



COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I want to start by saying “thank you” to the community of Colerain Township for supporting your Police Department in 2011. Because of our officers and staff, I’m excited about the accomplishments of 2011 and look forward to the future for our residents and businesses as well as our Police Department.

In 2011, we filled the vacancies created when the two officers officially retired from the Colerain Police Department. That means they worked a career as Colerain Police Officers. Prior to 2011, no other Colerain Police Department officer ever retired because they met the requirements related to time in service. Officer’s Andrew Demeropolis and Karl Altheim retired in the June of 2011. While we were sad to see longtime friends leave the Department, we were proud of their accomplishment. The job of police officer casts many unexpected tolls on officers and not many make it 25 years. Officer Demeropolis worked 34 years and Officer Altheim worked 25 years as police officers. Their positions were important to fill only with the most qualified persons available. We established a process that helps identify the most qualified police officer candidates to fill any open positions. The Colerain Police Department staffing level was increased to 38 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police for 2011. The Department had 127 applicants participate in the 2011 hiring process. From the process, we were able to identify and hire four candidates to fulfill the duties and responsibilities associated with working as a police officer in Colerain Township. The newest officers are Brian Huntington, Kenneth Bertz, Kurt Magoteaux and Dean Doerflein. The Department also hired a new part-time weekend clerk in 2011. The new clerk is Amanda Griffin.

We continue to work with any facet of the Colerain Township community. We engage the community through several proactive policing efforts. Some of the initiatives include, neighborhood block watch, door to door surveys, town hall meetings and community fairs. In keeping with the Community Policing philosophy, the members of this department seek input from our residents, schools and business persons in an attempt to work hand in hand with you to solve problems. During the 2011 year, the Township rehabilitated an old tavern located at 7560 Colerain Avenue to become the new “Community Resource Center.” This rehabilitation was completed in the fall and became the office for our Neighborhood Resource Officers and officers assigned to as members of our Police Mountain Bike Team. This center is used by officers from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Public Safety and Bureau of Criminal Investigations for the State of Ohio.

Additionally in 2011, the Police Department added two Sheriff’s Deputies to the Colerain Police Department, Special Investigative Unit (SIU). These two deputies allow the Police Department to increase the investigative service to our community. The increase in the size of the unit required the creation of a supervisory position to oversee the unit’s duties and responsibilities. The unit was very successful in 2011 serving the region. The Police Department assigns our officers to patrol as well as “support services.” From those assignments, our officers work together to fulfill the responsibilities of several exemplary programs in place to serve the community, Colerain Police Department employs the Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO); School Resource Officers (SRO) that work with the Northwest Local School District at each of the Township’s two high schools. The Department has a Missing Person Investigative Team, Special Investigative Unit, Criminal and Traffic Safety Investigators that work cooperatively with investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, our six-person Honor Guard.

In keeping with the Community Policing philosophy, the members of this department will work hand in hand with our community to solve problems as they occur. Do not hesitate in letting us know what you perceive these problems to be. Please contact me regarding any concerns that may arise either by telephone or e-mail at dmeloy@coleraintwp.org

Sincerely,
Daniel P. Meloy

NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT



The Colerain Police Department serves 60,000 residences and covers 45 square miles. The department is headed by the Chief of Police and is divided into two divisions, the Patrol and Support Services divisions. Each division is led by a Lieutenant.

The Patrol Division is divided into two 12 hour shifts and each shift is headed by a Sergeant. The Colerain Police patrol works cooperatively with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Patrol to provide service to the community. Each department patrols three out of six beats on each shift in Colerain. The Colerain Police Department also

outsources the dispatching. All of the patrol units are dispatched through the Hamilton County Communications Center. Although the primary responsibility for patrol units is to respond to calls for service, they are also very much involved in problem solving and investigations.

The Support Services division is responsible for all ancillary services provided to the public. Those services include traffic safety, follow-up investigations, plain clothes investigations, School Truancy Investigator, School Resource Officers (SRO), Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) and the bike team. Each of these positions is described in greater detail later in this report. The Support Services division is also responsible for maintaining the accreditation of the agency through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).



The Colerain Police Department works alongside the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. As stated above, they provide patrol services to the community. They also perform follow-up investigations with Colerain's full time detective. Colerain Police has three members on the Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT), and they are utilized when a significant dangerous event occurs such as a barricaded suspect. The Colerain Police also contracts with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to provide one traffic car, one additional patrol car, and one Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO).



The philosophy of the Colerain Police Department is one of community policing and problem solving. To better serve the community, the Colerain Police Department, in partnership with Colerain Businesses Against Crime, established a Community Resource Center in the Groesbeck area of the Township. Also, in 2011, the Department expanded the C.A.R.E. program (Children and Residents Encounter Program) to better serve those with special needs in our community.

DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPH

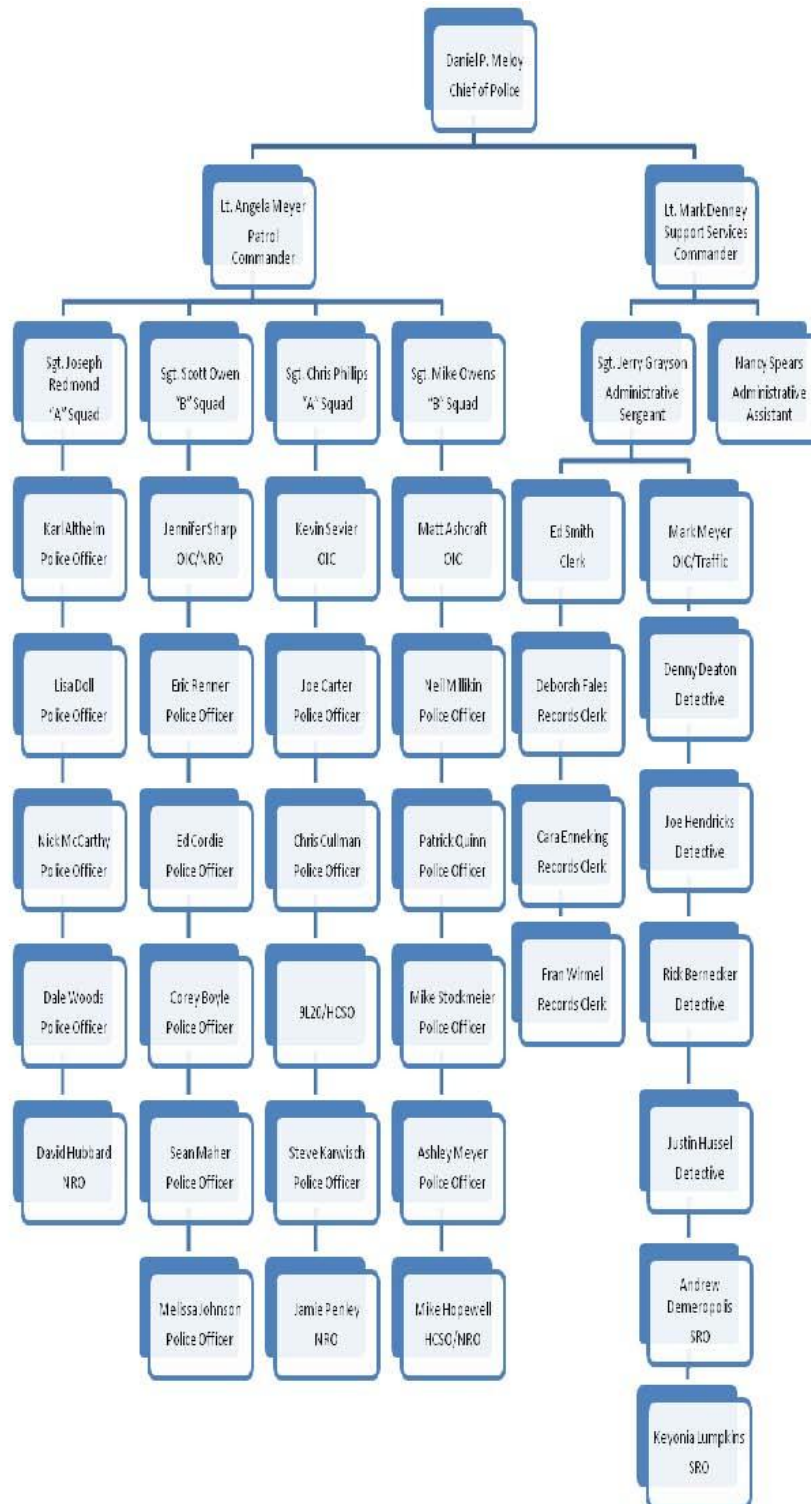


Row One (Left to Right): PO Melissa Johnson, PO Andrew Demeropolis, PO Justin Hussel, Nancy Spears, Edward Smith, Linda Snyder, PO Edwin Cordie, PO Elisabeth Doll, PO Patrick Quinn, PO Karl Altheim.

Row Two (Left to Right): PO Matthew Ashcraft, PO Steven Karwisch, PO Keyonia Lumpkins, Sgt. Christopher Phillips, Sgt. Jerome Grayson, Lt. Mark Denney, Chief Daniel Meloy, Lt. Angela Meyer, Sgt. Michael Owens, Sgt. Joseph Redmond, PO Jason Sax, PO Jennifer Sharp, PO Mark Meyer,

Row Three (Left to Right): PO Rick Bernecker, PO Christopher Cullman, PO Jamie Penley, PO John J. Carter, PO Neil Millikin, PO Dale Woods, PO David Hubbard, PO Eric Renner, PO William Smith, PO Kevin Sevier, Det. Joseph Hendricks, Det. Denny Deaton

2010 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



C.A.R.E. Children and Residents Encounter Program



The Colerain Police Department began an exciting and innovative program for special needs residents. The Children and Residents Encounter Program (CARE) began as a result of Colerain Police Officer Nick McCarthy who saw a need to reach out to a special segment of our community that is often neglected.

Officer McCarthy, the father of an autistic child, gathered resources from various agencies as well as private enterprises to launch this first of its kind program. The CARE program gives police officers vital information about special needs residents and how to best provide them with the same outstanding level of service that is given to all of our residents.

The CARE program also introduces the police and fire resources of Colerain Township to the special needs residents and their families. The goal is to form friendships and trust as well as a mutual understanding of our organizational mission.

Officer McCarthy reached out to the mental health treatment community, local businesses, and other police agencies to launch the program on September 15, 2010. With this innovative partnership, the CARE program met and introduced those with special needs, along with their families, to this program.

The Colerain Police Department has over thirty families who have given vital information about their loved ones on how to approach, converse, and resolve issues in the most appropriate manner. Safety and comfort are the main goals of these encounters.



PATROL DIVISION



The Colerain Police Department fields 24 police officers that, alongside the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, cover the six beats within Colerain Township. The officers work one of two 12 hour shifts, one beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm, and the other covering the overnight 12 hour period.

During 2010, the Colerain Police Department handled 25,869 calls for service. These calls ranged from the routine barking dog complaints all the way to armed robberies and homicides. Through the use

of crime mapping and pattern analysis, the patrol division can tailor its response to trends within the Township on a daily basis.

Colerain Township is currently the largest township in Ohio geographically and the second largest by population. Colerain Township is also the busiest area for police service outside the City of Cincinnati.

The patrol division is supported in its delivery of excellent police service by many of the other services provided through the police department such as the Plain Clothes Investigations Unit, the CARE program, the Criminal Investigative Section, School Resource Officers, Traffic Investigations, and the Neighborhood Resource Officers.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



The Colerain Police Department is entering its twelfth year with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The partnership with Northwest Local School District has grown every year into a since its beginning. We have an officer assigned at both high schools and they also assist the middle and elementary schools when needed. Their duties consist of many different tasks both with the school and classrooms.

The 2011 school year has been successful in allowing officers the opportunity to work closely with school staff and students. This has helped in developing relationships between law enforcement and the community. The SRO's continue to be involved and increase their roles in the classroom environment.

More and more teachers ask for assistance in lectures to their classes with a wide range of issues relating to the law, the career, and different career opportunities. Students also seek out the SRO's for assistance with papers and questionnaires that they must prepare. The SRO's also involve themselves with the Hamilton County —Safe Communities Task Force. The Teen Driving Countermeasure is a program taught four times a year at each high school. The program is designed to teach students the dangers involved in driving while intoxicated. Both SRO's are also coordinators of the Student Police Academies that are completing their ninth class of graduates.

Officer Keyonia Lumpkins became the School Resource Officer at Colerain High School in 2009 and is completing her third year in this position. Officer Lumpkins has acclimated herself well with both students and staff and has become an invaluable asset to the school. During the 2010 - 2011 school year, Officer Lumpkins continued to develop the Driving Angels program. This highly successful program was modeled after Northwest High School's program. Officer Lumpkins also continues to teach anti-bullying techniques to students. Officer Lumpkins continues to serve as a counselor/mentor to the Colerain High School Black Cultural Club. Being concerned with providing a safe environment for students as well as staff members, Officer Lumpkins instructs teachers and staff during their annual in-service training in topics dealing with school safety. During the upcoming school year, Officer Lumpkins will be developing the Project Dream Program. This intervention program is being created to curtail the number of runaway incidents in Colerain Township.

Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis has completed his sixth year at North-West Senior High School as the School Resource Officer and his 27th year as a full time police officer with Colerain Township. Officer Demeropolis retired as a full time officer at the end of the 2011 school-year but agreed to come back in a part-time position with Northwest High School. Officer Demeropolis continues to be instrumental in assisting Lt. Mark Denney with the Driving Angels program at Northwest High School. This innovative program involves students volunteering as instructors in the Rehabilitation Driving Course. The course is taught to juvenile drivers that have been cited to traffic court or who volunteer to attend on their own. Officer Demeropolis has now expanded this program to include other area police agencies. Officer Demeropolis completed a safe driving event at the High School shortly before the school prom. This event emphasized driver safety and showed the ramifications of reckless driving. Officer Demeropolis' close relationship to the administration, faculty, and students continues to foster a great working atmosphere. .



NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) unit has been in existence since 2003. Deputy Michael Hopewell of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department as well as Colerain Officers Jamie Penley, Jennifer Sharp and Dave Hubbard all work in the Neighborhood Resource Office. The Neighborhood Resource Officers assist the community with problems and concerns that are identified through neighbor complaints, block watch programs, or through officer contacts. The Officers examine reports and look at patterns of crime that may develop and attempt to successfully resolve them.

The Neighborhood Resource Officers have a successful Domestic Violence follow-up program that is recognized by the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office as being responsible for a higher conviction rate for Domestic Violence offenders. In 2010 the Neighborhood Resource Officers conducted fifty four follow up investigations. During these follow-ups, victims receive resource information that may assist them during a stressful and difficult time. Resources such as child care programs, safety shelter locations, and educational needs are just a few of the resources that are shared.



The quality of life for Colerain Township residents is critical to the function of the Neighborhood Resource Officers. They partner with the Colerain Business Community, Hamilton County Board of Health, Colerain Fire Department, Colerain Zoning Department, and Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services just to name a few.

The Neighborhood Resource Officer unit canvassed many neighborhoods in 2010. With the assistance of the Citizen Police Academy Volunteers, they walked door to door and gathered vital information needed to assist with directed patrols and identify concerns from residents. The Neighborhood Resource Officers were also tasked with canvassing certain neighborhoods after violent crimes occurred to address safety concerns of residents.

At the end of 2010, The Neighborhood Officers assisted in the implementation of the C.A.R.E Program to help better serve those with special needs in our community. The C.A.R.E. program helps officers identify and be familiar with residents with special needs. The Neighborhood Resource Officers evaluate and follow-up every six months with C.A.R.E. residents and Alzheimer residents who are registered with the Township to make sure we have the most up to date information if the need would arise for calls for service.

The Neighborhood Resource Officers share information and responsibilities with each other and specific beat officers to insure we are working around the clock to assist the residents with their quality of life issues.

INVESTIGATIONS



Detective Denny Deaton has been the Colerain Police Departments Detective since 1999. Detective Deaton works in co-operation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Departments Criminal Investigative Division. Detective Deaton's general assignment in Colerain is in the area of burglary.

During the months of June and July, Detective Deaton became trained and certified under the federal guidelines and standards of polygraph use and testing. Membership into the American Polygraph Association and the American Police Polygraph Association was sought and obtained, which maintains provides guidelines and standards in polygraph testing and training. The polygraph was used to assist our agency with conducting 12 pre-employment examinations.

Detective Deaton taught criminal investigation and crime scene classes for the Citizen's and Student Police Academies, and maintains a current certification as a police instructor for the State of Ohio. Additional training was obtained in advanced homicide and death investigations, and areas of arson and fire related investigations. Robbery response training was provided to Northside Bank and Trust, as well as investigative report writing taught at Northern Kentucky University.

Throughout the year Detective Deaton conducted death investigations, burglary and robbery surveillance, and provided assistance to North Carolina Detectives with a homicide investigation. Detective Deaton assisted with a home invasion homicide and a bank robbery arrest which resulted in the closure of 6 bank robberies.

Detective Deaton had 298 cases assigned in 2010, with 23 arrest made and \$12,350.00 in property recovered.

PLAIN CLOTHES

The Plain Clothes Unit began 2010 by adding a third detective. A process was held in December 2009 and a third detective was identified and started in January. The new detective spent several hours of training in the areas of child pornography, drug investigations and liquor enforcement. In addition to individual training, all detectives completed courses in interviews and interrogations, crime scene photography, drug interdiction, arson investigations, and detectives attended a federal law enforcement course in Sevierville, Tennessee. All of these classes will assist detectives in investigating crimes such as drug trafficking, burglary, theft, and arson. In addition to investigating these crimes, the plain clothes unit also assists patrol officers in day to day radio calls.

During 2010 the unit worked 186 days and investigated 30 cases of drug trafficking, 31 burglaries, and responded to 144 radio calls. As a result 311 suspects were arrested with 72 of those being charged with felonies. During 2010, detectives recovered 4 pounds of marijuana and 7 ounces of powder cocaine. Also recovered were small amounts of heroin, crack cocaine, ecstasy, and 567 prescription pills. As a result of the drug investigations and arrests, detectives executed 5 search warrants and seized \$25,940.00 in cash and 5 vehicles from drug dealers. Once a forfeiture order is awarded, the cash and cars are used by the police department to further criminal investigations. The cash is used to purchase equipment, pay for training, and to conduct controlled purchases of narcotics or stolen property. The cars are auctioned off for cash or assigned to detectives to use during the course of their duty assignment.

In 2010, detectives received numerous complaints of a local business that was reportedly buying and selling stolen goods. Detectives began investigating this business and were able to confirm that there was illegal activity taking place within the business. A search warrant was obtained and executed. Detectives recovered numerous items that were reported stolen from throughout the Greater Cincinnati area and in neighboring states.

In 2011 the detectives assigned to the plain clothes unit will remain dedicated to investigating these street level crimes and keeping Colerain Township safe for both its residents and visitors.

SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS



Colerain Township and Northwest Local School District partnered together and had signed a three year contract in August 2008, for a full time Truant Investigator. Officer Hussel is currently in the third year of the investigator position. The Northwest School District is one of the larger school districts in the area being composed of two high schools, three middle schools, and eight elementary schools. Green Township and Springfield Township both agreed to give authority to the investigator to handle investigations in their jurisdictions.

Officer Hussel receives attendance referrals from all the schools in the district for students missing school. Officer Hussel received 190 truancy referrals from the schools. A student is considered truant if they meet any of the following criteria; miss 5 consecutive unexcused absences, misses 7 unexcused absences in a month, or misses 12 unexcused absences for the year. Charges were filed on 41 of the 190 referrals received. The other truancy cases were handled through intervention or some sort of counseling to help improve the students' attendance. The investigator position was added to a student support team to assist with issues the families may be having. The support team is compiled of Social Workers, School Counselors, and Behavior Specialist. This team has really helped with the truancy cases and getting great results.

The School Investigator also handles residency issues in the school district. Many families give false addresses for their children to attend a school in the North-west Local School District. Officer Hussel follows up on leads given from the community through email or anonymous phone calls. When a student is found to be giving a false address, they are sent a letter advising them to enroll into their local school district. Officer Hussel received 295 residency cases and closed 150 of them.

Officer Hussel is excited to work his fourth year as the Truancy Investigator starting in August 2011, as the School District and Police Department had just renewed the contract for another year.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Colerain Police Department has one officer, assigned full-time, to Traffic Safety. Officer Mark Meyer is currently assigned to this position. His daily duties include the investigation of auto accidents, investigations of hit-skip crashes, and traffic enforcement in school zones and high accident locations. Officer Meyer also responds to citizen complaints regarding traffic issues in their neighborhoods. Further duties include conducting in-service training; to include changes to the Ohio Revised Code's traffic chapters, OVI updates, and suspension code updates. Officer Meyer also instructs students in the local schools as well as students in the Colerain Citizen's and Student Police Academies. Other responsibilities are the deployment, care and maintenance of the MPH Speed Trailer. Certifications of the radar and laser units are also done by Officer Meyer.



Officer Meyer is assigned to a police motorcycle during the majority of the year. The motorcycle is not only a valuable tool for traffic enforcement, but is also used for public relations during various events within the Township and events throughout the tri-state area. The motorcycle is an essential tool at the Fourth of July event and the Taste of Colerain. The motorcycle has the advantage to maneuver through traffic and go places a full size vehicle cannot. The gas mileage for the motorcycle is an-other advantage.

Officer Meyer investigated 272 auto accidents in 2010. During the year, Officer Meyer issued 1,870 citations: 1,168 moving violations, 79 non-moving violations, 546 seat belt violations and 77 parking citations. He also issued 424 warnings for traffic related violations. Officer Meyer made 151 driving under suspension arrests and served 61 warrants. He also investigated 256 abandoned vehicles of which 46 were eventually towed.

With a cooperative effort as an investigative team, Officer Meyer responds with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Traffic Safety Unit to any fatal or serious auto accidents that occur in Colerain Township. In 2010 Colerain Township suffered three fatal auto accidents.



BIKE TEAM

The Colerain Bike Team is active as long as the weather cooperates. Our bike team works all year round and is driven by crime activity and public relation events. The bike team has six members who ride on a regular basis and two supervisors who ride when duties allow.

The team trains together whenever possible. There is a bike officer assigned to each squad. The officers work 12 hour shifts. The bike team works an altered shift de-pending on activity. During the 752 hours of ride time in 2010 they rode 2733 miles and handled 215 radio runs. They made 4 felony arrests, 30 misdemeanor arrests and 28 minor misdemeanor arrests. Traffic citations on a bicycle can be challenging, they wrote 32 moving citation, 10 parking citations and 74 warnings.



The partnership with the business community is unique with the bike team. The team has the ability to move around the businesses and the parking lots unlike a marked police cruiser.

Bike team officers participate in public relation events all year. They assist with DARE classes, direct and assist with bike rodeos for local Cub Scout groups and churches. They patrol community carnivals and *Colerain 4th of July Extravaganza*. Having the ability to move through a crowd gives a bike officer an advantage. The bike officers are more easily approached for people to report suspicious activity.

Having the bike teams in the neighborhoods is a comfort to the community. Officers establish a relationship with a specific area, become familiar with problems, and then can approach them with a different solution on the bikes.

CALEA ACCREDITATION

In 2010, The Police Department began its fifth full year as a —Professionally Accredited Law Enforcement agency, since receiving its initial accreditation in November 2005. As of 2010, only six of the 45 law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County, and .03% of the agencies nationwide, are currently accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation pro-gram allows agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they have met and continue to meet an established set of professional standards. There are currently 463 standards that the agencies must show compliance. The process requires agencies to:

Develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. The directives provide a method for reaching administrative and operational goals, while providing direction to its employees.

Provide the necessary reports and analyses a Chief of Police needs to make fact-based, informed decisions.

Require a preparedness program to be put in place – so an agency is ready to address natural or man-made critical incidents.

Strengthen agencies accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance and responsibilities.

Accreditation can limit an agencies liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates the internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

Accreditation facilitates Police Department's pursuit of professional excellence.

The CALEA process requires agencies to undergo a comprehensive audit and on-site review of all operations every three years. The next CALEA on-site for the Colerain Police Department is in August 2011. Upon successful completion of this process, the Department will receive its third accreditation award.

CALEA accreditation allows the Colerain Police Department to stand amongst the finest law enforcement agencies in the world, confident that the policies, procedures and services provided to our citizens are second to none.

HIRING AND SELECTION

The Colerain Police Department began the 2011 calendar year with 34 sworn police officers and three full-time non-sworn staff along with two part-time weekend clerks. The Police Department lost three police officers to retirement and the Board of Trustees agreed to increase the staffing level of the Department and allow the hiring of two additional police officers. The Police Department also added two new officers to the Colerain Police Department (SIU) "Special Investigative Unit." These two new officers are experienced deputies from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. These investigators work as members of the SIU team and their salary and benefits are paid by the Sheriff's Office. Both agencies benefit from the sharing of personnel and experience. Additionally, a selection process was conducted to identify the best possible candidate for a patrol sergeant vacancy. Colerain Police moved forward in conducting the supervisor selection processes while also conducting a process to identify and hire four new police officers to fill the vacant officer positions.

During 2011, one "police officer" hiring process was conducted to identify five qualified candidates to fill the vacancies. The Colerain Police Department received applications from 127 persons interested in becoming a police officer in Colerain Township. The hiring process required the candidates to successfully pass several steps of the hiring process. The first step required each candidate to pass a test of their physical fitness capabilities. Candidates were required to perform exercises such as the "one-minute" sit up; maximum push-ups and 1.5 mile run. Each test has established scoring criteria based on the age and sex of the candidate. The candidates who successfully completed the physical fitness testing were scheduled for a written examination. Candidates that scored 70% or above on the written examination, was then provided a date to interview with representatives from the Police Department and residents of Colerain Township. The interview panel consisted of the Police Department supervisors, a police officer and a civilian community representative. The candidates that passed the oral interview were required to successfully complete a thorough background investigation. The background investigation included, but was not limited to, a review of previous employers, discussions with co-workers, friends, associates, review of the candidates financial and driving history, a review of any criminal activity, if any and any drug usage. Those candidates also underwent a truth verification examination. The Colerain Police Department utilizes both the polygraph and the Certified Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) to confirm the truthfulness of the candidate. Candidates who successfully complete those stages were considered against other successful candidates to determine which one offered the most benefit to the Police Department. The selected candidate was then offered a conditional offer of employment to allow for medical and psychological testing. Four candidates were selected to fill the vacant police officer positions. Those officers hired in 2011 were Brian Huntington, Kenneth Bertz, Kurt Magoteaux, and Dean Doerflein. One officer, Andrew Demeropolis, retired and offered to return to continue his work as the (SRO) School Resource Officer, assigned to Northwest High School. His return saved the Department approximately \$40,000 in salary and benefits. He works only as the SRO and therefore only works and is paid for the days the school district requires its staff to be present.

A sergeant promotion process was conducted to identify the one new sergeant to would replace the sergeant selected to oversee the expanded SIU team. After a testing and evaluation process, the new sergeant was promoted in July of 2011. The new sergeant is Sergeant Kevin Sevier, a 10 year Police Department veteran and former Neighborhood Resource Officer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Chief Daniel P. Meloy- Certificate of Congressional Recognition- U.S. House of Representatives- For extraordinary dedication in the service of the community.

Chief Daniel P. Meloy- "Beyond the Call Award"- Cincinnati Christian University- For dedication and service to the community.

Lt. Mark C. Denney- Officer of The Year- Colerain Township Business Association- For his dedication and service to Colerain Township.

Lt. Mark C. Denney- Chief's Commendation- Colerain Police Department- For his outstanding efforts in expanding and promoting the Driving Angel's Program to other area jurisdictions.

Lt. Mark C. Denney- Chief's Commendation- Colerain Police Department- For his efforts and dedication in facilitating the Department's third accreditation rating with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Sgt. Michael S. Owens- Letter of Recognition- Colerain Police Department- For his efforts and dedication in facilitating the Department's third accreditation rating with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis- Recognition of Service- Cincinnati Citizens Police Association- For his efforts in promoting safe driving through the creation of the Driving Angel's Program.

Officer Elisabeth U. Doll- Recognition of Physical Fitness Award- Colerain Police Department- For maintaining a high level of physical fitness and conditioning and surpassing the Department's standards for physical fitness.

Officer Justin D. Hussel- Recognition of Physical Fitness Award- Colerain Police Department- For maintaining a high level of physical fitness and conditioning and surpassing the Departments' standards for physical fitness.

Officer Steven B. Karwisch- Recognition of Physical Fitness Award- Colerain Police Department- For maintaining a high level of physical fitness and conditioning and surpassing the Department's standards for physical fitness.

Officer Nicholas J. McCarthy- Certificate of Congressional Recognition- U.S. House of Representatives- For his commitment and service for the betterment of the community.

Officer Nicholas J. McCarthy- Officer of The Year- Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 113- For the creation and implementation of the C.A.R.E. program.

Officer Nicholas J. McCarthy- Emil J. Otting Award- Hamilton County Police Association- For his efforts in creating and implementing the Colerain Police Department's C.A.R.E. program.

Officer Nicholas J. McCarthy- "Beyond the Call Ward"- Cincinnati Christian University- For his dedication and service to the "special needs" community in Colerain Township through the development of the C.A.R.E. Program.

Officer Patrick R. Quinn- Recognition of Physical Fitness Award- Colerain Police Department- For maintaining a high level of physical fitness and conditioning and surpassing the Department's standards for physical fitness.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The budget for the Police Department is largely derived from tax dollars. In 1991, the citizens of Colerain Township approved a two-mil Police Levy that generated approximately \$2 million dollars annually. This money is used solely for Police Department operations. In 2002, an additional one-mil Police Levy was overwhelmingly approved by Colerain Township residents that provided an additional \$1 million dollars annually. Most recently, in November of 2007, Colerain Township voter's supported a 1.15 mil levy to support the Police Department operations and services. As a practice, the Department also seeks outside funding sources to assist Department operations. These include grants for officer overtime compensation, grants for equipment such as bulletproof vests, fines from drug and drunk-driving convictions, donations from various sources, and contracts for services with the Northwest Local Schools. Any money not spent in any given year is forwarded to the next fiscal year to assist with the expenses associated with police service to the Township.

In 2010, the appropriated budget for the Police Department was \$5.2 million dollars. The Department spent \$4.692 million with nearly 75% of the entire budget allocated for salary and personnel related expenses such as health insurance, worker's compensation, pension, and Medicare. More than \$3.8 million dollars was allocated for those expenses in 2010. The next major expense incurred by the Police Department is the combined cost for dispatch services from the Hamilton County Communication Center and contracted services by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, which augments the operations of the Colerain Police Department. In 2010, these two expenses totaled \$723,396 or approximately 16% of the entire Police Department expenses. The Department did reduce the costs for dispatching through an internal change in the handling of calls for service into the Police Department. The Department paid \$15.80 per dispatched call in 2010. The cost per call increases again in 2011 and 2012 by \$1.25 each year. That cost is not locally controlled. Prior to 2010, all calls received at the Colerain Police Department were forwarded to the Communications Center for dispatching. In an attempt to reduce costs, the Department changed the practice. Now all calls are screened and evaluated. If the call is not an emergency, the request is handled internally. In 2010, the Police Department reduced the number of outside dispatched calls more than 3,200 and therefore saved over \$50,000 in dispatch fees.

Our next major expense is generally vehicle-related. Each year the Police Department budgets to purchase two to three replacement cruisers. In 2010, we purchased a total of four police vehicles, including one replacement cruiser for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office "contract" car. As far as fuel costs, we spent \$77,700 for gasoline or approximately \$6,500 per month in 2010. We do our best to keep all the vehicles in our fleet in excellent shape with regularly scheduled oil changes, tune-ups, and tire replacement. The total cost in 2010 to purchase new cars, and provide fuel, tires and regular maintenance the cost was approximately \$191,475.00.

Like any organization, public or private, there are many expenses that comprise the budget. Office supplies, building maintenance, training costs, electricity, water, telephone service, liability insurance, property insurance, postage, printing, and uniforms are all paid through the Police Department budget. Many of those costs, and obviously many of the costs explained above, can increase from year to year due to increased costs. But, the Department continues to work to extend our operating dollars. One example for 2010 was installation of timers for lights in our common areas and, restrooms. In 2010, the utility costs decreased more than \$3,000.00, compared to utility

costs in 2009. It is very costly to operate a Police Department while trying to provide the necessary services our community deserves.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

One of the most important functions of the Colerain Police Department is the ongoing training and education of our police officers. Each year we strive to identify quality training to better protect and serve Colerain Township while being fiscally responsible.

In addition to the many officers who are enrolled in college to finish or advance their degrees, our police officers trained a total of 3,179 hours. This training included incident command at mass disasters, alcohol and drug impairment enforcement, inter-view and investigative training, self-defense, missing and exploited children, terrorism response, gang investigations, school shootings and undercover drug investigations.

In total, the Police Department spent \$12, 844.96 in training in 2010. This amounts to a cost of \$4.04 per training hour. The main reason the Police Department was able to keep the training costs as low as they were was the availability of free and low cost training. Supervisors investigated all training requests and decided if the training needs could be met in other ways, or at a lower cost.

One new addition to the Department's training was the use of streaming audio/video. In The Line of Duty is a nationally known training provider that traditionally sold training videos to law enforcement agencies. Their new online service allowed the Police Department access to their entire library and many new training features. Among the programs offered were presentations on dealing with diabetic drivers, officer safety, ethics and decision-making.

The Colerain Police Department continued the tradition of our annual in-service training. All of our police officers and civilian staff spent 16 hours learning about crisis en-try, police ethics, CPR, nutrition and legal updates. The officers also completed their annual fitness testing. This quality training was made available, in large part, by several Colerain Township residents who shared their expertise in several areas with our officers. This community involvement in training is a rare partnership in law enforcement.

The Colerain Police Department is committed to finding the very best training available to keep our police officers safe and deliver the service our citizens deserve. We are equally committed to doing this within our budget.

CITIZEN AND STUDENT POLICE ACADEMIES



In 2010, the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) graduated its 25th and 26th classes. The CPA was formed in 1998 and continues to be a huge success. Each class consists of fifteen to twenty students varying in age from twenty one to eighty. In addition to the CPA, the Student Police Academy graduated its eighth class since it was established in 2003. The curriculum for both academies is vastly similar. With the exception being the SPA tours the Hamilton County Justice Center.

The academies consist of twelve weeks of instruction as well as practical exercises. The classes are generally taught by officers from the Colerain Police Department and are approximately three hours in length. Some topics that are covered during the academies are Traffic Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Narcotic and Liquor Control Investigations, and Criminal Investigations. Students receive an overview of the Bike Team, Citizens on Patrol, Missing Persons Team, 911 operations, and the School and Neighborhood Resource Officers. Students participate in a practical exercise titled “Red Handled Gun.” Students are given the opportunity to conduct building searches and traffic stops while armed with “simunition” cotton bullets. An additional practical exercise is the “Red Man” exercise. During this exercise, students receive a demonstration on baton and Taser techniques.

If students desire to participate, they are allotted one ride-along with a police officer. Each ride-along is approximately eight hours long. The students are picked up by a police officer at 7 pm from their residence and dropped back off at 3 am. Having ride-along programs allows the students to relate the classroom instruction and daily work of a police officer.

Upon graduation from the academy, students become members of the CPA and SPA Alumni Associations. They have the ability to volunteer at different events in Colerain Township throughout the year such as the Taste of Colerain and Fourth of July Spectacular. As volunteers, they are also giving the opportunity to participate in the Citizens on Patrol Program. The Citizens on Patrol utilize a retired police car with an amber colored light bar to conduct patrol. Members of the Citizens on Patrol also participate in walking patrols during Halloween and during the holiday season at Northgate Mall. This program gives the Department some extra “eyes and ears” in the Township. The CPA and SPA Alumni are a phenomenal asset to the Police Department and very supportive of our officers. Both alumni associations are the epitome of the Community Oriented Policing Philosophy.

VOLUNTEERS



The Colerain Police department continues to be extremely fortunate for the outstanding volunteer service they receive from members of the Colerain Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Members volunteer their time to the Police Department in a variety of ways, such as patrolling on foot at Northgate Mall during the holiday season and patrolling in the Citizens on Patrol car during morning and evening hours several days a week. The Citizen on Patrol car is a retired police car that is now specifically marked for volunteer patrols. Other members also volunteer to assist the Police Clerical Staff by answering phones, shredding old documents, and filing re-ports.

Many events in the township, such as the Taste of Colerain and the Fourth of July Spectacular could not as successful as they are if were not for the volunteers. These events are essential to Colerain Township and the volunteers prove every year that they are critical to the continued success of both.

In addition to their volunteer service to the Police Department, the Alumni Association also conducts fundraising efforts for the Police Department. These fundraising efforts consist of two Bunco games a year and the selling of beverages at the Township building and events. As a result of the fundraising efforts the volunteers purchase extra ordinary items for the police department that would normally not be allotted by the department budget. In 2010 the volunteers purchased paint that was used to repaint every room throughout the Police Department Building. Also, a new training, "Red Man" suit was purchased to replace the outdated one, so that the Police Officers have the necessary equipment to train in self-defense tactics.

In 2010, volunteers received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award for their service to Colerain Township. This award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award recognizes and honors Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

The following volunteers received the Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

Don Cordray 186.75 hours volunteered
 Debbie Fales 114.75 hours volunteered
 Gail Hallgath 106.25 hours volunteered
 Greg Hicks 139.50 hours volunteered
 Lori Marsh 116.25 hours volunteered
 Tom McGill 109.75 hours volunteered
 Jerry Michael 148.75 hours volunteered
 Louise Pitcher 120.75 hours volunteered
 Patrick Powell 236.00 hours volunteered
 Jim Reese 147.75 hours volunteered

The following volunteers received the Silver Presidential Volunteer Service Award:

William Courter 258.50 hours volunteered
 Margie Harmon 264.55 hours volunteered

The Colerain Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association received a Gold Presidential Award for providing over 1000 hours of volunteer service.

EVENT	HOURS	MONEY SAVED
Citizens on Patrol	1025.25	\$21,899.34
Northgate Mall Patrol	465.50	\$9,943.08
Office Volunteer Duties	491.50	\$10,498.44
Festivals and Events	575.50	\$12,292.68
Other Miscellaneous Asst.	989.50	\$21,135.72
TOTAL	3547.25 HOURS	\$75,769.26

MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

Several years ago, Colerain Police Department made a commitment to the young and elderly of the community. Traditionally if an officer would respond to a residence of a missing person, they would take a report; put an all-county broadcast out for that person and then file the report away until the family would call that they had returned.

Seeing that this —just wasn't enough||, the commitment was made to overturn every rock that we could and use the resources available in order to assist the family to find their loved one.



Over the past seven years the Missing Person's Team has been activated 22 times and has located every person that we were activated for. If a child is under the age of 12 years old, the team is activated. If there is an elderly person with Dementia or Alzheimer's, the team is activated. Other missing persons are evaluated on a case by case basis.

The first responding officer will advise their supervisor of the circumstances; the team leader for the missing person's team will then be contacted, at that point the determination to activate the team is made. There are many factors that determine a full activation: the weather, time of day, family dynamics, the scene appearance and medical condition of the missing person. Once the team is called out, the first responding officer is assigned to stay with the family as a liaison; other officers canvass the neighborhood and local businesses.

The Investigative Team utilizes a group of citizen volunteers from the Citizens Police Academy Alumni who have been trained in evidence collection and proper area search techniques. The volunteers have equipment issued to them that identifies their relationship to the Colerain Police Department. Their equipment consists of khaki pants and jacket, hat, and an identification card.

In 2010, the Missing Persons Team was activated six times and successfully located the six individuals.

CRIME STATISTICS

The following is a list of the crimes that occurred in Colerain Township from 2009 to 2011. The statistics were obtained from reports filed with both the Colerain Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

INCIDENT	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	5	3	2
Sex Offenses	21	21	27
Robbery	69	79	46
Assault	441	199	111
Burglar	353	240	234
Theft	1881	1415	1418
Arson	17	10	6
Property Damage	474	312	256
Carrying Concealed Weapons	22	5	
Drug Offenses	475	403	314
Rape	32	6	12
Total Crimes	2751	3686	2598

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Statistics Specific to the Colerain Police Department:

Offense Reports Taken – 2,965
Traffic Crash Reports Taken – 687
Arrests Made – 2,732
Calls for Service Handled – 25,869
Traffic Tickets Written – 3,565
Written Warnings / Field Interview Reports – 769
Total Number of Police / Citizen Contacts – 36,587

Vehicle Pursuits – 9

Dayshift - 6
Nightshift - 3

Officer Involved Crashes – 15

Total Miles Driven – 325,000
Officer at fault – 11
Emergency operations – 2
Other at fault – 3
Other action - 1

Grievances filed – 0

Internal Investigations – 11

Result: Exonerated – 5
Sustained – 4
Sustained Other – 1
Not Sustained – 6
Unfounded – 1
Pending - 1

Response to Aggressive Behavior - 21

Response to Aggressive Behavior - 3
Use of Chemical Irritant - 5
Use of Taser - 9
Mark 63 (Chemical Irritant) - 5

Mark 63 (Stun Device) - 1

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

Personnel Changes:

Officers Hired + 5
Officers Retired - 2
Officers Resigned - 2
Total Change + 1

Training:

Hours Spent – 3,179
Average hours per sworn officer – 90.82
Total spent on training – \$12,844.96
Average spent per training hour – \$4.04

Neighborhood Resource Officer Statistics:

Problems Investigated –
Block Watch Programs Initiated – 4
Phone Calls Handled –

School Resource Officer Statistics

Reports Taken – 58
Cases Closed – 46
Arrests Made – 61
Non Criminal Contacts – 1,167

Criminal Investigations:

Cases Assigned – 305
Cases Closed – 40
Arrests – 17
Value of Property Recovered - \$13,350.00

Plain Clothes Statistics:

Cases Assigned – 47
Cases Cleared – 44
Forfeitures: Money - \$39,702.00

Vehicles – 4
Arrests – 383

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS (cont.)

School Truancy Investigator

Truancy Cases Assigned – 331
Residency Cases Assigned – 342
Bullying Investigations – 1
Truancy Cases Closed – 194
Residency Cases Closed – 290
Charges Filed / Arrests – 99

Traffic Accident Investigator:

Accident Investigations – 272
Traffic Citations Issued – 1,870
Arrests – 61

Bike Team:

Radio Runs– 215
Arrest Made- 62
Warnings Issued- 74
Citations Issued - 42

Missing Persons Response Team Activations:

Missing Person Cases Investigated – 6
Missing Persons Located - 6

Citizen Academy Volunteer Statistics:

Events Worked – 21
Hours Volunteered – 2,362.5
Total Savings Based on Civilian Pay – \$70,058.19

COLERAIN POLICE MISSION AND VALUE STATEMENT

OUR MISSION

“In the Pursuit of Excellence”

The members of the Colerain Police Department are committed to protecting life and property, preventing crime, ensuring peace and safety, and safeguarding the Constitutional rights of the residents of the Township and the rights of the many visitors to our community.

OUR VALUES

As we strive to achieve our mission we value...

- The quality of life in our Township
- Lasting partnerships with our community
- Treating citizens with dignity, respect, fairness, and compassion
- High standards of education and training of our employees
- Professionalism, integrity, and ethical behavior of our employees
- The strength and courage to fight injustice
- Productive working relationships with other police agencies