

Annual Report
Euclid Police Department
2017



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May 22, 2018

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

Dear Mayor Holzheimer Gail:

The Euclid Police Department faced a year of challenges in 2017. We worked with and continue to work with our community partners to address these challenges. Additionally, we remained steadfastly dedicated to our mission of public service and most importantly, we possess the asset of incredibly committed and talented officers and civilian employees.

In 2017, the Euclid Police Department experienced some changes in personnel. P.O. Matthew Shiner ^{#68} resigned to take a position with the Pennsylvania State Police. P.O. Richard Frantz ^{#32} retired on a disability due to a catastrophic ankle injury suffered during the arrest of a combative suspect. The Euclid Police Department separated employment with P.O. Michael Amriott ^{#63}. Additionally, Margaret "Peg" Riek, Secretary to the Chief, retired after almost 33 years of dedicated service. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service.

In January, P.O. Casey Kleckner ^{#84} was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau. Detective Kleckner joined an impressive and highly skilled group of investigators.

In February, Captain Jim Savage was appointed to fill the vacant Executive Officer position. This appointment provides for a more defined continuity of command. Executive Officer Savage still handles all of his previous duties and responsibilities.

Four new officers were hired in July through a competitive Civil Service written exam entry process. We welcomed the following talented officers to our "family": John Selig ^{#17}, George Harper ^{#23}, Hunter Kovach ^{#25} and Michael Roulan ^{#42}. All four officers have previous law enforcement experience.

During this past year, we continued with our commitment to staff a Community Policing Unit. Sergeant Michael Walsh supervised this unit; Officers Steve Shubert ^{#26} and George Panagiotou ^{#66}, along with civilian employees Kate McLaughlin, Ed Bonchak, and Audrey Cobb, round out this remarkable 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 2017. The Community Policing Unit was recognized by the multi-county Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition as their “Agency of the Year” along with the “Community Outreach Award”. For the second year in a row, 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 three departmental awards, in addition to three awards for individual officer recognition to Captain Jim Savage and Officers John Foran ^{#34} and Tony Brentar ^{#45}. Additionally, the Euclid Police Department was awarded a Stalker Lidar laser speed detection device, worth \$2,500, from this task force.

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 2017. 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.

Chief of Police

February 13, 2018

Administrative Assistants (2 P/T)

Patrol Division
Capt. Kelly

Administrative Division
Exec. Officer Savage

Operations Division
Capt. Roller

Detectives
Lt. Knack

Narcotics/Vice
Sgt. Arriza

Lt. Cutwright
(Platoon #1)

2 Sgts.

17 Officers

Lt. Janson
(Platoon #2)

2 Sgts.

17 Officers

Lt. Verh
(Platoon #3)

2 Sgts.

15 Officers

Community Policing Unit
Sgt. Novitski

4th Platoon

Comm. Policing Specialist

Program Specialist

Analytics

EDGE (SWAT) Admin.

Traffic Division

4 officers

Parking Bureau

Budget Admin.

Technology (IT)

Vehicle Fleet

Recruiting/Hiring

Training

Lt. Houser

Records

Senior Clerk
Edie Stanek

3 F/T Clerks
1 P/T Clerk

Animal Control

1 ACO
1 Admin. Asst.

Jail

Policy/Procedure

Building (Phys. Plant)

Sgt. Murowsky

9 Detectives

Warrant Unit

1 Detective
2 P/T Warr. Officers

Property & Evidence

2 P/T Technicians

1 F/T Admin. Asst.
1 P/T Admin. Asst.

4 Detectives

1 P/T Admin. Asst.

INVESTIGATIVE UNITS

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Lieutenant M. Knack

Sgt. Dan Novitski (until 12/7/17)
Sergeant C. Murowsky (eff. 12/7/17)

Detective J. Braun
Detective M. Caruso
Detective J. Schultz
Detective J. Krocak

Detective S. Schmid
Detective P. Tschetter
Detective D. Olszewski
Detective Casey Kleckner

Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force

Detective D. Carpenter

FBI Violent Crimes Task Force

Detective P. Wittreich

Juvenile Unit

Detective D. Sawyer

Secretaries

Jennifer Storey
Kathy Malovasic

Warrant Unit

Detective W. Rogers

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 Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating all felonies, serious misdemeanors and reports of "suspicious nature". In 2017 the Detective Bureau received over 1,660 reports to be investigated and the Juvenile Detective Bureau received over 340 reports to be investigated.

The Detective Bureau added one detective in 2017. Detective Casey Kleckner transferred into the unit from the Patrol Division in January.

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 numerous search warrants in 2017 with a 100% approval rate. Detective Tschetter is also an expert in the field of fingerprint identification along with

Detective Sergeant Novitski. Detective John Braun is our unit’s 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 2017, Detective Dave Carpenter worked under the supervision of the United States Marshal Service. Det. 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 Detective Unit works closely with the Detective Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, 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 new ways to enhance his investigatory skills. As a result of a staffing change in 2014, Detective Daniel Sawyer continues to handle an increasing case load that was previously handled by two detectives. Detective Daniel Sawyer has never once shied away from this increased workload and should be commended on his positive attitude.

Throughout 2017 the Warrant Unit was staffed by one full-time police officer, Detective William Rogers, and two part-time officers, Warrant Officer Robert Nolan and Warrant Officer David Schervish. 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 for 2017.

	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Felony	250	185	435
Misdemeanor	261	189	450
Capias	593	529	1122
Traffic	17	21	38
Subpoena	448	0	448
Bonds	511	749	1260
Totals	2080	1673	3753

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 submit case files through the county's electronic portal to the 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 finding the truth. The integrity, work ethic and personalities of all of the unit's members are what make this possible.

NARCOTICS & VICE UNIT

Sgt. Tom Arriza

Det. Jose Alcantara

Det. B. Buchs

Det. Orlando Almonte

Det. Ben Kreischer

Secretary Diane White

Detective Sergeant Thomas Arriza continued his command of the Narcotics & Vice Unit during 2017, reporting to Chief Scott Meyer. 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 56 search warrants in 2017. 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 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 deadly heroin epidemic continued during 2017, and was made much worse due to the widespread availability of fentanyl and carfentanyl. In 2017 unit investigators processed approximately 2,000 criminal violations which resulted in immediate charges and/or indictments against arrested parties. Additionally, \$108,982.50 in seized U.S. currency was processed through the unit during the year.

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 2017, our investigators (and patrol officers) were deluged with drug investigations and arrests involving the possession, use, and trafficking of heroin, fentanyl and carfentanyl. Our investigators were involved in hundreds of heroin trafficking and possession investigations and/or 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 2017, 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. We also worked closely with the city's law department and prosecutor's office on matters involving drug, liquor, and vice violations that will help protect our city and its citizens from these crimes.

The Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF) had another successful year. 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

Community Policing Specialist
Crime Analyst

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, 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

Analysts in the CAU continued to work as Intelligence Liaison Officers under Ohio Homeland Security collaborating with the Ohio Fusion Center Network (OFCN) for the purpose of analysis, sharing, and dissemination of intelligence.

The CAU also assisted other departments in City of Euclid such as Planning and Development and the Mayor's Office, as well as the Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University.

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

<u>Offense/Complaint</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Abduction/Kidnap/Enticement	31	23
Animal Complaints	257	252
Arson	8	5
Assault (Felony/Aggravated)	72	71
Assault (Simple)	422	446
Breaking & Entering	107	141
Breaking & Entering (attempt)	18	14
Burglary	316	349
Burglary (Attempt)	32	40
Crim. Damage/Mischief/Vandalism	655	761
Disorderly Conduct/Riot	243	217
Disturbances	521	420
Domestic Violence	400	369
Drugs	931	861
Endangering/Child Offense	60	51
Family Disturbance	166	145
Fraud	367	345
Gambling/Liquor/Solicitation	87	22
Homicide	8	1
Homicide (Attempt)	13	11

<u>Offense/Complaint</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Juvenile Complaints	215	210
Menacing	261	226
Obstruction, Resisting, False Information	367	330
Phone Threats/Harassment	378	400
Psychiatric Situation	147	198
Receiving Stolen Property	80	65
Robbery	138	142
Robbery (Attempt)	13	12
Sex Offenses - Rape	35	28
Sex Offenses - Other	53	46
Suspicious Calls	391	340
Theft	638	704
Theft (Auto)	239	263
Theft (auto, attempted)	16	66
Theft (from auto)	197	202
Theft (license plate)	72	74
Theft (shoplifting)	185	154
Theft (unauthorized use of auto)	85	74
Trespassing	393	408
Weapons Offenses	289	195

PROPERTY ROOM

John Buling

Tom Yanacek

During 2017, a total of 5,901 items were logged into property and evidence. A total of 4,008 items were destroyed. The destroyed items included 123 firearms, 61 replica weapons, and 130 knives which were destroyed by Gunbusters Firearms Pulverizer. We returned 393 items to owners, and 123 items were converted to use by Euclid Police Department. Currency and coin totaling \$2,398.63 was logged out of the evidence room safe and deposited into the City of Euclid's Chase bank account on August 7, 2017.

The off-site storage location for our recovered bicycles is the City of Euclid Parks and Recreation building at 25090 Lakeland Blvd. We currently have 46 unclaimed bicycles recovered in 2017 in storage at the facility. On June 24, 2017, 64 bikes along with 25 other unclaimed items were sold at the annual auction, yielding a profit of \$1591.00. These proceeds went directly to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, which staffed and facilitated the event.

The amount of digital evidence processed and disseminated has continued to grow rapidly in 2017. The new DIMS system went online in April, which combines the storage of photos and body cam video files and catalogues them by report number. Nearly all patrol cars are now equipped with mobile video systems which automatically download video files to a separate server. Other agencies, including the Ohio Highway Patrol, use our OVI processing room periodically, and interviews are also often conducted there by our detective bureau. We captured and archived a total of 258 videos from the OVI processing room. Additionally, we processed hundreds of prosecutor requests for video recorded both by mobile video systems and body-worn cameras.

PATROL DIVISION

Captain Kevin Kelly

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department, consisting of one captain, three lieutenants, seven sergeants and fifty-four patrol officers who provide twenty-four hour police service to the community. The Community policing unit, 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. Patrol Officers seized 231 guns that were either being carried illegally, or used in the commission of a crime. They also responded to 42,615 calls for service from the public. In October we began tracking when officers engaged the community in a positive manner. This could be anything from stopping and having a conversation with a resident, to helping someone across the street, and anything in between. Since October 1st, 2017 patrol officers had 230 positive community engagements. This is nothing new. Euclid officers have always taken time to engage the community. 2018 will bring even more opportunities for officers and residents to get to know each other better.

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.

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

(Eff. 12/31/17)

Capt. K. Kelly

Lt. J. Cutwright

Sgt. J. Barron
Sgt. D. Holden

Lt. M. Janson

Sgt. T. Styles
Sgt. M. Walsh

Lt. T. Verh

Sgt. A. Beese
Sgt. W. Williams

P.O. G. Drew #33
P.O. T. Coyne #16
P.O. F. Royce #78
P.O. M. Neibecker #4
P.O. D. Ivory #19
P.O. T. Thomas #30
P.O. M. Brooks #90
P.O. J. Parkin #50
P.O. T. Gauntner #15
P.O. R. Jackson #89
P.O. J. Aoki #7
P.O. S. Kaman #38
P.O. A. Malone #27
P.O. K. Nyman #31
P.O. J. Mausar #52
P.O. J. Selig #17

P.O. F. Stoldt #54
P.O. S. Hogrefe #65
P.O. D. Kocsis #20
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. K. Blakemore #55
P.O. M. Leyde #40
P.O. N. Edington #79
P.O. J. Kotlar #71
P.O. G. Harper #23
P/O/ H. Kovach #25
P.O. M. Roulan #42

P.O. C. Chambers #22
P.O. S. Jares #74
P.O. G. Costello #51
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. K. Pavkov #83
P.O. A. Schwedt #43
P.O. D. Ferritto #10
P.O. N. Reed #3
P.O. J. Foran #34
P.O. M. Rhodes #39

Community Policing

P. O. S. Shubert #26
P/O/ G. Panagiotou #66

4th Platoon

P.O. V. Williams #9
P.O. M. Gilmer #18
P.O. L/ Catalani #47
P.O. K. Flagg #61
P.O. C. Frato #48

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

Sgt. Donna Holden (January 1- June 30)

Sgt. Mike Walsh (July 1-December 31)

Ptl. Steve Shubert

Ptl. George Panagiotou

Kate McLaughlin

Community Policing Specialist

Audrey Cobb

Community Outreach Specialist

Ed Bonchak

Community Education Specialist

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 [CPU] 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 2017 for several of the outstanding programs that are offered to our community.

AAA awarded the Euclid Police Department the 2017 Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award. This is the second 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 "Agency of the Year 2017" and an award for "Community Outreach".

Officer George Panagiotou was recognized by Shoreview Elementary for his contributions to the elementary school students.

Significant Events & Programs

National Night Out

Led by Officer Shubert, the entire unit coordinated a major event that took place August 1st at the E.276 & Sidney Ave. park. With major support from Euclid Apartments and various businesses, a DJ 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. The total attendance was estimated at around 500 people. 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 “Mocktail” Fundraiser

Members of Community Policing proudly represented the department at the Safe Kids Safe Communities fundraising event. Our theme was Route 66 and our mocktail was named Rt. 66 Roadkill Chill. 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

CPU 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. CPU provided a table full of materials regarding home safety and answered questions from the public during a meet-and-greet session.

Family Events

CPU partnered with The Lakeshore Coffee House that hosted Cool Off with a Cool Officer to encourage the community-police relationship and promote safety. CPU attended a community movie night at Bluestone Elementary providing crime prevention resources, answering questions, and engaging with families. CPU Officers patrolled city streets on bicycles throughout the summer months and participated in local July 4th parades, as well as the Sims Park concert series. Members of CPU got into the Halloween spirit and provided sweets and safe trick-or-treat information and bags for youngsters at Howl at the Hall at Euclid City Hall, trick-or-treat at Euclid High School and at the Cleveland Justice Center.

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 was highly engaged with the EHS football and basketball programs where he worked closely with the student athletes and coaches. He also actively attended 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. Officer Shubert was recently named the voice of the Panthers announcing all the varsity games.

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 Central Middle School as well as Euclid High School. Six hundred students participated in the program. Seventh-grade students at Central Middle School 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. The D.A.R.E. Program facilitates "Family Skate Night" at the United Skates of America in Wickliffe to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and to promote anti-bullying initiatives in the Euclid City Schools.

Safety Town

For the sixth 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.

"Day in the Life of a Euclid Police Officer"

For the "Day in the Life" program we hosted eight members of the Euclid community and gave a detailed breakdown of the Euclid Police Department, explaining the amount and types of calls the police department responds to and gave statistics relating to important safety and quality of life issues including incidents relating to guns, drugs, and violence. Participants

had the opportunity to run through scenarios as Police Officers and experience what calls can be like from the perspective of the Officer.

Junior Police Academy

Twenty-four middle school students participated in the PAL sponsored Junior Police Academy, a one-week program which allows middle school aged 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.

"Euclid Police Athletic League Summer Soccer Camps"

PAL hosted two different week long soccer summer camps that welcomed over fifty youth from our community. Over the course of these two camps, the kids spent two hours a day, five days per week, working on basic soccer skills as well as developing their fitness and athleticism. PAL partnered with the Euclid High School Girls Soccer Team, who sent five young ladies to come help coach the camp with the kids for both camps. The Department rewarded those young ladies with customized Nike Cleats for their efforts!

PAL Basketball

PAL hosted four months of Friday night basketball at Central Middle School. Each Friday, provided there was not a school day off for a holiday or special function, PAL hosted an open gym from 6pm to 9pm for area youth in 6th and 7th grades. Kids participated in basketball as well as mentorship discussions, interaction with guest speakers, and even had pizza nights and free t-shirt nights. Over the course of the four months, over 60 children participated in the program!

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" at Bluestone Elementary School. Officer Ed Bonchak and Officer George Panagiotou greeted the children as they arrived to school in the morning. Those students who complied with the pedestrian safety rules received a "Walk This Way" safety sticker to promote good pedestrian practices within the school.

Career Day

Community Policing Officers and CPU civilian personnel attended the Euclid High School 8th grade event, Bluestone Elementary, and YMCA career day events to provide resources and answer questions about careers in law enforcement.

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.

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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (EDGE)

Lt. Rick Friedl, SEPD

Team Commander

Lt. Mike Janson, Euclid PD

Asst. Commander

(Tactical Operations)

RED TEAM

Det. Dave Carpenter, Euclid PD

Team Leader

Ptl. Steve Wilson, SEPD

Assistant Team Leader

Euclid PD

Det. Buchs

Ptl. W. Brooks

Beachwood PD

A. Lieb

J. Spelman

B. Ryks

South Euclid PD

B. Hegyes

Probationary Members

Moze (CHPD)

Thomas (SHPD)

Rini (CHPD)

Soyko (CHPD)

Riley CHPD

BLUE TEAM

Sgt. Mike O'Connor, SEPD

Team Leader

Det. Josh Schultz, Euclid PD

Assistant Team Leader

Euclid PD

Ptl. Frank Royce

Ptl. Trevor Thomas

Beachwood PD

R. Kemer

Shaker Heights PD

B. Wedeking

University Hts. PD

C. Darrah

Probationary Members

Miller (UHPD)

Davis (CHPD)

Chenevey (SHPD)

Robbins (CHPD)

Robinson (CHPD)

WHITE TEAM

Sgt. Joel Barron Euclid PD
Team Leader

Det. Paul Wittreich Euclid PD
Assistant Team Leader

Euclid PD
Ptl. Nolan Ellis
Ptl. Dan Ferritto

South Euclid PD
B. Hegyes

Beachwood PD
D. Gollner

University Heights PD
B. Manley

Probationary Members

Hood (CHPD)
Lewis (SHPD)

Lasker (CHPD)
Imbrogno (UHPD)

McHugh (CHPD)

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS

Sgt. Tom Arriza Euclid PD

Sgt. Mike Walsh, Euclid PD

Team Leaders

Euclid PD
John Braun
Orlando Almonte

Beachwood PD
M. Anderson

Shaker Hts.
L. Clague
C. Ricketti
M. Dunn

South Euclid PD
M. Demario
C. Marabito
J. Dilillo

University Heights PD
C. Gortz
B. Feltoon

K-9

S. Euclid PD
M. Fink & K9 Kolbe

Medics

Beachwood Fire Dept.
A. Strazzo, Supervisor
S. Frey
M. Domonkos
M. Iacubucci
D. Peterson
D. Spisak
A. Kustra

Shaker Hts. Fire Dept.
C. Nagy
S. Zenz

Euclid Fire Dept
N. Carney
J. Jaros
B. Kunchik

EDGE (Eastside Department Group Enforcement) SWAT is led by team commander Lt. Rick Friedl from the South Euclid Police Department. EDGE is a multi-jurisdictional SWAT/Crisis Negotiation team comprised of 53 officers from Euclid, Shaker Heights, Beachwood, University Heights, Cleveland Heights and South Euclid police departments. Eleven officers are from Euclid. The past year was the third full year of the integrated team serving these communities.

EDGE conducted an unprecedented 81 operations in 2017. These 81 operations included serving high risk Search and Arrest warrants (Homicide, Aggravated Robbery, Shooting/gun suspects, Etc), Emergency SWAT/CNT callouts for barricaded/ armed suspects, or endangered/ suicidal persons, and serving search warrants for Narcotics. The 8 emergency callouts involved suspects who were possibly armed and barricaded or suicidal/ armed persons. All were resolved peacefully by SWAT and/or CNT. Some operations were assisting other local and federal agencies. The following is a summary of all operations:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Narcotics search warrants	44	40
Murder & Att. Murder arrest/search warrants	3	7
Other arrest/search warrants	14	26
Emergency call-outs for armed, barricaded suspects	4	8
Other civil disturbances	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	72	81

EDGE members attended the five-day Ohio Tactical Officers Association (OTOA) conference in Sandusky, Ohio, in June. In addition to regular twice-monthly training days, the team participated in a full week of training in September (SWAT week). Individual team members also attended specialized training for breaching, defensive tactics, firearms handling, and rope rescue.

Cleveland Heights Police joined EDGE in May of 2017. The team conducted tryouts and added 10 probationary members to the team from Cleveland Heights during the year. 2018 will be the first full year of participation from all six EDGE cities.

K9 UNIT

Lt. M. Janson

K9 Teams

Ptl. Kleckner #84 & K9 Rocky (Retired)

Ptl. Blakemore #55 & K9 Chase

On January 7, 2017, Ptl. Kleckner #84 was reassigned to the Detective Bureau. As a result, K9 Rocky was retired from duty. K9 Rocky was a dedicated service dog and will be missed by all, except for maybe the criminal element. We wish K9 Rocky many more years of healthy living at home with Det. Kleckner. This reduced our K9 Unit to only one team, Ptl. Blakemore and K9 Chase. Ptl. Blakemore was injured and off duty during January and February, leaving the department with no K9 Teams for the first two months of the year. We relied upon other area police K9 Teams for assistance aid during this time. Upon returning to duty, Ptl. Blakemore and K9 Chase renewed certifications through both the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA).

The following is a summary of deployments for the K9 unit from March 4 until the end of the year:

Automobile narcotics searches	62	Suspect building searches	18
Narcotic searches (buildings)	25	Suspect tracks/ area searches	15
School narcotics searches	5	Suspect apprehensions	5
Narcotic/SWAT warrants	5	Bite apprehensions	0
Narcotics seizures	25	No-bite apprehensions	5
Marijuana	11	Burglar alarms	50
Cocaine	0	K9 cover during arrest	56
Heroin	0	Crowd control/ riots	1
Paraphernalia	4	K9 demonstration	3
		K9 mutual aid requests	19
		K9 training days	19

AUXILIARY POLICE

John Banasik

Director

David Tarantino

Assistant Director

Platoon Leaders

Charles Lilly

Steve Takas, Sr.

Squad Leaders

Paula Baranowski

Susan Carlton

Matt Cirino

Jeff Zimmer

Auxiliary Officers

Edmund Anderson

Stefan Fagan

Larry Longstreth

Terry Sheridan

Bob Ayers

Scott Filipek

Pamela Minich

Daylan Smith

Kenneth Borgman

Eric Jackson

Sandra Post

Vanessa Smith

Denny Brown

Daniel Kever

Fred Ray

John Tepley

Shawn Chatmon

Raymond Klankar

Joe Ridgley

Don Trbovich

Cory Cottrell

Franc Kreze

The Euclid Auxiliary Police Unit's objective is to assist the police department in assuring safety and security during community and school events and emergencies such as severe weather and power outages. As in the past, our primary details concerned traffic and crowd control. The unit also participated in school events, the Memorial Day parade, DUI checkpoints, Halloween patrol, holiday foot patrol in downtown Euclid, and many crime prevention details.

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.

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.

In 2017, a total of **1,826** hours were donated by an average of 30 officers. As the needs of the Department change, so will the Auxiliary. We will continue to volunteer our services during 2018. We hope to recruit new volunteers to strengthen the unit. 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 Euclid a better place to live.

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.

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

Lucilla Grillo

Tina Roeder

Katarina Kulbis

Morena Zilic

The Records Section is the primary point of contact for our residents, visitors and community partners. The records section maintains an unwavering commitment to provide excellent, courteous and quality customer service.

The records section provides critical operational support to the department by processing and maintaining records concerning reported incidents of crime, arrests, vehicles towed, protection orders issued by several courts, warrants, and motor vehicle accidents. On a day-to-day basis, our section processes payment of towed vehicle fees, parking ticket fines, and billing and collections for false alarms. We also 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 lobby walk-up window. We processed at least 4,246 public records request forms (or emails) during 2017 year and assisted a minimum of 13,917 citizens at our walk-up window for various requests or reasons.

In addition, the task to compile statistical data is the responsibility of the records staff. Comprehensive statistical data is reported to the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (OIBRS). Not all incidents - and not all crimes – are reported under this system. In 2017 we reported 3,990 incidents involving reportable criminal charges to OIBRS. The FBI tracks this information and compiles it through the National Incident Based Reporting System. This reporting will also assist in obtaining grants which will be used to help us control crime in our city and county.

Data regarding 433 domestic violence offenses were reported not only through OIBRS but also to the Attorney General's office via the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG). This reporting process is independent of other crime reporting methods.

Record room staff also processed:

- 3,829 warrants
- 1,372 crash reports (reported to the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles)
- 1,486, traffic citations
- 943 criminal citations (summonses)
- 4,527 parking citations

We maintain all records of stolen articles, vehicles, guns, license plates, missing juveniles and adults. These records must be validated on a regular basis. Our section is also charged with expunging court ordered records from any judicial systems in the county.

In 2017, we were able to hire an additional part-time employee to assist with processing parking tickets and extend our hours to assist the public. The result being the records section is now open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TRAINING

Lt. Mitch Houser

July 2017 saw the addition of four new officers to the EPD; John Selig, George Harper, Hunter Kovach, and Michael Roulan. All had prior experience with other area police departments. After a one-week department orientation, they were assigned to, and completed, nineteen weeks of field-training. During this training, they were each assigned to rotations with three different Field Training Officers (FTO's). After successful completion of their field training, they were all assigned to begin their probationary assignments to the Patrol division in November.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission nearly doubled the number of mandated Continued Professional Training (CPT) hours from eleven in 2016, to twenty in 2017. Agencies that complete the CPT mandate, including specific subject matter identified by the Attorney General's office as "critical topics," are eligible for financial reimbursement of some of the costs of conducting the training. The reimbursement is intended to offset some of the wages and other costs associated with completing these critical topics. This year the critical topics did not meet the specific training needs of our agency. As a result, we selected other topics that meet CPT statutory requirements, but resulted in the agency being ineligible for the partial financial reimbursement. In 2017, we fulfilled the 20-hour CPT requirement with the following topics:

- Subject Control Tactics
- Legal Update from the Euclid Law Department
- Driver Training
- Cultural Diversity and Implicit Bias
- CPR Re-certification
- Detective Bureau Update
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing (DUI field tests)
- Firearms Use In and Around Vehicles (Vehicle CQB)
- Force-on-Force Firearms Training
- Practical Application of Tourniquets

In addition to the CPT training, Chief Meyer desired that all sworn officers received additional training for "special needs" victims. This includes crime victims with special psychological and/or physical needs. All sworn personnel completed additional training in the following topics:

- Victims with Special Needs
- Disability Training for First Responders

In the fall and into the early winter, all sworn personnel completed the state-mandated annual firearms requalification with their duty handgun, shotgun, AR-15 style carbine, and any off-duty or back-up handguns they use. Additionally, fifteen officers completed a two-day AR-15 carbine training class in order to become more proficient with this weapon system. To date, all officers assigned to the patrol division—where the AR-15 carbines are immediately available—have attended this intensive two-day course. We also reinstated the Shooting Bar Award program. Officers were permitted shoot their duty handgun for score which could result in being awarded a specific citation bar for their uniform, depending upon their score. The levels of proficiency include Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, and Master.

In addition to the efforts described above, the training division processed 253 individual training requests in 2017. Of these, 190 were approved. Department employees completed over 4,000 hours of training in the following topics.

- 1st Annual Forensic Symposium
- Active Shooter Events Response
- Advanced Charts and Graphs in Excel
- Advanced Emergency Response Operations
- Advanced Interview Techniques
- Advanced Pivot Tables in Excel
- ALICE Instructor
- Amber Alert Training
- Annual SRO/DARE Conference
- Armed Suspect Recognition and Firearms Seizure
- ASER and CRASE
- ASP Instructor; Baton & Handcuffs
- Basic Academy Driving Instructor
- Basic Intelligence Analyst
- Basic SWAT
- Behavior Observation & Contact Techniques
- Beyond Enforcement: Taking Care of Ohio's Youth
- Blue Courage
- Bulletproof Mind
- Child Death Investigations
- Civil Justice for Victims of Crime in Ohio
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events: Train the Trainer
- CJIS for Law Enforcement Executives
- Core Criminal Investigation
- Criminal Patrol Drug Interdiction
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Critical incident Stress Management Seminar
- Cultivating & Managing Confidential Informants
- Current Issues Facing Street Level Cops
- Dealing with Dangerous Drugs During Patrol Stops
- Desert Snow: Current Issues Facing Street Level Cops
- Detecting, Investigating, and Prosecuting Non-Fatal Strangulations
- Developing Leadership Skills for Excellence
- Drug Recognition Expert
- Dynamics of Officer/Citizen Encounters
- Electronic Device Crime Scene Search and Evidence Recovery
- Fall Polygraph Seminar Continuing Education
- Field Force Command & Bomb Threat Management
- Field Training Officer School
- Fighting the Drug Epidemic
- Firearms Instructor, The Big Three
- First Responder Fentanyl Training
- Flying While Armed
- Force Science Basics Seminar
- Force Science Issues Related to Body Cameras
- Glock Armorer's School
- Guide to Human Resources
- Gunfighter Pistol
- Ideas In Motion - Fighting the Drug Epidemic
- Importance of Situational Awareness
- Intelligence Liaison Officer Annual Conference
- Intoxilyzer 8000 Operator
- Intro to Narco-Terrorism
- Introduction to Intelligence Analyst for Law Enforcement Investigations
- Labor Law and Labor Arbitration
- Latent Print Development
- Law Enforcement Critical Issues Symposium
- Legal Issues In Confessions and Interrogations
- Linguistic Statement Analysis Technique
- Midwest Crisis Negotiators Conference

- Mobile Device Investigations
- NIBRS Training
- Northeast Ohio GIS Symposium
- NTOA Less Lethal Instructor
- OFFERUP Law Enforcement Relations
- OH Identification Officer's Annual Conference
- Ohio Tactical Officer's Training Conference
- Operation Street Smart Drug Education
- OTOA Conference
- Patrol Response to Suspicious Death: Homicide Scene
- Paul Butler Seminar
- Prescription Drug Diversion Awareness
- Providing a Safe Environment For Our School Children
- Public Information Officer Training and Development
- Public Safety Leadership Academy
- Pursuit Supervision
- Responding to Veterans and Police Officers in Crisis
- Self Aid Buddy Aid
- Sexual Assault Investigation
- Shooting Incident Reconstruction
- Skin Persistency as it pertains to fingerprints
- Solving Homicides
- Spring Polygraph Seminar "How to Reduce Inconclusive Tests"
- Stalking: Tracking the Creeper
- Standard Field Sobriety Tests Instructor
- Statement analysis for the Informed Interview
- Street Surveillance Techniques for Plain Clothes Officers
- Street Survival Seminar
- Synthetic Opioids: Investigation, Handling, and Safety Practices
- TACOPS East
- Tactical Communications
- Tactical Medical for First Responders
- Tactical Narcotics Techniques
- Tactical Rope Access Training
- Taser Instructor
- Technology Threats & Trends in Narcotics Investigations
- Threat Assessment Workshop
- TNT: Tactics In Traffic
- Traffic Incident management for Emergency Responders
- Undercover Online Investigations
- Vehicle CQB Instructor
- Verbal De-Escalation Train the Trainer
- Women In Command

We organized and conducted class #33 of the Citizens' Police Academy beginning in September. The class graduated just before Thanksgiving. Once again the efforts of the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association were invaluable in organizing and conducting the 11-week class.

The year ended with preparation for 2018, when the annual Continuing Professional Training mandate became unfunded by the state. As a result, there is no CPT hourly requirement for 2018. However, we are scheduled to hold at least two agency-wide in-service training sessions throughout the year as well as continued individual officer training such as the schools and topics listed above.

Finally, in 2018, we will be the first police department in Ohio to host "Procedural Justice for Law Enforcement." This program was developed by the U.S. Department of Justice's office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the University of Illinois. The procedural justice curriculum will expand emphasis on procedural justice and its core principles throughout law enforcement, focusing on respect, legitimacy, and the concept of fairness ultimately demonstrated in interactions between law enforcement and the community. The purpose of the

curriculum is to create a broader awareness of procedural justice and its core principles; provide practical steps to integrate procedural justice at the organizational level by training law enforcement executives on how to incorporate procedural justice core principles into organizational decision-making and policies; and to help agencies create an environment where procedural justice core principles become standard practice. This is scheduled to take place in January and February at the Euclid Public Library. The four sessions will be taught by instructors from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

JAIL

During all of 2017, 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 two sections of our policy & procedure manual during 2017, 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 2017 was focused on policies and procedures in two areas: “Community Engagement” and “Body Worn Cameras” use of force, and recruitment/hiring. The in-house review process was completed at the end of 2017. 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 regarding Community Engagement. On the topic of Body Worn Cameras, however, restrictions on the agency in the newly executed collective bargaining agreement have required ongoing discussions with the FOP. That process continues.

Additional updates are pending.

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 throughout 2017 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. Near the end of 2017, James Bady also joined us from Mature Services.

Space continues to be at a premium. Significant efforts at records disposal in accordance with statutory requirements are ongoing, and surplus and obsolete equipment is sold either at auction or by Motor Maintenance Foreman Rich Perusek on govdeals.com.

The condition of the building is concerning. The Service Department was able to arrange replacement of an aging ventilation system that serves our pistol range in 2017, and two air conditioning units that were to all best estimates more than 20 years old were also replaced. However, flooring that has been in place for 12 or more years is degraded; tiles are loose or missing throughout the building, and carpets are in such shape that they are made worse by efforts to clean them. Glass block windows must be repaired or replaced; spalling and efflorescence of the mortar and surrounding concrete are cause for concern. Water continues to gather within the wall of our record storage area and flow during rainfall in the training room. Budget limitations understandably prevent much work in this area, so we continue to seek other solutions.

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.

In 2017 sections of the city codified ordinances regarding dangerous dogs were amended. These amendments were the result of judicial decisions at the state level. It is no longer permissible to declare a breed of dog dangerous solely because of its breed. As a result, any such declarations are now based upon the dog's actions and behaviors.

In the past year our dispatch center fielded 1,429 calls related to animals, either domesticated or wildlife. The vast majority of these required either direct response or follow-up by the ACO. For perspective, dispatchers took 1,458 calls for the fire *department* regarding fires, special and elevator rescues, carbon monoxide and fire alarms, and utilities-related calls.

In November 2016 the city hired Linda Caynor as a part-time clerk. Her assistance through 2017 with administrative tasks and animal care have been invaluable. In addition, a part-time contractor, Rosemary Stacks, is responsible for care and cleaning during weekend hours. Were it not for the efforts of these employees and a pool of volunteers coordinated by PetPals, it would not be possible to operate the animal shelter.

Additional information regarding the number and types of issues handled by the Animal Control Officer in 2016 and 2017 are summarized in the table that follows.

Animal Control Statistics

	Dogs		Cats	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Lost/Found and Owner Recovered	54	43	33	57
Bites	6	5		2
Quarantines Completed	6	5		2
Barking Complaint	84	76		
Warnings Issued	63	56		
Defecating Complaints	3	6	6	27
Warnings Issued	3	6	6	15
Yard Maintenance Complaints	8	5	2	2
Warnings Issued	8	5	2	2
Dog in Park/School Grounds	2	8		
Warnings Issued	0	3		
Rabies Vaccine/License Check	234	257	4	
Warnings Issued	176	133	4	
Running at Large	349	396	88	125
Warnings Issued	223	229	23	46
Impounds	431	463	156	128
Released to Owner	144	141	2	4
Adoptions	222	227	134	106
Euthanized	4	8	3	11
Misc, county, rescue, placed, returned, n/c	20	57	4	8
Total	2040	2129	467	535

<u>Dangerous Dogs</u>		
Declared	10	6
Complied	5	4
Removed from City	0	2
Pending with Prosecutor	5	0

<u>Wildlife</u>		
Wildlife complaints	64	46
Wildlife removed	7	3
Dead animals disposed	197	223
Euthanized (domestic & wild)	4	3
Total Wildlife	272	275

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 \$1,590.00. This money has been added to the ECPAAA Equipment Fund.

2017 Volunteer Activities

ECPAAA members participated in the Rally for Euclid in April and the Memorial Day Parade in May. They assisted Community Policing with staffing the table at the East 200th Street Stroll, worked the bike auction, and helped with National Night Out. Members also assisted with the Citizens' Police Academy Classes #32 (spring, 2017) and #33 (fall, 2017). 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

Money from the bike auction was added to the Equipment Fund. No monies were requested for equipment during this past year.

ECPAAA Meetings

The ECPAAA holds monthly meetings, except for the months of July and August. In 2017, they had several speakers who gave presentations on various topics. Speakers included Captain Kevin Kelly; Kristal Grida, Neighborhood Engagement Specialist; Special Agent Chris Garnett of the FBI; Juanita Hivner from Windsor Laurelwood Center; Nick DiCicco from Chagrin Valley Dispatch; and Greg Fondran from the U.S. Coast Guard.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Executive Officer James Savage

Kelley Kowalski

Cindy Powell

Cathy Martin

Administrative Assistants

The primary responsibility of the Administrative Captain is the formulation and administration of the Police Department's budget, which includes the overseeing of the payroll of the police department and purchasing of all supplies and equipment. He was aided in this task by Administrative Assistants Catherine Martin, who managed the daily operations of purchasing and inventory until her retirement on June 30, 2017, and Kelley Kowalski, who coordinates the payroll. Kelley is also responsible for coordinating the processing of junk autos for the Traffic Division and the upkeep of the Parking Bureau records. In October of 2017, Cynthia Powell joined the administrative division as an Administrative Assistant for the Police Department bringing over 15 years of experience from the city's finance department. She will participate in all aspects of the department's administrative duties.

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 2017, the operating budget of the Police Department, including Animal Control was 12.4 million dollars, which was 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 2017:

- Equipment for the Narcotics Division undercover work
- Two new police Cruisers and related Mobile Video Equipment.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Officer Josh MacDonald #77

Officer Paul Doyle #11

Officer Anthony Brentar #45

Officer Nolan Ellis #21 (eff. 12/7/2017)

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 2017, Officers Anthony Brentar, Josh MacDonald, and Paul Doyle were all assigned to the Traffic Division. Officer Nolan Ellis was assigned to the division in December.

The primary tools used by the Traffic Division are RADAR and LASER. Officer MacDonald is responsible for maintaining the Department's fifteen RADAR units and ten 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 2017, 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.

New in 2017 was the implementation of the Parking Ticket Bureau. Officer Brentar was assigned as the administrator of the program. The bureau was put into place as a result of recent Supreme Court cases that took the responsibility away from the municipal court system. The department was able to utilize our current records management system to track these parking citations. The system allows letters to be automatically generated and sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, which helped with collections. The overall percentage of citations that were collected on went up from 29% in 2016 to 41% in 2017.

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 2017. 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 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 2017, 277 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 the Ohio Revised Code. Officer MacDonald processed the abandoned vehicles with clerical assistance provided by Administrative Assistant Kelley Kowalski and Cynthia Powell.

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 three vehicles immobilized in 2016. The total amount paid to the City for these immobilizations was \$300.00.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Division are also responsible for monthly collection of invoices from the tow companies with whom we contract for the impounding of autos. Invoices were collected from the company and reports forwarded to council regarding a total of 1257 tows.

There were 1,481 reported motor vehicle crashes in Euclid during 2017. This is a two percent increase over 2016. Injury accidents decreased by over two percent during this same period, from 240 injury crashes in 2016 to 234 in 2017. According to the state of Ohio, the City of Euclid experienced three traffic fatalities on its highways in 2017.

In 2017, the Euclid Police Department maintained its membership in the Greater Cleveland OVI Task Force. Task Force funding enabled the police department to conduct two sobriety checkpoints.

GRANTS

Captain James Savage
Grant Administrator

Drug Use Prevention Grant – 2017/2018

The Euclid Police applied to the Attorney General's Office, State of Ohio, 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. It also provides for School Resource Officer funding to allow the officers to interact with the students during classroom time during the day.

High Visibility Enforcement –2016/2017

For the second year in a row the Euclid Police 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 city of Euclid experiencing fewer fatal accidents over the past three years was the reason given why the grant was not awarded to us this year.

Juvenile Diversion Program Grant - 2016/2017 & 2017/2018

The Community Policing unit received grant funds from the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court System 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 end up with a juvenile criminal record.

University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant– 2016/2017 & 2017/2018

This grant enables the Euclid 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 Euclid Police Department was one of the original members of this task force which started in the mid 1990's. Today 50 plus agencies partner in Cuyahoga County to keep our roads safe from impaired drivers. Because of our enforcement efforts over the years the task force doubled our available hours for this grant period to 120 hours of enforcement time.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership - 2017

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. We applied for and received monies for 11 vests.

Although all of the grants the Euclid Police Department requested did not receive funding, we did receive the following in grant monies for 2017.

Drug Use Prevention Grant	\$ 7,357.00
Juvenile Diversion Program Grant	\$ 14,200.00
University Hospital OVI Task Force Grant	\$ 12,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	<u>\$ 3,850.00</u>
Total	\$ 37,407.00

MOTOR MAINTENANCE

Rich Perusek
General Foreman

Donna Clinton
Administrative Assistant

Department of Motor Maintenance:

In 2017 the motor maintenance department purchased two Ford utility police interceptors. New cars #14 and #15 were put into patrol car service.

In 2017 there was \$52,237.87 sold on govdeals.com in property seizures and property forfeitures. Of this total, \$13,142.43 was paid to the law enforcement trust fund, \$39,095.44 to the general fund, and \$1288.26 was paid to govdeals for their services.

Patrol vehicles	19
Take-home patrol vehicles	3
Accident investigation unit	1
Decoy vehicles	1
Traffic vehicles	4
Traffic monitor	2
Training vehicles	4
K9 vehicle	1
Animal Control	1
Swat	2
Comm. Policing	1
Narcotics	11
Detective	6
Warrants	2
<u>Executive</u>	<u>3</u>
Total strength	60 vehicles

In 2017 there was \$29,593.64 spent on body repair and painting. This amount includes all parts, materials, and labor.