

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



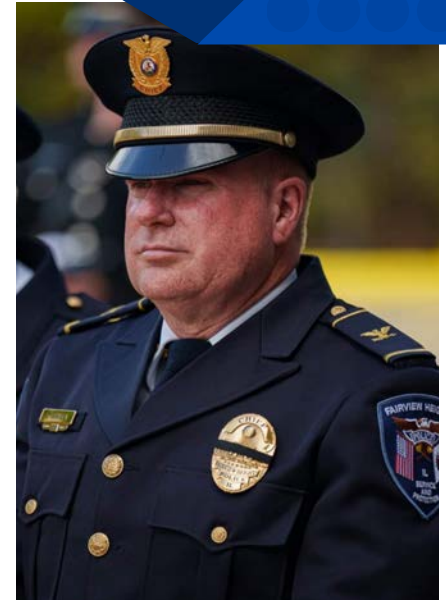

# **FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CHIEF STEVE JOHNSON  
MAYOR MARK KUPSKY**



# Message from the Chief

It is my honor to present to you, the 2023 Annual Report. As we reflect on 2023, we see a culture of organizational continuous improvement. The Fairview Heights Police Department remains focused on training, learning and becoming better servants of the community. We updated policies, created our mission statement and continue to look for better ways to lower crime and help people feel safe. We've grown as a department by swearing-in 3 new officers, 1 new commissioner and 1 new K9. We also had to say a hard goodbye to Sergeant Mueller as he retired. We wish him all the best! We had many successful community events and academies and look forward to many more in the upcoming year. 2023 was great, but 2024 is going to be the BEST!



## 2023 Officer of the Year

It is my privilege to introduce the recipient of our Officer of the Year Award for 2023, Blane Cline.

Blane is not new to being officer of the year, as he received this honor in 2021. Blane was nominated 7 times for officer of the month in 2023.

Blane has some impressive stats for 2023: he had 31 Felony Arrests and conducted 213 traffic stops.

Blane has done an exceptional job developing his skills as a police officer. This past year he served as a training officer on multiple occasions and served as the "officer-in-charge" many times.

Blane is our resident expert for our sex offender registration program. Each quarter he coordinates home checks and ensures compliance. Through his dedication, we have had not issues with our offenders and those who were out of compliance were charged criminally. Officer Cline is one of the best and we are a very thankful department to have him on our team!



## 2023 Awards

Meritorious Service- Ofc. Brian Zywicki, CPA Lauren Fischer and Sgt. Jason Totel  
Chief's Commendation- Det. Alex Joseph, Assistant Tina Bangaru and Volunteer Greg Chamberlain

ACE- Sgt. Ryan Weisenborn, Inv. Blane Cline, Inv. Nick Cerentano, Ofc. Travis Montgomery, Ofc. Richie Cox, Ofc. Germain Martinez-Garcia, Det. Hannah Millington, Ofc. Tony Raimundi, Ofc. Michael Wulf, Ofc. Shayne Korte, Ofc. Landon Kreke and Ofc. Josh Loos

DUI Award- Ofc. Landon Kreke  
Certificates of Appreciation- Sherron Randle and Chris Elliott



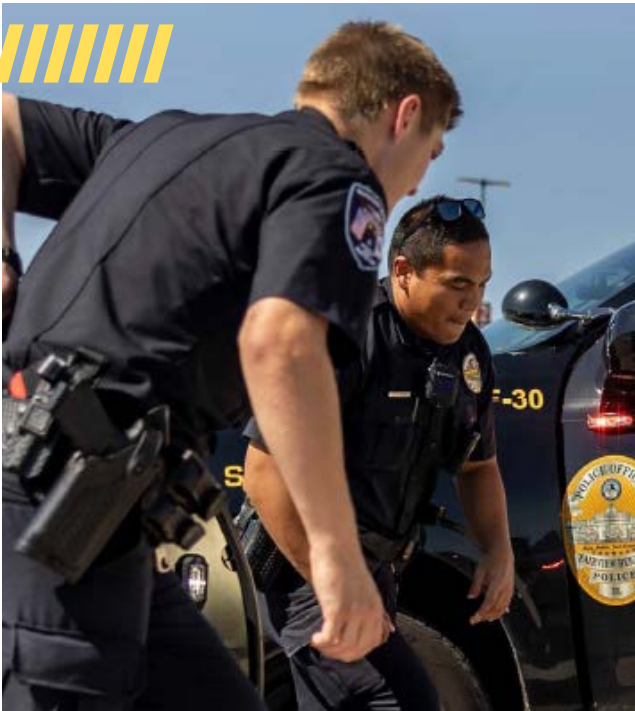
# 2023 By the Numbers

## Calls for Service

Total Calls- 33,336  
↑ from 28,423 in 2022  
Thefts- 453  
↓ from 449 in 2022  
Robberies- 2  
↓ from 6 in 2022  
Murder- 1  
↑ from 0 in 2022  
Criminal Sex Assault- 14  
↓ from 25 in 2022  
Criminal Sex Abuse- 9  
↓ from 10 in 2022  
Agg Assault/Battery- 96  
↑ from 86 in 2022  
Domestic Battery- 122  
↑ from 109 in 2022  
Traffic Accidents- 787  
↓ from 809 in 2022

## Use of Force

Use of force incidents, on a regional and national level, have impacted law enforcement in a negative way. Perceptions of improper use of force by officers have created barriers between the general public and police. As found in many incidents, the facts of the case do not coincide with the public's perception or beliefs. Our department believes in transparency when it comes to use of force incidents, to help educate the public and continually build on the great relationship we have with our community. In 2023, our Officers had 63 encounters of resistance to which they had to utilize force to maintain control, protect themselves and/or others, and make a lawful arrest utilizing the least amount of force necessary.



**Firearms Displayed/NO Discharge, 22**  
**Firearms Displayed/Discharge, 1**  
**Escorts/Restraint Utilizing Hands/Body, 19**  
**Taser Deployed, 5**  
**Taser Displayed, 21\***  
**(\* includes the 5 times it was also deployed)**

## Vehicle Stops

In 2023 Fairview Heights Police:  
Made 6,763 vehicle stops  
Issued 2,624 citations  
Issued 6,645 written warnings  
Arrested 94 drunk drivers

We will serve our community by continuing to be a proactive police department, especially when it comes to the criminal element. We will continue to promote safer roadways by arresting impaired drivers and addressing speeding, aggressive and distracted drivers.

# Vision and Mission



Our vision and mission for 2023 focused on the health and wellness of all Fairview Heights Police Department employees. In doing so, we are better able to serve our community.



We are thankful the ONE time in 2023 we were forced to discharge a firearm against a person shooting at our officers (in O'Fallon), both of our involved officers were uninjured. We credit this, in part, to our continued focus on TRAINING, TRAINING and more TRAINING! We want to serve to the best of our ability because we have the best!

**FHPD Mission Statement: "Protect the Community with Vigilance and Serve with Honor"**

## FHPD Volunteers

The FHPD Volunteers, led by Gregory Chamberlain and Lt. James Mason, continues to thrive and give back. The Volunteers, comprised of 14 members of our community, donated over 900 hours of service in 2023. Wow! THANK YOU!



## Activities and Initiatives

Police Youth Academy ★ Senior Citizens' Academy ★ Citizens' Police Academy Ride-Along Program ★ Vacation House Checks ★ Premise Alert Program ★ Code Red Notification ★ Stop the Bleed ★ Auto Theft Task Force ★ DARE/SRO Program ★ Crime-Free Housing ★ Major Case Squad ★ DEA Task Force ★ ILEAS Special Response Team Mobile Field Force ★ Honor Guard ★ Volunteer Program ★ R.A.D. Training ★ Drone Program ★ Speed Monitoring ★ Metro East Crash Assistance Team ★ Child Death Investigation ★ Senior Friends Program ★ Police with Presents ★ Touch a Truck ★ Community Engagement Events ★

☎ 618-489-2100 Dispatch, non-emergency

★ 911 ALL EMERGENCIES

☎ 618-489-2170 Records Division

☎ 618-489-2130 Investigations

☎ 618-489-2150 Command Staff

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