

Bellaire Police Department

Bellaire, Texas



YEAR IN
REVIEW

2022

AN OVERVIEW OF POLICE ACTIVITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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Message from the Chief

Onesimo “Mo” Lopez
Chief of Police

I am pleased to present the Bellaire Police Department Year in Review – 2022. This year marked my first full year as your Chief of Police and I could not be prouder of the work each and every member of the department does in service to the community. The Bellaire Police Department functions as a team with each member being an integral part of the framework that keeps the residents and community safe. With this in mind, 2022 was a year spent focused on filling the department’s persistent vacancies and identifying process improvements meant to maximize the service provided within the limited capabilities resulting from decreased staffing.



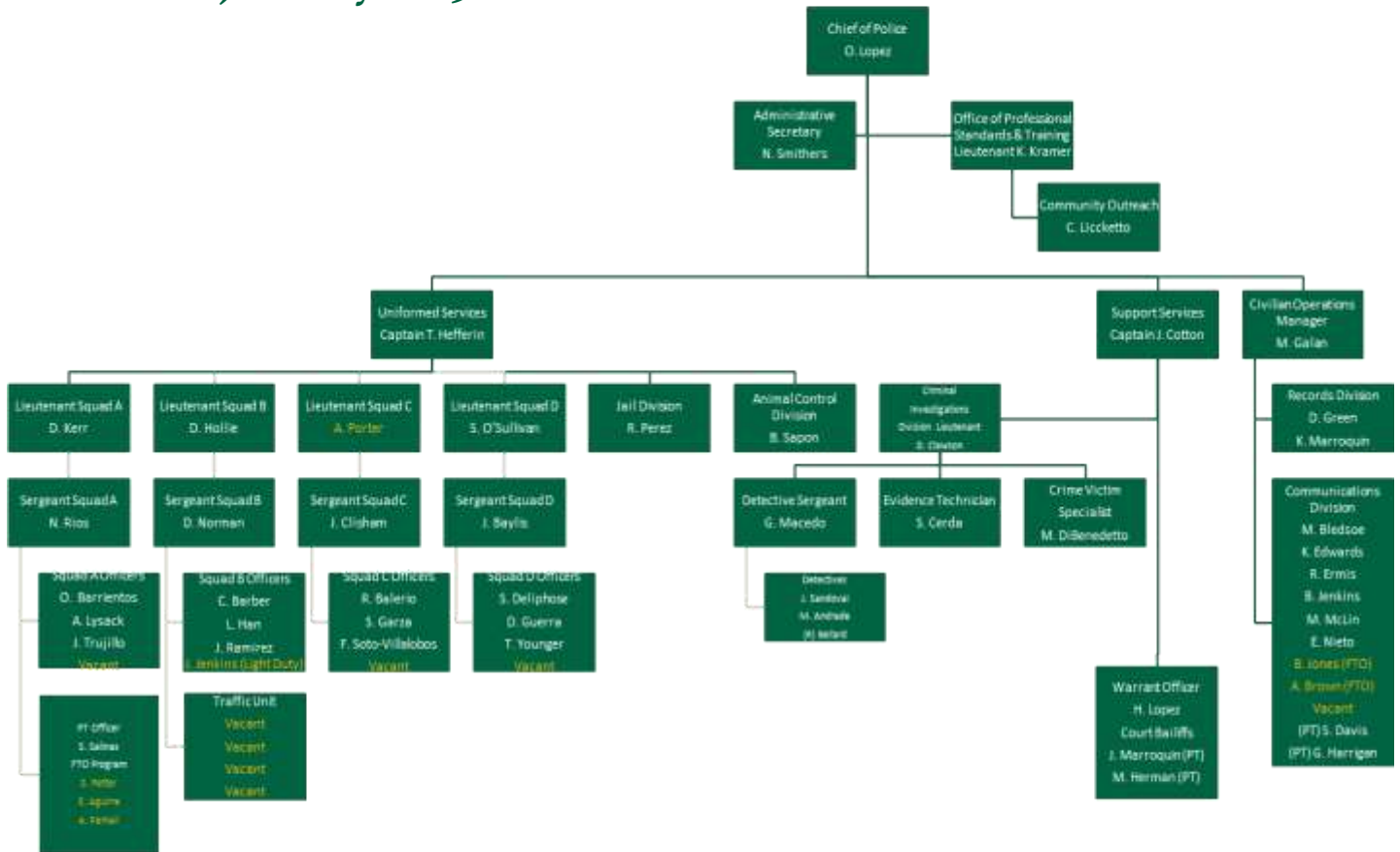
Regardless of the staffing or technology challenges we face, I have a single over-arching goal that I have set for all members of the department: to build relationships with the people we serve. Becoming involved in relationships requires buy-in from both parties involved. For officers, this buy-in comes in the form of greater care for the community and personal involvement in keeping people they know safe. Instead of blindly responding to a suspicious circumstance event, officers know the people calling and know their family and take personal responsibility for making sure they feel safe in their community. For the community, this buy-in comes in feeling comfortable reporting all suspicious circumstances or things that just don’t feel right because they know the officer responding will want to make sure everything is OK. It also shows when the community stops to talk to an officer just because they had a question or just because the officer happens to drive by.

It is an honor to work with the dedicated and professional staff of the Bellaire Police Department who go above and beyond in service to this community every single day. On behalf of the officers and professional staff of this department, I want to thank this community for building relationships with us and for their confidence in our ability to keep Bellaire one of the safest communities in Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Onesimo Lopez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Onesimo “Mo” Lopez
Chief of Police

Police Department Organization Chart January 2023



Introduction

Promotions

Promotion to a higher rank or responsibility is necessary when a staff members resigns, retires, or a new rank is created within the department. The promotion of a higher-ranking officer has the trickle-down effect of creating vacancies in the ranks below as promotions are made to fill the succeeding rank. Department promotions are made based on the candidates' scores in a competitive written exam and assessment center. Candidates are ranked based on their final scores and promoted in order of position on the eligibilty list.

In calendar year 2022 a sixth Lieutenant position was created to allow for the assignment of one second-line supervisor to each of the four Patrol Squads. This promotion resulted in two vacancies in the position of Sergeant.



March 28th, 2022 the department acknowledged Shane O'Sullivan for his promotion from Sergeant to Lieutenant and Justin Clisham for his promotion from Officer to Sergeant.

Pictured:(left to right) Captain Tony Hefferin, Sergeant Justin Clisham, Lieutenant Shane O'Sullivan, Chief Onesimo Lopez.

August 12, 2022 the department celebrated Nathanael Rios for his promotion from Officer to Sergeant.

Pictured:(left to right) Civilian Operations Manager Melissa Galan, Captain Tony Hefferin, Sergeant Nathanael Rios, Chief Onesimo Lopez, and Captain Jeff Cotton.



Interpreting the Data

In accordance with the national shift in crime data collection and reporting methods, the Bellaire Police Department transitioned from the “old” format of the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) to the “new” version called the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This transition was facilitated by the department’s deployment of the new Central Square Public Safety Suite Pro software system. As of July 1, 2022 the department started collecting and reporting offenses with greater specificity based on the expanded data collection categories. NIBRS reporting covers 24 different categories of offenses. UCR collected data in only 7. As a result, it initially appears that Bellaire had higher levels of crime in 2022; however, this is not the case.

The data in the chart below shows a full year of UCR data from 2021 compared to six months of UCR data combined with 6 months of NIBRS data collected in 2022. As previously noted, the increased specificity of reporting with NIBRS added additional offenses that would not have been counted in the UCR reporting format which leads to the appearance of greater incidents of crime in Bellaire. Future Years in Review will compare full-year NIBRS data to full-year NIBRS data and thus give a clearer representation of criminal incidents in Bellaire.



Year to Date Comparison Report

Beginning Date: 01/01/2022

Ending Date: 12/31/2022

Offenses Known to Police

Agency: BELLAIRE PD

Classification of Offenses	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Projected Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported	Percent Change
Animal Cruelty, Total	1	0	0.06	0	-
Arson, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Assault Offenses, Total	46	33	2.74	36	27.78%
Aggravated Assault	7	6	0.42	3	133.33%
Intimidation	10	5	0.60	3	233.33%
Simple Assault	29	22	1.73	30	-3.33%
Bribery, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Total	47	7	2.80	24	95.83%
Counterfeiting/Forgery, Total	19	4	1.13	10	90.00%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Total	29	4	1.73	11	163.64%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Total	76	54	4.53	20	280.00%
Drug Equipment Violations	26	12	1.55	1	2500.00%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	50	42	2.98	19	163.16%
Embezzlement, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Extortion/Blackmail, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-



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Fraud Offenses, Total	48	16	2.86	23	108.70%
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	32	11	1.91	1	3100.00%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	8	3	0.48	3	166.67%
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0.00	0	-
Wire Fraud	0	0	0.00	0	-
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0.00	0	-
Identity Theft	0	0	0.00	1	-100.00%
Impersonation	8	2	0.48	18	-55.56%
Gambling Offenses, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0.00	0	-
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0	0.00	0	-
Sports Tampering	0	0	0.00	0	-
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0.00	0	-
Homicide Offenses, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0.00	0	-
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0.00	0	-
Human Trafficking, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0.00	0	-
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0.00	0	-
Kidnapping/Abduction, Total	1	1	0.06	1	0.00%
Larceny/Theft Offenses, Total	264	42	15.73	83	218.07%
Motor Vehicle Theft, Total	60	21	3.58	11	445.45%
Pornography/Obscene Material, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Prostitution Offenses, Total	0	0	0.00	0	-
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0.00	0	-
Prostitution	0	0	0.00	0	-
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0.00	0	-
Robbery, Total	16	5	0.95	3	433.33%
Sex Offenses, Total	5	1	0.30	3	66.67%
Fondling	1	0	0.06	0	-
Rape	3	1	0.18	1	200.00%
Sexual Assault with an Object	1	0	0.06	2	-50.00%
Sodomy	0	0	0.00	0	-
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible, Total	0	0	0.00	1	-100.00%
Statutory Rape	0	0	0.00	1	-100.00%
Incest	0	0	0.00	0	-
Stolen Property Offenses, Total	19	11	1.13	14	35.71%
Weapons Law Violations, Total	54	48	3.22	15	260.00%
Group A Offense, Total	685	247	40.82	255	168.63%



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Crimes Against Person, Total	52	35	3.10	41	26.83%
Crimes Against Property, Total	502	110	29.91	179	180.45%
Crimes Against Society, Total	131	102	7.81	35	274.29%
Officers Killed or Assaulted YTD	2			0	-



On December 4, 2022 officers arrested a suspect stealing materials from a home under construction. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Building.

General Information

Calls for Service Overview



Calls for Service

31,764

9.2% more than 2021

911 Calls Received

1,953

23.3% fewer than 2021

Alarms

2,023

5.5% fewer than 2021

Traffic Stops

4,221

35.1% more than 2021

Crashes

1,069

8.2% fewer than 2021

ALPR Hits Logged

298

Not tracked in 2021

General Information

Staffing Summary

The Bellaire Police Department is a diverse group of professionals serving an equally diverse community nestled within the greater Houston Metropolitan area. The department has 39 authorized sworn police officer positions (including the Chief of Police) and 21 civilian staff members.

In recent years police departments across the nation have struggled to fill open positions among their sworn officer ranks. The City of Bellaire is no different. In 2022 the department struggled to fill up to 9 vacant police officer positions and two vacant Telecommunications Officer positions. The following chart shows the rate of hiring and turnover experienced in 2022.

Police Officers Hired in 2022	6
Telecommunications Officers Hired in 2022	1
Police Officers Resigned in 2022	5
Police Officers Deceased (Non-Line-of-Duty) in 2022	1

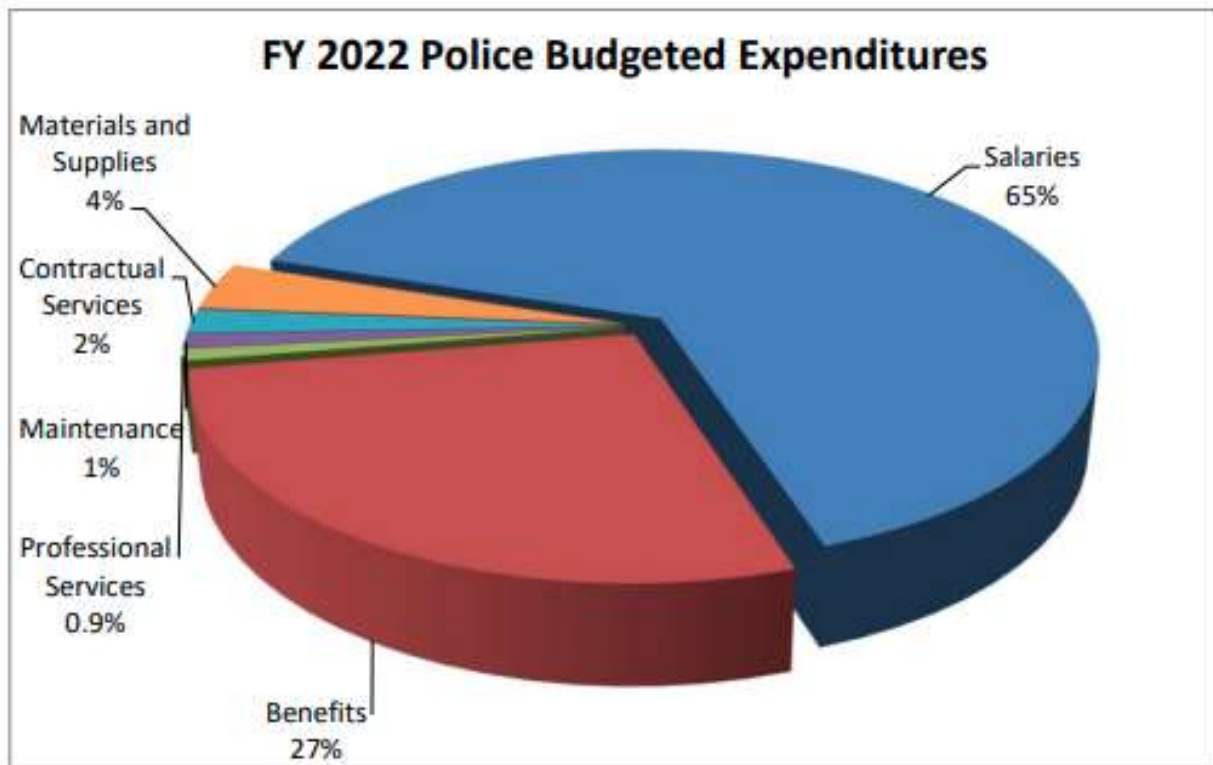


Officers Emily Aguirre & Abby Parnell being sworn in – October 19, 2022

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Expenditure Summary

	FY 2020 Actuals	FY 2021 Amended	FY 2021 Projected	FY 2022 Adopted
Salaries	\$ 4,527,889	\$ 4,517,931	\$ 4,420,332	\$ 4,367,744
Benefits	1,691,915	1,787,865	1,674,111	1,841,794
Professional Services	16,127	47,890	40,926	60,520
Maintenance	68,006	67,488	63,700	75,652
Contractual Services	82,583	86,965	87,955	124,702
Materials and Supplies	218,643	249,911	219,437	250,168
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,605,163	\$ 6,758,050	\$ 6,506,461	\$ 6,720,580



Computer-Aided Dispatch/Report Management System

On June 28, 2022 the police department deployed its new CAD/RMS system: Central Square Public Safety Suite Pro. This system replaces Tyler Technologies' INFORM RMS which had served the department since 1999. The biggest change with the new system is the ability to report more detailed information on crime statistics under the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format. This greater detail will help drive policy and decision-making as the department transitions to a data-driven approach to crime and traffic safety (DDACTS) model.



Within the CentralSquare Public Safety Suite Pro CAD, RMS, Mobile and Jail are fully integrated, aligning all aspects of dispatch, response and reporting. From the initial 911 call to investigations, report writing and arrests, the Bellaire Police Department can enter information into the system just once and access it wherever it is needed. By upgrading to CentralSquare Pro, the city will be able to maximize safety and service to citizens by giving dispatchers and responders the tools they need to be more efficient, effective and informed.

Body Worn Camera System

Another technology initiative developed and secured in 2022 was Utility's BodyWorn Camera system (since renamed EOS). This solution, set for deployment in March, 2023, replaces the department's previous body-worn camera system. The new system is a significant improvement that provides greater recording capabilities as well as greater technology enhancements that makes saving, transferring, and viewing videos easier for not only the officers but also department supervisors and other law enforcement partners.

BodyWorn automatically records, based on policies when triggers are activated. Command centers and 911 dispatchers can send live messages to BodyWorn devices and view live streaming during critical moments. The video, audio and metadata automatically and securely uploads to cloud storage, eliminating the inconvenience of physically docking the device. BodyWorn cameras provide a 90 + degree field of view and up to 12 continuous hours of video recording.

