

# AUBURN HILLS

## Police Department



1899 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

## Monthly Report: February 2024

### Detective Promotion

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Officer Scott Smith was sworn-in before city council for his promotion to Detective.



(Pictured: Detective Scott Smith reciting the oath before City Clerk Laura Pierce)

### Retirement

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Brian Martin retired after twenty-five years of service.



(Pictured: Detective Martin and Chief Gagnon with Detective Martin's shadow box)

### Missing Person

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 62-year-old resident of Auburn Hills reported that the whereabouts of her 32-year-old daughter, along with her infant granddaughter, were unknown. The missing person has a history of severe mental health problems and gave birth to her baby at the apartment in Auburn Hills. The infant nor the mother had received any medical attention since the birth.

Auburn Hills Detectives checked the area thoroughly along with the residences of all known family members and acquaintances. The concerns for the missing person and the baby were disseminated to the public to attempt to locate them.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, an employee of a laundromat in Warren called and reported that she was certain that the missing person was inside the laundromat. Warren Police Department quickly responded and verified that the person in question was the missing person, along with the baby.

The baby was transported to an area hospital for medical care. The missing person was transported to Oakland County Jail due to outstanding warrants. She was court ordered to attend inpatient care.

### Assist Citizen

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Officer Kraiza stopped to talk to a male walking on Baldwin Road and offered to give him a ride due to the cold weather. Officer Kraiza learned that the male, a 32-year-old from Pontiac, was homeless and walking around to stay warm. The male also happened to be an Army Veteran. All of the shelters in the area were full for the night, so Officer Kraiza transported him to a local hotel and paid for a room for him for the night with his own funds. Officer Kraiza also referred him to VA resources for future assistance.

## Retail Fraud

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Officer Buechner was dispatched to Costco on Brown Road for a report of a retail fraud that occurred the day before with over \$5000 in liquor that was taken.

The suspect selected a toilet for sale, removed the toilet from the box, and loaded the box full of bottles of liquor. With the toilet box on a push cart, the suspect then pushed it out the door without offering any payment.

Investigations Technician Breanna Wasil created a bulletin with images of the suspect from the Costco video and distributed it to other law enforcement agencies in the area. The suspect was recognized by investigators from Novi and Westland Police Departments for committing similar crimes. Criminal charges are pending.

## Credit Card Fraud

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, Officer Eckel and Sergeant Riedy were dispatched to Bar Louie at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a report of possible credit card fraud occurring. The day before, someone had called the restaurant and reported that their credit card was used without their permission and requested information about who used the card. The following day, the restaurant manager recognized the same group that used the card yesterday inside the restaurant and called the police.

One of the parties, a 32-year-old from Illinois, eventually admitted that he purchased the credit card number on the dark web and used it at the restaurant yesterday.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for Identity Theft and Financial Transaction Device.

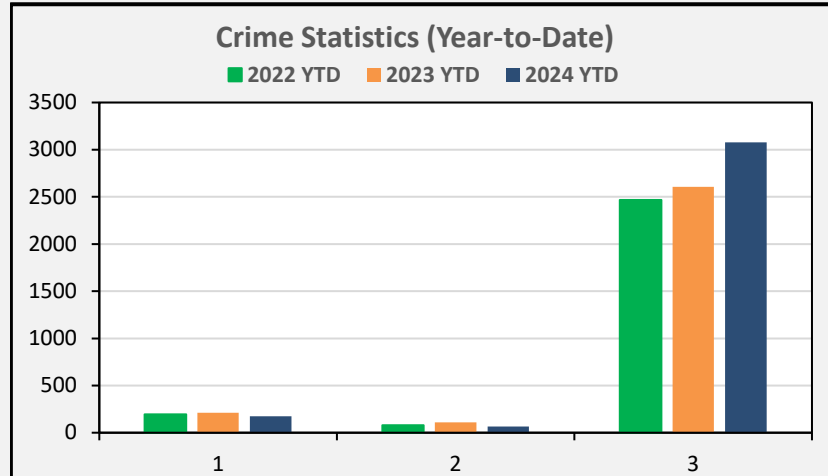
## Possession of Cocaine

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, Officer Ferriter made a traffic stop for a vehicle whose owner was showing outstanding warrants for drug-related offenses. The driver, a 57-year-old male from Pontiac, was placed under arrest for the warrants. When searching his person, Officer Ferriter located cocaine in his pocket.

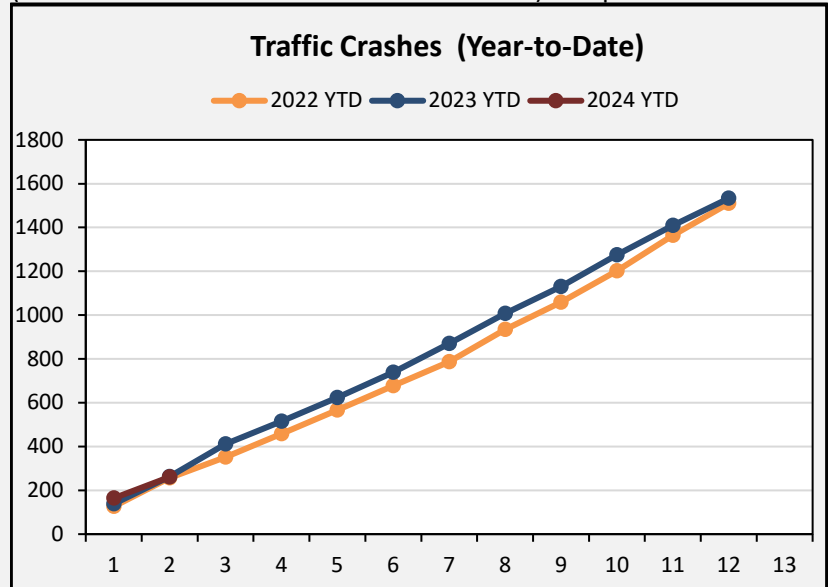
The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for possession of cocaine.

## Crime and Service Statistics

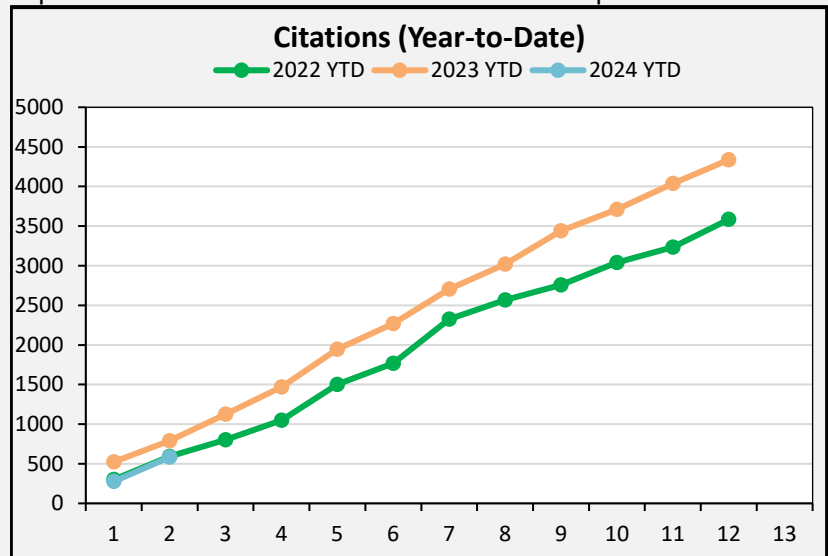
We continually strategize our responses and make the best use of the tools and personnel we have to produce the best possible outcomes.



Year to date we have experienced a 17% decrease in Part A incidents (more serious offenses), a 40% decrease in Part B incidents (non-violent misdemeanors), and an 18% increase in Part C incidents (misdemeanor and service-related incidents) compared to 2023.



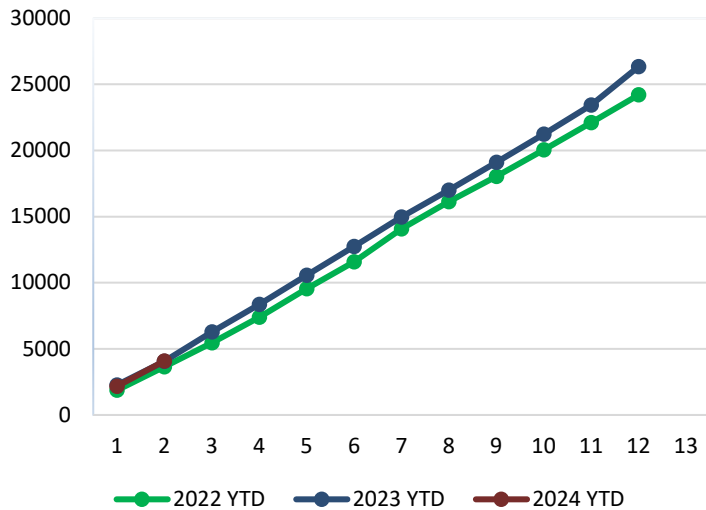
During February, we handled 97 crashes. Year to date we have experienced a 1% decrease in traffic crashes compared to 2023.



Officers issued 308 citations in February. Year to date we have experienced a 26% decrease in citations issued compared to 2023.

## Calls for Service

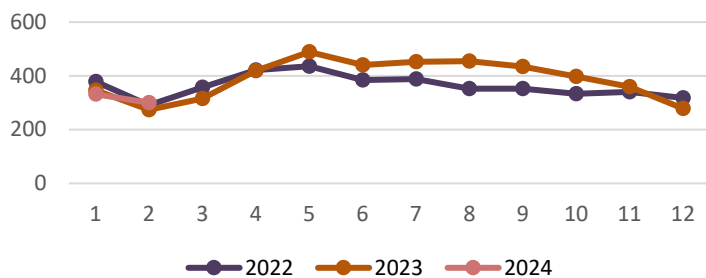
### Calls for Service (Year-to-Date)



Officers handled 1916 calls for service during February. Year to date the department has handled 4082 calls for service, which is a 1% increase compared to 2023.

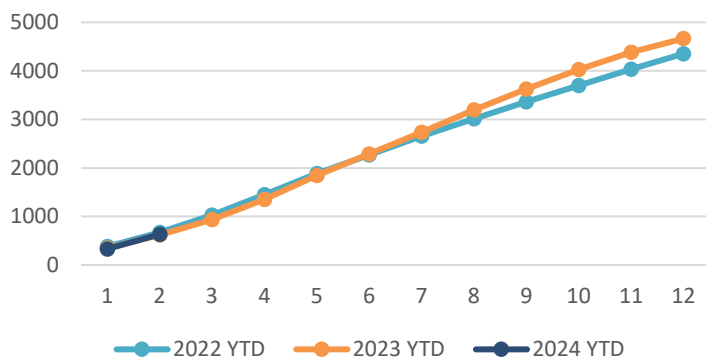
## Time in Neighborhoods

### Time in Neighborhoods (Hours by Month)



In February, Officers spent 300 hours in our neighborhoods. Officers spend time in neighborhoods proactively patrolling, conducting traffic enforcement, and engaging with our residents.

### Cumulative Time in Neighborhoods (Year-to-Date)

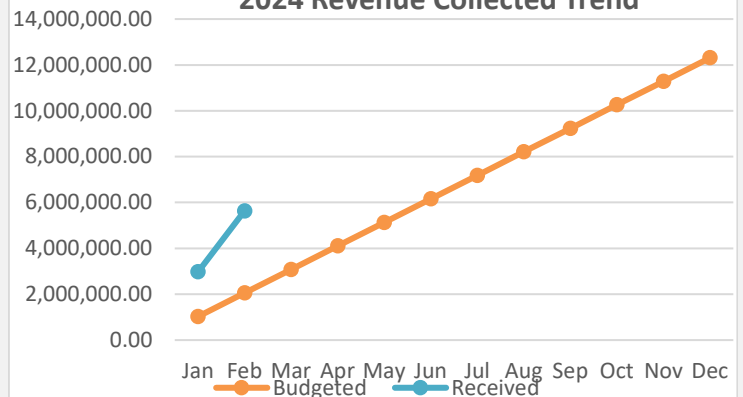


Year to date we have spent 632 hours in our neighborhoods, which is a 2% increase compared to 2023.

## Financial Reports

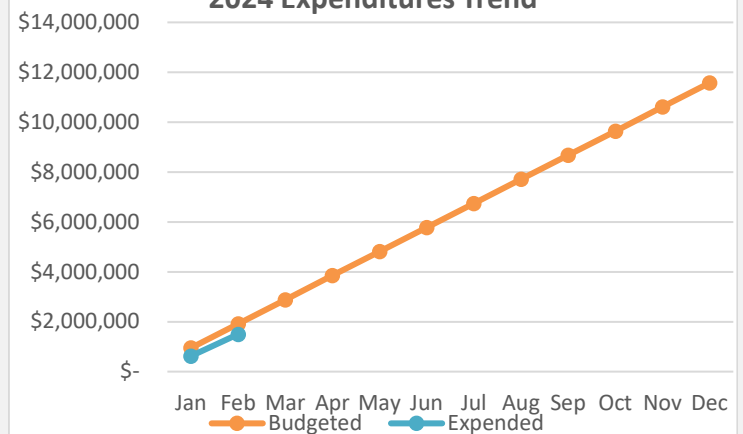
We continually analyze our department expenditures to ensure we remain within our approved budget, while delivering the best possible service to our community.

### 2024 Revenue Collected Trend



During February, we received 2,663,955 in revenue. Year to date we have received \$5,635,725.

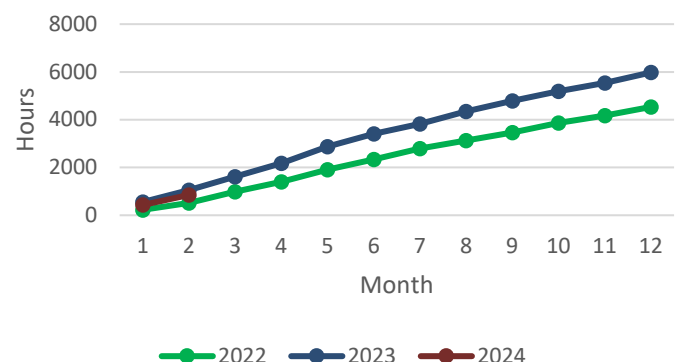
### 2024 Expenditures Trend



During February, we expended \$876,364. Year to date we have expended \$1,499,726 or 10% of our approved budget. We are currently \$12,263,438 under budget as of the end of February 2024.

## Department Overtime

### Total Overtime Hours (Cumulative Year-to-Date)



Officers worked a total of 419 hours of overtime in February. This is a cumulative year to date decrease in overtime of 200 hours compared to this same time last year.