

WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ANNUAL REPORT
2022**



**James L. Morehead
Chief of Police**



West Chester Police Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lillian DeBaptiste, Mayor

FROM: James Morehead, Chief of Police

DATE: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Police Department Annual Report

On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my privilege to present our department's 2022 Annual Report. The following pages will reflect the activity and services the Police Department has rendered to the citizens of our community(s) during the 2022 calendar year.

This document consists of two distinct parts this year:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **STATISTICAL SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.

Each individual document is intended to be increasingly more detailed, providing as much specificity regarding the activities of the West Chester Police Department during the calendar year 2022 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Borough Manager, as well as the East Bradford Township Manager and may be viewed by citizens of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township at the following locations:

West Chester Police Department 2022 Annual Report

- **Police Department**—Copies of the complete document are available for public inspection and review at the Administrative Office(s) of the West Chester Police Department during regular business hours.
- **Internet**—This document will be available on the Borough's web site at <http://www.west-chester.com>.

I truly hope you find this information in a format that is both useful to you and informative to the citizens of West Chester Borough.

I am confident and pleased with the professionalism, dedication, and accomplishments of our personnel. I believe they realize the work they do can at times be difficult, yet they remain constantly vigilant in their duties and responsibilities to serve this community. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our department over the past year and we look forward to another productive year in 2023.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Chief of Police of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 2023. On behalf of the men and women of the West Chester Police Department, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your collective and individual confidence in our ability to serve our community(s). With your continued support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Morehead

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

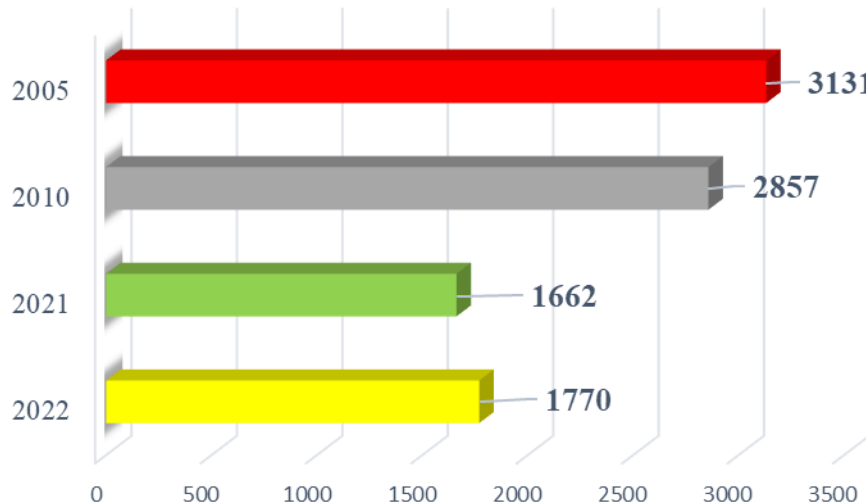
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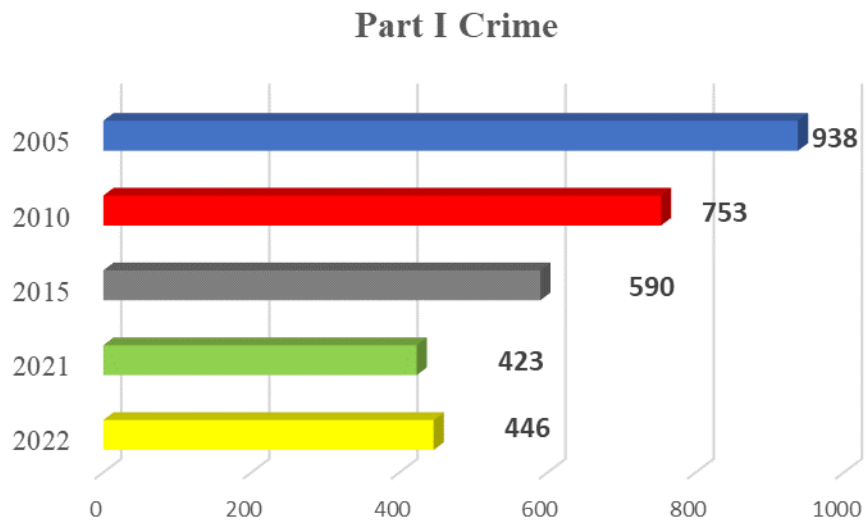
SYNOPSIS

The total amount of crime **increased** approximately 6.5% overall during calendar year 2022 from 1,662 such crimes reported in 2021 to 1,770 such crimes reported during 2022. This is in-line with pre-pandemic numbers similar to 2019.



Crime is classified, counted, and reported in two distinctly different categories. Statisticians and researchers know these categories as Part I crime and Part II crime. Part I crimes consist of those crimes that one may consider to be the most serious crimes affecting society and are comprised of a very specific subset of crimes that are routinely reported to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison with other municipalities of similar size and demographics. Part II crimes, on the other hand, are defined as any crime other than Part I crimes and are generally considered being less serious crimes (a secondary level of crime). These "nuisance crimes" impact our quality of life.

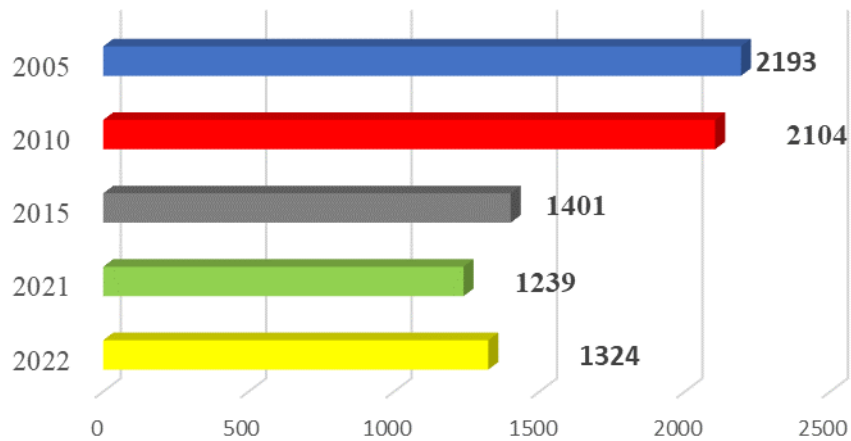
Part I (serious) crimes **increased** approximately 5.44% overall during calendar year 2022 from 423 such crimes reported in 2021 to 446 such crimes reported during 2022. **Serious crime has been reduced 54% since the year 2000, but I must point out that Part I crime remains on the decline compared to pre-pandemic numbers.** This crime reduction should be significant to our varied citizenry. This is an important statistic for individuals considering moving their families and/or businesses into our community(s) as it is a statistic that can be compared nationwide against other municipalities of comparable size and demographics.



There were increases in the each of the reported Part I crimes of Homicide by Motor Vehicle (+100%), Burglary (+95%), Theft (+20%). There were no reported Arsons, and Rapes were down (-60%), Assaults were down (-13%), and Motor Vehicle Thefts were down (-31%).

In 2022, the West Chester Police Department documented a 7% increase in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2022, the Department reported 1,324 Part II crimes in comparison to the 1,239 reported in 2021. The 2022 documentation of Part II crimes is more in-line with pre-pandemic numbers. Although this figure is not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison purposes, it is a statistic that affects the overall quality of life for those of us living and/or working in West Chester. This increase like all others will be closely monitored in 2023.

Part II Crime



With the continuing success and popularity of our Business District, there continues to be a significant demand for police services. Overall, the Police Department documented a decrease in calls for service of approximately 4% in 2022 compared to 2021, (including vehicle stops). There were 5,642 “walk-in” complaints to our police lobby in 2022. As we have reported in the past, while there is a minimal amount of Part I crime in our Business District, there is an identifiable and significant demand for police services. There are reports of assaults and/or combative behavior in the early morning hours in the Central Business District. These behaviors and the associated crimes are directly attributed to alcohol consumption and the number of assaults reported to the Department in 2022. With the popularity of our business establishments and the influx of patrons from throughout the tri-state area as well as West Chester University, the demands continue to increase. These issues, coupled with varying and often related neighborhood issues, presented the largest challenge to our department and community over this period. As in prior years, alcohol consumption, pedestrian traffic and corridors, the density of residential properties as well as the current environmental conditions, community and neighborhood demographics and the institutional capacity of the Police Department to meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2023. The community should be as pleased as I am with the enforcement efforts and activity of its Police Department in meeting this complex challenge in 2023.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the subcategories of reportable accidents, hit and run accidents, and non-reportable accidents) decreased by approximately 13% in 2022. There was one motor vehicle fatality in 2022 in East Bradford Township.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste of West Chester, the members of the West Chester Borough Council and staff, and the Board of Supervisors and the Staff in East Bradford Township for their support of the Police Department. It is my privilege to present this synopsis of the West Chester Police Department's Annual Report for the calendar year 2022. I am sure everyone realizes that 2022 was again, no typical year, and that the borough and township activity is reflective of everything our officers were given to deal with. It is my sincere hope that this synopsis is both informative to you and useful to the various constituencies and individuals we are sworn and privileged to serve.



West Chester Police Department



RETIREMENTS

The following Officers are to be recognized for their many years of service to the citizens West Chester.

	Years of Service	Years Served
Sergeant Detective Ryan Collins	28 ½ Years	1994-2022
Corporal Christopher Craig	26 ½ Years	1995-2022
Detective John O'Hare	28 ½ Years	1994-2022
Officer Thomas Flick	24 ½ Years	1998-2022

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers are welcomed as newly hired police officers in our community.

Ofc. Douglas Gilbert
Ofc. Ryan McMillen
Ofc. Zach Turner

Ofc. Luis Lopez-Torres
Ofc. Cara Dougherty

OFFICER RESIGNATIONS

The following officers separated from the Police Department.

Officer Jason O'Neill

7/25/2022



Perfect Attendance



The following Officers are to be congratulated:

David Barnes
Brad Bergey
Stanley Billie
Chris Daly
Martin Deighan
Aaron Diefenderfer
Gerald DiNunzio
Jeffrey Ditz
James Ensor
Andrew Hill
Robert M. Kuehn
Joshua Lee
Kenneth Massey
Brendon McGeehan
James Morehead
Harry O'Neill
Dan Quinn
Matthew Simcox
Jordan Turner

The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:

Michael Groff
Paul Widmayer



West Chester Police Department



2022 Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
Administration	4
Chief of Police	1 (1)
Lieutenants	3 (3)
Patrol Division	34
Sergeants	5 (5)
Corporals	5 (5)
Patrolman	24 (23)
Detective Division	6
Detective Sergeant	1 (1)
Detective Corporal	1 (1)
Detectives	1 (1)
Narcotics Investigators	2 (2)
Juvenile Investigator	1 (1)
Support Staff	12
Civilian Dispatchers	8 (8)
Civilian Records Staff	2 (2)
Civilian Administrative Assistant	2 (2)

Key: # = Positions budgeted
 (#) = Positions filled



PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The 2022 personnel allotment for the West Chester Police Department was fifty-six (56) individuals. Of those, forty-four (44) are sworn personnel (Police Officers) and twelve (12) are support staff (non-sworn personnel). With respect to the sworn personnel, seventy-seven percent (77%) are assigned to the patrol function to respond to calls-for-service. Of the remaining twenty-three percent (23%), sixteen percent (16%) are assigned to the criminal investigative function and conduct follow-up investigations for those assigned to the patrol function to allow additional time to perform proactive patrols. Seven (7%) are the administrative staff of the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and three (3) Lieutenants, all of whom will, from time to time, respond to calls-for-service and/or provide assistance to those assigned to the criminal and patrol functions. The following is a statistical analysis of personnel assignments in the Police Department:

<u>Function</u>	<u>% of Sworn Staff</u>	<u>% of All Staff</u>
Patrol	77%	61%
Criminal Investigation	16%	13%
Administration	7%	6%
Support Staff	N/A	20%

When reviewing personnel assignments and distribution within the West Chester Police Department, it is important to consider the information in context. Several officers missed a major and/or significant amount of duty-time due to injury, leave, training or retirement. In 2022 The West Chester Police Department operated with as many as eight (8) officers absent from duty. The Department anticipates that it will be operating with at least two officers down for 2023.

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Executive Summary

General Statistics:

	% Change from 2021	Total - 2022
Calls for Service	-4%	37,440
Lobby Walk-Ins	-9%	5,642
Reported Crime	+6.5%	1,770
Criminal Arrests	-4%	309
Criminal Summonses	+11%	1,085
Traffic Arrests	-10%	881
Traffic Warnings	-46%	436

Crime Statistics:

Overall Reported Crime	+6.5%	Up 108 crimes from 1,662 reported in 2021 to 1,770 in 2022.
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Part I Crimes - Total:	+5%	Up 23 crimes from 423 reported in 2021.
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Part I Crimes Defined as:

Murder	+100%	1 homicide by motor vehicle in 2022.
Rape	-60%	Down 6 from 10 reported in 2021.
Robbery	0%	There were 6 robberies in each of the last 2 years.
Assault	-13%	Down 22 from 172 in 2021.

	% Change from 2021	Total - 2022
Burglary	+95%	Up 18 from 19 to 37 in 2022.
Theft	+20%	Up 39 from 196 to 235 in 2022.
MV Theft	-32%	Down 6 from 19 to 13 in 2022.
Arson	-100%	No Arsons in 2022.
Part II Crimes - Total:	+7%	Up 85 crimes in 2022. From 1,239 to 1,324.
Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes		
Criminal Summonses	+11%	Up 108 from 977 to 1,085.
Liquor Law	+38%	Up 29 from 76 to 105.
Public Drunkenness	+10%	Up 25 from 247 to 272.
Disorderly Conduct	-31%	Down 15 from 49 to 34.
Noise Ordinance	-22%	Down 23 from 104 to 81.
Open Bottle	+24%	Up 36 from 151 to 187.
Public Indecency	+96%	Up 43 from 45 to 88.
All Other	-5%	Down 9 from 175 to 166.

% Change from 2021

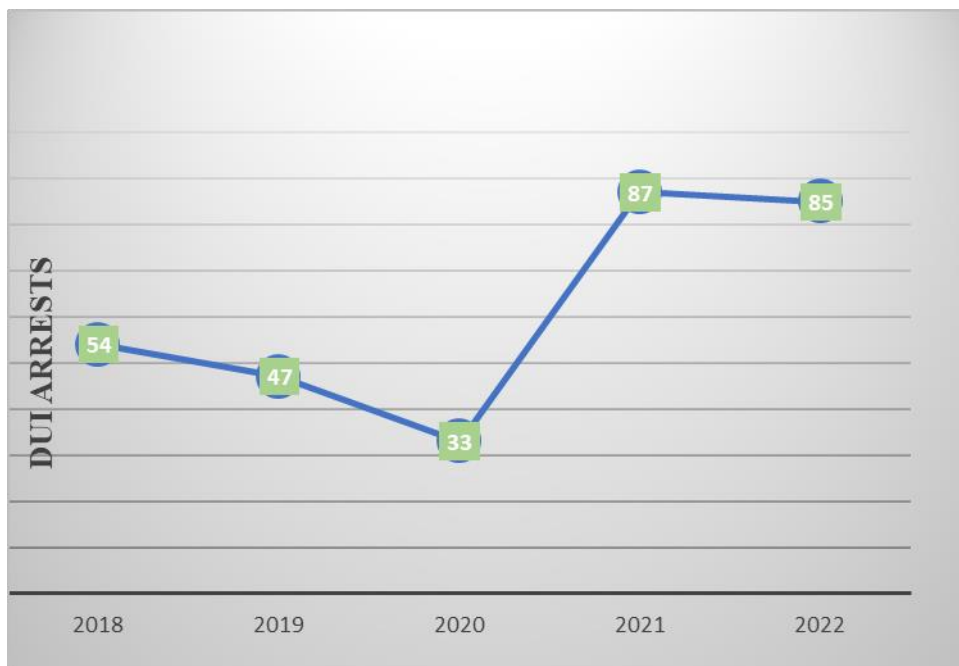
Total - 2022

Accident Statistics:

Overall Accidents	-13%	Down 103 from 783 to 680.
Non-Reportable	-23%	Down 108 from 464 to 356.
Reportable	+10%	Up 15 from 147 to 162.
Hit and Run	-6%	Down 10 from 172 to 162.
Fatal	+100%	1 fatality in East Bradford Twp.

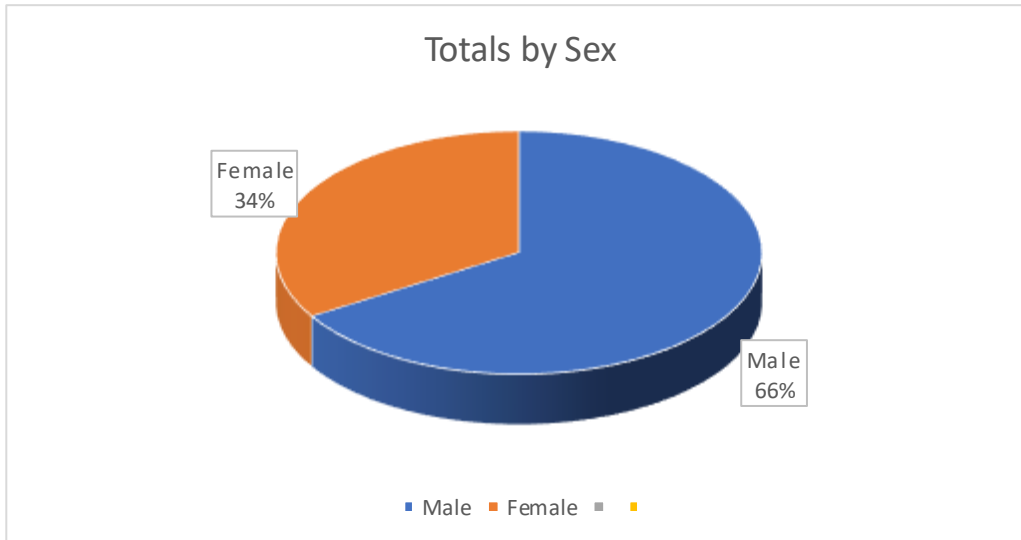
Traffic Statistics:

Traffic Arrests	-10%	Down 99 from 980 to 881.
Written Warnings	-46%	Down 374 from 810 to 436.
Verbal Warnings	-15%	Down 257 from 1660 to 1403.
Traffic Details	-21%	Down 244 from 1,137 to 893.
DUI	-2%	Down 2 from 87 to 85.

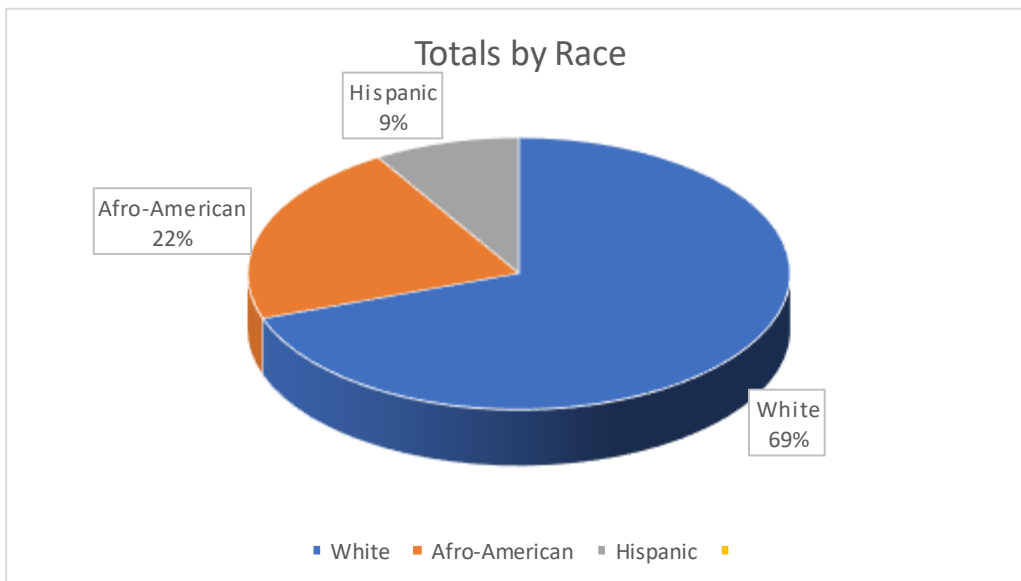


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Total Traffic Stops

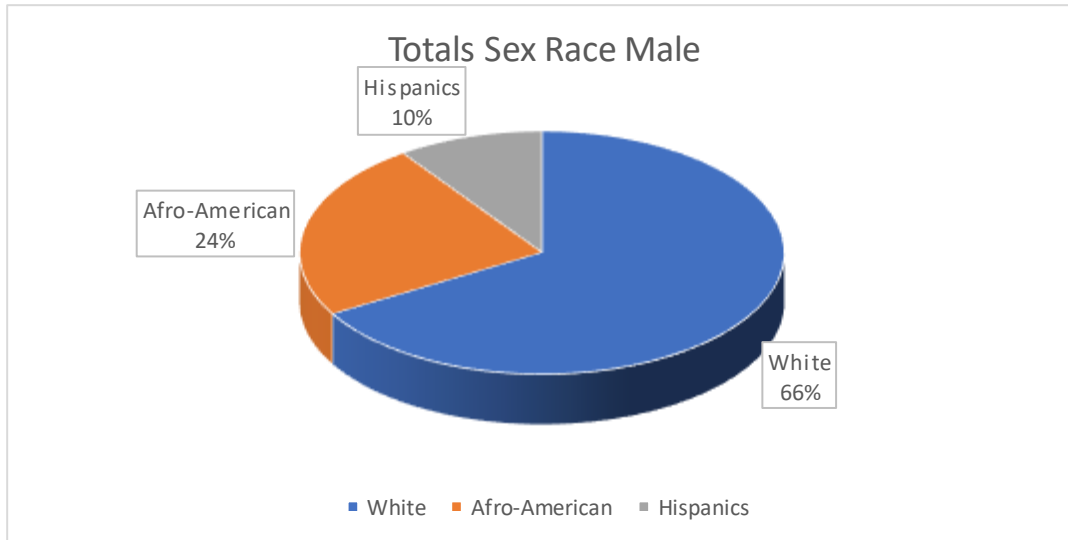


Traffic Stops by Race



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Traffic Stops - Male / Race



Traffic Stops - Female / Race

