

Akron Police Department



2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Dedicated to
Chief Michael T. Matulavich
41 Years of Service
1967 - 2008

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AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Craig V. Gilbride, *Chief of Police*



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

On behalf of the members of the Akron Police Department, I am pleased to present you with our 2008 Annual Report.

Fourteen recruits began our police academy and successfully completed their basic training in 2008. All 14 individuals passed the final fitness examination and state written test on the first try. A 15th recruit, already state certified as a peace officer, proudly joined the department upon his honorable discharge from overseas duty with the Ohio National Guard.

Our Planning, Research and Development Office implemented several collaborative grants awarded in 2007, the Byrne Discretionary Grant and the Methamphetamine Initiative Grant.

Our department continued to diligently work in reaching out to the community with the continuation of various programs geared to strengthening the bond between the Akron Police Department and the community:

Programs such as the Akron Police Toy Drive, Elves & More, Do The Right Thing and Operation Teddy Bear allowed children to experience the joy of giving as well as receiving. These programs also reiterated to children that officers are not only around when something unfortunate happens in their neighborhoods.

The Special Olympic Torch Run, Akron Road Runner Marathon and LeBron James Bike-a-thon allowed the participants to have a safe encounter while that particular event occurred due to members of the department directing traffic, ensuring the event stayed on course and/or participated.

Blockwatch Captains again were offered the experience of attending two training sessions held by the department's COPS Unit and Community Relations Office. This educational venue encourages the participants to understand the daily duties and obstacles officers face, share crime prevention ideas and is also a very good setting to implement new initiatives, such as the "Adopt A Vacant Home" program.

Our officers and supervisors continued to receive recognition for going above and beyond the call of duty. Others composed training articles, based on the vast knowledge they have learned through their careers, which were published in police magazines and newsletters. We vow to continue to uphold the excellence and professionalism expected of our occupation.

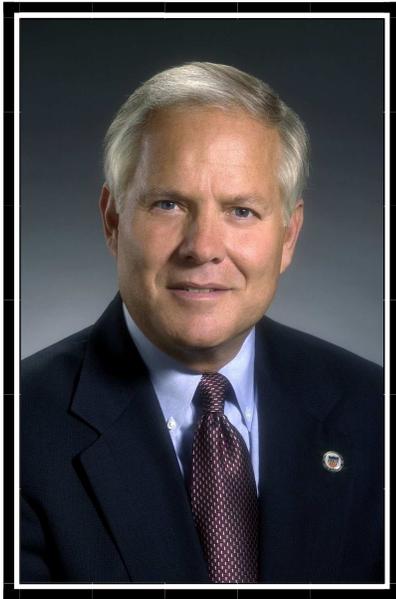
We look forward to continuing to serve you, City Council and the citizens of Akron, to the best of our abilities.

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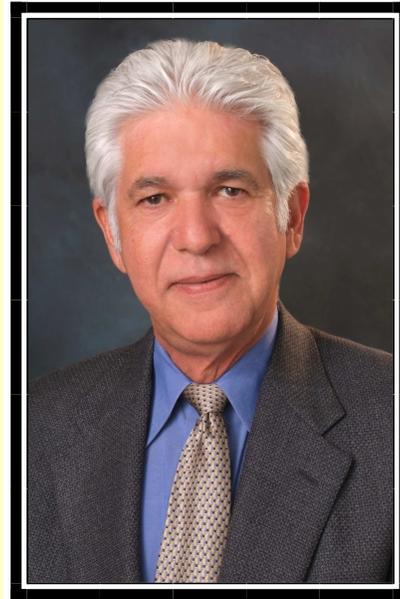
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Michael T. Matulavich
Chief of Police
June 29, 2000 - Dec. 30, 2008



Craig V. Gilbride
Chief of Police



Passing the Torch...



With honesty and dedication,
 You pledged to protect and serve.
 Using courage and compassion,
 Your community you did preserve.

May the years of your Retirement,
 Be rich, rewarding and kind,
 And may there be no limit to,
 The happiness you find.

Michael T. Matulavich was the twelfth Chief of Police for the Akron Police Department. Chief Matulavich advanced through the ranks, and as a Deputy Chief, commanded each of the department’s three sub-divisions: Investigative, Services and Uniform.

Chief Matulavich was sworn in as an Akron Police Officer on May 25, 1967. Promotional dates include: Sergeant - September 6, 1976; Lieutenant - February 21, 1980; Captain - September 18, 1987; Deputy Chief – May 7, 1993; Interim Chief – June 9, 2000 and Chief – December 29, 2000.

Chief Matulavich retired in December 2008 with 41 years and 7 months of service to the City of Akron.



Craig V. Gilbride was sworn in as Provisional Chief of Police of the Akron Police Department on Tuesday, December 30, 2008. He had served as the Deputy Chief of the Uniform Sub-Division since August 2000.

Chief Gilbride, a thirty-one year veteran of the police department, advanced through the ranks. He has worked in each of the department’s three Sub-Divisions either as an officer and/or as a supervisor.

Chief Gilbride was appointed to the Akron Police Department September 12, 1977. His promotional dates include: Sergeant - February 18, 1986; Lieutenant - November 9, 1992; Captain - July 25, 1995 and Deputy Chief - August 2, 2000.

Craig is a graduate of CLEE and PELC and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Akron.





Michael T. Matulavich
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 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Office of Professional Standards and Accountability:

The office of Professional Standards and Accountability was instrumental in purchasing compact digital cameras for use by the department. These cameras are used to take photos to aid in the investigation of complaints, use of force, resisting packages and damaging reports. These cameras replaced outdated Polaroid instant cameras, saving the department money from purchasing film while enhancing the photographic technology available to the officers. These cameras were assigned mostly to Uniform Sub-Division shift sergeants as well as detectives in the Investigative Sub-Division.

The automatic defibrillators found in the department's cruisers were inspected by the Unit to ensure these life saving devices are functioning properly. New batteries and pads were ordered when necessary.

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability was moved up in the use of force, complaint and resisting arrest packages review process. Previously the Unit reviewed these packages after the shift commander, Deputy Chief and Chief. The Unit now reviews them immediately after the shift commander. This allows the Unit to make suggested changes before the packages become official reports.

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability conducted 15 investigations. One investigation was completed with the Summit County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit reference a smaller department in Summit County. The rest of the Unit's investigations were broken down as follows: eight (8) substantiated conclusions—of which four (4) are being appealed through the discipline process; two (2) are nothing further; and four (4) are still on-going.

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 public access 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.



Akron Police PIO, Lieutenant Richard Edwards, gives an on-site interview to News Channel 5

Criminal Intelligence Unit:

The Intelligence Unit, along with a Pawn Detail detective, worked a case where the suspect was eventually apprehended by the Houston, Texas Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Office's Fugitive Task Force. The suspect's information has been aired on America's Most Wanted.

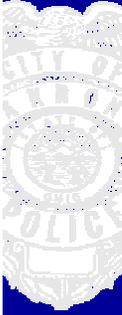
The Unit led an undercover operation which lasted one year regarding the processing of false documents. Three arrests were made. Assisting in the investigation were the department's Computer Forensics Specialist, the Narcotics Unit and U.S. Customs/ICE Agents.

The Unit investigated an Internet Stalking Case. With the assistance of Canadian authorities, the suspect was located in Vancouver, Canada.

The Unit submitted evidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) relating to a hate crime investigation. The suspect, who had evaded law enforcement for more than twenty years, was indicted and arrested by the F.B.I.

The Intelligence Unit assisted the U.S. Secret Service with several dignitary visits prior to the Presidential Election.

The Intelligence Unit continues to coordinate with multiple state, local and federal agencies regarding law enforcement intelligence and officers safety issues.



UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION

The Uniform Sub-Division is commanded by Deputy Chief, Craig V. Gilbride, and is the largest of the Akron Police Department's four Sub-Divisions. 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.

Craig V. Gilbride
Deputy Chief

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THE UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION'S 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

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

Community Relations and C.O.P.S. performed over 670 public appearances. The Unit also held two (2) block watch captains training sessions—one addressed the "adopt a vacant house" program and one discussed the special units of the Akron Police Department such as Narcotics, S.N.U.D., Vice, SWAT and K-9.

The Unit organized one of the best received Russ Long Golf Outings at Prestwick Country Club. The Do The Right Thing program recognized 70 children for "doing the right thing" and raised over \$2,900 for the program.

Community Relations facilitated the background process for another academy class and initiated a recruit campaign for a new police test with resounding success. Over 1,200 individuals signed up to take the test during the five week campaign.

The Unit became the point of contact for the school lockdown drills (HB 422), created a prom Don't Drink and Drive poster as well as sponsored a holiday safety billboard initiative with Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, Norton, Barberton and the Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Community Relations assisted with the Goods for Guns Program, continued with a character building program in the Akron Public Schools, expanded the program of fifth grade classroom visits to stress character with the Akron Public Schools to include the second grade and participated in Akron Children's Hospital Safe Kids Coalition.



Officers Darletta Rubin and
Sergeant Kevin Williams of the
APD Bike Unit

In addition, over 250 bicycle helmets were given away to area children.

Gang Unit:

2008 was a very productive year for the Street Crimes / Gang Unit. After receiving a federal grant, the Gang Unit's authorized strength increased to five officers and a sergeant. The grant allowed officers to incorporate a Summit County Deputy into the Unit and created a Task Force to help expand the area of operations to include other communities in Summit County since gangs tend to migrate past artificial boundaries of city and county lines. The Gang Unit convicted 18 criminal gang members from seven different gangs on the Criminal Gang charge and various other felony charges. The Gang Unit worked in unison with the U.S. Marshals Office in Operation F.A.L.C.O.N. which set a record for number of arrests for 2008. The Unit also worked closely with the University of Akron Police Department on a special detail after recognizing an increase in robberies and burglaries in the university area. The Gang Unit helped investigate, apprehend and bring to justice several gang members in the area that were engaged in this violent crime spree. The Gang Unit also provided training and gang awareness presentations to other law enforcement agencies, professional organizations, civic and community groups throughout the year.

The Gang Unit was proactive in the area of drug activity, firearm activity and violent crime, seizing a sizeable amount of drugs and guns and particularly concentrating on criminal gang members engaging in this activity. The unit seized 42 firearms, 270.4 grams of crack-cocaine, 2845.7 grams of marijuana, 177.2 grams of powdered cocaine, 70 ecstasy doses, LSD, Meth-Amphetamine and other drugs, and over \$19,146 off the streets and from over 60 different criminal gang members.



Akron Police Department Gang Unit
during a press conference



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 12 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 as 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 program or presentence investigations.

Reserve Officers:

Reserve Officers are an important part of the Akron Police Department. The officers provide a number of volunteer services for the police department to help supplement the department in day-to-day operations. They provided a total of 13,554 hours of service in 2008: 122 hours of service in the Investigative Sub-Division, 1,659 hours in the Services Sub-Division and 11,773 hours in the Uniform Sub-Division.

Patrol Bureau:

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 two K-9 officers and one K-9 sergeant in Patrol as well as numerous officers trained in the detection and investigation of drug labs.

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.

Platoon 1 –

Platoon 1, the 11:00pm to 7:00am shift, is currently staffed with 1 captain, 6 sergeants and 50 officers. Five rookie officers were added to the shift in July and were a welcome addition to the unit. Many of the shift's officers are members of specialized units such as SWAT, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Hostage Negotiations, Honor Guard, K-9 and CLET (Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team).

In 2008, Platoon 1 responded to 57,519 calls for service. During the month of July, the call volume peaked at 6332 calls. This shift will typically answer between 100 and 300

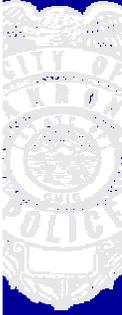
calls for service per day, depending on the time of year and other variables. Although Platoon 1 is not currently responsible for a zone under the Zone Command structure, it is actively involved in the process by assisting the four Zone Commanders with specific problems that occur during the shift. When staffing permits, directed patrols are performed to attack problem spots in all parts of the city. The officers are very knowledgeable regarding troubled areas in their districts and work actively to solve these issues, reducing the negative impact in Akron's neighborhoods.

A considerable number of homicides, robberies, burglaries and other violent crimes occur during this shift. As first responders, Platoon 1 is responsible for conducting preliminary investigations, securing serious crime scenes and assisting the Major Crimes Unit with their investigations. Many incidents involve large, violent crowds under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These incidents will typically occur as area bars are closing and fights break out between the patrons. Several units are usually needed to quell the disturbances and disburse the crowds. The officers perform these tasks with a high degree of professionalism that reflects the superior training that Akron Police officers receive.



Platoon 1 Officer, Justin Ingham, with Vice Presidential candidate Joe Biden





Akron SWAT Officers respond to a Signal 100

Platoon 2 –

Platoon 2 officers work the hours of 6:30am to 2:30pm. The shift is staffed by 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 6 sergeants and 33 officers. The shift spans the majority of the school and work day for the citizens of Akron and the officers are always on the go. Bank robberies, juvenile-related issues, traffic accidents and domestics are some of the types of calls for service officers respond to.

During 2008, the officer and sergeant assigned to the Kenmore area responded to a rape call of a two year old child that was described as one of the worst ever seen. Their diligence and thorough investigation led to a conviction and sentence of a man who will serve a life sentence without the chance of parole. This is just one example of the great police work Platoon 2 does on a daily basis.

Platoon 2 is assigned Zone One, which includes downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. A beat officer is assigned to this shift who works downtown as a foot patrol officer. He works closely with the businesses and professional offices. The growing University of Akron and medical facilities are also in Zone One. Between calls for service, officers proactively patrol these areas and the neighborhoods to prevent crime.

Zone One coordinates the proactive policing initiative in the University of Akron off campus housing area. This includes educating the residents about city ordinances involving large parties and alcohol-related offenses which are followed by enforcement to prevent injuries and property damage from such incidents.



Platoon 3 -

Platoon 3, the 3:00pm to 11:00pm shift, consists of 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 5 sergeants, 48 officers and 1 canine, "Lenny". Five of the officers were added to the shift upon their graduation from the academy in July. One officer has been on military leave since September of 2008. He will be serving our country for one year.

Every other week, an officer from the shift is assigned to provide security at the City Council Meeting. This assignment is rotated with an officer from the C.O.P.S. Unit. When needed, officers also guard prisoners at hospitals and work the information desk in the lobby.

During 2008, Platoon 3 officers handled approximately 60,000 calls for service. These included both dispatched calls as well those that were initiated by officers. Officers on the shift are dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens they serve in the community. When not on calls, officers spend their time addressing council and citizen complaints. Additionally, special details are deployed to address problem areas throughout the city as well as specific problem locations that have been identified. As a result, numerous arrests, field interrogation cards and citations were made.

Several officers assigned to the shift were given a Chief's commendation for saving the life of an individual. In one incident, the officer administered first aid to a 17 day old baby who was not breathing due to an obstructed airway. In a second incident, officers made a tourniquet using the victim's belt, as he was bleeding profusely from a severe cut on his elbow which was sustained while breaking up a fight. According to the attending physician at the hospital, the victim would not have survived had it not been for the officers' quick actions. Additionally, four officers encountered a distraught female that had doused herself with gasoline at a gas station and was threatening to set herself on fire with a lighter. Officers were able to gain physical control of this female and bring the incident to a safe conclusion.

Platoon 4 –

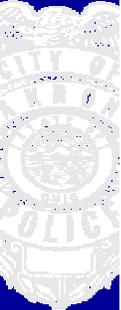
Platoon 4 works the hours of 7:30pm to 3:30am. Platoon 4 is staffed by 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 5 sergeants and 46 officers.

During 2008, Platoon 4 continued its tradition of excellent community service. As one of the busiest shifts in the Uniform Sub-Division, officers on this shift are constantly on the move. While calls for service certainly drove much of the shift's activity, these dedicated officers' actions went well beyond just answering calls.

Individually and collectively, Platoon 4 officers provided vital follow-up and information gathering roles, greatly impacting crime problems in Akron. Platoon 4 planned and executed numerous special details throughout the year, producing solid results. Acting on its own or in concert with other units, Platoon 4 gathered information and evidence vital in solving crimes from theft to murder and located and apprehended suspects that possibly could have committed these crimes.

Discovery and dismantling of methamphetamine labs was one focus of the shift's investigative efforts. In-fact, officers from Platoon 4 continued to discover the bulk of the methamphetamine labs in the city during 2008.

Platoon 4 built upon its solid working relationship with the Northwest Akron Neighborhood Watch to combat



crime and disorder in the Treeside/Zahn and Dominion Drive area. This effort included educating residents and a campaign aimed at keeping people from walking in the street. Walking in the street is viewed by local residents as the existence of a lack of order in the neighborhood. In addition, elderly drivers have been intimidated by these individuals who tend to move slowly out of the way or not move at all. Road Rage incidents and car jacking attempts are a likely outgrowth of these encounters. A period of strict enforcement and street signs were eventually erected prohibited pedestrians from walking in the street. Other similar quality of life laws were strictly enforced. Over time a sense of order was restored to this area. The real success of this effort was seen when the area experienced a period of relative quiet which continued through the summer months.

Continuing to build on their success in conjunction with the Northwest Akron Neighborhood Watch group, the shift enlisted the Juvenile Court to take part in this community campaign. Police officers working with court administration identified juveniles who were summonsed for quality of life crimes and other misdemeanors within and around the target area. These cases were pooled and flagged for appearance in a 'Community Court' that was established under this program. This program brought court proceedings into the very neighborhood where the crimes were committed in order to be heard and adjudicated. If convicted, juvenile suspects were made to serve their sentences in the community, conducting restitution to make that community a better place while being supervised by court personnel. It is the shift's belief that, through their community service, these individuals will gain a sense of belonging and a sense of ownership in the community.

Platoon 5 –

Platoon 5 works the hours of 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Although the smallest shift on the department, Platoon 5 answered approximately 30,000 calls for service and is well represented with members of SWAT, Hostage Negotiation, Honor Guard, (CIT) Crisis Intervention Team, Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team and the Domestic Response Unit. Platoon 5 officers and supervisors take pride in their directed patrol initiatives and work closely with block watch clubs and other units to combat criminal activity. Their efforts have resulted in the successful arrest and prosecution of serious drug offenders, especially in the North Hill, Goodyear Heights and Ellet communities. The officers' dedication and commitment to community service is reflected in the citizens' commendations the platoon has received throughout the year.



Traffic Bureau:

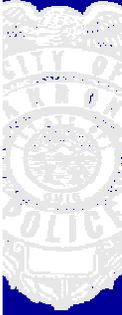
The goal of the Traffic Bureau is to reduce traffic violations, traffic accidents and serious injuries and fatalities that result from traffic accidents. The Traffic Bureau is made up of 1 lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 23 officers and 2 civilian employees.

2008 Traffic Bureau Statistics:	
Calls for Service:	13,649
Number of Arrests:	574
Accident Reports:	3,140
Number of DUI's:	163
Accident Violations:	1,983
Parking Tickets:	824
Criminal Reports:	153
Photos:	3,587
DUI's Processed by Traffic Personnel:	309
Special Details:	463
Equipment Violations:	226
Tows:	1,834
Moving Violations:	1,208
Other Reports:	2,055

In addition to regular day to day operations, the Traffic Bureau is responsible for conducting special operations. A Traffic sergeant coordinates sworn police personnel, reserve officers and civilian personnel for the City of Akron's special events. During 2008, 19 major parades, 15 theme walks/runs, 6-5K runs, and 74 Aeroes baseball games were handled successfully. Additionally, this sergeant coordinated manpower to staff the following high profile events:

- AA Founders Day
- All-Americans Soap Box Derby
- Bridgestone/Firestone Golf Tournament
- Firestone Park Parade and Fireworks
- Hardesty Park Arts Expo
- Kenmore 100 Year Anniversary Celebration
- Akron Local Soap Box Derby
- Akron Road Runner Marathon
- Akron Air Show
- Downtown Akron July 4th Fireworks
- Election year Traffic Details
- First Night
- Holiday Festival
- LeBron James Bike-a-Thon
- Ohio Mart
- Super Kids Soap Box Derby

Over 1 million people attended these different events and were safeguarded by Traffic Bureau personnel.



Traffic Accident Reconstruction Unit –

The Accident Reconstruction Team consists of two officers. The team investigated 7 fatal car crashes and 25 serious injury or felony crashes. In addition, the team investigates all serious police cruiser crashes, supports all officer requests for crash analysis and supplies evaluation for traffic equipment. Accident Reconstruction Team members are also members of the police accident review committee and assist in criminal investigations where motor vehicles are involved.

School Patrol Unit –

One sergeant supervises the School Patrol Unit. This supervisor is responsible for 108 school zones and 119 crossing posts.

Hit Skip Unit –

Two officers are assigned full-time to the Hit Skip Unit. In 2008, 1,658 accidents were reported to the Akron Police Department. The Unit successfully solved 531 of the reported hit-skip accidents.

Traffic Bureau Desk Personnel –

One officer and one civilian employee staff the Traffic Bureau Desk. In 2008, they received 2,017 traffic related complaints. The complaints included speeding, 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 135 defendants for active traffic warrants.

Motorcycle Unit –

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed on a part-time basis by 2 sergeants and 7 officers. The Unit is controlled by Traffic officers and supplemented by Patrol officers. In 2008, the Unit participated in the following events:



Traffic Officers Kenneth Clark and Deborah Stalnaker take measurements at a traffic accident scene

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 by the City of Akron’s 7 authorized towing companies so the vehicles can be properly disposed of according to state statutes. In 2008, paperwork was initiated to dispose of 7,824 vehicles.

Push Trucks/Junk Vehicle Tows –

One officer works the push truck. During 2008, this unit handled 250 orders to comply for the removal of junk vehicles from private property. The officer picked up 130 abandoned or stolen bicycles and placed steering wheel club locks on 177 vehicles belonging to owners who had their driving privileges revoked by the court system. The officer was also assigned to complete 127 special details during the year.

Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement –

The Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement Unit is staffed part-time by 1 sergeant and 6 officers. The Unit is responsible for enforcing laws that pertain to commercial vehicles, with primary violations being oversize weight limits, load securement and unsafe operation due to mechanical deficiencies. The Unit made individual stops and inspected and/or weighed commercial vehicles after observing trucks operating with equipment violations.

- AA Founders Day Parade
- Akron Road Runner Marathon
- Al-Kaf Parade
- All American Soap Box Derby
- American Red Cross Ride-for-the-Red
- Bridgestone Invitational; World Golf Championship
- Downtown Akron July 4th Fireworks and Festival
- Firestone Park Parade
- Greater Cleveland Police Scholarship Fund Memorial
- Kenmore Baseball Parade
- Kenmore Saint Patrick’s Day Parade
- Lance Corporal Daniel Deyarmin Fundraiser
- Motorcycle Awareness Rally
- Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet
- Summit County D.A.R.E. Poker Run
- Super Soap Box Derby
- Welcome Santa Parade
- Westside Neighbors’ Parade

It is important to note that the Motorcycle Unit also has the honor of assisting with the funeral escorts of officers and fallen soldiers from the Akron/Summit County area. The Unit also has had the privilege of providing dignitary escorts during election years.

Third Grade Safety Belt Education Program –

The Traffic Bureau participated 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 sergeant administers the program and presented the program to nearly 2,000 Akron third grade students from public, private and parochial schools.



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'S 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Crime Scene Unit:

Several major crimes were solved due to the technology available in the Crime Scene Unit as well as by the training and expertise of Unit detectives. An example of technology assisting law enforcement can be seen in the serial rape cases committed by a suspect in the University of Akron and North Akron areas during the beginning of the year. The suspect was identified and apprehended with a combination of finger and palm prints recovered by CSU detectives, DNA evidence as well as outstanding work by case detectives. Courtroom testimony by CSU detectives was instrumental in obtaining a conviction. The suspect was convicted and sentenced to over 90 years.

CSU has completely converted from film processing photography to digital photography. This has proven to vastly improve the quality of photographs taken at crime scenes. The digital photos are stored in the Digital Image Management Systems (DIMS) which is housed in CSU. The system allows for photographs to be easily retrieved and copied as necessary. Old, inoperable film developed equipment and chemicals have been removed from the Unit. The Avid digital video processing equipment is being utilized more and more as time goes on. Training is on-going with this system.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which is also housed in CSU, is used daily by detectives. AFIS has been instrumental in identifying criminal suspects, homicide and suicide victims and assists the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office confirm the identity of DOA's.

Unit detectives serve as instructors at the Ohio Peace Officers' Training Academy, schools and professional organizations. They also willingly assist college student interns who are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement and as crime scene investigators.

Computer Forensics Unit –

The Computer Forensics Unit assists both Akron Officers and other organizations and local law enforcement agencies in investigations involving the use of computers.

The Unit extracts hidden data (evidence) from computers, cell phones and other electronic media.

Crimes Against Persons:

Crimes Against Persons 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 and questioned deaths and intimidation. There are currently two other shifts that also investigate these 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.

Crimes Against Persons investigated 336 cases. This amount is an increase of thirty cases from the previous year. There were 18 adult homicides in the city of Akron. Fourteen of these homicides were cleared by arrest and the remaining four (4) are currently under investigation. Most of these cases that have gone through the court process have resulted in convictions. One case was dismissed because of uncooperative witnesses.

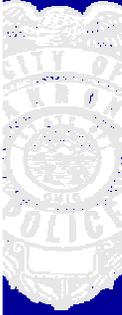
The Unit handled the investigation into the Jeffery Stephens, Sr. officer involved shooting. Two officers were forced to resort to deadly force after the individual reached for a gun that was inside his waistband. This case received a significant amount of publicity. Despite several negative allegations towards the police department, Crimes Against Persons was able to conduct a thorough, professional investigation.

Crimes Against Property:

Burglary Unit –

The Burglary Unit received over 3,800 reports of Burglaries and B & Es and over 8,700 reports of theft, vandalism and criminal damaging. Large screen TV sets, laptop computers, game consoles and other easily fenced items continue to be the preferred items stolen in burglaries. Scrap metals such as industrial or manufacturing metals, residential siding and copper pipes lead the items taken in many B & Es which typically are committed against the business community or vacant properties. In addition to the many property crimes investigated, several unit members provided assistance throughout the year to the Crimes Against Persons Unit with homicide and robbery investigations.

A rash of stolen catalytic converters throughout Summit County led to the creation of a joint "task force" made up of the Burglary Unit and the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Office. The Akron/Summit County Property Crimes Detail was created as an on-going task force to be activated on an "as needed" basis. This task force will be used in the future to



investigate multi-jurisdictional crimes which are property related.

The Unit was also successful in becoming a voting member of the National White Collar Crime Center. This congressionally funded organization provides free training as well as analytical support services.

The Burglary Unit continues to investigate leads provided to it as a result of the Crime Scene Unit entering latent prints developed at crime scenes into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) as well as from evidence submitted to BCI&I for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database which examines DNA.

Financial Crimes –

The Financial Crimes Unit conducted an on-going investigation with the U.S. Postal Service and several other law enforcement agencies involving over 30 suspects manufacturing and cashing counterfeit checks throughout the county.

The Unit also completed an investigation involving a theft from the LeBron James Family Foundation. Financial Crimes also prosecuted several embezzlement cases, one of which involved a major law firm and the embezzlement of over \$144,000.

Pawn Detail –

The Pawn Detail worked with the City of Akron’s Prosecutor’s Office and Law Department as well as representatives from the scrap industry to draft and purpose legislation to City Council to regulate the local scrap dealers. This legislation was passed and became effective in the Fall. Although there was a dramatic reduction in metal related thefts, it was more likely the result of a severe drop in the market prices of scrap metal. However, when prices rebound, the legislation will be in place to assist the Unit’s investigations.

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.

Once criminal prosecution has been completed, the evidence must be returned to the rightful owner, destroyed or forfeited, depending on the disposition of the charges and the type of property.



Property Room Sergeant, Frank Williams, demonstrating his goat handling skills

The Property Room received over 24,000 items in 2008:

- 4505 drug related items
- 2715 packages containing photographs
- 2491 drug instruments
- 2459 marijuana related items
- 1967 misc. weapons (knives, clubs, ammunition, etc...)
- 1019 cocaine related items
- 611 firearms
- 442 alcohol related items
- 144 sexual assault kits transferred from hospitals
- 206 bicycles
- 74 pieces of gambling equipment
- 1 livestock

Juvenile, Auto Theft and Missing Persons:

Crimes Against Juveniles –

Crimes Against Juveniles is responsible for investigating all crimes and incidents where the victim is a juvenile. The majority of the investigations involve sudden deaths, physical and sexual abuse, robberies and felonies assaults.

The Unit investigated ten (10) sudden deaths ranging in age from 2 months to 17 years old. Of those deaths, only one was ruled a homicide by the Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office. The other sudden deaths were ruled natural, accidental, a suicide and undetermined. The investigative information obtained for these deaths are reported to the Summit County Child Fatality Review Board. The information is then sent forward to both state and national health related organizations for prevention studies. Successful local and national programs have been the Back to Sleep, Never Shake a Baby, and Red Flags Suicide prevention program. These programs have helped to decrease the number of preventable deaths in Summit County.

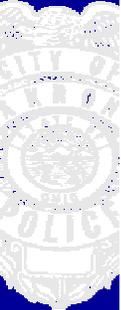
Crimes Against Juveniles worked closely with community partners such as Summit County Children Services, Akron Children’s Hospital Children’s Advocacy Center, Akron Public Schools and the Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Forty-one suspects were arrested for sexual assault related crimes. Twelve were juvenile offenders. This number does not reflect the number of victims of separate criminal incidents. Thirteen suspects were arrested for raping victims under the age of 12. Five victims were under the age of 5.

Noted cases included the arrests of: a 52 year-old registered sexual offender for sexually assaulting a 12 year-old victim; a 14 year-old suspect for raping a 22 month-old child; a 29 year-old baby sitter for fracturing the skull of a 3 month –old infant; and a 33 year-old for raping a 2 year-old. This defendant is also a suspect in 2 other juvenile abuse cases.

Missing Persons –

Missing Persons investigates all reports of missing persons, child enticements and interference with custody cases. Approximately 2000 missing persons (MPs) reports were filed in Akron in 2008. This number encompasses 1200 individuals, many who repeatedly run-a-way. Follow-up interviews were conducted with habitual run-a-ways to address their problems.



The Unit actively works with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Ohio Missing Children's Clearinghouse. Missing Persons has been working with the State of Ohio Cart Team (Child Abduction Response Team) Program. Twelve officers and communication center technicians were selected to form the core of the department's response team. They have received training and have participated in mock training scenarios.

Auto Theft –

The Auto Theft Unit investigates all crimes involving autos and other titled vehicles. They also coordinate all of the towed autos throughout the city of Akron.

The city and surrounding areas were hit hard with thefts of catalytic converters. Working with several county law enforcement agencies, several individuals were arrested resulting in a reduced number of thefts significantly both in Akron and throughout Summit County. This coincided with a greater scrutiny of local scrap dealers that were purchasing the converters and other items in violation of the law.

The Auto Theft Unit arrested a 34 year-old suspect on 55 counts involving motor title laws, grand theft, tampering with records and receiving stolen property. The suspect has a long criminal history of motor vehicle related arrests.

Juvenile Diversion Unit:

Juvenile Diversion is an accountability –based program directed toward first time juvenile criminal and status offenders. No felony or offenses of violence are accepted. It provides the offender with the opportunity to avoid the formal judicial process and give back to the community by performing a service to the community. The Unit served 620 clients in 2008.

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 juvenile is completing their probation.

A noteworthy community service these juveniles provided in August was to assist the City of Akron's Parks and Recreation Bureau in painting the Skate Park. Community members, juvenile diversion participants and Akron Public Schools students worked together to paint murals over Akron's graffiti ridden Skate Park.

Narcotics Unit:

The Narcotics Unit continues its' cooperative approach to attacking the drug distribution organizations in the Akron and Summit County area. The Unit strives to disrupt the market for illegal drugs through its interaction with the Drug Court Program and joint partnerships with agencies such as BCI&I, the Summit County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit, ATF, DEA and the U.S. Marshals Office. All of these efforts are designed to produce the maximum impact possible using available resources.

While working with the above agencies under the auspices of HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas), the Narcotics Unit has been able to work on several investigations involving major drug trafficking in the city of Akron as well as Summit County with excellent results. The cooperation of all the agencies involved in joint investigations has

been excellent. Having all the agencies represented under one roof has proven to be an invaluable tool to conduct investigations.

During 2008, Narcotics opened 186 new cases. Over 35 search warrants were conducted. The following drugs and property was seized:

Property Seized
827 grams of rock cocaine
3297 grams of powder cocaine
65 grams of heroin
2168 bindles of heroin (unit doses)
84 pounds of marijuana
1232 Ecstasy Pills
400ml of Methadone
100 unit doses of Vicodin
Currency totaling \$91,000
8 vehicles

2008 Seizure Unit Totals -

The Seizure Unit opened 266 new and closed 96 cases in 2008. Currency totaling \$385,814 and 36 vehicles were seized. Miscellaneous personal property, 6 vehicles and \$105,266 was forfeited. Fourteen pieces of personal property were sold at auction for \$1,612 and 4 vehicles were sold at auction for \$10,500. Two vehicles were placed in-service to be used for undercover investigations.

2008 Diversion Unit-

The Diversion Unit investigates and prosecutes individuals that divert pharmaceutical drugs for illegal purposes. The Unit opened 84 cases and closed 51 cases in 2008. Five nurses and two medical assistants were arrested. Twenty-eight cases were closed for lack of evidence.

2008 Narcotics Canine -

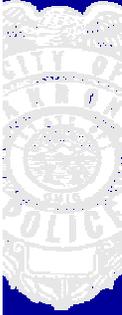
The Unit K-9 officer and along with his dog, "Sampson", searched 70 vehicles and 45 buildings. They also made 20 socialization/public appearances this year. Sampson helped locate 527 grams of cocaine, 343 grams of crack cocaine, 808 grams of marijuana and 84 bindles of heroin. Sampson also hit on safes and hiding spots containing currency totaling \$16,181.

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

The Street Narcotics Uniformed Detail (S.N.U.D.) Unit added another detective to bring the unit up to ten detectives. The Unit is commanded by 1 lieutenant and 2 sergeants. S.N.U.D. developed 245 investigative cases that led to numerous felony arrests and drug seizures.

Many of the complaints that come into the Unit were from information sources. These include the Drug Tip Hotline, City Council complaints, neighborhood block watch groups, landlords of rental properties and concerned citizens. Many of the complaints were found to be party houses for drug users used by them for occasional drug sales in order to feed their habit.

S.N.U.D. worked with Captain Trundle on the Gun and Violence Reduction Task Force, code-named "Rolling Thunder". Along with ATF, DEA, the U.S. Marshals Office, Akron Police Narcotics Unit, Summit County Sheriff's Office



Narcotics Unit and the Adult Parole Authority, numerous arrests were made and a substantial amount of guns and drugs were taken off Akron streets. Operating on different days and during many different hours, the criminal never knew when or where the task force would strike. The unit went out 26 times in 2008.

The Unit made 1,026 adult arrests on 662 felony and 705 misdemeanor charges. In addition, these suspects were arrested on 114 felony and 551 misdemeanor warrants. The Unit arrested 57 juveniles on 37 felony and 35 misdemeanor charges. Five juveniles were arrested on felony warrants and 7 on misdemeanor warrants. The Unit confiscated 51 handguns, 3 assault weapons, 2 shotguns and 2 rifles.

S.N.U.D. recovered 2,361.6 grams of approximately 11,894 rocks of crack cocaine, with an approximate street value of \$236,160. Also recovered were 1,372.7 grams of powdered cocaine with a street value of \$137,270, 4620 grams or approximately 10.9 pounds of marijuana was confiscated from several grow houses. 347 Ecstasy pills, 2.0 grams of methamphetamines and 38.24 grams or 1,272 doses of heroin worth about \$38,160 were also seized. The Unit also seized 38 Oxycontin pills, recovered 60 drug scales, 36 counterfeit crack cocaine rocks and 55 criminal tools. Four methamphetamine labs were also closed down.

The Unit seized currency totaling \$161,594 and 4 automobiles as well as recovered 6 stolen autos in drug raids. Seventy-three S.N.U.D. search warrants were executed. The Unit assisted with 12 search warrants for other units as well as assisted other outside agencies and units on at least 65 different occasions. The unit worked with the Akron Health Department to have one house boarded up and had 22 children taken by Summit County Children Services (CSB) and Rule 6 enforced.



Approximately 5-7 grams of crack cocaine confiscated during a Gun Violence Reduction Detail

Vice:

The Vice Unit arrested 368 people on over 500 charges. The majority of those arrested were charged with soliciting or prostitution, as this was the number one community complaint the Unit received in 2008. Scattered within these arrests were a smaller number of alcohol, gambling and drug offenses.

Thirteen of the alcohol arrests involved permit premises. These cases were worked jointly with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS) and resulted in 24 additional citations related to alcohol permit violations. Six people were charged with felonies relating to food stamp fraud in a joint effort with DPS, Summit County Sheriff's Office, USDA and the DEA. Vice also worked two cases jointly with Norton Police Department and was able to close down problem establishments in Norton.

Vice executed 7 gambling search warrants and 1 prostitution search warrant. As a result of these and other cases, Vice seized \$16,071.25. The Unit also investigated and processed 24 liquor permit transfer requests.

The proliferation of gaming parlors has become more of a priority since the new city ordinance took effect. Vice has worked closely with the City of Akron's Prosecutor's Office, Zoning Commission and Licensing Department to ensure uniform enforcement.

On two occasions, the Unit spoke at City Council meetings to ensure much needed amendments to the ordinance were passed. Vice also addressed several block watch meetings. Unit detectives were able to alleviate neighborhood concerns by explaining what Vice is legally and realistically able "to do" and opened up lines of communication that eliminated much of the pre-existing negative attitudes towards the police department. The Unit also addressed the city's block watch captains' at a meeting that took place in December to inform the community of changes to the laws governing gaming parlors.

Some of the most successful operations Vice conducted were cooperative, multifaceted attacks on problem locations involving the police department's Gang, C.O.P.S. and S.N.U.D. Units. Through hard work and collaboration, Vice will continue to tackle the problems facing the city of Akron and its communities.

**SERVICES
SUB-DIVISION**



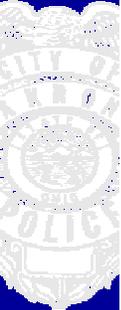
Gus Hall
Deputy Chief

The Services Sub-Division is commanded by Deputy Chief Gus Hall and is responsible for preparing and managing the annual operating budget, various grants, crime analysis and mapping.

**THE SERVICES SUB-DIVISION
2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:**

Information Systems (Data Processing):

Information Systems, building on the AOBIRS electronic incident reporting package, deployed a Missing Persons and a Motor Vehicle Theft module. These modules now allow Uniform officers to "paperlessly" report these incidents. Now officers notify the LEADS Office in the Safety Communications Center that they have submitted such a report. Once the report is brought up in the LEADS Office, the Safety Communications technician will enter the reported information into the network and then electronically note the entries on the reports. The reports are then electronically



sent, with the updates, to the Record Room. The Record Room manages the records and publishes it in the department's Daily Bulletin. The reports arrive simultaneously in the Juvenile, Auto Theft and Missing Persons Unit with all the available information already on the reports for the detectives. These modules keep the information on missing persons and stolen vehicles up to date and have decreased the amount of time spent administratively in both the Uniform and Investigative Sub-Divisions.

Information Systems and the Record Room collaborated on another project. Record Room personnel no longer stack thousands of incident reports at the Information Desk for the perusal of all. Instead the programmers from Information Systems, using the redaction guidelines from the Record Room, developed a "kiosk program" allowing the last thirty days of incident reports to be viewed via a desktop workstation at the Information Desk. The kiosk computer has greatly cut down on the clutter at and near the Information Desk and helped to decrease the Record Room's copying costs.

Information Systems undertook an expansive but necessary upgrade as the "SQL" and "IIS" servers were replaced and made redundant. This new clustered environment provides for failovers while also affording seamless access to applications and data. The new servers allow the department's programmers to continue to develop projects while working separately from the departments operating systems. This upgrade places Information Systems on a stable platform as projects continue to be developed.

Planning, Research and Development:

The Planning, Research and Development Office integrates intelligence analysis, crime analysis and planning and research under one supervisor to facilitate a more coordinated effort in developing intelligence for strategic and tactical decisions. The Unit not only maintained many of its current grants but also secured additional funding from a number of sources for several different programs being implemented throughout the City of Akron and Summit County.

The Unit again acquired the Bullet Proof Vest grant reimburses the city up to 50% of the yearly costs of providing officers with body armor. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant was renewed as well, 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. In addition, the Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant was also renewed. The "Cold Case" grant has proven extremely valuable helping to solve many of the city's outstanding Cold Case homicides where DNA is present. The Traffic Unit was awarded 2007 Governor's Highway Safety Office grant funding to monitor high traffic accident areas and enforce speed control throughout the city.

This year, Planning, Research and Development facilitated the implementation of three new collaborative grants awarded in 2007. The 2007 Byrne Discretionary grant was applied for by the City of Cleveland through the collaborative efforts of many Northeast Ohio Law Enforcement agencies known as the "Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium" (NOVCC). With these funds, the Unit facilitated several large scale "sweeps" and "hot spot" details including a large scale sweep that took place in late January. Participants included several federal

and state partners and resulted in over 130 arrests. In addition, this grant has been utilized to lay the foundation for an Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) framework in the Northern District of Ohio. Money was used to bring Jerry Ratcliffe (an expert on ILP) to the Northern District to address analysts and commanders on the impacts of ILP.

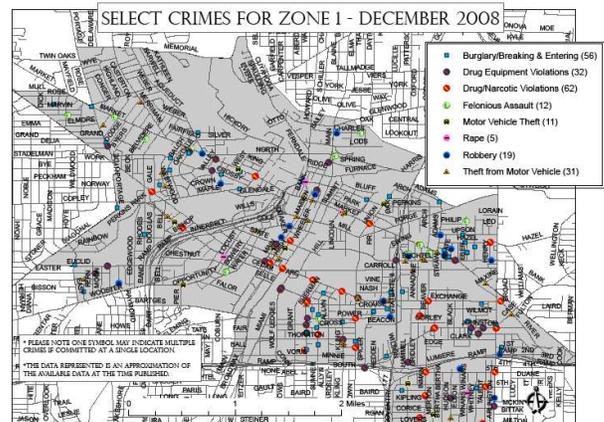
The City of Akron was also awarded its own 2007 Byrne Discretionary grant to be used to fund an Akron/Summit County Gang Initiative and lay the foundation for Intelligence Led Policing in the Akron/Summit County region. The Planning, Research and Development Unit purchased new equipment and software as well as brought in outside training to department employees on the use of criminal intelligence. Soon after, the Unit began working with commanders to implement ILP projects on a strategic and tactical level.

The police department also received the 2007 COPS Methamphetamine Initiative grant. The Unit coordinated with the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office to bring 'Meth Check' to the district. 'Meth Check' allows pharmacies to track purchases of cold medicine that contain ingredients used to create methamphetamines. The Unit also started to post discovered methamphetamine manufacturing locations on the Akron Police Department website. This grant has allowed officers to receive additional training in regards to clandestine labs and has built collaborations with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office to ensure the proper handling of all meth related cases.

Planning, Research and Development personnel were also engaged in several projections. The Unit worked with the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) to purchase Rapid ID units that hopefully will be deployed in 2009.

Crime Analysis:

Crime Analysis continued to fulfill the mapping and statistical analysis needs of the Akron Police Department. The Unit's mapping and analysis capabilities have greatly improved over the past year. New maps are being added to the Internet for public use and complex maps are being added to a shared folder on the police Network for use by all employees. Detectives are beginning to seek out and ask for assistance from analysts. The analysts have been instrumental in the identification of patterns and series and have assisted in the arrest and apprehension of suspects. The Unit also engaged in an analysis project of the Cole and Marcy area to assist officers and commanders in identifying short and long term goals to reduce crime in that community.





Training Bureau:

A class of 14 recruits graduated from the Akron Police Department Academy held by the Training Bureau. The entire class passed both the final fitness test and the state written test on the first try.

The Unit conducted multiple in-service training sessions this year. The courses included a one day Defensive Tactics and Pursuit Driving Course, a one day in-service that covered various topics that met the State Mandated Continuing Professional Training Requirements, a week-long First Line Supervisor's Course as well as two day 'All Supervisors' course.

The Training Bureau conducted three full firearms qualification and training session was also held.

The Unit assisted Willa Keith from the Mayor's Office with the Akron Peacemakers Group. The Unit continues to host the Blockwatch Captains Group as well. Three members of the Unit work with the Akron-Summit Serious Incident Support Team 77 (ASSIST 77) and the Training Bureau continues to work with the Procedures Committee as well as assist in the department's Random Drug Testing program.

The Training Bureau commander conducted a two-week course teaching American Policing Methods to the Taiwan National Police Agency in Taipei, Taiwan. This is a first for Akron Police, and a first for the Taiwan National Police Agency.

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 reallocated resources that were expended on these tasks to other areas.

Benefits:



Benefits Officer
Michael Leslie

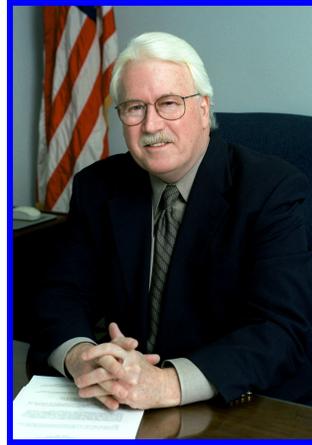
The F.O.P. Benefits Officer is responsible for assisting both active and retired members, including their dependents in all matters relating to employee benefits.

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 Safety Communications Center, also known as the Combined Communications Center (C3), is under the direction of George A. Romanoski, Assistant to the Mayor. The Center is staffed with Safety Communications Technicians under the supervision of police and fire supervisors, Safety Communications Technician III Training supervisors, and secretarial support. The dispatcher and call-taking positions are staffed with civilian Safety Communications Technicians who answer all emergency (9-1-1) and non-emergency telephone calls.

THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

During 2008, C3 personnel answered a total of 429,758 emergency and non-emergency calls. A break down of these calls for service (CFS) is shown in the following table.

Emergency 9-1-1 CFS	
Landline CFS	59,832
Cellular (wireless) CFS	100,461
Non-Emergency CFS	269,456
TOTAL CFS	429,758

The Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) system generated a total of 232,694 for service in 2008:

CAD CFS	
Police CFS	194,010
Fire CFS	38,684
TOTAL CAD CFS	232,694

Among the 2008 system upgrades was Pro QA. Pro QA software is a medical based program which assists the call takers when interrogating EMS calls. Information Systems refined the functionality of the Pro QA software making it more compatible with the Vista software installed during the CAD software upgrade of last year. This feature gives call-takers real-time information over the CAD, allowing them to assist citizens who are reporting medical emergencies.

A multi-jurisdictional task force was formed in 2008 to explore the feasibility of a combining Akron's 9-1-1 Communications Centers. Preparing for regionalization, the CAD system was programmed by Information Systems to expand the C3 capabilities to provide dispatching services for other communications in Summit County.

Safety Communications remains committed to serving the community of Akron and its safety forces.

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Acting Sub-Division Commander



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Narcotics/VICE/S.N.U.D. Coordinator



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Zone 4 Commander



Captain Sylvia Trundle
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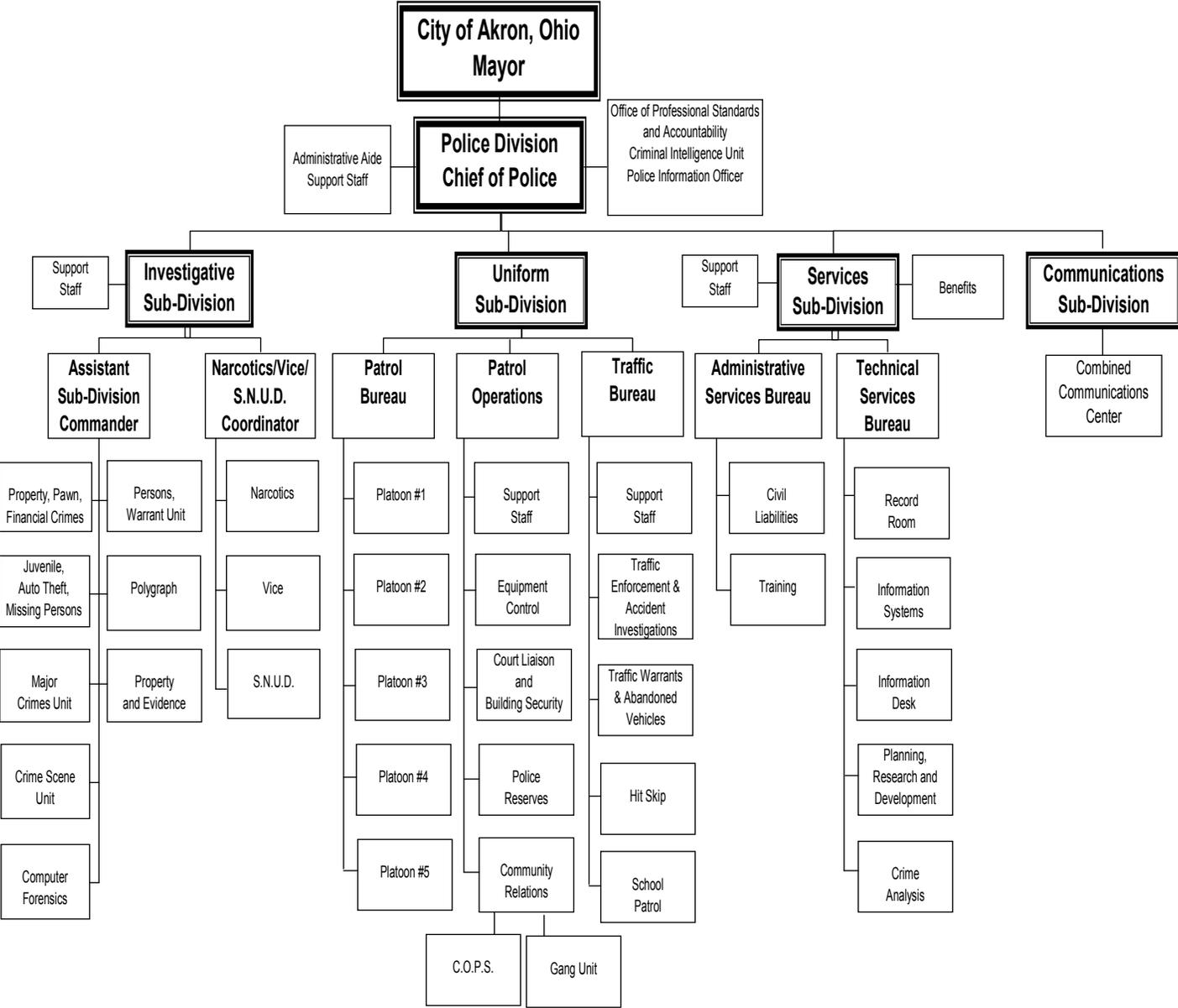


Captain Daniel Zampelli
Services Sub-Division
Administrative Services Bureau



Captain Michael Prebonick
Services Sub-Division
Technical Services Bureau

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT





AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSIGNMENT & CLASSIFICATION																	TOTAL SWORN						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. Tech I	Crime Analyst II	Law Enforcement Planner II	Accounts Analyst I	Director - Safety Communications	Computer Programmer Analyst II	Applications Programmer	Communications Technician I	Communications Technician II	Communications Technician III	TOTAL SWORN	TOTAL CIVILIAN	TOTAL PERSONNEL				
CHIEF'S OFFICE	Administration	1																								1	2			
	Administrative Aide					1	1																				0	1		
	Criminal Intelligence					1	1	2																			0	2		
	Office of Prof. Standards & Accountability				2			2																				0	2	
	Police Information Officer				1			1																				0	1	
	TOTAL	1	0	0	3	1	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8		
SERVICES SUB-DIVISION	Administration		1	1			2		1			1															2	4		
	Civil Liabilities					1	1																					0	1	
	Communications				1	6	7						1														1	8		
	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									3	5		
	Record Room						0	1	1	9	3	1	1														16	16		
	Training				1	1	7	9		1																	1	10		
	TOTAL	0	1	2	2	9	17	31	1	3	11	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	56		
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				2	2	10	14		2																	2	16		
	Crime Scene Unit				1	2	13	16		1																	1	17		
	Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons				1	4	16	21		1	1																2	23		
	Narcotics/Vice/S.N.U.D.			1	3	7	30	41		1																	1	42		
	Polygraph					1	1	1																			0	1		
	Warrants						2	2						1													1	3		
	Property/Evidence					1	2	3			1																1	4		
	TOTAL	0	0	2	9	22	100	133	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	144		
UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION	PATROL	Administration						0	1	1																	2	2		
		C.O.P.S.					2	7	9																			0	9	
		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	28	201	238																		0	238		
		Patrol Operations			1	1		2																				0	2	
	TRAFFIC	Administration				1	1	2					1																1	3
		Hit-Skip						2	2																			0	2	
		School Patrol					1	1																				0	1	
		Traffic Enforcement/Accidents					2	19	21																			0	21	
		Vehicle Disposal							0		1																	1	1	
TOTAL	0	0	6	6	38	248	298	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	305			
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION	Combined Communications Center						0			1								1	2	1	24	26	4	59		59	59			
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	24	26	4	59		59				
TOTAL DIVISION	1	1	10	20	70	367	469	1	10	22	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	24	26	4	103	572				



	2007	2008
SWORN CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	2	1
Captain	11	10
Lieutenant	20	20
Sergeant	60	70
Police Officer	378	367
% Supervising Officers	19.91	21.75
Total Sworn Personnel	472	469
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	23	23
Secretary III	11	11
Secretary IV	0	0
Account Clerk II	2	2
Account Clerk III	1	1
Accounts Analyst I	1	1
Crime Analyst II	1	1
Law Enforcement Planner II	1	1
Director - Safety Communications	0	1
Computer Programmer Analyst II	2	2
Applications Programmer	1	1
Communications Technician I	27	24
Communications Technician II	27	26
Communications Technician III	5	4
Total Civilian Personnel	108	103
TOTAL PERSONNEL	580	572
SWORN PERSONNEL CHANGES 2008		
Appointments		15
Reinstatements		4
Deceased Active		0
Deceased Retired		10
Dismissals		0
Resignations		9
Retirements		13
Promotions		13
Return from Military		0
Members in Military		7



PROMOTIONS



**Sergeant
Scott Lietke**
Appointed...Dec. 27, 1999
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Robert Horvath**
Appointed...Feb. 10, 1997
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Shawn Boal**
Appointed...Aug. 28, 1995
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Vincent Yurick**
Appointed...Feb. 10, 1997
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Michael Joyner**
Appointed...Dec. 26, 1994
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Daniel Engelhart**
Appointed...Feb. 10, 1997
Promotion....Jan. 22, 2008



**Sergeant
Scott Thomas**
Appointed...Aug. 28, 1995
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008



**Sergeant
Michael Vavro**
Appointed...July 8, 1991
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008



**Sergeant
Chris Davis**
Appointed...Dec. 28, 1992
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008



**Sergeant
Kevin Williams**
Appointed...Dec. 28, 1992
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008



**Sergeant
Gary Garrett**
Appointed...Dec. 26, 1994
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008



**Sergeant
Patrick Dugan**
Appointed...Apr. 5, 1999
Promotion....Aug. 5, 2008

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 2008



2008 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 Russell Shinn was presented with the Russ Long Award, August 18, 2008, at Prestwick Country Club. Russell is assigned to the Uniform Sub-Division, Patrol, Platoon 4.

Sergeant Gary Webb took this fund raising event one step further by organizing a bike-a-thon to collect donations for the families of both Russ Long and Joshua Miktarian, a Twinsburg Police officer killed in the line of duty on July 13th. Participants rode over 450 miles and collected over \$4,000!



2008 Bike-A-Thon Participants

THE MAYOR'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Officer Lloyd Ford and Mayor Donald Plusquellic

Mayor Don Plusquellic honored Officer Lloyd Ford for Distinguished Service for his actions on July 24th. Officer Ford was working at the Akron Arts Expo at Hardesty Park when he noticed an elderly woman having trouble breathing. Eighty-year old Helen Meisner was choking on food, and Officer Ford

quickly employed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged the obstruction. Helen was examined by EMS squad members shortly after that and is doing fine. Mayor Plusquellic, in honoring Ford said, "Officer Ford acted without hesitation, used his training and saved a life that day. For that, we present him with the Mayor's Distinguished Service Award." Ford is also the 1999 winner of the Akron Optimist Club Police Officer of the Year Award.

OPTIMIST OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Lieutenant Jerry Hughes and family

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 dedica-

tion to keeping the streets of Akron safe. Lieutenant Jerry Hughes was chosen as Akron's Optimist Officer of the Year for 2008. Lieutenant Hughes joined the Akron Police Department on May 8, 1989. Lieutenant Hughes is assigned to the Services Sub-Division, Training Bureau.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Officer Richard Stammitti

Officer Richard Stammitti, was honored as the Employee of the Month for February. Officer Stammitti began his career with the Police Department on September 12, 1977 as a Patrol Officer and has spent the last eighteen years in the Traffic Bureau.

Officer Stammitti has worked tirelessly to make Akron's roadways safe for drivers and pedestrians. He is energetic and enthusiastic in his duties. He is a driving instructor, a member of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit and he was recently elected chairman of the Traffic Safety Council of Summit County.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Officer Todd Sinsley

Officer Todd Sinsley was honored as Employee of the Month for August. Officer Sinsley began his career with the police department on January 28, 2008. Since his graduation from the academy, he has been assigned to the 3:00 p.m. – 11:00p.m. uniform patrol shift. Todd is a field training

officer, CIT officer and is taser certified.

In March, 2008, Officer Sinsley and his partner made a traffic stop on a vehicle that ran a stop sign at a high rate of speed. A male passenger in the vehicle was profusely bleeding from a severe cut on his right elbow. Officer Sinsley immediately recognized the seriousness of the injury, removed the victim's belt and made a tourniquet to control the excessive bleeding which ultimately saved his life. Todd and his wife, Michelle, have an eleven month old son, Maxwell. They also have a lab mix named Nova, which Todd rescued while working. Officer Sinsley is eager to improve the lives of the citizens of Akron on a daily basis and is commended for his knowledge, dedication, skills and attitude.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

F.B.I. NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE



Chief Matulavich and
Captain Paul Calvaruso

The Akron Police Department's 2008 graduate from the F.B.I. National Academy is Captain Paul Calvaruso. The FBI 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. Its 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".

CHILD AND FAMILY LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE GRADUATE



Sergeant Bruce Graham

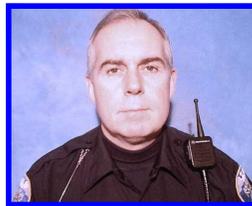
Sergeant Bruce Graham is the department's newest graduate of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange. The Child and Family Leadership Exchange (CFLE) is available to Summit County professionals serving children and

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. Sergeant Graham began working at the Akron Police Department on July 8, 1991. He is in the Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons Unit working the 6:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. shift.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT VALOR AWARD

The Attorney General's Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award recognizes individuals for outstanding performance and valor, above and beyond their normal job duties. Officers James Donohue and Timothy Wypasek were the 2008 recipients because of their bravery and courage, commitment to protecting the citizens of Ohio and their willingness to risk their life to ensure the safety of others. Officers James Donohue and Timothy Wypasek attempted to stop a man for a traffic citation on April 13, 2008. After a brief vehicle pursuit, the suspect fled on foot, firing several shots as he ran through neighborhoods. Undaunted, James and Timothy gave chase until the arrival of backup officers aided in the man's capture. The individual had a lengthy criminal record and was

planning to rob drug dealers before he encountered two of Akron's finest. Fortunately, neither James nor Timothy was injured during the chase. They received the Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award for exhibiting "disregard for an obvious danger" and acting with extreme bravery and professionalism.



Officer James Donohue



Officer Timothy Wypasek

POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE GRADUATES



The Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) is an intensive, three-month leadership-training program for law enforcement executives.

The 2008 APD graduates were Sergeants Timothy McLeod, Troy Mineard and Jeffrey Mullins. 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. Akron Police Sergeant, Kris Beitzel, also graduated from this course in 2007, but was mistakenly not recognized last year. Congratulations to these and all our PELC graduates.

MAGGIE CARROLL SMITH AWARD



Sergeant Michael Yohe

Maggie Carroll Smith is the founding President of the Summit County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Through her efforts, professionals provide better care, families encourage and support each other, and people who have

mental illness demand the dignity and respect to which they are entitled. This award is given to individuals dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with mental illness while striving to educate the public on this "taboo" subject. Sergeant Michael Yohe was this year's recipient. Sergeant Yohe is the Akron Police CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Coordinator and has dedicated himself to helping those with mental illness while battling stereotypes that surround this illness. Congratulations Sergeant Michael Yohe for this distinguished honor.



DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR FIRST AKRON CHIEF OF POLICE HUGHLIN H. HARRISON



At the start of the Memorial Day weekend, Akron remembered its first chief of police in special ceremonies at 10:30a.m., Friday, May 23, at the East Akron Cemetery, 1135 E. Market Street. Mayor Don Plusquellic presided over the dedication of an authentic Civil War tombstone at the grave site of Hughlin Harrison, who on May 8, 1897, was selected as chief of police by Akron's Board of Commissioners. Previously, Akron's safety forces consisted of police officers hired by the city, of so-called "merchant police" who were paid by businesses, and a marshal who was elected by popular vote.

Students from Mason Community Learning Center participated in the unveiling of a Civil War grave marker for the Union Army Captain, who became Chief of Police in 1897. Looking on were retired police chiefs Larry Givens, Akron's Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Edward Irvine. Chief Michael Matulavich paid tribute to chiefs of the past. The entire ceremony was also a tribute to Akron Police Sergeant Tom Dye who researched the history of the first chief and led the Veterans Administration to deliver a new white marble Union Army marker to mark the site.

"Memorial Day is the one time all of us must pause and remember the lives of those on whom we have built our community," said Mayor Don Plusquellic. "Not only did Captain Harrison fight to retain the union, but he helped build the professional police department that we value so much today. It is appropriate that we start the weekend by remembering those who have served us."



Students from Mason Community Learning Center reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance"



Former Police Chief, Edward Irvine, Sergeant Tom Dye, Mayor Don Plusquellic, Chief Michael Matulavich and Deputy Mayor Larry Givens stand behind the newly dedicated tombstone of Hughlin H. Harrison



Class of 2008



The 2008 Akron Police Department Academy began January 7, 2008. The class of 2008 was a very small but unique group. There were a total of 15 recruits. Six officers out of fifteen had military experience, and three recruits had prior police experience. One officer had both prior police and military experience.

This group had a 100% record where testing was involved, as every member passed both the Physical Fitness Test and the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy Certification Test on the first try. As a group they have continued the Akron Police tradition of scoring very high as a class among all groups across the State of Ohio.

Academy graduation took place on July, 8, 2008. This gifted and unique class had three award winners. Recruit Jason Sams received the Best Notebook Award, Recruit David Rouse won the Academic Achievement Award, and Recruit Patrick Mazzei was awarded both the Outstanding Recruit and Each Others Keepers Awards.



Recruit Michael DiSalvo never got to train with his class. This was due to the fact that he was on active military duty in Iraq during the Academy Training. Upon his return, he was sworn in on November 26, 2008. All of our 2008 recruits are now proudly serving in the Patrol Division.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Akron Police Department!



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, blood pressure and cholesterol checks, physical fitness assessment, body composition assessment, exercise and fitness lifestyle planning, weekly health tips, the monthly Fit for Duty Report and coordination of the Fit for Duty committee.



Officer Zachary Magaw works out before his shift



The Physical Ability Test (PAT)

The Physical Ability Test (PAT) runs officers through a rigorous obstacle course that simulates critical physical requirements found on the job as a police officer. The test consists of a 20 foot run to a 6 ft. fence surmount, followed by a 400 yard run, a 170 lb. Dummy drag, finishing with a pistol dry-fire into a ring at shoulder height in a specified time limit. During March and September sessions, 223 PATs were successfully attempted and completed within the time limit. In addition, Officers received a blood pressure check and completed a Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q).

For 2008, another 221 officers completed a health screen consisting of a blood pressure, weight and cholesterol check. Both the PAT and health screen groups filled out a self-reported physical fitness activity survey. The survey is designed to be a reminder to officers,

help them set targets and monitor progress towards maintaining a base level of fitness activity. For all healthy adults, the recommendation is to participate in moderately vigorous cardiovascular activity at least 3 times a week for more than 20 minutes; strength or resistance exercise, working of the major muscle groups, 2 to 3 times a week; and stretching activity, that moves the body through a full range-of-motion, every day. The majority of the officers reported participating in some type of regular exercise. An officer exercising at this level will maintain a fitness base that will allow them to meet the physically and mentally rigorous aspects of law enforcement safely.



CHAPLAINCY



Reverend Bob Denton

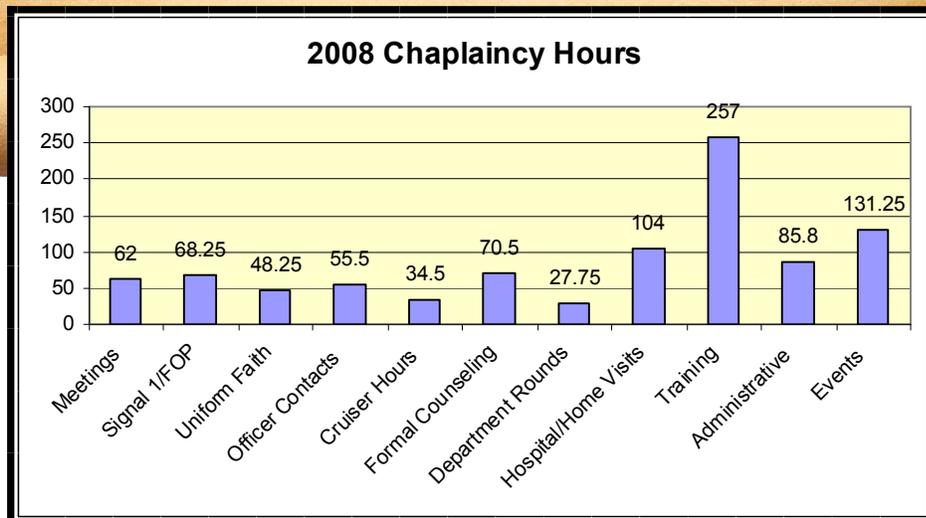
WHY A CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM? The answer to that question is founded in research: our spiritual foundation drives our minds, emotions, bodies and behaviors. Melt-down of one's core values is the primary precursor of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the Chaplaincy is ideally suited to assist.

The Akron Police Department Chaplaincy Program evolved from the long and unique relationship between the Furnace Street Mission, Victim Assistance Program, law enforcement officers and the department. It is co-sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, Akron Lodge 7, and the Furnace Street Mission. It differs from many other chaplaincy programs in that its function is focused singularly upon officers, their families and civilian employees rather than community responses. The Chaplain, The Reverend Robert Denton, Ph.D., L.I.S.W., is a graduate of the Akron Police Academy, maintains a commission with the Akron Police Department, assists in the construction of curriculum and is a certified instructor for OPOTA (Ohio Police Officer Training Academy). He is an associate member of the Summit County Chiefs of Police Association and serves as the clinician for the joint Summit County Sheriff/Akron Police Department Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team, ASSIST77. Centered in the Akron Police Department, the chaplaincy also extends its services to law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

2008 was a seminal year for the Chaplaincy Program and laid the track for important developments in 2009, chief of which was the implementation of the Safety Forces Chaplaincy Center to provide confidential assistance to officers, their families and civilian employees. By the end of the year, external improvements and construction of the handicapped ramp readied the building on Furnace Street for development in 2009. Funding from the Blue Coats, local hospitals and the FOP, as well as architectural plans from GPD Assoc., and a grant from the United Way Development Fund initiated confidential help for those who assume the unprecedented burdens of others.

2008 Chaplaincy functions included the Akron Police Memorial Services and the very important Pro-Police Rally for the department to show support for the officers who are called upon to perform the toughest of actions often under harsh criticism. Assistance was also provided for deputies and their families of the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the Twinsburg, Macedonia and Boston Heights Police Departments.

The Chaplain provided approximately 944 hours of service for officers and their families. The 2008 activities are briefly summarized below:



RETIREMENTS



**Officer
Shawn Prexta**

Appointed.....Jan. 28, 2002
Retired.....Jan. 26, 2008
6 years of service



**Sergeant
Thomas Brown**

Appointed....Sept. 8, 1975
Retired.....Jan. 31, 2008
32 years, 1 month of service



**Sergeant
John Andrew**

Appointed.....Dec. 23, 1980
Retired.....Feb 29, 2008
27 years, 2 months of service



**Captain
James Harris**

Appointed.....Dec. 23, 1980
Retired.....Feb. 29, 2008
27 years, 2 months of service



**Officer
Candace Grubb**

Appointed.....Jul. 1, 1986
Retired.....Feb. 29, 2008
21 years, 7 months of service



**Officer
William Campbell, Jr.**

Appointed...Feb. 10, 1997
Retired.....Mar. 15, 2008
11 years, 1 month of service



**Sergeant
Glenn McHenry, Jr.**

Appointed.....Sept. 12, 1977
Retired.....Mar. 31, 2008
30 years, 6 months of service



**Sergeant
Raymond Youngkin**

Appointed.....Apr. 1, 1963
Retired.....Apr. 4, 2008
45 years of service



**Officer
Michele Zimcosky**

Appointed.....Jul. 8, 1991
Retired.....May 31, 2008
16 years, 10 months of service



**Officer
Terry Vought**

Appointed.....Oct. 4, 1993
Retired.....Jul. 31, 2008
14 Years, 9 months of service



**Officer
William Pelfrey**

Appointed.....May 8, 1989
Retired.....Aug. 4, 2008
19 years, 2 months of service



**Officer
Amy Scivoletto**

Appointed.....Jul. 8, 1991
Retired.....Nov. 4, 2008
17 years, 3 months of service

TO COMMEMORATE



**Retired Sergeant
John D. Thomas, Sr.**
Date of Birth.....Apr. 11, 1940
Appointed.....Aug. 29, 1963
Retired.....Sept. 17, 1988
Died.....Jan. 18, 2008
67 years of age



**Retired Lieutenant
John E. Duvall, Jr.**
Date of Birth.....May 29, 1948
Appointed.....Dec. 31, 1969
Retired.....Apr. 17, 1999
Died.....Apr. 5, 2008
59 years of age



**Retired Officer
Daniel L. Kovein**
Date of Birth.....Mar. 4, 1947
Appointed.....Dec. 31, 1971
Retired.....Oct. 31, 1998
Died.....May 17, 2008
61 years of age



**Retired Officer
Gary D. Hoffman, Sr.**
Date of Birth.....Jul. 1, 1944
Appointed.....Oct. 2, 1969
Retired.....Sept. 2, 1983
Died.....May 23, 2008
63 years of age



**Retired Officer
Ira Pettit**
Date of Birth.....Aug. 17, 1916
Appointed.....Aug. 16, 1942
Retired.....Aug. 20, 1968
Died.....June 8, 2008
91 years of age



**Retired Lieutenant
Robert L. George**
Date of Birth.....Feb. 13, 1925
Appointed.....May 1, 1948
Retired.....April 27, 1979
Died.....Aug. 4, 2008
83 years of age



**Retired Officer
William Bickett**
Date of Birth.....Nov. 30, 1923
Appointed.....Jan. 8, 1953
Retired.....July 5, 1958
Died.....Sept. 7, 2008
84 years of age



**Retired Officer
Melvyn Bates**
Date of Birth.....Feb. 17, 1940
Appointed.....Oct. 2, 1969
Retired.....Mar. 31, 2007
Died.....Sept. 18, 2008
68 years of age



**Retired Officer
Raymond Wolter**
Date of Birth.....May 22, 1923
Appointed.....Feb. 1, 1949
Retired.....Apr. 20, 1979
Died.....Sept. 30, 2008
85 years of age



**Retired Sergeant
Howard Arnette**
Date of Birth.....Jun. 12, 1940
Appointed.....May 25, 1967
Retired.....June 5, 1993
Died.....Oct. 2, 2008
68 years of age

"HEAVEN'S BEAT"

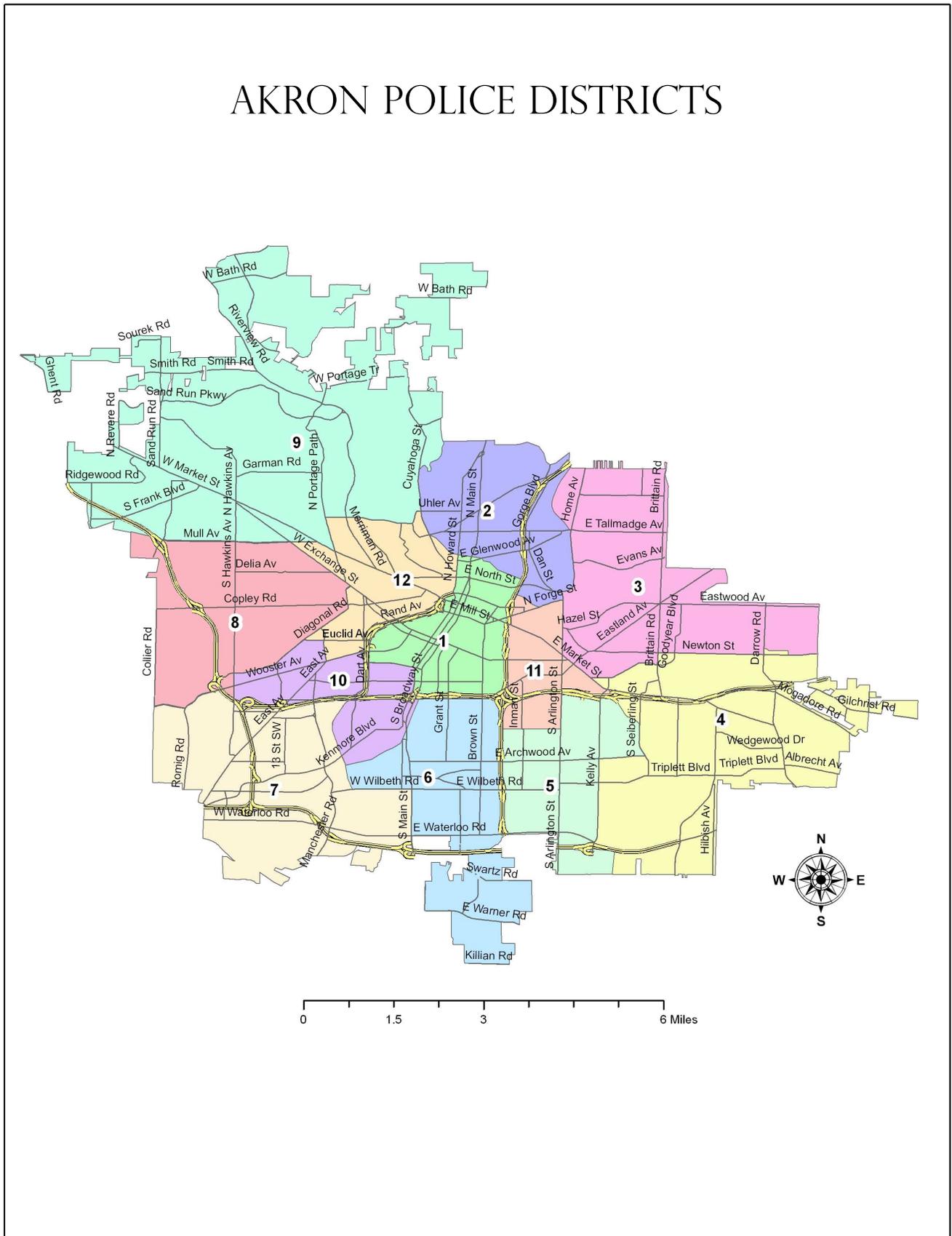
Lydia Warner Miller

*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.*

2008 STATISTICS

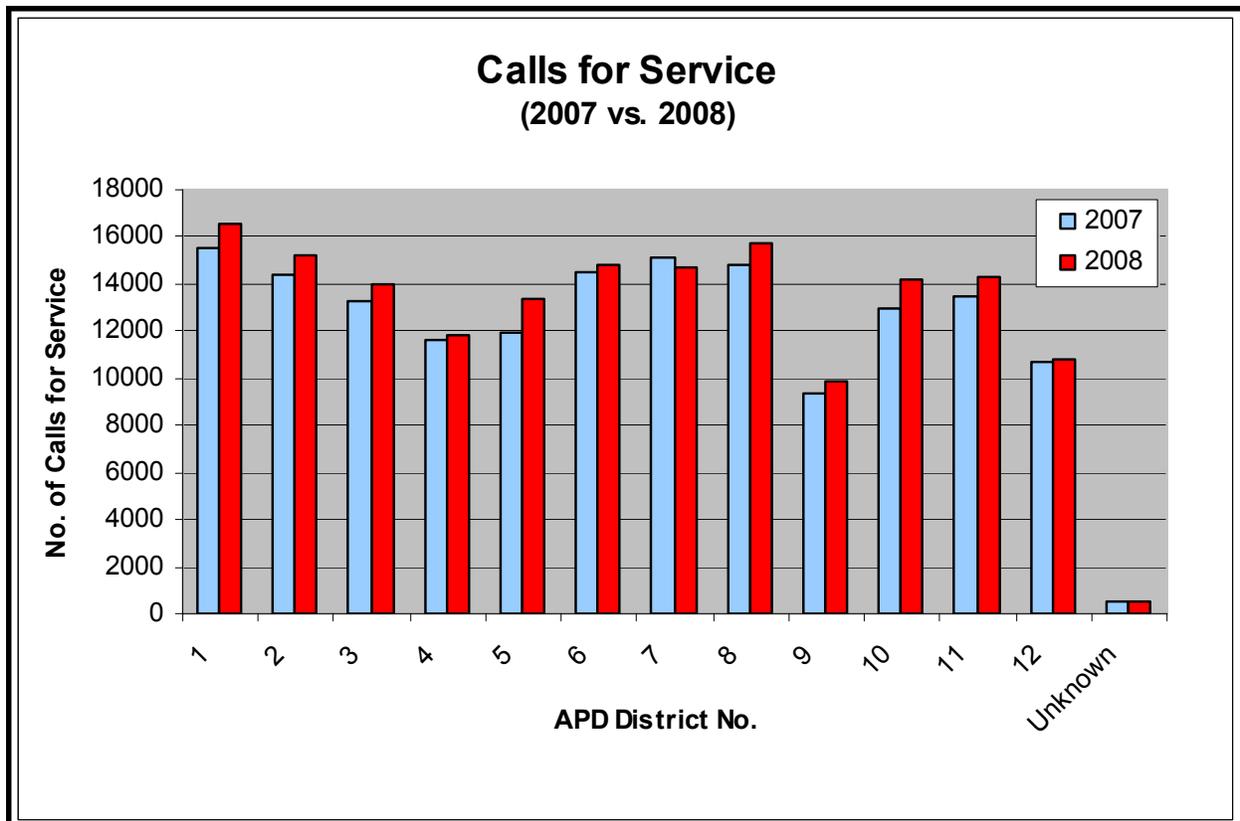
AKRON POLICE DISTRICTS



2008 Statistics

2008 Citizen Calls for Service

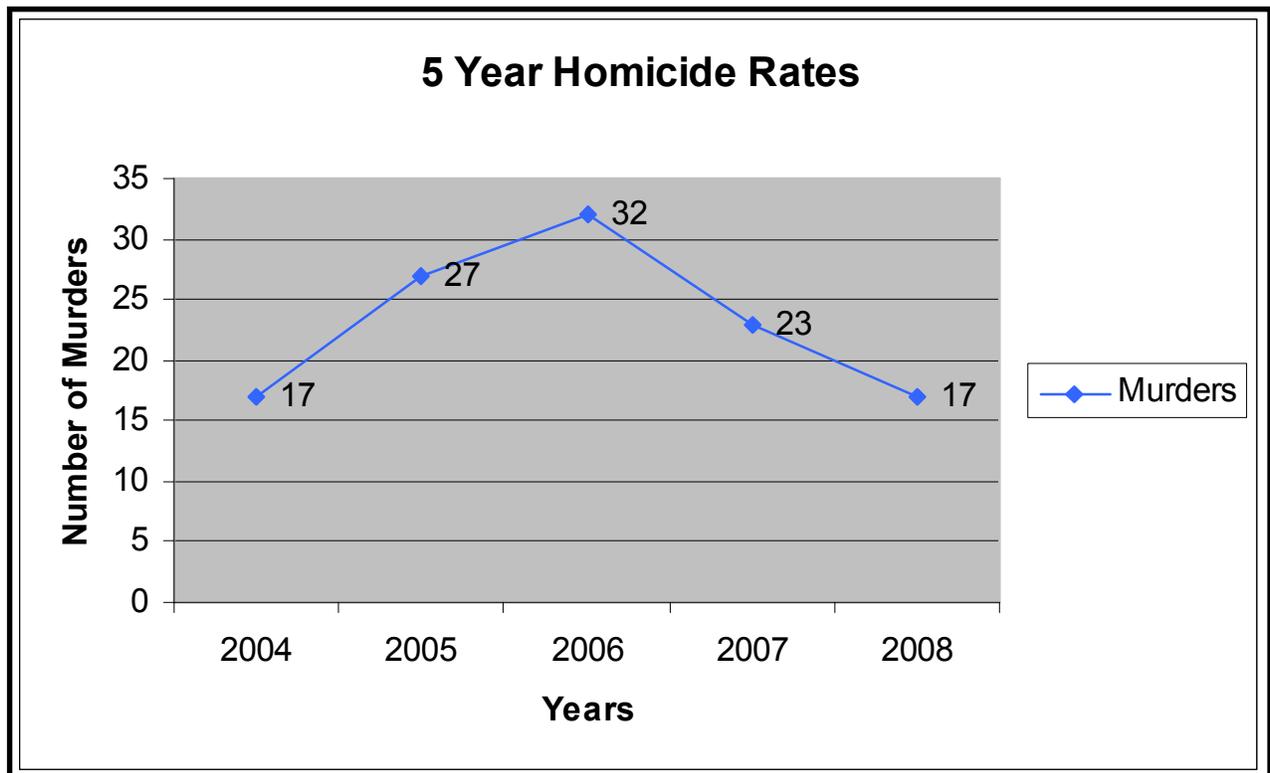
District No.	2007	2008	% Change
1	15519	16570	6.77%
2	14354	15205	5.93%
3	13312	13967	4.92%
4	11637	11795	1.36%
5	11977	13373	11.66%
6	14462	14816	2.45%
7	15077	14694	-2.54%
8	14844	15718	5.89%
9	9380	9857	5.09%
10	12988	14211	9.42%
11	13525	14278	5.57%
12	10696	10785	0.83%
Unknown	472	563	19.28%
Total	158243	165832	4.80%



2008 Crime Statistics

Summary of Part 1 Offenses and Drug Offenses for 2008 by Police District

NIBRS	DISTRICT NO.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	XX	Total
Aggravated Assault	59	57	47	34	64	60	44	66	17	75	57	46	3	629
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	1	2	0	5	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	17
Forcible Rape	24	19	12	6	16	8	12	17	10	13	15	11	5	168
Robbery	78	81	71	37	89	68	71	77	20	71	71	62	4	800
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	198	372	331	265	365	314	349	345	192	392	335	272	1	3731
Motor Vehicle Theft	56	70	73	76	93	100	150	112	47	98	62	59	3	999
Arson	5	7	9	8	8	13	9	16	3	13	13	4	0	108
Drug Equipment Violations	111	114	92	69	119	145	116	169	23	149	179	111	7	1404
Drug/Narcotic Violations	229	214	201	119	246	330	208	365	53	384	315	191	8	2863
Total	760	935	838	614	1005	1038	960	1171	365	1197	1048	757	31	10719



2008 Traffic Statistics

2008 Traffic Fatalities							
Date	Age	Gender	Safety Device Used?	Airbag	Alcohol	Type of Crash	Location of Crash
3/12/2008	35	F	No	Yes	Yes	Auto vs. Train	3111 Gilchrist Rd
5/10/2008	41	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	Auto vs. Pedestrain	935 E. Tallmadge Ave
6/6/2008	58	M	Unk	Yes	Unk	Auto vs. SUV vs. Tree	369 Grant St
7/19/2008	33	M	Unk	N/A	Yes	Auto vs. Motorcycle	W. Market St & Maplewood
8/15/2008	53	M	No	Yes	No	Auto vs. Tree	W. Waterloo Rd (1/2 mile W. of Main)
8/22/2008	26	M	N/A	N/A	No	Auto vs. Moped	E. Archwood Av & Moore St
8/29/2008	34	M	Unk	No	Yes	Auto vs. Tree	Geo.Washington & Springfield Lake
10/18/2008	43	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	Auto vs. Pedestrian	V. Odom Blvd & Mallison Av
12/26/2008	44	M	Unk	N/A	No	Semi-Truck Rollover	Akron Penn. & Steels Corner Rd
TOTAL - 9 Fatal Accidents							



2008 Annual Report



2008 Miscellaneous Information

Estimated Population*	200,379
Estimated Population of Summit County*	543,657
Area of Akron in Square Miles	62.4
Actual Strength-Sworn Personnel	469
Actual Strength-Civilian Personnel	103
Police Reserves	51
Adult School Crossing Posts	109
Adult School Crossing Guards	114

* based on U.S. Census Bureau 2008 estimates

2008 Police Operating Expenditures

Employee Salary and Benefits	\$44,864,441.01
Operating and Maintenance	\$3,235,155.14
Capital Outlay	\$748,000.00
TOTAL	\$48,847,596.15



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