

# **COLERAIN**



# **POLICE**

# **2008 ANNUAL REPORT**



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## **LETTER FROM THE CHIEF**

I want to start by saying “thank you” for supporting the Colerain Police Department in 2008. I’m very excited about the future of Colerain Township, the community and our Police Department. Because of our partnership with the community, schools and our businesses, our “Community and Problem-Solving” philosophy, allows us to continue making our community a safer place to live, work and play.

In 2008, we had four police officer positions to fill. We established a hiring process to identify the most qualified police officer candidates to fill the open positions. The Colerain Police Department staffing level is 35 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police. Over 150 applicants participated in two hiring processes conducted during 2008. From the processes, we were able to identify and hire the four most qualified candidates to fulfill the duties and responsibilities associated with working as a police officer in Colerain Township.

We work and will continue to work with all facets of the Colerain Township community. In the past several years, we engaged the community through several proactive policing efforts. Some of the initiatives include, neighborhood block watch, door to door surveys, town hall meetings and community fairs. In keeping with the Community Policing philosophy, the members of this department seek input from our residents, schools and business persons in an attempt to work hand in hand with you to solve problems. Please don’t hesitate in letting us know what you perceive these problems to be.

The Police Department assigns our officers to patrol as well as “support services.” From those assignments, our officers work together to fulfill the responsibilities of several exemplary programs in place to serve the community. Colerain Police Department employs Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO); School Resource Officers (SRO) that work with the Northwest Local School District at each of the Township’s two high schools. The Department has a Missing Person Investigative Team, Plain Clothes detectives, Criminal and Traffic Safety Investigators that work cooperatively with investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, our six-person Honor Guard and the newest assignment created in 2008 to address the safety and welfare of our schools, its students and staff. In 2008, the Police Department and Northwest Local School District partnered to identify one Colerain Police Department officer to assign as a “Detective” and investigate into truancy and residency issues as well as harassment, bullying and intimidation incidents. The “School Investigator” began at the start of the 2008/2009 school year.

In keeping with the Community Policing philosophy, the members of this department will work hand in hand with our community to solve problems as they occur. Do not hesitate in letting us know what you perceive these problems to be. Please contact me regarding any concerns that may arise either by telephone or e-mail at [dmeloy@coleraintwp.org](mailto:dmeloy@coleraintwp.org)

Sincerely,

*Daniel P. Meloy*

Chief of Police

## NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Colerain Police Department serves 63,000 residences and patrols 45 square miles. The department is headed by the Chief of Police and is divided into two divisions, the Patrol and Support Services divisions. Each division is led by a Lieutenant.

The Patrol Division is divided into three shifts and each shift is supervised by a Sergeant. The Colerain Police patrol works cooperatively with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Patrol to provide service to the community. Each department patrols three out of six beats on each shift in Colerain. The Colerain Police Department also out sources the dispatching. All of the patrol units are dispatched through the Hamilton County Communications Center. Although the primary responsibility for patrol units is to respond to calls for service, they are also very much involved in problem solving and investigations.



The Support Services division is responsible for all ancillary services provided to the public. Those services include traffic safety, follow-up investigations, plain clothes investigations, School Investigator, School Resource Officers (SRO), Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) and the bike team. Each of these positions is described in greater detail later in this report. The Support Services division is also responsible for maintaining the accreditation of

the agency through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The Colerain Police Department partners with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. As stated above, they provide patrol services to the community. They also perform follow-up investigations with Colerain's full time detective. Colerain Police has three members assigned to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT), and they are utilized when a dangerous event, such as a barricaded suspect occurs. The Colerain Police also contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide one traffic car, one additional patrol car, and one Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO).

The Colerain Police Department utilizes a community policing and problem solving philosophy. It is not enough to just respond to calls and handle them one by one. The underlying problem of the situation must be identified and solved to prevent future crimes from occurring. All members of the Colerain Police Department are trained in problem solving and take into consideration the root causes of the problems they encounter.

## DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPH

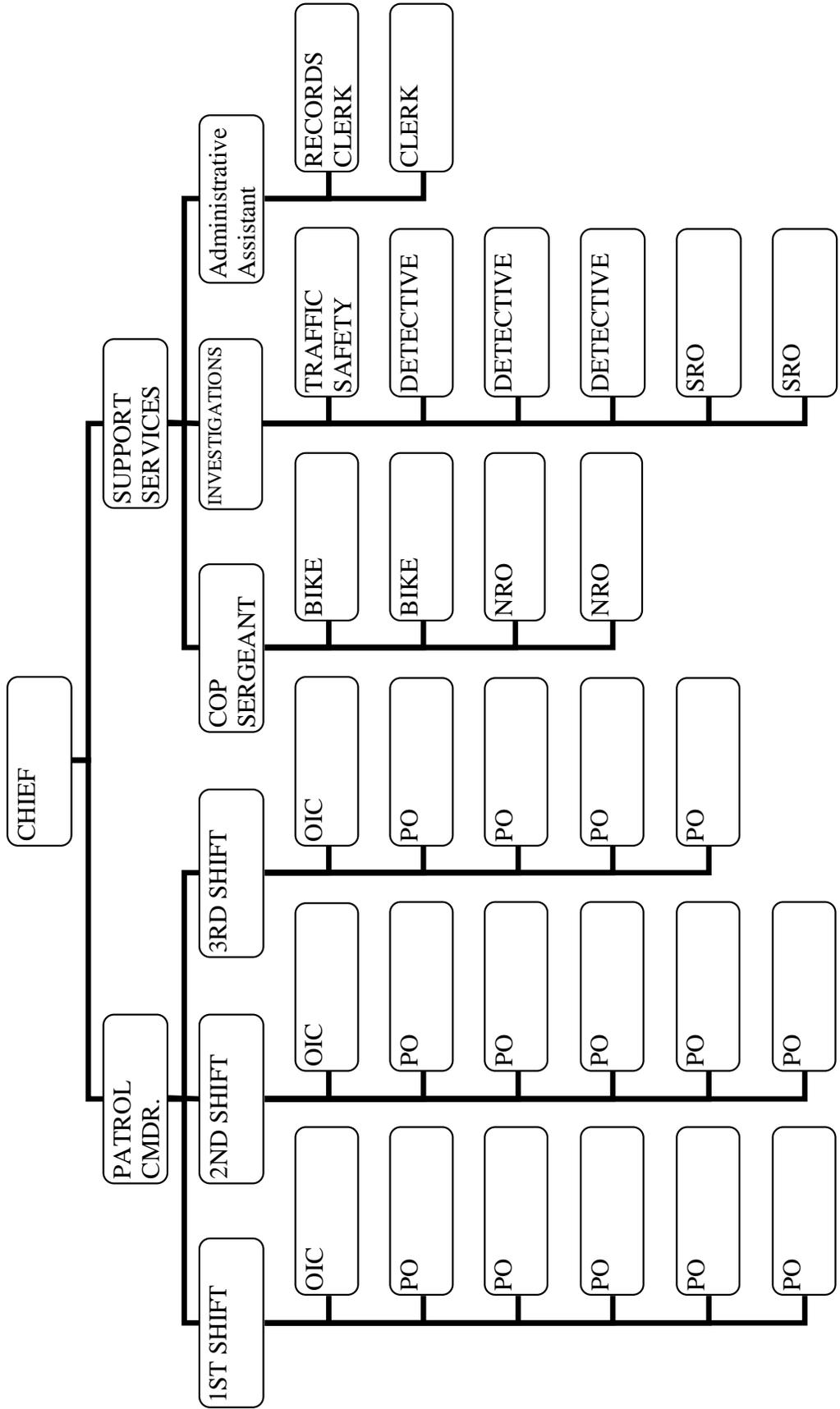


Row One (Left to Right): PO Elisabeth Doll, PO Justin Hussel, PO Patrick Quinn, Nancy Spears, Edward Smith, Linda Snyder, PO Michael Owens, PO Karl Altheim, Lt. Mark Unger

Row Two (Left to Right): Sgt. Christopher Phillips, Sgt. Jerome Grayson, PO Andrew Demeropolis, PO Jason Sax, PO Jennifer Sharp, Chief Daniel Meloy, PO Matthew Ashcraft, PO Edwin Cordie, PO Joseph Redmond, PO Mark Meyer, Sgt. Angela Meyer, Sgt. Mark Denney

Row Three (Left to Right): PO Denny Deaton, PO Rick Bernecker, PO Steven Karwisch, PO Jamie Penley, PO Dale Woods, PO William Smith, PO Christopher Cullman, PO Eric Renner, PO David Hubbard, PO Neil Millikin, PO Kevin Sevier

# 2009 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to the majority of the calls for service within Colerain Township. When a citizen calls for police service, a dispatcher will dispatch a member of the Patrol Division to respond.

Colerain Township is divided into six different beats. Geographically, officers are assigned to a beat and are dispersed for appropriate police coverage. Colerain Township also contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for extra services. The Colerain Police Department patrols three of the six beat assignments and the Sheriff's Department patrols the other three. Every 30 days, the beat assignments are switched between the two agencies.



During 2008, the Patrol Division was divided into three different shifts. First shift patrolled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Second shift patrolled from 3:30 p.m. until midnight. Third shift started at 11:30 p.m. and ended at 8:00 a.m.

Colerain Township is a very diverse community in the terms of calls for service. Officers can be expected to respond a routine service call such as a loud noise complaint to a more serious incident such as an armed robbery in progress. In 2008, the Colerain Police Department

responded to 21,749 calls for service. Calls are typically handled through the Hamilton County Communications Center.

The Patrol Division has embraced the "problem solving" concept in policing. Officers work closely with the Neighborhood Resource Officers and the School Resource Officers to assist with identified problems. Some solutions work better at non-traditional shift times. This information is passed onto a different shift to assist in finding a resolution and then shared with the appropriate entity for long-term goals and solutions. By sharing the information between shifts, the problem solving approach is monitored and flexible, depending on the situation at hand.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Colerain Police Department is entering its ninth year with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The partnership with Northwest Local School District has grown every year since its beginning. We have an officer assigned at both high schools and they also assist the

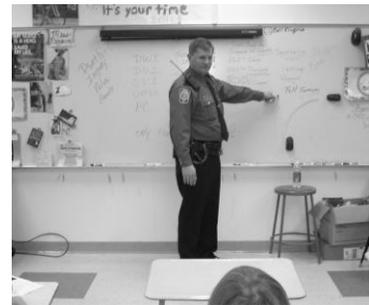


middle and elementary schools when needed. Their duties consist of many different tasks both with the school and classrooms.

The 2007-2008 school year has been successful in allowing officers the opportunity to work closely with school staff and students. This has helped in developing relationships between law enforcement and the youth of our community. The SROs continue to be involved and increase their roles in the classroom environment. More and more teachers ask for assistance in lectures and projects in their classes with a wide range of topics relating to the law, the career, and different career opportunities.

The SROs also involve themselves with the Hamilton County “Safe Communities” Task Force. This program focuses on teen driving and is taught four times a year at each high school. The program is designed to teach students the dangers involved in driving while intoxicated. Each SRO participates as co-coordinators of the Student Police Academy. The Police Department has graduated six Student Police Academy classes.

Officer William A. Smith has completed two school years at Colerain High School and has become a valuable member of the administration of the school. Officer Smith made 103 arrests for the 2007-2008 school year. He has also assisted other officers in closing out investigations of all types. The staff and students at Colerain High School seek his experience to help them with various issues that can arise. Officer Smith attends regular training seminars and meetings to increase his knowledge in helping the Northwest Local School District.



Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis completed his third school year at Northwest Senior High School. Officer Demeropolis made 35 arrests for the 2007-2008 school year. Officer Demeropolis has organized a Teen Driving Student Committee with twenty students from the Student Senate. They gear themselves toward getting students to make better choices while operating a motor vehicle and also provide a presentation to seniors during the week of prom. Officer Demeropolis implemented the installation of several new seat belt signs placed at the exits of the school to remind students to buckle up. Officer Demeropolis remains committed in his efforts to promote safe driving among teens as well as ensuring compliance with seatbelt usage.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Neighborhood Resources Officers (NRO's) have completed their sixth year of service to the residents and businesses of Colerain Township in 2008. The unit is comprised of two Colerain Police officers and one Hamilton County Sheriff's deputy. The Colerain Officers are Keyonia Lumpkins and Jennifer Sharp. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy is Michael Hopewell. The unit works under the supervision of the department's Community Oriented Policing (COP) Sergeant Angela Meyer.

The NROs addressed the crime problems in the neighborhoods, as well as assisted the community with addressing their concerns through meetings and consultations. They continued the domestic violence follow-up victim assistance program, with over 100 contacts made.



Two new block watch groups were formed and existing groups were maintained with monthly meetings. A newly formed Groesbeck Business Owner's meeting was conducted and an apartment managers meeting was held. The NROs also participated in community clean-up days and assisted in building parks in the township. By the end of 2008, the NROs

addressed 105 problems affecting the quality of life issues in Colerain Township.

The NROs have kept their partnerships within the community, working with Senior Services, The Hamilton County Board of Health Dept., the Colerain Fire Department, Hamilton County Engineers, Colerain Zoning, Child Protective Services, and many other groups.

Their primary goal in Colerain Township is to develop new relationships and continue existing partnerships while working toward a better Colerain Township.

## INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Denny Deaton has been the Colerain Police Department Detective since 1999. Detective Deaton works in co-operation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. In July of 2005 his investigative assignment changed from "White-Collar Crime" division to the "Property Crime/Burglary" division. Detective Deaton works under the supervision of Hamilton County Sheriff's Sergeant Chris Ketteman.

Along with Detective Deaton's current investigative case load, he is a CVSA (Certified Voice Stress Analysis) operator, and was elected as a board member to the Midwest Association of Voice Stress Operators in November 2008. He conducts investigative and pre-employment testing for Colerain Police and surrounding police agencies. Detective Deaton conducted 37 CVSA examinations for pre-employment screening and four criminal investigations. Detective Deaton attended CVSA continued education and maintained his current examiners certifications.



Detective Deaton taught criminal investigation and crime scene classes for the Citizen's and Student Police Academies. He provided robbery response training to the employees of the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union.

Throughout the year Detective Deaton conducted nine death investigations and responded as the lead investigator for Missing Persons Team call outs, as well as shooting investigations. Detective Deaton assisted the City of Mt. Healthy and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office with a robbery/homicide investigation, which resulted in an arrest closure in 2009.

There were 410 cases assigned in 2008, with 40 arrest made and \$31,000.00 in property recovered.

## **PLAIN CLOTHES**

The Plain Clothes Unit continued its mission of addressing “street crime” in 2008. During the year, the unit continued to operate with two undercover detectives. The unit investigated various crimes including narcotics trafficking, alcohol violations, and reports of prostitution. They also assisted in theft and burglary investigations and responded to day to day radio runs. During 2008, the unit worked 169 days and investigated 37 cases and responded to 137 radio calls. As a result, 259 suspects were arrested with 76 of those charged with felony crimes. Many of those arrests were related to high profile cases such as a home invasion that occurred in February. The Plain Clothes Unit responded to assist patrol units who were dispatched to a burglary with shots fired. Patrol units on scene advised a description of the three armed suspects and the direction they were running. Plain clothes detectives spotted the suspects entering a nearby creek and began pursuing them. All three suspects were apprehended within minutes and two firearms were recovered. The items stolen during the burglary were also recovered.

A majority of the cases that are investigated by the unit involve narcotics. During 2008, detectives recovered 37 pounds of marijuana and ½ pound of crack cocaine. Also recovered were small amounts of powder cocaine, heroin, LSD, mushrooms, and various prescription pills. As a result of the drug investigations and arrests, detectives executed 13 search warrants and seized \$14,154.00 in cash and six vehicles from drug dealers. Forfeiture orders are pending on the cash and vehicles and once granted all will be awarded to the police department.

Both detectives assigned to the unit completed many hours of additional training in the area of investigations and drug enforcement. In 2008, their training efforts were concentrated on the topic of prescription drug abuse. Detectives worked with several local pharmacies on the issue of “doctor shopping” and made numerous arrests as a result.

In 2009, the detectives assigned to the plain clothes unit will remain dedicated to investigating these street level crimes and keeping Colerain Township safe for both its residents and visitors.

## SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS

Colerain Township and Northwest Local School District signed a three year contract for a full time School Investigator. The position went into effect on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the beginning of the school year. Officer Justin Hussel was assigned to the investigative position. Officer Hussel handles all attendance referrals, residential issues, and any reports of bullying. The Northwest Local School District is compiled of eight elementary schools, three middle schools, and two high schools. There are three schools that are located outside of Colerain Township. Two schools are in Green Township and one in Springfield Township. Both townships signed an agreement with Colerain Township to allow the investigator to handle investigations in their jurisdictions.

Officer Hussel received 67 truancy referrals for the first four months of school. The referrals are initiated by the attendance secretaries at each school. Each school refers students who are getting close to the truancy limit for absences. A student becomes truant if they meet any of the following criteria; miss five consecutive days of unexcused absences, misses seven unexcused absences in a month, or misses 12 unexcused absences for the year. Out of those 67 truancy



referrals, 26 had truancy charges filed. Officer Hussel also made 114 phone calls to students' families' reference being absent or being tardy to school and spoke to the family about ways to improve their child's attendance.

Officer Hussel also handles residency issues for the school district. Families may provide false addresses to allow a student to attend a school in the Northwest Local School District. Through Officer Hussel's investigations and with the help of citizens in the community, by way of email or letter, the families who provide a false address are advised to leave the Northwest Local School District and enroll in their local School District. Officer Hussel has investigated 72 residency complaints and has closed out 52. Out of the 52 cases closed, 29 were closed with expulsions from the district and 23 were closed with families being found in compliance with school district residency requirements.

Officer Hussel is looking forward to finishing out the 2008-2009 school year and making an impact on the young citizens of our community. Officer Hussel is also working on the creation of an "Unofficial" Truancy Court to handle "first time" truancy offenders. His goal is to have the court established for the 2009/2010 school year.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY



The Colerain Police Department has one officer, assigned full-time, to Traffic Safety. Officer Mark Meyer is currently assigned to this position. His daily duties include the investigation of auto accidents, investigations of hit-skip crashes, traffic enforcement in school zones and high accident locations. Officer Meyer also responds to citizen's complaints regarding traffic issues in their neighborhoods. Further duties include conducting in-service training; to include changes to the Ohio Revised Code's traffic chapters, OVI updates, and Driving Under Suspension code updates. Officer Meyer also instructs students in the local schools,

and students in the Colerain Citizen's and Student Police Academies. Other responsibilities are the deployment, care and maintenance of the MPH Speed Trailer. Certifications of officers in the use of radar and laser units are also done by Officer Meyer.

Officer Meyer is assigned to a police motorcycle during the majority of the year. The motorcycle is not only a valuable tool for traffic enforcement, but is also used for public relations during various events within the Township and events throughout the tri-state area. The motorcycle is an essential tool at the Fourth of July event and the Taste of Colerain. The motorcycle has the advantage to maneuver through traffic and go places a full size vehicle cannot. The exceptional gas mileage of a motorcycle is another distinct advantage.



Officer Meyer investigated 200 auto accidents in 2008. He also investigated 74 hit-skip accidents, closing 37 (50%) of them with an arrest. During the year, Officer Meyer issued 1577 citations: 914 moving violations, 108 non-moving violations, 490 seat belt violations and 65 parking citations. He also issued 422 warnings for traffic related violations. Officer Meyer made 122 driving under suspension arrests and served 59 warrants. He also investigated 254 abandoned vehicles of which 37 were eventually towed. Productivity for the Traffic Unit increased 9.5% from 2007.

With a cooperative effort as an investigative team, Officer Meyer responds with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Traffic Safety Unit to any fatal or serious auto accidents that occur in Colerain Township. In 2008, Colerain Township suffered six fatal auto accidents.

## **BIKE TEAM**

In 2008 Officers Joe Redmond and Justin Hussel continued the mission of reducing street crimes and improving the quality of life throughout the business district and neighborhoods of Colerain Township.

The team started the year by attending the 2008 International Police Mountain Bike Association Conference in Indianapolis Indiana. The bike conference is the only training available for the team during the year. The conference offered valuable training in crowd control techniques and survival skills for bike officers. These techniques were brought back and shared with the other members of the bike team.



During the 4 ½ months the team patrolled Colerain Township, they traveled over 550 miles. The team made 98 criminal arrests consisting of alcohol, narcotic, and other crimes. The bike team served 62 warrants and issued over 300 traffic citations.

The bike team helped provide extra patrol for the Colerain Township July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular and for the Taste of Colerain. The bike team members also participated in Bike Rodeo's for the younger citizens in the community with offering bike safety techniques.

## CALEA ACCREDITATION

In 2008, the Colerain Police Department conducted its second accreditation onsite assessment. The onsite was for the first reaccreditation of the Police Department since our initial accreditation in 2005. The reaccreditation assessment was originally scheduled to occur in August of 2008. However, because Chief Steven Sarver left the department in late 2007 and Lt. Meloy, who at the time was the Accreditation Manager, was promoted to Chief, the Accreditation Manager position was vacant for a short period of time. Lt. Mark Unger was assigned as the Reaccreditation Manager. Due to this change, the onsite assessment was moved to December of 2008.

Three law enforcement assessors were assigned to conduct an onsite assessment. The lead assessor was Michael Pheil from LaGrange, Georgia. He was assisted by assessors Thomas Fowler from Branford, Connecticut and Joseph Hellebrand from Melbourne, Florida. The assessors arrived on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and completed the onsite on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. During the assessment process, the assessors reviewed all of the Police Department files related to the law enforcement accreditation. They found that the Colerain Police Department did not have one file classified as non-compliant. They unanimously recommended that the Colerain Police Department receive reaccreditation.

During the onsite assessment, the assessors reviewed all facets of the Police Department's operations. They toured all of the buildings and facilities associated with the Police Department which included the Hamilton County Communications Center, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office property building and Criminal Investigative Section, and toured the Colerain Police Department. The assessors also spent a good deal of time and effort getting feedback from the community. Feedback was gathered during a phone-in session to the assessors, reviewing letters that were mailed to CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) and talking to members of the community during a public hearing. The assessors also spent a great deal of time interviewing members of the department and riding with police officers to better understand the Police Department's operations.

At the end of the onsite, as with any assessment, the Police Department learned a couple of policing lessons. First, the Colerain Police Department is policing in a manner consistent with the best practices in law enforcement. The other lessons that were learned during the assessment are perhaps more important and that is how the Police Department can tweak its operations to provide even better services to the community. The onsite process is truly essential to maintain the high professionalism that the community expects.

To read the assessor's final report, please go to our website ([www.coleraintwp.org](http://www.coleraintwp.org)) and click on "Departments" and then "Police". The "Accreditation" link and report are available for viewing.

## **HIRING AND SELECTION**

The Colerain Police Department began the 2008 calendar year with 32 sworn police officers and three non-sworn staff. Early in the year, one officer left the Police Department. This was in addition to the Police Department losing two officers and the past Chief of Police in 2007. The losses reduced the agency staffing to 31 sworn officers early in January 2008. The Police Department needed to replace these officers. The Chief of Police was hired from within the Colerain Police Department staff and was sworn into office in January 2008. Colerain Police then moved forward in conducting two selection processes to identify quality candidates that would fill the remaining vacant officer positions.

During the winter and spring of 2008, two police officer hiring processes were initiated to identify qualified candidates to fill the vacancies in the Colerain Police Department. Upon completion of the hiring processes, The Colerain Police Department received applications from over 150 persons interested in becoming a police officer in Colerain Township. The hiring process required the candidates to successfully pass a written examination. For all the candidates that scored 70% or above on the written examination, they were then required to pass a test of their physical fitness capabilities. The candidates were required to perform exercises such as the “one-minute” sit up; maximum push ups and 1.5 mile run. Each test has established scoring criteria based on the age and sex of the candidate. The candidates who successfully completed the physical fitness testing were given a date to interview with representatives from the Police Department and residents of Colerain Township. Of the over 150 candidates who began the hiring process, approximately 56% candidates passed the written examination. Those candidates were then required to successfully complete the fitness testing. Of the candidates who participated in the fitness testing, 57 % successfully passed this portion of the testing. Those remaining candidates were then required to participate in an oral interview. The interview panel consisted of the Chief of Police, a Police Department command officer, supervisor, officer and civilian community representative. Those candidates that passed the oral interview were required to successfully complete a thorough background investigation. The background investigation includes, but is not limited to, a review of previous employers, discussions with co-workers, friends, associates, review of the candidates financial and driving history, a review of any criminal activity, if any, and any drug usage. Those candidates also underwent a truth verification examination. The Colerain Police Department utilizes the Certified Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) to confirm the truthfulness of the candidate. Candidates who successfully completed those stages were considered against other successful candidates to determine which one offered the most benefit to the Police Department. The selected candidate is then offered a conditional offer of employment to allow final medical and psychological testing. Four candidates were selected from the two processes to fill the four vacant police officer positions. Those officers hired in 2008 were Edwin Cordie, Melissa Johnson, John Carter, and Michael Stockmeier.

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

The following is a list of the awards that police personnel received in 2008 and a brief description of the circumstances leading to the award.

**Sergeant Mark Denney – MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) “Top Cop” Award**

For his exceptional dedication and service as a first line defense against drunk drivers.

**Officer Joseph Hendricks – Officer of the Year, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 113**

For his extreme bravery and perseverance in the apprehension of several armed burglary suspects as well as the recovery of stolen merchandise.

**Officer David Hubbard – Officer of the Year, Colerain Township Business Association**

For his exceptional efforts in the area of self initiated arrests, drug interdiction, and traffic enforcement.

**Deputy Michael Hopewell – Community Service Award, Hillendale Block Watch Group**

For his outstanding service to the Hillendale community in Colerain Township.

**Officer Keyonia Lumpkins – Community Service Award, Hillendale Block Watch Group**

For her outstanding service to the Hillendale community in Colerain Township.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

The budget for the Police Department is largely derived from tax dollars. In 1991, the citizens of Colerain Township approved a two-mil Police Levy that generated approximately \$2 million dollars annually. This money is solely for use by the Police Department. In 2002, an additional one-mil Police Levy was overwhelmingly approved by Colerain Township residents that provided an additional \$1 million dollars annually.

In November of 2007, Colerain Township voter's supported a 1.15 mil levy to help support the Police Department. In addition to the monies received from the Police Levy there are several other ways the Police Department obtains funds to operate. These include grants for personnel, grants for equipment, fines from drug and drunk-driving convictions, fines from traffic citations, donations from various sources, and transfers from the General Fund when absolutely necessary. Any money not used in any given year is forwarded on to the next year.

In 2008, the total amount of appropriated for Colerain Police Department operations was \$4,924,900.00. Just over 60 percent of the Police Department Budget was allocated for salary and salary-related expenses such as health insurance, worker's compensation, pension, and Medicare. Just over \$3,000,000.00 was spent for these items alone in 2008. The next major expense the Police Department incurs is the combined cost for dispatch services from the Hamilton County Communication Center and the contracted services of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, which augments the Colerain Township Police Department. In 2008, this combined amount totaled \$737,188.00, or approximately 15% of the entire Police Department budget.

Our next major expense on an annual basis is vehicle-related. Each year the Police Department attempts to purchase two to three new cruisers to replace older ones. In 2008 we purchased a total of five new police cars. In addition to the cost of the car itself, there's the added expense of equipment such as light bars, sirens, protective screens, decals, etc. The Police Department suffered during the fuel crisis and paid a significant increase for the cost of gasoline in 2008. Our recent transition to the Chevrolet Impala helped defer the increased costs. Our use of the Chevrolet Impala's found these new cruisers get better gas mileage than the Ford Crown Victoria police cars by approximately three miles per gallon. Our transition of our fleet of police cruisers to the Chevrolet Impala's should be complete in 2010. The cost associated with cruisers and equipment purchased in 2008 was approximately \$100,000.00. The cost for gasoline was approximately \$7,000 per month. We do our best to keep all cars in our fleet in excellent shape with regularly scheduled oil changes, tune-ups, and tire replacement. The total cost in 2007 to purchase new cars, provide them with fuel, tires and regular maintenance totaled approximately \$192,000.00.

Like any organization, public or private, there are many things that comprise the budget. Office supplies, building maintenance, training costs, electricity, water, telephone service, liability insurance, property insurance, postage, printing, and uniforms to name a few are all paid through the Police Department budget. Many of those costs, and obviously many of the costs explained above, increase from year to year due to inflation. As you can see it is very costly to operate a Police Department while trying to provide the necessary services any given community needs and deserves.

## **TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

The Colerain Police Department's Mission and Value Statement include the following passage, "We value high standards of education and training of our employees." The Police Department lived up to that statement in 2008 by training our officers 3,937 hours. This number does not include the hours many of our officers spent in college pursuing their advanced degrees.

The Police Department is provided with a training budget and is tasked with the responsibility of completing necessary training while not overspending. The cost to the Colerain Police Department for training in 2008 was \$4,111.00, or \$1.04 per training hour. We were able to accomplish this because many of our officers are certified instructors in their fields of interest and were able to reduce cost by training officers in-house.

Some of the training received by our officers in 2008 included Domestic Violence training, Field Sobriety Instructor training, Federal Terrorism and Homeland Security training, self defense, Identity Theft and Fraud investigations, school bus safety, officer survivor skills, missing children investigations, gang violence and investigations, and victim's rights issues.

Our plain-clothes investigative team received a great deal of training in 2008 in the area of informant control, surveillance and investigative techniques and drug identification and investigations.

Three of our officers completed training in 2008 as Drug Recognition Experts. This training allows them to identify and apprehend drivers who are impaired on drugs and alcohol. These officers join another one of our officers to become four of only seven Drug Recognition Experts in the State of Ohio.

Every officer was recertified in conducting the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. These are the roadside tests that officers conduct during an initial Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated (OVI) investigation. These tests are very technical and must be conducted correctly to be used in court. All of our officers are trained to give these tests to impaired drivers and help reduce injury accidents caused by impaired driving.

Our Neighborhood Resource Officers all completed recertification and are Crime Prevention Specialists. This training allows them to assist our citizens in crime prevention and assist our Block Watch Programs.

As written above, we have many officers who have returned to college to seek degrees. Some are receiving their Associates, Bachelors, and Masters degrees, while continuing to serve the citizens of Colerain Township.

The Police Department will continue to educate and train our officers to the highest standards while being fiscally responsible. We believe training and education is the most important thing we can do to continue to deliver excellent service to our community.

## CITIZEN AND STUDENT POLICE ACADEMIES

The Citizen's Police Academy was started in 1998. Since its inception, there have been 22 classes graduate from the program. Each class averages 15- 20 students. The students in the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) are adults and range from age 21 to age 80. With the success of the CPA class, the department decided to start a Student Police Academy (SPA). The SPA has graduated six classes and the students are from area high schools. The curriculum for both academies is similar with the exception of the SPA students taking a tour of the Hamilton County Jail.



The academies consist of 11 weeks of instruction and practical exercises. Everything with the academies is voluntary. The practical exercises include red-handled gun simulation shooting with cotton bullets. Students do building searches and simulated traffic stops. They have practical exercises with the RED-MAN suit; a demonstration involving baton training and Taser training. Other topics covered in the academy are Traffic Enforcement, Narcotic Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Liquor Control, Criminal Investigation and Citizens on Patrol. They get an overview of the School Resource Officer and Neighborhood Resource Officer Programs, as well as Bike Team, Missing Persons Team and 911 dispatch operations. The majority of the instruction is taught by Officers of the Police Department and the academy nights usually last three hours.



Our officers also provide instruction in their cruisers through a ride-along program. Members of the academies have the opportunity to participate in the ride along program. Their ride covers a portion of second shift with one officer and then a shift change for third shift and a new officer for the second half of the ride along. Having the program allows them to relate the classroom instruction with the daily reality of being a police officer.

Once a student completes and graduates the academy, they become a member of the CPA / SPA Alumni. They have the ability to volunteer at different events throughout the year such as our annual Citizen's on Patrol at Northgate Mall during the holidays, OVI checkpoints, Fourth of July summer event and the Taste of Colerain. The volunteer patrol utilizes a former police car that has markings on the side doors clearly identifying them as "Citizen's on Patrol". The vehicle also has an amber light bar on the top. They become the extra set of "eyes and ears" for the police department. The alumni are a huge asset to the police department and supportive to the officers. They gain an understanding of the community policing philosophy and importance of the relationship with each other.

## VOLUNTEERS

Graduates of the Citizens and Student Police Academies support the Police Department in many events in the Township. Working summer events for the community such as the Fourth of July Spectacular and the Taste of Colerain are just two of the bigger events. Our volunteers assist with other Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and Student Police Academy (SPA) classes as they progress through their training. Holiday foot patrol at Northgate Mall is also a big event. Volunteers patrol through the mall during business hours, acting as additional “eyes and ears” for security and police. They walk in groups of three or four and notify security if they have any suspicious or concerning activity. The volunteers and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Without their involvement in such events the department would not be as successful as it is.



Many of our volunteers participate in Citizen’s on Patrol (COP). They utilize a car specifically marked for volunteer patrol. They have an amber light bar on the top of the car as well. During the morning hours several days a week there is a team of 3-4 volunteers that patrol and assist the School Resource Officers with watching for students walking to school. They have also conducted patrols at night to again be the “eyes and ears” for the police department.

Extra training from Traffic Officer Mark Meyer has given them the ability to use laser radar to help monitor and document areas of concern for speeders. The volunteers keep track of speeds during certain times and then report them back to Officer Meyer. Appropriate action is then taken to help eliminate an identified problem.

In 2008, several volunteers received the President’s Volunteer Service Award for their service to Colerain Township. This award was created by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award recognizes and honors Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

The following volunteers received the Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

Debbie Fales	142.25 volunteer hours
Donald Corday	213 volunteer hours
Gail Hallgath	116 volunteer hours
Jerry Michael	177 volunteer hours
Lori Marsh	165.50 volunteer hours
Patrick Powell	390.75 volunteer hours
Robert Stahl	274 volunteer hours
Wendy Taylor	212 volunteer hours
William Courter	329 volunteer hours

The Following volunteers received the Silver Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

Patrick Powell  
Robert Stahl  
William Courter

The Police Department Citizens Police Academy received a Gold Presidential Award for providing over 1000 hours of volunteer service.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>MONEY SAVED</b>
Citizens on Patrol	1421	\$28,064.75
Office Volunteer Duties	298.75	5,870.06
Northgate Mall Patrol	486	9,598.50
Festivals and Events	698.75	13,800.31
Firefighter Assistance	197.25	3,895.69
Academy Class Assistance	332.50	6,566.88
Miscellaneous	145.75	2,878.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,754 Hours</b>	<b>\$74,141.50</b>

\* Based on Citizens Volunteer Corp rate.

## **MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIVE TEAM**

Several years ago, the Colerain Police Department made a commitment to the young and elderly of the community. If someone is critically missing, there is a team of officers and command staff available to respond and assist in the location of the missing individual. The teams are made up of an Incident Commander, a Team Leader, Investigator and officers who serve in a variety of roles. One of their roles is to canvass the neighborhood. This allows the team to gather as much information as possible from the neighborhood or area surrounding the incident. The Officers also record information and document the activities as they progress. The missing person team also has a Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) who responds to assist with the media relations. The P.I.O. will initiate information releases, formulate missing posters for distribution to law enforcement and screen caller information.

Should the investigation find the missing person to be a victim of a crime such as abduction, or interference with the custody of a juvenile, assistance from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Section would be requested to work in cooperation with the team.

The Colerain Police Citizens Volunteers are also trained by police personnel as well as Colerain Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR) members. The volunteers continue to receive periodic training in urban search and rescue tactics.

Due to our cooperative efforts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, four members of the Sheriff's organization were added to the Missing Person Team in 2008. They were Deputy Michael Hopewell, Deputy Nicholas McCarthy, Detective David Daugherty, and Detective Andrew Guy.

Assisting families in such an emotional and stressful situation is what the team excels at. Having an officer assigned to stay with the family during the investigative portion of locating their loved one gives the family a peace of mind and assurance that the Colerain Police Department is highly committed in locating their loved one. The Missing Person Team was activated four times in 2008 resulting in the successful return of five missing persons. We will continue to serve the community to the best of our ability; we are proud of our team and are dedicated to improving our knowledge and services.

## CRIME STATISTICS

The following is a list of the crimes that occurred in Colerain Township from 2005 to 2008. The statistics were obtained from reports filed with both the Colerain Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

<b><u>INCIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>
Homicide	3	1	1	0
Rape	34	33	32	28
Robbery	100	81	99	93
Assault	294	332	325	343
Domestic Violence	369	288	288	209
Burglary	432	386	302	338
Theft	2044	2029	1885	1874
Auto Theft	279	230	182	160
Criminal Damage / Vandalism	956	917	734	716
<b>Other Offenses:</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>
Arson	16	15	15	13
Sex Offenses	41	40	34	27
Narcotics	436	678	890	563
Forgery	82	66	47	68
Bad Check Fraud	87	110	86	91
Receiving Stolen Goods	54	51	45	29
Carrying Concealed Weapons	45	68	47	46
Liquor Laws	171	224	293	171
OVI	203	244	277	224
Curfew Violations	97	101	134	99
Disorderly Conduct	665	684	775	565
Family Offenses	32	25	37	2
<b>Other Reports:</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>
Missing Juveniles	150	153	144	133
Missing Adults	47	38	28	26
Dog Bites	34	31	26	33
Aided Case	299	284	219	236
House Fire	18	16	14	9
Auto Fire	12	11	13	9
Other Fire	4	3	8	3
Attempt Suicide Juvenile	1	6	4	5
Attempt Suicide Adult	14	23	24	18

# COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

## Statistic Specific to the Colerain Police Department:

Offense Reports Taken – 2,908  
Traffic Crash Reports Taken – 653  
Arrests Made – 2,565  
Calls for Service Handled – 20,749  
Traffic Tickets Written – 4,009  
Written Warnings / Field Interview Reports – 995  
Total Number of Police / Citizen Contacts – 31,801

## Vehicle Pursuits – 4

1<sup>st</sup> shift – 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> shift – 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> shift – 0

## Officer Involved Crashes – 12

Total Miles Driven – 269,681  
One crash every 22,473 miles  
Officer at fault – 9  
Emergency operations – 0  
Other at fault – 2  
Animal – 1

## Grievances filed – 0

## Internal Investigations – 18

Result: Exonerated – 3  
Sustained – 6  
Sustained Other – 1  
Not Sustained – 4  
Unfounded – 4  
Pending - 0

## Response to Aggressive Behavior - 13

Response to Aggressive Behavior – 0  
Use of Chemical Irritant – 0  
Use of Taser – 13

**Personnel Changes:**

Officers Hired – 4  
Officers Resigned – 1  
Total Change – +3

**Training:**

Hours Spent – 3,937  
Average hours per sworn officer – 116  
Total spent on training – \$4,111.04  
Average spent per training hour – \$1.04

**Neighborhood Resource Officer Statistics:**

Problems Investigated – 105  
Block Watch Programs Initiated – 2

**School Resource Officer Statistics:**

Reports Taken – 140  
Cases Closed – 99  
Arrests Made – 149  
Non Criminal Contacts – 921

**Criminal Investigations:**

Cases Assigned – 410  
Cases Closed – 78  
Arrests – 40  
Value of Property Recovered - \$31,030.85

**Plain Clothes Statistics:**

Cases Assigned – 37  
Cases Cleared – 45  
Forfeitures: Money - \$14,154.00  
                  Vehicles – 6  
Arrests – 259

### **School Truancy Investigator**

Truancy Cases Assigned – 110  
Residency Cases Assigned – 72  
Bullying Investigations – 0  
Truancy Cases Closed – 67  
Residency Cases Closed – 52  
Charges Filed / Arrests – 32

### **Traffic Accident Investigator:**

Accident Investigations – 200  
Traffic Citations Issued – 1,577  
Arrests – 25

### **Bike Team:**

Miles Rode – 550 Miles  
Arrests Made – 98  
Warrant Arrests – 62  
Citations Issued - 300

### **Missing Persons Response Team Activations:**

Missing Person Cases Responded to – 4  
Missing Persons Located - 5

### **Citizen Academy Volunteer Statistics:**

Events Worked – 14  
Hours Volunteered – 3,754  
Total Savings Based on Civilian Pay – \$74,141.50

# **COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION AND VALUE STATEMENT**

## **OUR MISSION**

*“In the Pursuit of Excellence”*

The members of the Colerain Police Department are committed to protecting life and property, preventing crime, ensuring peace and safety, and safeguarding the Constitutional rights of the residents of the Township and the rights of the many visitors to our community.

## **OUR VALUES**

As we strive to achieve our mission we value...

- The quality of life in our Township
- Lasting partnerships with our community
- Treating citizens with dignity, respect, fairness, and compassion
- High standards of education and training of our employees
- Professionalism, integrity, and ethical behavior of our employees
- The strength and courage to fight injustice
- Productive working relationships with other police agencies