

COLERAIN



POLICE

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

I want to start by saying “thank you” for supporting the Police Levy in November. I’m very excited about the future of Colerain Township. Because of your overwhelming support of the Police Department “Community and Problem-Solving” philosophy, we are able to continue the work to make the community a safer place to live, work and play.

In 2007, Chief Steven Sarver left to take on the role of Police Chief in the City of Newark, Ohio. With his leaving, I was selected to assume the responsibility of Chief of Police for Colerain Township, Ohio. As a member of the Police Department since 1989, I have a tremendous amount of excitement and pride in assuming this role. I look forward to the future of policing in Colerain Township.

We look forward to working with all facets of the Colerain Township community. In the past several years, we engaged the community through proactive 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 and business persons in an attempt to work hand in hand with you to solve problems. We want the community to feel comfortable being involved with its police department.

The Police Department has several exemplary programs in place to serve the community. Colerain Police Department employs Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) that have been working as community problem solvers since 2003; School Resource Officers (SRO) that work with the Northwest Local School District at each of the Township’s two high schools. The SRO’s also provide law enforcement service to the elementary and middle schools. The Department has a Missing Person Investigative Team, Plain Clothes detectives, Criminal and Traffic Safety Investigators that work cooperatively with investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and our six-person Honor Guard.

In 2007, the Police Department conducted and graduated two more Citizen Police Academies; bringing the total number of classes to 20 since the inception of the Academy in 1998. We also conduct one Student Police Academy each year that is facilitated by the two School Resource Officers. These wonderful men and women volunteer in many ways throughout the year in helping your police department serve you. If you attended our 4th of July Spectacular or Taste of Colerain you saw many of them making the day a safe one. These graduates also make up a compliment of 90 specially trained volunteers that assist our Missing Person Investigative Team.

In keeping with the Community Policing philosophy, the members of this department will work hand in hand with the community to solve problems as they occur. Do not hesitate in letting us know what you perceive these problems to be. Please take a few minutes to read this report and learn about the fine men and women of the Colerain Police Department. Feel free to contact me regarding any concerns that may arise either by telephone at (513) 385-7504 or e-mail at dmeloy@coleraintwp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. Meloy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent part.

Daniel P. Meloy
Chief of Police

NATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Colerain Police Department serves 63,000 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 three 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 out sources 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 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 along side of 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 contract 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 a community policing and problem solving philosophy. It is not enough to just respond to calls and handle them one by one. The underlying problem of the situation must be identified and solved to prevent future crimes from occurring. All members of the Colerain Police Department are trained in problem solving and take into consideration the root causes of the problems they encounter.

DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPH

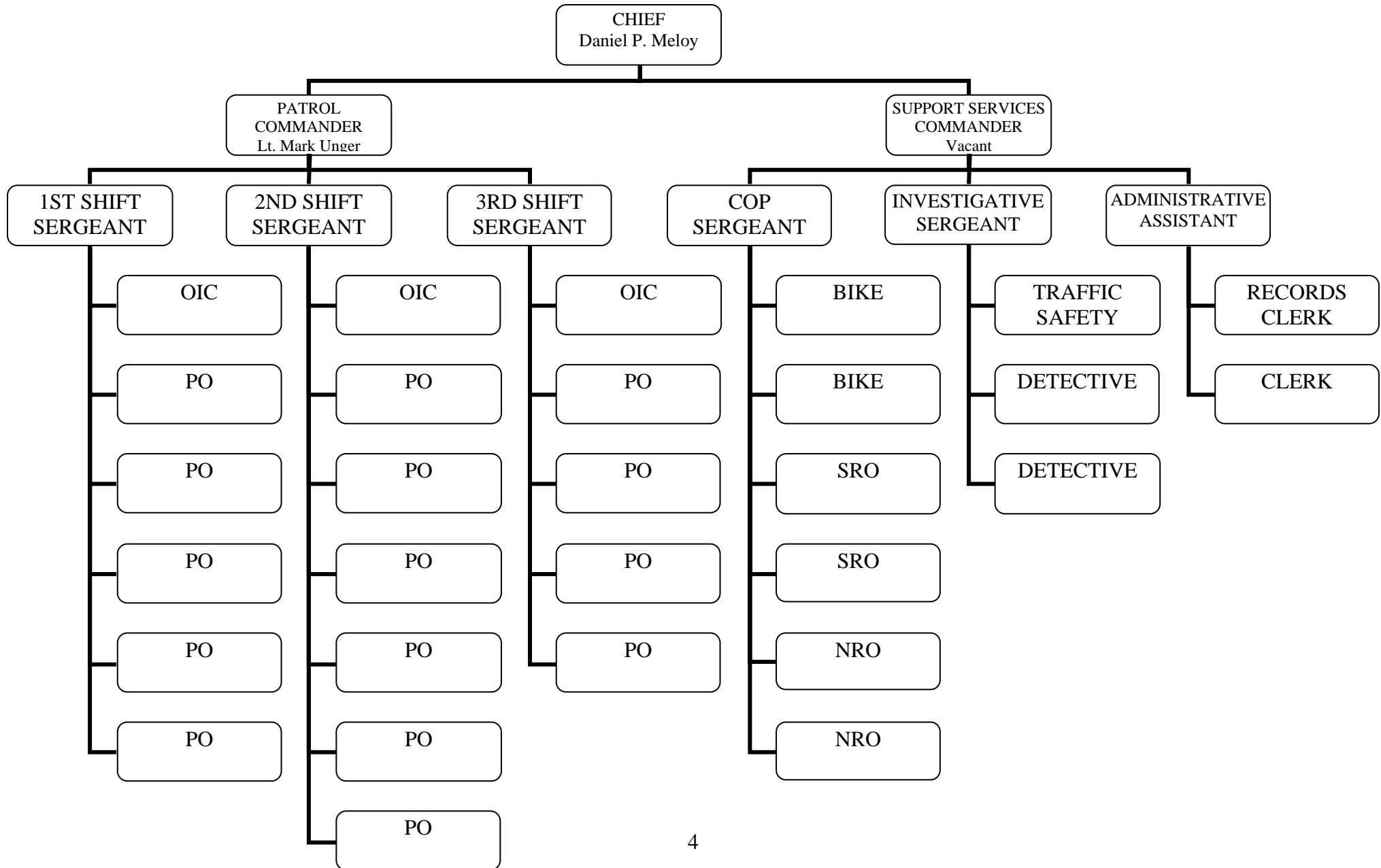


Row One (Left to Right): PO Elisabeth Doll, PO Justin Hussel, PO Patrick Quinn, Nancy Spears, Edward Smith, Linda Snyder, PO Michael Owens, PO Karl Altheim, Lt. Mark Unger

Row Two (Left to Right): Sgt. Christopher Phillips, Sgt. Jerome Grayson, PO Andrew Demeropolis, PO Jason Sax, PO Jennifer Sharp, Chief Daniel Meloy, PO Matthew Ashcraft, PO Edwin Cordie, PO Joseph Redmond, PO Mark Meyer, Sgt. Angela Meyer, Sgt. Mark Denney

Row Three (Left to Right): PO Denny Deaton, PO Rick Bernecker, PO Steven Karwisch, PO Jamie Penley, PO Dale Woods, PO William Smith, PO Christopher Cullman, PO Eric Renner, PO David Hubbard, PO Neil Millikin, PO Kevin Sevier

**2007
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department and when a citizen calls for police service, the officer that shows up is more than likely assigned to the patrol function. The division is allocated 17 officers and three sergeants and is commanded by a lieutenant. The Patrol Division is divided into three squads and each squad is responsible to cover one shift and each shift is lead by a sergeant. Every shift has at least three officers assigned. Very often there are more than three officers working, however, the minimum that can be on a shift is three.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office also assigns three patrol officers per shift to respond to calls in Colerain Township. Hence, there are at least six officers patrolling during each shift. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office patrols three of the six beats of Colerain Township and the Colerain Township Police Department patrols the other six beats. Every 28 days the beats



that are patrolled by the Colerain Police Department are switched and are then patrolled by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and visa versa. Therefore, when a citizen calls the police, a Colerain Police officer may respond or a Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy may respond depending on who is patrolling that particular beat.

The patrol's primary responsibility is to respond to calls for service; however, members of the patrol get involved in many other aspects of policing. Patrol officers also conduct follow-up investigations and engage

in problem solving during those times they are not answering calls. The patrol function is often the "gateway" to other services that are provided by the department. For example, if a patrol officer identifies a problem in their beat, they can either work to solve the problem themselves, if it is not too time intensive and does not take away from their patrol duties, or they can refer the problem to the Neighborhood Officers for follow-up.

Colerain Police officers assigned to patrol are dispatched through the Hamilton County Communications Center. Colerain received more details through the Hamilton County Communications Center than any other police jurisdictions that it dispatches for. In 2007 Colerain officers responded to 22,265 calls for service.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Colerain Police Department is entering its eighth 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 2007 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 sixth class of graduates.

Officer Smith has been at Colerain High School since April of 2005. Officer Smith has become a valuable member of the administration of the school. Officer Smith has made over 86 arrests in the 2007 school year. Officer Smith has also assisted other officers in closing out police reports of all types. Officer Smith attends regular training seminars and meetings to increase his knowledge in helping the Northwest Local School District.



Officer Andrew J. Demeropolis is completing his third year in the 2007 school year at Northwest Senior High School. This school year to date, 25 arrests have been made at Northwest Senior High School. Officer Demeropolis has taken proactive steps with the students at Northwest Senior High School since the tragic car accident of May 29, 2007 which claimed the lives of two students. Officer Demeropolis has organized a Teen Driving Student Committee with twenty students from Student Senate. Rumpke's Student Against Crashes will be taught in 2008 to all seniors during the week of prom. Officer Demeropolis is working on having three new seat belt signs placed at the exits from the school to remind students to buckle up. He continues to try to change the driving habits of the students. A seat belt survey will be taken again in 2008.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) unit has completed its sixth year of service to the residents and businesses of Colerain Township. The unit is comprised of Colerain Officer Keyonia Lumpkins, Officer Kevin Sevier and Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Hopewell. The purpose of the NROs is to address neighborhood problems ranging from disputes to criminal activity. They gauge their response based on the particular need of the resident. This philosophy, known as "Problem- Oriented Policing", focuses on crime prevention techniques, finding the main cause of a problem and working with the community members to find resolutions to the issues. The techniques used to solve the problem(s) can range from education, resource assistance, and mediation to criminal law enforcement. The NROs are "police officers" first and foremost, but have the ability and resources to allow them to utilize a variety of services and techniques to solve a particular problem.



In 2007, the NROs made over 101 community contacts through addressing community concerns, problem solving, neighborhood "blockwatch" meetings, and crime prevention tactics. The NROs worked with the community members identifying and working on solutions to their varying needs. The NRO's and all members of Police Department understand the importance of community input. As a result, five new blockwatch groups were formed.

Working from information taken from the community meetings, the residents expressed concerns for juveniles roaming the streets during regular school hours. The NROs approached the Board of Trustees and presented the idea of a daytime curfew for school age children. With input from the residents, the daytime curfew was adopted by the Board. Colerain Township already has a successful night time curfew.

In one particular community, the NROs identified an increase in violent crime, as well as a significant increase in calls for service. Having a rising concern from residents, the NROs initiated a problem-solving effort that included several community meetings in many different neighborhoods with residents and local churches to assist us in the problem solving aspect. Through these meeting the concerns the residents were documented and solutions were developed with the added help of those who live in the particular problem areas.

In 2007, there were several dates that the NROs joined forces with Hamilton County Sheriffs Department, Springfield Township Police and Alcohol/Tobacco/Firearms (ATF) to conduct saturation patrols in areas of concern. Citations, warrant arrest and drug citations were the primary focus.

In 2007 the NROs made over 120 domestic violence follow up contacts. The follow-up contact with the victim is to support and educate. If a victim needs additional services and resources, the NROs are able to give them the assistance they may need.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Colerain Police Department has one full time detective. Detective Denny Deaton has been the Colerain Police Department's Detective since 1999. Detective Deaton works in co-operation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. In July of 2005 his investigative assignment changed from "White-Collar Crime" division to the "Property Crime/Burglary" division. Detective Deaton works under the supervision of Lt. Tom Corbett with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Along with Detective Deaton's current investigative case load, he is a certified CVSA (Certified Voice Stress Analysis) operator. He does testing for investigative and pre-employment purposes with Colerain Police Officer Mark Meyer. Officer Meyer is also a CVSA operator. The two conducted a number of CVSA examinations as pre-employment screening for not only Colerain Police Department, but also the Colerain Fire Department. Detective Deaton and Meyer attend CVSA continuing education classes and maintain current examiners certifications.



Detective Deaton taught criminal investigation and crime scene classes for the Citizen's and Student Police Academies, as well as mandated classes from the State of Ohio. He provided robbery response training to the employees of Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union and Identity Theft Training for Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Detective Deaton attended a course in investigative strategies for missing and exploited children in Louisville, Kentucky with Sergeants Angela Meyer and Mark Denney, to assist with the missing person's response team. Updated DNA training was also completed with the Hamilton County Coroners Office and the City of Cincinnati Police.

In July 2007 there were two additional detectives who rotated through the white collar crime assignments, which were Eric Renner and Jennifer Sharp. The officers worked a six-month rotation. The assignment of "White Collar Crime" cases included; theft investigations, counterfeit money, identity thefts, bank fraud and cyber crime related acts. The second officer also worked in co-operation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

PLAIN CLOTHES

The Plain Clothes Unit was created in January of 2007 as a means to address issues that uniform patrol was unable to investigate. This unit is a two person unit and has the ability to investigate neighborhood complaints such as street level drug complaints, thefts or anything else that would require discreet police involvement.

Since the Units inception, Detectives have worked 186 days. During that time, 87 cases were assigned to the unit which required investigation and all but four of the cases were drug related. A total of 391 arrests were made, with 108 of those being felonies. Detectives executed seven search warrants, seized six vehicles and confiscated \$19,021.00 in cash. The cars and cash are pending forfeiture to the Colerain Police Department.

The Plain Clothes Unit seized various drugs during their investigations as well. The most common drug seized in 2007 was marijuana totaling 845 grams, crack cocaine totaling 67 grams, powder cocaine totaling 136 grams as well as many prescription medications. The Plain Clothes Unit has made themselves available to the pharmacies and medical facilities in the Colerain Township area and gives them a resource to reach out to and assist with the investigations of prescription frauds. To that end, nearly 20 people have been arrested for illegally obtaining prescription drugs.

The unit is committed to staying current on ever changing laws and continues to seek training. Both Detectives have completed a two week narcotics investigation course that was taught by members of the Drug Enforcement Administration, with plans to attend the advanced course in the near future.

The Plain Clothes Unit has submitted for a grant for new surveillance equipment through a government grant and is looking forward to continuing success in 2008.

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 crashes, investigations of hit-skip crashes, and traffic enforcement. Traffic Enforcement is primarily concentrated in high accident areas, school zones and throughout the neighborhoods in the township. 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 department personnel, students in the local schools, and 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.

Officer Meyer investigated 266 auto accidents in 2007. He also investigated 89 hit-skip accidents, closing 41 (48%) of them with an arrest. During the year, Officer Meyer issued 1466 citations: 851 moving violations, 133 non-moving violations, 384 seat belt violations and 54 parking citations. He also issued 369 warnings for traffic related violations. Officer Meyer made 98 driving under suspension arrests and served 50 warrants. He also investigated 190 abandoned vehicles of which 66 were eventually towed. Productivity for the Traffic Unit increased 23.5% from 2006.

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 2007 Colerain Township suffered nine fatal auto accidents.

BIKE TEAM

The Bike Unit resumed their patrol duties in May and completed the season in December. As the year started the Bike Unit had a new full time member. Officer Justin Hussel joined Officer Joe Redmond in a full time status on the bikes. Also new in 2007 the unit was able to purchase headsets for the radios and changed the Bike Unit uniform shirt. This was done with the very generous donation from the Cincinnati Moose Lodge #2.



In 2007 the unit worked a total of 105 days on the road and rode over 2300 miles. During that time the unit was responsible for 144 arrests, 303 traffic contacts, and closed 124 open warrants. Of the 144 arrests, nearly a third of them were for narcotics violations. Also, in 2007 the Bike Unit changed to a five day work week to more effectively cover the times they are needed. Due to this change the unit was able to respond to 269 calls for service, which helped those officers assigned to that beat focus on other problems.

In 2007 the Bike Unit was not able to attend the International Police Mountain Bike Association conference due to the late start. The team was able to complete other training in 2007 that related to firearms proficiency and they were certified as field training officers.

In addition to their regular duties the team provided security for the Townships 4th of July Spectacular and the Taste of Colerain. They also participated in the Colerain Township Fire Expo as well as several bike rodeos which focus on bike and equipment safety.



The team is looking forward to continuing their service to the residents and visitors to Colerain Township.

CALEA ACCREDITATION

In 2007, the Police Department continued its progression as a “Professionally Accredited” Law Enforcement agency, since receiving its initial accreditation in November 2005. As of 2007, only 10 of the 44 law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County were accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation program allows agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they met and continue to meet an established set of professional standards. 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 manmade 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.

During 2007, the Police Department worked to transition its accreditations efforts to meet the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) updated standards. The updated standards were the first update for CALEA in several years. The Police Department members responsible for the accreditation process continue working on the review and updating of the necessary policies and procedures. The Police Department will be subject to an onsite assessment in December of 2008.

The accreditation process for Colerain Police Department is ongoing in an effort to provide the residents and visitors to Colerain Township the most professional law enforcement officers and agency possible.

HIRING AND SELECTION

The Colerain Police Department began the 2007 calendar year with 34 sworn police officers and three non-sworn staff. During the year, the Police Department hired one officer that was an experienced officer from another agency, while losing two officers and one Chief of Police. The losses reduced the agency staffing to 32 sworn officers by years end. The Police Department conducted a selection process to replace the officer's that left the Department.

During the summer of 2007, a "police officer" hiring process began to locate a qualified candidate to become the newest police officer(s) in Colerain Township. The Police Department required all new officer applicants be certified as police officers in the State of Ohio prior to their hiring in Colerain Township. After all the applications were returned, the list of candidates was set at 22 persons. The hiring process required the candidates to successfully pass a written examination. For all the candidates that scored 70% or above on the written examination, the candidate was then required 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 given a date to interview with representatives from the Police Department and residents of Colerain Township. Of the 22 candidates who began the hiring process, 12 candidates passed the written examination. Those 12 candidates were then required to successfully complete the fitness testing. Of the 12 who participated in the fitness testing, only eight passed.

Those eight were then required to participate in an oral interview. The interview panel consisted of the Chief of Police, a Police Department command officer, supervisor, officer and civilian community representative. Those candidates that passed the oral interview were required to successfully complete a thorough background investigation. The background investigation includes, but is 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 the Certified Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) to confirm the truthfulness of the candidate. Candidates who successfully completed those stages were considered against other successful candidates to determine which one offered the most benefit to the Police Department. The selected candidate is then offered a conditional offer of employment to allow final medical and psychological testing. One candidate (Edwin Cordie) was selected from the process to fill one vacant police officer position.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following is a list of the awards that police personnel received in 2007 and a brief description of the circumstances leading to the award.

Detective Denny Deaton – Officer of the Year

For his unwavering dedication to assisting victims and investigating crimes to the fullest extent possible.

Officer Mark Meyer – Officer of the Year

For his dedication and service to the traffic function. Making sure the he and the department do all that it can to make the streets as safe as they can for the motoring public.

Sgt. Angela Meyer – Honorable Mention Emil J. Otting Award

For her leadership in supervising the Neighborhood Resource Officers, School Resource Officers, the Bike Team, teaching DARE, and organizing and facilitating the Student and Citizen Police Academies.

Officer Kevin Sevier – Honorable Mention Emil J. Otting Award

For his dedication and efforts to reduce violent crime in a high crime location by forming partnerships with the community and businesses. Officer Sevier helped organize problem solving teams that included members of other organizations in an effort to eliminate the violence.

Officer Andrew Demeropolis - The Friend of Children PTA Award

For outstanding efforts on behalf of children and his commitment to making the schools a safe environment for learning.

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 solely for use by the Police Department. In 2002, an additional one-mil Police Levy was overwhelmingly approved by Colerain Township residents that provided an additional \$1 million dollars annually.

In November of 2007, Colerain Township voter's supported a 1.5 mil levy to help support the Police Department. In addition to the monies received from the Police Levy there are several other ways the Police Department obtains funds to operate. These include grants for personnel, grants for equipment, fines from drug and drunk-driving convictions, fines from traffic citations, donations from various sources, and transfers from the General Fund when absolutely necessary. Any money not used in any given year is forwarded on to the next year.

In 2007, the total money available for use by the Police Department was \$4,337,500. Approximately seventy-five percent of the entire Budget was allocated for salary and salary-related expenses such as health insurance, worker's compensation, pension, and Medicare. Just over \$3,253,163 dollars was allocated for these items alone in 2007. The next major expense the Police Department incurs is the combined cost for dispatch services from the Hamilton County Communication Center and the contracted services of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, which augments the Colerain Township Police Department. In 2007 this combined amount totaled \$655,000, or approximately fifteen percent of the entire Police Department budget.

Our next major expense on an annual basis is vehicle-related. Each year the Police Department attempts to purchase two to three new cruisers to replace older ones. In 2007 we purchased a total of four new police cars. One of these vehicles was purchased for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as part of our agreement for contracted services for traffic cars. In addition to the cost of the car itself, there's an added expense of equipment such as light bars, sirens, protective screens, decals, etc. The Police Department paid a significant increase in the amount of money for gasoline in 2007 as the cost of fuel continued to increase. We spent over \$85,000 for gasoline or approximately \$7,000 per month. We do our best to keep all cars in our fleet in excellent shape with regularly scheduled oil changes, tune-ups, and tire replacement. The total cost in 2007 to purchase new cars, provide them with fuel, tires and regular maintenance totaled approximately \$203,192.

Like any organization, public or private, there are many things that comprise the budget. Office supplies, building maintenance, training costs, electricity, water, telephone service, liability insurance, property insurance, postage, printing, and uniforms to name a few are all paid through the Police Department budget. Many of those costs, and obviously many of the costs explained above, increase from year to year due to inflation. As you can see it is very costly to operate a Police Department while trying to provide the necessary services any given community needs and deserves.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Colerain Police Department, in keeping with its mission statement, continued to train and educate the men and women of the department. The members of the Colerain Police Department actively seek to stay at the forefront of current law enforcement trends and learn new skills to help protect and serve the citizens of Colerain Township.

To that end, the officers and administration of the Colerain Police Department attended 3,286 hours of training during 2007. This averages approximately 40 working days and over 100 hours per officer. The cost of this training was under \$5,000.00, or \$1.47 per training hour, over \$1.00 an hour less than in 2006. The training included daily roll call training, which occurs at the beginning of every officer's workday. The officers discuss training scenarios where their training and the department's policies are put to the test. Current case law and safety presentations are also employed during the daily training period. This training is very valuable because it is given in the course of the officer's shift, eliminating the need to miss work or utilize overtime.

The department utilized outside agencies to train as well. The department sent officers to become certified in use of the Intoxilyzer 5000, the machine used to analyze breath samples in OVI cases. Previously certified officers were sent to be re-certified on the machine as well. Our officers assigned to the Hamilton County Special Response Team underwent monthly training to sharpen their tactical and firearms skills. Officers went to training that dealt with understanding Autistic children, and how to provide excellent service to their families. Several officers attended ADAP (Advanced Detection and Prosecution of DUI/OVI offenders) to help keep our roadways safer. The team leaders and investigators from the Missing Persons Team received training on investigative strategies for missing and abducted children in Louisville, Kentucky. The department also conducted the federally mandated ICS (Incident Command System) training. This prepares officers to properly manage a large-scale disaster or incident. Command and communication strategies are discussed and the officers are then tested before receiving a certificate of completion.

The department also holds a yearly in-service training. Officers spend a week covering various topics that are identified as necessary and valuable to properly perform their duties. This year the officers covered domestic terrorism issues presented by the FBI, DUI/OVI law changes, and extensive victim's rights training. The officers also completed their yearly physical fitness evaluations and qualified with their handguns and shotguns. The officers had an opportunity to train in a "live fire" house that provides more realistic firearms training. As our officers have become better educated and trained, they have developed the skills to train and educate other officers on the department. During our yearly in-service training, many of our officers served as instructors, helping to train and educate every member of the department.

Also identified in the Department's mission statement is the commitment to higher education. In 2007, the department spent approximately \$5000.00 in tuition reimbursement for officers seeking to complete their college degrees. This number more than doubled from 2006 as more and more officers are returning to college to obtain their degree.

CITIZEN AND STUDENT POLICE ACADEMIES

The Citizen's Police Academy was started in 1998. Since its inception, there have been 20 classes graduate from the program. Each class averages 15- 20 students. The students in the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) are adults and range from age 21 to age 80. With the success of the CPA class, the department decided to start a Student Police Academy (SPA). The SPA has graduated five classes and the students are from area high schools. The curriculum for both academies is similar with the exception of the SPA students taking a tour of the Hamilton County Jail.

The academies consist of 12 weeks of instruction and practical exercises. Everything with the academies is voluntary. The practical exercises include red-handled gun simulation shooting with cotton bullets. Students do building searches and simulate traffic stops. They have practical exercises with the RED-MAN suit; a demonstration involving baton training and taser training. Other topics covered in the academy are Traffic Enforcement, Narcotic Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Liquor Control, Criminal Investigation and Citizens on Patrol. They get an overview of the School Resource Officer, Neighborhood Resource Officer responsibilities, Bike Team, Missing Persons and 911 operations. The majority of the instruction is taught by Officers of the Police Department and the academy nights usually last 3 hours long.



The Officers are teachers in the classroom as well as in their cruisers. Members of the academies have the opportunity to participate in the ride along program. The students pick a day for their ride along, an assigned Officer picks them up at their residence at 7:00 pm and they ride along until typically 3:30 am. Their ride is covering a portion of second shift with one Officer and then a shift change for third shift and a new Officer for the second half of the ride along. Having the program allows them to relate the classroom instruction / information with the daily reality of being a police officer.

Once a student completes and graduates the academy, they become a member of the CPA / SPA Alumni. They have the ability to volunteer at different events throughout the year such as our annual Citizen's on Patrol at Northgate Mall during the holidays, OVI checkpoints, Fourth of July summer event and the Taste of Colerain. The volunteer patrol utilizes a former police car that has markings on the side doors clearly identifying them as "Citizen's on Patrol". The vehicle also has an amber light bar on the top. They become the extra set of eyes and ears for the police department. The alumni are a huge asset to the police department and supportive to the officers. They gain an understanding of the community policing philosophy and importance of the relationship with each other.

VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Citizens and Student Police Academies participate in many events in the Township. Working summer events for the community such as the Fourth of July Extravaganza and the Taste of Colerain are just two of the bigger events. Our volunteers assist with other Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and Student Police Academy (SPA) classes as they progress through their 12 weeks of training. Holiday foot patrol at Northgate Mall is also a big event. Volunteers walk through the mall during business hours, being the “eyes and ears” for security. They walk in groups of three or four and notify security if they have any suspicious or



concerning activity. The volunteers and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Without their involvement in such events the department would not be as successful as it is.

Many of our volunteers participate in Citizen’s on Patrol (COP). They utilize a car specifically marked for volunteer patrol. They have an amber light bar on the top of the car as well. During the morning hours several days a week there is a team of 3-4 volunteers that patrol and assist the School Resource Officers with watching for

students walking to school. They have also conducted patrols at night to again be the “eyes and ears” for the police department.

Extra training from Traffic Officer Mark Meyer has given them the ability to use laser radar to help monitor and document areas of concern for speeders. The volunteers keep track of speeds during certain times and then report them back to Officer Meyer. Appropriate action is then taken to help eliminate an identified problem.

EVENT	HOURS	MONEY SAVED
Citizens On Patrol	1151	\$18,531.10
Office Volunteer Duties	639.25	11,532.07
Northgate Mall Patrol	576	9,273.60
Fourth of July	212.75	3,425.28
Taste of Colerain	184.25	2,966.43
Missing Person Team Training	112	1,803.20
Carnivals / Fairs	94.25	1,517.43
Golf Outing	70	1,127.00
Academy Class Assistance	44	708.40
OVI Checkpoint	48	772.80
Mock Disaster Training	55	885.50
Halloween Patrol	49	788.90
Election Day	21.50	346.15
Fire Expo	12	193.20
Total	2,118.00	\$ 35,339.95*

*** Based on Citizens Volunteer Corp rate.**

MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

Three years ago, the Colerain Police Department made a commitment to the young and elderly of the community. If someone is critically missing, there is a team of officers and command staff wanting to respond and assist in the location of the missing individual. The teams are made up of an Incident Commander, a Team Leader, Investigator and officers who serve in a variety of roles. Their roles include canvassing the neighborhood. This allows the team to gather as much information as possible from the neighborhood or area surrounding the incident. The Officers also record information and document the activities as they progress. The missing person team also has a Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) who responds to assist with the media relations. The P.I.O. will initiate information releases, formulate missing posters for distribution to law enforcement and screen caller information.

Should the investigation find the missing person to be a victim of a crime such as abduction, or interference with the custody of a juvenile, assistance from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Section would be requested to work in cooperation with the team.

This past year, 2007, the Missing Person's Team along with the Urban Search and Rescue Unit (USAR), helped train and educate a pool of 49 Citizen Academy Alumni Volunteers, bringing the total number of volunteers to 90, to assist on a large scale search if needed. Wal-Mart was generous and assisted with grant money to outfit the volunteers with clothing suitable for such a search: duffel bag, flashlight, khaki pants, khaki shirt, a rain poncho, reflective vest, and a whistle. The volunteers took part in training throughout the year to better understand the role of evidence collection and searching wooded and open field areas. They have been given Special Identification Badges after a back ground check was completed. Having these volunteers help police officers and the Missing Person's Team when a massive search has to take place because they know *WHO* is searching. Three new members were added to the team due to two of the previous members being promoted. The new members are Sgt. Mark Denney, PO Dale Woods and PO Pat Quinn.

Being able to assist a family in such an emotional and difficult time is what the team does best. Having an officer assigned to stay with the family during the investigative portion of locating their loved one gives them a peace of mind and assurance that the Colerain Police Department is turning over every rock and resource to help them. The Missing Person's Team was activated twice in 2007 resulting in the return of both missing persons. We will continue to serve the community to the best of our ability; we are proud of our team and are dedicated to improving our knowledge and services.

CRIME STATISTICS

The following is a list of the crimes that occurred in Colerain Township from 2004 to 2007. The statistics were obtained from reports filed with both the Colerain Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Homicide	2	3	1	1
Rape	39	34	33	42
Robbery	80	100	81	99
Assault	326	294	332	325
Domestic Violence	550	369	288	288
Burglary	409	432	386	302
Theft	2145	2044	2029	1885
Auto Theft	224	279	230	182
Criminal Damage / Vandalism	988	956	917	734
Other Offenses:	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Arson	25	16	15	15
Sex Offenses	48	41	40	34
Narcotics	406	436	678	890
Forgery	99	82	66	47
Bad Check Fraud	112	87	110	86
Receiving Stolen Goods	72	54	51	45
Carrying Concealed Weapons	31	45	68	47
Liquor Laws	165	171	224	293
DUI	197	203	244	277
Curfew Violations	199	97	101	134
Disorderly Conduct	805	665	684	775
Family Offenses	28	32	25	37
Other Reports:	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Missing Juveniles	154	150	153	144
Missing Adults	47	47	38	28
Dog Bites	27	34	31	26
Aided Case	311	299	284	219
House Fire	18	18	16	14
Auto Fire	17	12	11	13
Other Fire	10	4	3	8
Attempt Suicide Juvenile	7	1	6	4
Attempt Suicide Adult	11	14	23	24

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Statistic Specific to the Colerain Police Department:

Offense Reports Taken – 3,060
Traffic Crash Reports Taken – 752
Arrests Made – 2,617
Calls for Service Handled – 20,675
Traffic Tickets Written – 3,333
Written Warnings / Field Interview Reports – 1,168
Total Number of Police / Citizen Contacts – 31,605

Vehicle Pursuits – 16

1st shift – 4
2nd shift – 4
3rd shift – 9

Officer Involved Crashes – 8

Total Miles Driven – 247,340
One crash every 30,917.5 miles
Officer at fault – 5
Emergency operations – 0
Other at fault – 2
Animal – 1

Grievances filed – 0

Internal Investigations – 8

Result: Exonerated – 1
Sustained – 1
Sustained Other – 0
Not Sustained – 5
Unfounded – 1
Pending - 0

Response to Aggressive Behavior - 18

Response to Aggressive Behavior – 2
Use of Chemical Irritant – 3
Use of Taser – 13

Personnel Changes:

Officers Hired – 1
Officers Resigned – 3
Total Change – -2

Training:

Hours Spent – 3286
Average hours per sworn officer – 100
Total spent on training – \$4830.42
Average spent per training hour – \$1.47

Neighborhood Resource Officer Statistics:

Problems Investigated – 101
Block Watch Programs Initiated – 5

School Resource Officer Statistics:

Reports Taken – 191
Cases Closed – 120
Arrests Made – 191
Non Criminal Contacts – 777

Plain Clothes Statistics:

Cases Assigned – 87
Cases Cleared – 68
Forfeitures: Money - \$19,021.00
Vehicles – 6
Arrests - 391

Citizen Academy Volunteer Statistics:

Events Worked – 14
Hours Volunteered – 2,118
Total Savings Based on Civilian Pay – \$35,339.95

COLERAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT 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