

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2/21/2017

## Goals & Priorities

- 1) Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- 2) Strengthen the police-community relationship.
- 3) Develop strategies to recruit/retain a qualified and diverse workforce.
- 4) Training and employee development.
- 5) Explore opportunities for inter-municipal resource sharing.
- 6) Update the Police Department's Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 7) Identify alternative funding sources for Police Department resources and programs.

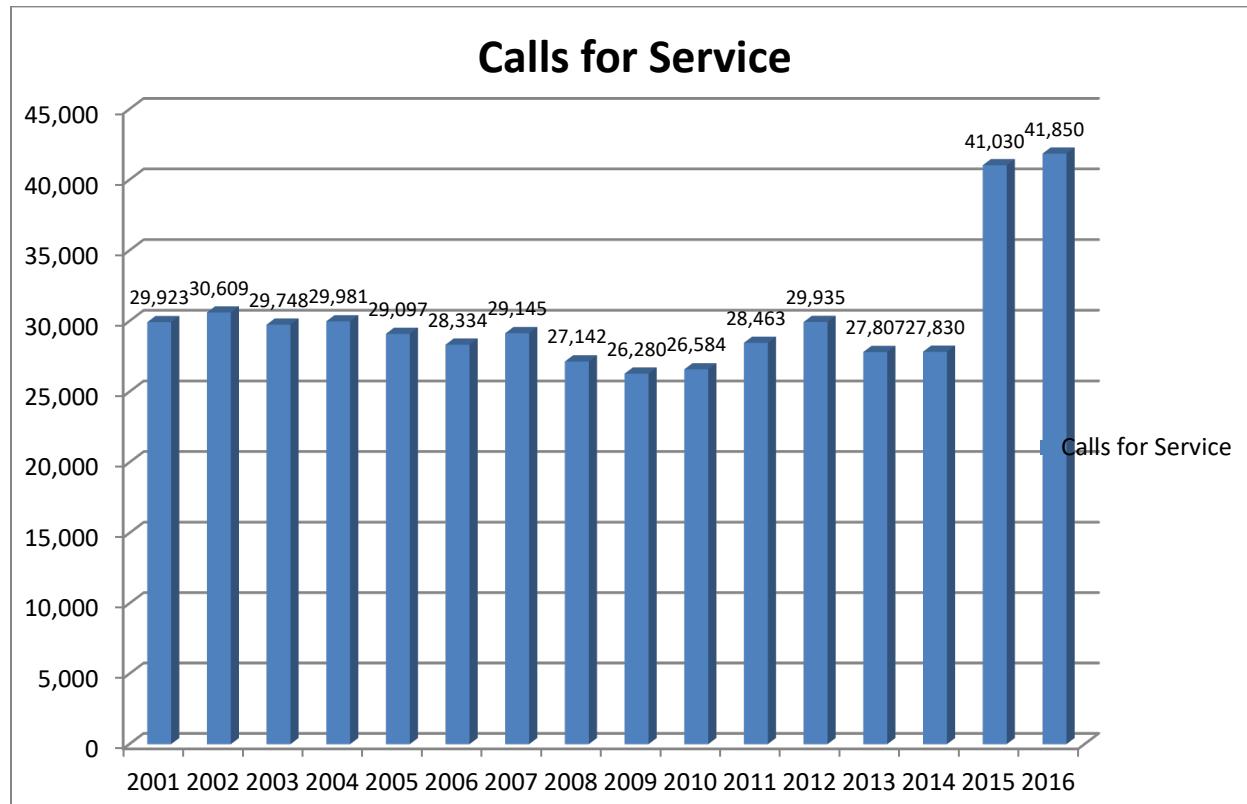
The following divisions, bureaus and specialized units of the Cleveland Heights Police Department are outlined as to their function and contribution to the fulfillment of the above long term goals during 2016.

# **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. 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 2016, Cleveland Heights Police were tasked with answering 41,850 calls for service which was slightly higher than in 2015 (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.



**Calls for Service**  
**01/01/2016 Through 12/31/2016**

9-1-1 HANG UP PHONE EMERGE	507	BUSINESS COMPLAINTS	12
ACCIDENT/ BICYCLE	7	CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAP	9
ACCIDENT/ DAMAGE	890	CERTAIN WEAPONS PROHIBITED	2
ACCIDENT/ HIT-SKIP	171	CIVIL MATTER	207
ACCIDENT/ INJURY	33	COMMUNITY RESPONE DETAIL	60
ACCIDENT/ NO REPORT	21	COMPLAINTS/ GENERAL	313
ACCIDENT/ NO REPORT/ PINK	116	COMPLAINTS/ JUVENILE	17
ACCIDENT/ PED	1	COMPLAINTS/ TRASH	20
ACCIDENT/ PEDESTRIAN	18	CONTEMPT OF COURT	2
ACCIDENT/ PNAS	379	COURT APPEARANCE	12
AGG ROBBERY	1	CRIMES AGAINST PERSON-FREE	1
ALARM/ AUTO	35	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OR ENDANGE	23
ALARMS/ GENERAL	3412	CRIMINAL INVEST- FELONY	1
ANIMAL AT LARGE	533	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	82
ANIMAL BITES	34	CRIMINAL SIMULATION	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT/ MISC.	242	CURFEW	8
ARREST ON CAPIAS/ CONTEMPT	18	DAMAGE TO AUTO	224
ARREST ON WARRANT-MIS/FEL	304	DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	50
ARREST THROUGH TELECOMMUNI	198	DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY	110
ARSON (FREE TEXT)	2	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY/ FREE T	33
ASSAULT/ AGGRAVATED	1	DEBRIS ON STREET	36
ASSAULT/ ATTEMPT FELONIOUS	2	DEPARTMENTAL INFO/SEXUAL A	1
ASSAULT/ ATTEMPT SIMPLE	5	DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION	660
ASSAULT/ FELONIOUS	30	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	292
ASSAULT/ SIMPLE	88	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	77
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	145	DISTURBANCE	2058
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2	DISTURBANCE/ CUSTOMER	108
ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD	166	DISTURBANCE/ NEIGHBOR	84
AUTO TOWED	288	DISTURBANCE/ NOISE	836
BAR CHECK	1	DISTURBANCE/ UNWANTED GUES	251
BARKING DOG	136	DOA AND BODY FOUND	39
BICYCLE UNIT DETAIL	1	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	128
BIKE THEFT	1	DRUG POSSESSION	40
BREAKING & ENTERING	114	DRUG TRAFFICKING	5
BREAKING & ENTERING/ ATTEM	11	DUS/ OPERATOR LICENSE SUSP	33
BURGLARY	110	ESCAPE	2
BURGLARY/ AGGRAVATED	4	ESCORT	208
BURGLARY/ ATTEMPTED	11	EXPIRED PLATES	61
BUSINESS CHECK	750	FELONIOUS ASSAULT	1

FICTIOUS PLATES	20	MURDER/ AGGRAVATED	1
FIRE CAUSE UNKNOWN	1	MURDER/ ATTEMPT AGGRAVATED	1
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	35	MURDER/ ATTEMPTED	1
FLEEING/ ELUDING	34	MUTUAL AID	210
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	1280	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	83
FORGERY/ CHECKS OR MONEY	7	NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE	1
FOUND PERSON	118	OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	1
FOUND PROPERTY	205	OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSIN	22
FRAUD/ BAD CHECKS	33	OFF DUTY	27
FRAUD/ CREDIT CARD	61	ON DUTY	2607
FRAUD/ FREE TEXT	69	OPEN CONTAINER	20
FRAUD/ IDENTITY THEFT	92	OPEN DOOR	195
FRAUD/FREE TEXT	1	OVI/ ALCOHOL	68
HARASSING COMMUNICATION	104	PARKING VIOLATION	1081
HARASSMENT	27	PERJURY	1
HAZARD ZONE	12	PERSONAL INJURY	30
HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT DET	1	PERSONAL WELFARE	1
HIT/SKIP	1	PRISONER BORROWED BY COURT	7
HOMICIDE/ FREE TEXT	1	PRISONER CARE	6
HOUSE WATCH	1130	PRISONER RELEASE	754
IMPOUNDED PROPERTY	5	PROWLER	2
INDECENT EXPOSURE	5	RAPE	5
JAIL/PROCESSING	15	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	15
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	803	RECOVERED AUTO	106
K-9 ASSIGNMENT	81	RECOVERED PROPERTY	4
K-9 TRAINING	5	RESISTING OFFICER/ ARREST	2
LABOR PROBLEMS	2	RIOT	1
LIQUOR POSSESSION-UNDERAGE	1	RIOT/ AGGRAVATED	1
LITTERING	4	ROBBERY	26
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	1109	ROBBERY/ AGGRAVATED	43
LOITERING	27	ROBBERY/ ATTEMPT AGGRAVATE	7
LOST CHILD	1	ROBBERY/ ATTEMPTED	3
LOST OR MISSING PROPERTY	75	SERVING TIME	18
MENACING	23	SEX OFFENSES	22
MENACING/ AGGRAVATED	16	SIGNAL 99	180
MISIDENTIFICATION	2	SNOW PLOW PERMIT REQUIRED	1
MISSING PERSON	184	SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	4
MISSING PROPERTY	230	SOLICITING	117
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARDS	1	SPECIAL ATTENTION	67
SRT DETAIL	3	TRANSPORT/ TO COUNTY JAIL	165
SUBPOENA SERVICE	430	TRANSPORT/ TO HOSPITAL	145
SUDDEN ILLNESS	8	TRANSPORT/ TO JUVENILE DET	49

SUICIDE	4	TRANSPORT/ TO OTHER JAIL	10
SUICIDE/ ATTEMPTED	10	TRESPASS/ VEHICLE	31
SUSPICION	2196	TRESPASS/ VEHICLE- UNLOCKED	69
SUSPICIOUS FIRES	2	TRESPASSING	64
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	816	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR	36
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	813	UNLAWFUL CONDUCT WITH MINOR	1
TAMPERING WITH UTILITIES	1	UTILITIES/ PUBLIC	200
THEFT CREDIT CARD	1	UTILITIES/ SERVICE DEPT	119
THEFT/ ATTEMPTED PETTY	8	VANDALISM	10
THEFT/ AUTO PARTS	18	VEHICLE FIRE	1
THEFT/ BICYCLE	86	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/ WASH	24
THEFT/ FIREARM	9	VEHICLE RELEASE	3
THEFT/ FROM AUTO	66	VEHICLE TRESPASS/UNLOCKED	1
THEFT/ FROM AUTO ATTEMPT	2	VOLUNTARY INTOX	23
THEFT/ FROM AUTO- UNLOCKED	194	WEAPONS/ FIRING	50
THEFT/ FROM MAIL	51	WEAPONS/ FREE TEXT	3
THEFT/ GRAND	15	WEAPONS/ IMPROPER HANDLING	2
THEFT/ LICENSE PLATE	22	WEAPONS/FIRING	1
THEFT/ PETTY	162	WELFARE CHECK	835
THEFT/ SHOPLIFTING	154		
THEFT/ VEHICLE	69	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>41850</u></b>
THEFT/ VEHICLE ATTEMPT	21		
THEFT/ VEHICLE W/KEY	26		
THEFT/LICENSE PLATE	1		
TPO VIOLATION	15		
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	228		
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	125		
TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT	7845		
TRAFFIC STOP	23		
TRAINING	31		
TRANSPORT/ AMBULANCE	3		
TRANSPORT/ GENERAL	73		
TRANSPORT/ POLICE	17		



**Cleveland Heights Police**  
**Animal Calls for Service 01/01/2016 Through 12/31/2016**

ANIMAL AT LARGE	532
ANIMAL BITES	34
ANIMAL COMPLAINT/ MISC.	242
BARKING DOG	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1008</u></b>

# TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

In 2016, the supervisor of the Traffic Safety Bureau was Robert Butler. Traffic Safety personnel are assigned to either 0700-1500 hrs. or 1000-1800 hrs., seven days a week. Currently 1 Police Officer and 5 Basic Patrol Officers are assigned to the Traffic Bureau. The Officers assigned to this Bureau perform a variety of duties including motorized patrol, foot patrols, and participation in area school programs. Foot Patrol "beats" includes Cedar/Fairmount, Coventry, Lee Rd (Cedar south to Dellwood) and the Taylor Rd. /Noble Rd. districts. All foot patrol officers are assigned police vehicles which are conspicuously parked in the districts while the officer is on foot patrol.

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.

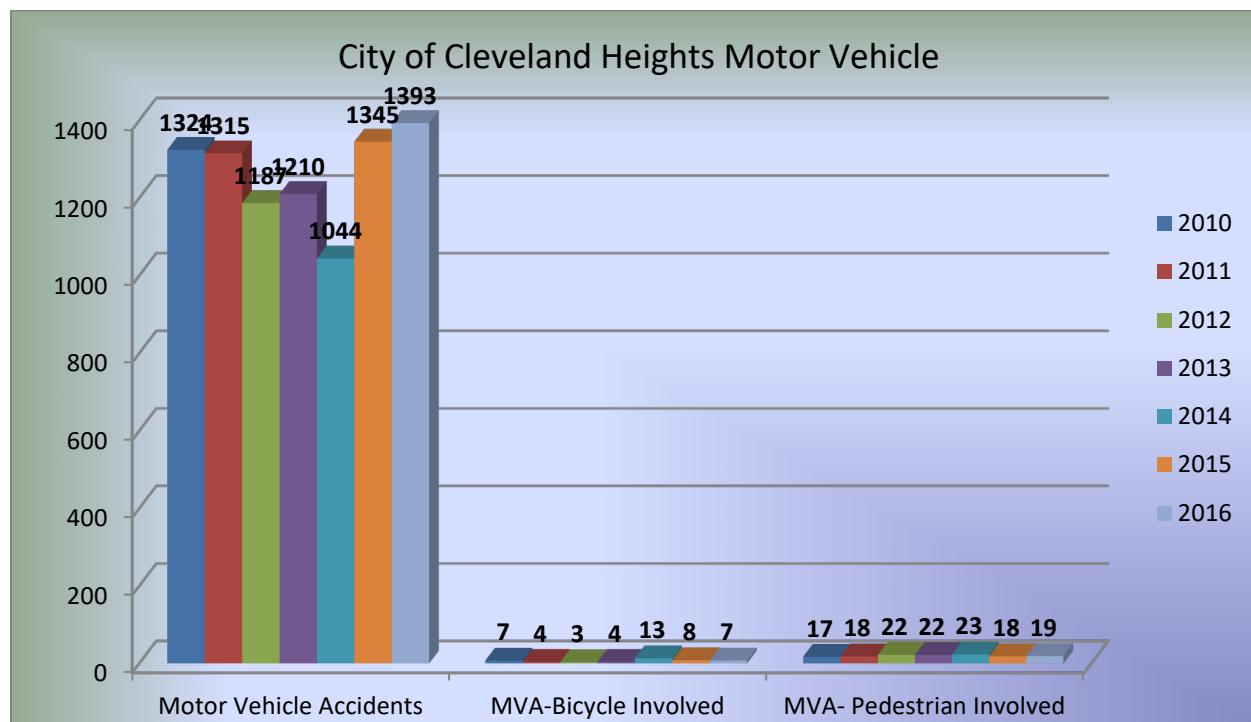


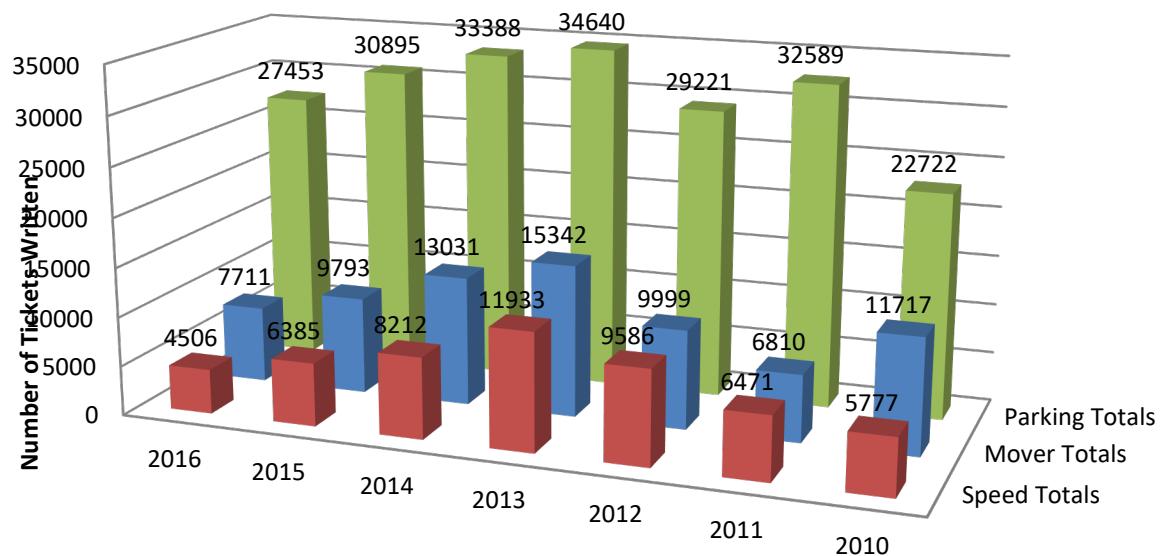
Chart 2

<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
2016	1393	7	19

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.

## Ticket Totals



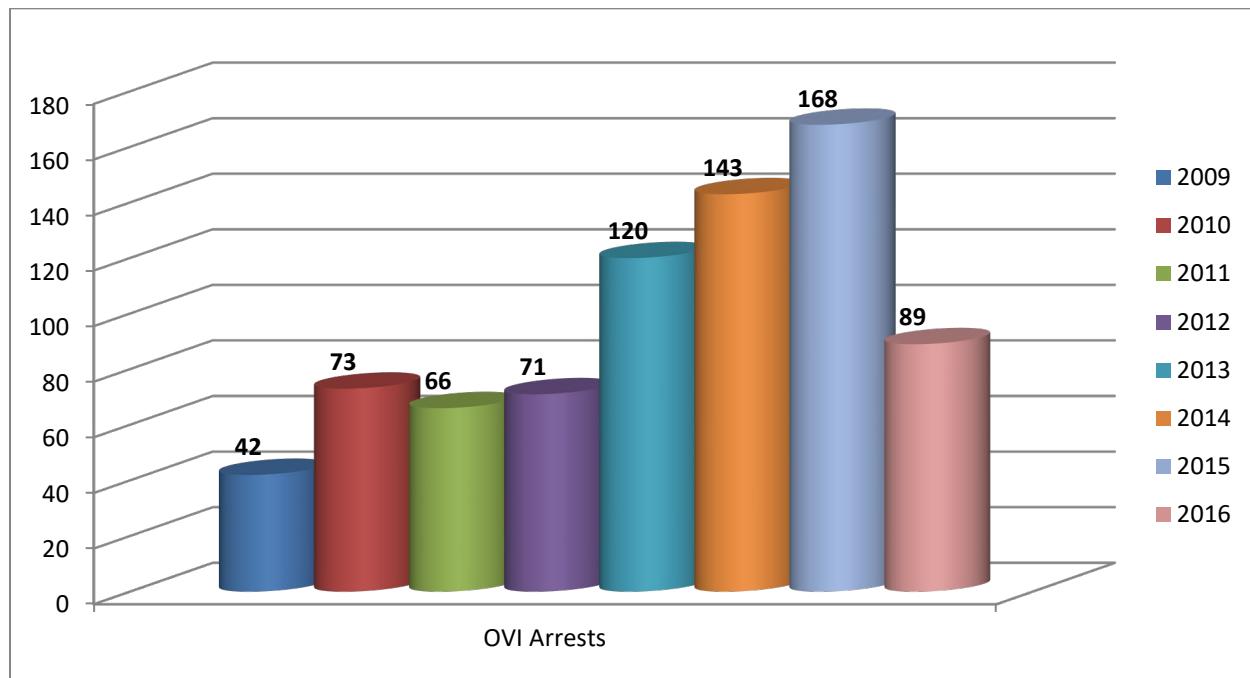
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
■ Speed Totals	4506	6385	8212	11933	9586	6471	5777
■ Mover Totals	7711	9793	13031	15342	9999	6810	11717
■ Parking Totals	27453	30895	33388	34640	29221	32589	22722

CHART 3

Sgt. Robert Butler received the prestigious “Top Cop” Award from M.A.D.D. in 2016 for his outstanding efforts in the apprehension of impaired drivers. The “Top Cop” Award is the top award for law enforcement and only one Officer is selected each year to receive this honor. In 2015 Sgt. Butler received the Award of Excellence. In 2016 Sgt. Butler also completed the Drug Recognition Expert training which trains officers to recognize impairments in drivers under the influence of drugs, alcohol and a combination of them.



OVI enforcement totals for the previous eight years.



# **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

In 2016 Captain Christopher Britton became The Officer in Charge and Sgt. David Speece is 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.

The Detective Bureau investigates felony and serious misdemeanor cases primarily forwarded to them from the Uniform Division. In 2016 the Bureau investigated a total of 531 felony and misdemeanor cases. 46.33% of those cases were closed with an arrest or some type of prosecution. See Chart 1.

Chart 2, 3, 4 and 5 compares clearance rates of CHPD with those of similar sized agencies for the years 2012 - 2015. UCR comparison rates for 2016 were not available at the time of this report. CHPD clearance rates are consistently higher than the national average for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary and Arson. In 2016, CHPD continued to outperform the national averages in most categories and stayed on par with the national average when clearing Auto Thefts and Murders.

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## **2011 – 2016 Uniform Crime Reporting Data**

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
2011	1	7	102	33	318	1051	100	0
2012	0	14	113	50	320	1359	83	7
2013	2	6	97	42	255	1236	78	4
2014	2	10	55	37	187	923	116	2
2015	3	8	53	33	128	826	90	1
2016	3	9	84	54	117	782	98	4

## 2011 - 2016 Uniform Crime Clearance<sup>1</sup> 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	-	85.7%	56.6%	94%	25.6%	24.5%	12.0%	57.1%
2013	100%	100%	54.6%	97.6%	30.1%	24.8%	23%	75%
2014	100%	100%	52.7%	89.1%	31.5%	23.1%	23.2%	100%
2015	100%	100%	47.1%	90.9%	31.2%	19.7%	11.1%	100%
2016	67%	100%	53.5%	81.4%	22.2%	16.9%	16.3%	25%

CHART 1

## 2012 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	-	85.7%	56.6%	94%	25.6%	24.5%	12.0%	57.1%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	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 Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	54.6%	97.6%	30.1%	24.8%	23%	75%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	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 Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	52.7%	89.1%	31.5%	23.1%	23.2%	100%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	67.7%	40.8%	34.4%	58.8%	14.1%	27.9%	15.5%	25.2%

CHART 4

## 2015 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	100%	100%	47.2%	90.9%	31.2%	19.7%	11.1%	100%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	64.4%	34.9%	33.2%	56.9%	13.6%	27%	14.8%	23.3%

CHART 5

## 2016 Uniform Crime Clearance Rates for C.H.P.D. Versus Similar Sized Reporting Agencies<sup>2</sup>

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGG. ASSAULT	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON
C.H.P.D.	67%	100%	53.5%	81.4%	22.2%	16.9%	16.3%	25%
Other Agencies <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CHART 6

<sup>1</sup> **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.

<sup>2</sup> **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>

<sup>i</sup> As of 2-21-2017, the 2016 FBI UCR Data Report is unpublished. Data will be updated upon receipt from FBI.

	2010 Arrests	2011 Arrests	2012 Arrests	2013 Arrests	2014 Arrests	2015 Arrests	2016 Arrests
January	59	42	53	48	53	16	26
February	64	48	96	59	37	19	17
March	57	57	60	54	35	38	30
April	88	55	57	60	52	41	32
May	80	82	103	54	82	43	33
June	85	64	56	55	49	47	21
July	71	93	75	86	31	72	16
August	97	67	70	62	37	35	32
September	73	58	38	42	40	35	48
October	56	81	24	57	37	26	32
November	62	85	57	61	40	16	34
December	26	44	37	35	10	33	22
Totals	818	776	726	673	503	411	343

CHART 7

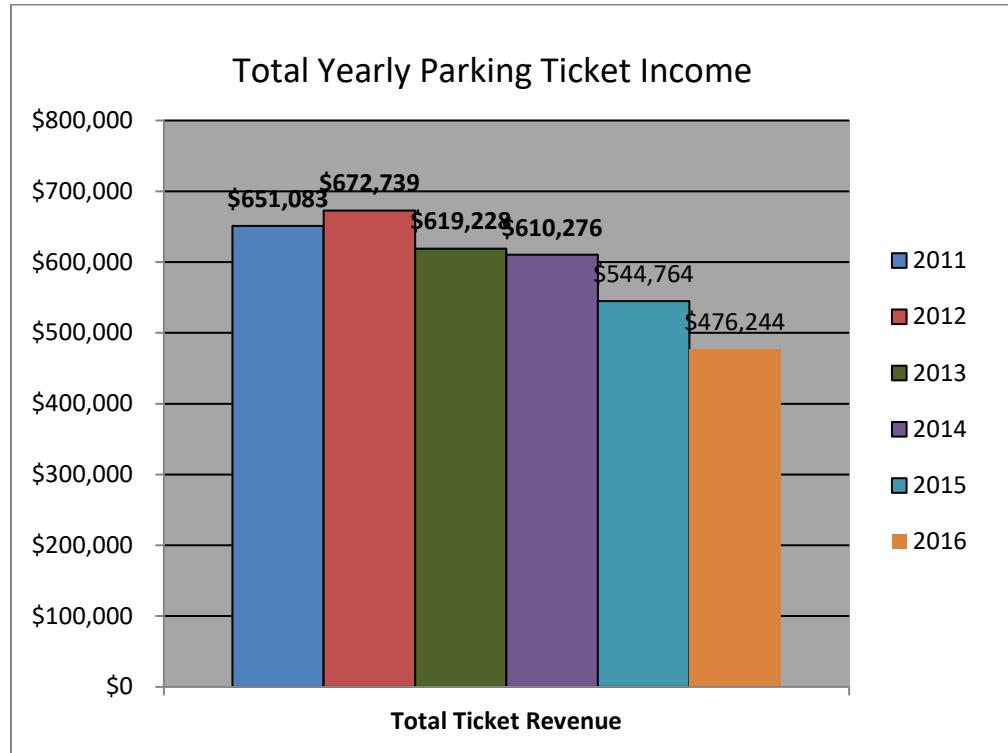
Detective Diane Hoynes is assigned to investigate criminal cases involving juveniles. She is responsible for the filing of the proper paperwork with the Juvenile Court and to coordinate with the Cleveland Heights Police Department's Diversion program. Chart 7 shows the number of filings of juvenile offenders for the years 2010 through 2016. There has been a steady decline in the number of Juveniles charged by CHPD in for the past 6 years (reference chart 7).

# Auxiliary Services Bureau

In 2016, the Auxiliary Services Bureau was under the command of Captain Katherine Dolan. In this position, Captain Dolan supervises 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 2016, approximately 27,500 parking tickets were issued. Income totaled \$476,244. 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 2016 animal complaints included 532 animal at large calls, 242 misc. animal complaints, 135 barking dog complaints and 34 animal bites for a total of 943 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 24 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 Psepolschi and McKeown at the Cedar-Fairmount Candy Crawl.

## **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.



Officer Larry Rieck educating kids about bike safety.



Officers at the Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival.

2016 was another successful 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 new programs and services. One of the new programs developed in 2016 was the Police Explorers Program. Still in its early stages, the Police Explorers Program is only expected to expand in 2017. CRT also participated for the second year in a row in the "Police Navidad" Christmas Food basket program, which donated baskets of food to underprivileged families in Cleveland Heights.

In 2016 the Community Response Team continued providing our popular and successful Community Policing Initiatives. Four Officers were assigned to the CRT from the CHPD's Bicycle Patrol. The Bike Unit officers had another very successful year, patrolling on bikes from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the Sep 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 various schools throughout the City of Cleveland Heights.

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 six year in the Shop with a Cop program, sponsoring families to buy presents at Christmas in 2016. The CRT will continue to strive to provide excellence in community policing, and look forward to serving our residents in 2017.



Officers McKeown, Pitts, Rieck, and Mack at Shop with a Cop in 2016.

In 2016, CHPD participated for the third year in a row in the community event “National Night Out.” This year we were joined by the Cleveland Heights Fire Department. As a result, the event was even more successful and the turnout was incredible.



Officer McKeown handing out hot dogs at the Family Fund Day at Start Right Church

## **K9 Unit**

The CHPD currently has four K9 officers. All of the K9's are dual purpose dogs, meaning that they are trained in both narcotics detection and tracking/building searches. In addition, the K9's attend many community events throughout the year and are always a big hit with the kids.



K9 Argos – Ice Cream Social  
at Canterbury Elementary School



K9 Rocky – Fairfax Elementary Fall Fest

# **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. 11 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 140 search warrants, seized over \$625,000 in currency, numerous weapons to include assault rifles and large amounts of illegal narcotics. The 76 arrests made in 2016 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 2013-2016 statistics.

CRIME SUPPRESSION TEAM	2013	2014	2015	2016
SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED	32	24	27	21
ARRESTS BY CST	59	108	85	76
HANDGUNS SEIZED	15	11	10	9
SHOTGUNS SEIZED	2	1	0	2
ASSAULT RIFLES SEIZED	3	3	0	2
VEHICLES SEIZED	1	2	4	0
CURRENCY SEIZED	\$332,679	\$71,306	\$58,354	\$161,171
JEWELRY SEIZED				\$500,000
MARIJUANA	11.5 lbs	19.8 lbs	84.5 lbs	74.0 lbs
COCAINE	3205.6g	316.0 gm	212.0 gm	204 gm
HEROIN	182.0 gm	37.0 gm	52.0 gm	2gm
Heroin Bindles				76 Bndis
FENTANYL - Powder				2.2 1b
FENTANYL-Pill				969 pill
A total of 140 Search Warrants have been executed since the establishment of CST, January 1, 2012				

# **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)**



Members of SRT at the Metro Health Fair

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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 2016 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 members of the SRT team provided all officers with eight hours of Active Shooter training. Another eight hours of training is expected to be completed in 2017.

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 (3 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.

## **MOBILE FIELD FORCE (MFF)**

In 2016 CHPD joined several other eastside Police Departments to form a regional Mobile Field Force Unit. The other cities participating include South Euclid, University Heights, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, and Euclid. The MFF is comprised of 40 officers from the six departments, seven of which are from Cleveland Heights. The unit received its initial training through FEMA in Anniston, Alabama. Since their formation, the unit continues to train on a monthly basis.

# 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

## **2016 Statistics**

### **(101) Referrals from Juvenile Court**

- ▶ (10) Males currently active in the program
- ▶ (11) Females currently active in the program
- ▶ (18) African American
- ▶ (3) Caucasian
- ▶ (4) Completed the program receiving certificates
- ▶ (11) Letters sent awaiting a response regarding participation
- ▶ (12) Returned for non-compliance
- ▶ (53) Pending cases

As of January 2017, the recidivism rate for the Cleveland Heights Diversion Program, of the participants that received a certificate of completion, is two. The males were both charged in felony cases as adults at the time of their arrests.

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)

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.

During 2016 the following individuals graciously gave of their time to interact with the participants of the program:

- Cecil Lipscomb
- Chauncey Gilliam
- Basheer Jones
- Marc "Face" Wilson
- Rape Crisis presentation by Charlene

As the Diversion Program continues to make positive strides in helping the youth of the Cleveland Heights community, there is more to come in 2017.



(Left) U.S. Army Sergeant having a discussion on the impact of negative choices.  
(Right) Kevin from McKeon Education discussing community service and the impact of serving others whom are less fortunate.



(Left) Mommy & Me  
(Right) Community Service at Start Right Church

# Police Academy



The Cleveland Heights Police Academy, commissioned by the Ohio Attorney General in 1973, completed its 43rd year of operation in 2016. 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 third Citizens Police Academy graduated in 2016. Due to its success, a fourth Citizens Police Academy is planned for 2017. 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



Members of the Citizen's Police Academy assisting with traffic control at the Happy 5k Race held on October 2, 2016.

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 2016, 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 1996 persons were booked into the jail in 2016. 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 2016, CHPD Officers continued to receive on going professional training. All Department personnel were required by the State of Ohio to receive 11 hours of updated training in Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (8 hours), Human Trafficking (1 hour), Companion Animal Encounters (1 hour), and General Law Enforcement Topic (1 hour). The State reimbursed the Police Department \$21,120.00 which was placed in the Police Departments State Drug Fund to be used strictly for continued professional training.

In 2017, the State of Ohio will require every certified police officer to complete 20 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:

- Trauma Informed Policing (6 hours)
- Practical Application of Force (4 hours)
- Officer & Community Wellness (4 hours)
- Legal Update (2 hours)
- General Law Enforcement (4 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:

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

# **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 is classified as a Bomb Helper. 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 2016 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.



# **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.



Officers Michael Mathis, Zachary Penhollow, Sean Hinkle, Dallas Guyton, and Thomas Rini of the Honor Guard paying tribute to fallen officers at the 2016 Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Service.



Officers Michael Mathis, Dallas Guyton, Thomas Rini, Zachary Penhollow, and Sean Hinkle - Memorial Day.

## **Signs & Signals**

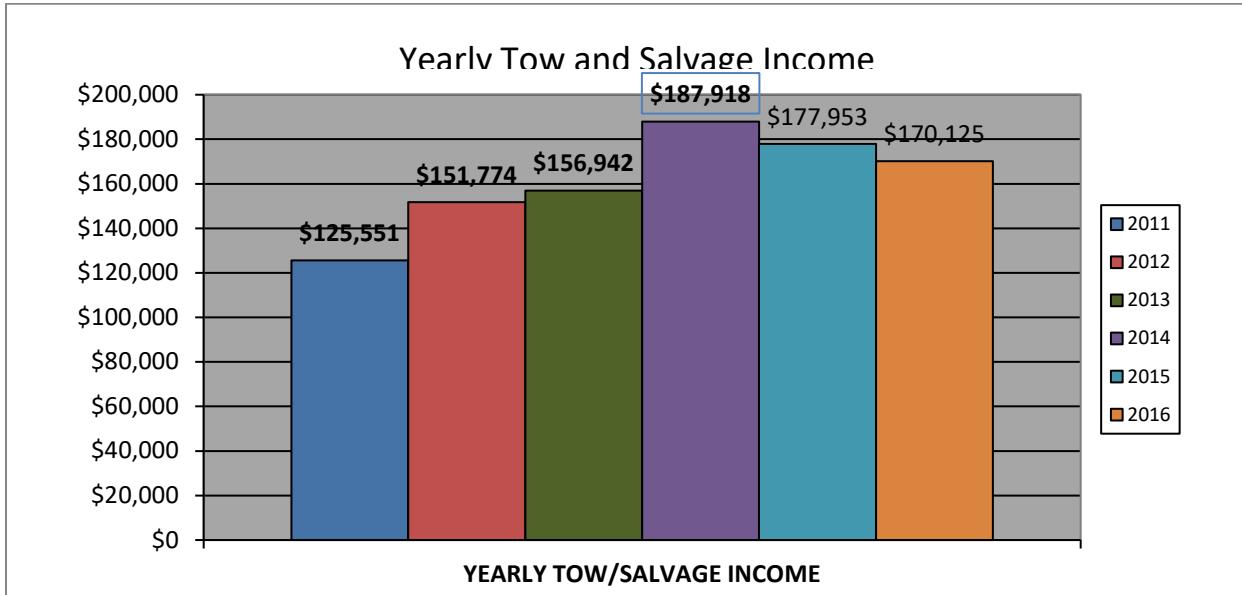
Staffed by a sign maker, the Signs and Signals Unit is housed in the 1418 Warrensville Center building. Responsibilities of the sign maker include the manufacture, repair and installation of traffic control and other signs throughout the City. Additionally, this employee programs school lights and completes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

2016 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 2016, a total of \$54,314.00 was expensed on signal repairs. The 2017 budget is \$60,000.

# Fleet Maintenance

Located at 2203 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.





## **2016 HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Safety Night in conjunction with National Night Out. August 2016
- 3rd Citizen Police Academy completed. September 2016
- Formation of the Citizens Academy Alumni Association. October 2015
- 6<sup>th</sup> year participation with "Shop With a Cop" event.
- CHPD Facebook page reaches over 6400 followers
- Upgrades to business district camera program continues.
- Updated retention policy in place
- AFIS upgrades. Fourth officer trained to be a certified print examiner. Fifth Officer selected as certified print examiner and training to begin in 2017 (P.O. Zachary Penhollow)
- 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
- Crime Analysis training
- Participation in the Great Lakes Leadership Conference held in Niagra Falls, NY
- Three additional ranking officers completed PEALS training.
- Formation of Police Explorers program.