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OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR 2011 ACHIEVEMENTS

At the February 14th trustees meeting four officers were presented with awards of achievement for their outstanding individual efforts throughout 2011.

Recognized with Drug Interdiction Awards were: Sergeant Ron Robinson, Detective Mark Penn, and Officer James Taylor. A drug interdiction award is achieved annually by those officers who excel in the area of drug enforcement. The Goshen Township Police Department has a zero tolerance drug enforcement policy. Officers that make the most drug related arrests earn the award. The top achiever also earns the prestige of having his or her name

added to a plaque that is proudly displayed in the police department. Sergeant Robinson was the departments 2011 drug interdiction top achiever.

Officer Tim Budai was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding efforts to remove unlicensed drivers from Goshen roadways. By the end of 2011 he charged 104 drivers for driving without a valid license. These traffic

charges were in addition to the more than 2,100 service calls that he personally handled

throughout the year.







POHLMAN'S PHARMACY B&E ARREST

During the overnight hours of February 24, 2011 a suspect forced entry into Pohlman's Pharmacy by smashing through a front window.

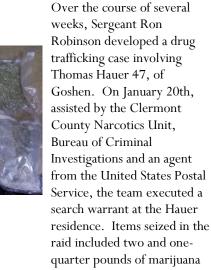
More than 2,000 narcotic pills were stolen in the break-in by a male suspect who was careful to conceal his identity from surveillance cameras. The video was posted on YouTube and in December Detective Penn received a tip based on the clothing the suspect was wearing in the video. Detective Penn was able to secure a confession from Jason Isbell 30, of West Chester. Isbell lived in Goshen at the time of the offense and reports that he stole the pills to sell.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT 2011

- Chief Ray Snyder
- Sergeant Ron Robinson
- Sergeant Don Hodson
- Officer James Taylor
- Officer Jeff Wolf

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MARIJUANA FROM CALIFORNIA TO GOSHEN



that was vacuum sealed (pictured left) and had been shipped via the U.S. mail. Drug paraphernalia and a shotgun were also seized. Next, Sergeant Robinson contacted authorities in Novato California advising them of our case and the location from which the package had been sent. Law enforcement in Novato then conducted their own investigation which resulted in a search warrant. Upon executing their warrant, they seized approximately 25 pounds of processed marijuana, 50 marijuana plants, and drug paraphernalia (photos below). Anthony Largo of Novato was arrested and others are being investigated. Sgt. Robinson will be seeking indictment of a 25 year old man who previously lived in Milford Ohio. This man was obtaining his drugs from the California home and supplying Hauer of Goshen.







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Sgt. Robinson and Officer Bucksath attended Tactical and Legal Consideration for Vehicle Stops and Approaches training on November 7th.

Captain Rose and Sgt. Robinson attended Law Enforcement Ethics training on December 7th.

On December 9th, February 29th, and March 1st, Captain Rose attended classes to become a Certified Law Enforcement Executive. This is a 15 month program

TRAINING

consisting primarily of athome study, research papers, and exams. He will graduate from the program in February 2013.

Officer Bucksath attended firearms training with Miami Township Officers on January 5th.

Officers Blanton and McFarland attended firearms training with Miami Township Officers on February 9th. Officer Davis attended Crisis Intervention Team training January 23-26th.

Officer Blanton attended Intoxilyzer 8000 training on February 2nd.

Officers Davis, Blanton, Wolf, and Sgt. Robinson attended Street Survival training on February 15th.

On March 8th departmental in-service training was conducted with focus on preparation and response to an armed assailant within the schools.

Officer Blanton attended Basic Crime Scene Investigations on March 26th.

Sergeant Robinson and Clerk Britt attended LEADS TAC training on May 1st.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Prior to 2008, law enforcement grants for personnel and equipment were abundant. Goshen Township was the recipient of many grants including funding that allowed for the creation of two School Resource Officer (SRO) positions. Upon those grants expiring and an inability for the township or the schools to continue funding for two positions, a financial agreement that was mutually beneficial for the school district and the township was formed to maintain one SRO.

The Goshen Township Police Department is committed to seeking out grants, however, grant funding has declined with the economy. Since 2008, the police department has applied for more than 1.1 million dollars in grant funding. Out of those many grant applications, we have been fortunate to receive even a small fraction totaling nearly \$38,000. Our most recent grant was for federal funding for the purchase of four portable radio's at a cost of \$15,489. Although less than what we had hoped for, we were fortunate to be awarded \$3,872. to cover 90% of the cost of one radio. The township is responsible for the remaining 10%.

Upon working on the police department's 2012 budget, it was necessary to cut deeply to balance the budget. There was no funding available to meet the terms of this grant and it appeared as though we would have to decline. Goshen Township Trustee Ray Autenrieb has generously

offered to donate the required funding to ensure that this opportunity is not missed.

Thank you Trustee Autenrieb!



Trustee Ray Autenrieb

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CALL-TO-CALL

Generally, Fridays and Saturdays are the busiest days of the week for Goshen Police, however, that doesn't exclude any other day from being just as busy. One such day was on Thursday February 16th. In addition to many other non-criminal service calls, the following crimes were reported on this one day:

Officer McFarland investigated a theft of a pickup truck from the lot of Dave's Food Mart. The investigation determined that the victim left the keys in the vehicle while inside the store making a purchase. A felony theft charge was filed on 20 year old Amanda Watson of Mount Orab. She walked away from a nearby drug rehab center and drove the truck to Cincinnati presumably to obtain heroin to satisfy her addiction. The vehicle was recovered in downtown Cincinnati.

In Green Acres Mobile Home Park, Officer McFarland and Sergeant Hodson struggled with a highly intoxicated 18 year old who resisted arrest. While en route to the jail the suspect, Dakota Spurlock of Goshen, began banging his head against the prisoner cage of the cruiser, causing a laceration to his head. EMS transported him to the hospital where he continued to be belligerent with hospital staff.

At an address on Linton Road it was reported to Officer

McFarland that an 18 year old male had been having consensual sex with a 14 year old female. A charge of unlawful sexual contact with a minor is pending grand jury indictment.

At an address on Snider Road, Sergeants Hodson and Robinson investigated an alleged rape that occurred to an intoxicated adult female by a known male. The victim refused to prosecute.

In Woodville Gardens Mobile Home Park, a man reported to Captain Rose that he was threatened by another man. The victim refused to prosecute.

Sergeant Hodson responded to Green Acres Mobile Home Park for a report of domestic violence involving a 16 year old boy who allegedly assaulted his mother. Upon arrival, Sergeant Hodson found the mother to be highly intoxicated. Further investigation determined that the domestic violence complaint was unsubstantiated, however, two underage individuals were found to be intoxicated. 20 year old Josh Taylor and a 14 year old female both of Goshen, were charged with underage consumption.

Some Significant Incidents

On December 7th Officer Moermond was assaulted by an intoxicated 39 year old man who was threatening to kill his wife and himself.

On December 12th Captain Rose and Officer Blanton arrested an 18 year old male after he crashed a stolen car while driving drunk and drugged. He was apprehended after a foot pursuit.

On December 17th Sgt. Robinson arrested a 34 year old woman for driving under the influence and child endangering. She had a blood alcohol level of .084 and was driving with her 14 year old child in the car.

On December 21st Chief Snyder investigated the rape of a 22 year old woman by a man known to her. The 28 year old assailant was arrested.

On December 28th Officer Blanton investigated a fight in which three men assaulted one man at Circle K following a road rage incident. Assault charges were filed on one adult and two 17 year olds. On January 2nd a 17 year old female reported that she was raped by a known male. Sgt. Robinson investigated the case assisted by Sgt. Holland and Officer Taylor. A 24 year old man was arrested.

On February 20th a fire was purposely set to a Snider Road home while a man was inside. The home was damaged extensively by the fire. Fortunately, the man escaped unharmed. An aggravated arson investigation is ongoing. On February 23rd an air conditioning unit was stolen from the First Baptist Church on Woodville Pike.

On February 24th Officer Bucksath found a marijuana grow operation at a home in Green Acres. A 57 year old man was charged.

On February 25th in Green Acres, Officer Moermond tased a 17 year old female who resisted arrest and fled on foot. She was charged with underage consumption and possession of drugs. Two other intoxicated males were also charged in the incident.

Some Significant Incidents Cont.

On March 11th at 4am, Sgt. Robinson stopped a car that was driving without headlights. The 18 year old driver was arrested for DUI and had a blood alcohol level of .168. Four teenage passengers who were also intoxicated were charged with underage consumption.

On March 11th Sgt. Robinson made an arrest for rape. The adult female victim was raped by a male known to her. She was handcuffed and pepper sprayed by her assailant.

On March 12th at 6pm, a 27 year old woman crashed her car while driving intoxicated. She fled the crash scene. Officer Wolf located her and charged her with DUI and child endangering as she had her four year old daughter in the car with her.

On March 14th in Green Acres, Sgt. Hodson arrested a 15 year old female for underage consumption following a foot pursuit. On March 18th Detective Penn and Officer Davis took a male into custody who was armed with a sword threatening his own life. He was transported to the hospital.

On March 16th Chief Snyder investigated a rape that was committed by a known male to the victim. Charges are pending.

On April 7th a car was stolen from a home on Oakland Road and later found burning on Shannon Branch in Goshen.

On April 8th Captain Rose arrested a woman for domestic violence after she chased her husband with a loaded rifle.

On April 13th Detective Penn arrested a man who was stalking his ex-wife. Penn charged the man with violation of a protection order and retaliation. In 1997 this man stabbed the victim 37 times. He served several years in prison for attempted murder.

On April 18th the rear door of The Goshen Pharmacy was heavily damaged during an attempted break-in.

On April 22nd Sgt. Robinson and Officer McFarland were involved in a traffic pursuit after suspects wanted for soliciting sex with a minor fled. Blanchester Police utilized stop sticks and successfully deflated the suspects tires. The suspects were arrested and the driver was also charged with fleeing and eluding and DUI, he had a blood alcohol level of .132.

'Some significant Incidents' represents only a sample of the more than 500 reports generated since December

Department Update

Sergeant Holland provided robbery response training to LCNB bank employees on December 15th.

Sergeant Holland responded to Moscow Ohio as a member of the Stonelick Township Fire Department to assist with tornado damage mitigation on March 4th. On February 13th Captain Rose met with the United Methodist Women's Group and answered questions about crime in the community and police response.

On March 19th, cruiser # 47 was decommissioned. With 166,000 miles, leaking oil, a failing transmission, and power steering loss, the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria expenses were far exceeding the value. Due to inadequate funding, there is no replacement.

The 4th session of the Goshen Township Citizens Police Academy began with 15 participants on March 19th. On April 18th, Captain Rose, CPAAA members Donna Rosic, Ken Huffaker, and Sharma Huffaker teamed up for the annual Chamber of Commerce bowling challenge. The team placed third.

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Defibrillators

Through generous donations from the Goshen Lions Club and Goshen Township Trustee Ray Autenrieb, the Goshen Township Police Department is now equipped with three automatic external defibrillators (AED's) which are used to jump-start the human heart. Officers are trained in their use and are carrying them in their patrol cars. Often times officers are closer to medical

emergencies than EMS and these devices give officers an important tool to save lives.



Thank you Goshen Lions and Trustee Autenrieb for making this possible!

Drugs and Guns

On February 4th, upon a routine traffic stop by Sergeant Robinson, the 19 year old driver, Garett Shields of Goshen was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. A subsequent search of the vehicle by Officer Bucksath with his canine partner Jinx located marijuana. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the suspect had made approximately 50 sales of marijuana in the past week. Upon a search of his home, marijuana and drug paraphernalia was found.

Four firearms were also seized including a rifle, assault style shotgun, large caliber pistol, and small caliber pistol that is easily concealable (all shown in the picture).

This case is another example of how guns and drugs go together posing a danger to the community and law enforcement officers.

Our Mission:

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.

Our Core Values: Fair & Friendly Integrity Respect Sense of Urgency Teamwork

