

Erlanger Police Department

Monthly Report

March 2021

Monthly Summary



- Sgt. Thornberry graduated from the National Forensics Academy in Knoxville Tennessee. The National Forensic Academy (NFA)[™] is an intensive 10-week training program, designed to meet the needs of law enforcement agencies in evidence identification, collection, and preservation. The NFA is offered in-residence, utilizing a curriculum developed by leading forensic practitioners from across the United States. Participants will be challenged in the various disciplines through classroom instruction, lab activities, and field practicums in the specialized courses. Academy participants will complete written and in-class competency exams to demonstrate mastery of the subject areas. The goal of the Academy is to prepare the crime scene investigator to recognize key elements and to improve the process of evidence recovery and submission. This course prepares detectives for just about any scenario they would encounter. This would also establish court credentials that would be second to none.

- Officers worked a very serious accident this month in which the operator and adult passenger were intoxicated. Upon arrival at the scene officers observed both adults hiding drugs in a baby formula case. Officers spent the next several hours watching over two small children while the state could find placement for them since the parents were arrested. This takes an emotional toll on our officers and is something the general public doesn't see them handle.
- All officers attended the spring firearms qualification

Monthly Calls for Service

	January	February	March	Yearly Total
Incident Type				
Citation	274	233	327	834
Arrest	49	42	73	170
Abandoned Vehicle-OTP	15	12	18	45
Accident-Hit Skip	7	7	13	28
Accident-No Injuries	78	84	67	236
Accident-w/Injuries	17	12	15	44
Alarm	37	52	54	154
Animal AC Call	1	0	0	1
Animal-Complaint	12	11	12	35
Assault	3	2	3	8
Assault-w/injuries	0	0	1	1
Assist-Fire	149	155	154	463
Assist-Other Agency	5	7	5	17
ATL	5	6	9	20

Burglary	6	4	6	16
Child Abuse	0	1	0	1
Child Found	2	1	0	3
Criminal Mischief	6	3	11	21
Custodial Interference	8	2	1	11
Dispute-Active	5	4	6	15
Dispute-Inactive	2	2	1	5
Domestic Trouble	41	46	45	137
Drug Activity	3	1	5	9
Drunk Driver/DUI	2	4	1	7
Emotional Crisis	14	14	20	51
Fight	2	2	5	9
Fireworks Complaint	0	1	0	1
Foot Patrol	1	0	0	1
Fraud	3	1	10	14
Gun-Subject w/	2	5	0	7
Harassment/Stalking	6	9	4	19
Indecent Exposure	2	0	0	2
Intoxicated Person	5	3	2	10
Lockout Veh/Res	38	25	33	100
Loud Music/Noise Complaint	8	10	11	29
Loud/Disorderly Subjects	0	1	3	4
Missing Person/Runaway	4	6	6	17
Motorist Assist	63	131	61	262
Open Door/Window	2	2	5	10
Parking Complaint	20	39	57	117
Property-Lost/Found/Assist	8	4	15	28

Prowler	1	0	1	3
Public Contact/Complaint	101	104	120	332
Pursuit	0	0	0	1
Rape/Sexual Assault	1	0	1	2
Robbery	0	0	2	2
Shooting/Gunshot Wound	1	1	0	2
Shoplifting	1	3	6	10
Shots Fired	6	0	3	10
Special Area Check	133	123	187	451
Speeding/Reckless Vehicle	5	3	2	10
SRO/Detail/Home Visit	6	16	6	30
Suspicious Activity	1	0	0	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	82	49	79	214
Theft	7	15	17	39
Theft-From a Motor Vehicle	5	1	5	11
Theft-Motor Vehicle	3	1	5	10
Traffic Complaint/ Investigation	22	30	32	84
Traffic Stop	495	421	688	1641
Transport	1	1	3	5
Trespass	2	0	1	3
Trouble	16	21	24	61
Trouble-Employee/Customer	7	5	5	18
Trouble-Juvenile	7	8	12	27
Trouble-Landlord/Tenant	3	3	1	7
Trouble-Neighbors	0	5	3	8
Trouble-Refusing to Leave	6	7	11	24
TX	148	109	122	394

Vacation/Business Check	209	277	208	703
Vehicle Fire	1	3	2	6
Warrant-Arrest	1	5	7	13
Weapon-Subject w/	2	3	1	6
Well Being Check	26	34	28	90
Wires Down	5	2	3	10
Total:	1994	2074	2443	6658

Year-To-Year Summary

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Incident Type	#	#	#	#
Assault	89	55	48	33
Assault w/injuries	168	101	27	15
Burglary	94	96	92	88
Domestic Trouble			604	633
Drug Activity	128	115	42	44
Emotional Crisis	175	115	234	265
Gun-Subject w/	16	22	16	25
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	1	0	0	1
Missing Person	81	77	79	58
Rape/Sexual Assault	3	6	7	13
Robbery	12	8	11	5
Shooting/Gunshot Wound	23	3	4	5
Shots Fired	26	16	26	63
Stabbing	4	3	1	5
Theft	409	290	214	163

Theft From A Motor Vehicle	95	75	79	73
Theft of Motor Vehicle			57	50
Weapon- Subject w/	2	11	26	34
Total Calls of Service	24341	24189	26081	27509

Traffic Unit

The traffic unit continues to show enforcement in areas not only that the police department determines to be needed, but listening to the citizens in regards to where they would like to see more enforcement such as on Doe Ridge and the Cherry Hill Subdivision. The traffic unit values the citizens input and encourages all citizens to call with any traffic related issues they might see. They have been trained on the installation and set up of the speed signs so they can be maintained and functioning full time. The traffic unit also has received an increased amount of parking complaints

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Speeding		33
Seat Belt		1
Child Safety Seat		
Cell Phone		
DUI		
PCS		
Marijuana		
Paraphernalia		
Other Traffic Charges		28
Arrests		1
Traffic Complaints		2
Parking Complaints		2

Collision Reports		4
Offense Reports		
Total		71

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Child Safety Seat		
Cell Phone		
DUI		
PCS		
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Arrests		2
Traffic Complaints		6
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Collision Reports		6
Offense Reports		
Total		79

Canine Unit

Narrative: During the month of March, the canine teams activity increased with the return of better weather. Both canine teams assisted numerous outside agencies including Florence PD, Covington PD, Independence PD, Lakeside Park PD, Elsmere PD, Kenton County PD, and the Kentucky State Police. Kentucky State Police were searching for a kidnapping suspect and requested a K9 team for assistance. The Erlanger Canine Team's Clark/Bodo and Hartke/Keno responded to Butler, Kentucky

(40 minutes away) to assist with an area search of a wooded area that spanned more than two miles. Kentucky State Police were relying on the result of the canine teams to determine if the suspect, who was armed, was still in the house or had fled prior to initial police arrival. In typical fashion for the Erlanger Canine Unit, the canine teams determined no one to be in the area and informed KSP their findings. The suspect was taken into custody from inside the residence several hours later by the Kentucky State Police SRT unit. During our scheduled training day on March 10 Mayor Fette and Councilwoman Elmore stopped by to see the canine team's train. Clark and Hartke spoke with Elmore about arranging a day in which the canine teams can come to the school to meet the children, reading them books, or just enticing their curiosity about law enforcement. It is believed an event is going to be scheduled this summer.

<u>Clark/Bodo</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	3
Perimeter Security/Article Search/Building Search	3
Suspect Track	0
Arrest	0
Assist other Agency	1
Training Hours	16
Total Uses	6

<u>Hartke/Keno</u>	
Vehicle Sniff	13
Perimeter Security/Track/Building Search	3
Suspect Track	2
Arrest	6
Assist other Agency	5
Training Hours	16
Total Uses	18

Notable Uses

Comments: On March 8, 2021 at approximately 1636 hours Officer Hartke was advised by dispatch that Kentucky State Police is requesting a K9 for a track at 28 Eastside Park Drive in Butler, Kentucky. Once on scene Officer Hartke was briefed by Trooper Mills of KSP of the situation. A male suspect, Mark Smith, has multiple felony warrants and had been in a potential domestic situation at which point held his girlfriend and her child against their will at gunpoint. Trooper Mills stated the Pendleton County Sheriff who was on scene first drove around the area for five to ten minutes prior to going to make contact with the victims who had escaped. Trooper Mills stated that Smith could still possibly be inside and requested a K9 to cast out and see if a K9 would pick up a scent to see if Smith had fled the house. Sergeant Clark as primary backup held over watch as Officer Hartke deployed K9 Keno. Approximately 1731 hours K9 team started at the rear of the residence where the K9 Keno was casted out multiple times showing no sign of picking up a scent. K9 team branched out for several yards out from the house, casting out to no avail. K9 team began to search the perimeter casting out for several blocks. K9 team continued west towards Mader and Willow Creek casting out trying to pick up a scent. Officer Hartke and K9 Keno showed no signs and decided to restart back at the residents and try the east side. K9 team casted out multiple times towards the east showing no signs. Officers along with the K9 team cleared two barns that were open. Officer Hartke called the track at 1814

hours and advised KSP Commander that the team located no track and Officer Hartke believed the suspect to be inside the residence. Based on the K9 teams findings KSP Commander notified KSP SRT. Erlanger Officers held the perimeter until the KSP SRT Team arrived and took over the scene. Officer spoke with KSP SRT the next day who confirmed that the suspect never left the residence and SRT was able to apprehend the suspect from the residence.

Comments: On March 8, 2021, the canine team Clark/Bodo responded for an intrusion alarm call at 3860 Deertrail Drive. At arrival, canine Bodo was deployed for handler protection and perimeter security while the outside of the residence was checked by officers. An unsecure door to the sun room was located. Bodo was sent in on-leash to check the area. No person(s) was located and all exterior doors and windows to the residence were found to be secured. Officer made contact with the homeowner who requested her garage check as well. The garage area was checked with no one being located. No suspicious person was located during the deployment.

Comments: Erlanger officers were dispatched to Autozone on Dixie Highway for two subjects on the lot in a silver jeep. The caller stated one male peed on the lot and Bud Light cans falling out of the jeep. Caller believed there to be a meth lab in the back.

Officers arrived on scene where the driver Lloyd McCoy was kneeling by the passenger front tire. Officer Hartke observed multiple open containers in the vehicle and in the center console. Officer Hartke made contact with McCoy as McCoy turned and observed this officer attempt to place his left hand in his hoodie pocket. Officer Hartke instructed McCoy to take his hand out of his pockets and to leave them out. McCoy began to state he was from Ohio and was in Erlanger to get a car wash and come to Autozone. Officer Hartke inquired about the passenger who was with him and he stated that's him exiting Autozone now. Officer Dennison made contact with the passenger Donald Cain. When asked who was driving both occupants looked at each other and paused at which time Cain stated McCoy and McCoy confirmed. McCoy stated he owned the vehicle. McCoy appeared very nervous and kept looking away or down when Officer asked questions. Officer Hartke deployed K9 Keno; being a nationally certified canine team through NAPWDA and OPOTA to detect odors as marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and their derivatives for a vehicle sniff. During the initial pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of behavior by changes of breathing pattern at the drivers side front door. During the detail pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of breathing, gait, and change of search pattern at the low seam of the drivers side front door.

Officers searched the vehicle locating a blue eyeglasses case in the drivers side door which contained a clear bulb pipe commonly used for smoking methamphetamine and two clear plastic baggies twisted off containing approximately 6 grams of methamphetamine. Officers located inside a backpack a digital scale. Officers searched McCoy locating approximately \$800 of various currency folded inside his front right jean pocket, a defaced pill container with 20 alprazolam, and inside McCoy's wallet officers located multiple small baggies commonly used in the redistribution and sale of narcotics. McCoy stated the money did not belong to him. Officers searched Cain locating a clear baggie with approximately 3 grams of marijuana.

Comments: On March 3, 2021 at approximately 1319 hours Officer Rose initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Interstate 75 south at mile marker 182.6. Officer Rose requested a K9 for a vehicle sniff. Officer Hartke arrived on scene and deployed K9 Keno; being a nationally certified canine team through NAPWDA and OPOTA to detect odors as marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and their derivatives for a vehicle sniff. During the initial pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of behavior by changes of breathing pattern, and change of search pattern at the drivers front door and four vents located on the drivers side. During the detail pass around the vehicle K9 Keno showed changes of breathing, gait, and change of search pattern at the drivers side door jumping up onto the window and then the same changes at the first and second vent head hooking from the third vent back to the second and scratching at the vent. Officers searched the vehicle locating a THC vape pen in the center console and a black pack in the back with a glass jars containing 5 grams of marijuana, three 5 gram THC cartridges, THC gummies, and two one hitter pipes for smoking marijuana.

Criminal Investigative Division

The Criminal Investigations Division(CID) has received 18 new cases this month. Ptl. Trisha Blake was added to the Kenton County Arson TaskForce and joins Ptl. John Hines as the two members representing Erlanger Police Department. She will receive Arson Investigation training as soon as class spot is open. They will work with the Arson TaskForce and with the CID when appropriate. Detectives attended a Human Trafficking Seminar in Edgewood put on by Kentucky Human Trafficking Investigator's Association. Detective Loos gave an impromptu presentation to the group about Erlanger's experiences with Human Trafficking and working with the Kentucky Attorney General's Office. Detective Auton is taking a Crime Scene Reconstruction Workshop to further knowledge of the Faro 3D Zone software.

Community Resource Officer

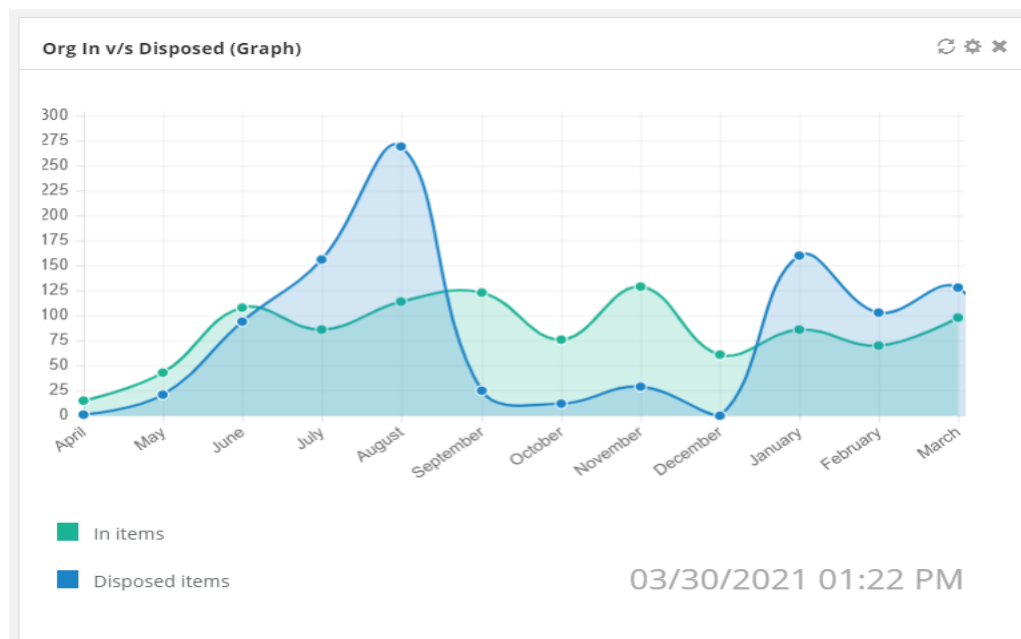
Erlanger Police Department hosted the first Coffee With a Cop at the Erlanger City building on March 5th. This was the first time we have been able to have this program since COVID restrictions began last year.

Training / Evidence Management

After approximately one year as Evidence Managers, Ofc. Eagler and Ms. Ernst have completed a comprehensive review of approximately 2900 pieces of **evidence** in our possession. Over the course of the last 12 months, over 700 items from hundreds of cases have been completed with items disposed of and cases closed out of evidence. Several upgrades have been made to evidence storage locations including cleaning, maintenance, shelving, supplies and organization. Two dozen firearms were prepared and delivered to the Kentucky State Police (Frankfort) for disposal.

Work continues on identifying **elderly cases** where evidence remains pending disposition. Many items, such as biological DNA, for example, carry a requirement to be stored for 50 years. Other items, such as those where a suspect has absconded prior to trial, also must be kept until such time as the court orders they are disposed of. Work continues on an ERPD specific packaging manual, and SAFE® software administration. As depicted in the below graphical representation, March 2020 has been the second highest month of the last twelve, with nearly 100 items collected. On average ERPD drops off and picks up items tested at the KSP Northern Lab monthly.

Firearms training was conducted at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Police Department's firing range on March 23rd and 24th. Range instructors held four (4) training sessions that lasted four (4) hours each to accommodate all sworn Officers. Each Officer passed their patrol rifle qualification and also participated in additional training to sharpen their skills with that specific weapon.



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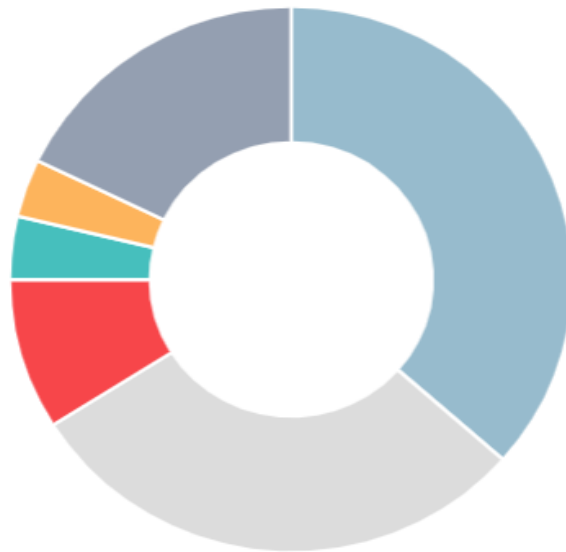


Total Item count: 10,867

- Checked In - 2,341
- Checked Out - 403
- Disposed - 8,123

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Org Items by Category (Graph)



Total Item count: 10,867

- Drugs - 3,964
- Other - 3,214
- Electronics - 970
- Clothing - 408
- Currency - 371
- Others - 1,940

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The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP) **accreditation** process for 2023 has officially begun. Lt. Klare and Ofc. Eagler met with representatives from Power DMS® regarding the assessment process preparations. All policy and KACP procedures will be reviewed and linked to standards within the software with approved changes published as the process continues.

Sgt. Nezi and Cpl. O'hara designed and implemented training on a qualification **rifle range** for the entire department this month at the Airport Range. Officers practice several rifle, rifle/pistol courses and a rifle qualification. Personally owned off duty carry weapons were also qualified for the year.

ERPD hosted a regional **STREET COP Commercial Interdiction** one day training in Council Chambers, over 100 officers from about 6 states attended the seminar. Work continues on officer in-service training arrangements.

If readers would like any further information regarding ERPD Training / Evidence please contact T.O. Eagler at 859.393.5378.

Bike Patrol

Preparations have been made for the upcoming IPMBA police cyclist class. Officers Dettmer and Mathews have been selected to attend the class and will join the bike patrol unit upon successful completion of the course.

Police Cadets

Cadets have resumed their training. Currently in the process of seeking new uniforms to compliment our new status as Public Safety Cadets. Potential new policies and procedures are also being researched so that the group may better serve their role within the city.

School Resource Officers

Lloyd - SRO Scott Abney

Narrative - With more and more students returning activity did pickup slightly. A student was caught in the restroom with a Vape Device that smelled like marijuana. Sent to lab to check for THC oil. Some time was spent working with counselors on assorted custody orders. 2 of those were sent to the cabinet.

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	
Asst. School Searches	2	Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.	45	Officer Assist	
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	
Counsel Students	8	Parent Consultations	4
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	
Disruptive Students		Traffic Details/Parking	
Camera Review	12	Transportations	4
Drills	2	Lockouts & Battery Starts	
Home Visits	8	Harassment Investigations	
Fights/Assault/ Abuse of Teacher		Drugs /Alcohol Investigations	1
Theft Investigations		Cases Referred to C.F.C.	2
Other Investigations	2	COURT	

Days of School: 9

Tichenor - SRO Roger Ruby

Narrative: This was the first full month back with students since the initial Covid 19 shut down last March so activity increased some. 3 female students were caught smoking marijuana in a restroom and suspended out of school. A male student was caught smoking marijuana in a restroom and was also suspended out of school. Per school administration request, no criminal charges were filed on these students

Arrests/Citations		Meetings	1
Asst. School Searches		Medical Assists	
Asst. School Admin.	79	Officer Assist	1
Classroom Activity		Other S.R.O. Duties	5
Counsel Students	1	Parent Consultations	
Dispatched Calls		Attended After School Events	3
Disruptive Students	35	Traffic Details/Parking	
Camera Review	2	Transportations	4
Drills	4	Lockouts & Battery Starts	
Home Visits	7	Harassment Investigations	
Fights/Assault/ Abuse of Teacher	1	Drugs /Alcohol Investigations	2
Theft Investigations		Cases Referred to C.F.C.	
Other Investigations		COURT	

Lindeman, Miles, - SRO Joel Shepherd

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radios= 4

home visits=11

Continued the crosswalk at Commonwealth and Baker.
 Performed safety checks at both schools.
 Assisted with a school investigation at Miles.
 Reviewed safe entry practices with both school front office staffs.
 Tested and Checked the 911 information for both schools.
 Had 3 abandoned cars parked on Lindeman's rear lot moved.
 Made sure that every employee of Miles had a key to a newly locked gate.
 Prepared for the School Marshall visit at both schools.
 Read to Kindergarten and First grade at Miles in Library.
 Finished the STAND program at Miles and Lindeman.
 Attended the range.
 Traffic issues at Miles addressed with Mr Jackson and Mr Molley.
 Transported 2 juveniles to school.
 Re-labeled the rooms at Lindeman and updated all maps.
 Checked out 2 suspicious subjects walking around Miles.