



# **Goshen Township Police**

## **2011 Annual Report**

Proudly Serving for Forty Years

1971-2011



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January 16, 2012

Honorable Trustees and Citizens of Goshen Township,

I am pleased to present you with the Goshen Township Police Department 2011 Annual Report.

To say that 2011 was a challenging year would be to put it mildly. This year was perhaps the most deadly in Goshen Township history. We investigated and closed by arrest an aggravated murder, a murder, an involuntary manslaughter, and an attempted murder. These investigations are just a small part all of the work we did. In fact, we handled more than 17,000 service calls and took 1,155 criminal offense reports. I am proud of our staff for accomplishing so much with so few.

The following pages share our challenges and accomplishments with you.

Sincerely,

Ray C. Snyder

Chief of Police

**“Proud To Serve”**

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## ***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

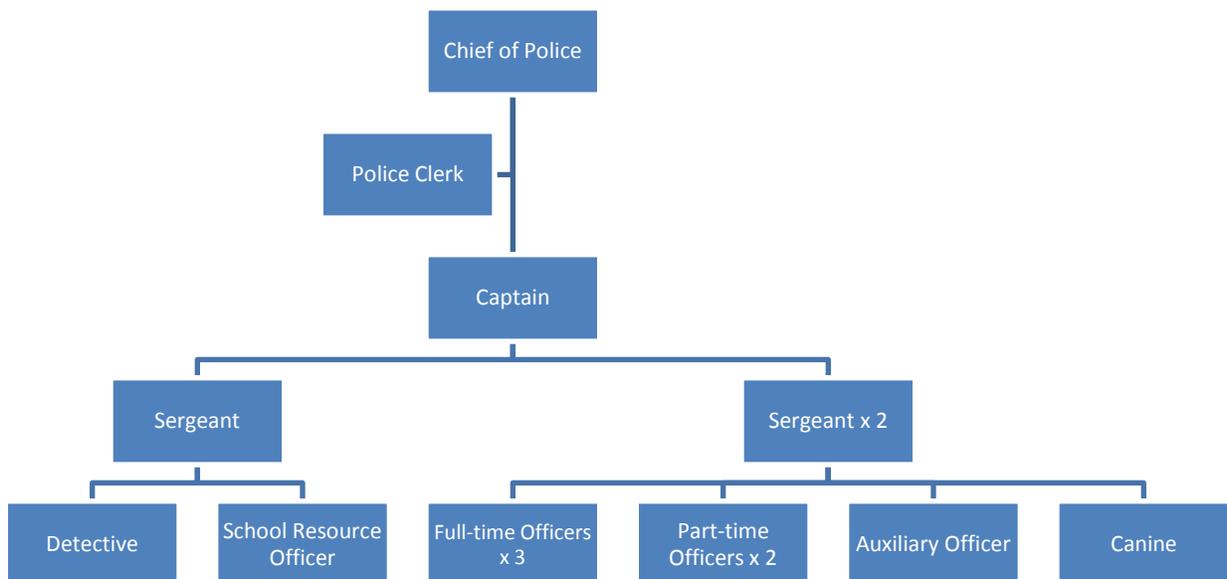
Teamwork



# Department Staff

- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Ed Holland, Ron Robinson, and Don Hodson were promoted from the rank of Corporals to Sergeants.
- On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Township Trustees authorized the creation of three auxiliary police officer positions. (An auxiliary officer is an unpaid police officer.)
- After 27 years of service, Detective Jeff Lacey retired on August 10<sup>th</sup>. His full-time position has not been filled.
- On October 17<sup>th</sup> Officer Travis Blanton was hired to fill an auxiliary police officer position.

*At the end of 2011, department staff is comprised of 11 full-time officers, 2 part-time officers, 1 auxiliary officer, and 1 police clerk.*



# Homicides

2011 was perhaps the most deadly year in Goshen's history with an aggravated murder, a murder, an attempted murder, and an involuntary manslaughter. Fortunately, through the dedication and commitment of staff and with assistance from other agencies, working together, all cases have been closed by arrest:

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, two year old Brooklyn Upton was suffocated by her mother's boyfriend Samuel Johnson. He has been charged with murder. Drugs were a contributing factor.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, a 43 year old woman was brutally beaten with a crow bar and dragged to a get-away car in a kidnapping attempt by her ex-boyfriend. He made multiple threats that he was going to kill her and he carried with him a duffle bag that contained gloves, duct tape, tin snips, and a saw. He has been charged with attempted murder.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 51 year old Steven Couch died of a heroin overdose. The investigation determined that he was provided heroin and assisted in administering it by 56 year old Tommy Curtis and 36 year old Tina Williams. When the victim became unresponsive and was struggling for his life, the suspects administered wet towels and ice for several hours rather than calling for EMS or getting other medical attention. They have been charged with Involuntary Manslaughter.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 69 year old Richard Parsons was murdered by his 29 year old son Nathan Parsons. After the murder, Parsons kidnapped a girlfriend and was involved in a high speed pursuit fleeing from police. He was taken into custody peacefully and has been charged with Kidnapping and Aggravated Murder.

# Drug Interdiction

In 2011, our department reorganized to more aggressively target drugs in our community. In March, we reassigned Sergeant Ron Robinson and part-time Officer Jason Moermond from primarily road patrol to drug investigations.

In October, we participated in a DEA organized prescription drug take-back. This resulted in twenty-one pounds of pills that were destroyed.

We implemented a Drug Interdiction Award to recognize outstanding drug enforcement efforts by our staff and three officers earned the award.

Working together, our department has begun to make it well known in the drug community that we will not tolerate drug use or sales in Goshen.

**Drug Related Search Warrants Executed: 29**

**Persons Charged with Drug Trafficking: 34**

**Persons Charged with Drug Possession: 107**

**Persons Charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia & Instruments: 60**

**Criminal Forfeitures Related to Drugs: Six vehicles, more than \$27,000, and four firearms**



## ***2011 Drug Interdiction Award Recipients***

*Sergeant Robinson (Top Achiever)*

*Detective Penn*

*Officer Taylor*

# National Night Out 2011



On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Goshen Township Police Department hosted our second National Night Out. National Night Out is designed to heighten drug and crime prevention awareness and strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. The event was organized by Officer James Taylor with assistance from members of our CPAAA. The success of the event earned our department special recognition with an award from the National Association of Town Watch.



# Citizens Police Academy

*In 2011, the police department hosted and graduated two Citizens Police Academies. The seventeen members of CPA 2 graduated on March 23rd and the nineteen members of CPA 3 graduated on October 20th.*

The Citizens Police Academy is 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.

Captain Rose serves as the program coordinator and the department tries to involve every Goshen Township Police Officer. In addition to class lectures, there are hands on activities and tours of the Sheriff's Department, Jail, 911 Communications Center, and Goshen Fire & EMS Department.

Upon graduation, the CPA members become members of the alumni association.

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# Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association



*CPAAA member Dennis Pyle collected candy for officers and the CPAAA to hand out. Shown in the pictures are Charlie Scheidt, Tony Schwab, Bruce Tarter, Donna Rosic, and Gale Perkins.*



*(Below) Members Rachel Laney, Tamara Buechner, and Carrie Bucksath participate in a clothing drive*



*Members Sue Bowman and Johnny Phillips at the Holly Fair*

*(Right) Members hosted a pancake breakfast with the Goshen Lions Club to raise money for area food banks. Shown: Sirisha Laggishetty, Donna Rosic, Shawn Burke, Doug Horne, and Sharma Huffaker.*



There are now 55 members in the CPAAA. Their mission includes assisting the police department whenever needed. To date, members have volunteered more than 1,000 hours saving Goshen Taxpayers approximately \$11,000. Volunteer activities include: Traffic control at parades, security at community events, visiting with senior citizens, opening and supervising the storm shelter, administrative functions within the police department, and assistance with search and rescue.

The CPAAA is comprised of an executive board elected by the membership. The 2011 executive board was:

President: Tony Schwab

Vice President: Ken Huffaker

Treasurer: Wayne Gibson

Secretary: Wendy Murray,  
Donna Rosic

# Activity

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: **17,377**      Number of details per day: **48**      Per hour: **2**

Incident reports (non-criminal reports including field interrogation reports): **1,053**

Warrant attempts: **623**      Warrant arrests: **544**

Assistance to other law enforcement agencies: **234**

Assistance to Goshen Fire & EMS: **565**

Traffic stops: **1,334**

Warnings: **1,146**

Citations: **546**

Suspended drivers: **232**

OVI (DUI): **96**

Crashes: **111**

Vehicle lock-outs: **295**

Burglar alarms: **386**

Vacation house checks: **4,226**

Open business checks: **3,040**

Night time business check cards: **1,912**

Foot patrol: **68** hours

Senior visits: **17** hours

Number of service calls to;

Lake Shore Estates: **870**

Fay Gardens: **300**

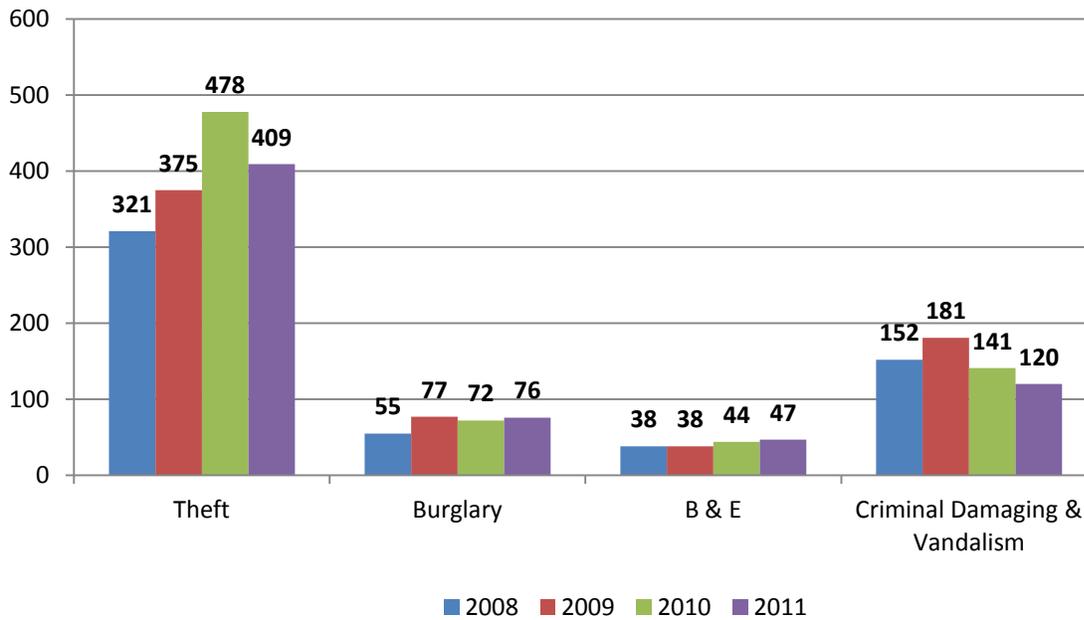
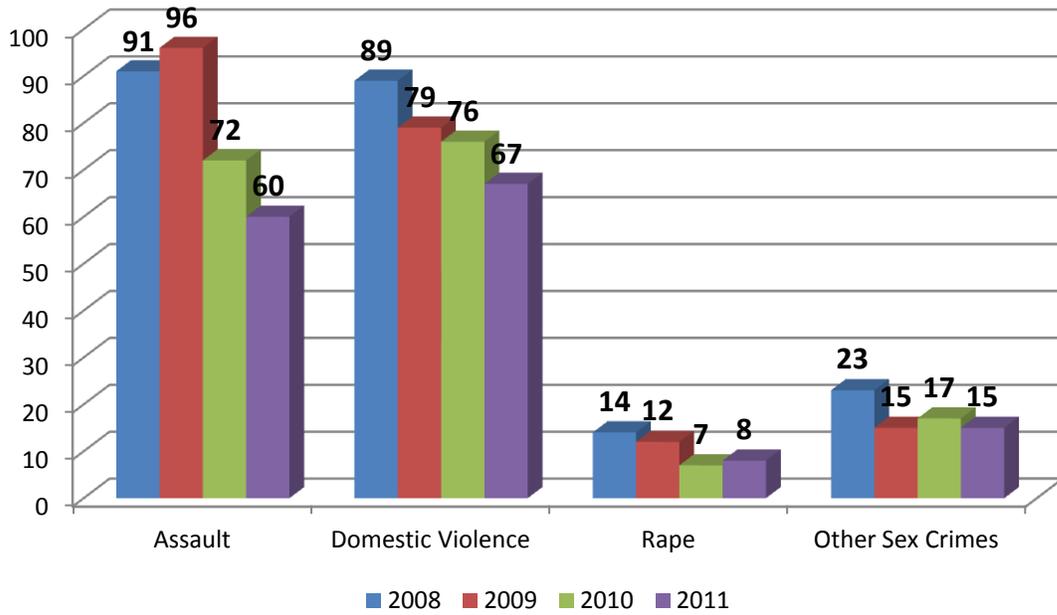
Woodville Gardens: **463**

Green Acres: **393**

Country Lake: **203**

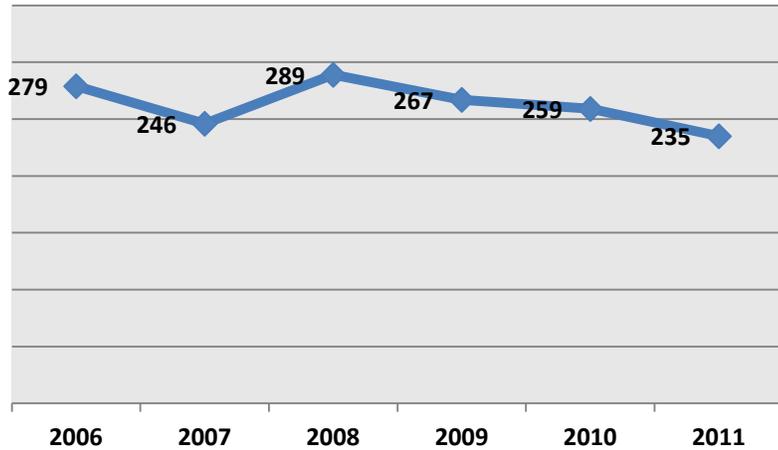
TOTAL: **2,229** (Six per day)

# Crime Statistics

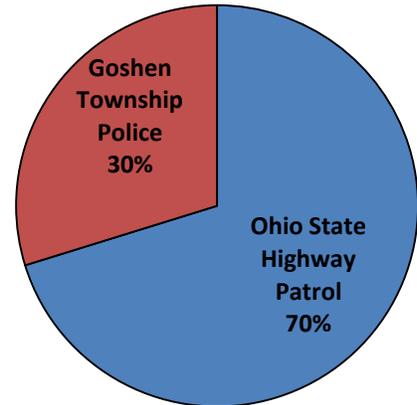


# Crashes

Number of Public Roadway Crashes by Year



2011 Public Roadway Crashes Investigated

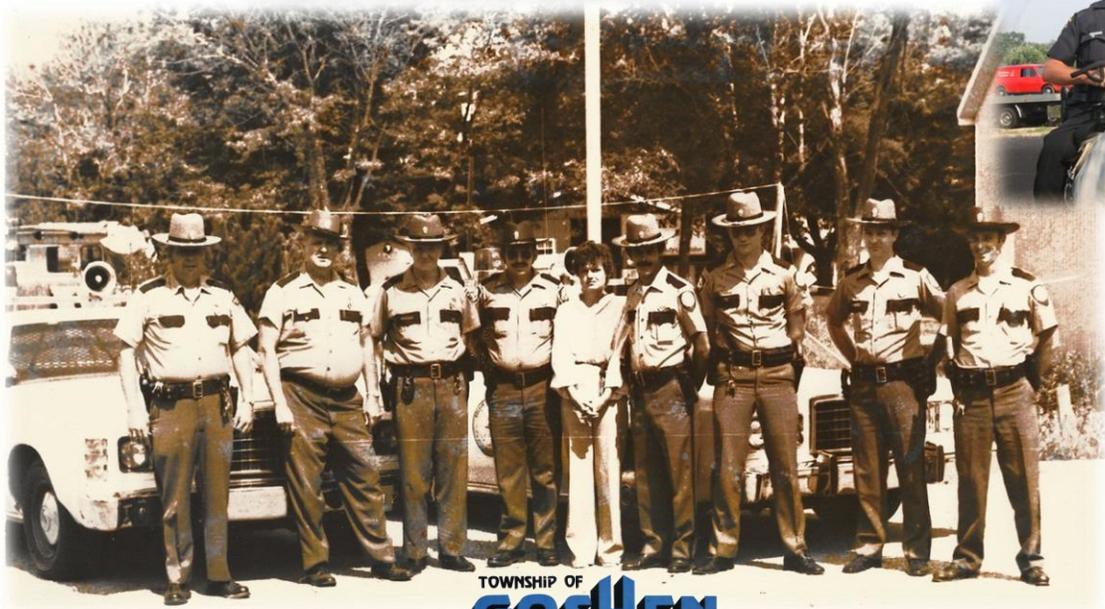


235 public roadway crashes occurred in Goshen (one every 37 hours).

37% (88) of all public roadway crashes occurred on State Route 28.

In addition to public roadway crashes, Goshen Township Officers investigated 42 private property crashes.





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