

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021



NIXA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The last year could be described as a year of transition. As we saw a return to some normalcy, our officers resumed a more proactive approach to police work. Their renewed efforts are reflected in several of our yearly statistics. We resumed some of our community-oriented police programs and we were able to pursue several training opportunities which had previously been stifled by the pandemic.

As we reflect on 2021, it is apparent the demand for police services has never been greater. We had a record setting year with 41,215 for calls for service. Despite this demand, we improved in several key metrics our department uses to measure success and we made great strides in accomplishing our goals outlined in our strategic plan.

However lingering effects of the pandemic remained, a surge of new variants, and supply chain issues for goods and services presented a whole new set of challenges. Officers battled new rounds of sickness causing staffing issues. Unfortunately, some projects were significantly delayed or stalled completely as we saw shortages in materials and services. All of this made organizational progress challenging to say the least.

Through it all, the men and women of this department carried out their duties and served this community faithfully. We saw some amazing acts of courage, kindness, and professionalism by our officers. Their efforts proved our officers really do care about the community they serve.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our incredible support staff and the role, they played in our day-to-day operations. The valuable work they performed kept the organization moving forward.

Our 2021 annual report provides an opportunity to learn an array of facts, statistics, and information I hope the public will find informative. This document communicates the scope and depth of the service we have provided over the course of the last year and provides organizational transparency by giving the reader a look inside the department.

Enjoy our 2021 annual report.

Respectfully,



Joe Campbell  
Chief of Police



# OUR BELIEFS

## Mission Statement

The Nixa Police Department exists to enforce the laws of the United States of America, the State of Missouri, and the City of Nixa. We will investigate crime and apprehend offenders. The Nixa Police Department will proactively work to prevent crime, maintain peace, and serve the needs of our community.

## Vision

The Nixa Police Department will endeavor to be leaders in public service. Our commitment to excellence will be the driving force in all we do. Through our efforts, we will serve our community by providing the best possible law enforcement service to the community.

## Core Values

Our core values are the guiding principles to which we adhere to fulfill our commitments we have pledged in our mission statement. Our core values are:

**Service**- The selfless concern for others.

**Courage**- The strength to overcome our fears.

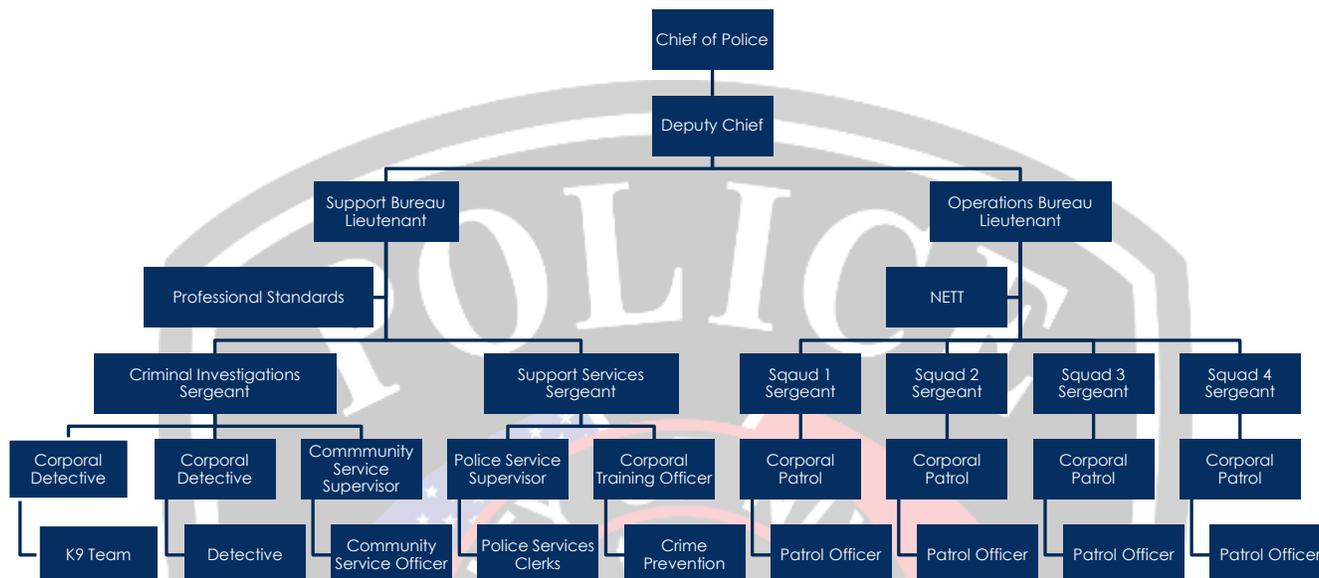
**Integrity**- Honest and moral behavior.

**Pride**- Satisfaction derived from our excellent performance.

**Professionalism**- Competence in our skill, knowledge, and expertise of law enforcement.



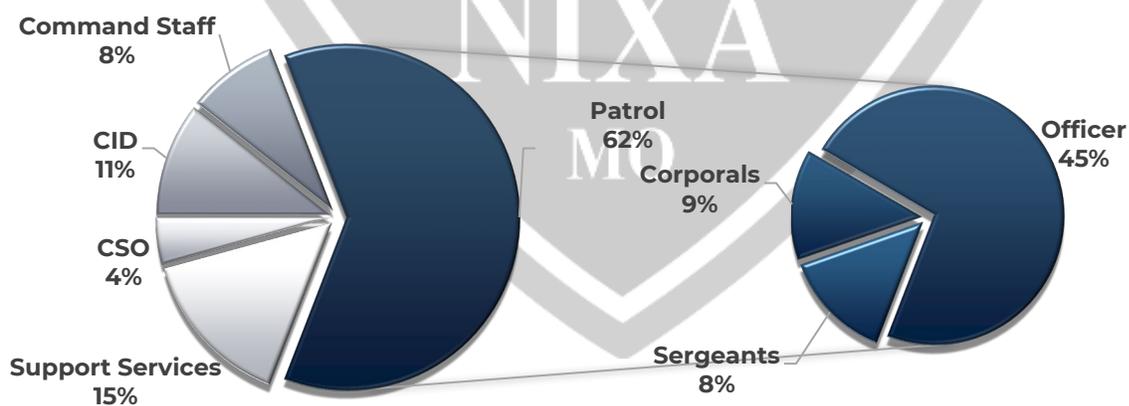
# COMMAND STRUCTURE



## STAFFING

The Nixa Police Department is authorized to staff six civilian employees and forty-two sworn full-time officers, and one part-time officer. Although the department suffered some attrition in 2021, we were able to staff forty-one of the forty-two sworn officers and all six civilians at the close of 2021.

### Staffing Distribution



## Authorized Sworn Rank & Years of Service



Years	Chief of Police – 1	Major – 1	Lieutenants – 2	Sergeant – 6	Corporal – 7	Officer - 23	Total
0-4					1	19	20
5-9			1	1	4	1	7
10-14				2	2	2	6
15-19				3		1	3
20-24	1	1		0		0	2
25-30			1	1		0	2
30+						2	2

## 2021 New Hires

Officer Noel Young

Officer Elizabeth Sayre

Officer Andrew Dougherty

Officer Brett Ford

Police Clerk Shawna Williams

Officer Brett Bennett

Officer Katherine Murphy

Officer Tiffany Galbraith

Officer Jeffrey Withrow

## Promotions

Sergeant Richard Eutsler

Sergeant Rob Seiner

Corporal Justin Henderson

Sergeant Ryan Strohm

Corporal Dustin Tackitt

Corporal Jesse Brooks



# STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2020 the Nixa City Council set the Strategic Vision which was made of 6 priority areas. This in turn directed city staff to implement a process to create the 2021 to 2025 Strategic Plan. Members of the community were asked to give input through a website created by the communications department. The Police Department's role involved in the Community Safety element of the plan listed below.



## **In order to provide excellent police services, the City of Nixa shall:**

- Action Plan #1: Build community trust of the Police Department through improved transparency and communication.
  - 9 action steps assigned.
  - In progress: publish annual report on multiple public platforms.
  - In progress: provide additional training to officers on mental health and substance abuse.
  - In progress: partner with schools to send officers to school events.
  - In progress: expand our use of crisis intervention teams and trainings.
  - In progress: participate in state/federal program to report use of force stats on an annual basis.
  - Also of note, anyone may now access our NIBRS crime stats through Highway Patrol website.
  
- Action Plan #3: Expand police department facilities to address the growth of the department and the need for additional workspace.
  - 3 action steps assigned.
  - In progress: Design building expansion to include parking and training needs. Design budgeted for 2022. Funding source needed in order to build.
  - In progress: Design and build range and training facility. Budgeted for 2022
  
- Action Plan #4: Offer more trainings and education opportunities to the public regarding policing and safety-related issues.
  - 2 action steps assigned.
  - Completed: Secure grant funding to enhance Citizen Police Academy Program.



- Assigned: Evaluate which trainings are desired/needed by the community and appropriate for the department to provide (considering limited resources).

**In order to promote health and safety through community partnerships, the City of Nixa shall:**

- Action Plan #5: Foster partnerships to enhance long-term crisis intervention programs.
  - 6 action steps assigned.
  - In progress: 2022 budget includes program to better support mental health of officers.
  - In progress: Evaluate how to better support mental health of crime victims and members of the public whom officers come in contact with.
  - Operational since 2021: Created a partnership with school SROs and Christian County Child Crimes Task Force to assist investigations in which children are victims.

**In order to enhance emergency preparedness, the City of Nixa shall:**

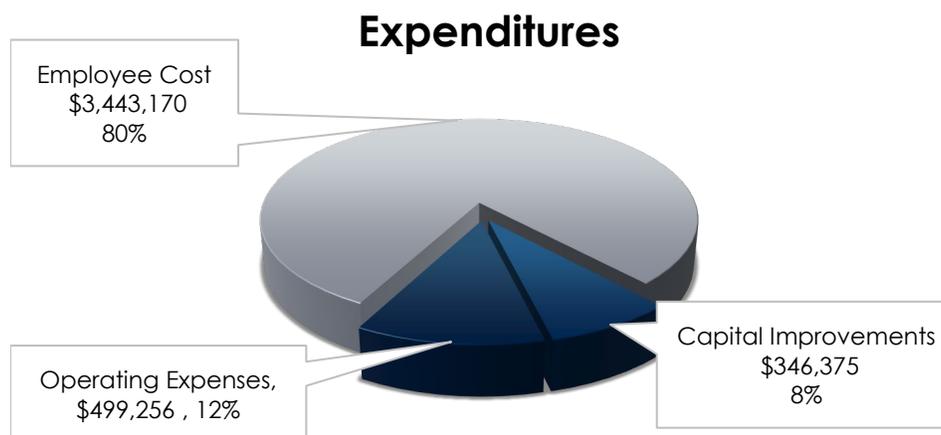
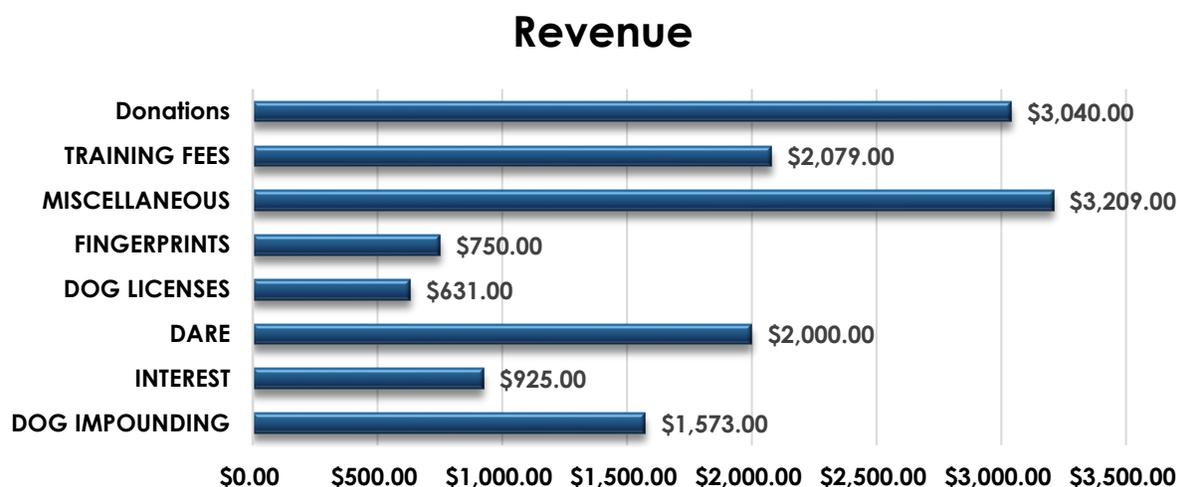
- Action Plan #10: Prioritize funding for facilities, equipment, and technology necessary to ensure the city is prepared for all-hazards incidents.
  - 5 action steps assigned.
  - In progress: Participate in any county-wide radio system upgrade for police comms.
  - In progress: Start Police drone program.
  - In progress: Start NARCAN program to help officers handle drug overdose cases and potential exposure to strong narcotics such as Fentanyl.
  - In progress: Purchase upgraded handguns to allow for optics in effort to increase accuracy.
  - In progress: Purchase, equip and deploy Police Mobile Command Post.



# 2021 BUDGET

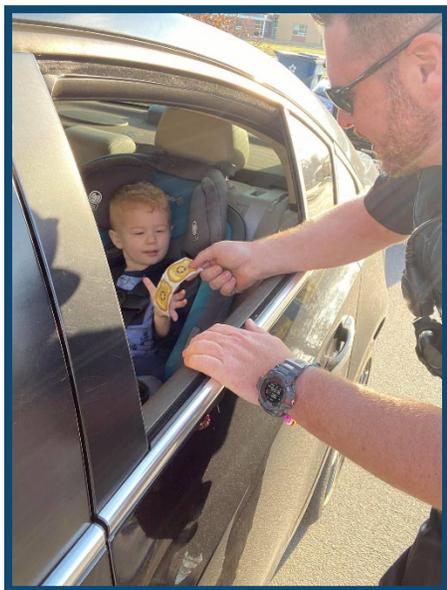
Primary funding for the police department comes from the General Revenue Fund. In 2021, the Nixa Police Department's operating budget was \$4,162,918 with actual expenditures of \$3,951,314. The difference between the operating budget and the actual expenditures was \$211,604. This was primarily due to unexpended salaries because of vacancies and a capital improvement project which is continued to 2022.

The following chart is a representation of revenues generated by the department and **does not** include the \$3,571,237 from General Fund Transfer nor the \$394,505 in received grants.



# OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau consists of Uniformed Operations, Field Training and NETT.



Uniformed Operations provides traffic enforcement and responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for service from our community 24 hours a day. The primary objective of the Operations Bureau is to provide a safe, secure environment for all citizens in the city



## Workload

### 2021 Workload

**Total Calls**

**41,215**

**Per Month**

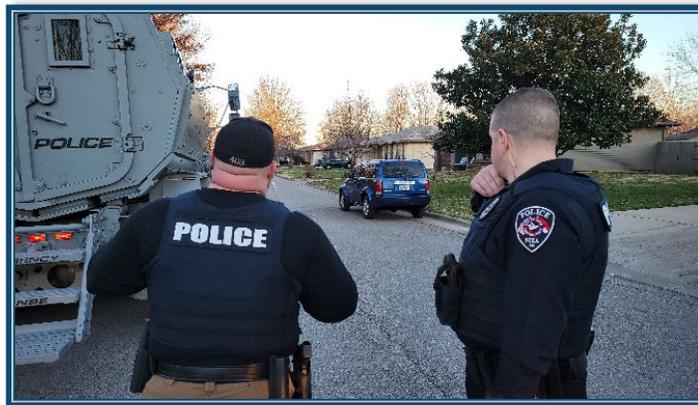
**3,434**

**Calls Per Day**

**112**

**Calls Per Shift**

**56**



## Calls for Service Comparison by Year

### CAD CFS

All incidents the officers respond to or initiate are considered law enforcement specific duties.



### Reports

The total number of incidents where reports were taken.



### All Tickets

This number tickets issued for traffic, animal control, and other related ordinance violations.



### Traffic Stops

This is the total number of traffic stops completed.



### DWI Charges

DWI charges submitted to the Christian County Prosecutor's Office.



### Felony and Misd Charges

Combination of misdemeanor and felony charges submitted to the Christian County Prosecutor's Office.



### Warnings

These are traffic violation warnings.



### Physical Arrest

This is an arrest where a person was taken into custody and transported to the Christian County Jail.



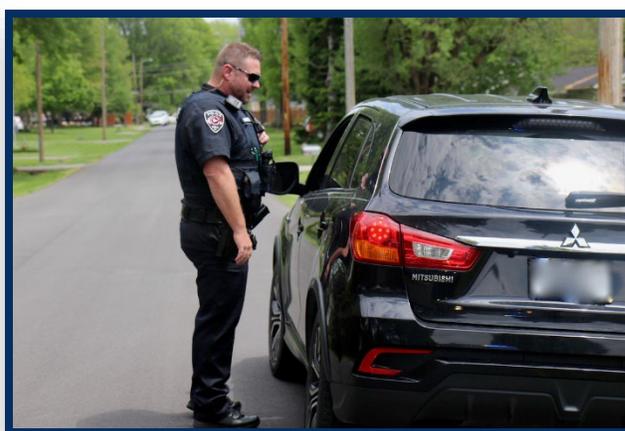
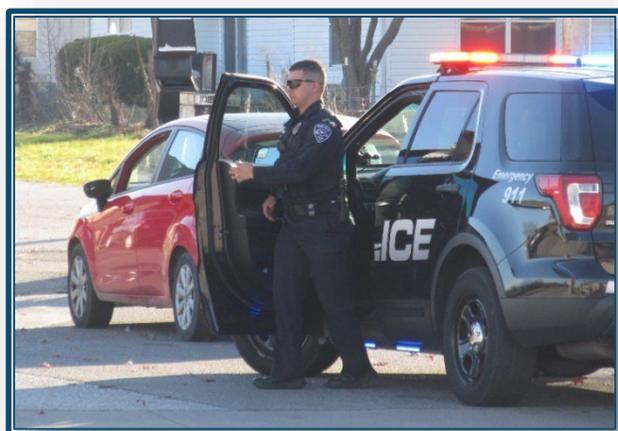
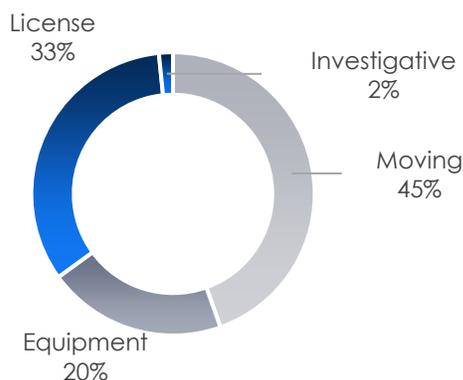
## Traffic Enforcement

Motor vehicle safety is of great value to the safeguard of life and property, and through enforcement of motor vehicle laws, we hope to decrease crashes, improve motorist and pedestrian safety, as well as raise awareness of proper and safe motor vehicle operation.

In 2021, the Nixa Police Department conducted 11,749 traffic stops for moving violations (5,449), equipment violations (2,500), license violations (4,085), and investigative stops (195). Moving violations are divided into six categories, and they are speed, lane violation, follow too close, fail to signal, CVE, and other reasons.



### 2021 Moving Violations



In addition to traffic enforcement, the Nixa Police Department submits crash reports to the Missouri State Highway Patrol through a system called LETS4. The data provided in this report was collected from the LETS4 system. Private property accidents, walk-in accident reports, or reports that do not meet the state-mandated requirements are not included in the provided statistics.

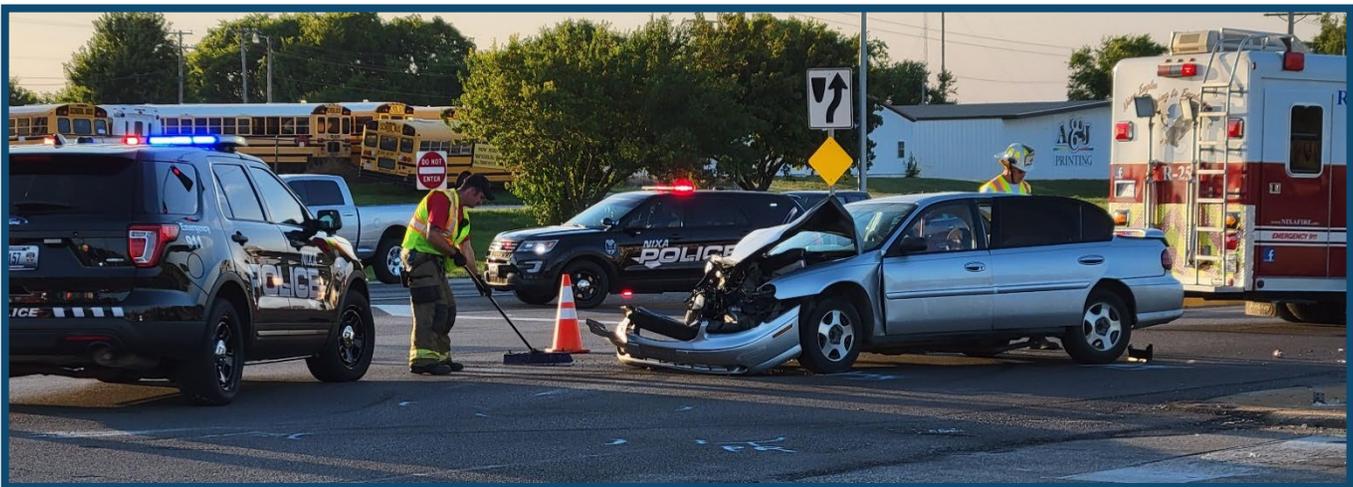
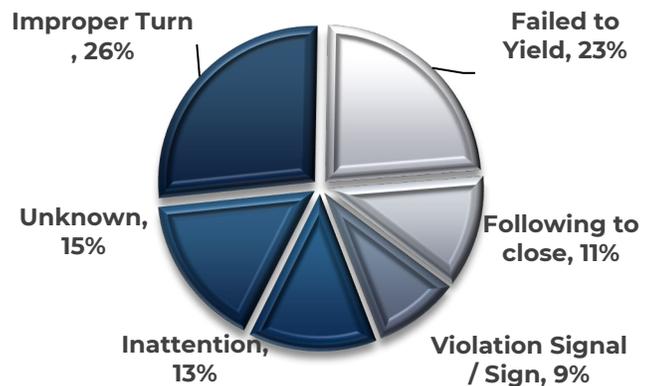
## Crash Data

2021 Crash Data (Reported to STARS):

- 329 vehicle crashes involving 638 vehicles
- 1 fatality
- 85 injury crashes resulting in 129 people being hurt
- 243 Property Damage only (including the vehicles themselves)

For 2021, the top six contributing circumstances for crashes in Nixa were Improper Turn, Failed to Yield, Unknown, Inattention, Following to Close, Violation Signal/Sign.

### Top 6 % of Crashes by Contributing Circumstances



On average, the highest number of crashes occurred on Tuesdays and Thursdays (16.75%) between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. (10.64%).

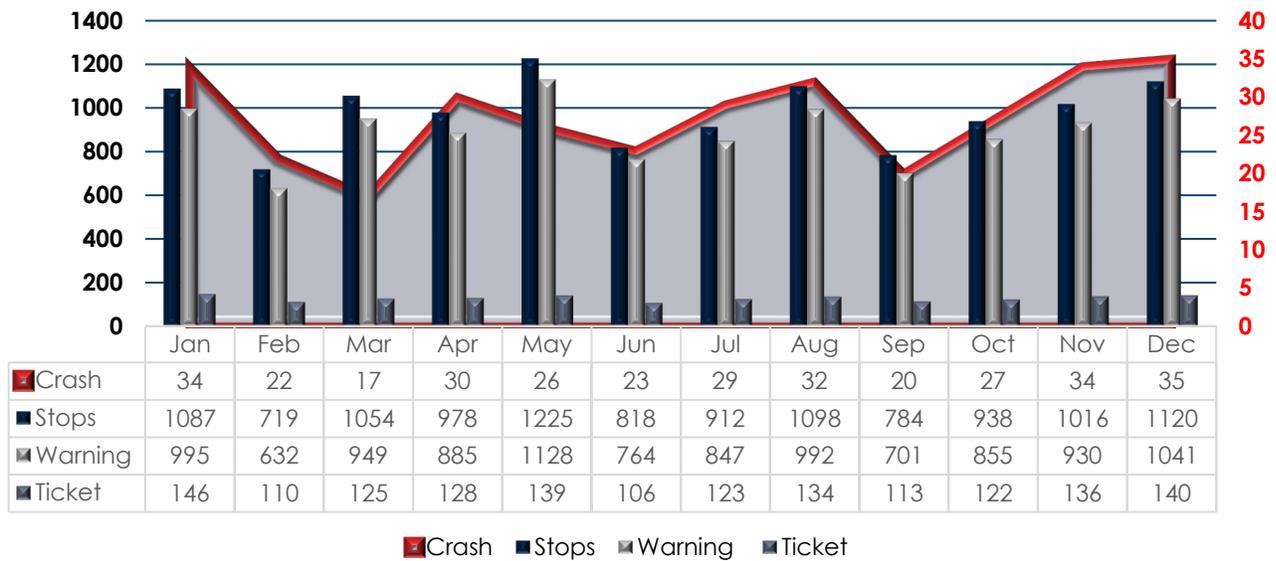
49.31% of the drivers were female and 50.69% were male.

20.45% (highest) of all drivers were between the age of 16 and 20-years-old. The second highest was 10.31%, and the age of those drivers was between 21 and 25-years-old.



The following diagram shows the comparison of traffic stops, tickets, and warnings in relation to the number of traffic crashes reported in the City of Nixa to STARS. (Traffic stop information from final Traffic Stop Report)

## 2021 Stops, Warnings, Tickets Crash



### Use of Force

The use of force by employees shall, for the most part, be progressive. Force may occur in a variety of forms from officer presence to physical encounters. Officers utilize this force to control or diffuse situations. As an encounter between an officer and a subject escalates, the officer may find a need to employ a variety of force to control the situation. What may be an appropriate amount of force in one situation, may not be applicable in another instance. Employees must weigh the circumstances of each case and respond accordingly.

### Use of Force Reporting Criteria

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances.



The following actions do not require the documentation of use of force by an officer unless unusual circumstances exist.

- Reasonable touch or a firm grasp used to maintain control, guide, or escort an individual.
- The drawing or display of an authorized weapon.
- Humane destruction of animals.

#### *Use of Force Data*

During the 2021 calendar year, Nixa Police Department answered 41,215 calls for service. During these calls for service, officers made 631 arrests in 2021. Of the 631 arrests, the need to use force to effect the arrest was reported 22 times.

## Reported Force



In addition to de-escalation techniques, officers also receive training in using contact and cover to execute arrests and searching of suspects. Utilizing both techniques we believe reduces the physical resistance a suspect gives and, therefore, reduces the need for force to safely execute an arrest.

100 % of the time resistance began before handcuffing.  
 0% of the time resistance began during handcuffing.  
 0% of the time resistance began after handcuffing.



## Operations Special Units

### NETT



The Nixa Emergency Tactical Team (NETT) consists of 13 sworn police officers from the Operations and Support Bureaus of the department; this includes 8 operators, 4 support members, and a team commander. NETT is a highly-skilled unit designed to reduce the risk of injury and life. The primary responsibility of NETT is the containment and/or resolution of difficult police situations outside the realm of the typical patrol response using specialized skills, tactics, and equipment. In 2021, the team was active for all 12 months of the year and had a combined total of 1,360 hours of additional training. The team was deployed seven times in 2021, which included one incident with barricaded suspects, one hostage rescue of a one-month-old child, and other planned operations to serve high-risk search warrants. Those seven incidents were all resolved peacefully and without injury.



# SUPPORT BUREAU

The Support Bureau provides supervision, management, and administrative, technical, logistical support to multiple department-wide sections necessary to support and enable effective policing operations.

The units supervised in this

Bureau are Information Technology Support, Criminal Investigations, Training, Professional Standards, Fleet Management, Quartermaster's Office, Animal Control, social media, Crime Prevention, K9, and DARE.



On daily basis officers may use over 20 different computer programs to do their job. Here are few of the systems they use:

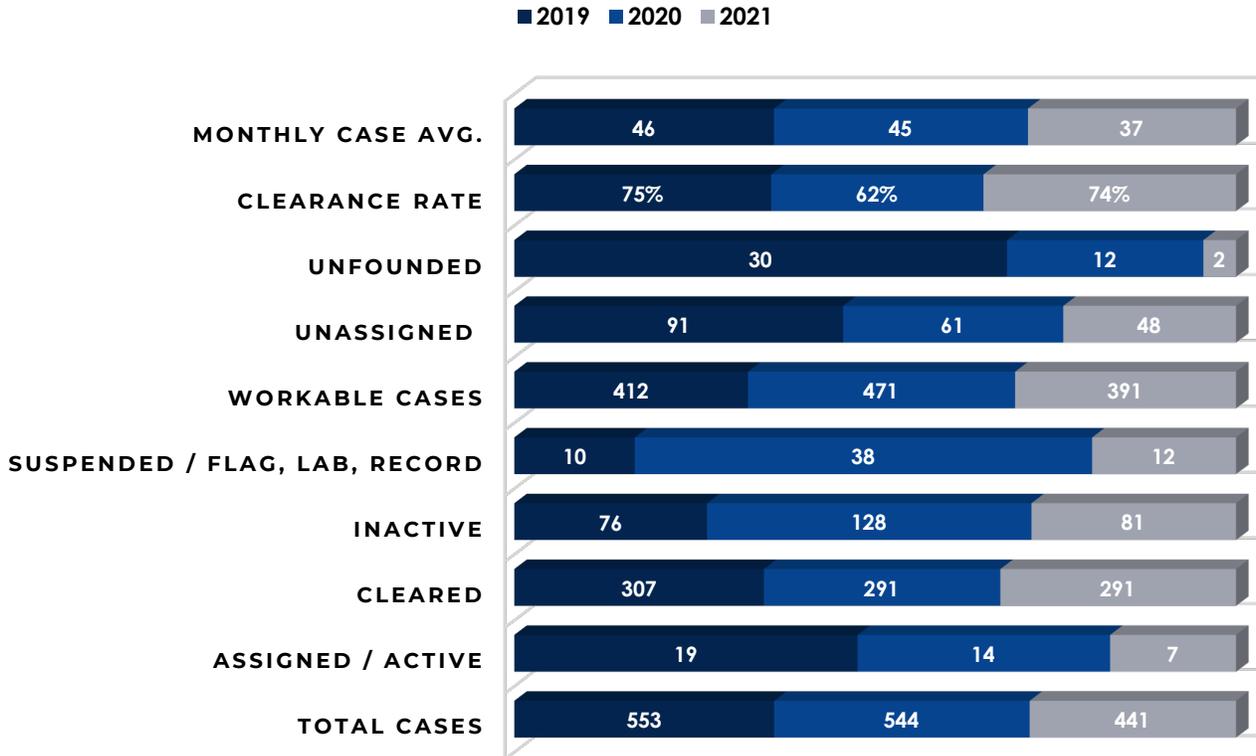
Outlook, Word, Powerpoint, Excutime, PlanIt, Lexipol, CAD, CarFax, TLO, NICHE, REJIS, LETS4 Digital Ticketing, LEFTA, METR, V-DOC, FACTS, VIPR, Chrome, RDP, and Police One Academy.

## Criminal Investigations

Criminal Investigations is responsible for the investigation and follow-up of crimes referred to criminal investigations and other agencies. All cases referred to the Criminal Investigations Division are reviewed for solvability factors. The existence of leads determines case solvability. These leads must indicate the potential for successful arrest and conviction. If a case has a good chance of solvability, the case is assigned to a detective for follow-up. If sufficient leads do not exist, the case will be unassigned. If new information develops in the future, a case can be assigned to a detective for follow-up. The CID caseload numbers for 2019, 2020 and 2021 are listed in the following chart.



## CID Caseload



## Professional Standards Unit



The unit is currently made up of the Support Bureau Lieutenant and a Sergeant, who reports directly to the Chief of Police. These officers are assigned to the Professional Standards Unit in addition to their primary duties.

The primary purpose of the unit is to preserve the public's trust and confidence in the Nixa Police Department by conducting thorough and impartial investigations of alleged employee misconduct.

The Department takes all complaints regarding the service provided by the department and the conduct of its members seriously. The department will accept and address all allegations of misconduct in accordance with policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules, and the requirements of any employment agreement.

In 2021, the department received three formal complaints. The complaints were investigated and resulted in one "unfounded" and two "not sustained." (see the following definitions)



**Formal** - A matter in which a supervisor determines further action is warranted. Such complaints may be investigated by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member or referred to the Professional Standards Unit, depending on the seriousness and complexity of the investigation.

**Unfounded** - When the investigation discloses the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded.

**Exonerated** - When the investigation discloses the alleged act occurred, but the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

**Not sustained** - When the investigation discloses there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

**Sustained** - When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish the act occurred and it constituted misconduct.

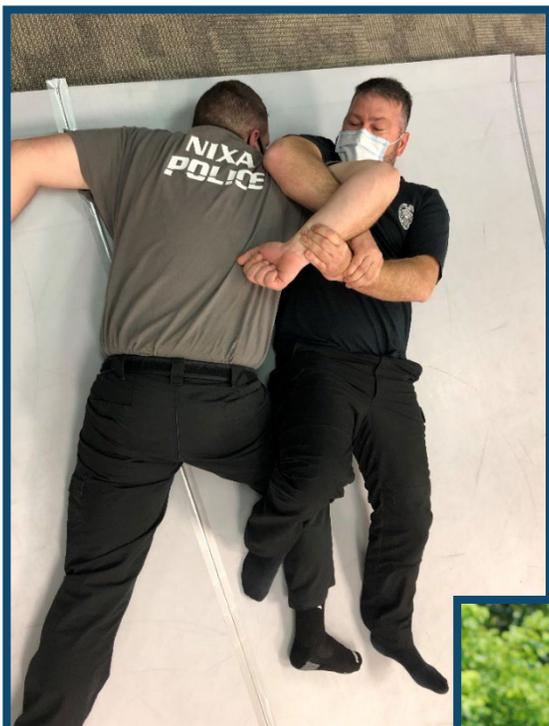
## Training Unit

The Training Unit is responsible for the ongoing education of civilian employees as well as sworn peace officers as required by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

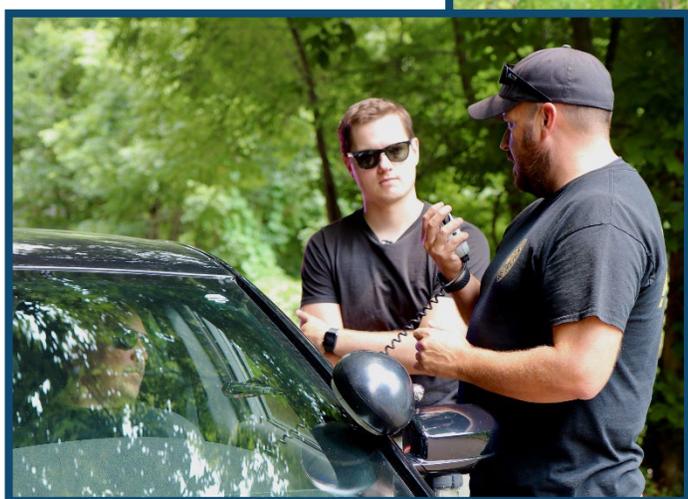
Sworn officers licensed before Jan. 1, 2021 must obtain 24 hours of Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) by Dec. 31, 2021 with at least 8 of the 24 hours coming from an "Approved Provider" of training. More information on More information about POST requirements can be found at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/post/>.

The department annually works to identify training that works in conjunction with the on-going mission of the Nixa Police Department as well as annual certifications required to operate the numerous pieces of equipment utilized by officers every day.





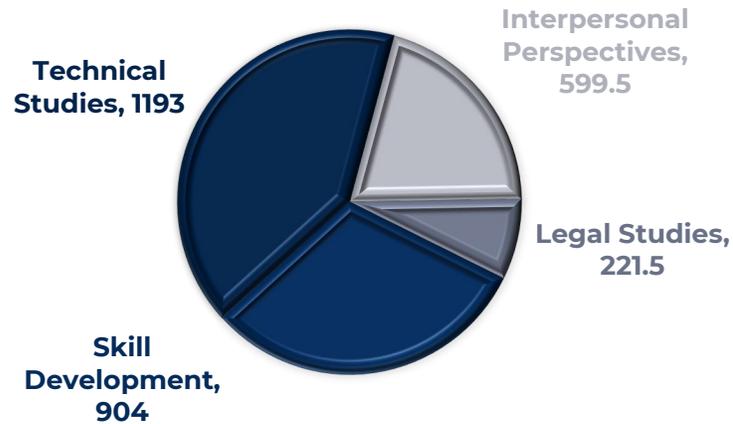
In addition to annual training, the Training Unit is responsible for the department's In-House Academy. This is approximately a four-week program, which all newly hired sworn officers complete before they begin field training. The program prepares officers for field training by ensuring they understand the report management system, reviewing policy and procedures, and certifying officers to utilize tools needed to do their job. In 2021, the department completed five In-House Academy's, which prepared eight new officers for Field Training.



## Training Hours

In addition to in-service and technology update training, sworn officers reported over 2918 hours of POST-approved training in 2021, which does not include specialized unit training like K-9 and NETT training.

### POST TRAINING HOURS



## K9 Team

Officer Ronald Hilburn and K9 Jack make up the department's K9 Unit. K9 Jack is a three-year-old Belgian Malinois. Jack is a dual-purpose Belgian Malinois and is trained in narcotics detection, article location / searches, tracking, and suspect apprehension and handler protection. Both Jack and Officer Hilburn train weekly to ensure skill and discipline are maintained.



## Crime Prevention Programs

The police department participates in several national and local programs to foster the relationship with our community and present educational information on crime prevention. During 2021, we had 10 Neighborhood Watch meetings, attended 61 public events, provided 5 tours of the police department, and spent 15 days during the summer on the Cops Connecting with Kids project.





## DARE

DARE was introduced to the Nixa schools by the Nixa Police Department at the beginning of 1991. The program is run and managed by Officer Forgery. The program is directed towards students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. During the 2020-2021 school year, we reached approximately 2,350 students. This program helps our youth build their self-esteem, manage stress, foresee behavioral consequences, resist pro-drug media messages, and identify alternatives to drug use. It does not just tell them to say "NO;" it teaches them *how* to say "NO."

## Fleet Management and Quartermaster

The Police Department's Community Service Supervisor maintains a fleet of 32 vehicles total with 15 marked patrol vehicles, 1 marked animal control truck, 1 DARE car, 1 K9 vehicle, 9 unmarked vehicles, 1 trailer, 2 command posts, 1 armored vehicle and 1 side by side. He also manages approximately 2500 pieces of issued equipment and uniforms, while supervising the Animal Control Unit.



## Animal Control

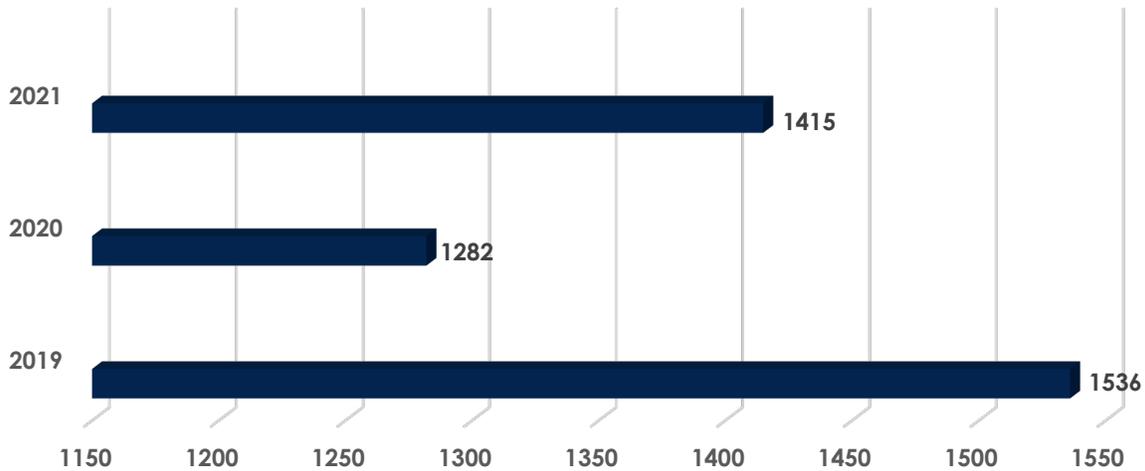
Animal Control enforces animal ordinances and helps take care of our animal population within the city limits of Nixa. Animal Control is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on call 24-hours a day for emergencies. Outside of their normal hours Patrol Officers handle animal calls.

In 2021, the police department responded to 1,415 calls for service involving animals.

This past year, we investigated 17 dog bites and picked up 132 dogs that were running at large. All the dogs impounded were placed in our climate-controlled facility which is maintained daily by one of our Community Service Officers. Of the 132 dogs impounded, 101 were returned to the owners and 20 were sent to a no kill rescue facility. In addition, officers worked several other animal related calls, such as animal abuse or neglect and barking dog calls.

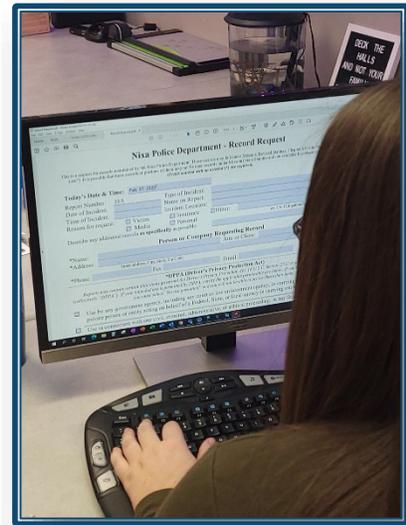


### 2019-2020-2021 Animal Calls



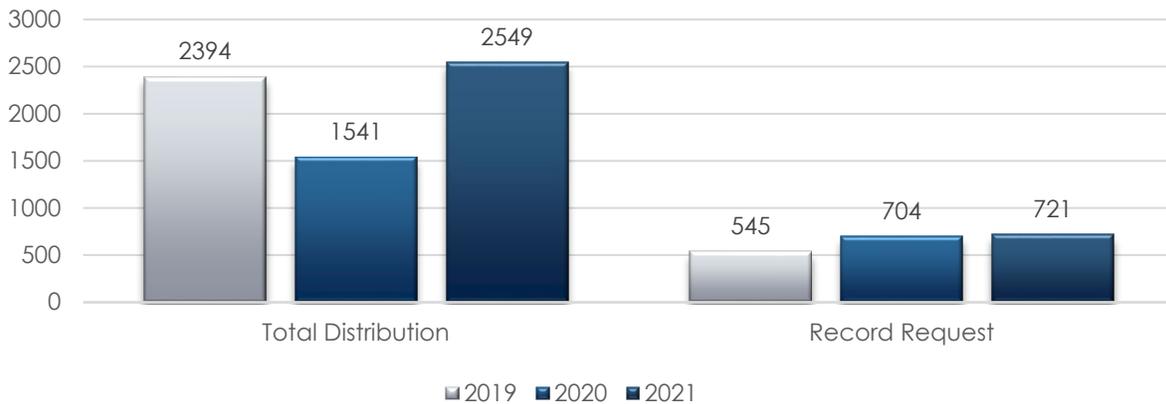
## Police Services

The Police Services Unit is made up of four civilian employees who handle a variety of administrative functions that keep the department running. The duties for this unit include front office responsibilities, employment fingerprinting, evidence, records retention, records distribution for all Sunshine Requests, crime analysis, public events, crime reporting, warrant records, stolen property entries, validations, asset management records, and training records.



### Records

The Police Services Unit also completes the distribution of police reports for law enforcement purposes. In 2021, the Unit processed 2,549 distribution requests with 721 of the distributions being Record Requests.



## Property and Evidence

While property and evidence are different, they are both kept in a secure area and managed by the department's Evidence Custodian. The Evidence Custodian is responsible for storage, inventory, disposal, and return of all property seized and/or recovered by the Nixa Police Department.



# ANNUAL AWARDS

## Officer of the Year

Officer of the year is an honor awarded to a Police Officer of the Nixa Police Department by the Police Command Staff. This honor is awarded to an officer who has consistently exemplified the mission, vision, and values of the Nixa Police Department during the entire calendar year. The 2021 Officer of the Year is Officer James Gentry.

### Officer James Gentry – Officer of the Year

Officer James Gentry has been selected as the 2021 Nixa Police Department Officer of the Year. Officer of the Year is an honor awarded to a Police Officer by the Command Staff to an officer who has consistently exemplified the mission, vision, and values of the Nixa Police Department during the entire calendar year.

Officer Gentry has been with the department since July of 2020. During his time here, he has developed a skill for fugitive apprehension and narcotic investigation through traffic enforcement. In 2021, Officer Gentry made 453 traffic stops, submitted 162 charges, made 63 arrests, and responded to 2,002 calls for service. Officer Gentry always has a positive attitude and a clear passion for law enforcement. His calm, professional demeanor is very effective in his work and is much like that of a very seasoned officer.



Officer Gentry's work ethic is very strong and sets a great example for other officers. He routinely strives to improve and become a better officer by seeking additional training and feedback from supervisors. In 2021 Officer Gentry was selected for a position on the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team as a SWAT Operator. He just recently completed Field Training Officer School and will soon be tasked with sharing his skill, knowledge, work ethic, and determination with recruits as he trains and prepares them to be Nixa Police Officers. Officer Gentry is a pleasure to work with and is well-liked in the community. We look forward to his many years of service to the citizens of Nixa.



## Award of Life Saving

Award of Life Saving is an Award for actions by an individual to provide lifesaving efforts to a person or persons who, without immediate assistance, would be in imminent risk of death. This year's Award of Life Saving is presented to Officer Sam Gallardo, Sergeant Josh Barton, Officer Daryck Wheeler, Officer Morgan Hill.

### Officer Sam Gallardo – Lifesaving

On 06/26/2021, Officer Gallardo responded to an assault where a juvenile female had been stabbed several times and a male suspect was said to be armed with a gun. Upon his arrival, Officer Gallardo assessed the victim and applied a chest seal to the wound from his individual first-aid kit. His quick actions and ability to rise to his training to provide life-saving trauma care in the field, stabilized the victim so other officers could get her to an ambulance, where she was transported to the hospital and rushed into life-saving surgery.



### Sergeant Josh Barton -Lifesaving

On June 26, 2021, officers responded to an assault where a juvenile female had been stabbed several times and a male suspect was said to be armed with a gun. Officers quickly arrived and assessed the situation and provided bleeding control. Sergeant Barton and the officers had called for EMS several times to the stabbing victim's location, who was losing blood and the stab wounds were near vital organs. EMS declined to come on scene as the scene was not secure. Sergeant Barton displayed decisiveness and presence of mind, regardless of his personal safety, and quickly made the decision to place the victim in his patrol car and transport her to the EMS staging area.



**Officer Daryck Wheeler – Lifesaving**

On 06/16/2021, at about 1900 hours, Officer Wheeler was investigating a LSOA when he was alerted to a child drowning in a nearby pool. Ofc. Wheeler ran to the child who was not breathing and had been removed from the pool. There, Ofc. Wheeler began to administer life-saving efforts which were successful, and the child began to breath on their own. The Paramedic who responded to the scene and transported the child to a nearby Hospital stated Ofc Wheeler's actions save the child's life. The Paramedic further commented had it been another 30 seconds, the child may have died.

**Officer Morgan Hill – Lifesaving**

On 12/31/2021, Officer Hill responded to a medical call for service where a male patient was not breathing and had fallen on the floor. Officer Hill arrived and started CPR. He provided life-saving efforts until emergency medical personnel arrived. Due to his quick response and medical aid, the patient regained a pulse and was able to be transported to the hospital where he was said to have survived the medical emergency.



## Award of Merit

Award of Merit is an award for exceptional work above and beyond the call of duty to improve the overall service of the department. This year the police department awards Mallory Forschler and BJ Sartin the Award of Merit.

### Police Clerk Mallory Forschler – Award of Merit

In February 2021, Mallory did a fantastic job in her direct supervisors and co-workers' absence during a court week. Mallory was able to work diligently and did not let the level of service drop during this stressful time period. Through the week Mallory held her ground handling everything thrown at her. Although she received help from other staff members, in the end it was because of Mallory's outstanding performance and exceptional work above and beyond the typical duties, that the front office kept running smoothly.



### CSO Supervisor BJ Sartin – Award of Merit

On 12/22/2021, the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team responded to a call of a male suspected of felony domestic assault barricaded in his home taking a one-month-old baby hostage. Community Services Supervisor BJ Sartin was instrumental in helping the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team have a successful operation. BJ assisted the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team with driving both the Command Post and MRAP to the scene. During this time, he also picked up bail out bags that contained critical munitions equipment for potential use by the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team. Even after assisting coordination of these important assets BJ Sartin remained on scene and conducted traffic control at an intersection until the entire operations was completed. BJ Sartin exhibited outstanding performance and exceptional work above and beyond the typical duties and again was instrumental in helping the Nixa Emergency Tactical Team have a successful operation.



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## COPS CONNECTING WITH KIDS

Officer Forgey and other officers spent the year when not teaching or taking enforcement action meeting with the younger population of our community. Kids 13 and under were divided into 3 age groups and were asked to draw a picture of how they believe police officers help their community. Prizes included two Nintendo Switches donated by Game World and four bikes donated by Walmart of Nixa.



## Friday Night Lights on the Square

On December 10, 2021 the Historic River District and the Ozark Chamber of Commerce hosted Emergency Responder Night on the Square. This year the department with help of the Nixa Citizens' Police Academy Alumni and Innovative Sound entered the departments DARE car into the decoration contest. Participants were able to vote using their cell phone for their favorite entry. After all the votes were in the Nixa Police Department DARE care took 1<sup>st</sup> place.



## 2021 Citizens Police Academy

The 2021 graduating class of the Nixa Citizens' Police Academy had the opportunity to learn about law enforcement and the behind-the-scenes work of the Nixa Police Department through an 11-week course. Participants were able to learn through hands-on experience and meeting members of our local agency.



## Safest Cities

In May of 2021 safewise.com rated the City of Nixa as #13 on the Safest Cities in Missouri for 2021 according to SafeWise. All 12 cities ranked above Nixa have populations under 12,000. With an estimated population of 22,000+, Nixa is the highest rated city of its size.

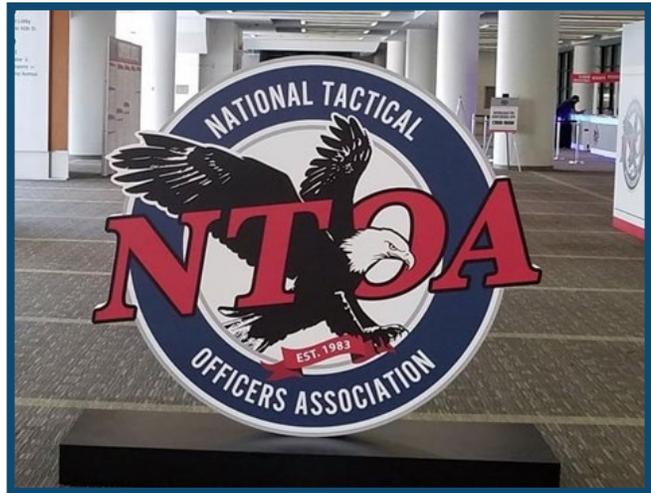


## CIT Certifications

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs are local initiatives designed to improve the way law enforcement and the community respond to people experiencing mental health crises. They are built on strong partnerships between law enforcement, mental health provider agencies and individuals and families affected by mental illness. In 2021 four officers from patrol attended and completed certification. The department now has seven officers who are certified.

## NTOA Conference

In September of 2021, NETT had the opportunity to travel to Kansas City, MO to attend the National Tactical Officers Association National Law Enforcement Operations Conference. While there, our officers were able to attend a week of various seminars, debriefs, and training sessions. They were also able to interact and network with tactical teams from across the nation and several other countries.



## Christmas Parade



Leading the way for the annual Nixa Christmas Parade was Officer Forgey and the DARE. What a beautiful day in December where the temperature high was 70 degrees.



## Shop with a hero

In 2021, we participated in two Shop with a Hero events. Academy Sports and Walmart of Nixa both hosted a Shop with a Hero event. The Nixa Police Department teamed up with the other first responders from the area to help spread Christmas cheer. Both programs allowed children, with the help of a hero and funding from Academy Sports and Walmart to purchase Christmas presents for them and their families.



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