

CITY OF BELLE MEADE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Mission Statement

The City of Belle Meade Police Department strives to provide community-oriented law enforcement that contributes to the quality of life expected by City residents through professional, visible, and respectful efforts of well-trained Police Department employees who are dedicated to public service. In carrying out its mission, the Police Department is especially mindful of and guided by the following values:

Fairness – Consistent and equitable enforcement of the law.

Integrity – Adherence to the highest moral and ethical standards.

Respect – Respect for the views, rights, and dignity of others.

Teamwork – Working together to accomplish our mission with efficiency and safety.

Message From the Chief

To the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, Citizens of Belle Meade, and the Employees of the Belle Meade Police Department:

This report highlights the many activities of the Belle Meade Police Department during 2022 and crime and traffic statistics. It will provide a clear understanding of our department's activity and community involvement.

Community policing is still a primary goal for our department. We enjoy working with our community at the BLVD Bolt, Nichol Lane Halloween event, and Santa's visit to Belle Meade. The community contact initiative also encourages officers to stop and talk to residents that they see out in the yard and walking on the street. We hosted our women's self-defense class this year, which was a great success.

This class will continue to be a yearly event.

Traffic safety continues to be a top priority for our agency as we attempt to combat the significant influx of volume that Belle Meade has seen in recent years. The 2022 citation data reflects how seriously we take traffic safety.

Our Public Safety Security System began in July of 2018 and continues to be an asset for our police officers and detective. We also use the system to search for persons involved in crime in Belle Meade, which is beneficial to other agencies' investigations.

We upgraded the LPR and surveillance cameras and will continue to do so.

Certified Child Safety Technicians continue to help parents and caretakers with the correct installation of car seats. Belle Meade Police Department is the only agency in Davidson County that helps caretakers with installation.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with a group of dedicated officers and dispatchers daily. The city's administration is very supportive of our agency. They ensure that we have the tools that we need to be productive. It is an honor to work for a community that supports us the way Belle Meade does!

Chuck Williams, Chief

Department Administration

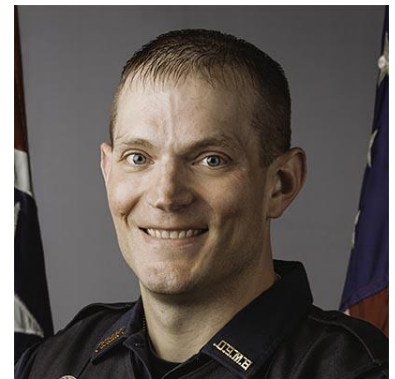
Chief of Police Charles Williams



Chief Charles Williams has served with the Belle Meade Police Department for thirteen years and has a total of twenty years of law enforcement experience. He has worked his way up from a patrol officer to Chief of Police. Chief Williams was promoted from patrol sergeant to Chief after the resignation of former Chief Tim Eads who was elected Sheriff of Dickson County in November of 2020. Chief Williams is a graduate of Bethel University, a graduate of the Tennessee Association of the Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Training and has numerous specialized police certifications.

Lieutenant Mack Mangrum

Lt. Mack Mangrum has served with the Belle Meade Police Department for a little over 20 years. He worked his way up from a patrol officer to the position of being second-in-command of the department since January 2022. Mack has a plethora of police training and is a recent graduate of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Chief Executive Leadership Training.



Police Operations Section

The Police Operations Section is the largest component of the Police Department. It is comprised of the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division. The Police Operations Sections are under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant.

Patrol Division

The uniformed officers of the Patrol Division are the most visible members of the department. Officers are assigned marked patrol cars which are all equipped with radar, as well as in-car video cameras and computer tablets. The midnight shift patrol cars are also equipped with Noptic Night Vision Devices which pick up heat signatures of persons hiding in bushes, yards, fields, etc., and display their location on the tablet screen. This technology is also useful when searching for missing persons.



The Patrol Division consists of 12 sworn officers, who are assigned to four separate shifts. Each shift is made up of a Sergeant and 2 officers.

All members of the Patrol Division bring years of experience to the department. In addition to their patrol duties, many of the officers have other duties, such as serving as Field Training Officers, instructors in various disciplines, and motorcycle patrol.

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division is staffed by Detective Tom Sexton. Detective Sexton also provides crime prevention services to the residents of Belle Meade. In addition, Detective Sexton can call on the resources of the Metro Nashville Police Department as needed to assist in any investigation.



Support Services Section

The Support Services Section is made up of the Communications Division and the Administrative Division. The Support Services Section is under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant.

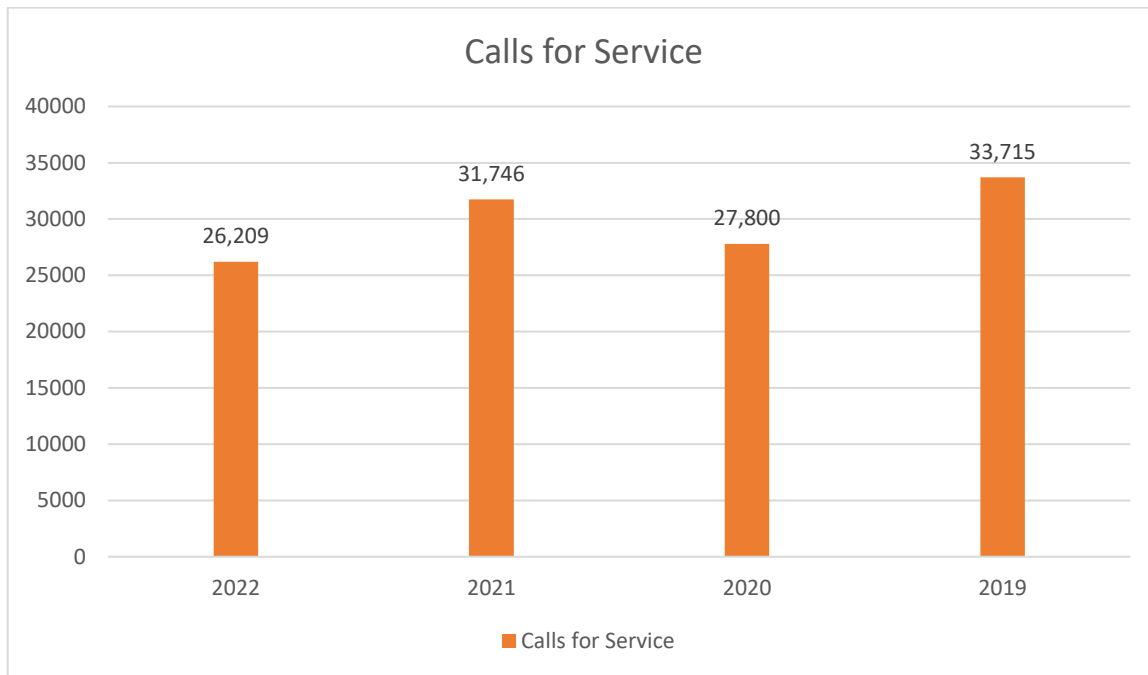
Communications Division



The Communications Division is staffed by 4 full time and 2 part time Communications Officers. Each Communications Officer is certified by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has access to both the Tennessee Criminal Portal and the NCIC system. Communications Officers provide a link between callers and officers in the field. One Communications Officer is assigned to each of the four patrol shifts. This division is supervised by Communications Sergeant Toni Tomlin.

Calls for Service

Belle Meade officers responded to 26,209 calls for service in 2022. This was a 16.73% decrease over calls received in 2021. (This includes all activity).



Administrative Division

The Administrative Division consists of the Training Unit, the Accreditation Unit, the Records Unit, and the Firearms Training Unit. Except for the Records Unit, all other units are staffed by patrol officers as an additional duty.

Training Unit - The Training Unit is staffed by the General Departmental Instructor (GDI), who is responsible for ensuring all sworn personnel complete the annual training requirements as set forth by the Tennessee POST Commission. Chief Chuck Williams currently serves as the GDI.

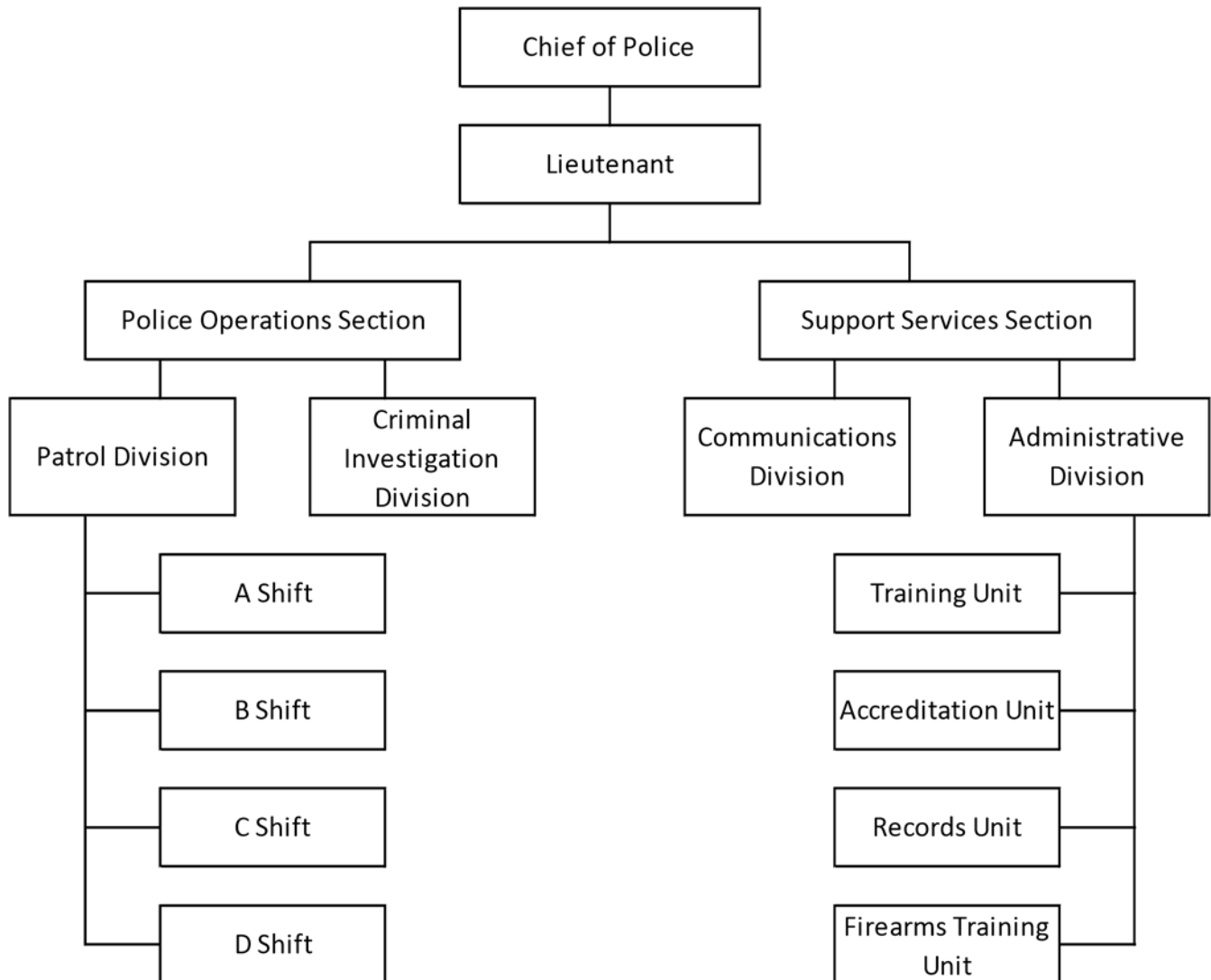
Accreditation Unit – The Accreditation Unit is staffed by the Accreditation Manager who is responsible for the Accreditation process. The department has completed the rigorous process of gaining compliance with the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program, which is administered by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. The Court Clerk, Kim Huffines, and Patrol Sgt. Chris Roark, currently serve as the Accreditation Managers and are assisted by Chief Chuck Williams.

Records Unit – The Records Unit function is covered by the Court Clerk as part of her duties. In this function, the Court Clerk is responsible for ensuring all records, reports, etc. are maintained in accordance with departmental policy and Tennessee state law.

Firearms Training Unit – The Firearms Training Unit is responsible for all firearms training and maintenance of all firearms issued by the department. This unit is under the supervision of Lt. Mack Mangrum and Sgt. David Wright.

Organizational Chart

Belle Meade Police Department



Municipal Court

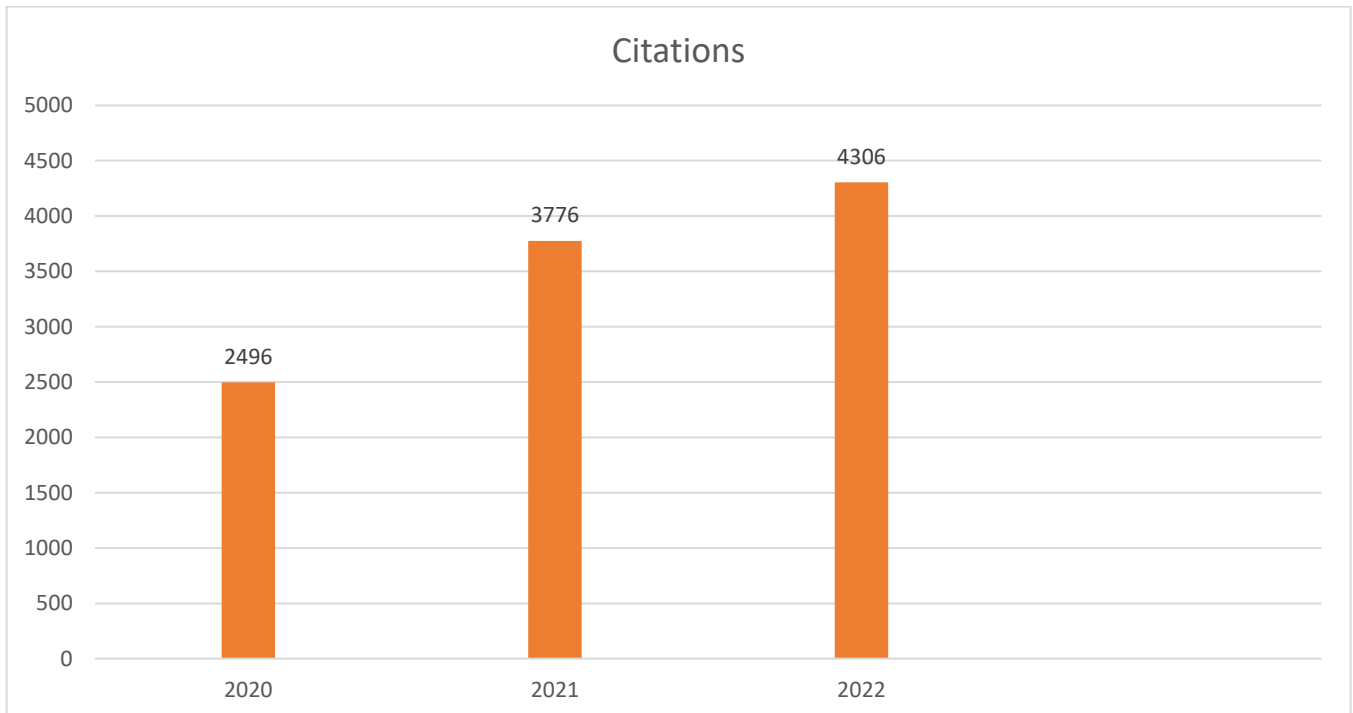


The City Court of Belle Meade is presided over by Judge Mark Beveridge. The City Court hears cases concerning traffic violations and violations of other Belle Meade ordinances committed within the City of Belle Meade. Court is held on Wednesday and Thursday once a month at 8:30 AM. The City Court Clerk, Kim Huffines, is responsible for administrative responsibilities concerning the

operation of the Belle Meade City Court. Judge Beveridge can be contacted through her office at 615-298-1223.

Citations

Belle Meade officers issue citations into City Court for violations of Belle Meade ordinances. These citations are primarily for traffic violations, but other violations, such as curfew, may be included in these numbers. In 2022, there was a 14.03% increase over the number of citations written in 2021.



Community Outreach

The Belle Meade Police Department provides more than just law enforcement services. The department also offers several Community Outreach programs to better serve our community.

Child Passenger Safety Program (CPSP) - Certified child passenger safety technicians are available to give personal instruction on how to correctly install child restraint equipment in vehicles. They can also answer questions concerning the safety of your child while riding in a vehicle. Sergeant Keith Samol serves as the CPSP Coordinator.



Neighborhood Watch - The city offers an on-site coordinator and liaison for neighborhood watch groups in Belle Meade. The coordinator communicates with Block Captains who send information to residents in their group regarding BOLOs (Be on the Look Out) and about recent crimes in the city, as well as surrounding areas. The department is grateful for the extremely high participation rate in this program.

Prescription Drug Collection Program - The prescription drug collection program offers the public a means to dispose of their expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs anonymously and safely. The collection box is in the lobby of the Belle Meade Police Department at 4705 Harding Pike. (Entrance is located to the right of city hall main entrance). It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container. Loose pills should be disposed of using a clear plastic bag (provided). All medications collected from this program are destroyed by incineration. Sergeant Keith Samol supervises this program.



City Administration

The City of Belle Meade is in western Davidson County and is considered a “satellite city” of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. The population of Belle Meade is 2,901 according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. The city was chartered in 1938 as a City Manager-Commissioner form of government. The Board of Commissioners is the policy making body, while the City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer. Beth Reardon serves as the City Manager. Leigh Mills is the finance director.



Beth Reardon

Leigh Mills

The citizens elect five Commissioners for staggered four-year terms. The Commissioners then elect two of their members to serve as Mayor and Vice-Mayor for two-year terms.

2022-2024 Board of Commissioners:

Mayor: Rusty Moore

Vice Mayor: Haley Dale

Commissioner: Jim Hunt

Commissioner: Louise Bryan

Commissioner: Neal Clayton

Crime Statistics

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) is responsible for compiling crime statistics for the State. Crimes are placed into one of two groups. Group A includes crimes such as murder, rape, and theft. Group B includes DUI, drunkenness, and trespass.

Most crimes in Belle Meade are property crimes, which fall in Group A.

TBI Crime Overview

GROUP A OFFENSES				
Crimes Against Persons	2019	2020	2021	2022
Murder	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	0	8	2	1
Intimidation	1	1	2	0
Stalking	0	0	2	0
Crimes Against Property	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arson	0	0	0	0
Burglary	15	6	0	5
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	11	12	5	8

Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Fraud-False Pretenses	3	3	4	3
Fraud- Credit Card/ATM	5	2	3	2
Fraud-Impersonation	11	5	2	4
Fraud-Identity Theft	0	4	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Theft From Building	5	1	0	2
Theft From Motor Vehicle	10	13	1	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	1	2	1
Theft-All Other Larceny	8	9	6	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	2
Crimes Against Society	2019	2020	2021	2022
Drug/Narcotic Violations	10	7	2	6
Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations	4	4	0	3
Weapons Law Violation	0	0	2	2
GROUP B OFFENSES				
Offense	2019	2020	2021	2022
DUI	26	27	11	8
Drunkenness	1	2	1	1
Trespass	0	3	0	1
All Other Offenses	1	1	10	13

Traffic Crashes

In 2022, the Belle Meade Police Department investigated 78 total crashes. There was 1 fatality crash, 15 crashes with injuries, and 62 property damage crashes.

