

*The City of Cuyahoga Falls
Police Department
2020 Annual Report*





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Jack Davis
Chief of Police

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To the Honorable Mayor Don Walters,

Once again it is my pleasure to present to you, on behalf of the men and women of the department, our annual report.

2020 was a year like no other in the department as well as the rest of the world. Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, the officers of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department continued to serve the citizens and visitors of Cuyahoga Falls. As a department, we took steps to remain healthy by disinfecting our equipment, limiting contacts when we were able, and donning the proper PPE gear. We were fortunate as a department to have very few cases of the illness.

We saw many changes in personnel during the year with the retirements of Captain Steve Guldeman, Lieutenant Michael Heintz, and Lieutenant Chad Johnson. Fortunately, we had others step up to assume these leadership positions and promoted Chris Norfolk to captain, and Chris Davies, Dan Quior, and Chad Lengel to the lieutenants' positions.

Our training center saw its first year of operations and we couldn't have been more pleased with it. We were able to conduct many hours of firearms training as well as host outside schools at our facility. With rentals to other agencies, the center was able to bring in enough revenue to cover operational expenses.

Our Detective Bureau, working with other agencies as well as a nonprofit group, the Porchlight Project, was able to make an arrest in the 1987 murder of Barbara Blatnik using forensic genealogy.

We look forward to the challenges that 2021 may bring and are excited to look for new ways to serve our community during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jack Davis

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Operations Division



CHIEF JACK DAVIS

In May of 2020, Captain Steve Guldeman retired after 30 years of service. In August, Chris Norfolk was promoted to Captain and took over as the Operations Division Commander. The Operations Division Commander is responsible for the supervision and direction of work performed by the Patrol and Investigative Divisions of the department. Under the general direction of the Police Chief, the captain assists with the development and implementation of operational programs, coordinates the requests for police services, and provides administrative and budgetary support.



CAPTAIN CHRIS NORFOLK

The Patrol Division encompasses the aspects of law enforcement that are most visible to the public. They are responsible for providing a rapid response to emergencies, comprehensive initial investigation on all criminal matters, community service and assistance to the general public, and traffic safety. This is the largest division in the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department.

The Investigative Division is charged with the responsibility of investigating all homicides, sexual assaults, arson, narcotics violations, property crimes and any other crimes requiring follow-up investigation, cases of long duration or complexity, or that cross into multiple jurisdictions.

Officers from each division not only work cooperatively together, they also work with other city, county, and state agencies to improve the safety of our community.



First Shift



LIEUTENANT GARY MERTON



SERGEANT ED CASWELL



SERGEANT MARK ENOS



SERGEANT CHRIS DAVIES

The Dayshift Patrol Shift is on duty patrolling and responding to calls for service in the City of Cuyahoga Falls between the hours of 6:00am and 3:00pm. The shift is broken into two sub shifts; one that begins at 6:00am and the other starts an hour later at 7:00am.

The Dayshift Patrol Shift is led by Lieutenant Gary Merton, a veteran with 31 years of law enforcement experience. Lieutenant Merton is assisted by Sergeant Edward Caswell, with 31 years of law enforcement experience; Sergeant Mark Enos, with 31 years of law enforcement experience; and Sergeant Chris Davies, who has over 19 years of law enforcement experience. Sergeant James Deeks came to the shift in August 2020 after Sergeant Davies was promoted to lieutenant. These police supervisors are assigned to assist in supervising 16 patrol officers and three Community Service Officers (CSO). Assignments for first shift officers include responding to calls for police service, school patrols, traffic enforcement and citizen assists.

In addition to performing supervisory patrol duties, Lieutenant Gary Merton also performs the task of Jail Administrator for the Cuyahoga Falls City Jail. The jail is equipped to handle a total of ten inmates at any given time. Inmates can stay in the jail for up to twelve days at a time.

Officer Ruben Miller was assigned to handle many of the daily functions of the Cuyahoga Falls Jail as well as court related duties. Some of Officer Miller's responsibilities include transporting inmates from the Cuyahoga Falls City Jail to the Stow Municipal Court, the Cuyahoga Falls Mayor's Court and Summit County Jail, in addition to helping to maintain the jail. Officer Trevor Ford took over these duties in the summer of 2020 after Officer Miller retired from the police department.

Dayshift patrol has three Community Service Officers (CSO) assigned to the shift; CSO Martin Rogers, CSO Terence Holt, and CSO Scott Van Houten. Their duties include assisting in the jail, animal complaints, collecting money from parking meters and enforcing parking violations.

Three members of the dayshift patrol team retired in 2020; Officers Mark Ralston, Scott Thomas and Ruben Miller.

The men and women of the patrol dayshift continue to serve and protect the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls with pride.

Second Shift



LIEUTENANT DAN QUIOR

Second shift is led by Lieutenant Daniel Quior, a 20 year veteran of the police department. Lieutenant Quior is the Assistant SWAT Commander and brings years of experience from several divisions of the police department, including Detective Bureau/Narcotics, to the afternoon shift. Second shift hours are from 2:00pm to 11:00pm, and encompass the highest call volume of the day.



SERGEANT ERIC ROACH

Sergeant Eric Roach, the senior sergeant on the afternoon shift, has served as a police officer for 22 years and brings with him investigative and tactical experience from his time in the Detective Bureau and on the SWAT team. Sergeant Roach is the Field Training Officer Coordinator as well as the Reserve Officer Coordinator.



SERGEANT BRIAN ANDERS

Sergeant Brian Anders is a 16 year veteran of the police department and brings investigative experience to the shift from his years in the Detective Bureau, where he spent most of his time working crimes against persons. Sergeant Anders is the Quick Response Team Coordinator and assisted with scheduling officers for off duty jobs.



SERGEANT DAVID HOLZAPFEL

Sergeant David Holzapfel has worked for the department for 16 years and is one of the K9 handlers. Sergeant Holzapfel and his partner, Figo, assist the shift in many ways, including narcotics searches, suspect tracking, article/building searches, and citizen demonstrations. Sergeant Holzapfel is also a SWAT Team Leader.

Second Shift officers respond to a wide range of calls, such as domestic violence, robberies, sexual assault, assault, weapons violations, theft, alarms, suspicious persons, intoxicated drivers, and disorderly conduct, among other incidents. In addition to calls for service, officers who work during the afternoon shift have multiple responsibilities, which include neighborhood patrol/community policing, business checks, traffic enforcement, bicycle patrol, jail visitations, civilian tours, and proactive enforcement such as using GPS trackers for thefts, to name a few.

Several Second Shift officers have specialized training in different areas and are assigned to specialized units, including: SWAT, Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Criminal Interdiction Training, Quick Response Team (QRT) which assists overdose victims with treatment, Bicycle Unit, Summit Metro Crash Team, U.S. Marshal Service Northeast Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, and Mobile Field Force Unit. There are also several officers in Military Reserve Units.

Lieutenant Michael Heint earned a well-deserved retirement from Second Shift after 30+ years of service. Good luck Mike!

Third Shift



LIEUTENANT CHAD LENGEL



SERGEANT DOMINIC PERELLA



SERGEANT RANDY TLUMAC



SERGEANT DAWN MCLIVAIN

The Third Shift of the Patrol Division (10:00pm - 7:00am) is led by Lieutenant Chad Lengel, a veteran of 19 years with the City of Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. Lieutenant Lengel is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations and administrative duties of the shift. Assisting him are Sergeant Dominic Perella, a veteran with 22 years; Sergeant Randy Tlumac, a veteran with 27 years; and Sergeant Dawn McIlvain, a veteran with 9 years of experience. Each sergeant is responsible for, and the direct supervision to, all the officers working on the shift. Sergeants respond along with officers to a variety of calls for service and are tasked with ensuring all preliminary investigations are completed thoroughly and the needs of our citizens are met to the best of our ability.

Patrol officers on the shift handle a wide variety of calls for service from the community, including, but not limited to, domestic violence incidents, intoxicated persons, and alarm calls. In addition to calls for service, officers engage in self-initiated activity with a focus on impaired drivers, traffic enforcement, neighborhood and business patrols, and pro-active criminal enforcement.

In 2020, officers working on midnight shift made over 150 arrests for impaired drivers (OVI's), multiple traffic stops that resulted in the discovery of contraband such as drugs and weapons, and countless hours of patrolling our citizens' streets and neighborhoods attempting to help deter criminal activity. The supervisors and officers on this shift take great pride in their job and how they serve the public at large. Our officers have received recognition throughout the year from many citizens thanking them for their compassion, dedication, and their "above and beyond" service they had received.

The Third Shift did say goodbye to Lieutenant Chad Johnson in August 2020 with his retirement. Lieutenant Johnson had 25 years with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and worked as the department's Jail Administrator in addition to a Patrol Shift Commander.

Brass and Rookies

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department celebrated seven promotions and hired three new officers this year.



Lieutenant Dan Quior, Captain Chris Norfolk, and Sergeant Dawn McIlvain



Sergeant Jim Deeks and Lieutenant Chris Davies



Sergeant Randy Tlumac and Lieutenant Chad Lengel



Officer Jarett Heatwall being honored by his father, Chief Ray Heatwall of Boston Heights PD



Officer Laura Jansen



Officer Kayla Thomas

Detective Bureau



LIEUTENANT CHRIS DAVIES

The Detective Bureau is comprised of two supervisors and eight detectives. In 2020, the bureau was supervised by Lieutenant Chris Norfolk and Sergeant Dan Randall. In August, Lieutenant Norfolk was promoted to Captain and was replaced by Lieutenant Christopher Davies. Two of the eight detectives are currently assigned strictly to Narcotics/Vice crimes.

Detectives conduct the follow-up investigations of reported criminal activity which may range anywhere from petty thefts to homicide. All reports are reviewed by the Detective Bureau supervisor and assigned to a detective for follow up based on several solvability factors with priority given to more serious offenses.

Detectives have the wide responsibility to collect and analyze evidence, interview witnesses, identify and arrest the offender(s), recover stolen property and prepare the evidence for presentation in court. In the event of a serious crime, detectives are called to the scene to perform these functions and provide assistance even after patrol officers have arrested the offender(s) during the commission of a crime.

The Detective Bureau is also responsible for collecting, analyzing, and acting on intelligence information which may expose unreported criminal activity or potential threats to the safety and well-being of the public.

Detectives are assigned to work cases according to the category and severity of the crime reported. Detectives work utilizing a team concept and are assigned primarily to one of two desks: Persons Crimes, which includes child abuse, sexual assaults, assaults, and domestic violence; and Property Crimes, which includes Robberies, Burglaries, Thefts, and Frauds. Homicides are assigned to specific detectives by supervisors.

In 2020, crimes against persons were worked by Detectives Kevin Lohse and Dawn McIlvain. Detectives Ted Davis, Brett Dirker, Joey Bitong and Malachi Hursh were assigned to investigate robberies, burglaries, thefts and frauds.

Notable cases solved or sentenced in 2020 are the following:

- The Detective Bureau, in coordination with Identifinders International, Ohio BCI, and The Porchlight Project, were able to continue working on a cold case from 1987. Through some very diligent work and advanced DNA testing, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department was able to charge a man with the murder of Barbara Blatnik. Blatnik was found deceased in a wooded area near Blossom Music Center over 30 years ago. This case is currently pending prosecution.

- The Detective Bureau investigated several related incidents where a male wearing a mask gained entry into several vehicles and an attached garage of a residence and attempted to get into several other attached garages. A 27 year old male was arrested for these crimes and charged with multiple offenses including burglary, theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle, obstructing official business, and vehicle trespass.
- In January, the police department was alerted to a suspicious male that had been walking through the Cuyahoga Falls High School after hours and had fled after being confronted by staff. Information was gathered that the same male had made threats to commit a shooting at the school. As a result, the Detective Bureau executed a search warrant on the individual's home and subsequently made an arrest for making terrorist threats and criminal trespass.
- A man was arrested for domestic violence after threatening to burn his home down with his wife and himself in it. Later in the day, police were told about possible explosives found in the home. The Detective Bureau prepared a search warrant for the home, and with the assistance of the Summit County Bomb Squad, located bomb making materials. The man was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a dangerous ordnance – illegally manufacturing or processing explosives.
- Multiple citizens reported that someone had cut the catalytic converter off their vehicles. The detectives were able to identify a suspect in the multiple thefts that were occurring in Cuyahoga Falls and numerous other cities. The investigation revealed that three men conspired to cut off converters and sell them for scrap. The detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for a home in Springfield Township and recovered 56 catalytic converters. The three men were charged with theft, complicity, vandalism, and criminal damaging.
- The Detective Bureau investigated a shooting near the Italian American Club on 9th Street and charged a 20 year old male with attempted murder and felonious assault. The male was arrested in Trumbull County, attempting to flee the area. His father was later arrested for obstructing justice for helping his son avoid apprehension.
- In November, police were alerted to a missing resident from Cuyahoga Falls which was related to a homicide in Belmont County. The Detective Bureau worked with multiple local, state, and federal agencies to solve the case which resulted in locating the female. The victim had been kidnapped and was recovered in Louisiana. The suspect died during the recovery.

Narcotics/Vice Unit

Two detectives are responsible for investigating Narcotics/Vice cases. One of the detectives is assigned to the Summit County Drug Unit as a full time member. The other detective is assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Unit.

These detectives initiate their own cases and assist other agencies conducting narcotics-related investigations. Members of the unit work closely with other law enforcement agencies and become involved in multi-jurisdictional investigations, and therefore have developed an excellent working relationship with their counterparts in neighboring cities and counties, as well as with state and federal agencies.

Narcotics detectives build cases and act on information obtained from other law enforcement sources, citizen complaints, and through the use of informants. They receive specialized training and use specialized equipment.



Special Operations



CAPTAIN TODD SHAFER

Captain Todd Shafer is the Special Operations Commander. Captain Shafer is assisted by Special Operations Officer Alan Pipes, Training Officer Mike Anderson and School Resource Officers William Shover and Ed Dennis. Captain Shafer is charged with overseeing the department's School Resource Officers, Training Bureau, Records Bureau, Youth Services Bureau, Communications Center, K9 Unit, and Crossing Guards. He is also in charge of the department's internship program, working closely with area universities and helping to provide valuable experience to individuals who are anticipating careers in law enforcement. Additionally, Captain Shafer is responsible for the purchasing, inventory and maintenance of all department firearms, as well as ensuring and documenting that all sworn officers successfully complete their required annual firearms qualifications.

In 2020, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department Shooting Range and Training Center experienced its first full year in operation. The shooting range hosted 10 federal, state, and local agencies for their annual weapons qualifications, and the training room hosted several law enforcement training courses.

The Special Operations Division is also instrumental in maintaining the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department as a Certified Law Enforcement Agency by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

School Resource Officers

Cuyahoga Falls has approximately 19 schools in its jurisdiction, including two public school districts; Cuyahoga Falls and Woodridge. Officer Ed Dennis and Officer William Shover are assigned as the School Resource Officers. Officer Dennis spends most of his days in the school buildings maintaining relationships with both the students and faculty and acting as a liaison between all parties. Although dampened by Covid19, Officer Dennis continues teaching 5th grade students about the dangers of drugs through our Not Me, I'm Drug Free Program. Officer Dennis is assisted by Chief Jack Davis and Youth Services Coordinator Laura Nusbaum teaching topics that include drugs and alcohol, criminal justice, and the Bill of Rights in history class. Officer William Shover is contracted by Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy and spends most of his time at CVCA performing many of the same tasks as Officer Dennis. He provides police security at the school, assists with safety plans and drills, and works with health classes in teaching drug and alcohol awareness education, while maintaining a positive relationship between students and the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. When not assigned to CVCA, Officer Shover assists with SRO duties at several of our other schools including Woodridge and Summit Christian Academy. Officer Shover also involves himself with the Faber Foundation Auto Body Vocational School. The vocational school attracts students from six area school districts. The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department is committed to providing a safe, drug free environment at our schools.

Special Weapons and Tactics Team

In recognizing the necessity for a highly trained, highly skilled tactical unit, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department created what was formerly known as a Special Response Team in 1989. Since the team's inception, the officers who have been selected to serve on it have come from all divisions of the police department and serve voluntarily in this collateral duty. The team is supported by several trained negotiators who work in unison with on-going operations. The team is also staffed by Tactical Medics who are select members of the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department.

Captain Chris Norfolk and Lieutenant Daniel Quior make up the Command Staff of the team and are assisted by Sergeant Dave Holzapfel, who leads the team of operators. Members of the team train regularly in a variety of advanced skills required to resolve incidents that are outside the capabilities of a normal police response. This on-going training has given the team the ability to take control of a multitude of situations, including high-risk arrest and search warrants, armed barricaded suspects, and high risk security details. The Cuyahoga Falls SWAT team also trains with several other area teams to enhance capabilities to safely resolve critical incidents with a joint response, should it be necessary.

The SWAT Team has proven itself to be a valuable asset to the department and citizens of the community by providing a professional response to critical incidents since its inception.



Canine Unit



K9 DAN-C

The K9 Unit currently consists of two canines; Dan-C and Figo. Dan-C, a veteran of five years with the department, is partnered with School Resource Officer Ed Dennis. Figo works with his partner Sergeant David Holzapfel as part of the Patrol Division and just began his third year with the department. Both canines are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission in multiple areas of training, including narcotics detention, tracking, article searching, building and area searching, and criminal apprehension. They each get tested along with their handler every year in these areas and are required to perform at a high level on a regular basis.



K9 FIGO

In 2020, the K9 teams saw 72 canine uses that ranged from building searches, residential searches, and tracks for suspects, lost and missing persons, with the majority of that number represented by narcotics sniffs of vehicles. In 2020, the canine uses were much lower than our normal use numbers due to COVID-19 lockdowns and much of the schools being closed or doing remote learning.

With the extra time, we were able to do more training this year with the dogs and other agencies. We were lucky enough to be able to utilize some of the vacant houses that the city had purchased on Wadsworth Avenue for some great realistic training before the houses were removed. This was valuable to better train the dogs for situations we come across during our regular patrol functions.

It should also be recognized that even during hard times this year, we had multiple local business continue to support the Canine Unit. Pet Supplies Plus donated all the dog food that the unit needs. Valley Animal Hospital has always helped us with making sure to the keep the dogs' health at their best. Camp Bow Wow allowed us use the dog baths at their facility to keep the dogs looking good. It is businesses like these that make it a great community to work and live in.



Youth Services Bureau

Since 1989, the Youth Services Bureau of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department has been providing a Diversion Program which affords juvenile misdemeanor and status offenders an alternative to Juvenile Court. The bureau acts as a liaison between parents, schools, and Juvenile Court, as well as offers a referral service for the community, schools, parents, and juveniles to address problems, such as children who are “at-risk” for criminal involvement. Additionally, it serves as a child advocate for dependent, neglected and abused children. The Youth Services Bureau became part of Special Operations in 2016 after Laura Nusbaum became certified as a School Resource Officer. Laura Nusbaum, who has been with the department for 20 years, is the Youth Services Coordinator who identifies cases where juveniles are eligible for the Diversion Program, schedules hearings, handles all of the hearings, follow up calls and visits with the juveniles and their parents, ensures all necessary paperwork is delivered to Juvenile Court, collects and disperses all restitution monies and verifies juvenile participation in community service, programs and classes. She also assists SRO Dennis with the Not Me I’m Drug Free Program, as well as oversees the city’s school crossing guard program, performs all juvenile record sealings and expungements, and completes the monthly FBI Uniform Crime Report, NCIC validations, and other tasks for the police department.

In 2020, 216 juvenile charges were initially referred to the Youth Services Bureau, with 210 being referred from the City of Cuyahoga Falls and six cases forwarded to our department from other agencies. From those referrals, 68 cases were accepted in to the Diversion Program, 103 were handled by the Juvenile Court, and 19 were forwarded to other agencies. The youth involved with the Diversion Program are required to complete various tasks, including community service, educational classes, and restitution. A total of 591 hours were completed in community service this year, with 516 hours completed through the Youth Services Bureau and 75 hours that were completed privately. A total of 21 juveniles were referred to the various educational classes. From those referrals, *Drug and Alcohol Education* had 9 students attend and *Conflict Resolution/Anger Management* had 12. Additionally, \$366.68 was recovered and paid back to victims through our restitution program. The Youth Services Bureau continually expands its programming to fit the varying needs of the youth in the community.

Crossing Guards

The Youth Services Bureau of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department oversees the city’s school crossing guard program, which includes programming, scheduling, monitoring, and payroll for the city’s 15 crossing guards and 13 guard posts.

Dispatch-Communications Center

The Cuyahoga Falls Regional Communication Center exists to provide the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls, as well as the Village of Silver Lake, the City of Munroe Falls, and the Village of Boston Heights an effective means by which to summon both emergency and non-emergency public safety assistance and to provide our public safety personnel with reliable communications and support. The center is staffed at all times with 12 full-time and 2 part-time dispatchers. Our very capable personnel dispatch police, fire, and EMS units in response to both non-emergency and 911 calls for service. All of the dispatchers are certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). After normal business hours, the dispatchers also field calls regarding electric problems, water issues, street/sanitation concerns, and traffic signal malfunctions, and have the ability to call out employees from each of those departments to help our residents in time of need, when necessary. In 2020, the dispatch center processed 117,667 calls for service and managed 19,787 emergency 911 calls.

Records Bureau

The Records Bureau consists of two full-time employees and six part-time employees. The Records Bureau continues to be a busy, integral part of the Police Department. They handle all requests from the public, the Law Department, and other agencies for copies of reports. The Records Bureau is also responsible for making sure that court subpoenas are distributed to the officers and that they have the evidence they need for court. In 2020, the Records Bureau processed reports from over 39,727 police incidents. The Records Bureau is also responsible for the processing of all property including, but not limited to, evidence, found property, contraband and seized/forfeited items. In 2020, the Records Bureau processed 4,266 pieces of property.



Reserve Unit

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Reserve Unit is a volunteer unit comprised of dedicated citizens who donate their time to the police department while holding full time employment elsewhere. They receive training in police department procedures and operations, as well as training in defense tactics, first aid/CPR, and in use of various police department equipment. In 2020, the Reserve Unit worked over 2,038 hours and attended more than 60 birthday events for children and citizens in the community.

Officers of the Reserve Unit are tasked with numerous duties. These duties include patrolling city parks and other city properties, vacation home checks, providing additional security at football games, assisting the Patrol and Training Divisions of the Police Department, overseeing the juvenile community service details, and assisting with snow ban parking enforcement. Reserve Officers also direct traffic at the Memorial Day Parade, the annual Easter egg hunt, and various other city sponsored events, as well as numerous charity fund raising events. Reserve Officers also assist with security and public relations at the annual Police Memorial Service, the city's Trick or Treat day, the Veterans Day Ceremony, and Shop with a Cop event.

The Cuyahoga Falls Reserve Unit saw 2020 as a year of change with several promotions taking place. Sergeant David Sweitzer was promoted to lieutenant, while Officer Zachary Francis was promoted to sergeant. Officer Perry Chronister moved in to a reserve field training position. Officers Alexis Swiger and Marcie Lynn Akers were both selected as the Reserve Officers of the Year for their outstanding dedicated work to the juvenile community service details. Officer Mikel Burgan received the Iron Man Award for the most hours worked with 248 hours. Every member of this special unit has stepped up and proved themselves and the unit to be a valuable asset to the police department.

Explorer Program

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department Explorer Program, which functions under the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America, is a program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who have an interest in working in the area of municipal law enforcement. Exploring provides hands on learning through both classroom and practical training, as well as riding with patrol officers during their normal shifts. The Explorers contribute community service hours to the department with their numerous activities, including helping at the auction, the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, and the various road races held in the city. The Explorer Post also proudly represents our department when they compete against over 200 other explorers in a regional law enforcement competition.

Retirees



Captain Steven Guldeman 1990-2020 Captain Steven Guldeman was hired in 1990 and retired after 30 years of service. Captain Guldeman worked as a field training officer, detective, SWAT Team Commander, and Operations Division Commander during his career with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department.



Lieutenant Chad Johnson 1996-2020 Lieutenant Chad Johnson began his career in 1996 and provided 24 years of service. During his career with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, Lieutenant Johnson worked as a detective, field training officer, jail administrator, and was part of the Bike Unit.



Lieutenant Michael Heinl 1989-2020 Lieutenant Michael Heinl retired after 31 years of service with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. Lieutenant Heinl dedicated his career to the Patrol Division where he spent years as a field training officer and investigated the hit-skip accidents.



Officer Mark Ralston 1990-2020 Officer Mark Ralston was hired by the department in 1990 and devoted 30 years of service. Officer Ralston devoted his career to the Patrol Division and dedicated many years as a field training officer.



Officer Scott Thomas 1994-2020 Officer Scott Thomas began his career in 1994 and retired after 26 years of service. Officer Thomas spent the majority of his career assigned to the Patrol Division, where he was a field training officer in addition to a member of the SWAT team.



Officer Ruben Miller 1995-2020 Officer Ruben Miller began his career in 1995. During his 25 years with the department, Officer Miller was a member of the SWAT team, field training officer, detective, and court officer. Officer Miller also spent time assisting with the department's computer system.

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department also celebrated the retirement of three long-time dispatchers; Robert Johnston, Dianne Allen, and Barbara Reid. Dispatcher Robert Johnston started his career with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department as a police officer in 1970 and retired in 1996. In 2001, he returned to the department as a part time dispatcher until his retirement this year. Dianne Allen began her full-time career with the dispatch center in 1989, then became part-time in 2014. Barbara Reid worked full-time starting in 1990, then began working part-time in 2012. Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, and we wish them a happy and healthy retirement!



PERSONNEL

SWORN PERSONNEL - SUPERVISORS

Chief Jack Davis

Captain Steve Guldeman

Captain Todd Shafer

Captain Chris Norfolk

Lieutenant Gary Merton

Lieutenant Michael Heintz

Lieutenant Chad Johnson

Lieutenant Dan Quior

Lieutenant Chris Davies

Lieutenant Chad Lengel

Sergeant Edward Caswell

Sergeant Mark Enos

Sergeant Dan Randall

Sergeant Dominic Perella

Sergeant Eric Roach

Sergeant Brian Anders

Sergeant David Holzapfel

Sergeant Dawn McIlvain

Sergeant James Deeks

Sergeant Randy Tlumac

SWORN PERSONNEL - POLICE OFFICERS

Ryan Alestock

Michael Anderson

Anthony Avalos

Brent Barbe

Matthew Beale

Joseph Bitong

Joseph Braskie

Joseph Bukoffsky

Trevon Burgins

Akos Cserhati

Maryssa Davis

Theodore Davis

Edwin Dennis

Brett Dirker

Brad Dobney

Patrick Edmonds

Naithan Elkins

Trevor Ford

Keri Gamble

Karla Garinger

Brandon Good

Taylor Grove

Jarett Heatwall

Chris Hernandez

Cody Hudak

Malachi Hursh

Laura Jansen

Cody Johnson

Nicholas Kirven

Greg Koch

Kevin Lohse

Michael Luggelle

Keith Maltby

Timothy McAleese

Ruben Miller

Joel Moledor

Cory Myers

Donald Patterson

Alan Pipes

Mark Ralston

Brett Reynolds

Robert Schmidt

Sean Sheets

William Shover

Mickey Snyder

Kevin Swab

Gary Tahsler

Kayla Thomas

Scott Thomas

Charles Toussaint

Edward Vanadia

Gregory Weaver

William Wilson

Dan Zacharias

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Terrence Holt

Martin Rogers

Scott Van Houten

DISPATCH – COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Albertson
Tammy Collins
Cassandra Dobson
Michelle Krobetzky
Alexis Rohr
Rachael Swartz

Dianne Allen
Cara Cumberlidge
Samantha Fickes
LeeAnn Laspisa
Laurel Scianna

Alison Byard
Lisa Davis
Robert Johnston
Barbara Reid
Mariah Simpson

SECRETARY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Kimberly O’Laughlin

SECRETARIES/RECORD CLERKS

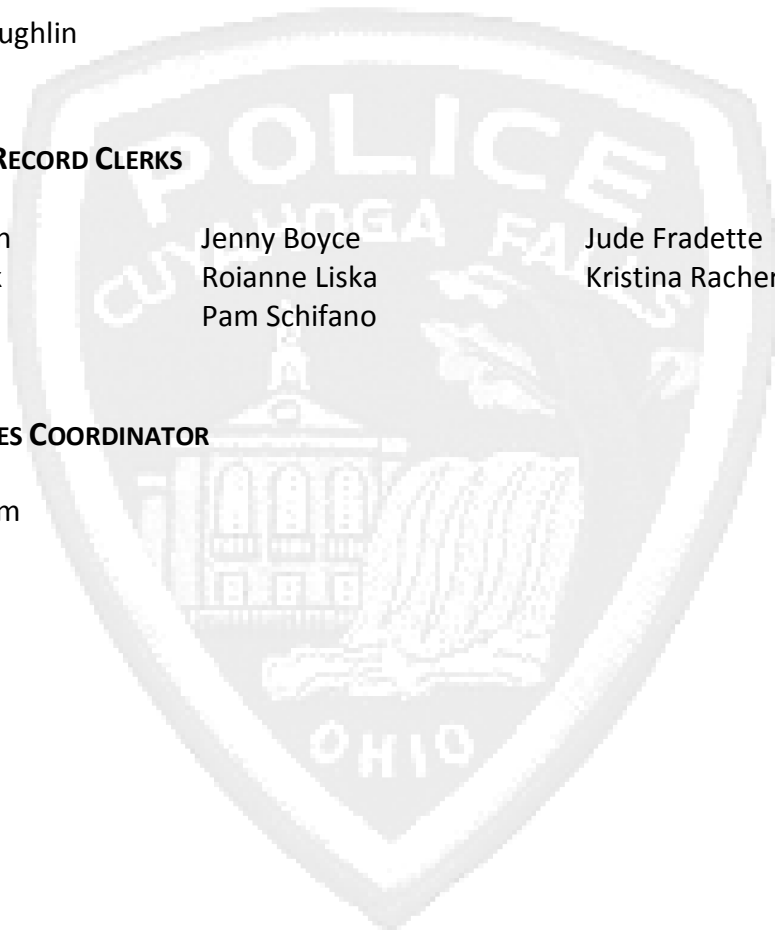
Ruth Anderson
Kailey Kowalik
Sharon Ray

Jenny Boyce
Roianne Liska
Pam Schifano

Jude Fradette
Kristina Racher

YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Laura Nusbaum



2020 Crime Statistics

Part One Crime Reported

Arson	0
Aggravated Assault	16
Burglary	99
Larceny	830
Motor Vehicle Theft	33
Murder	1
Rape	14
Robbery	6
Total Part One Crimes Reported	999

Part One Crimes Arrested

	Adults	Juveniles	Total
Arson	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	2	6
Burglary	27	1	28
Larceny	201	7	208
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	0	12
Murder	1	0	1
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	5	5	10
Total Part One Crimes Arrested			265

Miscellaneous Reported Crime Statistics

Counterfeit / Forgery	24
Damage / Vandalism	271
Disorderly Conduct	131
Driving Under the Influence	244
Drugs and Narcotics Violations	330
Drug Instruments	253
Kidnapping / Abduction	5
Liquor Law Violations	122
Simple Assault	334