

# ***2010 Annual Report***



*Ray C. Snyder*  
*Chief of Police*

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January 5, 2010

Honorable Trustees and Citizens of Goshen Township,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Goshen Township Police Department annual report for 2010. This report is a summary of our activities and efforts that have occurred throughout the last year. We, at the Goshen Township Police Department want to provide this information in order for you to know what your police department is doing. Of course, we can't put everything that the department does in this report because it would take volumes, it is however, important to summarize the activities that we feel will mean the most to you. It is our desire to provide you with effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement services. In doing so, the Goshen Township Police Department strives to promote excellence in everything that we do. We are very proud of our department and the men and women who serve Goshen Township.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray C. Snyder'.

Ray C. Snyder  
Chief of Police

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

The Goshen Township Police Department is committed to protecting life, property, and maintaining order through services that are delivered in a friendly, professional, and thorough manner. We serve with integrity and pride in maintaining the public trust by upholding the highest moral and ethical standards both on duty and off. We work in partnership with our community to solve problems and enhance the quality of life. We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and take pride in doing so much with so few.

## ***CORE VALUES***

Fair & Friendly

Integrity

Respect

Sense of Urgency

Teamwork



## ***SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY & EVENTS***



- Officers handled approximately 22,136 service calls. (60 per day - 2.5 per hour)
- Officers investigated 132 traffic crashes.
- Officers checked closed businesses and left 1,034 night time business check cards.
- Officers conducted approximately 248 hours of foot patrol.
- Officers patrolled for more than 18 hours on bicycles.
- Officers spent more than 27 hours visiting seniors.
- Corporal Robinson was recognized and presented a county award for "Top Cop" for his aggressive drug work throughout 2009.
- Corporal Robinson and Captain Rose received recognition by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce for being runners up for, "Public Servant of the Year".
- Officer Bucksath continues to represent our department as a member of the Clermont County Special Response Team.
- Seven new fully equipped first aid bags were added to the trunk of every marked patrol car.
- Six replacement mobile data computers for cruisers were purchased with 90% funding from grants in the amount of \$20,987.39.
- Seized and surplus vehicles were auctioned resulting in more than \$11,000 to the police department.
- Captain Rose applied for two grants: one for portable radios & batteries, and the second for a new marked patrol car; The grants total nearly \$44,000. We will learn if one or both are awarded in February 2011.
- The most notable arrest of the year involved the entire department working together to patrol for, identify, and arrest a serial burglar on SR132. During the course of just under a week, a 17 year old burglar broke into homes during the overnight hours while the homeowners were present, in one incident the burglar fought with an elderly couple and a shot was fired.
- We hosted our first ever National Night Out.
- We formed a Citizens Police Academy and a Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.
- Officer Taylor hosted an anti-drug seminar at the Goshen High School.

## STAFFING

We started the year short one full-time officer and without an assistant chief. In March, the department filled both positions by hiring Captain Bob Rose.

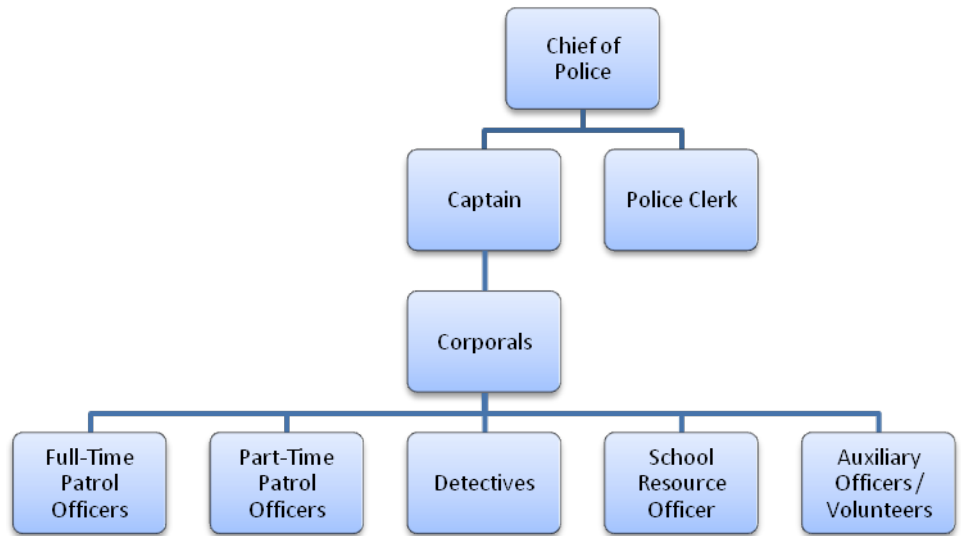
In June, Officer Jeff Wolf was hired as an auxiliary officer during field training. In October, he completed field training and was moved into a part-time position.

In September, Officer Joe Mullins resigned his part-time position due to unavailability.

As of year's end, the department is staffed with 12 full-time officers, 2 part-time officers, and 1 full-time civilian clerk.

### Goshen Township Police Staff

Chief Ray Snyder  
Captain Bob Rose  
Clerk Debbie Britt  
Corporal Detective Ed Holland  
Corporal Don Hodson  
Corporal Ron Robinson  
Detective Jeff Lacey  
Detective Mark Penn  
SRO James Taylor  
Officer Tim Budai  
Officer Katie Davis  
Officer Jamie McFarland  
Canine Officer Matt Bucksath  
Canine Jinx  
Officer Jason Moermond  
Officer Jeff Wolf



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*Officer Jeff Wolf being sworn in by  
Fiscal Officer Lisa Allen on June  
22, 2010*

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*Captain Bob Rose was hired on  
March 16, 2010*

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## ***TRAINING***

The Goshen Township Police Department is committed to continual training to ensure officer competence, effectiveness, and reduced liability. In addition to outside advanced training, departmental personnel participated in four in-service training sessions in 2010. In-service training consisted of; community policing, self defense, stop sticks, pursuits, a department update, ethics, and CPR.

In 2010, a second range date was added to provide officers with tactical firearms training.



## ***PUBLIC RELATIONS***

In 2010, the department increased public relations activities with emphasis on community oriented policing; new programs implemented include:

**BRIDGE** (Building Reliance in Disseminating Gist Electronically): This is an e-mail notification system whereby the police department is able to send important notifications and other information to subscribers.

**Senior Visits:** This program is intended to provide another layer of protection and companionship for at risk seniors. The program involves on-duty officers stopping by seniors homes for short visits and safety inspections.

*(Right) Police department staff members purchased a cake & visited a senior on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



**Badge Stickers:** Stickers in a shape of a police badge that officers can give to young children. These badges serve as another tool to help build young children's trust in police officers.

**Traffic Complaints Log:** When a citizen expresses a concern of ongoing traffic violations occurring in a specific area, officers add the information into a log located in the police department. This log is reviewed by all officers and it helps to ensure that each is aware of the citizens concerns. Officers then target traffic enforcement efforts in those areas to address that citizens concern.



### **National Night Out:**

This is a one night national event that is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

*(Left) Corporal Robinson, Officer Bucksath, & Canine Jinx give a drug search demonstration at National Night Out.*



**Night Time Business Check Cards:**

Although businesses, schools, and churches, are patrolled regularly during the overnight hours, the establishments' owners, managers, and staff may not know that. Several night time business check cards are completed each night and randomly placed in the front door to let the staff know that we were there and hand checked their closed establishment.

*(Right) Officer Davis puts a night time business check card in the front door of the Goshen High School.*



**Preventative Patrols:** When officers have time to pro-actively patrol, they may be patrolling the same streets and neighborhoods while others are inadvertently neglected. Preventative patrols are a structured system whereby individual officers are assigned to patrol specific streets and neighborhoods. This system ensures that all areas of Goshen Township receive police patrols.



**Citizens Police Academy:** This is a 10 week program intended to create a better public understanding of the police role in the community. Additionally, the program is designed to encourage partnerships between police and citizens. With better understanding it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems.

*(Left) Officer Budai explains how a Taser works.*

**Community Resource Program:** A link was added to the township website. This link provides a way for citizens to send anonymous tips and requests for help to the police department.



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On August 3rd, the Goshen Township Police Department hosted our first ever, National Night Out event with the goal of further strengthening the communities bond with the officers who protect them. Officer Taylor took on the challenge & responsibility of organizing the event. What could best be described as a Goshen community festival took place behind Marr-Cook Elementary with booths, vendors, police & fire demonstrations, a live band, wrestling, and helicopter rides. There were approximately 2,000 people in attendance making the event a huge success. The department was recognized by National Night Out with one of nine "Rookie of the Year" awards.





## **GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

On October 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 the 20 members of the inaugural class of the Citizens Police Academy graduated after 11 weeks of instruction. Captain Rose served as the program coordinator and every Goshen Township Police Officer taught one or more topics. In addition to class lectures, there were hands on activities and tours of the Sheriff's Department, Jail, 911 Communications Center, and Goshen Fire & EMS. Upon graduation, the CPA members established an Alumni Association and they remain actively involved in the police department. Two more Citizens Police Academies are scheduled in 2011.



*Front Row: Douglas Horne, Wendy Murray, Harold Golden Jr., Kris Beetz*

*Middle Row: Chief Ray Snyder, Seth Pitman, Tony Schwab (class president), Ken Huffaker, Brandon Harp, Carole Dunford, Pat Konkus, Carolyn Lenhardt*

*Back Row: Johnny Phillips Jr., Bruce Tarter, Dale Bradley, Dan Dunford, Tim Jeffries, Patrick Maynard, Charles Dauterman, Charles Scheidt, Captain Bob Rose*

*Not Shown: Wayne Gibson*

## ACTIVITY

In June, the department revised the activity form that officers complete on a daily basis. This new form allows for easier collection of statistical data. The facts contained below encompass only six months, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. These figures do not include the many service calls, investigations, arrests, and other activities handled by Chief Snyder, Detective Lacey, or Clerk Britt.

Total number of details: **10,568**      Number of details per day: **57**      Per hour: **2.4**

Misdemeanor reports: **464**      Misdemeanor arrests: **272**  
Misdemeanor reports closed by arrest: **58%**

Felony reports: **199**      Felony arrests: **108**  
Felony reports closed by arrest: **54%**

Incident reports (non-criminal reports): **187**

Warrant attempts: **398**      Warrant arrests: **246**

Assistance to other law enforcement agencies: **295**

Assistance to Goshen Fire & EMS: **396**

Traffic stops: **563**      Warnings: **492**      Citations: **249**  
Suspended drivers: **44**      OVI (DUI): **42**      Crashes: **96**

Vehicle lock-outs: **155**      Burglar alarms: **183**      Field interview cards: **708**

Vacation house checks: **2,143**      Open business checks: **1,305**

Night time business check cards: **1,034**      Establishments found unsecure: **44**

Foot patrol: **124** hours      Bicycle patrol: **18.25** hours      Senior visits: **27.65** hours

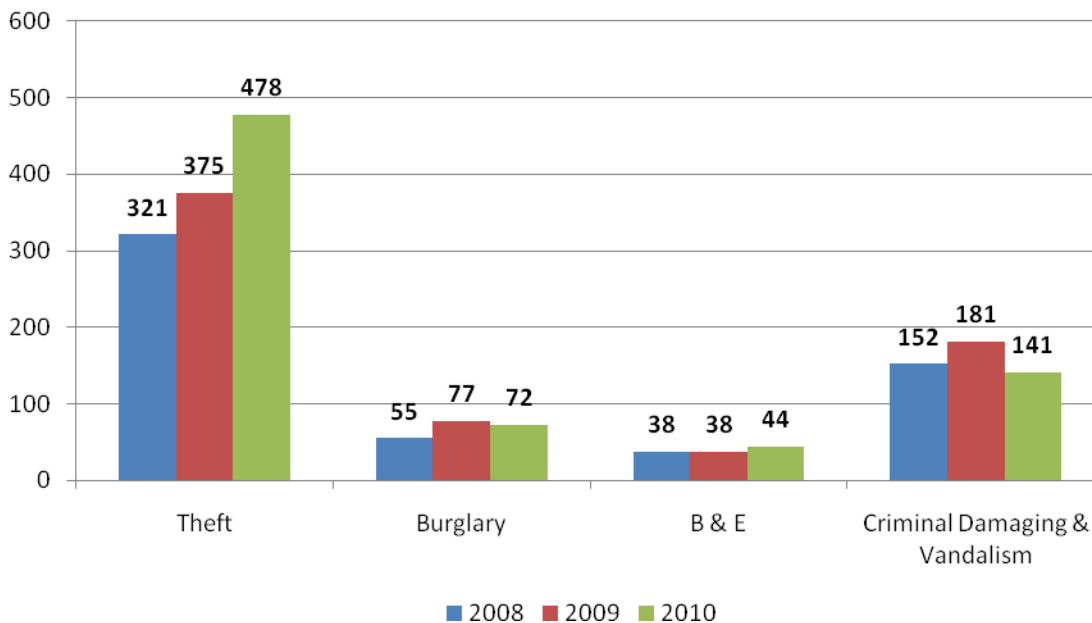
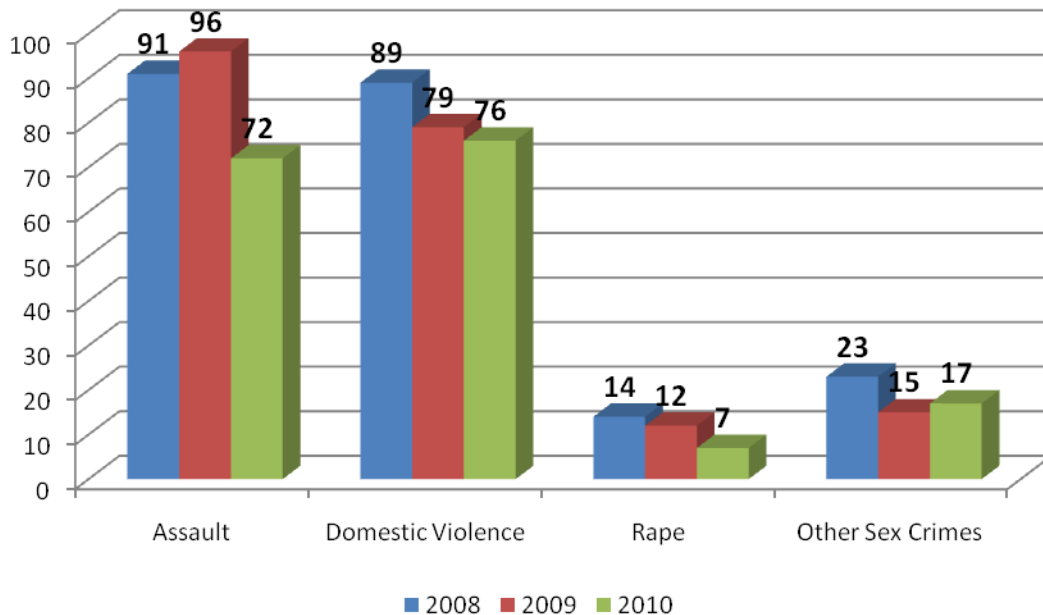
Number of service calls to;  
Lake Shore Estates: **614**  
Fay Gardens: **251**  
Woodville Gardens: **247**  
Green Acres: **221**  
Country Lake: **144**  
TOTAL: **1,477** (four per day)



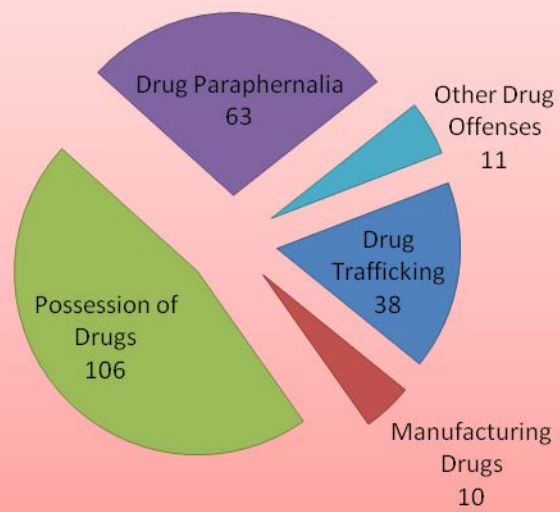


## CRIME STATISTICS

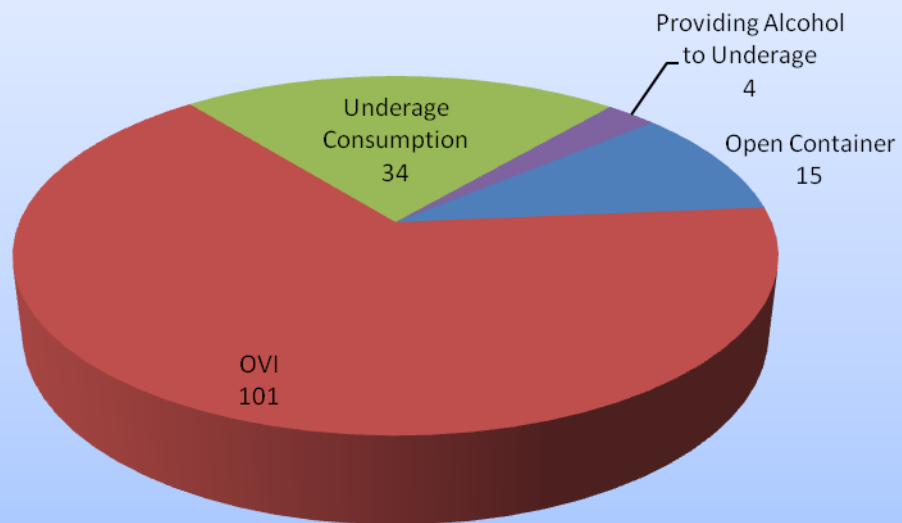
Overall crime to persons was down in 2010. There were 25% fewer assaults reported, 4% fewer domestic violence reports, and a 42% decrease in rapes compared to 2009. Sex crimes did increase, however, there were still 26% fewer reported than in 2008. Crimes to property saw a significant spike in thefts with over 100 additional cases reported in 2010. Thefts have increased by 33% since 2008.



## ***DRUG ARRESTS***

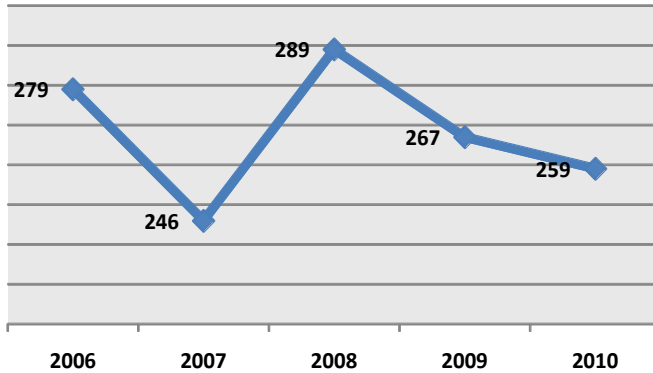


## ***OVI & ALCOHOL ARRESTS***

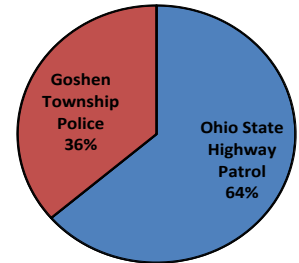


## CRASHES

Number of Public Roadway Crashes by Year



2010 Public Roadway Crashes Investigated



259 public roadway crashes occurred in Goshen (one every 33 hours).

34% (88) of all public roadway crashes occurred on State Route 28.

In addition to public roadway crashes, Goshen Township Officers  
investigated  
38 private property crashes.



## ***2011 GOALS***

- **While great strides in the area of community oriented policing occurred in 2010, we will strive to do more and we will fine tune our current programs**
- **Continue to seek out and apply for grant funding**
- **Replace at least one patrol car**
- **Replace all ballistic vests that expire in 2011**
- **Look for funding sources to return our part-time police officer positions**
- **Send officers to as many free training topics as possible**
- **Hold four in-service trainings throughout the year**
- **Send all officers to the firing range not less than twice**
- **Increase drug arrests by 10%**



