

**Regular Meeting #12 - 2024**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**March 26, 2024**

**Review Meeting**

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter; Board of Commissioners' Clerk, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Recorder Lisa McKenzie; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Treasurer James Bahnsen; Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Steven Darnell and Austin Lines; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; JFS Budget Director, Josh Crawford; IT Director, Dan Neeley; EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Director of Engineer Operations, Jason Grubb; RPC Planner, Josh Hillberry; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; CPS Deputy Director, Sarah Fortner, Misty Richardson, and Angela Boykin. Also present: Stephanie Hall, Stephanie Taylor, Randall Hall, Bruce Price, Jo Price, Jeff Williamsen, Sherry Pymer, and Darrin Monhollen.

Virtual attendees: Lori Hawk, Park Russell, Baylie Blevins, Melissa Connor, Deborah, BGM, Jessica Murphy, Joe Anderson, Ashley Arter, Jeff Barron, David Uhl, Aubrey Ward, Tony Vogel, Lynette Barnhart, Toni Ashton, Shelby Hunt, Nicole, Abby King, Tiffany Daniels, Andy Boystel, Josh Horacek, Stacy Hicks, ABT, and Alex Lape.

**Welcome**

Commissioner Levacy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about being honored to present NASA Flight Director, Allison Bolinger, with a proclamation which recognized March 22 as Celebrate Women Day and Celebrate Allison Bolinger Day. He spoke about loving space exploration as a young child and about Neil Armstrong being one of his greatest heroes.

**Presentation by NASA Flight Director Allison Bolinger; 9:15 a.m.**

Ms. Bolinger thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation and spoke about being delighted to come home to Fairfield County where she grew up and first realized she wanted to work with astronauts. She spoke about speaking at the Ohio University Celebrate Women Conference and about presenting to family and friends.

**Listen and Learn – Engineer's Office; 9:00 a.m.**

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Refugee Road in Pickerington, from Rt. 256 to Milnor Road. The presentation contained information about past, current, and planned road projects and is available in the meeting minutes. Engineer Upp spoke about a traffic corridor study in 2008, and the resulting road improvements to Refugee Road. He also provided information from the most recent traffic study completed in 2018 that identified 95 crashes from Woodstock Ave. to Tollgate Road from 2014-2016.

Commissioner Davis asked about the crashes indicated in the 2018 safety study.

Engineer Upp spoke about a three stage scenario with recommended alternatives and costs for each alternative. A 2022 Refugee Road Corridor Study used MORPC projections for growth to develop a twenty year plan.

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Commissioner Fix stated he lives near Refugee Rd in Pickerington and travels the road daily. He voiced his concern regarding kids who walk to Pickerington North High School and the section of road where kids cross from the school to the shopping center on the south side of Refugee Road. The road was already under stress before the possible additional development due to the Intel project.

Commissioner Levacy asked about the anticipated cost for phase 3 since it was already estimated at \$17.5M three years ago.

Engineer Upp replied that inflation was anticipated, and the numbers were projected accordingly.

**Public Comments**

Sherry Pymmer of Millersport presented two articles for the minutes on energy production and spoke about returning farmland to its original state after being used for industrial solar.

**Legal Update**

There was no legal update.

**County Administration Update**

- *The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise noted.*

**Week in Review**

*Celebrate Women 2024*

Several Fairfield County Employees, including Administrator Cordle, attended the Celebrate Women 2024 Conference at OU-L this past Friday. The theme was Dream. Dare. Deliver: Expanding our Mindset, and the keynote speaker, Allison Bolinger is the very essence of that theme. All employees of the Commissioners' Office who attended want to extend their heartfelt thanks for allowing participation in this year's event. It was a day full of great speakers, great information, and great inspiration. And during the awards luncheon, Auditor, Dr. Brown was awarded the Jane Johnsen Woman of Vision Award. Congratulations Dr. Brown.

*April is National County Government Month*

National County Government Month is an annual celebration of county government. This April, the national theme is Forward Together. Forward Together is about connecting inspiring, and leading.

During the first week of April, the focus will be on justice and public safety. The second week on economic and workforce development, The third on services for children, families, seniors, and veterans. And the last week of April will focus on additional government functions. Please watch county social media platforms, our website, emails, and the E-news update for additional information.

*Career Expo and Phlebotomy Class*

Last Thursday, the Workforce Center hosted the annual Career Expo for Junior and Senior high school students. It was a great success.



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The Phlebotomy Class also completed their 10-week program. Rick Szabrak volunteered to assist the students with their final work and a video was shown with him as a practice patient.

A video highlighting the career fair was shared and County Administrator, Audrea Cordle, thanked the team at Krile for putting the video together.

*Department Head and Elected Official Roundtable*

The county will be holding the first Department Head and Elected Official Roundtable of the year next Tuesday at 1:00 at the Agricultural Center.

**Highlights of Resolutions**

*Administrative Approvals*

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

*Resolution Review*

There are 22 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution authorizing the approval of four proclamations. We have proclamations to recognize Fair Housing Month, Crime Victim's Rights Week, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and National County Government Month.
- A resolution to approve a one year lease renewal for a space use agreement with TeenWorks at the Fairfield County Workforce Center.
- A resolution to approve an agreement with CTL Engineering, Inc., to provide construction inspection and testing services for the Fairfield County Engineer.
- A resolution to approve a service agreement for JFS with Functional Training Services for work readiness services for eligible participants.
- A resolution from the Sheriff's Office to accept the donation of two vehicles from the City of Canal Winchester to use as Community Watch vehicles.
- Three resolutions for contracts with Hocking County, the City of Logan, and Perry County, for the housing of inmates at the Fairfield County Jail.

**Budget Review**

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson provided a brief update on the sales tax revenue estimate.

**Calendar Review/Invitations Received**

- *The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen, provided the calendar review, review of invitations received, and the correspondence received by the Commissioners' Office.*
  - Lancaster City Schools, State of the Schools Address, March 27, 2024, 11:30 a.m., Stanberry Career Center, 345 Mulberry St., Lancaster

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- Health Department District Advisory Committee Meeting, March 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Fairfield County Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster
- Ask the Mayor!, Guest Speaker: Mayor Don McDaniel, April 2, 2024, 11:00 a.m. and April 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Fairfield County Library Main Branch, 219 N. Broad St., Lancaster
- Keller Market House Ribbon Cutting, April 11, 2024, 12:00 p.m., Keller Market House, 134 S. Columbus St., Lancaster

**Correspondence**

- New Release, Office of the County Auditor, March 20, 2024, “Deadline to File Complaint Against Valuation of Real Property April 1st”
- Correspondence regarding Industrial Solar Projects
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- Memo from the County Auditor, March 21, 2024, Subject: Creation of the Updated Ohio Board of Revision Practice Handbook and Online Resources
- The Fairfield County Auditor’s Office: Wins of the Week, March 21, 2024
- Fairfield County Parks District’s Event Flyer for March and April 2024
- Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ March 2024 “Imagine” Newsletter

Dr. David Uhl was attending the meeting online and sent a chat in Teams thanking the Commissioners for their support of the Board of Developmental Disabilities’ “Celebration of Possibilities” event, and congratulated Dr. Carri Brown for being awarded the Jane Johnsen Women of Vision Award.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Fix spoke about the passing of the Comprehensive Plan and thanked his colleagues. The goal of the plan is to protect the land and the taxpayers. The Commissioners have heard from residents who are opposed to solar energy farms. He thinks it makes sense to preserve the land and wants to begin the discussion of prohibiting industrial solar energy farms. The Commissioners wish to avoid any potential lawsuit from the solar companies.

Commissioner Davis stated he wants to be careful with the conversation. We have been briefed by legal regarding creating exclusionary zones. I want to be cautious as we make any announcements.

Commissioner Levacy stated he attended the Board of Developmental Disabilities’ “Celebration of Possibilities” event and was encouraged by the event and its speakers. It was added that the Commissioner’s wife’s cookies went for \$600 at the live auction.

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**New Business**

Engineer Upp stated he appreciated the opportunity to present.

Auditor Brown spoke about the “Celebration of Possibilities” event and a self-assessment process her office is performing. She also spoke about teaching a grants management class at OU on April 24<sup>th</sup> and an acknowledgement by the Heritage Association for Curt Truax for his work on some maps. The BOR handbook is being updated and the Auditor’s Office received a TechCred grant. Auditor Brown spoke about a video/song called “Coming Home Fairfield County”, which was played later in the meeting.

Mr. Kochis spoke about Severe Weather Awareness Week and spoke about being prepared and having good information.

Mr. Neeley stated he is excited to hear that the Auditor’s office received the TechCred grant. He spoke about having conversations about data that each department holds and how it is stored securely and backed up.

Mr. Clark said he is looking forward to the proclamations being presented later in the morning and thanked the Child Protective Services team for coming to the meeting. He reminded everyone that the breakfast for Child Abuse Prevention Month is in two weeks.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the importance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**Regular (Voting) Meeting**

The Commissioners continued to their Regular meeting. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter; Clerk, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Recorder Lisa McKenzie; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Treasurer James Bahnsen; Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Steven Darnell and Austin Lines; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; JFS Budget Director, Josh Crawford; IT Director, Dan Neeley; EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; JFS Budget Director, Josh Crawford; Deputy Director of Engineer Operations, Jason Grubb; RPC Planner, Josh Hillberry; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Sarah Fortner, Misty Richardson, and Angela Boykin. Also present: Stephanie Hall, Stephanie Taylor, Randall Hall, Bruce Price, Jo Price, Jeff Williamsen, Sherry Pymer, and Darrin Monhollen.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Levacy asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements**

Clerk Menningen stated that the motions for the approval of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes would be adjusted if the motion differed from what was on the minutes.

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**Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2024**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, March 19, 2024, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners:

2024-03.26.a            A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Proclamations

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

Child Protective Services Deputy Director, Sarah Fortner, thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Fortner spoke about the case mentioned recently in a commissioners' meeting that ultimately led to a child abuse conviction. Ms. Fortner spoke about Caitlin Huffstutler who advocated for the victim when the victim's family would not.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the difficulty of Child Protective Services positions and thanked the staff for the job they perform daily.

Misty Conkle spoke about the county victim advocacy team. She stated it has been a challenging year and added that the job is emotionally exhausting. Our job is to support the family, the victims, the survivors, and to be their voice in the courtroom. She added that she is grateful to be able to help victims of crime.

Staphanie Hall thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the city law office and spoke about the collaboration between the county and the City of Lancaster's prosecutors, victim advocates, and the Lighthouse personnel and volunteers.

Randall Hunt stated his appreciation of the Commissioners support of Lancaster Fairfield Community Action and for recognizing the need for housing in Fairfield County. He added that there is a training in April for fair housing.

Ms. Cordle added that the Regional Planning Commission administers fair housing for the county.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about those without housing.

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners:

2024-03.26.b            A Resolution Approving to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category Relating to the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund #2876

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- 2024-03.26.c      A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in Major Expenditure Object Categories for 911 Wireless, Fund# 2683
- 2024-03.26.d      A Resolution to Approve a Memo Expense for Interest Allocation Reimbursements for the Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority, Funds #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

- 2024-03.26.e      A Resolution to Approve Additional Appropriations by Appropriating from Unappropriated into a Major Expense Object Category, Fund #2060
- 2024-03.26.f      A Resolution to Approve Additional Appropriations by Appropriating from Unappropriated into a Major Expense Object Category, Fund #2060

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development:

- 2024-03.26.g      Approval for a One Year Renewal of the Space Use Agreement between Fairfield County Commissioners and TeenWorks, LLC, at the Fairfield County Workforce Center

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency:

- 2024-03.26.h      A Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of Appropriations in Major Expenditure Object Categories for the EMA Fund #2707 Emergency Management Performance Grant and Account-to-Account Transfer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

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| 2024-03.26.i | A Resolution to Approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc.  |
| 2024-03.26.j | A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Resurfacing Project   |
| 2024-03.26.k | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for contractual services   |
| 2024-03.26.l | A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category, County Engineer Fund #2024, Motor Vehicle for Materials & Supplies   |
| 2024-03.26.m | A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2050 for annual inspections in various subdivisions as of 03/20/2024. |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Family and Children First Council**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Family and Children First Council:

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| 2024-03.26.n | A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 7521, Family Children First Council                            |
| 2024-03.26.o | A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 7521, Family Children First Council                            |
| 2024-03.26.p | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #7521 – Family Adult Children First |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

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| 2024-03.26.q | A Resolution Regarding a Service Agreement between Functional Training Services, Inc. and Job & Family Services |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

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**Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

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| 2024-03.26.r | A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Two Donated Vehicles from the City of Canal Winchester  |
| 2024-03.26.s | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, the Hocking County Board of Commissioners, and the Hocking County Sheriff, for Housing Prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail |
| 2024-03.26.t | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, the City of Logan, and the Logan Police Department, for Housing Prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail                        |
| 2024-03.26.u | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, the Perry County Board of Commissioners, and the Perry County Sheriff, for Housing Prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail     |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Approval of the Payment of Bills**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

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| 2024-03.26.v | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of Invoices for Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH.







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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Commissioners:

Steven A. Davis  
Jeffrey M. Fix  
David L. Levacy

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**County Administrator**  
Aundrea N. Cordle

**Deputy County Administrator**  
Jeffrey D. Porter

**Clerk**  
Rochelle Menningen

### 1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: *To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions, and to provide a time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.*

### 2. Welcome

### 3. Presentation, Allison Bolinger, Nasa Flight Director

### 4. Listen & Learn, Updates from the Engineer's Office

Jeremiah Upp, Fairfield County Engineer

### 5. Public Comments

Purpose of Public Comments: *This is a time for voters and taxpayers (members of the public) to provide comments. There is a time limit of 3 minutes. While this is a time for comments to be provided, it is not a time for questions and answers. The Commission has a full agenda of county business.*

### 6. Legal Update

### 7. County Administration Update

- a. Week in Review
- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
- d. Recognitions/Thank-Yous
- e. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
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### 8. Old Business

### 9. New Business

- a. Updates from Elected Officials in Attendance

### 10. Regular (Voting) Meeting

### 11. Adjourn

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**Quarters Total 2021, Total 2022, Total 2023, & Quarter 1 2024 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 3.20.2024.**

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds.

**\$28,035,264.94 has been appropriated, \$20,074,849.51 expended, \$4,533,944.42 encumbered or obligated.**

<b>12Project/Category</b>		<b>As of 3/20/24 Appropriations</b>	<b>As of 3/20/24 Expenditure</b>	<b>As of 3/20/24 Obligation</b>
<b>Public Health</b>				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program	399,949.66	399,949.66	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	66,362.57	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,488,618.85	3,402,130.19	86,488.66
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	54,250.98	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,600,361.39	1,406,520.37	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	185,406.39	185,406.39	0.00
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	290,060.11	223,320.97	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Public Health</b>		<b>6,481,742.09</b>	<b>6,134,673.27</b>	<b>86,488.66</b>
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R210d	Habitat for Humanity	610,000.00	610,000.00	0.00

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R210e	ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects	3,000,000.00	748,622.88	2,251,377.12
R210f	Harcum House	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	18,278.01	18,278.01	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	146,829.87	146,829.87	0.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	274,354.84	125,000.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	96,700.00	96,700.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts</b>		5,526,803.88	3,149,781.60	2,376,377.12
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
<b>Premium Pay</b>				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
<b>Subtotal Premium Pay</b>		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
<b>Infrastructure</b>				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	598,480.00	444,480.86	93,929.68
R52b	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00

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<b>Project/Category</b>		<b>As of 3/20/24 Appropriations</b>	<b>As of 3/20/24 Expenditure</b>	<b>As of 3/20/24 Obligation</b>
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	894,729.11	800,318.61	0.00
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	100,805.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	108,364.50	504,635.50
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	834,000.00	456,309.05	377,690.95
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Infrastructure</b>		<b>6,232,104.14</b>	<b>2,450,173.02</b>	<b>1,726,256.13</b>
<b>Revenue Loss</b>				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	369,959.32	687.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	337,984.72	337,984.72	0.00
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	372,221.42	2,778.58
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	572,433.00	537,899.50	34,533.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	543,820.85	543,820.85	0.00
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,506,142.43	2,424,006.31	212,822.79
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	486,110.43	245,771.39	72,246.67
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	193,196.80	6,803.20
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00

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<b>R61l</b>	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>R61m</b>	Engineer's Radios	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
<b>R61n</b>	Auditor Printers	4,357.66	4,357.66	0.00
<b>R61o</b>	Auditor Copiers	11,893.30	11,983.30	0.00
<b>R61p</b>	Bremen ADA Ramps	26,954.00	26,954.00	0.00
<b>R61q</b>	Transportation School Education Vehicles	38,357.90	38,357.90	0.00
<b>R517a</b>	Beavers Field Utilities	37,346.77	21,655.87	14,950.59
<b>Revenue Loss</b>		9,324,890.41	7,941,921.89	344,822.51
<b>Administration</b>				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	402,262.70	330,838.01	0.00
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>		402,262.70	330,838.01	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$28,035,264.94</b>	<b>\$20,074,849.51</b>	<b>\$4,533,944.42</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE  
MARCH 18, 2024 TO March 24, 2024

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.03.18-2024.c    An Administrative Approval for the Contract between Bennett & Williams, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners for Consulting Services for Groundwater Testing [Commissioners]
- AA.03.19-2024.a    An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.03.20-2024.a    An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$75,000 per invoice.    [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Facilities

- AA.03.18-2024.a    An Administrative Approval for an Agreement for cabinet installation services in office space at the Fairfield Center with Northeast Cabinet Company. [Facilities]
- AA.03.18-2024.b    An Administrative Approval to authorize the Ohio Department of Agriculture's request to provide aerial treatments for Spongy Moth [Facilities]



# *Ask the Mayor!*

Meet Lancaster's new mayor!

Make your voice heard!

Have ideas on how to improve your neighborhood?

The Community Development Department is here for you!

**Guest Speaker: Mayor Don McDaniel**  
Community Improvement 101

Tuesday, April 2nd at 11 am

Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm

Fairfield County Library Main Branch - 3rd floor



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**RIBBON CUTTING**

Come Celebrate with Us!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH**




*You're Invited!*

Join the **Keller Market House** to celebrate the completion of our renovation project!

Thanks to a grant from the USDA through **America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative**, we're expanding our not-for-profit local grocery operations to better serve our community!

**As a member of our local food community, we hope you'll stop by to:**

- Tour the new improvements
- Meet our vendors
- Sample local foods
- Grab lunch from Chuck's Wagon food truck
- Be part of the ribbon cutting at noon

Learn more at **KellerMarketHouse.org**

**Thursday, April 11th**  
 134 S Columbus St, Lancaster OH 43130  
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## OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

County Auditor

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM  
carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

### **Deadline to File Complaint Against Valuation of Real Property April 1st**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The deadline to file a Complaint against the Valuation of Real Property is April 1, 2024. This deadline has been moved due March 31<sup>st</sup> falling on a Sunday.

Property owners who do not agree with the valuation of their real property can file a complaint with the Board of Revision (BOR). Visit <https://bit.ly/FFCoBOR> to access forms for filing a complaint or to view the BOR casefiles for 2024.

The BOR consists of a representative from the Auditor's Office, Commissioner's Office, and Treasurer's Office. An op-ed, authored by Auditor Brown, outlining the process, can be found here: <https://bit.ly/BOROpEd>.

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Revision, contact the Auditor's Real Estate Office at (740) 652-7030.

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Newsletter

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David Levacy, Commissioner  
Jeff Fix, Commissioner  
Steve Davis, Commissioner  
210 East Main Street, Room 301  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Bill Yates, Trustee  
Terry Horn, Trustee  
Doug Leith, Trustee  
11420 Millersport Road  
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Dear Commissioners and Walnut Township Trustees,

I am a resident of Fairfield County in favor of the proposed Eastern Cottontail Solar project.

*Mark*

Eastern Cottontail will be a clean, quiet neighbor to our county while bringing the advantages of expanding our tax revenues and producing energy necessary to power our homes and businesses. Many municipalities, including our schools, will profit greatly from the creation of this project.

This is a win-win for local taxpayers, reducing the burden of raising taxes through levies and ensuring the school has a robust revenue stream for years to come.

I am proud to be a part of supporting economic development that will have a lasting, positive impact on the education of our children within Fairfield County.

This project is a great opportunity to show support for the development of Fairfield in a responsible way that benefits our community.

I urge you to support Eastern Cottontail Solar.

Name:

*J. H. Hill*

Address:

*6128 N. Hingham Loop  
New Albany, OH 43054*

cc: Ohio Power Siting Board

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Name: Doug Yates

Address: 210 W. Market St. Battlemore, Ohio 43055

cc: Ohio Power Siting Board

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Dear Commissioners and Walnut Township Trustees,

I am writing to say I am in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar project in Fairfield County for many reasons, one being the positive benefits this project would have on our local and statewide environment.

We must bring clean, non-polluting development into our communities and state, especially those that can help us meet a growing energy demand.

Not only would the development of Eastern Cottontail ensure that Fairfield preserves farmland for future generations, it would also maintain the robust wildlife habitat better than a housing development or other infrastructure that may be placed on the land.

Renewable energy projects like Eastern Cottontail Solar are an important part of the future of Ohio's economy and environment. The economic, community, infrastructure, and health benefits this project will bring our state are significant.

I urge your support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Name: Shawna Abbott

Address: 147 Shawnee Drive  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

cc: Ohio Power Siting Board



**FEMA**

March 15, 2024

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

The Honorable Steve Davis  
President, Fairfield County Board of Commissioners  
210 East Main Street, Room 302  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear President Davis:

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that Fairfield County, Ohio, has until April 25, 2024, to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

Fairfield County must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements (copy enclosed) by April 25, 2024, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold, and existing policies cannot be renewed.

The NFIP State Coordinating Office for your State has verified that Ohio communities may include language in their floodplain management measures that automatically adopt the most recently available flood elevation data provided by FEMA. Your community's floodplain management measures may already be sufficient if the measures include suitable automatic adoption language and are otherwise in accordance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The NFIP State Coordinator can assist you further in clarifying questions you may have about automatic adoption.

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners seeking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

In addition, all loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs are also contingent upon the



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borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building. However, purchasing and maintaining flood insurance coverage on a voluntary basis is frequently recommended for properties located outside SFHAs.

Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist Fairfield County to ensure it remains in good standing with the NFIP and avoids suspension from the Program. If your community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. As stated in my previous correspondence, I recommend you contact your NFIP State Coordinator or the FEMA Regional Office if Fairfield County is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

I recognize that your community may be in the final adoption process or may have recently adopted the appropriate floodplain management measures. Please submit these measures to the Floodplain Management Program at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Alicia Silverio, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, is accessible by telephone at (614) 265-1006, in writing at 2045 Morse Road, Building B-3, Columbus, Ohio 43229, or by electronic mail at [alicia.silverio@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:alicia.silverio@dnr.ohio.gov).

The FEMA Regional staff in Chicago, Illinois, is also available to assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (312) 408-5500 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region 5, at 536 South Clark Street, Sixth Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

In the event your community does not adopt and/or submit the necessary floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, I must take the necessary steps to suspend your community from the NFIP. This letter is FEMA's final notification before your community is suspended from the Program.

Additional information on community suspensions as proposed, other notices of current NFIP community status information, and details regarding updated publication requirements of community eligibility status information under the NFIP can be found on the Community Status Book section of our website at [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book). Notices for scheduled suspension will be available on the National Flood Insurance Community Status and Public Notification section of our website at [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification). Individuals without internet access will be able to

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contact their local floodplain management official and/or NFIP State Coordinating Office directly for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Sears". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rachel Sears, Director  
Floodplain Management Division  
Mitigation Directorate | FEMA

Enclosure

cc: Thomas C. Sivak, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 5  
Alicia Silverio, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Joshua Hillberry, Regional Planner, Fairfield County





DIVISION OF POLICE  
**LANCASTER**  
NICHOLAS H. SNYDER, CHIEF OF POLICE



# annual **report**

# '23



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# chief's report



## Establishing a culture.

Being professional is not a policy - it's a culture.

The men and women of the Lancaster Police Department worked tirelessly toward this expectation in 2023, and after a year in review, it has become the norm. Many faces have changed, multiple roles created, and the standard for which we do our job has been established.

While law enforcement (nationwide) struggled with achieving sustainable staffing levels, LPD thrived. At the time of the 2021 Annual Report, our personnel leveled at 58 working / 72 authorized strength. Upon releasing last year's annual report, the number increased to 66 working / 75 authorized strength. In 2023, the agency hired 10 officers — increasing our sworn strength to 74. Our dispatchers combatted industry decline, but never decreased below more than one below full staff.

Emphasis was placed on officer presence and proactive approaches to quality of life issues. A highlight of this approach included a decline in burglaries from (a four year average of) **277** to **162**.

Frequency of officers patrolling the neighborhoods in our community was at an all-time high in 2023, going up from (a four year average of) **3,972** to **12,354** area watches / neighborhood interactions. These numbers highlight the expectation of not only this agency, but also the people we serve.

In addition to this excellent work, several top tier projects were accomplished:

- New (Merit-Based) Promotional Process
- Fully Staffed, Full-Time, Directed Patrol Unit
- Less-Lethal Shotgun Conversion for the Fleet
- Two K9 Units (Omega and Meki)
- New Community Services Unit
- Revamped Police Department Website
- Established a Healthier Work Schedule for Patrol Officers (4 days / 10 hours)
- Emphasized Advanced Training for Communication Technicians
- Large Scale Event Deployment / Structure

Any single initiative from this list is a monumental task to achieve, but our officers, dispatchers, and support staff proved that anything is possible when the expectation is to push beyond the status quo.

*NH* #664

Nicholas H. Snyder  
Chief of Police

# exciting changes —

2023 was an exciting year for growth at the Lancaster Police Department.



A major asset for the community and long awaited tool for our officers; K9s Omega and Meki were fully operational in 2023 - assisting with missing persons, drug detection, and serving as valuable life-preserving options during high-risk apprehensions. Omega and Meki provide a safer environment to not only our officers, but our community.

In 2023, a full-time Directed Patrol Unit was created to focus on crime reduction and response to quality of life issues. The DPU consists of four officers and alleviates use of critical patrol resources by addressing problems as they are communicated to LPD by the community.



## 10 Officers Hired in 2023

Our officer growth continues to defy the nationwide trend with the hiring of (10) sworn personnel. A change to recruiting / hiring procedures has proved beneficial, along with a solid cultural reputation LPD has established in the law enforcement community.

## Promotional Process Revamp

Previously, those assigned the task of leading our young officers during the most critical times were not promoted with any consideration given to their accomplishments, history, or real-world leadership experience. Our promotional process was overhauled to include an interview focused on those very things, and resource material centered on leadership.

## Community Services Unit

Our Community Services Unit was re-purposed from one sergeant and one DARE officer to a compartmentalized, mission-driven group of officers. It now includes officers tasked with recruiting, community relations, DARE, onboarding, and event planning. CSU also houses our Directed Patrol Unit.

## Department Website

The number one tool utilized by the public to conveniently learn and utilize the department's offerings was overhauled to become more useful, interactive, and educational.

## 4/10 Scheduling Change

Officers were tasked to identify a schedule accounting for increased wellness and a greater ability to allow for in-service training. They were successful in identifying a schedule to include four (ten hour) days, with three days off. This schedule accommodates for more shift preparation, a higher level of officer preparedness, and a healthier lifestyle for members of our patrol division.

## Less-Lethal Shotgun Conversion

Our patrol fleet was equipped with rack mounted Remington 870 shotguns for years. These weapons were not utilized by officers (due to the increased need for rifles in law enforcement). Our team of armorers and range officers converted the 870's to marked "less-lethal" shotguns. This proved valuable, as they have already been utilized to save lives and provide less-lethal options during high-risk incidents.

## Large Scale Event Deployment

Law enforcement must evolve, and that includes our response to large scale events that are home to thousands of people in concentrated areas. Our officers, dispatchers, and supervisors utilized their critical knowledge and training to develop plans to respond to these events, with a greater number of officers staffing the events - along with the right information, planning, and training to do so.



# staffing | hiring —



## at the time of...

### 2021 Annual Report

Actual Officers: 58

Authorized 72

### 2022 Annual Report

Actual Officers: 66

Authorized 75

### 2023 Annual Report

Actual Officers: 74

Authorized 75

*Despite the struggle to hire police officers becoming more and more of a nationwide trend, the Lancaster Police Department continues to positively progress toward full staffing. In 2023, we hired ten officers and our communications staff (911) maintained full staffing for the majority of the year. The Lancaster Police Department has built a culture that attracts dedicated and professional candidates with a desire to effect change.*

## Officers (10 hired)



**Mackenzie Cvetan**

*HIRED April 21, 2023*



**Daniel Spradlin**

*HIRED May 8, 2023*



**James Stewart**

*HIRED May 8, 2023*



**Hanson Holter**

*HIRED June 13, 2023*



**Jonathan Patterson**

*HIRED September 25, 2023*



**Zackary Johnson**

*HIRED September 25, 2023*



**Cole Williams**

*HIRED October 17, 2023*



**Ryan Williams**

*HIRED November 6, 2023*



**Lincoln Valentine**

*HIRED November 17, 2023*



**Justin Strittmatter**

*HIRED December 4, 2023*

## Dispatchers (1 hired)

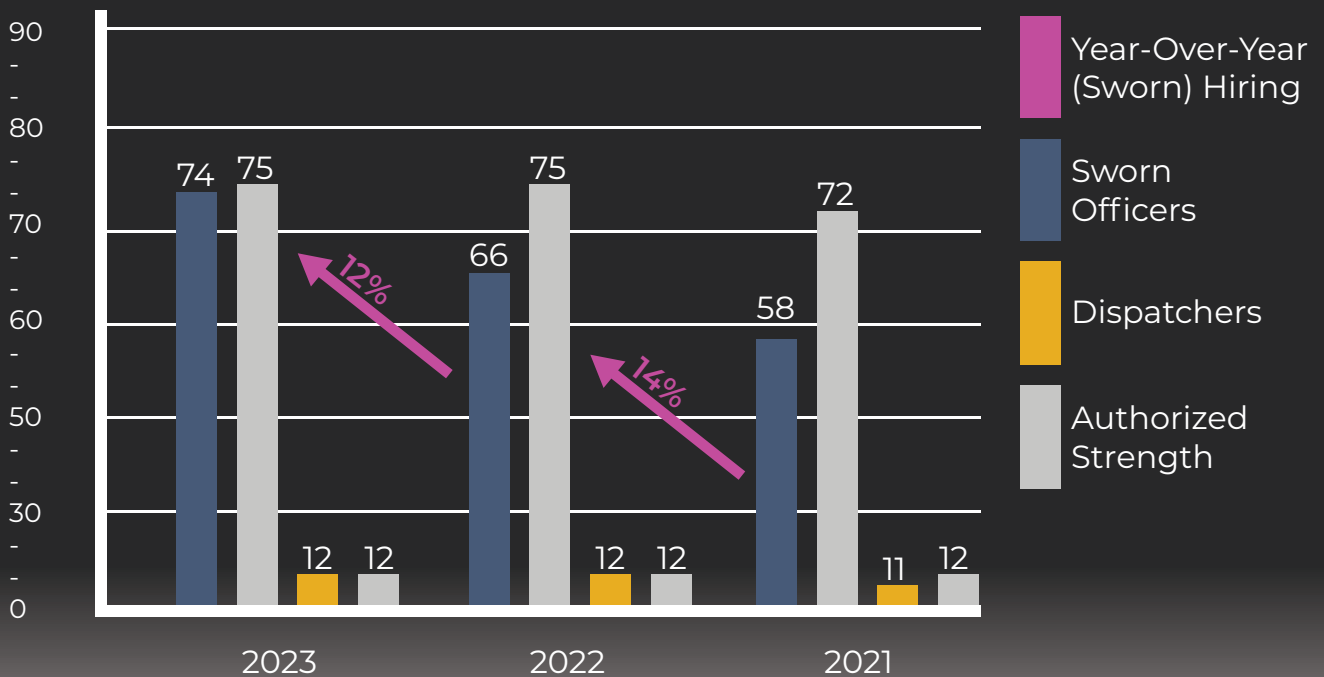


**Kyrie Black**

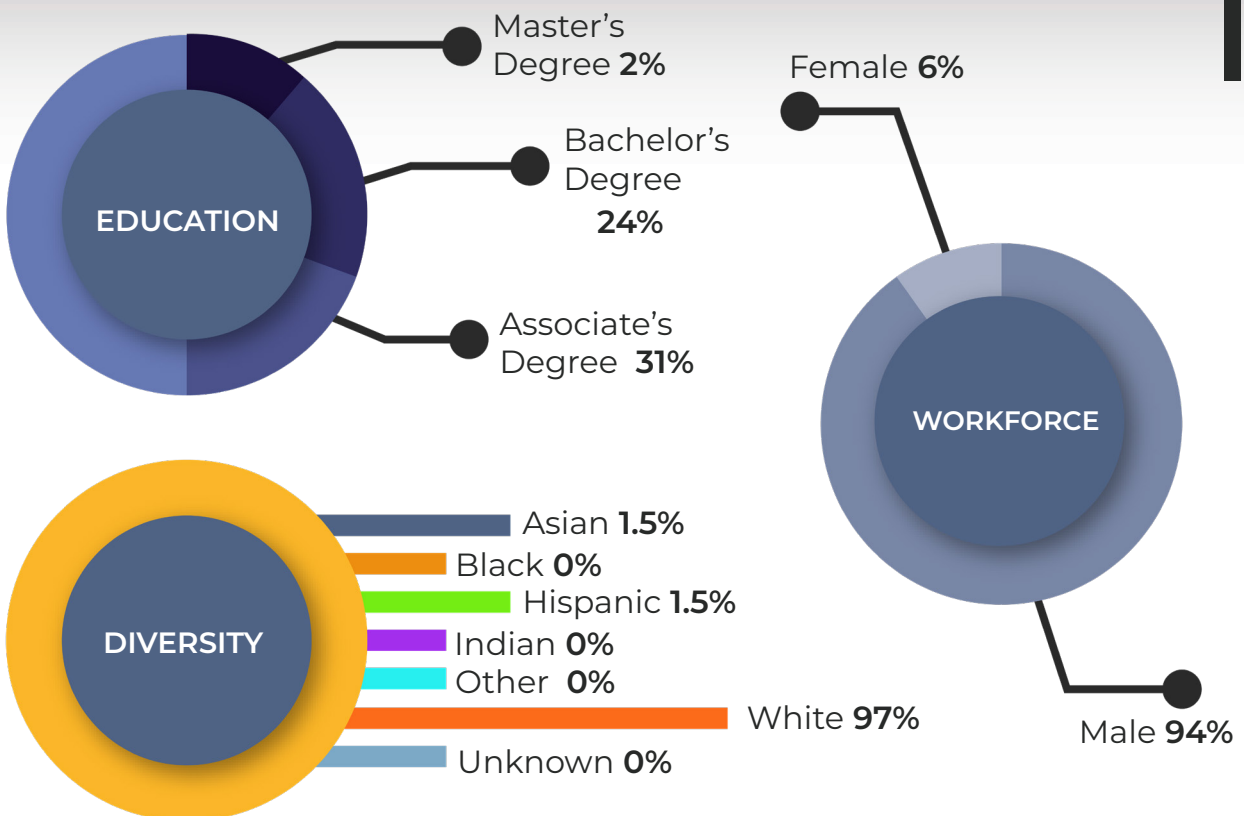
*HIRED May 15, 2023*

# by the numbers —

A year-to-year comparison of the Lancaster Police Department's people.



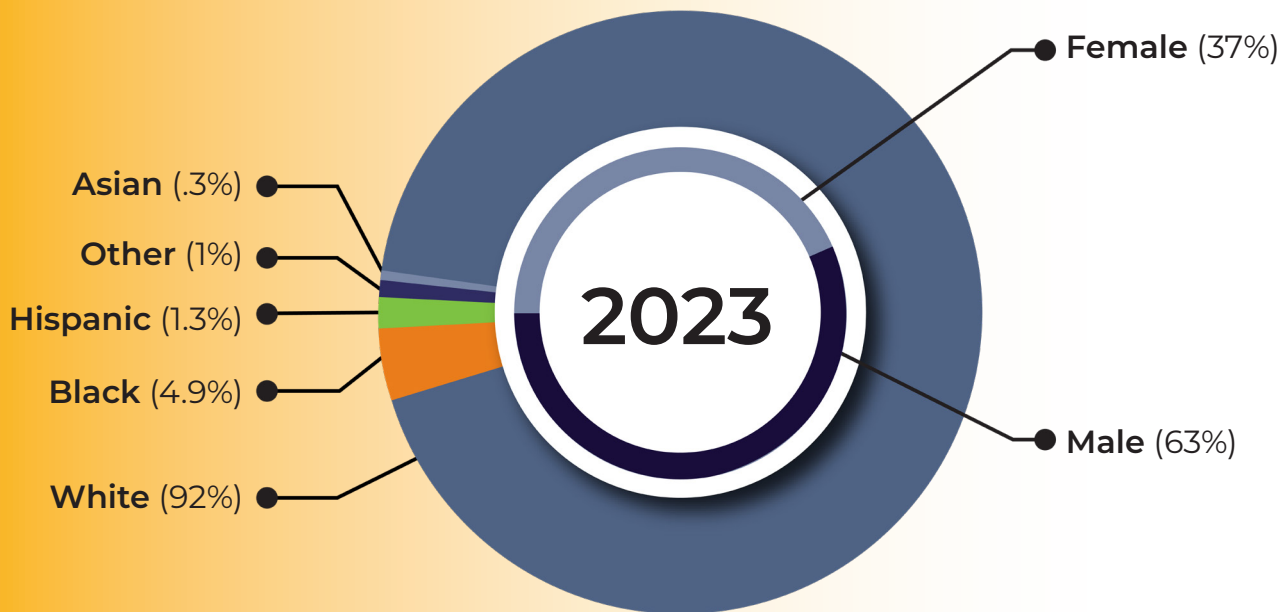
## SWORN PERSONNEL



# bias-free policing report —

*This report provides insight to the agency's practices and bias-based policing data for the purpose of proactively identifying potential issues related to training, conduct, policy, or community concerns.*

## Traffic interaction data by race / gender:



the data

## TOTAL Traffic Interactions in 2023

**4,533**

Male:	2,841
Female:	1,675
White:	4,175
Black:	229
Hispanic:	61
Asian:	15
Other:	48

*\*\*The Lancaster Police Department sources bias-free policing information from self-initiated traffic stop data (including motor vehicle accidents), regardless of enforcement action, search, arrest, warning, or citation.*

# data —

Dispatch center call data statistics / officer initiated activity.

# 70,690

calls for service

In reviewing 2023 call data, significant positives were identified related to initiatives and strategies deployed over the previous two years.

Specifically, proactive and interactive community measures (*Area Watches, District Checks, Traffic Stops, and Vacation Checks*) doubled and tripled. In turn, related criminal occurrences declined:

The average number of burglaries in the city of Lancaster over the previous two years (2022-2023) was 118 / year. The average number of burglaries for the preceding three years was 344 / year.

*The Lancaster Police Department remains one of the most active law enforcement agencies in central Ohio. Total calls for service consistently target the 60k -70k per year range — requiring our dispatchers and officers to be at their best, at all times.*

CALL TYPE	2023	2022	2021	2020		2023	2022	2021	2020
911 Hang-Up/Open Line	1,165	1,257	1,508	1,739	Log Entry Only	1,936	3,843	4,455	4,237
Alarm	1,366	1,619	1,410	1,601	Person In Crisis	484	363	278	282
Area Watch	12,354	8,611	2,223	3,635	Missing Person	180	206	197	186
Assault	187	220	216	239	Motor Vehicle Theft	107	131	108	118
Attempt to Locate	1,244	1,079	1,083	1,170	Overdose	174	190	195	149
Auto Accident	929	980	1,060	1,143	Parking Violation	589	613	637	939
Auto Accident w/Injury	233	214	244	202	Prowler	40	31	64	96
Auto Accident Fatal/Near Fatal	2	5	5	2	Removal	993	850	894	160
Auto Accident Hitskip	317	311	398	330	Serving Warrant/Court Paper	1,278	812	782	1,155
Auto Accident Non-Investigative	21	31	23	13	Special Detail	718	653	600	577
Auto Accident Officer Involved	4	4	3	3	Stalking	15	23	18	18
Bite/Animal	26	27	39	26	Suicide	9	5	11	7
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	162	174	235	313	Suicide Attempt	219	259	238	225
Disabled Vehicle	263	277	249	246	Suspicious Person	2,541	2,009	1,977	2,337
District Check	11,968	4,340	4,608	7,190	Suspicious Vehicle	1,294	1,135	1,188	1,397
Disturbance	267	449	462	644	Theft	996	850	999	1,183
Death/DOA	34	43	54	69	Threats	395	364	409	393
Domestic Violence/Dispute	958	1,127	1,231	1,577	TPO/CPO Violation	164	134	92	71
Fight	257	256	206	229	Traffic Stop	4,372	2,574	2,508	2,718
Follow-Up Investigation	1,347	1,424	1,296	1,081	Unlawful Entry	48	92	67	154
Found Property	300	306	296	359	Unsecured Door	82	92	83	87
Gun	118	153	171	209	Vacation/House Check	1,165	773	65	130
Harassment	399	401	475	376	Vandalism	304	409	285	391
ID Theft	33	102	167	95	Welfare Check	1,448	1,373	1,113	1,034
Knife	44	43	38	55					
					<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>70,690</b>	<b>58,291</b>	<b>50,839</b>	<b>56,564</b>



# jurisdiction by zones

*Our coverage and call response areas are divided into "districts". These districts are the responsibility of the assigned officer(s) during every shift. Many officers prefer working the same area(s) due to familiarization and contacts.*



## d1

District 1 covers the city's west side. This district includes many small businesses, but the majority of the area is residential. District 1's activity remains steady throughout the 24 hour shift cycle.

## d2

District 2 covers the city's north side. This district includes a large portion of the city's retail shopping complexes. The district also encompasses many residential neighbourhoods. District 2's activity peaks during business hours.

## d3

District 3 covers the city's east side. This district spans over a large area, and is not as condensed as the other zones. Most of the calls for service in this district are residential in nature. The city's largest rental properties are in district 3.

## d4

District 4 covers the city's south side. This district includes a mix of residential, commercial, and rental properties. Most calls for service that arrive at headquarters are taken by district 4 officers.

## d5

District 5 covers the city's central landscape. This zone often receives heavy call volume during all hours. Zone 5 includes residential, commercial, parks, alcohol establishments, and heavily congested traffic.

### Additional Deployed Assets

As staffing allows, the Lancaster Police Department will deploy several enforcement focused officers throughout the city to impact specific infractions / crime.

- Traffic Enforcement
- Business Area Presence
- School Zone Monitoring
- Drug Interdiction
- Area Watches
- OVI Enforcement
- Parking Enforcement

# administration —



## **Nicholas H. Snyder** *Chief of Police*

Chief Snyder has served with the Lancaster Police Department since 2005. He has served in multiple capacities including patrol officer, detective, Major Crimes Unit / SCRAP, Special Response Team member, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. He is a former commander of the department's Special Response Team and Special Services units. In January of 2022, Snyder was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police, and a short time later, Chief of Police.

Snyder graduated from Ohio University, Athens, in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in criminology and accounting. Chief Snyder holds multiple memberships and accreditations including: FBI-LEEDA Trilogy, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Homicide Investigators Association, and the Ohio Tactical Officers Association. He is a member of the Lancaster Rotary Club and Lancaster Public Education Foundation.

Chief Snyder's primary goal is to protect the members of his agency and the community it serves. He is a staunch advocate of officer safety and advanced training. Chief Snyder recognizes that law enforcement must break its comfortable boundaries while further pushing expectations.



## **William C. Tolly** *Deputy Chief of Police*

Deputy Chief Tolly has served the citizens of Fairfield County, Ohio for over 32 years. He began his career at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office in January of 1992. He also served briefly at the Fairfield Medical Center Police Department until he joined the Lancaster Police Department in February of 1994. Tolly has earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Columbus State Community College, a bachelor's, and a master's degree in justice administration, both from Tiffin University, and has a graduate degree in Christian ministry from Vineyard Leadership Institute. He is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC – Class 63) and is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE – Class XIX). Deputy Chief Tolly is a past president, 2nd vice president, trustee, and chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police – Forest Rose Lodge 50.

Deputy Chief Tolly has been assigned to many roles throughout his tenure. He was hired as a patrol officer and later became a bicycle patrol officer, crime scene evidence technician, field training officer, community services unit (CSU) supervisor, and a special response team (SRT) member, team leader, and commander. Tolly has progressively risen through the ranks from patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain to his current position, deputy chief, which he was promoted to in the spring of 2022. Deputy Chief Tolly and his wife, Dora, and their two children reside in Lancaster, Ohio.

# chaplains —



**Tony Salvatori**  
*Police Chaplain*



**Evan Saunders**  
*Police Chaplain*

In 2023, Evan Saunders joined Tony Salvatori as our newest Police Chaplain! Evan has paid dividends in providing our men and women an additional outlet of guidance during difficult times. Evan and Tony attend many of our agency events, ceremonies, and play integral roles when interacting with the community. The formation of this team provides our agency with an employee-wellness based approach to a career at the Lancaster Police Department.



# professional staff —

*The Lancaster Police Department's support staff are heavily relied upon to ensure efficient agency operations both internally and externally. Many times, our support staff are tasked with knowing more than one position, and regularly lend assistance on unrelated projects without hesitation.*



Nikki Mackie  
Records Clerk



Leah Lott  
Administrative Assistant



Leah Davis  
Records Clerk



Michele Swartz  
Property Room Manager



Penny Wolfe  
Detective Bureau Clerk

## Did you know?

- The support staff is responsible for key reporting including **bias-free policing** and **traffic / fine data**.
- **Public records requests** are efficiently managed as a result of the staff's training and experience.
- Many staff members cross-train for understanding of (nearly) all positions.
- Support staff are typically the **first interaction** people have with our agency.

## records

The records staff touch nearly every paper record that comes through the police department. With the movement to digital documentation, records staff deliver this information to thousands of people every month.

Bias-free policing reports, fine intake, public records requests, data reporting, call taking, and public relations are key elements of their position.

## administration

Leah Lott's ability and dedication to the Lancaster Police Department is special. She is the face that everyone knows.

Leah handles budgeting adjustments, payment delivery, vendor management, and employee benefit issue(s) — all while assisting the Chief's office with day to day planning and organization.

## detective bureau

Detective Bureau staff organize the (extremely) complex file management for the department's investigative units. Relationships with local, state, and federal reporting depositories are crucial.

In addition, the evidence room is one of the most sensitive arm(s) of law enforcement. Documentation and processes must be meticulous.



# maintenance



*These dedicated individuals are responsible for many of the behind-the-scenes functions of our agency. Maintenance personnel maintain the mechanicals of the police department building and grounds. They take care of janitorial, equipment, and repair responsibilities.*



Rod Sandy  
2023



Harold Barker  
2024

Whether Lancaster suffers through a blizzard, heat wave, or broken pipes - the police department must remain functional. In 2023, we were blessed to have retired officer, Rod Sandy, back in the building to help guide us through the obstacles.

At the beginning of 2024, our department welcomed back retired officer, Harold Barker, to manage our fleet maintenance and vehicle upkeep tasks. With the limitations of our building and the ever-frustrating police cruiser availability issues, these two positions are vital to keeping the Lancaster Police Department operational.

## infrastructure / operational issues in 2023

- Building plumbing upgrade(s)
- Dispatch center update
- HVAC replacement project engineering
- Staff break / kitchen area project
- Officer ready-room project
- Public safety fleet shortages (nationwide)
- Fleet vehicle maintenance issues due to age



# command staff —

## administration

Internal Projects  
Training Compliance  
Departmental Audits

## patrol

Patrol Commander  
Fleet Management  
Officer / Supervisor after  
action review(s)

## special services

Detective Bureau  
Major Crimes Unit  
Community Services  
Systems Access



### Christopher Caton

*Administrative Lieutenant*

Lieutenant Caton has served the Lancaster Police Department for over twenty-five years. Caton has been previously assigned to the patrol bureau, bicycle patrol unit, and Community Services Unit. He is very well respected by Lancaster's educational body, having instructed thousands of hours of D.A.R.E. programming to youth in our community.



### Bryan Underwood

*Patrol Commander*

Lieutenant Underwood is a 24 year veteran of the Lancaster Police Department and has served our community in this capacity since 1999. He has played an integral role within our agency's most vital positions: Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Detective Bureau Commander, and a member of the Honor Guard. Most recently, Lieutenant Underwood played a vital role in the implementation of our agency's new Tyler Tech CAD system.



### Mathew Poffenbarger

*Special Services Commander*

Lieutenant Poffenbarger began his career with the Lancaster Police Department in 2007 after spending six years at the Franklin County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Poffenbarger has served in several capacities within the department including: patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and patrol lieutenant. He has also served as a hostage negotiator since 2017 and served as FOP union chairman from 2011 until his promotion to sergeant in 2016.

# front line supervision —

*These leaders establish the tone by maintaining the standards of the department and demonstrating the mission of the agency for the entire patrol division.*

## first watch

6am - 4pm

## second watch

2pm - 12am

## third watch

10pm - 8am



### Matthew Ream

*1st Watch Sergeant*

- Special Response Team Commander
- Department Training Coordinator
- Federal 1033 / DRMO Administrator
- Department Major Event Coordinator



### Simon Hall

*1st Watch Sergeant*

- Special Response Team Leader
- Firearms Instructor
- Detective Bureau Experience
- Crash Team Investigator
- Voted by officers for Shift Officer of the Year (2023, 1st Shift)



### Jeff Thurston

*2nd Watch Sergeant*

- Special Response Team Member
- Former Major Crimes Unit Detective
- LPD Officer of the Year (2022)





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### Alex Sinewe

*2nd Watch Sergeant*

- Special Response Team Member
- Former Member of the Detective Bureau
- Voted 2023 LPD Officer of the Year



### Eric Eggleston

*3rd Watch Sergeant*

- Former D.A.R.E. Instructor
- Wealth of Patrol Experience
- Voted by Officers for Shift Officer of the Year (2022, 3rd Shift)



### Tyler Welsh

*3rd Watch Sergeant*

- Special Response Team Member
- Drone Team Member
- Radar / Laser Instructor
- Voted by Officers for Shift Officer of the Year (2023, \*3rd Shift)





## first watch

6am - 4pm

# patrol division —

*The patrol division is the backbone of the Lancaster Police Department. With nearly 70,000 calls for service per year, our officers must be well supported, dedicated, and proficiently trained.*



**Erik Spiegel**

*1st Watch*



**Roxx Watson**

*1st Watch*



**Curtis Guisinger**

*1st Watch*



**Luke Ayers**

*1st Watch*



**Brian St. Clair**

*1st Watch*



**Cody Callihan**

*1st Watch*



**James Marshall**

*1st Watch*



**Brandon Eveland**

*1st Watch*



**Henry Lanham**

*1st Watch*



**Nicholas Poorman**

*1st Watch*



**Terry Williams**

*1st Watch*



**Cole Williams**

*In Academy*



**James Schorr Jr.**

*1st Watch*



**Ryan Williams**

*In Academy*



**Trent Temper**

*1st Watch*



**Jessica Stephens-Smart**

*In Academy*

## second watch

3pm - 11pm

# patrol division

*Suspicious person(s), welfare checks, domestic disturbances/assaults, and drug related offenses account for most of the division's workload. These incidents are also the most unpredictable (nationwide).*



**Adam Locke**  
2nd Watch



**Spencer Skillman**  
2nd Watch



**Zackary Johnson**  
2nd Watch



**Michael Callander**  
2nd Watch



**Zachary Valentine**  
2nd Watch



**Andrew Hoyt**  
2nd Watch



**Harley Northcut III**  
2nd Watch



**Levi Benner**  
2nd Watch



**Nathaniel Rennie**  
2nd Watch



**Taylor Dean**  
2nd Watch



**Vancil Casebolt II**  
2nd Watch



**Mark Squires**  
2nd Watch



**Jonathan Patterson**  
2nd Watch



**Adam Currence**  
2nd Watch



**Mackenzi Cvetan**  
2nd Watch



**Corey Snyder**  
2nd Watch



**James Stewart**  
2nd Watch

## third watch

11pm - 7am

# patrol division

*Nearly all officers assigned to the patrol division are CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) trained, a practice focused on de-escalation. Of the 70,000 calls for service per year, only a handful result in use of force.*



**Raymond Hambel**

*3rd Watch*



**Marlo Morehouse**

*3rd Watch*



**Jared Howell**

*3rd Watch*



**Troy Rine**

*3rd Watch*



**Kyle Lindsey**

*3rd Watch*



**MacKenzie Warren**

*3rd Watch*



**Matthew Witryk**

*3rd Watch*



**Noah Luikart**

*3rd Watch*



**Kobie Reed**

*3rd Watch*



**Justine Hafley**

*3rd Watch*



**Daniel Spradlin**

*3rd Watch*



**Hanson Holter**

*3rd Watch*



**Lincoln Valentine**

*3rd Watch*



**Justin Strittmatter**

*3rd Watch*



**Chandler Evanichko**

*K9 School*



# communications —

*Morning, noon, or night, the communications center is staffed with up to three communication technicians handling an entire spectrum of requests for safety services. Our dispatchers must be prepared for every possible crisis, as they are the lifeline between safety and harm.*



**Nikolet Meadows**

*PSAP Supervisor*

PSAP Supervisor Niki Meadows has been employed with the Lancaster Police Department since 2012. Meadows earned an associate's degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ohio University. She was promoted to PSAP Supervisor in January of 2022. Meadows has over 10 years of experience as a public safety dispatcher. She resides in Lancaster with her husband, Jason.



**Stacy England**

*1st Watch*



**Jessica Flowers**

*2nd Watch*



**Aimee Marshall**

*1st Watch*



**Kyrie Black**

*2nd Watch*



**Kimberly Ream**

*1st Watch*



**Kimberly Bever**

*3rd Watch*



**Rachel Malone**

*1st Watch*



**Jenna Webster**

*3rd Watch*



**Montana Pompeo**

*2nd Watch*



**Lacey Wilson**

*3rd Watch*



**Clara Bernthold**

*2nd Watch*



**Sydnee Beaman**

*Field Training*

# community services —



**Charles Sims**

*Community Services Sergeant*

Sergeant Sims is a 12 year veteran, with service in the Patrol Bureau, Major Crimes Unit (detective), and Community Services Unit. Sims has instructed 2,000+ students in the last 8 years as a certified DARE instructor. Sims serves as an ALICE (active shooter) instructor, CRASE (active shooter) instructor, and is the team leader of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Sergeant Sims is a 2001 graduate of the University of Rio Grande, and lives in Pickaway county with his wife and two children.



**D.A.R.E.**

**Andrew Bennett**

*D.A.R.E. Officer | C.S.U.*



**Jay Delgado**

*Directed Patrol Unit*



**Chris Cook**

*Directed Patrol Unit*



**Mike Jones**

*Community Services*

**Austin Pierce | Omega**  
*Directed Patrol Unit | K9 Handler*



**Franklin Graf**

*Community Services*

**Brian Malone | Meki**  
*Directed Patrol Unit | K9 Handler*



**Drug Abuse Resistance Education** provides youth with skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, peer pressure, and bullying. Our certified DARE officers install curriculum to educate youth on what matters most.

The **Community Services Unit** connects our agency with the community it serves. Primary objectives for CSU include recruiting, event planning, and community outreach.

The **Directed Patrol Unit** serves as a partner for citizens combatting quality of life issues. Many issues that present themselves in neighborhoods, streets, and businesses are difficult to combat due to time and resource factors. This unit proactively approaches these issues - concentrating its focus on case by case problems that arise in our community.

**K9s Omega and Meki** were fully operational in 2023 - assisting with missing persons, drug detection, and serving as valuable life-preserving options during high-risk apprehensions.

# detective bureau —

*The detective bureau is responsible for investigating all major felony level violent crime, sexual assaults, and property crimes. Detectives are on-call 24 / 7, and often respond to complicated crime scenes in an effort to maintain the department's mission of high quality police service to all.*



## **Mathew Poffenbarger**

*Commander, Detective Bureau / Community Services*

Lieutenant Poffenbarger began his career with the Lancaster Police Department in 2007 after spending six years at the Franklin County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Poffenbarger has served in several capacities within the department, including patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and patrol lieutenant. He has also served as a hostage negotiator since 2017 and served as FOP union chairman from 2011 until his promotion to sergeant in 2016. Poffenbarger was assigned as the commander of the Special Services units in February of 2022.



## **Kurt Humbert**

*Detective*



## **Adam Dilley**

*Major Crimes Unit*



## **Dan Thomas**

*Detective*



## **Name Witheld**

*Major Crimes Unit*



## **Ernie King**

*Detective*



## **Chris Jubach**

*Detective*



## **Penny Wolfe**

*Detective Bureau Clerk*



## **John Browning**

*Detective / Sexual Assaults*



## **Michele Swartz**

*Evidence Room Manager*





# 2023 detective bureau

## Notable Cases / Statistics

### shooting

On January 1, 2023, a male subject fired multiple rounds from a handgun at a crowd at JD Henderson's bar. Detectives and officers later identified and located the male subject at a nearby residence. He was apprehended by the Lancaster Police Department's Special Response Team. He was criminally charged and indicted.

### aggravated burglary

On July 30, 2023, an elderly female and her granddaughter were in bed early in the morning when a male subject forced entry into the residence and physically assaulted the elderly female. The suspect fled, but was later identified and located. The suspect was arrested and indicted on multiple felony charges.

### shooting

On June 9, 2023, officers responded to a shooting at a business on North Memorial Drive, Lancaster. Upon investigation, detectives spoke with a witness who claimed to have been shot at. It was found the shooting occurred while traveling on North Memorial Drive, and not at / inside the business. Detectives subsequently identified the shooter, located him, and made an arrest.

### stabbing

On April 20, 2023, officers responded to a stabbing on East Chestnut Street, Lancaster. The officers arriving on scene removed the victim from a residence with the suspect still inside. Detectives subsequently responded and were able to interview the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged for his action(s).

### robbery

A male subject robbed the Pit Stop, Lancaster, and stole nearly \$10,000 worth of items from Giant Eagle, Lancaster. After investigation by detectives, the suspect was identified and charged with the robbery. He was subsequently sentenced to 54 months in prison.

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Case Totals:</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>% Closure Rate:</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>91%</b>

### bank robbery

On August 19, 2022, a male subject walked into Park National Bank (East Main Street, Lancaster) and demanded money. After an unsuccessful attempt, the suspect fled the bank. Detectives worked the case and spent days collecting, reviewing, and evaluating evidence. Detectives eventually identified the suspect, and arrested him for the robbery.

### sexual assault

Lancaster Police were made aware of a sexual assault involving a juvenile. In this horrific case, the juvenile was forensically interviewed and a suspect was identified. After review of the evidence, Detective Browning was able to uncover 4 additional victims of this suspect. The suspect was arrested, indicted, and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

### internal theft

The Lancaster Police Department was notified of a possible internal theft at a Lancaster business. Detectives worked the case and accumulated information detailing the financial records and accounts of the business. It was found the employee had stolen nearly \$18,000. The suspect was charged and indicted for the theft(s).

### sexual assault

A juvenile reported that while inside a local convenience store, an employee followed him into the bathroom and sexually assaulted him. Detectives worked the investigation to completion, subsequently identifying the store, employee, and multiple pieces of evidence. The suspect was charged and is awaiting trial.

Case Type	2023	2023 (closed)
Burglary	15	10
Robbery	08	08
Homicide/Att. Homicide	00	00
Felonious Assault	07	03
Death	17	13
Theft	35	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	02	02
Missing Person	20	19
Vandalism	01	01
Sex Offenses	131	97
Background Invest.	75	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>371</b>	
<b>% Criminal Closure Rate:</b>	<b>72%</b>	

*"The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes."  
~ Arthur Conan Doyle*

# special response team

*The mission of the Special Response Team is the preservation of life and property during critical incidents and high-risk operations. Our Special Response Team trains beyond the national standards, and successfully resolves incidents ranging from hostage rescue to warrant service.*



## Matthew Ream

*Commander, Special Response Team*

Sergeant Ream began his career in 1999 and has over 24 years of committed service to the Lancaster Police Department. Ream obtained the rank of sergeant while serving in the United States Army Military Police Corps, 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault. Ream also obtained an associate's degree in police science from Hocking College. Ream became a member of the Special Response Team in 2001, team leader in 2012, and team commander in 2022. His advanced training is unmatched, and he often constructs / develops department-wide training for our staff.

## team leaders

Simon Hall  
Ernie King

## team members

Terry Williams  
Jeff Thurston  
Alex Sinewe  
Trent Temper  
Chris Jubach  
Brian Malone  
Jay Delgado  
Tyler Welsh  
Levi Benner  
Chris Cook  
Kobie Reed  
Luke Ayers  
Nick Poorman

## hostage negotiators

Charles Sims (Team Leader)  
Mathew Poffenbarger  
James Schorr Jr.  
John Browning  
Michael Jones

## notable callouts in 2023

### Welsh Avenue, Lancaster

SRT served a search warrant for the Major Crimes Unit. The main suspect was armed with a handgun. SRT conducted a knock and announce search - no injuries.

### Washington Avenue, Lancaster

SRT served an arrest warrant for a suspect with a violent history and numerous felony convictions. The suspect was armed with a firearm. A standoff ensued, but the suspect eventually surrendered - no injuries.

### Lane Street

SRT responded to this address subsequent to a shooting investigation in an attempt to arrest the suspect. Upon contact with the suspect, a physical altercation ensued w/members from the SRT - minor injuries to offender.

### Yorktown Court

SRT assisted an outside agency with a search warrant involving Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members. The main suspect was involved with a homicide in Licking County, Ohio. SRT made entry and located one suspect - no injuries.





# crash investigation unit

*This unit responds to serious crashes day and night. They utilize technology to investigate complex crashes resulting in serious injury or death. The unit consists of one traffic reconstructionist and two technical crash investigators.*



**Simon Hall**  
Sergeant  
*Crash Reconstructionist*



**Tyler Welsh**  
Sergeant  
*Technical Crash Investigator*

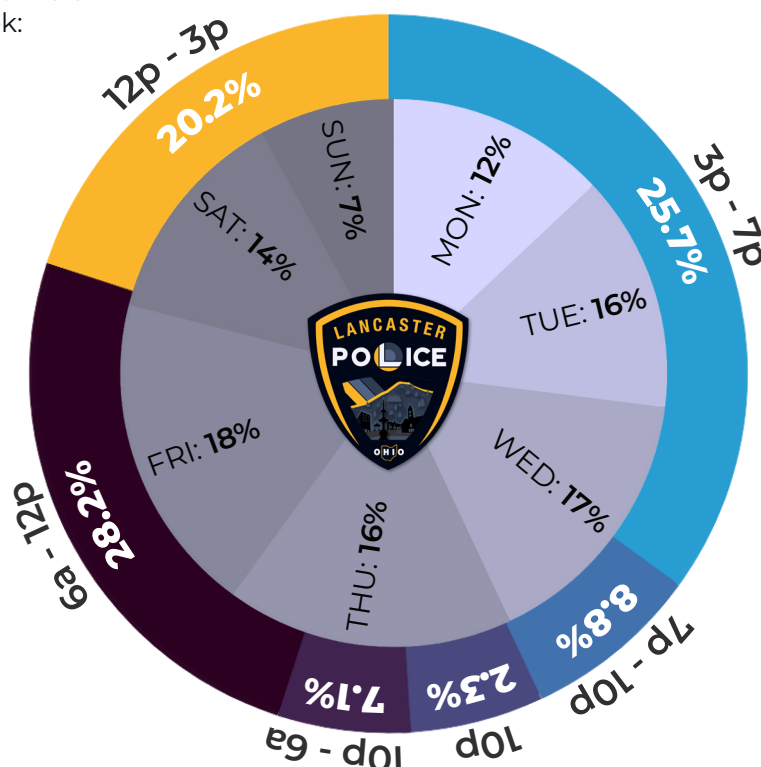


**Roxx Watson**  
Officer  
*Technical Crash Investigator*

## 2023 Traffic Crash Data

Alcohol Related	20
Bicycle Involved	8
Commercial	18
Deer / Animal	14
Driver Distracted	25
Drugs Involved	1
Failure to Yield	148
Maturity / Juvenile	437
Motorcycle	13
OVI	20
Pedestrian Strike	16
Red Light Violation	50
School Bus Involved	3
Speed Related	20
Unbelted	105
Work Zone	5
Fatal	2
Serious Injury	14
Minor Injury	58
Property Damage Only	512

2023 crash data by time of day and day of week:



# drug recognition expert —

*A drug recognition expert or drug recognition evaluator (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.*



**Marlo Morehouse**

*Drug Recognition Expert*

Officer Marlo Morehouse is available 24 / 7 to respond and assist not only Lancaster Police Department Officers, but she is often called upon by several central Ohio agencies for her expertise in the detection and prosecution of impaired drivers. In 2023 Officer Morehouse conducted 6 enforcement D.R.E. evaluations for the city of Lancaster alone.

In addition to her D.R.E. responsibilities, Officer Morehouse conducted in-service training for her fellow officers in the area(s) of impairment enforcement throughout the year. Officer Morehouse also initiated a training program for officers interested in the position of D.R.E., and we currently have two officers training to follow her path.



**Officer Eveland**

*D.R.E. Training*



**Officer Warren**

*D.R.E. Training*

## blood and alcohol testing summary

### 2023 OVI Testing Information

Blood Tests	22
Urine Tests	36
Alcohol / Drug Tests	49
Drug Only Tests	11
Alcohol Only Tests	4



### 2023 D.R.E. Testing Information

Refusal	1
Urine Tests	5
Drug Only Tests	6



# honor guard —

*The Honor Guard Unit was created in 2002 to represent the department at various special functions across the city. The unit currently has eight members, many of which have previously served in the United States Armed Forces.*



**Eric Eggleston**  
*Sergeant, Honor Guard*



**Bryan Underwood**  
*Lieutenant, Honor Guard*



**Raymond Hambel**  
*Officer, Honor Guard*



**James Marshall**  
*Officer, Honor Guard*



**Jared Howell**  
*Officer, Honor Guard*



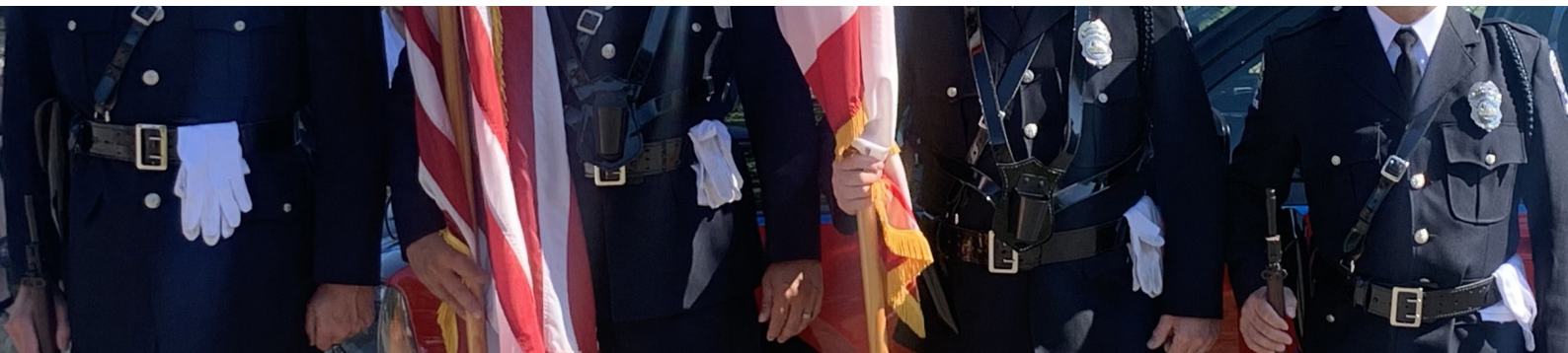
**Tyler Welsh**  
*Sergeant, Honor Guard*



**Brandon Eveland**  
*Officer, Honor Guard*



**James Schorr Jr.**  
*Officer, Honor Guard*



# LANCASTER CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Danielle Hamilton



Beth Delong



Yolanda Merkle



Debbie Hanson



Kathy Fisher



Debbie Probasco



Rick Beck



Ric Hurst



Shirley Connor



Cindy Sevenoff



Kim Crosby



Troy Kahrig



Tammy Becht

The LCPAAA was formed to bring together graduates of the Lancaster Citizen Police Academy in their effort to improve the relationship between the police department and its citizens. The LCPAAA works together to assist the department with endeavours that would otherwise cost valuable time of the agency and / or its members. The Lancaster Police Department would not be where it is today without the generous contributions of this amazing group of people.



On March 4, 2023, the Lancaster Police Department lost a loving family member and friend.

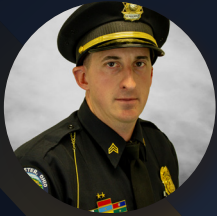
Ric Hurst, an extremely active member of our Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and staunch supporter of this community passed away. He was a member of our LCPAAA for 14 years. We will miss his smile and warm heart, but most of all his ability to better any difficult situation with his witty personality.

We love you Ric, rest in peace.



# awards —

*Department members and, at times, citizens of Lancaster are recognized for their exemplary efforts. The following individuals help make our agency an asset to this community.*



## **Officer of the Year**

*Sergeant Alex Sinewe*

This award carries a significant amount of respect due to the winner being chosen by their peers. It is not an appointed award. The men and women we work with every day choose their best example of the ideal officer and leader.



## **Civilian of the Year**

*Michele Swartz*

Michele has a tremendous responsibility in managing the evidence room, among other property related tasks. Michelle worked hard to improve this area, and took a proactive approach in updating organization and procedures. She did the heavy lifting in completing the first evidence room audit in years; pushing our agency into best practices and furthering our professional approach to law enforcement.



## **Communication Technician of the Year**

*Kim Ream*

Kim is the embodiment of not only a phenomenal dispatcher, but also a selfless human being. Kim routinely fills open shifts, attends training, and strives to improve – even in areas that she already has a wide range of knowledge in. She often greets staff with vested interests in their lives, not just topical conversation.

## **2 Watch Officers of the Year**

**0** Sergeant Simon Hall, 1st Shift  
**2** Sergeant Alex Sinewe, 2nd Shift  
**3** Sergeant Tyler Welsh, 3rd Shift  
Sergeant Charles Sims, CSU

## **Employees of the Quarter**

Adam Locke (Q1 2023)  
Brian St. Clair (Q2 2023)  
Jared Howell (Q3 2023)  
Brian Malone (Q4 2023)

## **MADD Award of Excellence**

Marlo Morehouse

*The following awards are for actions in **2022**. Due to the timing of award nominations / voting, these awards are unknown until summer months:*

### **Citation of Merit**

Alex Sinewe, Ernest King, Chris Jubach,  
Dan Thomas, Kurt Humbert

### **Life Saving Award**

Matthew Witryk, John Browning,  
Mark Squires, Austin Pierce

### **Randy Bartow Award**

Alex Sinewe, Trent Temper, Henry Lanham,  
Simon Hall, Aimee Marshall, Kurt Humbert

### **Scott Moyer Rifle Competition Award**

Simon Hall

### **Chief's Cup Award**

Adam Dilley

### **Service to Community**

Rachel Malone

### **Certificate of Recognition**

Kurt Humbert, Dan Thomas, Ernest King, Alex Sinewe, Nicholas Poorman, Erik Spiegel, Simon Hall, Roxx Watson, Trent Temper, Andrew Hoyt, Bryan Underwood, Matt Chambers, Franklin Graf, Leah Lott, Nikki Meadows, Chris Jubach, Michele Swartz, Penny Wolfe, Andrew Bennett, Austin Pierce, Michael Callander

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

Franklin Graf, Chief Steve Anderson,  
Brandon Eveland, Anna Mix (Citizen)

### **Physical Readiness Award**

Chris Cook, Jay Delgado, Adam Dilley, Simon Hall, Michael Jones, Matthew Ream, Alex Sinewe, Mark Squires, Tyler Welsh

# events —

*A reactive law enforcement agency will not result in successful relationships with the community. The Lancaster Police Department continues to emphasize engagement with the people we serve.*

## kids & cops day

Kids and Cops Day started in 2016 as an event to allow children to interact with police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. Children learn about the jobs of a first responder, and have the opportunity to meet, explore, and ask questions. Every year approximately 2,000 people attend Kids and Cops Day.



## shop with a cop

Shop with a Cop pairs Fairfield County families with Lancaster Police Officers and Lancaster Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association members for a Christmas shopping spree. This was the tenth year for our program, and this year, twenty children were selected for the event.

## battle of the badges (basketball)

A fun and competitive way to benefit the Lancaster Public Education Foundation, the Lancaster Police Department battled the Lancaster Fire Department in a game of basketball. Of course, the PD won! The event was wildly successful, and the attendees were cheering loud for their teams. This event was the first of its kind for the LPEF, and they were blown away with the amount of support. This year's game will be even bigger!



## safety town

Safety Town is a two week summer safety program designed for children entering kindergarten. Each year, nearly 150 children attend to learn about decision making in potentially dangerous situations. It is a unique opportunity for children to be acclimated to a classroom environment, which lessens the anxiety of separation from parents for the upcoming school year.



## events cont. —

# Fairfield County fair

## Christmas parade

## department tours

## community partnering

## agency picnic

## grinch event





# promotions —

*The department had (3) promotions in 2023. A sergeant was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and two officers were promoted to the rank of sergeant.*

## LIEUTENANT



**Bryan Underwood**  
*PROMOTED March 27, 2023*

## SERGEANT



**Alex Sinewe**  
*PROMOTED January 23, 2023*



**Tyler Welsh**  
*PROMOTED March 27, 2023*





# retirements —

*The department had (4) retirements in 2023. The departures included one Lieutenant, one Officer, a Communication Technician, and an Administrative Assistant.*

## Sworn Retirements (2)



### **Matt Chambers**

*RETIRED March 4, 2023*

Lt. Chambers served the citizens of Lancaster and the Lancaster Police Department for 28 years. During that time, he worked as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and commander of the department's detective bureau. Lt. Chambers has moved on to the next chapter of his life, and we will miss his invaluable experience.

### **Michael McManaway**

*RETIRED October 2, 2023*



We congratulate Officer Michael "Mac" McManaway #72 on 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Lancaster. Ofc. McManaway was a reliable officer who continued to work beyond expectations up to his last day. In doing so, Mac was recognized as the 2022 (Q3), employee of the quarter. He will be missed, not only for his experience and knowledge, but his own unique brand of humor.

## Professional Staff Retirements (1)



### **Mary Kovaleski**

*RETIRED June 2, 2023*

There wasn't an employee at the police department that didn't know Mary Kovaleski's spirit and kind heart. Mary was never too shy to help her coworkers fix a problem. Mary was the go-to for most, if not all obstacles our members faced.

## Dispatcher Retirements (1)



### **Christy Sutphen**

*RETIRED January 30, 2023*

Christy served for over 31 years at the Lancaster Police Department as a Communication Technician. Her dedication to the community will surely be missed.



# in memoriam —

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down their life for their friends.*

*~John 15:13*



**William T. Osborne**  
*End of Watch, December 23, 1909*

Officer William Osborne was shot and killed while conducting burglary surveillance at the Fairfield County Courthouse at approximately 1:00 am. He was struck in the leg by a shotgun round.



**Brett D. Markwood #74**  
*End of Watch, February 21, 1993*

Officer Brett Markwood was shot and killed while chasing a man suspected of robbing a convenience store. Markwood and other officers had been called to the scene, following footprints that were left in the fresh snow. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect shot Markwood in the face at close range.



**Marvin S. Moyer #99**  
*End of Watch, May 26, 2017*

Officer Marvin "Scott" Moyer died as a result of contracting an infectious disease while backing up an officer with a subject resisting arrest on February 25th, 1998. As the suspect attempted to flee, Moyer had to break a window to remove the man from his car. Moyer, who also had a cut on his hand, came in contact with the infected man's blood.



# end.



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Division of Police  
130 South Broad Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

**TO:** Fairfield County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 18, 2024

**FROM:** Sheriff Alex Lape

**RE:** Amended 2023 L.E.T.F.. Report

*Attached please find the Amended 2023 Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Attachments include a Deposit recap sheet, an expense recap sheet for each check written in 2023, with a summary of the account activity, and all bank statements and reconciliations for 2023. Amendments include credits received for the trade-in of equipment.*

*If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Elisa Dowdy.*

  
Sheriff Alex Lape

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023  
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 2981.13**

**EXPENDITURES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAYEE/ FOR:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
03/15/2023	1559	Ohio Drone Repair	\$ 13,972.00
08/30/2023	1560	Jeff Reed - Undercover Ops	\$ 500.00
09/12/2023	1561	LeadsOnline/Inv Tool for Detective Bureau	\$ 4,647.00
09/13/2023	1562	Jeff Reed - Undercover Ops	\$ 500.00

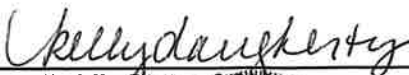
January - December	Unified Bank Service Charges	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO ACCOUNT</b>		<u><b>\$ 19,619.00</b></u>
<b>BALANCE REMAINING IN ACCOUNT AT 12-31-23</b>		<u><u><b>\$46,357.84</b></u></u>


Respectfully Submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff Alex Lape  
Sheriff of Fairfield County

March 21, 2024

Sworn to me by Alex Lape, Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public State of Ohio



**KELLY DAUGHERTY**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 03-21-26

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023  
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 2981.13**

**Balance Brought Forward from 12-31-22**

**\$20,314.19**

**DEPOSITS:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01/13/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 30.00
01/20/2023	Department of Public Safety - Immobilization Fee	\$ 200.00
01/23/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB1700590 - William R Marshall	\$ 150.00
02/21/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB1400675 - Trevon A Nelson	\$ 100.00
02/21/2023	Property Room Unclaimed Funds	\$ 35,360.65
03/06/2023	Muni court - Drug Fines CRB1701161 - Christopher A Kennedy	\$ 150.00
03/10/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 975.00
03/17/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 890.00
03/17/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 1,060.00
03/23/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 528.00
04/03/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB2100122 - Lindsay D Hill	\$ 450.00
06/14/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB1502038 - Jacob B McEntire \$100 Department of Public Safety - Immobilization Fee \$100	\$ 200.00
07/11/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB2300705 - Brandon J Hamilton \$25 CRB1602886 - Davon M Smoot \$25	\$ 50.00
08/07/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB2001529 - Michael D Robinson	\$ 25.00
09/14/2023	Department of Public Safety - Immobilization Fee	\$ 100.00
12/08/2023	Muni Court - Drug Fines CRB1700151 - Bridgitte M Kyser	\$ 25.00
12/14/2023	Department of Public Safety - Immobilization Fee	\$ 200.00
12/20/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room	\$ 309.00

**TOTAL DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT - 2023**

**\$ 40,802.65**

03/07/2023	Credit rec'd from trade-in of forfeited firearms from Vances	\$ 1,540.00
07/28/2023	Credit rec'd from trade-in of forfeited firearms from Vances	\$ 3,320.00

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2023**

**\$65,976.84**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
RECONCILIATION OF BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT  
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS  
UNIFIED BANK A/C# 40000718**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee/ and or Money Received From</u>	<u>Description / Case#</u>	<u>Deposit Amount</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
01/01/2023	2022 Balance Forward					\$20,314.19
	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 30.00			
	Department of Public Safety	Immobilization Fee	\$ 200.00			
	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 150.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for January 2023</b>		<b>\$ 380.00</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$20,694.19</b>
02/21/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 100.00			
02/21/2023	Property Room Unclaimed Funds		\$35,360.65			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for February 2023</b>		<b>\$35,460.65</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$56,154.84</b>
03/06/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 150.00			
03/07/2023	Credit Rec'd for trade-in of forfeited firearms from Vances		\$ 1,540.00			
03/10/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 975.00			
03/15/2023	Ohio Drone Repair	Trade in old drone & purchase new one		1559	\$13,972.00	
03/17/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 890.00			
03/17/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 1,060.00			
03/23/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 528.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for March 2023</b>		<b>\$ 5,143.00</b>		<b>\$13,972.00</b>	<b>\$47,325.84</b>
04/03/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 450.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for April 2023</b>		<b>\$ 450.00</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$47,775.84</b>
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for May 2023</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$47,775.84</b>
06/14/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 200.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for June 2023</b>		<b>\$ 200.00</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$47,975.84</b>
07/11/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 50.00			
07/28/2023	Credit Rec'd for trade-in of forfeited firearms from Vances		\$ 3,320.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for July 2023</b>		<b>\$ 3,370.00</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$51,345.84</b>
08/07/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 25.00			
08/30/2023	Jeff Reed	Undercover Operation		1560	\$ 500.00	
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for August 2023</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$50,870.84</b>
09/12/2023	LeadsOnline	Inv Tool for Detective Bureau			\$ 4,647.00	
09/13/2023	Jeff Reed	Undercover Operation			\$ 500.00	
09/14/2023	Department of Public Safety	Immobilization Fee	\$ 100.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for September 2023</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,147.00</b>	<b>\$45,823.84</b>
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for October 2023</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$45,823.84</b>
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for November 2023</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$45,823.84</b>
12/08/2023	Muni Court	Drug Fines	\$ 25.00			
12/14/2023	Department of Public Safety	Immobilization Fee	\$ 200.00			
12/20/2023	Forfeited Funds from Property Room		\$ 309.00			
	<b>Monthly Activity Totals for December 2023</b>		<b>\$ 534.00</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$46,357.84</b>
<b>Total Deposits and Expenditures for 2023</b>			<b>\$45,662.65</b>		<b>\$19,619.00</b>	





**R. KYLE WITT**  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

March 21, 2024

Aunie Cordle, Fairfield County Administrator  
210 East Main Street, Room 301  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

**RE: 2025 appropriations for compensation of elected officials**

Dear Ms. Cordle:

At your request, this office has reviewed the statutorily required compensation for elected officials, and hereby advises that the following sums should be appropriated for the compensation of elected officials for the 2025 calendar year. This letter does not account for certain sums paid to elected officials by the State of Ohio. At this time, all elected officials receive the benefit of SB 296, and therefore, the County should appropriate the following sums for the respective elected officials:

County Auditor .....	\$101,749 <sup>1</sup>
County Clerk of Court of Common Pleas .....	\$81,192
County Commissioner (term commencing January 1).....	\$86,988
County Commissioner (term commencing January 2).....	\$86,988
County Commissioner (term commencing January 3).....	\$86,988
County Coroner <sup>2</sup> .....	\$67,885
County Engineer <sup>3</sup> .....	\$126,191
County Prosecuting Attorney <sup>4</sup> .....	\$156,066
County Recorder.....	\$75,869
County Sheriff.....	\$114,009 <sup>5</sup>

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1 The County Auditor is also entitled to an additional \$3,000, which is paid from the undivided estate tax fund or from the county real estate assessment fund pursuant to R.C. 5731.41.

<sup>2</sup> The County Coroner does engage in private practice

<sup>3</sup> The Fairfield County Engineer does not engage in a private practice.

<sup>4</sup> The Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney does not engage in a private practice.

<sup>5</sup> This sum presumes an appropriation is made by the General Assembly pursuant to R.C. 325.06(B), in which case, the County will be reimbursed \$12,668 by the State.

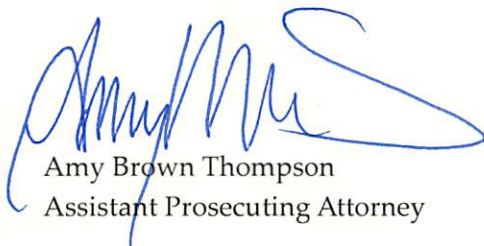
County Treasurer.....	\$81,192
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division .....	\$14,000
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, General Division (Term commencing February 9).....	\$14,000
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, General Division (Term commencing January 1).....	\$14,000
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile/Probate Division .....	\$14,000
Member of the Board of Elections.....	\$14,758.22 <sup>6</sup>

Also, for your reference, please be advised the following sums should be appropriated for furtherance of justice funds:

Prosecuting Attorney Furtherance of Justice Fund.....	\$78,033
Sheriff Furtherance of Justice Fund .....	\$50,670.50

Should you have any questions, or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me in this regard.

Very truly yours,



Amy Brown Thompson  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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<sup>6</sup> The 2020 federal census established the population of Fairfield County as 158,921, thus the salary is calculated as  $(115.63 \times 100) + (55.09 \times 58) = 14758.22$



To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff  
From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor  
Date: March 21, 2024  
Subject: ***Creation of the Updated Ohio Board of Revision Practice Handbook and Online Resources***

We in Fairfield County are pleased to support the creation of the updated Ohio Board of Revision Practice Handbook. This handbook is widely used throughout the state as a resource for Ohio County Boards of Revision, practitioners, and residents.

It is accompanied by an online resource, the Ohio Board of Revision Resource Center at <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/OBPRRC>. The online tools are additional ways to support the public and those who serve the public.

Having served on the Board of Revision for more than a decade, first as a delegate of the President of the Board of County Commissioners, and for the past three years as the County Auditor, I can attest to the usefulness of these exceptional resources. Also, in multiple conferences and meetings, officials from other counties have reported how important these resources are to them and to real property owners.

Thank you to Jason M. Dolin, Esq., for his ongoing leadership and consultation. Jason initiated the work to create these valuable resources, and he continues to be passionate about the effort. He has been a mentor to Fairfield County's Board of Revision Administrator, Linda O'Toole, Esq., who joined our office in 2022. I appreciate Linda and Jason who have collaborated so well to prepare updates to the resources and to provide information to others throughout Ohio. I also appreciate the County Auditor's team members who have provided insight to improve the resources and our Board of Revision processes.

***With the handbook and online tools, real property owners and their representatives have more information available to help them navigate processes surrounding the valuation of real property. Professionals in the field also have readily available information to support them in their roles.***

We in Fairfield County will continue our support of this comprehensive effort to benefit public services in our county and in the state. Additional updates to the tools will be available in April, 2024.

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## Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office: **WINS OF THE WEEK**

**March 21, 2024**

**Our brains are wired to respond to rewards. Celebrating the completion of small accomplishments leads to the completion of larger goals. And there is evidence in research to support this...According to research by Teresa Amabile from Harvard Business School, tracking small achievements enhances motivation for larger goals...**

- Thanks to **Linda O'Toole and Jason Dolin** for their collaboration in updating the Board of Revision Handbook. The revised resources, including the online tools, will be available soon. Officials in multiple conferences and meetings have reported how useful these tools are to practitioners, residents, and BOR members. **Also, thanks to Linda O'Toole for helping Richland County this week with questions about BOR processes.**
  - On Monday, during the all-team meeting, we planned for **multiple community engagement activities**, including the **Celebrate Women** conference with OU and a presentation for mayors in Fairfield County. In addition, Carri connected with Innerphase Video to support the Hunters Run Conservancy District's outreach efforts. The directors and Carri supported the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser that was held over the weekend (our t-shirts are on the way) and the Meals on Wheels fundraiser last week (those pies were the best ever).
  - Also on Monday, we planned for the next **Board of Revision meeting and the Budget Commission meeting**. Each body has continued to improve its efficacy. Thanks to Amy Brown-Thompson for a helpful reminder about specific DTE forms.
  - On Wednesday, Carri served as a judge for the next Civics Bee, for which there were 20 semi-finalists. This was an amazing way to promote civic education and outreach, and **we appreciate the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce for their work in hosting the Civics Bee. It was a fantastic event!**
  - Multiple one-on-one meetings were held this week to gain more understanding about our work and to **exchange ideas**. Thank you!
  - We have **revised the 2024 communications and outreach plan and have updated the strategic plan.**
- ★ **On Wednesday, Dave, Michelle, Rachel, Julie, and Lori joined Carri at the Celebration of Possibilities event** where the County Auditor's Office was honored as a community partner with DD. DD has an awesome mission and we are thrilled to join their efforts in any way that we can. One of our core values is belonging, and we want everyone in our community to have a sense of belonging. **The event was so encouraging and positive, and it was an effective way to learn more about what our colleagues at DD are working on and how they are impacting the lives of children and families in our community.**

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## Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office: **WINS OF THE WEEK**

**March 21, 2024**

- On Thursday, we attended a Commissioners' meeting and talked with State Auditor Keith Faber. Bev Hoskinson had an opportunity to meet State Auditor Faber. She and I provided our thanks for the Local Government Services Staff (**Nancy Brunton, in particular**) who have shared their experience and knowledge with us.

★ On Friday, Carri will conduct a presentation at the **Celebrate Women** conference – We are thankful to Dr. Pam Kaylor and Dr. Candice Thomas-Maddox who co-chaired the committee to produce this 18<sup>th</sup> annual celebration. We are also excited about the keynote speaker from Lancaster, Allison Bolinger, daughter of Jim and Jay Bahnsen. Allison has already inspired several of our meetings with her quotes about working at NASA. We reached out to obtain multiple proclamations of support for her.

- The **Real Estate Assessment** project for the sexennial update is right on track, and street level imagery will soon be available. We are also excited about the progress for the lot split process.
- Thanks to **Finance** for their steadfast work in answering questions about the Homestead program, preparing for settlement, gathering information for audit, and planning with townships, corporations, and other entities.
- **Thanks to Dave Burgei for helping with Enterprise Assessment and Tax reports that supported the settlement process.** By sharing information, Dave was able to help Finance reduce time with the settlement process.

★ **Curt Truax received terrific feedback from the Fairfield County Heritage Association. They are appreciative of how Curt and GIS have been supportive of their outreach efforts by preparing maps and making copies of historical maps. Curt attended the Heritage Association Board meeting this week and shared more information about GIS.**

- To our newest employee, **Kayla Speakman**, thanks for quickly following up to an email about cigarette licensing and for reaching out to see about updating forms on our website - which should help with future questions.
- Thanks to **Mesina Clark** for her leadership in preparing statistical tables and in learning more about the capital asset reporting functions.
- Thanks to the REA staff for the **tornado drill** they conducted this week.
- On Wednesday, we held an efficient Board of Revision meeting. There are two formal hearings that are anticipated, and there are 13 filings from the Lancaster City Schools. We expect ongoing efficiency with the Board of Revision. **Thanks to the team for working hard to maintain this efficiency for our stakeholders and BOR members.**
- Thursday, many team members wore bright, mismatched socks to help raise **awareness for Down Syndrome.**



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# EVENTS

MARCH-APRIL 2024

Listed by Location

## SENSORY TRAIL PARK

March 24

**NEATure Craft: Binoculars**

## WAHKEENA NATURE PRESERVE

April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

**Spring Wildflowers Walk Series**

## ZELLER PARK

April 24

**NEATure Craft: Watercolor Butterflies**

[fairfieldcountyparks.org/events](https://fairfieldcountyparks.org/events)





# EVENTS

MARCH-APRIL 2024

## LOCKVILE CANAL PARK

April 28

**Life in Lockville: Locktenders**

## MAMBOURG PARK

Spring Schedule Now Online

**Mambourg Nature Center**

March 15

**Owl Night Hike**

March 30

**Off-Trail Hike**

April 19

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar's  
First Spring**

## SMECK PARK

April 6

**Bursting Buds Hike**

April 8

**Eclipse Transfixed!**

Schedule subject to change. Confirm details before attending.

For more information about these and other programs, see

[fairfieldcountyparks.org/events](https://fairfieldcountyparks.org/events)



## Welcome to the March 2024 Imagine Newsletter



# Imagine

*To bring about a vibrant community where people lead lives of greater independence and make meaningful contributions.*

The 2024 Celebration of Possibilities was a success! We came together for an evening to honor the numerous individuals and businesses in our community who contribute to our mission daily. The recipients exemplify the true meaning of embracing independence and inclusion in their everyday actions. We are glad you could join us as we continue Moving Toward Tomorrow by challenging the status quo, so that tomorrow will be better and brighter!



David Uhl,  
Superintendent

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the numerous volunteers who played a pivotal role in ensuring the resounding success of this event. Additionally, we are incredibly thankful for the overwhelming support we receive from the community of Fairfield County. Without this support, advancing our mission would be an insurmountable task. On behalf of Fairfield DD, our board, our dedicated team members and the 1,700 individuals and their families whom we serve...We extend our sincerest thanks!

If you couldn't attend, we enjoyed a wonderful night filled with delicious food, laughter courtesy of Sam Adams, inspiring words from Amy Bockerstette, and recognition of our award recipients. Catch up on the event by watching the video.

-David





## Vibrant Community Connection

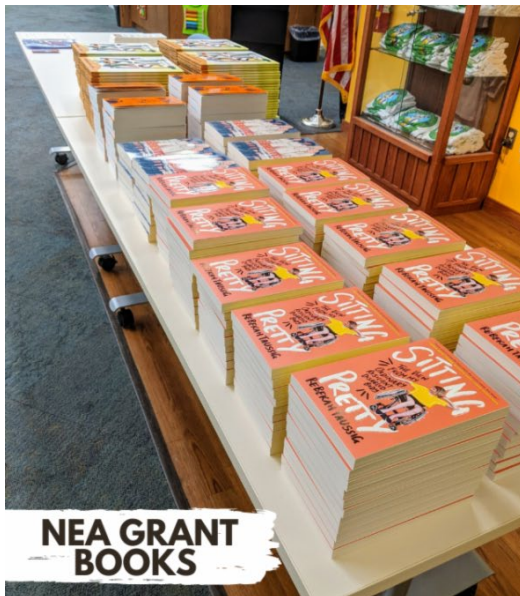
### Pickerington Public Library NEA Big Read Grant

The Pickerington Public Library is participating in a grant-funded program called The Big Read, provided by The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and managed by Arts Midwest. The grant supports a community reading program that reflects many different voices and ideas, aiming to inspire conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections in each community. The featured adult book is, 'Sitting Pretty: The View from my Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body' by Rebekah Taussig, along with three companion novels for teens, middle grade, and a picture book that supports and encourages discussion around the themes of accessibility, disability advocacy, and inclusion.

The library kicked off the Big Read program January 19 with an event featuring Dreams on Horseback, a local therapeutic equine center providing services for Central Ohio, where participants learned about the resources they offer for children and adults with special needs, schools, veterans and military families, and then interacted with two of their miniature horses. Pickerington Library served as the location for their mobile-mini pilot program and the event connected them with several new volunteers! One participant commented, "the program was wonderful! The video about riding therapy for children and adults with disabilities was excellent for kids and adults. Interactions with the miniature horses were truly a big draw and being able to ask questions, pet and groom the minis was a big hit."

On Sunday, March 3, they showed the movie Wonder at both library locations and several families decorated plastic ornaments to share Random Acts of Kindness with the local community.

Art Day at Pickerington Main Library took place on Saturday, March 9 featuring ceramic ornament kits with Art & Clay, a non-profit social enterprise of the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and a Possibility Talks presentation and workshop through Art Possible Ohio, featuring Charlotte McGraw and her gift for creating artful and whimsical collage characters to make up a world called "Charlottesville," a place where everyone is welcome.



## Helping to Bridge the Gap

Andrew Carter, a dedicated Eagle Scout, spent close to two years meticulously planning and working countless hours on volunteering and constructing a wheelchair-accessible bridge at Alley Park in Lancaster, Ohio.

This innovative trail is the first of its kind at Alley Park, providing an opportunity for nature education and exploration to be enjoyed by all. The bridge links to a multi-sensory nature education trail that is being developed by Girl Scout, Sara Kallenberg. For





more information on Andrew's efforts to enhance community inclusivity, [click here](#).

## "What's Your Superpower" Family Event

Amy Bockerstette visited Fairfield DD on March 19th to share her remarkable journey of triumph in both golf and life. With a passion for art, piano, theater, and golf, Amy attributes her achievements to the inclusivity she experiences as a valued member of her school and community.

Amy, the first person with Down Syndrome to be awarded a collegiate scholarship for golf, has encountered numerous challenges along the way. Despite this, her charming personality, self-belief, and the unwavering support from her community, known as "Amy's Village," have enabled her to achieve beyond expectations.

The attendees, including families, staff, and community members, left feeling motivated after learning Amy's 5 tips for success, which began with self-belief and concluded with expressing gratitude. Fairfield DD expresses gratitude to Amy for her insightful presentation!



## Community Partnership Corner

### Feature Board Member Derick Upp

Fairfield DD Board Member Derek Upp spoke during Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse. The Governor's Bi-Annual Budget has mandated that every county board of DD must include a member who utilizes services to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Fairfield DD has already implemented this requirement for several years and Derek is among eight individuals who utilize services and actively participate as board members. [Read more about the event here](#).



[Watch Derek at Ohio Statehouse](#)

## Guest Barista Event

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Guest Barista Event at Art & Clay on Main/Square 7 Coffee House was a success! Fairfield DD's leadership team prepared handcrafted drinks and chatted with guests. We appreciate everyone who stopped by for a chat and a drink!



## Fulfilling Lives

In the latest episode of Fulfilling Lives, we engage in a discussion with Kelley Bauman and Jane Guisinger, from The Samaritan Center. During this insightful conversation, we delve into the realm of empowering technology and its transformative impact on our lifestyles, emphasizing the importance of adapting our way of living rather than relocating physically.



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## Did You Know?

Ohio is in the Path for the Upcoming Eclipse

On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Fairfield County will experience a once in a lifetime solar eclipse. From our location, we will see about 98%-99% of the sun blocked by the moon during the maximum time at 3:13 pm. The partial eclipse will begin at 1:55 pm and end around 4:27 pm.

If you plan to take advantage of viewing this solar phenomenon, there are some precautions that are important to take. There are many commercial glasses and viewers that can be purchased but you will want to ensure they meet ISO standards. You can find this information on the packaging. There are easy viewing options you can make at home as well.

Learn more [here](#). Happy Viewing!



## Upcoming Events

### **Off-Trail Hike at Mambourg Park**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024, 10:00 am**

Join in for National Take Walk in the Park Day at Mambourg Park! The Fairfield County Park District is taking a step further, breaking a park rule...going off-trail!

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Chocolate Walk in Downtown Lancaster**

**Friday, April 5, 2024, 4:00 pm**

Indulge in chocolate treats from downtown businesses while walking through downtown shops. This is a ticketed event; purchase your tickets online.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Eclipse Viewing Party**

**Monday, April 8, 2024, 1:45 pm**

Stop by and view the near total eclipse with the Fairfield County District Library! Eclipse glasses will be provided for those attending, while supplies last.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Seeds of Change Event**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10:00 am**

Visit Rising Park for a morning of education and fun celebrating Earth Day 2024 with community partners.

[Click here for more information](#)



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# CR7-Refugee Rd Corridor







# CR7-Refugee Rd Corridor

- 1985-1987 – Refugee Road Paved to 22 feet wide.
- 1998 – Refugee Road was widened to 3 Lanes from SR 256 to Milnor Road and the first 2 traffic signals were installed at Harmon and Refugee Road
- 2003 – Pickerington North High School (PHSN) and Junior High School was constructed
- 2004 – Sycamore Plaza (Kroger) built across from entrance to new PHSN and constructed turn lanes and signal.
- 2005 – Temporary Traffic Signal installed at Pickerington Road Intersection



# CR7-Refugee Rd Corridor

- 2008 – TEC Engineering performed Corridor Safety Study identifying problem areas and congestion and development phased approach
- 2010 – Toll Gate Road relocated with new Elementary School Construction Project and Signal Installed
- 2018 – Applied for and received ODOT Safety Money for Phase 2 improvements (Harmon/Education/Milnor/Pickerington Road)
- 2019 – Phase 1 of corridor improvements implements with corridor retiming, pavement markings, signal back plates.
- 2023 – Applied for additional ODOT Safety Money for Phase 3 improvements (Multi Use Path)
- Due to growth on the corridor, since 1998, there have been 6 turn lane projects for new developments/subdivisions.





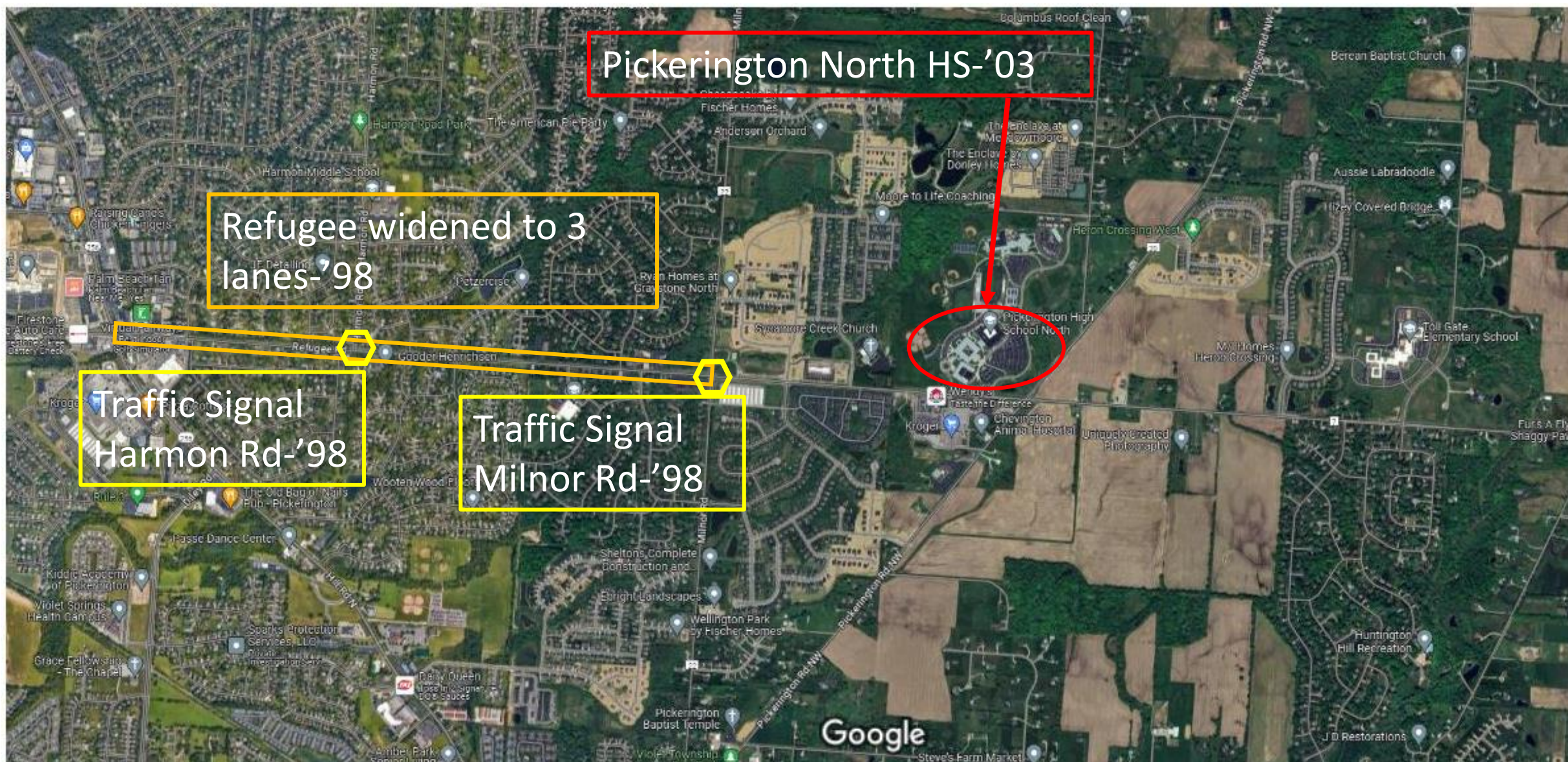
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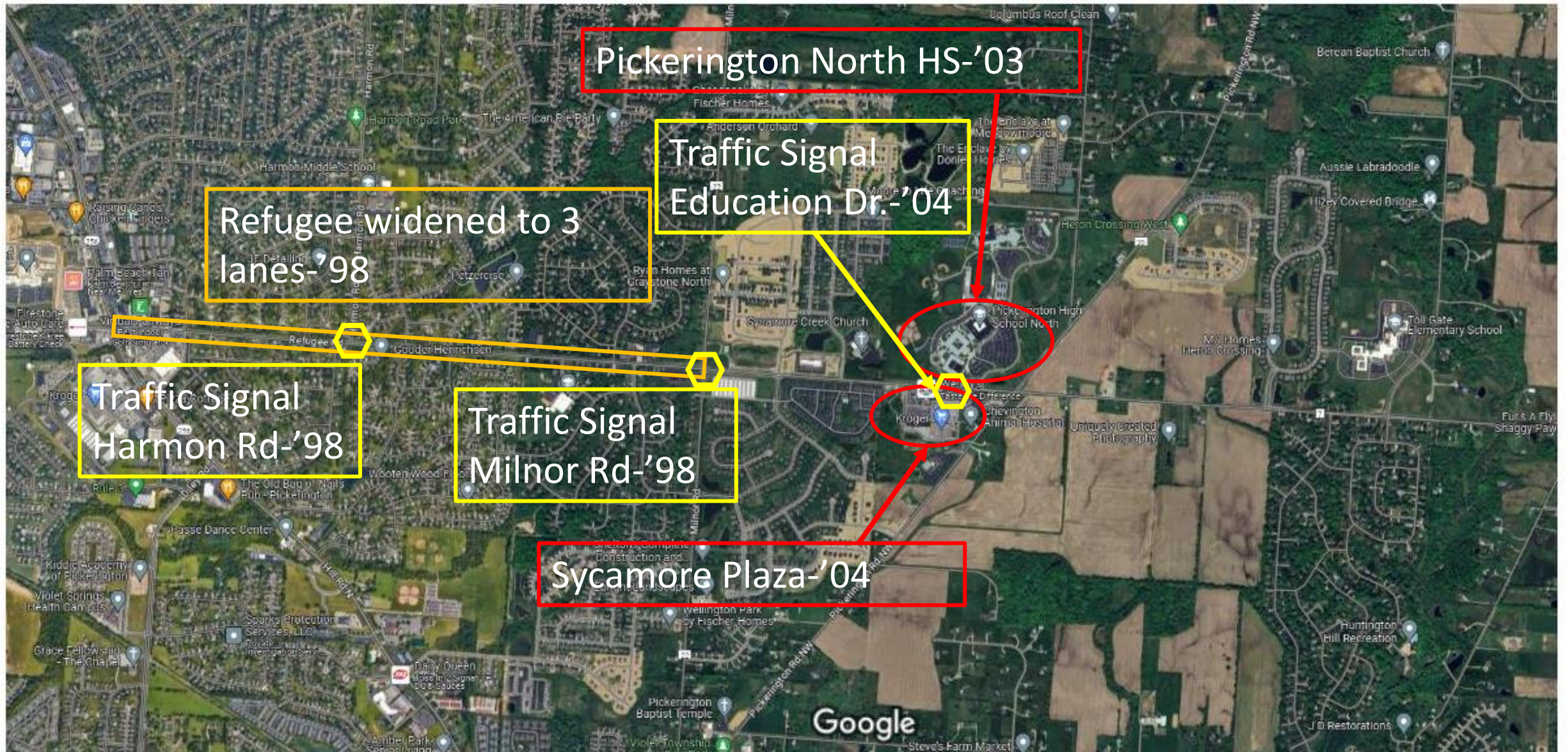
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Pickerington North HS-'03

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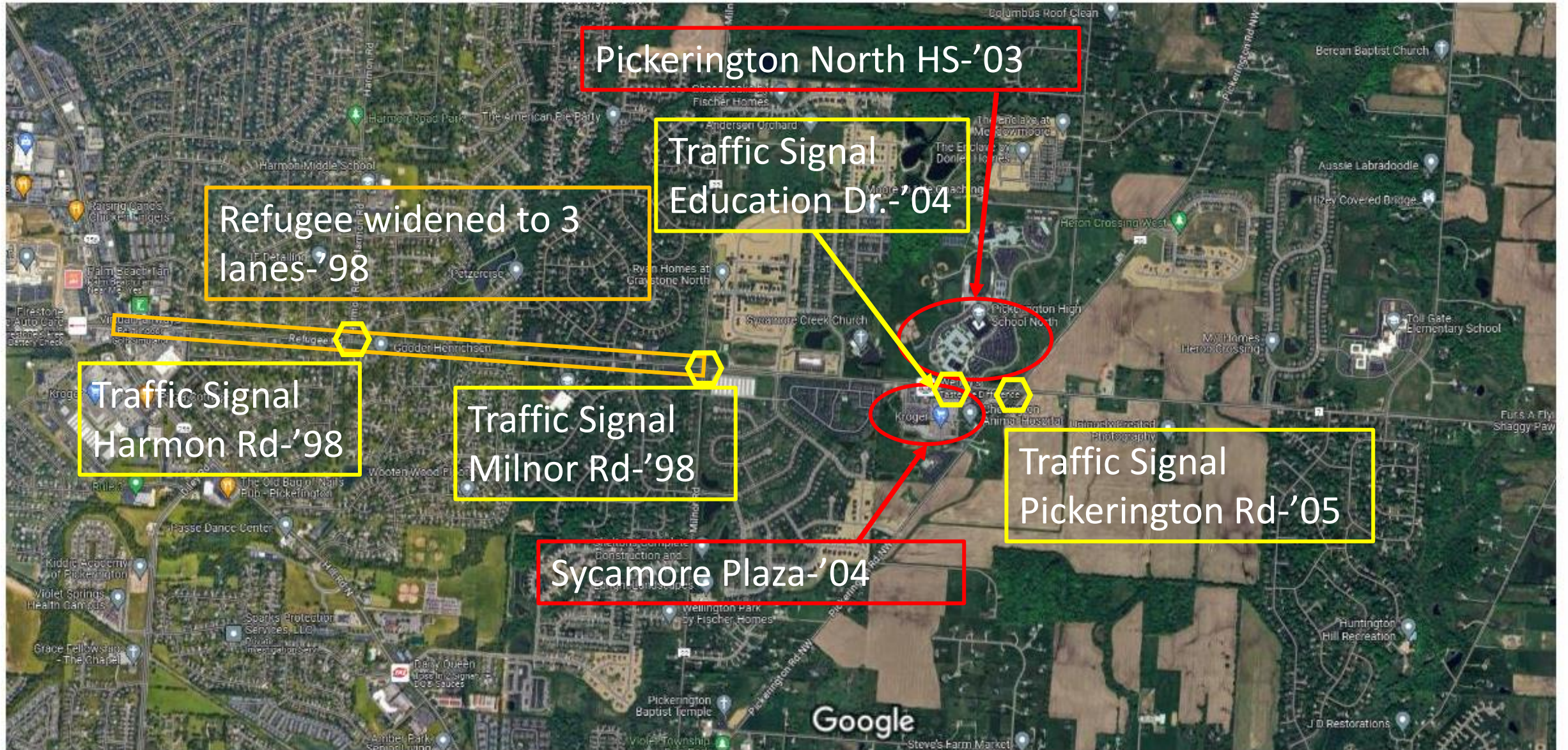
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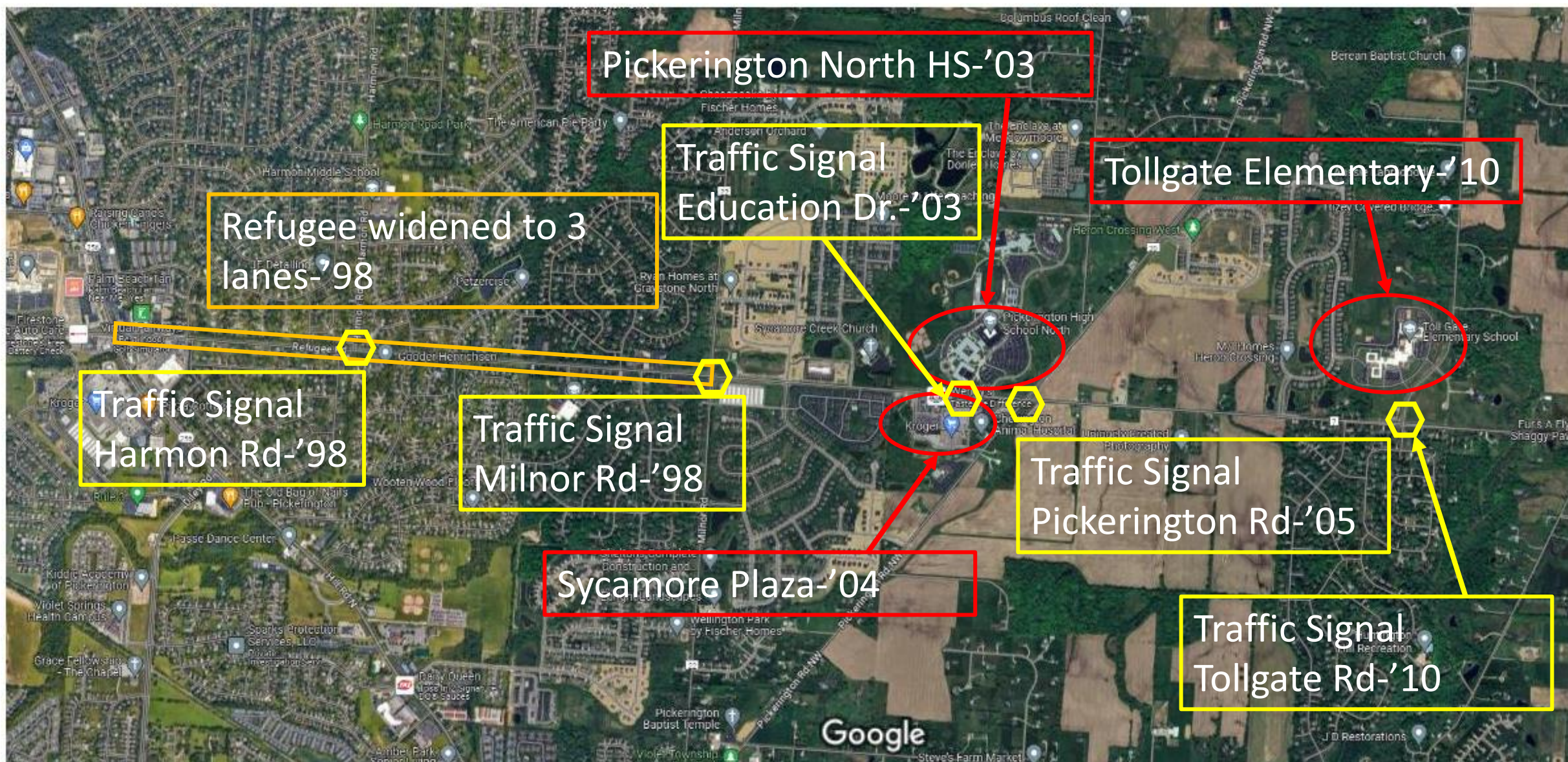
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# How it Started – January 2018 Safety Study



## Refugee Road Corridor Safety Study

Woodstock Avenue to Toll Gate Road  
Fairfield County Engineers Office

Final Report  
January 2018

- **Where** – Refugee Rd from Woodstock Ave. to Tollgate Rd.
  - **Why** – 95 Crashes From 2014-2016
- 
- **Key Observations From Study:**
    - Some Staged Capacity Improvements Recommended
    - Some Existing Congestion and Associated Crashes are Related To School Traffic
    - Pedestrian Facilities Incomplete and Lacking

# How it Started – January 2018 Safety Study



## Refugee Road Corridor Safety Study

Woodstock Avenue to Toll Gate Road  
Fairfield County Engineers Office

Final Report  
January 2018

- **Recommendations:**

- **Alt 1** – Short term signing, striping, timing & signal improvements
- **Alt 2** – Intersection Improvements at:
  - Harmon – WB to NB Right Turn Lane
  - Education – EB to SB Right Turn Lane
  - Milnor – WB to NB Right Turn Lane
  - Pickerington – Left Turn Lanes on All Approaches + SB to WB Right Turn Lane
- **Alt 3** – Widen entire Refugee Rd Corridor to 5 Lanes.

Both Alt 2 and Alt 3 included a 5-ft Walk and a 10-ft Multi-use Path Which is Consistent with Previous County Planning Studies



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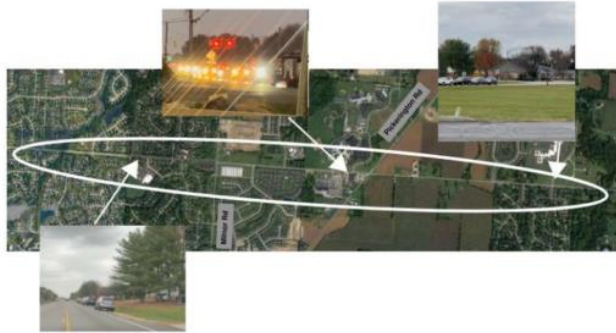
- Recommendations Were Intended to be staged beginning With Alt1 & Building to Alt3
- Alt 2 is Currently Under Design
- The Construction Cost of Alt 2 and Alt 3 are as Follows and Calculated Prior to Recent Record Inflation:
  - Alt 2 = \$3.7M (2018 Pre-inflation)
  - Alt 3 = \$17.2M (2018 Pre-inflation)

# Now – 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Goals:

Using New Post-COVID Traffic Volumes and Growth Rates:

- Validate the 2018 Safety Study Intersection Capacity Recommendations (Alt 2) Can Accommodate Expected 20 Year Post Covid Traffic Growth
- Determine If/When the 2018 Safety Study Alt 3 Recommendation (5-Lane Section) Would Be Needed.



Refugee Road Corridor Study

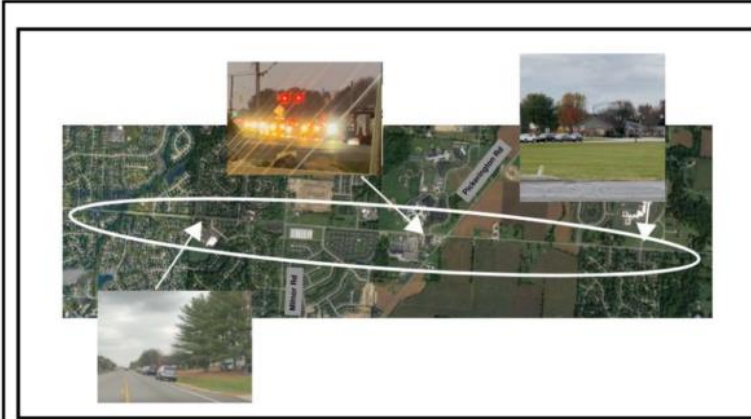
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# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Study Methodology



Refugee Road Corridor Study

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- Uses 2022 Volumes
- Uses MORPC Growth Rates to Project 2022 Volumes to a 2045 Design Year
- Analyzes the 2018 Safety Study Alt 2 Intersection Capacity Improvements That Are Currently Under Design Using 2045 Volumes
- Performs Sensitivity Analysis To Determine Impacts if traffic growth unexpectedly exceeds MORPC Growth Rates



# 2018 Safety Study Counts v. 2022 Study Counts (PM)

	EB Approaching		WB Approaching	
2017	852	Harmon Rd	667	2017
2022	813		726	2022
2017	761	Milnor Rd	583	2017
2022	725		612	2022
2017	509	Pickerington Rd	345	2017
2022	529		307	2022

- Counts are Very Similar Between 2017 and 2022
- Travel Patterns Have Changed From Traditional Continual Year over Year Growth that was the Norm Pre-COVID.
- COVID Popularized “Work From Home” and Online Shopping Continues to Grow

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Growth Rates

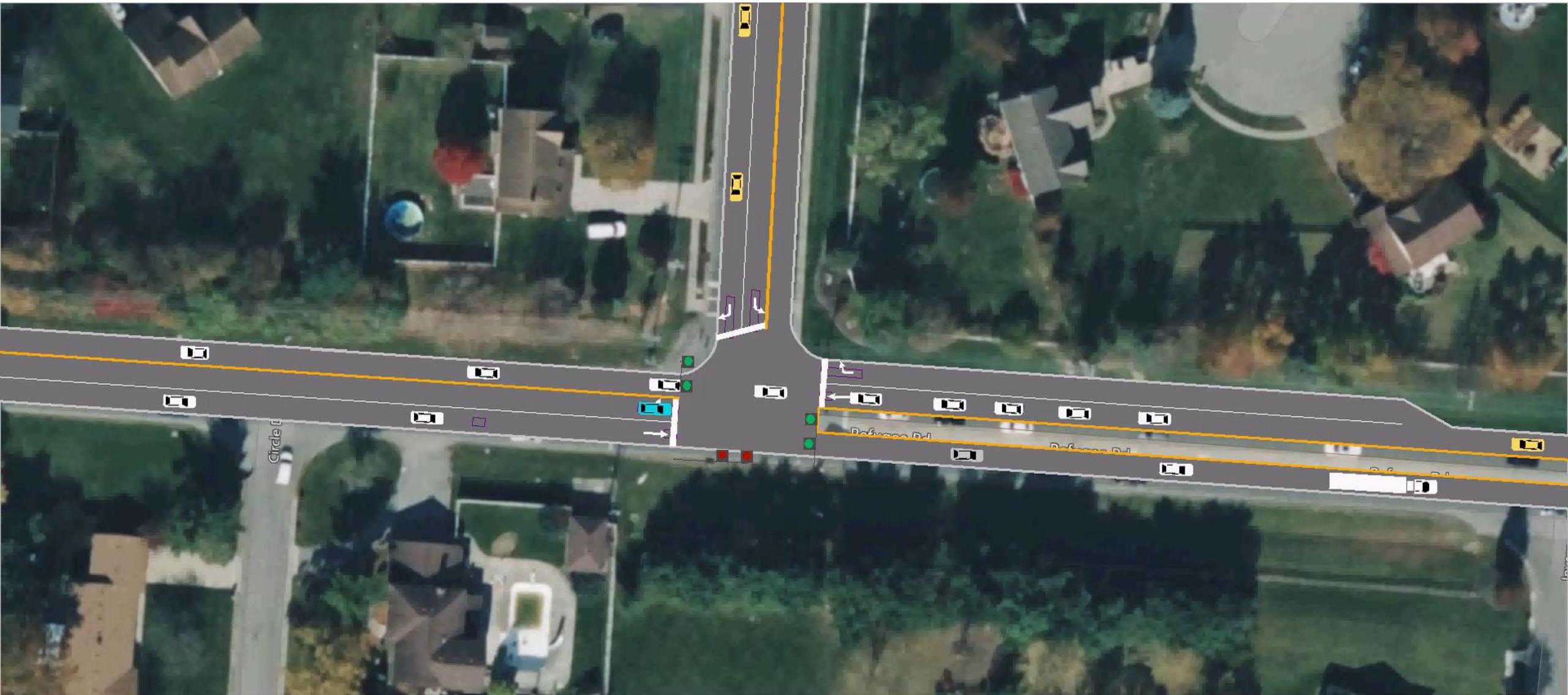
% Increases in 2022 Volumes to Project to 2045 Design  
Year Volumes Based on MORPC Growth Rates



- Largest Predicted Volume Increases Are Around Pickerington Rd
- Latest MORPC Travel Demand Model Used & Included:
  - “Mixed Use” Development East of the Refugee and Pickerington Intersection
  - Intel Phase 1 – MORPC Noted Most Impacts Are Around New Albany With Minimal Intel Impacts Expected On Refugee Rd Due to Distance from Intel
  - Traffic Growth From Regional Developments Outside of the Corridor (ex Etna)



# Alt 2 Improvements – 2045 PM Design Year





# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Study Results

- Based on the 2045 Design Volumes:
  - The Safety Study's Alt 2 Intersection Improvements that are currently under design will allow the Refugee Rd corridor to operate satisfactorily through the design year of 2045.
- The Safety Study's Alt 3 recommendation (a 5-lane section) is not needed through 2045 using the latest MORPC growth rates.
- Like previous studies, this study highlights the need for complete bike/pedestrian facilities to connect neighborhoods with schools. The study also notes new funding opportunities for pedestrian facilities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and ODOT Safety Program.

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Study Results – What if MORPC Growth Rates are Too Low?

- **Sensitivity Analysis:** Evaluated Alt 2 Intersection improvements at Harmon, Milnor & Pickerington to determine impacts of unexpected traffic growth above and beyond projected 2045 design traffic.

### 20% ADDITIONAL Growth Added to 2045 Design Volumes

- No Major Issues
- One Minor Issue with WB Refugee Rd at the Harmon Rd Intersection.
- WB Refugee Rd Issue is Minor Enough to Not Warrant Further Improvements

### 30% ADDITIONAL Growth Added to 2045 Design Volumes

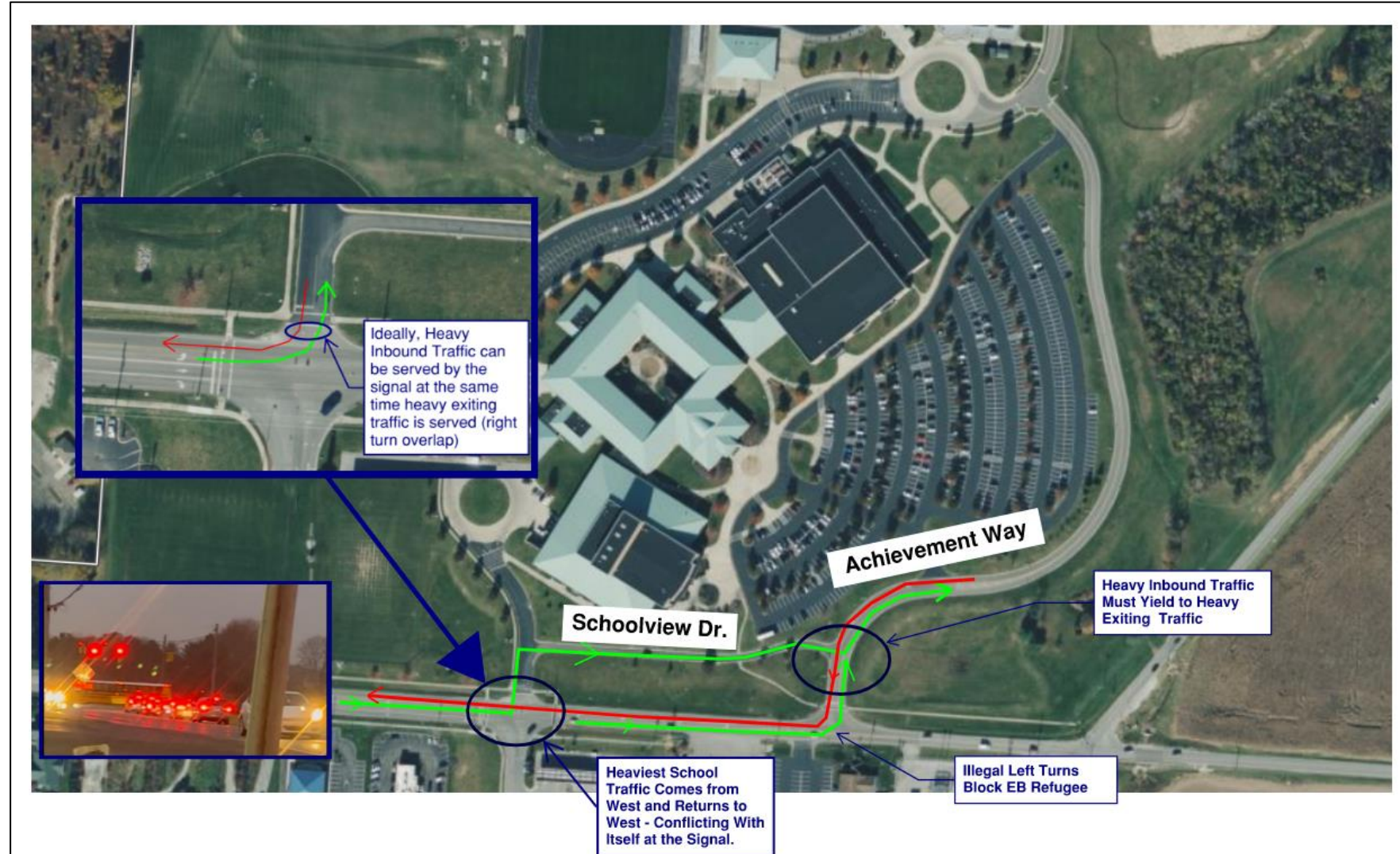
- Increased the 20% Impacts at Harmon and Created Significant Impacts at Milnor Rd
- 5-Lane Section (Alt 3) Required from Pickerington Corp Limit to Pickerington Rd
- The Planned Alt 2 Improvements at Pickerington Can Accommodate the Additional 30% Traffic Volume

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## School Circulation Issues

The Circulation Plan at the HS and Lakeview Campus:

- Requires Heavy Inbound Traffic to Conflict With Heavy Exiting Traffic at Multiple Locations
- Slow Drop-off Traffic Encourages Parents to Make Illegal Left Turns From EB Refugee Into Achievement Way. Illegal Left Turning EB Traffic Yielding to WB Traffic Blocks Refugee Road.





# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Summary

### • **Pickerington Rd**

- MORPC Growth Rates Predict the Largest Volume Increases to be Centered Around the Refugee and Pickerington Rd Intersection.
- Existing Congestion is Relatively Light and Largely Centered Around Pickerington North HS and Pickerington Rd Intersection. Much of the Existing Congestion is Related to the School Circulation. Improvements to the Various School Circulation Plans Would Benefit the Corridor Operations.
- The Pickerington Rd Intersection is Receiving the Largest Capacity Enhancements in Alt-2 Which is Commensurate with Existing Congestion and Predicted Volume Growth.

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Summary

### **Alt 2 - Intersection Improvements**

- The Intersection Improvements from the 2018 Safety Study (Alt 2) Can Acceptably Accommodate Expected Traffic Volume Growth Through the 2045 Design Year
- Alt 2 Still Performed Acceptably with a 20% Increase of 2045 Design Traffic to Simulate Unanticipated Growth.
- Alt 2 Did NOT Perform Acceptably with a 30% Increase of 2045 Design Traffic to Simulate Unanticipated Growth

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Summary

### Alt 3: 5-Lane Section

- The 5-Lane Section (Alt 3) is Not Needed Through the 2045 Design Year.
- An Increase of 30% in the 2045 Design Year Would Require the Alt 3 (5-Lane) From the Existing 5-Lane Section to Pickerington Rd
- The 5-Lane Section (Alt 3) is Much More Expensive Than the Intersection Improvements (Alt 2). The Cost Difference Between Alt 3 and Alt 2 is \$13.5M Based on 2018 Pre-inflation Cost Estimates.
- IF a 5-Lane Section is Needed for any Reason in the Future, it is Possible to Facilitate it Inside Existing R/W for the Majority of the Corridor. See 2018 Study R/W Info.



# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

## Summary

### Pedestrians

- The Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Can be Built at the Edge of the Existing R/W Locating it Outside of the Footprint of a Future 5-Lane Section for Much of the Corridor
- Access Management Considerations can be made during the Design Phase Such as Construction of a Raised Median and the Addition of Roundabouts at Strategic Locations, Which will Serve to Enhance Safety and Congestion of the Corridor as Well as Provide Refuge for Pedestrians Crossing the Road.
- Raised Medians and Roundabouts Would Provide Pedestrian Crossing Storage, Create a More Urban Context to Raise Awareness of the Likely Presence of Pedestrians & Provide Traffic Calming

# 2022 Refugee Rd Corridor Study

**Questions???**

1998-2028 Sales Tax

Accounting period	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total	
Actual Sales Mth	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Paid Out Sales Mth (ERP)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	YOY % Change
1998	625,428	625,428	719,073	547,322	561,371	666,416	593,404	724,648	751,083	703,219	681,607	618,403	7,817,400	
1999	657,897	717,170	876,039	577,369	671,203	688,353	731,728	777,431	781,161	769,846	1,012,161	684,083	8,944,440	14.4%
2000	755,159	718,864	974,212	512,750	834,597	654,420	894,968	778,463	793,014	878,159	761,757	790,563	9,346,926	4.5%
2001	664,322	804,344	978,984	607,672	732,002	817,502	823,409	825,936	768,031	771,395	690,052	851,334	9,334,984	-0.1%
2001 sales tax revenue impacted by 9/11 tragedy														
2002	730,658	731,624	981,860	670,382	777,203	914,764	827,811	740,520	833,021	906,163	885,007	856,718	9,855,731	5.6%
2003	772,068	823,287	990,687	692,883	593,339	937,425	754,394	878,765	954,111	774,672	888,092	816,480	9,876,203	0.2%
2004	799,633	898,085	1,052,974	675,196	738,185	960,111	811,136	895,680	872,111	903,939	860,357	782,645	10,250,052	3.8%
2005	926,106	861,098	1,149,122	725,719	817,400	888,205	899,788	920,243	1,015,090	935,066	915,824	829,075	10,882,735	6.2%
2006	800,452	967,645	1,178,266	892,316	863,719	884,728	913,317	867,449	988,573	923,246	878,268	911,932	11,069,910	1.7%
2007	838,721	871,197	1,354,528	826,456	849,253	975,686	977,960	871,975	1,043,345	841,742	861,899	945,081	11,257,843	1.7%
2008	814,929	964,143	1,308,987	742,435	827,638	1,000,446	940,768	978,406	1,120,611	962,304	940,066	969,431	11,570,163	2.8%
2009	879,734	893,651	1,347,421	774,025	829,419	946,986	894,012	1,019,233	1,049,559	951,848	889,490	916,394	11,391,771	-1.5%
2009 sales tax revenue impacted by the great recession.														
2010	887,254	1,162,923	1,339,323	1,102,139	1,185,143	1,390,629	1,208,103	1,470,249	1,468,452	1,277,519	1,328,907	1,364,823	15,185,464	33.3%
YOY increase includes 1/4 point increase in sales tax.														
2011	1,236,349	1,397,846	1,839,288	1,156,127	1,286,106	1,402,975	1,306,597	1,456,941	1,301,891	1,443,660	1,306,381	1,342,798	16,476,960	8.5%
2012	1,322,775	1,491,042	1,888,126	1,224,544	1,381,868	1,505,374	1,349,342	1,579,835	1,517,628	1,425,024	1,480,711	1,357,146	17,523,415	6.4%
2013	1,343,072	1,524,817	1,890,000	1,323,030	1,415,445	1,523,003	1,517,670	1,679,889	1,597,198	1,513,717	1,493,619	1,493,904	18,315,364	4.5%
2014	1,366,110	1,542,382	1,973,853	1,310,143	1,425,847	1,642,808	1,507,871	1,736,452	1,788,567	1,525,246	1,536,823	1,637,463	18,993,565	3.7%
2015	1,544,599	1,697,286	2,068,410	1,411,499	1,602,856	1,733,690	1,569,737	1,815,498	1,874,355	1,683,700	1,757,591	1,641,079	20,400,299	7.4%
2016	1,638,636	1,727,807	2,320,990	1,465,832	1,609,982	1,784,482	1,668,224	1,833,805	1,822,791	1,738,392	1,721,738	1,665,119	20,997,798	2.9%
2017	1,685,613	1,774,968	2,213,391	1,602,015	1,731,030	1,831,718	1,732,304	1,912,204	1,950,642	1,778,012	1,605,224	1,787,997	21,605,116	2.9%
2018	1,615,273	1,789,901	2,368,984	1,547,767	1,544,431	1,847,292	1,730,387	1,827,911	1,855,921	1,716,332	1,751,273	1,816,057	21,411,529	-0.9%
The S&P 500 in December 2018 fell more than 9% as investors feared a central bank ready to tighten monetary policy, a slowing economy, and an intensifying trade war between the U.S. and China. It marked the worst December since 1931.														
2019	1,666,146	1,847,208	2,307,301	1,536,075	1,583,302	1,840,694	1,844,059	1,867,495	2,065,761	1,757,111	1,861,851	1,917,097	22,094,100	3.2%
2020	1,854,358	1,909,897	2,444,278	1,660,892	1,626,057	1,600,463	1,557,434	2,069,932	2,171,563	1,973,472	2,037,750	1,982,538	22,888,634	3.6%
2021	1,993,692	2,002,315	2,425,745	1,886,350	1,980,821	2,578,358	2,383,697	2,354,940	2,528,056	2,201,394	2,225,312	2,196,807	26,757,487	16.9%
2022	2,252,866	2,360,846	2,778,453	1,953,870	2,132,796	2,490,400	2,377,662	2,559,950	2,464,658	2,377,762	2,498,078	2,420,503	28,667,845	7.1%
2023	2,364,568	2,530,832	2,860,528	2,271,055	2,235,183	2,451,178	2,480,489	2,469,739	2,500,807	2,461,952	2,384,590	2,471,013	29,481,934	2.8%
2024 (BDG)	2,267,275	2,463,754	2,824,150	2,138,779	2,193,603	2,508,427	2,437,043	2,606,645	2,711,939	2,477,711	2,537,584	2,533,091	29,700,000	0.7%
2025 (Est)	2,384,426	2,508,930	3,033,542	2,188,932	2,245,041	2,567,247	2,494,190	2,667,769	2,775,532	2,535,811	2,597,089	2,592,490	30,591,000	3.0%
2026 (Est)	2,455,958	2,584,198	3,124,548	2,254,600	2,312,392	2,644,265	2,569,016	2,747,802	2,858,798	2,611,885	2,675,002	2,670,265	31,508,730	3.0%
2027 (Est)	2,529,637	2,661,724	3,218,285	2,322,238	2,381,764	2,723,593	2,646,086	2,830,236	2,944,562	2,690,242	2,755,252	2,750,373	32,453,992	3.0%
2028 (Est)	2,605,526	2,741,576	3,314,833	2,391,905	2,453,217	2,805,300	2,725,469	2,915,143	3,032,899	2,770,949	2,837,909	2,832,884	33,427,612	3.0%