

COLERAIN POLICE



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I want to start by saying “thank you” to the community of Colerain Township for supporting your Police Department in 2009. The year was a difficult one for many for a variety of reasons. Because of the officers employed by the Colerain Police Department, I’m excited to move past 2009 and into the future for the residents and businesses of our community and for our Police Department.

In 2009, we worked to fill the unexpected separations of one Police Department commander and another veteran police officer. The positions were important to fill with the most qualified persons available. We establish a process to identify the most qualified police officer candidates to fill any open positions. The Colerain Police Department staffing level is 36 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police. Over 30 applicants participated in the hiring process conducted during the spring of 2009. From the processes, we were able to identify and hire the two 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. As a means to increase the “problem-solving” working philosophy, the Department approved the reassignment of the “Neighborhood Resource Officers” to each of the patrol squads. That adjustment provides the community 24 hours per day/seven days per week access. The specialized problem solving services and capabilities will now be available more than ever before. Please don’t hesitate in contacting us and letting us know what you perceive these problems to be. We want the community to feel comfortable being involved with its police department.

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 the 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 last but not least is the new “Detective” position created in 2008 to investigate truancy and residency issues, harassment, and bullying and intimidation incidents. The “School Investigator” had a tremendously positive impact during the 2008/2009 school year.

In 2009, the Police Department continued its education of the community through our Citizens and Student Police Academy programs. Two “Citizens Academy” classes graduated in 2009, bringing the number of classes to 24. We also conduct one Student Police Academy each year that is facilitated by the two School Resource Officers.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Meloy
Chief of Police

NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Colerain Police Department serves 63,000 residences and covers 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 assigned into four 12 hour shifts and each shift is headed 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 law enforcement services. Those services include traffic safety, follow-up investigations, plain clothes investigations, School Truancy 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 for law enforcement services. They also perform follow-up investigations with Colerain's full time detective. Colerain Police has three members assigned to the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT), and they are utilized when a significant dangerous event occurs such as a barricaded suspect. 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 philosophy of the Colerain Police Department is 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

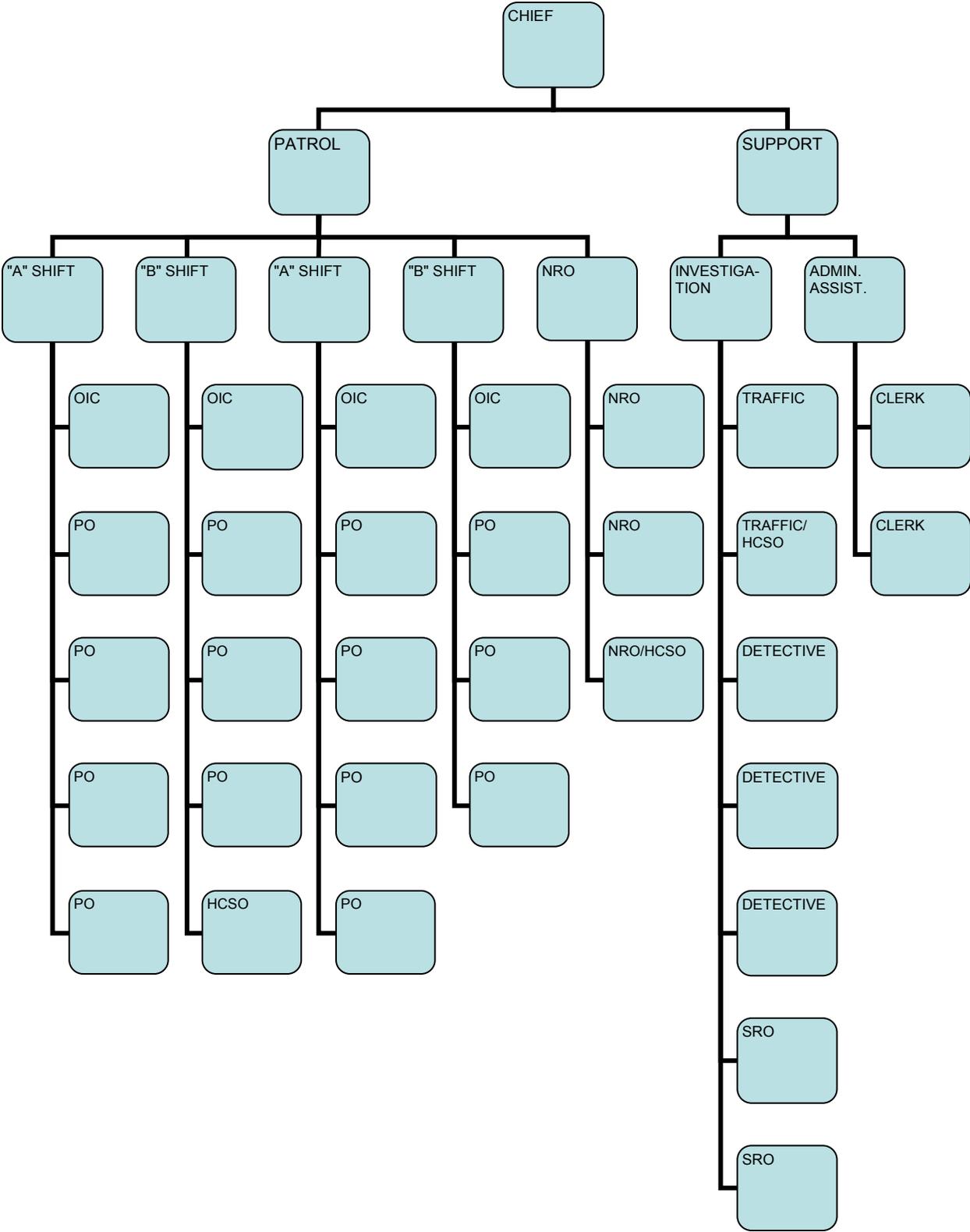


Row One (Left to Right): PO Melissa Johnson, PO Andrew Demeropolis, PO Justin Hussel, Nancy Spears, Edward Smith, Linda Snyder, PO Edwin Cordie, PO Elisabeth Doll, PO Patrick Quinn, PO Karl Altheim.

Row Two (Left to Right): PO Matthew Ashcraft, PO Steven Karwisch, PO Keyonia Lumpkins, Sgt. Christopher Phillips, Sgt. Jerome Grayson, Lt. Mark Denney, Chief Daniel Meloy, Lt. Angela Meyer, Sgt. Michael Owens, Sgt. Joseph Redmond, PO Jason Sax, PO Jennifer Sharp, PO Mark Meyer,

Row Three (Left to Right): PO Rick Bernecker, PO Christopher Cullman, PO Jamie Penley, PO John J. Carter, PO Neil Millikin, PO Dale Woods, PO David Hubbard, PO Eric Renner, PO William Smith, PO Kevin Sevier, Det. Joseph Hendricks, Det. Denny Deaton,

2009 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division of the Colerain Police Department is made up of 24 police officers. The patrol officers handle the majority of the calls for service within the Township. Starting in January, 2009, the road patrol transitioned to a 12 hour work schedule. The patrol officers work a set 12 hour schedule with rotating off days. The dayshift works from 8:00

a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The nightshift, in turn, works from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. The change in the scheduling of the patrol officers was made to address the increased stressors associated with policing and as a means for officers to spend more time with their families. The Department was able to schedule more officers per shift and add one Neighborhood Resource Officer to each squad. The officers work with the same group of officers every duty day. This assignment provides camaraderie amongst the officers and a way for information and problem solving efforts to work through each respective squad.

The patrol division responded to 29,895 calls for service in 2009. The calls can range from the routine "loud music" complaint to an "armed robbery in progress". The calls are usually dispatched through the Hamilton County Communications Center. All calls for service are reviewed on a monthly basis and ways to better serve the community and identify specific problems are discussed.

Also in 2009, the Police Department created a system to allow citizens and business to file crime reports online. The crimes in which reports are accepted are theft, property damage and lost property. Citizens can also request the Police Department check their residence while on vacation, report suspicious activity and request the Department check a home or business for safety.

Colerain Township has a diverse community. The 45 square miles of the Township are divided into six geographical beats. The Colerain Police Department provides police services with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department also transitioned to a 12 hour work schedule in late 2009. The patrol division utilizes the Support Services Division which consists of the Plain Clothes Unit, Criminal Investigations, Traffic Investigator, and School Resource Officers.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Colerain Police Department is entering its tenth year with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The partnership with Northwest Local School District has grown every year since its beginning in 1999. The Department assigns one officer at both Colerain Township high schools. The SRO's also assist the middle and elementary schools when requested. Their duties consist of law enforcement response, education and mentoring of the students. These tasks allow the SRO to interact with students both in the school hallways and classrooms.



The 2009 school year was successful in allowing officers the opportunity to work closely with school staff and students. This helped in developing relationships between law enforcement and the community. The SRO's continue to be involved and increase their roles in the classroom environment. More and more teachers ask for assistance in lectures from the SRO's to assist with their classes. The SRO's can present on a wide range of issues relating to the law, the law enforcement career, as well as different career opportunities. Students also seek out the SRO's for assistance with papers and questionnaires that they must prepare for school. The SRO's also involve themselves with the Hamilton County "Safe Communities" Task Force. The "Teen Driving Countermeasure" is a program taught four times a year at each high school. The program is designed to teach students the dangers associated with a decision to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Both SRO's are also coordinators of the Student Police Academy. In 2009, the Department and SRO's completed their seventh class of student graduates. The 2009 school year was also a transition year for the SRO program.

Officer Keyonia Lumpkins began a new phase of her police career when she became the School Resource Officer at Colerain High School in 2009. During the 2008—2009 school year, 135 arrests were made at Colerain High School. Officer Lumpkins also assisted other officers in the investigation of reports of crime and in closing out police reports of all types. Officer Lumpkins was sought out by the staff and students at Colerain High School to help resolve various issues that can arise during the school day.

Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis completed his fifth year at Northwest Senior High School as the School Resource Officer and his 26th year as a full time police officer with Colerain Township. Officer Demeropolis has been instrumental in assisting Lt. Mark Denney with the "Driving Angels" program at Northwest High School. This innovative program involves students volunteering as instructors in educating young drivers on making proper decisions when operating a motor vehicle. The course is taught to juvenile drivers that have been cited to traffic court or who volunteer to attend on their own. Officer Demeropolis' close relationship to the administration, faculty, and students has fostered a great working atmosphere. Plans are currently underway for a safe driving event in the spring of 2010 at Northwest High School to take place before the prom. Officer Demeropolis will be partnering with Jennifer Bierer of the Hamilton County Safe Communities Program to format the spring 2010 event and future events at Northwest High School.



NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) unit has been existence since 2003. In 2009, the unit had Deputy Michael Hopewell of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department as well as Colerain Officers Keyonia Lumpkins, Jennifer Sharp and David Hubbard.



Officer Hubbard replaced Officer Lumpkins when she was assigned as the School Resource Officer at Colerain High School. The Neighborhood Resource Officers assist the community with problems and concerns that are identified by the community or Police Department. The officers examine reports and look at patterns or trends of crime that may assist in our efforts to successfully resolve the identified problem(s). The Neighborhood

Resource Officers continued the successful "Domestic Violence Follow-up" program in 2009. This initiative has been recognized by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office as assisting victims and prosecutors in gaining a higher conviction rate for "Domestic Violence" offenders.



The quality of life for Colerain Township residents is critical to the function of the Neighborhood Resource Officers.

They partner with the Colerain Business Community, Hamilton County Board of Health, Colerain Fire Department, Colerain Zoning Department, and Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services as well as many other public and private service agencies.



The Neighborhood Resource Officer unit canvassed several Colerain Township neighborhoods in 2009. With the assistance of the Citizen Police Academy Volunteers, officers and volunteers walked door to door and gathered vital information needed to assist with directed patrols and identify concerns and/or problems from the residents living in the specific neighborhood.

At the end of 2009, the Police Department added two additional Neighborhood Resource Officers to the unit. Each of the four squads now has a Neighborhood Officer to facilitate problem solving at the squad level. The Neighborhood Officers can now more efficiently facilitate problem solving methods with all members of the Police Department. The two additional resource officers also give the advantage of having a Neighborhood Resource Officer on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Neighborhood Resource Officers share information and responsibilities with each other and the other squads.

INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Denny Deaton has assigned as the Colerain Police Department's "Criminal Investigation" Detective since 1999. Detective Deaton works in partnership with investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. In July of 2005, Detective Deaton's investigative assignment changed from "White-Collar" crimes to investigating property crimes and burglaries. Detective Deaton works under the supervision of Hamilton County Sheriff's Lieutenant Christopher Kettelman.



Along with Detective Deaton's investigative case load, he is a certified CVSA (Certified Voice Stress Analysis) operator. Detective Deaton was elected as a board member to the International Association of Voice Stress Operators in November of 2008 and maintains this position as of December 2009. Detective Deaton conducted testing in 2009 for investigative and pre-employment purposes with Colerain Police, Colerain Fire/EMS as well as area police agencies, when requested. Detective Deaton attended the VSA Continued Education training events and maintained his examiners certifications.

Detective Deaton taught criminal investigation and crime scene classes for the Citizen's and Student Police Academies, as well as mandated classes from the State of Ohio. He provided "Robbery Response" training to the employees of Northside Bank and Trust, in Colerain Township. Additionally, he presented at Northern Kentucky University and Scarlet Oaks Police Academy on the topic of "Report Writing." He also taught on the subject of background investigations and the use of the voice stress analyzer. Detective Deaton received additional training in Nashville, Tennessee for advanced child abduction investigations, and received his updated instructor certification for the State of Ohio.

Throughout the year, Detective Deaton conducted a variety of criminal investigation, to include burglary investigations, "Missing Person" team activations, as well as shooting and or death investigations. Detective Deaton participated with a home invasion robbery/homicide in which the case was closed with an arrest, along with an additional homicide in which the case was closed with an arrest. Detective Deaton also assisted in the investigation of a triple homicide incident in January 2009, which was also closed with an arrest.

In 2009, Detective Deaton was assigned 420 cases. Out of those cases, 37 were closed with an arrest. There was also \$49,798.00 in property recovered.

PLAIN CLOTHES

The Plain Clothes Team continued its mission of addressing street level crime during 2009. During the year, the team continued to operate with two undercover detectives. In December of 2009, the decision was made to add a third detective to the team. A process was conducted and a third member was selected. Due to manpower levels in the Patrol Division, the new investigator will start his assignment in 2010.

The Plain Clothes Team investigates various crimes including narcotics trafficking, alcohol violations, reports of prostitution while assisting in theft and burglary investigations. The team spent several weeks in late 2009 working to reduce an identified increase in "robberies." The team also assists in the investigation of daily radio runs. During 2009, the Plain Clothes Team worked 166 days and investigated 38 assigned cases as well as responded to 139 radios runs. As a result of the team's actions, 301 suspects were arrested with 81 of the arrests involving felony charges.

A majority of the cases investigated by the Plain Clothes Team involve narcotics. During 2009, detectives recovered 14 pounds of marijuana and three pounds of heroin. Also seized were smaller amounts of powder cocaine, crack cocaine, hallucinogenic mushrooms, and 221 prescription pills. As a result of the drug investigations and arrests, detectives executed nine search warrants and seized \$40,363.00 in cash and four vehicles from persons charged with felony crimes. Forfeiture orders are still pending on a percentage of the seized cash and vehicles cases. Once the court-ordered forfeitures are complete, the money and vehicles will be awarded to the Police Department for the use in the investigation of drug related crime.

In 2009, both detectives assigned to the Plain Clothes Team completed over 400 hours of additional training in the area of police leadership and crime scene investigations.

SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS

Colerain Township and Northwest Local School District agreed in 2008 to create a full time School Investigator position. The position went into effect on August 25th, 2008 for the 2008/2009 school year. Officer Justin Hussel was selected and assigned to the position and began his second school year. Officer Hussel handles the investigation of attendance and issues related to questions of School District residency. Additionally, the position investigates bullying, harassment and intimidation complaints. The Northwest Local School District is compiled of eight elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, and one alternate school. There are three schools in the district that are located outside the jurisdiction of Colerain Township. Green Township and Springfield Township have signed an agreement with Colerain Township to allow the School Investigator to handle investigations in their respective jurisdictions.



Officer Hussel received 180 truancy referrals during the 2009 calendar year. 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 miss five consecutive days of unexcused absences, incurs seven unexcused absences in a month, or has 12 unexcused absences for the school year. Out of 180 truancy referrals, 86 resulted in the filing of "Truancy" charges. Officer Hussel made 418 phone contacts to students' families' investigating why the student was absent or tardy to school. Officer Hussel could assist, if requested, families about ways to improve the attendance rate of their children.

Officer Hussel also investigates issues or complaints regarding the residency of a student attending school within the School District. Investigations during the school year found that some families provide false addresses to enable a student to attend a school within the Northwest Local School District. Through Officer Hussel's investigations and with help from citizens in the community, the families who were found to have provided a false address were instructed to leave the School District and enroll the children in the home school district. Officer Hussel investigated 158 residency complaints and closed out 94. Out of the 94 closed cases, 62 were found to have families not in compliance with the School District residency requirements.

Officer Hussel is looking forward to his second year as the school investigator. His goal this school year is to integrate the school district social worker and counselor to assist him with solving truancy and other issues discovered in families' homes.

TRAFFIC SAFETY



The Colerain Police Department has one officer, assigned as a full-time Traffic Safety Officer. Officer Mark Meyer is currently assigned to this position and has been for almost 10 years. His daily duties include the investigation of auto accidents, investigations of hit-skip crashes, and traffic enforcement in school zones and high accident locations. Officer Meyer also responds to citizen 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 (operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated) updates, and suspension code updates. Officer Meyer also instructs students in the local schools as well as students in the Colerain Citizen's and Student Police

Academies. Other responsibilities are the deployment, care and maintenance of the MPH Speed Trailer. Maintenance of the Police Department radar and laser units is also overseen 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. Officer Meyer also assists with escort and traffic safety events throughout the tri-state area, working cooperatively with the many agencies who partner to provide the best services possible. 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 increased gas mileage for the motorcycle is another advantage.

Officer Meyer investigated 216 auto accidents in 2009. He also investigated 96 hit-skip accidents, closing 33 (34%) of them with an arrest. During the year, Officer Meyer issued 1523 citations: 948 moving violations, 82 non-moving violations, 428 seat belt violations and 65 parking citations. He also issued 414 warnings for traffic related violations. Officer Meyer made 130 "Driving under Suspension" arrests and served 51 warrants. He also investigated 228 abandoned vehicles of which 24 were eventually towed.

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 2009 Colerain Township suffered four fatal auto accidents.

BIKE TEAM

In the fall of 2009, the Bike Team added four new officers to the team. Officers Michael Stockmeier, Melissa Johnson, and J. Joseph Carter successfully completed the International Police Mountain Bike School, while the fourth new officer, Dale Woods, received previous certification while employed as a North College Hill Police Officer. The new Bike Team members were able to gain some riding time in the fall of 2009 and assist with several public relations events such as the Bike Rodeo and several other safety related programs. Previous Bike Team member Justin Hussel was reassigned to the School Investigator position and Joseph Redmond was promoted to Sergeant in May of 2009.



The Colerain Police Bike Team assists with the Fourth of July Spectacular and the Taste of Colerain events. With their ability to move through a large crowd and on the busy streets gives the Bike Team a stealth advantage when combating street crime.

The Bike Team trains together whenever possible. Getting all officers on the bikes at once can present a scheduling challenge. Officers must stay in shape and their equipment must be in perfect working order. With one Bike Team officer

assigned to each squad, the team will be able to operate more efficiently in 2010.

The partnership with the business community is unique with the Bike Team. The team has the ability to navigate around businesses and parking lots unlike a marked police cruiser. The Bike Team members are better able to observe crowded parking lots while looking for suspicious or criminal activity.

Having the Bike Team members in the neighborhoods is a comfort to the community. These officers are more approachable and easy to talk to. The Bike Team officers take the time to spend with children outside and engage in community activities. Residents are more comfortable giving these officers pertinent information and relaying their concerns for their specific neighborhoods.

CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) is an independent organization that, under the guidance of the International Association of Chief's of Police, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriff's Association, and The Police Executive Research Forum, set national "best practice" standards for law enforcement agencies.

Out of the more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, only 51 Police Departments in the State of Ohio and 592 in the United States have been awarded Law Enforcement Accreditation through CALEA. Of the 44 police agencies in Hamilton County, Colerain Police Department is one of only seven accredited agencies.

In 2005, the Colerain Police Department was awarded its initial accreditation through CALEA. This accreditation is subject to a vigorous "on-site" assessment every three years. In 2008, The Colerain Police Department was reaccredited after the December 2008 on-site assessment and Commission hearing in March of 2009.

The work has already begun for the 2011 re-accreditation. The process ensures that the Police Department is utilizing the very best practices and standards in law enforcement. In order to attain this elite status, the Police Department must adhere to over 400 standards and provide proof that the standards are met on a "day to day" basis.

In August of 2011, we will invite the citizens of Colerain Township to share their feelings and thoughts on the service the Colerain Police Department provides to the community. We will hold public hearings and provide a phone number to solicit views and opinions on the accreditation process.

The accreditation process for Colerain Police Department will remain an ongoing effort to provide the residents and visitors to Colerain Township the most professional law enforcement officers and agency possible.

HIRING AND SELECTION

The Colerain Police Department began the 2009 calendar year with 35 sworn police officers and three non-sworn staff. In the spring of 2009, one of the Department's "lieutenant's" left to fulfill a lifelong dream to work as a United States "Special Agent." Additionally, the Police Department lost one more police officer in the summer of 2009. The Police Department needed to add two new officers to replace the one police officer and one command officer. Colerain Police moved forward in conducting a selection process to identify quality candidates that would fill the vacant officer positions and to identify the most qualified officers and supervisors for promotion.

During 2009, one "police officer" hiring process was initiated to identify two qualified candidates to fill the police officer vacancies. The Colerain Police Department received applications from over 30 persons interested in becoming a police officer in Colerain Township. The hiring process required the candidates to successfully pass several steps of the hiring process. The first step was a written examination. For all the candidates that scored 70% or above on the written examination, the candidate was then required to pass a test of their physical fitness capabilities. 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. The interview panel consisted of the Chief of Police, Police Department supervisors, a police officer and a civilian community representative. The candidates that passed the oral interview were required to successfully complete a thorough background investigation. The background investigation included, but was 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 complete those stages were considered against other successful candidates to determine which one offered the most benefit to the Police Department. The selected candidate was then offered a conditional offer of employment to allow for medical and psychological testing. Two candidates were selected from the 2009 hiring process to fill the vacant police officer positions. Those officers hired in 2009 were Nicholas McCarthy and Ashley Meyer.

Because of the resignation of a Police Department lieutenant, it was important to identify the supervisor's most qualified to fill the lieutenant vacancies. At the time of the 2009 resignation, one vacancy already existed within the two allocated lieutenant positions. Because of the promotion of one Police Department lieutenant to the position of Chief of Police in 2008, one vacancy already existed. A process was conducted to identify the two new lieutenants and two sergeants to replace the newly promoted lieutenants. After a lengthy testing and evaluation process, two lieutenants and two sergeants were promoted in late May 2009. The two new lieutenants are Lieutenant Mark Denney and Lieutenant Angela Meyer. The two newly promoted sergeants are Sergeant Mike Owens and Sergeant Joe Redmond.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following is a list of the awards that police personnel received in 2009 and a brief description of the circumstances leading to the award.

Officer Richard Bernecker– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For thorough investigation of a Breaking and Entering which resulted in multiple arrests.

Officer Richard Bernecker– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For dedication in the recertification in the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Officer Elisabeth Doll– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For her response and handling of a critical incident involving the apprehension of an armed homicide subject.

Officer Joseph Hendricks– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For his outstanding dedication and service in the area of drug and vice investigations.

Officer David Hubbard– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For his bravery in confronting and apprehending an armed robbery suspect.

Officer Melissa Johnson– Medal of Valor– Colerain Police Department

For her exceptional act of bravery when confronting an armed homicide suspect and saving a fellow officer from certain peril.

Sgt. Scott Owen– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For his outstanding dedication and service in the area of drug and vice investigations.

Officer Jamie Penley– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For dedication in the recertification in the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Sgt. Christopher Phillips– Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For his response and handling of a critical incident involving the apprehension of an armed homicide suspect.

Officer Eric Renner- Life Saving Award– Colerain Police Department

For his act of bravery in rescuing several small children from a residence engulfed in heavy smoke.

Officer Jason Sax- Chief’s Commendation– Colerain Police Department

For his response and handling of a critical incident involving the apprehension of an armed homicide suspect.

Officer Justin Hessel– Officer of the Year– Colerain Township Business Association

For his efforts in investigating juvenile related crimes, truancy enforcement, and school residency violations.

Officer Melissa Johnson– Officer of the Year– Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 113

For her act of bravery in the face of extreme danger when confronting a heavily armed homicide suspect.

Officer Dale Woods– MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) “Top Cop” Award

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

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 2009, the total budget for use by the Police Department was \$4.9 million dollars. Nearly seventy percent of the entire Budget was allocated for salary and salary-related expenses such as health insurance, worker's compensation, pension, and Medicare. Just over \$3.4 million dollars was allocated for these items alone in 2009. 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 2009 this combined amount totaled \$661,000, or approximately 14% 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 2009 we purchased a total of four new cars. In addition to the cost of the car itself, there's an added expense to transfer the equipment from the old car to the new car. This addresses items such as light bars, sirens, protective screens, and mobile data computers. The Police Department significantly reduced the amount of money paid for gasoline in 2009 As everyone was dealing with the fluctuating cost of fuel, the Department decreased the expense by close to \$20,000.00. The Department still drove 270,000 miles, but have almost transitioned to the Chevrolet Impala. The Impala gets approximately three miles per gallon more than the Ford Crown Victoria. We spent over \$85,000 for gasoline or approximately \$7,000 per month in 2008 and only \$60,000.00 in 2009. 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 2009 to purchase new cars, provide them with fuel, tires and regular maintenance totaled approximately \$200,000.00.

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. But, the Department continues to try and extend its operating dollars. The Department began turning off the lights when being used in offices, restrooms and hallways. In 2009, the expense decreased almost \$4,000.00 compared to 2008. 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 strongly believes in training not only our new officers, but providing the very best training available to all of our police officers. In 2009, the Police Department spent 3,164 hours training our police officers. This is in addition to the many hours some of our officers spent obtaining advance educational degrees.

In 2009, we had three officers graduate from college. One member received an Associates degree, another received a Bachelors degree, and a third received a Masters Degree. The Police Department has several officers who are currently enrolled in college to finish their degrees.



The Colerain Police Department operates on a training budget that is set in the beginning of the year. A great deal of effort is spent locating cost efficient training in order to make that budget last the entire year. In 2009, we spent \$8,305.00 on outside training, or \$2.62 per training hour. This number is higher than 2008 due to two of our supervisors being sent to 10-week leadership schools to assist the supervisors in leading the Police Department and officers into the future.

In addition to the training previously mentioned, our officers attended classes concerning “Domestic Terrorism” and Homeland Security. We sent two officers to training to become Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Instructors. With that training, these officers are now certified to instruct other police officers on a variety of law enforcement topics, saving the department money in the future.

The Police Department has two annual training events. The first is the Colerain Police “in- service” training. During this training, our officers spend 32 hours learning new laws, qualifying with weapons, fitness testing, and reviewing policies and/or changes operations. The second training event was a mass-casualty, multi-jurisdictional training event that was held in 2009 at the Proctor and Gamble facility on East Miami River Road.

As always, the Colerain Police Department will continue to look for state of the art, cost effective training to make our outstanding police officers even better. Our goal is to keep our officers safe while providing the best service possible to our community.

CITIZEN AND STUDENT POLICE ACADEMIES

The Citizen's Police Academy was started in 1998. Since its inception, there have been 24 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 seven 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 12 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 simulate traffic stops. They experience tactical training with the RED-MAN suit and they have a demonstration involving baton training and Taser (less-lethal weapon) 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 responsibilities. Presentations of the Bike Team and Missing Persons team, along with a tour of the Hamilton County Communications Center and the 911 system are included in the class schedule. The majority of the instruction is taught by officers of the Police Department. The officers are teachers in the classroom as well as in their cruisers.



Members of the academies have the opportunity to participate in the ride-along program. This program affords the students to learn from the officers while riding along in the cruiser. Having this program allows the students to relate classroom instruction and information 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 COP 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 Department and very supportive of the officers. They gain an understanding of the community policing philosophy and importance of the relationship with each other.

The CPA volunteers participate in canvassing and help with community education. To date, the Alumni have approximately 260 persons in the data base. Over half of the volunteers are

VOLUNTEERS



Members of the Citizens and Student Police Academies participate in many events in the Township. Working summer events for the community such as the Fourth of July Extravaganza 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 12 weeks of training. Holiday foot patrol at Northgate Mall is also a big event. Volunteers walk through the mall during business hours, being the “eyes and ears” for police and Mall security. They walk in

groups of three or four volunteers and notify security and/or police 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 also conducted patrols at night to target specific problem areas and report suspicious or criminal activity to the police.



Extra training from Traffic Officer Mark Meyer has given the volunteers the ability to use a laser radar speed measuring device to follow up on complaints of speeding vehicles in the Township. The volunteers will spend time in the specific area and assist in the monitoring of driving behavior. The volunteers keep track of speeds and driver activity during certain times and then reported back to Officer Meyer. Appropriate action is then taken to help eliminate an identified problem.

In 2009, several volunteers assisted our officers with conducting crucial multi-agency critical incident training as well as with an “active shooter” response training at one of the Township high schools in November 2009. The volunteers assisted with three OVI checkpoints that involved several police agencies from the Hamilton County OVI Task Force, in which the Police Department is a member agency. The volunteers represented the Police Department at events, such as the Harvest Home Parade, Colerain Township Fire Expo, and the Hamilton County Fair.

There were 100 volunteers that contributed to a total of 4,682 hours in 2009.

EVENT	HOURS	MONEY SAVED
Citizens On Patrol	1,803.5	\$35,619.25
Office Volunteer Duties	439.25	8,675.19
Northgate Mall Patrol	462	9,124.50
Festivals and Events	741.5	14,644.63
Training	223	4,404.25
Academy Class Assistance	848.5	16,757.88
Miscellaneous	164 21	1,599.00
Total	4,682 Hours	\$92,469.50

* Based on Citizens Volunteer Corp rate.

MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

The Colerain Police Missing Persons Team has been in existence since 2005. Team members assist whenever needed to investigate a critically missing child or a critically missing adult. If the need arises, officers on the scene of the missing person incident will contact the on-duty supervisor and explain the circumstances of the missing child or adult. The supervisor will contact a Police Department Lieutenant to request the activation of the Missing Person Investigative Team. The Missing Person Team will respond to any child under the age of 12 who is reported missing or in any missing person incident involving special circumstances. An activation of the team involves an activation of one Police Department lieutenant, acting as the "incident commander," one Police Department sergeant, who will assume "team leader" duties, one criminal investigator from Colerain Police Department and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, five police officers and one PIO or public information officer. The team is supported by graduates of the Citizens Police Academy.

The Missing Person Investigative Team utilizes a group of approximately 90 citizen volunteers from the Citizens Police Academy Alumni who are also trained by police personnel as well as by the Colerain Fire Department members who are trained and work in the area of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR). Each year the volunteers receive additional training on topics such as evidence collection to assist in their preparation of a large scale search for a missing person. The volunteers have equipment issued to them that identify their position on the team and their relationship to the Colerain Police Department. Their equipment consists of khaki pants and jacket, reflectorized vest, flashlight and identification card. The volunteers also carry a whistle that is used to notify other team members if evidence or something of interest is located during the search.

When the Missing Person Investigative Team responds to a scene, one primary function is to assist the families are facing an emotional The first responding officer information available that can whereabouts of their loved ment will assign that first family while other team neighborhood and work to one.

In 2009, the Missing Person Investigative Team was activated and responded to five incidents. All five incidents resulted in the successful location of the missing child or



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CRIME STATISTICS

The following is a list of the crimes that occurred in Colerain Township from 2007 to 2009. The statistics were obtained from reports filed with both the Colerain Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Homicide	1	0	5
Sex Offenses	76	10	23
Robbery	99	45	73
Assault	325	345	474
Burglar	302	188	359
Theft	1885	1134	2025
Arson	15	10	17
Property Damage	734	581	511
Carrying Concealed Weapons	47	13	23
Total Crimes	3484	2326	3510

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Statistic Specific to the Colerain Police Department:

Offense Reports Taken – 3,427
Traffic Crash Reports Taken – 841
Arrests Made – 2,550
Calls for Service Handled – 29,895
Traffic Tickets Written – 3,106
Written Warnings / Field Interview Reports – 731
Total Number of Police / Citizen Contacts – 41,154

Vehicle Pursuits – 17

Dayshift - 8
Nightshift - 9

Officer Involved Crashes – 12

Total Miles Driven – 270,000
Officer at fault – 6
Emergency operations – 1
Other at fault – 5
Other action - 1

Grievances filed – 0

Internal Investigations – 23

Result: Exonerated – 3
Sustained – 14
Sustained Other – 4
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

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

Personnel Changes:

Officers Hired – 2
Officers Resigned – 2
Total Change – 0

Training:

Hours Spent – 3,164
Average hours per sworn officer – 90.4
Total spent on training – \$8,305.00
Average spent per training hour – \$2.62

Neighborhood Resource Officer Statistics:

Problems Investigated – 159
Block Watch Programs Initiated – 4

School Resource Officer Statistics:

Reports Taken – 127
Cases Closed – 96
Arrests Made – 113
Non Criminal Contacts – 1,353

Criminal Investigations:

Cases Assigned – 420
Cases Closed – 74
Arrests – 37
Value of Property Recovered - \$49,798.00

Plain Clothes Statistics:

Cases Assigned – 38
Cases Cleared – 43
Forfeitures: Money - \$40,364.00
 Vehicles – 4
Arrests – 301

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

School Truancy Investigator

Truancy Cases Assigned – 180
Residency Cases Assigned – 158
Bullying Investigations – 0
Truancy Cases Closed – 86
Residency Cases Closed – 94
Charges Filed / Arrests – 86

Traffic Accident Investigator:

Accident Investigations – 216
Traffic Citations Issued – 1,523
Arrests – 54

Bike Team:

Arrest Made- 6
Warrant Arrests – 1
Citations Issued - 8

Missing Persons Response Team Activations:

Missing Person Cases Investigated – 5
Missing Persons Located - 5

Citizen Academy Volunteer Statistics:

Events Worked – 17
Hours Volunteered – 4,682
Total Savings Based on Civilian Pay – \$92,469.50

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