

2015

ANNUAL REPORT



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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2015 Goals

- 1) Enhancement of the Police Community relationship.
- 2) Reduction in crime and the fear of crime.
- 3) Continual professional training.
- 4) Technological advancement

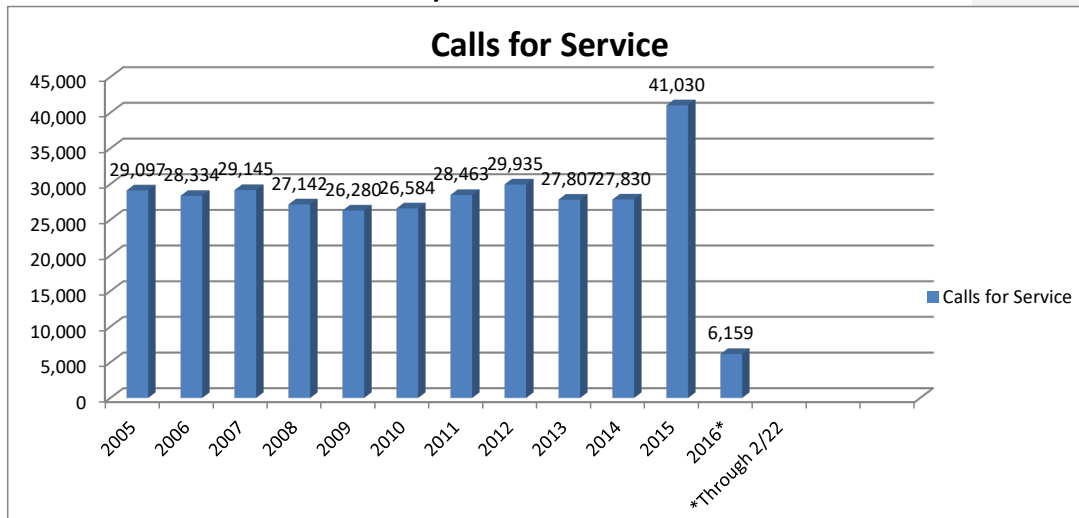
The following divisions, bureaus and specialized units of the Cleveland Heights Police Department are outlined as to their function and contribution to the fulfillment of the above long term goals during 2015.

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The Uniformed Patrol Division of the Cleveland Heights Police Department is composed of 4 platoons operating on a 12 hour schedule. This Division is the largest in the Department. Each platoon consists of 1 Lieutenant (Office in Charge), 1 Sergeant (Road Supervisor), 8 Patrol Officers and 3 Basic Patrol Officers (Traffic Safety Officers) for a compliment of 13 personnel per shift, 52 personnel in total. A k-9 is currently assigned to two of the four platoons. A third K-9 is assigned to the Community Response Team and the forth K-9 is assigned to the Day Traffic Bureau. Handlers assigned to the Uniformed Division respond to calls for service while additionally providing the benefits of the K-9 (tracking, searches, protection, and community relations). This Division, commonly referred to as "Basic Patrol", is tasked with providing police services 24 hours/day, 7 days per week. Calls for service, while many being routine, are essential in providing an enjoyable, safe living environment.

For deployment of Uniform Division personnel, the City is divided into 13 "blocks" as shown in appendix A. These blocks, commonly referred to as zones, correspond to census tracts. All personnel are intimately familiar with these areas and as such can be assigned into different zones over different time periods. Zones are also used in the Departments crime analysis function, Command Central. Command Central imports all call data from our CAD daily, placing each call for service in the appropriate zone. These calls for service can be "drilled" down to specific crimes or calls for service within specific zones which allows for proper deployment of personnel and strategies.

In 2015, Cleveland Heights Police were tasked with answering 41,030 calls for service which was significantly higher than in 2014 (chart 1). Beginning in 2015, a new policy was implemented that more accurately recorded these calls. Calls for service such as subpoena services, house watch checks, traffic stops, follow up investigations, assisting disabled motorists, traffic control, and civil complaints, in addition to others, are now recorded in Records Management as a call for service. Time spent on these service calls by police personnel is substantial and must be recorded accurately.





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Calls for Service: 01/01/2015 Through 12/31/2015

9-1-1 HANG UP PHONE EMERGE	570	CRIMES AGAINST PERSON-FREE	2
ACCIDENT/ BICYCLE	13	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1
ACCIDENT/ DAMAGE	998	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OR ENDANGE	40
ACCIDENT/ HIT-SKIP	162	CRIMINAL DAMAGING	1
ACCIDENT/ INJURY	43	CRIMINAL INVEST- FELONY	1
ACCIDENT/ NO REPORT	110	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	102
ACCIDENT/ PEDESTRIAN	16	CURFEW	28
ACCIDENT/ PNAS	221	DAMAGE TO AUTO	176
ALARM/ AUTO	36	DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	24
ALARMS/ GENERAL	3774	DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY	126
ANIMAL AT LARGE	532	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY/ FREE T	55
ANIMAL BITES	25	DEBRIS ON STREET	35
ANIMAL COMPLAINT/ MISC.	317	DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION	820
ARREST ON CAPIAS/ CONTEMPT	23	DEPT INFO/2ND HND DLR VIOL	1
ARREST ON WARRANT-MIS/FEL	251	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	293
ARREST THROUGH TELECOMMUNI	217	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	71
ARSON (FREE TEXT)	1	DISTURBANCE	2124
ARSON/ ATTEMPTED	1	DISTURBANCE/ CUSTOMER	107
ASSAULT	1	DISTURBANCE/ NEIGHBOR	103
ASSAULT/ ATTEMPT FELONIOUS	1	DISTURBANCE/ NOISE	825
ASSAULT/ ATTEMPT SIMPLE	8	DISTURBANCE/ UNWANTED GUES	297
ASSAULT/ FELONIOUS	17	DOA AND BODY FOUND	49
ASSAULT/ SIMPLE	91	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	121
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	146	DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POSS	1
ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD	120	DRUG POSSESSION	76
ATT BURGLARY	1	DRUG TRAFFICKING	4
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	1	DUI/ ALCOHOL	115
AUTO TOWED	273	DUS/ OPERATOR LICENSE SUSP	82
BAR CHECK	11	ENDANGERING CHILDREN	1
BARKING DOG	141	ESCORT	200
BREAKING & ENTERING	161	EXPIRED PLATES	34
BREAKING & ENTERING/ ATTEM	6	FELONIOUS ASSAULT	1
BURGLARY	113	FELONY ASSAULT	1
BURGLARY/ AGGRAVATED	4	FICTICIOUS PLATES	15
BURGLARY/ ATTEMPTED	19	FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	34
BUSINESS CHECK	297	FLEEING/ ELUDING	13
BUSINESS COMPLAINTS	4	FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	1018
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAP	7	FORGERY/ CHECKS OR MONEY	5
CERTAIN WEAPONS PROHIBITED	1	FORGERY/CHECK	1
CIVIL MATTER	152	FOUND PERSON	78
COMPLAINTS/ GENERAL	374	FOUND PROPERTY	222

COMPLAINTS/ JUVENILE	93	FRAUD/ BAD CHECKS	28
COMPLAINTS/ TRASH	14	FRAUD/ CREDIT CARD	71
CONTEMPT OF COURT	1	FRAUD/ FREE TEXT	79
COURT APPEARANCE	22	FRAUD/ IDENTITY THEFT	114
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	1	PERSONAL INJURY	22
GRAND THEFT	1	PERSONAL WELFARE	2
HANDICAPPED PARKING VIO.	1	PHONE CALLS/ ANNOYING	2
HARASSING COMMUNICATION	111	PHONE CALLS/ SUSPICIOUS	1
HARASSMENT	36	PHONE CALLS/ THREATENING	3
HAZARD ZONE	20	PNAS	1
HIT SKIP	1	POSSESSION DRUG ABUSE	1
HOUSE WATCH	1306	POSSESSION OF DRUGS	1
IMPOUNDED PROPERTY	3	PRISONER BORROWED BY COURT	11
INDECENT EXPOSURE	1	PRISONER RELEASE	953
INDUCING PANIC	2	RAPE	1
JAIL/PROCESSING	14	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	9
JAIL/SERVE TIME	1	RECORD CHECKS	1
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	709	RECOVERED AUTO	93
K-9 ASSIGNMENT	133	RECOVERED PROPERTY	9
K-9 CALL OUT (OFF DUTY)	1	RESISTING OFFICER/ ARREST	3
K-9 FOOT PATROL	1	RETURNED FOR COURT	1
KIDNAP/ ADULT	1	RIOT/ AGGRAVATED	3
LIQUOR CONSUMPTION	1	ROBBERY	23
LIQUOR POSSESSION	1	ROBBERY/ AGGRAVATED	20
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	1110	ROBBERY/ ATTEMPT AGGRAVATE	2
LOITERING	29	ROBBERY/ ATTEMPTED	6
LOST CHILD	7	RUNAWAYS	2
LOST OR MISSING PROPERTY	90	SERVING TIME	24
LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	2	SEX OFFENSES	12
MAKING FALSE ALARMS	1	SIGNAL 99	173
MENACING	30	SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	5
MENACING/ AGGRAVATED	17	SOLICITING	88
MISIDENTIFICATION	3	SUBPOENA SERVICE	246
MISSING PERSON	164	SUDDEN ILLNESS	7
MISSING PROPERTY	215	SUICIDE/ ATTEMPTED	19
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT/SELF	1	SUSPICION	2006
MURDER/ AGGRAVATED	1	SUSPICION NOISES	1
MUTUAL AID	158	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	52	SUSPICIOUS FIRES	6
NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE	10	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	773
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSIN	22	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	690
OFF DUTY	7	THEFT	2
ON DUTY	1019	THEFT OF VEHICLE WITH KEY	1
OPEN BUILDING	1	THEFT OF VEHICLE WITH KEYS	1
OPEN CONTAINER	19	THEFT/ ATTEMPTED	11
OPEN DOOR	234	THEFT/ ATTEMPTED PETTY	3

OPERATORS LICENSE-NONE	1	THEFT/ AUTO PARTS	14
OVI/ ALCOHOL	3	THEFT/ BICYCLE	103
PANDERING	1	THEFT/ FIREARM	6
PARKING VIOLATION	1059	THEFT/ FREE TEXT	77
THEFT/ FROM AUTO	87	TRAFFIC STOP	27
THEFT/ FROM AUTO ATTEMPT	1	TRANSPORT/ AMBULANCE	9
THEFT/ FROM AUTO- UNLOCKED	164	TRANSPORT/ FIRE DEPT	3
THEFT/ FROM BUILDING	13	TRANSPORT/ GENERAL	54
THEFT/ FROM MAIL	38	TRANSPORT/ POLICE	14
THEFT/ GRAND	11	TRANSPORT/ TO COUNTY JAIL	90
THEFT/ LICENSE PLATE	17	TRANSPORT/ TO HOSPITAL	128
THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE	27	TRANSPORT/ TO JUVENILE DET	51
THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE ATTEM	4	TRANSPORT/ TO OTHER JAIL	16
THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE W/KEY	3	TRANSPORT/ TO WORKHOUSE	2
THEFT/ OTHER	43	TRESPASS/ AGGRAVATED	1
THEFT/ PETTY	47	TRESPASS/ VEHICLE	24
THEFT/ SHOPLIFTING	119	TRESPASS/ VEHICLE- UNLOCKE	59
THEFT/ VEHICLE	48	TRESPASSING	82
THEFT/ VEHICLE ATTEMPT	11	TRUANCY	1
THEFT/ VEHICLE W/KEY	7	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR	27
THEFT/ VEHICLE WITH KEYS	1	UTILITIES/ PUBLIC	174
THEFT/FROM BUILDING	2	UTILITIES/ SERVICE DEPT	136
THEFT/POCKET PICKING	1	VANDALISM	7
TOW	1	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/ WASH	11
TPO VIOLATION	17	VOLUNTARY INTOX	38
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	385	WARRANT-ARREST	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	145	WEAPONS/ FIRING	16
TRAFFIC DETAIL/COMPLAINT	1	WEAPONS/ LOST OR STOLEN	1
TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT	9060	WEAPONS/ USING WHILE INTOX	3
TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCMENT	1	WELFARE CHECK	775
TOTAL			41030



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Animal Calls for Service 01/01/2015 Through 12/31/2015

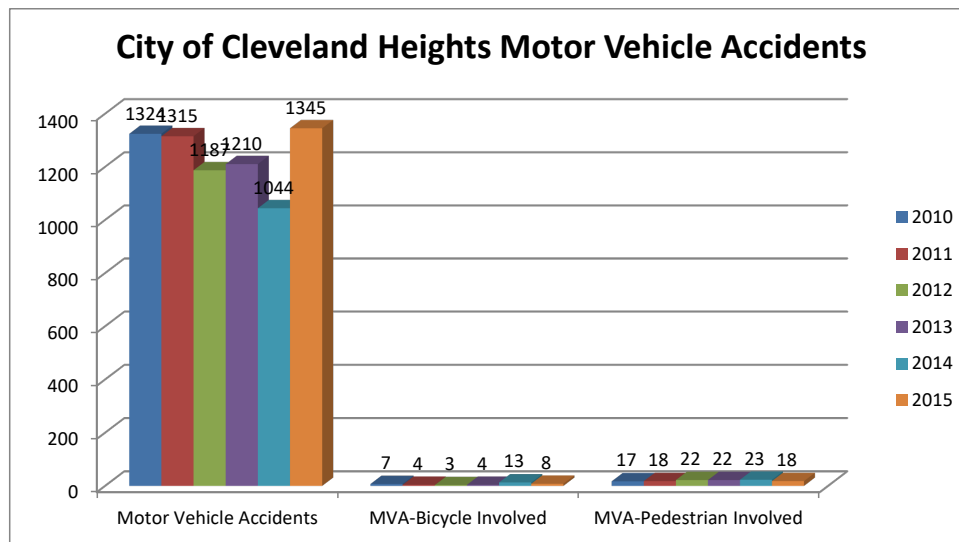
ANIMAL AT LARGE	530
ANIMAL BITES	25
ANIMAL COMPLAINT/ MISC.	312
BARKING DOG	141
TOTAL	<u>1008</u>

TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

In 2015, the Traffic Safety Bureau was divided into two platoons – Day Traffic Platoon and the Night Traffic Platoon. Sgt. Benedict Osowski was the supervisor in charge of both platoons. Day Traffic personnel were assigned to either 0700-1500hrs (M-F) or 1000-1800hrs (Tues-Sat). Currently 2 Police Officers and 4 Basic Patrol Officers are assigned to Day Traffic. The Police Officers are assigned motorized patrol while the 4 BPO's are assigned to foot patrol. Foot Patrol "beats" includes Cedar/Fairmount, Coventry, Lee Rd (Cedar south to Dellwood) and the Taylor Rd. /Noble Rd. districts. Taylor and Noble are assigned as one district and covered by one officer who patrols both areas throughout his/her tour of duty. All foot patrol officers are assigned police vehicles which are conspicuously parked in the districts while the officer is on foot patrol.

In 2015 the Night Traffic Bureau was staffed with 1 Commander (road supervisor) and 5 Basic Patrol Officers. Assigned hours of work were 1900-0300hrs (Tues-Sat). During these hours, one BPO was assigned to the Coventry Rd. beat while a second covered the Lee Rd. district.

Although the investigation of traffic accidents falls to the Uniform Division personnel, the Traffic Bureau plays an important role in the reduction of traffic crashes. Traffic Officers have as their main responsibility traffic law enforcement while working under the principal of "selective enforcement". Police officers cannot enforce all traffic violations within their jurisdiction. Under the selective enforcement principal, personnel and equipment are placed into an area based on a study of the kinds of violations and road conditions that contribute to collisions. By reducing these selective violations, collision numbers should follow. Chart #2 shows the number of collisions reported to police over the previous six year period.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>	<u>MVA-Bicycle Involved</u>	<u>MVA-Pedestrian Involved</u>
2010	1324	7	17
2011	1315	4	18
2012	1187	3	22
2013	1210	4	22
2014	1044	13	23
2015	1345	8	18

Chart 2

Other assignments for these officers include citizen complaints (speed/stop sign violators), school zone speed enforcement, parking violations (meter enforcement, abandoned vehicles etc...), impaired driving enforcement and the impoundment of unsafe vehicles to name a few.

Selective enforcement strategies implemented and enforced by only those assigned to this bureau would not be sufficient in reducing the number of collisions. All Uniformed Cleveland Heights Police Officers are actively involved in traffic enforcement. See chart #3.

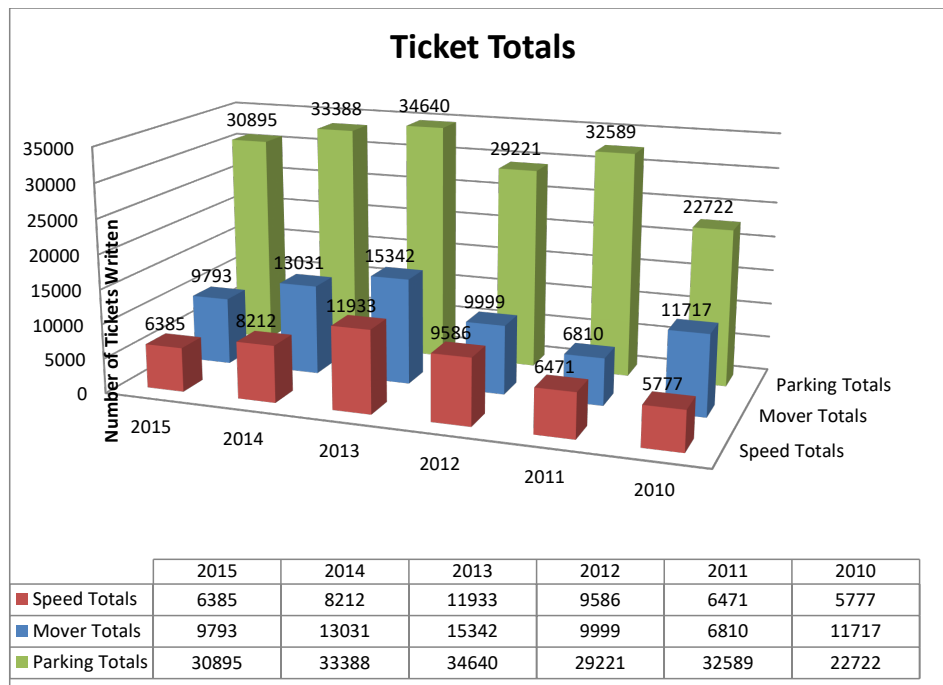
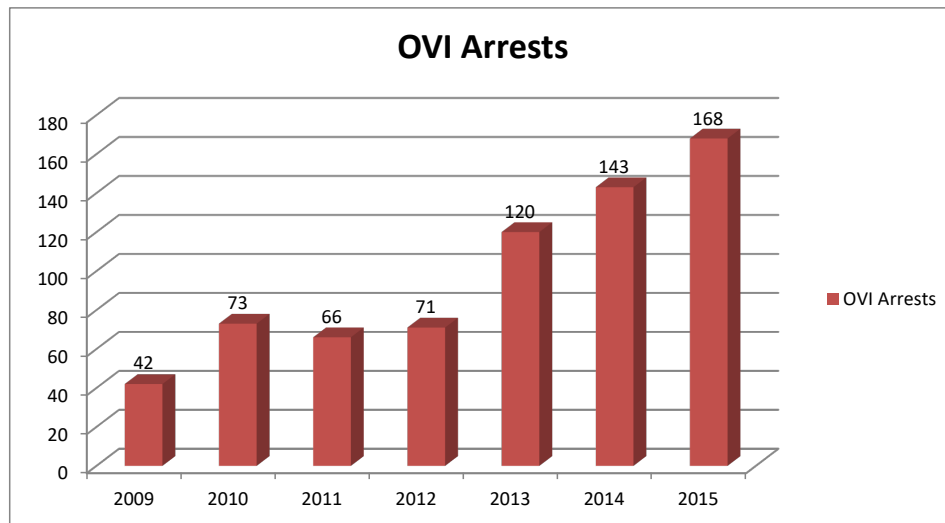


CHART 3

Sgt. Robert Butler, who in 2016 took over as the supervisor of the Day Traffic Bureau, received the Award of Excellence from M.A.D.D. in 2015 for his outstanding efforts in the apprehension of impaired drivers. In 2014 Sgt. Butler was nominated for the prestigious “DEUCE” award and in 2013 he received the “TOP COP” award. Chart #4 shows OVI enforcement totals for the previous six years. 2012 -2014 shows a 100% increase in the number of arrests.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

In 2015, the Officer in Charge of the Detective Bureau was Captain Martin Lentz, with Sgt. Sean Corrigan as second in command. In 2016, Captain Christopher Britton became The Officer in Charge and Sgt. David Speece is now second in command. The Bureau is divided into two platoons with four general duty detectives assigned to each. Detectives work an eight hour schedule, Monday – Friday with two Detectives “on call” during weekend and holiday hours. Platoons rotate as a unit each month and are assigned either the 0800-1600 or the 1600-0000 shift.

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The Detective Bureau investigates felony and serious misdemeanor cases primarily forwarded to them from the Uniform Division. In 2015 the Bureau investigated a total of 392 felony and misdemeanor cases. Clearance rates are located in chart 1 for 2011-2015 for Part 1 crimes. Chart 2 and 3 compares clearance rates of CHPD with those of similar sized agencies for the years 2012 and 2013. 2014 and 2015 comparison rates were not available from the FBI as of 3-9-2016. CHPD clearance rates are higher than the national average for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary and Arson. In 2015, CHPD clearance rates for Theft were on par with the 2013 Nation average but the Clearance rate for Auto Theft was below the 2013 National average

2011 - 2015 Uniform Crime Clearance¹ Rates for Cleveland Heights

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
2011	100%	71.4%	55.8%	60.1%	21%	27.6%	12%	66%
2012	-	83.3%	53.9%	76.2%	25.3%	30.2%	14.5%	57.2%
2013	100%	100%	78%	82.5%	36.4%	30%	23%	75%
2014	100%	100%	67%	89.1%	36.5%	27%	29.3%	100%
2015	100%	100%	46.8%	87.5%	29.6%	19.6%	10.0%	100%

CHART 1

2012 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies²

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	-	83.3%	53.9%	76.2%	25.3%	30.2%	14.5%	57.2%
Other Agencies ²	67.6%	35.2%	33.2%	59.3%	13.6%	26.8%	14.2%	22.3%

CHART 2

2013 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies²

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	78%	82.5%	36.4%	30%	23%	75%
Other Agencies ²	65.2%	34%	33.4%	59.8%	14.3%	27.3%	15.4%	23.7%

CHART 3

2014 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies²

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	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
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Other Agencies ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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CHART 4

2015 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies²

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	46.8%	87.5%	29.6%	19.6%	10.0%	100%
Other Agencies ²	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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¹ **UCR Closure Criteria** - Law enforcement agencies can clear, or "close," offenses in one of two ways, either by arrest or by exceptional means. To clear an offense within the UCR Program's guidelines, the agency must adhere to specific criteria.

- **Cleared by Arrest** - In the UCR Program, a law enforcement agency reports that an offense is cleared by arrest, or solved for crime reporting purposes, when three specific conditions have been met. The three conditions are that at least one person has been (i) arrested; (ii) charged with the commission of the offense; and (iii) turned over to the court for prosecution.
- **Cleared by Exceptional Means** - In certain situations, elements beyond law enforcement's control prevent the agency from arresting and formally charging the offender. When this occurs, the agency can clear the offense exceptionally. Law enforcement agencies must meet the following four conditions in order to clear an offense by exceptional means. The agency must have (i) identified the offender; (ii) gathered enough evidence to support an arrest, charge, and prosecution; (iii) identified the offender's location; and (iv) encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender. One example would be the death of the offender, such as a murder-suicide, where the offender was known to have committed a murder and subsequently committed suicide before being charged and prosecuted.

² **Similar Sized Reporting Agencies** - Agencies with total population of 25,000 - 49,999.
<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr-statistics-their-proper-use>

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ⁱ As of 3-8-2016, the 2014 FBI UCR Data Report is unpublished. Data will be updated upon receipt from FBI.

2010 – 2015 Criminal Charges filed on Juveniles (Misdemeanors and Felonies)

	2010 Arrests	2011 Arrests	2012 Arrests	2013 Arrests	2014 Arrests	2015 Arrests
January	59	42	53	48	53	16
February	64	48	96	59	37	19
March	57	57	60	54	35	38
April	88	55	57	60	52	41
May	80	82	103	54	82	43
June	85	64	56	55	49	47
July	71	93	75	86	31	72
August	97	67	70	62	37	35
September	73	58	38	42	40	35
October	56	81	24	57	37	26
November	62	85	57	61	40	16
December	26	44	37	35	10	33
Totals	818	776	726	673	503	411

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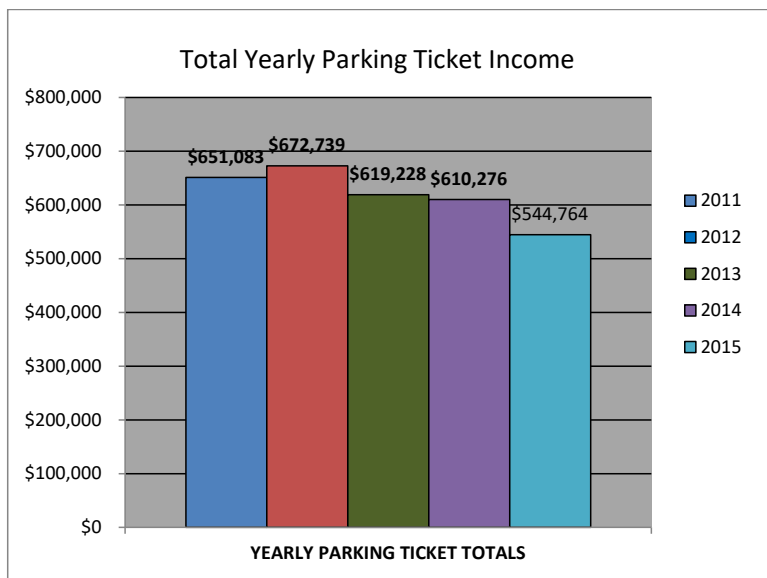
Detective Diane Hoynes is assigned to investigate criminal cases involving juveniles. She is responsible for the filing of the proper paperwork with the Juvenile Court and to coordinate with the Cleveland Heights Police Department's Diversion program. Chart 6 shows the number of filings of juvenile offenders for the years 2010 through 2015. There has been a steady decline in the number of Juveniles charged by CHPD in for the past 5 years (reference chart 6).

Auxiliary Services Bureau

In 2015, the Auxiliary Services Bureau was under the command of Captain Annette Mecklenburg. Currently, the Auxiliary Service Bureau is supervised by Captain Katherine Dolan who took command February 29, 2016 after her promotion. In this position, Captain Dolan supervises the dispatch personnel, Animal Control, Records/Data entry personnel, and the Terminal Agency Coordinator. In addition, Captain Dolan oversees the Juvenile Diversion Unit, Signs and Signals, and the Fleet Maintenance Unit which are outlined under the *Specialized Unit* section found later in this report.

Police dispatch currently has six full time dispatchers assigned to radio communications. Two dispatchers are assigned to one of three eight hour rotating shifts; 0700-1500, 1500-2300, 2300-0700. Shifts rotate on a monthly basis. When dispatch personnel are off duty, a Basic Patrol Officer from the Uniform Division is assigned to the Communications Room.

The Records/Data Entry Unit is staffed by three full time personnel and one permanent part time person. Personnel in this unit are responsible for the processing of all police reports, approximately 8,500 annually, requests for public records and parking violation data input. In 2015, approximately 30,895 parking tickets were issued. Income totaled \$544,764. Personnel further coordinate with the Municipal Court in processing delinquent parking tickets and also establish the monthly delinquent tow list. By ordinance, those vehicles with three or more outstanding parking citations, can be towed if found within the Municipality.



Animal Control is staffed with one Basic Patrol Officer. In 2015 animal complaints included 530 animal at large calls, 312 misc. animal complaints, 141 barking dog complaints and 25 animal bites for a total of 1008 calls for service. Uniform Division personnel handle the majority of these cases with the officer assigned to this unit handling the more serious such as dog bites and cruelty cases. In addition to his duties, this officer also assists M.I.S. personnel in the development and maintenance of the Departments CAD/RMS and the in car computers (MDTs).

The Terminal Agency Coordinator position is held by Basic Patrol Officer Diana Taylor, a 23 year veteran of the force. As TAC, Officer Taylor is responsible for assuring compliance with LEADS standards in the operation of LEADS approved equipment. LEADS, or the Law Enforcement Automated Data System, is the computer network housing all information that law enforcement officers have access to while completing their official duties.

Overall security of the LEADS system falls to the Ohio Highway Patrol. The TAC is directly responsible to the agency administrator for the operation and security of the LEADS system. The TAC is also responsible for training and certification of all police personnel having access to LEADS. She performs audits, oversees warrant and protection order entries and conducts monthly validations of entries into the system.

Under her direction, CHPD received outstanding results from the LEADS annual audit and also the technical audit performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SPECIALIZED UNITS



CHPD Officers Darden, Pitts, Rieck, Mack, Mckeown, and Guyton with their sponsored families for 2015 Shop with a Cop. This is CHPD's fifth year of participation in the program.

Community Response Team (CRT)

The Community Response Team is a stand-alone unit comprised of a uniformed Sergeant and 7 uniformed officers. Six of these officers comprise the Cleveland Heights Police Department Bike Patrol. The Sergeant in Charge of the CRT reports directly to the Chief of Police for assignments and to report progress on the unit's current initiatives.

The following are activities that the CRT provides directly to Cleveland Heights Residents.

- Provide services and support to the youth of Cleveland Heights through participation in school programs such as assemblies, school classroom visits, Safety Town activities, bicycle safety programs and other activities associated with the schools and other organizations.
- Utilize the resources of the CHPD such as Bike Patrol Officers, K-9 units and other units in order to accomplish their current assignment.
- Communication with neighborhood association leaders in the city.
- Participation in neighborhood meetings.
- Provide a direct person contact within the Police Department for these associations.
- Participation in weekly "Meet Your Police" meetings.
- Responsible for the completion of all Citizen/Police Interaction forms (#2174)
- Provide a direct contact person in the Police Department for business owners/representatives within the City. One officer assigned as Business Liaison Officer- Currently Investigator Quintero Mack.
- Meet with Special Improvement District (SIDS) representatives.

- Responsible for other community centered initiatives assigned by the Chief of Police.



(Left) Officers Mckeown and Rieck educate Fairfax Elementary School Students about bike safety at the 2015 Fairfax Bike Rodeo. (Right) Officers Watkins and Rieck speak with some preschool students about Stranger Danger at Fairmount Preschool Co-Op.

2015 was a banner year for the Community Response Team. Over the course of the year, the CRT was able to increase the spectrum of our diverse community policing initiatives. We were able to strengthen our relationships with Cleveland Heights Residents through the continuation of some very popular CRT programs, such as Safety Town, the Bicycle Patrol Officers and ALICE Training. We were also able to build new relationships and services to the Community through the creations of several new programs and services. Some of the new programs developed in 2015 were the CHPD gun buyback program which removed 120 weapons from the streets of Cleveland Heights. The CRT also this year developed the "Police Navidad" Christmas Food basket program, which donated baskets of food to 18 underprivileged families in Cleveland Heights. This year's recipients were members of the Start Right Church and US Together.



(L) Selection of Firearms collected in Gun Buy Back Program. (C) Officer Watkins preparing to destroy seized weapons. (R) Officer Guyton, Watkins and Pitts prepare to distribute Police Navidad Food Baskets.

Other new programs for 2015 included CRT Officers participation in the Noble Elementary Gents to Gentlemen Mentoring program, in which a CRT officer has lunch with a Noble Elementary student weekly to provide a positive community role model. This year the CRT developed a relationship with US Together, a nonprofit agency in

Cleveland Heights that assists immigrant families new to Cleveland Heights with education, housing, employment and quality of life issues. The CRT officers have had several meetings and discussions with our immigrant community to explain the role the CHPD serves in our community and the many services the Police Department can provide. Cleveland Heights currently has a population of 200 political refugees from Nepal, Bhutan, Iraq, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



(LEFT): Officer Watkins meets with a young Iraqi immigrant at an US Together Potluck at the Lee Rd Library.
(RIGHT): Officer Rieck drops off a donation basket to an immigrant family from Nepal.

In 2015 the Community Response Team continued providing our popular and successful Community Policing Initiatives. Six Officers assigned to the CRT form the CHPD's Bicycle Patrol. The Bike Unit officers had a very successful year, patrolling on bikes from May 1st until the Sep 30th. The main areas of patrol are the city parks, business districts, and residential side streets. The Bike Officers also attend and perform community outreach at Bike Rodeos, Summer Camp programs, block parties, street fairs, block watch meetings, instruct at Safety Town, and advise residents on Crime Prevention and Awareness tips. Bike officers are responsible for citing and arresting offenders committing offenses in our city parks, pools and green spaces. Bike Officers also provide additional security at Cain Park for Arts Festivals, Concerts, Coventry Peace Park Movie nights, and have a presence at each of the Special Investment Districts Street Fairs.

CRT Officers also conduct monthly seminars at the senior citizens center, and attend Block Association meetings to advise residents on crime trends in Cleveland Heights



(LEFT): Officers Mckeown and Psepolschi flex their muscle with a Heights Trick or Treater at the Coventry Road Candy Crawl. (RIGHT): Officers Mckeown, Mack, Pitts, Psepolschi, and Rieck stand with the Champion Teams at the 2015 CHPD OCTOBER 3x3 Basketball Tournament.

CRT Officers had an activity filled year. ALICE Training continued throughout the CH/UH school year. An acronym, standing for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate, is a training program designed to prepare individuals to handle the threat of an active shooter. All officers assigned to the CRT are qualified as ALICE instructors, and training programs were conducted at Hebrew Academy, Mos Dos Schools (girls and boys) and Beaumont School. Refresher training was conducted and all CH Public Schools, who had taken the training in previous years.

Started in 2011, CRT officers continued to chair all weekly “Meet Your Police “ meetings. Meetings are held each Thursday in the lower level of City Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm. Since February of 2014, the first meeting of each month is held at the Police Academy located at 2595 Noble Rd. Issues discussed include juvenile complaints, drug activity, traffic safety, housing violations, roadway conditions, animal complaints and current events to name a few. All issues addressed at the meetings are documented and forwarded to the Chief of Police who directs the complaint to the proper City Department for action. Residents are notified of the final disposition. .

The CRT participated for the fifth year in the Shop with a Cop program, sponsoring 11 families to buy presents at Christmas in 2015. The CRT will continue to strive to provide excellence in community policing, and look forward to serving our residents in 2016.

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM (CST)

The Crime Suppression Team is a flexible unit responsible for responding to criminal activity within the City, based on crime pattern information and crime trends as identified by C.H.P.D. analysis. As an example, CST investigations have been focused on residential burglaries. Undercover details, arrests and relentless follow up investigations have resulted in a dramatic drop in the number of reported burglaries since 2011 (pg. 10 UCR Table). Similar results can be seen in the area of robberies which are also investigated by this unit. Officers assigned to CST work in "plain clothes" utilizing non-descript undercover vehicles.

The Crime Suppression Team is staffed by a Sergeant, three detectives and one Basic Patrol Officer. Since January 2012, the team has executed 151 search warrants, seized over \$460,000 in currency, numerous weapons to include assault rifles and large amounts of illegal narcotics. The 85 arrests made in 2015 were primarily felony arrests involving illegal narcotics, weapons and crimes of violence. Members work closely with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, DEA, CPD and surrounding local police departments.

See table 9 for 2013-2015 statistics.

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM	2013	2014	2015
SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED	32	24	27
ARRESTS BY CST	59	108	85
HANDGUNS SEIZED	15	11	10
SHOTGUNS SEIZED	2	1	0
ASSAULT RIFLES SEIZED	3	3	0
VEHICLES SEIZED	1	2	4
CURRENCY SEIZED	\$332,679	\$71,306	\$58,354
MARIJUANA	11.5 lbs	19.8 lbs	84.5 lbs
COCAINE	5.6 gm	316.0 gm	212.0 gm
CRACK COCAINE	1.4 gm	" "	" "
HEROIN	182.0 gm	37.0 gm	52.0 gm
A total of 151 search warrants have been executed since the establishment of CST, January, 2012			

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)



The Special Response Team, commonly referred to as S.W.A.T. (special weapons and tactics), is comprised of 24 officers. Assignment in SRT is not an officer's primary assignment. All members are assigned as their primary duties to the Uniform, Traffic, Community Response or Crime Suppression Team. SRT duties are in addition to their primary assignment.

All members who apply to be a member of the unit first pass a rigorous physical agility exam. Those that pass the physical are subjected to an interview session where they are confronted with scenarios in order to judge their ability to respond and act to a critical incident. Once this phase is complete, the highest performing officers are assigned to the unit.

All SRT members have successfully completed a Basic SWAT school through the Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) or through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Ongoing training occurs monthly for all members. Training in 2015 focused on Active shooters in a commercial setting and also a school setting, hallway and room searches, riot and crowd control, Pepperball and Less Lethal munitions, hands-on subject control, search warrant techniques, tactical first aid and medical casualty care. This year, with the help of the RTA Transit Police, members were introduced to bus interdiction which included disabling the bus engine and tactical entry on to public transportation.

The SRT team successfully completed over 20 search warrant entries, arrest warrant operations leading to the apprehension of violent felons and also successfully completed a barricaded hostage situation involving children with the arrest of the suspect and safe removal of the children.

Members of the SRT Team are trained in Hostage Negotiation (4 members), Firearms instructors (2 members), Less Lethal munitions and Pepperball instructors (6 members), Dynamic Breaching and Mechanical Breaching instructors (3 members), A.L.I.C.E. Training instructors (2 members), Active Shooter instructors (3 members). All members have taken specific continuing professional training through OPOTA or OTOA for specific areas related to tactical training.

Juvenile Diversion

On January 21, 2014, the establishment of the Juvenile Diversion/ Mentoring Program was authorized by Cleveland Heights City Council. It was hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and security of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to establish this program so that juveniles may be assisted without undue delay.

Mission Statement

Our mission, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas- Juvenile Division is to provide an effective comprehensive alternative to status / unruly and first-time offenders. The program will provide an opportunity for the child along with his/her family to correct self-defeating, life altering behaviors in lieu of an official referral to the juvenile court system

Objectives

- To re-direct juvenile offenders from delinquent or anti-social behavior
- To reduce the recidivism rates of juvenile offenders within the City of Cleveland Heights and surrounding suburbs
- To decrease the risk factors associated with delinquent behaviors
- Strengthen and support families through increased parental involvement

Criteria

- Cleveland Heights arrest or referral from CCJCD
- Offense committed within the city limits of Cleveland Heights and/or resident within the city limits of Cleveland Heights
- First time offender
- Non-violent offender
- Must take full responsibility for offense
- Parent/ Guardian participation
- Signed consent form

2015 Statistics

(16) Male referrals from Juvenile Court

- (17) Female referrals from Juvenile Court
- (33) African American referrals from Juvenile Court
- (0) Other

As of January 2016, the recidivism rate for the Cleveland Heights Diversion Program, of the participants that received a certificate of completion, remains at zero.

The Diversion Program continues to partner with the following agencies as we move forward in meeting our goals:

McKeon Education Group

Bellfaire JCB

Lake Erie Ink

Heights Youth Club (Boys/Girls Club of Cleveland)

Juvenile boys group meeting



The contract between Juvenile Court and the City of Cleveland Heights to develop and implement the program commenced on March 1, 2014. The program is funded by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. The City receives \$700/month for program activities.

Investigator Berry of the Cleveland Heights Police Department continues to serve as the program coordinator. Investigator Berry was previously assigned to the patrol division. She serves as a group co-facilitator with the female participants of the CDP as well as the ladies in the Cleveland Heights/ University Heights schools mentoring program at Options.

Along with Investigator Berry, Assistant Law Director Tiffany A. Hill has continued to unselfishly volunteer her time. She serves as the program Magistrate as well as co-facilitator of both male and female groups. The groups are held on Monday 4-5:30 for the females, and Tuesday 4-5:30 for the males.

The diversion program as well as the mentoring program has continued to invite guests and mentors, which the participants can readily identify with through ethnicity, race, plight or other circumstances. The exposure to these elite individuals, increase the focus and attention during the weekly discussions.

As the Diversion Program continues to make positive strides in helping the youth of the Cleveland Heights community, there is more to come in 2016.

Police Academy



The Cleveland Heights Police Academy, commissioned by the Ohio Attorney General in 1973, completed its 42nd year of operation in 2015. Captain Geoffrey Barnard is the Commander of the Police Academy. Over 3,000 police officers from more than 130 police departments have graduated from the Academy during this period. The Academy has continually ranked with one of the highest State test scores of any academy in the state.

In addition to training police officers, the second Citizens Police Academy graduated in 2015. Seventeen residents received training in many of the same topics taught to full time academy students. The first Citizens Police Academy also had seventeen residents in attendance and due to its success, a third Citizens Police Academy is planned for later this year. Residents who attend the Citizens Police Academy are exposed to a wide variety of specialized police skill areas including:

Ohio criminal law	Civil liability	Laws of arrest
Search and seizure	Search warrants	Criminal investigation
Drug investigations	Self-defense techniques	Patrol techniques
Traffic enforcement	Domestic violence	OVI
SWAT tactics	K-9 handling	Forensic analysis

The Cleveland Heights Police Academy continued to be an excellent example of community policing with its students continuing to be a positive, energetic influence in the Noble neighborhood. Additionally in 2015, the Academy continued to host Noble Neighborhood association meetings, Meet Your Police Meetings and is now the meeting place for the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.



In addition to his duties as Academy Commander, Captain Barnard is currently the Jail Administrator. Built in 1986, the Cleveland Heights Jail is a twelve day holding facility. A total of 2019 persons were booked into the jail in 2015. All adults arrested and processed are held until they post bond, are sentenced or are transferred to a longer term facility. The jail has the capacity to hold 12 adult inmates and consists of two female cells, eight male cells, two holding cells and one detox cell. Juvenile offenders are not held in the jail facility but are required to be separate from adult inmates in both sight and sound. As such, all juveniles brought into CHPD custody are held in the Roll Call Room under direct supervision by the arresting officer.

Continued Professional Training

In 2015, CHPD Officers continued to receive on going professional training. All Department personnel were required by the State of Ohio to receive updated training in both general law enforcement and crimes against families (domestic violence). The State reimbursed the Police Department \$8160.00 which was placed in the Police Departments State Drug Fund to be used strictly for continued professional training.

In 2016, the State of Ohio requires every certified police officer to complete 11 hours of continuing professional training. To meet the statutory requirements, and be eligible for reimbursement, the training is required to be in the following areas:

- Community-Police Relations (e.g., Implicit Bias, Procedural Justice, Blue Courage) (4 hours)
- Crisis De-escalation with Focus on Mental Illness (2 hours)
- Constitutional Use of Force (2 hours)
- Human Trafficking (1 hours)
- General Law Enforcement (2 hours)

In addition to the State mandated training, members of the Department received extensive training in many different fields of study. The following is a list of topics studied by CHPD personnel in 2014:

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| • Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy | • Cross Culture Communications |
| • Interacting with & De-escalating Special Needs Population | • Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement |
| • Computer Data Recovery | • Internet Investigations |
| • Active Shooter Preparation | • Bias Crimes Investigations |
| • Search Warrant Preparation and Execution | • Fraudulent Documentation Investigation |
| • Patrol Drug Operations | • Drug ID and Field Testing |
| • Conducting Background Investigations | • BAC Data Master Senior Operator (Alcohol Testing Equipment – OVI cases) |
| • Reid Technique for Interviewing | • Arrest – Search and Seizure |
| • Mid-level Management | • Physical Fitness Specialist |
| • Hazmat & WMD Awareness for the First Responder | • Radar/Lidar Instructor |
| • Combat Marksmanship | • Warrant Service/Tactical Team Training |
| • Great Lakes Leadership Seminar | • Police Executive & Administrative Leadership School |
| • Internal Investigations | • Palm Print Comparisons |
| • Evidence Technician | • Advanced SWAT Training |
| • Less lethal munitions | • Human Relations |
| • Modern Report Writing | • Core Criminal Investigation |
| • Police Training Officer (train the trainer) | • Heroin Epidemic |
| • Basic Crime Scene | • Hostage Negotiations – Advanced |
| • Special Needs Population and LE | • Procedural Justice |
| • Critical Survival Skills for LE | • Domestic Terrorism |
| • Firearms Instructor | • Interacting with the Muslim Population |
| • Traffic Collision – Vehicle Dynamics | • Survival Spanish |
| • Internet Investigations | • Suicide Intervention |
| • Latent Print development | • Patrol Drug Operations |
| • Sexual Assault Investigations. | |

CHPD Bomb Squad

Similar in structure to the SRT, members of the Bomb Squad are assigned to the unit as a secondary assignment. Sgt. Michael Meilstrup of the Uniform Division is the Bomb Squad Commander. Det. Joseph Lang of the Detective Bureau and Inv. Michael Mathis of the Uniform Division are also members of the unit and are also classified as Certified Bomb Technicians. Basic Patrol Officer Edward Spehar and Patrol Officer Thomas Harris are classified as Bomb Helpers. The bomb helpers perform many important tasks such as operating the x ray equipment and equipment maintenance.

The unit is fully equipped with all equipment necessary equipment including a bomb robot, bomb disposal equipment and a bomb squad truck. In 2015 the Department continued the relationship with Shaker and University Hts. P.D. for the sharing of services with regards to the Bomb Squad. Shaker provided a bomb sniffing dog while University Hts. provided extra man power when needed.

All members of the Bomb Squad participate in yearly training courses and exercises. In 2015 training consisted of the following:

- Site Protection through Observational Techniques
- Lorain County Bomb Squad Advanced Electronic Course
- Hazardous Devices School Re-certification
- Remotec Robot Maintenance Course
- Lorain County Joint Training Exercise
- Richmond Heights Police/SWAT Joint Training Exercise



CHPD HONOR GUARD

"Honor-Respect-Service"

The Cleveland Heights Honor Guard unit is comprised of volunteer members of the Police Department and is headed by Inv. Michael Mathis, Corporal of the Guard. The unit is activated for memorial events, funerals, parades and other formal occasions. Other Cleveland Heights Police Officers who comprise the Honor Guard include: Inv. Matthew Lasker; Officer Thomas Rini; Officer Sean Hinkle; Officer Dallas Guyton; and Officer Zachary Penhollow.



Inv. Matthew Lasker, Inv. Michael Mathis, Officer Zachary Penhollow, and Officer Sean Hinkle of the Honor Guard paying tribute to fallen officers at the 2015 Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Service held on May 15, 2015.



Officers Trevor Harris and Andrew Watkins paying tribute to fallen Officer Thomas F. Patton II on March 12, 2015.

Signs & Signals

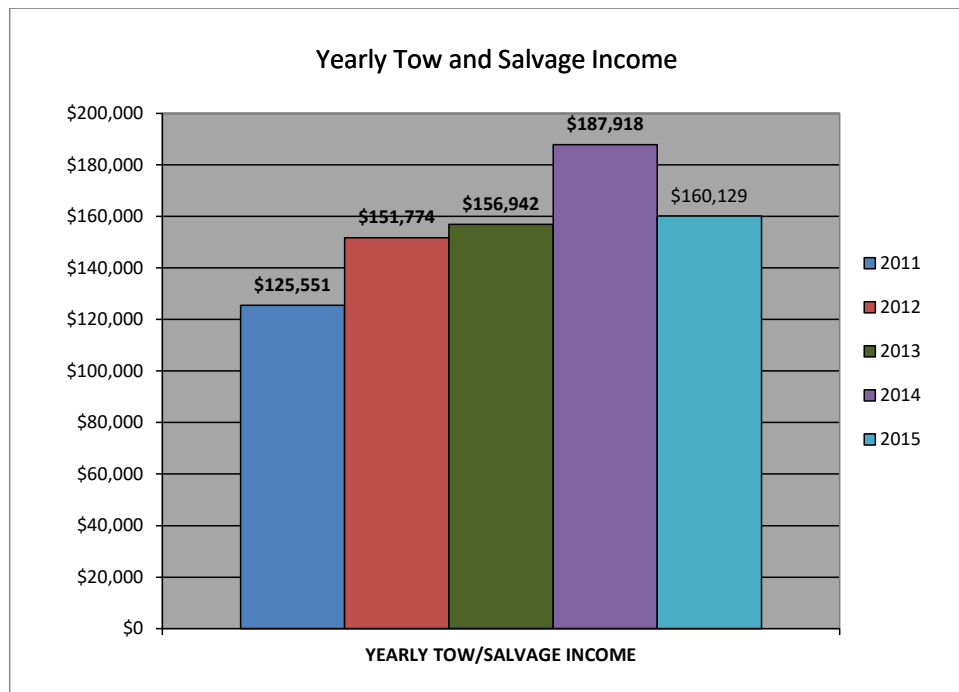
Staffed by a sign maker, the Signs and Signals Unit is housed in the 1418 Warrensville Center building. Responsibilities of the sign maker include the manufacture, repair and installation of traffic control and other signs throughout the City. Additionally, this employee programs school lights and completes minor repairs to traffic signals and pedestrian crossing signals. The lettering of all City owned vehicles is also this employee's responsibility.

2015 continued to see the sharing of services with the Shaker P.D. traffic signal unit. Their unit has completed some signal repair work in Cleveland Heights while we have supplied them with some traffic control signs and signs advertising special events within their city. This has proven to be cost savings for both cities involved. Other traffic signal repairs are performed by an outside contractor. In 2015, a total of \$58,348.00 was expensed on signal repairs. The 2016 budget is \$55,000.

Fleet Maintenance

Located on Noble Rd. at the East Cleveland border is the vehicle maintenance building (Precinct #3). Staffed by a supervisor and two other mechanics/technicians, their responsibilities include maintenance and repair of all police vehicles and the installation and repair of emergency lights/sirens, police radios and in car computers. Housing/Building and Municipal Court vehicles are also maintained by P#3 staff.

In addition to maintenance, P#3 personnel are responsible for the towing and storage of vehicles impounded by the Police Department. Towed vehicles are stored at the City owned impound lot located at 2881 Noble Rd. Revenues from tows, storage and salvage of vehicles are shown below.



The Cleveland Heights Police Officers pictured below participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run supporting Special Olympics (June 2015).



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Purchase of six in-car dash cameras, made possible through grant from Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office – December 2015
- 2nd annual Community Safety Night in conjunction with National Night Out. August 2015
- 2nd Citizen Police Academy completed. September 2015
- Formation of the Citizens Academy Alumni Association. October 2015
- 5th year participation with "Shop With a Cop" event.
- 6th year participation with CPD and Cleveland Sight Center Holiday Basket Delivery
- CHPD Facebook page reaches 5000 followers
- Business district camera program continues. Cameras added to South Taylor and Cedar area.
- Updated retention policy in place
- AFIS upgrades. Fourth officer selected to be a certified print examiner and training to begin in 2016 (P.O. Douglas Olp)
- Remodeling of Data Entry, Records, CST, Diversion and Chiefs offices completed using primarily forfeited funds from illegal drug investigations.
- Continued "ALICE" training in public and private schools
- Participation in numerous block parties, neighborhood meetings, school programs
- Continued extensive training for all Departmental personnel
- Mentoring program teamed up with The Pyramid Institute to develop and implement dynamic programming focused on at-risk young ladies
- Detectives Schoffstall and Reese receive Eagle Award from Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office for their outstanding work in several large investigations during the past year
- 1st year participation in gun buyback program, in conjunction with Cleveland PD
- Crime Analysis training
- Participation in the Great Lakes Leadership Conference held in Niagra Falls, NY