

2016 Annual Report

Cuyahoga Falls Police Department



Officer Ted Davis



Don Walters
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City of Cuyahoga Falls Police Department

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Jack Davis
Chief of Police

To the Honorable Mayor Don Walters,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the 2016 Cuyahoga Falls Police Annual Report. In 2016, the department continued to work hard to keep the people of Cuyahoga Falls safe. It was a busy year with over 36,000 incidents generated between self-initiated activities and dispatched calls; this was a six percent increase over 2015. We also had three officers who served at the Republican National Convention this summer, providing a safe environment for all the visitors in the area. The experience and training they received while having all of their expenses covered for this event will benefit the department and our citizens for years to come. I am proud that in 2016 we were recognized by the State of Ohio Collaborative Community - Police Advisory Board for our professional approach to policing by being awarded certification.

In 2016, there was a reduction of Part One crimes reported by nearly five percent when compared to the 2015 numbers. The crimes reported to the department in that category decreased, while the arrests in the category went up eleven percent over 2015 numbers. We continue to see a large decrease in our burglary numbers with a reduction of nearly fifteen percent from 2015 numbers due to the vigilance and hard work of our officers as well as community efforts to report activities.

Traffic safety continues to be a top priority in the department, with the patrol officers recording 10,693 traffic stops. We were also able to provide extra details to promote safe driving through a state grant that provided over \$30,000 in overtime expenses for traffic enforcement. We are fortunate to have the same grant for 2017. It is our goal to continue to work on problem areas with speed surveys, citizen and council input, and crash statistics.

The opiate epidemic continues to weigh on our community and officers are remaining dedicated to do their part in reducing the effects it has in our community. We continue to educate our students with the "Not Me, I'm Drug Free!" program in the elementary schools and have hosted assemblies in our middle and high schools, as well as provided education to parents at mandatory meetings. Our narcotics detectives continue to investigate overdoses to track the source of the drugs and are targeting the dealers of the poison. We are a part of a federal task force on opiates through Summit County Drug Unit as well. In 2016, we combined efforts with the National Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative to try and provide resources for those suffering addictions. Training has been underway to launch a Quick Response Team with the fire

department and a counselor provided by the ADM board. We will remain focused on using every available means to continue to fight against this issue.

In July of 2016, our department saw firsthand what was becoming more common in society, which was an attack on law enforcement. In this incident a driver purposely crashed his truck into vehicles parked in our lot while phoning in a threat to our dispatch center. The subject then took off onto the streets in our city running into vehicles before crashing into a patrol car driven by Officer Ted Davis. Officer Davis suffered major injuries from this crash and had to undergo surgeries as well as extensive rehabilitation. The department and Officer Davis's family are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support from the community shown during that time. Officer Davis was able to return to regular duty and we await justice for this terrible crime. This attack did not deter any of our officers from continuing to provide the highest quality of service to our citizens, and we will continue to provide the same in 2017 and the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jack Davis

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OPERATIONS COMMANDER



CAPTAIN STEVE GULDEMAN

Captain Steve Guldeman is the Operations Commander and 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.

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, but they work with other city, county and state agencies to improve the safety of our community.



Honor Guard Officers Brett Dirker, Keith Maltby, Ruben Miller and Akos Cserhati.

FIRST SHIFT



LIEUTENANT MICHAEL HEINL

The Patrol Division's First Shift (or Dayshift) Officers are on duty patrolling and responding to calls for service in the City of Cuyahoga Falls between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The shift is broken into two sub shifts; one that begins at 6:00 a.m. and the other starts an hour later at 7:00 a.m.

The First Shift supervisory staff is led by 28 year veteran Lieutenant Michael Heinl. Lieutenant Heinl is responsible for the overall operation of the shift, as well as all shift related administrative obligations. Assisting Lieutenant Heinl are three sergeants: 31 year veteran Sergeant Gary Blevins, 27 year veteran Sergeant Marty Rogers and 15 year veteran



SERGEANT GARY BLEVINS

Sergeant Chris Davies. The sergeants' primary duty is to provide assistance and guidance to the patrol officers in the field. They may also handle some administrative assignments for the shift and/or the department. The sergeants currently supervise 13 Patrol Officers, one Court Officer, and one Community Service Officer.



SERGEANT MARTY ROGERS

The patrol officers assigned to the shift provide a wide variety of services to the community. A large percentage of service calls that officers respond to involve traffic crashes, alarm drops, noise complaints, domestic disputes, and traffic complaints. In addition to handling calls for service, officers are also responsible for self-initiated activity. Self-initiated activity includes traffic enforcement, visiting their assigned schools (both public and private), patrolling neighborhoods, checking on disabled vehicles, park checks, assisting motorists and conducting surveillance of reported problem areas.



SERGEANT CHRIS DAVIES

The officers also participate in many community events throughout the year. These include appearances at Touch-A-Truck events, giving safety talks at various schools and daycare centers, traffic radar demonstrations, National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, and tours of the police station. In 2016, officers participated in approximately twenty community related events.

The Court Officer, 28 year veteran Officer Greg Kenepf, is assisted throughout the year by 21 year veteran Officer Ruben Miller. The Court Officer is responsible for the weekday transport of inmates to and from the Stow Municipal Court and the Cuyahoga Falls Mayor's Court. In addition, they transport inmates to and from the Summit County Jail, Oriana House, Glenwood Jail, and other alternative inmate housing locations in the area. They are also responsible for the daily and weekly inspection of our city jail.

The Community Service Officer, 35 year veteran Dave Allaman, is primarily responsible for handling all animal related calls for the department, in addition to a variety of other assignments, including assisting the court officer with inmates, inmate transports, jail details and cruiser details. CSO Allaman is also responsible for seeing that the department's Speed Measuring Trailer is placed out in the community at various locations. In 2016, the Speed Trailer was placed at 40 different locations from April thru November.

Along with managing the dayshift administrative duties, Lieutenant Heidl is also the Jail Administrator for the Cuyahoga Falls City Jail. Our city jail operates under the regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Corrections, and is classified as a 12-Day facility. The jail has 2 women's cells and 8 men's cells. In 2016, our jail housed 620 inmates and averaged 5.3 inmates per day. Our jail also houses inmates for Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, Stow, Mogadore, Bath, OSP, Silver Lake and Boston Heights. The jail was inspected by the Ohio Department of Corrections on September 1, 2016, and as a result of that inspection we were deemed to have a "Compliant Jail".



Officers Jeff Danes, Alan Pipes, Gary Tahsler and SRO Bill Shover pictured at the range.



Day shift officers (from left) Lieutenant Dale Gramley, Sergeant Gary Blevins, Officer Tim Coons, Officer Mark Ralston and Officer Mike Luggelle recite the Pledge of Allegiance for Fox 8 News.

SECOND SHIFT



LIEUTENANT CHAD JOHNSON

The Second Shift (or Afternoon Shift) Patrol Officers are on duty patrolling and responding to calls for service in the City of Cuyahoga Falls between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The shift is broken into two sub shifts; one that begins at 2:00 p.m. and the other that starts an hour later at 3:00 p.m. The Second Shift is led by 20 year veteran Lieutenant Chad Johnson. The three field supervisors assigned to the afternoon patrol shift are 27 year veteran Sergeant Edward Caswell, 27 year veteran Sergeant Mark Hawley and 19 year veteran Sergeant Daniel Randall. The Afternoon Shift supervisory team brings different aspects of police work experience to the shift, some of which include Detective Bureau, SWAT, Narcotics, Community Policing and Field Training Officer.



SERGEANT ED CASWELL

There are 14 officers and one K9 assigned to afternoon shift who are dedicated to the safety and protection of our citizens. With a combined total of 200 years of police work experience, these officers handle a variety of calls for service, including traffic crashes, alarm calls, noise complaints, domestic disputes, and traffic complaints. The afternoon shift also provides additional specialized duties that include abandoned/junk motor vehicle investigations, civilian ride-a-longs, jail inmate visitations, tours of the police department by various organizations (e.g. Cub Scouts), Bike Patrol, and appearances at public events. Some of our officers joined the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department from other Northeast Ohio police departments, giving the shift a wider perspective in police experience.



SERGEANT MARK HAWLEY

Sergeant Caswell oversees the Senior Watch Program. The Cuyahoga Falls Senior Watch Program identifies needs and checks the well-being of older adults in the city. Senior Watch participants designate a day and time to call or check-in with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. If the call is missed, an officer will call back as soon as possible or, if phone contact is not made, visit the home to check on the resident. The benefit of this program is that the client doesn't have to be at home to call in.



SERGEANT DAN RANDALL

Officer Dave Holzapfel is the K9 officer assigned to afternoon shift. Officer Holzapfel and his K-9 partner, Diesel, assist the other officers on the shift with drug and article searches and the apprehension of criminal suspects.

There are also several officers on second shift who are trained Bicycle Patrol Officers. The Bicycle Unit may be called into service at any time throughout the year based on need, and is an added tool afforded to officers when patrolling special events, shopping centers and neighborhoods as they provide for rapid response to areas where a patrol vehicle is unable to go, as well as high visibility and accessibility to the residents of the City.

Afternoon Shift officers have received commendations for exemplary performance in the line of duty from both citizens and other law enforcement agencies. Officer Keith Maltby received the 2016 Summit County First Responder Award for saving an elderly man's life with an AED when he was having a heart attack during a church service.



***From left:* Dispatcher Cassie Dobson, Summit County Metro Park Ranger Mike Phillips and Officer Keith Maltby receiving the Summit County First Responder Award.**



Bicycle Patrol Officers Tony Palcisko and Ryan Alestock.

THIRD SHIFT



LIEUTENANT TODD SHAFER

The Patrol Division's Third Shift (or Night Shift) Officers are on duty between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The shift is broken into two sub shifts; one that begins at 10:00p.m. and the other that starts an hour later at 11:00p.m. The Third Shift is led by 22 year veteran Lieutenant Todd Shafer. Lieutenant Shafer is primarily responsible for overseeing the operation of the shift, including all administrative duties.



SERGEANT CHRIS NORFOLK

Assisting Lieutenant Shafer are Sergeant Christopher Norfolk, a veteran of 15 years, and Sergeant Dominic Perella, an 18 year veteran. Each sergeant is responsible for, and are the immediate supervisors to, a squad of approximately seven patrol officers. Sergeants respond to a variety of crime scenes to ensure that all aspects of preliminary investigations are addressed and to assess the need for additional resources. They also provide assistance to officers handling calls, traffic stops and arrest situations.



SERGEANT DOMINIC PERELLA

Patrol officers from the Third Shift provide a wide variety of law enforcement services to the community. A large percentage of service calls that officers respond to are alarm drops, noise complaints, domestic disputes, and dealing with intoxicated persons. In addition to handling calls for service, officers are responsible for self-initiated activity. Self-initiated activity includes traffic enforcement, business checks, neighborhood patrols, motorist assists and surveillance of problem areas for criminal activity.

In 2016, Third Shift officers made 108 felony arrests and 287 misdemeanor arrests for drugs, domestic violence and a variety of other offenses. Additionally, and a top priority, Third Shift officers made 216 arrests for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



Chief Jack Davis with Officer Gary Tahsler at the Police Officer Memorial Day service.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS



CAPTAIN PERRY TABAK



SERGEANT MARK ENOS

Captain Perry Tabak is the Special Operations Commander who is assisted by Special Operations Sergeant Mark Enos and Training Officer Mike Anderson. Captain Tabak is charged with overseeing the department's School Resource Officers, Training Bureau, Records Bureau, Youth Services Bureau, Communications Center 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 Tabak 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 2016, the Training Bureau worked with several local businesses and organizations to provide specialized active shooter training for their employees. Also last year, the Special Operations Division was instrumental in the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department becoming a Certified Law Enforcement Agency by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Cuyahoga Falls has two school districts and approximately 19 schools in its jurisdiction. 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. He continues to participate in programs in our schools, including "Not Me, I'm Drug Free," teaching 5th grade students about the dangers of drugs as well as other anti-drug programs including Cole's Warriors. In 2016, Officer Dennis taught more than 50 classes in the schools, regarding topics ranging from drugs and alcohol to 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 students regarding drug and alcohol awareness 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. The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department is committed to providing a safe, drug free environment at our schools.

CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit currently consists of three canines; Diesel, Lylou and Dan-C. The canines are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, which is the same agency that certifies police officers in Ohio. The canines are certified in multiple areas of training, including narcotics detection, tracking, article search, building and area searching and criminal apprehension. Canine Diesel's partner is Officer David Holzappel, Canine Lylou's partner is Captain Perry Tabak and Dan-C's partner is SRO Ed Dennis. The Canine Unit responded to over 160 canine specific calls and performed over 70 school sweeps in 2016. Additionally, Diesel, Lylou and Dan-C competed against almost 20 canine teams in the 2016 Akron Canine Challenge. Lylou placed first in the obedience trials and was awarded third place in apprehension, and Diesel placed second in both agility and apprehension.



K9 Diesel



K9 Dan-C



K9 Lylou



Captain Perry Tabak with K9 Lylou.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department Youth Services Bureau has been providing a Diversion Program since 1989 which affords juvenile misdemeanor and status offenders an alternative to Juvenile Court, as well as acts as a liaison between parents, schools and Juvenile Court. The Youth Services Bureau also offers a referral service for the community, schools, parents and juveniles to address problems, such as children who are “at-risk” for criminal involvement. Furthermore, it serves as a child advocate for dependent, neglected and abused children. The Bureau became part of Special Operations in August after Laura Nusbaum became certified as a School Resource Officer. Laura Nusbaum 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.

In 2016, 385 juvenile arrests were initially referred to the Youth Services Bureau, with 365 being referred from the City of Cuyahoga Falls and 20 cases forwarded to our department from other agencies. From those referrals, 82 cases were accepted into the Diversion Program, 256 were handled by the Juvenile Court, 37 were forwarded to other agencies, and 2 were handled on a counsel and release level. The youth involved with the diversion program are required to complete various tasks, including community service, restitution, and educational classes. School districts and police departments throughout our county utilize our intervention classes as well. A total of 59 juveniles were referred to the various educational classes. From those referrals, *Drug and Alcohol Education* had 29 students attend; *Conflict Resolution*, 6; *Theft*, 21; and *Tobacco*, 3. Community service is also assigned to many of the youth, and this year they completed a total 1,204 hours, with 880 hours completed through the Youth Services Bureau and 324 hours that were completed privately. Additionally, \$386 in restitution was recovered and paid back to victims. The Youth Services Bureau continually expands its programming to fit the varying needs of the youth in the community.



Mayor Don Walters, Kathy Romito, Chief Jack Davis, Laura Nusbaum, Cuyahoga Falls Schools Superintendent Todd Nichols, and SRO Ed Dennis with his K9 Dan-C at the Community C.A.R.E. Awards banquet.

DISPATCH-COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Cuyahoga Falls Regional Communication Center exists to provide the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls, the Village of Silver Lake and the City of Munroe Falls 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, and our very capable personnel dispatch police, fire and EMS units in response to both non-emergency calls and 911 calls for service. 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. Each year, the dispatch center processes over 120,000 calls for service from our citizens.

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 2016, the Records Bureau processed reports from over 36,000 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 2016, the Records Bureau conducted one property auction and processed approximately 4,000 pieces of property.

CROSSING GUARDS

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department oversees the city's school crossing guard program, which includes programming, scheduling, monitoring and payroll for the city's 21 crossing guards and 16 guard posts.



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (SWAT)

The Cuyahoga Falls SWAT team is comprised of sixteen officers, four tactical paramedics, and four negotiators that are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Because of the infrequency of call-outs, all members are assigned to regular duties to include patrol, detectives, firefighters, and paramedics.

The 2016 SWAT team was under the command of Captain Perry Tabak and Sergeant Chris Norfolk. SWAT members are trained to perform operations that fall outside of the abilities of regular officers. These situations include high-risk arrest/search warrants, barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, and any other incident which would require a specialized approach.

The SWAT team trains on a monthly basis in order to retain, refine, and evaluate individual and team skills. Areas of training include marksmanship, less lethal options, chemical munitions, breaching, and ballistic shield tactics. Training also includes working with the use of other specialized equipment such as search cameras and hostage phones.

The SWAT team works and trains with other area teams, including Metro SWAT and Barberton SWAT, in order to assure better service to citizens in the event of a large scale incident. The SWAT team will continue to serve the department in its efforts to provide a safe environment for the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls.



DETECTIVE BUREAU



LIEUTENANT GARY MERTON

The Detective Bureau is comprised of two supervisors and eight detectives. The bureau is supervised by Lieutenant Gary Merton, Jr. and Sergeant Jim Singleton. Two of the eight detectives are currently assigned strictly to Narcotics/Vice crimes.

Detectives conduct the follow-up investigation 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 three desks: Major Crimes (robbery/burglary/homicide), Persons Crimes (including child abuse, rape & domestic violence), and Thefts & Frauds (including credit card theft, identity theft, petty theft & bad checks).

In 2016, the Major Crimes detectives were Detectives Chad Lengel and Bob Schmidt. The Persons Desk was worked by Detectives Brett Reynolds and Brian Anders. Detectives Brandon Good and Mike Luggelle were assigned to the Theft & Fraud desk.

Notable cases solved or sentenced in 2016 were the following:

Assault on Law Enforcement / Robbery –An adult female committed a theft from Giant Eagle on Howe Avenue. A Summit County Deputy was working a security detail at the store. The deputy attempted to stop the female as she prepared to leave the parking lot in her vehicle. The suspect refused to stop as the deputy had a hold of her arm. The deputy was knocked to the ground and sustained minor injuries. The female was charged with Assault on a Police Officer (F1), pled to Felonious Assault (F2), and is serving a 4 year sentence.

Attempted Murder of Law Enforcement Officer / Vandalism – An adult male purposely rammed his vehicle into several marked police vehicles that were parked at the police station, causing

thousands of dollars in damage. While being pursued by police, the suspect then violently attacked a Cuyahoga Falls police officer by purposely driving his motor vehicle into the officer's cruiser. This collision caused serious injuries to the officer. The suspect was found competent to stand trial and is currently waiting for a trial date.

Felony Child Endangering – In 2015, a man was charged with felony Endangering Children in the connection with the violent shaking of an 8 month old infant that resulted in serious injury. The case was resolved in 2016 with the suspect pleading guilty and being sentenced to five years in prison.

Rape – In 2016, it came to law enforcement's attention that a sexual assault occurred in 2009. A woman had digitally penetrated her daughter who was under the age of ten. The suspect was charged with Rape and the trial date is set for 2017.

Theft – Two women and several children went into a local business and filled a shopping cart with merchandise. The women then went out to their vehicle. A short time later the children pushed the cart of unpaid goods out to the vehicle and left with the product. This event was captured on video and the women were identified from a prior theft. The women were charged with Theft and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile. Three of the children were charged with Complicity to Theft.

NARCOTICS/VICE UNIT

One Sergeant and 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. 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 Narcotic 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.

The heroin/fentanyl abuse trend that has been prevalent in Northeast Ohio continued to affect Cuyahoga Falls in 2016. Heroin drug overdose deaths increased from 13 to 19. Detectives were able to track the drugs in 3 of the deaths back to the source and make arrests. Charges in these death investigations included Trafficking in Drugs, Corrupting another with Drugs and Involuntary Manslaughter. More than one of these cases required detectives to seek assistance from the Summit County Drug Unit as the suspects were operating outside of the City of Cuyahoga Falls. These cases also tended to require coordination with the Summit County Medical Examiner, as well as the Summit County Prosecutors Office.

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 2016, the Reserve Unit worked over 882 hours.

Reserve Officer Frank Hosterman was selected as the Reserve Officer of the Year in 2016. Officer Hosterman also became a squad leader and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

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, providing assistance with prisoner handling and court duties, and overseeing the juvenile community service details. Reserve Officers also direct traffic at numerous crash scenes, the Memorial Day Parade, the annual Easter egg hunt, several 5k races 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 City's Annual First Responders Day event and the annual Police Memorial Service.

The Cuyahoga Falls Reserve Unit once again met the challenges presented to them in 2016. Our Reserve Officers were extremely productive this year and focused their efforts on helping to ease some of the burden of the police department's Patrol Division. Every member of this special unit has stepped up and proved themselves and the unit to be a valuable asset to the police department.



Reserve Major Ron Woods along with Reserve Officers Frank Hosterman, Roger Turner and Josh Coons.

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 contributed over 305 community service hours in 2016 for their various 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 represented our department when they competed against over 200 other explorers in a regional law enforcement competition.



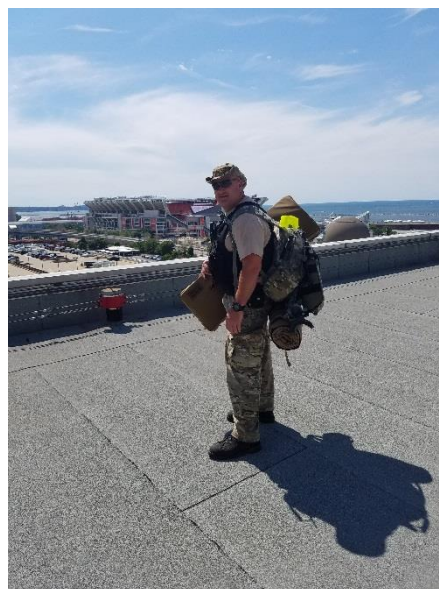
Reserve Major Ron Woods and Reserve Officer Frank Hosterman with one of our dedicated Explorers.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Officers Mike Anderson, Tony Palcisko and Ryan Alestock assisted the Cleveland Police Department during the 2016 Republican National Convention, held from July 18 through July 21. Over 5,500 officers provided security for the 4-day event, including 3,000 federal officers, 2,000 non-federal officers and 500 Cleveland PD officers. Officer Anderson was on the overwatch team, and Officers Palcisko and Alestock were part of the bicycle squad. The officers worked 12-hour shifts during the convention to ensure that demonstrators, delegates, attendees and officers remained safe.



Pictured from left: Officers Tony Palcisko, Ryan Alestock and Mike Anderson.



Officer Mike Anderson at his post on top of a building in Cleveland.

2016 RETIREMENT



Lieutenant Dale Gramley On January 28, Lieutenant Dale Gramley retired from the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department after 35 years of service. Dale started his career in 1980 with the Northampton Township Police Department, and continued on with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department after the Township merged with the City of Cuyahoga Falls on January 1, 1986. During his career, Dale served as both a patrol officer and a detective, and was also a member of SWAT. In 2004, he was promoted to Sergeant, then achieved another promotion less than three years later when he became a Lieutenant. Dale received multiple awards for his work and dedication, including a Valor Award by the IUPA; Attorney General Award for involvement in an OOCIC Task Force; a Hero Award from the Summit County Red Cross; and was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame for Investigators.

PROMOTIONS

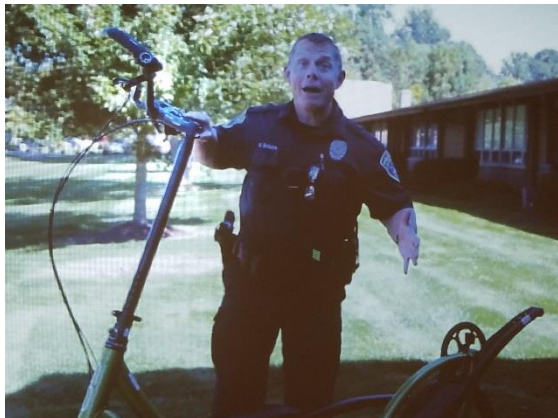
The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department proudly celebrated two promotions in 2016. On January 29th, Todd Shafer was promoted to Lieutenant, and Dominic Perella was promoted to Sergeant.



On February 1st, Kayla Yanus was sworn in as the department's newest member.



OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



PERSONNEL

SWORN PERSONNEL - SUPERVISORS

Chief Jack Davis

Captain Steve Guldeman

Captain Perry Tabak

Lieutenant Dale Gramley

Lieutenant Gary Merton

Lieutenant Michael Heintz

Lieutenant Chad Johnson

Lieutenant Todd Shafer

Sergeant Gary Blevins

Sergeant Edward Caswell

Sergeant James Singleton

Sergeant Mark Hawley

Sergeant Marty Rogers

Sergeant Mark Enos

Sergeant Chris Davies

Sergeant Dan Randall

Sergeant Chris Norfolk

Sergeant Dominic Perella

SWORN PERSONNEL - POLICE OFFICERS

Ryan Alestock

Brian Anders

Michael Anderson

Brent Barbe

Matthew Beale

Joseph Bitong

Jack Boston

Joseph Bukoffsky

Timothy Coons

Akos Cserhati

Jeffrey Danes

Theodore Davis

James Deeks

Edwin Dennis

Brett Dirker

Patrick Edmonds

Trevor Ford

Richard Garinger

Brandon Good

Chris Hernandez

David Holzapfel

Malachi Hursh

Cody Johnson

Greg Kenepp

Greg Koch

Chad Lengel

Kevin Lohse

Michael Luggelle

Keith Maltby

Dawn McIlvain

Ruben Miller

Joel Moledor

John Neforos

Tony Palcisco

Donald Patterson

Dominic Perella

Alan Pipes

Daniel Quior

Mark Ralston

Brett Reynolds

Karla Rich

Eric Roach

Thomas Savage

Robert Schmidt

Sean Sheets

William Shover

Mickey Snyder

Gary Tahsler

Scott Thomas

Randy Tlumac

Charles Toussaint

Edward Vanadia

Gregory Weaver

William Wilson

Kayla Yanus

Dan Zacharias

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

David Allaman

SECRETARY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Kimberly O'Laughlin

SECRETARIES/RECORD CLERKS

Dawn Bishop
Nanette Lowery

Jude Fradette
Pamela Montgomery

Roianne Liska

YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Laura Nusbaum



2016 CRIME STATISTICS

Part One Crime Reported

Arson	5
Assault - Aggravated	26
Assault – Simple	295
Burglary	117
Larceny	996
Motor Vehicle Theft	50
Murder	0
Rape	24
Robbery	14
Total Part One Crimes Reported	1527

Part One Crimes Arrested

	Adults	Juveniles	Total
Arson	1	0	1
Assault – Aggravated	18	2	20
Assault - Simple	116	25	141
Burglary	28	5	33
Larceny	215	47	262
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	3	18
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	6	1	7
Robbery	4	1	5
Total Part One Crimes Arrested			487

Miscellaneous Reported Crime Statistics

Counterfeit / Forgery	54
Damage / Vandalism	379
Disorderly Conduct	128
Driving Under the Influence	329
Drugs and Narcotics Violations	286
Drug Instruments	209
Kidnapping / Abduction	7
Liquor Law Violations	118