

Evendale Police Department

2011

Annual Report



EVENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Introduction

We ended 2010 with a rash of residential burglaries that were consistent in nature to those in surrounding communities. This knowledge led us to participate in a multi-jurisdictional task group. We continued the investigations of those persons in 2011. We were unable to make any arrests, but we didn't experience any more of what we believed to be the burglaries committed by them. In response to those crimes, we started saturation patrols and we were proactive in putting out crime alert e-mails within the Village. As a result of the crime alert e-mails, we received numerous calls on suspicious vehicles and we followed up on all of them. It is rewarding to experience community feedback from this type of communication.

We had a 9% decrease in offense reports for 2011. As in the past, our criminal offenses are dominated by thefts and we saw a 17% increase in that category. While a majority of these are generated from a single location, we are also plagued with metal thefts in the business areas including thefts of copper and catalytic converters.

The double homicide trial that consumed a great amount of manpower in the last 2 years concluded in early 2011. With perseverance and professionalism, convictions of all of the participants were secured. As a result of their work, in May, Lt. Niehauser and Sgt. Abrams received Hamilton County Law Enforcement Appreciation and Achievement Award for the *Best Overall Investigative Job Leading to the Solution of a Crime*. The entrants for this award come from the entire law enforcement community within the county and it is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, and the Hamilton County Police Association. Receiving this award not only reflects well on the officers who received it, but on the department as a whole.

There were no personnel changes in 2011. However, Lt. Jeff McDaniel graduated in the 59th class of the Police Executive Leadership College. This intensive 3 month course, conducted by the Law Enforcement Foundation in conjunction with the Ohio Chiefs' of Police Association, focuses on teaching the practical application of leadership skills. Lt. McDaniel has assumed the role of the Administrative Lieutenant and will be leading the team and the department to our next Accreditation Award in early 2012.

I believe our proudest moment of 2011 was the August participation of our Honor Guard in the Welcome Home Ceremony for WWII Navy Veteran Rudy Hachey. This event was not only a moment to honor a true American Hero, but, as experienced by the participants, a moment to reflect on and celebrate the value of our community.

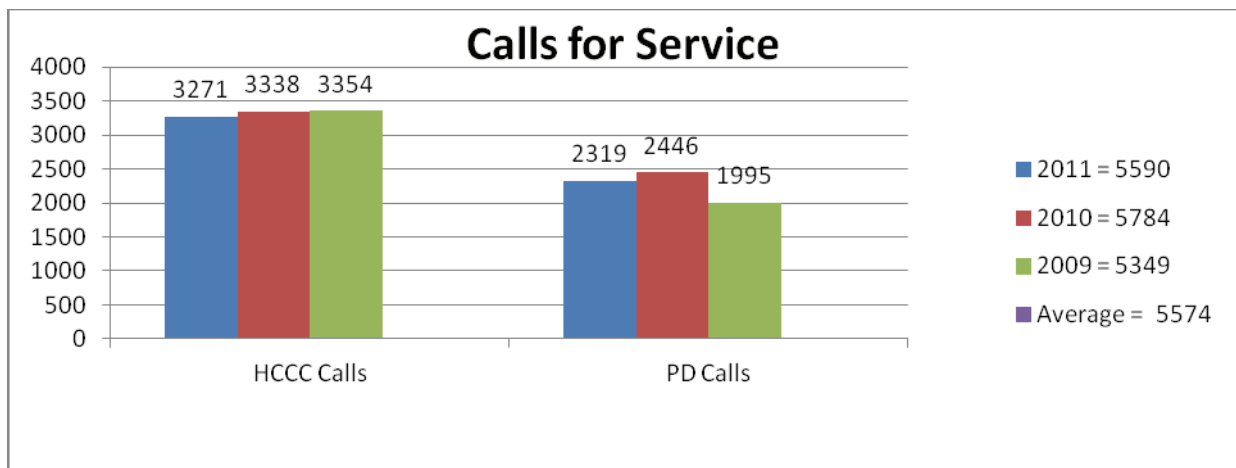
We made one significant capital item purchase in 2011, that of a set of AEDS. One of these life saving devices is carried at all times in a patrol car by the on duty officer in charge.

Below is a review and summary of our activities. The summary of activities is reflective of not only the calls for service and other actions we complete, but is indicative of the training, effort, and professionalism the members of the department continue to put forth in our daily mission to deliver exemplary police service to our community.

Chief Niel Korte

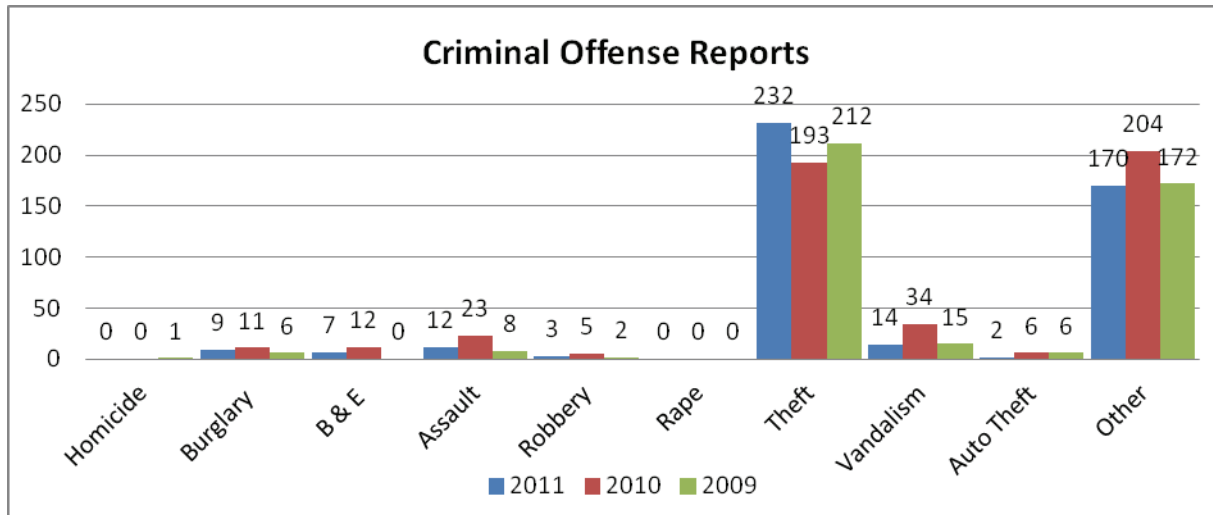
Calls for Service

There are several different ways that the Police Department receives calls for service. The overwhelming majority of emergency calls come to us from the Hamilton County Communication Center. The Communication Center dispatches all 911 calls as well as non-emergency calls they receive through their non-emergency dispatch number. Another means by which we receive calls for service is by a call directly to our department phones. In order to defray overall dispatching costs, we have made efforts to encourage the residents and businesses to make service requests through our department as opposed to calling the Communications Center. The following is a breakdown of our calls for service:



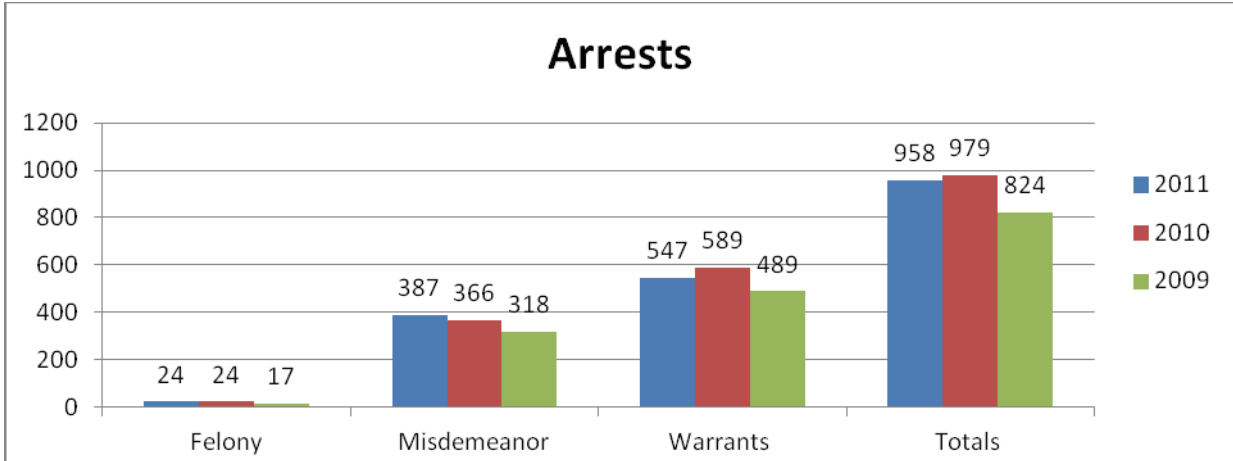
Criminal Offenses

Reported criminal offenses decreased by 9% from 2010. Thefts remain the most prevalent offenses reported. Assault reports fell by almost half. Breaking and Entering and Burglary reports decreased by 30%. The “other” category consists mainly of drug or theft related offenses



Arrests

A great many of our arrests are for outstanding warrants on wanted persons from either our agency or other agencies. In common practice, most wanted persons are not incarcerated but instead re-cited to the respective court. Arrest statistics in 2011 do not include recites of our warrants from other departments or recites that were completed by us for persons currently incarcerated. While it is necessary to assign arrest numbers to these persons for tracking information, they are not being listed. Having said that, in 2011, we arrested 159 persons for DUS, 31 persons for OVI, and 24 persons for felonies, and 197 persons for misdemeanors. The remainder of the arrests were for outstanding warrants for a total of 958 persons arrested. The number of misdemeanor arrests increased by 18% - and 24% from 2009. The number of warrants served is reflective of the viability of the ALPR as well as the commitment by officers to locate persons with outstanding warrants during traffic enforcement and patrol activities.

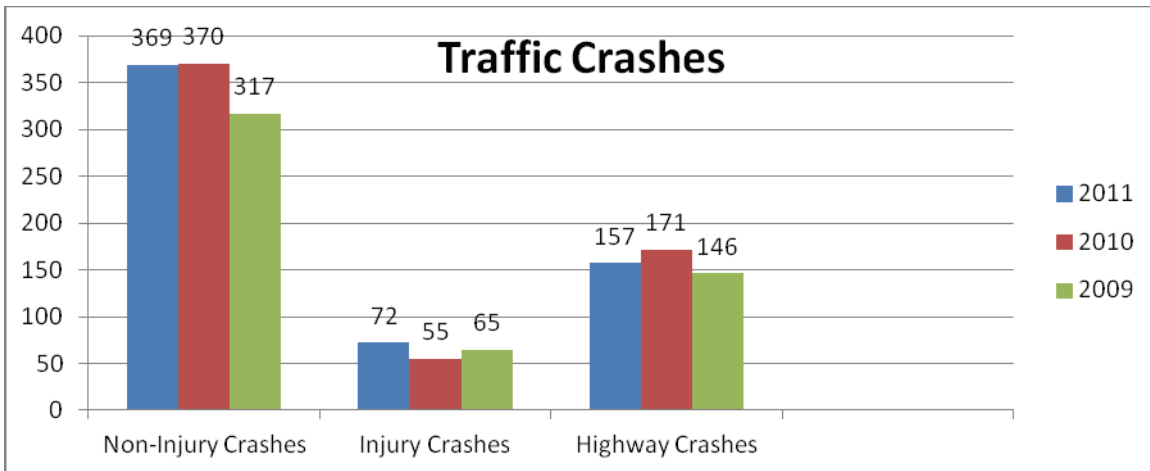


Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Crashes

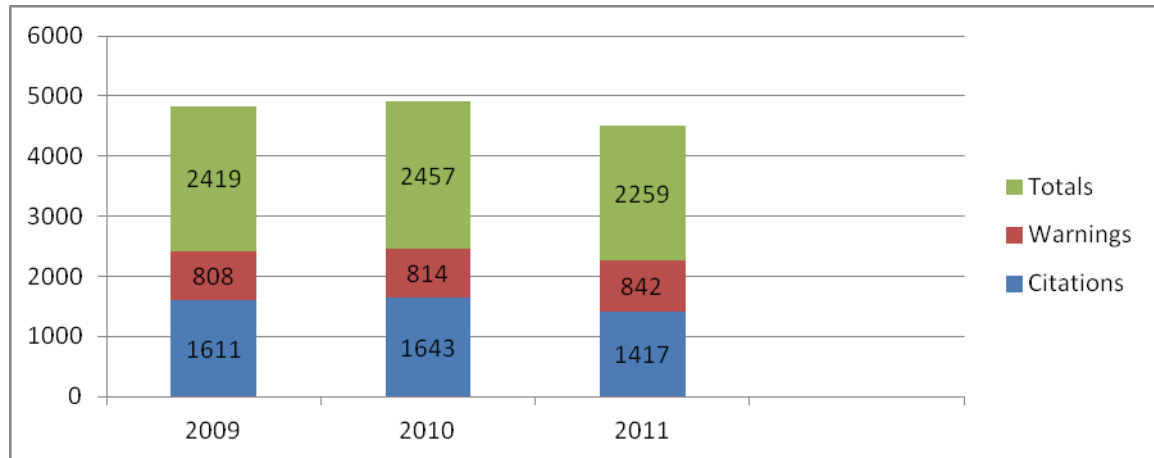
We experienced a slight increase in reported crashes in 2011 from 2010, but the number is relatively consistent with prior years. The non-injury crashes were the same, while there were 17 more injury crashes than in 2010.

About 35% of the total number of crashes to which we respond are Interstate crashes, including the associated ramps. We continue to use selective enforcement in targeted areas, generally in response to resident’s or businesses complaints.



Traffic Citations

Including Driving Under Suspension and OVI charges, officers issued 2259 moving violation citations and written warnings in 2011. This total is 11% decrease in the number of citations and written warning tags from 2010.



Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence Offenses

We arrested 31 persons for OVI in 2011. This number represents a 10% increase from 2010. Of those arrested, 6 refused to take the breath test, a blood test was requested on one and a urine sample was taken on another. Thirteen were considered to be high-tier offenders [blood alcohol content (BAC) above .169]. The most intoxicated individual had a BAC of .260.

In addition, we assisted outside agencies by administering 17 BAC tests to their OVI offenders.

Personnel

As stated in the introduction, Lt. Jeff McDaniel graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College.

Officer Tina McCormick was selected by her supervisors as the Police Officer of the Year. Tina has proven to be an asset to the department and the community.

Grievances

There were no grievances filed in 2011.

Internal Affairs /Citizen Complaints

In 2011, we arrested 958 people, received and responded to over 5500 calls for service, and wrote other traffic citations and Notice of Violations (warnings) to over 2100 people. Even with this amount of officer/citizen interaction, there was only one citizen complaint brought to our attention. During the investigation, the complainant requested that we not “follow-up” with her on the allegation and as a result, the complaint was considered to be withdrawn.

I believe that our strong selection process, effective training and supervision, and most importantly, commitment to the values and mission of the agency leads to the lack of complaints against officers despite the number of citizen contacts.

Allegation Type: Discourteous Treatment of the Public
How Received: E-mail
Disposition: Withdrawn
Complainant requested no further action

Use of Force Review

We investigated 6 Use of Force Reports in 2011. In each occurrence, a Use of Force Report was immediately completed and the incident properly investigated. The review of the facts in each situation determined that the response by our officers was consistent with our policy and their actions were reasonable given the circumstances.

An overall review of the Use of Force Reports indicates that the investigations into the circumstances were proper, thorough, and completed in a timely manner.

Included in the Use of Force Reports are 4 incidences wherein a firearm was discharged for an animal’s destruction.

In the other 2 incidents, officers applied physical force. One incident involved the physical restraint of a person placed under arrest for Indecent Exposure. The other incident involved the arrest of a person wherein it was reported that he had menaced a local business’s employee and subsequently fled, in a vehicle, from an officer. This event resulted in the deployment of a Taser after the subject failed to comply with the officer’s commands.

As with the citizen’s complaints, I believe that this extremely low number of use of force incident’s is the result of a strong selection process, a commitment to the organization’s values, and effective training and supervision.

<i>Reasons for Use of Force:</i>	Animal Destruction	4	66%
	Arrest of Suspect	2	34%

<i>Incidents Resulting from:</i>	Sick/Injured/Destruction of Animal	4	66%
	Arrest of Suspect	2	34%

Type of Force:	Firearm (animal destruction)	4	66%
	Compliance/Take-Down		
	Techniques	1	17%
	Taser	1	17%
Time of Day: (excludes animal destruction)	2300 hrs.	1	50%
	1900 hrs.	1	50%

Personnel Early Warning System

The Personnel Early Warning System was implemented in December of 2009 as a system to bring to our attention the possibility of behavior issues that may indicate a need for intervention. There have been no predicating incidents requiring its utilization.

Analysis of Vehicle Pursuits/Use of Roadblocks

We engaged in or assisted in 4 pursuits during 2011. In 2 of the pursuits, the officer's initiated the pursuits and then quickly and reasonably self-terminated their involvement. In another, we assisted in an outside agency's pursuit of 3 robbery suspects. Again, the involved officer self-terminated his involvement. These 3 incidents were found to be within the policy's guidelines. The final incident was also a self-initiated pursuit with an OIC terminating the officer's involvement. The reason for the initiation of the pursuit was determined to be outside the policy's guidelines and the officer received counseling and additional training as to the policy's initiations requirements.

No roadblocks or forcible stopping techniques were employed in 2011.

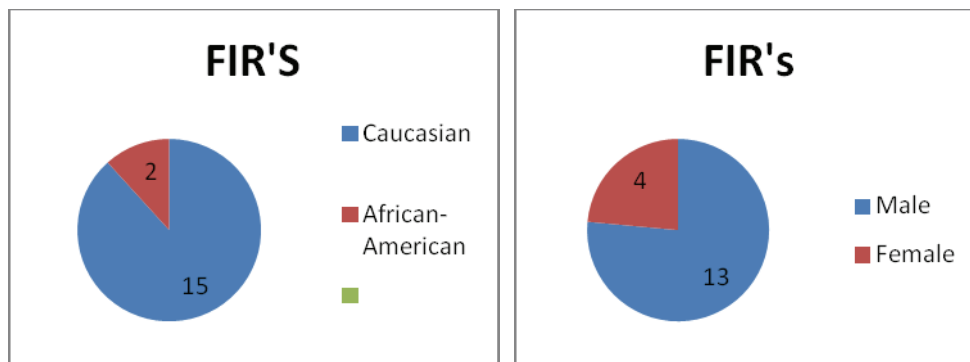
Administrative Review – Bias-Based Profiling

In examination of enforcement activities for 2011, the following data was reviewed to ensure that our personnel are focusing on an individual's conduct, not solely on a group.

Field Interrogation Reports:

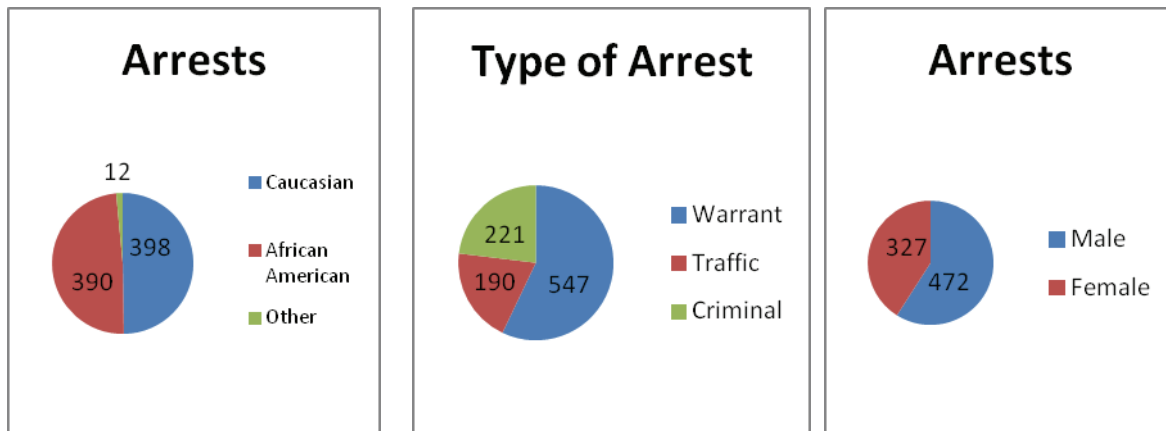
The number of Field Interrogation Reports declined significantly. An initial review appears to show that officers are more likely to document encounters using the Incident Report system as opposed to the less formal Field Interrogation Reports. Only 17 persons were FIR'ed in 2011. Eighty-eight percent of our contacts involved Caucasian persons and twelve percent were African-American. Seventy-seven percent of our contacts were with males, and twenty-three percent were with females.

A review of the data indicates that the Field Interrogation Reports for 2011 are consistent with the number and reason for previous years' Field Interrogation Reports. Demographic breakdown shows that the percentage of Caucasians FIR'ed was significantly higher than in past years. Conversely, the number of African Americans FIR'ed was lower than in past years. Explanations for contacts were based on reasonable suspicion of the person's behavior and were not a result of a focus on the attribute of any particular group. A majority of the contacts were as a result of a citizen's complaint of a suspicious subject, a trespass complaint, or an officer finding the person around or behind a closed business.



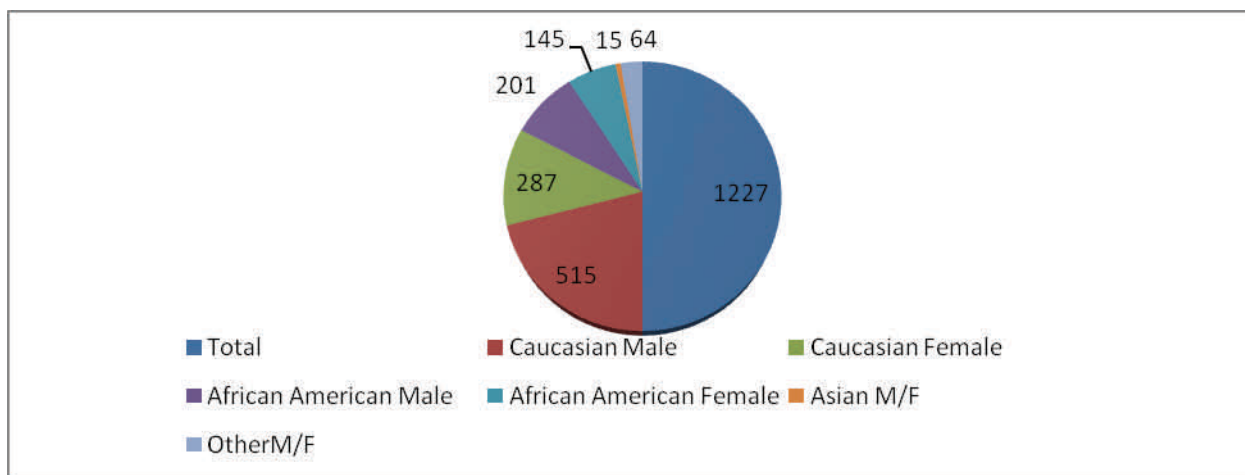
Arrests

Not including DUS/OVI traffic offenses, or outside agency recites, we arrested 799 persons in 2011. Fifty percent of all the arrests in 2011 arrests were of Caucasian persons. Arrests of African-American persons were 49% of our total arrests. Unknown and other races accounted for the balance of 1%. With less than a 3% deviation, this data is consistent with previous years. We have continued a practice, started in 2010, of assigning arrest numbers to outside agencies recites in order to more effectively track the court process, but they are not included in the arrest report as we have no actual contact with these persons.



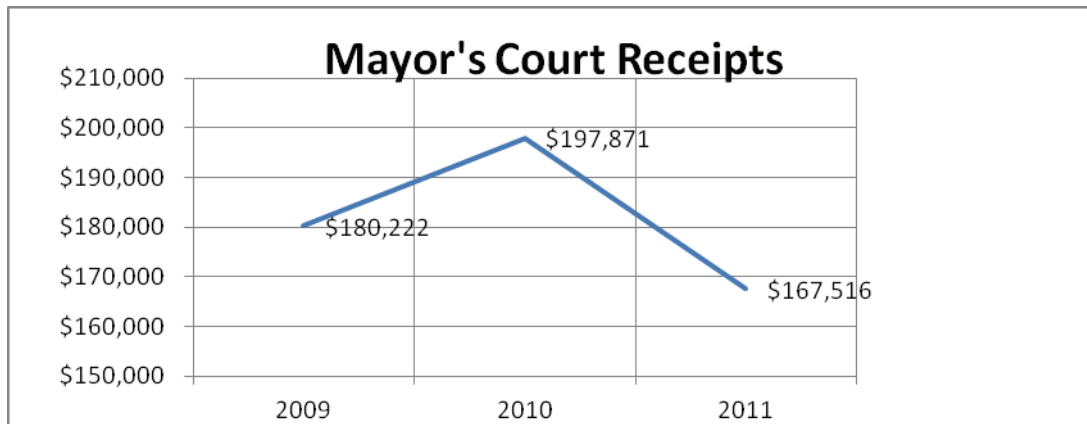
Traffic Citations:

Sixty-five percent of our non-arrest traffic citations were issued to Caucasian persons, which is the same as in 2010. Twenty-eight percent of our citations were issued to African-American persons, which also consistent with 2010. Citations issued to unknown race and Asian persons accounted for 6% of our total traffic citations. The percentages are consistent with an average over the last 5 years of 69% Caucasian and 25% African-American.



Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court receipts totaled \$167,500. This number is reflective of the decreased amount of citations issued. Also, with mid-year changes in Ohio law, we were unable to cite Driving Under Suspension violations to Magistrate Court.



Training Synopsis

In 2011, we once again continued our commitment officers by providing training opportunities in the form of both in-service training and specialized training. For the calendar year of 2011 the members of the department received, in aggregate, 1,700 hours of training. This was a slight decrease from 2010, but was the result of better planning and utilization of online training opportunities.

In-service training completed by department members included the following subjects; firearms, CPR certification, ground fighting techniques, use of force policy review and Taser recertification. All of the topics covered are mandatory annual or bi-annual requirements for officers and were instructed by other Evendale Officers. In conjunction with the in-service training, the department also mandated on-line courses consisting of free training through the Ohio Attorney General's Website. One mandated course for all department members was Ethics and Professionalism.

Another form of online training utilized was a monthly legal update provided by the Police Law Institute. This training consisted of a monthly lesson plan covering a particular legal issue and was followed by a test to ensure completion of the lesson. Each legal issue presented during the training was unique to Ohio and provided an explanation of court decisions.

One of the priorities of the training committee last year was to continue to ensure we had our own officers certified to instruct in the mandatory training disciplines. To that end, we tasked officers to receive specialized training in the areas of firearms and impact weapons.

Officer Joel Ward, a departmental firearms instructor, continued his instructional courses and received certifications in: Glock Instructor's Course, Range Medical Emergency & Firearms Instructor, and Reactive Shooting. These certifications allowed Officer Ward to provide individual instruction to department members in the most up to date techniques involving firearms. Officers Tina McCormick and Sean McKinney received certifications as Master Impact Weapons Instructors. These certifications allow both officers to provide the annual, mandatory in-service training on the proper techniques involving the ASP.

Officers Tina McCormick and Greg Titgemeyer completed the required training to become bike officers. This included completion of a rigorous week of training provided by the Police Mountain Bike Institute. At the conclusion of the 40 hours of instruction, both officers were required to successfully pass a practical examination. Tina and Greg are now members of the department's bike unit.

In addition to making certain that mandatory training was completed and ensuring that training certificates were earned or maintained by officers, we continued to develop our training protocols and practices in the areas of firearms and less than lethal weapons by utilizing the West/Chester Butler County Joint Firearms Training Facility in new situations and scenarios. Additionally, Officer Shope, who has received certification as a State of Ohio Advanced Ground Fighting Instructor, led self defense and ground fighting instruction.

As has been our practice, we continue to explore training beyond the mandatory state requirements and encourage officers to become instructors in various fields in order to better serve the department and the community.

Investigations

The majority of our investigations continue to be for property crimes. Like most other communities, we are experiencing numerous metal thefts. It is difficult to narrow down or focus on a particular item as any type of metal is being stolen. We have purchased and used surveillance equipment in order to gather evidence in these (as well as any other) crimes and we continue to be on alert for this type of crime.

Detective Holloway is currently working with numerous other agencies on two complex fraud investigations. On 9/28/11, he and patrol units responded to the US Bank for a report of fraudulent activity. They were able to locate 1 suspect at the bank and 4 others hiding in a vehicle on the other side of Walgreens. An investigation determined that these suspects were part of an elaborate ring that had already committed approximately \$20,000.00 worth of fraud against US Bank throughout the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. We continue to work with US Bank investigators and the US Secret Service in compiling a large conspiracy case against those found in Evendale and others who were active in this fraud ring.

Det. Holloway is also working with Springdale, West Chester, Hamilton County SO, Butler County So and the Butler County Prosecutors Office on another bank fraud case which includes over \$30,000.00 worth of fraud against General Electric CU and an equal amount against other banks throughout the Tri-State area. Nearly a dozen possible suspects have been indentified in this fraud operation.

Also, we are working with detectives in Sharonville and Blue Ash trying to identify a serial robber suspect. The suspect robbed Subway in Evendale in November and is a suspect in at least 4 other robberies in Sharonville and Blue Ash. Efforts to identify the suspect are ongoing and directed patrol efforts of all agencies involved seemed to have had an effect as there has not been another robbery by this suspect since mid-December.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES (2011)

Administration/Scheduling

Goal: Maintain a master schedule book to assure, document and record all police personnel time (vacation, holiday, sick, personal, etc.).

Objective 1: Have complete 2011 schedule with assignments and rotations and vacation time requests logged in master schedule book.

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 2: On a quarterly basis, review off-day groups to assure continued road coverage.

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 3: On a quarterly basis, review shift times to assure road coverage needs are meeting community standards.

✓ *Accomplished - Adjustments to shift assignments made with Off. McCormick assigned to middle shift (11-9) to provide peak hour coverage. Off. McKinney placed on 3rd shift upon return from DART commitment.*

Objective 4: Computerize Schedule

✓ *Accomplished – T. Reeder developed internal schedule using Excel program. Will be made available through Outlook for external viewing.*

Career Development

Goal: Evaluate needs and assist officers in preparation or training in a particular role or specialty.

Objective 1: Review individual officer's goals and provide direction in attaining goals in relation to area of departmental needs.

✓ *Completed during annual evaluations in January*

Objective 2: Review and schedule training needs for identified areas.

✓ *Completed – Ongoing discussion, formally addressed at fall training committee meeting*

Objective 3: Review skills, knowledge and abilities for specific role assignment; updated mandatory training requirements

✓ *Completed – Reviewed in fall Training Committee meeting*

Objective 4: Review completed training for the year in annual evaluations

✓ *Not Completed – Scheduled for 2012 evaluations*

Uniforms & Equipment

Goal: Conduct a uniform and equipment inspection.

Objective 1: During evaluations sergeants shall check their officers' allotment of uniforms per policy 1-13.

✓ *To be completed at annual evaluation periods*

Objective 2: Order any needed or missing uniforms/equipment for officers.

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 3: Solicit recommendations for/and replace ballistic vests

✓ *Accomplished – Vests replaced*

Objective 4: Determine new bike uniform: color/material/requirements

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 5: Coordinate with other Village departments to dispose of old equipment

✓ *Accomplished – Training and participation in County Surplus Auction site*

Training

Goal: Maintain records and certify completion of all mandated training as set forth by agency or OPOTA requirements

Objective 1: Maintain annual firearms qualifications; side arms, shotguns and AR-15.

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 2: Adhere to OPOTA CPT Training.

✓ *Accomplished through participation in PLI and Atty. General's on-line courses*

Objective 3: Provide CALEA in-service training.

✓ *Not Accomplished*

Objective 4: Have at least 2 agency members participate in the CALEA conference in Cincinnati in July

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 5: Hold a mock CALEA on-site assessment by December

✓ *Not Accomplished. Rescheduled for Jan. 2012*

Objective 6: Maintain a training committee and hold quarterly meetings or meetings as needed.

✓ *Accomplished; Training Committee established, requirements reviewed and schedule agreed upon. Requests analyzed and scheduled.*

Objective 7: Continue with all in-service training; ASP, OC, Taser.

✓ *(New) Taser training completed.*

✓ *ASP scheduled for 2012*

Objective 8: Provide monthly roll-call training

✓ *Accomplished through use of EPOTA and PLI monthly training*

Objective 9: Procure Airsoft weapons/munitions; establish protocol for use in conjunction with current firearms training, including development of scenario based exercises and submitted lesson plans

✓ *Not Accomplished Unable to procure Airsoft Weapons from vendor*

Objective 10: Coordinate w/ Fire Dept. to complete CPR/AED training

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 11: Utilize ICS in mock disaster response

✓ *Not Accomplished – to be revisited in 2012*

Crime Prevention

Goal: Provide educational services to residents and businesses concerning crime prevention and safety issues.

Objective 1: Provide an educational session to all financial institutions concerning the robbery response procedure.

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 2: Utilize Crime Alert News Bulletin when appropriate

✓ *Made concerted effort to disseminate information*

Objective 3: Employment of decoy car (marked unit) on lots of financial institutions to discourage criminal activity

✓ *Used old car 5 on bank lots during holiday season*

Objective 4: Collect business contact log and alarm company information for all new businesses; Update same for existing businesses

✓ *On-going*

Physical Fitness

Goal: Continue with agency Physical Fitness Program by providing encouragement and direction to participate in the agency in-service fitness training.

Objective 1: Oversee agency in-service fitness training (test officers individually 2011).

✓ *Accomplished*

Objective 2: Schedule agency annual fitness test.

✓ *Accomplished. Established reward for officer being judged as having the best physical fitness*

Objective 3: Oversee the scheduling and participation in annual physicals; providing each member with a detailed medical evaluation

✓ *Accomplished*

Property Room Management

Goal: Properly maintain and audit property room.

Objective 1: Perform complete and random audits.

✓ *Accomplished – Full and random audits completed*

Objective 2: Complete annual inspection

✓ *Accomplished – Unannounced inspection completed by Chief*

Objective 3: Obtain and complete destruction order.

✓ *Accomplished during yearly audit*

Objective 4: Establish internal accounting system for value of recovered stolen property

✓ *Not Accomplished*

Criminal Investigations

Goal: Continue training in order to maintain the expected quality of service; continued maintenance of case tracking and proper follow-up procedures.

Objective 1: Ensure continued training for Det. Holloway

✓ *Accomplished – 3 courses attended; Sexual Assault Inv.; Crime Scene Photography and Death Investigations*

Objective 2: Monitor the use of the solvability factor checklist on field offense reports to ensure proper follow-up.

✓ *Accomplished-In progress*

Patrol Operations/Traffic Enforcement

Goal: Maintain the number of citations for all hazardous moving violations; to include OVI, DUS, and traffic enforcement in high auto accident areas. Respond to complaints of hazardous moving violations.

Goal: Establish and maintain a responsive, visible patrol presence.

Objective 1: Monitor Truck Ban Violations.

✓ *Had new signs placed on G-M in Blue Ash.*

✓ *Contacted companies/unions/dispatch centers*

✓ *Ordered directed patrols*

Objective 2: Attempt a minimum of 50 warrant services outside Village limits

✓ *Not Accomplished. Warrant services up, but # not achieved*