

AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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MISSION

Our 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

Craig V. Gilbride, *Chief of Police*

On behalf of the men and women of the Akron Police Department, it is my pleasure to present to you our 2010 Annual Report.

The Akron Police Department has a proud past and a strong future. Generations of officers have been and are currently dedicated to serving the city of Akron. Whether an individual lives, works or is visiting our great city, it is a time honored tradition of the police force to ensure each and every individual's safety.

The diverse, skilled and highly-educated sworn and civilian personnel of the police department are committed to working with the citizens, business owners and local officials to make Akron even safer and more special for everyone. We are building on our past successes, improving our pro-active strategies and committed to our community partnerships.

A number of advances that were made in 2010 were directly related to communicating with the community. An Akron Police Department Facebook page was added in March. NIXEL, the social network notification service, was added in May. The first official YouTube video was made available in July. Access to information was available via Twitter in August. It was a public service announcement reference the use of 9-1-1. In December, the first monthly Block Watch Captains newsletter was sent via email to keep them informed of the department's involvement in community events, with local businesses and other agencies.

In keeping with a commitment to have positive interaction with the youth of today, several officers actively mentored in programs such as Prep Tech, Teen Enlightenment and K.N.A.F.F. as well as the department's Police Explorers Post #2001. Utilizing the training and guidance provided by their mentors, the explorers participated in the Ohio Council's Explorers competition. Not only did they place in the top three of 8 of the 9 events, but three Akron teams had overall 1st, 4th and 8th place wins.

Another initiative for the department was the ability for citizens to access incident reports via the department's website. This feature allows citizens the convenience of printing reports at home.

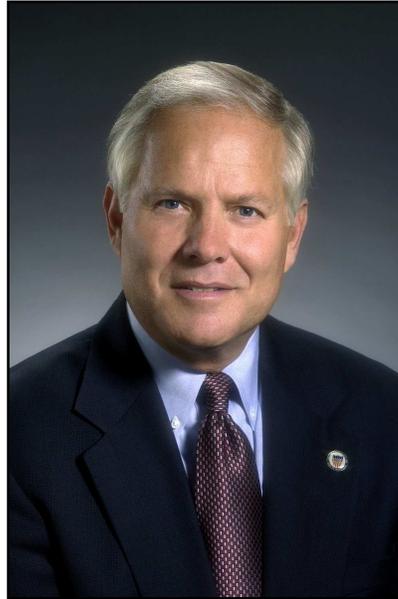
We are prepared to uphold the safety of the citizens of Akron whenever and wherever needed. We continue to face challenges head on with new technology, advanced training and employees dedicated to providing superior police services.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig V. Gilbride".

Craig V. Gilbride
Deputy Mayor, Public Safety/Chief of Police

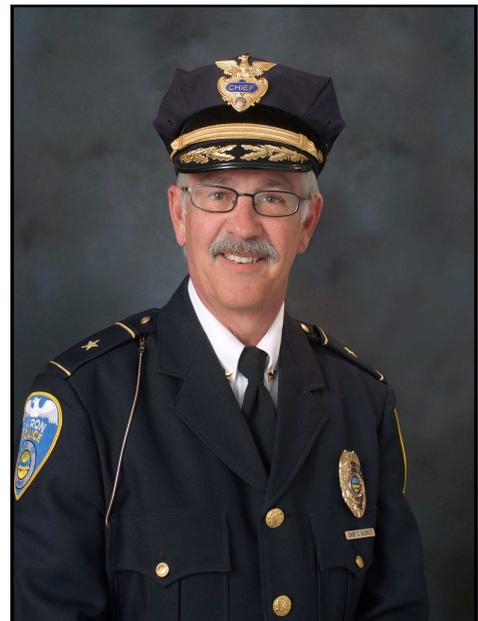




Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



Augustus Hall
Chief of Police
January 2010—November 2010



Craig Gilbride
Deputy Mayor, Public Safety/Chief of Police
November 2010—December 2010



*Retirement may be an ending, a closing,
but it is also a new beginning...*



Augustus “Gus” Hall was the fourteenth Chief of Police of the Akron Police Department. He advanced through the ranks, having worked in the Investigative, Services and Uniform Sub-Divisions either as an officer and/or as a supervisor.

Before being appointed as Chief of Police, Chief Hall had served as the Deputy Chief of the Uniform Sub-Division since March 2009. Prior to that, he was the Services Sub-Division Commander between July 1997 and March 2009.

Chief Hall was appointed to the Akron Police Department December 23, 1980. His promotional dates were: Sergeant - February 18, 1986; Lieutenant – June 23, 1992; Captain – June 19, 1997; Deputy Chief - August 2, 2000; and Chief – November 30, 2009.

Chief Hall retired with 29 years and 11 months of service to the City of Akron. His expertise, commitment and dedication to his profession enabled a safe and pleasant experience for those who work, live and visit the City of Akron.



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

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Office of Professional Standards and Accountability:

The Office of Professional Standards and Accountability conducted 15 investigations with the following conclusions: two were exonerated, three were unfounded and ten others resulted in discipline for 18 officers ranging from written reprimands to resignation/criminal convictions.

The Unit continued to review use of force and complaint investigations and make recommendations for improvement where relevant.

Police Information Officer (PIO):

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

The PIO worked closely with other police agencies, task forces and the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office to coordinate news conferences and the release of public information. In addition, the PIO served as the police department's liaison for the Child and Family Leadership Exchange, is a member of the National Information Officer Organization, The Police Executive Leadership College and supervises the Hostage Negotiations Team. The PIO also assisted with the training of new Communications Technicians and handled numerous public record requests for the department.



UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION

The Uniform Sub-Division 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.

THE UNIFORM SUB-DIVISION

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Community Relations:

In 2010, Community Relations hosted approximately 1,000 visitors to the museum and gave numerous presentations with over 200 public appearances. The Unit also conducted 40 home and business security checks.

Community Relations initiated a partnership with University of Akron Professor, Dr. Hauser, to study how to better brand and highlight the department. A Facebook fan page was started, NIXLE was launched and the department's Administration was educated on its use and advantages. Numerous e-alert emails were also sent warning of bank robberies and attempted child abductions.

A Communications Center public service announcement was produced through a partnership with the Knight Foundation to raise awareness of the proper procedures for calling 9-1-1.

The Do The Right Thing program was again overseen by a member of Community Relations. Personnel also hosted two blood drives in cooperation with the American Red Cross and continued the partnership with the University of Akron to improve safety in the area south of campus.

Community Relations personnel ran the security checkpoint at City Council committee and regular meetings six out of eight meetings per month. They also attended the City Council Ward meetings that are held throughout the city, by the council members, for a total of 110 City Council meetings.

The police department currently has 250 active block watch groups in the Akron area. Not all of them meet on a regular basis but most still meet at least four times per year. Community Relations personnel attended approximately 1,200 block watch meetings in 2010. A block watch captains training session was held and an email newsletter was also started.

Other accomplishments included:

- Assisted with the homeless tent city eviction
- Continued to investigate repeat call locations
- Conducted five pre-employment background investigations for the Communications Center
- Hosted two student interns
- Organized another successful Russ Long Golf Outing



- Assisted the City Housing Department with security on several housing complaints with uncooperative residents
- Participated in the Shop with a Cop program
- Participated in several community events: Community Health Symposium, Baby Fair, Child and Family Awareness Month Award ceremony
- Assisted the City of Kent and Kent State University Police Departments in starting Community Oriented Policing programs

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

In 2010, C.O.P.S. Officers participated in the following activities:

- K.N.A.F.F./Victim's Assistance Youth picnic
- K.N.A.F.F./Hillwood II Teen Enlightenment Program
- "First Tee" urban youth golf program
- "You and the Law" educational classroom presentations
- Neighbors mediation support and blockwatch development
- Safety presentations at public and private schools
- City of Joy Community Safety Seminar
- Small Smiles Community Health and Safety Fair
- Akron Urban League board
- Community Action Council's Head Start Program board
- Juvenile Diversion/Victim Impact Panel board
- Good Samaritan newsletter started to promote a good neighbor policy

Gang Unit:

The Gang Unit obtained gang convictions on 14 gang members from five different criminal gangs under the state law *Participating in a Criminal Gang*. As of December 31, 2010, there were 157 total gang convictions since this law was enacted on January 1, 1999.

The Unit is still number one in the state for proactive enforcement of Ohio Gang Laws and gained state notoriety by being asked to help develop, implement and teach a "Gang Specialist" certification course with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy and the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Members of the Gang Unit taught several classes throughout the state in 2010. Over 22 gang presentations were conducted for professional organizations and community groups.

Gang Unit seizures for 2010 include: Over \$2,000, 129 grams of marijuana, nine grams of crack cocaine and 17 firearms - including two assault weapons.



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

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

Reserve Officers:

Reserve Officers are an important part of the Akron Police Department. They provide a number of volunteer services for the police department to help supplement the department in day-to-day operations.

They volunteer in all areas of the department from the Training Bureau to Communications to the Patrol shifts. They also donate their time by working special events throughout the city, such as parades and the Akron Roadrunner Marathon.

The Reserve Officers provided a total of 10,525 hours of service in 2010: 231 hours of service in the Investigative Sub-Division; 1,203 hours of service in the Services Sub-Division; and 9,091 hours in the Uniform Sub-Division.





Patrol Bureau:

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

The Patrol Bureau consists of five platoons or shifts. Many of the officers are members of specialized units such as SWAT, CIT (Crisis Intervention Team), Hostage Negotiations and Honor Guard. The Patrol Bureau shifts patrol the city of Akron 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Platoon 1:

Platoon 1 officers work 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Officers on this shift answered over 47,000 calls for service during 2010 and were first responders to hundreds of serious assaults, more than a thousand felony property crimes and ten homicides.

Platoon 1 personnel worked cooperatively with Platoon 4 to mitigate the problems that are common with bar closing hours which take place during the shift. Directed patrol and traffic intervention were key components to these efforts.

Platoon 2:

Platoon 2, the 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. shift, arrested 269 people on felony warrants for charges ranging from murder to domestic violence in 2010. In response to burglary calls, primarily in District 3, officers arrested 16 juveniles who were linked to a ring of youthful offenders and led to the recovery of stolen property.

Other arrests include:

- The apprehension of a juvenile repeat offender and the recovery of a stolen handgun.
- The apprehension of a male who robbed a Fifth Third Bank.
- A two-month long investigation into a felonious assault resulting in the arrest of five known gang members who had been intimidating and threatening citizens.
- The apprehension of a suspect and the gun he attempted to dispose of after an officer stopped to talk to him.

Officers and sergeants assisted the railway companies, as well as area businesses and residents, with the problems associated with the homeless population north of downtown known as Tent City. They also worked with a railway company on restricting juveniles' access to railroad tracks near a high school to enhance the safety of all concerned.

Platoon 2 officers compassionately handled an incident involving a live animal that had been set on fire in a cemetery. Officers on this shift also assisted the Stow Police Department during a chase with a dump truck in December 2010 by preventing other drivers from getting in harm's way and making the apprehension in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Platoon 3:

Platoon 3 officers work 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Personnel on this shift improved relations between officers of all ranks, city administration and citizens in the community through attendance at numerous ward and city council meetings as well as blockwatch meetings and other special meetings with the community.

Officers and supervisors conducted numerous special details/directed patrols to address problem areas/citizen and council concerns throughout the city. They also engaged in positive interactions with the community through attendance at special programs/ceremonies, such as the PeaceMakers' Expo, National Night Out Against Crime and RadKids Pilot Project.

Platoon 3 made numerous arrests throughout the year. Two notable arrests include:

- A 29 year old male was charged with Trafficking Drugs after two pounds of marijuana were found in the trunk of his vehicle.
- Three suspects were arrested in a stolen vehicle. Recovered from the vehicle were \$1,500, 111 grams of cocaine, 44.6 grams of heroin, 91 grams of marijuana, nine grams of crack, 86 Ecstasy pills and a loaded .38 Taurus.

Platoon 4:

Platoon 4, the 7:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. shift, responded to 33,914 calls for service and took 11,207 AOIBRS reports in 2010.

During Platoon 4 shift hours, 20 methamphetamine labs were located and shut down, with an additional three methamphetamine lab dump sites being cleaned up. Also, officers patrolling in the North Hill area broke up two separate burglary rings during the year.

Platoon 4 officers saved the life of a man sleeping as his apartment burned when they forced entry, escorted him to safety and put out the fire, preventing further property damage or injury to adjacent apartments.

Platoon 5:

Platoon 5 officers work 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Officers on this shift were actively involved in the Lakeshore Boulevard grant, which is an ongoing initiative to reduce crime, address vacant properties, and improve the quality of life in the Summit Lake neighborhood. Officers collaborated with the Planning, Research and Development Office, Akron Health Department, Akron Planning and Urban Development, Summit County Fiscal Office and Akron Fire Department.

Officers and supervisors investigated numerous methamphetamine complaints that directly led to 14 labs being dismantled and individuals being charged with various drug-related offenses.

The Platoon also worked with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the police department's Vice and Gang Units performing targeted "hot spot" enforcement. During a four-day initiative in May, officers stopped 550 cars, issued 127 citations and made 28 DUI arrests. In addition, several individuals were arrested for drug offenses and weapons violations.

Officers and supervisors also participated on numerous advisory committees, boards and commissions which include: State of Ohio CIT Coordinators, Summit County Mental Health Steering Committee, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives, Northeast Ohio Police Work Dog Association, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, Access, Victim Assistance, Habitat for Humanity, Greenleaf Family Services, Grandparents Against Sexual Predators, Summit County Safety Forces Chaplaincy Center and the Ohio Organized Crime Task Force.



Traffic Bureau:

2010 Traffic Bureau Statistics

Accident Reports: 2,462
 Accident Violations: 1,642
 Arrests: 340
 Calls for Service: 10,010
 Criminal Reports: 139
 DUI Arrests by Traffic Officers: 156
 DUI's Processed by Traffic Personnel: 157
 Equipment Violations: 149
 Moving Violations: 662
 Other Reports: 828
 Parking Tickets: 1,003
 Special Details: 371
 Tows: 1,369



Camera Ticket Enforcement:

The City of Akron, through American Traffic Solutions, deploys four mobile radar cameras in Akron school zones. In 2010, more than 9,000 citations generated by the mobile school zone speed cameras in Akron were reviewed.

Hit-Skip Unit:

Two officers are assigned to the Hit-Skip Unit. In 2010, 1,691 hit-skip accidents were reported to the Akron Police Department. The Unit successfully solved 516 of the reported hit-skips.

Motorcycle Unit:

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed on a part time basis by two sergeants and ten officers. The Unit participated in numerous traffic enforcement details, special events and funeral escorts for fallen military personnel.

Push Truck/Junk Vehicle Tows:

One officer is assigned to the push truck. In 2010, 133 vehicles were towed from owners who failed to follow the City's order to comply. The officer installed 108 clubs on vehicle steering wheels after the vehicles were ordered to be immobilized by the court system and transported 220 found or stolen bicycles to the City of Akron's bicycle impound.

School Patrol Unit:

One Traffic sergeant supervises the school adult crossing guard program. He supervises 132 crossing guards.

Third Grade Safety Belt Education Program:

The Third Grade Safety Belt Program is designed to educate students on the importance of seat belt usage and the potential dangers of front seat air bags to children. The program was presented to more than 1,000 Akron third grade students from public, parochial and charter students during 2010.

Traffic Bureau Desk Personnel:

One civilian employee is assigned to the Traffic Bureau Desk. This employee received 769 traffic related complaints in 2010. In addition, she assisted in booking 143 defendants for active traffic warrants.

Traffic Enforcement Accident Reconstruction Unit:

The Traffic Enforcement Accident Reconstruction Unit consists of one sergeant and one officer. In 2010, they investigated 13 fatal vehicle crashes and 21 serious injury or felony crashes.

Vehicle Disposal Unit:

The Vehicle Disposal Unit is comprised of one civilian employee who initiates paperwork to dispose of vehicles towed by seven tow companies that are authorized by the City of Akron to carry out police tows. In 2010, 6,838 vehicles were disposed.

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 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Crime Scene Unit (CSU):

The Crime Scene Unit has made strides towards going paperless. Instead of filing paper reports in a manila file, all reports are now stored in electronic case files. This saves paper, copy ink and storage space.

Most CSU detectives have completed the required training and thus have met the criteria and attained the status of Master Evidence Technician through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. They have also completed the additional training for all CSU detectives as required by the police department.

As in previous years, the processing performed at crime scenes has been instrumental in solving many crimes. For example, fingerprints collected at scenes were very instrumental in solving many burglaries and breaking and entering.



Computer Forensics Unit:

The Computer Forensics Unit was upgraded with state of the art computer processing and analyzing equipment. This equipment allows for faster processing and analyzing of newer and larger capacity hard drives.

The detective assigned to this unit has completed ten computer forensics courses with more to follow. These courses allow for more proficiency and professionalism as a computer forensics examiner.

Crimes Against Persons:

The Crimes Against Persons and two major crimes units maintained a 100% conviction rate and lengthy sentences for all homicides and other violent crimes investigated.

Some of the notable cases involved the following offenders:

- Johnnie Cook was sentenced to life without parole for beating to death a mother and son.
- Jerron Johnson was sentenced to life in prison for a rape/murder and two other rapes.
- Julian DeBruce was sentenced to 25 years in prison for kidnapping and rape.
- Xzavier Penwell was sentenced to life in prison and DeAnthony Smith was sentenced to 21 years to life for a murder they committed together.

Efrem Johnson was arrested and convicted for the murder of an army soldier on leave from a tour of duty in Iraq. The victim was shot in the chest at close range with a shotgun in the University of Akron area. All three shifts participated in this investigation, especially the sergeant on the midnight shift, whose diligence and effort led to the recovery of the murder weapon and an extensive record search that documented Johnson’s whereabouts during the time before the murder. Johnson pled guilty and was sentenced to 26 years to life.

Another multi-shift investigation involved the arrest of Devon Owens for the aggravated burglary, rape and brutal murder of a 73 year-old female. Outstanding efforts came from an afternoon shift detective involving his composite drawing of the suspect and the midnight lieutenant and sergeant’s interrogation of Owens upon his arrest. Owens was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after his February 2011 trial.

The midnight shift supervisors and detectives continued to pursue the Master Criminal Investigator Certification through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

One dayshift detective conducted several sexual assault investigation training sessions around the state of Ohio as a part of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) sponsored by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. She is regarded as one of the best and most experienced sexual assault investigators throughout the state.



Crimes Against Property:

Burglary Unit:

The Burglary Unit received nearly 4,300 reports of burglary and breaking and entering in 2010. This was an increase of approximately 14 percent over the previous year. One third of the cases were assigned for follow-up. The Unit also received over 8,500 reports of theft, vandalism, criminal damaging or arson.

In addition to the many property crimes investigated, several unit members provided assistance throughout the year to the Crimes Against Persons/major crimes units with the investigations of homicides and robberies.

Burglary detectives worked a joint investigation with several area agencies which led to the arrests of several members of a criminal gang. This group had evolved from committing neighborhood burglaries in the North Hill area into an organized serial burglary ring operating throughout the county. Four suspects have been arrested thus far on burglary charges with the longest sentence to date being ten years.

The Burglary Unit also worked with the Auto Theft Unit and other area police departments to solve 14 multi-jurisdictional breaking and entering cases in which ATMs were stolen. Two individuals were arrested and indicted on 64 felony counts each.



Financial Crimes:

Financial Crimes arrested Deborah Crain on Grand Theft charges after she stole \$110,891 from her employer. The crime had occurred over several years before being discovered when she was asked for documentation of purchases and presented altered spreadsheets.

The Unit also assisted with a multi-jurisdictional investigation which led to the arrest of Michael Bukuts, part owner of a dry-cleaning business, after he used his customers’ credit card information to defraud them and other creditors of \$125,000.

Another multi-jurisdictional investigation led to the arrest of Michael Johnson for Theft by Deception after it was discovered he was sending false billing invoices to dozens of churches throughout the county. The total amount of theft was \$800 and attempted theft was over \$5,000.

Financial Crimes also investigated and arrested John Starner after he stole over \$42,000 while serving as the manager for a condominium association. It was discovered he had taken the money after an audit was conducted upon him leaving the association’s employment abruptly.



Pawn Detail:

The Pawn Detail has continued to work in cooperation with Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to improve case analysis submissions. An increased number of cases related to property crimes were submitted to BCI&I resulting in numerous burglaries and breaking and entries being solved as a result of DNA analysis.

The Unit has worked closely with the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau to improve the tracing and follow-up investigations related to seized and recovered stolen firearms. The number of seized firearms that are found to be stolen has increased significantly. In addition, all ATF trace information is now entered into the EFP system (Evidence and Found Property System) in order to enhance the availability of that information. The number of firearms seized in 2010 decreased to 516 from 565 in 2009.

The implementation of an e-mail distribution system for disseminating weekly pawn lists to other area law enforcement agencies has been very successful. The list has grown significantly and resulted in several instances of suspects being identified by other jurisdictions. Because of the number of gold-buying businesses that have opened recently, the number of entries in the Pawn Database exceeded 53,000 in 2010. The Unit has also taken initiative to combat the problem of metal thefts by instituting a Prohibited Transactions list in which known scrap offenders are prohibited from selling scrap metal to salvage businesses in the city.

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.

Juvenile, Auto Theft and Missing Persons:

Juvenile Unit:

The Juvenile Unit investigated the sudden death of 15 juveniles, two of which were ruled homicides. All of the deaths were reviewed by the Child Fatality Review Board to determine which deaths could have been prevented. The data is then used to establish local prevention programs and training.

John Jones was arrested for the shaken baby death of his infant twin daughter. The case involved several courts due to the suspect being 17 years old at the time of the incident, the mother having sole custody and the removal of life support from the victim.

Michael Winland and Stephanie Murphy each received 50 years in prison for raping and videotaping four victims under the age of ten. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the distribution of the home videos that they made of the victims.

Other notable convictions were:

- Medford Stewart received 50 years in prison for raping a seven year-old victim.
- Jackie Butler received 25 years in prison for raping multiple victims under 13.
- David Porter received 25 to life for raping a ten year-old and a five year-old multiple times.

The Unit also worked with the Crime Scene Unit's Computer Forensic detective in investigating referrals from the Internet Crimes Against Children task force.

Auto Theft:

David Frankowski was arrested for the theft of over 200 hubcaps from Akron and surrounding communities.

Matthew Bruner and Darris Brazil were arrested for stealing cars and using them to steal ATM machines from area business. The Auto Theft Unit worked with the Burglary Unit and other area law enforcement agencies on this investigation.

Missing Persons:

The Missing Persons Unit investigated 1,205 missing persons in 2010. The two detectives assigned to the unit continued to work with local, state and national missing person's organizations. This included investigations where the juvenile was removed from the country.

Juvenile Diversion:

The Juvenile Diversion Unit admitted 631 juveniles into the program last year. This program provided the juveniles an opportunity to fulfill community service instead of being incarcerated. The program is based on individual accountability.

Narcotics Unit:

The Narcotics Unit continues to tackle the manufacturing, distribution and use of illegal narcotics in the city of Akron. This is done through various means such as controlled buys and package interdiction.

The Unit opened 207 new investigations, arrested 70 offenders and initiated 56 search warrants in 2010. Nine controlled deliveries were made, 120 controlled buys were conducted and nine package interdictions were carried out. Six indoor grows and 37 methamphetamine laboratories were discovered and dismantled.

Supervisors and detectives in the Unit seized the following narcotics: 350 grams of crack cocaine; 2,900 grams of powder cocaine; 291 bags, or 746 grams, of heroin; 1,387 pounds, or 488 plants, of marijuana; four grams of methamphetamine; 126 doses of Oxycontin; and 1,562 Ecstasy pills. They also seized five vehicles, 35 guns and \$129,656.

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

The Street Narcotics Uniformed Detail developed a number of investigative cases that led to numerous felony arrests and drug seizures. Many of the complaints that were received were from sources such as: the Drug Tip Hotline, informant sources, City Council complaints, neighborhood block watch groups, landlords of rental properties and citizen calls. A lot of these complaints were checked out and found to be a party house for drug users or used for occasional drug sales by users to feed their habit, but none the less annoying to the neighborhood residents.



S.N.U.D. made 561 adult arrests on 508 felony and 391 misdemeanor charges. In addition, these suspects were arrested on 33 felony and 216 misdemeanor warrants. Thirty-two juveniles were arrested on 18 felony and 28 misdemeanor charges and five felony warrants.

The Unit recovered/seized the following:

- 634.3 grams of crack cocaine (approximately 3,082 individual rocks)
- 1,596.2 grams of powdered cocaine
- 4.0 grams of counterfeit crack cocaine (approximately 20 individual rocks)
- 31,789.1 grams of marijuana & 14 marijuana plants
- 143 ecstasy pills
- 5.2 grams of methamphetamines
- 311.50 grams of heroin
- 41 Oxycontin pills
- 43 drug scales & 4 beakers
- 30 criminal tools
- 8 automobiles
- 51 handguns, 3 assault weapons, 4 shotguns & 7 rifles
- \$110,667.80

S.N.U.D. also closed down five methamphetamine labs. The Unit executed 58 search warrants and assisted with eight search warrants for other units. Unit supervisors and detectives also assisted other units and agencies a total of 113 times, sent out several abatement letters and had 20 children taken by Children Services and Rule 6 enforced.

Vice:

In 2010, Vice made 255 misdemeanor and nine felony arrests. The Unit also investigated/processed 74 liquor permits.

Eighteen bars (permit premises) in Akron were jointly cited by Vice and the State of Ohio Division of Public Safety on a variety of violations.

The Unit worked with the Springfield Police Department on several gaming cases and assisted with search warrants.

Supervisors and detectives worked jointly with the Tallmadge Police Department to close a nuisance bar, Club XTC, that was on the border of Akron and Tallmadge.

Vice collaborated with the Copley Police Department on problems they had with prostitutes using Copley hotels.

Members of the Unit also testified before Summit County Council and assisted in the crafting of the Summit County ordinance regulating gaming parlors.

SERVICES SUB-DIVISION

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

THE SERVICES SUB-DIVISION 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Benefits Officer:

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

There are several important tasks assigned to the Benefits Officer. These duties include but are not limited to: assisting members with healthcare problems, changing dependent status for healthcare and life insurances 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 Fireman'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 pension's "DROP" program.

Information Systems:

Information Systems experienced another stellar year. The staff partnered with Cisco to further develop the Akron Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (AOIBRS) application. Working with Cisco, an application was developed that allows online research of the police department's incident reports. The internet portal is available via the Akron Police website.

Using grant funding, more data was provided to the officers in their cruisers. The purchase of 80 Sierra wireless MP890 units, 80 AT&T cellular SIM cards and the corresponding NetMotion software allows for quicker and seamless communication between networks, servers and the cruisers. This also allows for the development of more robust applications in the cruisers.

T-Crash, the traffic crash module of AOIBRS, was introduced to the police department in 2010. This application allows the department to curtail its use of vendor-produced software. The development of in-house applications further decreases the expenditure of City funds and allows Information Systems' programmers to make the changes necessary to the applications at a swifter pace and to tailor applications to specific needs.

The staff worked with BCG, a local company, to develop the Akron Fire Incident Reporting System (AFIRS) that went live in 2010. AFIRS is based on the coding developed for AOIBRS. The development of AFIRS also further decreased the City of Akron's dependence on vendor developed/owned applications and hence the funds spent on annual fees or licenses.





As the canal towpath became a major attraction in Akron, it became evident some type of geographic identifiers for the towpath would have to be entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Information Systems developed an ingenious coding system using the AVL map data and towpath trail markers. Prior to this development, there was no corresponding information to direct responding safety forces to a caller to render assistance when requested on the towpath. Without having some type of geographic reference points entered, problems might have arisen especially when dealing with citizens who were not familiar with the area the towpath traverses. With the application now in place, incidents on the towpath can be located using the GIS data in CAD.

Planning, Research and Development:

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

2010 'Active' Grants

2007 Federal JAG—closed in September 2010
2008 Federal JAG
2009 Federal JAG
2009 Federal 'Stimulus' JAG
2009 Federal 'Stimulus' CHRP
2009 OCJS 'Stimulus' JAG
2009 OCJS JAG
2009 OCJS PSN, Summit Lake Hot Spot Grant
2009 OCJS JAG, Prescription Drug Grant
2009 JABG
2009 COPS Methamphetamine Grant
2009-2010 Ohio Department of Public Safety,
High Visibility Enforcement OT grant—closed
2010-2011 Ohio Department of Public Safety,
High Visibility Enforcement OT grant
2010 Federal JAG
2010 JABG—awarded
2010 OCJS JAG*, Special Solicitation for
Law Enforcement—police cruiser grant
*application still pending
FY 2011 Summit County Juvenile Court grant

Crime Analysis:

Crime Analysis is comprised of three civilian employees – two are City of Akron employees and the other is employed through a contract with Oriana House.

Crime Analysis assisted the Vice Unit in the prosecution of multiple prostitutes by completing multiple link and phone analysis charts to document associations. Research was also done on various websites and social networking sites to aid in the investigation.

The Unit completed a link analysis chart documenting gang member associations for the Gang Unit. The chart was presented in court cases and resulted in multiple convictions.

Crime Analysis continued to work on the Summit Lake project. Overall, crime has dropped 12% in the area. Breaking and entering incidents have experienced a 62% decrease. The effort has also had 81 houses successfully torn down. The employees attended CPTED training which allowed them to attain new skills that were immediately implemented in the Summit Lake area.

The Unit assisted Community Relations and C.O.P.S. with daytime juvenile curfew sweeps from March through May of 2010. Crime data from multiple sources was collated in order to drive enforcement. Various lists of offenders were maintained and the top 25 most wanted offenders list was updated as needed.

Crime Analysis worked on the rock throwing incidents that occurred Kenmore leg of the expressway. From mid May until August, there were a number of rock related criminal damaging incidents. By working with officers, the incidents finally came to a stop once officers made contact with a couple of the suspects.

Project Clean Sweep was conducted during the fall semester at the University of Akron. The goals included bringing together a multitude of resources and City entities to develop solutions to area problems such as increases in crime and health code violations. Crime Analysis provided invaluable statistics to all the departments that were involved in the project.

Auto Theft and Property Crimes began an investigation on stolen and recovered vehicles used in ATM thefts and breaking and entering incidents throughout Akron, Summit County and surrounding counties. Crime Analysis provided GPS mapping, charts, reports and maps in the investigation. Although the subjects have been arrested, Crime Analysis continues to provide assistance with the on-going case.

Crime Analysis gave a presentation to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) on crimes in the city of Akron. Part I Crimes and Drug Offense statistics were used to show areas of concentration - how some districts compared to others when it came to the top three crime types in the city.

Record Room:

In 2010, the Record Room continued to cooperate in the development of modules for the Akron Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (AOIBRS) with the Traffic Crash (T-Crash) module. The staff worked with Information Systems on the Records Management (RMS) portion of the module to ensure its ability to function properly.

Record Room personnel processed nearly 45,000 incident and crash reports in 2010. Although nearly all of the department's incident reports are completed electronically, the reports still have to be validated to ensure they meet State of Ohio standards. The staff performs the steps necessary to validate each report. Once each report is validated, it is then ready for submission for annual crime reports.

The Record Room also processed nearly an identical 45,000 incidents of citizen contact whether the request for reports was over the telephone, e-mail, fax or via mail.

Degradation in some of the microfilm used to store the department's records has been occurring. Research in a digital platform to replace the microfilm or even allowing an outside vendor to host the data were two of the solutions that were found to solve this problem. These options are currently still being discussed in the hopes of finding an inter-agency solution.



Training Bureau:

The Training Bureau sergeant and staff members worked with the Akron Public Schools to introduce the ALICE program. ALICE is an acronym for an action-oriented survival program designed to teach students and staff what to do during an active shooter incident at their school. It builds upon the lockdown procedure by adding response options such as fleeing or fighting back. ALICE training was completed for Hyre Middle School and Ellet High School.

The annual low light, duty pistol, shotgun and rifle firearms qualifications and training were conducted. A CPR update/refresher course for all officers was also completed, while Training Bureau staff replaced scheduled maintenance parts in all GLOCK duty pistols.

The Training staff coordinated online training (eOPOTA) for all officers to meet the State of Ohio's Continuing Professional Training requirement. The topic of the training was Awareness of Human Trafficking.

The Training Bureau staff hosted a training session for Akron City Council. The day started with a meeting and open exchange of ideas between City Council and the Chief of Police and several of the department's Captains. Council members took part in training on various topics including defensive tactics, search and seizure issues, crisis intervention, electronic control device and firearms. They also took part in actual hands-on handgun shooting exercises and demonstrated a desire to learn with live fire practice.

Two one-day Justice Day training sessions were conducted with the Leadership Akron program. The Training Bureau also hosted an ammunition/ballistics evaluation that several other departments were invited to attend.

Two Training officers conducted patrol bicycle training in downtown Akron in 2010.



The Training Bureau assisted the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the City of East Cleveland Police Department in researching and developing in-service training for their agencies reference firearms. The topics included open carry, officer responsibilities and actions during such calls for service.



A state and local law enforcement training symposium was hosted in downtown Akron by the Training Bureau, the University of Akron Police, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission. It was held at the University of Akron Quaker Square Hilton Hotel. Approximately 200 officers from Ohio and 12 other states trained together in several topics. Opening remarks were delivered by Mayor Donald Plusquellic, Akron Police Chief Augustus Hall, University of Akron Police Chief Paul Callahan, and Summit County Sheriff Drew Alexander. The session was deemed a huge success by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the officers alike.

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION

THE COMMUNICATIONS SUB-DIVISION 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

In 2010, Safety Communications Center, also known as the Combined Communications Center (3C), handled 248,197 Computer Aided Data (CAD) incidents. These incidents include both citizen and officer/firefighter generated calls for service. C3 answered 174,520 9-1-1 calls. Non 9-1-1 calls answered were 142,606 for Police and 9,648 for Fire. The total number of telephone calls answered was 326,774.

Having in-house applications developed for the Safety Communications Center is valuable because it saves the Communications Technicians time in emergencies. This is important as C3 struggles to maintain adequate staffing like many other centers across the country.

The original Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) equipment was replaced in the Center this year. The old equipment was out of warranty and being unsupported when it failed, which had become more frequent, and was increasingly more expensive. Due to the advancement in technology, the new equipment decreased in size and number. Two smaller units now serve and provide protection to the center. This was formerly provided by three larger, noisier and less efficient machines.



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



Retirements



**Officer
Donnie Whitworth**
Appointed: January 2, 1972
Retired: March 31, 2010
38 years, 2 months of service



**Officer
David Ferrell**
Appointed: September 8, 1975
Retired: March 31, 2010
34 years, 6 months of service



**Officer
Stanley Smith**
Appointed: December 23, 1980
Retired: March 31, 2010
29 years, 3 months of service



**Officer
Robert Falconer II**
Appointed: July 1, 1986
Retired: May 15, 2010
23 years, 10 months of service



**Officer
Robert Bennett**
Appointed: December 31, 1971
Retired: May 31, 2010
38 years, 2 months of service



**Officer
Richard Stammitti**
Appointed: September 12, 1977
Retired: August 31, 2010
32 years, 11 months of service



**Officer
Benny Urdiales**
Appointed: September 8, 1975
Retired: October 31, 2010
35 years, 1 month of service



**Chief (Provisional)
Augustus Hall**
Appointed: December 23, 1980
Retired: November 30, 2010
29 years, 11 months of service



**Officer
Robert Swain**
Appointed: September 12, 1977
Retired: November 30, 2010
32 years, 11 months of service



**Officer
Joseph Urbank**
Appointed: May 8, 1989
Retired: December 5, 2010
21 years, 7 months of service



**Officer
Arthur Hill**
Appointed: September 12, 1977
Retired: December 31, 2010
33 years, 3 months of service



**Officer
James Lambert**
Appointed: September 12, 1977
Retired: December 31, 2010
33 years, 3 months of service



**Officer
James Casanova**
Appointed: December 23, 1980
Retired: December 31, 2010
35 years, 4 months of service



To Commemorate



**Retired Officer
Horace G. Phillips, Jr.**
Date of Birth: September, 18, 1923
Appointed: September 1, 1948
Resigned: July 29, 1966
Reinstated: January 30, 1967
Retired: April 2, 1976
Died: February 15, 2010
86 Years of Age



**Retired Sergeant
Nick Tindell**
Date of Birth: September 3, 1926
Appointed: August 20, 1953
Retired: April 4, 1980
Died: March 28, 2010
83 Years of Age



**Retired Officer
Richard L. Ledbetter**
Date of Birth: September 14, 1946
Appointed: December 31, 1970
Retired: August 30, 1991
Died: April 3, 2010
63 Years of Age



**Retired Officer
John (Jack) W. Conley**
Date of Birth: May 31, 1924
Appointed: October 30, 1950
Retired: July 23, 1982
Died: May 5, 2010
85 Years of Age



**Retired Officer
Walter (Danny) Danilov**
Birth: October 31, 1924
Appointed: January 24, 1951
Retired: April 15, 1977
Died: June 13, 2010
85 Years of Age



**Retired Officer
Leonard J. Hunter**
Date of Birth: January 13, 1923
Appointed: February 1, 1949
Retired: April 1, 1982
Died: September 2, 2010
87 Years of Age



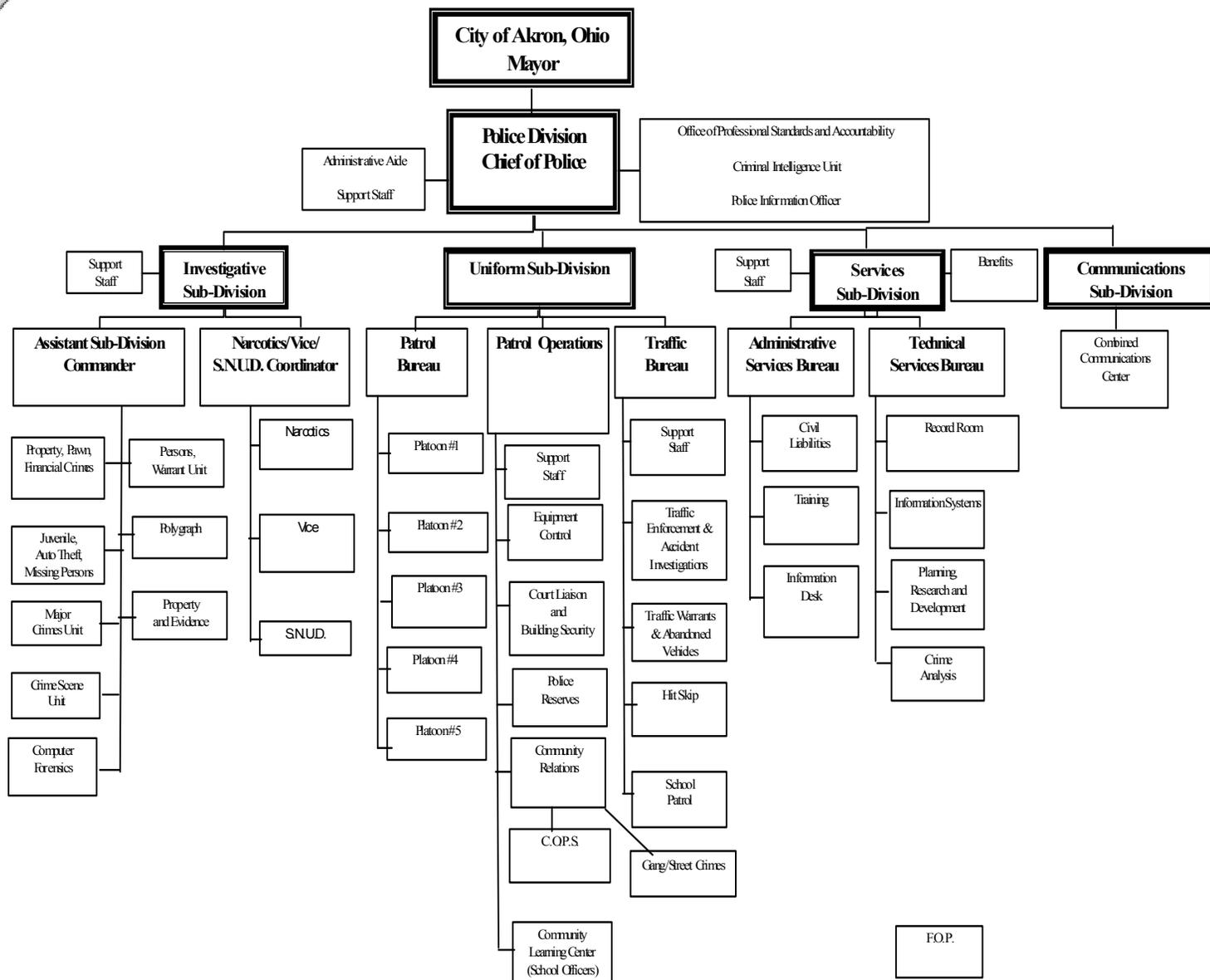
**Retired Sergeant
Louis A. Luckmeier**
Date of Birth: September 6, 1944
Appointed: December 31, 1969
Retired: January 16, 1993
Died: September 6, 2010
66 Years of Age



**Retired Officer
Henry L. Troup, Jr.**
Date of Birth: December 3, 1945
Appointed: December 31, 1971
Retired: October 15, 1988
Died: October 31, 2010
64 Years of Age



Organization of the Akron Police Department

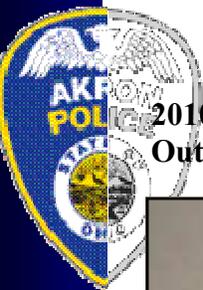




	2009	2010
SWORN CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	0	0
Captain	10	10
Lieutenant	19	19
Sergeant	70	69
Police Officer	356	342
% Supervising Officers	21.93	22.45
Total Sworn Personnel	456	441

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	2
Secretary II	23	22
Secretary III	12	11
Secretary IV	0	0
Account Clerk II	1	1
Account Clerk III	1	2
Accounts Analyst III	1	1
Crime Analyst II	1	1
Law Enforcement Planner I	1	1
Law Enforcement Planner II	1	1
Director - Safety Communications	0	0
Computer Programmer Analyst II	2	2
Applications Programmer	1	1
Communications Technician I	24	13
Communications Technician II	26	31
Communications Technician III	4	2
Total Civilian Personnel	104	94
TOTAL PERSONNEL	560	535

SWORN PERSONNEL CHANGES 2010	
Appointments	1
Reinstatements	0
Deceased Active	0
Deceased Retired	8
Dismissals	0
Resignations	3
Retirements	13
Promotions	0
Return from Military	1
Members in Military	3



Special Recognition

2010

Outstanding Employee Recognition Program



Joyce Frame
Services Sub-Division
February 2010

Joyce Frame began her career with the City of Akron on July 2, 1991. Joyce worked in the Private Industry Council (PIC) Department until July 24, 1995 when she transferred to the Akron Police Department Record Room, where she competently and efficiently completed the department's payroll, which is the largest in the city. Joyce has been assigned to work in the Services Sub-Division Administrative Office since April 26, 2001.

Joyce is a very conscientious and efficient employee. In addition to her regular duties, she is always willing to take on additional responsibilities and many times volunteers for other assignments. She has been willing to work evenings to accomplish tasks without complaint.

Joyce grew up in Norton and now lives with her husband, Ron, in the Kenmore area. They have been married 15 years. Joyce has two children, Tommy and Nikki, as well as two stepdaughters, Laura and Kristi. She also has two grandsons, Brayden and Jacye, and a pet Schnoodle, "Ruffles".

Joyce enjoys spending time with her family especially being involved with her grandsons in football, basketball, baseball and swimming. She also enjoys bowling and shopping.

Joyce has a great passion for the ocean and looks forward each year to her family's fun-in-the sun vacation at Myrtle Beach, where she combs the beach for shells and sharks' teeth and enjoys just relaxing in the sun.

Joyce Frame is a model employee whose diligence and professionalism is a great asset to the police department and the City of Akron.



James Conley
Uniform Sub-Division
August 2010

Officer James Conley began his career with the Akron Police Department on July 7, 1986. He attended the Akron Police Academy and upon his graduation was assigned to the 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. patrol shift. During his 24 years as an officer, James has also worked on the 6:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. patrol shifts, the Narcotics Unit and the Property Crimes Unit. He is currently assigned to the Community Relations Office.

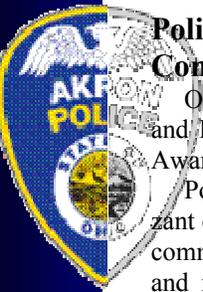
James is a very personable and conscientious employee. Visitors to the police department are amazed at his wealth of knowledge about the history of the Akron Police Department during their tours. He is also the police department's Crime Prevention Officer. In addition to escorting tour groups in the station, he conducts presentations for various citizen groups, businesses and schools. James is often personally requested for these presentations.

James has received recognition for making or assisting in multiple arrests. A recent notable arrest was the apprehension of a thief who had stolen over 80 hubcaps from dozens of victims. James has participated in OVI warrant sweeps, conducts background investigations on potential employees, is a certified instructor for the national "Refuse To Be A Victim" program and actively assists with the annual Russ Long Golf Outing.

James grew up in Akron's West Side and is a graduate of Firestone High School. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Mary, for 32 years. James has three grown children, Theresa, Mary and James. He also has a grandson, Baby James, and a pet boxer named Bo.

James enjoys spending time with his large extended family. He is an avid golfer and dart player. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Brendan Division and the Knights of Columbus. For 28 years, James was an athletics coach for grades 3 through 8, 10 and 11 at the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). He coached boys' basketball and girls' volleyball, softball and soccer.

Officer James Conley is a model employee whose diligence, professionalism and positive demeanor make him a great asset to the police department and the City of Akron.



Police and Fireman's Insurance Association Community Service Award

Officer Lionel Millender was the recipient of the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association Community Service Award in 2010.

Police and Firemen's Insurance Association is cognizant of the fact that police officers and firefighters perform community service every day they put their uniforms on and report for duty. However, it's the off-duty acts of kindness and charitable activities that set certain officers apart.

The Community Service Award was presented to Officer Millender in recognition of his efforts to make life better for his community and those who are less fortunate. As a fraternal organization, Police and Firemen's Insurance Association understands helping others and donating one's time for charitable events and community functions.

The Police and Firemen's Insurance Association truly appreciates Officer Millender's humanitarian efforts and hopes that all of its members can follow his shining example of demonstrating the true fraternal spirit which embodies its motto "Each Other's Keeper".



Victim Assistance Commendable Officer Performance Award

Sergeant Agostino Micozzi and Officer James Pasheilich each received a Commendable Officer Performance Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service. These awards were held at the Victim Assistance's National Crime Victim's Rights Week Luncheon on April 20, 2010.



Sergeant Agostino Micozzi



Officer James Pasheilich

The Lieutenant John "Ed" Duvall, Jr. Detective of the Year Award

In 2008, Summit County Children Services, the Akron Children's Hospital C.A.R.E. Center and the Akron Police Department honored Lieutenant John Edward "Ed" Duvall, Jr., one of the most dedicated officers in the Akron Police Department's history, by memorializing his name on a prestigious award. This award is given annually to any Summit County law enforcement officer of any rank working in an investigative capacity.

The Lieutenant John "Ed" Duvall, Jr. Detective of the Year Award is given in recognition of a local law enforcement officer's tenacity, commitment and integrity while serving the families and children of Summit County. The award may be given to any law enforcement officer, including a uniformed officer, working in an investigative capacity.

Ed Duvall died at the young age of 59 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was dedicated to the motto of "justice for all" and he was greatly respected for his tenacity, integrity and commitment to professional police work. Everyone who knew Ed loved his sense of humor, truthfulness and dedication to his family and friends. This award honors his legacy.

The 2010 recipient of this award was Akron Police Sergeant Brian Harding. Sergeant Harding joined the Akron Police Department in 1995 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2001. Sergeant Harding is married to his wife, Michelle. They have two children, Logan and Mackenna. Outside of work he is the President of the Coventry Baseball League and enjoys coaching sports.





The Russ Long Officer of Year Award

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 Troy Meech was presented with the Russ Long Award Monday, September 13, 2010 at Portage Country Club. Officer Meech was appointed to the Akron Police Department August 26, 2002. He is assigned to the Patrol Division, Platoon 3, working 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Officer Meech possesses a considerable knowledge of his profession and the districts and residents he serves. Each month, Officer Meech identifies problems in his district after attending community meetings, responding to citizen complaints and his own observations. His attention to detail resulted in the arrest of a suspect with 85 grams of powder cocaine, 390 grams of marijuana and the seizure of \$5,500 in cash. Officer Meech realizes that it takes dedication and desire to be the best possible police officer.



Officers Meech, Cunningham, Hankins and Wypasek with Russ

Other Awards

Certified Law Enforcement Executive Graduate

Lieutenant Cynthia Christman

Child and Family Leadership Exchange Graduate

Officer Clayton Cozart

Optimist of the Year

Lieutenant David Whiddon

Police Executive Leadership College Graduates

Sergeant Timothy Givens and Sergeant Frank Williams

Summit County Prosecutor's Office Monthly Top Cop

Retired Officer Edward L. Mathews, Officer John Bell, Sergeant Anthony Starvaggi, Officer Brent Heller and Officer Justin Ingham

Summit County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Award Recipient



Officer Timothy Wypasek received a Law Enforcement Award from the Summit County Sheriff's Office on May 11, 2010 for assisting in the apprehension of an escaped prisoner from the Summit County Court House on Friday, March 6, 2009.

The individual was in custody at the Summit County Courthouse holding area; however, while he was removing items from his pockets, he suddenly turned and ran out the back door of the holding area, through the revolving doors of the Sheriff's lobby area, into the courtyard in a futile attempt to escape.

Officer Wypasek was off duty and walking through the courtyard with his daughter. He observed the incident, immediately realizing the individual was trying to escape. With his daughter in his arms, he drew his weapon, pointed it at the escapee and ordered him to freeze. The suspect complied and was immediately placed into custody.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office thanked Officer Wypasek for his willingness to get involved and his commitment to the law enforcement profession. They stated because of "his outstanding training skills, professionalism, dedication and commitment to quality law enforcement, a serious offender will now have to answer for his criminal conduct".

Northeast Ohio Auto Dealers Association Donation

In 2010, MaryAnn Freedman of WITAN, Women In Touch With Akron's Needs, was working with the Community Relations Office to secure funding for the Akron Police Museum. The funds are used to maintain displays and repair items as needed. Pat Primm of the Cascade Auto Group heard about the endeavor and wanted to become involved. On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, Pat and Don Primm presented a donation on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Auto Dealers Association to Captain Daniel Zampelli for the museum. After the presentation, Officer James Conley provided them with a guided tour of the museum as well as shared stories about the memorabilia located in the museum.





Operation Lifesaver

On June 16, 2010, the Akron Police Department Traffic Bureau, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company and the Ohio Operation Lifesaver participated on a special Operation Lifesaver Workshop Enforcement Train.

Akron passengers boarded the special roundtrip passenger coach train at 10:30 a.m. at the 1907 E. Market Street train yard. The train traveled through Akron and on to Medina before returning to the Akron train yard for the 1:20 p.m. passenger disembarkation.

During the event, Akron Police Traffic Officers monitored crossings for motorists who ignore the crossing warning devices. Emphasis was also placed on persons trespassing on railroad tracks. In both cases, people who ignore crossing warning devices and who trespass on railroad tracks place their lives, the lives of train crew and the lives of the community in danger.

An Akron Officer was positioned in the locomotive cab to observe and report violators to Traffic Officers stationed on the road at each railroad crossing. The Traffic Officers then apprehended and issued citations to violators. There was a camera mounted on the nose of the locomotive with a live feed to TV monitors in the coach that gave passengers an engineer's view of violators. Operation Lifesaver State Coordinator Shel Senek and railroad staff were on-board the passenger coach to answer any questions and to educate passengers on railroad crossing safety issues.



Akron Police Explorers Post Place First in State Competition

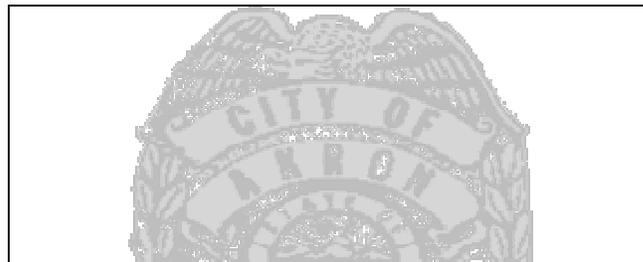
In April, the Akron Police Explorers Post participated in the State Competition. Each team was randomly assigned to participate in seven of nine score events. The events were Domestic Violence, Crisis Intervention, Bomb Threats, Burglary in Progress, Arrest and Search, First Aid/CPR, Traffic Stops, Traffic Crash and Crime Scene.

Thirty teams competed in the State Competition and one of Akron's three teams placed first overall in the State of Ohio. The two other teams finished in fourth place and eighth place making Akron the only department in attendance to have all teams place in the top ten.

President Jennifer Thomas and her team of Alyssa Biondo, Chris Hendon and Allison Fazio placed first in four out of seven events and brought the trophy home for the post. First Vice President Nate King and his team of Chace Esola, Mike Keppler and Jordan Rhodes placed first in the Crime Scene event and fourth in the state overall. Second Vice President Melvin Dossie, Jr. and his team of Andrew Bullock, Jason Markland and Daniel Davis placed second in Traffic Stops and eighth place overall.

Other Explorers who went as role players were Brad McCutcheon, Ashlei McCutcheon, Dallas Greene, Josh Brewer, Philip Blashford, Mike Tedesco, Amyr Brown and Adam Mohler.

The Akron Police Explorers Post would also like to thank the following for all their contributions and assistance: Associate Advisors/Officers' Ron Garey, Rick Doney, Don Sears and Dan Pastor; Advising Consultant Keith Heilmeier; Volunteer Officers Ron Kennedy, Jeff Smith, Jim Buchanan, Chris Crockett, Walter Morris and Lieutenant Chris Brewer; and Peace Makers James Portis, LaSosha Edwards and Michael Muzilla.





Prep Tech

The program, "Prep Tech", involved a group of seniors from Akron Public Schools. The program is based out of the Fire Department. Officer Michael Gould, Sr. oversaw the police component of the program that lasted two weeks.

The students had an opportunity to speak with Chief of Police Augustus Hall. There were a number of guest speakers from the Akron Police Department who conducted presentations: Lieutenant Jerry Hughes and the Training Bureau Staff, Sergeant Christopher Davis with the K-9 Unit, Sergeant Erik Wells from S.W.A.T., Sergeant Michael Yohe with Taser training, Officer Rodney Brock from the COPS Unit, Detective Donald Frost from the Crime Scene Unit, Officer Yvette Powell from Patrol and Detective Gary Shadie from Juvenile.

The students were also taken on a tour of the Summit County Jail and The University of Akron indoor range.



Speedway/SuperAmerica LLC Donation

Akron Police Chief Augustus Hall accepted a donation from the Speedway/SuperAmerica LLC. The Akron Police Department was selected for the President's Award given by Speedway/SuperAmerica LLC. The Cleveland Regional Manager, Bud Labilloif, and assistant, Valerie Luther, presented a check for \$1,250. These funds will be used by Community Relations for youth education and safety programs.



International Visitor Leadership Program

In August 2010, the Akron Police Department participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program, a project for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

The international participants were Fausta Simaityte, Advisor on Human Dimension Issues, Permanent Mission of Lithuania to OSCE; Ioana Oltita Muresan, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE; Anna Katarina Boda, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the OSCE and Christina Hayovyshyn, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the OSCE.

These visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Their program is arranged by Graduate School, International Institute.

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project: to investigate the U.S. federal system of government and its development; to examine the formulation of U.S. foreign policy specifically highlighting human rights, free press, and diversity issues; to analyze the role of nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations in a democratic government; to explore how international organizations impact U.S. foreign policy and decision making processes within the U.S.; to study how diversity impacts U.S. society; and to observe citizen involvement in community development and governance.





Newest K-9 Named

The Akron Police Department's newest K-9, a 12-week-old Labrador Retriever, needed a name. Officer Christopher Carney of the department's K-9 Unit held a contest at Windemere Elementary School to name the canine. The students submitted the name they thought was the best and Chief Augustus Hall chose the winner. A special presentation was held at Windemere in which Chief Hall announced the winner, Matt Cody, to all the fifth graders. Matt thought up the name "Cruiser". Matt received a special framed photograph of Cruiser and the students were able to meet Cruiser for the first time.



Fourth Annual Firefighter's Chili Challenge

The Akron Firefighters competed against the Akron Police Department, the Akron Engineering Bureau, the Akron Sewer Maintenance Division, the Downtown Akron Partnership and law firms Roetzel & Andress and Brouse McDowell for the best chili. The Chili Challenge benefits Akron Children's Hospital's Burn Unit. Since 2007, this event has been able to donate over \$5,000 to the Burn Unit.

Detective Joe Smith won the Meatiest Chili Award at the 2010 Akron Firefighter's Chili Challenge.



Officers Joe Smith and Adrian Johnson

Special Olympics Torch Run

The 2010 Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held Saturday, June 19th through Friday, June 25th. The Torch Run is the single largest fund-raising activity for Special Olympics Ohio and its more than 23,000 participating athletes.

The Torch Run is a series of relays in which officials representing all facets of law enforcement run or bicycle the "Flame of Hope" more than 1,000 miles and through more than 125 Ohio communities. Following a special weekend kick-off, the Torch Run starts from all four quadrants of Ohio during the same week.

All routes converged Friday, June 25th, in Columbus for a dramatic and inspirational entrance into the Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Special Olympics State Summer Games, at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University. There, Special Olympics athletes and coaches received the "Flame of Hope" from the law enforcement officials and lit a stadium cauldron to officially signify the opening of the Games.

Officers from the Akron and Barberton Police Departments, deputies from the Summit County Sheriff's Office and family members ran this area's leg of the run on Thursday, June 24th.





Chaplaincy



Reverend Bob Denton

My definition of “Chaplain” is somewhat unorthodox but, perhaps, accurate. The Chaplain is the person who skates across thin ice, crosses many boundaries, never jumps up and down, picks up the injured and keeps his mouth shut. That is a more descriptive definition than found in the literature. In the Akron Police Department, the role is fairly uncommon in that the Chaplain carries a commission with the department, maintains all officer qualifications (in-service and firearms), is both a clergyperson and serves the role of a mental health professional.

The history of Chaplaincy in the Akron Police Department was officially established under the joint sponsorship of the FOP Akron Lodge # 7 and the Furnace Street Mission/Victim Assistance Program in 1993. It has grown through the decades and served a vital role across the landscape of the department. It is active in the traditionally expected functions: special memorial events, professional training, marriages, officiating at funerals of officers and family members and involvement in difficult departmental experiences and personal crises.

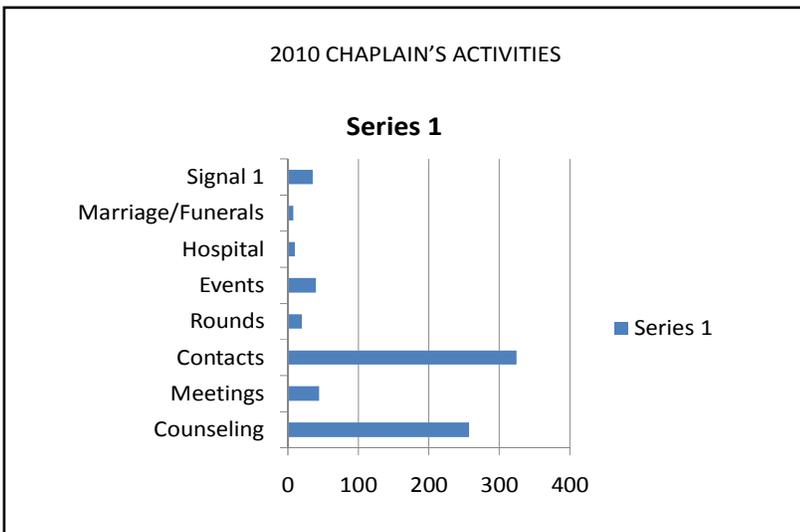
Several very different functions, however, have evolved and, across 2010, expanded considerably. The Chaplain serves as the mental health team “swing member” of the joint Akron Police Department/Summit County Sheriff’s Department CISM Team: ASSIST 77. Defusing and debriefing interventions have grown considerably as critical incidents have occurred and been identified.

Some of the professional training provided included: a jointly produced eight hour OPOTA course for police and chaplains (covering line of duty death, PTSD, Suicide and Ethics), Joint Line of Duty Death training with Twinsburg Police Department at the Ohio Attorney General’s Law Enforcement Conference, Impact of the Profession for an interdepartmental civilian police academy and eight hours of academy training. The chaplain, with other officers, represented the department and FOP at the National Police Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Chaplain also continued his weekly “Signal 1” columns which appear in the Daily Bulletin. “Signal 1” designates “Make a personal.” It provides a moral and spiritual function which addresses the identified needs of officers in the law enforcement profession. That column has expanded to numerous other departments in the county.

With the establishment of the Safety Forces Chaplaincy Center, involvement in the lives of officers has grown considerably. Individual and family counseling accounted for 117 sessions across the year. Substance abuse counseling accounted for more than 150 hours of assistance. With food provided by Ken Stewart’s Restaurant, it hosted a Christmas Eve Buffet for all shifts from 3 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

The accompanying chart records some of the 2010 functions which accounted for more than 1,000 hours of service.



The Rev. Robert Denton, Ph.D., LISW
Chaplain, Akron Police Department



Safety Center provides food on Christmas Eve



Dogs and Suds fundraiser for the Safety Center



Akron Police Fit for Duty Program



The Fit for Duty program has been providing health promotion services to sworn personnel and civilian employees of the Akron Police Department since 1991. Services include physical ability testing (PAT), blood pressure and cholesterol checks, physical fitness assessment, body composition assessment, exercise and fitness lifestyle planning, weekly health tips, the Fit for Duty Report and coordination of the Fit for Duty committee. The goal of the program is for officers to maintain a consistent level of physical fitness providing the foundation to withstand the day to day rigors (physical and mental) of the job.

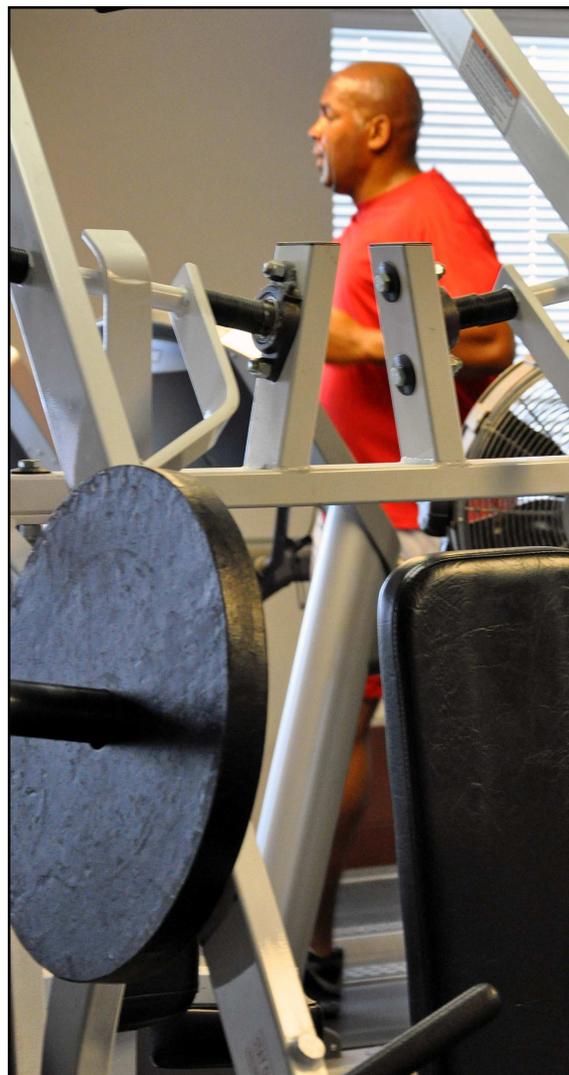
In January, a voluntary Health Screen was conducted in the Roll Call room. One hundred twenty-two officers and civilian employees participated. Each received a cholesterol test that included HDL “good” cholesterol, a glucose test, a blood pressure check, a BMI check, and a private confidential consult with a nurse. Many also did the online health assessment and received a gift card incentive.

Fit for Duty Challenge

A police officer needs to maintain a base level of fitness to meet the physically and mentally rigorous aspects of law enforcement as safely as possible. The Fit for Duty challenge focuses on career-long fitness and health. The goal is to consistently participate in moderately vigorous physical activity most days. Specifically, work the cardiovascular system for more than 20 minutes at least three times a week and do strength or resistance exercise, working of the major muscle groups two to three times a week as well as stretching and ROM (range-of-motion) activity most days. Officers showing consistency by exercising at the above level for three months are awarded T-shirts purchased by the Fit for Duty Committee. More than 100 have been awarded.

In 2010, the Fit for Duty program provided more than 500 health and fitness consultations and 150 blood pressure checks.

The Akron Police Department physical fitness policy recognizes the physical and potentially hazardous nature of law enforcement operations. Further, it assumes responsibility for deploying a police department that is not only competent and skilled, but also possesses the physical capacity to perform critical and arduous job-related law enforcement tasks with efficiency and minimal risk when necessary. The department understands that a physically fit officer is more self-confident, has an increased ability to deal with physical and psychological stress, less likely to be ill or injured and generally performs better on the job. The primary purpose of the department physical fitness policy is to promote a high state of physical fitness among department officers and a system for insuring that every officer maintains the physical readiness and health to do their job safely and effectively as possible. The citizens we serve and our fellow officers expect and deserve no less.





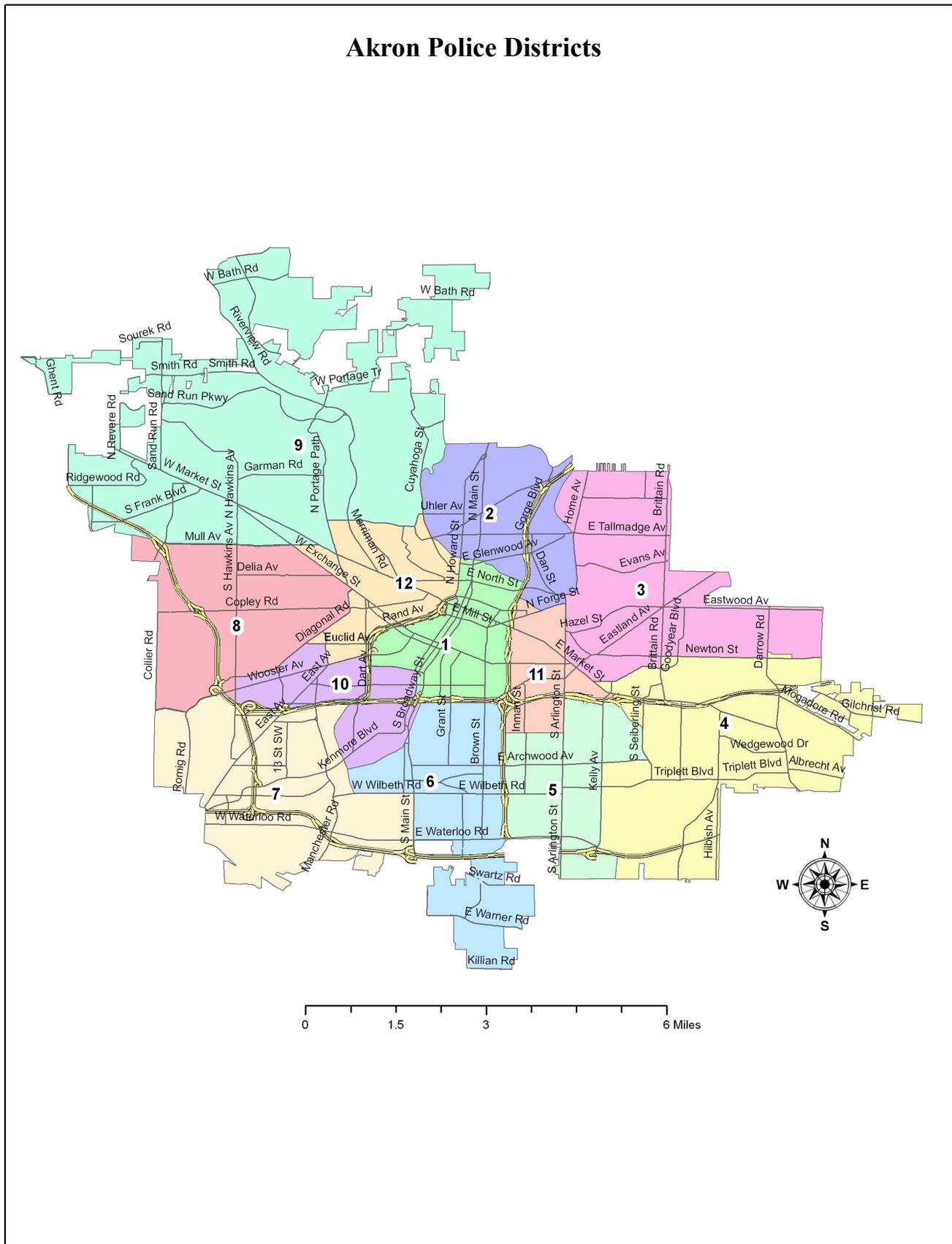
2010 Pictures



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Akron Police Districts

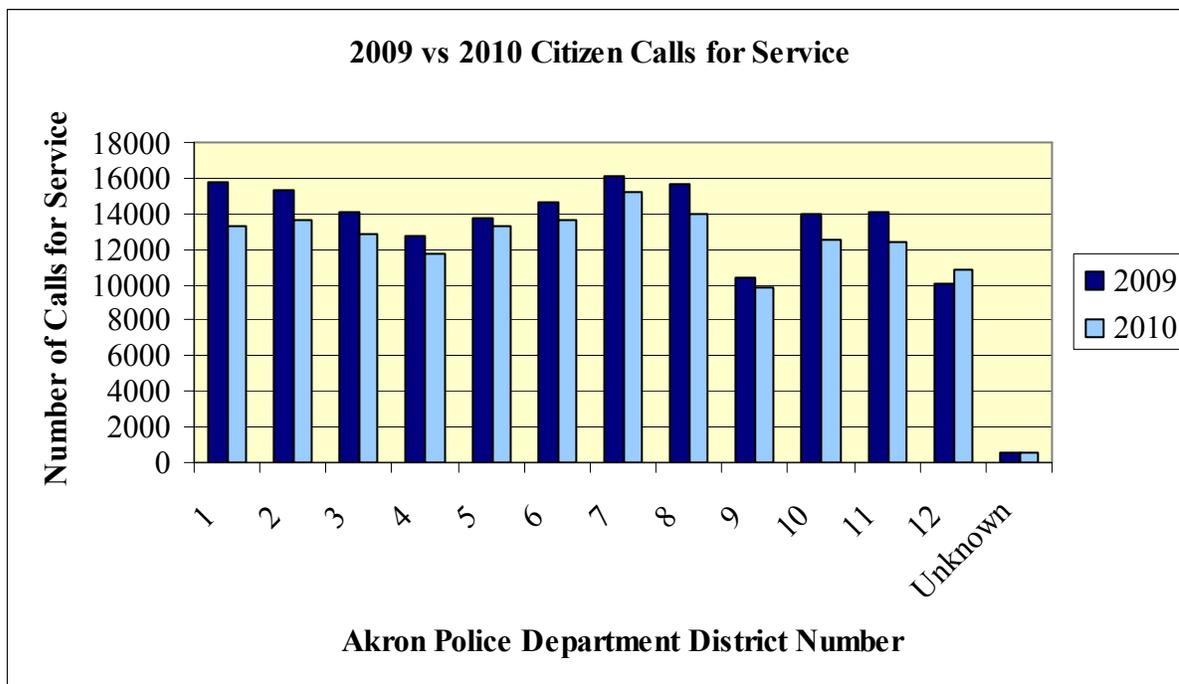




2010 Statistics

2010 Citizen Calls for Service

2010 Citizen Generated Calls for Service			
District No.	2009	2010	% Change
1	15739	13346	-17.93%
2	15302	13599	-12.52%
3	14042	12880	-9.02%
4	12751	11717	-8.82%
5	13785	13301	-3.64%
6	14700	13690	-7.38%
7	16133	15244	-5.83%
8	15676	13929	-12.54%
9	10359	9823	-5.46%
10	13983	12486	-11.99%
11	14074	12462	-12.94%
12	10084	10831	6.90%
Unknown	597	536	-11.38%
Total	167225	153844	-8.70%





2010 Crime Statistics

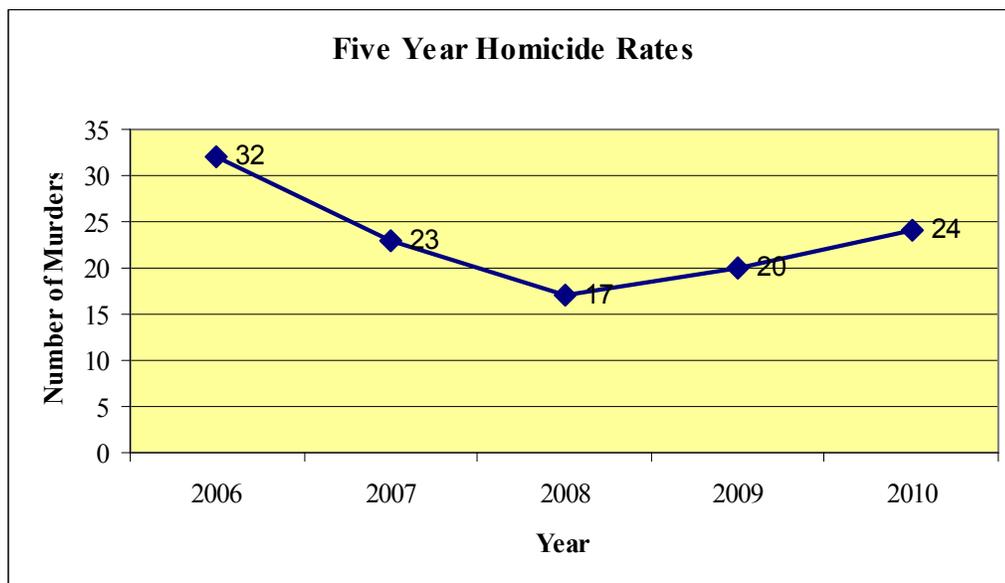
Offense Totals for 2010

Offense Totals (excluding unfounded reports) 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010

Offense	Total
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	24
Sexual Assault	431
Aggravated Assault	953
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4366
Robbery	614
Motor Vehicle Theft	792
Total Theft	6167
Arson	111
Total	13458

includes attempted and completed offenses

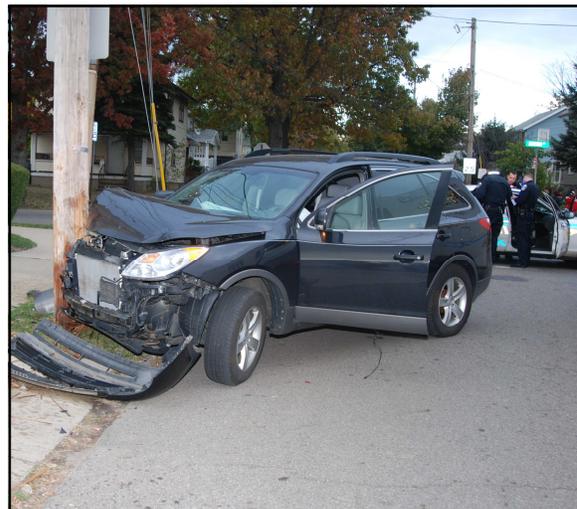
Homicide Rates





2010 Traffic Statistics

2010 Traffic Fatalities						
Date	Age	Gender	Safety Device Used	Airbag	Alcohol	Type of Crash
3/18/10	22	M	N/A	N/A	No	M/C vs Car
3/29/10	83	M	No	No	No	SUV vs Pole
3/29/10	33	M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Car vs Pole
4/7/10	45	M	No	Yes	No	Car vs Sweeper
4/23/10	33	M	N/A	N/A	Yes	M/C vs Pole
5/14/10	50	M	N/A	N/A	Unknown	M/C vs Median Wall
10/2/10	43	F	N/A	N/A	Yes	Pedestrian vs Car
10/9/10	43	F	N/A	N/A	Yes	M/C vs Tree
10/18/10	28	F	Yes	Yes	No	SUV vs Car
10/24/10	31	M	No	Yes	Yes	Car vs Tree
11/20/10	53	F	N/A	N/A	No	Pedestrian vs Mini-Van
12/1/10	47	M	Unknown	Yes	No	SUV vs Car
12/19/10	47	M	Unknown	Yes	No	Car vs Car vs Pole
TOTAL = 13 Fatal Accidents						





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2010 Miscellaneous Information

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Estimated Population*	199,110
Estimated Population of Summit County*	541,781
Area of Akron in Square Miles	62.4
Actual Strength - Sworn Personnel	441
Actual Strength - Civilian Personnel	535
Police Reserves	41
Adult School Crossing Posts	130
Adult School Crossing Guards	127

*based on U.S. Census Bureau 2010 estimates

2010 Police Operating Expenditures

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Employee Salary and Benefits	\$28,991,875
Operating Budget	\$45,784,952



IN MEMORIAM

In grateful memory of the police officers
of the City of Akron who gave their lives
in the performance of their duty

Guy Norris	December 23, 1917
Joseph H. Hunt	January 10, 1918
Edward J. Costigan	January 10, 1918
Gethin H. Richard	March 12, 1918
George Werne	March 9, 1919
Harold Rogers	July 8, 1925
William H. Grubbs	May 6, 1929
Harland F. Manes	March 8, 1930
Forrest Good	June 21, 1931
Kenneth Knepp	March 3, 1933
William S. Peterson	October 31, 1933
Arden D. Weese	March 22, 1946
Floyd A. Weatherholt	March 25, 1960
Ronald D. Rotruck	July 21, 1964
Eugene Hooper	April 10, 1965
Robert E. Donahue	July 31, 1968
Glenn K. Stewart	September 5, 1970
Stephen J. Ondas	October 21, 1972
Gary A. Yost	August 23, 1975
Ben J. Franklin	January 10, 1992
George R. Knaff	November 5, 1994