



## Fredericktown Police Department

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# Fredericktown Police Department **2020 Annual Report**

## **Message from the Chief**

Dear Citizens of Fredericktown, Mayor Jerry Day,  
and Village of Fredericktown Council Members,

On behalf of the officers of the Fredericktown Police Department I am pleased to submit our 2020 annual report. The information contained in this report represents who we are as an agency, our commitment to the citizens of Fredericktown, and our continued progress towards crime prevention. Our officers take great pride and ownership in Fredericktown's success and we are humbled by the responsibility given to us by those whom we serve. At the core of our success is the trust of the citizens of Fredericktown. This is a trust that we highly value and strive to maintain each and every day.

To say that 2020 was a difficult and challenging year for law enforcement would be an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic required us to evaluate how we could provide the same professional police services that we were accustomed to while keeping our officers and the public that we serve healthy. We found creative ways to do just that and while we may not have had as many in-person interactions as we are used to, I am confident in stating that we still met the needs of our community with the utmost of professionalism and integrity. These efforts would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the officers of the Fredericktown Police Department and I cannot thank them enough for their efforts during a difficult year.

I encourage you to take a few moments to review our annual report. If questions come from your review, please do not hesitate to ask. We need your input, perspective, feedback, and ideas to continually improve. I truly thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police.



-Kyle Johnson, Chief of Police



## Staff

**Command / Administration -** Kyle Johnson, Chief of Police

**School Resource Officer -** Patrolman Ronny Flynn

**Patrolman -**  
Patrolman Josh Jones  
Patrolman Justin Duvall  
Patrolman Rene Joris  
Patrolman Wade Duston

**Part Time Patrolman -** Patrolman Brandon Jacobson



K. Johnson



R. Flynn



J. Jones



J. Duvall



R. Joris



W. Duston



B. Jacobson

## **2020 Cruiser Report**

|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 34,747     | Miles Traveled        |
| \$3,648.75 | Maintenance & Repairs |
| \$7,074.72 | Fuel Costs            |
| 3,427.56   | Fuel Gallons          |

### Current Vehicle Fleet:

2019 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptor, AWD  
2016 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptor, AWD  
2012 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2x4  
1 - Police Mountain Bike

## **Calls for Service**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2020 – 1,790 | 2015 – 1,275 |
| 2019 – 1,699 | 2014 – 1,304 |
| 2018 – 1,747 | 2013 – 1,144 |
| 2017 – 1,921 | 2012 – 997   |
| 2016 – 1,607 | 2011 – 888   |

Fredericktown Police officers are dispatched by the Knox County, Ohio 911 Dispatch Center to calls and complaints received from within the Village of Fredericktown. Occasionally, officers are dispatched to provide assistance / mutual aid outside of the Village limits to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Mount Vernon Police Department, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Our dispatch center can be reached by calling (740)397-3333 and as always if there is an emergency please call 911.



## **2020 Criminal Charges**

### **January**

Assault – 1, Aggravated Menacing – 1, Cruelty to Animals - 1

### **February**

Criminal Trespass – 1, Drug Possession – 2, Drug Paraphernalia – 1, Menacing -1

### **March**

Assault – 1

### **April**

Assault – 3, Domestic Violence – 4, Menacing – 1, Disorderly Conduct -1

### **May**

Drug Paraphernalia – 2, Domestic Violence – 2, Assault – 1, Endangering Children - 6, Violation of a Protection Order - 1

### **June**

Breaking & Entering – 6, Violation of a Protection Order – 1, Failure to Comply with a Peace Officer – 2, Drug Paraphernalia – 2, Drug Abuse Instruments – 1, Underage Tobacco Possession – 1, Drug Possession - 1

### **July**

Drug Paraphernalia – 1, Curfew – 2, Assault – 3, Rape – 1, Aggravated Burglary – 1, Aggravated Menacing - 1

### **August**

Aggravated Menacing – 2, Theft – 1, Rape – 1, Gross Sexual Imposition – 1, Receiving Stolen Property – 1, Misuse of Credit Cards - 1

### **September**

Criminal Damaging – 2, Curfew - 3, Drug Paraphernalia – 1, Obstructing Official Business – 1, Drug Possession – 1, Assault – 1, Domestic Violence - 1

### **October**

Assault – 1, Domestic Violence – 1, Felonious Assault - 1

### **November**

Domestic Violence – 1, Drug Possession – 1, Assault – 1, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor – 1, Underage Tobacco Possession - 1

### **December**

Domestic Violence – 2, Assault – 2, Drug Possession – 2, Drug Paraphernalia – 1, Theft - 3

**ANNUAL TOTAL: 87**

## **2020 Traffic Offenses**

| <u>Description</u> | <u># of Citations</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Speed Offenses     | 106                   |
| Seatbelt Offenses  | 2                     |
| OVI Offenses       | 5                     |
| Other Offenses     | 60                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>173</b>            |

## **Municipal Court Fine Revenue**

The amounts listed below represent revenue generated by court fines through the Mt. Vernon Municipal Court that were returned to the Village of Fredericktown general fund.

2020 - \$7,450

2019 - \$11,836

2018 - \$6,190

2017 - \$5,865

2016 - \$6,025

## **Nuisance Ordinance Violations**

The Fredericktown Police Department issued 37 Nuisance Ordinance Violation letters to residents throughout the Village in 2020. The violations were related to; high grass, trash, construction debris, furniture, appliances, inoperable vehicles, etc. A large majority of the residents receiving these notices abated the violations immediately.

Visible signs of crime and disorder create an environment that fosters further and more serious crimes. We are committed to enforcing nuisance ordinance violations to not only ensure an improved quality of life in our neighborhoods but to also promote crime prevention efforts.

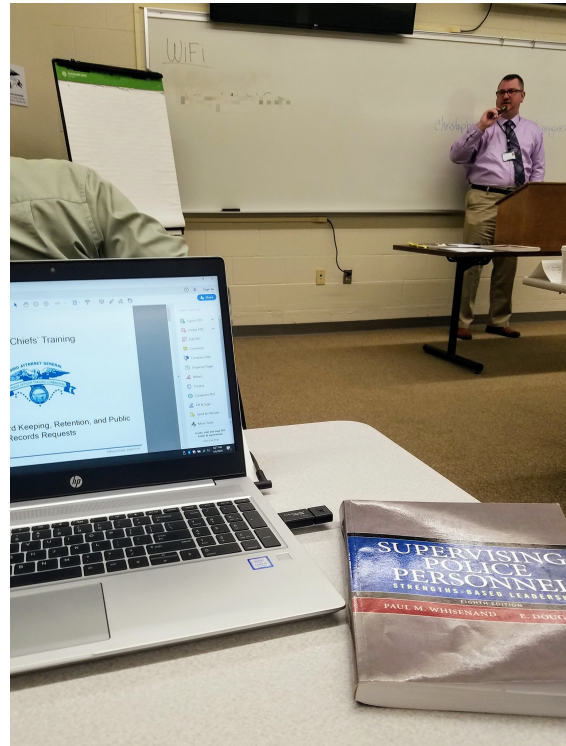
## 2020 Training

Fredericktown Police Officers completed 221 hours of training in 2020, at a total cost of \$535. This equates to approximately 32 hours of continuing professional education per officer at a cost of only \$2.42 per training hour.

These training costs are minimal in comparison to the total training hours received and this is due to the police department taking advantage of free training provide by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and other various organizations.

### Overview of Training Completed in 2020:

- Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- School Threat Assessment
- Stop Sticks Pursuit Termination
- Advanced CIT
- CPR and AED Operation
- Firearms
- Ohio Ethics Training
- Election Day Legal Preparedness
- Search and Seizure
- Search Warrants
- De-Escalation Techniques
- CEW (Taser) Update
- Naloxone Administration
- OHLEG Security Training
- CJIS Security



## Equipment

### Updated Uniforms:

You may have noticed a slight change in the uniform worn by Officers of the Fredericktown Police Department during this past year. We chose to transition to a load bearing, external vest to better distribute the weight of an officer's equipment. Studies have shown that there are tremendous long term health benefits for the back and hips of a patrol officer when the weight of their equipment is distributed throughout their torso as opposed to being solely on their duty belt. When making the decision for this change, we knew that the long-term wellness of our officers was vitally important, but it was also crucial that we maintain a professional appearance. It was with careful consideration that we settled on the design that we did, which we believe does a great job of providing a professional appearance while also providing increased functionality and comfort for our officers. Pictured below are Ptl. Wade Duston, Chief Kyle Johnson, and Ptl. Josh Jones wearing the newly designed uniform.

### Body-Worn Cameras:

In 2020, we also took a big step forward in our commitment to providing transparent law enforcement services to our community by initiating a body-worn camera program. This program is beneficial to the department and the public that we serve in many ways with just a few of those being: increased officer accountability, mitigation of liability, and crucial evidence gathering for prosecution. While choosing the body-worn program that was right for this department we selected a program that provides automated initiation of recording when any of the following occurs: firearm removed from a holster, TASER powered on, or the overhead lights of a cruiser are activated. This feature was an important one to us as it allows for the officer to focus on their safety, but still ensures that those critical incidents are captured by the body worn camera.





## Certifications

In 2020 the Fredericktown Police Department received certification for the Federal Executive Order "Safe Policing for Safe Communities". On June 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. The EO's goal is to ensure that law enforcement agencies continue striving to provide transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of services to communities. This delivery will enhance community confidence in law enforcement and facilitate the identification and correction of internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

Also, in 2020 we attained our 4th of four available certifications from the Ohio Collaborative Community - Police Advisory Board. These certifications verify that the Fredericktown Police Department has demonstrated and maintains a high standard of professionalism in the following areas of law enforcement: Community Engagement, Use of Force, Recruitment and Hiring, Bias Free Policing, Investigation of Employee Misconduct, and Vehicle Pursuits.

We are very proud of these certifications as they confirm that we meet the standards of excellence that we hold as one of core ideologies.



## **Drug Task Force**

The Fredericktown Police Department continues to be an active member of the METRICH Drug Task Force.

Task Force Purpose and Mission:

- To improve the quality of life for the citizens of the METRICH region by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through community partnerships; promoting safe, secure neighborhoods.
- Funding
  - Grant funding obtained by the METRICH Task Force provides the Fredericktown Police Department with the opportunity to obtain equipment and funding necessary for drug enforcement investigations.



## **Neighborhood Watch Program**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Neighborhood Watch program was placed on hold during 2020 to help prevent further spread of the virus throughout our community. We are eager with anticipation to get this program up and running again in 2021 as soon as the virus subsides and community gathering restrictions are released.

**“OUR BEST DEFENSE IS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER”**



Crime prevention is a personal and community responsibility. We strongly encourage our community members to work together, in partnership with the Fredericktown Police Department, to keep our community safe and resistant to criminal activity. The Police cannot be everywhere at all times, so we rely on our community members to assist in reporting suspicious activity in a timely manner, and assist in being a good witness when the need arises.

Please join us at one of our monthly neighborhood watch meetings to learn how you can help make a difference. These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December at 6:30pm at the Fredericktown Police Department. We also hold a quarterly meeting with a potluck meal available on the third Saturday of January, April, July, and October at 11:00am at the Fredericktown Local Schools High School Commons area. Please join us at one of these meeting to learn more about how you can have an impact on the crime in your neighborhood.

During monthly meetings, residents discuss current events and crime trends. During the quarterly Neighborhood Watch Meetings, keynote speakers are invited to conduct presentations while Neighborhood Watch Members enjoy a potluck lunch and learn about resources throughout Fredericktown and Knox County.



## Community Engagement

Our engagement with the community in which we serve is a core ideology of the Fredericktown Police Department and one of the most vital pieces of the puzzle that is crime prevention. When you see us on patrol please do not hesitate to speak with us and let us know of any concerns that you may have in your neighborhood.



 **Julie Meeker**  
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Our cops are better than yours





## **Home and Business Security Assessment**

A Home and Business Security Assessment completed by the Fredericktown Police Department is designed to help homeowners, business owners, operators and staff to assess the overall security of their home and business. It covers potential areas of vulnerability, and provides suggestions for adapting your security to reduce the risk of crime and lessen liability.

The security assessment can be tailored to fit the needs of your home or particular business and will be conducted by a Fredericktown PD Officer who is certified by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association as a Crime Prevention Specialist. Below is just a glimpse of the items that can be reviewed and discussed at your home or facility. The success and longevity of your business is vital to the growth and continued development of the Fredericktown area and we are eager to be a strategic partner in your success.

- Exterior Spaces
- Interior Spaces
- Building Access
- Property and Equipment
- General Security Systems
- Sensor and Alarm Systems
- Cash Management
- Bank Deposits
- Opening and Closing of Facility
- Vendors and Contractors
- Employee Training
- Guest Security
- Emergency Procedures

## **Active Intruder Training**

The Fredericktown Police Department currently has 3 officers that are certified to instruct school staff & students on the principles of ALICE: “ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE”, in the event of an active intruder, active shooter or active killer situation. We collaborate with the Danville & Mt. Vernon Police Departments, Knox County Sheriff’s Office, Knox County Emergency Management Agency, Fredericktown EMS and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to provide ALICE and Run-Hide-Fight training to all schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations throughout Knox County.



## **National Drug Take Back Days**

Each year the Fredericktown Police Department participates in the National Drug Take Back Days in April and October. Each year several hundred pounds of unused, unwanted and/or expired prescription drugs are collected throughout Knox County for proper disposal. This initiative greatly lessens the potential for abuse and addiction in our community. We are also equipped with a secure drug drop box in the police department lobby which is available for 24 / 7 / 365 to drop off of unwanted medications.



## **Community Collaboratives**

The Fredericktown Police Department is an active member of the following community collaboratives:

Knox County Domestic Violence Collaborative  
Knox County Child/Adult Protection Team  
Knox County Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Center  
Knox Substance Abuse Action Team  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Sexual Assault Response Team  
Safe Communities, Knox County  
METRICH Drug Task Force  
Knox County P-20 Coalition



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