

ANNUAL REPORT
EUCLID POLICE DEPARTMENT
2015



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April 20, 2016

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor
and ex-officio Director of Public Safety
City of Euclid, Ohio

Dear Mayor Holzheimer Gail:

In 2015, the long-contemplated transition to Chagrin Valley Dispatch was completed. Although this move represented a major change in the way in which dispatch services are provided, I could not have imagined such a significant transition taking place with so few complications. Many people contributed significantly to making this move successful. Captain James Savage had oversight of this project and worked closely with Lieutenant Nick DiCicco, the administrator of Chagrin Valley Dispatch, to make this long discussed transition a reality. But without the willingness of the Euclid dispatchers to work as Euclid employees until this switch-over, and then to continue serving the City of Euclid as Chagrin Valley Dispatch employees, this entire transition would not have been possible. I cannot thank enough everyone involved in this move for their commitment to the safety and well-being of the Euclid Police officers and the public whom we serve.

Although this dispatch transition was a major accomplishment, many additional successes took place throughout the year. The Euclid Police Department's Community Policing Unit was recognized by the multi-county Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition as their "Agency of the Year." Congratulations to Community Policing Unit members Ed Bonchak, Kate McLaughlin, Audrey Cobb, Officers Jennifer Krocak and Steven Shubert, and Lieutenant Mitch Houser, all who contributed significantly to the attainment of this recognition. The Euclid Police Department also became involved in the use of crime analytics. Sergeant Dan Novitski and Community Policing Specialist Kate McLaughlin received considerable training in the development and use of analytics, with the intention of the formation of a Crime Analysis Unit. Officers Vashon Williams and Kyle Flagg were assigned to Community Policing as part of a newly formed Community Response Unit. These officers were tasked with responding to areas where calls for police service were frequent and to address crime and nuisance activities. Lastly, the web page was redesigned to add functionality and user friendly features.

The retirements of Captain Robert Payne and Officer Ivan Ivaskovic in 2015, in addition to Officer Michael Asbury's resignation from the Department, reduced the number of sworn officers to 89. Adding to this the absence of Officer Matthew Gilmer, who was away the greater



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part of 2015 on military deployment, you can see why the addition of five officers in November was so well received. Joining the ranks of the Euclid Police Department were Officers Anthony Malone, Nathaniel Reed, John Foran, Jason Mausar, and Kyle Nyman. These officers were hired through the lateral entry process, bringing years of police experience to Euclid. The above-referenced officer retirements also resulted in the promotions of Lieutenant Kevin Kelly to captain, Sergeant Timothy Verh to lieutenant, and Officer David Williams to sergeant.

Although the majority of our dispatchers transitioned to employment with Chagrin Valley Dispatch, Patricia Meyer and Carol Ruza opted to retire before the transition was completed. Dispatchers Christopher Baranowski and Melissa Palisin also declined the opportunity for employment with Chagrin Valley and resigned early in the year. Additionally, our Dispatch/Record Room Supervisor position was eliminated in conjunction with the dispatch center change. Kelley Parton, who served in this role, accepted a position with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch at the time of this transition. Other Department resignations included Record Clerk Deborah Mott; IT Administrator Michael Norton, whose position was eliminated; and part-time Corrections Coordinator Janet Clinton, whose position was also eliminated.

In 2015, the Euclid Police Department became part of the City of Euclid's annual audit. As such, auditors visited the Police Department on multiple occasions and made several recommendations for internal financial controls and money handling. These recommendations were implemented throughout the year and included the addition of safes that were installed in the Record Room, daily reconciliation of all business receipts, and financial controls and audits that have been put in place.

The aforementioned are some of the most notable highlights of 2015, a year in which the Euclid Police Department experienced significant transitions and transformation, all necessary to facilitate the exceptional services I believe our officers and employees afford our community. I am truly proud of our department and the work and accomplishments of all the members of our units, which are detailed in the following pages of this report. As always, our foremost duty is to serve the City of Euclid responsibly, working together with our community to provide security and well-being to those we serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas M. Brickman".

Thomas M. Brickman

Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The Euclid Police Department is committed to creating a safe, secure community by enforcing the laws of the City of Euclid and the State of Ohio. We shall work independently and in concert with other public and private resources, and with our residents, to maintain in our city the highest quality of life and the most desirable environment in which to live, work, or visit.

PATROL DIVISION

Captain Scott Meyer

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department, consisting of one captain, four lieutenants, six sergeants and fifty-nine patrol officers who provide twenty-four hour police service to the community. Captain Scott Meyer commanded the Patrol Division in 2015. Additionally, under the Patrol Division are Community Policing, the School Resource Officer Program, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the Auxiliary Police Unit and the department's K-9 officers. All of their activities are outlined within this Annual Report.

Patrol is the most visible of all police activities and it is at the heart of what we do as police officers. The division is tasked to actively patrol the city. On a daily basis the patrol officer's duties include interacting with and assisting the public, preventing crime, responding to calls for service, resolving disputes, taking incident and accident reports, collecting crime evidence, conducting traffic enforcement, and arresting those suspected of criminal activities.

Patrol officers are normally the first responders to all types of incidents. They must contend with constantly changing situations, as routine calls sometimes turn dangerous quickly. They are highly trained and tasked to rapidly assess situations in order to take appropriate action. They are entrusted to protect the public and be vigilant to dangers which could affect them and those they serve. Patrol officers continued their proactive enforcement of street level drug crimes and weapons violations in the past year.

In 2015, there were several officer retirements which necessitated hiring and training new police officers. We continued transitioning to a younger police force. Over half the patrol officers have less than five years of experience on the police department. As of January 4, 2016, the department has five newly hired officers in the Field Training Officer program. Even with manpower constraints, we continue to staff the Community Policing Unit because we believe in its positive impact. All members of the Patrol Division are encouraged to practice the philosophical tenants of community policing. The Euclid Police Department expects and encourages its officers to practice positive community engagement whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

The department continues to expand the use of technology to enhance our mission. We expanded our use of in-car "dash-cam" video recorders and electronic traffic ticket writers in police vehicles. The expanded use of in-car computers also continues. While these and other ongoing technology updates are important, they will never be able to replace the basic necessity for highly trained and highly skilled police officers.

The men and women of the Patrol Division continue to provide outstanding service to the community. They are dedicated officers who work diligently to protect and serve the citizens, businesses, and visitors to the City of Euclid.

PATROL DIVISION PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT

(Effective 12/31/15)

Capt. S. Meyer

Lt. J. Cutwright

Sgt. D. Holden

Sgt. A. Beese

P.O. G. Drew #33

P.O. F. Royce #78

P.O. M. Neibecker #4

P.O. D. Olszewski #35

P.O. D. Ivory #19

P.O. T. Thomas #30

P.O. K. Pavkov #83

P.O. R. Linder #76

P.O. M. Brooks #90

P.O. J. Parkin #50

P.O. K. Blakemore #55

P.O. M. Shiner #68

P.O. T. Gauntner #15

P.O. M. Leyde #40

P.O. R. Jackson #89

P.O. D. Ferritto #10

Lt. M. Janson

Sgt. M. Walsh

Sgt. T. Styles

P.O. F. Stoldt #54

P.O. T. Coyne #16

P.O. J. Mylott #36

P.O. P. Wittreich #70

P.O. S. Hogrefe #65

P.O. D. Kocsis #20

P.O. C. Kleckner #84

P.O. C. Screngi #29

P.O. W. Brooks #88

P.O. J. Herold #5

P.O. S. Rivera #82

P.O. M. Gilmer #18

P.O. N. Edington #79

P.O. J. Aoki #7

P.O. J. Kotlar #71

P.O. S. Kaman #38

Lt. T. Verh

Sgt. C. Murowsky

Sgt. W. Williams

P.O. C. Chambers #22

P.O. S. Jares #74

P.O. N. Ellis #21

P.O. D. Trend #75

P.O. J. Krysiak #81

P.O. S. McGrain #37

P.O. G. Panagiotou #66

P.O. K. Horna #1

P.O. C. Studly #49

P.O. J. Primiano #64

P.O. D. Maslyk #62

P.O. H. Lovejoy #41

P.O. F. Gianfagna #92

P.O. A. Schwedt #43

P.O. R. Frantz #32

P.O. M. Amriott #63

Community Response Officers

P.O. V. Williams #9

P.O. K. Flagg #61

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

Lieutenant Mitch Houser

P.O. Steve Shubert

P.O. Jennifer Krocak

Community Policing Specialist

Kate McLaughlin

Community Outreach Specialist

Audrey Cobb

Community Education Specialist

Ed Bonchak

School Resource Officer

Euclid Police Department strives to maintain a high level of visibility in the Euclid school community. Officer Steve Shubert serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Euclid High School where he maintains an office and has an open-door policy for all students and staff. Officer Shubert is assigned to provide law enforcement services at Euclid High School, as well as other classroom programs. Officer Shubert will also be seen attending after-school activities such as dances and sporting events. Responsibilities of the resource officer include:

- Traveling with the EHS football team to all home and away games
- Attending all home EHS basketball games
- Chaperoning all school dances
- Speaking in classrooms, as requested by teachers
- Providing police support at middle and elementary schools, when requested, for special projects and reports

Community Response Officers

Community Response is a pilot program where Officers Vashon Williams and Kyle Flagg are utilized in directed patrol and targeted enforcement. These tactics address specific criminal activity and quality-of-life issues identified by residents, other members of the unit, or crime analysts.

Juvenile Diversion Program

Kate McLaughlin oversaw the Juvenile Diversion Program. Juveniles charged with first-time misdemeanors or status offenses may be eligible for this program rather than having the case heard officially in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. This program allows the juveniles and their families to address the charge at a diversion hearing with a magistrate, community policing officer, and program administrator. This program requires coordination with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Family Behavioral Health professional services. Approximately 20 new cases per month, as well as existing cases, require data collection, maintenance, and monitoring. The Diversion Program instituted the Soldiers of the Soil community garden program where the

juveniles were given their own garden to tend within the Euclid Memorial Park Community Garden. The produce grown is donated to the Euclid Hunger Center. Juveniles in diversion also participate in a skill building program where they develop personal skills that are required in school and business. At the end of 2015, the Juvenile Diversion Program was transferred to Audrey Cobb, Community Outreach Specialist at the Euclid Police Mini Station, who will manage the program beginning in 2016.

Neighborhood Block Watch Program

The Neighborhood Block Watch Program is coordinated by Kate McLaughlin. Block Watch offers residents, who are interested in working together with the Euclid Police Department to report suspicious activities in their area, an opportunity to participate in Neighborhood Watch. Residents learn how to work together with the Euclid Police Department to help make our community safer. Residents will learn about the importance of making accurate phone calls to the dispatch center and how to further improve communication between the public and the police department. The relationship between Community Policing and Neighborhood Watch continues throughout the year through sharing crime prevention and statistical information, as well as scheduled visits to group meetings.

R.A.D. Women's Self-Defense

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) is a self-defense class offered exclusively to women by Officer Jennifer Krocak, who is licensed with The National Academy of Defense Education as a RAD instructor. RAD has its foundations in education and awareness. Crime prevention and risk reduction strategies are taught, as well as self-defense techniques suitable for women of all ages and abilities. Minor children, as young as eight, may participate in RAD with their mother or guardian present. Girls, whose parents grant permission but do not also participate in class, should be at least twelve years of age and mature enough to handle sensitive subject matter. In 2015, Officer Krocak instructed over 100 area women, most at the Euclid Public Library, where the class is taught quarterly. Officer Krocak teaches RAD in collaboration with the Cleveland State University (CSU) Police Department. Classes are also offered quarterly at CSU and are open to Euclid residents for a nominal daily entrance fee at the CSU Student Center, where classes are held.

Operation Night Light

In junction with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Probation, Community Policing officers assist probation officers who visit at-risk juvenile offenders residing in Euclid.

Business Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is utilized by Kate McLaughlin who offers businesses suggestions and recommendations to develop safer establishments by increasing crime prevention measures in the workplace. In 2015, retail establishments, a church, and a medical facility received security checks outlining areas within the facilities that needed to be addressed for the improvement of safe business practices.

Social Media

Social Media for the Euclid Police Department is coordinated by Kate McLaughlin. The Euclid Police Department website, EuclidPD.org, is updated regularly with crime blotters, current events, and the latest news. Daily posts are made to the Euclid Police Department Facebook page, offering crime prevention tips, department information, and current police events. To facilitate better communication between the police department and the community, Nextdoor, a social media site for neighborhood communication, is utilized. Nextdoor is available to all Euclid residents and can be joined at Nextdoor.com. Safety and crime prevention information is posted regularly, as well as alerts of crime patterns occurring in certain neighborhoods, such as a rash of thefts from vehicles. Nextdoor enables and encourages communication between neighbors in an effort to make their neighborhoods safer.

Nuisance Abatement

Working in conjunction with the City of Euclid Law Department, Kate McLaughlin monitored properties in Euclid that were declared a nuisance. Properties suspected of nuisance activity as witnessed by police officers or the public can be reported, and then will be reviewed. Reports of properties in violation of the nuisance abatement ordinance are submitted to the Law Department.

Mini-Station Programs

Tech Class

The Euclid Public Library holds free workshops to help first-time users of technology to step into the 21st century. The library instructors answer questions about devices and show how to utilize the technology.

The Homework Center

Volunteers provide homework assistance to elementary and middle school students who are referred by school personnel or youth assistance staff. The Homework Center has a low staff-to-child ratio and is a quiet, safe place for children to do schoolwork.

Summer Camp Program

Every summer Euclid children can enroll in the summer camp held at the Mini Station.

Boredom Solution Kits

These kits are available at the Mini Station and are a collection of age appropriate hands-on activities and projects that will allow your child to discover their hidden genius. Some of the projects may require a little help from a parent, but once your child or children master the basic idea, they can navigate on their own to create other fun and hopefully interesting projects as their imagination soars.

Art Showing and Poetry Slam

Euclid Central Middle School students display their art work starting at the Mini Station.

Striving for Honorable Excellence (S.H.E.) Organization

This nonprofit mentoring program meets at the Mini Station. The program goal is to prevent delinquency and risky behavior among female youth.

Student Programs

Safety Town

For the fourth straight year, we conducted Safety Town in conjunction with the Euclid Board of Education and Euclid PAL. Safety Town is geared toward preschool children who will enter kindergarten in the fall. Students learn valuable safety lessons from police and other safety members of the community. This year we conducted Safety Town at the Early Child Development Center. With the help of the Euclid Board of Education's maintenance and ground crew, Cleveland – Willoughby Elks Club, Home Depot, and Sherwin Williams Paints, we were able to provide our young students with a state-of-the-art program.

Walk to School Day

Through UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital's Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition, we conducted "National Safe Walking to School Day" activities at Arbor and Shoreview Elementary Schools. Students in grades K-4 were given an opportunity to walk around the block with "Clifford" The Big Red Dog and members of the Euclid Police Department. Following the walk, Chief Tom Brickman and Community Policing Unit Supervisor, Lt. Mitch Houser, read the storybook, "Clifford Takes a Walk" to the students, who were then given their very own copy of the book, compliments of FedEx.

Bike Helmet Safety

Thanks to the "Safety Squad" at UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital's Safe Kids/Safe Communities Injury Prevention Unit, students at Bluestone and Chardon Hills Elementary Schools were presented with a high-energy assembly regarding bike helmet safety and taking safe routes to school. Euclid police handed out stickers, temporary tattoos, and pencils with a positive safety message to students in attendance.

Hooked on Fishing

Over 400 fourth graders in Euclid Public Schools along with Euclid Police officers and community partners go fishing at the Portage County O.D.N.R. Lakes. This fishing trip promotes positive relationships and mentoring.

Junior Police Academy

Twenty-four middle school students participated in the Police Athletic League-sponsored Junior Police Academy, a one-week program which allows youths to understand the role of law enforcement in their community while building trust between youths and police. Graduates received a certificate from the Chief of Police during a ceremony at City Hall.

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer Ed Bonchak offered the DARE Over-the-Counter (OTC) & Rx drug awareness curriculum to sixth- and eighth-grade students at Forest Park and Central Middle Schools. Eight hundred students participated in the program. Seventh-grade students at these schools received a lesson on gateway drugs. DARE/Anti-bullying programs were offered to several Euclid elementary schools. The DARE OTC & Rx Drug Awareness high school program was implemented by Officer Ed Bonchak to Euclid High School's NJROTC students. Community Policing participates in the DARE Red Ribbon Week and Anti-bullying skating parties.

Click It For A Ticket

With the cooperation of Euclid High School's Criminal Justice class, State Farm Insurance and Safe Kids/Safe Communities, we conducted "Click It for a Ticket" at Euclid High School. An initial survey was taken in the morning as students pulled into the student parking lot to see how many of them were wearing their seat belts. Two weeks of activities geared to promoting seat belt safety were implemented by the criminal justice students and police. A second survey showed an increase in seat belt usage at the high school. Students who were compliant received a ticket congratulating them on buckling up, as well as a healthy morning snack.

Explorers Post 0010

Law Enforcement Exploring is the preeminent career orientation and experience program for young people contemplating a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. Its mission is to offer teenagers and young adults, age 14-21, a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities. Additionally, the program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism.

In 2015, Post 0010 saw tripled enrollment. The local post currently has eighteen members, one of the largest in the Greater Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts of America, the parent agency. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Officer Krocak is the Post Committee Chairman, Officer Ivory serves as a Post Advisor, Detective Buchs is a Committee Chairman, and Officer Shubert provides support for Post 0010 in affiliation with Euclid PAL.

The highlight of 2015 for many Explorers was the Mounted Unit tactical training at Cleveland Metroparks' Timberlane Stable in North Royalton. Euclid Explorers took part in a joint training exercise, with other area Explorer posts, hosted by Metroparks Rangers and Cleveland Police mounted units. Mounted officers provided Explorers an overview of the unit's function and allowed Explorers to play the role of suspects during scenario-based training exercises. The training involved tactics used to control crowds and apprehend suspects.

Community Policing Unit Highlights

Members of the Community Policing Unit often work together throughout the year on programs and events. This unit has received awards in 2015 for the outstanding programs that are offered. The following are some highlights of this unit's work.

- Community Policing Officers and personnel speak to various groups such as senior citizens meetings, schools, and neighborhood and apartment complex meetings.
- Bicycle registration and bike safety information are provided at several community events, along with bike safety checks, and a chance to win a bike helmet.
- Community Policing Unit provides tours of the Euclid Police Department for community groups, often including K-9 and gun range demonstrations.
- ED-U-KATE public safety videos are produced monthly and posted on social media with topics covering crime prevention strategies.
- Officers attend Safe Kids/Safe Communities bimonthly meetings through UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Team to bring the latest in children's safety programming to Euclid.

Community Policing Unit Events

Coffee With A Cop

Once a month, the Community Policing Unit offers Coffee with a Cop, where beat officers and special units within the police department gather at a local restaurant or other business establishment to interact with the public. Our Community Policing Unit provides patrons with crime prevention information and, along with patrol officers, answers questions and listens to concerns of those in attendance. These meetings help with breaking down barriers and instilling trust between the community and our officers.

Cop A Question

The second Thursday of every month Cop a Question is held at the Euclid Senior Center. Community Policing answers questions the seniors may have and speaks on a variety of safety and crime prevention issues.

Basketball at Central

Euclid Police officers played a game of basketball against Central Middle School students to develop relationships between students and officers.

Real Talk

Community Policing officers spoke at "Real Talk," hosted by the Euclid Collaborative at the Shore Cultural Center, to help develop open communication with community members.

Keep Calm and Let's Talk

The Community Policing Unit hosted "Keep Calm and Let's Talk," a discussion forum between teenagers and Euclid officers held at the Euclid Public Library.

National Night Out

The Community Policing Unit hosted a night at Euclid's Memorial Park pool.

Providing residents with crime prevention resources, educational material, and at some events utilizing officers on bike patrol, the Community Policing Unit was involved in the following community events in 2015:

- East 200th Street Stroll
- Sims Park Concert Series
- Ss. Robert & William Festival
- YMCA Energize Euclid
- Euclid High School Panther Days
- Howl at the Hall
- Safe Kids Safe Communities Mocktail
- Euclid's Tree Lighting Ceremony

Community Policing Unit Awards

For all the crime prevention and safety programs offered throughout the year, the Community Policing Unit received the Euclid Chamber of Commerce Bluestone Award which honors businesses and individuals that make a significant, yet specific, contribution to Euclid.

The Greater Cleveland Safe Kids Coalition awarded the Euclid Police Department four awards in 2015: Bicycle Safety, Social Media, DUI Reduction, and Agency of the Year.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) awarded the Euclid Police Department the 2015 Community Safety Traffic Gold Award.

K9 UNIT

Lt. M. Janson

K9 Teams

Ptl. Trend #75 & K9 Gunnar (Retired 8/31/15)

Ptl. Kleckner #84 & K9 Rocky

Ptl. Coyne#16 & K9 Chase (until August 2015)

Ptl. Blakemore #55 & K9 Chase (eff. August 2015)

The K9 unit was busy during 2015. All of the K9 teams renewed their certifications through both the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Ptl. Blakemore #55 was selected as the new handler for K9 Chase after Ptl. Coyne #16 stepped down. Ptl. Blakemore, with previous experience as a police K9 handler at the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, attended abbreviated K9 team training with K9 Chase. This training was conducted by Paul Shaughnessey at Excel K9.

K9 Gunnar retired due to old age (11) on 8/31/15. K9 Gunnar should be congratulated for a long and successful career. K9 Gunnar served the police department and the Citizens of Euclid for 9 years.

Ptl. Kleckner #84 and K9 Rocky deployed with the EDGE SWAT team. They also attended the OTOA conference in June and received training in SWAT/ K9 tactics. Ptl. Kleckner and Ptl. Blakemore attended a K9 medical seminar for K9 first aid.

The following is a 2015 year-end summary of deployment for the Euclid Police K9 Unit:

Automobile narcotics searches	50	Suspect building searches	47
Narcotic searches (buildings)	25	Suspect tracks	27
School narcotics searches	2	Suspect apprehensions	36
Narcotic/SWAT warrants	28	Bite apprehensions	1
Narcotics seizures	53	No-bite apprehensions	35
Marijuana	23	Burglar alarms	105
Cocaine	0	K9 cover during arrest	63
Heroin	30	Crowd control/ riots	12
Paraphernalia	40	K9 demonstration	8
		K9 mutual aid requests	35
		K9 training days (for each team)	24

AUXILIARY POLICE

Mary Lou Jost, Director

John Banasik, Assistant Director

Platoon Leaders

Charles Lilley David Tarantino

Squad Leaders

Paula Baranowski Susan Carlton Matt Cirino
Steve Takacs, Sr. Jeff Zimmer

Auxiliary Officers

Edmund Anderson	Scott Filipek	Joseph Ridgley
Bob Ayers	Eric Jackson	Terry Sheridan
Kenneth Borgman	Daniel Keever	Rich Tekavic
Joseph Boyd	Raymond Klancar	John Tepley
Shawn Chatmon	Franc Kreze	Gary Toth
Ryan Conkle	Pamela Minich	Don Trbovich
Cory Cottrell	Sandra Post	
Stefan Fagan	Fred Ray	

The Euclid Auxiliary Police Unit's objective is to assist the Euclid Police Department to help assure safety and security during community and school events as well as during emergency situations such as severe weather and power outages. As in the past, our primary details concerned traffic and crowd control. The unit participated in school events, the Memorial Day parade, DUI checkpoints, Halloween Patrol and the Holiday Foot Patrol in downtown Euclid. We began the year with a new Department Liaison; Sgt. Mike Walsh was assigned to the unit in January. Our give our thanks to Sgt. Tim Verh for his assistance in the past. We faced many challenges again this year. Several members were inactive due to injury, illness, or family issues. Members who were on restricted duty made every effort to fulfill their commitment to the unit. Six new members joined us in March. They are Ryan Conkle, Cory Cottrell, Scott Filipek, Sandra Post, Fred Ray and John Tepley.

There were changes to the type of events that required Auxiliary Officers. Some were added and some were eliminated. Our basic purpose of traffic and crowd control still exists but many crime prevention details were added. Members of the unit continue to provide the manpower necessary for many events. Our dedication to the city and the school board has not wavered; whether details are exciting or boring, members of the unit are always willing to help out. Despite a

reduction in the number of auxiliary officers, the remaining members continued to aid the police department in any way possible. In 2015, a total of 1241.75 hours were donated by an average of 29.16 officers. As the needs of the Department changes, so will the Auxiliary Unit. We will continue to volunteer our services during the coming year. We have plans to add four new members in 2016. Hopefully with new and healthier members the unit will be very strong in the coming year.

As with many organizations, it is hard to find good volunteers. Our auxiliary officers are the best volunteers in the world. They give their time and talents to make the City of Euclid a better place to live.

Auxiliary Police Summary of Details, Volunteer Hours

<u>Detail/Activity</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Administration	24.00	30.00	24.00	75.50	70.50	51.50
Basketball	60.00	119.00	156.25	384.25	288.00	278.25
Bike Rallies		22.00			2.00	7.50
Business patrol		174.00	276.50	169.50	122.00	
Charity Runs	43.00	12.50	10.50	7.50	12.00	
City Auction		7.00	6.00	10.00	16.00	12.00
Community Shred Day		13.00	17.00			
Dui Checkpoint	89.00	112.75	76.00	54.00	135.00	158.00
E. 185 parade/Festival		15.00	15.00	12.00	7.50	8.00
E. 200 Stroll	10.00	20.00	8.00			
Emergency Call-in	12.00	17.25	60.00	33.50	54.25	104.25
Euclid Expon Center					18.00	227.00
Festival	35.00	72.00	31.00	66.50	94.00	
Fireworks						21.50
Foorball	157.00	87.25	183.25	128.00	182.25	110.25
Garage Sale Signs			9.00		71.00	23.00
Halloween Patrol	27.25	12.50	3.00	28.00	42.00	55.00
Holiday Lighting Ceremony	21.00	18.00	29.50	32.00	114.25	57.00
House-Watch			10.00		84.00	45.50
July 4th Parades	28.50	6.00				
Lincoln Bonus Day	6.00	3.00	9.00	15.00	9.00	6.00
Louie Run		13.00				6.00
Meetings & Training	183.00	214.00	210.50	465.50	289.50	213.00
Memorial Day Parade	76.00	68.00	95.50	72.00	81.00	85.00
memorial Details	22.50	22.50	104.00	68.50	143.00	86.50
Miscellaneous	79.00	64.50	92.25	141.25	231.75	136.50
Neighborhood Visibility	105.50	68.50				
Panther Days		39.00				
Relay for Life	11.50		8.00	24.50	37.00	22.00
Riding & Transports	57.00	90.25	28.00		21.00	89.00
Sims Park Concerts	47.25	48.00				
Special Olypics	3.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	10.50	17.50
Swimming						22.75
Warrant Detail	14.50	1.50	66.75	100.75	339.75	69.75
Window - Public Records	34.75					
WebCheck	95.00	129.65	54.50	122.25	97.25	
Total Hours	1241.75	1506.15	1586.50	2013.50	2572.50	1912.75
Average Number of Members	29.16	26.00	30.42	26.83	33.25	31.75
Average Hours per Member	42.15	57.92	52.25	78.40	77.36	60.24

OPERATIONS DIVISION

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Lt. Mike Knack

Sergeant D. Novitski

Det. M. Caruso
Det. A. Medved
Det. G. Costello
Det. J. Schultz

Sergeant J. Barron

Det. S. Schmid
Det. P. Tschetter
Det. B. Collins
Det. B. Buchs

Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force

Det. John Braun

Juvenile Unit

Det. D. Sawyer

Warrant Unit

Det. B. Trueman
Det. W. Rogers

Secretaries

Jennifer Storey
Kathy Malovasic

Part-Time Warrant Unit

W/O B. Nolan
W/O D. Schervish

The Detective Bureau is the criminal investigative division of the police department. The bureau works closely with the Patrol Division, Narcotics Unit and Community Policing Unit. The Detective Bureau also has a close working relationship with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, the Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating all felonies, serious misdemeanors, and reports of suspicious nature. In 2015, the Detective Bureau received over 1,540 reports to be investigated and the Juvenile Unit received over 480 reports to be investigated.

The Detective Bureau continued to experience changes in staffing throughout 2015. Detective Sergeant Joel Barron was transferred into the bureau in September to take the place of Detective Sergeant Novitski, who was transferred to Crime Analytics in the beginning of 2016. This transfer still leaves the unit short one sergeant. The unit also prepared for upcoming transfers and the retirement of Detective Anthony Medved, who retired on January 2, 2016. Detective Brett Buchs was transferred to the Narcotics Unit on January 4, 2016. Detective Dave Carpenter transferred into the bureau and has been assigned to the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF). Detective John Braun was transferred from the NOVFTF on January 4, 2016, to take the place of Detective Buchs. Though these transfers did not occur until 2016, planning for them occurred several months in advance to ensure a smooth transition; this preparation ensured cases were assigned accordingly and properly closed out.

The City of Euclid and the community it serves is very fortunate to have a detective bureau with such a diverse range of expertise. All of our detectives are very proficient with their investigative skills. What takes this unit to the next level is the unique skill sets and expertise that several of our detectives have chosen to pursue. Detective Phil Tschetter has prepared 67 search warrants in 2015 with a 100% approval rate. Detective Tschetter is also an expert in the field of Fingerprint Identification along with Detective Sergeant Novitski. Detective Brian Collins and Detective John Braun are both Digital Forensic Examiners. Without their expertise in these three areas of investigation, our department would have to seek outside resources to assist in the day-to-day operations of our investigations. This would prove to be time consuming and impede the overall investigatory process. The Detective Bureau is truly fortunate that Chief Thomas Brickman and the training division recognize the importance of maintaining these skill sets by providing continual training for our detectives.

While assigned to the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force in 2015, Detective John Braun worked under the supervision of the United States Marshal Service. Detective Braun was responsible for apprehending violent fugitives and those wanted for outstanding felony warrants. In 2015, Detective Braun was the proud recipient of the Task Force Officer of the Year Award for his work in 2014. Detective Dave Carpenter replaced Detective Braun on the task force in 2016.

The Juvenile Unit is responsible for handling all complaints involving juveniles that require criminal or investigatory follow-up. This includes all felony crimes committed by juveniles, serious misdemeanors, missing & exploited children cases, runaway juvenile reports, and reports where persons under the age of eighteen are sexually assaulted and trafficked. The Juvenile Unit works closely with the Detective Bureau, Narcotics Unit, Patrol Division and Community Policing Unit, as well as numerous agencies outside of the department. Detective Daniel Sawyer is our current and only Juvenile detective. Detective Daniel Sawyer is an active member of the Ohio Juvenile Officers Association and continues to seek out new ways to enhance his investigatory skills. As a result of a staffing change in 2014, Detective Sawyer continues to handle an increasing case load that was previously handled by two detectives. Detective Sawyer has never once shied away from this increased workload and should be commended on his positive attitude.

The Warrant Unit is currently staffed by two full-time police officers, Detectives Robert Trueman and William Rogers, and two part-time officers, Robert Nolan and David Schervish. Detective Trueman is retiring in 2016. Detective Rogers was transferred into the unit in late 2015 to be trained by and replace Detective Trueman. The Warrant Unit is responsible for processing both felony and misdemeanor warrants, transporting prisoners, serving subpoenas and handling bonds. The following is a snapshot of their activities in 2015:

Felony	193
Misdemeanor	163
Capias	846
Traffic	79
Subpoenas	373
<u>Bonds</u>	<u>812</u>
Total	2,466

The Detective Bureau is staffed by two secretaries, Jennifer Storey (full-time) and Kathy Malovasic (part-time). Their continued dedicated work contributes to the smooth and effective operation of both the Detective Bureau and the Euclid Police Department. Our secretaries are responsible for the processing of both felony and misdemeanor criminal arrest records and maintaining case files associated with these arrests. They are valuable liaisons with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office. They prepare and portal cases to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury, respond on a regular basis to the needs and requests of the prosecutors, and document the dispositions on cases that have been adjudicated.

As the Lieutenant of the Detective Bureau, I feel strongly that the City of Euclid is being served by one of the most professional and highly effective investigative units in Northeast Ohio. Investigative units cannot be successfully measured by data and numbers alone. Successful units are measured on how each individual case is handled relative to its complexity, seriousness, and resolution. The integrity, work ethic, and personalities of all of the units' members are what make this possible.

NARCOTICS & VICE UNIT

Sgt. Tom Arriza

Det. Dave Carpenter

Det. Jose Alcantara

Det. Orlando Almonte

Det. Ben Kreischer

Secretary Diane White

Detective Sergeant Thomas Arriza took command of the Narcotics & Vice unit during 2015, reporting to Captain Scott Meyer during the first part of the year, and to Capt. Kevin Kelly during the remainder, after a change in administrative responsibilities. The Narcotics & Vice Unit was staffed last year by five sworn, experienced, and highly motivated investigators - one of whom was assigned full-time to the F.B.I.'s Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) - and one hardworking, part-time civilian secretary.

The unit executed 50 search warrants in 2015. These warrants included not only Euclid cases but also cases worked multi-jurisdictionally with other agencies. All of our investigators work closely with the following agencies.

- Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation & Identification
- Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force
- Cleveland Police Department Narcotics Unit
- Cleveland Police Department Gang Unit
- Cleveland Police Department Strike Force
- Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Internal Revenue Service
- Lake County Narcotics Agency
- Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Ohio Investigative Unit
- Ohio State Department of Liquor Control
- Secret Service
- United States Attorney's Office
- Department of Homeland Security, I.C.E.
- United States Postal Authorities
- United States Marshal's Service, Violent Fugitive Task Force

The Narcotics & Vice Unit is responsible for investigations that result in the arrest and prosecution of suspects involved in illegal drug abuse, drug trafficking, gambling, prostitution, obscenity violations, liquor violations, and tobacco and food stamp violations within the city. The unit conducts investigations of suspects involved in uttering forged and/or stolen prescriptions and the purchase of exempt drugs. Often our investigations overlap into adjacent communities and require coordinated effort with their law enforcement agencies. These multi-agency investigations have led to productive spin-off investigations that will result in additional arrests and indictments for the Euclid Police Department.

In conjunction with the above activities, the Narcotics & Vice Unit is responsible for the accountability and processing of evidentiary materials such as drugs, drug paraphernalia, and seized currency/property. The drug items are processed within our unit and transported to the

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI & I) in Richfield. Here, they are further analyzed and then returned to our department pending judicial proceedings, forfeitures, and evidence destruction. The epic proliferation of heroin and the emergence of a new class of analog drugs, commonly referred to as "Spice" or "K2" and "Bath Salts," have pushed the already strained limits of the unit. In 2015, unit investigators processed in excess of 1,400 criminal violations which resulted in immediate charges and/or indictments against arrested parties. Additionally, \$75,666.79 in seized U.S. currency was processed through the unit in 2015.

The unit is responsible for the enforcement, issuance, and/or background checks involving class F-2 liquor permits, gambling permits, liquor licensing, and scrap/precious metal dealer permits, and is also regularly involved in public relations work, such as lectures for public officials and civic organizations. The unit also keeps the community aware of how to identify drug trafficking activity and the mechanisms for reporting such activity. Narcotics investigators also instruct sessions during the Citizen's Police Academy and attend Neighborhood Watch group meetings, and the Heroin Summit.

During 2015, our investigators (and patrol officers) were deluged with drug investigations and arrests involving the possession, use, and trafficking of heroin. Our investigators were involved in hundreds of heroin trafficking and possession investigations/arrests. Many of these involved undercover controlled drug buys. Several were worked in conjunction with other agencies. Unit investigators continued to see heroin as our primary drug threat, but we have also noted that cocaine has been making a comeback in the city.

In 2015, the unit assisted members of the U.S. Marshal's Service Violent Fugitive Task Force in multiple fugitive round-up details. These details led to the arrest and removal of many wanted offenders from our streets.

In 2015, the unit worked closely with the Euclid Law Department and the Euclid Prosecutor's Office on matters involving drug, liquor, and vice violations that will help protect our city and its citizens from these crimes.

In 2015, the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) had another successful year. NOLETF cases led to approximately 125 arrests, issuance and execution of 44 search warrants, and the seizure of 13,228 grams of cocaine, 134 grams of crack cocaine, 1,437 grams of heroin, 345 pounds of marijuana, approximately \$475,000 in U.S. currency, and 67 guns. These investigations involved local, state, and federal officers and were prosecuted at the municipal, state, and federal levels. Our investigator who is assigned full time to this task force played a significant role in these investigations and seizures.

The seizure of drug monies, in many cases, leads to the eventual court ordered forfeitures of those monies to the Euclid Police Department. In 2015, \$55,913.76 in monies seized directly by the EPD were forfeited and transferred to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

Sergeant Dan Novitski

Kate McLaughlin

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU), a member of the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium, was formed in September 2015 and is in a formative stage. The CAU consists of analysts Kate McLaughlin and Sgt. Dan Novitski who have received over 300 hours of professional training to form this unit.

The mission of the CAU is to provide timely and accurate tactical, strategic, administrative, and operational intelligence analysis of data relating to crime in support of the agency's goals and community-oriented policing efforts. The CAU analysts are responsible for determining and monitoring criminal activity in Euclid and communicating the information to command staff, patrol and investigative divisions, and other sections and units, as needed, for the suppression of criminal activities. The information that analysts provide is instrumental for:

- Solving crimes
- Developing effective strategies and tactics to prevent future crimes
- Finding and apprehending offenders
- Prosecuting and convicting offenders
- Improving safety and quality of life
- Optimizing internal operations
- Detecting and solving community problems
- Planning for future resource needs
- Enacting effective policies
- Educating the public

Through the analysis and dissemination of crime-related data and information, the CAU intends to help our police department become more effective in locating and combating criminal activity.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (EDGE)

Lt. Rick Friedl, South Euclid PD, Team Commander

Cpl. John Pizon, Shaker Hts. PD, Assistant Commander

RED TEAM

Lt. Mike Janson, Euclid PD, Team Leader

Sgt. Joel Barron, Euclid PD, Assistant Team Leader

Euclid PD
Ptl. Trevor Thomas
Ptl. Frank Royce
Ptl. Bill Brooks

Beachwood PD
Aaron Lieb
Dana Gollner

South Euclid PD
Brian Hegyes

Shaker Hts. PD
Dave Emlaw

University Hts. PD
Brandon Manley
Charles Darrah

BLUE TEAM

Sgt. Mike O'Connor, South Euclid PD, Team Leader

Ptl. Paul Wittreich, Euclid PD, Assistant Team Leader

Euclid PD
Det. Josh Schultz
Ptl. Ken Horna
Ptl. Nolan Ellis
Det. Brett Buchs
Det. Dave Carpenter

Beachwood PD
Rich Kemer
Bryan Ryks

South Euclid PD
Steve Wilson

Shaker Hts. PD
Bill Wedeking
Ken Gozlanczyk

Probationary Members
Michael Amriott – Euclid PD
Dan Ferritto – Euclid PD
Jason Spellman – Beachwood PD

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS

Sgt. Mike Walsh, Euclid PD, Team Leader

Euclid PD
Tom Arriza
John Braun
Orlando Almonte

Beachwood PD
Kevin Owens
Mike Anderson

Shaker Hts.
Laura Clague
Chris Ricketti
Matt Dunn

South Euclid PD
Mike Demario

University Heights PD
Chris Gortz UH

K-9

S. Euclid PD

Mike Fink & K9 Kolbe

Euclid PD

Casey Kleckner & K9 Rocky

Medics

Beachwood Fire Dept.

Anthony Strazzo, Supervisor

Scott Frey

Matt Domonkos

Mike Iacubucci

Dave Peterson

Drew Spisak

Anthony Kustra

Shaker Hts Fire Dept.

Chris Nagy

Scott Zenz

Euclid Fire Dept

Noah Carney

2015 marked the first full year of the integrated team serving these communities. Early in 2014, the Euclid SWAT team and the Eastern Department Group Enforcement (EDGE) team began training together. EDGE is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of officers from Euclid, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, University Heights, and South Euclid police departments.

EDGE, led by team commander Lt. Rick Friedl from the South Euclid Police Department, currently has 49 members. Thirteen of those officers are Euclid officers.

EDGE conducted 40 operations in 2015. Some were done working in conjunction with other agencies like SouthEast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE), the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, Cleveland Division of Police, and the Drug Enforcement Agency. The following is a summary of those operations:

Narcotics search warrants	27
Murder & Att. Murder arrest/search warrants	2
Other arrest/search warrants	6
Emergency call-outs for armed, barricaded suspects	3
Other civil disturbances	2

EDGE members also attended the four-day Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) conference in Sandusky, Ohio, in May. In addition to regular twice-monthly training, EDGE participated in a full week of training in September.

Over the last year EDGE has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cleveland's SWAT team and has been working with the Cleveland Division of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Western Enforcement Bureau to prepare for the Republican National Convention being hosted in Cleveland in July of 2016.

RECORDS

Captain Kevin Kelly

Edie Stanek

Linda Beck

Sharon Vuyancih

Lucia Grillo

Marjorie Scott

The Euclid Police Department's Records Division is the primary point of contact for many of the city's residents and visitors requiring police services. The division is staffed by three full-time and two part-time records clerks. In 2015 we were able to fill an open position with former Police Dispatcher Sharon Vuyancih, who elected to remain with the department when our dispatch operations were moved to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center.

The Records Division provides critical operational support to the Department by processing and maintaining records concerning reported incidents, such as crimes, arrests, towed vehicles, orders of protection, warrants, motor vehicle crashes and public records requests.

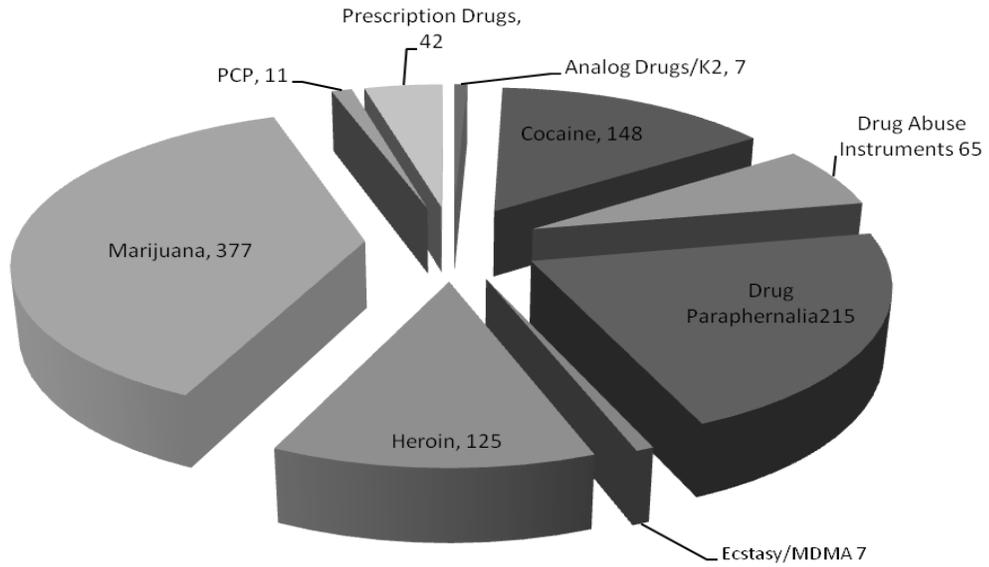
On a day-to-day basis, the records division details and assigns incident reports; processes payment for towed vehicles; retrieves, redacts, and provides reports to citizens and law enforcement personnel; distributes and manages responses to public records requests; validates data entry for POC (Primary Offense Code) and other crime reporting purposes; warehouses records-related information; enters, updates, and purges warrants; generates invoices for false alarms; manages expungements from many judicial systems in the county; and processes and configures monthly statistics for meetings, grants and other specific requests.

In 2015 we began submitting reports to the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (OIBRS), which processes and in turn submits our data to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This is an important factor in the department's ability to apply for, and obtain grants. We are ineligible for funds from many grant sources unless we submit this data.

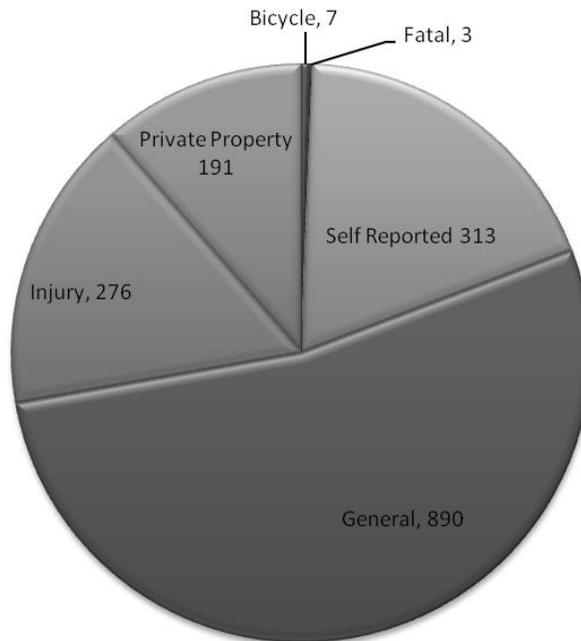
RECORDS STATISTICS - 2015

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Offense</u>	<u>Total</u>
Animal Complaints	290		Liquor Offenses	26
Arson	9		Menacing	217
Auto Theft	211		Neighbor Trouble	63
Auto Theft Attempt	55		Obstructing Police	135
Bicycle Theft	60		Possession of Stolen Property	38
Breaking & Entering	98		Prostitution/Soliciting/Obscenity	3
Breaking & Entering (Attempt)	7		Psychiatric Situation	231
Burglary	401		Rape	32
Burglary Attempt	40		Riot	7
Curfew	32		Robbery	95
Damage to Property	752		Robbery (Attempt)	4
Disorderly Conduct	210		Sex Offenses	29
Disturbances	376		Shoplifting	168
Domestic Violence	372		Simple Assault	490
Family Offenses	162		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	404
Felonious/Aggravated Assault	58		Theft - License Plates	59
Fraud	403		Theft - Miscellaneous	707
Gambling	1		Theft from Auto	221
Homicide	2		Threatening Phone Calls	412
Homicide (Attempt)	12		Trespassing	446
Juvenile Complaints	293		Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	72
Kidnapping/Abduction	16		Weapons Offenses	135

2015 Drug Breakdown



2015 Motor Vehicle Accident Breakdown



PROPERTY ROOM

John Buling

Tom Yanacek

During 2015, officers logged 4,176 items into property and evidence. A total of 1,854 items were destroyed. Ninety-nine of the destroyed items were guns, which were destroyed at Charter Steel in Cuyahoga Heights. A total of 195-five items were returned to owners, 37 items were converted to use by Euclid Police Department, and 111 recovered counterfeit bills were turned over to the Cleveland office of the U.S. Secret Service.

Retired patrolman Tom Yanacek was hired by the city in February to assist John Buling with duties related to custody and disposition of seized items. Together, they began a database of recovered bicycles, which continue to be stored offsite at Euclid Square Mall. The database consists of a current inventory spreadsheet, as well as photos of each bike. This is very useful in assisting citizens who inquire whether their stolen bikes have been recovered. We go to the mall storage area approximately once a month to update the database.

We processed more digital evidence than ever before during 2015, with video being the largest increase. Other agencies periodically use our OVI processing room, including the Ohio Highway Patrol. Suspect interviews are also often conducted there by our detective bureau. We captured and archived a total of 182 videos from the OVI processing room. Additionally, we received hundreds of prosecutor requests for video footage captured either by mobile (car-mounted) or body-worn cameras. We expect the number of these requests to increase substantially in 2016.

We replaced several built-in shelves with more efficient new shelving units. This resulted in a much needed increase of storage space for sexual assault kits and other biohazard evidence.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Captain James Savage

The primary responsibility of the Administrative Captain is the formulation and administration of the Police Department's budget, which includes oversight of department payroll and purchasing. He is aided in this task by Administrative Assistants Catherine Martin, who manages the daily operations of purchasing and inventory, and Kelley Kowalski, who coordinates the payroll. Kelley is also responsible for the security of the department's access to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS).

The Administrative Captain also has the responsibility of the Traffic Division, Animal Control Division, Separation from Service Planning, Grant Administration, Technology, Vehicle Operations, and the maintenance and service of the department's radio communication equipment.

In 2015, the operating budget of the Police Department was \$12.3 million, appropriated to the following divisions or accounts:

Crime Control (Police Officers)
Police Administration (Civilian Employees)
Euclid Police Emergency Response Team
Community Policing Programs
Police Officer Training
Communications (Dispatchers)
Corrections (Jail Facility)
Police Building (Custodian and Maintenance)
Pedestrian Control (School Guards)
Animal Control

The following equipment was purchased out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in 2014.

- Equipment and supplies for the training program
- Computers and software for police station
- In-car video/computers for police cruisers
- Equipment for the Narcotics Unit undercover work
- Microsoft licenses for department E-mail system
- Radios and equipment for Chagrin Valley Dispatch conversion
- Riot helmets and shields for Community Response Team

GRANTS

Captain James Savage

Grant Administrator

Drug Use Prevention Grant – 2015/2016

The Euclid Police applied to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for funding of a program designed to educate the students of the city in drug awareness and prevention. This funding will defer some of the officer's salary while teaching students in all of our Euclid schools.

High Visibility Enforcement – 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

For the sixth consecutive year, the Euclid Police applied for and received the Ohio Department of Public Safety's traffic enforcement grant. This grant is designed to allow officers additional time - separate from their patrol duties - to concentrate on traffic control in areas that create conditions where high injury accidents and fatalities occur. It is designed to reduce speeding and aggressive driving in order to prevent serious and fatal crashes and to target those that are operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Juvenile Diversion Program Grant – 2014/2015

The Community Policing unit received grant funds from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to administer this program. The diversion program allows juvenile first-time offenders and their parents to participate in a quasi-court setting along with police personnel and a magistrate rather than having their case formally adjudicated by the Juvenile Court. Successful completion generally allows juveniles to perform community service and avoid ending up with a juvenile criminal record.

University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant – 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

This grant enables the police department to conduct sobriety checkpoints and to have specialized officers work enforcement details during times when there is a high probability that impaired drivers will be on the roadways. This enforcement focuses on holidays and other events where drinking usually occurs. The department was one of the original members of this task force which started in the mid 1990's. Today more than fifty agencies countywide cooperate to keep our roads safe from impaired drivers.

Recovery Act Byrne memorial Justice Assistance Grant – 2014 and 2015

This grant is administered by Cleveland Division of Police. We are a sub-grantee on this grant. The funds were used to update the department's technology division and computerization to stay current with all requirements of the various agencies from which we receive information.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership - 2015

This grant was awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the reimbursement of fifty percent of all expenditures for new bulletproof vests for our police officers.

Although all of the requested grants did not receive funding, the department did receive the following in grant monies for 2015.

Drug Use Prevention Grant	\$ 4,722.66
High Visibility Enforcement	49,609.24
Juvenile Diversion Program Grant	12,900.00
University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant	6,000.00
Recovery Act Byrne memorial Justice Assistance Grant	13,601.00
<u>Bulletproof Vest Partnership</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
Total:	\$110,832.90

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Capt. Jim Savage

Officer Ivan Ivaskovic #23

Officer Josh MacDonald #77

Officer Paul Doyle #11

The primary objective of the police department is to achieve the safe and efficient movement of traffic. "Traffic" includes the movement of automobiles, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Our objective is achieved through the education of the public, traffic engineering, and enforcement. All police officers have been trained to recognize traffic hazards and actions performed by the motoring public which endanger themselves and others. All police officers are empowered to take action in those situations. The Traffic Division, however, is focused specifically on addressing traffic problems throughout the city.

One of the main duties of the Traffic Division is selective enforcement, which is defined as the precise placement of officers enforcing specific regulations for the express purpose of preventing serious injury due to motor vehicle crashes. Violations and their locations are obtained from crash statistics and complaints from residents. The officers assigned to the traffic unit are excluded from the list of officers who handle the day-to-day calls for service so they can concentrate on these areas of concern.

2015 began with Capt. Roller as commander of the Traffic Division; however, due to changes in staff assignments, Captain James Savage assumed the command of the division midyear. Officers Ivan Ivaskovic, Josh MacDonald, and Paul Doyle were assigned to the Traffic Division. Officer Ivaskovic retired on April 3, after serving 25 years, and because of manpower restrictions, his position was not filled during the year.

The primary tools used by the Traffic Division are RADAR and LASER. Officer MacDonald is responsible for maintaining the department's fifteen RADAR and eight LASER units. Each unit and its components are certified by a qualified technician once a year to guarantee that the units are working properly.

During 2015, the division continued to monitor speeding complaints by using a speed data trailer. Weather permitting, this trailer is placed at various locations throughout the city. Data from this trailer is used to target enforcement activities and address residents' concerns. The trailer is used to monitor traffic complaints, traffic flow on city streets, speed limits and school zone speeds. Officer Doyle is the officer primarily responsible for administering the placement and operation of the speed trailer.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol again provided mutual aid with the use of the fixed winged aircraft over Interstate 90. The Euclid Police Department - in conjunction with the Cleveland Post of the Highway Patrol and the OSP Aviation Unit - conducted three joint details.

The school crossing guards used by the Euclid Board of Education to cross our children are under the direction of the Traffic Division. Nine guards were employed by the City of Euclid during 2015. These guards work a total of 24 hours per day, helping our elementary and middle

school students make it safely to and from school. Officers Ivaskovic and MacDonald were responsible for the administration of the day-to-day operation of the school guards. School Guard Debbie Burris aided in the scheduling and processing of payroll for the guards.

During 2015, 185 complaints were received on abandoned or junk vehicles. Notices were placed on these vehicles per city ordinance. These vehicles were subsequently checked to ascertain if the owner had corrected the problems associated with the vehicle. If the owner did not comply with the city ordinance, the vehicle was towed to the police impound or auto-junked if it was in extremely poor condition. Also junked at no cost to the City were unclaimed vehicles, which had been towed to the police impound but were never reclaimed by their owners. These abandoned junk vehicles were subsequently disposed of per guidelines established in the Ohio Revised Code. Officers Ivaskovic and MacDonald processed the abandoned vehicles, with clerical assistance provided by Administrative Assistant Kelley Kowalski.

Officer MacDonald administers the court-ordered immobilization of vehicles for the police department. Vehicles ordered immobilized by the Municipal Court are confined by use of the Club[®]. The drivers of these vehicles have in some way violated the laws dealing with ALS (administrative license suspension), such as driving under suspension. There were eight vehicles immobilized in 2015. The total amount paid to the City for these immobilizations was \$800.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Division are also responsible for monthly collection of invoices from the two towing companies with which we contract for the impounding of autos. Invoices for a total of 707 tows were collected from both companies, and reports were forwarded to council.

There were 1,367 reported motor vehicle crashes in Euclid during 2015. This is approximately a two-percent increase in reported accidents from 2014. Injury accidents decreased by almost ten percent during this same period, from 292 injury crashes in 2014 to 264 in 2015. According to the state of Ohio, the City of Euclid experienced one traffic fatality on its highways.

During 2015, the Euclid Police Department maintained its membership in the Greater Cleveland OVI Task Force. Task force funding enabled the police department to conduct six sobriety checkpoints. Officers Dave Maslyk and Josh MacDonald attended the Task Force annual awards luncheon as a result of their extraordinary efforts in OVI and seat belt enforcement. Officer Maslyk was also honored by MADD for his efforts towards impaired-driver enforcement.

The Electronic Government Complaint System (E-Gov) is monitored by the Traffic Division. This system is a communications method which can be accessed by the public to notify City Hall of anything the public wishes the City to know. It can be accessed by going to the City of Euclid website at www.cityofeuclid.com. Once on the City's website, persons may click on the "contact" area at the bottom of the home page. Any complaint or inquiry regarding police operations is directed to the Staff Services Division and either resolved or routed to proper personnel. Responsibility for development and administration of the department's web site was reassigned at the end of 2013, but all emails sent to "generic" addresses at the police department (such as info@euclidpd) and all emails otherwise unattended continue to be reviewed by this division and routed as described for the E-Gov system above.

ANIMAL CONTROL

ACO Ann Mills

Euclid Animal Shelter Commission (PetPals Board of Officers)

D. Fay Miller, President

Pat Barnes, Secretary
Sandy Payne

Patty Burlingham, Treasurer
Bill Kermavner

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is responsible for enforcing Euclid's ordinances regarding animal control and overseeing the operation of the city's animal shelter. Her duties are varied: she not only investigates and follows up on minor nuisance issues such as excessive animal noises, but also addresses more serious issues such as injuries resulting from animal bites, mishandling of animals, etc., which have a direct effect on the health and welfare of the public. In addition, she monitors the activities of the animal shelter at which captured stray dogs and cats are impounded until reclaimed by their owners, adopted or, if necessary, euthanized. Euthanasia is only done in extreme circumstances to an animal suffering from grave, untreatable injury or illness, and is only performed by a veterinarian upon his recommendation.

It is imperative that the Animal Control Officer be knowledgeable of the ordinances relative to animal control complaints. While police officers are empowered and capable of enforcing the ordinances applicable to animal control, they often are not able to apprehend a stray animal or contact its owner, thereby necessitating that the Animal Control Officer follow up to ensure that the owner is notified of the complaint, informed of the applicable ordinances, and made aware of charges that will be pursued through the warrant process if compliance with ordinances is not met.

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the housing of impounded animals at the animal shelter on Lakeland Boulevard. When there are an excessive number of dogs housed at the shelter, the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter will pick them up and provide housing for them. Unfortunately, the City's animal shelter has limited space for cats; rescue groups provide the only other housing available for impounded felines.

Several years ago, the City formed the Animal Shelter Commission, members of which are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council, which acts "as an advisory committee to assure the smooth and continued operation of the animal shelter." In addition, a volunteer organization, PetPals, has been instrumental in assisting the Animal Control Officer with shelter operations. PetPals volunteers staff the shelter five days per week. These dedicated volunteers help keep kennels and other animal areas clean, sanitary, and safe for both animals and people, feed and provide water for the animals, clean and maintain visitor areas, administer some animal medications, and conduct transactions for both retail goods (which they supply) and for adoptions and licenses. They also collect donations and engage in fund raising, the proceeds of which are used to purchase animal supplies and pay veterinary bills for sheltered animals.

The number and types of complaints handled by the Animal Control Officer in 2014 and 2015 are summarized in the table that follows.

2014/2015 Animal Control Statistics

	Dogs		Cats	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Lost/Found and Owner Recovered	51	44	76	56
Bites	3	5	1	1
Quarantines Completed	3	5	1	1
Barking Complaint	88	92		
Warnings Issued	67	84		
Defecating Complaints	8	4	27	16
Warnings Issued	8	4	12	10
Yard Maintenance Complaints	6	3		
Warnings Issued	6	3		
Dog in Park/School Grounds	5	2		
Warnings Issued	3	2		
Rabies Vaccine/License Check	243	229		
Warnings Issued	124	101		
Running at Large	491	443	198	221
Warnings Issued	378	311	63	81
Impounds	423	511	154	187
Released to Owner	136	142	4	3
Adoptions	176	195	126	130
Euthanized	4	5	9	12
Other disposition (ex.: rescue, county)	102	158	13	7
Total	1230	1241	456	481

Dangerous Dogs	2015	2014
Declared	5	7
Complied	2	3
Removed from City	2	4
Pending with Prosecutor	1	0

Wildlife	2015	2014
Wildlife complaints	67	86
Wildlife removed	6	3
Dead animals disposed of	278	330
Euthanized (domestic & wild)	7	3
Total Wildlife	358	422

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR MAINTENANCE

Dennis Barnes, General Foreman

Donna Clinton, Administrative Assistant

In 2015, the Motor Maintenance department purchased four patrol cars for the Patrol Division, two Ford Utility Police Interceptors (cars #20 and #24), and two Ford Sedan Police Interceptors (cars #10 and #16).

We also sold twenty-four vehicles and other equipment on GovDeals.com which generated \$19,768.44 in revenue. Twenty-one items went into the general fund in the amount of \$14,844.44, and three items were credited to the Law Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$4,924.00.

Marked Vehicles:

Patrol cars (#1 through 4, 10 through 20, 24, 25, 92, 94 and 95)	20
K-9 units (#8, 9)	2
Traffic cars (#30, 31, 34, 35)	4
Traffic speed monitors (#81, 84)	2
Supervisor's cars (#6, 7, 23, 24)	4
Community police cars (#26, 36, 37)	3
Accident investigation unit (#5)	1
Animal control van (#46)	1
Prisoner transport van (#60)	1
Total Marked Vehicles	38

Unmarked Vehicles:

Chief's car (#21)	1
Officer's car (#22)	1
Narcotic cars (#38, 49, 62, 64, 66, 68, 69, 85, 99)	9
Warrant cars (#55, 65)	2
Training cars (#27, 28, 29, 50)	4
SWAT vehicles (#39, 63)	2
Detective cars (#51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 82)	7
Total Unmarked Vehicles	26

Total Strength: 64 vehicles

In 2015, twenty cars were involved in motor vehicle crashes. Four cars were paid by insurance claims, and the remainder of the vehicles were paid out of the general fund. Three cars were totaled by the insurance company (cars #9, 10 and 94). Insurance paid \$22,742.19, and the city's cost to repair the vehicles was \$40,802.10.

STAFF SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Scott Roller

The Staff Services Divisions encompass many functions that support the efforts of the Euclid Police Department. Further information about specific roles of each division or function is reported below.

TRAINING

Sgt. Joel Barron (until 8/26/15)

Capt. Scott Roller (thereafter)

At the beginning of 2015, the Training Division was headed by Sgt. Joel Barron. In late August, Sgt. Barron was transferred to the Detective Bureau, and Capt. Scott Roller was assigned to supervise the Division.

The year began with two rookie officers assigned to the Field Training Officer program. They completed this program in April and May, and both were assigned to the Patrol Division.

Also during the first quarter of the year, we completed training mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Each year the Commission requires Continuing Profession Training (CPT) in designated topics. Last year those topics were:

- An update regarding domestic violence laws,
- De-escalation tactics when dealing with the mentally ill and those with developmental disabilities,
- Civil liability issues arising from the use of force and also from vehicle operations, and
- Human Diversity.

Agencies that complete the CPT requirements are eligible for reimbursement of some of the costs of conducting the training. Eligibility for this reimbursement is based largely upon department-wide completion. The reimbursement we received as a result of our compliance with CPT requirements offsets some, but not all, of officers' wages and other costs associated with completing the mandate.

In April and May we obtained and distributed two lifesaving tools: tourniquets and naloxone. The tourniquets are carried by patrol officers to enable immediate lifesaving action in the event of injury that results in severe bleeding. Naloxone is used to counter the effects of opioid (typically heroin) overdose. Fortunately, we have not experienced an incident wherein a tourniquet has been needed. Unfortunately, we cannot say the same regarding naloxone; our officers have used this drug several times.

The fall of 2015 was a busy time for the training division. Beginning in early September, we conducted two sessions of in-service training, dedicated to multiple topics:

- Annual OPOTC-mandated qualification with multiple weapon systems (handgun, shotgun, and patrol rifle), weapons and tactics training, including force-on-force scenario-based training
- Vehicle operations, pursuit operations, and StopStick® deployment

These two sessions were conducted differently from our past training efforts in that both sessions were conducted in the same 10-week period. While we completed the sessions, we also learned important lessons; conducting contemporaneous sessions as we did placed a significant logistical burden on the patrol division. It would not have been possible to complete these sessions without Sgt. Barron's preplanning efforts through the summer.

While these in-service efforts were underway, we hired three rookie officers at the beginning of November and another immediately after Thanksgiving. We began to prepare for yet two more officers to join the agency immediately after the first of 2016. Only one of these last two officers successfully completed the pre-hire process. Each of the other four officers completed an orientation period lasting approximately three weeks and subsequently was assigned to the Field Training Officer program, which lasted into 2016. All of the officers came to our agency with prior law enforcement experience and have completed or are about to complete the FTO program and continue their solo law enforcement careers.

In addition to this, we hosted a Field Training Officer class for nearly 40 officers from throughout Northeast Ohio. Three of our officers attended this class and are now engaged in the critical task of providing post-academy on-the-job training in a structured manner.

In addition to the efforts described above, the training division processed 288 training requests in 2015. Of these, 235 were approved. Department employees completed a total of more than 7,000 hours of training. A list of officers attending training and the topics of that training follow in the next section of this report.

Upon Sgt. Barron's transfer, with applications already on file and waiting, we organized and conducted Class #30 of the Citizens' Police Academy in early September. It would not have been possible to do so without the assistance of the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association. Terri Zakrasek and Colleen Kendall from that organization deserve specific mention, and they earned the gratitude of the department for their efforts in contacting applicants, organizing class functions, and arranging additional help from other ECPAAA members. The class was organized and operating in fewer than ten business days.

The class graduated shortly before Thanksgiving, and their comments establish that the class was a rousing success. Some of them are listed below.

- "Every Euclid citizen would benefit from participating in this wonderful outreach by our illustrious, professional, compassionate, and commendable police force. More! More!"
- "I liked meeting members of the force that are so passionate about their job and the willingness to serve the city."
- "I liked meeting the officers and bridging the gap between police & community."

- “Being able to see and touch the gear the officers use leads to a better understanding of the weight they bear, not just physically, but mentally and emotionally as well.”
- “[The] dispatch center was the most impressive. I had no idea there was such a state of the art facility in the Cleveland area.”
- “Did opinions change? Yes & No. I already respected the job the police do, but this let me know a little more what they do on a daily basis. It's really made me realize that there are other people in my community that care, and that Euclid is NOT full of knuckleheads.”

Immediately at the conclusion of Class #30, we began planning for Class #31. Class #32 will begin this fall.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS – 2015

January

- Mitch Houser – Supervisor Liability
- John Braun – Cyber Investigation: Basic Cell Phone Investigations
- Orlando Almonte – Hostage Negotiations, Phases I and II
- Dan Ferritto – Arrest, Search and Seizure
- Brett Buchs – Five Stages of Interview and Interrogation
- Joel Barron, Scott Meyer – Employment Law 2015
- Mike Knack – Introduction to Excel

February

- Orlando Almonte – Electronic Surveillance
- Tim Verh – Speed Reading
- Kevin Kelly, Linda Beck – National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Training Opportunity
- Brian Collins, John Braun – Computer Crime Fast Track Program
- Mike Knack – International Crime Prevention Specialist Training and Testing
- Brett Buchs, Josh Schultz, Brian Collins, Matt Leyde – Testifying in Court Boot Camp
- Steve Shubert – Understanding Culturally Diverse School Systems for School Resource Officer
- Shane Rivera – Criminal Patrol/Drug Interdiction
- Brett Buchs – Five-Day Basic Criminal Investigation and New Detective Training

March

- Mike Knack – Police Executive and Administrative Leadership School
- Jeff Herold - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Dave Carpenter – Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) - Train the Trainer, Active Shooter Instructor
- Joe Primiano – Traffic Collision Investigation
- Kevin Kelly –Ohio Public Records
- Kate McLaughlin – Advanced Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Dave Williams – Management and Leadership Skill Development Seminar
- Jeff Kotlar, Mike Brooks, Ken Horna, Mike Amriott – Intoxilyzer 8000 Basic Operator Class
- Dan Novitski – Ohio Joint Fraud 2015 Seminar
- Vashon Williams, Kyle Flagg – Street Drugs and Recognition/Identification
- Joel Barron – The Supervisor’s Role During and After Pursuits
- Scott Meyer, Joel Barron – Police Use of Force: Investigation and Best Practices
- Scott Kaman – Ohio State Highway Patrol - Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Josh Schultz – Core Criminal Investigations
- Audrey Cobb – CWRU School of Management
- Kevin Kelly, Mitch Houser – Ohio State Highway Patrol Public Safety Leadership Academy
- Kirk Pavkov, Mike Brooks – Basic Traffic Crash Investigation
- Craig Murowsky – Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Program
- Roosevelt Linder, Casey Kleckner, Joe Parkin, Matt Shiner, Dave Williams, Kirk Pavkov, Greg Drew, Trevor Thomas, Frank Royce – Ohio State Highway Patrol Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Jennifer Krocak – Introduction to Crime Prevention
- Roosevelt Linder – Juvenile Sex Crimes
- Ben Kreischer – Undercover Officer Survival Techniques

April

- Mike Neibecker, Dave Olszewski, Adam Beese, Mike Brooks, Kerry Blakemore, Matt Leyde, Rich Jackson, Dan Ferritto, Kyle Flagg – Ohio State Highway Patrol Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Nolan Ellis – Basic Precision Rifle Skills
- Terry Styles, Mike Walsh – Microsoft Excel Basics
- Trevor Thomas, Ken Horna – Controlled Force, Defensive Tactics Instructor Course

- Brian Collins, John Braun –Macintosh Triage and Imaging & Apple iDevice Forensics
- Jim Savage, Scott Meyer – Cutting Edge Cultural Competence
- Steve Shubert – What School Resource Officers Should Know About Positive Behavior Intervention, and the Use of Restraint and Seclusion
- Roosevelt Linder – Interview and Interrogation
- Dan Novitski – Conducting Background Investigations
- Joel Barron, Dave Carpenter, Nolan Ellis, Frank Royce – Rogers Shooting School, Instructor Development
- Alex Schwedt, Mike Neibecker, Christian Studly, Mike Amriott, Jeff Herold, Kyle Flag, Dave Olszewski, Todd Gauntner, Scott Kaman, Kerry Blakemore – EPD Radar Laser School
- Dave Trend – Tactical Rifle Instructor
- John Braun, Brian Collins – Macintosh Forensic Analysis
- Dave Maslyk – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Orlando Almonte, Jose Alcantara – Surveillance and Officer Safety

May

- Dan Sawyer – Kids on the Street
- Joel Barron – The Bulletproof Warrior
- Adam Beese – Event Planning
- Brian Collins, John Braun – Windows Artifacts
- Paul Wittreich – Polygraph Background Investigations and Hiring Process
- Trevor Thomas – Defensive Tactics Field Application Clinic

June

- Mike Janson, Paul Wittreich, Trevor Thomas, Joel Barron, Casey Kleckner, Adam Beese, Bill Brooks, Nolan Ellis, Brett Buchs, Josh Schultz – Ohio Tactical Officer Conference
- John Braun – ISP Shield Deployment
- Kate McLaughlin, Dan Novitski – Fundamentals of Crime Analysis, Crime Mapping and Analysis, and Tactical Crime Analysis training
- Jose Alcantara, Orlando Almonte – Criminal Street Gang Training
- Dave Trend – Terry v. Ohio
- Adam Beese – Performance Leadership
- Greg Costello, Phil Tschetter – Inside the Tape
- Dan Sawyer – Medicolegal Death Investigation
- Ed Bonchak – School Resource and D.A.R.E. Conference

July

- Kevin Kelly, Tom Yanacek – Managing the Property and Evidence Room
- Matt Leyde – Vehicle Response, Pursuit and Control Techniques
- Jose Alcantara, Orlando Almonte, Ben Kreischer – Clandestine Drug Lab Basic Training
- Brett Buchs – Basic SWAT School
- Steve Shubert – National School Safety Conference

August

- Josh Schultz – Photography for Investigators
- Tom Arriza – Internal Affairs Conference and Certification
- Kerry Blakemore – Canine School

September

- Dave Carpenter – Vehicle CQB Instructor Course
- Ken Horna – Dynamic Mechanical Breach and Ballistic Breaching Instructor
- Orlando Almonte, Tom Arriza – Midwest Crisis Negotiators Conference
- Josh Schultz, Joel Barron – Ohio Identification Officer Conference
- Dave Williams – Taser Instructor
- Mike Neibecker – Taser Recertification
- Mike Knack – Public Records 101: Release or Not
- Brian Collins, Greg Costello, Phil Tschetter - Medicolegal Death Investigation
- Roosevelt Linder – Juvenile Delinquency, Casualty, Crime and Punishment
- Scott Meyer – FBI National Academy Associates Fall Trainer
- Donna Holden – Sunshine Laws
- Sue Schmid, Brett Buchs, Mike Knack – Communication and Corroboration Investigation and Prosecution: Sexual Assaults
- Ed Bonchak – Operation: Street Smart – D.A.R.E. Education
- Jose Alcantara, Orlando Almonte – Narco Annual Training Conference
- Nolan Ellis, Frank Royce, Dave Carpenter, Josh Schultz – Barnhart Performance – Carbine Operator

October

- Mike Janson – FBI National Academy, Class #262
- Kate McLaughlin, Dan Novitski – Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts Training Conference
- Mike Brooks – Computer Crimes First Responders
- Dan Novitski – Internal Investigations
- Tom Brickman, Kate McLaughlin – Crime Analysis for Chief Executives
- Jennifer Krocak, Joe Parkin – International Police Mountain Bike Association- Bike Patrol Training Course

November

- Brett Buchs, Josh Schultz - Medicolegal Death Investigation
- Joel Barron – Stolen/Recovered/Burned Vehicle Workshop
- Mike Brooks – Latent Print Development
- Tom Coyne – Level 1 Subject Control Certification
- Donna Holden – Use of Force Liability and Standards
- Josh Schultz – Electronic Surveillance
- Dan Ferritto, Mike Brooks, Jeff Herold – Field Training Officer
- Kate McLaughlin – Webinar: Innovative Ways of Analyzing Domestic Violence

December

- Orlando Almonte – Basic Tactical Medical Training and Self Aid/Buddy Aid
- Donna Holden – Civil Liability for Law Enforcement Managers
- Kate McLaughlin – Excel Data Analysis

JAIL

During all of 2015, the city continued to contract with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for operation of the jail facility, a relationship that began in August 2014. While direct operations are now under the auspices of the Sheriff, coordination with county personnel is assigned to the Staff Services Division.

Former Warden Janet Clinton began 2015 in a part-time position, coordinating efforts between the police department, the court, and the county's jail operation. That position was eliminated within a few weeks of the beginning of the year due to budgetary constraints.

Planning through the summer and fall of 2015 culminated in early 2016 with considerable work regarding emergency power. The generator used to provide emergency power for police operation in the event of a power failure had adequate capacity to provide emergency power for critical jail operations. That work was completed in early February 2016.

We continue to work well with county personnel to address issues when necessary, a result of coordinated effort between the police department, county employees and many vendors and contractors.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The department updated eight sections of our Policy & Procedure manual during 2015.

- Coding of Policy/Procedure
- Physical Arrest
- Crime Scene Processing
- Investigating Sexual Assault
- Amber Alert
- Body Armor
- Naloxone
- Postage

All of the changes reflected a consolidation of processes that had been modified by memo, directive and orders over time (in some cases many years) to reflect modern legal and procedural standards and current practice. In some cases, the processes were updated as a result of requirements by outside agencies with whom we cooperate, such as in the case of our procedures governing issuance of Amber alerts. In other cases, changes were needed solely due to changes in administrative practice; for example, access to the department's postage meter must be through different people because one of the positions listed in the old version of our procedure was eliminated.

In other cases, such as processes concerning body armor and naloxone, the subject matter was entirely new to our manual. The most recent collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police defined the process whereby officers are equipped with body armor, and the procedures for its replacement when necessary. The need for procedures governing naloxone administration arises from the relatively new addition of this drug to the police "tool box."

In addition to the above, considerable effort was expended on revising two procedures that govern "hot-button" issues: "Vehicular Pursuit," and "Use of Force and Firearms." Revisions to

our procedures regarding firearms centers on the terms of the most recent collective bargaining agreement which requires the enactment of a provision in policy and procedure that permits officers to carry personally owned patrol rifles on duty. While there are sound reasons for this practice, there are also significant difficulties. The majority of the issues that need to be addressed have been so, but in the context of using deadly force minor differences matter. We continue to discuss this matter with representatives of the FOP, and the remaining difficulties should be resolved soon.

One need only scan mass-market media to discern the controversy that surrounds the topic of vehicular pursuit, not only locally but also nationally. Current discussions of this topic are framed to a great degree by the outcome of a high-profile incident in northeast Ohio. Criminal charges resulting from that incident were resolved in 2015, but the aftermath continues.

A significant portion of the public holds the view that police pursuits are so dangerous that they cannot be justified under any circumstances. Another portion holds the view that the police should chase all violators regardless of the circumstances. Neither of these views accurately reflects the complexities and nuances of the issue, and neither reflects the reality of recent legal findings (as recent as a February 2016 hearing before the Ohio Supreme Court) regarding officer conduct during pursuits. After significant research and discussions with Prosecutor Gallagher, we placed significant controls on the practice of police pursuit. Our officers have never taken the pursuit of a criminal lightly, and this decision to curtail the practice likewise was taken very seriously. Nobody at the Euclid Police Department likes this decision, but we found it necessary to protect the interests not only of the city and the police department but also the legal interests of individual officers until such time as either the courts or the legislature act.

The matter of vehicular pursuit was addressed immediately by departmental directive. The drafting of appropriate language for inclusion in our procedure manual continues, currently awaiting the results of legal findings related above.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building maintenance and custodial responsibilities also fall under the Staff Services Division. Daily maintenance work was completed by a single part-time custodian, Franciska Gaspersic. Throughout the year, Francis was assisted by John Hicks, who came to us from Mature Services, a federally-funded job training program for those over 55 years of age. In August, Mr. Hicks was joined by Beverly Pollard, another participant in the same program. They are not city employees, but their efforts have been of great benefit.

Space continues to be at a premium. When our communications center was disbanded in 2015, efforts began to utilize the space that thereby became available. The Community Policing Unit now occupies that space.

As a result of that move, however, we found it necessary to stow the hardware previously used in dispatch, adding to an already significant amount of surplus inventory. Efforts to dispose of this excess continue, often with the help of Motor Maintenance Foreman Dennis Barnes' ongoing use of government inventory auctions and websites.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Bob Ayers, President

Jeff Laird, Treasurer

Terri Zakraysek, Secretary

The Euclid Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (ECPAAA) exists to assist the Euclid Police Department in its mission to provide education in law enforcement issues and community concerns to the citizens and employees of Euclid, Ohio. The Alumni Association supports the Department by volunteerism, fostering the belief that preservation of public welfare is the duty of every citizen. As a citizens' group, it offers a helping hand to the community to improve quality of life. The ECPAAA develops and coordinates various projects that are meaningful and rewarding experiences for our community.

The ECPAAA is dedicated to bringing about public awareness of crime and social issues with service to Euclid and the Euclid Police Department, fostering partnerships between police and the community, and providing an atmosphere of mutual understanding in the community.

Fundraisers

The EPD Bike Auction in July raised \$2,544.00. This money has been added to the ECPAAA Equipment Fund.

2015 Volunteer Activities

In April, ECPAAA members painted the shooting range at the police department. During the summer months, members assisted Community Policing with the sale of K-9 t-shirts at the East 200th Street Stroll, the SS. Robert and William Parish Festival, and during Euclid High School's "Panther Days." Members also assisted with the Citizens' Police Academy Classes #29 (spring, 2015) and #30 (fall, 2015). In July, the ECPAAA members provided two days of meals for the EPD officers and personnel.

Vest Reimbursement Program/Equipment Fund Activity

There were no requests for vest reimbursement checks in 2015. Equipment fund money was used, however, to purchase two electronic tablets for the K-9 cars, along with the necessary mounting equipment.