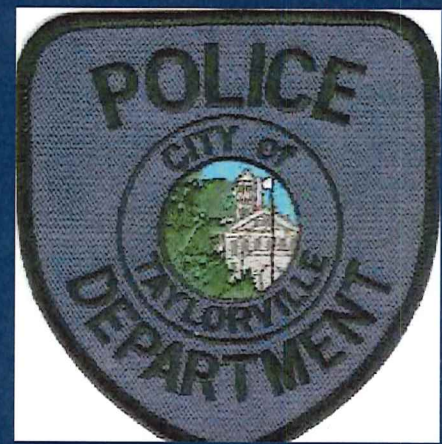


# ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2024

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## *Taylorville Police Department*



Police Chief  
Dwayne Wheeler

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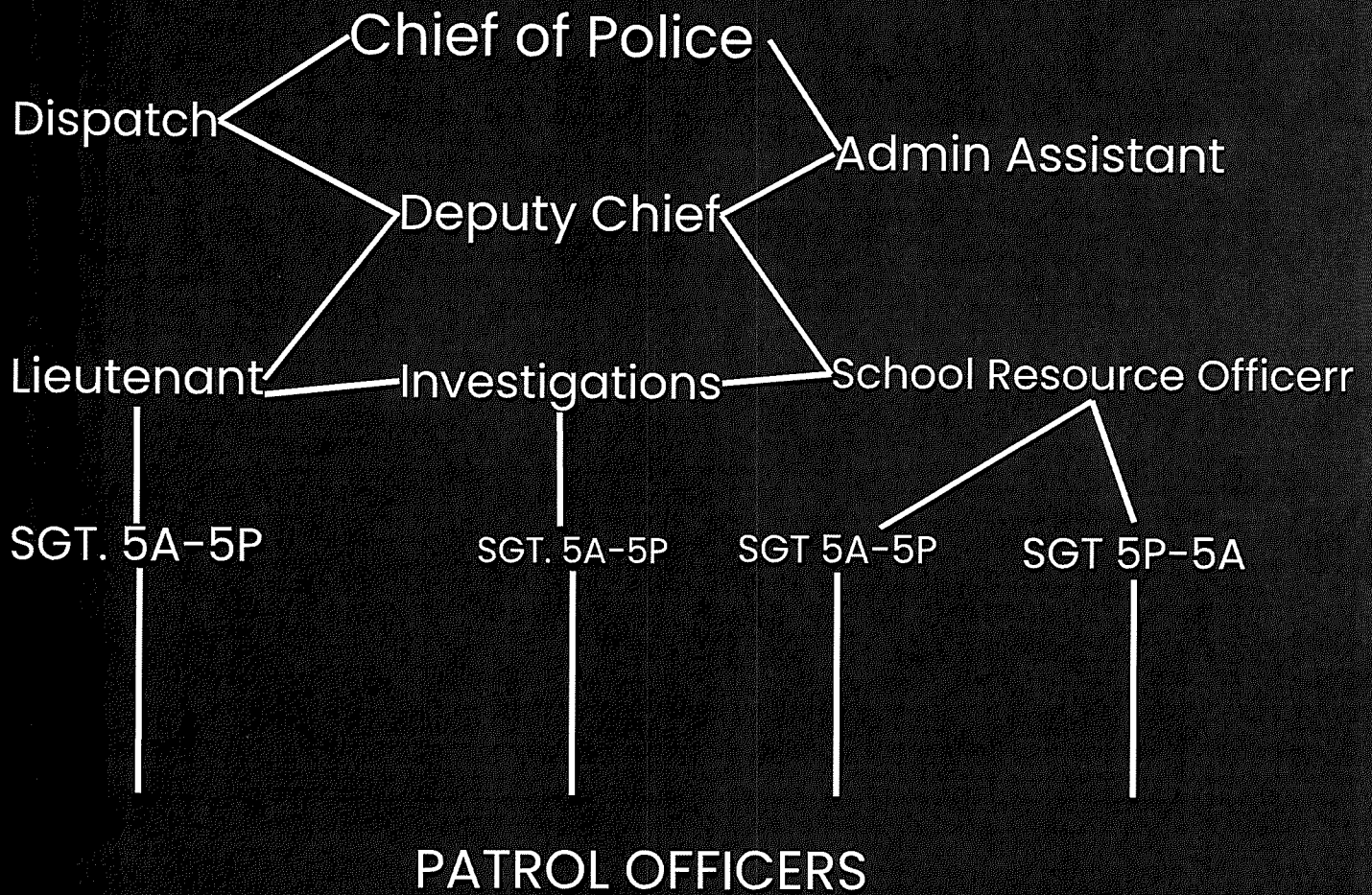
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## OUR CHIEF'S STATEMENT

To the Mayor, City Council, Residents and guests. I am pleased to submit the 2024 Taylorville Police Department's Annual Report. The report includes Statistical crime data, traffic enforcement and general service details.

# Organizational chart



# **MISSION & VALUES OF THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Taylorville Police Department Mission Statement**

The Taylorville Police Department is dedicated to protecting life and property, enhancing the quality of life for all citizens, and upholding the laws of the State of Illinois and city ordinances with integrity and fairness. Guided by the principles of constitutional rights, justice, and transparency, we are committed to serving our community with professionalism, accountability, and respect.

Under the motto "Proud to Serve," the men and women of the Taylorville Police Department take pride in delivering exceptional police services. We uphold the highest ethical standards while fostering trust and collaboration with those we are sworn to protect.

We recognize that a safe and thriving community is built through partnerships. We encourage public engagement and value community input to continuously improve our performance. Together, through mutual respect and cooperation, we can make Taylorville a safer, stronger, and more vibrant place to live, work, and raise our families.

# Police Staffing

The City of Taylorville is committed to serve the citizens with quality service and rapid response when needed. The City is staffed with 23 sworn police officers and six dispatchers.

Chief Dwayne  
Wheeler

Deputy Chief  
Vince Childers

Lt Michael  
Toberman

Sgt Wes Withrow  
Sgt Christian Nelson  
Sgt Chase Dickey  
Sgt Chris Adams  
Sgt Jeff Wood

Police Officers

Officer Ponzel - SRO Beaman - Officer Nichols - Officer Just  
K9 Priddy - Officer Grove - Detective Todd - Officer Niles  
SRO Dees - Officer Tapp - K9 Officer Kissel - Officer Coy  
Officer Peddycoart - Officer Kater - Officer Mahan



The coordination of training for the Taylorville Police Department is the responsibility of the Chief and Lt. Toberman. Training programs are presented through classroom instruction, printed materials, videos, online instruction, seminars, and departmental communications. Training topics have included: policy and procedure review, criminal law, local ordinances, and traffic law updates.

### **Every Year**

1. Firearm Qualification  
2. Law Updates 3. Use of Force 4. Hazmat 5. Sheriffs/ Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs (Training by assignment) 6. K-9 Narcotic Detection (Training by assignment) 7. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) (Federal Law)

### **Every Two Years**

1. CPR/AED a. While there is no requirement for refresher courses on Narcan, agencies may attach a refresher to CPR/AED recertification courses.

### **Every three years**

1. Constitutional and Proper Use of Authority 2. Procedural Justice 3. Civil Rights 4. Human Rights 5. Cultural Competency 6. Mental Health Awareness and Response 7. Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect 8. Officer Wellness 9. Trauma Informed Response and Investigation of Sexual Assault/Abuse.

### **Every four years**

1. Lead Homicide Investigator (Training by assignment) 2. Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (Training by assignment)



## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORTS 2024**

Officer # 1 Complaint Unfounded

Officer # 2 Complaint Unfounded



## Field Operations: Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest and most highly visible component of the Taylorville Police Department. Employing 4 sergeants and 12 patrol officers, the primary responsibility of the Patrol Division is the protection of life and property. Patrol officers maintain peace and order, conduct preliminary investigations, and enforce traffic and criminal laws, as well as City ordinances. Patrol officers provide initial response to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. They handle special assignments, proactively address community concerns, and perform ancillary functions.

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

2020	16427
2021	11104
2022	9108
2023	8191
2024	8745

# CRIME STATISTICS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>%</u>
Sexual Assault	41	21	-48.8
Battery	7	4	-42.9
Break-In Vehicles	15	9	-40.0
Burglary	7	2	-71.4
Criminal Damage	77	48	-37.7
Child Abuse	20	13	-35.0
Disorderly Conduct	19	15	-21.1
Domestic In-Progress	240	221	-7.9
Drugs (All Related)	103	84	-18.4
Fraud	44	46	+4.5
Harrassment	156	156	0.0
Juvenile Problems	339	382	-12.7
Mental Subjects	33	58	+75.8
Stolen Vehicle	30	38	+26.7
Suspicious Person	320	319	-0.3
Theft	257	222	-13.0

# **TRAFFIC CITATIONS**

<b>2020</b>	<b>722</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>769</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>724</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>733</b>

## **total traffic stops**

<b>2023</b>	<b>1557</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>2347</b>

# INVESTIGATION UNIT: DET. Dickey & DET. Todd

The Criminal Investigations Division provides the City of Taylorville with professional and skilled investigators who are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Not only does this division handle all criminal investigations and interrogations, personnel background checks, The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all follow up investigations and reviewing details of crimes occurring in the City

# EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

Officer Grove's duties are to ensure that narcotics are sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. Her duties are to pick up the narcotics and make sure the chain of command is in compliance. Officer Grove handle's several other types of evidence to electronically post and store for evidence services. Officer Grove prepares evidence for court proceedings





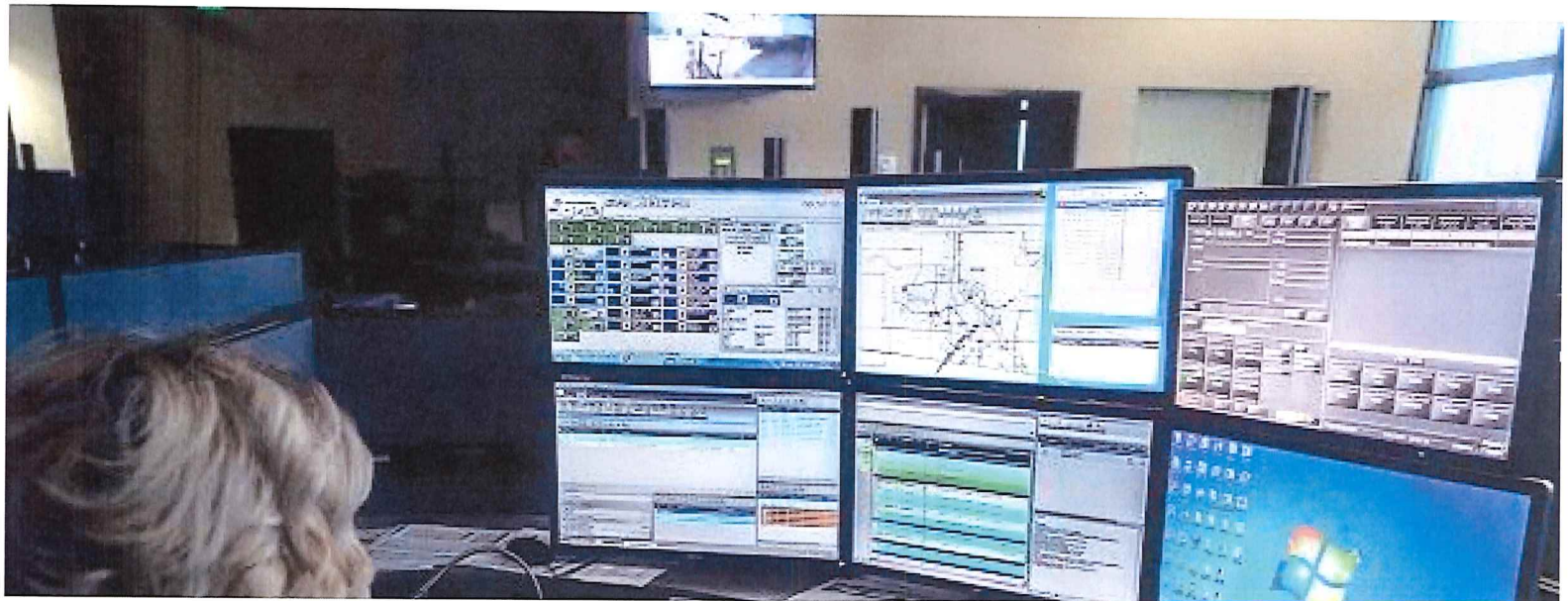
# POLICE RECORDS

FOIA REQUESTS: APPROXIMATELY 354 IN 2024.

The Records Section is responsible for managing all of the records for the Police Department as well as monthly reporting for the Uniform Crime Report. The City of Taylorville records clerk handles all police reports to be turned into the States Attorney. Kirsten goes above and beyond to keep our department running efficiently with the States Attorney's Office. Kirsten must make sure all bills are paid and accounted for. Kirsten, along with the Chief, watch our budget monthly to make sure we are on track of our allocation amount.

Other responsibilities include:

- FOIA requests
- Annual Records Disposal Accuracy of Arrest Jackets
- Compiling Monthly Reports
- IL Debt Recovery Records Expungements
- Sex Offender Registration filing



The Communications Section is responsible for receiving all emergency and non-emergency calls for police, this section handles the dispatching of all calls for service for police through the use of the department's radio system.

We are currently staffed with five full time dispatchers and one part time dispatcher. Dispatch plays a vital role for the City Police Department. Besides handling calls for service they must run subjects for warrants, driver licenses check, monitor the FLOCK LPR system, and properly log all aspects of each call and encounter that the police officer has with a citizen.

We have a great team and our team Leader is Andrew Borders. The anticipated CAD system came into effect in June of 2022, combining systems with Christian County Sheriff's Office and other agencies within the county making it easier for departments to share information and help officer investigations.

# NEW HIRES FOR 2024 WELCOME TO THE TEAM

OFFICER DAVID PEDDYCOART



OFFICER ALEX KATER





# RETIREMENTS SERGEANT ALAN MILLS



**AWARDS:**

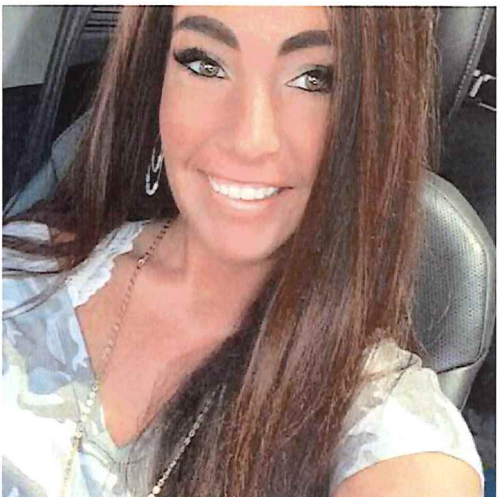
**OFFICER OF THE 1ST QUARTER MATTHEW NICHOLS**

**OFFICER OF THE 2ND QUARTER**

**OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER DISPATCHER DEVORE**

**OFFICER OF THE 4TH QUARTER DAVID PEDDYCOART**

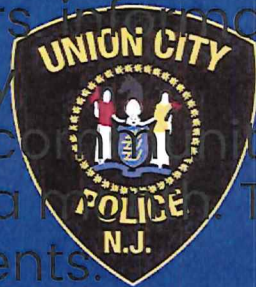
**OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2024 OFFICER JODY GROVE**



# Community Relationships Events

## Explorers Program

Officer Grove along with Detective Todd oversee the Taylorville Police Explorers. In preparation about the Law Enforcement career, they complete trainings and community service hours. Program multiple times a month. TPD's Explorers are crucial to working on events.



## Bicycles for Kids

This program was started to provide free bicycles to kids whose families were unable to buy one for them.



# Fishing with Offishers



# National Night Out



# Halloween Party

