



# 2021 Elkins Police Department Annual Report



### Special points of interest:

- 5,412 Calls for Service
- 91 Drug Arrests
- 2,412 Hours of Training

## OVERVIEW

2021 proved to be another challenging yet successful year for the Elkins Police Department. The officers of EPD faced many challenges such as the COVID-19 Pandemic , a high call-volume, and several high-profile and/or high-risk events. Every one of these obstacles was met with the professionalism , efficiency, and effectiveness expected by and deserved by the citizens of Elkins. Throughout the year, the department made several upgrades to equipment, vehicles, and technology systems that have improved efficiency with day-to-day operations and investigations. Elkins Police Department officers conducted an unprecedented amount of training throughout 2021, and also participated in several community outreach events.



Members of EPD stand behind PFC Sayre after he received the Purple Heart Medal from Chief Bennett for being wounded in the line of duty.

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## CALLS FOR SERVICE

**CALLS FOR SERVICE: 5,412**

**ALARM CALLS: 190**

**CASES: 371**

**TOTAL VICTIMS: 420**

**ARRESTS: 261**

**CRIMINAL CITATIONS: 51**



### **TYPES OF CRIME**

**DRUG OFFENSES: 91**

**ASSUALT: 81**

**LARCENY: 50**

**FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES: 11**

**STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES: 3**

**KIDNAPPING: 3**

**MURDER: 1**



### **TRAFFIC & PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 1,121**

**CITATIONS ISSUED: 330**

**WARNINGS: 791**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: 234**

**PARKING CITATIONS: 800**



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Each year the Elkins Police Department takes part in several community outreach events. It is essential that officers are a part of the community, and we value the strong relationship we have with business owners and residents.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONT.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, EPD officers were still able to get out and fun with the community during Halloween and Christmas. For the second year, EPD handed out toys during the Toys for Tots event. Increased foot patrols and checks of businesses have also been implemented to help connect with the community and create a safer environment.



## TRAINING

The Elkins Police Department considers training to be of utmost importance in maintaining a professional police force. In 2021, EPD officers conducted training on several basic law enforcement topics as well as several specialty areas. Throughout the first part of the year, EPD hosted Active Shooter training by Omega Tactical Concepts for all law enforcement agencies in the region. This allowed every officer in the region to be trained to the same standard in the event one of these incidents happens in our area. The Elkins Police Department SWAT also conducted training for all of the Randolph County Schools bus drivers on emergency and hostage situations.

**TOTAL HOURS OF TRAINING FOR 2021: 2,412**





## SWAT

The Elkins Police Department maintains a tactical team capable of responding to incidents that are deemed a high risk to public or officer safety, and exceed the capabilities of patrol officers. Examples of situations where SWAT is used are high-risk warrant service, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, and special protection details. Our operators and negotiators are highly trained by both internal trainers as well as outside training agencies in areas such as structure clearing, sniper operations, explosive and specialty breaching techniques, and crisis negotiations. This training combined with specialized equipment including an armored vehicle, robots, and drones, allows us to resolve high-risk situations as safely as possible.

### 2021 SWAT RESPONSES:

**HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE: 3**

**BARRICADED SUSPECT: 2**

**STANDBY MUTUAL AID: 1**

**PROVIDE TRAINING: 1**



SWAT Armored Vehicle



SWAT Operators after barricaded suspect response



SWAT conducting training with Randolph County Schools