



Cleveland State University **Police Department**

2022 Annual Report

A Message from Chief Beverly Pettrey



It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chief of Police for Cleveland State University, and I am pleased to present the 2022 Cleveland State University Police Department's Annual Report, which highlights the hard work, dedication and commitment of our officers and staff.

My predecessor, Chief Anthony Traska, left Cleveland State to serve in public safety at another university in February 2022 after 21 years of service. Chief Traska left behind a remarkable legacy that will live on at CSU for many years to come. I am thankful and fortunate to have worked under his leadership.

The cornerstone of any successful police-community relationship is the proactive maintenance of best practices in law enforcement standards. The University

Police Department has maintained national law enforcement accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) since 2016. In addition, our police department is state certified with the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

These certifications both enhance and reinforce the University Police Department's commitment to professionalism while maintaining the highest standards among law enforcement agencies nationwide.

To continue to build upon police-community relationships, we established a therapy dog program in 2022, which offers crisis intervention support and positive community-engagement such as to providing comfort and companionship to victims and those with disabilities and mental illness.

Currently, there are nearly 300 law enforcement agencies nationwide with therapy dogs and CSUPD is among them leading the way in the Greater Cleveland area. Our two yellow English Labradors — Rune and Thor — are excellent Viking ambassadors who are paired up with two of our police officers. Rune and Thor provide many benefits to our community, officers and civilian staff such as reduced stress, anxiety, improved energy levels and happiness.



Preparing the University to respond to critical incidents is one of our many priorities. To be most effective, training and planning exercises must engage our entire campus community. Our law enforcement professionals engage in annual training of best practices and techniques in order to handle emergency situations should they occur. Additionally, we work to prepare, engage and involve our campus community for active threat situations through A.L.I.C.E. Training and emergency preparedness plans, as well as planned drills and exercises.

Another key priority is student engagement. As part of our mission, we continue to be committed to providing opportunities for students to interact with our law enforcement officers through special programs including the FBI Academy, auxiliary police internships and the CSO (Campus Safety Officer) student employment program.

This past year, we supported 374 special events on campus, including the 2022 NBA All-Star Celebrity game hosted at the CSU Wolstein Center. We are proud to have served the public by providing a welcoming and safe environment to celebrities and guests from across the nation.

The safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors to the CSU campus remains our top priority as we grow and expand our footprint through CSU 2.0, including the addition of more on-campus housing locations.

It is an honor to work with the extremely professional and dedicated team of sworn, civilian, and student staff. These dedicated individuals are committed to the consistent delivery of reliable safety services to our campus community.

Chief Beverly Pettrey

Mission Statement

The **Cleveland State University Police Department** is committed to providing a safe working, living and learning environment by embodying the principles and best practices of community policing. We support the University's academic, financial and community priorities by maintaining a safe, peaceful and orderly campus.

University Police

The Cleveland State University Police Department (CSUPD) is dedicated to protecting life and property, and detecting and preventing crime. The department includes sworn and non-sworn personnel, police, security and student safety officers. CSUPD has received full accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®).

CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs' Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum.

The accreditation program is designed to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners that a range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

CSUPD is responsible for providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community. Officers patrol over 85 acres of state property in addition to surrounding city streets. The department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is comprised of the following units:

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is comprised of state-certified police officers, security officers and student campus safety officers. Proactive patrols include all university-owned buildings and grounds as well as city streets in and around campus.

Emergency Dispatch Center

The Emergency Dispatch Center directs all calls for service or emergency assistance as well as monitors fire and safety alarms.

Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Unit

The Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Unit participates in a range of educational outreach programs and presentations to heighten awareness and enhance safety on campus.

Therapy Dog Program

Animal assisted therapy is a type of therapeutic approach that utilizes an animal, commonly a canine, to provide psychological and emotional support.

K9 Unit

The K9 Unit is utilized for bomb detection through protective sweeps of events that occur on and off campus, checks of unattended packages and bags, and assistance to regional public safety agencies.

Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is tasked with investigative follow-ups, background checks, security details and fingerprint services.



Patrol Division

Statistics

Category	2021	2022
Dispatched Calls	73,992	74,533
Building Checks	25,863	21,507
Lot Checks	19,212	15,951
Safety Escorts	9,339	18,227
Battery Jumps	185	241
Smoking Complaints	2	3
Crime Prevention Initiative	258	364
Misdemeanor Warrants	2	11
Felony Warrants	14	13
Felonious Assaults	1	2
Felonious Assaults with a Weapon	0	0
Assaults	11	18
Aggravated Menacing	2	2
Community Engagements	193	1001
Robbery	0	7
Burglary	5	17
Disorderly Conduct	4	8
Sexual Assaults	2	4



Driving Under the Influence	5	8
Public Intoxication	0	1
Criminal Damaging	28	96
Theft	58	48
Service Calls – Assisting Another Agency	87	73
Petty Theft	30	56
Traffic Tickets	11	40
Traffic Stop Warnings	129	181
Misdemeanor Citations	14	9
Field Interviews	173	207
Arrests	37	40

Crime Prevention and **Community Engagement Unit**

CSUPD's Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Unit is committed to offering a wide range of comprehensive, proactive programs and procedures that anticipate, recognize and appraise crime risks and initiate actions to remove or reduce crime risks. Members of the Crime Prevention Unit work closely with groups and organizations on and off campus by initiating safety awareness programs and events. The Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Unit accomplished the following in 2022:

Community Outreach Initiatives

- Safety orientation sessions
- Student/family orientation sessions
- “Coffee with a Cop” events
- Alcohol Awareness classes partnered with MetroHealth
- “Shop with a Cop” at Campus International School
- Safe Transaction Program
- Rune and Thor pop-up visits
- Operation “Safe Halloween”
- Lift Up Vikes food drive

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training Class

A 12-hour comprehensive, internationally known self-defense class for females. The course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance while progressing to hands-on defense training.

A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training

An interactive and hands-on training that provides options designed to increase chances of survival during an emergency event such as an active shooter situation.

#BeSafeCLEstate Campaign

Crime prevention tips shared through social media

Therapy Dog Program

Here's something to howl about! CSUPD established a new Therapy Dog program this year. Our two new yellow labs, Rune and Thor, came to us at 10 weeks old and celebrated their first birthday in January 2023. They are very good boys from Lewis Center, Ohio. Rune partners with Officer Toni Jones for the day shift and Thor partners with Officer Thomas Lear for the night shift.

Currently, there are nearly 300 law enforcement agencies nationwide with therapy dogs and we are among them. Research shows that therapy dogs offer many benefits to university students, including improved class attendance, problem-solving, energy levels and happiness — all while enhancing socio-emotional development and reducing stress, anxiety, negative feelings and behaviors.

Feeling ruff? Anything is paws-ible with these bark-eology majors! They even love the (wait for it) pup-arazzi...OK, all groaning aside, please forgive us. We are overtaken by the cuteness and we know you will be, too.

Training and Certifications

- American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Community Canine (Advanced Canine Good Citizen)
- Therapy Dog Alliance
- Franklin County SO Therapy K9 School

254 Community Engagements featuring #RUNE&THOR







Canine Unit

CSUPD's Canine Unit consists of one law enforcement officer (PO Ed Stoltz) partnered with highly-trained canine Rex who performs some of the same duties and tasks as standard police officers. They patrol the campus community to prevent and respond to crimes, perform investigations, locate and arrest perpetrators, and detect dangerous explosives. The Canine Unit accomplished the following in 2022:

Training and Certifications

- Explosive Detection State Certification — OPOTA
- ATF Canine Specialized Homemade Explosives Training with Peroxide-Based Explosives
- Columbus Fire/Homeland Security Bulk Explosives and Peroxide-Based Explosive Training
- Ohio Intelligence Liaison Officer Threat Assessment Training/Conference
- Weekly patrol work and explosive detection training — Kent State University, University of Akron, Summit County Sheriff's Department, Ohio Department of Homeland Security and ATF

24 Missions

- 11 on-campus protective sweeps
- 6 on-campus bomb threats and unattended packages
- 5 off-campus protective sweeps — Secret Service and other agency requests
- 2 off-campus bomb threats — Secret Service and other agency requests





Office of **Emergency Management**

The Office of Emergency Management is dedicated to preserving a safe and engaged campus community through mitigation, preparedness, planning, and training and educational outreach efforts. By applying an “all-hazardous” approach, CSU’s Office of Emergency Management can affectively respond, coordinate and quickly recover from emergencies. Members of the team accomplished the following in 2022:

- Maintenance of the University’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Appendices
- Maintenance of the University’s Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Maintenance of the University’s Building Emergency Plan (BEP)
- Hosted 16 Emergency Preparedness workshops
- Emergency Management Training Exercises
 - 1 tabletop discussion-based exercise — CSU Senior Leadership, Fenn Tower
 - 3 Functional exercises — CSUPD Dispatch
 - Full-scale Exercise Planning

Year in Review

This has been an amazing year of growth for CSUPD. In 2022, we welcomed **six new dispatchers, two security officers, four police cadets and two therapy dogs.**

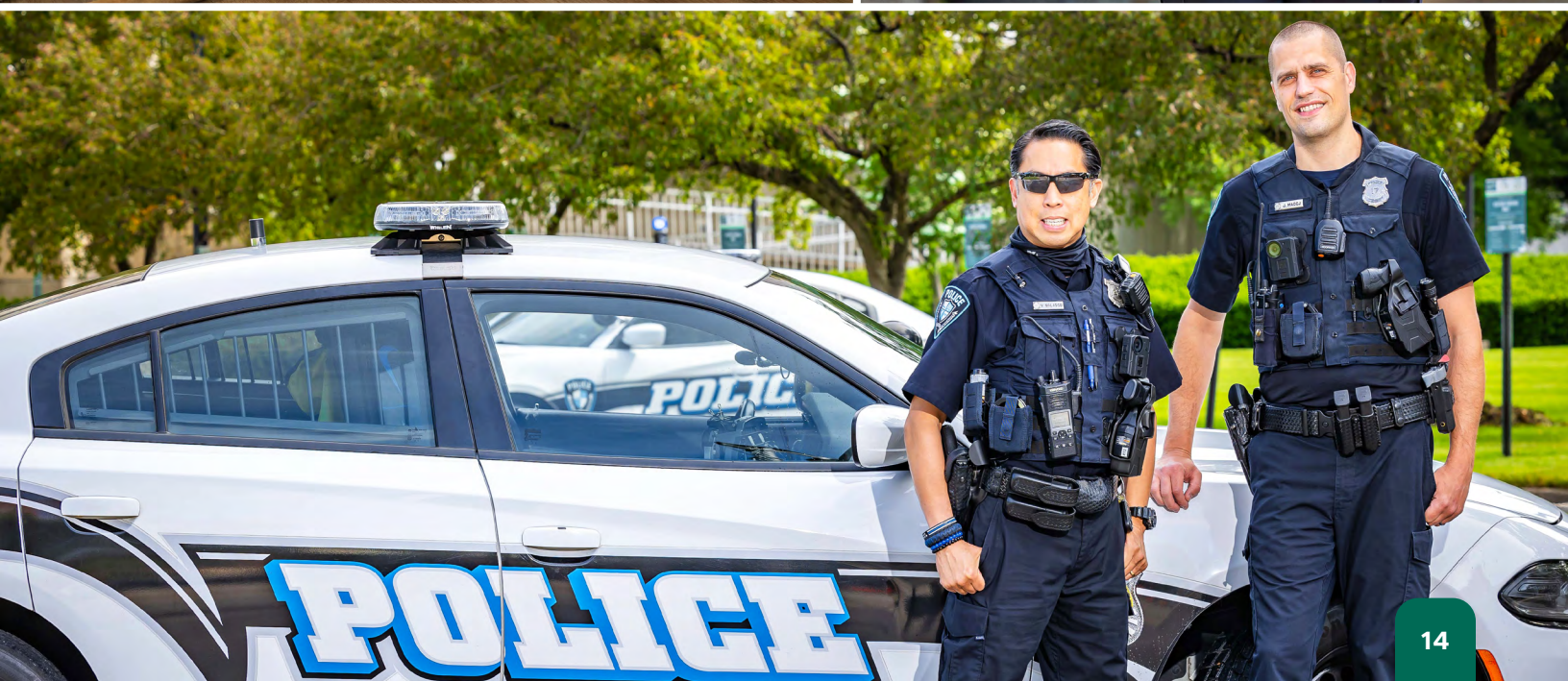
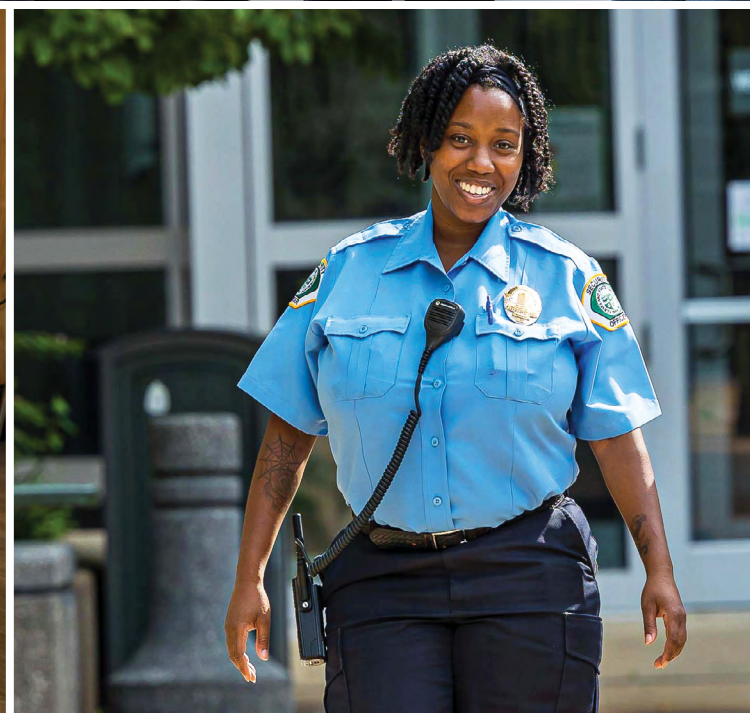
CSUPD has taken a new approach for hiring our dedicated police officers by establishing a cadet program for the first time in over a decade. Cadets are sponsored by the department to go through a rigorous six-month Police Academy program. Upon completion of the Academy, they are hired as full-time police officers.

We also saw movement within the ranks of the department. Sergeant Joseph Hunt was promoted to Patrol Captain. Patrol Sergeant David Thompson moved from road operations to the Detective Bureau.

Our dedicated Explosive Detection K9 Rex and handler Officer Ed Stoltz completed their last state certification this year and Rex is transitioning into retirement at the prime age of 9. Special thanks to Officer Ed Stoltz and Rex for their dedication to keeping our campus safe! Officer Daniel Aholt will transition from patrol officer to our new Explosive Detection K9 handler in the Summer of 2023.

What an amazing time to be a member of this dedicated team of individuals. We can't wait to see what 2023 will bring!







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