

ANNUAL REPORT
EUCLID POLICE DEPARTMENT
2016



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April 17, 2017

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

Dear Mayor Holzheimer Gail:

In 2016, the Euclid Police Department experienced significant changes in personnel. Chief Thomas Brickman retired late in the year, after 32 years of service. Upon his retirement, Captain Scott Meyer was promoted to Chief of Police. The following four officers retired: Detectives Anthony Medved and Robert Trueman, and Patrolmen James Mylott and Joseph Primiano. Two officers resigned: Patrolman Harry Lovejoy, who accepted a chief of police position with the Leetonia Village (Ohio) Police Department, and Detective Brian Collins, who accepted a position as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service.

Four new officers were hired, all through a lateral entry process, and therefore all have previous law enforcement experience. We welcomed the following talented officers to our "family": Jason Mausar #52, Christopher Frato #48, Matthew Rhodes #39, and Louis Catalani #47.

In August, Officer Jennifer Krocak #80 was reassigned from the Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau. Detective Krocak is a great addition to our talented detective bureau. By year-end, a total of four patrol officers were assigned to Community Response Unit duties. Their main responsibilities include addressing quality of life crimes, problem areas/concerns, and illicit gun/drug reduction. The following dedicated and focused officers make up the CRU: Vashon Williams #9, Kyle Flagg #61, Anthony Malone #27, and Jason Mausar #52. These officers are also called upon to cover shift shortages.

During this past year, we continued with our commitment to staff a Community Policing Unit. Sergeant Donna Holden now supervises this unit; Officer Steve Shubert #26, along with civilian employees Kate McLaughlin, Ed Bonchak, and Audrey Cobb, round out this remarkable unit. In early 2017, Officer George Panagiotou #66 was reassigned from the Patrol Division to this unit. Our CPU continues to provide great programs and services.

While the Euclid Police Department does have a dedicated Community Policing Unit, all members of the Department are encouraged and expected to participate in "Engaged Policing." "Engaged Policing" is our philosophy of policing in which the officers positively engage citizens to build relationships and gain their support, cooperation, and trust, while at the same time

proactively addressing crime control issues without unnecessarily alienating the wider population.

In keeping with our tradition, the Euclid Police Department received many awards and much recognition in 2016. The Community Policing Unit was recognized by the multi-county Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition as their “Partner of the Year,” along with four additional awards. Additionally, Ed Bonchak received the Community Service Award from the Cleveland Clinic, Euclid Hospital. The department also received the American Automobile Association’s Platinum Award. This is their highest award given to “commendable leaders for safety efforts and enforcement geared toward making communities safer.” The Cuyahoga County DUI Task force awarded the department two departmental awards, in addition to three awards for individual officer recognition to Captain Jim Savage and Officers David Maslyk #62 and Josh MacDonald #77. Additionally, Sergeant Mike Walsh was named the 2016 “Man of the Year” by the Euclid American Legion Post.

The Euclid Police Department continues to utilize crime analytics in an effort to enhance our information gathering capacity and to focus our efforts on addressing crime control issues. Both Sergeant Dan Novitski and Community Policing Specialist Kate McLaughlin have received and continue to receive training in the development and use of crime analytics. Although both Dan and Kate have many other duties and responsibilities, they continue to do an incredible job in running our small, yet effective, Crime Analytics Unit.

The Patrol Division, the heart and soul of the department, did a tremendous job again in 2016. The investigative units worked at a very high tempo, and continue to do so, in effectively handling a large volume of investigations. The Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, and the Narcotics and Vice Unit of the Euclid Police Department are all second to none.

Our dispatch functions continue to be handled through an agreement with the regional Chagrin Valley Dispatch (CVD) center. Our jail facility continues to be managed and operated through an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Office. Both facilities operate in an efficient and effective manner, and we all work together to streamline and integrate all parties’ organizational needs.

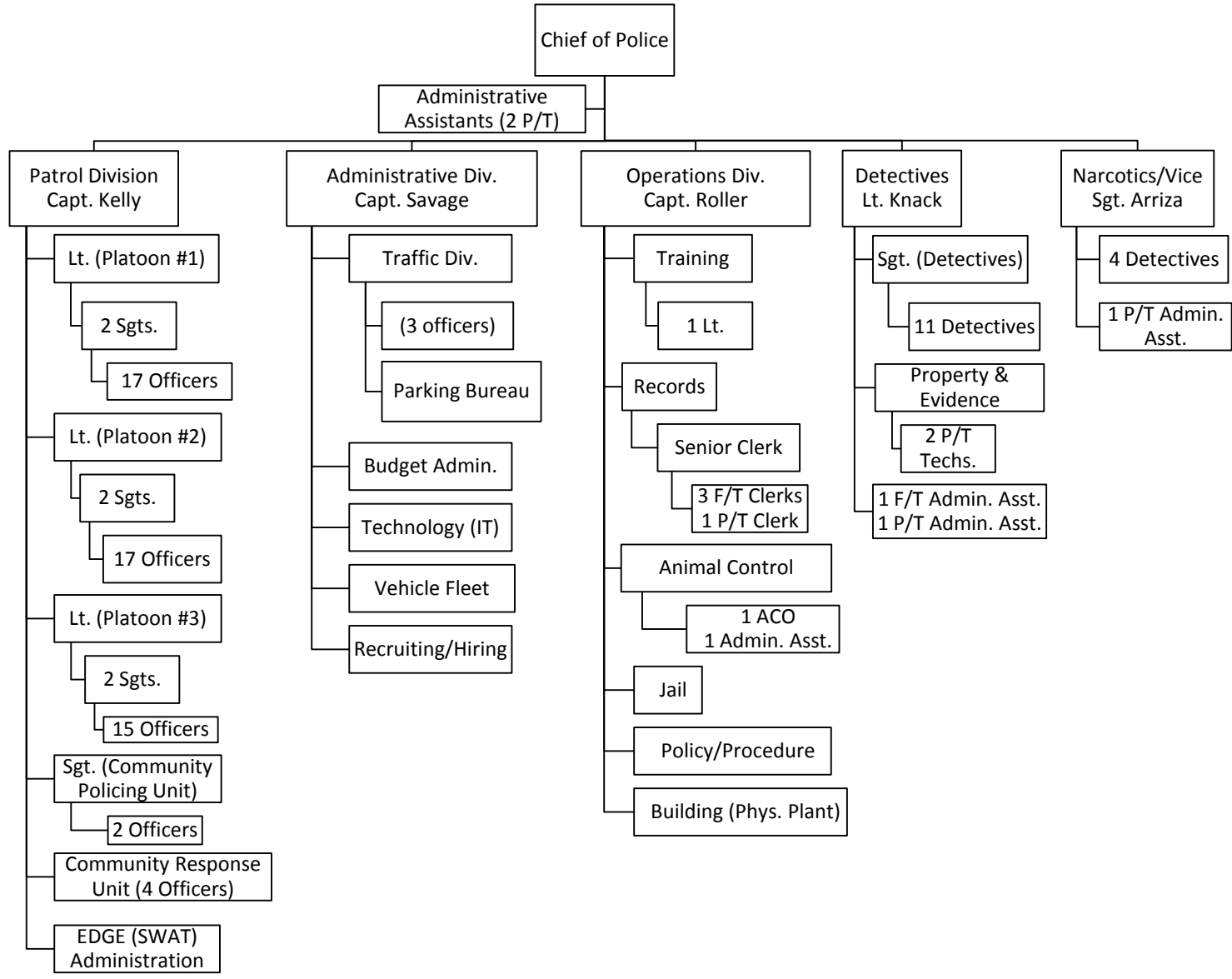
The residents of the City of Euclid should feel very confident and proud of their police department. We are your police department, and we are all solidly committed to the safety and success of all residents and visitors. The Euclid Police Department has an incredibly talented and dedicated team of personnel, and I am very proud of the hard work and accomplishments of all the members of our varied units. The duties and accomplishments of the department’s various units will be outlined in the following pages. 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,

Scott Meyer
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.



INVESTIGATIVE UNITS

Chief Scott Meyer

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Lieutenant M. Knack

Sergeant J. Barron

Sergeant D. Novitski

Detective M. Caruso

Detective G. Costello

Detective J. Schultz

Detective J. Kroczak

Detective S. Schmid

Detective P. Tschetter

Detective J. Braun

Detective B. Collins

Detective B. Buchs

Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force

Detective D. Carpenter

Juvenile Unit

Detective D. Sawyer

Warrant Unit

Detective B. Trueman

Detective 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 unit works closely with the Patrol Division, Narcotics Bureau 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 bureau is responsible for investigating all felonies, serious misdemeanors, and reports of suspicious nature. In 2016 the Detective Bureau received over 1,660 reports to be investigated and the Juvenile Unit received over 360 reports to be investigated.

The Detective Bureau continued to experience changes in staffing throughout 2016. Detective Sergeant Joel Barron was transferred from the unit to the Patrol Division in September. Detective Sergeant Novitski, who was transferred out early in the year, was transferred back in September after successfully getting the Crime Analysis Unit up and running. Sergeant Novitski is to be commended on his fine work with the Crime Analysis Unit.

The bureau also prepared for the departure of Detective Brian Collins, who joined the FBI in August. Detective John Braun worked diligently, receiving several weeks of high intensity digital forensics training to pick up where Detective Collins left off. Detective Brett Buchs was transferred from the Narcotics Bureau to the Detective Bureau to assist with our increased case

load in August. Additionally, Detective Jennifer Krocak transferred into the unit from the Community Policing Unit in August.

The City and the community it serves are very fortunate to have investigators with such a diverse range of expertise. All of our detectives are very proficient with their investigative skills. What sets this unit apart is the unique mix of skills and areas of expertise that several of our detectives have chosen to pursue. Detective Phil Tschetter prepared numerous search warrants in 2016 with a 100% approval rate. Detective Tschetter is also an expert in the field of fingerprint identification, as is Sergeant Novitski. Detective Braun is a Digital Forensic Examiner. Without their expertise in these three areas of investigations, 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 the Administration 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 2016, Detective Dave Carpenter worked under the supervision of the United States Marshal Service. Detective Carpenter was responsible for apprehending violent fugitives and those wanted for outstanding felony warrants.

The Juvenile Detective 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 Bureau, Patrol Division and Community Policing Unit as well as with numerous agencies outside of the department. Detective Daniel Sawyer is our current and only Juvenile Detective. Detective Sawyer is an active member of the Ohio Juvenile Officers Association and continues to seek new ways to enhance his investigatory skills. As a result of a staffing change in 2014, he continues to handle an increasing case load that was previously handled by two detectives. He has never once shied away from this increased workload and should be commended on his positive attitude.

The Warrant Unit is responsible for processing both felony and misdemeanor warrants, transporting prisoners, serving subpoenas and handling bonds. In the beginning of 2016 the unit was staffed by two full-time police officers, Detectives Robert Trueman and William Rogers, as well as two part-time Warrant Officers, Robert Nolan and David Schervish. Detective Trueman retired in January. The following is a snapshot of their activities for 2016.

	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Felony	204	127	331
Misdemeanor	180	156	336
Capias	649	484	1,133
Traffic	20	21	41
Subpoena	337	0	337
Bonds	496	366	762
Totals	1,886	1,154	2,940

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. Our secretaries 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 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 finding the truth. The integrity, work ethic, and personalities of all of the bureau's members are what make this possible.

NARCOTICS & VICE UNIT

Sgt. Tom Arriza

Det. Jose Alcantara

Det. Orlando Almonte

Det. Ben Kreischer

Secretary Diane White

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.

Detective Sergeant Thomas Arriza continued his command of the Narcotics & Vice unit during 2016, reporting to Captain Capt. Kevin Kelly. The 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 66 search warrants in 2016. 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

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 Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Laboratory in Cleveland, where 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 2016, unit investigators processed in excess of 2,100 criminal violations which resulted in immediate charges and/or indictments against arrested parties. Additionally, \$140,714.81 in seized U.S. currency was processed through the unit in 2016.

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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) had another successful year. NOLETF Task Force Officers conducted several long term narcotics investigations that are still ongoing. Long term cases like these involve the use of Federal wiretaps, undercover drug buys, and many hundreds of hours of surveillance and by necessity are very man-power intensive. Our investigator who is assigned full time to this task force played a significant role in these investigations.

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

Sergeant Dan Novitski

Kate McLaughlin

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) was formed in September 2015 and consists of analysts Kate McLaughlin and Sergeant 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 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

The CAU engaged a student intern, Brent Robinson, from Cleveland State University for the fall semester. Brent, a senior studying criminology, worked ten hours for fifteen weeks assisting the CAU by creating crime bulletins, graphs and maps, and compiling and analyzing data for several projects.

Sgt. Novitski and Kate McLaughlin were presenters at the 2016 Ohio Crime Prevention Association Conference and spoke on implementing a crime analysis unit for the Euclid Police Department.

Through analysis, dissemination of crime-related data and information, and the implementation of intelligence analysis in 2017, the CAU intends to help our police department become more effective in locating and combating criminal activity.

A summary of the number of various offenses reported in 2016 follows.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Animal Complaints	252	290	Juvenile Complaints	210	306
Arson	5	9	Kidnapping/Abductions	23	16
Auto Theft	263	211	Menacing	226	217
Auto Theft Attempt	66	55	Obstruction/Resisting	330	269
Breaking & Entering	141	94	Possession Stolen Property	65	38
Breaking & Entering Attempt	14	11	Psychiatric Situation	198	231
Burglary	349	401	Rape	28	32
Burglary Attempt	40	40	Robbery	142	95
Damage to Property	761	752	Robbery Attempt	12	4
Disorderly Conduct/Riot	217	210	Sex Offenses/Obscenity	46	32
Disturbances	420	399	Shoplifting	154	168
Domestic Violence	369	372	Simple Assault	446	490
Drugs	861	639	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	340	404
Endangering/Child Offenses	51	50	Theft License Plate	74	59
Family Offenses	145	158	Theft Miscellaneous	704	767
Felonious/Aggravated Assault	71	58	Theft from Auto	202	221
Fraud	345	403	Threats/Phone Harassment	400	412
Gambling/Liquor/Solicitation	22	25	Trespassing	408	446
Homicide	1	2	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	74	72
Homicide Attempt	11	10	Weapons Offenses	195	135

PROPERTY ROOM

John Buling

Tom Yanacek

During 2016, 5,864 items were logged into property and evidence.

A total of 2,037 items were destroyed, including 96 guns, which were destroyed at Charter Steel in Cuyahoga Heights. A total of 381 items were returned to owners, and 41 items were converted to use by Euclid Police Department. Currency and coin totaling \$1,328.43 were logged out of the evidence room safe and deposited into the City of Euclid's Chase Bank account in February.

The off-site storage location for our recovered bicycles was changed from Euclid Square Mall to the city's Parks and Recreation building on Lakeland Boulevard, where we currently store 66 unclaimed bicycles recovered in 2016.

We processed more digital evidence than ever before during 2016, with video being the largest increase. Other agencies, including the Ohio Highway Patrol, periodically use our OVI processing room, and suspect interviews are also often conducted there by our detective bureau due to the video recording system in the room. We captured and archived a total of 244 videos from the OVI processing room. Additionally, we processed hundreds of requests from prosecutors for dash-cam and body-cam video.

PATROL DIVISION

Captain Kevin Kelly

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. Capt. Scott Meyer commanded the Patrol Division until September, when he was promoted to Chief. Capt. Kevin Kelly was assigned command of the Patrol Division and oversaw its operation for the balance of the year. Additionally, Community Policing, the School Resource Officer program, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the Auxiliary Police Unit and the department's K9 officers are organized under the Patrol Division.

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 unrelated to crime, resolving disputes, taking incident reports, investigating traffic crashes, collecting crime evidence, conducting traffic enforcement, and arresting those suspected of criminal activities.

Officers assigned to the Patrol division 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 assess situations rapidly in order to take appropriate action. They are entrusted to protect the public and be vigilant to danger 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.

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 tenets of community policing. The department expects and encourages its officers to practice positive community engagement whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. Aggressive enforcement against quality of life crimes, as well as enforcement against illegal gun and drug crimes, is an integral part of community policing. As part of the Community Policing unit, two officers were assigned to the Community Response unit in 2016. Officers assigned to the Community Response Unit are generally free from the burden of responding to radio calls; they patrol and target these specific crimes. The unit enjoyed much success in 2016, seizing record numbers of illegal guns and amounts of illicit drugs, thereby making our community safer.

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 technological 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 12/31/16)

Capt. K. Kelly

Lt. J. Cutwright

Sgt. M. Walsh

Sgt. J. Barron

P.O. G. Drew #33

P.O. T. Coyne #16

P.O. F. Royce #78

P.O. M. Neibecker #4

P.O. D. Kocsis #20

P.O. D. Ivory #19

P.O. D. Olszewski #35

P.O. T. Thomas #30

P.O. K. Pavkov #83

P.O. M. Brooks #90

P.O. J. Parkin #50

P.O. M. Gilmer #18

P.O. K. Blakemore #55

P.O. R. Jackson #89

P.O. J. Aoki #7

P.O. D. Ferritto #10

P.O. S. Kaman #38

Lt. M. Janson

Sgt. T. Styles

Sgt. A. Beese

P.O. F. Stoldt #54

P.O. P. Wittreich #70

P.O. S. Hogrefe #65

P.O. C. Kleckner #84

P.O. C. Screngi #29

P.O. W. Brooks #88

P.O. R. Linder #76

P.O. J. Herold #5

P.O. F. Gianfagna #92

P.O. S. Rivera #82

P.O. M. Shiner #68

P.O. T. Gauntner #15

P.O. M. Leyde #40

P.O. N. Edington #79

P.O. J. Kotlar #71

P.O. M. Amriott #63

P.O. N. Reed #3

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. K. Horna #1

P.O. C. Studly #49

P.O. D. Maslyk #62

P.O. A. Schwedt #43

P.O. R. Frantz #32 1

P.O. K. Nyman #31

P.O. J. Foran #34

P.O. C. Frato #48

P.O. M. Rhodes #39

P.O. L/ Catalani #47

Community Response Officers

P.O. A. Malone #27

P.O. J. Mausar #52

P.O. V. Williams #9

P.O. K. Flagg #61

¹ Workers Comp.

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

Lieutenant Mitch Houser (until October 1)

Sgt. Donna Holden (since October 1)

Ptl. Steve Shubert

Ptl. Jennifer Krocak
(until August 20)

Ptl. George Panagiotou
(effective December 3)

Community Policing Specialist
Kate McLaughlin

Community Outreach Specialist
Audrey Cobb

Community Education Specialist
Ed Bonchak

Community Response Unit

Ptl. Kyle Flagg
Ptl. Vashon Williams

Ptl. Anthony Malone
Ptl. Jason Mausar

The mission of the Euclid Police Department Community Policing Unit is to promote a partnership between the community and law enforcement. By collaborating with the community our goal is to reduce crime and improve overall quality of life.

Members of the Community Policing Unit work together on numerous year-long programs as well as single-occurrence events. Community Policing officers and civilian personnel speak to various groups such as senior citizens, schools, and neighborhood and apartment complex residents' association meetings. Unit members provide tours of the station, welcome new businesses to the area, provide free security assessments, and work with the youth to build relationships with police and seek solutions to recurring problems.

Awards Received

This unit received awards in 2016 for several of the outstanding programs that are offered to our community.

AAA awarded the Euclid Police Department the 2016 Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award. This is the first year that the department attained Platinum status regarding efforts toward education, enforcement, and engineering to improve public traffic safety.

The Greater Cleveland Safe Kids Coalition awarded the department the award for "Partner of the Year 2016". Additionally, we received recognition for both the "Click it for a Ticket" and Pedestrian Safety programs.

Significant Events

During 2016, members of the Community Policing Unit committed to either plan or participate as a major partner for several community events that promoted health, safety, camaraderie, and—just as importantly—FUN! These activities were successful in uniting the community in common wellness or providing fundraising support.

National Night Out

Led by Ptl. Kroczak, the entire unit coordinated a major event that took place August 1 at the E.276/Sidney Ave. park. With major support from Euclid Apartments and various businesses, a D.J. with dancing, a bouncy house, food, and raffles for numerous prizes were provided. The result was an evening of community-building that promoted police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Safe Kids/Safe Communities “Mocktails” Fundraiser

All members of Community Policing proudly represented department as celebrating “Cavs Fans.” We displayed pride in the Cleveland Cavaliers’ NBA Championship by creating a non-alcoholic beverage named “The Final Shot,” which was awarded “best drink name.” Our participation in this fundraiser ultimately provides a big return to programs we conduct in Euclid. The children’s safety materials, SIDNE car, responsible drinking “bar kits,” and trick-or-treat bags are just a few of the products created and provided for us from the proceeds of this fundraiser.

E. 200th Street Stroll

Community Policing coordinated several activities to contribute to the success of this annual event. The Safe Kids/Safe Communities SIDNE car was on site in the Home Depot parking lot. This specially outfitted cart simulates the dangers of distracted driving. The public was able to drive the car and test out the effects in a safe environment. A police K-9 provided a demonstration and was the beneficiary of a Drug Mart fundraiser to support the K-9 program. Community Policing provided a table full of materials regarding home safety and answered questions from the public during a meet-and-greet session.

Youth Outreach Programs

In an effort to impact the youth of Euclid and their families, multiple outreach programs are maintained as ongoing commitments by the Community Policing Unit. These programs are often designed and maintained as a coordinated effort between: Euclid Police officers, civilian Community Policing specialists, local partnering businesses, Euclid Schools, the Euclid Police Athletic League, the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice System, and various social service organizations. Members also participate in Safe Kids/Safe Communities bimonthly meetings through University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital Injury Prevention Team to bring the latest in children’s safety programming to Euclid. Ed Bonchak proudly serves on the SK/SC board.

School Resource Officer

The department strives to maintain a high level of visibility in the schools. 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 providing law enforcement services to Euclid High School as well as conducting other classroom programs.

Officer Shubert is highly engaged with the EHS football program where he works closely with the student athletes and coaches. He also actively attends 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, and providing police support at middle and elementary schools, as requested.

Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs

Over four hundred 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 while promoting an anti-drug message.

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.

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer Ed Bonchak offered the DARE 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 the aforementioned schools received a lesson on gateway drugs. DARE/Anti-bullying programs were offered in several elementary schools. The DARE Rx & OTC 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.

Safety Town

For the fifth 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 officers and other members of the community. This year we conducted Safety Town at the Early Child Development Center. Upon completion students were awarded a certificate and T-shirt, compliments of Euclid PAL.

Walk to School Day

Through Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital's Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition we conducted "National Safe Walking to School Day" activities at Our Lady of the Lake and Ss. Robert and William's Schools. Students in grades K-4 were given an opportunity to submit artwork depicting the student and a police officer walking together safely to school. Lt. Houser and Sgt. Holden were happy to read "Clifford Takes a Walk"

to the third-grade classes, and winning art contest participants were provided a copy of the book, compliments of FedEx.

Operation Night Light

In conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Probation Department, Community Policing officers or patrol officers assist probation officers who visit at risk juvenile offenders residing in Euclid.

Bike Helmet Safety

Thanks to the "Safety Squad" at 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. Officers handed out stickers, temporary tattoos and pencils with a positive safety message to students in attendance.

Junior Police Academy

Twenty-four middle school students participated in the PAL 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 and a Junior Police Academy t-shirt from the Chief of Police during a graduation ceremony at Euclid City Hall.

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 (14-21 years old, having completed 8th grade) 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.

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.

Explorers Post 0010 currently has eighteen members, one of the largest in the Greater Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts of America, the parent agency. Meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Howl at the Hall

Members of Community Policing got into the Halloween spirit and not only provided sweets but also safe trick-or-treat information and bags for youngsters at Euclid City Hall.

Mini-Station Programs

In an effort to make assistance available to the public away from the main police station, services are brought into the community at the Police mini-station located at 20001 Euclid Ave. These services to the community are coordinated by Audrey Cobb. This location also serves as a venue for the juvenile diversion program.

Juvenile Diversion Program

Audrey Cobb oversaw the Juvenile Diversion Program. Juveniles charged with a first time misdemeanor or status offense may be eligible for this program rather than having the case heard officially in juvenile court. This program allows juveniles and their families to address charges at a diversion hearing before a magistrate, community policing officer and program administrator. The program requires coordination with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Making A Difference professional services. Approximately 10-15 new cases per month, as well as existing cases, require data collection, maintenance, and monitoring. Juveniles in diversion also participate in a skill-building program where they develop personal skills that are required in both school and business environments.

Tech Class

The Euclid Public Library held free workshops at the mini-station 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

This program focuses on the youth football team, during the months of September – October.

Summer Camp Program

Every summer Euclid children can enroll in the summer camp held at the mini-station. A variety of programs are explored plus a field trip. These activities promote science, engineering and art. There are also team building activities that promote drug-free socialization skills.

Boredom Solution Kits

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

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

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

Safety Outreach and Crime Prevention

Many of the activities of the Community Policing unit provide the public with information and tools to improve the safety and wellness of their neighborhood. Community Policing specialists work with citizens to make their homes, businesses, streets, parks, and vehicles resistant to crime.

Neighborhood Block Watch

The Neighborhood Block Watch Program is coordinated by Kate McLaughlin. 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. (Rape Aggression Defense) Women's Self Defense

RAD is a self-defense class offered exclusively to women by Officer Krocak, who is licensed by 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 should be at least twelve years of age and mature enough to handle sensitive subject matter if their parents do not also participate in class but grant permission for the child to do so.

Officer Krocak instructed over 100 women in 2016. The course was offered at: the Euclid Public Library (open to the public), at Euclid High School (for staff and students in the nursing program), and for city employees. Officer Krocak teaches RAD in collaboration with the Cleveland State University (CSU) Police Department as a regional effort to combine resources and bring RAD to more women.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)

CPTED is utilized by Kate McLaughlin to offer businesses suggestions and recommendations to develop safer establishments by increasing crime prevention measures in the work place. In 2016, numerous retail establishments received security checks outlining areas within the facilities that need to be addressed to improve safe business practices. Among them were:

- Action Auto Wholesale
- H&W Tool Company
- Marathon Mini-Mart
- Briardale Greens Golf Course

Although new to the unit at the end of 2016, Officer Panagiotou provided valuable input to the December CPTED evaluations, based on his education and training in this area.

In an effort to reduce business crime during the rash of business Breaking and Entering to steal ATM's during 2016, Kate McLaughlin and Sgt. Holden conducted business checks

throughout the city. Businesses where ATM machines were present were identified, and were provided suggestions to reduce the likelihood of becoming a target. Officers were provided information regarding which businesses had ATM's present in order to increase their awareness while on patrol.

Coffee with a Cop

Once a month, the Community Policing unit offers Coffee with a Cop, an event 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 break down barriers and build 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 speak on a variety of safety and crime prevention issues.

Social Media

Social Media for the Euclid Police Department is coordinated by the Community Policing Unit. The Euclid Police Department website, EuclidPD.org, is updated regularly with crime blotters, current events, and the latest news. Updates are made to the Euclid Police Department Facebook® page offering crime prevention tips, department information, and current police events. An EPD Twitter account was established in December.

To facilitate better communication between the police department and the community, Nextdoor, a social media site for neighborhood communication, is available to all Euclid residents, who can join 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 neighborhoods safer through communication.

ED-U-KATE public safety videos are produced and posted on social media with topics covering crime prevention strategies. These videos are promoted on the Euclid Police Web Page and Social Media Accounts.

Drug Addiction Recovery Outreach

The Euclid Police Department is attempting to save lives and improve the overall health of our community by encouraging persons with addiction to seek recovery. Additionally Community Policing is promoting means to prevent the access of unused medications from being accessible to persons and resulting in an accidental overdose.

Anthony's Angels Blessing Bags

Local contributors have provided sling backpacks filled with snacks, hats, gloves, hygiene items and information about addiction recovery. This project is promoted by a local support group for parents of persons with addiction, The Addict's Parents United (TAP United). The goal is to encourage a person struggling with addiction to seek

recovery services. These bags are distributed by both Community Policing and Patrol officers to persons who appear to be in need of encouragement.

Drug Drop Box

In the front lobby of the Euclid Police Station is a container where persons can drop off unused over the counter or prescription pills (no liquids or syringes). The program is promoted by the Community Policing unit, but the contents are disposed of by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (EDGE)

Lt. Rick Friedl, South Euclid PD

Team Commander

Lt. Mike Janson, Euclid PD

Commander

(Tactical Operations)

Sgt. John Pizon, Shaker Hts. PD

Commander

(Training & Development)

RED TEAM

Det. Dave Carpenter, 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

Beachwood PD
Rich Kemer
Bryan Ryks

South Euclid PD
Steve Wilson

Shaker Hts. PD

Bill Wedeking

Probationary Members

Robert Miller (University Hts. PD)
Michael Amriott (Euclid PD)
Ante Cacic (Shaker Hts. PD)
Dan Ferritto (Euclid PD)
Matt Lewis (Shaker Hts. PD)
Jordan Spellman (Beachwood PD)
Andrew Chenevey (Shaker Hts. 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

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

EDGE, led by team commander Lt. Rick Friedl from the South Euclid Police Department, is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of 49 officers from Euclid, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, University Heights, and South Euclid police departments. Thirteen officers are from Euclid. The past year was the second full year of the integrated team serving these communities.

EDGE conducted an unprecedented seventy-two operations in 2016. This is a significant increase over the forty operations in 2015. Some of these were conducted in conjunction with other agencies like the South East Area Law Enforcement (SEALE), the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, Cleveland Division of Police, the FBI, and the DEA. The following is a summary of all operations:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Narcotics search warrants	44	27
Murder & Att. Murder arrest/search warrants	3	2
Other arrest/search warrants	14	6
Emergency call-outs for armed, barricaded suspects	4	3
Other civil disturbances	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	72	40

EDGE members attended the four-day Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) conference in Sandusky, Ohio, in May. In addition to regular twice-monthly training, the team participated in a full week of training in October at the FBI Hostage Rescue Team Headquarters in Quantico, Virginia.

EDGE entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Cleveland and was an integral part of keeping the 2016 Republican National Convention a safe and peaceful event. The EDGE SWAT worked as CAT (Counter Assault Team), a quick reaction force tasked with responding to active shooters, or weapons calls. The Team worked in conjunction with the Cleveland Division of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Western Enforcement Bureau, numerous federal agencies and out of state police departments.

In 2017 the City of Cleveland Heights will be joining the Team. This will significantly increase the workload of the EDGE team.

K9 UNIT

Lt. M. Janson

K9 Teams

Ptl. Kleckner #84 & K9 Rocky

Ptl. Blakemore #55 & K9 Chase

The K9 unit was busy during 2016. 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 had his first full year of service with K9 Chase.

The following is a summary of deployments for the Euclid Police K9 unit in 2016:

Automobile narcotics searches	62	Suspect building searches	23
Narcotic searches (buildings)	25	Suspect tracks/ area searches	34
School narcotics searches	5	Suspect apprehensions	24
Narcotic/SWAT warrants	30	Bite apprehensions	0
Narcotics seizures	57	No-bite apprehensions	24
Marijuana	12	Burglar alarms	92
Cocaine	0	K9 cover during arrest	42
Heroin	21	Crowd control/ riots	4
Paraphernalia	24	K9 demonstration	2
		K9 mutual aid requests	56
		K9 training days (for each team)	26

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

Bob Ayers

Kenneth Borgman

Joseph Boyd

Denny Brown

Shawn Chatmon

Ryan Conkle

Cory Cottrell

Stefan Fagan

Scott Filipek

Eric Jackson

Daniel Kever

Raymond Klancar

Franc Kreze

Larry Longstreth

Pamela Minich

Sandra Post

Fred Ray

Joseph Ridgley

Terry Sheridan

Daylan Smith

Vanessa Smith

John Tepley

Don Trbovich

The Euclid Auxiliary Police Unit's objective is to assist the Euclid Police Department with assuring safety and security during community and school events, as well as 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.

The unit again faced many challenges 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.

On Monday, May 5, four new auxiliary officers joined the unit: Denny Brown, Larry Longstreth, Daylan Smith and Vanessa Smith took the oath of office, administered by Mayor Kirsten Holzeheimer Gail. We continue to add diversity to the unit: our group is made up of members ranging in age from 21 to 82 years, both male and female, of many different ethnic backgrounds, who volunteer to make Euclid a better community. We strive to overcome the obstacles we face to provide the needed service to the city.

Our basic purpose of traffic control and crowd still exists but many crime prevention details were also staffed by Auxiliary Officers. 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 the loss of auxiliary officers, the remaining officers continued to aid the police department in any way possible. In 2016, a total of **1,492** hours were donated by an average of 27 officers. As the needs of the Department changes, so will the Auxiliary. We will continue to volunteer our services during 2017. We hopefully will recruit new volunteers to increase the strength of our unit. Hopefully with new and healthy members the unit will become stronger in the coming year. As with many organizations, it is difficult to find good volunteers. We are fortunate to have auxiliary officers who are dedicated to giving their time and talents to make the City of Euclid a better place to live.

During 2016, in anticipation of a change in administration late in the year, daily operations of the unit were turned over to Assistant Director John Banasik. John has brought his knowledge of computer technology to the unit. He has brought the unit into the computer age. Meeting notifications, the monthly details and the membership roster and organizational chart are now sent electronically to our members, and our unit now has its own Facebook® page.

On Tuesday, December 6, our year closed with our annual appreciation dinner for all auxiliary officers and their guests at Tizzano's Party Center. In attendance were Mayor Kirsten Holzeheimer-Gail, Chief Scott Meyer, Captain James Savage and Sergeant Mike Walsh. Also attending were former Chief Thomas Brickman, former Auxiliary Director Ed Synk, and retired Auxiliary Officer Walt Keene. Recognition was given to the retiring Director, Mary Lou Jost, and to Bud Lilley, who continues to serve the city with 42 years of service. On Monday, December 19, John Banasik took the oath of office for the position of Auxiliary Director, administered by Mayor Kirsten Holzeheimer-Gail. On December 31, Mary Lou Jost retired from the unit after 40 years of service.

The Euclid Police Auxiliary is an amazing group of individuals who volunteer their time and talents to the city with little or no recognition. We look forward to others joining this group of dedicated individuals to provide the city and the police department with much needed volunteer service.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Capt. Scott Roller

The Operations Division encompasses many functions that support the efforts of the Euclid Police Department. Further information about specific roles of each division or function is reported below.

RECORDS

Edie Stanek **Lead Clerk**

Sharon Vuyancih
Tina Roeder

Linda Beck
Katarina Kulbis

Lucia Grillo
Marjorie Scott

The Euclid Police Department's Records Division is the primary point of contact for many of our citizens, visitors, and community members. The Records Division maintains an unwavering commitment to provide excellent, courteous, quality customer service.

Records provides critical operational support to the department by processing and maintaining records concerning reported incidents of crime, arrests, towed vehicles, protection orders issued by several courts, warrants, and motor vehicle accidents. On a day-to-day basis, our division processes payment of towed vehicle fees, parking ticket fines, billing and collecting for false alarms, and we coordinate payments of bonds for inmates released on bail. We are the point of contact for anyone requesting copies of reports, whether by email through our website, or in person at the front window. We processed an average of 375 public records request forms (or emails) each month during the last half of the year; these are in addition to those reports that we release routinely when someone comes to the record room for an ordinary report of a relatively simple nature.

In addition, the responsibility to report statistical data is the responsibility of the records staff. Comprehensive statistical data is reported to OIBRS (the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System). Not all incidents – and not all crimes – are reported under this system. In 2016 we reported 3,748 incidents involving reportable criminal charges to OIBRS - an average of 312 reports per month - with an error rate of less than 2%. In August and October, total OIBRS incidents numbered more than 400. OIBRS reporting is a requirement for many grants; we must report crime statistics or the department would be ineligible for funds from many grant sources.

Data regarding 333 domestic violence offenses was reported to the Attorney General's office via the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG). This reporting process is independent of other crime reporting methods.

We keep all records of stolen articles, vehicles, guns, license plates, and missing juveniles and adults. These records must be validated on a regular basis. Our department is also responsible to expunge court ordered records from many judicial systems in the county.

Near the end of 2016, we were able to place a records clerk into a lead clerk position in order for our unit to run more smoothly and keep on top of the daily functions of our division. We had to say good luck to Linda Beck who went to work in the Mayor's office and to Marjorie Scott who went to work in the private sector. We moved a part-time employee, Lucia Grillo, into a full-time position and welcomed two new employees, Tina Roder (full-time) and Katarina Kulbis (part-time) to keep up with the daily demands of our unit.

TRAINING

Capt. Scott Roller (until October 1)

Lt. Mitch Houser (thereafter)

At the beginning of 2016, the Training Division was headed by Capt. Scott Roller. Upon the reorganization of the agency following the retirement of Chief Brickman, and the shuffling of duties required by the elimination of a Captain position, Lt. Houser was assigned as the department's training officer in October.

The first business day of the year brought the first new officer of the year. Ptl. Mausar joined the department on January 4, bringing with him several years of experience with an out-of-state agency, but not an Ohio peace officer certificate. He immediately began attending the Cleveland Heights Police Academy, completing only those portions of the training required by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission as a result of his training elsewhere.

Ptl. Chris Frato was hired in June, and Ptls. Lou Catalani and Matt Rhodes in August. All three of these officers were already certified peace officers in Ohio, and therefore were not required to attend an academy class. Each officer hired, however, undergoes an in-house orientation before being assigned to a field Training Officer (FTO).

All four officers successfully completed the FTO program and were assigned to the Patrol Division by the end of the year.

During the first quarter of the year, we began training mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Each year the Commission requires Continuing Profession Training (CPT) in designated topics. In 2016 the training requirement was 11 hours for each officer in the following areas:

- Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy
- Human Trafficking (2016 Update)
- Companion Animal Encounters
- Policing in the 21st Century (Constitutional use of Force, De-escalation, Implicit Bias, Community Relations, and Procedural Justice)

Agencies that complete the CPT requirement (not only the required number of hours but also the subject matter identified by the Attorney General's office as critical topics) are eligible for reimbursement of some of the costs of conducting the training. The reimbursement we receive as a result of our compliance will offset some, but not all, of officers' wages and other costs associated with completing the mandate.

This effort continued throughout the year, complicated logistically during the first half of the year by preparation for the Republican National Convention in July. Training efforts related to this event, combined with the OPOTC requirement above, made it unfeasible to conduct our ordinary in-house in-service training during the winter and spring.

The only in-service session we were able to conduct in 2016 was held during the fall. This training consisted of statutorily required qualification for each officer with all weapon systems. We also conducted force-on-force training and significant review of updates to our policy and procedure regarding the use of force and firearms.

Lt. Houser was assigned as training officer as this multi-week session was ongoing.

In addition to the efforts described above, the training division processed 315 training requests in 2016. Of these, 270 were approved, a 15% increase over the 235 approvals in 2015. Department employees completed nearly 5,000 hours of training in the following topics.

2016 DARE/SRO Conference	Explosives in America
Ace-V	Extradition
Advanced ALICE Training	FBI Breaching Course
Advanced Microsoft Excel	FBINA Fall Retrainer
AG's Law Enforcement Conference	First Line Supervision
Anarchist Tactics during Large Events	Forensic Hardware
Ballistics Workshop	Gang Trends & Culture
Basic SWAT	High Angle Team Suicidal Jumpers
Below 100 Train the Trainer	High Threat Behavior Based CQB
Blue Courage	Instructor
Blue Courage Executive Overview	Hostage Negotiations - Advanced
Buddy Aid Self Aid	IACP Trauma Informed Sex Assault
Bulletproof Mind	Investigations
Characteristics of an Armed Gunman	IAPE Evidence Room Training
Computer Data Recovery: Basic	Intelligence Liaison Officer
Computer Data Recovery: Intermediate 1	Intermediate Microsoft® Access
Computer Data Recovery: Intermediate 2	Internet Investigations I
Computer Data Recovery: Advanced	Internet Profiling & Intelligence Gathering
Crime & Social Media	Interview & Interrogation
Crime Scene Photography 1	Intro to Digital Evidence Analysis
Criminal Investigation of Deadly Force, Officer-Involved Shootings	Investigative Statement Analysis
Crystal Reports 2-day	Latent Print Advanced Testimony
DEA Basic Narcotics investigator	Leadership, Team Building, and Coaching Skills
Developing, Implementing Safety Town	Legal Issues in Confessions/Interrogations
Digital Evidence Acquisition Specialist	Media Basics for Police Managers
Digital Evidence Testimony	Medicolegal Death Investigation
Drug Interdiction	Midwest Negotiators Conference
Euclid Hospital Medical Examiner's Case Studies	Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission
Evidence Recovery Specialist in Digital Environment	Mobile Field Force
Excel Basics	Multi-Agency IED Security Workshop
Excel Beyond the Basics	OAPE Seminar
Excel: Beyond the Basics	OCPA Annual Conference
Exploring Crime Analysis: Essential Skills 2	Ohio Gang Investigator Specialist Training
	Ohio Juvenile Officers Association
	Ohio PAL Conference
	Ohio Public Records

Ohio Sunshine Law
Opiate Overdose Death Investigation
OTOA Conference
Patrol Drug Operations
Patrol Drug Operations - Practical
Patrol Drug Operations AND Practical
Pepperball Instructor/Armorer
Performance Leadership
Ohio Gang Analysts Meeting
Policing in the 21st Century
Policing in the 21st Century (CPT not required in 2016)
Policing in the 21st Century (Webcast)
Prepping for the RNC
PSLA Alumni Meeting
Public Safety Leadership Academy
Reid Interrogation

Remington 870 Armorer
School Active Shooter Preparedness Planning
Search & Seizure + Search Warrants
Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist
Self Aid, Buddy Aid
Sexual Assault Investigation
Social Media Tools, Disaster Response
Survival Shooting Training
TNT: Tactics in Traffic
Traffic Collision Investigation I
Transformational Leadership
Ultimate Supervisor
Updated Polygraph Techniques
Wiretapping & Electronic Surveillance
Working with the Media

We organized and conducted Class #31 of the Citizens' Police Academy beginning in January, and Class #32 in September. The classes graduated just before Easter and Thanksgiving respectively. Once again the efforts of the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association were invaluable in organizing and operating the class.

The year ended with preparation for 2017, when the annual Continuing Professional Training requirement is 20 hours, another increase on the way to a proposed state-wide 40-hour requirement within another year or two.

JAIL

During all of 2016, 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 Operations Division. 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 four sections of our Policy & Procedure manual during 2016, two of which were the result of our participation in the certification process outlined by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative). This organization was formed in 2014 by Governor Kasich to implement the recommendations of a task force formed "after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenging situations

that exist in too many places between some communities and police.” The Collaborative’s goals are to “hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public.”

The review process in 2016 was focused on policies and procedures in two areas: the use of force, and recruitment/hiring. It was gratifying to find that only minor changes to testing documentation and administrative issues were necessary to bring our use of force policies into compliance. The documents for recruitment/hiring, however, are new to the department; these processes have been historically regulated by the Civil Service Commission. The processes and requirements of the commission are now codified in our own manual.

The in-house review process was completed at the end of 2016. The state assessment process was completed immediately after the first of the year. As a result, we are among those agencies in compliance with the Collaborative’s standards. Fewer than 40% of the agencies in the state have achieved this goal. A list of certified agencies throughout the state is available online at <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/cert-le.html>.

We also updated our policies and procedures regarding the use of social media to bring it into accord with the city’s policy manual and our procedures document regarding crime scene investigation to reflect changes in the types of crimes requiring follow-up by investigative units.

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. Mr. Hicks is not a city employee; he comes to us from Mature Services, a federally-funded job training program for those over 55 years of age.

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.

Significant efforts at records disposal in accordance with statutory requirements are ongoing.

ANIMAL CONTROL

ACO Ann Mills

Euclid Animal Shelter Commission (PetPals Board of Officers)

D. Fay Miller, President

Pat Barnes, Secretary

Patty Burlingham, Treasurer

Sandy Payne

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 2015 and 2016 are summarized in the tables that follow.

ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITY

	Dogs		Cats	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Lost/Found and Owner Recovered	43	51	57	76
Bites	5	3	2	1
Quarantines Completed	5	3	2	1
Barking Complaint	76	88		
Warnings Issued	56	67		
Defecating Complaints	6	8	17	27
Warnings Issued	6	8	15	12
Yard Maintenance Complaints	5	6	2	
Warnings Issued	5	6	2	
Dog in Park/School Grounds	8	5		
Warnings Issued	3	3		
Rabies Vaccine/License Check	257	243		
Warnings Issued	133	124		
Running at Large	396	491	125	198
Warnings Issued	229	378	46	63
Impounds	463	423	128	154
Released to Owner	141	136	4	4
Adoptions	227	176	106	126
Euthanized	8	4	11	9
Misc, county, rescue, placed, returned, n/c	57	102	8	13
Total	2129	2274	525	684

Dangerous Dogs

Declared	6	5
Complied	4	2
Removed from City	2	2
Pending with Prosecutor	0	1

Wildlife

Wildlife complaints	46	67
Wildlife removed	3	6
Dead animals disposed of	223	278
Euthanized (domestic & wild)	3	7
Total Wildlife	287	358

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Bob Ayers, President

Carl Lake, Jr., Vice 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 the city. 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 June raised \$1,378.00. This money has been added to the ECPAAA Equipment Fund.

2016 Volunteer Activities

In February, ECPAAA members painted the shooting range floor at the police department. During the summer months, members participated in the Euclid Memorial Day Parade and assisted Community Policing with staffing the table at the East 200th Street Stroll. Members also assisted with the Citizens' Police Academy Classes #31 (spring, 2016) and #32 (fall, 2016). In July, the ECPAAA members provided two days of meals for the EPD officers and personnel as thanks for their service to the city.

Equipment Fund Activity

Equipment fund money was used to purchase training taser cartridges; a taser model X26P with battery and holster; replacement batteries for tasers; and a digital SLR camera and accessories for the detective bureau.

ECPAAA Meetings

The ECPAAA holds monthly meetings, except for the months of July and August. In 2016, the membership revised their bylaws to better reflect the mission, purpose, and administration of the ECPAAA. They also had speakers who gave presentations at various meetings. Speakers included new Police Chief Scott Meyer and a representative from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Captain James Savage

Administrative Assistants

Kelley Kowalski

Catherine Martin

The primary responsibility of the Administrative Captain is the formulation and administration of the police department's budget, which includes oversight of the payroll of the police department 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). She also helps coordinate the processing of junk autos for the Traffic Division.

The Administrative Captain also has the responsibility of the Traffic Division, Separation from Service Planning, Grant Administration, Technology, Vehicle Operations, and the maintenance and service of the department's Radio Communication Equipment.

In 2016, the operating budget of the Police Department, including Animal Control, was 11.9 million dollars, which was appropriated to the following divisions or accounts:

- Crime control (police officers)
- Police administration (civilian employees)
- Emergency Response Team (EDGE)
- 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 2015:

- Equipment and supplies for the department's network security
- Equipment for the Narcotics Division undercover work

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Officer Josh MacDonald #77

Officer Paul Doyle #11

Officer Anthony Brentar #45

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.

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.

In 2016, Officers Anthony Brentar, Josh MacDonald, and Paul Doyle were all assigned to the Traffic Division. The primary tools used by the division are RADAR and LASER. Officer MacDonald is responsible for maintaining the department's fifteen RADAR units and nine 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 2016, the department 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 to address residents' concerns. The trailer is used to monitor traffic complaints, traffic flow on city streets, speed limits and school zone speeds. Officer Paul 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 2 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 during 2016. These guards work a total of 24 hours per day, helping our elementary and middle school students make it safely to and from school. Officer MacDonald is responsible for 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 2016, 223 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 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 Ohio Revised Code. Officer 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 department. Vehicles ordered immobilized by the Municipal Court are confined by the 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 six vehicles immobilized in 2016. The total amount paid to the City for these immobilizations was \$600.00.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Division are also responsible for monthly collection of invoices from the two towing companies with whom we contract for the impounding of autos. Invoices were collected from both companies and reports forwarded to council regarding a total of 740 tows.

There were 1,448 motor vehicle crashes reported to officers during 2016, a 6% increase over 2015. This total does not include the 559 self-reported crashes received at the police station, which is a 78% increase over the 313 self-reported crashes in 2015.

There were 242 injury crashes in 2016, a reduction of more than 8% from the 264 crashes reported in 2015. There was one traffic fatality on city roads and highways in 2016.

In 2016, the Euclid Police Department maintained its membership in the Greater Cleveland OVI Task Force. Task Force funding enabled the police department to conduct seven sobriety checkpoints. Officers John Foran and Officer Brentar attended the task force annual awards luncheon as a result of their extraordinary efforts in OVI and seat belt enforcement. Officer Ivory was also honored by MADD for his efforts towards impaired-driver enforcement.

GRANTS

Captain James Savage

Grant Administrator

Drug Use Prevention Grant – 2015/2016 & 2016/2017

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

High Visibility Enforcement –2015/2016

For the first time in seven years the department did not receive the Ohio Department of Public Safety's traffic enforcement grant. This grant is designed to allow officers additional time out on the road, 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 so to prevent serious and fatal crashes and to target those that are operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The reason given for the refusal to award the grant was a reduction in the number of fatal accidents over the past three years. This grant which was awarded in October of 2015 ran through September 2016.

Juvenile Diversion Program Grant – 2015/2016 & 2016/2017

The Community Policing Unit received grant funds from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to administer a program that allows parents of minor first time juvenile offenders, to participate in a quasi court setting along with police department personnel and a magistrate to allow juveniles to perform community service instead of going to juvenile court and ending up with a juvenile criminal record.

Recovery Act Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – 2016

This grant is administered by the Cleveland Police Department. 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 that we receive information from.

University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant– 2015/2016 & 2016/2017

This grant enables the 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 Euclid Police Department was one of the original members of this task force which started in the mid-1990's. Today, more than fifty agencies partner in Cuyahoga County to keep our roads safe from impaired drivers.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership - 2016

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 not all of the grants the department requested received funding, we did receive the following in grant monies for 2016.

Drug Use Prevention Grant	\$7,236.00
High Visibility Enforcement (January thru September)	37,499.00
Juvenile Diversion Program Grant	12,900.00
University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant –	12,000.00
Recovery Act Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	13,601.00
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total	\$91,736.00

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR MAINTENANCE

General Foreman
Dennis Barnes

Administrative Assistant
Donna Clinton

In 2016 the Motor Maintenance department purchased three cars for the Patrol Division: one Ford Utility Police Interceptor (Car #2) and two Ford Sedan Police Interceptor's (Cars #18 and 19). We also purchased a 2016 Dodge Caravan for the Warrant Unit (Car #55).

We sold twenty-eight vehicles and other equipment on GovDeals.com which generated \$29,513.00 in revenue. The proceeds from the sales of twenty two of these items went into the general fund in the amount of \$18,857.00. The remaining funds were credited to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$10,656.00.

TOTAL STRENGTH: Sixty (60) Vehicles

Marked Vehicles: 34

• Patrol cars (#1 through 4, #10 through 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 92, 94 and 95)	19
• K-9 units (#8, 9,)	2
• Traffic cars (#30, 31, 34, 35)	4
• Traffic speed monitors (#81, 84)	2
• Supervisor's cars (#23, 24)	2
• Community police cars (#26 and 37)	2
• Accident investigation unit (#5)	1
• Animal control van (#46)	1
• Prisoner transport van (#60)	<u>1</u>
Total:	34

Unmarked Vehicles:

• Chief's car (#21)	1
• Executive Officer's car (#22)	1
• Narcotic cars (#38, 47, 49, 62, 64, 66, 68, 69, 85)	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)	<u>7</u>
Total:	26

In 2016, the police department also had its share of accidents. Fifteen cars were involved in MVA's. Repairs to four cars were paid by insurance claims and the remainders of the costs were paid out of the general fund. One car (car #9) was totaled by the insurance company. Insurance paid \$11,422.57, and the city's cost for repairs was \$27,485.03, for a total of \$38,907.60.