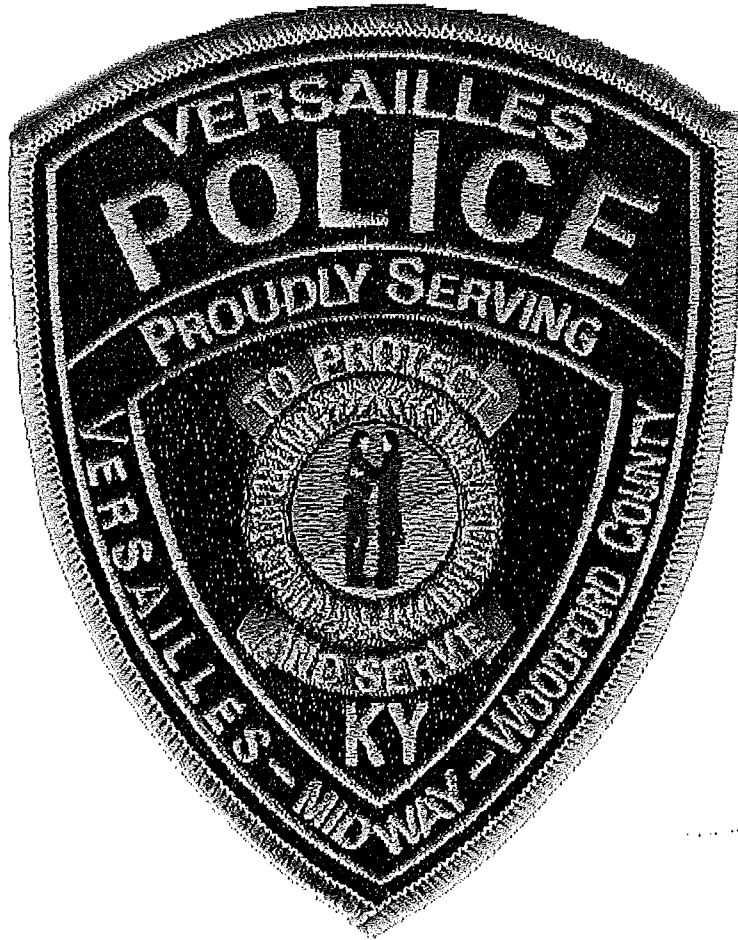


Versailles Police Department



FY 2019 Annual Report

Mike Murray
Chief of Police

During FY 2019, the Versailles Police Department responded to 31,411 calls for service, completed over 2,850 traffic stops, wrote over 2,050 citations and made 664 arrests.

Crime categories as follows:

Murder	0
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	0
Rape	7
Robbery	7
Aggravated Assault	14
Arson	1
Burglary	84
Auto Theft	34
Theft	238
All Other Offenses	1104
Total	1489

Accidents:

Total Collisions	988
Collisions with Injury	112
Collisions with Fatality	7
Collisions with Property Damage	869
Total Injuries	149
Total Fatalities	9

The Versailles Police Department employs thirty seven (37) full-time officers, four (4) part-time officers, and one (1) civilian clerk.

The Department is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and provides around the clock police protection and service to Versailles, Midway and Woodford County. The Versailles Police Department continues to embrace the principles of community policing by working closely with the schools, businesses and local civic organizations. By maintaining relationships throughout the community we believe we are able to provide the best service possible to citizens.

The Versailles Police Department continues to provide its long-standing service of checking the doors nightly of downtown businesses and notifying business owners of any unsecured doors or any other problem they encounter. Officers also continue to conduct extra patrols at the request of residents who are going to be on vacation or otherwise away from their residences during an extended period of time. Officers conduct foot patrol on a regular basis and bike patrol during the warmer months of the year. These activities allow officers to have one on one contact with citizens and to better learn the areas they serve.

The following are highlights of the Department's activities during fiscal year 2019.

The Department welcomed Mike Murray as the new Chief of Police in September following the retirement of James Fugate. Chief Murray has long been a part of the Versailles Police Department having formerly served as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Evidence Custodian and Assistant Chief. Chief Murray and his wife Debbie are very involved in the community and he has been excited to lead the Department this past year.

The Department also welcomed Rob Young as the new Assistant Chief in September. Assistant Chief Young is retired from the ATF and had previously served as a Detective with the Versailles Police Department.

Along with Chief Fugate, Patrol Officer Kenny Rodgers also retired with over twenty years of service. Officer Rodgers is a retired Captain with the United States Army and was active in many programs of the agency.

The Department, along with the outstanding support of the Mayor and Versailles City Council, began construction on a new facility located at 239 North Main Street. The new police facility will also be home to the Versailles – Woodford County 911 and Central Dispatch Center and will provide a Community Room that may be utilized by local organizations for programs and training opportunities. The new building will provide a state of the art location for local law enforcement activities and will be a great addition to Downtown. The construction is scheduled for completion in mid-October of 2019.

The Versailles Police Department completed the accreditation process and was re-accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP) at their conference in August. Lt. Michael Fortney served as Accreditation Manager and led the accreditation team in preparing for this process and preparing the Department's application. The KACP Professional Standards Committee reviewed the Department's Policies and Procedures and the Department received an on-site inspection and audit in June. The review team was particularly impressed with the Department's evidence room and Evidence Tracker System. KACP Accreditation reflects that the Department has been measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded professionally accepted practices in law enforcement. Less than 20% of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth are accredited so the Department is extremely proud of this accomplishment and honor.

There continue to be two School Resource Officers (SRO), Officer David Buntain is assigned to the Woodford County Middle School and Officer Scott Bobbitt is assigned to the Woodford County High School. Both officers stay busy in the schools investigating criminal activity, conducting classes and implementing crime prevention initiatives with the students. The officers also provide security at school events such as ballgames and dances and accompany the students on field trips.

The SROs also transport juveniles, work traffic, assist with mandatory safety drills at the schools such as fire, lock down and tornado. The officers assist with school administration and counselors with home visits, de-escalating students when necessary and work with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department for Community Based Services.

Officer Jeremy Miller received the Governor's Impaired Drivers Award for his hard work and dedication to keeping our roads and community safe. Officer Miller was recognized for getting the most impaired drivers off the road for our Department during the previous year.

The Department's Special Response Team trained regularly throughout the year, completing at least 8 hours of training each month. The training included weapon retention during hand-to-hand confrontations, building searches, warrant service, hostage recovery, vehicle assaults and firearm training. The Team also attended the Kentucky Tactical Officers Association (KTOA) conference in August. Officer Nathan Craig serves as the SRT Commander.

The Versailles Police Department's canine, Nico, and his handler Officer John Costigan have continued to be extremely busy throughout 2018-2019. They have been involved in many cases and participated in numerous arrests. Nico and Officer Costigan have also provided demonstrations throughout the community and in conjunction with the schools. The canine program's impact has been tremendous as officers have come to rely on Officer Costigan and Nico and the community has embraced the program through donations and support.

CPA (Citizens Police Academy) conducted two classes. The classes each ran for 8 weeks and the curriculum involved the history of the Department, Crime Scene Investigation, Accident Reconstruction, Domestic Violence and several other topics. Classes were led by Chief Murray and instruction was provided by multiple officers from within the agency. All of the graduates enjoyed learning more about law enforcement and about our local services.

Cops for Kids provided Christmas presents and winter clothing to over 250 underprivileged children of Woodford County. Various fundraisers were held in conjunction with all emergency services of Woodford County, including a golf scramble, dunking booth, and collections at intersections. The community was extremely generous in supporting the program with private donations as well.

The Versailles Police Department is grateful for the incredible support of the Community and especially the Mayor and Versailles City Council. Many agencies do not have the support and encouragement that we enjoy. The Department is appreciative of the remarkable generosity and support that our programs and our employees receive from the Community and we look forward to serving our home and its citizens for another year.