



PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

YEAR END REVIEW (2021-2022)



Message from the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Philadelphia:

I am honored to provide an official overview of the accomplishments of the Bilal Administration within the past two years. My executive team and I curated administrative procedures that reflect a more transparent office; while actively maintaining our law enforcement duties, public safety, and overall community engagement.

Though we are still facing unprecedented challenges as result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our deputies have been diligent in their duties, such as transportation of prisoners, protection of court officials, and members of the public.

In an effort to combat gun violence, our office partnered with other state and federal law enforcement agencies to identify and capture fugitives. We remain dedicated to public safety and helping to reduce the level of crime in the Philadelphia area.

As well as enhancing public safety, we have made strides to make the office more accessible and have updated our technology to be more user friendly. For example, the Bilal administration introduced an online Sheriff Sale process that is fair and equitable for all participants.

This administration will continue to take the initiative and be innovative, thus allowing us to better serve the community in the Philadelphia area.

Sincerely,



Rochelle Bilal
Sheriff



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Our Mission & Vision

Mission

The Sheriff's Office of the City and County of Philadelphia is committed to service, procedural justice, and the sanctity of human life. Our duties encompass protecting the lives, property and rights of all people within a framework of service, uncompromising integrity, fiscal responsibility, professionalism, vigilance, and bias free conduct.

Vision

The Sheriff's Office of the City and County of Philadelphia, a law enforcement agency committed to excellence, will become a national benchmark in the professional delivery of sheriff related services under our purview; we strive for high performance, equally high customer satisfaction, and accept integral innovative idea to remain dynamic and flexible.



Real Estate

- The Real Estate Department makes up a large percentage of the Sheriff's Office's duties. In 2022, our Office paid \$4,662,057.73 to the City of Philadelphia for revenue payments obtained through Sheriff Sales. Despite the postponement of sales due to COVID-19, we still conducted 22 sales, in which 914 properties sold, totaling \$82,453,818 in winning bid amounts.
- Our Office has seen historical numbers as it pertains to properties sold to third-parties and the increase of excess proceeds that were returned to homeowners who lost properties. We understand the concerns surrounding excess proceeds, so we have newly implemented a process utilizing investigative software as well as our trained detectives to locate and track homeowners. This process allowed our Office to return excess proceeds prior to the required deadline to escheat funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As of 2022, we have refunded \$5,880,201.17 in excess proceeds to previous homeowners.
- For the first time in years, we took on the responsibility (from the City Law Department and Finance) of escheating unclaimed excess proceeds from 2019 to the State, totaling \$19,034,587.02.
- As we continue to progress, the Real Estate division is working on new innovations to make current and historical Sheriff's Sale information accessible and readily available to members of the public.

Civil Enforcement




We have made major technological enhancements to improve civil process. Take JNET for example, it allows for secure investigation and a range of assistance from locating recipients of excess proceeds to keeping track of individuals wanted for protection from abuse orders. Additionally, Benchmark Analytics enhances law enforcement-specific workflow configuration and administration unique to the internal affairs department.

Accounting

In March of 2022, the Bilal Administration requested that the Office of the Director of Finance allow us to open five separate custodial accounts for the purpose of segregating money allotted for collections and distributions of excess proceeds owed to homeowners from Sheriff Sales. The Administration also requested to relabel the “Non-Tax Revenue” and “IT and Accounting” accounts, which had been mislabeled since their inception in 2012. This is because the initial labeling did not represent nor provide a clear description of the source, distribution, and use of the funds in these accounts.

In an effort to provide more clarity and transparency, the “Non-Tax Revenue” account is now correctly labeled “Service Fees Receivables.” This account holds discretionary funds received from the fees the Sheriff collects for its services provided to the general public. It should be noted that the Philadelphia Code has authorized the amount to be charged for these services (i.e. the execution of civil actions, evictions, writ of possessions, etc.).



The “IT and Accounting” account is now correctly labeled “Operations Cost Payable.” This account holds discretionary funds that aligns reception of funds, transferred from the "Service Fees Receivable" account, to supplement operating costs that the current underfunded budget cannot and does not cover. More specifically, the funds in these accounts are not derived nor are the source of taxpayer dollars.

Although the request was submitted to Finance in March of 2022, our Office did not receive final approval for the changes to the old accounts and the creation of the new accounts until July of 2022. While awaiting approval, we continued to use the “Non-Tax Revenue” and “IT and Accounting” accounts for their intended and authorized purpose, despite their mislabeling.

Community Outreach



TWO- DAY HEALTHCARE CLINIC



DENTAL SERVICES:

- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Extractions
- X-rays

VISION SERVICES:

- Eye exams
- Glaucoma testing
- Eyeglass Prescriptions
- Glasses made on-site

MEDICAL SERVICES:

- Women's Health Exams
- General Medical Exams
- STD Testing
- Hypertension Counseling
- COVID-19 vaccines

Community Outreach

In 2022, The Sheriff's Office hosted 105 community engagement events. Those events included, but are not limited to, food giveaways, school tours, and community educational gatherings, (i.e. gunlock/gun safety discussions, etc.).

In fact, on April 23rd and 24th the Office hosted the first known free 2-Day Pop-Up Healthcare Clinic in the Philadelphia Area. This community event provided on-site medical, dental and vision screenings for any person, particularly, working-class people, who were adversely impacted by the pandemic and did not qualify for assistance at the City's public health centers. Along with our partners, local sponsorships, and through the services of RAM, a medical team of experts helped individuals alleviate the burden of expensive eyeglasses averaging \$350 a pair, hearing aids averaging \$99-\$250, tooth extractions averaging \$350, and more.

Initially, the Sheriff's Office had no financial obligation for the Clinic's projected \$1.5 million budget. However, just a few days before the influx of medical professionals, volunteers and technicians (traveling from all over the United States), several sponsorships failed to materialize, which left a shortfall of \$312,500.00. The Sheriff assumed the responsibility of this service to the community and stepped into action authorizing the use of discretionary funds from the “IT and Accounting” account ("Operations Cost Payable"), transferred from the “Non-Tax Revenue” account ("Service Fees Receivables") to cover the shortfall. Specifically, the discretionary funds covered needs such as, lodging, meals, and transportation for the medical staff and volunteers.

The Pop-up Healthcare Clinic was one of many initiatives to better serve several communities in the Philadelphia area. It was a tremendous success and provided approximately \$2 million worth of free medical services at no cost to the taxpayer.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TIMELINE 2021



January

-Community Food Giveaway (9)

February

-Community Food Giveaway (2)

March

-Community Food Giveaway (3)

April

-Community Food Giveaway (2)
-Community Event
-DEA Drug Takeback

May

Community Food Giveaway
-Youth Posse Advocacy Program
-Informational Tuesday

June

Representative Young - District 185 Community Giveaway
-Gun Violence Awareness Day
-Juneteenth Parade
-Anti-Violence Rally & Parade
-St Rep Joanna McClinton Curbside Giveaway
-Cambodia Ambassdor to USA

July

-Community Food Giveaway
-One Stop Hub
-Mu Beta Phi Picnic
-Phila Charter School for Arts & Science Community Day

August

-Men for Positive Change Youth Council
- Youth Crime Town Hearing NOMO Foundation
- One Stop Job & Resource Fair
-Annual Community Kickback
-Charles Foundation Empowerment Community Day
-Block Party & Anti Gun Rally

September

-A Memorial Bookbag Giveaway
-Community Food Giveaway
-New Foundations Charter High School
-The State and Future of Black Philly

October

-National Faith + Blue
-Spooky Bus Tour
-Breast Cancer Awareness Day & Bake Sale
-Community Food Giveaway
-Domestic Violence Awareness Lighting Ceremony

November

-Positive Change Thanksgiving Dinner
-Turkey & Food Drive
-Sen Haywood & Rep Kinsey Community Service

December

-Councilwoman Brooks - Nicetown Financial Empowerment Fair
-Gaudenzia House & Sheriff Office Clothing Drive giveaway
-Blaine Elementary School - Holiday giveaway

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TIMELINE 2022



January

-Community Food Giveaway

February

-Community Food Giveaway (2)
-Black History Month Read-a-long

March

-Community Food Giveaway (3)
-Youth Read-a-long

April

-Community Giveaway
-DEA Drug Takeback
-District Attorney Job & Resource Fair

May

-Community Food Giveaway
-Unity in Community Day

June

Community Giveaway
-Gun Violence Awareness Day
-Juneteenth Parade
-Law Enforcement VS Kingsessing Basketball Game

July

-Community Food Giveaway
-Unity in the Community
One Stop Hub
-Mu Beta Phi Picnic

August

-Men for Positive Change
Youth Council, Youth Crime Town Hearing NOMO Foundation
- One Stop Job & Resource Fair
-Annual Community Kickback
-Charles Foundation Empowerment Community Day

September

-A Memorial Bookbag Giveaway
-Community Food Giveaway
-Read-a-long Charter School
-The State and Future of Black Philly
-School of the Blind

October

National Faith + Blue
-Spooky Bus Tour
-Breast Cancer Awareness Day & Bake Sale
-Community Food Giveaway

November

-Positive Change Thanksgiving Dinner
-Turkey Drive
-Toy & Coat Drive

December

-Lauretha Vaird Boys & Girls Coat and Toy Drive/ Food Giveaway
-Gaudenzia House & Sheriff Office Clothing Drive giveaway
-Blaine Elementary School - Holiday giveaway

Policy Management & Training

● Policy Management

We have implemented many policies to improve efficiency and organization for the office's workflow. It starts with a policy management system (Power DMS) which allows us to collect, store and easily access every existing and newly created office policy on one platform. For example, attendance record keeping, security checkpoints, timekeeping, citizens complaints filings, dress code, sexual harassment, AWOL, Sheriff fees, HART claims, Finders, and various policies specific to each unit in the office.

● Training

The training unit has maintained diligence in ensuring efficiency and teamwork amongst all sworn and civilian personnel. There has been enhancements in specialized trainings geared toward each unit in areas, such as leadership, crisis management, CPR, tactical emergency casualty care, and the administration of NARCAN. To ensure employees are well versed, we have also implemented continued learning trainings to support employee retention of information.

Warrants

The Fugitive Warrant Unit had a productive year in 2022. Despite staff shortages, the unit complete over 1,300 arrests. The unit also fostered and maintained highly productive relationships with taskforce partners, such as the Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics and the FBI Violent Crimes Taskforce, etc.

In 2021, our Warrant Unit conducted "Operation Take Down", organized and executed under then Chief Deputy of Operations Vernon. It was a great success.

During the final week of July 2022, we conducted "Operation Night Sweep" under Captain Nicole Nobles. This sweep consisted of a multi-jurisdictional operation in which we prepared and served over 200 warrants across Philadelphia.

Based on enhanced investigative techniques, using CLEAN and quality service jobs, we have improved our arrest percentage, from 45% in 2021 to 71% in 2022.

Take Down Statistics

Night Sweep Statistics

176 Warrants executed	209 Warrants executed
37 Total arrests	31 Total arrests
1 AR15 w/ 4 magazines fully loaded	2 guns recovered
2 9MM Handguns loaded w/ 13 rounds	\$1350 street value of Fentanyl
13 jars of marijuana	




Armory

The Armory Unit is currently updating standard operating procedures for the collection and return of firearms. Currently, we are partnering with the Philadelphia Police Department and the First Judicial District to establish consistent procedures for weapon relinquishment, due to Protection from Abuse Orders.


We have also updated our technology system, in which we now maintain an online log for operations, equipment assignments for investigations, confiscated property, items for destruction, etc.

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