

# LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022



# Accreditation



The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 164 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights. This program effectively enhances the Departments credibility and reduces liability.

The Lancaster Police Department is proud to receive this accreditation.

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# About Our City

## City Manager's Office



Assistant City Manager  
Carey Neal



City Manager  
Opal Mauldin-Jones



Assistant City Manager  
Ray Silva-Reyes

## What We Offer

Senior Life Center  
Recreational Activities  
Excellent Public Library  
Over 600 Acres of Park Land  
Award Winning Golf Course  
Regional Airport  
Lancaster Visitors Center  
State Auxiliary Museum

Excellent Schools  
Low Cost of Living  
Convenient Living  
Low Property Taxes  
Diverse Community  
Conveniently Located

*Friendly, Small Town Feel with Easy Access to Everything Dallas/FT. Worth Has to Offer*

## City Council



Mayor  
Clyde C. Hairston



District 1  
Carol Strain-Burk



District 2  
Stanley Jaglowski



District 3  
Marco Mejia



District 4  
Keithsha Wheaton



District 5  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Mitchell Cheatham



District 6  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Betty Gooden-Davis

# Our Mission

To protect the lives, property, and Constitutional Rights of all residents and visitors of our community by providing professional law enforcement and public safety services.

## Mission Statement

We, the members of the Lancaster Police Department, as proud representatives of our community, are committed to protect the lives, property, and Constitutional Rights of all residents and visitors of our community by providing professional law enforcement and public safety services. Our mission is to work together with our members of the community to foster a safe environment and enhance the quality of life for all of our citizens, while building trust and PRIDE in our city.

## Community Focused

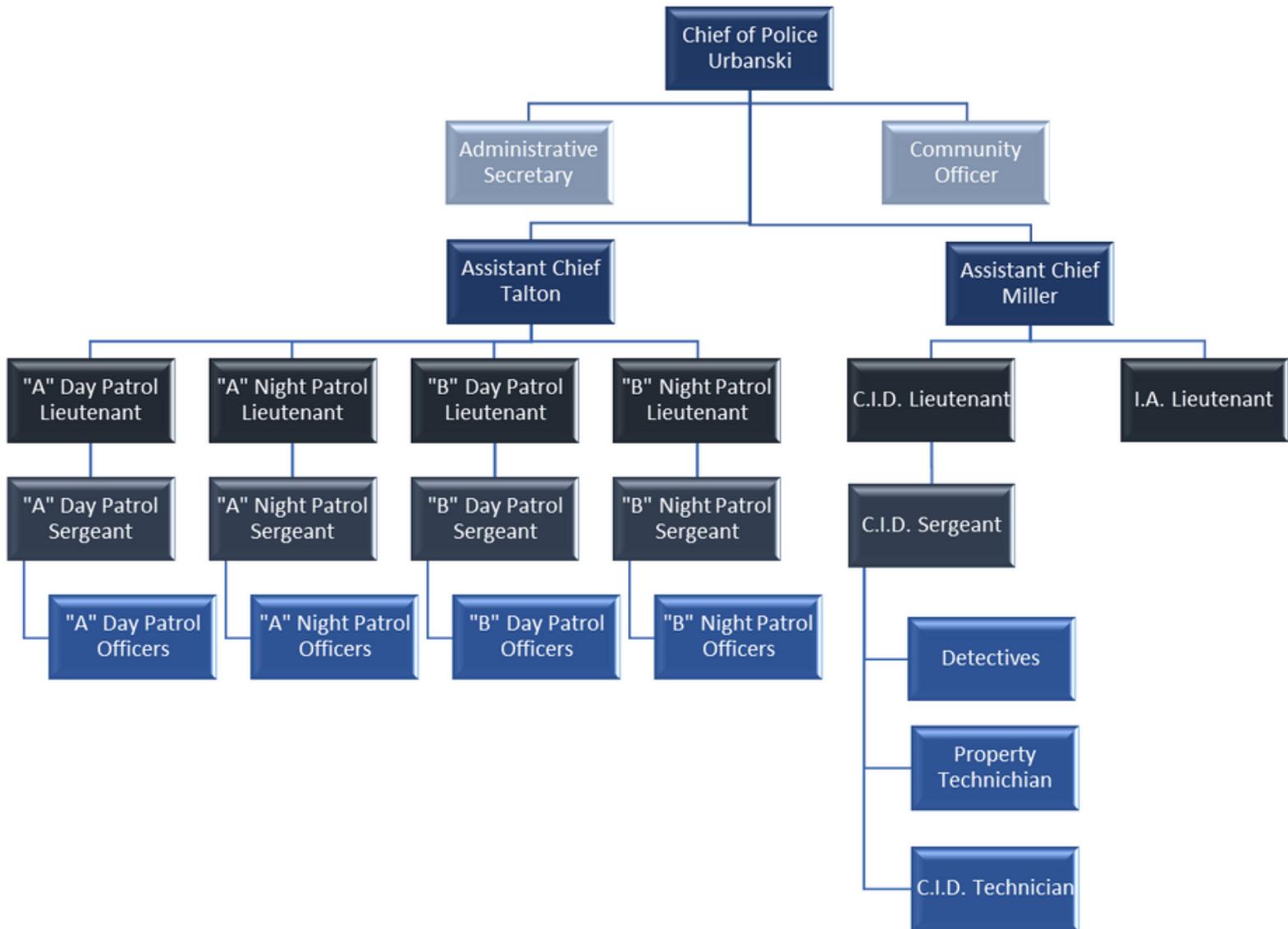
The Lancaster Police Department and all of its members are dedicated and motivated to interacting and assisting the citizens of Lancaster. With a community first attitude, together we can keep the City of Lancaster a safe and vibrant Community.



## Our Values

Productivity    Resourcefulness    Integrity    Dedication    Excellence

# Our Organization

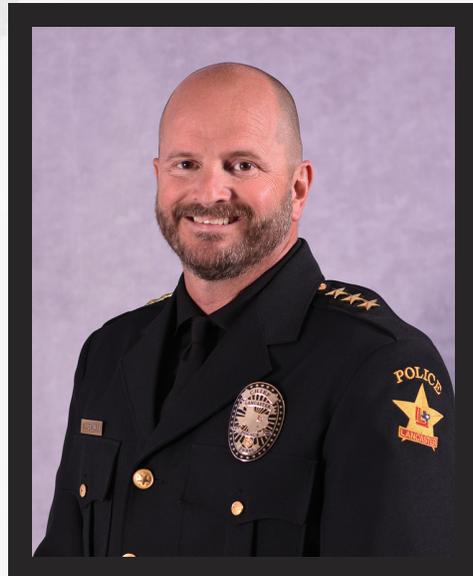


**49 Sworn Officers**  
**6 Civilian Personnel**

# Our Chiefs



**Assistant Chief Talton**  
**Master Peace Officer**  
**18 Years**



**Chief Urbanski**  
**Master Peace Officer**  
**20 Years**



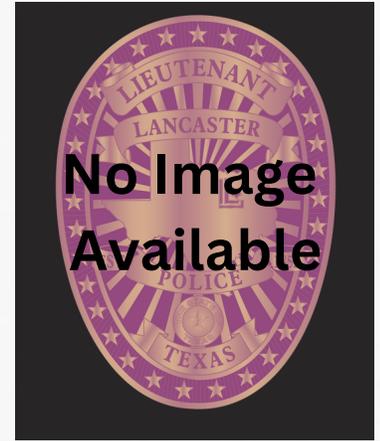
**Assistant Chief Miller**  
**Advanced Peace Officer**  
**17 Years**



# Our Lieutenants



Lieutenant Beesley  
Master Peace Officer  
FBI-LEEDA  
Executive Institute  
33 Years



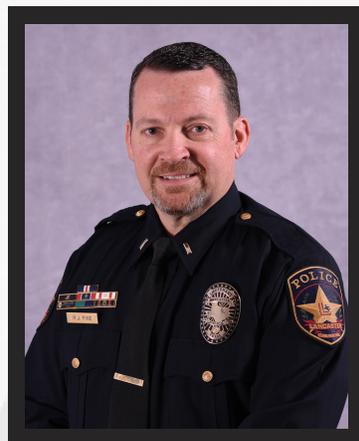
Lieutenant Brown  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Executive Leadership  
20 Years



Lieutenant McAnally  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Executive Leadership  
17 Years



Lieutenant Thompson  
Master Peace Officer  
FBI-LEEDA  
Executive Institute  
20 Years

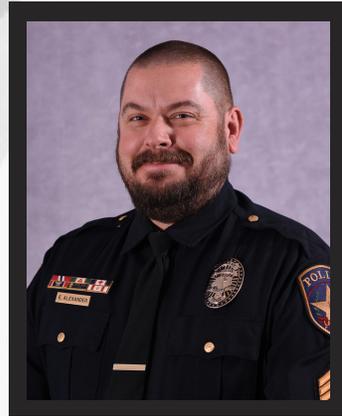


Lieutenant Fine  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Executive Leadership  
18 Years

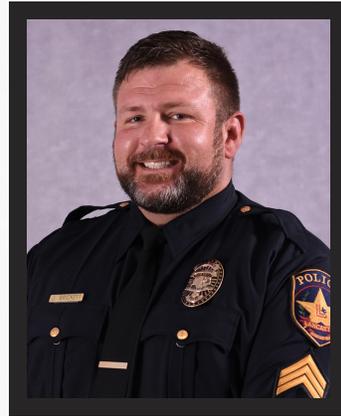


Lieutenant Clark  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Executive Leadership  
22 Years

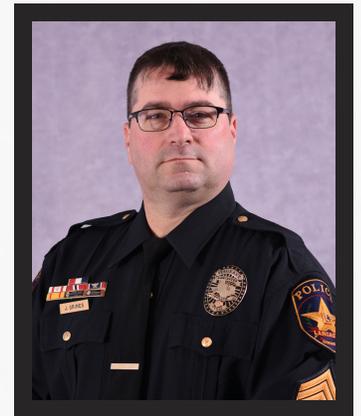
# Our Sergeants



**Sergeant Alexander**  
Advanced Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
14 Years



**Sergeant Brickett**  
Advanced Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
14 Years



**Sergeant Grimes**  
Advanced Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
11 Years



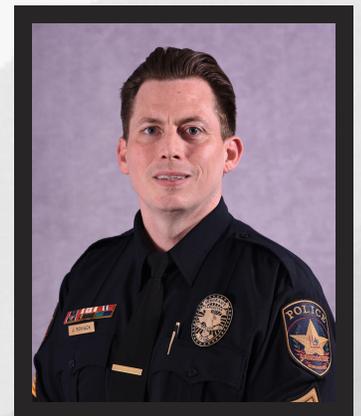
**Sergeant Salazar**  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
16 Years



**Sergeant Hein**  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
15 Years



**Sergeant Logan**  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
22 Years



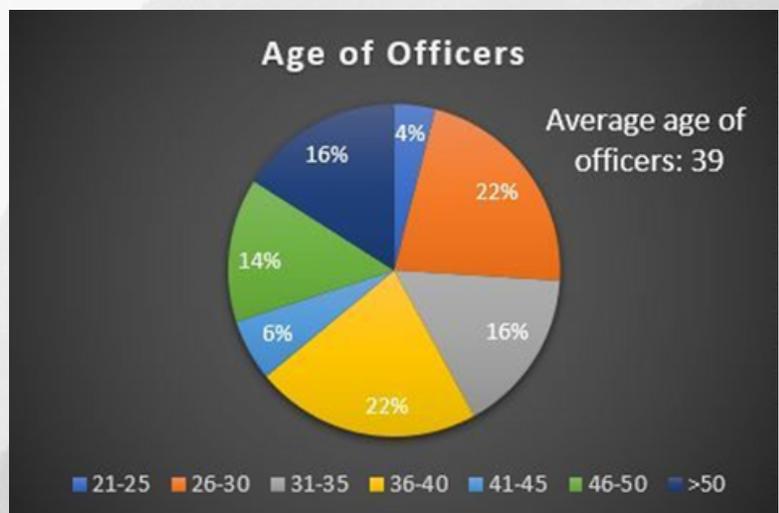
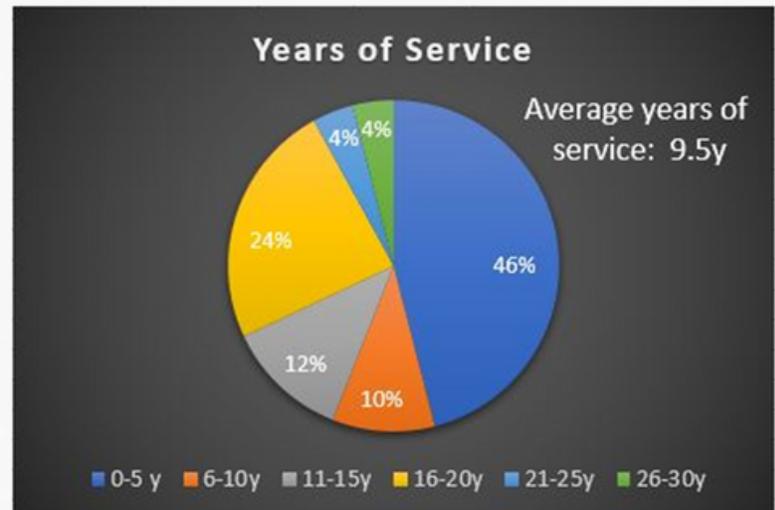
**Sergeant Rohack**  
Master Peace Officer  
ILEA School of  
Police Supervision  
13 Years

# Our Personnel

The Patrol Division is our most important asset here at the Lancaster Police Department. Our department is filled with diverse and talented individuals who hold many advanced certifications. With an average of 9.5 years of service, their diversity and experience promotes a balance of performance and preparation for the future.

It is their responsibility to provide prompt, effective and courteous service while protecting the life and property of the citizens and visitors of Lancaster, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Through the Community Oriented-Policing concept Lancaster patrol officers respond to service calls, conduct preventive patrol, seek out problem traffic areas and enforce Texas state laws and local ordinances.



# Our Personnel

## New Hire



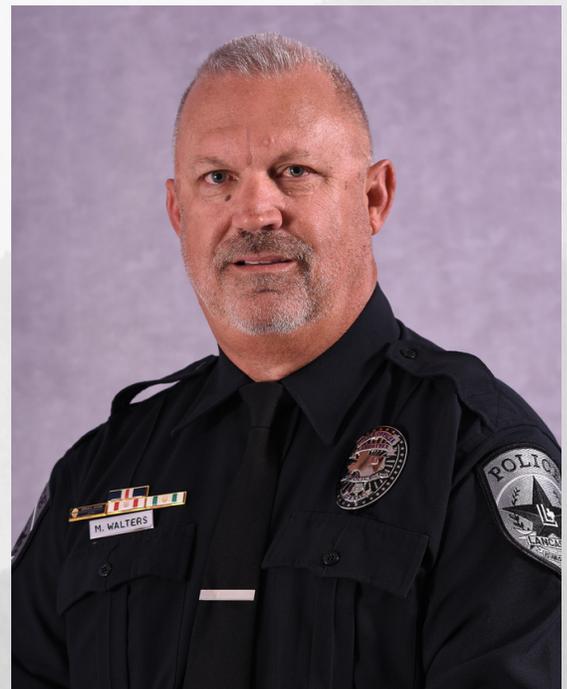
Sworn June 2022  
Ja'Maurequa McCarthy

Officer McCarthy completed the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy in May 2022. Upon reporting for duty at the department, Officer McCarthy completed the 16-week Police Field Training program. Officer McCarthy was then assigned to a shift as a solo officer in December. We wish Officer McCarthy all the best in his career with the Lancaster Police Department.

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## Retiree

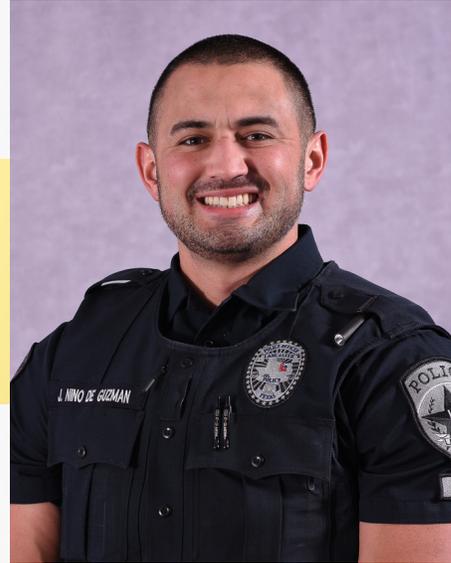
During his 27-year career with the Lancaster Police Department and the City of Lancaster, Officer Walters worked in the patrol division and the operations support division. We wish Walt luck in finding many fish to catch in his retirement.



Marcus Walters  
March 1995-October 2022

# Recognitions

*Officers Melton and Nino De Guzman received Life Saving awards for their actions in an emergency event that occurred in 2021.*



On March 28, 2021 at 0009 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Jefferson on a report of a major accident. Officer Tyrone Melton and Officer Joshua Nino De Guzman were the first officers to arrive on scene.

Upon their arrival, Officer Melton, who has been with the department for three years, and Officer Nino De Guzman, who is a six-year police veteran, found a male subject lying on the ground at the scene.

Both officers worked together and applied a tourniquet to the man's arm, which had been partially severed in the accident. The Lancaster Fire Department arrived on scene and transported the man to Methodist Dallas emergency room.

The emergency room physician at Methodist Dallas told the Lancaster Fire Department that the properly applied tourniquet had saved the man's life.

The next day Ashley White from Methodist Dallas reported in an email, "Thanks to the quick recognition of this patient's critical needs and properly applied tourniquet which greatly impacted his outcome, he is recovering well."

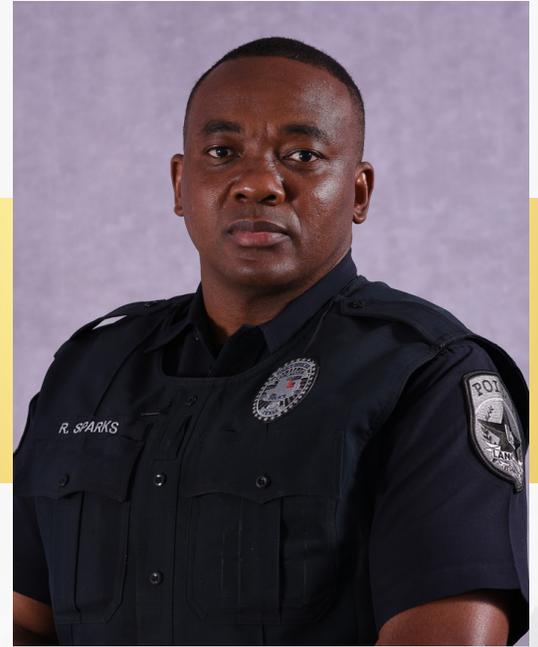
Officer Melton and Officer Nino De Guzman's quick action and proper application of a tourniquet in a critical situation are in keeping with the Lancaster Police Department's highest traditions of service.

# Recognitions

*Officer Ricardio Sparks received a Life Saving award for his actions in May 2022.*

On May 27, 2022, at 2117 hours, the Lancaster Police Department received a call, in reference to a subject who was on the Pleasant Run overpass over the northbound lanes of Interstate 35E. The caller believed that the subject was going to jump from the overpass.

Officer Ricardio Sparks, who has been a police officer for 23 years was working off-duty at the Cinemark Movies 14 at 3250 W. Pleasant Run. Officer Sparks heard the call being dispatched and responded to the scene.



Officer Sparks arrived on scene and saw a female sitting on the edge of the bridge with her legs dangling over the busy highway below. A citizen was standing on the bridge and talking to the girl, which was distracting her enough for Officer Sparks to position himself behind her.

As the girl was distracted, Officer Sparks grabbed her from behind and pulled her to safety. The young girl could be heard crying and screaming, "It's my life."

The female was taken to Parkland Hospital for a mental evaluation.

Officer Sparks' quick and decisive actions during this incident saved the young lady's life, and allowed her to get the professional help that she desperately needed.

These actions reflect great credit on Officer Sparks and are in keeping with the highest traditions of service of the Lancaster Police Department.

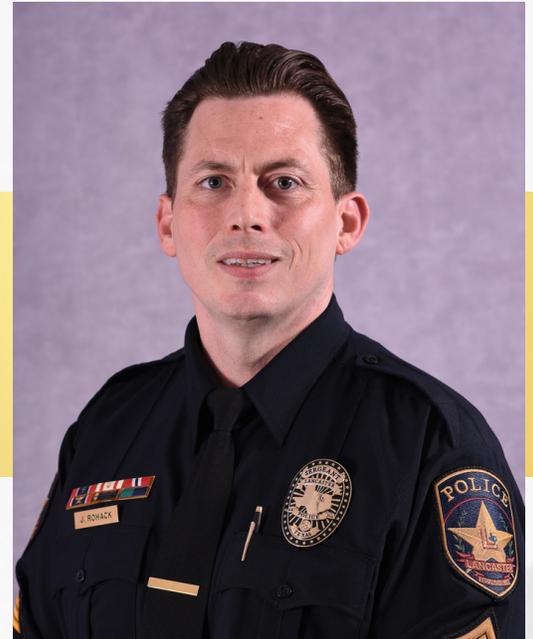
This is Officer Sparks' second award of the Lifesaving commendation. He received his first award in 2010 when he and other officers assisted with resuscitation of a baby who was choking. Due to the actions of Officer Sparks and other officers who were on scene, the baby made a full recovery.

# Recognitions

*Sergeant Jason Rohack received a Certificate of Merit for his actions in May 2022.*

On the night of May 24, 2022, at 2230 hours, the Lancaster Police Department was made aware that a Lancaster ISD student had made posts on a social media site that he was going to, “shoot up the middle school.” Sergeant Jason Rohack, a veteran of 12 years with the Department, received the information. This type of threat is alarming to receive at any time, but the Uvalde school shooting had occurred earlier the same day. This added an even greater level of urgency to the threat.

Sergeant Rohack immediately realized that the circumstances represented exigent circumstances due to the immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury, and insufficient time to obtain a subpoena or court order for social media records.



Sergeant Rohack submitted an exigent circumstance request to the social media provider so that the information could be locked and preserved in the event that the threat was later deleted by the poster. With his request, Sergeant Rohack also received the IP address and account information which enabled officers to locate the person who posted these alarming threats and the address of the account holder.

Sergeant Rohack and his team went to the suspect’s residence and located the suspect and his mother. Sergeant Rohack confirmed that the social media account belonged to the suspect and that the suspect had made the post, but had since deleted it. During the conversation between officers and the suspect, the suspect admitted that he was having thoughts of harming himself. The suspect was transported to Children’s Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Lancaster ISD District administrators and the Lancaster ISD Police Department received over fifty calls from parents, students, staff and community members about the threatening social media post. The immediate response to preserve evidence and locate the suspect by Sergeant Rohack and his team during this investigation allowed the Lancaster ISD to tell those parents, students, staff and community members that the suspect had been identified and was in custody, which helped to ease the worries of the community.

Sergeant Rohack’s leadership and actions exemplify outstanding performance of duty under unusual, complicated, or hazardous conditions, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of service of the Lancaster Police Department.

# Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is headed by Lieutenant D. Clark and Sergeant E. Alexander. There are five detectives, a CID Technician and two Public Safety Officers in the division.

The Criminal Investigation Division is responsible for the investigation follow-up for a number of crimes, including arson, auto theft, burglary, felony vandalism, hate crimes, fraud, theft, homicide, robbery, aggravated battery, felony domestic violence, elderly abuse, sexual battery and child abuse. CID then prepares and files criminal cases with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Members of this Division also support this function through crime scene processing, fingerprint analysis, sexual offender monitoring, criminal intelligence analysis, missing person's investigations and fugitive apprehension.

# Community Affairs



Officer Sylvia Natareno

Our Community Service Officer Sylvia Natareno is the Lancaster Police Departments main liaison between the Department and our community.

The Community Service Officer's main task is to ensure that there is a constant communication between the Department and our citizens. Other duties of the Community Service Officer include:

Special Events Planning and Attendance

Community Watch Group Meetings

Attendance to H.O.A. Meetings

Planning of the Citizen's Public Safety Academy

Attendance to the Citizen's Public Safety Academy Alumni Association

Attendance to Apartment Manager Meetings

Attendance of Business Owner's Meetings

Safety Presentations to Schools and Chamber of Commerce

Conduct Home Security Surveys

Conduct Business Security Surveys



# CARE Team



Officer Leniesa Skach

The Crisis Assessment Resource Engagement Team was started by the DeSoto Police Department, and is an interdisciplinary team comprised of a mental health police officer, social worker, clinician, medical support person, and victims' assistance. The team's focus is on providing support and referral to individuals experiencing mental health and substance use/abuse challenges.

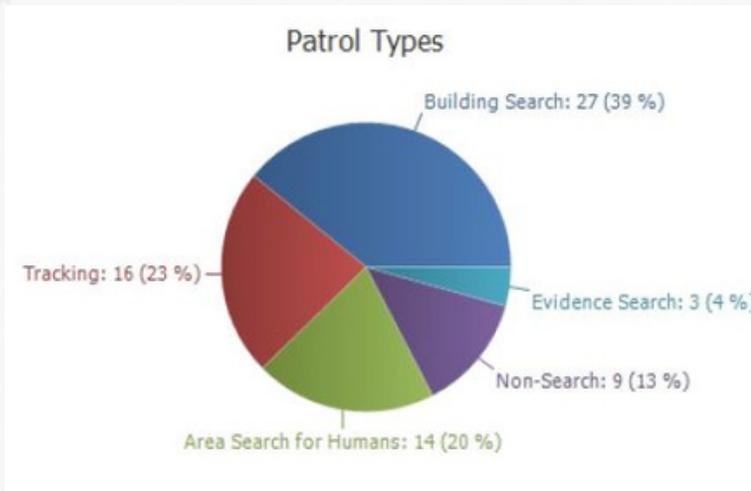
The team applied for and received a grant from Dallas County for \$1.8 million dollars and the team has since expanded to include the cities of Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Lancaster, and Glenn Heights, beginning in May 2022. Since May 2022, Officer Skach has contacted 720 Lancaster residents and opened 118 new assistances cases.

# K9 Unit

The Lancaster Police Department's Canine Unit is a valuable resource utilized by LPD personnel. A canine team consists of an on-duty canine police officer and his assigned Department canine dog. The team is available for assignments 24-hours per day. Canine team duties include conducting building searches for hidden offenders, locating missing persons, tracking suspects who have fled the scene of a crime, performing article searches, detecting narcotics and conducting public service canine demonstrations.

## Meet K9 Officer Kira

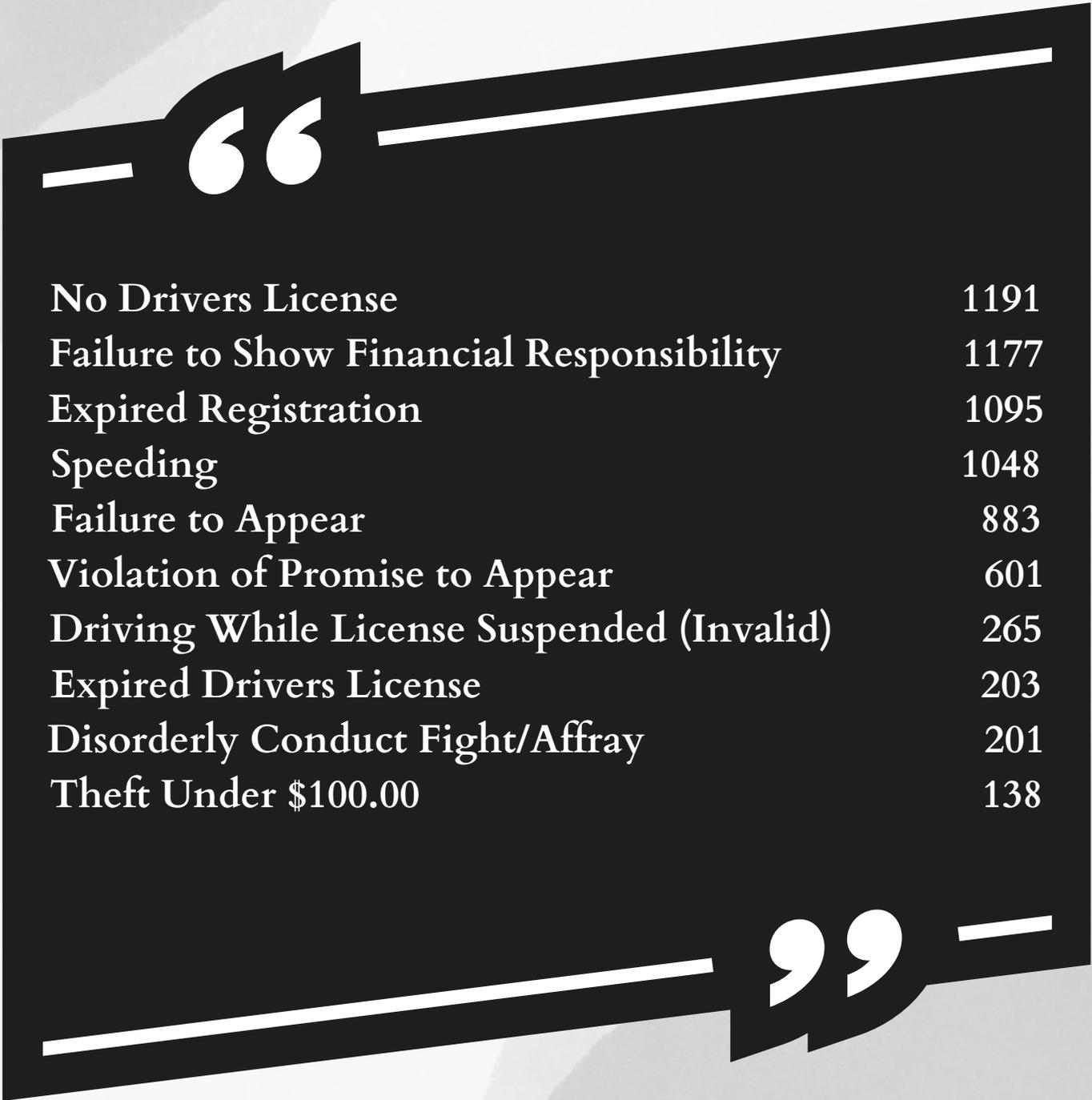
Kira, a German Shepherd, is assigned to Sgt. S. Logan. Kira is originally from the Czech Republic. She came to the Lancaster Police Department after first starting her training in Amsterdam, The Netherlands & completing her Police training at K9 Working Dogs International Services in Pensacola, FL. Kira is trained in four (4) languages: German, Polish, Czech & English.



## Meet the Handler

Sgt. S. Logan is currently assigned to the Lancaster Police K9 Unit. He has been with the Lancaster Police Department since joining in 2000. Sgt. Logan has worked in the Patrol Division, been a SWAT Team member and has been a supervisor since being promoted to Sergeant in 2007. Sgt. Logan worked in the Narcotic Unit for 5-(5) years and currently handles investigations regarding narcotics and related issues.

## Top 10 Citations Written in 2022

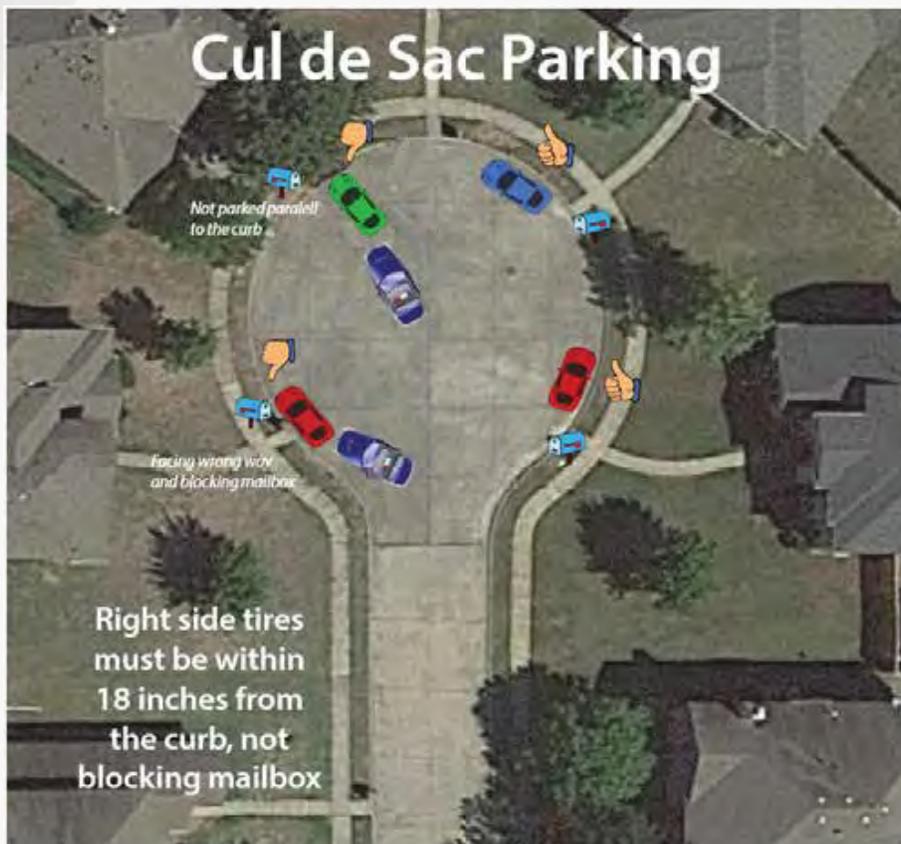


No Drivers License	1191
Failure to Show Financial Responsibility	1177
Expired Registration	1095
Speeding	1048
Failure to Appear	883
Violation of Promise to Appear	601
Driving While License Suspended (Invalid)	265
Expired Drivers License	203
Disorderly Conduct Fight/Affray	201
Theft Under \$100.00	138

## Laws Regarding Parking

### Texas State Law Section 545.303

The right side wheels must be parallel to and within 18 inches of the curb  
(even in a cul-de-sac)



### Lancaster City Ordinance Sec 22.06.004



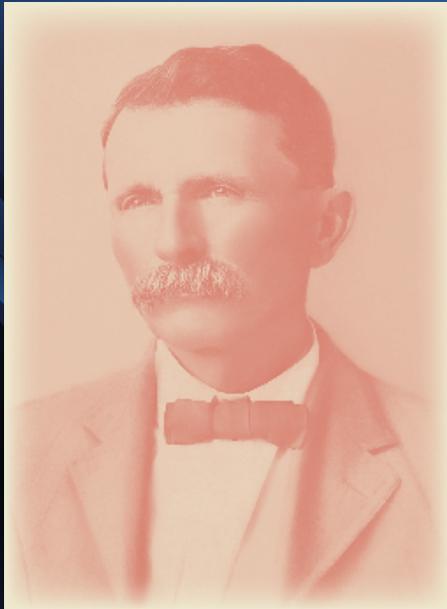
#### Parking Near Postal Receptacle

It is unlawful to leave, stand or park any motor vehicle, boat or other impediment upon any public street or alley between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. within 15 feet of a postal receptacle or a grouping of postal receptacles, except on Sundays and federal holidays.

# Always Remember



Police Officer Craig Lamont Shaw  
End of Watch  
Sunday, June 20, 2010



City Marshal Peter Monroe  
Solomon  
End of Watch  
Saturday, November 2, 1912

*Lord, I ask for courage;  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears...  
Courage to take me where others will not go.  
I ask for strength; Strength of body to protect  
others...  
Strength of spirit to lead others.  
I ask for dedication; Dedication to my job to  
do it well...  
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.  
Give me, Lord, concern; For all those who  
trust me...  
And compassion for those who need me  
And, please, Lord, through it all; be at my  
side.*

