

***LAKESIDE PARK – CRESTVIEW HILLS
POLICE DEPARTMENT***



**ANNUAL REPORT
2023**

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From the Chief:

On behalf of the men and women of the Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police Department (LPCHPD), I am pleased to present our 2023 annual report. This report will highlight the activities and accomplishments of the LPCHPD. It is our hope that the reader will find the information herein useful and informative.

The year 2023 not only marked the end of era, but the beginning of a lasting legacy, with the retirement of Colonel Chris Schutte. Col. Schutte started with the LPCHPD in 1996 as a patrolman. He worked his way up through the ranks and became this agency's 7th Chief of Police. He embodied leadership and service, which left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered and every endeavor he pursued. Col. Schutte's clarity of vision for the agency is evidenced through the longevity of the staff at LPCHPD.

I am honored to work amongst the professionals crafted through the leadership of Col. Schutte. Built on a foundation of Honor and Courage through service above self, valor, empathy, professionalism, and respect, the LPCHPD is widely recognized as a premier law enforcement agency in the region. With the boundless and incredible talents of professionals like Sgt. Sam Goodman, Sgt. Mike Paolucci, Sgt. James Jackson, Ptl. Shawn Kleier, Ptl. Jon Henderson, Ptl. Brett Mullins, Ptl. Todd Amann, Ptl. Nick Metzger, Ptl. Justin Holman, Ptl. Chris Steward, Ptl. Amanda Armstrong and Police Clerk Melissa Sies, I am confident this agency will continue to lead and provide exemplary police services into the future.

- Col. Brad C. Degenhardt



Col. Schutte had a prestigious and decorated career with the LPCHPD. He retired in July 2023 with over 27 years of dedicated service. Col. Schutte's leadership and mentorship transformed this department and law enforcement throughout the region.



Our Mission

Form a partnership with the community, and work within that partnership to maintain the public peace and improve the quality of life by providing fair and impartial police services in a professional manner

Our Values

Human life and personal dignity - Personal and professional integrity as the basis for community trust - Fair and impartial enforcement of all laws - Professional excellence

Our Vision

Collaborative success through individual Honor, Integrity, and Devotion

Our Ethos

Exemplifying Honor and Courage through our actions of protection, service above self, and steadfast defense of the Constitution of the United States

Our Priorities

Protect the Citizens and Guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills

Enforce all legally enacted laws justly and without malice

Uphold the Constitution of the United States of America

Uphold the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Rigorously confront, investigate, and combat all criminal activity

Guard against corruption

Earn and preserve the community's trust

Develop and maintain public and professional partnerships

Remain impervious to political influence

THE LAKESIDE PARK – CRESTVIEW HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Setting the standard of Excellence through Valor, Professionalism, Empathy,
and Respect*

Governance

The Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department is overseen by the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Authority Board. The Board is comprised of council members from each city. The cities alternate years of majority and the chairmanship rest with the majority city.

Police Authority Board for 2023

*Paul Markgraf
(Chairman)*

Mayor of Lakeside Park

*William Dorsey
(Vice-Chairman)*

Crestview Hills Council Member

David Kramer

Crestview Hills Council Member

David Wolfer

Lakeside Park Council Member

Brian Waite

Lakeside Park Council Member



Personnel

The men and women of the Lakeside Park – Crestview Hills Police Department endeavor to provide exemplary law enforcement service to the citizens and guests of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills. Their professionalism and dedication to duty epitomizes service above self.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year started</u>
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Command Section

<i>Colonel Bradford Degenhardt (Chief of Police)</i>	2000
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Patrol Section

<i>Sergeant Sam Goodman</i>	2007
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<i>Sergeant Michael Paolucci</i>	2007
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<i>Sergeant James Jackson</i>	2007
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<i>Patrolman Shawn Kleier</i>	2008
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<i>Patrolman Jonathan Henderson</i>	2011
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<i>Patrolman Brett Mullins (Detective)</i>	2012
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<i>Patrolman Todd Amann (Detective)</i>	2016
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<i>Patrolman Nicholas Metzger</i>	2020
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<i>Patrolman Justin Holman</i>	2020
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<i>Patrolman Christopher Steward</i>	2022
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<i>Patrolman Amanda Armstong</i>	2023
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Support / Administrative Section

<i>Police Clerk Melissa Sies</i>	2005
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Notable Accomplishments for 2023

Community Engagement Initiatives. Department personnel continued to promote a primary principle of the department's mission statement through their involvement in a variety of community engagement initiatives. These included, but were not limited to, presentations to youth groups, Holiday events in both cities, Babysitter safety classes, Heroes Night festival, Child Safety Seat Installations, and various other public speaking events. All these emphasized the department's professional presence within the community.

Charity Car Show. The department hosted a charity car show on the campus of Thomas More University in June 2023. This event fostered healthy community relations, highlighting the department and the cities of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park, while providing support to a worthy charitable cause. Through the efforts of department personnel, \$7,000 was raised for the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home. To date, the Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills Police Car Show has raised \$19,500 for charity.

Active Threat Community Training Program. The department continued to be a leader in the Northern Kentucky Region by assisting multiple school districts, both private and public, as well as private entities such as healthcare providers and other professional services with Active Threat Response planning and training. The department has personnel certified as instructors in numerous related disciplines, using such knowledge to create a program which is an amalgamation of the various offerings. These efforts were made to customize the active threat program to the specific needs of individual consumers. Based on the success of the program for citizens and businesses, the department presented an instruction program to other police agencies in the region so they could start offering similar services to stakeholders within their jurisdictions. Not only did this endeavor place the department and the cities in a positive light, but more importantly, it afforded the participants with information and skills that could potentially save their lives.

Student Police Academy. The department developed a partnership with Thomas More University (TMU) to produce an academy for students of TMU based on the department's successful Citizens' Police Academy. As with the Citizens' Police Academy, this academy is intended to afford a glimpse of the day-to-day operational activities and responsibilities of law enforcement. However, this endeavor is also designed to identify those who might be interested in a vocation in Law Enforcement. This will hopefully create a pool of potential applicants to aid in recruitment efforts. This successful community engagement and recruitment endeavor was integrated into an existing TMU criminal justice class.

Mental Health Support. There should always be a strong emphasis placed not only on the physical health of those in Law Enforcement but also their mental wellbeing. Nationally, more officers lose their lives to suicide than to gunfire. To address this issue, the department continued to work with mental health professionals that are public safety competent and specifically trained to mitigate the stressors that Law Enforcement personnel are exposed to.

Professional Development. The department continued its strong emphasis on professional development with a robust commitment to the investment of resources into its most valuable asset, our personnel. Our team consists of a variety of experiences, skillsets, and talents that when melded together comprise a highly professional team. We encourage and promote opportunities for department personnel to strive to improve themselves through training and education. We have personnel with military service, advanced degrees, state and national certifications, and various achievement recognitions such as the Governor's Award for Impaired Driving Enforcement and Occupancy Protection Award.

Women's Self Defense. The department has been instructing self-defense classes for women for over 22 years. We have several officers certified as RAD instructors. RAD, which stands for Rape Aggression Defense, is a self-defense class taught exclusively to women. It has gained national recognition as a premier self-defense program for women. RAD's core four principles of awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance are coupled with basic physical defensive moves, all of which when combined, afford a woman the option to defend herself. In 2023, we continued to provide this critical skill to empower women to defend themselves by holding classes throughout the year, providing this potential life-saving training to women from Crestview Hills, Lakeside Park, and the surrounding communities.

Training. All officers completed the required training mandated by Kentucky Administrative Regulations and offered through the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT). Personnel also attended various advanced and specialized trainings such as Law Enforcement Instructor Development, Advanced Homeland Security Training, and Emergency Pursuit Driving. The department also continued its commitment to officer skill development and enhancement through regular training in diminishing skillsets including Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Defensive Tactics, and Active Threat Response.

Computer Forensic Examinations. The department continued its strong emphasis on Cyber Crime Investigation. We are one of the few departments in Northern Kentucky that has an officer who graduated from an elite training program presented by the United States Secret Service, earning certification as a Computer Forensic Examiner. This certification has afforded our department a higher level of investigative aptitude. As more crimes are being facilitated with cyber platforms, this investigative skillset is critical to the successful prosecutions of such offenses. This has also placed our department in a leadership position as other departments are now seeking our assistance with cases involving a cyber footprint.

Grants received in 2023

The department was awarded two grants in 2023 for a combined value of \$6,500.00.

These included:

- Kentucky Department of Highway Safety Grant - \$6,000.00. This is a continuation grant that provides funding for personnel overtime to be used for traffic enforcement activities. The end goal is to increase the safety for the community through the realization of a decreased rate of collisions through aggressive enforcement of traffic safety laws.
- Kentucky Municipal Clerk Training Grant - \$500.00. This grant covered the tuition cost for a portion of the Masters Municipal Clerk Training.

Statistics for 2023

The following graphs show the statistics for crime, auto collisions, calls for service, total incidents, calls per city, and mutual aid.

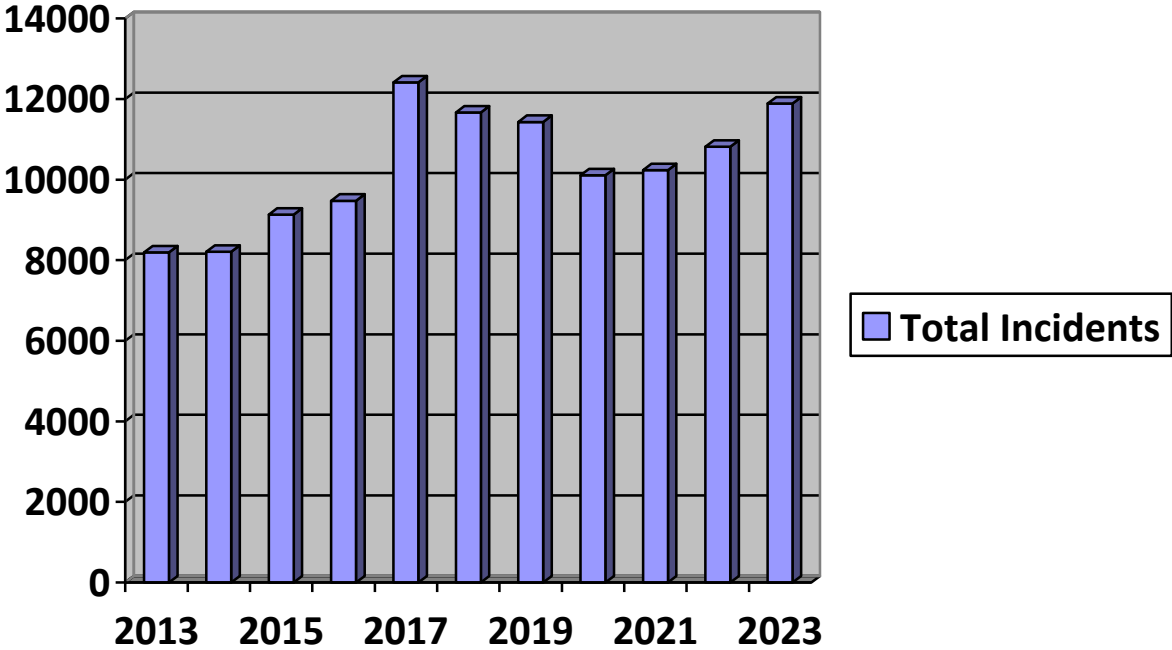
For the following graphs: Total Incidents include all activity, Total Calls for Service include all dispatched activity, Total Auto Collisions include all collisions reported, and Total Crime includes all misdemeanors and felony cases. There are also graphs that depict mutual aid - the times the department gave assistance as compared to the times the department received assistance. Lastly, there are graphs which illustrate an analysis of incidents per city and total calls per city.

In 2023, the department's total incidents increased 3.7%. The total calls of service increased 16.6%. The amount of auto collision investigations decreased 13.8% (*this could be attributable to the continued increased presence that the department has made with traffic enforcement*). The total crime reported to the department decreased 31.8%.

The amount of crime reported dropped in all metrics for 2023. Of the crime reported, theft continues to be the primary driver. 59% of the crime reported was theft, with 44% of that attributable to retail theft at the Crestview Hills Town Center. The department will continue to work with Town Center Management, retailers, and investigative partners to minimize the amount of retail theft occurring. A majority of the remaining theft is predicated by criminals and opportunists, often traveling to the cities of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park from other areas and committing such offenses during their travels. This is one reason the department has placed a significant emphasis on public education related to crime prevention and reporting suspicious activity. In addition to empowering our residential and business citizens to prevent criminal activity, the agency seeks to maximize the time and visibility of officers on patrol. Leveraging the power of social/communication media and technology that assists in prevention, detection, and investigation of criminal activity remains a priority for the agency.

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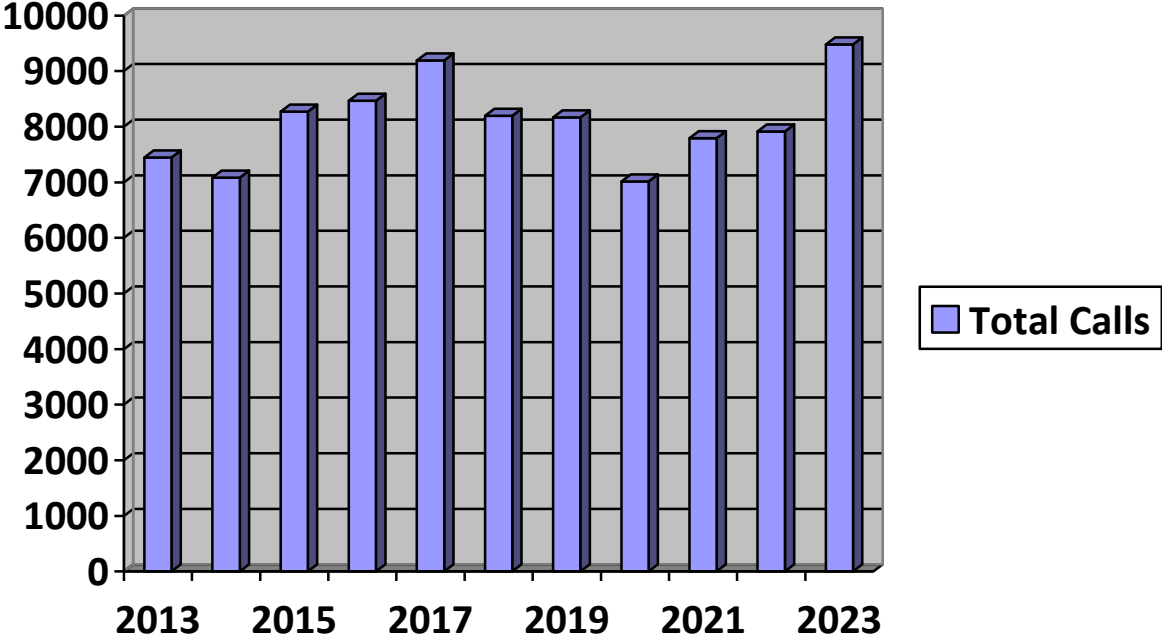
Total Incidents from 2013 to 2023



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013	8,194
2014	8,209
2015	9,132
2016	9,475
2017	12,409
2018	11,662
2019	11,431
2020	10,105
2021	10,237
2022	10,812
2023	11,885

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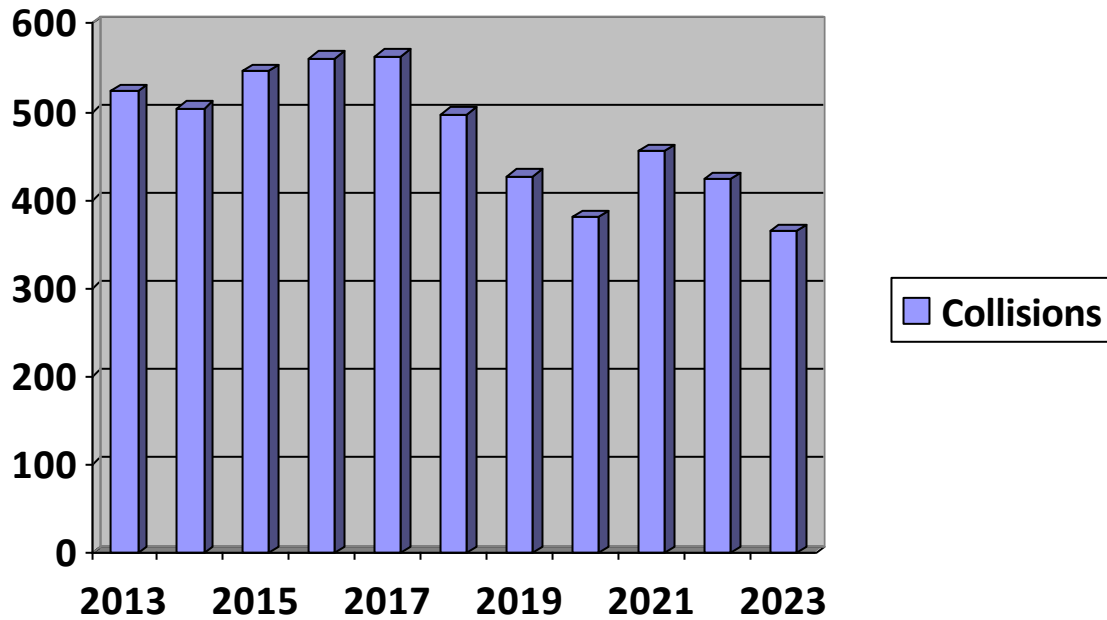
**Total calls for service from 2013 to 2023
FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards**



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2013	7,447
2014	7,082
2015	8,272
2016	8,466
2017	9,190
2018	8,194
2019	8,169
2020	7,016
2021	7,792
2022	7,913
2023	9,478

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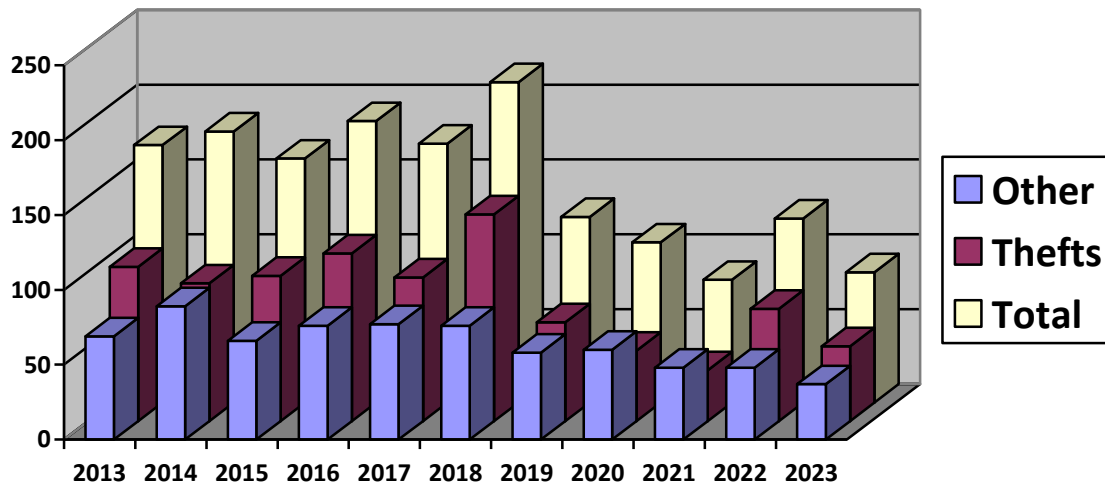
Total reported auto collisions from 2013 to 2023 KSP Auto Collision Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2013	523
2014	504
2015	546
2016	561
2017	563
2018	497
2019	427
2020	381
2021	456
2022	423
2023	365

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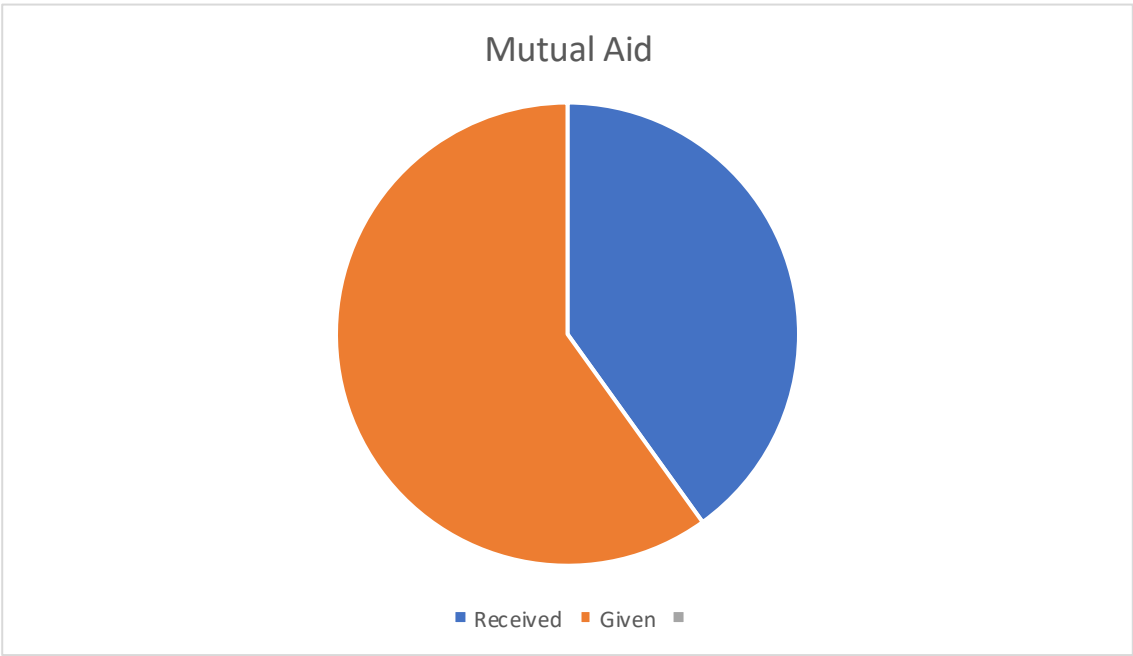
Total crime reported from 2013 to 2023 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards



<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2013	172
2014	181
2015	163
2016	188
2017	173
2018	214
2019	124
2020	107
2021	82
2022	123
2023	84

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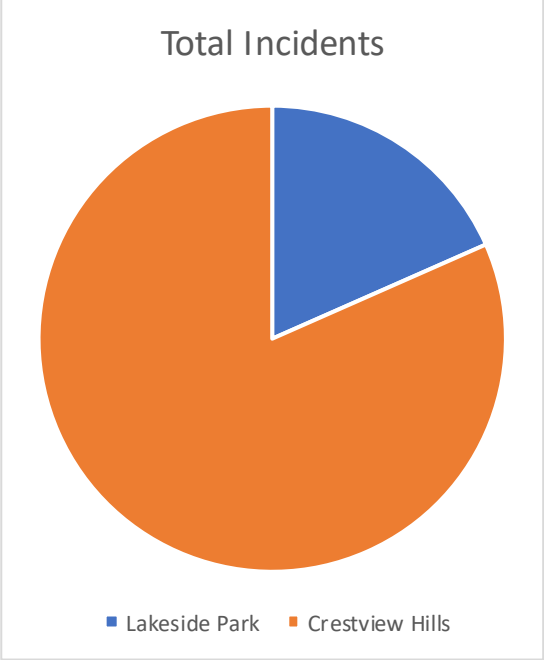
Total calls for service from 2023 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Standards Mutual Aid Received and Given



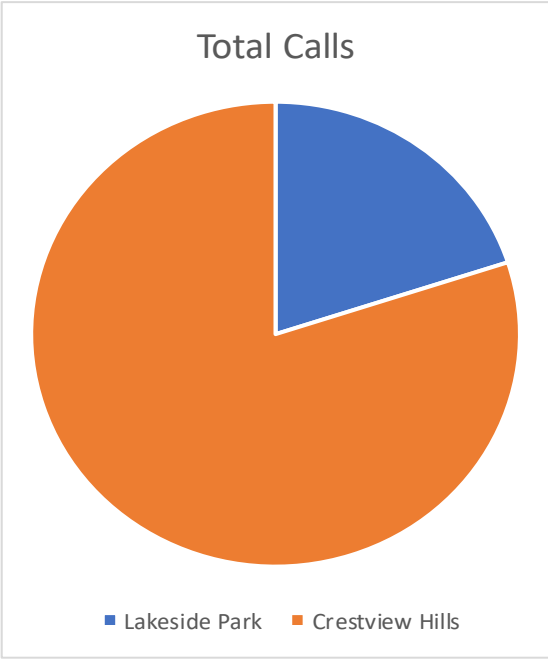
<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Received	935
Given	1,398

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**Total Incidents 2023
Breakdown by City**



**Calls for Service 2023
Breakdown by City**



<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	2,184	18.4%
Crestview Hills	9,701	81.6%
Total	11,885	

<u>City</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Lakeside Park	1,895	20.0%
Crestview Hills	7,583	80.0%
Total	9,478	

Objectives for 2024

The following goals and objectives for 2024 are intended to continue the department's tradition of providing an exemplary and innovative level of service to the cities of Lakeside Park and Crestview Hills.

- **Charity Car Show.** The department will present a fourth charity car show. The 2024 Car Show will benefit Supporting Heroes, whose mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of public safety heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty – by caring for the loved ones they leave behind.
- **Student Police Academy.** The department will continue its partnership with Thomas More University (TMU) to present a fourth Student Police Academy.
- **Community Outreach.** The department will continue its strong community outreach programs such as RAD classes, Child Safety Seat Technician Services, Active Threat Response, Residential Security Surveys, and Business Security Forums.
- **Innovate Partnerships.** The department will work tirelessly to prevent crime and solve existing crime issues through traditional preventative and investigative techniques while also exploring partnerships with vendors and stakeholders in respective areas.
- **Recruitment.** We will continue to develop ongoing partnerships with key community stakeholders to identify quality individuals who have the desire to pursue a career in law enforcement.
- **Retention.** The department will continue to innovate ways to retain qualified personnel. These may include not only financial incentives but also strategies that can help to realize personal self-actualization.
- **Threat Assessment for Concert and Event Security.** The city summer concerts have become a staple in the Northern Kentucky community. The Department will continue to conduct assessments of all possible threats to ensure the safest environment possible for all concert patrons.

- **Diminishing Skills Proficiency.** The Department will continue its vigorous training regimen to hone and sharpen the officers' skills in firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations and active threat response.
- **Leadership Development.** The Department will augment its depth of leadership through mentoring and command level trainings for all supervisory personnel to ensure that they will be ready to assume command level assignments should they become available.

Conclusion

For 56 years, the cities of Crestview Hills and Lakeside Park have collaborated for the betterment of their citizens to provide the necessary and important service of Law Enforcement. This constant support and devotion from both cities has facilitated the opportunity for the Lakeside Park - Crestview Hills Police Department to become a leader within the Northern Kentucky Law Enforcement community. Whatever the future holds, we will continue our tradition of excellence, exemplifying the benefits of our collaborative structure as a model for others to follow.

