

# Murray Police Department



## 2022 Annual Report

Jeffrey O. Liles  
Chief of Police

## DEDICATION

The Murray Police Department 2022 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Calloway County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jody Cash. Chief Deputy Cash was a retired Trooper with the Kentucky State Police. During his career, he also served with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, Murray State University Police, and the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Chief Deputy Cash made the ultimate sacrifice for our community when he was murdered in the Line of Duty. Jody was a colleague, partner, and friend. He is deeply missed.



## MURRAY POLICE DEPARTMENT VALUES

- **Integrity**

We will conduct ourselves so as to bring credit and honor to our City, our department, and our profession. We will be honest even if it means admitting our own mistakes or acting against our personal interests and loyalties.

- **Pride**

We believe our work to be necessary and an asset to our community.

- **Partnerships**

We are dedicated to working with the citizens of Murray to solve community problems and to make our neighborhoods a better place to live and work.

- **Professionalism**

We will constantly strive to expand our knowledge, act in service to others, and constantly evaluate ourselves and the needs of those we serve.

- **Fairness**

We will treat all people and issues in an unbiased, equitable, and just manner without regard for social indicators or economic status.



## MURRAY POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

*As members of the Murray Police Department, we are dedicated in our mission to provide a professional community-oriented police service. We are committed to creating and maintaining an active community partnership by assisting citizens in identifying and solving problems in our community so that we may improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We constantly strive for excellence in protecting life, property and maintaining order while ensuring fair and equal treatment to all. We will conduct ourselves professionally through a proactive effort in communication, prevention, deterrence and investigation of all that affects the safety of the citizens and visitors of Murray. All activities of the Murray Police Department will be conducted lawfully in accordance with the laws of the City of Murray, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the United States of America.*



# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## *Administration*

The department is administered by the Chief of Police, Chief Jeffrey Liles with the assistance of Assistant Chief of Police, Major Samuel Bierds. A graduate of Murray State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Chief Liles has spent over 30 years as a member of the Murray Police Department. Appointed Chief of Police in 2010, Chief Liles is the longest serving Chief in Department history. In 2022, Chief Liles was named Chief of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. He serves on numerous boards throughout the community and the state.

Major Bierds has over 18 years' experience in Law Enforcement, and has been at the Murray Police Department since 2010. He was appointed Major in 2021. Major Bierds earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Murray State University, and is pursuing a Master of Justice Administration degree from the University of the Cumberlands.

The Administration Division also maintains all police records. The Department's Records Custodian is Janie Green. She is responsible for the coordination and release of police records to victims, prosecutors, as well as all open records requests.



Jeffrey Liles  
Chief of Police



Major Samuel Bierds  
Assistant Chief of Police



## *Patrol*

The Patrol Division has the most visible members of the Murray Police Department and accounts for the largest portion of personnel in the department, providing around the clock coverage to the residents and visitors to Murray. The patrol officers are assigned to three shifts which are 8 hours in duration. These shifts are scheduled to maximize the available manpower during the peak periods when they are needed.



**A Watch**  
5:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Captain Jay Herndon**  
*Watch Commander*

**Sergeant Evan Timmons**  
*Shift Supervisor*



**B Watch**  
1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Captain John Cooper**  
*Watch Commander*

**Sergeant Anna Wicker**  
*Shift Supervisor*



**C Watch**  
9:00 pm to 5:00 am

**Captain Andrew Wiggins**  
*Watch Commander*

**Sergeant Michael Weatherford**  
*Shift Supervisor*



## *K-9 Unit*

K-9 Ringo is a 3-year-old Dutch Shepherd, trained to detect illegal drugs, track and apprehend offenders, as well as building searches. He is handled by Sergeant Anna Wicker.



*K-9 Ringo*

## *Investigations*



**Sergeant Angel Clero**

The department's Investigations Division includes four sworn personnel. The division is directly commanded by Sergeant Angel Clero who supervises three investigators. In addition to investigating open cases after the Patrol Division takes the initial report, this division works with the Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police to investigate internal affairs complaints. The division also has the responsibility to process and store evidence collected from all cases. In 2022, the Investigations Division conducted numerous felony investigations, securing multiple convictions in court.



## *Support Services*

Support Services is a versatile division, performing many duties vital to the department's mission. Sgt. Kendra Clere heads this unit. Her duties include organizing neighborhood watch programs, conducting business and residential security assessments, coordinating the Citizen's Police Academy, providing child fingerprinting services, school liaison, as well as media spokesperson for the department. Sgt. Clere also supervises the School Resource Officer program which consists of one officer each assigned to Murray High School, Murray Middle School, and Murray Elementary School for a total of 3 SRO's. The School Resource Officers are responsible for administering and coordinating the Novel McReynolds Youth Police Academy. Two sessions of the Youth Academy are conducted each summer for area school children. Sgt. Clere also serves as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Officer. She is responsible for enforcement of all regulatory statutes and ordinances, as the collection of alcohol regulatory fees.



**Sergeant Kendra Clere**

## *Communications*



**Team Leader Lisa Starks**

The Communications Division includes six non-sworn personnel. This division is led by Telecommunications Team Leader Lisa Starks under the oversight of Major Bierds. The telecommunications personnel for the department must attend the five-week basic Telecommunications Course offered by the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, KY, unless they have an active certification from KY DOCJT upon hire. After the basic training course is successfully completed, telecommunications personnel are required to attend 8 hours of annual training to maintain certification, however, other continuing education beyond this mandatory 8 hours is encouraged. Telecommunications personnel also complete a 3-week in-house field training course before being permitted to work without oversight of a certified telecommunicator. This Field Training program for telecommunicators has the flexibility to be expanded to five weeks or more, depending on their skill level. In June of 2015 the Communications Division was among the first in Kentucky to be accredited as a Telecommunications Center by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP). The Communications Division is preparing to apply for re-accreditation in June of 2024.





## *Budget and Funding*

The Murray Police Department presently operates on an annual budget of \$3,786,153. We have also been able to fund many equipment upgrades through federal and state grants. In 2023 we will be continuing to provide, in partnership with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, overtime traffic enforcement in high collision areas throughout the city. We have been fortunate to receive this grant from the Commonwealth for several years and will continue in 2023.

## *Accreditation*

In 2007 the Murray Police Department became an accredited agency by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Accreditation reflects that an agency was carefully measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded professionally accepted practices in law enforcement. The accreditation standing must be reapplied for every five years. In 2012, 2017, and 2022, the Murray Police Department was successful in gaining approval for re-accreditation which will ensure the department will continue its accredited status through 2027.



## *Facility*

The Murray Police Department has been located 104 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street for 4 years. During that time, the Department has hosted numerous trainings conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Training, the Kentucky League of Cities, and the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council also conducts written suitability testing at our facility. The Murray Police Department is recognized across the state as an excellent location to conduct law enforcement training and testing.



## *Community Involvement*

The Murray Police Department policing philosophy has been and will continue to be a community-oriented style of policing. Murray Police Department has participated and assisted in facilitating many community events. The Murray Police Department hosts an annual Community Night in cooperation and partnership with many local agencies, organizations and businesses. In 2023, we will once again host our quarterly Coffee with a Cop events at local restaurants where officers meet with and address concerns of citizens and visitors of the City of Murray. Community partnerships are vital to successful policing.



## *Body Worn Cameras*

In 2021, MPD began to seek funding to assist with the program's cost. We were awarded an \$80,000 grant through the Small-Rural-Tribal Body Worn Camera Program administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. MPD was one of only six law enforcement agencies in Kentucky that were awarded grant funding through this program.

The Murray Police Department will use BWCs to achieve five goals:

- To assist in providing further information on potential crimes in progress, whether perpetrated against the officer or the community and to maintain this evidence for presentation in court.
- To assist in the initial police response, the discovery of evidentiary items and the actions of police pursuant to an investigation.
- To assist in the documentation of victim, witness, or suspect statements pursuant to an on-scene response and/or document advisement of rights, if applicable.
- To assist in investigations of complaints made against officers in the course of their police duties.
- To assist as a training and performance mechanism which will contribute to the professionalism of all Murray Police Officers.

The Murray Police Department developed a comprehensive policy for the use of BWCs. MPD reviewed policies from multiple agencies nationwide and the model policy from the Kentucky League of Cities. In addition, MPD consulted with several agencies already using BWCs to learn about policy and operational issues they encountered when implementing their programs. The Department's legal advisors reviewed the MPD policy before being approved by Chief Liles. The policy addresses several areas, including when officers should activate their BWCs, how the video footage should be retained and released, privacy concerns associated with BWC footage, the general operation of the technology, supervisor review of BWC footage, and other issues associated with the Department's BWC program.



# 2022 DEPARTMENT AWARD WINNERS

## Officer of the Year



*Officer David Bailey*

## Telecommunicator of the Year



*Telecommunicator Karen Bray*

## Chief's Award



*Officer Patrick Morris*



## 2022 MURRAY POLICE DEPARTMENT STATS

### *Police Activity by Type*

<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Drugs	18
911 Hang-up	392
Out with Subject	267
Attempt to Serve Warrant	175
Security Check	2804
Collision- No Injury	690
Collision- Injury	52
Mental Health	58
Abuse Investigation	12
Alcohol Intoxication	43
Burglar/Holdup Alarm	509
Animal Complaint	338
Assault	90
Assist Other Agency	207
ATV Complaint	2
BOLO	81
Burglary	40
Custody Dispute	14
Civil Matter	68
Clear Parking Lot	6
Criminal Mischief	76
Counterfeit	14
Death Investigation	14
Dispute	137
Domestic Violence	215
Reckless Driver	257
Gas Drive Off	12
Special Detail	49
Illegal Dumping	7
EMS Assist	127
Emergency Protection Order	42
Escort	199
Extra Patrol	208
Fight	42
Fire	8
Fire Alarm	5
Scam/Fraud	70
Escort Funds	236
Fireworks Complaint	43



Harassment	150
Information	1360
Lockout	19
Motorist Assist	184
Misc.	117
Missing Person	10
Missing Juvenile	12
Noise Complaint	314
Odor Investigation	7
Out of Control Subject	73
Suspicious Package	7
Attempt to Serve Paper	23
Parking Enforcement	31
Parking Complaint	69
Property Damage	35
Property Maintenance	24
Found Property	131
Runaway Juvenile	17
Rape/Sexual Assault	7
Repossession	64
Road Hazard	160
Robbery	1
School Traffic	6
Search Warrant	2
Shots Fired	11
Suspicious Person	227
Standby	53
Suicide or Attempt	10
Suspicious Activity	278
Suspicious Vehicle	272
Traffic Enforcement	6
Theft	439
Threats	87
Traffic Control	36
Transport Subject	6
Trespassing	55
Traffic Stop	2327
Unknown Disturbance	333
Unwanted Subject	236
Welfare Check	542
<b>Total</b>	<b>15368</b>

*Note: This activity is based on calls for service as they were received. Therefore, they may not represent the final reported event. For example, a collision may be dispatched as having no injuries and later be determined to have injuries.*



## Arrests by Demographic

### Male Arrestees

Offense Type Charged	White	Black	Am. Indian Alaskan Native	Asian Pacific Islander	Unknown	Total
Aggravated Assault	11	3	0	0	0	14
All Other Larceny	4	2	0	0	0	6
All Other Offenses	85	33	0	0	2	120
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	6	4	0	0	1	11
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	4	0	0	0	6
Credit Card Fraud	1	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	9	6	0	0	1	16
Disorderly Conduct	7	6	0	0	1	14
Driving Under the Influence	67	11	1	0	2	81
Drug Equipment Violations	18	1	0	0	1	20
Drug/Narcotic Violations	30	2	0	0	2	34
Drunkenness	33	10	0	0	0	43
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	6	3	0	0	0	9
Fondling	1	1	0	0	0	2
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	12	3	0	0	0	15
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	0	0	0	0	2
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	0	0	0	3
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rape	2	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0	2
Shoplifting	6	1	0	0	0	7
Simple Assault	22	12	0	0	1	35
Sodomy	2	0	0	0	0	2
Stolen Property Offenses	5	2	0	0	1	8
Trespass of Real Property	9	1	0	0	0	10
Weapon Law Violations	4	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>469</b>



## Female Arrestees

Offense Type Charged	White	Black	Am. Indian Alaskan Native	Asian Pacific Islander	Unknown	Total
Aggravated Assault	3	0	0	0	0	3
All Other Larceny	3	0	0	0	0	3
All Other Offenses	40	1	0	0	0	41
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary	2	0	0	0	0	2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	0	0	0	0	3
Credit Card Fraud	2	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	0	0	1
Driving Under the Influence	20	4	0	0	0	24
Drug Equipment Violations	9	0	0	0	0	9
Drug/Narcotic Violations	16	0	0	0	0	16
Drunkenness	11	0	0	0	0	11
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	11	0	0	0	0	11
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	2	0	0	0	0	2
Intimidation	4	2	0	0	1	7
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	7	2	0	0	2	11
Simple Assault	7	2	0	0	2	11
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	0	0	0	1
Trespass of Real Property	3	0	0	0	0	3
Weapon Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>163</b>

**2022 Total Arrestees: 632**





## *Offenses by UCR Type*

The Murray Police Department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program is managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and generates reliable statistics for use in law enforcement. It also provides information for students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. The program has been providing crime statistics since 1930.

UCR Code	Description	Counts
011	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1
020	Forcible Rape	4
030	Robbery	3
040	Aggravated Assault	18
050	Breaking and Entering	37
060	Larceny-Theft (Except Auto Theft)	302
070	Auto Theft	14
080	Other Assaults	211
090	Arson	1
100	Forgery and Counterfeiting	28
110	Fraud	35
130	Stolen Property; Buy, Receive, Possess	12
140	Vandalism	78
150	Weapon Offenses; Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	5
170	Sex Offenses (Except Forcible Rape & Prost.)	20
181	Sales/Man- Opium/Cocaine & Derivatives	2
182	Sales/Man- Marijuana	3
183	Sales/Man- Syn. Narcotics	6
184	Sales/Man- Other Dangerous Non-Narcotic Drugs	36
185	Possession- Opium/Cocaine & Derivatives	1
186	Possession- Marijuana	19
188	Possession- Other Dangerous Drugs	56
200	Offenses Against Family & Children	19
210	Driving Under the Influence	107
220	Liquor Laws	12
230	Drunkenness	55
240	Disorderly Conduct	50
260	All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	76
500	Juvenile	2
510	Traffic	201
530	Other	54
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1468</b>



## ***Response to Active Resistance***

*“All Murray Police Department Officers shall recognize that the sanctity of human life serves as the guiding principle in response to resistance decisions.”*

- MPD Policy 1104 Response to Active Resistance

The Murray Police Department strives to conduct law enforcement operations in a safe manner, utilizing as little force as possible to achieve lawful goals. De-escalation and verbal persuasion are the preferred methods to reduce the intensity of a conflict or potentially violent situation. This is the first and most commonly used level of force. However, there are times when physical force is required to safely gain control of an actively resisting suspect, or to protect the officer or others from injury. Physical force consists of increasing levels of severity:

- Soft empty hand control are Techniques that have a low potential of injury to the subject. For example, an officer’s use of hands to direct a subject’s movement. This is the appropriate level of force for a passively resisting suspect.
- OC Spray is a chemical agent derived from hot pepper plants. It is to be used only on suspects who are actively resisting and/or displaying active aggression. Officers are recertified on its use annually.
- The Taser is an electronic control weapon designed to be a less lethal force option. It is to be used only on suspects who are actively resisting and/or displaying active aggression. Officers are recertified on its use annually.
- Physical force (holding, pulling, pushing, striking, exerting great strength) may be used and actively resisting/actively aggressive suspect for the purposes self-defense, defense of others, and/or to safely effect an arrest. Chokeholds and neck restraints are prohibited by the Murray Police Department unless deadly force is justified.
- Batons are formidable impact weapons generally used against aggressive, unarmed suspects when other levels of control have failed or have been deemed to be inadequate. Officers are recertified on the use of batons annually.
- Deadly force is only authorized in order to prevent death or serious physical injury to the officer or others. Officers qualify with firearms twice annually in regular and low light conditions.

All Officers of the Murray Police Department have an affirmative duty to intervene if they witness a response to resistance that is clearly unreasonable. They are required to not only intervene at the time of the incident, but to report the situation to a supervisor as well. Officers are trained on this policy annually.



Whenever force is used by an officer, they are required to document its use. That report is reviewed by the officer's supervisor, as well as the Chief of Police. In 2022, less than 0.05% of the more than 15,000 service calls answered by MPD officers, and less than 1.7% of arrests resulted in force.

## 2022 Response to Resistance Reports

Total UOF Incidents	9
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### Race/Ethnicity

White	8
Black	1
Asian	0
Hispanic	0
Other/Unknown	0

### Gender

Male	4
Female	5

### Injury Treatment Required

None	8
First Aid	1
E.R Treatment	0
Hospitalization	0
Death	0

### Type of Force\*

Physical	6
OC Spray	1
Taser	2
Baton/Impact Weapon	0
Firearm	0
Other	0

### Precipitating Activity

Subject in Crisis	3
Domestic Assault	4
Public Disturbance	0
Other	2

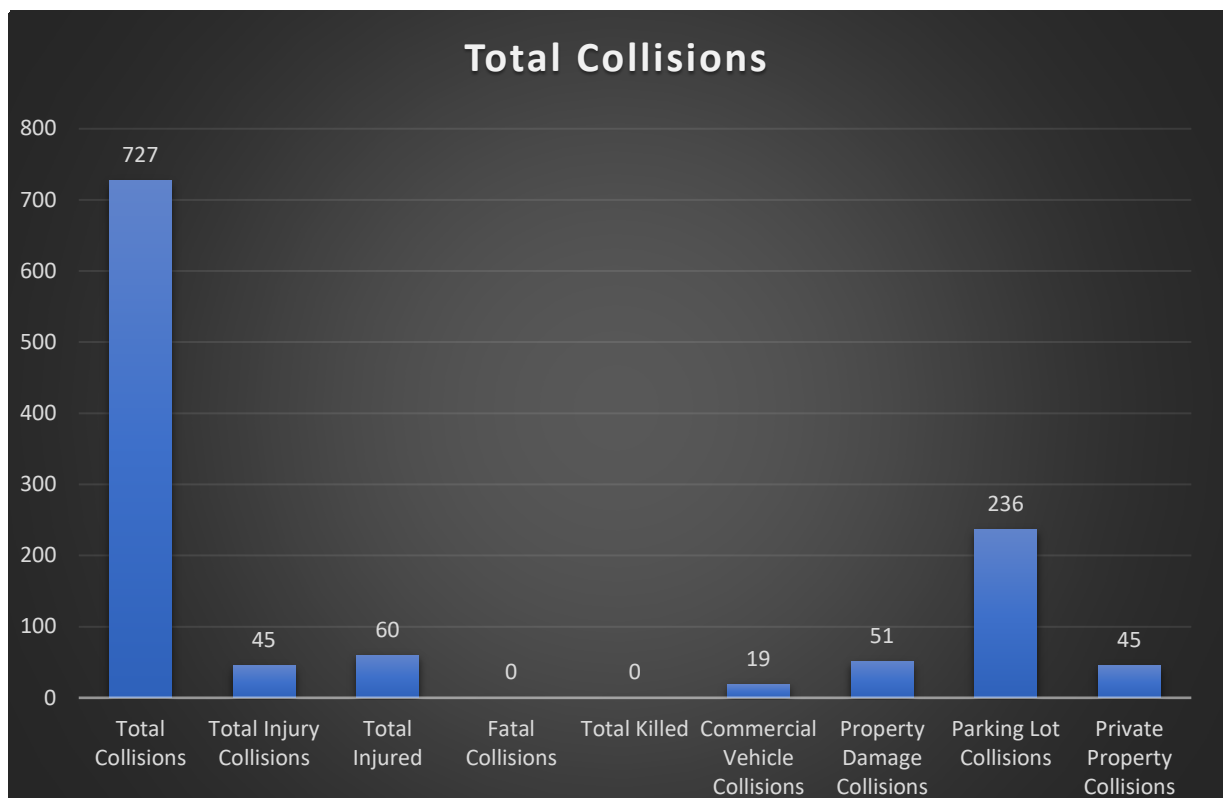
*\*Multiple types of force may be used in the same incident.*



## Motor Vehicle Collision Data

### Stat Summary

Total Collisions	727
Total Injury Collisions	45
Total Injured	60
Fatal Collisions	0
Total Killed	0
Commercial Vehicle Collisions	19
Property Damage Collisions	51
Parking Lot Collisions	236
Private Property Collisions	45



### Contributing Factors

Human Factors	Total Reported	For Fatal	For Injury	For Property Damage Only	Number Killed	Number Injured
Alcohol Involvement	11	0	2	9	0	4
Cell Phone	5	0	0	5	0	0
Disregard Traffic Control	22	0	2	20	0	5
Distraction	32	0	4	28	0	5
Emotional	1	0	0	1	0	0
Exceeded Stated Speed Limit	1	0	0	1	0	0
Failed to Yield Right of Way	100	0	12	88	0	16
Fatigue	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fell Asleep	1	0	0	1	0	0
Following Too Close	16	0	0	16	0	0
Improper Backing	22	0	0	22	0	0
Improper Passing	1	0	0	1	0	0
Inattention	440	0	21	419	0	28
Lost Consciousness/ Fainted	2	0	2	0	0	2
Misjudge Clearance	55	0	1	54	0	1
Not Under Proper Control	45	0	6	39	0	6
Overcorrecting/ Oversteering	4	0	1	3	0	1
Physical Disability	4	0	0	4	0	0
Sick	1	0	1	0	0	1
Too Fast for Conditions	11	0	0	11	0	0
Turning Improperly	5	0	0	5	0	0
Failed to Keep Proper Lane	14	0	2	12	0	2
Other	17	0	1	16	0	1
None Detected	626	0	34	592	0	49
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>

*Note: Contributing factors are reported for all drivers involved in a collision, and each driver may have more than one contributing factor.*



### Top Roadway Collisions

Roadway	Number
12th Street	318
Main Street	62
16th Street	46
4th Street	42
Chestnut Street	40
KY121	37
Poplar Street	33
Glendale Road	19
US641	19
Sycamore Street	18
8th Street	18
Lowes Drive	17
KY94	14
Robertson Road	14
Olive Street	12
Wiswell Road	12
13th Street	11
Utterback Road	11
Doran Road	10
Arcadia Circle	10



## Looking to the Future

The challenges of policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are many, yet the Murray Police Department is dedicated to meeting those challenges head on. As we move through 2023, we will continue to work closely with the community to make Murray a safe and friendly place to live, work, and visit. We hope that each person in our community will partner with us in this effort, because without you, there is no us!

Shortly after beginning work on the 2022 Annual Report, Chief Jeffrey Liles announced that after 32 years of service to the City of Murray, and more than 12 years as Chief of Police, he was retiring. Throughout his tenure, Chief Liles put an emphasis of service to the community through quality police work. During the last 12 years, the Murray Police Department has seen unprecedented growth, becoming one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the state. The men and women of the Murray Police Department remain committed to our core values: Integrity, Pride, Partnerships, Professionalism, and Fairness. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement, Chief. We will take it from here.

