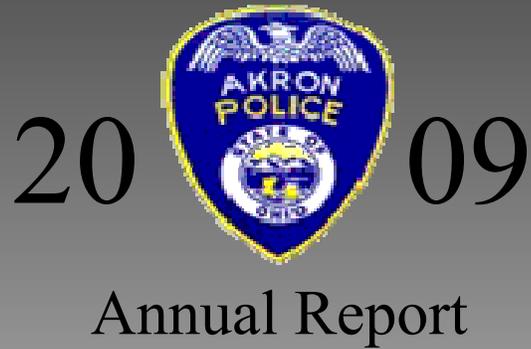


AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Annual Report



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Augustus A. Hall, *Chief of Police*

*The Honorable Mayor
Donald L. Plusquellic
City of Akron, Ohio*

On behalf of the men and women of the Akron Police Department, it is my pleasure to present to you our 2009 Annual Report. The following pages have something of interest for everyone – from reading about the fantastic accomplishments members of the department have made to reviewing statistics throughout the city.

The police department’s Zone Commanders continued to work hard with City Council, other law enforcement agencies and the community to deter crime in their zones and resolve issues. The zone commanders also helped convey a positive image of the police department through actively being involved in Blockwatch groups and community events.

An initiative to alleviate active warrants was conducted through Operation Spring Cleaning. Officers and supervisors worked with law enforcement personnel from the Summit County Sheriff’s Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the U.S. Marshals Service in clearing up over 1400 warrants in a two month period. The program’s success was due mainly to the positive manner in which the law enforcement agencies were able to work with the individuals in order to clear their warrants.

Working with the Summit County Courts, the police department’s Evidence Found Property (EFP) was expanded through a grant. The new system allows the department’s Property Room personnel to more efficiently track evidence to and from the court system electronically.

A complete renovation of the Akron Police Department’s Museum was undertaken by Community Relations personnel and two special collection interns provided by the University of Akron/Akron Summit County Public Library. The museum has been converted from a collection of memorabilia to a truly historical reference point. A connection was also established between the museum and other museums. One such partnership led to an organized collection of police items that depict methods used in crime scene investigations. This collection will be proudly displayed at the City of Akron’s Lock 3 History Museum.

We continue to deliver the high caliber service expected of the police department and at the same time constantly seek ways to improve ourselves through advanced in-service training sessions. Ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods and continuing to have open communication with the citizens of Akron are of the utmost importance to the talented, dedicated and qualified men and women of the Akron Police Department.

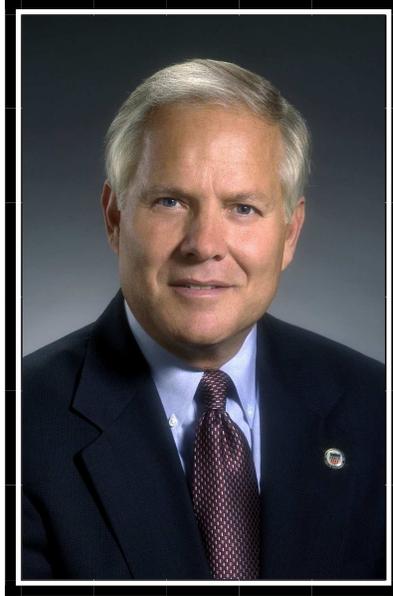
We look forward to continuing to provide you, City Council and the citizens of Akron with the high quality policing services the community has come to expect.

Augustus A. Hall
Chief of Police

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Mayor



Craig V. Gilbride
Chief of Police
Dec. 31, 2008 - Nov. 30, 2009



Augustus A. Hall
Chief of Police



A New Chief...

On November 30, 2009, Chief Craig V. Gilbride retired from the Akron Police Department and later that same afternoon, his long time friend, Deputy Chief Augustus "Gus" A. Hall, was sworn in as the new Chief of Police. In a ceremony that took place in the Akron Police Department's Roll Call Room, surrounded by family and friends, Augustus A. Hall took the 'Oath of Office' and became the City of Akron's 14th Chief of Police.





Craig V. Gilbride
Chief

CHIEF'S OFFICE

The Chief's Office is supported by all four Sub-Divisions, the Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Office of Professional Standards and Accountability and the Police Information Officer (PIO). His immediate staff includes one sworn Administrative Aide and two civilians.

THE CHIEF'S OFFICE

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Office of Professional Standards and Accountability:

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability made a variety of suggestions that were implemented by the department to foster efficiency and improvement of its office and the organization. These implementations included: the purchase of twenty-five *Legal Guide for Law Enforcement* spiral bound quick reference guides, approval to use the services of Net Transcripts, Inc. for transcription of interviews conducted during the Unit's investigations; a submitted draft for updated Use of Force procedure, which includes International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) model policy recommendations; and recommended a Chief's Order with a directive that supervisors who witness a use of force cannot then investigate that use of force (they must complete a use of force report as a witness officer).

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability was assigned sixteen internal investigations in 2009. Some investigations contained more than one disposition. The dispositions were: 7 substantiated, 6 unsubstantiated, 4 unfounded, 3 exonerated, one "nothing further", one resignation in lieu of criminal charges and 3 investigations are ongoing.

Police Information Officer (PIO):

The Police Information Officer provided information 24 hours, 7 days a week to the numerous media outlets on all major incidents involving the police department. The Unit also maintained an Akron Police Department news website that the media, city administration and the public accessed to obtain information, within the city and police department, such as crime, safety tips and community meetings. In addition, a link allowed mug shots and other critical photos - such as composite sketches, bank robbery photos and missing persons - to be entered onto the website. A media telephone line also provided updated information ensuring timely dissemination to the public and media.

The PIO worked closely with other police agencies, task forces and the Medical Examiner's Office to coordinate news conferences and the release of public information. The PIO also handled numerous public record requests for the department.

The PIO served as a liaison for the Child and Family Leadership Exchange and continues to be a member of the National Information Officers Association, The Police Executive Leadership College and the Northern Ohio Negotiators Association.

UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION



Gus Hall
Deputy Chief

The Uniform Sub-Division is the largest of the Akron Police Department's four Sub-Divisions and is commanded by Deputy Chief Augustus "Gus" A. Hall. The Uniform Sub-Division is divided into two bureaus: Patrol and Traffic. Patrol's primary responsibilities include patrolling the city's police districts and responding to calls for service. The Traffic Bureau is responsible for the enforcement of motor vehicle traffic laws, the investigation and reconstruction of serious or fatal motor vehicle accidents and various other traffic related assignments.

THE UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Community Relations and C.O.P.S.:

Community Relations developed a formalized City of Akron Task Force designed to address problem locations and improve communications between city departments. The task force is currently focusing its efforts in the Summit Lake area and has included various Summit County agencies.

With two interns from the University of Akron/Akron Summit County Public Library, Community Relations was able to complete an archival, preservation and restoration of the Akron Police Museum. The museum was opened in time to be a stop on the Akron First Night program, where approximately 200 visitors were hosted.

The Unit completed the background process and issued 23 conditional job offers to applicants, conducted a Prom Billboard Campaign and hosted a luncheon to show the department's appreciation to the block watch captains.

2009 was the first year the Akron Police Department fully participated in the Shop with a Cop Program. Enough tickets were sold to take six children shopping.



• Answered 600+ calls for service as generated by dispatch or which were self initiated.

Community Relations partnered with the University of Akron Staff and Police Department and Akron City Services to form a panel to improve safety in the area south of campus. The program was titled the University of Akron, Off Campus Initiative.

Two officers in the Unit continued the “Making Good Decisions Program” at 11 Akron Public Schools. The 2009 program included an internet safety class.

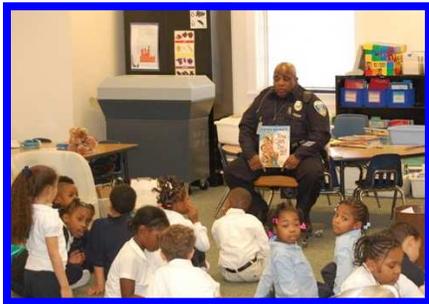
Community Relations, with the C.O.P.S. Unit, investigated and closed over 50 repeat call locations, performed over 150 public appearances and conducted police museum tours serving over 9,000 citizens.

The Unit assisted the Akron Fire Department with the University of Akron Technical Preparation Class. The three week instructional course was hosted to give the attendees an inside look into the police department.

Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.)-

C.O.P.S. Officers on the 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. shift participated in the following activities:

- KNAFF/Victims Assistance Youth Camp and Picnic.
- “You and the Law” school safety presentations.
- East Akron Community House/C.O.P.S. safety consortium.
- Akron Public Schools safety presentations.
- Downtown Akron Partnership safety and education forum.
- Vicious dog project - Special detail with the City of Akron Animal Wardens.
- Special detail with the City of Akron Housing and Health Inspections - search warrant executions/citations.
- Establishment of the Evans Avenue business block watch group.



C.O.P.S. Officers on the 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. shift participated in the following activities:

- 75 City Council Meetings/Ward Meetings.
- 300 Block Watch Meetings.
- 150 Personal Appearance Requests/Speaking engagements.
- Mitigated 600+ citizen complaints generated telephonically or by referrals from City Council.

Gang Unit:

In 2009, the Gang Unit completed a year and a half long investigation with the FBI. The Unit targeted a large gang from the east side and its drug trafficking. Forty people were arrested, most of them on drug charges and several of them were charged federally.

The Unit conducted a separate investigation on a member from the same gang. Ray Gaitor, a member of the Kaika Klan Outlaws, was arrested on drug, gang and weapons charges. He was convicted after a jury trial and received 24 years in prison.

The Gang Unit had a total of 350 arrests for 2009. Also, Unit personnel attended community meetings and gave gang training to law enforcement groups for a total of 24 gang presentations.



Court/Building (Lobby) Security:

In 1994, the Justices of the Ohio Supreme Court issued the standards for rules governing the security of all courts in Ohio and included who should perform these duties. The Akron Police Department, along with the Akron Municipal Courts, established a Court Security Review Committee and adopted these standards which are still in place today.

The 1 sergeant and 11 officers assigned to Court/ Building (Lobby) Security provide the Harold K. Stubbs Justice Center with its first line of security by screening all individuals who enter the building for potentially dangerous or harmful items. The Unit screens between 7,500 and 10,000 visitors every week. They turn away 20 to 30 visitors a day with prohibited items such as mace, screwdrivers and knives.

The Unit is responsible for the security of the 6 Municipal Court Judges and the Magistrates of the civil and traffic courts. These duties include transporting between 20 to 80 prisoners a day to and from the Summit County Jail and Akron Municipal Court holding cells; escorting prisoners to the courtrooms and guarding them during their proceedings; receiving individuals who have turned themselves in on warrants; and taking other individuals into custody for compliance of a sentence issued by a judge or magistrate. One officer is assigned daily to provide security at the Summit County Jail during video arraignments of all Akron prisoners. The Unit also provides security for the probation department while prisoners are screened for programs or presentence investigations.



Patrol Bureau:

Patrol's mission is to continue to serve the citizens of Akron to the best of its ability and to treat everyone with fairness, dignity and respect. Officers strive to perform their duties professionally, honestly and thoroughly.

The Patrol Bureau consists of 5 platoons or shifts. Many of the officers are members of specialized units such as SWAT, CIT (Crisis Intervention Team), Hostage Negotiations and Honor Guard. There are three K-9 officers and two K-9 sergeants in Patrol as well as numerous officers trained in the detection and investigation of drug labs.

The Patrol Bureau shifts patrol the City of Akron 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Shifts 1, 2 and 3 work consecutively during the 24 hour work day with shifts 4 and 5 providing over-lap and back-up coverage during peak service hours.

Shift	Shift Hours
Shift 1	11:00 pm - 7:00 am
Shift 2	6:30 am - 2:30 pm
Shift 3	3:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Shift 4	7:30 pm - 3:30 am
Shift 5	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Patrol Bureau is made up of approximately 220 officers dedicated to protecting the citizens of Akron. Within a 24 hour period, Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to approximately 500 citizen generated calls for service and taking, on average, 100 police reports. In 2009, the Akron Police Department answered an astounding 167,225 calls for service and took approximately 40,000 police reports!

Patrol Officers are the City of Akron's first responders. They put their lives on the line day in and day out to protect those that live, work and come to play in Akron's diverse communities. Whether it be taking a Burglary report from a home that just had a TV stolen or chasing down and arresting a crack cocaine dealer caught selling drugs, Patrol is dedicated to bringing criminals to justice and securing safety for Akron citizens.



Traffic Bureau:

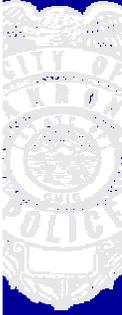
In 2009, the Akron Police Department began using in-car video cameras to record events encountered by police officers. The Akron Police Department installed video cameras in 11 patrol and 10 traffic cruisers. The Traffic Bureau was responsible for the installation, maintenance and repairs of the cameras. Additionally, Traffic Bureau personnel trained officers how to operate the cameras and supervisors how to collect video footage from the camera system to store as evidence. During 2009, Akron Police supervisors created 269 DVD's of video footage that was used as evidence in court. In many cases, evidence collected by the cameras was so definitive in capturing persons in the commission of crimes or traffic violations that these individuals pled guilty thus eliminating costly and lengthy court cases.

One Traffic Officer is a member of The Police Officer's Traffic Safety Council of Summit County. He also maintains the Radar Units and Lidar Units for the Akron Police Department. He, along with a Traffic Sergeant, conducted the Basic Radar/Lidar Certification Class in 2009. In addition to conducting the Radar/Lidar classes, this officer is also in charge of updating the Standardized Field Sobriety Test training for all Akron Officers. He is one of only three officers in the State of Ohio that are certified in Train-the-Trainer for the Standardized Field Sobriety Test.

In addition to regular day to day operations, which are reflected in the below listed statistics, the Traffic Bureau was responsible for conducting special operations. A Traffic Officer coordinated sworn and civilian personnel as well as Reserve Officers for the City of Akron's special events. During 2009, 15 major parades, 10 theme walks/runs, 6 5k runs, and 75 Aeros baseball games were successfully handled.

2009 Traffic Bureau Statistics:

- Calls for Service: 13,112
- Accident Reports: 2,969
- Accident Violations: 1,802
- Arrests: 494
- Criminal Reports: 191
- DUI Arrests by Patrol Officers: 239
- DUI Arrests by Traffic Officers: 167
- DUIs Processed by Traffic Personnel: 365
- Equipment Violations: 180
- Moving Violations: 1,144
- Other Reports: 1,402
- Parking Tickets: 856
- Photos: 4,125
- Special Details: 387



Events overseen by the Traffic Bureau:

- Akron Arts in the Square
- AA Founders Day
- All-Americans Soap Box Derby
- Bridgestone/Firestone Golf Tournament
- Firestone Park Parade and Fireworks
- Hardesty Park Arts Expo
- Akron Local Soap Box Derby
- Akron Road Runner Marathon
- Akron Italian Festival
- Downtown Akron July 4th Fireworks
- OHSAA Football State Play-offs
- OHSAA Girls Softball State Finals
- Rubber City Melt Down Bike Race
- First Night
- Holiday Festival
- LeBron James Bike-a-Thon
- Stan Hywet Hall's Ohio Mart
- Super Kids Soap Box Derby
- University of Akron Football Games

Traffic Accident Reconstruction Unit –

In 2009, the Accident Reconstruction Unit investigated 16 fatal car crashes and 20 serious injury or felony crashes. In addition, the team investigated all serious police cruiser crashes, supported all officer requests for crash analysis, supplied evaluation for traffic equipment, acted as members of the police accident review committee and assisted in criminal investigations where motor vehicles are involved.

Vehicle Disposal Unit –

A civilian employee runs the Vehicle Disposal Unit. The purpose of the unit is to initiate, monitor, and supervise the process by which vehicles are towed to the city's 7 authorized towing companies so the vehicles can be properly disposed of according to state statutes. In 2009, paperwork was initiated to dispose of 7,625 vehicles.

The employee works to maintain the quality and accuracy of the tow system. Communication has been improved with judges on the many pre-trial seizure tows and the employee worked diligently to assure that vehicles are not held any longer than necessary by remaining in constant contact with the local tow companies.

Push Trucks/Junk Vehicle Tows –

A Traffic Officer works the push truck. The Unit was historically called the "push truck" because the vehicle was outfitted with special bumpers that allowed the driver to push disabled vehicles off the roadway. This officer does much more than just push vehicles from the roadway. During 2009, he handled over 200 Orders to Comply for the removal of junk vehicles from private property, he picked up 130 abandoned or stolen bicycles and he placed steering wheel club locks on 79 vehicles belonging to owners who had their driving privileges revoked by the court system. This officer was also assigned to over 127 special details during the year.

Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement –

The Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement Unit is staffed part time by one sergeant and five officers. The Unit is responsible for enforcing laws that pertain to commercial vehicles, with primary violations being over size and weight limits, load securement and unsafe operation due to mechanical deficiencies. Officers made individual stops and inspected or weighed commercial vehicles after observing trucks operating with equipment violations. The Unit worked with Keep Akron Beautiful on the annual enforcement project called "Operation Coverload".

School Patrol Unit –

A Traffic Sergeant supervises the School Patrol Unit. The Unit was responsible for 108 school zones and 119 crossing posts in 2009.

Hit Skip Unit –

Two officers are assigned full time to the Hit Skip Unit. In 2009, 1,558 hit-skip accidents were reported to the Akron Police Department. The Unit successfully solved 461 of the reported hit-skip accidents.

Traffic Bureau Desk Personnel –

One officer and one civilian employee work the Traffic Bureau Desk. In 2009, the office received 1,195 traffic related complaints. The complaints included speeding complaints, parking violations on city streets, requests for the smart machine and requests for private property parking affidavits for vehicles parked improperly on private property. The officer also booked 140 defendants for active traffic warrants.

Motorcycle Unit –

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed on a part time basis by two sergeants and seven officers. Traffic Officers control the Motorcycle Unit and the Unit is supplemented by Patrol Officers. The Unit is utilized for traffic enforcement in school zones and for special grant activity paid for by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office.

It is important to note that the Motorcycle Unit has the honor of assisting with the funeral escorts of officers and fallen soldiers from the Northern Ohio area. The Unit also has the privilege to provide dignitary escorts for VIPs traveling through Akron.

Third Grade Safety Belt Education Program –

The Traffic Bureau participates in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Third Grade Safety Belt Program. The program is designed to educate students on the importance of seat belt usage and the potential dangers of front seat air bags to children. Bicycle and pedestrian safety is also discussed with children participating in the program. A Traffic Sergeant administers the program, and he has presented the program to nearly 2,000 Akron third grade students from public, private and parochial students in 2009.



INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION



Elizabeth Daugherty
Captain

The Investigative Sub-Division is commanded by Captain Elizabeth Daugherty. This Sub-Division is responsible for investigating crimes, identifying and apprehending offenders, processing crime scenes, recovering stolen property and preparing cases for trial. Two-thirds of the detectives are assigned to day-time duties.

THE INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Crime Scene Unit:

Three Crime Scene Unit detectives were able to attend and complete additional advanced training offered by LEVA (Law Enforcement/Emergency Services Video Association) in video processing. The Avid digital video processing equipment is being utilized more and more as time goes on and training is ongoing and critical with this system.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is housed in CSU and used by detectives daily. AFIS has been instrumental in identifying criminal suspects, homicide and suicide victims and assists the Medical Examiners Office in confirming the identity of DOAs. Major cases are continuing to be solved utilizing a combination of AFIS, other technology in CSU and the training and expertise of CSU detectives.

CSU detectives continued to serve as instructors at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, schools and professional organizations. They also willingly assist and guide college student interns who are interested in and pursuing careers in law enforcement and crime scene investigation.

Computer Forensics Unit –

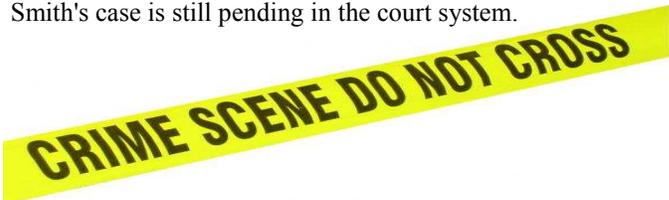
Computer Forensics assists both Akron officers and those of other departments in investigations involving the use of computers. Hidden data (evidence) is extracted from computers, cell phones and other electronic media. Major child pornography cases have been investigated and prosecuted utilizing work accomplished by the Unit. Detectives and supervisors received forensics training from outside sources in areas of video processing, cell phone evidence extraction, computer and other electronic media. Veteran detectives have also been encouraged to attend updated training in courses they completed years ago.

Crimes Against Persons:

The Crimes Against Persons Unit is responsible for investigating all felony crimes committed against adult victims in the city of Akron. These crimes include homicide, felonious and aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping and abduction, patient abuse and neglect, felony domestic violence, suicides, questionable deaths and intimidation. There are currently three shifts that investigate these types of crimes. In addition to these investigations, the Persons Unit also handles officers' use of deadly force incidents and assists outside agencies with their cases that have connections to Akron.

The Crimes Against Persons Unit investigated 2016 cases for 2009. The total breakdown of the 2016 cases included 1066 Aggravated Assaults (which includes Felonious Assaults), 198 Sexual Assaults, 732 Robberies and 20 adult Homicides. Thirteen of the 20 homicides were cleared by arrest and the remaining 7 are currently under investigation.

One notable case investigated by the Crimes Against Persons Unit was the stabbing death of Kristie E. Marks that occurred at 984 Springdale on October 24, 2009. The death of Kristie Marks involved her daughter, Taylor Marks, her daughter's boyfriend, Brian S. Smith, and their friend, Troy A. Purdie, who together conspired to kill Marks for insurance money. Purdie eventually confessed to stabbing Marks. Troy A. Purdie pled guilty and received life without parole. Taylor Marks received the same sentence. Brian S. Smith's case is still pending in the court system.

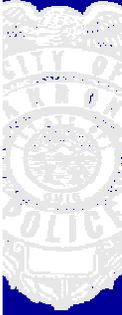


Crimes Against Property:

Burglary Unit –

The Burglary Unit received over 3,700 reports of burglaries and B&Es (Breaking and Entering) with over 1700 being assigned for follow up. Nearly 7,200 reports of theft, vandalism, criminal damaging or arson were also received. Large screen TV sets, laptop computers, jewelry, game consoles and other easily sold items continue to be the preferred items stolen in burglaries. Cash, laptop computers and industrial or manufacturing scrap metals have been the items most taken in the break-ins of businesses. Scrap metals, such as residential siding and copper pipes, lead the items taken in break-ins involving the many vacant properties within the city. Although there has been a leveling off in scrap metal related thefts, it is believed to be the result of the drop in the demand for metals and therefore the lower market prices of scrap metal worldwide.

In addition to the many property crimes investigated, several unit members provided assistance throughout the year to the Crimes Against Persons Unit with the investiga-



tions of homicides and robberies. Additionally, as a continuing benefit of membership in the National White Collar Crime Center, the Unit took advantage of free training opportunities in the area of cell phone analysis.

The Burglary Unit continues to investigate leads provided as a result of the Crime Scene Unit entering latent prints developed at crime scenes into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Leads have also been generated from evidence submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCI&I) for entry into the national CODIS database, which examines DNA.

Financial Crimes –

In 2009, Financial Crimes was successful in the investigation of several high profile cases. The first and most notable case was the investigation involving the embezzlement of nearly \$2 million from a local commercial real estate developer. The suspect was the president’s assistant and had been given extensive control over his personal bank account. Through methods developed by the suspect over a period of time, the suspect siphoned several million dollars from the account. The suspect was arrested and charged with Aggravated Theft and plead guilty to the charge in January 2010.

The second case was the investigation and arrest of two managing partners of a second real estate development company for embezzlement. Unknown to the other two partners of the company, the two managing partners worked together to siphon rent money, closing funds from the sale of condominiums and labor from the company that they jointly owned. The amount of the theft was over \$487,000. This case is still pending.

The last case was the arrest of the president/treasurer of a local condominium owners’ association for embezzling \$86,000 from the association. The suspect held two positions within the association and, through his control of the funds, was able to prevent discovery of the theft. The crime was discovered after his resignation from the positions but prior to him moving out of town. The suspect was charged with Theft, arrested and pled to the charge.

Property Room:

The Property Room is responsible for the storage and maintenance of all items seized by officers during a criminal investigation. In order for an item of evidence to be admissible in court its “chain of custody” must be maintained. Evidence must be housed in a secure area and each person having contact with the evidence is documented to later show at trial that the item is in the same condition as when it was collected. To accomplish this, each item of evidence is logged and classified using a modern barcode tracking system designed specifically for use by the Akron Police Department.

Working with the Summit County Courts, the police department’s Evidence Found Property (EFP) was expanded through a grant. The new system allows the department’s Property Room personnel to more efficiently track evidence

to and from the court system electronically.



Juvenile, Auto Theft and Missing Persons: Crimes Against Juveniles –

The Juvenile Unit is responsible for investigating all crimes and incidents where the victim is under 18 years of age or when the victim is under 21 and mentally handicapped. The investigations include: sudden deaths, physical and sexual assaults, computer related crimes, felony assaults and robberies.

The Unit investigated 12 sudden deaths where the children ranged in age from 9 days to 15 years old. None of the deaths were ruled as homicides; they were ruled as natural, accidental, suicides or undetermined. Half of the deaths occurred while the victim was co-sleeping with an adult in an adult bed. All of the investigative information obtained from these deaths is reported to the Summit County Child Fatality Review Board. In turn, the information is sent to the Ohio Department of Health where the information is studied and used in prevention programs to decrease the number of preventable deaths.

The Juvenile Unit works closely with its community partners which include Summit County Children’s Services, Children’s Hospital Medical Center’s Children’s Advocacy Center and the Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Fifty-seven suspects were arrested for sexual assault related crimes. This number only reflects the number of defendants and not the number of victims or separate criminal incidents. Sixteen of the suspects have been arrested for raping victims under the age of 13; four of those victims were under the age of 5.

Missing Persons –

Missing Persons investigates all reports of missing persons, child enticements and interference with custody cases. Approximately 2,300 Missing Persons reports were filed – this encompasses approximately 1,900 individuals, many who repeatedly runaway.

The Unit actively worked with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Ohio Missing Children’s Clearinghouse. Unit members also participated in the Child Abduction Response Team training this year as part of the Summit County Sheriff’s Office team.

A noteworthy case investigated by the Missing Persons Unit involved working with the Hague Convention, through the U.S. Department of State, to locate 2 children taken by their mother from their father in Belgium.



Auto Theft –

The Auto Theft Unit investigates all crimes involving auto and other titled vehicles. They also assist in coordinating all of the towed autos throughout the city.

Noted cases include the arrest of:

- A 42 year-old for buying tires with bad checks from car dealerships in Summit and 3 other counties.
- A 22 year-old for stealing several cars from 2 different dealerships and for stealing another car and using the stolen identity of the car owner to purchase numerous cell phones.
- A 32 year-old for answering ads from individuals selling 4 wheel drive vehicles and then stealing them by test-riding them and never returning.

Juvenile Diversion Unit:

Juvenile Diversion is an accountability-based program directed toward first-time criminal and status offenders. No felonies or offenses of violence are accepted. It provides the offender with the opportunity to avoid the formal judicial process as well giving back to the community by performing a service to the community through the Unit's Saturday service program. The program served 650 clients in 2009.

Juveniles admitted to the program must admit to the incident and agree to follow the rules of both the program and the community. Diversion officers follow up with the clients at home, within the community and at school to ensure the juveniles are completing their probation.

Narcotics Unit:

During 2009, the Narcotics Unit opened 221 new cases. Over 47 search warrants 138 controlled buys were conducted, 52 meth labs were closed down and 76 arrests were made.

The following drugs and property were seized by the Narcotics Unit in 2009:

- \$356,943
- 876 grams of crack cocaine
- 17 handguns
- 14,005 grams of powder cocaine
- 8 rifles/shot guns
- 54 grams/536 bags of heroin
- 124,513 grams of marijuana
- 6 seized autos
- 1 gram of methamphetamine
- 40 unit doses of Xanax
- 5 marijuana grows

- 1 unit dose of Darvocet
- 6 unit doses of Hydrocodone
- 98 unit doses of Oxycontin
- 5 unit doses of Dilaudid
- 6 unit doses of Valium
- 112,000 pills of Ecstasy
- 2 unit doses of Morphine
- 260 ml of Methadone
- 16 grams of mushrooms

2009 Diversion Unit-

The Diversion Unit investigates and prosecutes individuals that divert pharmaceutical drugs for illegal purposes. The Diversion Unit opened 82 cases and closed 58 cases by arrest. Four cases on nurses and 1 case on a medical assistant were closed by arrest, 2 cases on nurses were closed due to lack of evidence and 5 cases are pending investigation.

Street Narcotics Uniform Detail (S.N.U.D.):

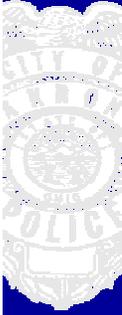
The Street Narcotics Uniformed Detail (S.N.U.D.) added another detective to bring the unit up to ten detectives, 1 lieutenant and 2 sergeants. Two hundred, thirty-five investigative cases were developed that led to numerous felony arrests and drug seizures. Many of the complaints that were received were from sources such as the Drug Tip Hotline, information sources, City Council complaints, neighborhood block watch groups, landlords of rental properties and citizen calls. A lot of these complaints, once investigated, were found to be party houses for drug users or used for occasional drug sales by them to feed their drug habit.

The Unit worked on the Gun and Violence Reduction Task Force, code-named "Spring Cleaning" with ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshal's Service, Akron and Summit County Narcotics Units, Adult Parole Authority and the Ohio State Patrol. Thirty-four individuals were arrested on various charges. Due to budget restraints and grant money, the Unit was only able to assist in these special details twice.

The S.N.U.D. Unit made 681 adult arrests on 601 felony and 499 misdemeanor charges. In addition, these suspects were arrested on 71 felony and 245 misdemeanor warrants. Twenty-one juveniles were arrested on 21 felony and 10 misdemeanor charges and 3 felony and 10 misdemeanor warrants. The Unit seized 32 handguns, 3 assault weapons, 4 shotguns and 7 rifles off the streets of Akron.

The Unit recovered/seized the following:

- 1,235.2 grams of crack cocaine, approximately 5,542 individual rocks, with an approximate street value of \$123,520
- 13,638.9 grams of powdered cocaine with a street value of \$1,363,890



- 3,168.9 grams of marijuana, which is approximately 7 pounds from several grow houses
- 102 ecstasy pills
- 24.2 grams of methamphetamines
- 50.93 grams of heroin, which is approximately 1,697.6 individual doses and worth approximately \$50,930
- 5 Oxycontin pills
- 52 drug scales
- 55 criminal tools
- \$105,575
- 2 automobiles

The S.N.U.D. Unit also closed down 8 Methamphetamine labs and recovered 2 stolen autos in drug raids. The Unit executed 65 search warrants and assisted with 13 search warrants for other units. Unit supervisors and detectives also assisted other units and agencies a total of 64 times, sent out several abatement letters and had 30 children removed from residences by Children's Services and Rule 6 enforced.

The S.N.U.D. K-9 officer and along with his dog, K-9 Detective Sampson, searched 97 vehicles, 42 buildings and made 30 socialization/public appearances. Sampson helped located 20 grams of cocaine, 24.5 grams of crack cocaine, 2,162 grams of marijuana and 5 bindles of heroin. Sampson also hit on safes and hiding spots containing \$17,530 and one handgun.



Vice:

The Vice Unit arrested 306 people on 420 charges; with 18 of these charges being felonies. The Unit also seized over \$78,000 as well as a number of computers and miscellaneous office equipment.

All forty of the licensed gaming parlors in the city have now been shut down due to the illegal activity discovered as a result of vice investigations and vigorous enforcement of licensing regulations.

Two problem bars were boarded up under the city's nuisance ordinance due to continuing criminal activity. Letters were sent to two more locations expressing the department's intent to close them in the near future.

Notable arrests include the arrest of both the manager and permit holder of The Playhouse for employing seventeen year old and fourteen year old strippers. Both pled guilty to felony charges and the club's alcohol permit was revoked.

Vice worked with the Ohio Department of Public Safety on issuing 24 citations for a variety of infractions at a number of alcohol permit premises. The Unit also conducted background investigations for 58 liquor permits.

SERVICES SUB-DIVISION

The Services Sub-Division is made up of the Administrative and Technical Services Bureaus. This sub-division is responsible for preparing and managing the annual operating budget, maintaining the Training Bureau and police Computer/Information Systems Unit, police records, various grants, crime analysis and crime mapping.

THE SERVICES SUB-DIVISION 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Information Systems (Data Processing):

2009 saw the much anticipated and needed e-mail upgrade. This city-wide initiative found Information Systems leading the way with test group migrations.

As development of AOIBRS (Akron Ohio Incident Based Reporting System) continued, an OVI module was added to the application. This development led to the initiation of coding an electronic crash report. For this module to be useful the Easy Street Draw software application had to be purchased. This software will allow the officers to diagram accident scenes in the department's own electronic version of a crash report. The coding of this module allowed the department to discontinue funding for a vendor produced product which, in turn, allowed those resources to be reallocated. With the assistance of the Traffic Bureau, some of the intersections have been entered into the library of the application.

A major inter-operability project the Unit participated in was the expansion of its home-developed Evidence Found Property (EFP) application. Summit County Courts, through a grant and with the assistance of Information Systems, expanded the application to now track evidence through the County Court system. The new system will allow the department's Property Room personnel access to the dispositions of evidence used from the department through the County Court system, all electronically. This project will reduce the time Property Room personnel spends tracking evidence and allow for a more efficient handling of evidence.

Akron was a test site for the HTE ISIS Message Switch. The message switch, after many delays, was finally upgraded. With this upgrade, new images for the MDTs were developed not only for Akron Police but for every agency and jurisdiction Information Systems serves.

The Global Persons Module operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year as it scans all the integrated databases. The scans are conducted for new and updated persons as well as related data. The module then converts the data and inserts it into the Global structure.



Planning, Research and Development:

The Unit integrates intelligence analysis, crime analysis, grant writing and planning and research under one supervisor to facilitate a more coordinated effort in acquiring funding and developing intelligence for strategic and tactical decisions.

Planning and Research and Development again acquired the Bullet Proof Vest Award. This grant reimburses the City of Akron up to 50% of the yearly costs of providing officers with body armor. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant was also renewed, which allows the continuation of the department's Juvenile Diversion Program, along with the continued Summit County Juvenile Court grant which helps to supplement the Diversion program. The Traffic Unit again utilized the Governor's Highway Safety Office, 2010 High Visibility Enforcement Overtime grant, which provides funding to monitor high traffic accident areas and enforce speed control throughout the city.

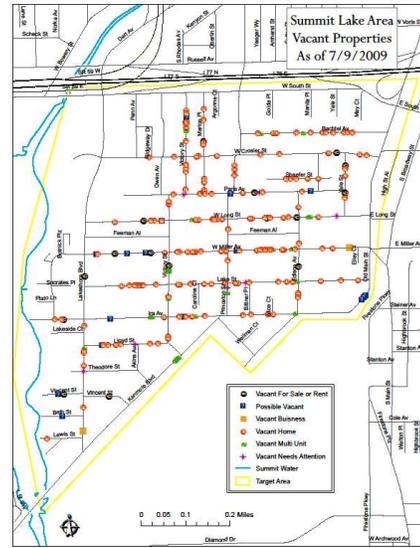
In addition, Planning, Research and Development facilitated the implementation of collaborative Countywide Recovery Grants. Through the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, funds were awarded to Summit County where Akron is the fiscal agent for Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Tallmadge, Summit County, Barberton and Springfield. Akron also received a federal 2009 Justice Assistance Grant and will also act as the fiscal agent for Cuyahoga Falls and Summit County.

The Akron Police Department was awarded a C.O.P.S. Hiring Recovery Grant for 23 new hires and was able to reprogram this grant to retain officers during a period when the department was facing layoffs. Funding was also obtained from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to defer 40 layoffs.

The Unit obtained funding from two separate sources to finance "Operation Spring Cleaning" during April and May. Funding was also obtained from two additional grants through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services: one to purchase video equipment for the Detective Bureau interview rooms and one for additional in-car video cameras.

Crime Analysis:

The Crime Analysis Unit supported two months of intelligence analysis for "Operation Spring Cleaning". As a result of "Operation Spring Cleaning" came a Summit Lake partnership. The crime analysts are continually looking at problems in Summit Lake and working with a Patrol Sergeant to build long term solutions for these problems. The Unit has also played a vital role in the department having input into the city's process for demolition of vacant houses. Analysis done from data forwarded by officers, Calls For Service and AOIBRS data is allowing the Unit to work with the health department to prioritize house tear downs.



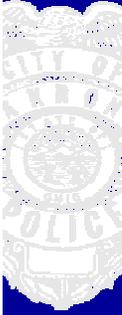
The Unit has built a partnership with the University of Akron allowing it to work on sharing data with them on a regular basis to build programs to address student safety in off-campus housing. The analysts continue to strengthen their relationships within the department and have identified several officers and supervisors to work with on a regular basis. The analysts have split the city into 3 geographic areas and are providing zone commanders, line supervisors and officers with regular crime analysis products.

Training Bureau:

The Training Bureau completed a full day of In Service Training that not only met but exceeded the State of Ohio's Continuing Professional Training requirements. This training covered several topics including: Courtroom Testimony and Legal Updates taught by the Police Legal Advisor, Assistant Prosecutor Craig Hanus, as well as Death Scene Investigation taught by the Summit County Medical Examiner Dr. Lisa Kohler. Additional topics included Communication Skills, Report Writing, Disease Awareness, Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons Updates, Use of the Translator Device, and Leadership.

The Unit hosted a one-day In Service Program for the Domestic Violence Response Unit that also covered several topics. This course was taught by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office.





The Training Bureau continued conducting four separate Firearms Training and qualification sessions and added some very unique and challenging opportunities. Shooting was conducted from a seated position in the cruiser, exiting the car and moving on foot through various stages while shooting on the move. The Unit also conducted a live fire shoot-house video course that involved responding to various video pop up scenes, comparable to a live fire FATS Training Session.

Four range sessions were conducted -- low light, duty pistol, shotgun and patrol rifle -- and numerous open ranges were held for officers to practice or qualify off-duty pistols. A third basic patrol rifle school was completed which brings the total to around 80 officers certified to deploy with a patrol rifle or carbine. The Training Bureau also performed annual maintenance on the duty pistols, replacing the recoil spring guide assembly on each pistol. This should enhance reliable service of the pistols. A well-received training element in the pistol training was a live-fire shoot/don't shoot exercise. Training staff built a shed dark enough inside to run a slideshow of still shots and some video of people armed or not. Officers had to make a decision to shoot or not to shoot based on what they saw in a moment.

The Training Bureau Sergeant attended the Alert/Lockdown/Inform/Counter/Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E) training program for instructors. It is a nationally accepted program to teach schools response options to an active killer who attacks the school. The Training Bureau plans to coordinate with Akron Public Schools and the newly formed group of school resource officers to get this training to teachers and students citywide.

Record Room:

The Record Room worked closely with Information Systems by taking full advantage of the electronic reporting programs. In doing so, the Record Room was able to decrease the amount of “pages printed” per month by approximately 1400 copies. The Record Room moved to establish electronic “distribution lists” with its permanent customers. These lists now allow the Record Room to send required reports via electronic mail to these established customers. The use of these distribution lists has allowed the Record Room to reallocate resources that were expended on these tasks to other areas.

Benefits:

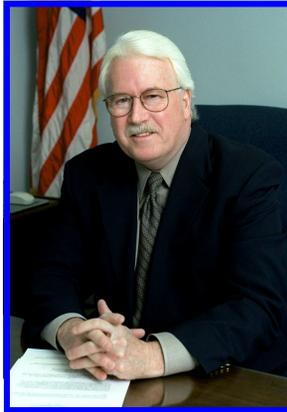
The F.O.P. Benefits Officer is responsible for assisting both active and retired members, including their dependents in all matters relating to employee benefits.

There are several important tasks assigned to the Benefits Officer. These duties include but are not limited to: assisting members with healthcare problems, changing dependent status for healthcare and life insurance and keeping members updated to any changes in the City of Akron’s plan. Other responsibilities include assisting members with Family

Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requests, fielding questions for deferred compensation programs, assisting members with various supplemental insurance programs and assisting with Bureau of Workers Compensation Claims.

The Benefits Officer is also responsible for helping members file their service/disability retirements with the Ohio Police and Firemen’s Pension Fund. The Benefits Officer also keeps members updated with information about the pension fund, health insurance plans and service and military credits, as well as the “DROP” program.

**COMMUNICATIONS
SUB-DIVISION**



George A. Romanoski
Director, Safety Communications

**THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION
2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:**

The Safety Communications Center, also known as the Combined Communications Center, is under the direction of George Romanoski. Safety Communications Technicians are under the supervision of both Police and Fire supervisors. The Communications Center is operated twenty four hours a day, every day of the year.

The Safety Communications Technicians who staff the Center are civilians whose responsibility it is to answer all emergency (9-1-1) and non-emergency phone calls. These technicians are responsible for dispatching emergency personnel as is necessary, obtaining additional resources for the safety personnel on the scene of an incident and verifying information as needed by any safety personnel. The Safety Communications Technicians will also respond to non-emergency request for assistance that citizens may need as well.

In 2009, the City of Akron Safety Communications Technicians answered a total 554,041 emergency and non-emergency calls.

CAPTAINS



Captain Elizabeth Daugherty
Investigative Sub-Division
Acting Sub-Division Commander



Captain Michael Shearer, Jr.
Investigative Sub-Division
Narcotics/Vice/S.N.U.D. Coordinator



Captain Paul Calvaruso
Uniform Sub-Division
Patrol Operations



Captain Kenneth Ball
Uniform Sub-Division
Platoon #1



Captain Lynn Callahan
Uniform Sub-Division
Platoon #2
Zone 1 Commander



Captain Martha Sullivan
Uniform Sub-Division
Platoon #3
Zone 3 Commander



Captain Michael Caprez
Uniform Sub-Division
Platoon #4
Zone 4 Commander



Captain Sylvia Trundle
Uniform Sub-Division
Platoon #5
Zone 2 Commander

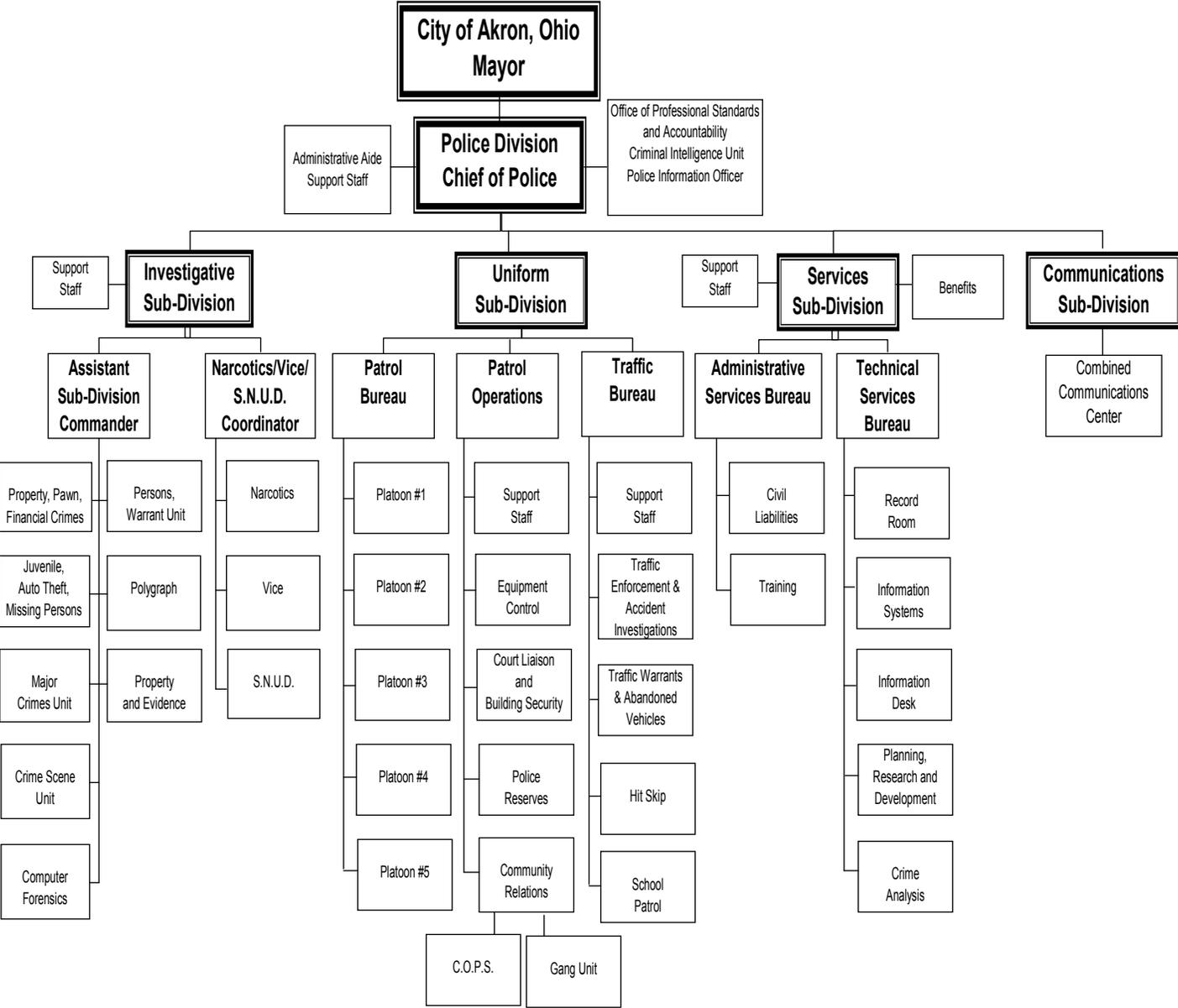


Captain Daniel Zampelli
Services Sub-Division
Administrative Services Bureau



Captain Michael Prebonick
Services Sub-Division
Technical Services Bureau

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT





AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSIGNMENT & CLASSIFICATION																					TOTAL SWORN	Records Supervisor	Secretary III	Secretary II	Secretary I	Account Clerk III	Account Clerk II	Safety Comm. Supervisor	Safety Comm. Technician I	Crime Analyst II	Law Enforcement Planner II	Law Enforcement Planner I	Accounts Analyst I	Director - Safety Communications	Computer Programmer Analyst II	Applications Programmer	Communications Technician I	Communications Technician II	Communications Technician III	TOTAL CIVILIAN	TOTAL PERSONNEL
	Chief	Deputy Chief	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Police Officer	Records Supervisor	Secretary III	Secretary II	Secretary I	Account Clerk III	Account Clerk II	Safety Comm. Supervisor	Safety Comm. Technician I	Crime Analyst II	Law Enforcement Planner II	Law Enforcement Planner I	Accounts Analyst I	Director - Safety Communications	Computer Programmer Analyst II																					
CHIEF'S OFFICE	Administration	1					1																												2	3					
	Administrative Aide						1																												0	1					
	Criminal Intelligence					1																													0	1					
	Office of Prof. Standards & Accountability				2			2																												0	2				
	Police Information Officer				1			1																												0	1				
	TOTAL	1	0	0	3	1	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8					
SERVICES SUB-DIVISION	Administration			1			1					1																							2	3					
	Civil Liabilities						1					1																							0	1					
	Communications				1	5	6					1																							1	7					
	Information Systems					1	2	3			1																								1	4					
	FOP/Benefits						2	2																												0	2				
	Information Desk					1	4	5			1																								1	6					
	Planning, Research and Development			1			1	2								1	1	1	1																4	6					
	Record Room							0	1	1	9	3	1	1																					16	16					
	Training				1	1	7	9			1																									1	10				
	TOTAL	0	0	2	2	8	17	29	1	3	11	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	55					
INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION	Administration			1			4	5																											0	5					
	Crimes-Persons				1	2	6	9		1																									1	10					
	Crimes-Property/Pawn/Financial				1	3	17	21		1	1																								2	23					
	General Assignment				1	2	10	13			2																								2	15					
	Crime Scene Unit				1	2	12	15			1																								1	16					
	Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons				1	4	16	21		1	1																								2	23					
	Narcotics/Vice/S.N.U.D.			1	3	7	28	39		1																									1	40					
	Polygraph					1		1																											0	1					
	Warrants					1	1	1										1																	1	2					
	Property/Evidence					1	2	3			1																								1	4					
	TOTAL	0	0	2	8	22	96	128	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	139					
UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION	Administration							0		1	1																								2	2					
	C.O.P.S.					2	7	9																											0	9					
	Community Learning Center Officers						18	18																												0	18				
	Community Relations				1	1	3	5		1																										1	6				
	Court Liaison/Building Security					1	10	11			1																									1	12				
	Equipment Control						1	1			1																								1	2					
	Gangs/Street Crimes					1	5	6																											0	6					
	Patrol Bureau			5	4	29	182	220																												0	220				
	Patrol Operations				1	2		3																												0	3				
	Administration					1		1			1			0																						1	2				
	Hit-Skip							2	2																											0	2				
	School Patrol						1	1																												0	1				
	Traffic Enforcement/Accidents					2	14	16																												0	16				
Vehicle Disposal							0			1																									1	1					
TOTAL	0	0	6	6	39	242	293	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	300							
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION	Combined Communications Center						0			1															0	2	1	24	26	4				58	58						
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	24	26	4			58	58							
TOTAL DIVISION	1	0	10	19	70	356	456	1	11	23	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	24	26	4							104	560								



	2008	2009
SWORN CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	1	0
Captain	10	10
Lieutenant	20	19
Sergeant	70	70
Police Officer	367	356
% Supervising Officers	21.75	21.93
Total Sworn Personnel	469	456
CIVILIAN CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Police Records Supervisor	1	1
Safety Communications Supervisor	1	1
Safety Communications Technician I	1	1
Safety Communications Technician II	0	0
Secretary I	3	3
Secretary II	24	23
Secretary III	10	11
Secretary IV	0	0
Account Clerk II	1	1
Account Clerk III	1	1
Accounts Analyst I	1	1
Crime Analyst II	1	1
Law Enforcement Planner I	n/a	1
Law Enforcement Planner II	1	1
Director - Safety Communications	1	0
Computer Programmer Analyst II	2	2
Applications Programmer	1	1
Communications Technician I	24	24
Communications Technician II	26	26
Communications Technician III	4	4
Total Civilian Personnel	103	104
TOTAL PERSONNEL	572	560
SWORN PERSONNEL CHANGES 2009		
Appointments		0
Reinstatements		0
Deceased Active		0
Deceased Retired		5
Dismissals		0
Resignations		1
Retirements		12
Promotions		3
Return from Military		5
Members in Military		2



PROMOTIONS



**Sergeant
David Long, Jr.**

Appointed...Aug. 28, 1995
Promotion....Jan. 30, 2009



**Sergeant
Karl Burton**

Appointed.....Apr. 5, 1999
Promotion....Jan. 30, 2009



**Sergeant
Drew Kelly**

Appointed...Dec. 28, 1992
Promotion....Jan. 30, 2009



OATH OF OFFICE

I DO SOLEMNLY PLEDGE UPON MY HONOR THAT I WILL UPHOLD AND SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LAWS THEREOF, THE CHARTER AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AKRON, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY, HONESTLY AND IMPARTIALLY DISCHARGE AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POLICE RANK I HAVE EARNED TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. I DO SO PLEDGE.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE RUSS LONG OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2009



2009 Russ Long Nominees with Russ

Officer Russ Long was involved in an accident in 1991 that caused him to be paralyzed. The Russ Long Golf Outing and Awards Dinner takes place every summer and raises funds to assist Russ and his family. The Russ Long Award is presented each year to an officer who displays enthusiasm towards his/her job and possesses the characteristics that made Russ Long an outstanding officer. Officer Todd Sinsley was presented with the Russ Long Award on July 27, 2009, at the Fairlawn Country Club. Todd is currently assigned to the Uniform Sub-Division, Patrol, Platoon 3.

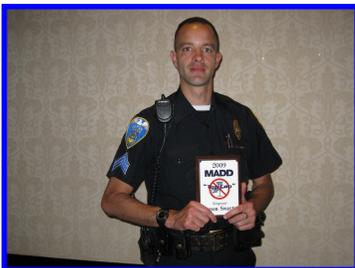
LEADERSHIP AKRON



Captain Sylvia Trundle

Leadership Akron is recognized as one of the area's foremost leadership development programs. Leadership Akron's purpose is to strengthen the region's leaders, engage the community and to encourage the general public to take action in order to make community leadership dynamic, meaningful, relevant and lively. The 2009 Leadership Akron graduate from the Akron Police Department is Captain Sylvia Trundle. Captain Trundle joined the Akron Police Department May 8, 1989. She is the shift commander of the Uniform Sub-Division, Patrol, Platoon 5 as well as being the Zone 2 (North Hill, Goodyear Heights and Ellet) Commander.

MADD 2009 ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT



Sergeant Steven Swartz

Sergeant Steven Swartz was the recipient of the 2009 TOP COP Award for the Akron Police Department. He made 39 OVI arrests in 2008. He encourages other officers to obtain field sobriety testing certification and he likes to focus on OVI enforcement. He said, "It's unfortunate that there are so many impaired drivers who go undetected. People and their families must endure long lasting effects of being hit by a drunk driver." He believes there are drunk drivers on the road at any time of day or night. Sergeant Swartz is a BAC operator and has been a member of SWAT for five years. He is also a team leader on SWAT. Prior to becoming a police officer, he was in the Air Force for more than five years as a forward air controller.

OPTIMIST OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Dawn Forney and
Sergeant Gerald Forney

The Optimist Club of Akron's Philip G. Barnes Officer of the Year award is annually presented to an Akron Officer that exemplifies the qualities of former Chief Barnes. The award recipient is recognized for his/her outstanding service to the community and dedication to keeping the streets of Akron safe. Husband and wife, Gerald and Dawn Forney, together were chosen as Akron's Optimist Officers of the Year for 2009. Sergeant Forney is assigned to the Investigative Sub-Division, Street Narcotics Uniform Division (S.N.U.D.) and Officer Forney is assigned to the Uniform Sub-Division, Patrol, Platoon 2.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Officer Edward Stewart

Officer Edward Stewart began his career with the police department on November 8, 1993 as a Clerk Typist I. In 1994, he successfully passed the police officer test and became a recruit in the department's academy. Since his graduation from the academy, Edward has been assigned to the 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Uniform Patrol shift. Edward is devoted to the job and is always the last officer back to the station at the end of the night because he handles so many prisoner transports and other calls. He has the ability to develop a rapport with the prisoners he transports and will interview them about their knowledge of serious crimes that are under investigation.

In addition to spending time with his wife, Lisa, and their 2 sons, Edward enjoys playing chess and conducting research on topics to improve tactics, such as the safety of officers and how officers interact with the citizens in the community which he always shares with supervisors and other officers.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Officer Doug Matson

Officer Douglas Matson began his career with the police department on April 5, 1999. He has been assigned to the 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Uniform patrol shift since October 1999. Doug recently demonstrated extreme courage and heroism during a call at a scrap yard on Hazel Street. A worker in the yard had accidentally severed his lower leg, which was bleeding profusely. Doug acted calmly and quickly by summoning EMS to the scene and used his garrison belt as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, which helped save the man's life. Officer Douglas Matson is a model officer whose diligence and professionalism is a great example of an Akron Police Officer. He is a credit to the police department and the citizens of Akron.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

F.B.I. NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE



Lieutenant Charles Brown

The F.B.I. National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. It's mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world". The Akron Police Department's 2009 graduate from the F.B.I. National Academy is Lieutenant Charles Brown. Lieutenant Brown began working with the Akron Police Department on July 1, 1986 and is currently in charge of the Community Relations office.

CHILD AND FAMILY LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE GRADUATE



The Child and Family Leadership Exchange (CFLE) is available to Summit County professionals serving children and families. This program was initiated in 1994 as a training program offered annually to thirty professionals. Participants in CFLE learn an in-depth understanding of the county's child and family services. CFLE is a hands-on approach to learning, facilitates communication between service providers and enhances the effectiveness of leaders committed to strengthening family life in the community. Officer Rex Lott is the department's newest graduate of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange. Officer Lott began working at the Akron Police Department on July 8, 1991. He is in the Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons Unit working the 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. shift.

CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE GRADUATE



Captain Michael Prebonick

The Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Program is a formal program of leadership training for police officers (sergeant and above) who are at the executive level or who wish to progress to executive levels. CLEE provides

graduate-level equivalent learning experiences in eight modules of instruction which when satisfactorily completed identifies the graduate as mastering the concepts of leadership and management necessary in operating an efficient and effective law enforcement agency. Captain Michael Prebonick graduated from CLEE in 2009. Captain Prebonick began working at the Akron Police Department on August 28, 1984 and is assigned as the Services Sub-Division, Technical Services Commander.

POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE GRADUATES



The Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) is an intensive, three-month leadership-training program for law enforcement executives. The course is based on the premise that leadership skills can be learned and that given the opportunity for feedback and practice, executives can substantially improve their abilities to lead. PELC provides executives with one of those rare moments in their professional careers to learn how to practically apply leadership concepts. It is an intensive learning experience focused on leadership skills vital to long term personal success and change in the organization -- both for the benefit of the community. Over 1,400 Ohio law enforcement executives have attended PELC since its beginning in 1988. The 2009 graduates were Sergeants Gerald Miles, Nancy Vought, Bruce Graham and Gary Webb.

2009 LAW ENFORCEMENT DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR



Officer J.T. Tyler (left)

Officer J.T. Tyler was honored by the International Martial Arts Council/United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as the 2009 Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Instructor. The mission of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame is to recognize those martial artists that have made a

profound difference and dedicate themselves to excellence. Officer Tyler has been studying martial arts for almost 40 years and has been assigned to the department's Training Bureau for 11 years. Los Angeles Police Detective Richard Bustillo, who nominated Officer Tyler, stated "he is an excellent role model every peace officer and martial artist should emulate".

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DRUM MAJOR AWARD -
Officer Lloyd Ford

RED CROSS "ACTS OF COURAGE" AWARD -
Sergeant Michael Vavro and
Officer Christopher Carson



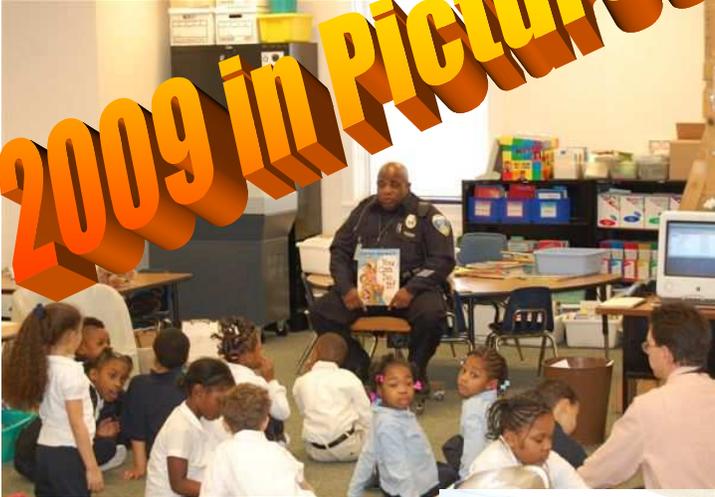
ALLIANCE OF SUMMIT COUNTY CHILD CARING PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AWARD -
Officers Kenneth Dies, Jr. and Dean Sanzone

SUMMIT COUNTY UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR -
Officer Michael Gould, Sr.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -
Officer Brian Callahan



2009 in Pictures





2009 POLICE LAYOFFS

LAYOFFS



In July of 2009, the City of Akron was about to experience something they had not encountered in almost 30 years... layoffs. The majority of these layoffs would come from the City's public safety divisions. "The City of Akron safety forces - - the police and fire personnel -- account for 60 percent of the city's budget, so there's no way to avoid layoffs in those critical areas", Mayor Donald Plusquellic stated (Akron police, fire departments face possible layoffs amid city budget crisis, wkyc.com, 7/14/2009).

By September, it was official, "...we are tied to the world economy," said the Mayor, "and we can't escape the worldwide recession and its impact. Employment in the private sector of Akron is down. At the end of August, income tax revenues are down \$3.5 million. Property tax income, investment income, and the funds we receive from the state are all down. Health care costs are up. We are looking at a deficit in excess of \$7 million by December 31 if we do nothing else. I have a legal obligation to balance the budget by the end of the year." (City of Akron Lays Off 201 Employees, 2009 City of Akron *NEWS* Release, Mark Williamson, 9/15/2009).

On September 14, 2009, ninety-six layoff notices were served to 1 captain, 4 lieutenants, 16 sergeants and 75 patrol officers. These layoffs would go into effect October 1, 2009. Akron Police Chief Craig Gilbride said that although 96 notices are being served, the actual number of vacancies will be considerably less due to several factors - including "bumping" rights of the ranking officers who are receiving notices. "The layoffs of the 21 officers who hold rank means that each of them will "bump" to the next lowest position, according to the Civil Service Rules," said Chief Gilbride (City of Akron Lays Off 201 Employees, 2009 City of Akron *NEWS* Release, Mark Williamson, 9/15/2009).

Fortunately, the Akron Police Department, through the Department of Justice, was awarded both the 2009 'Stimulus' Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant along with an Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services' 2006 'overage' grant. These grants allowed the police department to retain the 41 officers who would have been unemployed October 1, 2009. The Akron Public Schools also helped alleviate the financial burden of maintaining officers by opening 18 Community Learning Center (CLC) Officer positions. These officers work full-time within Akron Public Schools' middle and high schools and are funded partially by the Akron Public Schools.

The Akron Police Department successfully avoided layoffs in 2009. The department will continue to do everything in its power to maintain and possibly increase staffing levels, even through hard economic times. The Akron Police Department is fully devoted to its officers by supporting them 100% as they continue to provide the excellent public service our citizens expect.



FIT FOR DUTY PROGRAM



The *Fit-For-Duty* program has been providing health promotion services to sworn personnel and civilian employees of the Akron Police Department since 1991.

Services include physical ability testing (PAT), blood pressure and cholesterol checks, physical fitness assessment, body composition assessment, exercise and fitness lifestyle planning, weekly health tips, the Fit for Duty Report, and coordination of the Fit for Duty committee.

Fit for Duty Challenge

A Police Officer needs to maintain a base level of fitness to meet the physically and mentally rigorous aspects of law enforcement as safely as possible. The Fit for Duty challenge is to consistently follow the recommendation to participate in moderately vigorous cardiovascular activity at least 3 times a week for more than 20 minutes. In addition to participating in strength or resistance exercise, working of the major muscle groups 2 to 3 times a week and stretching and moving through range-of-motion most days is expected.

Officers showing consistency by exercising at the above level for 3 months were awarded T-shirts purchased by the Fit for Duty Committee. More than 60 new Fit for Duty logbooks were distributed to assist officers in planning and tracking their progress. By the end of 2009, more than 70 T-shirt awards were handed out.

Platoon 5 had an additional incentive from their commander, Captain Sylvia Trundle. In addition to offering a platoon incentive and personally challenging them, Captain Trundle is a role model to her troops with her pursuit of a healthy lifestyle and uplifting attitude. In her challenge to the platoon, she relates: *“It’s no secret that we’re some of the senior officers on the department. Therefore, we need to be more conscious of our fitness level, not less. It just makes sense to think of our loved ones who are around, to positively relieve stress from a very challenging job, and to just feel better about ourselves. So let’s have fun with the fitness challenge, support each other, and commit to a healthy lifestyle.”* Fourteen officers from Platoon 5 participated and earned the T-shirt award.

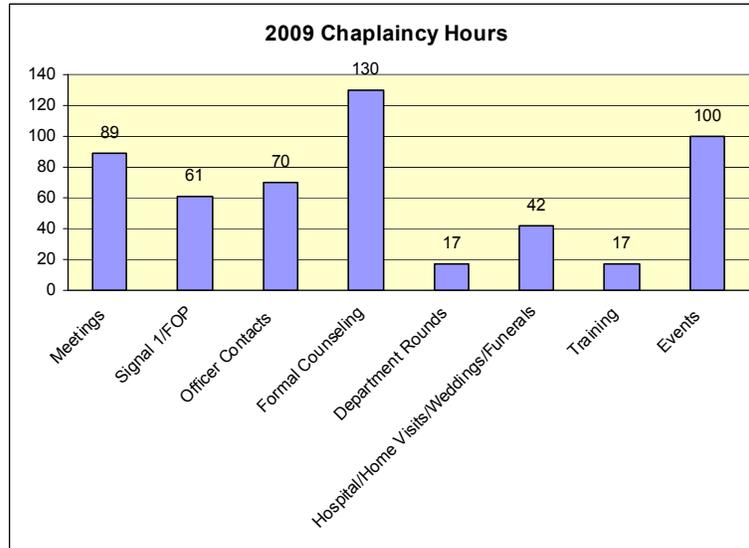
The Fit for Duty program provided more than 500 health and fitness consultations and 168 blood pressure checks in 2009. Physical fitness screening was also completed for more than 100 police applicants. Each applicant had to meet age and gender based standards in sit-ups, push-ups and the mile-and-a-half run. After passing each exercise, they were required to complete a Physical Ability Test (PAT). The test consists of a rigorous obstacle course that simulates critical physical requirements found in law enforcement: a 20 foot run to a 6 ft. fence surmount, a 400 yard run, a 170 lb. Dummy drag, and a pistol dry-fire into a ring at shoulder height in a specified time limit. Passing candidates move on in the hiring process.

CHAPLAINCY



Reverend Bob Denton

The Chaplaincy Program is a joint function of FOP Akron Lodge 7 and the historic Furnace Street Mission. As the program entered its 20th year, 2009 was characterized by a major escalation of activity in and outside of the mission. It is fair to estimate that the hours and activities indicated below are significantly under reported since they exclude the Chaplaincy Center development and an immense increase in the volume of varying officer contacts and events. A fair representation exceeds 1000 hours of assistance.



Assistance was also provided for officers in other departments across the county. Formal counseling, including 10 debriefings, accounted for 130 sessions. Additionally, there were 581 peer and professional referrals. The focus of counseling was on professional stress, marital difficulties and life threatening crises. Two of the individuals counseled were officers who indicated potential self-harm which reinforces the immense value of the program. Referrals were also provided for family difficulties involving behavioral problems with children.

Beginning in September, substance abuse counseling was added via a certified substance abuse counselor with established connections and long-time experience providing assistance to safety personnel. In the first three months of this assistance, there were 24 client contacts with an excess of 25 hours of assistance. With assistance from the substance abuse counselor, officers throughout Summit County were assisted and quietly restored to full duty and/or prevented administrative action to be taken.

The layoffs of 2009 were immensely stressful for Akron Police officers and their families. The Chaplain was centrally involved with all parties prior to and including the heart-wrenching notification of officers called off their shifts to be informed of their layoffs. With the announcement of layoffs, counseling was provided to 203 individuals. This included follow-up with officers and the planning and delivery of a half-day seminar for officers and their spouses about benefits and options. Thankfully, the officers were graciously spared the layoffs due to last minute negotiations. These same services were provided for Akron Firefighters prior to their layoffs with subsequent follow-up for various individuals from both police and fire.

A very important communication vehicle was the addition of the Safety Forces Chaplaincy Center Page on Facebook. It expanded normal contacts with officers and became a window for confidential assistance. Research indicates the page has been visited by officers from Canada, Germany, Norway, Ireland, Mexico, St. Lucia, Namibia and Great Britain.

2009 represented the most significant and largest growth in the Akron Police Department Chaplaincy Program for the past two decades and indicates the services for 2010 will continue to be a major service to those who keep us safe – often at an immense cost to themselves and their families. *The Chaplaincy Program exists to address the material, psychological and relationship needs of officers but recognizes that if we are to properly compensate those who reduce our risks by elevating theirs we must address the spiritual dimension of a profession that can quietly produce empty souls.*

THE REV. ROBERT DENTON, PH.D., L.I.S.W.
CHAPLAIN

RETIREMENTS



Officer
Robert "Russ" McFarland
 Appointed...Dec. 31, 1970
 Retired.....Jan. 31, 2009
 38 years, 1 month of service



Officer
Jay Farr
 Appointed...Feb. 10, 1997
 Retired.....Feb. 14, 2009
 12 years of service



Sergeant
Kevin Culver
 Appointed...Dec. 23, 1980
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 28 years, 9 months of service



Sergeant
Scott Thomas
 Appointed....Aug. 28, 1995
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 14 years, 1 month of service



Officer
Robert Noland
 Appointed...Dec. 31, 1971
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 37 years, 9 months of service



Officer
Richard McPherson
 Appointed...Sept. 8, 1975
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 34 years of service



Officer
Stephen Geiger
 Appointed...Sept. 12, 1977
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 32 years of service



Officer
Jimmie McFarland, Jr.
 Appointed.....Oct. 4, 1993
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 2009
 15 years, 11 months of service



Chief
Craig V. Gilbride
 Appointed...Sept. 12, 1977
 Retired.....Nov. 30, 2009
 32 years, 2 months of service



Officer
Frank Martucci, Jr.
 Appointed...Dec. 23, 1980
 Retired.....Dec. 4, 2009
 28 years, 11 months of service



Sergeant
Thomas Dye
 Appointed...Dec. 31, 1970
 Retired.....Dec. 11, 2009
 38 years, 11 months of service



Lieutenant
Rosalyn Harris
 Appointed...Sept. 12, 1977
 Retired.....Dec. 31, 2009
 32 years, 3 months of service

TO COMMEMORATE



**Retired Sergeant
Wendel M. Niles**

Date of Birth..... Sept. 12, 1951
 Appointed.....Sept. 12, 1977
 Retired.....Feb. 20, 1995
 Died.....Jan. 17, 2009



**Retired Sergeant
Robert P. Adamson**

Date of Birth..... May 10, 1920
 Appointed.....Sept. 20, 1948
 Retired.....Oct. 3, 1973
 Died.....Jan. 28, 2009



**Retired Officer
William H. Howland**

Date of Birth..... Mar. 13, 1935
 Appointed.....Jan. 22, 1959
 Retired.....Sept. 30, 1983
 Died.....Feb. 25, 2009



**Retired Lieutenant
William F. Newcomb**

Date of Birth..... May 22, 1926
 Appointed.....Feb. 1, 1949
 Retired.....Apr. 7, 1990
 Died.....Jun. 17, 2009



**Retired Captain
Clifford E. Baughard**

Date of Birth..... Apr. 21, 1926
 Appointed.....Jan. 23, 1956
 Retired.....Apr. 30, 1988
 Died.....Sept. 4, 2009

“HEAVEN’S BEAT”

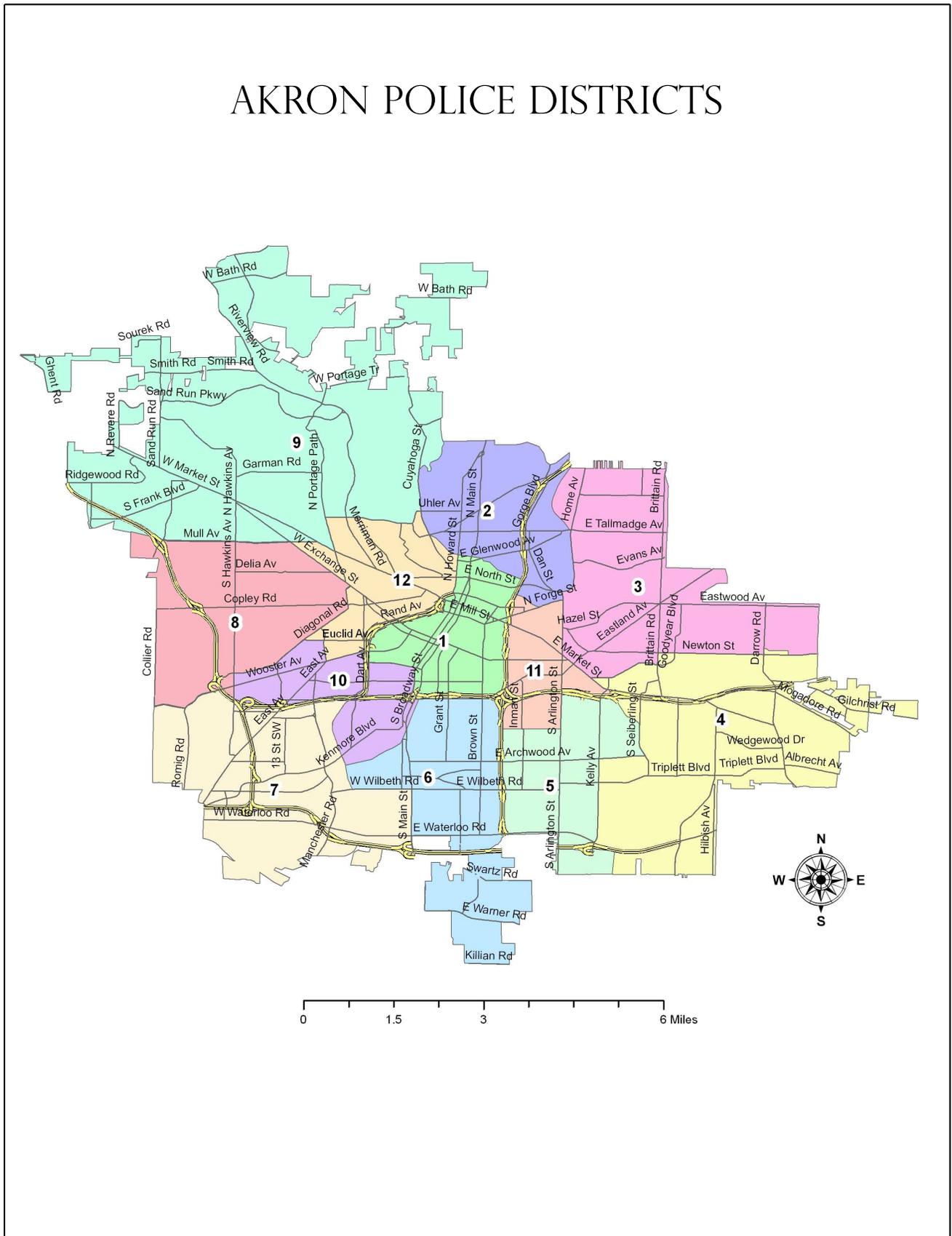
Lydia Warner Miller

*HE’S WALKING A BEAT IN HEAVEN,
 WITH A NEW PARTNER TO HELP HIM ON,
 UP BEFORE THE FIRST LIGHT OF MORNING,
 WITH A SMILE GREETING THE NEW DAWN.*

*HIS BADGE GLOWS BRIGHTLY WITH GLORY,
 HIS BOOTS ARE STILL SHINY BLACK,
 FOR THERE’S NOT MUCH DUST IN HEAVEN,
 EXCEPT FOR SOME STARDUST ON HIS HAT.*

2009 STATISTICS

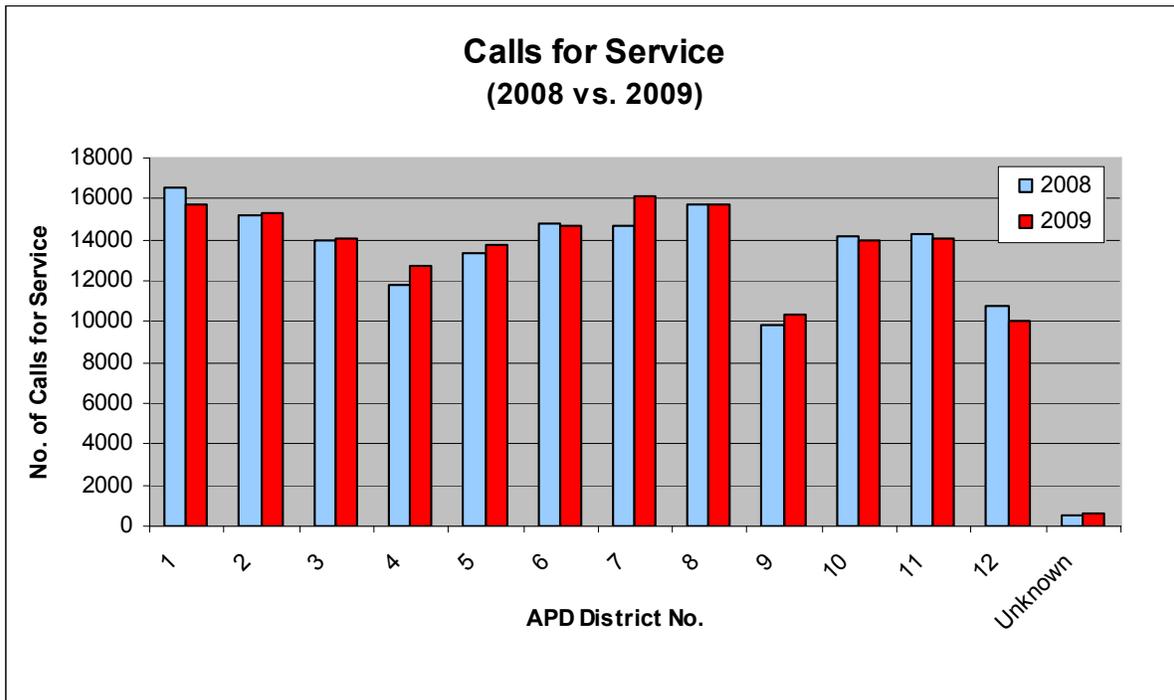
AKRON POLICE DISTRICTS



2009 Statistics

2009 Citizen Calls for Service

2009 Citizen Generated Calls for Service			
District No.	2008	2009	% Change
1	16570	15739	-5.01%
2	15205	15302	0.64%
3	13967	14042	0.54%
4	11795	12751	8.11%
5	13373	13785	3.08%
6	14816	14700	-0.78%
7	14694	16133	9.79%
8	15718	15676	-0.27%
9	9857	10359	5.09%
10	14211	13983	-1.60%
11	14278	14074	-1.43%
12	10785	10084	-6.50%
Unknown	563	597	6.04%
Total	165832	167225	0.84%



2009 Crime Statistics

Summary of Part 1 Offenses and Drug Offenses for 2009 by Police District

Summary of Part I Offenses and Drug Offenses for 2009 By District No.														
NIBRS	DISTRICT NO.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	XX	Total
Aggravated Assault (13A)	93	86	85	57	108	86	107	150	33	118	81	56	6	1066
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter (09A)	1	4	1	0	5	1	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	20
Forcible Rape (11A)	21	24	12	11	12	17	16	12	6	15	24	9	19	198
Robbery (120)	58	61	48	33	77	63	63	81	26	77	80	60	5	732
Burglary/Breaking & Entering (220)	189	354	373	299	343	240	350	410	183	428	293	200	1	3663
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	85	76	91	75	98	86	97	113	63	100	61	65	0	1010
Arson (200)	4	8	3	15	4	7	19	13	5	11	9	9	0	107
Drug Equipment Violations (35B)	113	115	82	82	92	131	87	123	36	98	106	88	1	1154
Drug/Narcotic Violations (35A)	231	200	156	142	248	233	195	322	45	326	256	188	5	2547
Total	795	928	851	714	987	864	934	1225	398	1175	913	676	37	10497



2009 Traffic Statistics

2009 Traffic Fatalities

Date	Age	Gender	Safety Device Used?	Airbag	Alcohol	Type of Crash	Location of Crash
1/19/2009	48	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	Pedestrian vs. SUV	296 The Brooklands St.
3/3/2009	83	F	Yes	N/A	No	Auto vs. Building	40 E. Glenwood Ave.
3/7/2009	19	M	No	None	Unk	Auto vs. Tree	89 W. York St.
4/5/2009	44	M	Yes	None	Unk	Truck vs. Pole	1026 S. Main St.
4/25/2009	55	M	No	Yes	Unk	Truck vs. Tree vs. Building	Spicer St. and E. South St.
5/27/2009	37	F	N/A	N/A	No	Motorcycle vs. Curb	N. Howard St. ramp to N. Main St.
6/1/2009	29	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	Motorcycle vs. Curb vs. Pole	1430 E. Archwood Ave.
6/3/2009	52	F	No	Yes	No	SUV vs. Median Wall	SR 8 South @ mile marker 2.6
6/5/2009	48	F	No	None	Yes	Auto vs. Pole	W. Thornton St. and Norka Ave.
6/22/2009	45	F	Yes	None	No	SUV vs. Embankment	I-76 West and SR 8 North
8/16/2009	38	M	No	Yes	Yes	Auto vs. Building	Copley Rd. and Nome Ave.
9/10/2009	33	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	Pedestrian vs. Minivan vs. Auto	I-76 East/77 South and Lakeshore Blvd.
9/18/2009	61	M	N/A	N/A	Unk	ATV vs. Truck	E. Crosier Ave. and Hammel St.
10/9/2009	58	M	N/A	N/A	No	Bicycle vs. Truck	E. Miller Ave. and Bellows St.
11/7/2009	41	M	N/A	N/A	No	Motorcycle vs. Auto	1235 Copley Rd.
11/22/2009	41	M	No	Yes	Yes	Auto vs. Tree	Dorchester Ave. and Afton Ave.

TOTAL - 16 Fatal Accidents



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2009 Miscellaneous Information

Estimated Population*	207,209
Estimated Population of Summit County*	542,405
Area of Akron in Square Miles	62.4
Actual Strength-Sworn Personnel	456
Actual Strength-Civilian Personnel	104
Police Reserves	39
Adult School Crossing Posts	120
Adult School Crossing Guards	124

* based on U.S. Census Bureau 2009 estimates

2009 Police Operating Expenditures

Employee Salary and Benefits	\$43,824,784
Operating and Maintenance	\$3,645,782
TOTAL	\$47,470,566



IN MEMORIAM

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE
CITY OF AKRON WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY

GUY NORRIS.....	DECEMBER 23, 1917
JOSEPH H. HUNT.....	JANUARY 10, 1918
EDWARD J. COSTIGAN.....	JANUARY 10, 1918
GETHIN H. RICHARD.....	MARCH 12, 1918
GEORGE WERNE.....	MARCH 9, 1919
HAROLD ROGERS.....	JULY 8, 1925
WILLIAM H. GRUBBS.....	MAY 6, 1929
HARLAND F. MANES.....	MARCH 8, 1930
FORREST GOOD.....	JUNE 21, 1931
KENNETH KNEPP.....	MARCH 3, 1933
WILLIAM S. PETERSON.....	OCTOBER 31, 1933
ARDEN D. WEESE.....	MARCH 22, 1946
FLOYD A. WEATHERHOLT.....	MARCH 25, 1960
RONALD D. ROTRUCK.....	JULY 21, 1964
EUGENE HOOPER.....	APRIL 10, 1965
ROBERT E. DONAHUE.....	JULY 31, 1968
GLENN K. STEWART.....	SEPTEMBER 5, 1970
STEPHEN J. ONDAS.....	OCTOBER 21, 1972
GARY A. YOST.....	AUGUST 23, 1975
BEN J. FRANKLIN.....	JANUARY 10, 1992
GEORGE R. KNAFF.....	NOVEMBER 5, 1994