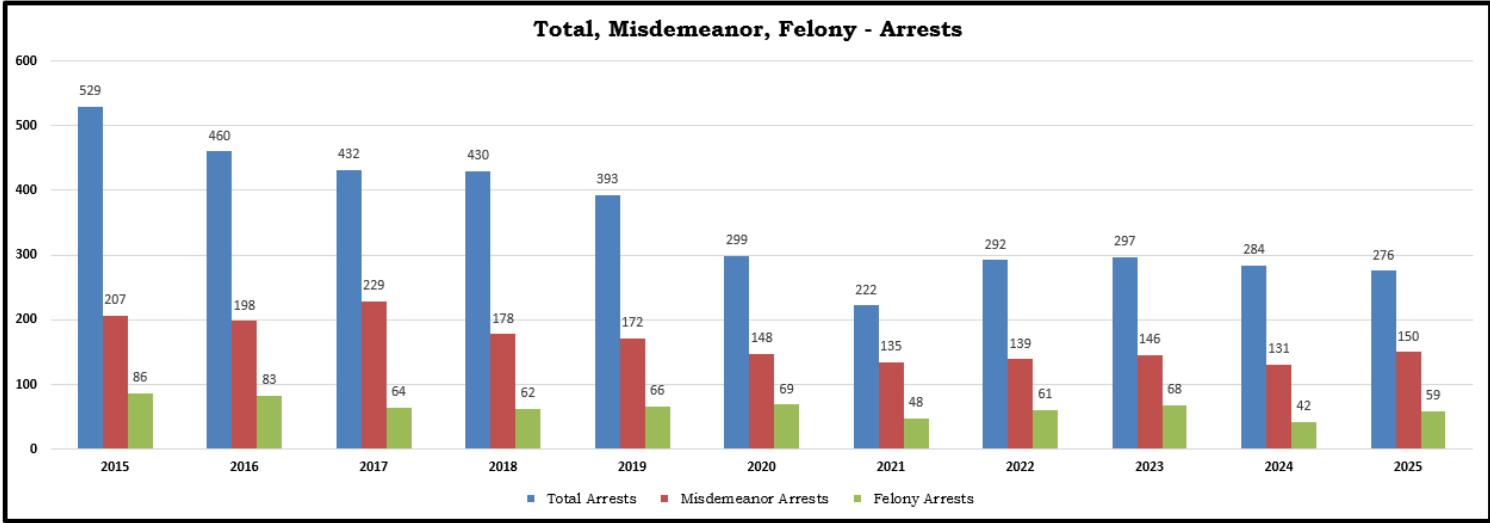
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average
Total Number of Collisions	445	489	486	555	516	401	373	383	421	424	402	445
Injury Collisions	73	57	61	66	72	61	58	54	59	61	47	61
Total Injured	97	82	76	93	92	80	93	73	88	83	64	84
Fatal Collisions	2	5	5	1	2	4	0	1	3	2	0	2
Total Killed	2	5	6	2	2	4	0	1	3	2	0	2
Single Vehicle Collisions	240	246	255	255	221	198	202	180	197	223	190	219
Commercial Vehicle Collisions	10	26	18	28	24	24	14	16	22	14	21	20
Property Damage Collisions	73	73	80	82	59	71	63	57	63	74	53	68
Parking Lot Collisions	36	39	30	33	27	20	17	28	31	39	36	31
Private Property Collisions	38	38	60	62	53	67	58	54	53	59	39	53
Animal Involved Collisions	68	96	79	79	80	79	75	66	65	86	68	76
Alcohol Involvement	29	19	19	24	21	21	25	16	19	20	18	21
Drug Involvement	3	5	4	2	5	9	7	6	1	5	5	5

## Single Vehicle Only Collisions - Extracted From Collision Statistics

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average
Total Number of Collisions	240	246	255	255	221	198	202	180	197	226	190	219
Injury Collisions	36	25	33	24	33	23	30	27	25	35	20	28
Total Injured	42	30	37	27	43	25	34	27	34	38	21	33
Fatal Collisions	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1
Total Killed	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1
Property Damage Collisions	203	220	220	231	187	174	172	156	170	187	170	190
Collisions W/Commercial Veh.	3	10	5	10	3	6	8	5	7	4	9	6



# Arrest Data



**Arrests**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Average
Total Arrests	529	460	432	430	393	299	222	292	297	284	276	356
Total Arrest Counts	823	734	633	668	627	480	387	488	493	431	447	565
Felony	86	83	64	62	66	69	48	61	68	42	59	64
Misdemeanor	207	198	229	178	172	148	135	139	146	131	150	167
Traffic Total	128	124	93	95	91	78	47	69	63	49	51	81
Traffic Counts	294	287	199	237	244	177	120	190	160	91	104	191
Traffic - DUI	80	72	87	106	84	74	57	75	64	49	60	73
Criminal	122	108	95	105	82	91	80	80	60	68	80	88
Criminal Counts	211	169	140	174	148	165	157	130	106	112	143	150
Juvenile	13	14	3	4	5	5	10	11	16	24	29	12
Juvenile Counts	18	31	20	5	7	6	18	15	37	57	64	25
Warrants	266	214	237	226	214	125	85	132	142	143	116	173
Warrant Counts	300	247	274	252	227	131	92	153	172	158	131	194



# Jurisdictional



## 2025 By Police Jurisdiction

Data Set	Alexandria	Bellevue	Campbell County	Cold Spring	Dayton	Fort Thomas
Total Crimes	242	129	461	232	232	354
Total Arrests	114	152	276	252	158	296
Number of Charges	215	247	447	785	253	592
Warrant Arrests	54	50	117	62	68	136
Total Citations	752	376	2,004	767	414	1,572
Traffic Citations	615	212	1,660	580	218	1,262
Traffic Charges	1,044	335	2,201	1,355	350	2,263
Courtesy Warnings	51	10	1,181	37	349	51
Total Collisions	272	170	371	269	93	305
Injury Collisions	29	15	46	20	11	20
Fatal Collisions	1	0	0	1	0	0
Population Estimates*	10,819	5,738	21,276	6,499	5,854	16,914
County Population %	11.51%	6.10%	22.63%	6.91%	6.23%	17.99%

\* Figures based on raw data, as appears in the Kentucky Open Portal Solution.

\* Population estimates: U.S. Census Bureau, QuickFacts, Population Estimates, July 1, 2024

## 2025 By Police Jurisdiction

Data Set	Highland Heights	Newport	NKU	Southgate	Wilder
Total Crimes	131	1,235	62	85	72
Total Arrests	73	1,526	11	215	141
Number of Charges	105	2,218	16	367	251
Warrant Arrests		685	8	122	31
Total Citations	168	3,408	80	2,275	314
Traffic Citations	89	1,675	62	2,089	208
Traffic Charges	161	2,630	86	3,048	317
Courtesy Warnings	3	113	9	91	10
Total Collisions	158	1,044	57	128	223
Injury Collisions	20	56	4	14	29
Fatal Collisions	0	3	0	0	1
Population Estimates*	6,292	14,018	-	3,648	3,176
County Population %	6.69%	14.91%	-	3.88%	3.38%

\* Figures based on raw data, as appears in the Kentucky Open Portal Solution.

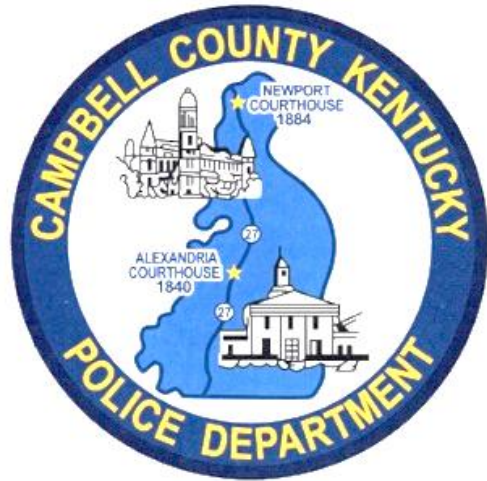
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## 2025 Combined Totals

Total Crimes	3,235
Total Arrests	4,505
Number of Charges	5,496
Warrant Arrests	1,333
Total Citations	12,130
Traffic Citations	8,670
Traffic Charges	13,790
Courtesy Warnings	1,905
Total Collisions	3,090
Injury Collisions	264
Fatal Collisions	6
Population Estimates	94,008

# We Want To Hear From You!



The Campbell County Police Department is continuously striving to find better ways to serve the citizens of Campbell County. Please feel free to contact us anytime to discuss any problems, concerns, or suggestions you may have.

We can be reached by phone:

**859-547-3100**

We can be reached by email at:

**[ccpolice@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:ccpolice@campbellcountyky.gov)**

You can also visit us on our website at:

**<http://www.campbellcountyky.gov>**

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