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2022 Budget Presentation



2021 Overview

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Criminal Cases Docketed: 3,459

Homicides: 28 (21 solved)

UCPO Generated/Primary Investigations: 1,186

(includes investigations initiated by UCPO and investigations UCPO serves as lead agency on)

Criminal Justice Reform Detention Hearings Held:

- **2,050 CJP/First Appearance Hearings**
- **1,035 Detention Hearings**

Guns & Drugs removed from the street:

- **8,574 grams of cocaine**
- **3,886 grams of heroin (9,884 folds)**
- **3,500 grams of methamphetamine**
- **613 firearms**



2021 Accomplishments

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- **Gun Buyback Event**
 - Held on October 23, 2021 in Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Westfield
 - Collected over 520 unwanted firearms from citizens
 - Fostered collaboration between members of the community and the Office of the Attorney General, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Union County Board of County Commissioners, the Union County Sheriff's Office, and the Union County, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Westfield Police Departments
- **Policing Reform & Transparency**
 - Partnered with the Union County Chiefs' Association to implement de-escalation and defensive tactic training countywide to promote officer safety and reduce use-of-force incidents
 - Expanded the Union County Body Worn Camera Program by outfitting additional County law enforcement officers with body worn cameras
 - Expanded the Body-Worn Camera Performance Review Pilot Program to facilitate a system of performance monitoring and early intervention
 - Increased capacity of CIT training to accommodate first responders, mental health professionals, and community members missed in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- **Operation Helping Hand 24/7/365**
 - Expanded access to the County's 24/7/365 program, which provides access to rehabilitative services for anyone arrested for a low-level possessory offense involving opioids
 - In 2021, approximately 96% of arrested individuals agreed to treatment
 - Hosted OHH24/7/365 pop-up events in communities impacted by addiction



2022 Goals and Objectives

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- **Domestic Violence Non-Fatal Strangulation Program**
 - Through the program, a Forensic Nurse Examiner will be available 24/7 to respond to incidents of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation at partner medical facilities
 - The Forensic Nurse Examiner will conduct an examination, collect evidence, and provide referrals, allowing us to better serve victims and ultimately prosecute these acts of domestic violence
- **Mental Health Program Based on OHH24/7/365 Model**
 - The program will create a centralized method to connect law enforcement with trained mental health professionals to provide 24/7 referral and treatment linkage for persons suffering mental illness that come into contact with law enforcement
- **Policing Reform Expansion**
 - Further expand de-escalation training and techniques to promote officer safety and reduce use-of-force incidents by collaborating with municipal police partners to develop and deliver an in-service Use of Force training module to instruct all Union County law enforcement officers on the Attorney General's new Use of Force Policy
 - The in-service training program will emphasize de-escalation and tactical deployment techniques to minimize the need to use force while highlighting that officers must use the least amount of force that is objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional to safely achieve the legitimate law enforcement objective under the circumstances



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Description	2021 Adopted Budget	2021 Modified Budget	2021 Expenditures	2022 Budget Request
Salaries & Wages	23,674,509	23,674,509	21,269,206.34	24,196,825
Overtime	810,000	810,000	686,060.91	810,000
Seasonal	25,000	25,000	13,569.00	25,000
Other Expenses	841,300	841,300	780,006.34	826,000
Total	25,350,809	25,350,809	22,748,842.59	25,857,825

