

Auburn Police Department

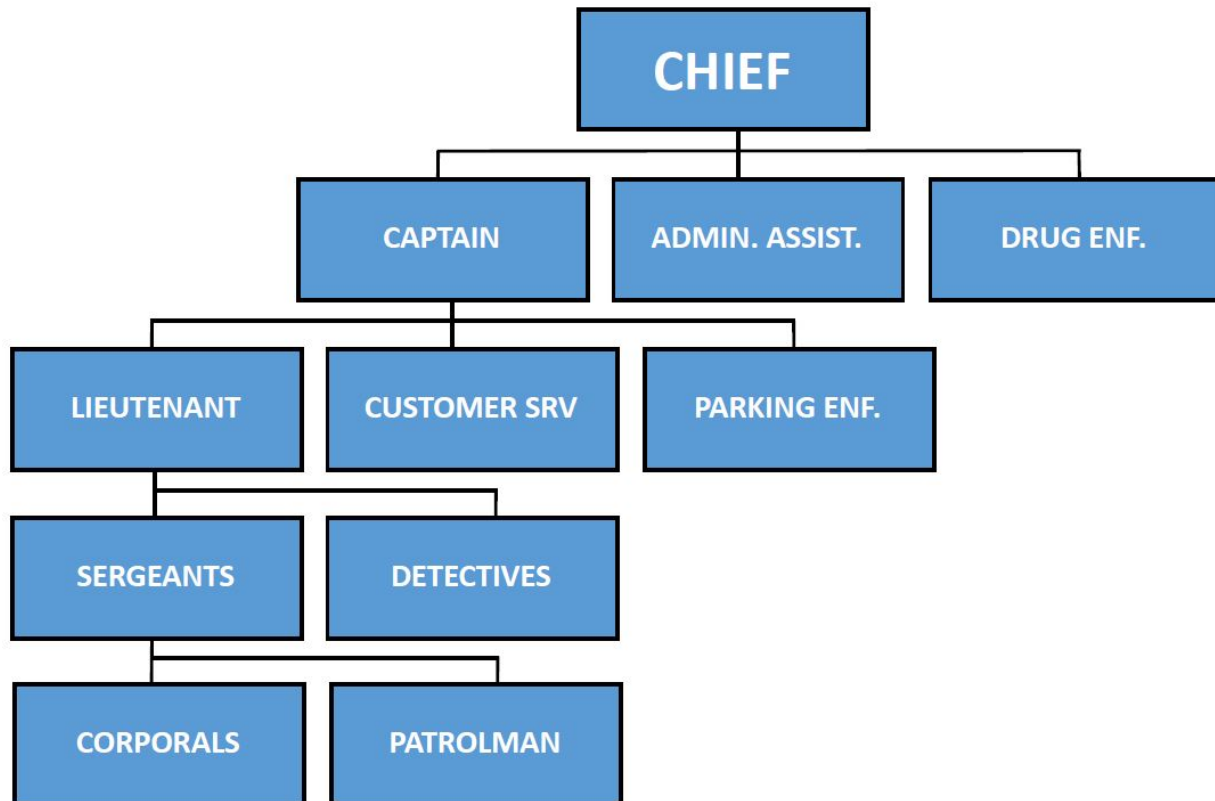
"Committed to our community"



Annual Report 2022

The City of Auburn is home to over 13,600 residents and covers approximately 7.10 square miles. Auburn Police Department patrols approximately 78 miles of primary roadway.

The Police Department's command structure is as follows:



The Auburn Police Department consists of 26 full time sworn personnel: Chief of Police, Captain, Lieutenant of the Patrol Division, Investigations/Detective Supervisor, two (2) Detectives, three (3) road patrol Sergeants, three (3) road patrol Corporals, and thirteen (13) First-Class Patrolman, one Administrative Assistant, one part-time Customer Service Rep (CSR), one part-time Parking Enforcement Officer, and nine (9) volunteer reserves officers for total of 38 employees.

The Auburn Police Department is made of several specialty units/groups that are essential in the everyday operation to provide safety and security for the citizens of Auburn, Indiana.

2022 Accomplishments

- Auburn Police hired two new First-Class Patrolmen in Chase Norton and Duane Days during the year 2022. Patrolman Norton completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and Patrolman Days was a lateral transfer from Garrett Police Department. These two hires replaced Sgt. Chad Weimer to retirement and Patrolman Koenes who resigned due to medical issues.
- The Auburn Police Department hired a part-time Ordinance / Parking Enforcement Officer, Donald Thacker in early October 2021. APD has received positive feedback by having a parking enforcement officer again. Officer Thacker issued 950 parking violations in 2022.
- Auburn Police Department dealt with the sudden loss of Auburn Police K-9 Reggie. Detective Justin James was Reggie's handler. While it was a big loss, we added another Police K-9, Loki, to the police department. K-9 Loki is assigned to Det. James.
- The Auburn Police Department prides itself of training and being the best officers, they can be. APD has 26 full-time officers and 9 reserve officers. A total of 1967 hours of law enforcement training was completed and approved by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for full-time officers. That is an average of 76 training hours per officer. Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board requires every officer to complete 24 hours of in-service training per year. As you can see, Auburn Police Officers put forth the extra effort, dedication, and integrity to serve their community. This does not include Officer Norton's 618 hours of training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and Det. James 360 hours of certified K-9 training at the Allen County K-9 Academy.
- Auburn Police Department has twelve (12) Indiana Law Enforcement Academy certified instructors to assist with our training and goals.
- Chief Heffelfinger worked with Auburn I/S to get all officers Paycom Mobile App. This allows officers to clock in and out for shift and elevate missed time punches.
- Auburn Police Officers configured a new patch at brings in the city's car history to it. The patch will be revealed early spring.
- Quarterly and a yearend audit was completed of the Auburn Police Department evidence room, in which every piece of evidence was accounted for. This audit was completed by an outside agency.
- Auburn PD was awarded a \$278,000.00 grant for a Bearcat rescue vehicle. APD received the Bearcat in October of 2022. This will allow officers to safely assist in operations such as, search and rescue, SWAT operations, active shooters, and threats to community just to name a few. The Bearcat has already been used once this year for a call in which Auburn Police Officers were shot at by a suspect.
- Auburn Police Department applied for \$339,200 in grants for 2022.
- Auburn Police Department utilized many grants in 2022 to get equipment that was needed. This allowed APD to obtain the equipment without having to ask for it through the city budget. APD was able to obtain the following grants:
 - Lenco Bearcat \$278,000
 - Body Cam Grant \$5,000
 - Bullet Proof Vest Grant \$24,000
 - 2nd Bullet Proof Vest Grant \$1,200

- Wal-Mart Grant \$1,000
- American Legion (Donation) \$10,000
- Drug Free Dekalb Grant \$5,000
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- **In total, Auburn PD received \$324,200 in grant funding for 2022!!**

Auburn Police Department Goals and Priorities for 2022

Auburn PD plans to a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in each of Auburn’s elementary schools, J.R. Watson, and McKinney-Harrison. Officers Rich Carper and Jeremy Heffelfinger have completed NASRO school to be certified SRO’s. Dekalb Central Schools will be paying the officers salary through a grant. City of Auburn will be paying the benefits for those officers. This essentially adds two officers to the police department with a great savings to the city.

APD has just started a hiring process to replace Officers Carper and Heffelfinger, to fill their patrol responsibilities.

APD will continue to apply for ANY available grants to save city tax dollars. As of mid-January 2023 – APD has already applied for approximately \$314,000 in grants!

APD will be having a department picture taken in April to update our department photographs.



2022 Auburn PD Statistics

Calls for Service

- 2022 Calls for Service – 8,671
 - 2021 - 9,162
 - 2020 – 7,949
 - 2019 – 8,423
- Property damage accidents – 410
- Personal Injury Accidents – 33
- Fatal Accidents – 0
- Hit and run Accidents – 82
- OWI – 46
- UTT's – 2469 ** (vast majority of Operation Pull Over**)
- Warning tickets – 2170
- City Ordinance Violations – 950 (2021- 486)
- Burglary – 30 (investigations – not all were actual burglaries)
- Drug related offenses – 97
- Theft – 391
- Criminal cases filed: Adult - 405
- Criminal cases filed: Juvenile – 15

[Air Support Unit \(ASU\) / Drone Division](#)

The Department Air Support Union is made up of three (3) certified FFA drone operators. During 2022, the drone was deployed on thirty-one (31) occasions, up from nineteen (19) in 2021. Of those deployments, ASU assisted with city development and projects through the city. ASU is used to assist in lost or missing people, wanted persons, SWAT deployments, civil protests, weather damage assessment, city department requests and community outreach. Auburn Police Department will be obtaining a second drone, all paid for through grants and donations, this spring.

[Emergency Response Team \(ERT\)](#)

ERT (SWAT) is comprised of 9 Officers. The team has training one day a month for 8 hours. Auburn ERT completed 864 hours of training for the year of 2022. The training consists of a variety of areas, including building clearing, active shooter, woodland movements, riot control, etc.

All members of the team are required to maintain a higher standard of fitness and marksmanship to be a member of the ERT.

Auburn ERT had six (6) call outs for 2022 throughout the City of Auburn and Dekalb County.

Narcotics Unit

In 2022, Auburn Police Department had one detective tasked with narcotics investigations. The officer also is attached as a Task Force Officer (TFO) to the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms Division Fort Wayne. This partnership provides the department support officers with the Federal Government to assist in narcotics and firearms related operations in and around the four-county area. K-9 Officer Justin James also focused primarily on drug investigations and drug interdiction. During 2021, officers' investigations lead to the seizure of the following in Auburn, IN.

- 62 cases
 - 57 drug cases
 - 4 theft cases
 - 1 burglary case
- 10 controlled buys
- 11 Federal assists
- 13 arrest warrants served
- 1 stolen car recovered

Evidence sized

- 1,446 grams of methamphetamine
- 1,145.98 grams of Fentanyl
- 3,729.5 grams of cocaine
- 14,526 grams of marijuana
- 31 grams of crack cocaine
- 7 one pot methamphetamine labs
- 37 firearms seized

Detective Bureau

The Auburn Police Department Detective Bureau is comprised of two (2) criminal detectives and one (1) narcotics detective. Detectives working a rotating schedule to reduce the amount of overtime and workload for detectives. APD detectives attend continues trainings throughout the year to stay update on the latest trends and knowledge. Below is a list of cases handled by the criminal detective bureau in 2022.

Total Complaints: 245

Total Cases: 128 ***Double the amount of cases from 2021***

Total Arrests: 80

Detective Callouts: 19

Death Investigations: 9

Sex Offenses: 36

Burglaries: 20

Robbery: 1

Child Abuse/Neglect: 9

Fraud: 22

Theft – 33

Domestic Battery – 14

Narcotic Investigations – 4

Juvenile Delinquency – 4

Reserve Division

The Department has a reserve division that consist of nine (9) officers. Those officers are required to complete an application process, physical agility test, written test, background, and interview process. Those officers combined for a total of 1,336 patrol hours in 2022. One of those officers also serves as the police department chaplain. The reserves supplement shortfall in road coverage and provide additional officers for special events for the Auburn Police Department throughout the year.

