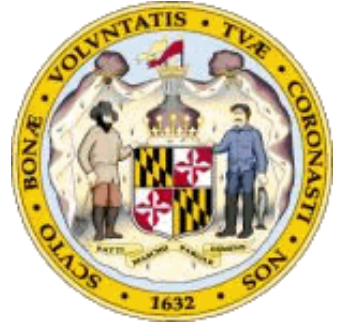




City of Brunswick Maryland



Police Department



2022 Annual Report

Kevin Grunwell, Chief of Police
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Chief Kevin Grunwell of the Brunswick Police Department respectfully submits this report as an overview of accomplishments and achievements from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

2022 Personnel:

The Brunswick Police Department began the year fully staffed at seventeen officers, including the Chief and Captain. The remaining staff included two Lieutenants, two Corporals, two Detectives, a K9 officer, a School Resource Officer and seven patrol officers. In April, Cpl. Druktenis resigned her position as Corporal to go to work with another agency. In September, Officer First Class Mike Eyler also resigned from the agency to begin a new career as a Sheriff's Deputy in Florida. Both of those positions would remain vacant for the remainder of the year.

The Department completed two hiring processes during the year. The first process took place in May to fill a new position which was added during the FY23 budget. Recruit Buie was hired and began the Frederick Police Academy in July. He is scheduled to graduate in early February of 2023 and will begin a lengthy field training process following graduation. A second process was started to fill the two vacant positions. Investigators completed several background investigations, and the department expects to fill the vacant positions in early 2023.

Another part time administrative position was added to the police department in March bringing the civilian staff to two part time positions. The additional position was needed to assist with administrative duties brought about by the police reform laws passed in 2021. We plan on converting both part time positions to full time positions next year.

2022 Vehicles:

Two Ford Utility AWD vehicles which were ordered in August of 2021 arrived in January of 2022. One vehicle was un-marked and the other was assigned to the K9 Unit and marked in a "Ghost" wrap. The ghost wrap, or stealth wrap, is a hybrid of a marked and unmarked police vehicle. The police decals are more difficult to see from a distance allowing the officer to be more covert at times but also very reflective and noticeable when close or viewed with lights. A new K9 kennel insert was also purchased for the vehicle allowing more space for K9 Kyro. The kennel was obtained at no cost to the city through a donation from the Frederick County Humane Society.

The agency obtained three additional 2022 Ford Utility AWD vehicles via lease at the beginning of the FY23 budget year.



One of these vehicles remained unmarked and the other two were fully marked with the BPD decals.

Three vehicles were removed from the police department fleet and the other two vehicles remained as spare vehicles. The police department fleet consists of 20 vehicles allowing for 2 spares when the agency is fully staffed.

There were three departmental crashes during the calendar year. The first was a minor crash in the parking lot of the shopping center on Sounder Road. The second collision was from police vehicle backing into a parking spot and hitting a low hanging branch. The branch caused minor damage to the cruiser and no repairs were necessary. The final departmental happened when an officer backed his vehicle into another cruiser at the station. The officers involved in the crashes were all at fault and counseled.

2022 Calls for Service:

During the 2022 calendar year, the Brunswick Police handled a total of 12,024 calls for service which is an increase of 1,193 from 2021. The calls for service increased for the second year in a row averaging approximately 1,000 calls per month.

6,569 calls were self-initiated patrol checks, school checks and/or walking patrols. 658 calls were traffic stops and 2,177 were calls for service originated from dispatch/citizens/officer observation. Of the 2,177 calls for service, 650 calls required police reports.

2022 Statistical Information:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Call Type Counts	11,942	10,831	7,579
Adult Arrests	97	69	70
Juvenile Arrests	41	9	15
Total Arrests	138	78	85
Maryland Uniform Citations	292	191	113
Equipment Repair Orders	13	39	6
Warning Citations	730	634	160
Parking Citations	131	102	120
Motor Vehicle Accidents	110	102	98

<u>UCR Part I Crimes:</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	8	5	0
Robbery	3	1	0
Assaults	96	82	138
Burglaries	11	11	5
Larcenies / Thefts	62	67	49
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	2	1

2022 Grants:

In 2022, the Brunswick Police received over \$113,000.00 in grant funding. Several of the grants were as follows:

2022 State Aid for Police Protection: \$96,724.00

The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is a formula-driven funding program used to supplement resources for police protection in local communities. State funds provide additional revenue to support the operational costs of local and county police agencies.

2022 State Homeland Security Program: \$9,919.00

The Brunswick Police Department purchased Avon gas mask kits for each of the police officers in the department. The kits consist of an Avon C50 twin port gas mask, filters for different events, and a carrying case.

2022 Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN – formerly Safe Streets): \$4,000.00

The Brunswick Police Department partnered with the Frederick City Police Department to receive a grant from the MCIN Initiative. The grant was awarded to the Frederick City Police Department with portions distributed to local agencies. During local operations, officers conducted surveillance and completed targeted patrol stops. A portion of this money was used for investigative expenses while working on the armed robbery investigation that occurred at the Family Dollar Store in March. Much of the money was used to offset the overtime accumulated while conducting surveillance on the criminal organization responsible for the armed robbery and completing the search and seizure warrants.

2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership \$2,496.00

The Brunswick Police Department partnered with the Patrick Leahy BVP program to reimburse the city up to 50% of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

2022 Training:

Brunswick Police officers attended 818 hours of training in 2022. Training was related to many topics to include:

Use of Force – De-Escalation	Firearms Training & Qualifications
Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement	Ethics in Law Enforcement
Mental Health	Taser Training
Implicit Bias	Legal Updates
First Aid for Responders	Community Policing
Understanding Developmental Disabilities	Racial Profiling
Behavioral Analysis	Investigating Hate Crimes
Human Trafficking	Leadership Training

2022 Special Operations:

In 2022, Detective Cline remained the Criminal Investigator for the Brunswick Police Department. In addition to investigating criminal cases, Detective Cline conducted interviews, collected and processed evidence, coordinated with allied agencies relating to regional crime investigations, and supplemented patrol when needed. He was able to obtain criminal charges in the majority of his cases including the armed robbery at the Family Dollar Store. During this investigation, Detective Cline was able to link the criminal organization in the Brunswick case to additional armed robberies in Howard and Prince Georges Counties. Search warrants were executed in this case leading to the arrest of one subject and felony charges on two others. Detective Cline attended several trainings throughout the year to enhance his skills in his position.

Drug enforcement continued to be a strong focus of the agency in 2022. A detective from the Brunswick Police Department continued his role as the agency narcotics investigator, working with the Frederick HIDTA Group. He remains a Task Force Officer (TFO) with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and became a TFO with the US Postal Investigative Services during the year. In 2022, 8 tips were received from the public, and numerous other investigations were self-initiated by the detective. Three



search warrants were executed on residences in Brunswick. Several federal investigations were initiated as well, which led investigators to sources across the country. Investigations were completed in New Mexico, Arizona and California using information from local targets. The investigations resulted in the seizure of 775 grams of marijuana, 5 marijuana plants, 69 grams of cocaine, 20 grams of

crack cocaine, 1,914 grams of heroin/fentanyl, and 19,121 grams of methamphetamine. 469 grams of psilocybin and 12,878 prescription pills. 127 grams of LSD were also seized. 3 firearms were seized locally along with \$5,891.00 in currency. Investigators also assisted the other members of the HIDTA group with all of their investigations and operations.

The Brunswick Police Department Canine Unit assisted patrol operations as well as allied agencies with numerous drug scans resulting in narcotics and currency seizures. OFC. Smith and Kyro also assisted the Frederick County HIDTA Group and Homeland Security Investigations with several search and seizure warrants.

During the year, K9 Kyro and Officer Smith conducted 27 scans which lead to the seizure of 40 grams of heroin/fentanyl, 30 grams of methamphetamine, 15 grams of cocaine, 5 prescription pills, and 27 items of paraphernalia including syringes and smoking devices.

The Brunswick K9 team conducted two article searches and assisted the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police with scans throughout the year.

OFC Smith and Kyro attended monthly training with The Frederick City Police Department. Additional monthly training was completed by OFC Smith during his scheduled shifts. A total of 196 training hours were completed by the team. Smith and Kyro successfully completed their annual certification to continue to deploy as a drug detection team.

The Brunswick Police Department maintained the School Resource Officer position throughout 2022. OFC. Scott remained busy throughout the year with 822 calls for service during 2022. The large majority of these calls were self-initiated school safety checks. OFC Scott was contacted at his home on several occasions when a school threat popped up while school was not in session. OFC Scott successfully started the Brunswick Explorer Program. The program consists of 9 kids attending either middle school or high school and is geared towards kids interested in a career in law enforcement. The Explorers assisted the police department during events in 2022 including the Independence Day Festival and the Milt Frech mile run.

2022 Overdose Statistics:

In 2022 the Brunswick Police responded to 12 overdoses that resulted in 2 fatalities. Narcan was used in 6 of the overdoses and was administered by either EMS, the BPD or private citizens. The overdoses included heroin, fentanyl, prescription pills, counterfeit pills, over the counter pills and synthetic marijuana.

The two fatal overdoses were the result of fentanyl intoxication and methamphetamine intoxication.

2022 Special Event Staffing:

Officers from BPD assisted with numerous community events throughout 2022. Because of vacancies, the police department was short staffed for many of the events causing available officers to be required to work each of them. BPD assisted with and participated in the Independence Day Festival, The Veteran's Day Parade and the Holiday Parade. Unfortunately Railroad Days Festival was canceled because of weather. BPD also assisted with the city's fireworks display and numerous activities surrounding the Holiday Parade. The Police Department also assisted with several organized runs through Brunswick to include the Milt Frech Mile in honor of the former chief.

2022 Community Outreach:

In addition to the above events that were sponsored by the City of Brunswick, the Police Department participated in numerous other community events. Officers participated with the Optimist Club of Frederick in their Fish with a Cop and Shop with a Cop events. Several officers were present with their police vehicles at the local classic car shows in town. Community talks were presented including classes on Emergency Preparedness and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). Capt. Lynch worked with the BEACON to build emergency buckets that were provided for citizens in need following the classes. Members of the police department participated in National Night Out and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for residents. The K9 team did two demonstrations during the event.

Officers also participated in the Brunswick Little League Parade, the Trunk or Treat event and a Back-to-School Block Party. Chief Grunwell was a medal presenter at the Regional Special Olympics Fall Sports Fest.

The Police Department completed a community survey for several months in early 2022. One hundred, twenty two responses were received from citizens giving their input on what the department does well and could do better.



2023 Goals:

2022 was a year of recovery and embracing new challenges in law enforcement. The year began with the Covid 19 pandemic still being on everyone's mind. During the prior 24 months the Brunswick Police Department scaled back enforcement efforts and attempted to limit community contacts to avoid exposure to the public and officers. As the agency proceeded out of the pandemic, it allowed officers to reengage with the community we serve. Community Policing remains a high priority and the agency will continue to provide professional public safety services to all Brunswick residents and visitors. Community outreach, building positive relationships, and maintaining a high level of professionalism will remain top priorities for the Brunswick Police Department.

