



MADISONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL BREAKDOWN

A Guide to Understanding the Internal Infrastructure of Our Local
Police Department

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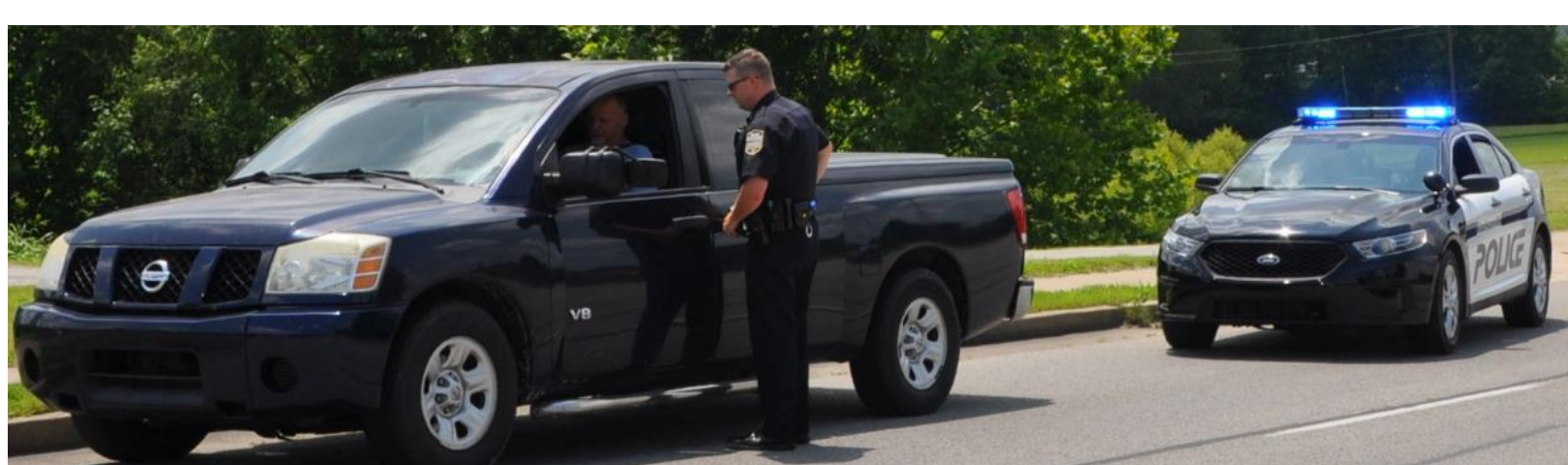
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PATROL OFFICERS

The men and women of patrol perform the most visible functions of the Madisonville Police Department and are the “backbone” of the agency. These individuals are the first line and respond to citizen needs on a daily basis. Patrol officers work 12 Hour shifts and follow a 3-month rotation, switching between days and nights. These men and women provide their services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to insure that citizens can live and work here safely.

The patrol function includes responding to requests for emergency and non-emergency police services, offender apprehension, crime deterrence, initial investigation, evidence gathering and preservation of order within our community. These officers are also tasked with responding to vehicle collisions, traffic control when needed, and the enforcement of traffic violations, which encourage compliance with existing traffic laws and ordinances.

The Madisonville Police Department utilizes the community oriented policing philosophy. We gain knowledge from our neighborhood watch groups, community meetings, volunteer opportunities, and social media to interact with our crime mapping to develop directed patrols. This assists the Madisonville Police Department in our ability to reduce crime and lower collisions in an effort to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Madisonville.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Criminal Investigations require extensive training in the following specialized areas:

- Interview and Interrogation
- Robbery and Sexual Assault
- Hostage and Crisis Negotiations
- Child Interview Approaches
- Undercover and Covert Operations
- Identity Theft
- Internet and Computer Crimes
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Digital Photography
- Hate and Bias Crimes Investigations
- Homicide Investigative Techniques



The Criminal Investigative Division is responsible for responding to all major crimes and handle a wide variety of cases. Detectives are called upon to investigate homicides, robberies, burglaries, felony assaults, arsons, sexual abuses, fraud, forgery, thefts, gambling, prostitution, missing persons, and all other forms of major crime activity.

The Criminal Investigations Division Supervisor is also responsible for all Internal Affairs Investigations and acts as the Law Enforcement Coordinator for “Hopkins County Crime Stoppers.”

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Madisonville Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT) seeks to peacefully resolve all critical incidents with minimal use of force.

All team members are trained in specialized tactics to handle high-risk situations and has a compliment of three negotiators. The tactical unit is a group of highly trained individuals who are capable of deploying specialized weapons, equipment, and strategies to resolve situations they encounter.



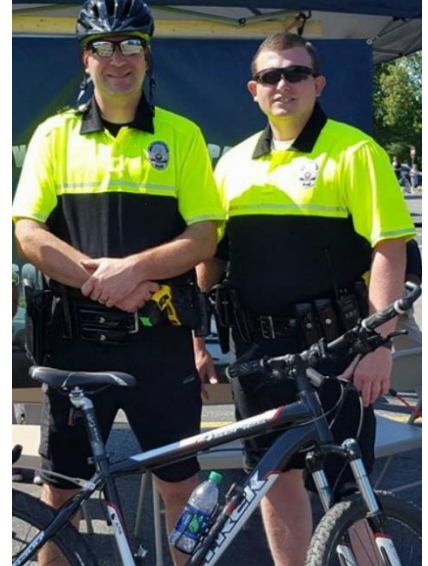
Madisonville Police Department's ERT is at full strength with ten operators, three negotiators, one tactical dispatcher, and one medic.



BICYCLE PATROL

Working in pairs, bicycle officers in Madisonville are daily practitioners of Community Policing. Benefits from bicycle patrols include but are not limited to,

- Officers are out of cars and more accessible to the public
- Officers can approach silently on the specially designed bicycles
- Ground can be covered on a bicycle faster than on foot
- Bicycles can go where cars are unable to travel
- Easily assists in crowd control



MOTORCYCLE PATROL



Motorcycle patrols are used to help enforce traffic laws and reduce traffic accidents in high-density collision prone areas. Additionally, they are utilized for special details such as educational programs, memorial displays, parades, funeral escorts, and many more.

K-9 UNIT

A police canine is a canine that is specifically trained to assist police and other law-enforcement personnel in their duties. K-9 Units perform various duties for our department including drug interdiction, searches, criminal apprehension, and demonstrations.

The K-9 team is utilized citywide and tested annually through the American Police Canine Association. Training of police canines is a very lengthy process and begins with the K-9 Handler. Madisonville Police Department currently has one fully trained German Shepherd named Narco and is handled by Officer Joe Keelin.

The K-9 Handler goes through a long process of training to ensure that they will train the canine to the best of its ability.



HONOR GUARD



On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line-of-duty somewhere in the United States every 53 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1792, nearly 19,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Madisonville Police Honor Guard is designated to provide the department with a specially trained ceremonial team to render honors, preserve tradition, stimulate esprit-de-corps, and instill pride.

The Honor Guard accomplishes this by providing guidance and uniformity in the conduct of ceremonies and by establishing a specific sequence of events during those ceremonies. The unit also provides a highly trained, specially uniformed group of motivated officers to perform the particulars of those ceremonies.

Madisonville-Hopkins County Central Dispatch

Madisonville-Hopkins County Central Dispatch serves as a support unit for handling initial calls requesting police, fire and/or medical assistance for Hopkins County. Central Dispatch is the answering point for both landline and wireless 9-1-1 calls and dispatches them to Madisonville Police, Dawson Springs Police and the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office depending on the point of origin of the call.

In addition to police dispatch, they also dispatch for the 4 Madisonville Fire Department stations, 14 Volunteer Fire Departments and 5 Rescue Squads. Calls for medical assistance are transferred to the Medical Center Ambulance Center using a one-button transfer.



Central Dispatch utilizes at least two certified and trained dispatchers on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Calls are received on three 9-1-1 emergency lines and four administrative lines. The administrative lines are for reporting non-emergency situations, requesting copies of reports and to speak with administrative personnel. When receiving multiple calls, 9-1-1 and non-emergency lines automatically roll over to the next available line.

Our dispatcher's primary concern is officer/responder and civilian safety. They obtain pertinent information, determine the call type and dispatch this information to appropriate agencies.