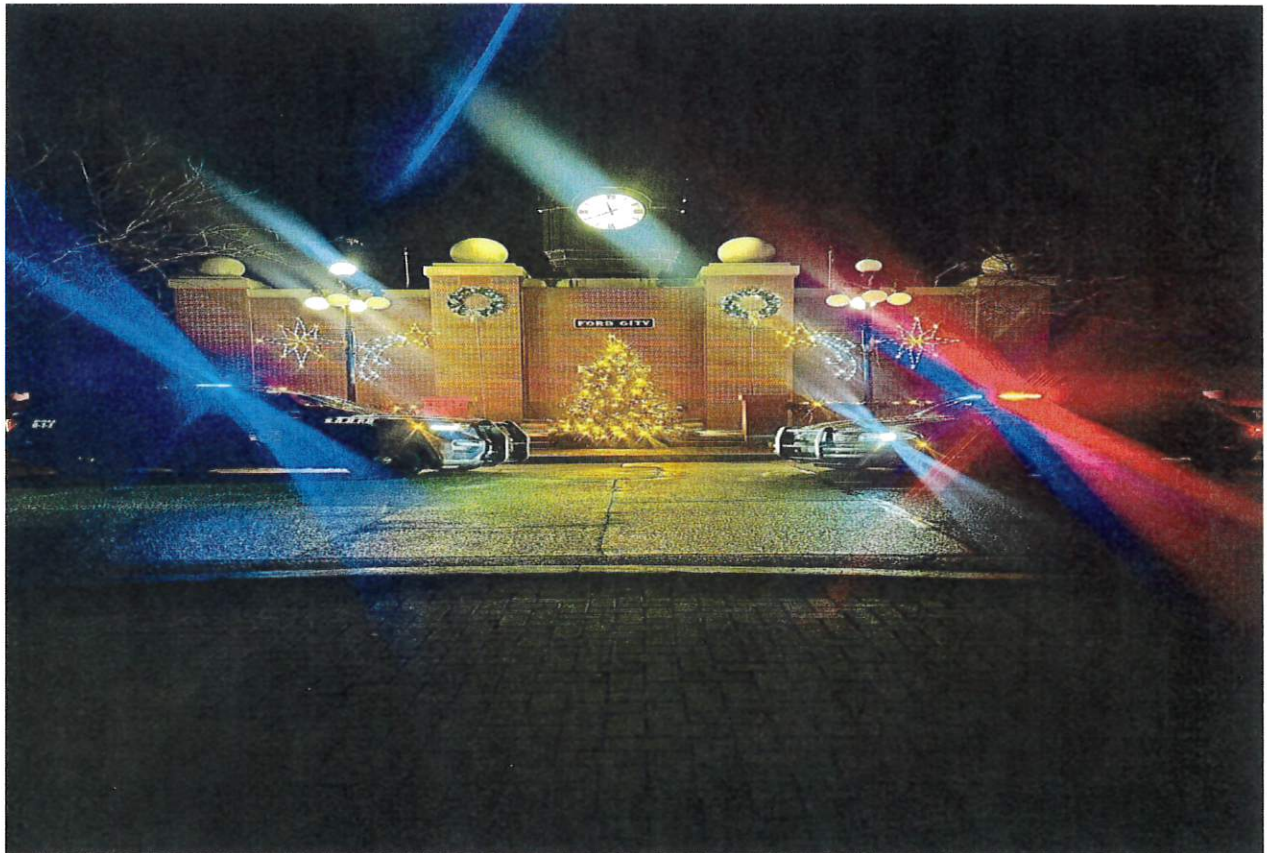




SOUTHERN ARMSTRONG REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 YEAR END REVIEW



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OUR DEPARTMENT

Our department is comprised of 15 members. Those 15 members include 1 Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 2 Corporals, 8 Patrolman, 2 civilian employees, and 2 K-9 Units.

The breakdown includes that 26% of our employees are female and 74% are male. Also, of those 15 members 20% are Black/Hispanic, with 80% being white.

Our Headquarters is located at 235 5th St in the Borough of Freeport. We do maintain at Sub-Station in Ford City located at 1000 4th Ave and a Sub-Station located in Gilpin Township located at 589 State Route 66.

Our vehicle fleet is comprised of 6 patrol cars, 1 F150, 3 Dodge Chargers, and 2 Ford Explorers.

We also have a fully equipped ATV and mountain bikes to assist with patrolling the trails.

All officers are equipped with body worn cameras, and we are working toward ensuring that all the patrol cars are equipped with in car video.

The statistics and information in this report are provided using the best available data at the time. As many incidents are under active investigation, this can lead to slight discrepancies in numbers as case statuses are updated with the most recent information. The information provided in the 2024 Annual End Year Report was last updated as of February 21, 2025.

2024 Year End Crime Summary

Homicide – No Change

There were no reported homicides in 2024 in any of the communities we serve. This shows no change from 2023.

Sexual Assault – Down 100%

In 2024 we had ZERO reported sexual assaults. In 2023 we had one sexual assault resulting in a decrease by 100%.

Assault – Down 16 %

There were 57 assaults reported in 2024, which is a decrease from 68 assaults reported in 2023. Of those 57 assaults 32 of them occurred in Ford City Borough, which is a decrease from 44 in 2023. 13 of those assaults in 2024 occurred in Gilpin Township, which is a decrease from 16 assaults in 2023. In Freeport for 2024 12 assaults occurred, which is an increase from 8 assaults in 2023.

Of the 57 total assaults for 2024 8 of them involved a weapon. 33 of the assaults were domestic related making up 58%.

Burglary – Down 25%

In 2024 we had 4 Burglaries, which is down from 5 Burglaries in 2023. 3 of the 4 Burglaries took place in Gilpin Township at the old Allegheny Ludlum Plant. The 4th burglary occurred in Ford City, with zero burglaries taking place in Freeport Borough.

Theft – Larceny – Up 9%

In 2024 we had 31 thefts. Of those thefts included vehicle thefts, both of which occurred in Ford City Borough. Ford City had 22 thefts in all in 2024 which is up 1 from 21 in 2023. Freeport had 3 thefts in 2024, which is the same amount it saw in 2023. Gilpin had 6 thefts in 2024, which is up from 4 in 2023.

The two vehicle thefts, which are reported above, both vehicles were recovered and successfully prosecuted.

DUI Arrests – Up 16%

The police department in 2024 made 42 arrests for DUI, which is up from 35 in 2023.

The police department takes a strong stance against DUI's and will continue it strong enforcement efforts into 2025.

Drug Arrests – Up 7%

The police department in 2024 made 27 drug related arrests, which is up from 25 in 2023.

The police department will continue its strong enforcement measures into the drug related crimes in our communities.

Breakdown of Police Arrests and Traffic Enforcement Efforts

The police department made 132 arrests which is up 7% in 2024 from its 123 arrests made in 2023.

The graph below provides the profiles of all arrested to include, age, gender, race, and ethnicity.



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Arrest Profiles

	Under 20	Ages 20 - 29	Ages 30 - 39	Ages 40 - 49	Ages 50 - 59	Over 60	Gender Male	Gender Female	Race White	Race Black	Amer. Indian	Race Asian	Ethnicity Hispanic	Ethnicity Non-Hisp
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Total Selected = 132	9	32	43	26	17	5	96	36	127	4	0	0	2	129

Traffic Enforcement Measures

The police department conducted 1,226 traffic stops in 2024, which is up 18% from the 1,004 traffic stops conducted in 2023.

Of those 1,226 traffic stops 844 were issued a **written warning**, with 382 being issued a citation.

Police Activity Summary

Calls for Service: In 2024 the Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department received 4,877 calls for service. As far as calls for service, that is a 0.6% decrease from 2023, which we received 4,907 calls for service.

Department Training:

In 2024 we continued our efforts to ensure our officers are the best trained. The Chief of Police completed the FBI-Leadership Trilogy Series, receiving his award for its completion. LT. Tackett has completed two of the three courses, projected to complete the trilogy in 2025. LT. Arce is also working toward completing the FBI-Leadership Series. Cpl. Bowman became a firearms instructor. Ptlm. Greiser attended numerous trainings in domestic violence, sexual assault, and crime scene processing. Also, the department, completed its yearly in-service updates to include use of force procedures.

Community Engagement:

In 2024 the police department continued its strong efforts to be engaged in all the communities in which we serve. We held multiple pizza with the police events, coffee with a cop, breakfast with Santa, held our annual Toys for Tots "Stuff a Cruiser" event, and our annual Santa event for the communities. We will continue our efforts into 2025 adding a National Night Out event.