

ARNOLD POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



City of Arnold Police Department

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Quick Facts:

Founded:

1972

Sworn Officers:

57

Full-Time Civilian Employees:

8

Jurisdiction Size:

11.94 Square Miles

Jurisdiction Population:

21,113



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Arnold Police Department Office of the Chief

Police Chief Brian Carroll was appointed as the Chief of Police on April 21, 2022. Chief Carroll has been employed with the Arnold Police Department since February of 2000. Since becoming a police officer, Chief Carroll has been promoted through multiple ranks. He was promoted to Corporal in December 2006, Sergeant in November of 2011, Lieutenant in June of 2016, and Major in June of 2017.

Chief Carroll earned a Bachelor's Degree from Radford University in Virginia and a Master's Degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am honored to present you with the Arnold Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. This year has been both exciting and challenging as the Arnold Police Department continues to embrace new technologies, implement proactive policing strategies to address crime, and continue to create partnerships with our community that are essential to our public safety. I am extremely privileged to serve this remarkable community and to do so alongside some of the most dedicated police officers and staff that this profession has to offer. It is with great pride that I share with you an overview of our accomplishments and progress over the past year.

During this past year, our residents were faced with one of the most important decisions since our city was incorporated over 50 years ago. On April 4, 2023 our residents had the opportunity to vote on Proposition Public Safety. We were very fortunate that this tax initiative passed with a 66% vote. Our residents realize that public safety must be a top priority and this was evident in the election results. This tax measure will allow us to continue to provide the best possible police services to our community. During the campaign, I was extremely overwhelmed by the support from Mayor Counts and our elected officials, but also from our staff at the police department. These individuals spent countless hours volunteering their time to make this campaign a success. Most importantly, I want to thank our residents for their support in this effort!

The foundation of the Arnold Police Department is built upon trust, transparency, and collaboration. As your Police Chief, I will make sure these principles are followed as we continue to build positive police-community relationships through professional police services. Thank you for the ongoing support of the Arnold Police Department. I am honored to work with these great men and women who serve our city, and we are very blessed to be a part of this great community. Thank you for entrusting us with your safety, and I invite you to read our annual report to gain a better understanding of our agency over the last year.



Our Mission

The Arnold Police Department strives to provide the highest quality police service, which requires citizen involvement to identify and help solve problems within the community. Our agency provides professional, knowledgeable, and focused law enforcement services to ensure the safety and well-being of all people, while promoting individual responsibility and community commitment. Our officers work with compassion and respect as we assist crime victims and form partnerships to organize strategies, which reduce crime, the fear of crime and improve the quality of life. As we work toward these goals we do so remembering: Our greatest asset is our personnel; our greatest strength is our partnership with the community.



Our Vision

The Arnold Police Department, in partnership with the community, endeavors to achieve our vision by:

- ♦ Focusing on prevention of crime and safety
- ♦ Adopting a department culture that is consistent with community values.
- ♦ Combining both efficiency and effectiveness while leveraging technologies that enhance policing operations.

Our Values

Core values are the fundamental beliefs of the Arnold Police Department

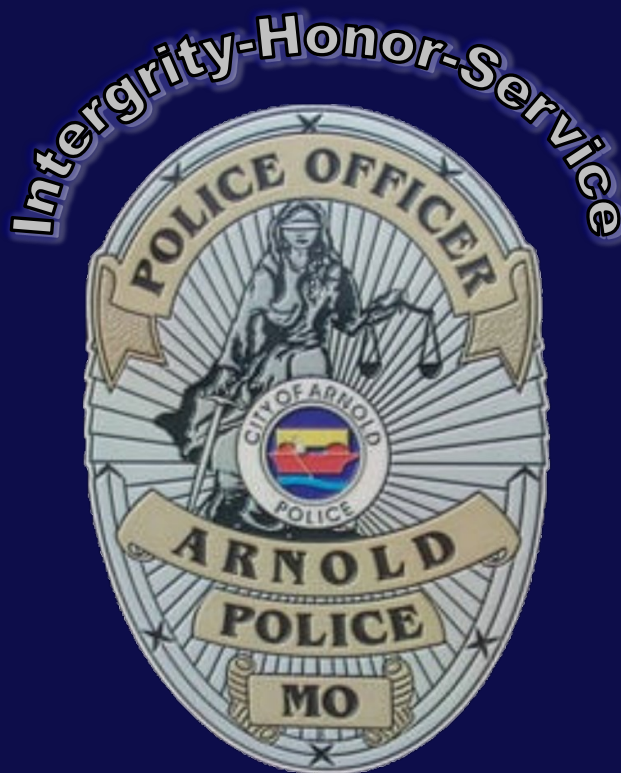
Integrity: We conduct ourselves with uncompromising honesty, honor, ethics, and nobility in all situations and relationships.

Human Dignity: We acknowledge and recognize the value of all people by carrying out our duties with dignity, respect, and deliberate regard to all.

Justice: We serve our community in an unbiased and impartial manner, applying equal protection to all under the law, and fairly enforcing the rule of law we are sworn to uphold.

Professionalism: We are accountable to ourselves and the public for the quality of our service. We strive for exceptionalism in standards of proficiency and conduct in all aspects of our duties. We seek to continually improve ourselves, our department, and our community relationships.

Leadership: Steadfast, resolute leadership is a hallmark of our department. We entrust our members to lead ethically and responsibly within the organization and in the community we serve.



Arnold Police Department Command Staff



Major Clinton Wooldridge

Major Wooldridge, 43, of High Ridge has been with the Arnold Police Department since October 2003. He assumed the role of Major of the Arnold Police Department, replacing recently promoted, Chief Brian Carroll. He was promoted to the rank of Major on 06/15/2022, Lieutenant on 08/21/2017, Sergeant on 03/17/2016, and corporal on 12/13/2013. Over the course of his career with the Arnold Police Department, he has served as a K-9 Handler, K-9 Handler Supervisor, Detective Bureau Commander, President of the Arnold Police Officer's Association between 2011-2017, and a board member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 15 from 2015-2022.



Detective Lieutenant Jeremy Christopher

Lieutenant Christopher, 43, of Hillsboro has been with the Arnold Police Department since February 2018. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 06/16/2022, Sergeant on 12/16/2020, and Corporal on 02/15/2019. Lieutenant Christopher was previously employed by the Arnold Police Department from November 2004 to May 2016. Over his career with the Arnold Police Department, he has served as a Traffic Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Accident Reconstructionist, Investigator, and was also a member of the St. Louis Major Case Squad. Lieutenant Christopher also served as an investigator with the Jefferson County Narcotics Unit and during that time he was also assigned as the unit's deputy commander.



Lieutenant Danny Gierer

Lieutenant Gierer, 44, of Festus has been with the Arnold Police Department since February 2003. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 06/16/2023, Sergeant on 06/07/2016, and Corporal on 12/17/2014. Over his course of time with the Arnold Police Department, he served the department as a Traffic Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Accident Reconstructionist, Investigator, Bureau Supervisor, and was also a member of the St. Louis Major Case Squad. Lieutenant Gierer was recently assigned as the Director of Support Services.



Lieutenant Joseph deRoode

Lieutenant deRoode, 51, of Hillsboro has been with the Arnold Police Department since February 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 11/05/2011, and Sergeant on 10/07/2005. Over his course of time with the Arnold Police Department, he served the department as a Bike Officer, Bureau Supervisor, and was also a member of the St. Louis Major Case Squad. Lieutenant deRoode is currently assigned as the Watch Commander of Platoon #3.



Lieutenant Thomas Leassner

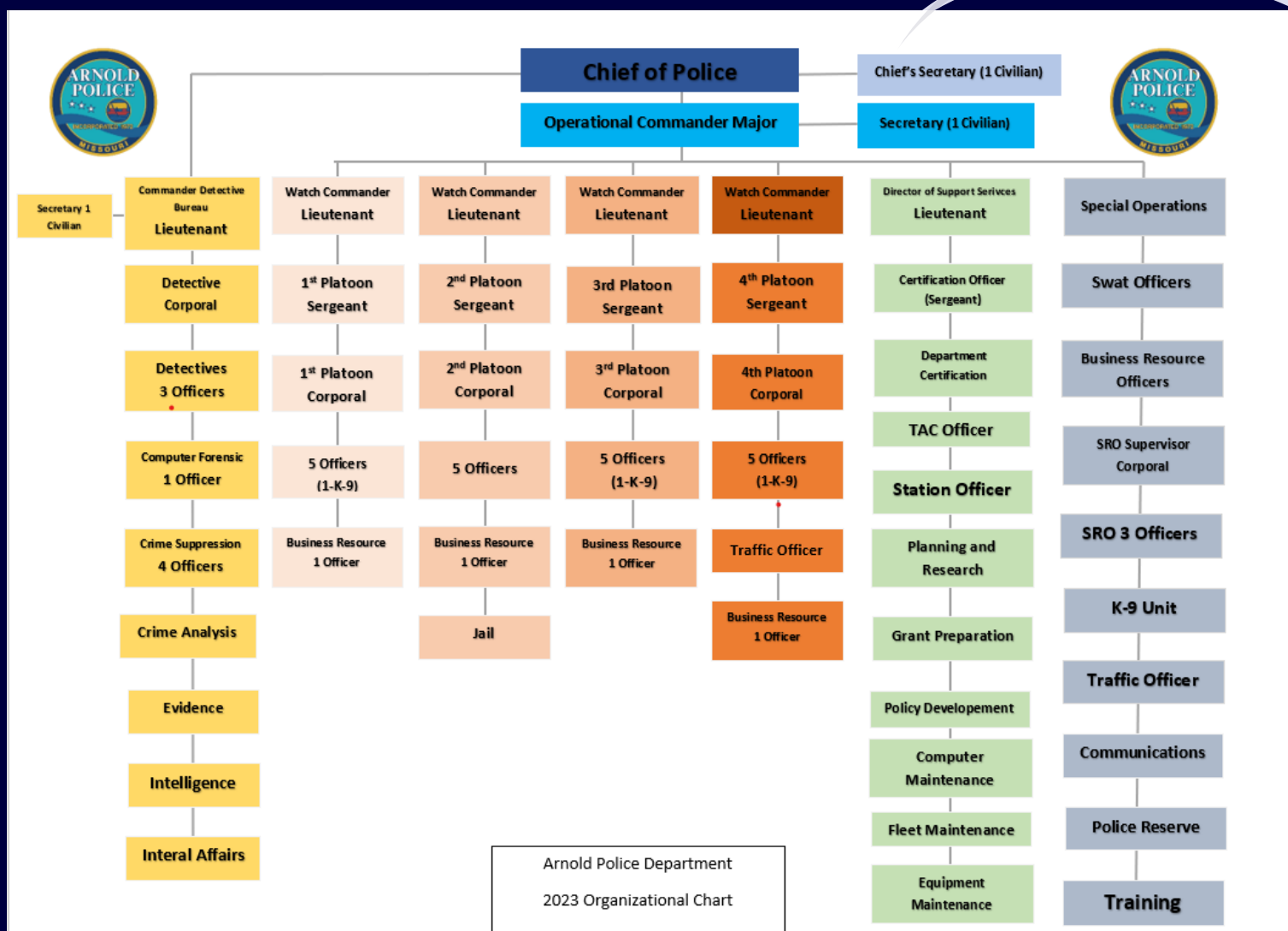
Lieutenant Leassner, 70, of Arnold has been with the Arnold Police Department since February 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 06/06/2003, and Sergeant on 10/01/1999. Lieutenant Leassner previously completed 20-years of employment with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, retiring with the rank of Sergeant. Over his career with the Arnold Police Department, he served as a Bureau Supervisor, Grant Manager, and Certification Supervisor. Lieutenant Leassner is currently assigned as the Watch Commander of Platoon #2.



Lieutenant James Sikes

Lieutenant Sikes, 54, of Farmington has been with the Arnold Police Department since October 1999. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 02/05/2020, Sergeant on 12/17/2014, and Corporal on 12/22/2006. Lieutenant Sikes proudly served his country from 1998 to 2008 in the US Army which included one deployment during Iraq Freedom. Over his career with the Arnold Police Department, he has served as a Bike Officer, Bureau Investigator, Crisis Intervention Supervisor, and was also a member of the St. Louis Major Case Squad. Lieutenant Sikes is currently assigned as the Watch Commander of Platoon #1.

ARNOLD POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Arnold Police Department Consists of:

14 Civilian Employees:

- 3 Administrative Assistants
- 1 Evidence Custodian
- 4 Communications Clerks
- 6 Part-time Communications Clerks

57 Sworn Officers:

- 32 Assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations
- 4 Assigned as Business Resource Officers
- 4 Assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit
- 4 Assigned as School Resource Officers
- 1 Assigned to Traffic Enforcement
- 6 Assigned to the Bureau of Investigations
- 6 Assigned to Administration

New Additions to the Arnold Police Department



Officer Raymond Hussmann joined the ranks of the Arnold Police Department on 06/23/2023. Officer Hussmann has served 10 years in law enforcement, 6 years with the Granite City, IL Police Department, and 4 years with the University City Police Department. While employed with the University City Police Department, Officer Hussmann was assigned to the K-9 unit and was awarded two Life Saving Awards. Since arriving at this department, he has led the department in arrests nearly every month. He was recently assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit and was also selected as Officer of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter of this year. Officer Hussmann was also awarded the Officer of the Year for 2023.

Officer Brett Miller joined the ranks of the Arnold Police Department on 07/05/2023. Officer Miller previously served 6 years in law enforcement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Over the course of his employment with that department, he was assigned to the SWAT Unit and the Bureau of Investigations. Officer Miller also received two prestigious Medal of Valor Awards for his actions involving a bank robbery suspect apprehension and for his actions when a fellow deputy was shot in the line of duty. It is an honor to receive one medal of this caliber, but to receive two in this time period says a lot about Officer Miller's character. Officer Miller was recently transferred to the Arnold Police Department's Bureau of Investigations.



Officer Nathanial Brandt joined the ranks of the Arnold Police Department on 07/10/2023. Officer Brandt served 5 years in law enforcement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office before joining our team. During his time with the Sheriff's department, he received a Distinguish Service Award for rescuing a subject from a residential fire. He received further acknowledgment for locating a four-year old male with special needs who ran away from his residence into a wooded area. Officer Brandt tirelessly searched the vast wooded area and was able to locate the child and reunited him with his parents.

Officer Billy Clouse joined the ranks of the Arnold Police Department on 07/26/2023. Prior to joining our staff, Officer Clouse served 14 years in law enforcement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. During his time with the Sheriff's Office, he was assigned to the Bureau of Field Services, Bureau of Investigation, and court house security. In the course of his time with the Sheriff's Office, he received extensive training in responding to natural and man-made disasters. During his time in the investigative unit, he received specialized training in domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault investigations.

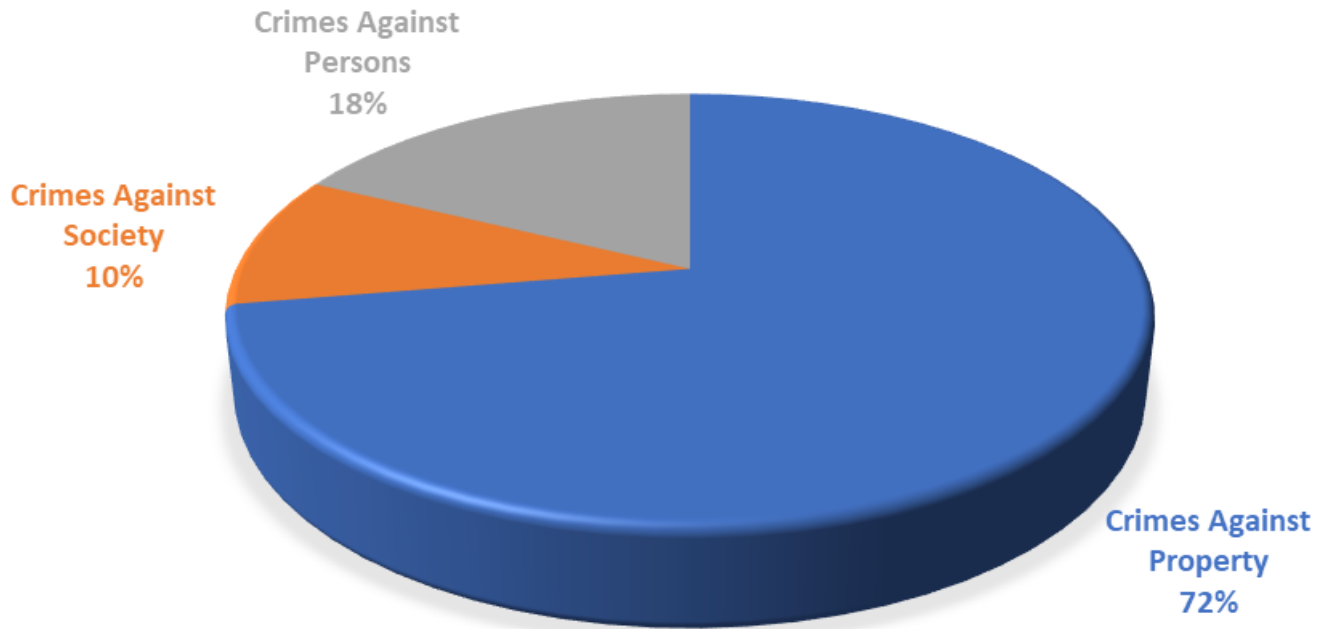


Criminal Activity and Enforcement Index

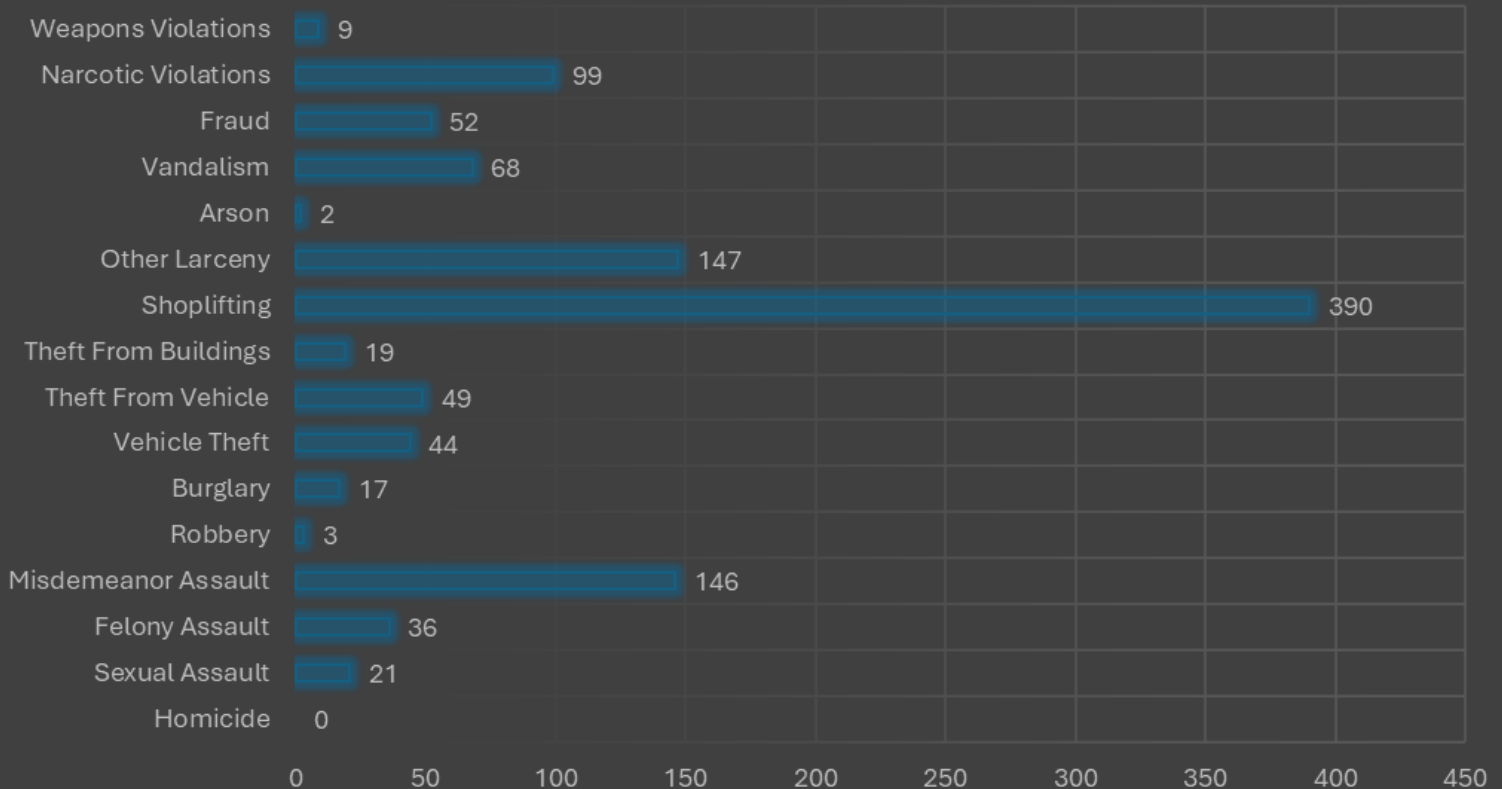
| Crimes Against Persons | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 to 2023 Percent Change | Historical Change |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Sexual Assault | 11 | 14 | 18 | 20 | 21 | +5% | +90% |
| Felony Assault | 36 | 59 | 38 | 26 | 36 | +38% | 0% |
| Misdemeanor Assault | 159 | 135 | 147 | 162 | 146 | -9% | -8% |
| Robbery | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | +200% | -25% |
| Total | 201 | 201 | 196 | 192 | 193 | +.5% | -4% |
| Crimes Against Property | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 to 2023 Percent Change | Historical Change |
| Burglary | 30 | 23 | 27 | 24 | 17 | -29% | -43% |
| Vehicle Theft | 68 | 97 | 85 | 59 | 44 | -59% | -35% |
| Theft From Vehicles | 118 | 99 | 119 | 93 | 49 | -47% | -55% |
| Theft From Buildings | 35 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 19 | -26% | -45% |
| Shoplifting | 288 | 208 | 172 | 230 | 390 | +69% | +35% |
| Other Larceny | 223 | 113 | 98 | 124 | 147 | +18% | -34% |
| Arson | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | +200% | +100% |
| Vandalism | 71 | 89 | 104 | 101 | 68 | -32% | +4% |
| Fraud | 58 | 32 | 40 | 45 | 52 | +15% | -10% |
| Total | 892 | 688 | 673 | 702 | 788 | +12% | -11% |
| Crimes Against Society | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 to 2023 Percent Change | Historical Change |
| Narcotics Violations | 221 | 217 | 317 | 186 | 99 | -46% | -53% |
| Weapons Violations | 17 | 32 | 20 | 6 | 9 | +50% | -47% |
| Total | 238 | 249 | 337 | 192 | 108 | -43% | -54% |
| Contact/Enforcement | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 to 2023 Percent Change | Historical Change |
| Calls for Service/Activities | 61,991 | 45,385 | 46,090 | 44,208 | 58,478 | +32% | -5% |
| Incident Reports | 16,645 | 15,177 | 15,423 | 14,764 | 16,498 | +11% | -8% |
| Traffic Stops | 7,216 | 4,412 | 5,103 | 5,084 | 6,549 | +29% | -9% |
| Warnings | 4,429 | 2,835 | 3,434 | 3,173 | 3,966 | +24% | -10% |
| Citations | 5,435 | 3,426 | 4,133 | 4,270 | 3,115 | -27% | -42% |
| Traffic Crashes | 1,314 | 1,037 | 1,170 | 1,172 | 1,035 | -11% | -21% |
| DWI's | 34 | 43 | 38 | 32 | 17 | -46% | -50% |
| Arrests | 1342 | 1157 | 1405 | 1228 | 1177 | -4% | -12% |
| CIT Calls | 95 | 71 | 54 | 76 | 96 | +26% | +1% |
| Investigations | 536 | 449 | 447 | 398 | 517 | +29% | -3% |
| Total | 99,037 | 73,534 | 76,850 | 74,007 | 91,448 | +24% | -8% |

Crimes by Classification and Offense Type

2023



2023



2023 Year in Review

In 2023, the City of Arnold Police Department experienced a 6% decrease in crime statistics when compared to 2022 and a 9% decrease when examining five-year historical averages. This yearly decrease in overall crime can be attributed to a large decrease in motor vehicle thefts, thefts from motor vehicles, burglaries, thefts from buildings, and vandalism.

Crimes Against Persons: In 2023, crimes against persons increased (<1%) compared to 2022 and decreased (4%) overall when examining the historical averages. The Arnold Police Department did see an increase in some areas, but this yearly increase can be attributed to these types of crimes being historically low in 2022. All of the crimes against persons are within or lower than most previous years. Sexual Assault cases increased by 1 from the previous year. Simple assaults decreased by 9% in 2022 and by 8% when examining historical data. Robbery cases increased by 2 for a total of 3 cases, up from 1 in 2022. The City of Arnold crime rate for this category is relatively low when compared to Missouri averages.

Crimes Against Property: In 2023, crimes against property offenses increased by 12% from 2022, however this is a 11% decrease when examining historical data. Motor vehicle thefts continue to decrease with a total of 44 incidents in 2023, which is a 25% decrease from 2022 and a 35% decrease when taking into account historical data. Retail Theft continues to be an area of concern, not only in the City of Arnold, but through the nation. The City experienced an increase of 160 cases from the previous year. However, thanks to the hard work of the Business Resource Officer Unit and their partnership with the local business community, 77% of these reports resulted in the arrest of at least one suspect and the recovery of thousands of dollars in merchandise.

Crimes Against Society: In 2023, crimes against society offenses decreased 43% when compared to 2022 and decreased by 54% when examining historical data. It is important to note that violations involving weapons increased by 50% this year, from 6 reports in 2022 to 9 reports in 2023, however when examining historical averages, this totals a 47% decrease.

Calls for Service: The Arnold Police Department experienced an increase of 32% in overall incidents in 2023 with a total of 58,478, which is approximately 2,769 incidents per 1,000 residents. Of the overall incidents, 6,338 are considered self-initiated activities. The Arnold Police Department has 57 sworn officers, which means that there were 1,025 incidents per sworn officer in 2023. The Arnold Police Department also experienced a 7% increase in overall criminal reports when compared to 2022 and a decrease of 4% when examining historical data.

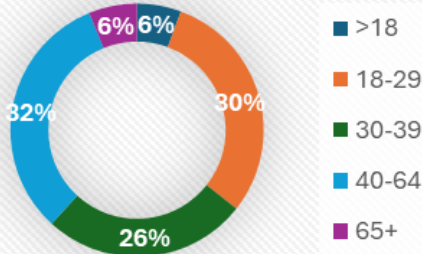
Arrests: In 2023, the Arnold Police Department arrested 1,177 individuals compared to 1,228 in 2022. The City of Arnold Police Department closely aligns with the national average as it pertains to arrests per 1000 residents.

Traffic Crashes: In 2023, motor vehicle crashes decreased 11% from 2022 and had an overall decrease of 21% when examining historical data. The Arnold Police Department responded to 1,035 traffic crashes, of which 86% resulted in damage to vehicles only. While 13% resulted in minor injuries and less than 1% resulted in serious physical injuries. During this period, there were no vehicle crashes that resulted in a fatality.

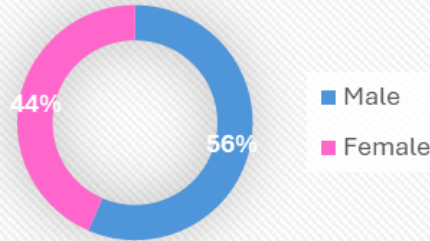
Traffic Enforcement: In 2023, traffic enforcement efforts increased 29% from 2022. Historical trends often show a decrease in vehicle collisions when there is an increase in traffic enforcement, which is the case for this reporting period.

Traffic Enforcement

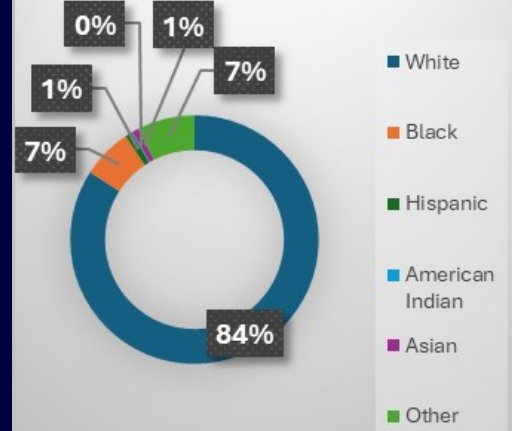
Age



Gender



Race

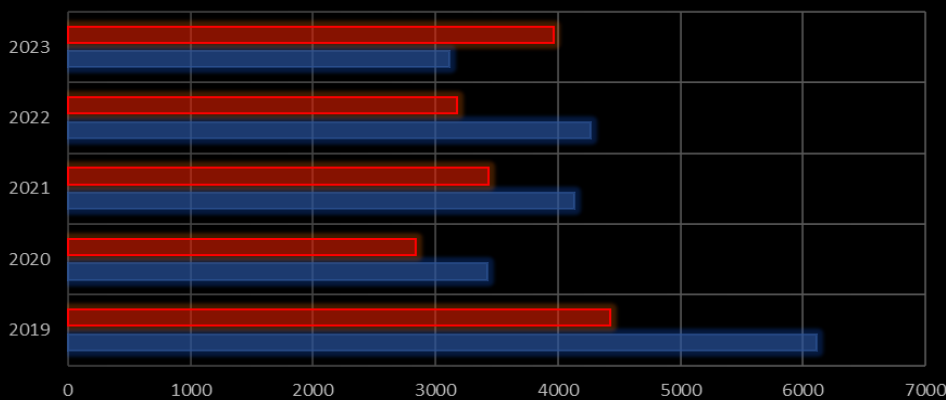


The Arnold Police Department understands the importance of traffic enforcement. The primary purpose of traffic enforcement is to promote public safety by ensuring compliance with traffic laws. At the end of the day we want to reduce traffic accidents, prevent injuries, and save lives on our roadways. This year's enforcement efforts resulted in lower than the state average for injuries and fatality motor vehicle crashes. The Arnold Police Department conducted 6,549 traffic stops, resulting in 3,115 citations and 3,966 warnings issued. While conducting these traffic enforcement stops, 83 subjects were taken into custody for outstanding active warrants, drug violations, and driving while impaired.

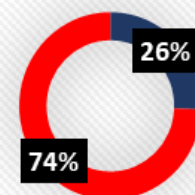


Citations vs Warnings

Warnings Citations



Traffic Stops by Residents Status



Residents Non-Resident

Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniform Patrol Division is the largest and most recognizable presence of the Arnold Police Department and is the backbone of our organization. This unit is comprised of four rotating platoons and encompasses several specialized units, all of which are under the direction of Major Clinton Wooldridge. Each platoon consists of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 5 Officers, and 1 Communications Clerk.

Patrol Division Hours and Shifts

Uniform personnel work a 12 hour shift from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M or 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. The Patrol Division responds to all calls for service within the city.

Responsibilities

The Uniform Patrol Division utilizes a variety of skills, training, tools, and techniques to address criminal activity, quality of life concerns, traffic problems, and emergencies. A patrol officer's day-to-day tasks may include writing reports, conducting traffic investigations, issuing citations, making arrests, calming unrest, conducting preliminary criminal investigations, and interacting with the community.

The Uniform Patrol Division also engages in proactive patrols in between calls for service. Proactive patrols may include traffic stops, suspicious activity checks, heavy patrols, and building checks. Officers are usually assigned to specific areas of the city. These areas are called sectors. Our community is divided into five sectors. Adam, Boston, Charles, David, and Edward Sectors. This helps maintain proper geographical response coverage across the city.

Crisis Intervention Officers:

Each platoon has several officers who have successfully completed Crisis Intervention Team training. These officers completed a 40-hour course focused on dealing with individuals suffering from a mental health related crisis. This training provides officers the knowledge and skills they need to de-escalate individuals in crisis and to assist those living with a mental illness. The Arnold Police Department is committed to crisis intervention training believing that de-escalation and redirection may be in the best interest of all involved.

Evidence Technician:

Each platoon has one officer who is assigned as the platoon's evidence technician. These officers attend a 40-hour course focused on techniques and protocols for a variety of scenes requiring enhanced documentation. The evidence technicians are responsible for collecting, examining, preserving, and documenting evidence at crime scenes.



Arnold Police Department Fleet



The demands of police work put additional stress on our police vehicles. An annual vehicle replacement program is crucial in order to make sure our officers have access to the safest equipment possible. Not having a replacement program would compromise both officer safety and the safety of our community. The annual replacement program is a large expense upfront, but we have also found that replacing older vehicles in our fleet can lead to significant cost savings in maintenance expenses.

In 2023 the city council passed a resolution regarding our vehicle fleet. This resolution allows for discretion each year as it pertains to the number of police vehicles that need to be replaced. The old resolution that was on file was over ten years old. There have been significant changes in our department since this resolution. We now have several specialized units and we have increased our police force. Within the last year we have made several changes to our fleet. Our staff has spent a significant amount of time making sure we are utilizing our fleet to the best of our ability. We know that police vehicles are driven harder than your average vehicle. With this in mind, our main priority is to make sure our vehicles are reliable and safe for our officers to operate.



Specialized Units

Motorcycle Unit

In 2023 our agency purchased two 2023 Harley Davidson police motorcycles. These motorcycles replaced two motorcycles that were 17 years old. The cost to maintain these older motorcycles has increased over the years and we needed to make sure we provided our motor officers with a safe piece of equipment. Our motorcycles are used for traffic enforcement, funeral processions, and parade details.

Motorcycle officers must complete a very rigorous training program with the St Louis City Police Department in order to be qualified as a motor officer. This training is extremely difficult and puts excessive wear on the motorcycle. Using an older bike for this training program will save us on the wear and tear with the newer units. Because of this, our agency plans on keeping at least one of the older motorcycles for this training program.



2023 Harley Davidson Electra Glide

Traffic Unit

The Arnold Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit is part of the Special Operations Division within the Bureau of Field Operations. The Traffic Enforcement Unit is currently comprised of one lieutenant, and a Traffic Enforcement officer.

The primary duty of the Traffic Enforcement Unit is the enforcement of traffic laws to reduce traffic collisions and to facilitate the safe and expedient flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. These efforts result in safer roadways, fewer traffic related injuries, and also reduces property damage.



K-9 Unit

Officer Herold and K-9 Fado



K-9 Fado is a seven year old German Shephard who was purchased by this department in 2018. K-9 Fado is Officer Herold's first k-9 partner. Officer Herold and K-9 Fado attended Basic K-9 Handler School in September 2018. They both graduated and received certifications in Narcotics Detection, Aggression Control, Article Searches, Tracking, Obedience, and Building Searches. The two continue to complete yearly certifications in the above disciplines through the North America Police Working Dog Association.

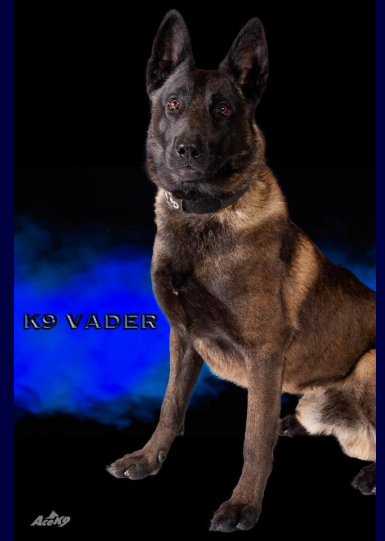
Officer Watson and K-9 Bane



K-9 Bane is a two year old German Shephard who was purchased by this department in 2021 and was paired with Officer Watson as his third k-9 partner. Officer Watson and K-9 Bane attended Basic K-9 Handler School. They both graduated and received certifications in Narcotics Detection, Aggression Control, Article Searches, Tracking, Obedience, and Building Searches. The two continue to complete yearly certifications in the above disciplines through the North America Police Working Dog Association.

K-9 Unit

Officer Mayberry and K-9 Vader



K-9 Vader is a 3 year-old Belgian Malinois who was purchased by this department in 2018 and was paired with Officer Mayberry as his first K-9 partner. Officer Mayberry and K-9 Vader attended Basic K-9 Handler School in September of 2020. They both graduated and received certifications in Narcotics Detection, Aggression Control, Article Searches, Tracking, Obedience, and Building Searches. The two continue to complete yearly certifications in the above disciplines through the North America Police Working Dog Association.

K-9 Unit Deployments:

Total Deployments:

- ◆ 117 Deployments
- ◆ 4 Building Searches
- ◆ 4 Area Searches
- ◆ 9 Tracking

Deployments led to the seizure of:

- ◆ 2.73 total pounds of Controlled Substances
- ◆ 195 Capsules of Controlled Substances
- ◆ 44 Items of Drug Paraphernalia

As a result, 81 suspects were arrested.

The K-9 unit was also deployed 11 times for suspect apprehensions. In 7 cases, suspects were located and taken into custody.

Our K-9 teams are made available to assist agencies upon request. In 2023, the K-9 Unit assisted the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriffs Office, Sunset Hills PD, Desoto PD, Herculanum PD, Pevely PD, and Festus PD.



Crime Suppression Unit

The Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) is a uniformed patrol section of the Bureau of Investigations under the direction of the Bureau of Investigations Commander. There are currently four Detectives assigned to this unit. The officers selected for this unit are highly motivated and have demonstrated a proactive approach to preventing crime. Members of the unit use community policing to better understand the needs of residents and create an information exchange corridor.

The Crime Suppression Unit is deployed in areas where there is a localized increase in crime. In addition, they apprehend wanted individuals and provide other services directly related to the prevention of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Crime Suppression Unit is tasked with addressing a multitude of issues and these detectives utilize non-traditional patrol methods in their attempt to deter criminal activity which results in an improved quality of life for our citizens and visitors. Whether it be targeted patrol details, conducting covert surveillance related to criminal activity, completing field interview cards on suspicious persons, or seeking out and arresting individuals who violate state and local laws, these detectives are proactive in their approach to crime.



Business Liaison Unit

Our business resource officers have a strong partnership with our business community. They focus their enforcement efforts in our numerous shopping centers throughout the city. Both the small business owner and the larger shopping centers can request assistance from this unit.

The officers work closely with retail establishments to address security concerns, prevent theft, and maintain a safe shopping environment. These officers collaborate with store management and provide a visible law enforcement presence. The majority of their calls for service involve shoplifting, but they also respond to business burglaries, vehicle thefts, and parking issues.

Fostering a positive relationship between this unit and the business is essential to the success of preventing and controlling crime. These officers share information about theft trends and collaborate on preventive measures. It's important to combine many strategies with our retailers to create a comprehensive approach to crime reduction. In 2023 this unit was also responsible for identifying and arresting several subjects involved in a multi-state theft syndicate based out of California and Texas.



Special Weapons and Tactics

The Arnold Police Department has three officers assigned to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office multi-jurisdictional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. They are pictured below (from left to right) Officer Josh Lambrich, Det. Brett Miller, Officer Bailey Vinyard. These officers focus on the preservation of life and property during critical incidents and high-risk operations. The SWAT team is called upon to respond for service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, incidents involving barricaded suspects, hostage rescues, active shooters, crowd control, and other situations requiring resources beyond the capacity of the patrol division. Members of this SWAT team also provide training in tactics to other members of the police department during various training exercises.

Members of the SWAT team are selected during a competitive process involving physical fitness, firearms skills, communications skills, decision making abilities, and job performance. Once selected to the team, members are sent to a basic SWAT school, where they receive concentrated instruction in tactics, movement and searching techniques, and firearms handling and marksmanship. Members of SWAT train together on a monthly basis and must pass several tests throughout the year to remain on the team.

Members of the SWAT team are expected to be available or "on-call" at short notice, dedicate a significant amount of personal time to training, and strive for continuous improvement in the performance of their mission of saving lives.



Public Relations Training Officer

Officer Josh Lambrich is assigned as the public relations training officer. Officer Lambrich works with our citizens, school district, and businesses to improve overall safety. This unit conducts numerous training sessions to include:

Active Shooter
Cyberbullying
De-escalation Training

Robbery Prevention
Cyber Security
General Safety

Neighborhood Watch
Family Safety: Drug/Narcotic Trends
Protecting House of Worship

Officer Lambrich has researched, developed, and implemented multiple programs since being placed in his position in 2018. The school training includes practical and applicable scenarios-based training which prepares our educators for high stress and what to do during an active threat situation. Teller awareness training focuses on situational awareness and how it relates to the banking industry. House of worship training highlights not only active threat situations, but theft, trespassing, and/or how to respond during a medical event. The neighborhood watch program increases community awareness and concern among neighbors to reduce crime. Finally, business training is a combination of leadership, de-escalation, theft/robbery, and active threat situations.



School Resource Officers



The Arnold Police Department's commitment to school safety is a top priority. In order to improve school security, the Arnold Police Department increased the number of officers in the School Resource Unit from one to three officers. This was made possible after residents passed Proposition Public Safety in April 2023. The Unit is comprised of 3 Officers and 1 Supervisor.

The process for an officer to be selected as a School Resource Officer is very difficult. In addition to an overall job performance review, candidates must participate in an interview process that is comprised of command staff officers, an SRO supervisor, and top administrators from the Fox School District.

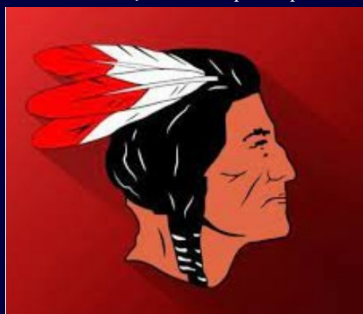
The mission of the School Resource Officer unit is to ensure a safe learning environment for students, teachers, and school administrators. The School Resource Officer unit works to prevent and solve problems within our schools and foster positive relationships between the youth of our community and law enforcement.



Sherwood Teachers, Officer Josh Lambrich and School Resource Officer Josh Crites participate in a slime event at Sherwood Elementary.



Rockport students and School Resource Officer Josh Crites participate in a color run event at Rockport Elementary.



Meet Your School Resource Officers



Corporal Sweeney is assigned as the supervisor of the School Resource Officer Unit and was part of Fox High School's graduating class of 1983. While attending Fox High School, Corporal Sweeney was named the Fox High School most valuable player for the Warrior's football team in 1982. Corporal Sweeney has been in Law Enforcement for twenty-nine years and was a School Resource Officer for the Arnold Police Department for 18 years. In addition to supervising this unit, Corporal Sweeney is also assigned as the emergency management officer for the department. In this role, Cpl. Sweeney works closely with other agencies on disaster preparedness.

Officer Kevin Wilson is assigned as the School Resource Officer for the Fox High School and was part of Northwest High School's graduating Class of 2007. He has been in Law Enforcement for twelve years, five of those with the Arnold Police Department. He was previously assigned to the patrol division where he assisted in the development of the department's drone program. He is one of several officers certified to operate the drone. Officer Wilson has been a school resource officer since 2021.



Officer Michael Prusinowski is assigned as the School Resource Officer at Fox Middle School and Fox Elementary. He was part of Fox High School's Graduating Class of 2000. Officer Prusinowski has been in Law Enforcement for twelve years, six of those with the Arnold Police Department. Officer Prusinowski has served in numerous specialized units with this department before accepting his role as a school resource officer for the 2023 school year.

Officer Joshua Crites is assigned as the School Resource Officer for both Sherwood Elementary School and Rockport Elementary. He was part of Northwest High School's Graduating class of 2006. Officer Crites has been with the Arnold Police Department for ten years. He was assigned to the Patrol Division prior to being transferred into his current assignment as a School Resource Officer for the 2023 school year.



To Protect and Educate



Bureau of Criminal Investigations



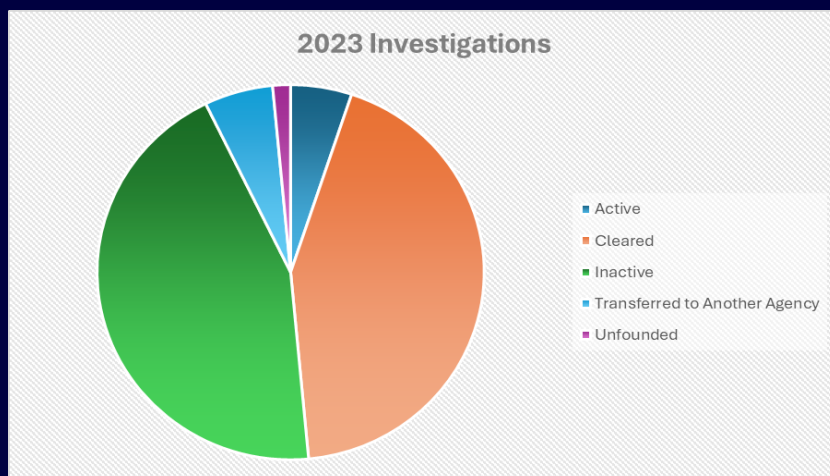
The Arnold Police Department Bureau of Criminal Investigations is made up of five Detectives, including one Lieutenant, one Corporal, three Detectives, one administrative assistant, and one civilian evidence custodian. The detectives work eight hour shifts, Monday through Friday. These detectives are also subject to call outs at a moments notice in order to assist the patrol division with any investigative needs. The officers assigned to this unit investigate in depth cases that patrol officers do not have the resources or time to conduct.

Detectives are selected from the patrol division and must compete in a competitive selection process in order to hold the title of Detective. During the selection process there are several areas that are considered:

- Years of Service
- Work Ethic/History
- Communication Skills
- Good Judgement
- Knowledge
- Team-focused

The officers must also complete an oral interview with the Bureau Commander and Unit Supervisor. The final selection is determined by the Bureau Commander who takes into consideration all the information obtained during the process.

All detectives are assigned cases and conduct the follow-up investigations necessary in order to identify the victims, witnesses and suspects involved in reported crimes. The Detectives have the responsibility of putting together successful investigations that are then forwarded to the prosecutor's office for consideration of criminal charges. Some of the many duties performed by our detectives include surveillance, interviews and interrogations, search warrants, evidence collection, forensic data analysis, and courtroom testimony. These detectives also work with other local, state, and federal departments while conducting their investigations.



Average Missouri clearance rates are 45.6% for violent crimes and 18.3% for property crimes. These numbers are very close to the national average of 45.6% for violent crimes and 19.2% for property crimes. The Missouri total clearance rate is 31.95% and the rate is 32.4% nationally. The Arnold Police Department's Bureau of Criminal Investigations held a total clearance rate of 55.96% well above the state and federal averages.

Investigations Assigned:

523

Cases Still Active:

4.5%

Cases Cleared:

45%

Cases Transferred

5.16%

Cases Unfounded:

1.3%

Digital Forensic Investigator



Digital Forensics is an expanding field that embraces the exponential growth of new technology. As our lives become more dependent on devices such as smart phones, laptops, and personal computers the need for specially trained investigators grows. Detective Clinton Bequette was assigned to the multi-jurisdictional Digital Forensic Unit with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. His role as an examiner is to evaluate and interpret data obtained from properly packaged electronic evidence and present it in a way to assist an investigation. The data is extracted in a forensically sound and industry approved manner that creates an exact duplicate without altering the original data. The duplicate is then examined using various software, techniques, and procedures. This method preserves the original data and allows for a thorough investigation at the same time. Detective Bequette has attended hundreds of hours of training and successfully completed his national certification as a forensic computer examiner with the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialist.

Task Force Officer

This year Detective Doug Bequette was chosen to participate in the Task Force Officer Program with the Department of Homeland Security. His experience both in law enforcement and investigations along with his work ethic made him a great choice to represent the Arnold Police Department.

This opportunity will allow the Bureau of Criminal Investigation additional resources and equipment to assist with their investigations. The experience and knowledge also gained by Detective Bequette will be beneficial to this department and community as well. After completing the selection process and background investigation at the end of 2023, Detective Bequette was accepted and will start his new role in February of 2024.



Evidence Custodian



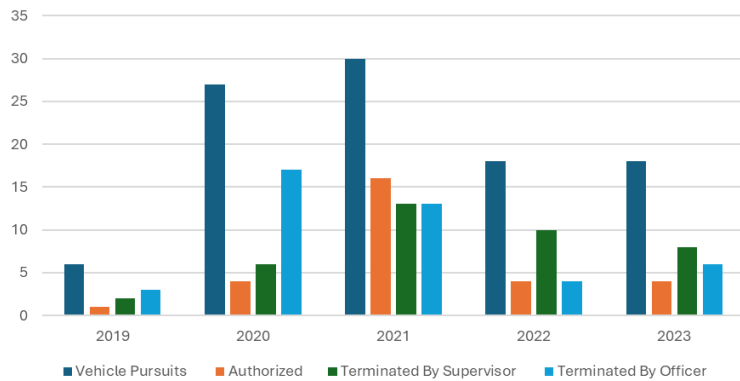
The Property and Evidence Unit is staffed by one Evidence Custodian under the direct supervision of the Commander of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations. Evidence technician, Gayle Brown, works as a team with the officers of this department to handle the daily activities, which include receiving, maintenance, and cataloging all items submitted as evidence.

The unit is also responsible for returning property to owners, the transfer of evidence to the Missouri State Highway Patrol laboratories for processing/analysis, and the court order destructions of all evidence. Evidence technician Brown is also responsible for the transfer of evidence to detectives for further investigation and preparing evidence to go to trial.

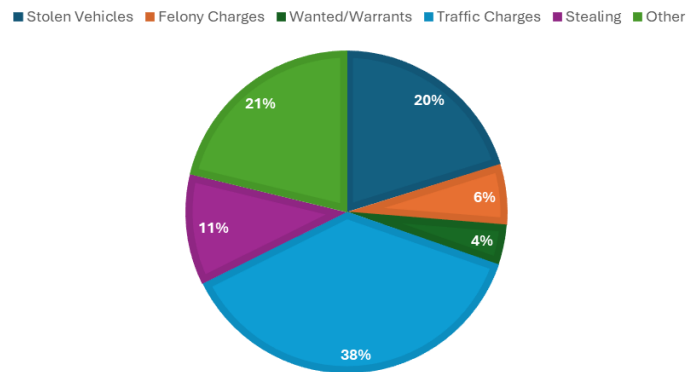
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| Current Evidence Inventory | 28,259 | Drug Evidence Collected | 172 Cases |
| Accepted | 3,921 | Missouri State Highway Patrol Laboratory Visits | 12 |
| Returned | 133 | Prescription Medication Destroyed (Take-Back Program) | 1,058 lbs |
| Firearms Destroyed | 73 | | |

Vehicle Pursuits

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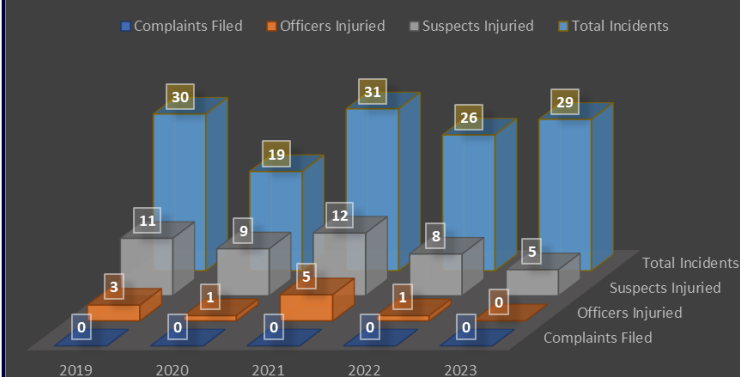
2019-2023 PURSUITS BY CHARGES



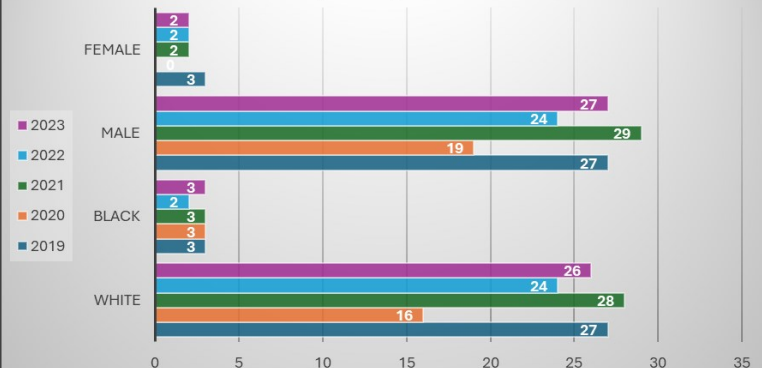
Few areas of police work raise as much scrutiny as police pursuits because of the risks involved. Striking a balance between apprehending suspects and minimizing public safety risks is crucial. Officers must examine the necessity of the pursuit, adhere to department pursuit policy, and take into consideration the potential impact on bystanders. In 2023, officers of this department were involved in eighteen (18) vehicle pursuits. Of those incidents, four (4) pursuits were authorized to continue, eight (8) were terminated by a supervisor, and six (6) were terminated by pursuing officers. The Arnold Police Department regularly reviews and updates our pursuit policy to adhere to safety protocols.

Use of Force

USE OF FORCE



Use of force by suspect's Race/Gender



Our officers receive training in de-escalation techniques and crisis intervention training to assist in seeking voluntary compliance from citizens. There are occasions when a citizen's actions compel officers to utilize force to affect an arrest or gain control of an individual. Arnold Police Department policy requires that officers must document all use of force incidents. These reports are initially reviewed by the officer's direct supervisors and a final review by the Commander of Uniform Services. The use of force review evaluates body camera footage, written reports, and any other camera footage available to determine if the force utilized by an officer was appropriate.

In 2023, out of the 1,177 arrests, officers used force to affect the arrest of 29 individuals. Of the 29 incidents where force was used, 24 suspects sustained no injuries, while 5 sustained minor to moderate injuries. No officers were injured during any of the 29 incidents.

Internal Investigations

The Chief of Police designates a commander to act as the Internal Affairs Investigator and that function currently rests with the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Most complaints are classified as preliminary investigations. These complaints are commonly investigated and resolved by the immediate supervisor of the alleged employee. Allegations that are serious or criminal in nature are classified as administrative investigations and are referred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigations. The purpose of this rule is to establish a system of complaint and disciplinary procedures which will maintain the integrity of the department by insuring a prompt and fair disposition of complaints. Internal Affairs investigations will subject the department member to corrective action if improper conduct is evident, and will protect those who discharge their duties properly.

Regardless of severity, all complaints are logged and tracked by an assigned control number. The complaint records are maintained by the commander.

Complaints can be generated by either citizens or staff concerning any officer's conduct found to be in violation of departmental policies or criminal law. Of the nine complaints generated in 2023 four (4) were staff generated and five (5) were citizen generated. Most minor discipline complaints are investigated by the employees immediate supervisor and upon completion, the investigation is forwarded through the chain of command for possible discipline determination. All major complaints are investigated by the Commander of Criminal Investigations and also forwarded through the chain of command for discipline and/or criminal charges.

In 2023, the Arnold Police Department responded to 58,478 incidents. Included in that number, are 5,883 vehicle stops. Officers of this department made 1,231 arrests, issued 3,966 written warnings and 3,115 citations for traffic violations. In 2023, officers of this department received one complaint per every 6,497 incidents or at a rate of .015%.

There were a small number of complaints received in 2023. The Arnold Police Department places a high priority on police officers that conduct themselves professionally and ethically in their interactions with the community. An Officers conduct and performance are constantly being evaluated by their supervisors.

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| Total Number of Complaints | 9 |
| Number of Internal Investigations | 4 |
| Staff Generated Complaint | 4 |
| Citizen Generated Complaint | 5 |
| Number that was Sustained | 1 |
| Number that were Exonerated | 2 |
| Number that were Withdrawn | 0 |
| Number that were Unfounded | 0 |
| Number that were not Sustained | 1 |
| Number that were Resolved | 5 |
| Number that are still Pending | 0 |

The following is a breakdown of bias-based complaints received for the year 2023:

- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Race
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Gender
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Religion
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Economic Status
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Age
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Ethnicity
- ◆ 0 Complaints received based on Sexual Orientation

Officer of the Quarter Awards 2023



1st Quarter

Officer Beavers was selected as officer of the 1st quarter based on his overall job performance and two separate incidents where he was commended by his supervision. The first incident, Officer Beavers was investigating a suicidal subject who was armed with a recently purchased firearm. He was able to build a rapport with the individual and convince him to respond to the hospital for treatment without incident. The second incident, Officer Beaver's conducted an investigation regarding an individual had who stolen money from a victim at Wal-Mart. He was able to utilize the department Flock cameras to identify the suspect, later locating him, and was able to quickly apprehend the suspect.



Officer Sarber was also selected as officer of the 1st quarter based on his overall job performance and two separate incidents where he was commended by his supervisors. In the first incident, Officer Sarber acted on a Flock alert for a stolen vehicle. He was able to locate the occupied stolen vehicle, taking two suspects into custody. A search revealed one suspect was also in possession of a loaded firearm. The second incident, Officer Sarber was able to locate a juvenile subject who fled a local business after stealing items and assaulting employees. During the foot pursuit, the suspect hid inside a trash can to avoid apprehension. Officer Sarber observed several cameras where the suspect was last observed. Thinking outside the box, he contacted the home owner via a ring door bell camera. The home owner reviewed the video surveillance and provided him with the location of the suspect. The suspect, who was hiding in a trash can, was taken into custody.



2nd Quarter

Officer Siebert was selected as officer of the second quarter based on his overall job performance and being commended by his supervisors for his action during the same time frame. On May 29th, Officer Siebert observed a female near her stranded vehicle. He contacted the female who was attempting to change a flat tire. While assisting her, a bag of methamphetamine fell from her jacket. A search of her person and vehicle revealed her to be in possession seventy-seven grams of methamphetamine. A computer inquiry revealed the female was also actively wanted for Drug Trafficking, Possession of a Control Substance and Parole Absconding.



3rd Quarter

Officer Hussmann was selected as officer of the third quarter for his overall job performance and the following incidents: On July 22nd, he conducted a traffic stop and detected an overwhelming odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle determined the two suspects had 3.8 pounds of marijuana/THC Wax, body armor, a loaded AR-15 rifle, and 14 loaded magazine. The subjects were taken into custody and \$3,100.00 of suspected drug proceeds was seized. On September 3rd, he received radio traffic of an armed kidnapping. He canvassed possible routes for the vehicle and successfully located the suspect vehicle. The vehicle failed to yield as he pursued the vehicle out of the city's limits. Officer Hussmann continued to pursue the vehicle until assisting agencies could take over. The vehicle was subsequently stopped, the suspect arrested and the victim was rescued unharmed. On September 16, he conducted a traffic stop for a suspect with active felony warrants. During a search he located 43 capsules of fentanyl inside the vehicle.



4th Quarter

Officer T. Watson was selected as officer of the fourth quarter for his overall job performance and the following incidents. On October 21, he conducted a pedestrian check of a male in the area where a subject had fled the scene of a stabbing. Through questioning he was able to determine that the subject was responsible for the assault. The male was turned over to JCSO for booking. On October 22, Officer Watson conducted an area canvass reference a flock alert and took into custody a subject for possession of stolen license plates on his vehicle. October 22, Watson conducted a canvass of the area for the suspects of a robbery at Ace Hardware. He was able to locate the vehicle, which fled from him. Watson gave chase and during the pursuit, he observed the male suspect force a female from the vehicle while it was still in motion. Watson subsequently took the male into custody after a motor vehicle collision near Butler Hill Rd. On November 5th, Watson overheard radio traffic from JCSO regarding a stolen vehicle near Arnold's venue. He canvassed the area locating the vehicle at 5 Municipal Dr. Upon his contact, the subjects fled from the vehicle on foot. He provided information to responding officers who were able locate and take two subjects into custody.

Officer of the Year Award 2023



Officer Raymond Hussmann joined the Arnold Police Department on June 23, 2023. Officer Hussmann has been in law enforcement for 10 years. He spent 6 years with the Granite City, IL Police Department, and 4 years with the University City Police Department. While employed with the University City Police Department, Officer Hussmann was assigned to the K-9 unit and was awarded two Life Saving Awards. Officer Hussmann was selected as the Officer of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter and Officer of the Year for 2023 for his overall job performance and the following incidents:

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Since arriving at this department, only six months ago, Patrolman Hussmann has made 75 arrests, completed 120 traffic stops, and was recently assigned to the Department's Crime Suppression Unit. Patrolman Hussmann is an asset to this community and his work ethic is beyond reproach.

Special Accomplishments



Major Wooldridge was accepted into the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This training is regarded as one of the premier law enforcement training programs in the world. This is an extremely competitive position where only two Law Enforcement executives in the St Louis region were granted this opportunity.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities.

The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

The knowledge gained from attending the National Academy will be invaluable for the City of Arnold, this department, and him personally. The training, which also has a heavy emphasis on physical fitness, will take place in the Spring of 2024.



Officer O'Connor #143 Update



On December 5, 2017 Police Officer Ryan O'Connor was shot and catastrophically injured in the line of duty. This is a day that we will never forget. Officer O'Connor's journey of recovery during the last six years has been filled with many emotions. The most asked question here at the PD is, "How is Officer O'Connor doing?" This is our first year completing an annual report and moving forward our plan is to provide a yearly update from the O'Connor family on Ryan. Our agency will continue to stand with Officer O'Connor and we shall never forget the sacrifices he has made for our community. We would like to provide the following 2023 update from Ryan's wife, Barb O'Connor:

As our family reflects on 2023, we would like to again share our sincere thanks for the continued love and support from the Arnold Police Department and the entire Arnold community. Although Ryan has had several setbacks along the way, he continues to face every challenge head on - and with the same fighting spirit we saw December 5, 2017.

We were blessed to have been able to celebrate his 50th birthday at the Budweiser Guns N Hoses charity event which benefits The Backstoppers. We were surrounded by friends and our APD family who presented Ryan with some very special and thoughtful gifts which are now displayed proudly in our home.

Ryan was able to enjoy his first ever family vacation since he was injured which was a very special treat for him and our boys.

While we never know what the future holds, we are truly grateful for every day we have together. Thank you all for helping us get this far.

Sincerely,
The Ryan O'Connor family



Proposition Public Safety



On April 4, 2023 our residents approved Proposition Public Safety. It was evident from the election results that public safety is a top priority for our community. Prior to the passage of the tax initiative our agency was operating under a hiring freeze. We ran short on manpower and had to make various schedule adjustments. We had to pull officers from specialized units to make sure we had the necessary coverage on the street. If the proposition didn't pass, we were certain we would have been looking at additional manpower cuts.

The passage of Prop P has allowed us to continue to provide the best possible police services to our community. This starts with the recruitment and selection of top-quality police officers. This is evident with the hiring of our last group of officers in 2023. The passage of Prop P has also allowed us to continue to invest in new and innovative ways to enhance public safety. **We are very fortunate to police a community that supports our officers!**



PROPOSITION PUBLIC SAFETY

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE UPCOMING ELECTION

PROPOSITION PUBLIC SAFETY WILL:

- REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES BY 50% FOR ARNOLD RESIDENTS
- ADD TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN
- THE SALES TAX IS EARMARKED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE CAN NEVER BE DEFUNDED.

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Community Outreach

“Community policing is not just a buzzword; it is a philosophy that puts the community at the heart of law enforcement.”

Robert Peel

The Arnold Police Department places a high emphasis on community policing and outreach programs. This can be seen by the numerous programs established and supported by the Arnold Police Department. The officers of this department understand the importance of serving the community and building relationships. These community outreach programs allow our officers to contact citizens in a fun environment.



Back the Blue Trivia Night

This event is held in March each year which allows the community to gather with first responders, local officials and businesses for a great cause. This has been an excellent event and really brings the community together. This event usually sells out quickly and there are great times to be had. This event allows you to show your knowledge, win prizes, and meet many of your local law enforcement officers who serve your community.



APOA Car Show

The APOA Car Show takes place on Saturday during the Arnold Days Festival. It allows the community to interact with officers of this department and share their love for vehicles.

The car show averages around 150 vehicles over several different classifications. Vehicle owners receive trophies



Special Olympics

The Arnold Police Department, along with Schnuck's and Dunkin' Donuts, join forces for two fundraising events to support Special Olympics Missouri. The Arnold Police Department is proud to partner with these organizations to raise funds for a great cause.



Trunk or Treat

At the Trunk or Treat event in Arnold, you will find our officers there with the community. This is a great time for our officers to meet many children and their parents in our area. Our officers are able to begin to build friendships with the youth of the area and their parents. The children get several chances to gather candy, play games, and enjoy bounce houses while being in a safe environment at several locations throughout the Arnold Community.



Community Outreach



Pumpkin Run

Have you ever wanted to complete a 5k run or walk while in costume for the season? We have you covered at our APOA Pumpkin Run. Officers and the community participate in a 5K walk or run while dressing in the Halloween theme. It is a great time where you can win a medal or just take in our beautiful Arnold City Park. The event is always a great time for both children and adults.



Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Drop off your Donations off at the following locations:

UNRIVALED REALTY
105 Richardson Crossing
Arnold MO 63010
2101 Jeffco Blvd.
Arnold MO 63010
Wesley Rogers
3601 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold MO 63010

July 25- August 19



Back-to-School Supplies

The Arnold Police Department, in conjunction with several local businesses, participates in the back to school supply drive. Officers work with the community to gather items like backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and other essentials. This drive provides assistance to those in the community who may need help with obtaining school supplies for the upcoming school year. This is a great way for our officers to help make a difference in the lives of many. The event promotes community engagement and positive interactions between our police officers and the public during the back-to-school season.

Shop with a Hero

Everyone, especially first responders, has a soft spot when it comes to children during Christmas. The Shop With a Hero campaign allows families in need to apply for assistance with Christmas gifts. Applications are submitted and with the assistance of the Fox School District, 159 children were chosen to participate in 2023. The proceeds generated by the APOA and other surrounding agencies allowed each child to purchase \$100.00 in gifts.

Each child is paired with a first responder who will help them shop for gifts of their choice. It is a real touching moment for the first responders who get to watch these children purchase items for Christmas. It is amazing to see some of these children purchase gifts for their family members, putting others in front of themselves. The event is a great time for the families and first responders. At the end of the day, this initiative aims at fostering positive relationships between the community and law enforcement while providing support to families facing economic challenges.



New Equipment

Speed Trailer

In 2023 our department purchased a new speed trailer. Our old speed trailer was very useful over the last 15 years, but it lacked current technology. The main purpose of the speed trailer is obvious - to encourage drivers to obey the speed limit. Our old speed trailer only makes the driver aware of their speed. This new trailer will give us detailed information on traffic patterns. We will be able to compare traffic data each time the speed trailer is deployed. The traffic analysis will include: Maximum speeds, average traffic speeds, traffic time and speed intervals, total number of vehicles, and the number of vehicles above the posted speed limit. Once we gather this information we can then adjust our manpower based on the needs of traffic enforcement.

Speeding is one of our top concerns especially in our sub-divisions. The new trailer will allow us to conduct a traffic study and compile data. We can then share this data with our citizens to address their concerns. If there is a problem, we will adjust our enforcement efforts accordingly. At the end of the day we want to engage our community, resolve complaints, and encourage safe driving habits. This new speed trailer will help us reach this goal.



Load Bearing Vests

In 2023 our agency was able to purchase load bearing vests for all officers in the department. We were very fortunate to recently receive some drug forfeiture money to be able to pay for these vests. In the past, Officers were allowed to purchase these vests with their own funds and the feedback from these Officers has been positive. We also did a trial run with this particular vest for several months to make sure this was the best option for our Officers.

The transition to the load bearing vest is very important to the health of our officers. In the past, the duty belt was the only way to carry your equipment. This gear on your waist, which can weigh between 20-30 pounds, can cause lower back and hip pain. Our officers work a 12-hour shift and their vehicles are essentially their office. Sitting in a police vehicle with this gear on your waist causes an awkward sitting position which in turn puts a lot of strain on your back and hips. The research is clear that lower back pain is a significant health issue for police officers. This research also shows that the load bearing vests are a much safer and healthier alternative to the traditional duty belt. By taking the gear off the belt and evenly distributing it across the vest, there is less strain on the Officer. We must continue to put the health and wellness of our Officers as a top priority.



New Equipment

Flock Safety- License Plate Readers

Our agency introduced FLOCK cameras in March of 2023. The addition of FLOCK cameras has been a game changer for our police department. The real-time alerts allow our officers to stop certain vehicles prior to the occupants committing additional crimes. If a suspect is operating a stolen vehicle in our City, there is a good chance they are here to commit additional crimes. This added technology allows us to be more proactive in our enforcement efforts. FLOCK also assists our detectives and officers with investigations. We have been able to solve numerous crimes solely on the evidence obtained from FLOCK.



The placement of the FLOCK cameras is done after careful consideration from our staff. We look at crime trends and patterns to determine the best possible locations. We choose locations that will benefit both our residential areas and business districts. It's important to note that FLOCK cameras only capture the rear of a vehicle. The cameras do not capture any personally identifiable information and any information gathered by FLOCK is only shared with other law enforcement agencies. The focus is to solve and reduce property and violent crime. These cameras are not intended for traffic or parking violations.

Drone



In 2023 we had several officers complete a certified drone pilot training program and receive a remote pilot certificate from the FAA. Our officers were able to deploy the drone in the field on several occasions. Our current drone has a thermal camera which can detect heat signatures. This has been beneficial while apprehending suspects that flee at night.



New Equipment— Bola Wrap



The Arnold Police Department has added some new technology called the Bola Wrap. The Bola Wrap is a hand-held remote restraint device that discharges a Kevlar tether, eight feet in length, that is designed to entangle a subject at a range of 10-25 feet. This allows officers to temporarily restrain a subject at a safe distance and can potentially reduce a subject's ability to struggle, minimizing the possibility of needing to use higher levels of force.

In this profession, there is never a one tool fits all. These devices are just another less lethal tool the officers will have at their disposal in case the need may arise. Our officers can use this device as a compliance technique to potentially de-escalate situations before they become violent.



In 2023 the Arnold Police Department received five of these devices through a grant from MIRMA and we are currently in a test and evaluation phase to see how they perform in the field. If they prove to be beneficial to the officers and decrease the need for escalated force, more bola wraps may be purchased.

BOLA REMOTE
WRAP RESTRAINT

Grant Purchases



In 2023 the Arnold Police Department received three grants from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Two of these grants, totaling \$33,450, were received to replace ten mobile data terminals (MDT's) in our patrol fleet. Officers utilize these mobile data terminals to complete reports, conduct inquiries, issue citations, and obtain real time crime alerts. These computers are not like your conventional laptops. They are rugged and can withstand the demands of police work. In the past we found that a standard laptop would last 6-8 months in a patrol vehicle before being replaced. These MDT's will replace what we currently have and will last well over 5 years. These computers are also essential at keeping our officers on the street. Instead of responding to the station to write a report, officers are able to complete reports in their patrol vehicles which increases our response time to calls.

In 2023 our original Flock camera program started with 6 cameras. The third grant received from the Missouri Department of Public safety allowed our agency to lease 3 additional cameras. Our department has seen great success from Flock. Not only do officers get real-time alerts from these cameras, we are able to access the software to assist us with criminal investigations. Our agency applied for a 50% match grant for the three additional cameras under a five-year contract. The total cost to complete this project was \$42,500.00. Out of this total expense, state grant funds covered \$20,000.



The Arnold Police Department also received a grant from our insurance carrier, MIRMA, for the purchase of five Bola Wraps, twenty-five Cartridges, and training for three instructors. These non-lethal remote restraint devices allow law enforcement officers to immobilize individuals safely and effectively without causing physical harm. It was developed to address the need for less lethal alternatives, reducing the risks associated with traditional methods of subduing individuals. The Arnold Police Department will continue to invest in similar technology that can equip our officers to deescalate situations and reduce use-of-force encounters which will allow for fewer serious injuries.



The Arnold Police Department will continue to apply for state and federal funding to assist with the purchase of equipment and training. This financial support enables our agency to invest in technology to stay ahead of emerging challenges facing law enforcement.

Explorer Post



In 2023 our department started a police explorer program. It's getting harder and harder to find good applicants that want to do this job. We wanted to start this program to give young adults an opportunity to see what it takes to be a police officer. We hope our explorers will look up to our officers as role models and give them a better understanding of this profession. If they decide that law enforcement is not for them, that's ok. Hopefully we can make a difference in their lives and they can take their experience and apply it to their future career aspirations.

Explorers will experience what it's like to be a police officer. We want our explorers to become intertwined in our community the way our officers strive to be. We will teach our explorers the importance of teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and physical fitness. We will get them involved in various community events to include our annual Arnold Days celebration. They will experience various classroom scenarios pertaining to building searches, traffic stops, mock crime scenes, and other police related calls for service.



Explorer Post

Detective Corporal Josh Wineinger instructed the explorers on crime scene processing techniques. Our advisors provided the explorers with several mock crime scenes during this training event.



Officer Joshua Lambrich and K-9 Officer Melissa Herold provide the explorers with classroom information regarding the fundamentals of traffic stops. After the classroom portion, they participated in practical training where they conducted several mock traffic stops.

Our agency is always recruiting for our explorer POST.

If you know any young adults that may be interested in the explorer program, please send them our way. The explorer must be a resident of Jefferson County, be between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty (20), be a student or possess a high school diploma. The following are additional requirements:

- Have and be able to maintain a “C” grade point average.
- If an Explorer is unable to maintain the “C” average that is required, they will be placed on suspension until proper documentation from the school can be provided to lift the suspension.
- Have no serious arrests or convictions, or any violation deemed by the Post Advisors that violate the Explorer Code of Ethics.
- Belong to no other Law Enforcement Explorer Post
- Have parental approval, if under the age of 18 years old



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<https://www.arnoldmo.org/government/police/police-explorer-program/>



Police Department Improvements

Police Memorial



Our new police officer memorial was completed at the end of 2022. This memorial is dedicated to Arnold Police Officers John LeCompte and Steven Jarvis who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our community. Many individuals were instrumental in the design and construction of the memorial, but a special thank you must go out to Judy Wagner, our Public Works Director. Judy took the lead on this project and never looked back.



Detective Break Room / Evidence Processing Area



In 2023 we renovated the break room in Criminal Investigation Unit. This area had been unchanged since the opening of the original building. Besides a break room, this area is also used for equipment storage and evidence processing. This was a much-needed upgrade to our Detective Bureau. The project was made possible through several donations from our business community. The work was completed by city employees from the Public Works Department.

In Remembrance of Those Officers Who Have Fallen

“We knew them, we’ll remember them, and they will never be forgotten.”

To our fallen officers:

Place Setting:

You may have noticed the table set for one that is off on its own — it is reserved to honor our fallen Officers in arms. This symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. We should never forget the brave men and women who answered our City’s call to serve, to protect, and to preserve life and liberty in a special way. We are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured the agonies of pain and deprivation and death.



- The table is round — to show our everlasting concern for our fallen Officers.
- The tablecloth is white — symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.
- The single red rose, displayed in a vase — reminds us of the life each of our fallen Officers, and the loved ones and friends of these Officers who keep the faith.
- The vase is tied with a blue ribbon — symbolic of our continued determination to remember our fallen Officers.
- A slice of lemon on the bread plate — to remind us of the bitter fate of those who will never return.
- A pinch of salt — symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed it all.
- The Holy Book — represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our midst.
- The glass inverted — for they cannot toast with us at this time.
- The chair is empty — because they are no longer with us.
- Let us remember — and never forget their sacrifice.

“May they and their families ever be watched over and protected.”

You gave your all to protect and serve

For that, we are eternally grateful



Arnold Officers Lost in the Line of Duty



Officer John LeCompte
EOW 10/22/1976

On October 22, 1976, at approximately 0755 hours, Officer John LeCompte responded to Dudler Dr. to investigate a suspicious person call. As he arrived on the scene, the dispatcher advised LeCompte that the suspect, who was later identified as Melvin Foot, was attempting to force entry into a residential garage.

A short time later, the dispatcher advised other officers that residents on Dudler Drive reported hearing shots being fired in the area of the call. Investigation revealed that Foot and LeCompte had become involved in a physical struggle. During the struggle, Foot ripped LeCompte's duty weapon from its holster and shot LeCompte in the back. Foot then took LeCompte's hat, duty weapon, and patrol car and fled the scene, driving northbound on Jeffco Blvd.

School children waiting for a school bus, at the intersection of Jeffco Blvd. and Bradley Beach Rd, informed police that they saw Foot driving the Arnold Police car, and they saw it turn off of Jeffco Blvd. onto Hollywood Beach Rd.

On June 14, 1977, Officer Steven Jarvis was assigned to investigate a traffic accident on northbound I-55, on the Meramec River Bridge. One of the vehicles involved in the accident was a stake-bed truck that had spilled part of its load on the roadway, in the curb lane of northbound I-55.

Officer Jarvis had parked his patrol car, with it's emergency equipment in operation, approximately 100 feet to the rear of the truck. Jarvis had also placed several road flares to the rear of his patrol car to warn oncoming traffic of the road blockage.

While the truck driver was picking up his spilled load, Jarvis was seated in his patrol car completing some paper work. A northbound tractor trailer truck failed to see the accident scene and struck the rear of Jarvis' police car.

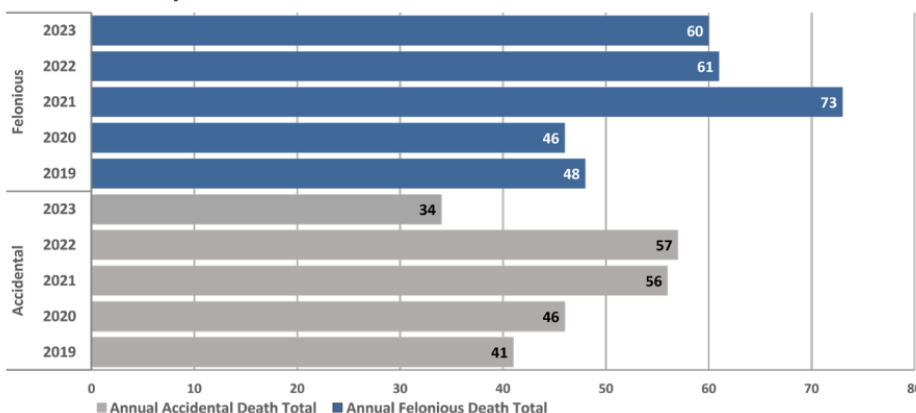
This caused the police car gas tank to rupture and explode. The police car was pushed approximately eighty feet, almost striking the truck that had been involved in the earlier accident.



Officer Steven Jarvis
EOW 06/14/1977

The Arnold Police Department has been extremely fortunate that the last officer to lose their life in the line of duty was 1977, but every officer who serves this community and their families are well aware of the risk everyday when they put on their uniform. Officer LeCompte and Officer Jarvis paid the ultimate sacrifice to the City of Arnold. This is a debt that could never be repaid to those officers or their families.

Officer Deaths by Year





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