



*"Moving Forward To
the Future"*

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



There have been many changes within the Colerain Police Department since the last annual report. On January 12, 2014, Colerain Township ended our contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

That resulted in the removal of the one 24/7 patrol car, a 40hr patrol car and one Neighborhood Resource Officer that the Sheriff staffed in Colerain Township. In response to this, the Colerain Police Department enacted a plan to cover this loss. Officers from our Reserve Corp, who were already trained and ready to go, were promoted to full-time status. The Residents of the Township continue to receive outstanding police service with no loss in coverage.

In April of 2013, The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) was formed. These ten investigators are responsible for investigating all serious crimes and serious/fatal auto crashes within Colerain Township. Three of the investigators are assigned to federal task-forces that allow us to "force multiply" our resources up to 75 additional investigators should the need arise. These investigators bring with them over 125 years of police experience.

Another change is me. On January 8, 2014 I was appointed the fourth Colerain Police chief since the reformation of the Department in 1986.

I was born and raised in Colerain Township, attending Colerain Elementary, Junior High and High School. I grew up going to Northgate Mall, the movie theatre and spending my summers at Putt-Putt. I met my wife working at the old Northgate Kroger in 1988. I have been in law enforcement since 1993, beginning my career in the City of Cheviot. I was a patrol sergeant in 2003 when I heard that Colerain Township was hiring police officers. I always wanted to work in my home town, but the opportunity never arose. After a very brief second, I put in my application and was hired in February of 2004. I took a significant pay cut and gave up my sergeant's stripes to join a department that had vision and leadership. It was the best decision I have ever made (except for taking that job at Northgate Kroger).

It is my honor to lead this incredible organization of 48 sworn police officers and six support personnel. Each member of this organization works hard to deliver quality service to our community. The Police Department is in year seven of the 2007 police levy that was envisioned to last until 2012. We continue to search for outstanding reserve police officer candidates. This program has been a huge success seeing many of the reserve officers working 2000-3000 hours, uncompensated. Finding these quality officers is no easy task. We have processed several hundred applications in order to find the 15 we have hired since 2012. We will not settle for anyone that cannot meet our stringent standards.

The Colerain Police Department main headquarters on Springdale Road is open 24 hours a day Monday thru Friday, and 10 hours per day on both Saturday and Sunday. Our Community Resource Center (CRC), completed in the fall of 2011 and is located at 7560 Colerain Avenue is open 38 hours per week and is now home to the Family Justice Center (FJC). The FJC is open to provide a "one-stop" location for victims of family violence to receive all of the social services and victim's assistance they need. The CRC is used by several law enforcement agencies, to include the Colerain Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Green Township Police Department. We believe its creation and presence is positive for the Township.

We continue our strong partnership with Northgate Mall and we are amazed to see its transformation and rebirth We are thankful to be part of this exciting time at Northgate. We continue to patrol the Mall 24/7.

It is my goal to continue delivering the same high-quality service that the citizens and visitors of this Township deserve and have become accustomed to. I served under former Chief Dan Meloy and strongly believed in his vision and leadership. That direction will continue. I am always available to speak to the members of our community anytime they have a question or concern. This is your police Department.

Sincerely,
Mark C. Denney
Chief of Police

NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT



The Colerain Police Department serves 58,499 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 energy of the police department to make a difference in the quality of life in Colerain is like no other. The department philosophy is community oriented.

Colerain Township has such a diverse community of people and lifestyles. There are a large number of visitors throughout the day and night. With our shopping locations and eating establishments, Colerain Township attracts people from all over the Tri-State area.

The Colerain Police Department has developed partnerships with the Drug Enforcement Administration –DEA, the U.S. Marshall's Service – SOFAST TEAM and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force- JTTF. Colerain Police Officers are selected and assigned to each of our partners, working with them on a daily basis. This allows the community to benefit from these units as a resource when needed, and our officers gain the training and opportunity to work outside the police department to come back and train our officers.

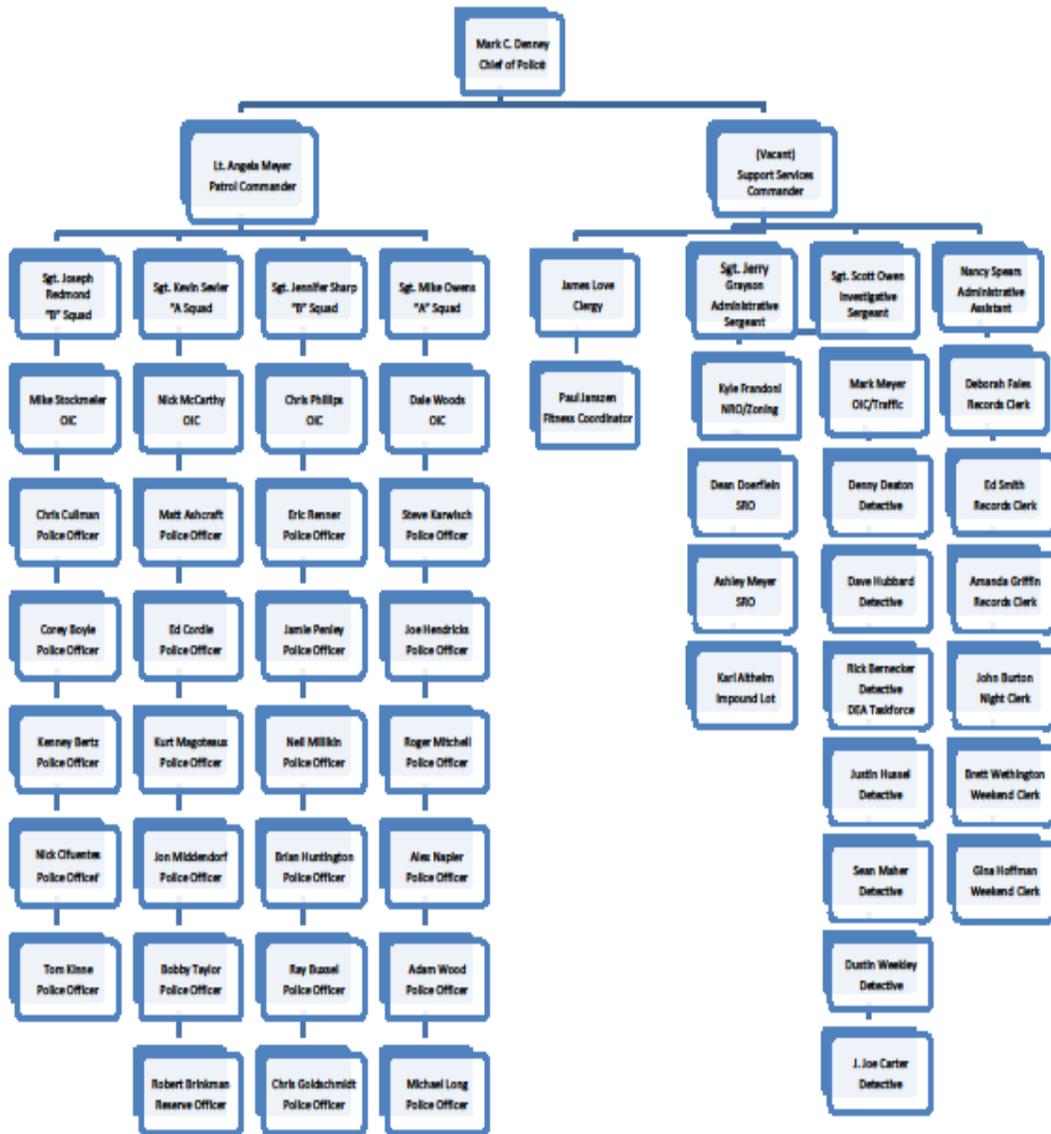
When someone calls into the police department on the non-emergency 321-COPS line, it puts them in direct contact with the Colerain Police Department, not the Hamilton County Communications Center. Often, a question can be answered by the clerk or officer on the phone. If an officer is needed, the office staff can dispatch an officer immediately. This not only helps with the cost of dispatching but can eliminate a patrolman being sent when one is not actually needed.

The Support Services division is responsible for all ancillary services provided to the public. They also assist Road Patrol when needed. Some of the services include traffic safety, follow-up investigations, Criminal Investigative Unit, School Investigator, and School Resource Officers (SRO). Additional services are provided through the impound facility, property and evidence room, and fleet maintenance services. The Support Services Commander is responsible for maintain the accreditation of the agency through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).



Our partnership with the Colerain Businesses Against Crime continues to improve the Groesbeck area of the Township. They strive to make the community safer and support the various programs that use the Community Resource Center as both a safe haven and place of operations.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

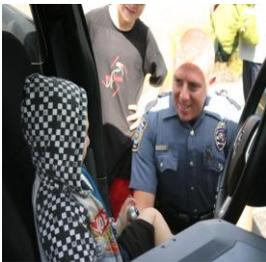


C.A.R.E. Children and Residents Encounter Program

The Colerain Police Department began an exciting and innovative program for special needs residents. The Children and Residents Encounter Program (CARE) began as a result of Colerain Police Officer Nick McCarthy who saw a need to reach out to a special segment of our community that was often neglected.

Officer McCarthy, the father of a son with Autism, gathered resources from various agencies as well as private enterprises to launch this first of its kind program. The CARE program gives police officers vital information about special needs residents and how to best provide them with the same outstanding level of service that is given to all of our residents.

The CARE program also introduces the police and fire resources of Colerain Township to the special needs residents and their families. The goal is to form friendships and trust as well as a mutual understanding of our organizational mission.



Officer McCarthy reached out to the mental health treatment community, local businesses, and other police agencies to launch the program on September 15, 2010. With this innovative partnership, the CARE program met and introduced those with special needs, along with their families, to this program. Since the first event was introduced, an event has been held every year. During the event, officers are on hand to interact with residents that attend and where all can become more comfortable around public safety. Each year more and more families have come to the event and enjoyed their interaction with the public safety community.

The Colerain Police Department has over eighty families who have given vital information about their loved ones on how to approach, converse, and resolve issues in the most appropriate manner. Safety and comfort are the main goals of these encounters.

In 2012, Officer McCarthy and Director of Public Safety Daniel Meloy traveled to San Diego, California to present the program on a national platform at the International Chiefs of Police Conference. In 2013, the Colerain Police Department was asked to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to again present the program on the east coast. Since speaking at these conferences, agencies from California, New Mexico, South Carolina, Florida, and Pennsylvania have started their own C.A.R.E. programs.

This important work continues and our Department is committed to serving the citizens of Colerain Township with the best policing practices.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

For the last several years, the Colerain Police Department had analyzing domestic related homicides as well as closely monitoring cases of Domestic Violence. In 2013 alone, the Colerain Police Department responded to over 300 calls for domestic violence and/or domestic disputes. In an effort to reduce the cycle of family violence, Colerain Police, with the support of various outside agencies, initiated the Family Justice Center. The Colerain Township Family Justice Center opened in August of 2013.

The Family Justice Center is a collaboration of multiple partner agencies working together, under one roof, to provide services to victims of domestic violence and abuse. Provided services include: legal assistance, counseling services, referrals to law enforcement, victim advocacy, case management, protection orders, food, clothing, as well as housing assistance and mental health care.

The Colerain Township Family Justice Center is open every Thursday from 12-4 pm. On site are representatives from Women Helping Women, Legal Aid, YWCA Battered Women's Shelter, Hamilton County Adult Probation, Mental Health American, Law Offices of Valencia & Diaz, and the Colerain Police Department. To date, the center has been visited by over 60 women, men and children.

There are many reasons why victims often fail to report domestic violence, including love, fear, religious beliefs, threats to children, lack of money or resources, or simply not knowing that help is available. The Family Justice Center can provide a combination of services and interventions from one location to help victims and offenders break the cycle of violence and develop healthy relationships. Bridging existing gaps increases a victim's access to services and resources and makes the entire process of reporting a domestic violence incident much less overwhelming for the victims and children involved.

Site of Family Justice Center, 7560 Colerain Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45239



PATROL DIVISION

There were some major changes to the Colerain Police Department's Patrol Division in 2013. Reducing the beat structure from six beats down to five occurred in early 2013. By means of crime mapping, we were closely able to examine call volume and criminal incidents per beat to help determine where our resources could be better utilized. Officers were better able to focus their patrols in areas that saw higher calls for service. Officers working their beat take more ownership and take a more proactive approach in deterring crime and responding to the needs of the community. Officer getting to know their businesses and recognizing when things are "out of place" are just two examples of community policing.



Northgate Mall became its own "beat" with officers utilizing a "walk and talk" style means of patrol in and around the mall property. Officers who patrol Northgate Mall hold tenant meetings with the vendors and work with the Colerain Fire Department for alarms and other calls for service. They walk the interior of the mall and patrol the exterior 24 hours a day. Relationships with the tenants are helpful to counter theft incidents and to foster better communication between the various stores. In the past, officers would be responding to the mall to take reports after an incident occurred. Now officers can immediately

respond as an event occurs. This approach has resulted in a much higher arrest, prosecution and conviction rate, as well as a reduction of dispatched calls from 1,000 a year to 400. Our relationship with the various stores in the mall has increased tremendously and has resulted in these businesses becoming more proactive in preventing and reporting crime.

The Colerain Police Department utilizes a "problem solving philosophy" to address the needs of the community. The Patrol Division is made up of four squads. Each squad works a 12 hour shift. This allows the officers to work together as a team concentrating, their efforts in the areas they know need attention based on crime statistics and information from residents. The squads handle block watch meetings and canvassing within their assigned area.

In 2013, the Patrol Division responded to 40,874 calls for service which include dispatches from the Hamilton County Communications Center as well as from the Colerain Police Department. If a resident calls directly to the police department there is no dispatch cost to the department because the dispatch comes from the in-house computer. If a resident calls the Hamilton County Dispatch Center the cost is \$18.30 per call which is billed to the Police Department.

Colerain is privileged to have a Reserve Corp of officers who are dedicated and committed to the community and the police department. The Reserve Officers are State of Ohio certified and trained the same as a full-time officer. They wear the same uniform and have the same job responsibilities. Our Reserve Officers have the opportunity to work special details to receive compensation if they desire to do so. The officers work several different shifts a week, some working over two to three hours in a year without compensation.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Colerain Police Department completed its 15th year with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The partnership with the Northwest Local School District continues to expand with officers taking a greater role in promoting school safety, crisis planning, and fostering a safe and stable learning environment. Officers are assigned at both Colerain and Northwest High Schools; however, they also focus their attention to the respective middle and elementary schools when needed.



The 2013 school year was one of transition. Officer Keyonia Lumpkins, who spent five years as the School Resource Officer at Colerain High School, left law enforcement to focus on her family. Officer Ashley Meyer was selected to finish out the 2012-2013 school year and has quickly adjusted to this new role. Officer Andrew Demeropolis, after 36 years with the Colerain Police Department, retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year at Northwest High School. Officer Dean Doerlein has been selected to take on the role of the SRO at Northwest High School.

Both Officer Doerlein and Officer Meyer have continued their predecessors' goals of promoting a safe learning environment and helping students make proper choices. Officers Doerlein and Meyer will be active in continuing the excellent Driving Angel's Program. This outstanding program promotes safe driving by means of a student volunteers and outside instructors. Students attending this program are exposed to an intense rehabilitative driving course as well as peer intervention to correct unsafe driving practices. This program has been expanded to other area police agencies including Delhi Township, Springfield Township, Harrison, Evendale, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Also part of the safe driving initiatives maintained by this program are school campaigns expounding the dangers of against texting while driving, drinking and driving, and speeding. The Driving Angels Program also promotes the wearing of seatbelts and assists the School Resource Officers with periodic seatbelt surveys to ensure maximum compliance with seatbelt usage among students, staff, and parents.



Officers Doerlein and Meyer have taken on a greater role with Northwest School District with crisis planning to avert any potential catastrophic event. All schools in the District have active plans in place to counter any manmade or natural threat that could arise.

Officer Doerlein and Officer Meyer look forward to continuing their service with the Northwest School District for the 2013-2014 school year.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER



2013 was a year of transition for the Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) unit. Deputy Michael Hopewell of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department served as the sole Neighborhood Resource Officer for the Colerain Police Department. At the end of 2013, Deputy Hopewell was promoted to Detective with the Sheriff's Department. Officer Kyle Frandoni has now taken on the responsibilities of the Neighborhood Resource Officer. Officer Frandoni's tasks include assisting the community with problems and concerns that are identified through neighbor complaints, block watch programs, or through officer contacts.

Officer Frandoni can examine various incident reports and look at patterns of crime that may develop and attempt to successfully resolve them.

An additional task of the Neighborhood Resource Officer includes a Domestic Violence follow-up program that is recognized by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office as being responsible for a higher conviction rate for Domestic Violence offenders. During these follow-ups, victims receive resource information that may assist them during a stressful and difficult time. Resources such as child care programs, safety shelter locations, and educational needs are just a few of the resources that are shared.

The quality of life for Colerain Township residents is critical to the function of the Neighborhood Resource Officer. Officer Frandoni partners with the Colerain Business Community, Hamilton County Board of Health, Colerain Fire Department, Colerain Zoning Department, and Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services just to name a few.

The Neighborhood Resource Officer with the assistance of the Citizen Police Academy Volunteers, as well as officers from the Patrol Division, canvassed several neighborhoods in 2013. This canvassing was used to gather vital information needed to assist with directed patrols and identify concerns from residents. This canvassing was also utilized to address the safety concerns of residents if a significant criminal incident occurred in a particular neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Resource Officer has been tasked to assist with the maintaining and promoting of the C.A.R.E Program to help better serve those with special needs in our community. The C.A.R.E. program helps officers identify and be familiar with residents with special needs. The Neighborhood Resource Officer evaluates and follow-ups every six months with C.A.R.E. residents and Alzheimer residents who are registered with the Township to make sure we have the most up to date information if the need would arise for calls for service.

In 2014, Officer Frandoni will be working very closely with the Colerain Zoning Department to identify and enforce various zoning issues to improve the quality of life within Colerain Township. The salary is split between both Departments, pushing the sharing of resources to new levels.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) was created in April of 2013 when the Colerain Police Department took over all police services and functions in the Township, including all criminal investigations. CIU is comprised of nine detectives and one sergeant. One detective is assigned to the Northwest School District and investigates school related crimes as well as truancy and residency issues. Another detective is assigned all domestic violence investigations and follow-up. Three detectives are assigned to Federal task forces such as the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, The U. S. Marshalls Service, and the F.B.I.'s Joint Terrorism Task Force. The other four detectives are assigned criminal cases. The Criminal Investigative Unit investigates all crimes including but not limited to, homicide, robbery, burglary, sex offenses, missing persons and white collar crime. Additionally, CIU investigates all neighborhood drug complaints.

For 2013, CIU investigated five homicides and had a 100% closure rate with this crime. It should be noted that three of the homicides were domestic related, prompting the creation of the Family Justice Center.

During this time frame, CIU was assigned 264 cases to investigate. Of the 264 cases, 70% were closed with arrest or otherwise. A total of 136 arrests were made with 114 being felonies. This is an exceptional closure rate that doubles the average case closure rate in most police departments that have similar crime and call volume. The cases assigned included all of the above, plus 39 missing persons, all of whom were located.



The detectives assigned to CIU were called out after hours 27 times to investigate crimes such as robbery and homicide. Detectives work a rotation one week out of the month where they are on call around the clock.

CIU recovered \$155,725.00 worth of stolen property. Additionally, through drug investigations, CIU seized \$424,000 cash. This money is held pending forfeiture court. The money, if awarded to the department, can be used to purchase equipment and be used for other law enforcement needs.

The Criminal Investigative Unit is made up of a very dedicated group of trained and experienced detectives who excel at their jobs. They work long hours, often on off days to provide top service to the residents of Colerain Township

SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS



Colerain Township Police Department and Northwest Local School District has signed another contract for a two-year full time School Investigator. The investigative position went into effect on August 25th, 2008 with Detective Justin Hussel. Detective Justin Hussel completed his fifth school year and was transferred to the Criminal Investigative Unit. Detective Sean Maher replaced Detective Hussel for the 2013 school year and handles all attendance referrals, residential issues, any report of bullying, missing and runaway juveniles, and investigations in regards to offenses that occur in the school setting. The Northwest Local School District is compiled of eight elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, and one alternative school. There are three schools that are located outside Colerain Township. Green Township and Springfield Township have signed an agreement with Colerain Township to allow the investigator to handle investigations in their respective jurisdictions.

Detective Maher had received a total of 193 truancy referrals during the 2013 school 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 accrue five consecutive days of unexcused absences, accrue seven unexcused absences in a month, or have twelve unexcused absences for the school year. Out of the 193 truancy referrals, 38 had truancy charges filed against the student, parents, or guardian. The investigator position was added to a student support team to assist with issues that families may be having. The support team is compiled of social workers and school counselors from Northwest School District. Also, the investigator's position has become an active part of the Northwest Local School District Crisis Team.

Detective Maher investigates residency issues for the school district. Families sometimes provide false addresses to allow a student to attend a school in the Northwest Local School District. This cost the school district and tax payers \$8,000 per student. Detective Maher has been assigned 124 residency investigations from families who provide a false address and are excluded from the Northwest Local School District. All residency investigations for 2013 have been closed, ending with out of district students being excluded from the school district.

TRAFFIC SAFETY



The Colerain Police Department has one officer, assigned full-time as the Traffic Safety Officer. Officer Patrick Quinn is currently assigned to this position. His daily duties include the investigation of auto accidents, investigation of hit-skip crashes, and traffic enforcement in school zones and high accident locations. Officer Quinn 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 updates, and suspension code updates. Officer Quinn 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 and the Intoxilyzer 8000. Certifications of the radar and laser units are also conducted by Officer Quinn.

Officer Quinn investigated 414 auto accidents in 2013. He also investigated 152 hit-skip accidents, closing 38 (25%) of them with an arrest. During the year, Officer Quinn issued 815 citations: 635 moving violations, 76 non-moving violations. He also issued 62 warnings for traffic related violations. Officer Quinn made 56 driving under suspension arrests and served 25 warrants. He also investigated 158 abandoned vehicles.

Officer Quinn is also the coordinator for the Driving Angels Program. The Driving Angels program was created in 2009 for teen drivers. The program teaches teenage drivers how to be responsible with the operation of a motor vehicle. The program has professionals from law enforcement, Colerain Fire Department and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center who teach the class. To date the program has been provided to 636 students.



In 2013 Colerain Township suffered six fatalities as a result of crashes. Several of these victims were under the age of 18.

CALEA ACCREDITATION

In 2013, The Police Department began its eighth full year as a “Professionally Accredited” Law Enforcement agency, since receiving its initial accreditation in November 2005. As of 2011, only five of the 45 law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County, and 6.1% of the agencies nationwide, are currently accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation program allows agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they have met and continue to meet an established set of professional standards. There are currently 463 standards that the agencies must show compliance. The process requires agencies to:

- Develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. The directives provide a method for reaching administrative and operational goals, while providing direction to its employees.
- Provide the necessary reports and analyses a Chief of Police needs to make fact-based, informed decisions.
- Require a preparedness program to be put in place – so an agency is ready to address natural or man-made critical incidents.
- Strengthen agencies accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance and responsibilities.

Accreditation can limit an agencies liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates the internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

Accreditation facilitates Police Department’s pursuit of “professional excellence”.

The CALEA process requires agencies to undergo a comprehensive “audit” and on-site review of all operations every three years. In August of 2011, the Colerain Police Department had its third “onsite” from CALEA. This onsite was conducted under the new “Gold Standard” which concentrates on the daily activities and culture of the Police Department.

In November of 2011, the Colerain Police Department was awarded “Advanced Accreditation” at the annual conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition to this award, the Colerain Police Department was recognized with the additional designation of “With Excellence.” This prestigious designation is awarded to agencies that are the “best of the best” and exemplify the standards and spirit of international accreditation. Only 3% of accredited agencies have this added distinction.

The Colerain Police Department was the very first police agency in the State of Ohio to be designated as attaining “Advanced Accreditation with Excellence.”

CALEA accreditation allows the Colerain Police Department to stand amongst the finest law enforcement agencies in the world, confident that the policies, procedures and services provided to our citizens are second to none.

HIRING AND SELECTION

The Colerain Police Department began the 2013 calendar year with 39 sworn police officers, four full-time non-sworn staff along with two part-time weekend clerks. The Police Department lost one police officer who resigned.

The Reserve Officer Plan, initiated in 2012, was accelerated due to renewed contracts with both the Northwest Local School District and Northgate Mall as well as a shared services agreement with the Colerain Zoning Department. Due to these factors, we promoted three reserve officers to full-time status. We also replaced one officer who retired and one who resigned.

We began a hiring process to identify additional reserve police officers to provide additional coverage and replace several reserve officers that were scheduled to be promoted in 2014. The process included hiring 8 reserve officers and 4 part-time officers to cover the loss of the two contracted Sheriff's positions that occurred on January 12, 2014.

The "reserve" officer selection process required prospective candidates to successfully pass several steps of the hiring process. Each candidate is 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 are also required to pass a written examination. Candidates that scored 70% or above on the written examination are then interviewed by representatives from the Police Department. The interview panel generally consists of the 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 both the polygraph and 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 appointment to allow for medical and psychological testing.

Each reserve officer was required to complete more than 500 hours of field training by a trained Police Department "field training officer." Upon completion of the training, each candidate would have to ride with each of the four road patrol supervisors for approval to take the final examination, prior to beginning "solo" patrol. The written examination included 136 fill-in the blank, short answer, and multiple choice questions. Each reserve candidate must score 80% or above to pass the field training portion of their employment. Each officer is then required to complete a one-year probationary period.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- LIFE SAVING AWARD

- Officer Brian Huntington

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

- Lieutenant Angela M. Meyer

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT- LETTER OF COMMENDATION

- Officer Jamie L. Penley
- Officer Eric P. Renner
- Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis
- Officer David J. Hubbard
- Officer John J. Carter
- Detective Sean M. Maher
- Detective Richard C. Bernecker
- Officer Mark S. Meyer
- Sgt. Scott S. Owen
- Sgt. Michael S. Owens

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The budget for the Colerain 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 levy money is used solely for Police Department operations. In 2002, an additional one-mil Police Levy was overwhelmingly approved by Colerain Township residents. That levy provided an additional \$1 million dollars annually. Most recently, in November of 2007, Colerain Township voter's supported a 1.5 mil levy to support the Police Department operations and services. As a practice, the Department seeks outside funding sources to assist Department operations. These include grants for officer overtime compensation, grants for equipment such as bulletproof vests, fines from drug and drunk-driving convictions, donations from various sources, and contracts for services with the Northwest Local Schools. We also continued the contract for service we negotiated with the owners of Northgate Mall. The Police Department assumed the public safety duties for the Mall properties in April of 2012. The contract with the Mall pays for the services of two full-time police officers and more than 5,000 hours of service from our corps of reserve police officers. Any money not spent in any given year is forwarded to the next fiscal year to assist with the expenses associated with that next year's police service.

In 2013, the appropriated budget for the Police Department was \$6.04 million dollars. The Department spent 75% of the annual budget for salary and personnel related expenses such as health insurance, worker's compensation, pension, and Medicare. The next major expense incurred by the Police Department is the combined cost for dispatch services from the Hamilton County Communication Center and contracted services by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, which augments the operations of the Colerain Police Department. In 2013, the contracted service expenses totaled \$876,000 or 14% of the entire Police Department budget. The Department continued to maintain some controls related to the costs associated with dispatching officers to non-emergency calls when citizens call into the Police Department. The Department paid \$18.30 per dispatched call in 2013.

Our next major expense is generally vehicle-related. The Police Department investigated opportunities to reduce the long term expenses associated with the annual replacement of only three or four police vehicles. In 2012, the Department replaced almost 50% of the Departments marked cruisers as a means of reducing repair costs, increasing miles per gallon capacity and increase resale values. The philosophy allowed the department to negotiate an annual maintenance contract with a local repair company. That reduced the annual repair expense by 50% or more than \$12,500. The cruisers graphics were also changed to reduce the cost by almost \$300 per vehicle. The new cruisers also experienced increased fuel capacity, therefore reducing fuel costs.

Like any organization, public or private, there are many expenses that comprise the budget. Office supplies, building maintenance, training costs, electricity, water, telephone service, liability insurance, property insurance, postage, printing, and uniforms are all paid through the Police Department levy funds. Many of the expenses, and obviously many of the costs explained above, can increase from year to year and impact the overall operating costs. But, the Department continues to work to extend our operating dollars.

Due to responsible spending, the Police Department extended the 2007 police levy through the five year cycle and into 2014. The Police Department has not reduced our level of commitment to our community and hired additional police officers to patrol our streets, initiated quality law enforcement programs for our community such as taking on the public safety responsibility at Northgate Mall while extending the policy levy into 2014.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Colerain Police Department continues its strong commitment to the continual training of our officers. The Colerain Township vision is “Delivering Excellence to a ‘Best in Class’ Community,” and the Colerain Police Department feels the way to achieve this vision is to ensure that its officers receive the best and most updated training available.

Outside training can be very costly to the Department’s budget; however, the Colerain Police Department remains dedicated to finding cost-effective, valuable, and necessary training for our officers. In 2013, four Colerain Police Department Sergeants completed a 5 week Leadership and Liability online course through the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The Colerain Police Department Investigative Supervisor attended the Southern Police Institute Homicide Investigative School. Additionally, two officers attended a three day “train the trainer” course on how to respond to an active shooter situation, so they could return and train other members of the department.

Due to the service needs of our community, the Colerain Police department changed the way it conducted in-service training. Training is imperative but keeping our officers working and on the street is also paramount. The annual 32 hour in-service training was conducted over a four month time span and done on a squad level. Each sergeant was assigned the topics in which to train their officers and the training sessions were done at the squad’s pace from September to the end of December. Some of the topics included in the 2013 in-service training were Officer Safety Issues, Dealing with the Mentally Ill, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence Updates, Simple Spanish Commands, Community Diversity, Racial Profiling, Use of Force topics, Search and Seizure Updates and more.

The Colerain Police Department continues the practice of daily “roll call” training. Each officer receives roughly 17 hours of training annually with this type of training. Most of this training consists of online audio/video streaming from the “Line of Duty Learning” website, legal updates, policy updates and safety topics.

The Colerain Police Department recognizes the importance of keeping officers well trained so they may deliver the level of service our citizens deserve. We are equally committed to doing this while remaining fiscally responsible.

CITIZEN AND STUDENT POLICE ACADEMIES



Colerain Citizens Police Academy was started with the citizens in mind. In 1998 our first group of citizens graduated with a better understanding of the police department and how it works.

Citizens can learn about every division and get to know the officers first hand. The curriculum for the academies is similar. The adult academy class gets more in depth with laws and the actual application of them. The student academy is hands on. They also visit the jail as

a field trip to see how the correction division works. Upon graduation of the academy, students become members of the CPA / SPA Alumni. They have the ability to volunteer at different events throughout the year. The Alumni volunteers participate in a program of Citizens on Patrol (COP). After completing a driving course with a police driving instructor they patrol the streets of Colerain in the Citizens on Patrol vehicle. The "old cruiser", with some modifications, is used as eyes and ears for the patrol division. If they see something suspicious or if a member of the community needs assistance, they can contact the on-duty supervisor and assist in the appropriate manner.

The academy consists of eleven weeks of instruction. The Police Department turns itself inside out and explains every aspect of law enforcement from our viewpoint. Some topics that are covered during the class time are Traffic Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Narcotic and Liquor Control Investigations, Bike Team operations, and Citizen on Patrol rules and regulations. Students participate in a practical exercise "Red Handled Gun" which puts them in scenarios similar to what police officers can encounter on traffic stops, building searches and domestic violence. The students are armed with "Simunition" cotton bullets and work their way through the scenarios to the best of their abilities. They also voluntarily participate in a practical exercise called the "Red Man". During this exercise students receive a demonstration on baton and hands on control of a suspect.



VOLUNTEERS

The Colerain Township Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is a group of individuals who dedicate their volunteer time to the Police Department. The members of the Alumni Association number in excess of 500 and are all graduates of the Colerain Township Citizen's Police Academy. As a group, they pool their resources and dedicate their time to assist the police department.

They volunteer in our Citizens on Patrol efforts, both in the neighborhoods utilizing the Citizens on Patrol vehicle and on foot in Northgate Mall. Volunteers also provide patrol for Halloween and Election Day and assistance with the Taste of Colerain. This extra set of "eyes and ears" in our Township is extremely helpful. Several members also assist our office staff with filing, shredding of older documents and other tasks and assist with canvassing to address issues unique to our neighborhoods.

This dedicated group also raises funds to support future classes of adult and student academies, providing uniforms, food and teaching supplies. This ensures that no police budget money is used to fund the academies. In addition, they raise funds to purchase items requested by the police department that their budget is unable to cover, such as flashlights, rain gear, and vehicle equipment. Fundraisers include Bunco, Kroger Points, Beverage Sales at the Taste of Colerain, and the Northgate Car Show.

In 2013, volunteers received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award for their service to Colerain Township. This award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic participation, recognizing Americans who inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

MARGIE HARMON	GOLD	(566.00 HOURS)
BILL COURTER	BRONZE	(243.75 HOURS)
BRENDALEE EVANGELO	BRONZE	(119.50 HOURS)
LOUISE PITCHER	BRONZE	(159.00 HOURS)
PAT POWELL	BRONZE	(245.75 HOURS)
GAIL HALLGATH	BRONZE	(104.25 HOURS)
COLERAIN TWP CITIZENS GROUP	GOLD	(2,918 HOURS)

Currently, the Volunteers in Police Service program place a value of \$19.23 per hour on volunteer service in the state of Ohio. As a whole, our volunteers provided the following services:

COP (MORNING)	600.5	\$ 11,547.62
COP (EVENING)	101.5	\$ 1,951.85
MALL PATROL	398.5	\$ 7,663.16
OFFICE	640.75	\$ 12,321.62
FUNDRAISERS	191.75	\$ 3,687.35
MEETINGS AND CPA HELP	985.00	\$ 18,941.55
Total Value	2,918.0	\$ 56,113.14

MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

In 2005, the Missing Person's Investigation Team was established. The teams were developed to work in an on-call status to investigate a missing juvenile or elderly person. The two teams consist of officers who have volunteered to be on-call every other month as the first responders to work in an effort to locate a missing person. The supervisor working on patrol makes the initial determination if the team would be a helpful resource. They would then call the on-call commander for the team. Together, they make the decision to activate the full team or just a partial activation for some of the team members.



There is a certain criterion that needs to be met prior to team activation. If the juvenile is under the age of 12 years old or if they have special needs, the activation is made on a "case by case" decision. If a person is over 70 years old or is a known Alzheimer patient, the team can be activated as well. There are other resources that the team can utilize if the missing person has access to a motor vehicle. ARTIMIS (Advanced Regional Traffic Interactive Management and Information System.) This information can be placed on the computer boards

along the highway. There are many factors that we take into consideration when activating the team: weather conditions, time of day, family dynamics and medical condition of the missing person.

The past couple years we have combined our missing person team with our C.A.R. E. program (Children's and Resident's Encounter Program) this gives the first responders as well as the missing person team, much needed information ahead of time when responding to a special needs situation.

The team, which is activated, responds to the scene while one officer stays with the family as a liaison. The other officers canvass the neighborhood and businesses. In 2013 the Missing Person's Team was activated two times and both times the individual was located.

CRIME STATISTICS

The following is a list of the crimes that occurred in Colerain Township from 2011 to 2013. The statistics were obtained from reports filed with both the Colerain Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Incident	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	2	3	5
Sex Offenses	27	18	14
Robbery	46	62	63
Assault	111	127	141
Burglary	234	238	258
Theft	1418	1673	1737
Arson	6	7	9
Property Damage	256	306	395
Carry Concealed Weapons	5	27	24
Drug Offenses	314	228	191
Rape	12	15	14
Total Crimes	2603	2704	2851

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Statistic Specific to the Colerain Police Department:

Offense Reports Taken – 4,254
Traffic Crash Reports Taken – 1,390
Arrests Made – 2,787
Calls for Service Handled – 40,874
Traffic Tickets Written – 3,468
Written Warnings / Field Interview Reports – 368
Total Number of Police / Citizen Contacts – 54,360

Vehicle Pursuits – 7

Dayshift – 3
Nightshift – 4

Officer Involved Crashes – 18

Total Miles Driven – 370,000
Officer at fault – 10
Emergency operations – 1
Other at fault – 6
Other action – 2

Grievances filed – 1

Internal Investigations – 9

Result: Exonerated – 4
Sustained – 5
Sustained Other – 0
Not Sustained – 1
Unfounded – 1
Pending – 0

Response to Aggressive Behavior – 8

Response to Aggressive Behavior – 4
Use of Chemical Irritant – 0
Use of Taser – 0
Mark 63 (Chemical Irritant) – 4
Mark 63 (Stun Device) – 1

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

Personnel Changes:

Officers Hired + 3
Officers Resigned – 2
Officers Retired – 1
Reserve Officer Hired – 0
Reserve Officer Resigned – 1
Total Change – -1

Training:

Hours Spent – 3,289
Average hours per sworn officer – 66.00
Total spent on training – \$19,704.49
Average spent per training hour – \$5.99

School Resource Officer Statistics:

Reports Taken – 25
Cases Closed – 21
Arrests Made – 24
Non-Criminal Contacts – 1,238

Criminal Investigations:

Cases Assigned – 265
Cases Closed – 159
Arrests – 136
Value of Property Recovered – \$155,725.00
Forfeitures: Money – \$424,000.00
Forfeitures: Vehicles – 5

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

School Truancy Investigator

Truancy Cases Assigned – 193
Residency Cases Assigned – 124
Bullying Investigations – 0
Truancy Cases Closed – 38
Residency Cases Closed – 124
Charges Filed / Arrests – 38

Traffic Accident Investigator:

Accident Investigations – 566
Traffic Citations Issued – 815
Arrests – 81

Missing Persons Response Team Activations:

Missing Person Cases Investigated – 2
Missing Persons Located - 2

Citizen Academy Volunteer Statistics:

Events Worked – 21
Hours Volunteered – 2,918.00
Total Savings Based on Civilian Pay – \$62,328.48

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

“IN STEP WITH OUR COMMUNITY”

The mission of the Colerain Police Department, an internationally accredited law enforcement agency, is to enhance the quality of life among our diverse population and provide an atmosphere of safety and security for our residents and visitors through a community policing partnership.

As we strive achieve our mission, we will honor the following values:

- ❖ We will treat citizens with dignity, respect, fairness and compassion
- ❖ We will utilize and maintain high standards of education and training
- ❖ We will uphold high standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethics
- ❖ We will possess the strength and courage to fight injustice
- ❖ We will foster productive working relationships with other law enforcement agencies and the business community.

