

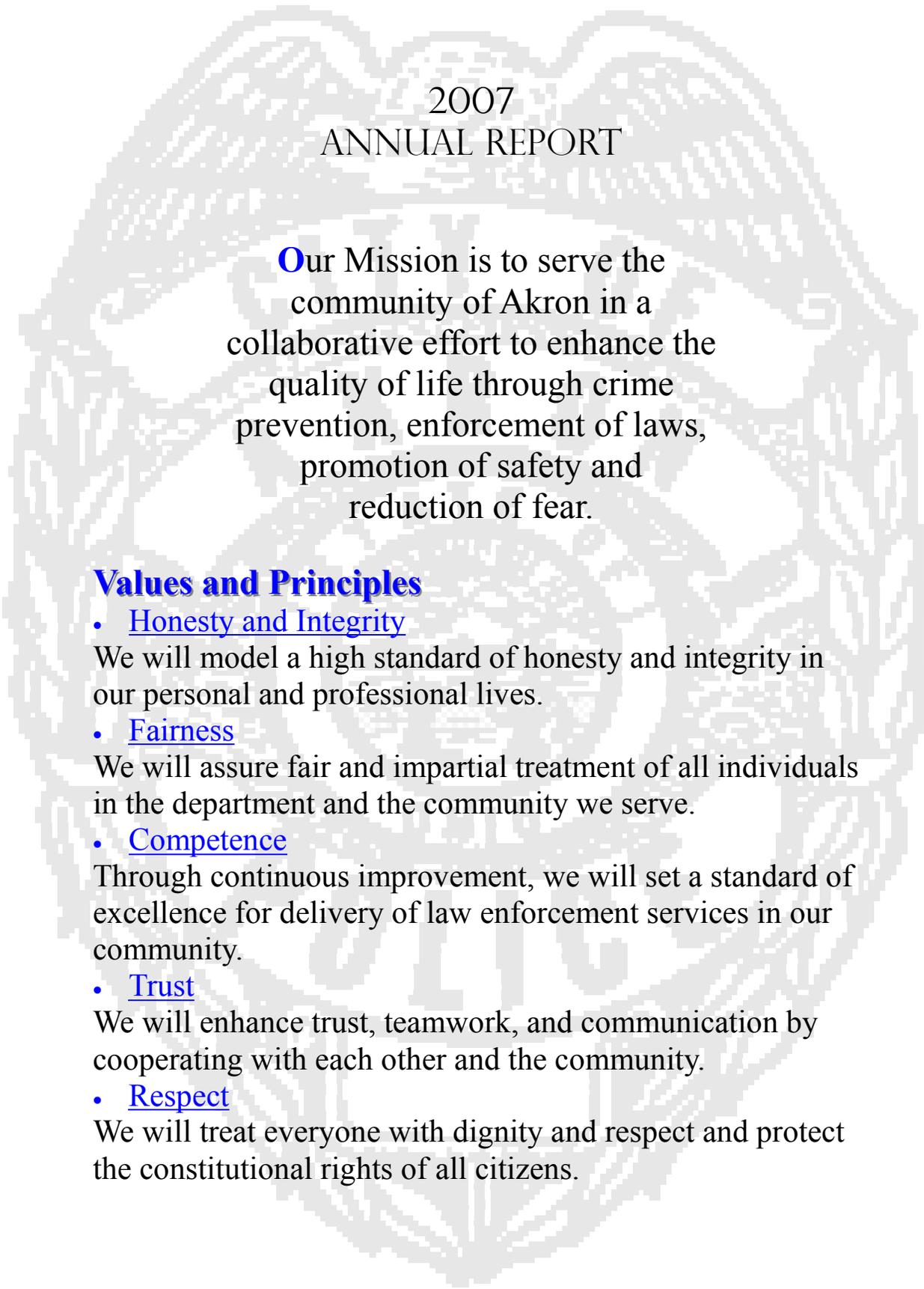


# AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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**O**ur Mission is to serve the community of Akron in a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life through crime prevention, enforcement of laws, promotion of safety and reduction of fear.

**Values and Principles**

- [Honesty and Integrity](#)

We will model a high standard of honesty and integrity in our personal and professional lives.

- [Fairness](#)

We will assure fair and impartial treatment of all individuals in the department and the community we serve.

- [Competence](#)

Through continuous improvement, we will set a standard of excellence for delivery of law enforcement services in our community.

- [Trust](#)

We will enhance trust, teamwork, and communication by cooperating with each other and the community.

- [Respect](#)

We will treat everyone with dignity and respect and protect the constitutional rights of all citizens.

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*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 2007 Annual Report.*

*The year began with a new class of recruits in our academy. During the course of their training, two of the recruits were recognized for heroic acts while attending a sporting event in Cleveland. In addition, this recruit class was recognized for having the entire class pass the State of Ohio Police Officer Training Council's physical fitness test for the Northern region on their first attempt. The class of recruits and Training staff is very proud of this accomplishment.*

*The Ohio Police Officer Training Council also mandated required continued professional training for all law enforcement agencies in Ohio to remain certified. Our department was one of the few agencies to meet these requirements.*

*In 2007, our department fully implemented the Akron Incident Based Reporting System. This electronically based reporting system allows officers to complete a professional product by using their mobile data terminals. Having such a system not only results in a more professional report but it also falls in line with the Greenprint for Akron by reducing paper reports. We will continue to improve on the performance of this program with a goal of making incident reports available to the public on-line.*

*Our Planning and Research Office was very aggressive in their efforts to obtain additional grant funds including a Byrne Discretionary grant to participate in the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium, a separate grant to purchase the digital imaging management system for the Crime Scene Unit, the 2007 Justice Assistance Grant to fund the Gun and Violence Reduction Task Force and the 2007 COPS Methamphetamine Initiative Grant.*

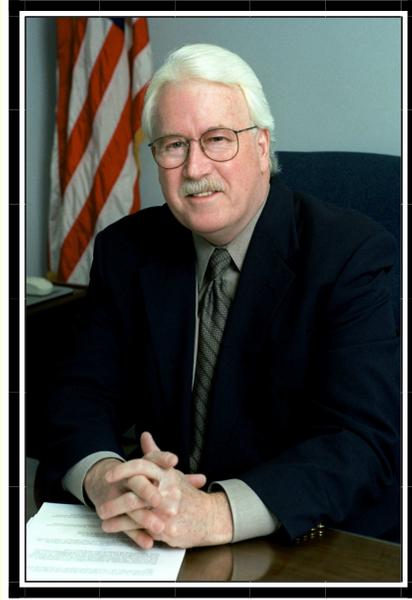
*Finally, the Akron Police Department wishes to reaffirm our commitment to serving the citizens of Akron. This department has a rich history dating back to 1897 and, over these last 110 years, has achieved many successes and has been recognized as a top law enforcement agency.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. Matulavich".

**Michael T. Matulavich**  
Chief of Police



**Donald L. Plusquellic**  
Mayor



**George Romanoski**  
Deputy Mayor of Public Safety



**Michael T. Matulavich**  
Chief of Police





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 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

#### Office of Professional Standards and Accountability:

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability conducted 13 investigations. Two investigations were divided into two portions resulting in two conclusions per investigation. The investigations were concluded in the following manner: 4 substantiated, 6 unsubstantiated, 3 unfounded, 1 exonerated and 1 on-going.

With the exception of a few officers on disability, all sworn personnel in the department were inspected on their appearance and accountability maintaining all required equipment. The number of officers in compliance at the time of inspection was pleasingly high.

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability recognized the need for improving the method for officers to call on extra jobs. The Unit implemented a change to enable officers' extra job locations to be listed in the CAD to improve officer safety.

Learning that the police department's traffic citations are not in compliance with the state ordinance, the Unit met with Tom DiCaudo for his input and then drafted a citation that will bring the department into compliance. Meetings were held several times with a printer, input was sought from the Traffic Bureau commander, approval was received from Tom DiCaudo and a final draft is now ready to be printed and put into use once the remainder of the current citations have been used.

#### Police Information Officer (PIO):

The Police Information Officer provided information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the numerous media outlets on all major incidents involving the police department. The Unit also maintained the Akron Police Department news website that the media, administration and the public access to obtain information, within the city and police department, such as crime and community meetings. In addition, a link was created that allows mug shots and other critical photos such as composite sketches, bank robbery pictures and missing persons to be entered onto the website. A media telephone line also provided updated information which ensured 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. In addition,

the PIO is a member of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange, the National Information Officer Organization, the Police Executive Leadership College and also supervises the police department's Hostage Negotiations Team. The PIO also assisted with the training of new Communications Technicians and handled numerous public record requests for the department. The PIO taught "Public Records" during the yearly in-service training to all officers within the agency.

#### Criminal Intelligence Unit:

The Intelligence Unit continued to assist and provide outside agencies with intelligence concerning matters dealing with Homeland Security, Organized Crime, viable threats made to public officials and other major crimes committed. During the past year, the Unit worked in conjunction with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company's Police Department during their annual shareholder's meeting. The detective in this Unit was also invited to speak at the University of Akron regarding the functions and roles of the Akron Police Intelligence Unit.

The Intelligence Unit had many notable accomplishments in 2007. The Alabama Department of Corrections was contacted requesting parole be denied for an individual serving time for committing a double murder in Birmingham, Alabama in the mid 1970's. This individual is linked to an unsolved murder in Mahoning County. As a result of this and other petitions, the State of Alabama Attorney General's Office denied parole to the subject. Also, with the assistance of another Akron Police detective, a suspect wanted for aggravated murder was identified during the summer of 2007. A warrant was signed on the individual, and this information was provided to the TV show "America's Most Wanted." This local crime is now posted on their website for worldwide dissemination. Hopefully the suspect will soon be brought to justice.

Training was also an integral part of 2007 for the Intelligence Unit, which attended the MAGLOCLEN annual conference held in Grand Rapids, Michigan that dealt with major crimes. MAGLOCLEN is the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network. The Unit is currently working on an investigation dealing with possible illegal passport violations and documenting illegal aliens.



Administrative Assistant Marlene Long and  
Administrative Aide Detective Marcus Miller  
of the Chief's Office



## 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

### THE UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION'S 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

#### Community Relations and COPS: Community Relations-

The "Do the Right Thing" Program recognized 80 Akron area children for heroic deeds. Hundreds of tours and public appearances were conducted by Unit personnel.

Two 'Blockwatch Captain Training' academies were held with very positive feedback and an officer in the Unit hosted a pizza driver safety training program in response to numerous pizza delivery driver robberies that were taking place in the city.

Background investigations were completed on potential police officers for entrance into the Akron Police Academy. Forty-one were chosen in the first round of hires and 14 in the second, as well as 2 Fire Department employees. Background investigations were also conducted on Record Room and Safety Communications personnel. Several job fairs were attended with the anticipation of a police exam in 2008.

Community Relations participated in the Lock 3 children's area of the Akron Road Runner Marathon and a fifth grade classroom program was instituted in the Akron Public Schools to stress character building.

One Community Relations Officer received an award for her contribution to the Safe Kids Coalition program. This is a joint effort with Akron Children's Hospital and involves over 250 bicycle helmets being given to area children.



Participants of the "Do the Right Thing" Program

#### Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) -

COPS officers attended numerous ward, Blockwatch and City Council meetings in 2007. A COPS officer was also responsible for organizing the monthly "Downtown Business Partnership" meetings.

The "You and the Law" program continues to be a success through its teaching of teenagers and young adults the proper way to interact with police officers. The KNAFF Program held its annual picnic which was attended by over 200 children and family members. There was also a Camp-Out that 25 children participated in.

COPS officers continued to support the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program and "Operation Teddy Bear" by assisting in several capacities in both programs. The Unit also participated in the National Night Out March, made numerous public appearances and assisted St. Bernard's Church with its weekly free lunch program.

A program entitled "Consider" was initiated in various schools and churches. At risk youth are mentored on the concept of "actions versus consequences." The officers teach them that for every action there is a consequence which can either be good or bad.

The Unit continued to work with two patrol officers who oversee the downtown bus stop detail and they executed multiple warrant clean-up details with the Akron Health Department. The Unit was also successful in shutting down several problem houses within the city.

COPS Officers participated in the April 2007 Bicycle Safety Ride with Barberton Police Department that traveled through Akron and Barberton. The Unit also participated in Prom Promise in conjunction with the Akron Fire Department. One officer in the Unit educated landlords about the nuisance law and how to conduct thorough background checks on possible tenants.

#### Gang Unit:

The Gang Unit continued to lead the state in number of successful gang convictions. In 2007, the Unit had 11 convictions from 4 different gangs. This brings the grand total to 103 convictions from 23 different gangs. The Gang Unit has documented approximately 45 gangs in Akron with approximately 1900 gang members.

The Gang Unit gave 47 gang presentations to various groups and organizations during the year. Gang Unit officers also assisted the police department's Planning, Research and Development Office and the Summit County Prosecutor's Office in writing grant requests pertaining to combating gang violence. This partnership resulted in Akron and Summit County receiving grant funds in excess of \$600,000. Funds will be utilized in the interdiction of gangs and aid in the formation of the Summit County Gang Enforcement Task Force.

Gang Unit members have continued to be the coordinators of the Summit County Gang Intelligence Task Force which was formed in 1997. This task force shares gang and threat group information with law enforcement agencies and professional organizations in the city and surrounding communities.

During 2007, Gang Unit officers seized 44.3 grams of crack, 112.20 grams of powdered cocaine, 2257.6 grams of marijuana, ecstasy, and heroin, as well as \$16,275 of U.S. currency during investigations.



Officer Don Schismenos, Assistant Prosecutor for Summit County, Margaret Kanellis, and Officer Rod Criss

During the highly publicized gang homicide case at the Cage Nightclub, Gang Unit officers, Akron Police detectives and the Summit County Prosecutor's Office obtained murder and gang convictions on four criminal gang members. The Gang Unit also observed a 3% decrease in gang-related homicides

in 2007 compared to 2006. Only 50% of the homicides during 2007 were gang related compared to 53% in 2006.

### 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 at the Summit County Jail during video arraignments of all Akron prisoners. The Unit also provides security for the probation department while prisoners are screened for program or pre-sentence investigations.



Officer Mike Brown screening visitors to the building.

### 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 19,125 hours of service in 2007: 91 hours of service in the Investigative Sub-Division, 1,809 hours in the Services Sub-Division and 17,225 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 2 K-9 officers and 1 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 11pm – 7am shift, has 46 officers, 5 sergeants and 1 captain. The addition of 12 rookie officers in August was a welcome supplement to staffing. The officers patrol designated areas and intervene when police action is necessary. Platoon 1 does not oversee a designated zone; however the group remains responsive to requests for service that come from each of the four Zone Commanders.

During 2007, Platoon 1 answered 54,839 calls for service, with a peak of 5469 calls for the month of June.

Officers are often required to deal with intoxicated and/or violent suspects. This shift's hours of service provide for a unique exposure to many of the most dangerous incidents that police officers encounter. Platoon 1 officers frequently respond to homicides, violent assaults, burglaries and break-ins. As first responders, their role is critical to security, scene preservation, an effective investigation and successful prosecution. The shift's officers and supervisors continue to serve the community with professionalism and integrity.

#### Platoon 2 –

Platoon 2, the 6:30am – 2:30pm shift, consists of 35 officers, 5 sergeants, 1 lieutenant and 1 captain. With these hours covering the majority of the average work day, these officers assist with traffic accidents and business-related calls in addition to general calls for service. They played a pivotal role in arresting serious offenders in 2007.

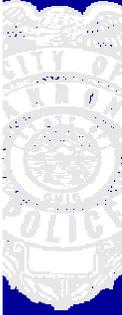
In July, Platoon 2 officers located and arrested a murder suspect who had broken into his ex-wife's Barberton home the day before and killed her boyfriend. He was carrying the murder weapon at the time of his arrest in Akron.

Platoon 2 officers also arrested another murder suspect after a foot chase. Officers eventually located him hiding in the suspension system of a parked tractor trailer.

A suspect, wanted for Attempted Aggravated Murder, was arrested after a Platoon 2 officer developed information on the case. The suspect had repeatedly stabbed a 74 year-old individual on the near west side.

After responding to a burglary in progress call on Akron's north side, Platoon 2 officers tracked the suspects through the neighborhood and surrounding woods, which led to their apprehension. Numerous cases were cleared due to their arrest.

After being notified of an active corporate fraud scheme, a Platoon 2 supervisor and officers developed a plan that resulted in two apprehensions: two females were charged with Aggravated Theft. These arrests became part of a multi-state investigation, which involved numerous high end vehicles.



### **Platoon 3 -**

Platoon 3, the 3-11pm patrol shift, consists of 52 officers, 5 sergeants, 1 lieutenant, and 1 captain. Fourteen of these officers were added to the shift upon their graduation from the academy in late August. The captain of the shift is also the Zone Three Commander.

During 2007, officers from the shift handled approximately 52,700 calls for service. These included both calls that were dispatched and those that were initiated by officers. 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 COPS Unit. Officers on the shift are dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens in the community. When not on calls, officers spend their time addressing council and citizen complaints. Approximately 40 special details were deployed throughout the year using officers from this shift. These details addressed problem areas throughout the community as well as specific problem locations. As a result, numerous arrests, field interrogation cards and citations were made.

During the year, officers safely arrested a male who was actively shooting a M16 inside his garage. They also arrested a suspect on a freshly signed warrant for aggravated murder and rape. Additionally, officers arrested 3 subjects who had just committed an aggravated robbery and subsequently confessed to numerous other aggravated robberies that had recently occurred throughout the city. These are just some examples of the great work Platoon 3 officers do on a daily basis.

### **Platoon 4 –**

Platoon 4 officers work the hours of 7:30pm to 3:30am. This shift is staffed by 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants and 37 officers working the shift. Platoon 4 worked in a cooperative effort to accomplish many goals and objectives targeted at making the City of Akron a safer place to live and work.

During 2007, the officers of Platoon 4 continued in their tradition of service excellence. As one of the busiest shifts in the Patrol Sub-Division, officers on this shift are constantly on the move. While calls-for-service certainly drove much of the shift's activity, dedicated officers in each of the districts served went beyond merely answering calls.

Individually and collectively, Platoon 4 officers played vital follow-up and information gathering roles increasing exponentially, their impact on the crime problems in the city. Discovery and dismantling of methamphetamine labs was one focus of the shift's investigative efforts. In fact, officers from Platoon 4 discovered more methamphetamine labs during 2007 than any other unit of the police department.

Acting on their own or in concert with other units, officers from Platoon 4 gathered information and evidence vital in solving crimes from theft to murder and located and apprehended suspects having committed the same array of crimes.

Platoon 4 managed a number of special details to combat problems not only in Zone 4, but in every quadrant of the city. Officers and supervisors organized and ran special details to combat problems in North Hill and to track down a serial burglar.

In the Lane Field area of West Akron, Platoon 4 focused on combating drugs, gangs and street violence by restoring

order through added police presence and strict enforcement of crimes.

Platoon 4 worked closely with the Northwest Akron Neighborhood Watch to combat crime and disorder in the Treeside/Zahn and Dominion Drive area. This effort included educating the residents and instituting a campaign aimed at keeping people from walking in the street. Walking in the street is seemingly benign. It is, however, a signal of a lack of order in the neighborhood. Elderly drivers are intimidated by individuals who move slowly out of the way or not at all. On many occasions drivers were made to stop and wait for the whim of a pedestrian to decide to move. Road rage incidents and car jacking attempts are a likely outgrowth of these encounters.

With the help of Councilman Keith, the neighborhood organization and the Traffic Engineering Division, signs were posted throughout the area indicating fines would be levied for those found walking in the street. A period of warnings by district officers followed by a period of strict enforcement stemmed the problem to a great extent. Citizens from the area reported a perceived return to order in the neighborhood. The officers reported a marked decrease in people walking in the street.

In addition, at the suggestion of the neighborhood organization, a bus stop was moved. The bus stop seemed to provide a legitimate excuse to loiter in a location of densely packed homes and apartments. This invited noise, litter and trespassing onto the properties adjacent to the bus stop. By moving the shelter to a more public and less densely populated location, Platoon 4 was able to continue to provide service to the area while solving a crime and disorder problem without making arrests. Violent crime and calls for service in this area over the summer of 2007 diminished.

### **Platoon 5 –**

Platoon 5, the 12pm to 8pm shift, is always on the go. This shift fills the gap between the day and afternoon shifts. The platoon consists of 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 5 sergeants and 31 officers. Officers and supervisors from this shift serve on the CLET Team, the Domestic Response Unit, CISD, SWAT, SWAT Negotiation, Honor Guard and CIT.

In September, Platoon 5 officers arrested a violent felon after she and her accomplices stole items from an area merchant and attempted to run down an employee with their car. Initiative and good police work led them to an AMHA housing complex where the criminal was hiding out.

In October, Platoon 5 officers responded to a robbery involving an employee at Summa Hospital. Working as a team, the officers scoured the immediate area and were able to apprehend the violent criminal.



Akron Police SWAT Officers in action



In December, observant Platoon 5 officers spotted a stolen car taken in a carjacking at gunpoint from the City of Fairlawn. After a police pursuit, the robber fled on foot and was quickly arrested.

Platoon 5 officers take pride in helping others and frequently receive compliments on their assistance to citizens.

**Traffic Bureau:**

The goal of the Traffic Bureau is to reduce traffic violations, traffic accidents, serious injuries and fatalities that result from traffic accidents. During 2007, 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 25 officers and 3 civilian employees contributed to the following statistics:

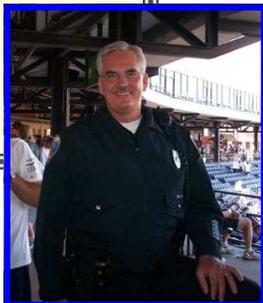
Calls for Service: 12,467
Number of Arrests: 363
Accident Reports: 2,972
Number of DUI's: 82
Accident Violations: 1,839
Parking Tickets: 1,132
Criminal Reports: 134
Photos: 2,803
DUI's Processed by Traffic Personnel: 152
Special Details: 480
Equipment Violations: 198
Tows: 1,681
Moving Violations: 1,216

In addition to regular day to day operations, which are reflected in the previously listed statistics, the Traffic Bureau is responsible for conducting special operations.

The Unit's Administrative Detail Sergeant coordinates police sworn personnel, reserve officers and civilian personnel for the City of Akron's special events. During 2007, 19 major parades, 15 theme walks/runs, 6- 5K runs and 74 Aeros' baseball games were successfully handled. Additionally, this sergeant coordinated manpower to staff the following high profile events:

AA Founders Day
Akron Road Runner Marathon
All-American Soap Box Derby
Downtown Akron July 4 <sup>th</sup> Fireworks
Firestone Park Parade and Fireworks
First Night
Hardesty Park Arts Expo
Holiday Festival
Local Soap Box Derby
NEC Golf Tournament
Stan Hywet's Annual Ohio Mart
Super Kids Soap Box Derby

Over one million people attended these different events and were safeguarded by the sergeant and his personnel.



Officer Barath working the Akron Road Runner Marathon

**Traffic Accident Reconstruction Unit –**

The Accident Reconstruction Team consists of two officers. In 2007, the team investigated 14 fatal car crashes and 29 serious injury or felony crashes. In addition, the team investigated all serious police cruiser crashes, responded to all officer requests for crash analysis, supplied evaluation for traffic equipment, acted as members of the police accident review committee and assisted in criminal investigations where motor vehicles were involved.

**Vehicle Disposal Unit –**

The Vehicle Disposal Unit is comprised of one civilian employee. 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 2007, over 8,800 vehicle disposals were initiated.

**Push Trucks/Junk Vehicle Tows –**

Currently, the Akron Police Department employs one full-time push truck officer. In 2007, the push truck officer responded to 656 parking complaints for vehicles parked illegally on city streets and 99 private parking affidavit complaints for vehicles parked on private property. The officer responded to 124 order to comply complaints issued by Customer Service and placed 144 clubs on vehicles pursuant to court orders. The Unit also recovered approximately 120 lost or stolen bicycles.

**Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement –**

The Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement Unit is staffed part-time by 4 officers. The Unit is responsible for enforcing laws that pertain to commercial vehicles, with primary violations being oversize and weight limits, secure loads and unsafe operation due to mechanical deficiencies. The Unit made numerous individual stops and inspected or weighed commercial vehicles after observing trucks operating with equipment violations.

**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 2007, 1,831 hit-skip accidents were reported to the Akron Police Department. The Unit successfully solved 640 of the reported hit-skip accidents.

**Traffic Bureau Desk Personnel –**

One officer and 1 civilian employee staff the Traffic Bureau Desk. In 2007, they received 1,246 traffic related complaints. The complaints included: speeding, parking violations on city streets, smart machine requests and private property parking affidavit requests for vehicles parked improperly on private property. The officer also booked 125 defendants on active traffic warrants.

### **Motorcycle Unit –**

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed on a part-time basis by 1 sergeant and 8 officers. The Unit is controlled by Traffic officers and supplemented by Patrol officers. In 2007, the Motorcycle Unit participated in the following events:

AA Founders Day Parade  
Akron Road Runner Marathon  
Al-Kaf Parade  
All American Soap Box Derby  
American Red Cross Ride-for-the-Red  
Ancient Order of Hibernian's Saint Patrick's Day Parade  
Downtown Akron July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks and Festival  
Firestone Park Parade  
Greater Cleveland Annual Police Memorial Motorcycle Rally  
Kenmore Baseball Parade  
Lance Corporal Daniel Deyarmin Fundraiser  
Motorcycle Awareness Rally  
NEC Golf Tournament  
Stan Hywet's Annual Ohio Mart  
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 had the honor of assisting with the funeral escorts of officers and fallen soldiers from the Akron/Summit County area.



APD Motorcycle Unit leads the 8th Annual Police Memorial Motorcycle Rally

### **Third Grade Safety Belt Education Program –**

The Traffic Bureau again 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 seatbelt usage and the potential dangers of front seat airbags to children. Bicycle and pedestrian safety is also discussed with children participating in the program. One sergeant administered the program with the assistance of 2 Traffic officers. They presented the program to over 2,000 Akron third grade students from public, private and parochial schools in 2007.



Elizabeth Daugherty  
Captain

## **INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION**

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 daytime duties.

### **THE INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION'S 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:**

#### **Crime Scene Unit:**

In 2007, several major accomplishments were achieved in the Crime Scene Unit. A new Digital Image Management System (DIMS) was purchased through a grant and installed. The DIMS allows for downloading, printing, copying and evidence storage of digital photographs from crime scenes. The system also copies 35mm film negatives and converts it into digital photos. This system is extremely efficient.

A new video enhancement system was also purchased through the same grant. This equipment will process crime scene video provided by businesses and victims. The data can then be converted to still images which can be utilized by investigators and ultimately in court. Two detectives are scheduled for training with this new system.

While the main function of the Unit is to collect and process evidence left at crime scenes, CSU detectives frequently perform background checks, seal records and assist officers with suspect and prisoner identification. They also aid officers in creating photo arrays of individuals for suspect identification by witnesses and victims of criminal acts. CSU also photographs special police events for other units.

#### **Computer Forensics Unit –**

The Computer Forensics Unit assists both Akron Police officers and those from other agencies seeking help with video enhancement and development. The Unit also assists detectives in computer crime investigations.

#### **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.



Crimes Against Persons Unit





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 a total of 302 cases in 2007. There were 23 adult homicides in the city of Akron. Twenty of these homicides have been cleared by arrest and the remaining 3 are currently under investigation. This makes the clearance rate approximately 87%, a significant improvement from the previous year. All of the cases that have gone through the court process have resulted in convictions.

In March 2007, the Unit handled the officer investigation of the Demetrius Vinson shooting. An Akron Officer shot Vinson three times after Vinson pulled a gun on his partner. Vinson then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. This case received a significant amount of publicity and involved an independent investigation from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. Crimes Against Persons personnel were able to conduct a thorough, professional investigation that proved the department is more than capable of handling these types of cases.

Success was also had using the Identikit Composite Imaging Software in several robbery and sexual assault cases. Several detectives are now trained to use this valuable tool in creating composite images of suspects that have resulted in a number of arrests. Uniform officers have been very successful in finding suspects based on these pictures. Four Unit detectives and 1 civilian also attended training in phone record analysis. As a result of this training, software has been purchased that will enable the Unit to pinpoint specific locations of cellular phone users at a given time.

The Crimes Against Persons Unit maintains the Warrants Office. The Warrants Office processes outstanding warrants and fugitives as well as assists investigators with information on suspects and victims. The Unit also performs follow-up work for the two night shifts and assists them as much as possible in their investigations.

## Crimes Against Property:



Crimes Against Property Unit

### **Burglary Unit –**

The Burglary Unit received over 3,000 reports of burglaries and B & Es along with numerous reports of theft, vandalism and criminal damaging. 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. B & Es typically are committed against the business community or vacant properties. In addition to the many property crimes investigated, several Unit detectives

provided assistance throughout the year to the Crimes Against Persons Unit with homicide and robbery investigations.

Having made significant progress last year with the Summit County Council on the passage of a county-wide scrap dealer licensing law, the legislation was set for a vote early in the year. The vote was then postponed due to the legislation's presentation to the State of Ohio for an introduction at the state level. The Unit has worked on this issue for two years and hopes to see the passage of legislation soon. This legislation will be a valuable tool in regulating the scrap dealers throughout the city thereby reducing the number of scrap metal related property crimes.

### **Financial Crimes –**

The Financial Crimes Unit successfully completed several RICO cases involving both check-kiting and counterfeit checks. The Unit completed an investigation of a check-counterfeiting ring with 15 arrests and convictions as well as 4 pending warrants. The Unit also completed an investigation involving an employee embezzlement from a large Akron based law firm. An increase was seen in international lottery and Internet work check scams. Financial Crimes has again experienced a large amount of Identity Theft reports being filed.

### **Pawn Detail –**

Pawn Detail has continued to work in cooperation with BCI&I to streamline evidence submission procedures to that agency. At the end of 2007, the Unit began a new process of submitting evidence documentation to BCI&I through the State's OHLEG website.

The Unit worked closely with the ATF to implement E-Trace. This system provides the police department with Internet access to firearm traces thereby allowing for a quicker ATF trace of weapons that meet certain criteria.

The Pawn Detail detectives assisted with Crimes Against Persons cases and worked on the county-wide scrap dealer licensing ordinance with Burglary personnel. The Unit was also involved in the investigations of several high profile scrap metal thefts. These investigations resulted in numerous arrests and convictions.

## 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.



Officer John Hornsby of the Property Room

The Property Room received over 22,000 items in 2007:

4421 drug related items
2580 packages containing photographs
2403 drug instruments
2099 marijuana related items
1758 misc. weapons (knives, clubs, ammunition, etc...)
1232 cocaine related items
594 firearms
327 alcohol related items
191 sexual assault kits transferred from hospitals
182 bicycles

Of this inventory, 876 pieces of property were returned to their owners, 115 firearms were destroyed, 550 items were sold at the Annual Police Auction and 50 bicycles were donated to the American Red Cross.

### **Juvenile, Auto Theft and Missing Persons:**

#### ***Crimes Against Juveniles –***

The Unit is responsible for investigating crimes against juveniles. The majority of the investigations involve sudden deaths, sexual assaults and robberies. Sudden death investigations involve not only deaths that are criminal in nature but deaths ruled as natural, accidental, suicides and undetermined. All the information the detectives collect from these incidents are reported to the Summit County Child Fatality Review Board. Information from non-criminal deaths are used by other local and national organizations for studies on how to prevent similar incidents. Past successful programs have included the Back to Sleep and Never Shake a Baby programs.

In 2007, the Unit arrested 77 individuals for committing crimes against juveniles, 36 of those arrests were for rape. The victims ranged in age from an 8 week-old infant who suffered a skull fracture at the hands of her mother to the sudden deaths of three 17 year-olds.

Other notable arrests included: a mother arrested for child endangering for injecting her own child with various substances so the 6 year-old victim would become ill - clinically called Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy; a 39 year-old suspect arrested for kidnapping and raping a 13 year-old victim at gunpoint; and a 49 year-old male arrested for sexually assaulting a juvenile on school grounds while misrepresenting himself as a police officer.

#### ***Missing Persons –***

The Missing Persons Unit investigated the disappearance of over 2000 individuals in 2007. The majority of these individuals were juveniles. The Unit routinely works with many out-of-state law enforcement organizations and private organizations to recover the missing individuals.

Missing Persons detectives were frequently in contact with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for both technical assistance and updates of procedures and polices. The Unit also investigated criminal complaints of child enticements and made several arrests on suspects attempting to lure children.

#### ***Auto Theft –***

The Auto Theft Unit investigates all crimes involving autos and other titled vehicles. The Unit also coordinates all of the towed autos throughout the city. In 2007, the Auto Theft Unit worked with other Detective Bureau Units to solve an investigation of a ring of individuals stealing cars and then using them to commit other crimes, including ATM thefts.

#### **Juvenile Diversion Unit:**

The Juvenile Diversion Unit was formed in coordination with Summit County Juvenile Court. The purpose of the Unit is to place first-time non-violent offenders in the program and hold them accountable for their actions. The clients first meet with a hearing officer to review the incident. They are then placed in the Community Service portion of the program. By successfully completing the program, the juvenile will not have an official arrest record. The program has been very successful and has a low recidivism rate.

#### **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. Marshal's Office. All of these efforts are designed to produce the maximum impact possible using available resources.

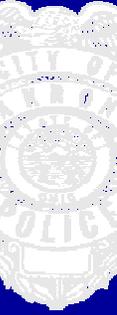
While working with the above agencies under the auspices of HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas), the Narcotics Unit has been able to work on several investigations involving major drug trafficking in the city of Akron as well as Summit County with excellent results. The cooperation of all the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

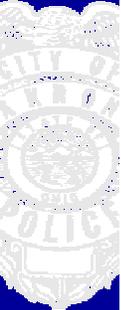
Methamphetamine production in the Akron area continues to be a growing problem. The Narcotics Unit responded to over 40 calls for assistance in dismantling methamphetamine labs in 2007. The Akron Police Department has obtained a federal grant enabling the Unit to provide training to more officers in the detection and dismantling of these labs. The grant also provides for prosecutors to be assigned for the sole purpose of prosecuting methamphetamine cases.

The Narcotics Unit as a whole opened 253 new investigations of individuals believed to be involved in trafficking illegal drugs. The Narcotics Unit also conducted a total of 50 search warrants through December 2007.

The Narcotics Unit is split into two main investigative teams: Red and Blue. The split allows for one sergeant to monitor a smaller group of people. Although both teams work together the majority of the time, it makes it easier to manage the personnel.

The Blue Team seized 53.1 grams of crack, 156.3 grams of powder cocaine, 567 grams of marijuana, 54.6 grams of heroin, 6 grams of methamphetamine, 3 Oxycontin pills, 26 Dilaudid pills and 530 Ecstasy pills. The street value of drugs seized is estimated at \$26,500.00. The team also





seized currency totaling \$15,890.00. The Blue Team arrested 27 people, seized 1 vehicle, made 42 controlled buys, served 11 search warrants and seized 6 handguns.

The Red Team seized 393 grams of crack, 158 grams of powder cocaine, 140 pounds of marijuana, 3.7 grams of heroin, 30 grams of methamphetamine, 560 ml of liquid Morphine, 6 unit doses of steroids, 20 Vicodin pills, 15 Oxycontin pills and 20 Tylenol w/Codeine pills. The street value of all drugs bought and seized is approximately \$179,000.00. The Red Team also seized 10 handguns and currency totaling \$47,644.00 as well as started 46 new cases and filed 116 charges from those cases.

The Blue and Red Teams were responsible for dismantling a major Detroit to Akron heroin conspiracy. Of the 7 defendants arrested, 4 had RICO charges. All 7 were found guilty in court and the majority received a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

**2007 Seizure Unit Totals -**

A Seizure Unit handles the paperwork for all of the seizures. The Seizure Unit processed 340 local cases and 3 Federal Equitable Sharing cases. A total of \$308,485.00 in currency and 26 vehicles were seized. Six seized vehicles were sold at auction for a net profit of \$20,595.00.

**2007 Diversion Unit-**

There is 1 full time Officer assigned to the Diversion Unit who works mainly on prescription cases. The Diversion Unit opened 93 new cases in 2007. Fifty-five of these cases were closed by arrest. The Diversion Unit investigated and arrested 4 nurses, 1 pharmacy technician and 3 medical assistants. Twenty-four cases were closed after an investigation showed there was not sufficient evidence to file charges. There are 6 cases currently under investigation.

**2007 Narcotics Canine -**

The Narcotics Unit canine, Max, performed 255 scheduled searches. This did not include incidental vehicle or school searches. The Unit evaluated other K-9 Units for the State of Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana. The Unit connected several sources with other agencies and helped in the recovery of 38 pounds of marijuana from Arizona to Columbus; 40 pounds of marijuana and 12 kilos of cocaine from Los Angeles, California to Cleveland; and 500 pounds of marijuana from Roadway Trucking to Youngstown DEA. The Unit also assisted the Cleveland Police Department Narcotics Unit and Mansfield Police Department by connecting them to an Akron Police information source in Tucson, Arizona.

In 2007, Max recovered 33 pounds of KHAT (DHL), 16.5 kilos of cocaine, 12 of which were found at FedEx in Richfield and delivered to Euclid, as well as 322.5 pounds of marijuana from FedEx, DHL and UPS combined. Max also detected currency totaling \$24,673.25.

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

The Street Narcotics Uniform Detail (S.N.U.D.) Unit is comprised of 9 detectives commanded by 1 lieutenant and 2 sergeants. The Unit developed 275 investigative cases that led to numerous felony arrests and drug seizures. Many of the complaints are from sources such as the Drug Tip



S.N.U.D. Unit

Hotline, information sources, City Council complaints, neighborhood Blockwatch groups, landlords of rental properties and citizen calls. Many of these complaints were checked and found to be just a party house for drug users or occasional drug sales by them to feed their habit, but none the less annoying to the neighborhood residents.

From May to September 2007, the Unit worked with Captain Trundle on the Gun and Violence Reduction Task Force, code-named "Rolling Thunder". Along with ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshal's 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 different hours of the day, the criminals never knew when or where the task force would strike. S.N.U.D. personnel went out 12 times and will hopefully go out more in 2008.

The Unit made 741 adult arrests for 622 felonies and 428 misdemeanor charges. In addition, these suspects were arrested on 98 felony and 375 misdemeanor warrants. Also arrested were 40 juveniles on 27 felony and 28 misdemeanor charges. Four juveniles were arrested on felony warrants and one on a misdemeanor warrant. The Unit took 54 handguns, 3 assault weapons, 2 shotguns, and 4 rifles off the streets of Akron.

S.N.U.D. recovered 1,124.8 grams or 5,619 individual rocks of crack cocaine, which had an approximate street value of \$112,480.00. Also recovered were 339.6 grams of powdered cocaine with a street value of \$33,960.00, 50,427 grams of marijuana, or approximately 112.5 pounds, 32 marijuana plants, ten of which were over 10 feet tall. The Unit also confiscated 33 Ecstasy pills, 8.3 grams of methamphetamines and 36.03 grams of heroin, approximately 469 individual doses, worth about \$9,380.00. The Unit also seized 64 Oxycontin pills. The Unit confiscated 52 drug scales, 39 counterfeit crack cocaine rocks and 48 criminal tools as well as closed down 9 methamphetamine labs.

Currency totaling \$163,053.00, and 7 automobiles were seized and 1 stolen auto was recovered in drug raids. The Unit executed 65 search warrants and assisted in 21 search warrants for other units. The Unit also assisted other units and agencies 46 times. S.N.U.D. worked with the Akron Health Department to have 1 house boarded up and 34 children taken by CSB and Rule 6 enforced.

The Unit K-9 officer, along with his dog, Sampson, searched 52 vehicles and 49 buildings. He also made 42 socialization/public appearances in 2007. Sampson helped locate 1.9 grams of cocaine, 91.8 grams of crack cocaine,

16,436 grams of marijuana, 114 grams of methamphetamine and 1.4 grams of heroin. Sampson also hit on safes and hiding spots containing currency totaling \$25,111.00.

### **Vice:**

In 2007, the Vice Unit arrested 240 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.

Scattered within these arrests were a small number of alcohol, gambling and drug offenses. Six people were charged with felonies relating to food stamp fraud in a joint effort with DPS, SCSO, USDA and the DEA. Over \$300,000 was seized in relation to those arrests. One male was charged with attempted murder and felonious assault in conjunction with his attack on an undercover Vice detective.

Vice also investigated and processed 66 liquor permit transfer requests in 2007.



Gus Hall  
*Deputy Chief*

## **SERVICES SUB-DIVISION**

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 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:**

#### **Information Systems (Data Processing):**

A new *Livescan* fingerprinting kiosk was installed on the seventh floor of the H.K. Stubbs Justice Center in compliance with Judge John Holcomb's orders. The Planning, Research and Development Office worked with the Crime Scene Unit to locate funding for the project. Once the equipment was purchased and delivered, Information Systems personnel installed the equipment and insured it was operational.

Information Systems staff streamlined stolen vehicle information in 2007. In-house programming developed a system for the LEADS operator so that once stolen vehicle information is received from a field unit, they are able to immediately update the Daily Bulletin. With this new time saving system in place, Patrol supervisors are no longer required to call for updates prior to the beginning of their shifts. The process also relieved Record Room personnel of deciphering reports in order to compile the stolen vehicle information.

AOIBRS (Akron Ohio Incident Based Reporting System) went live for the entire police department replacing the aged and cumbersome Police Works electronic reports. The AOIBRS electronic reports now download into a database replacing the time consuming data entry step of the Police Works reports. An intricate Record Room module was developed for redactions of data, caution checks of information and validation of the reports for state submissions. The

next building block in the AOIBRS package will be programming the Reports of Investigation making it an electronic version of the department's paper report.

The i2c VideoNet project has begun with the installation of cameras inside the H.K. Stubbs Justice Center court rooms. The completion will bring the cameras from the Safety Communications Center, the downtown entertainment district system as well as Summit County Sheriff's Office onto the system.

### **Planning, Research and Development:**

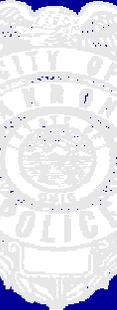


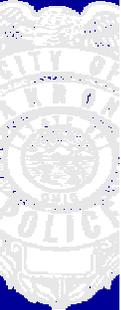
Planning, Research and Development  
Office Personnel

The Planning, Research and Development Office 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 Award. 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 also renewed, allowing 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 again utilized the 2007 Governor's Highway Safety Office grant funding to monitor high traffic accident areas and enforce speed control throughout the city.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) was written in cooperation with Summit County. The police department's share of this funding will be used to purchase digital cameras for all sergeants to be deployed out in the field and to target overtime activities towards crime 'Hot Spots' throughout the city. The police department received additional JAG funding through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services JAG program. This funding was used to upgrade the Crime Scene Unit to digital technology. Funding from this grant was used to purchase high resolution digital cameras, photo management software, a 35mm film scanner, photo quality printers and a digital video analysis unit. Funding from this grant was also used to send supervisors to Forensic Imaging Training. Department of Public Safety funding was also awarded to the department for homeland security initiatives. The Planning, Research and Development Office acquired





Buffer Zone Protection Plan funding to secure critical site(s) within the city of Akron.

Three new collaborative grants were awarded to be spent in 2008. The 2007 Byrne Discretionary grant was applied for by the City of Cleveland based on a collaborative effort by many NE Ohio Law Enforcement agencies known as the 'Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium' (NOVCC). Akron will be receiving a portion of this grant to combat violent crime within the city. Akron was also awarded its own 2007 Byrne Discretionary grant to be used to fund an Akron/Summit County Gang Initiative. In addition, the department also received the 2007 Methamphetamine Initiative grant. Funding will be used to combat establishing methamphetamine labs, methamphetamine production and educate the public on the dangers of methamphetamines. These grants represent collaborative efforts of city, county and state agencies working together towards a common goal. The Planning, Research and Development Office is proud of these newfound partnerships and will continue to strive to identify resources and secure viable partnerships to help reduce crime.

Unit personnel were also engaged in several projects in 2007. The Unit worked with BCI & I (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation) to purchase and install a *Livescan* digital fingerprint machine. The Unit worked with the City of Akron to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan for major disasters. The Unit also worked with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the State of Ohio Department of Homeland Security to strengthen security at critical sites. In addition, Planning, Research and Development, along with the department's Homeland Security Committee, developed a Homeland Security Strategy to guide the department in homeland security initiatives over the next several years.

### Crime Analysis:

Crime Analysis continued to fulfill the mapping needs of the Akron Police Department. The department provided assistance for a number of criminal investigations, including more high profile cases like the pizza delivery and Highland Square robberies. Crime Analysis also assisted a number of outside agencies by providing data used to support grant applications and to perform studies of various Akron neighborhoods.

Aside from map making and geo-statistical analysis, Crime Analysis is also responsible for the Akron Police Department's website. Operation John Be Gone and the quarterly Neighborhood Crime Maps continue to be popular pages viewed by the public. With the improvements in availability of real-time data, Crime Analysis hopes to improve both the website and its analysis ability in 2008.



Akron Police Department Honor Guard  
Photo Courtesy of the Akron Beacon Journal

### Training Bureau:

The Training Bureau continued working with the PAT Fitness and Random Drug Testing programs, the Procedures Committee, as well as hosting the "Citizen Blockwatch Captains" meetings for the department's Community Relations Bureau.

The Unit Commander continues to participate in the Ohio Academy Commanders Association fulfilling the role of Northeast Ohio representative. He also completed his work with the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Law Enforcement Training Assessment (LETA) Committee. The LETA Committee finished work on a three-year project and produced training recommendations and guidelines for all sworn police officers in Ohio. A DVD with the project information and training tools, endorsed by the OACP, was sent to every police chief, sheriff and top law enforcement official in Ohio. The report and training tools were added to the OACP website.

The Unit Commander and 2 Unit officers continue their work with ASSIST77, a critical incident crisis response team serving Summit County law enforcement. Work has also been done with Bill Marris and Hasenstaub Associates to help design the Training Bureau's future Indoor Range.

2007 saw two academies start at the same time. One was a full-time regular academy with 37 students, including two AFD Arson Investigators, and the other was the police department's first ever "Fast Track Academy". Both academies were a success, and resulted in 40 individuals graduating and starting their careers in Patrol. The Akron Police Department's academy was the first academy in the 22 county district to have an entire class pass the fitness test on the first try. It is also the first academy to do so since the fitness test was added in 2003. The department has set the bar for all academies in Northeast Ohio. The "Fast Track Academy" was a complete success for a first time experience. The six officers chosen for this training were excellent candidates and each one did very well.



Police Academy students  
during a 'mock' building search

The entire Training Bureau, along with the full-time academy, worked on and participated in a terror training drill which was conducted at North High School. This drill involved the Akron Board of Education, The Akron Fire Department and the department's SWAT Unit training together on how to respond to a school terror/mass-shooting emergency.

Led by the Unit's sergeant, the entire Training Bureau worked to continue the Patrol Rifle Program as well as provide a special two-day Patrol Rifle Course. The Unit

received more compliments from the students who were selected to take this training than any other training produced and conducted. The Training Bureau also hosted a Statement Analysis course that was very well received.



Akron Police Academy during riot control training  
Photo Courtesy of the Akron Beacon Journal

The Training Bureau met and exceeded the state mandated training that is regulated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). 2007 was the first year of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) mandated training requirements and the department expects to receive approximately \$88,000.00 in funding earmarked for 2008 police training sessions because this training was conducted.

One Unit detective continues to give advice to the City of Akron Law Department and testifies in Use of Force cases as an expert. He has also been published in several magazines. Another Unit detective continues to serve on SWAT and has taken on many of the Unit's firearms training tasks.

### Record Room:

The Record Room is the official point of contact of the department for the release of reports. The Record Room receives and processes the requests for Incident Reports and Motor Vehicle Crash Reports from individuals and businesses in person, via mail, phone and electronically. The Record Room publishes the department's Daily Bulletin and disseminates both hard and electronic copies. The Record Room is also responsible for compiling and processing the City's largest departmental payroll.

In addition to the regular duties, Record Room personnel worked extensively with Information Systems on the Records Management portion of the department's electronic reporting project. This behind the scene's portion of the project is vital if the information officers enter is to be useful for strategic analysis, planning and mapping. Their in-pur aided in the creation of the Record Room portion of the project where the department's Official Reports are electronically checked for Caution Notes, validated, generated and disseminated. This on-going working relationship ensures the system is compliant with state and federal reporting standards and will guarantee accurate submissions of the data to the state.

### Benefits:

The F.O.P. Benefits Officer is responsible for assisting both active and retired members, including their dependents in all matters relating to employee benefits. Currently there are 818 members, not including spouse and children.



Benefits Officer  
Michael Leslie

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. More than 4,100 phone calls and several hundred emails came through the Benefits Office seeking help and answers to questions regarding benefits.



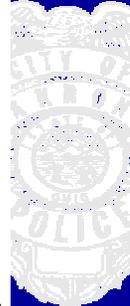
James E. Harris  
Captain

### COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION

The Safety Communications Center, also known as the Combined Communications Center (C3), is commanded by Captain James Harris and is staffed by Police and Fire supervisors and civilian communications technicians. The civilian technicians answer all telephone calls and dispatch safety forces to calls for service.

### THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION'S 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

The Combined Communications Center and Information Systems worked with Plant/CML and ATT replacing the existing 9-1-1 telephone system both in the City of Akron's Safety Communications Center and the Summit County Sheriff's Communications Center with Plant's VESTA 9-1-1 solution. The Plant solution is Phase II compliant and now maps 9-1-1 cellular calls for the call-takers. The back-up dispatch center was updated at the City of Akron's 3-1-1 Center.



# CAPTAINS



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



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



**Captain Paul Calvaruso**  
Uniform Sub-Division  
Patrol Operations



**Captain Kenneth Ball**  
Uniform Sub-Division  
Platoon #1



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



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



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



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



**Captain Daniel Zampelli**  
Services Sub-Division  
Administrative Services Bureau



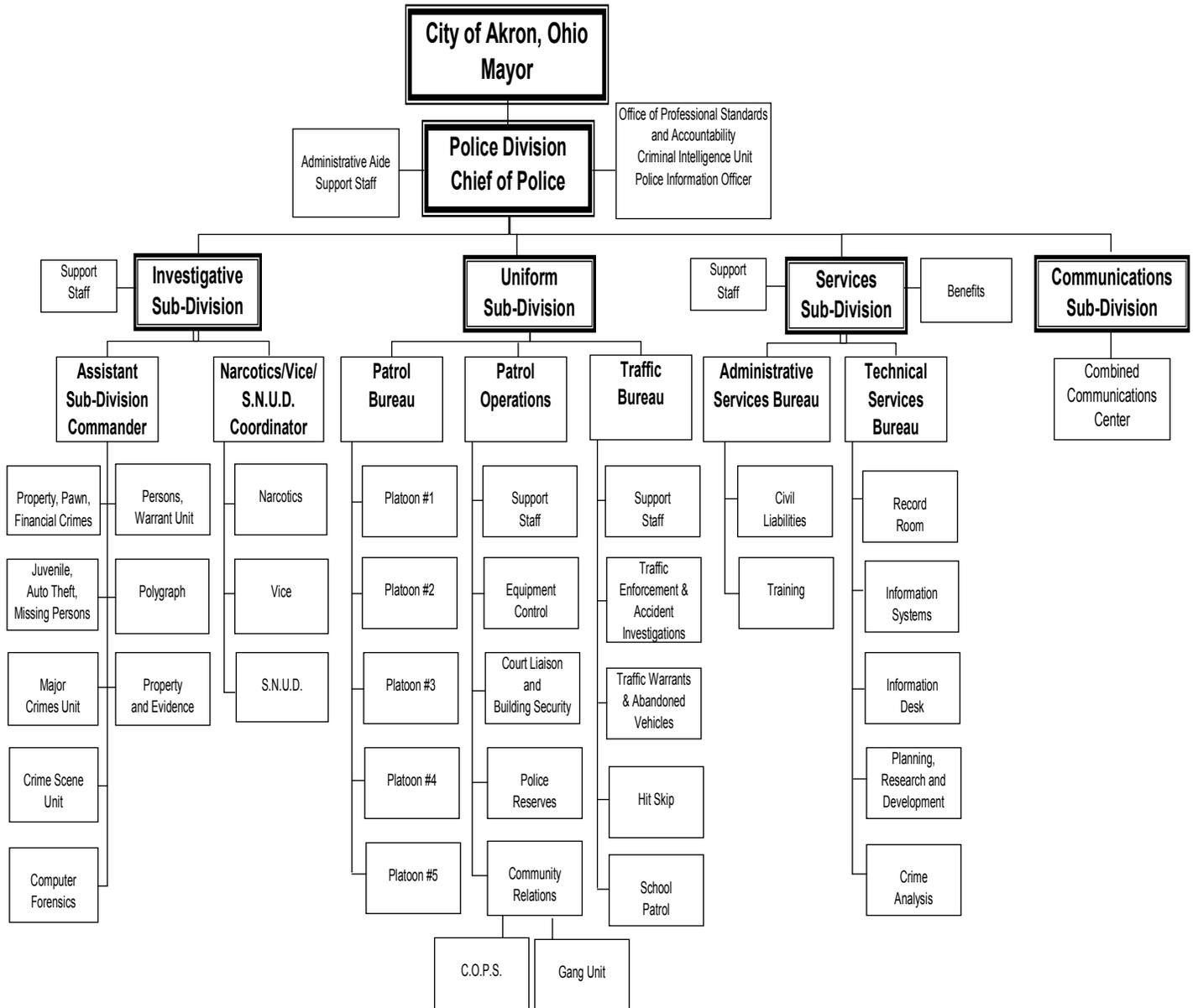
**Captain Michael Prebonick**  
Services Sub-Division  
Technical Services Bureau



**Captain James E. Harris**  
Communications Sub-Division  
Acting Safety Communications  
Director



# ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT





**AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007**

ASSIGNMENT & CLASSIFICATION	Chief	Deputy Chief	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Police Officer	TOTAL SWORN	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	Computer Programmer Analyst II	Applications Programmer	Communications Technician I	Communications Technician II	Communications Technician III	TOTAL CIVILIAN	TOTAL PERSONNEL	
	<b>CHIEF'S OFFICE</b>	Administration	1					1	2																2	3
	Administrative Aide					1	1																		0	1
	Criminal Intelligence				1		2																		0	2
	Office of Prof. Standards & Accountability				2		2																		0	2
	Police Information Officer				1		1																		0	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1	0	0	3	1	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
<b>SERVICES SUB-DIVISION</b>	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			1															1	4
	FOP/Benefits						2																		0	2
	Information Desk					1	4			1															1	6
	Planning, Research and Development			1			1										1	1	1						3	4
	Record Room						0	1	1	10	3		1												16	16
	Training				1	1	7		1																1	10
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	1	2	2	9	16	30	1	3	12	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	55
<b>INVESTIGATIVE SUB-DIVISION</b>	Administration			1			4																		0	5
	Crimes-Persons				1	2	6			1															1	10
	Crimes-Property/Pawn/Financial				1	3	17		1	1															2	23
	General Assignment				2	2	8			2															2	14
	Crime Scene Unit				1	2	13			1															1	17
	Juvenile/Auto Theft/Missing Persons				1	4	16			1	1														2	23
	Narcotics/Vice/S.N.U.D.			1	3	7	27		1																1	39
	Polygraph					1	1																		0	1
	Warrants						2									1									1	3
	Property/Evidence					1	2			1															1	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	2	9	22	95	128	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	139
<b>UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION</b>	Administration		1				1		1	1															2	3
	C.O.P.S.						8																		0	8
	Community Relations				1	1	3			1															1	6
	Court Liaison/Building Security					1	10			1															1	12
	Equipment Control						1			1															1	2
	Gangs/Street Crimes					1	3																		0	4
	Patrol Bureau			5	4	20	219																		0	248
	Patrol Operations			1		2	3																		0	3
	Administration				1	1	2						1												1	3
	Hit-Skip						2																		0	2
	School Patrol					1	1																		0	1
	Traffic Enforcement/Accidents				1	19	20																		0	20
	Vehicle Disposal						0		1																1	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	1	6	6	28	265	306	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	313
<b>COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION</b>	Combined Communications Center			1			1			1									2	1	27	27	5	63	64	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	27	27	5	63	64	
	<b>TOTAL DIVISION</b>	1	2	11	20	60	378	472	1	11	23	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	27	27	5	108	580	



	2006	2007
SWORN CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	3	2
Captain	11	11
Lieutenant	21	20
Sergeant	61	60
Police Officer	354	378
% Supervising Officers	21.50	19.91
<b>Total Sworn Personnel</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>472</b>

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	10	11
Secretary IV	0	0
Account Clerk II	1	2
Account Clerk III	1	1
Accounts Analyst I	0	1
Crime Analyst II	1	1
Law Enforcement Planner II	1	1
Computer Programmer Analyst II	no info.	2
Applications Programmer	no info.	1
Communications Technician I	no info.	27
Communications Technician II	no info.	27
Communications Technician III	no info.	5
<b>Total Civilian Personnel</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>580</b>

SWORN PERSONNEL CHANGES 2007	
Appointments	40
Reinstatements	0
Deceased Active	0
Deceased Retired	14
Dismissals	0
Resignations	10
Retirements	10
Promotions	3
Return from Military	3
Members in Military	6



# PROMOTIONS



**Sergeant  
Steven Swartz**

Appointed..... Dec. 27, 1999  
Promotion..... March 23, 2007



**Sergeant  
Michael Rinn**

Appointed.....Jan. 28, 2002  
Promotion.....March 23, 2007



**Sergeant  
Eric Paull**

Appointed.....Aug. 28, 1995  
Promotion.....July 17, 2007



## *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 2007



2007 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 Vince Yurick was presented with the Russ Long Award Thursday, July 19, 2007, at Raintree Country Club. Officer Yurick is in his eleventh year with the police department. He is assigned to the Patrol Division, Platoon 1, working 11:00pm to 7:00am. Officer Yurick is a long standing member of the Honor Guard, Crisis Intervention Team, and an outstanding FTO. He is unanimously considered an informal leader and one of the finest officers on the midnight shift by every member of its supervision. He routinely goes beyond what is necessary in his effort to solve crimes in his district and is always the first to back up a brother or sister officer, should the need arise. Officer Yurick is not only a superior officer; he is truly an asset to the Akron Police Department.

## THE 2007 FRANK MANCINI CITIZEN

The Frank Mancini Citizen Award is given in honor of Officer Eugene Hooper who lost his life and Officer Frank Mancini and Reserve Officer Harold Winthrow who were both paralyzed from an ambush and shooting that took place on April 10, 1965. The Frank Mancini Citizen Award is given to a citizen who has assisted officers in the line of duty.

The 2007 Frank Mancini Citizen Award went to ten-year-old Timothy Preib. On January 6, 2006, Tim was watching cartoons on his television set when he heard a woman scream for help. Tim looked out his bedroom window and saw a white male kicking and stomping on something. He knew something was wrong so he woke up his mother. His mother, Alisa, also looked out and saw the same scene. Mrs. Preib immediately called 9-1-1.



Alisa Preib, Russ Long and Timothy Preib

When police arrived Tim told officers what he saw. Later that morning he was told he witnessed his neighbor being murdered. This bothered Tim because he believed that if he would have looked out of the window sooner he might have been able to help his neighbor. This brave ten-year old boy also testified to the events he witnessed in open court. Timothy Preib is truly a hero not only to the Akron Police Department but to the City of Akron as well. His commitment to help a person in distress has not gone unnoticed.

## OPTIMIST OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Darrell Parnell

The Optimist Club of Akron's Philip G. Barnes Officer of the Year award is annually presented to an Akron Officer that exemplifies the qualities of former Chief Barnes. The award recipient is recognized for his/her outstanding service to the community and dedication to

keeping the streets of Akron safe.

Officer Darrell Parnell was chosen as Akron's Optimist Officer of the Year for 2007. Detective Parnell joined the Akron Police Department on February 18, 1992. Officer Parnell is assigned to the Investigative Sub-Division, Property Crimes Unit.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Officer Brian Cresswell, Sr. was honored as the Employee of the Month for February. Officer Cresswell began his career



Officer Brian Cresswell, Sr.

with the Akron Police Department on April 5, 1999. Since his appointment and graduation from the Police Academy, he has served on Platoon 4 working 7:30pm to 3:30am. Officer Cresswell is well known for his dogged determination and attention to detail as he pursues criminals operating in his district. Officer Brian Cresswell is

a credit to Platoon 4, the Akron Police Department and the City of Akron.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Malinda McVay began her career with the City of Akron Police Department in the Planning, Research and Development Office on May 20, 2002. She was hired as a contract employee following her internship in 2002. She became a Law Enforcement Planner for the City of Akron in the Spring of 2006.



Law Enforcement Planner Malinda McVay

Malinda is responsible for researching and applying for grants. Once the grants have been awarded, she then monitors and assists in administering them. She has written and managed numerous grants for the Akron Police Department.

Malinda also takes time to assist the Crime Analysis Unit with creating and developing maps. She is an asset to the department. She is a conscientious person, professional employee and one who constantly strives for excellence.

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Gloria Beard Has been employed by the City of Akron, first working in the Fire Dispatch Center and then in the Combined Safety Communications Center. In 1995, when the dispatch centers were combined, Gloria had to learn all phases of the job related to Police. She has developed into a well-seasoned dispatcher, one that officers and firefighters alike can look upon for her ability to remain calm in stressful situations.



Dispatcher Gloria Beard

Gloria has also taken on other duties in Safety Communications. She organizes the seasonal Angel Tree gift giving at Christmas time each year. She also manages the 9-1-1 Awareness Program. In 2006, she made over 100 appearances presenting the program to the community. Gloria Beard is an excellent employee worthy of recognition who can be looked upon to lend her expertise and experience to help others learn the job of Safety Communications Technician.

## CHILD AND FAMILY LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE GRADUATE



Sergeant Anthony Starvaggi

Sergeant Anthony Starvaggi 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 Starvaggi began working at the Akron Police Department December 26, 1994. He is in the Juvenile/Auto Theft/ Missing Persons Unit working the 3pm to 11pm shift.

## COMMUNITY CARETAKER AWARD

West Hill Neighborhood Organization, Inc. presented the 2007 Community Caretaker award to Officer Michael Gould, Sr. for his enthusiastic and continued participation with the community's Crime and Safety Committee. The annual award is presented to an individual that helps to make the community a better place to live.



Officer Michael Gould, Sr.

## POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE GRADUATES



Lieutenant Jesse Lesser

The Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) is an intensive, three-month leadership-training program for law enforcement executives. The 2007 graduates were Lieutenant Jesse Lesser and Sergeant Jeffrey Shaffer. 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



Sergeant Jeffrey Shaffer

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.

## 2007 DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD



Sergeant Jeffrey Mullins, Officer Alan Jones and Lieutenant Jerry Hughes

Officer Alan Jones received a plaque and special recognition during the 2007 Akron Police Academy Graduation Ceremony. Officer Jones was awarded the Dedicated Service Award for his work with the academy's physical fitness program. The Dedicated Service Award was a new award the academy staff created to thank officers, like Alan Jones, for their commitment to the department and the academy class. The work Officer Jones did with the 2007 recruit class was above and beyond his normal duties. Officer Jones, assigned full-time to the S.N.U.D. Unit, worked many extra hours, including 6:00am morning runs and weightlifting sessions, to get the recruits in shape. Special 'thanks' goes out to Officer Jones for his unselfish dedication.

## Loyally They Served...



Since the dawn of ancient times, dogs have been called to service for civil, military and defense purposes. At present, law enforcement agencies utilize canines in a variety of capacities as: patrol partners; apprehension assistants; trackers/locators/scouts; alerts; relayers; substance detectors including drugs, explosives, accelerants (arson investigation) and other contraband; guards/deterrents; and more. These dogs, along with their trainers and handlers, continue to provide a wide range of services, in several disciplines and situations, in our society.

A brief memorial service for five former, beloved Akron Police canines (K-9s) was held Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at the Akron FOP Lodge #7. The ceremony and dedication of the 'K-9 Monument' was held to recognize these dedicated "officers" for putting their lives on the line every day to make the streets of Akron safer. The canines were:

- "Care Bear" - partner of (retired) Sergeant Thomas Overfield, served 1992 - 1996
- "Dutch" - partner of Officer Christopher Davis, served 1997 - 2003
- "Holmes" (Homey) - partner of Officer David Ferrell, served 1991 - 1999
- "Shadow" - partner of Officer David Ferrell, served 1999 - 2004
- "Shultz" - partner of Sergeant Dale Dorn, served 1997 - 2005

Loyally these dogs served alongside their human partners. Their dedication has not gone unnoticed.



Sergeant Dale Dorn and 'Harley'



Detective Christopher Carney  
and 'Sampson'

## 2007 Police Academy

On March 26, 2007, the City of Akron initiated two police academies simultaneously. Akron's first ever "Fast-Track" Academy consisted of six candidates who had already completed their required Ohio Police Officer's Training Academy (OPOTA) either with a college or with another law enforcement agency. Most of these recruits had either military experience or prior police officer experience. They completed a streamlined and rapid paced seven-week academy with the training focused on legal review and physical skills in Firearms, Defensive Tactics and Driving Skills centered on Emergency Response and Pursuit situations. The Fast Track officers graduated May 11, 2007 in a ceremony held at the Ocasek Building Auditorium, and started patrolling Akron's streets on May 13, 2007.



Akron Police Academy 'Fast-Tracker' Graduates

A full-time academy also began with 34 students and 2 Akron Fire Department Arson Investigators. This class was unique in several different ways. First, their training was conducted on a nine-hour day. It was decided to extend the normal training day by one hour in order to enable them to graduate approximately three weeks ahead of schedule. This class is also unique to Akron; they are the first recruit academy to fall under the new OPOTA Fitness requirements. This class was required to pass a physical fitness test prior to being permitted to take the state final written test to become certified as police officers. This class of recruits graduated as Akron Police Officers on August 24, 2007. The new recruits then started their Akron careers serving in the Patrol Bureau. The 2 Arson Investigators returned to the Akron Fire Department to serve as full-time Arson Investigators and fully sworn law enforcement officers.



Akron Police 'Full-Time' Academy Graduates

**Congratulations to all our 2007 Akron Police Academy graduates!**



# 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.

## Fit for Duty Committee

The Fit for Duty Committee meets quarterly, providing peer oversight to fitness and health activities. The meetings are open to all sworn personnel and all units and platoons are encouraged to send representatives. The committee selects the Fit for Duty Officer of the Month, makes recommendations on workout room issues and promotes fitness within the department.

## Fit for Duty PT Award Program

The Fit for Duty PT (Physical Training) award program recognizes officers with a special uniform ribbon worn on the standard uniform. The program is designed to recognize an officer's long-term commitment to physical preparedness. Officers participate in a regular exercise program outlined in the Fit for Duty logbook to earn the ribbon. More than 230 officers now wear the Fit for Duty ribbon.

## Fit for Duty Officers of the Month 2007

January	Paul Siegfert, Jr.
February	David Laughlin
March	Vince Yurick
April	Jason Bailey
May	Brent Dube
June	Matthew Beech
July	Michael Gould, Sr.
August	Andrea Wims
September	Christopher Schnee
October	Anna Romito
November	Steven Hankins
December	Richard Welser

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

**T**he Fit for Duty Officer of the Month also earns a Fit for Duty uniform ribbon.

**Officers are nominated by their peers and then selected by the Fit for Duty Committee. This award is in recognition of Officers who demonstrate commitment to physical preparedness. The dedication to health and fitness helps protect against the rigors of a physically and mentally demanding job. In addition, it improves safety, effectiveness, and service to the community.**

# CHAPLAINCY

## A letter from Reverend Bob Denton



Rev. Bob Denton

Early in 2007 I spoke at a church service honoring police officers. I started by indicating that my “congregation” has services in 8 hour shifts which run 24-7, that instead of a steeple it has a communications tower and that its members were the thin but deep blue line who stood between those in attendance and the powers of evil. Their prayers were to go home at the end of each shift alive and that their wives, husbands and children asked God for the same thing.

2007 was the most ambitious and active in the history of the Chaplaincy. About 800 hours were spent in active chaplaincy ministry. On a personal note, of all the things I do, this is closest and dearest to my heart. This is a parish on wheels.

In addition to being one of the members on the Ohio Attorney General’s committee that constructed mandatory officer training materials for the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy, I was responsible for writing and receiving pre-approval for a law enforcement-oriented five hour curriculum which was used for training officers around the state. This training was provided for all officers in the police departments of Akron, the University of Akron, Barberton, Copley, Bath, Norton, Stow and Tallmadge, The Medina County Sheriff’s Office and the Ohio Buckeye Sheriff’s Association. There were three additional training sessions at OPOTA in Richfield, Ohio.

As chaplain, I also provided a day and a half training in Community Relations, Crisis Intervention, Victim Laws and Law Enforcement/Spirituality for the Akron Police Department’s new recruit class which graduated in August. Special focus was placed upon the impact of the profession on each officer, family members and the role of the Chaplain.

The most important time was NOT the ceremonial aspects of the ministry but the time spent with officers wrestling with the incomparable problems of their profession, their families, their health and their faith. There were times when it involved discussions of officer needs and professional approaches to those needs. There were times when cruiser work turned into the confidential “pastor’s office” on four wheels. Other times it occurred in the officer’s home with his family and there were times when it was just the silent or prayerful presence in a hospital room, at calling hours or at a grave site.

**Signal 1**, “Make A Personal,” which appears in the Akron Police Department’s daily bulletin, continued to grow and expand to the following departmental daily bulletins: Barberton Police Department, Summit County Sheriff’s Office, Tallmadge Police Department, the University of Akron Police Department and the Medina County Sheriff’s Office. Response to these inspirational messages has been significantly more than anticipated in its provision of law-enforcement-based devotionals for officers and their faith. Each week’s edition ends with the phrase, “You have been prayed for” and it is true. Officers and their specific situations are lifted up to God on a daily and continuous basis.

If there is a lesson learned by the chaplaincy it confirms what disaster interveners discovered in their response to the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy: it is not possible to walk through the valleys of the shadow without faith. The cost of doing so escalates immensely beyond the benefits of its neglect.

2007 Chaplaincy Summary			
Meetings	22	Department Rounds	15
Signal 1	45	Hospital/Home Visits	22
Uniform Faith	33	Training Provided	45
Officer Contacts	128	Training Received	7
Formal Counseling	18	Events	20
Cruiser Hours		46	



# RETIREMENTS



**Officer  
Nancy Woodbury**

Appointed.....July 8, 1991  
Retired.....Jan. 31, 2007  
26 years, 10 months of service



**Officer  
Douglas McHenry**

Appointed....Feb. 10, 1997  
Retired.....Feb. 9, 2007  
10 years of service



**Sergeant  
William McDonald, Jr.**

Appointed.....Sept. 8, 1975  
Retired.....Feb 27, 2007  
31 years, 5 months of service



**Officer  
Leslie Jones, Jr.**

Appointed....Feb. 18, 1992  
Retired.....Feb. 27, 2007  
15 years of service



**Sergeant  
Joseph Gore**

Appointed.....Dec. 31, 1971  
Retired.....Feb. 28, 2007  
35 years, 2 months of service



**Deputy Chief  
Michael Madden**

Appointed...Dec. 31, 1971  
Retired.....March 9, 2007  
35 years, 1 month of service



**Officer  
Melvyn Bates**

Appointed.....Oct. 2, 1969  
Retired.....March 31, 2007  
37 years, 5 months of service



**Officer  
John (Jack) Gilbride**

Appointed.....July 1, 1986  
Retired.....April 14, 2007  
28 years, 5 months of service



**Officer  
Tommie Becton**

Appointed.....Sept. 12, 1997  
Retired.....June 29, 2007  
29 years, 9 months of service



**Officer  
Christopher Hanzel**

Appointed.....Dec. 28, 1992  
Retired.....July 20, 2007  
14 Years, 7 Months of service



**Lieutenant  
Thomas Hanley III**

Appointed.....Dec. 31, 1971  
Retired.....Sept. 5, 2007  
35 years, 8 months of service

# TO COMMEMORATE



**Retired Officer  
Robert Gardiner**

Date of Birth.....Aug. 6, 1937  
Appointed.....May 25, 1967  
Retired.....Aug. 29, 1986  
Died.....Feb. 21, 2007  
69 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Charles Heim**

Date of Birth.....Nov. 22, 1941  
Appointed.....June 6, 1968  
Retired.....Jan. 6, 1990  
Died.....Feb. 23, 2007  
65 years of age



**Retired Officer  
William Cargill**

Date of Birth.....Nov. 15, 1947  
Appointed.....Oct. 2, 1969  
Retired.....May 5, 2000  
Died.....March 11, 2007  
59 years of age



**Retired Sergeant  
Leander Mattes**

Date of Birth.....Aug. 20, 1922  
Appointed.....July 3, 1948  
Retired.....May 18, 1979  
Died.....May 10, 2007  
84 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Clifford Booth**

Date of Birth.....Sept. 24, 1947  
Appointed.....Dec. 31, 1971  
Retired.....June 27, 1980  
Died.....June 1, 2007  
59 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Joseph Gause**

Date of Birth.....June 7, 1938  
Appointed.....April 1, 1963  
Retired.....April 7, 1990  
Died.....July 2, 2007  
69 years of age



**Retired Deputy Chief  
Leonard Strawderman**

Date of Birth.....June 16, 1921  
Appointed.....Aug. 1, 1950  
Retired.....May 8, 1993  
Died.....Aug. 24, 2007  
86 years of age



**Retired Sergeant  
Stephen McGowan Jr.**

Date of Birth.....July 28, 1914  
Appointed.....March 1, 1943  
Retired.....April 2, 1976  
Died.....Aug. 29, 2007  
93 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Robert T. Evans**

Date of Birth.....Feb. 11, 1936  
Appointed.....Oct. 8, 1959  
Retired.....Feb. 13, 1988  
Died.....Sept. 1, 2007  
71 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Gary Krueger**

Date of Birth.....Nov. 10, 1927  
Appointed.....Sept. 15, 1955  
Retired.....Aug. 22, 1992  
Died.....Sept. 7, 2007  
79 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Richard L. Hoover**

Date of Birth.....Aug. 18, 1932  
Appointed.....Oct. 8, 1959  
Retired.....July 18, 1975  
Died.....Dec. 20, 2007  
75 years of age



**Retired Sergeant  
Leo G. Hoffman**

Date of Birth.....July 15, 1935  
Appointed.....July 3, 1958  
Retired.....July 18, 1987  
Died.....Dec. 22, 2007  
72 years of age



**Retired Officer  
Jimmie L. Deal**

Date of Birth.....Sept. 3, 1943  
Appointed.....Sept. 8, 1966  
Retired.....June 20, 1992  
Died.....Dec. 24, 2007  
64 years of age

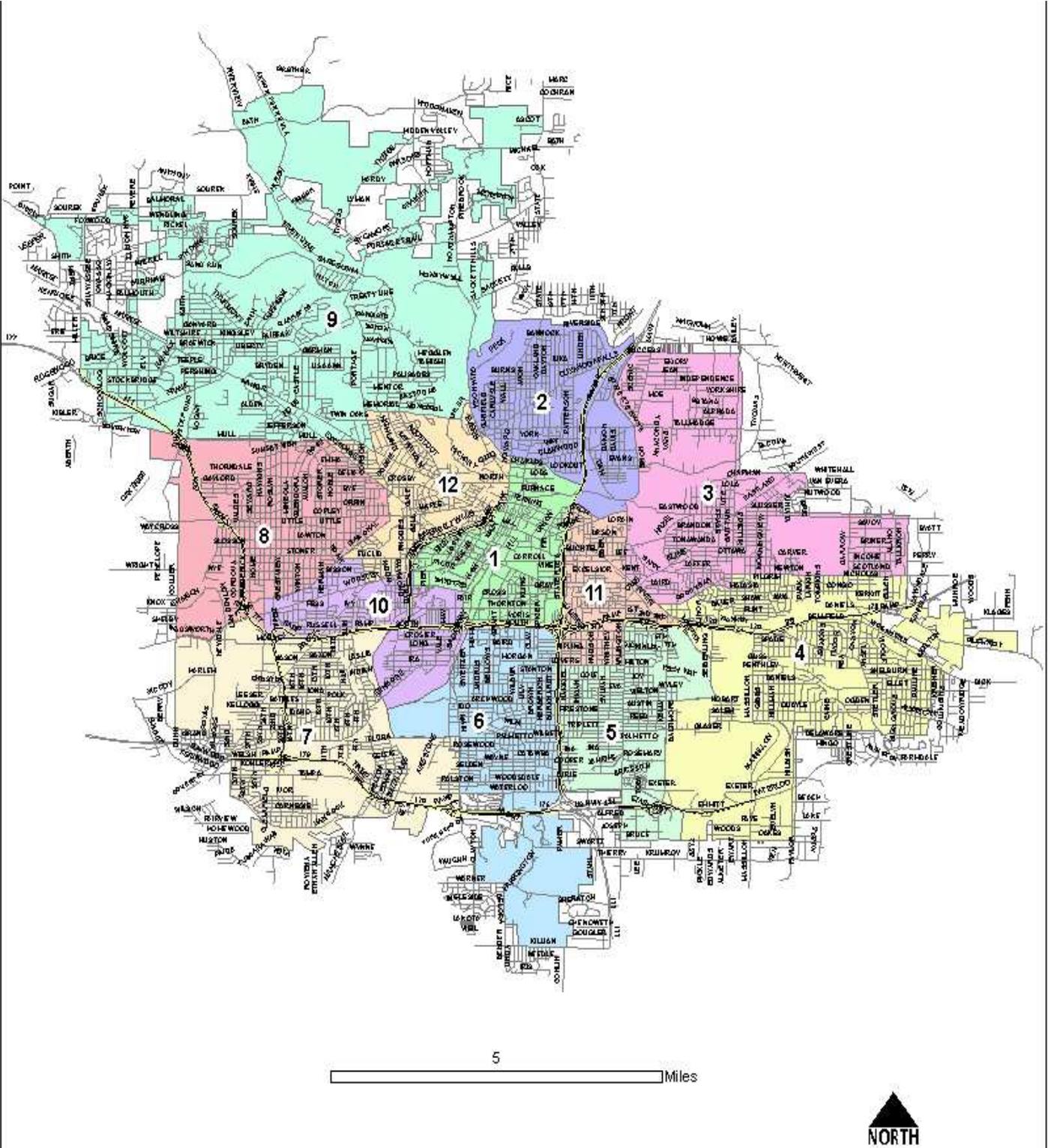


**Retired Officer  
Paul F. Looney**

Date of Birth.....Dec. 22, 1942  
Appointed.....May 25, 1967  
Retired.....April 21, 1995  
Died.....Dec. 31, 2007  
65 years of age

# 2007 STATISTICS

## AKRON POLICE DISTRICTS

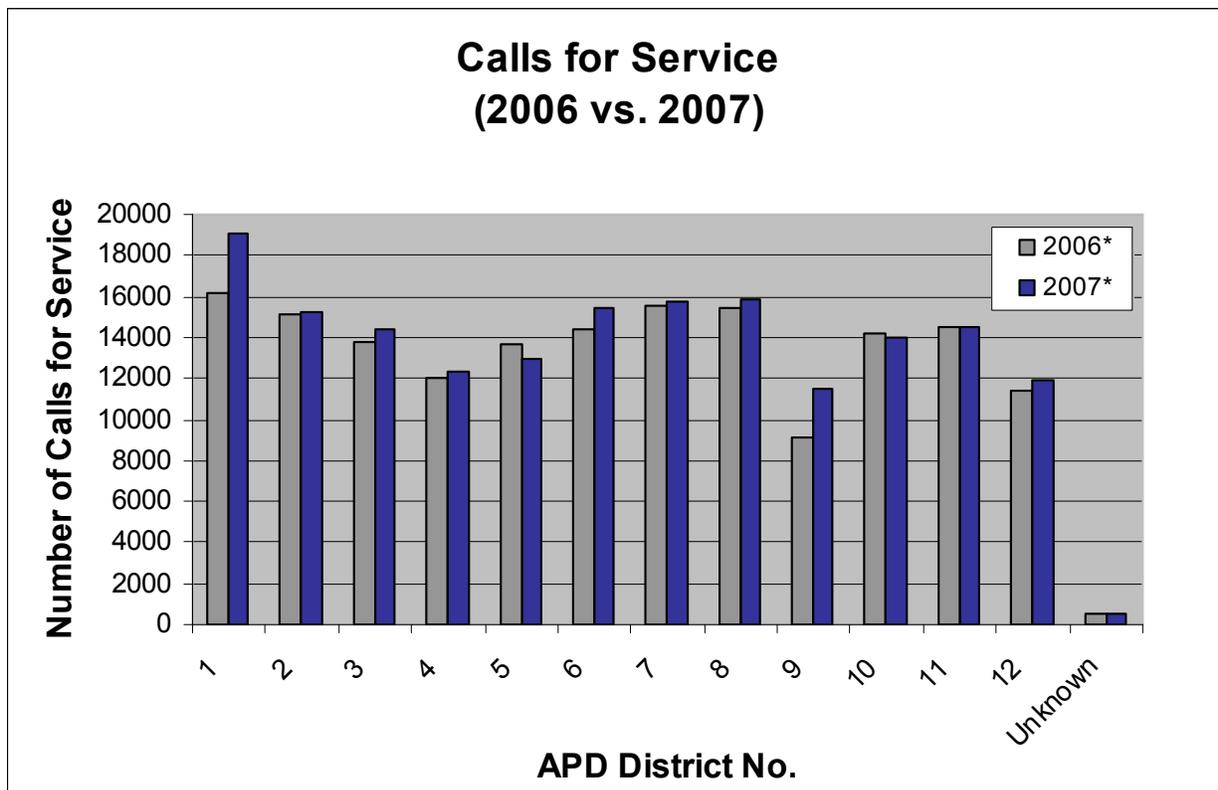


# 2007 Statistics

## 2007 Calls for Service

District No.	2006*	2007*	% Change
1	16211	19049	17.51%
2	15135	15272	0.91%
3	13780	14431	4.72%
4	12055	12358	2.51%
5	13701	12999	-5.12%
6	14428	15423	6.90%
7	15551	15783	1.49%
8	15427	15842	2.69%
9	9147	11492	25.64%
10	14203	14025	-1.25%
11	14457	14486	0.20%
12	11427	11894	4.09%
Unknown	547	503	-8.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>166069</b>	<b>173557</b>	<b>4.51%</b>

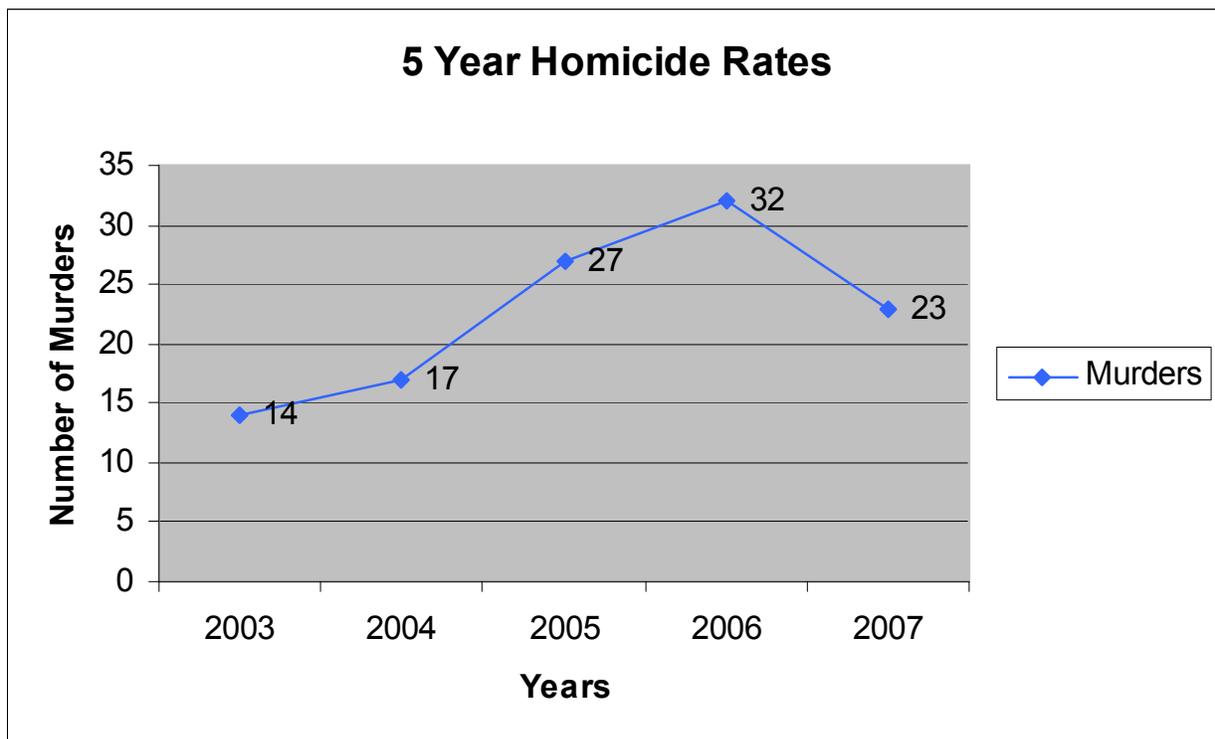
\*Only citizen generated Calls for Service were used to calculate the statistics for these years



# 2007 Crime Statistics

## Summary of Part 1 Committed Offenses for 2007 by District No.

NIBRS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Unk	Total
Aggravated Assault	34	40	31	15	37	39	46	56	15	45	49	37	10	454
Criminal Homicide	3	0	0	2	3	4	0	5	0	2	2	2	0	23
Forcible Rape	34	32	12	11	20	11	12	16	4	19	22	11	19	223
Robbery	73	51	62	39	67	50	49	79	37	49	61	50	9	676
Burglary	288	290	303	249	233	253	322	330	129	313	285	200	15	3210
Motor Vehicle Theft	127	138	157	160	198	189	202	210	105	181	156	122	7	1952
Arson	2	7	4	7	4	12	9	14	5	17	7	11	4	103
Total	561	558	569	483	562	558	640	710	295	626	582	433	64	6641



# 2007 Traffic Statistics

2007 Traffic Fatalities							
Date	Age	Gender	Safety Device Used?	Airbag	Alcohol	Type of Crash	Location of Crash
01/14/07	24	M	Unknown	No	Yes	Auto vs. Utility Pole	Tallmadge Ave. at Home Ave.
01/23/07	44	M	No	Yes	Yes	Auto vs. Tree	Stoner St. at St. Michaels
04/06/07	57	M	No	No	No	Auto vs. Utility Pole	690 S. Main St
05/25/07	50	M	No Helmet	N/A	Yes	Motorcycle vs. Curb	1809 Triplett Blvd.
05/26/07	25	M	No	Yes	No	Auto vs. Auto vs. Tree	Carey Ave. at 26th. St
06/06/07	27	M	No Helmet	N/A	Yes	Motorcycle vs. Wall	US224 at 27th. St Bridge
06/15/07	26	M	No	Unk	Yes	Auto vs. Concrete Wall	Brittain Rd. at I-76 Ramp
07/31/07	28	M	Helmet Worn	N/A	Yes	Motorcycle vs. Guardrail	SR 59 at Vernon Odom Blvd.
08/10/07	18	M	No	No	Yes	Auto vs. Guardrail	IR 76 at Allyn St
08/22/07	69	M	No	Yes	No	Auto vs. Utility Pole	S. Arlington St. at 2nd. Ave
08/30/07	33	M	N/A	N/A	Unk	Auto vs. Auto vs. Pedestrian	601 Schiller Ave
08/30/07	16	M	Helmet Worn	N/A	No	Motorcycle vs. Curb	2168 Romig Rd.
09/02/07	52	F	No Helmet	N/A	Yes	Motorcycle vs. Auto	IR 277 at Milepost 3
09/02/07	59	M	No Helmet	N/A	No	Motorcycle vs. Auto	IR 277 at Milepost 3
09/11/07	23	M	Unknown	No	Yes	Auto vs. Utility Pole	1155 Evans Ave
12/28/07	43	M	No	No	No	Auto vs. Parked Auto	SR18 at Pershing Ave.
<b>TOTAL - 16 Fatal Accidents</b>							



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# 2007 Annual Report



## 2007 Miscellaneous Information

Estimated Population	209,704
Estimated Population of Summit County	545,931
Area of Akron in Square Miles	62.4
Actual Strength-Sworn Personnel	472
Actual Strength-Civilian Personnel	108
Police Reserves	51
Adult School Crossing Posts	119
Adult School Crossing Guards	116

## 2007 Police Operating Expenditures

Employee Salary and Benefits	\$44,938,468
Total Operating and Maintenance	\$3,877,677
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,816,145</b>



## 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
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