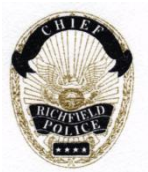


# Richfield Police Department



2012 Annual Report



## *RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT*

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Keith D. Morgan  
Chief of Police

Honorable Roberta Beshara  
Mayor, Village of Richfield  
RE: Annual Report, 2012

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual report for the Village of Richfield Police Department. There are many facets to policing from community service to major crime investigation. This report is to serve as a synopsis of the year's activity and should not be considered all inclusive.

Our main focus is, and will remain, to serve the residents of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township. Statistics are not an accurate measure of a police department, citizen satisfaction is. We remain dedicated to this mission.

The past year was definitely a hectic year of transition. In the three months following my appointment as police chief there were seven personnel moves. Included in the moves were the appointment of Paul Fister to Sergeant the hiring of John Petrovich as a full time police officer, and the appointment of three part time officers. The department had not experienced this type of turnover in almost a decade.

In addition to personnel issues, the contract for police services with Richfield Township was finalized as was the collective bargaining agreement with the Richfield Police officers.

Officer Jeff Revlock was forced to retire due to injuries sustained in an on duty motor vehicle crash. Officer Revlock had served as a negotiator on the Metro SWAT Team, and was past commander of the Richfield Honor Guard. David Polak was appointed as a full time officer to fulfill his position.

Chief M.D. Canter retired in March 2012. Under his leadership the department grew not only in numbers but also in a level of professionalism. I will chronicle his accomplishments later in this report.

I wish to thank you for the support that you have given the safety forces of the Village of Richfield, and I look forward to the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith D. Morgan

Chief of Police

# Chief Dale Canter

## 2001-2012

Chief Canter served in law enforcement for forty four years and thirteen days when he retired in March of 2012.

He joined the Maple Heights police department after serving in the United States Army.

Chief Canter served from 1965 to 1967 and was an infantry squad leader with the second battalion, 25th infantry division.

He received ten decorations in connection with his military service.; Including a Combat Infantry Badge, two purple hearts, and a presidential unit citation.

He has also served as a consultant, collaborator, and author on print publications concerning his military service and law enforcement topics.

Chief Canter joined the Maple Heights police department in 1968 after finishing at the top of his class at the Ohio State Highway Patrol academy.

While with Maple Heights he served as a detective, sergeant, lieutenant, detective bureau commander, and SWAT Commander. He was promoted to Chief in 1987.

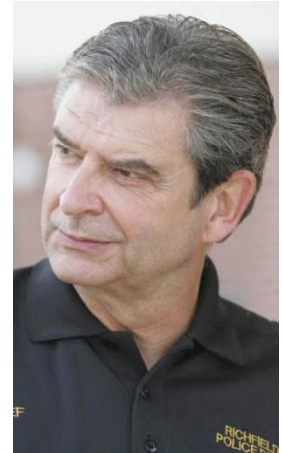
Chief Canter is a graduate of the FBI National academy, the Police Executive Leadership College and is certified as an instructor the Ohio Peace Officer Training program. He has served on numerous boards both public and private and was instrumental in making the construction of the Maple Heights World War II memorial a reality. In May 1991 Chief Canter was inducted into the Maple Heights hall of fame.

He was very active in the police olympics, and pistol competitions having won numerous medals on the local, state, and national level.

Chief Canter retired from the Maple Heights Police Department on January 1, 2002 after having served for 33 years, 6 months, and 24 days.

Chief Canter was chosen to serve as the police chief for the Richfield Police Department in 2001.

He sought to create a professional, well trained organization. Chief Canter encouraged officers to specialize in areas of law enforcement and provided the training and equipment necessary to do so.



Under Chief Canters tutelage the DARE program was established within the department. Many officers received SWAT training, with two members of the department serving with the Metro SWAT team. In addition to SWAT, officers have received specialized training in accident reconstruction, computer crime, child abduction, drug interdiction, K9 handling, and crime scene investigation.

Chief Canter insured that all of his supervisory staff receive leadership training. Officers have attended advanced leadership classes such as PELC and PEALS and there are two graduates of the FBI National Academy, a rarity in a department of this size.

Chief Canter also established the Richfield Police and Fire honor guard.

In 2002 Chief Canter received the State of Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Award from the Ohio Attorney General.

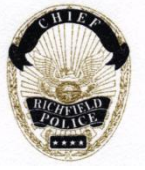
In 2003 he coordinated with local, state, and government law enforcement agencies to provide protection for a visit from the President of the United States, an event that he considers as his most memorable while serving as chief.

It was a great honor to serve with Chief Canter and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors.



To M.D. Canter  
With Best Wishes,

*Gov Bush*



## *RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT*

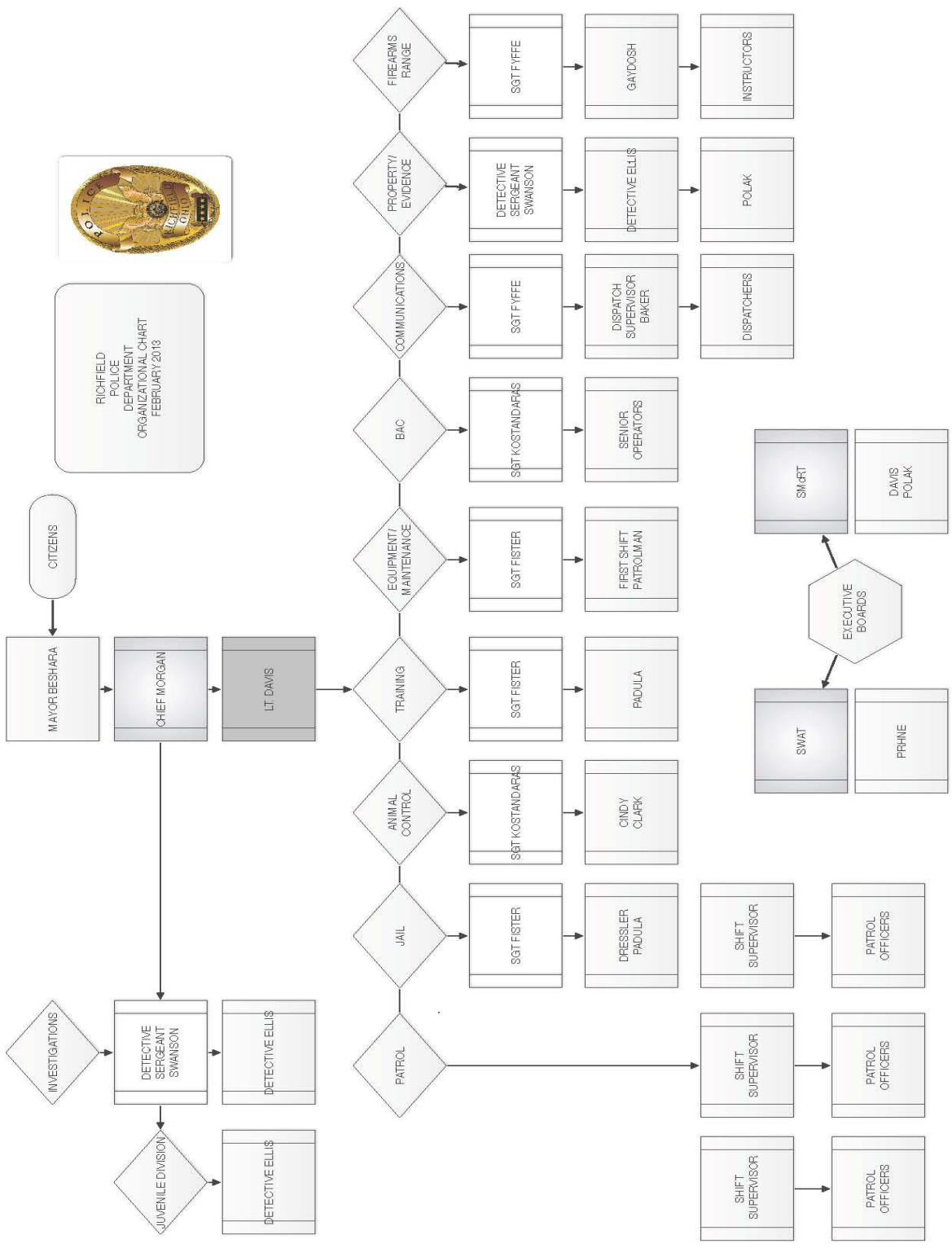
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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Men and Women of the Richfield Police Department are committed to being a professional and caring organization dedicated to the concepts of personal excellence, continuous improvement, integrity, teamwork, and service to our community.

We believe in the dignity of all citizens and desire to protect individual rights. We aspire to contribute to the quality of life in the community of Richfield by providing efficient Law Enforcement services. We take pride in our professional performance and image.



# Richfield's Law Enforcement History

The Richfield Police Department can trace its law enforcement tradition back to 1816. The first law enforcement official was a constable who was elected to office. Two of the first known constables were John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins. One of the most colorful constables was Arthur Scobie who served from 1920 to 1935. Constable Scobie wore boots and a western style hat. He rode a horse in order to perform his duties.

Web Orcutt and Joseph Smith also served as constables in the 1920's, while Preston Fauble was the first motorcycle officer. In the early 1930's, Orcutt, Smith and Fauble changed careers and were each elected to the office of Justice of the Peace.

William Guthrie was the last constable of Richfield and the first to have a car with two-way radio. An auxiliary captain, Charlie Palmer, and Virgil Newton served as deputies. The constable system was replaced by the Summit County Sheriff in 1962. Three local men, Tom Fisher, Ed Pepper, and Lee Weber were sworn in as deputies. The Summit County Sheriff continued to serve in Richfield until 1970, shortly after the Village of Richfield was formed. The formation of the Village resulted in two entities: Richfield Township and Richfield Village.

In 1970 the Richfield Village Police Department was formed. Tom Fisher was chosen to be the police chief, a position that he held until 1988. The Township continued its affiliation with the Summit County Sheriff's office. Richfield Township did have a police chief, Dave Arbogast, who was appointed in 1984. Chief Arbogast worked in conjunction with the Sheriff's department. The Township formed their own department with six additional officers joining Chief Arbogast.

John Walsh was appointed as Tom Fisher's replacement in 1988. Chief Walsh served in that capacity until 2001. Chief M.D. Canter was the third police chief for the Richfield Police Department with his appointment in 2001. In that same year the Richfield Township Police Department was dissolved. Richfield Township contracted with the Richfield Village Police department for police services. In 2002 the police department moved into a new facility.

Chief Canter completed over 44 years of law enforcement service with his retirement in 2012. Keith Morgan was named as his successor.

There have been many changes since John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins took their oaths of office in the early 1800's. The law enforcement mission remains the same, to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield.

# CHIEFS OF POLICE

John Walsh  
1988 to 2001



Dave Arbogast  
Richfield Township



Tom Fisher  
1962-1988



Dale Canter  
2001-2012



Keith Morgan  
2012-Present

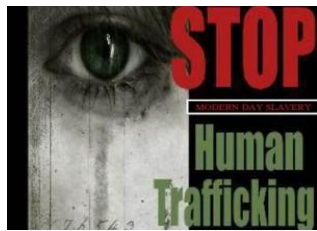
# Training

Members of the Richfield Police Department participated in a variety of training over the course of the year in 30 separate disciplines, some mandated and others advanced in nature.

Department-wide training consisted of mandated topics due to changes in the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy curriculum and state law:

- 01- Ohio Uniform Traffic Crash Report update
- 02- Awareness of Human Trafficking
- 03- Responding to Human Trafficking

Changes in the format of the Ohio Uniform Traffic Crash report necessitated that all officers be trained in the new requirements and procedures.



Enhancement to Ohio Revised Code Section 2905.32 has increased penalties for the crime of Human Trafficking. Patrol officers are often the first to come in contact with victims of Human Trafficking; therefore it is essential officers are familiar with the cues that are indicators of these offenses in order to intervene if Human Trafficking is detected.

All patrol officers received training on the use of Portable Breath Analyzers (PBA's) to enhance their abilities in roadside detection of impaired drivers, as well as chronicling underage persons suspected of consuming alcoholic beverages illicitly.



Two patrol sergeants attended coursework in “The Supervisors’ Role During and After Pursuits” in order to insure that any initiated pursuits occur as safely as possible within procedure and policy.

The newest officers hired completed BAC Datamaster training. BAC is the acronym for “Blood Alcohol Content”, the term that references the percentage of alcohol in an individuals’ deep lung air as measured by the BAC Datamaster.

Successful completion of the course permits these officers to obtain evidentiary breath samples for the prosecution of impaired drivers in compliance with the procedures and standards established by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health.



Training on the Intoxilyzer 8000 breath machine supplied by the State of Ohio originally proposed for the balance of our personnel during 2012 encountered scheduling problems and no timeline has yet been established by the state for the completion of personnel training at this time.



Four officers received training as instructors in A.L.i.C.E., an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. A.L.i.C.E. is a program of response concepts that offers school students, school employees and teaching staff empowerment options should they be faced with an armed intruder in their school.

The A.L.i.C.E. program has been adapted to serve businesses and churches as well as schools. A.L.i.C.E. has already been taught to several local businesses and churches, as well as to personnel within Revere Local Schools. This training is ongoing and offered at no charge so that we may hopefully try avoid/minimize tragedies such as Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Two officers graduated the weeklong Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT). This training provides the officers with the skill-set and resource tools to identify and seek out appropriate options for emotionally disturbed persons needing specific treatment for their conditions. Many of these individuals are often overlooked or simply arrested as a result of the nature of their contact with law enforcement.



Several courses strengthening our relationships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security were also attended by department members to address the constantly evolving threats to the security of our community, county, state and country.



## A list of the training attended in 2012 follows:

- 01- Evidence Room Management
- 02- Basic Crime Scene Investigation
- 03- Cell Phone Analysis as an Investigative Tool
- 04- ARIDE (Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)
- 05- Range Medical Emergencies and the Firearms Instructor
- 06- Mass Fatality Incident Response
- 07- Northeast Ohio Metropolitan Medical Response System
- 08- Developing and Maintaining a Local Emergency Operating Plan
- 09- FBI National Academy Associates Re-Trainer Sessions
- 10- Department of Ohio Homeland Security Planning Session
- 11- Emergency Planning
- 12- Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission Pistol-Craft Standards
- 13- Subject Control Instructor Update
- 14- Suspect Tactics and Perimeter Containment
- 15- Safe Schools Summit
- 16- FBI Counterterrorism Awareness Briefing
- 17- Jail/Corrections Administrator's Course
- 18- Judgment Firearms Simulator Course
- 19- Advanced Contraband Concealment
- 20- U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Intelligence Sharing
- 21- Summit County Notification and Warning System
- 22- Ohio Public Records Laws
- 23- Understanding Stress and Stress Overload
- 24- Wellness and Managing Stress
- 25- Profile of an Active Shooter
- 26- Summit County Juvenile Court- Administration of Oaths for Officers
- 27- Conducting Background Investigations
- 28- DARE- Core Curriculum Elementary School Updates

# Investigations

The detective bureau is staffed by Detective Sergeant Mike Swanson and Detective Amy Ellis. Det. Ellis also serves as the Juvenile Detective and works closely with the schools, parents and children.

In 2012 the detective bureau investigated 111 cases. Among the investigations were 37-thefts/fraud/forgery, 4-bad checks, 9-Burglaries, 6-Stalking/Domestic related, 6-phone harassment/menacing, 2- Assaults, 1-Rape, 1-Abuse/Neglect, 2-Suspicious Deaths, 3-Dog Bites, 3-Lost/Found property, 4-Drug Abuse, 3-Suspicious Activity, 4-Vandalism and 3-assist other agencies. The remaining cases were Juvenile related or classified as Miscellaneous. 3-search warrants and 35 arrest warrants/indictments were issued. 14 cases were cleared without prosecution.



To the left is a fingerprint processed at a burglary scene. This evidence is currently being analyzed by crime lab.

All of the case work involves countless hours of investigation which includes, but is not limited to, crime scene processing, victim-witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, report writing and warrant preparation. Additionally, many hours are spent coordinating efforts with The Summit County Common Pleas Court, The Akron Municipal Court, The Summit County Juvenile Court and their prosecutor's offices, as well as other state and federal agencies.

To the right is a shoe impression obtained from the scene of a Breaking and Entering and an Auto Theft. This evidence linked a suspect to this crime and numerous others.





Above is evidence seized in a search warrant of a drug house in which numerous neighbor complaints were received. Two suspects were arrested as a result.

The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for police department applicants. This is a very involved process that requires hours of research and investigation into the applicant's background. It includes interviews of the applicant, their past employers, references and neighbors of the applicant. The background investigation process is similar to any other investigation, which is why it's typically assigned to detective bureaus. In 2012, we have expanded these services to other departments within the village to assist in hiring process.

In 2013 the detective bureau is requesting the audio and video recording system in the bureau be upgraded from VHS recording to DVD. The state law now mandates that the interview/interrogations of suspects being charged with specific crimes be video and audio recorded. VHS tapes are now almost impossible to obtain. And the equipment used to view them is quickly becoming outdated. The need for the upgrade is imperative.

# Property Room

The property room is staffed by Det. Sgt. Mike Swanson, Det. Amy Ellis and Ptl. David Polak. There is a constant flow of property and evidence that passes through the property room each year. Each piece of property/evidence must be packaged, labeled, logged and properly stored, while maintaining a proper chain of custody. Det. Ellis typically handles the day to day operations of the property room. The property room also manages all of the digital evidence i.e.: photographs and in car camera data. Det. Amy Ellis and Ptl. Polak have also been keeping up with this task along with their other duties.



Weapons seized and categorized in the property room.

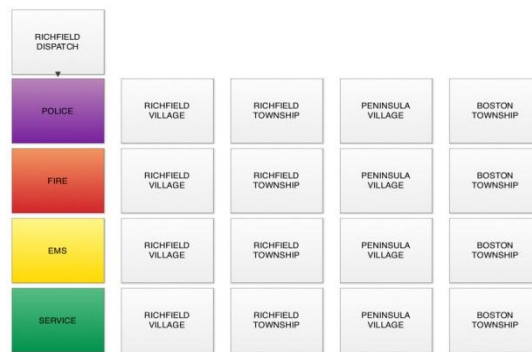
Many pieces of evidence are submitted to the crime lab every year for analysis. This process is also managed in the property room. The evidence must be prepared for submission, and after analysis it's returned to our property room. The accompanying lab reports that follow then must be filed appropriately and or forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

In 2012 the property room took in over 370 pieces of property. Also in 2012 a court order was prepared to destroy and or convert property to department use.

In 2013 Ptl. Polak will receive training in Property Room/Evidence Management to further assist in the day to day operations.

# Communication Center

Tim Baker oversees the daily operations of the dispatch center. There are currently seven full time dispatchers and two part time dispatchers. In 2012 the dispatch center processed 14410 calls for service an increase from the 13,102 in 2011. The dispatch center serves Richfield Village, Richfield Twp., Peninsula and Valley Fire District.



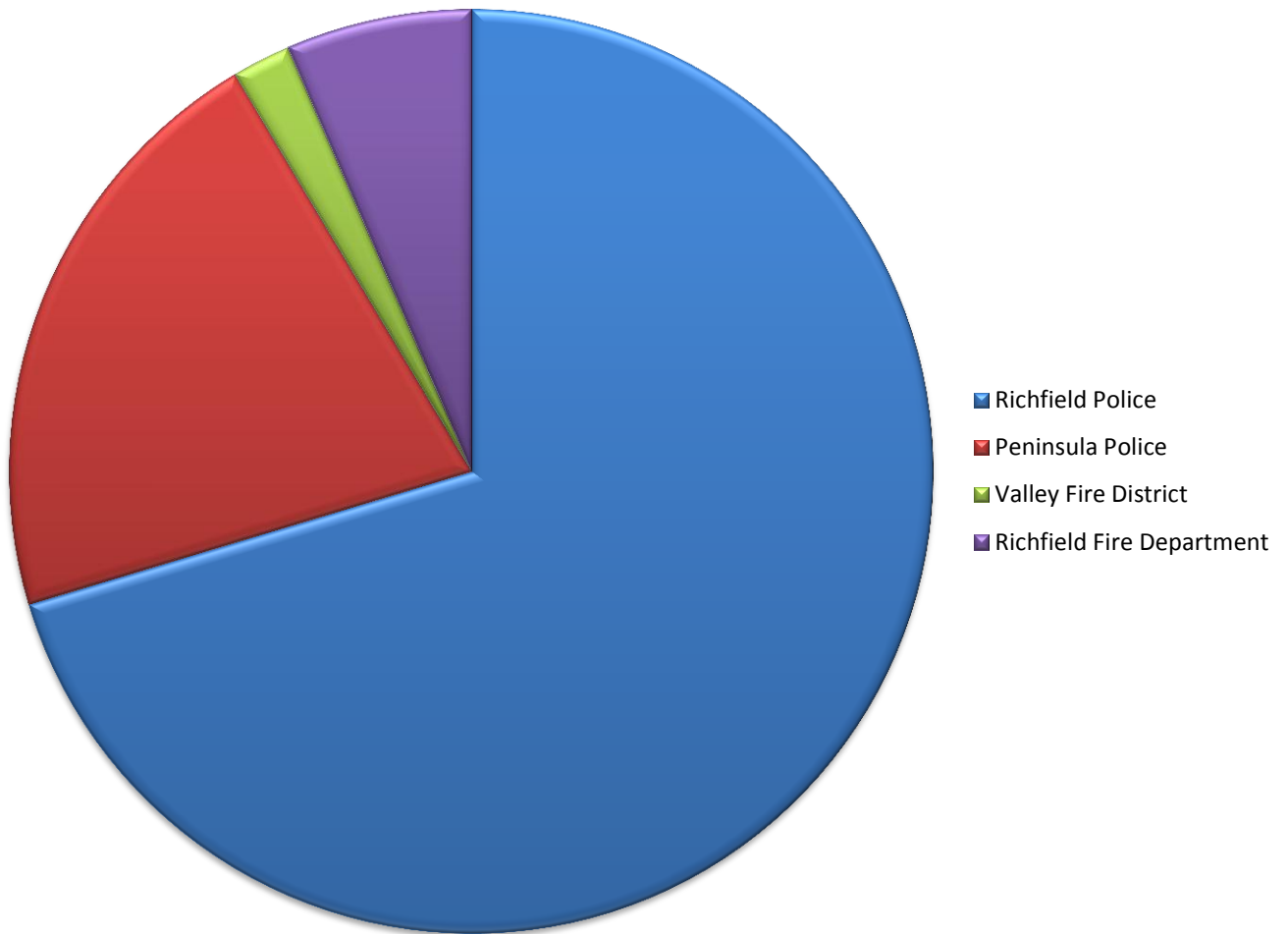
In 2012 we replaced completed the Sprint/Nextel re-banding project with success and very little down time. The project has taken several years to complete and took a lot of time and preparation. We were also able to replace to computers in the center that house our LEADS information through the State of Ohio. We look to upgrade our security cameras within the police/fire department in the near future and integrate our center with the Revere Schools through better technology and data sharing.

The Richfield Police Department looks forward to the addition of new dispatchers to complement the current staff. Generally it will take 3-4 months of training to get a part time dispatcher trained so that they are proficient in all of the requirements of the job.

Below is a break-down of calls for service by community:

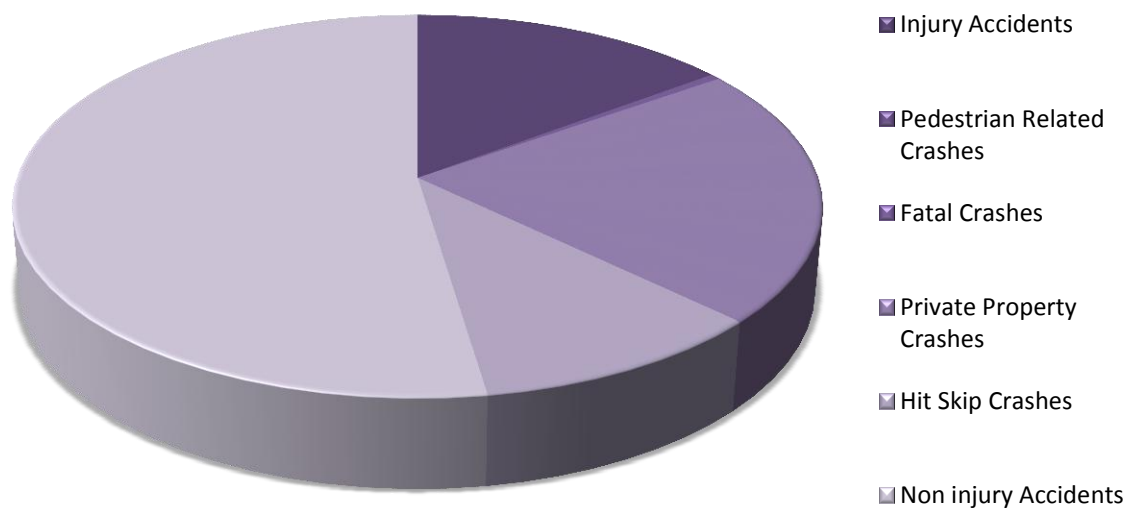
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| Richfield      | 8,759 |
| Richfield Twp. | 1,379 |
| Peninsula      | 3,042 |
| Valley Fire    | 294   |
| Richfield Fire | 936   |

# Dispatched Calls for Service



# Motor Vehicle Crashes Investigated

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Crashes Occurred           | 210 |
| Vehicles Involved          | 315 |
| Injury Accidents           | 31  |
| Injured Persons            | 47  |
| Alcohol Related            | 3   |
| Alcohol Related Injuries   | 1   |
| Alcohol Related Fatalities | 0   |
| Pedestrian Related Crashes | 0   |
| Fatal Crashes              | 1   |
| Fatalities                 | 1   |
| Private Property Crashes   | 46  |
| Hit Skip Crashes           | 22  |
| Hit Skip Crashes Solved    | 8   |
| Crash Related Citations    | 91  |



# Jail Facility

The Richfield jail is located within the police department; the facility consists of five jail cells: holding cell, detox cell and three twelve day cells. These cells can be used to detain adults for a maximum of 288 hours. The jail is available to detain individuals at any time our department warrants it, once the jail is occupied with a detainee it is to be staffed by patrol officers. The detainee is evaluated by a booking officer (road patrol), which in turn gives a grade from Level 1 to Level 4. If a detainee is given a level 4, the detainee shall be checked every hour by a road patrol officer, any level given other than a 4, our department shall have an officer staffed in jail control to observe the detainee.



Richfield Jail Staff shall consist of following officers; Paul Fister, Tony Padula, and Scott Dressler. Each officer on a rotation basis of every third week shall be responsible for filling out a jail checklist done on Sunday or day closest to Sunday depending on Officer's schedule. At conclusion of performing the list, the list will be put in a notebook, kept by Officer Dressler's and Padula's Desk. Also in the jail a list, will be posted in the control room to headline which officer is responsible for the jail that given week to inform patrol on who to contact that given week.

In 2012 we implemented a food and supply inventory system. This is done monthly to document what food and supplies were used and what needs to be purchased. The Richfield Jail policy states that any inmate residing in the Richfield Jail shall upon their release clean their cell under the direction of a Richfield Officer. This policy includes the Detox Cell, Holding Cell, Intake Areas, as well as the Twelve day Cell. As of this date the policy has operated within the intent it was written.



In 2012 The Richfield Jail had a total of 77 prisoners, the offense ranged from: Driving under Suspensions, OVI's, Richfield Warrants, other Department Warrants, and Assault on a peace Officer, Felony Warrants. Felony Warrants are processed through our jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail.

In September of 2012 Sgt. Fister and Ptl. Padula attended a Jail Administration Class at Cuyahoga Community College for one week. The course topics covered by the course were; Legal issues for Ohio Jails, Policies and Procedures, Quality Control, Criminal Court Rules and Reporting Requirements of the O.R.C., along with minimum standards for Ohio Jails. The Course was beneficial to the Richfield Police to keep us compliant to with having personnel trained in administrating a jail.

Also the Richfield Jail Staff attended a training to prepare for jail inspections by the State of Ohio. Over past two years the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections has gone through reorganization and is now inspecting Ohio jails again. The Richfield Jail is due to be inspected the first half of 2013, and expected to be compliant to Ohio Policies and Procedures for Ohio Jails

The Richfield Jail Staff are expected to follow and maintain the standards set forth by the state of Ohio. The Richfield Jail has good policies and procedures to direct staff members in the performance of their job tasks and duties while inmates reside in the jail. The Richfield Jail staff along with Road Patrol carries out their duties in a manner that will preserve the high standards of professionalism expected by the community of Richfield.



# Summit County OVI Task Force

The Richfield Police Department participated in the federally funded OVI Task Force during 2012 in cooperation with the Summit County Sheriff's Office and many of the county's other twenty-seven municipal police departments; including Akron, Barberton, Boston Heights, Peninsula, Silver Lake and Stow to name a few.



The program is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to combat alcohol impaired and drug impaired drivers. Summit County is among the top ten counties in Ohio for incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI). A person is killed every fifty-one minutes in the U.S. on average by an impaired driver, most of whom have a blood alcohol concentration of .15% or higher in violation of the national established level of .08%. In 2012 there were a

total of 211 OVI related traffic crashes in Summit County that resulted in over 30 injuries and 9 deaths.

The goal of the Task Force is to modify behavior by increasing the perception of the risk of apprehension. This is accomplished by media campaigns at the local, state and federal levels, utilization of sobriety checkpoints at specific locations where statistics indicate a high number of OVI related incidents and saturation patrols that focus on locations where OVI related crashes and arrests are known to occur.



Checkpoints conducted in Summit County during 2012 resulted in the arrests of over forty-five individuals for OVI, seventy people were arrested for driving under suspension and over thirty arrests for drug related offenses; all of whom were operating motor vehicles on the roadways illegally.

Saturation Patrols in Richfield provided an additional 135.5 hours of enforcement patrol resulting in citations and arrests for driving under suspension, OVI and drug offenses.

# B.A.C. Datamaster

## (Blood Alcohol Content)

Sergeant Nick Kostandaras is responsible for the Breathalyzer Equipment; Officer Scott Dressler assists him.

The B.A.C. Datamaster is an Infrared Electronic Breath Alcohol Measuring Instrument used for determining the alcohol concentration in a person's breath. The B.A.C. Datamaster is approved by the National Traffic Safety Administration and by the Ohio Courts. The B.A.C. Datamaster measures the grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The B.A.C. Datamaster is an essential tool used for the prosecution of impaired drivers and for the prosecution of underage drinkers. In the State of Ohio, the Prima Facie Evidence for a subject under the influence of alcohol is .08 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

The B.A.C. Datamaster instrument check is required every seven days not to exceed 192 hours. The operation and instrument checks are overseen by Sgt. Kostandaras with Ptl. Dressler assisting. The instrument checks are done to insure the integrity of the tests and the instrument. A senior operator who has been certified by the Ohio Department of Health can only conduct an instrument check. The Richfield Police Department also employs twelve standard operators. The Standard Operator may only administer a test to a subject and are not authorized to conduct an instrument check. The Standard Operators have also been certified by the Ohio Department of Health.

In 2012 Richfield officers also used a new machine, The Intoxilyzer 8000 it was introduced and presented to our department by the State of Ohio at the end of 2011. The Intoxilyzer 8000 will be used to test operators involved in OVI arrests. The Intoxilyzer 8000 can be made portable for testing, if necessary and has a direct link by computer to the National Data Base in Columbus Ohio. The Intoxilyzer 8000 is checked for calibration internally unlike the BAC Datamaster is checked weekly by a senior operator. The Intoxilyzer 8000 is not used to test minor persons so the BAC Datamaster will still be checked weekly and used for testing minors and also as a back up to the Intoxilyzer 8000. Richfield Police Officers have had a training course and certification to operate the Intoxilyzer 8000. The Intoxilyzer 8000 was supplied free of charge to the Richfield Police Department. The Intoxilyzer 8000 was used 11 times in 2012 by Richfield and other agencies.

The B.A.C. Datamaster was used 22 times from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 for DUI's and alcohol related calls for service.

The Intoxilyzer was used 11 times from January 1, 2012 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for DUI's and alcohol related calls.

The following is a breakdown of the use of the B.A.C. Datamaster and Intoxilyzer 8000 for 2012:

|                    |    | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|
| Richfield Arrests: | 19 | 13           | 6              |
| Peninsula Police:  | 8  | 5            | 3              |
| OSP:               | 4  | 4            | 0              |
| Broadview Hts.     | 2  | 2            | 0              |
| Totals             | 33 | 24           | 9              |

The following is a breakdown by months:

|          |   |           |   |
|----------|---|-----------|---|
| January  | 0 | July      | 0 |
| February | 3 | August    | 1 |
| March    | 1 | September | 2 |
| April    | 4 | October   | 5 |
| May      | 1 | November  | 5 |
| June     | 5 | December  | 6 |

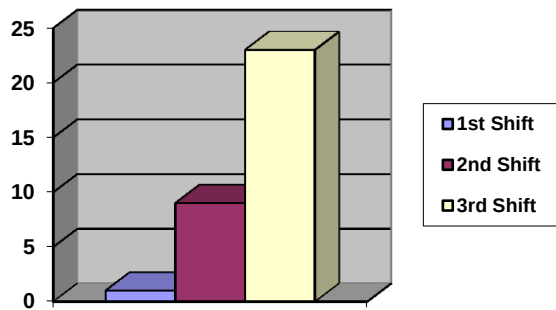
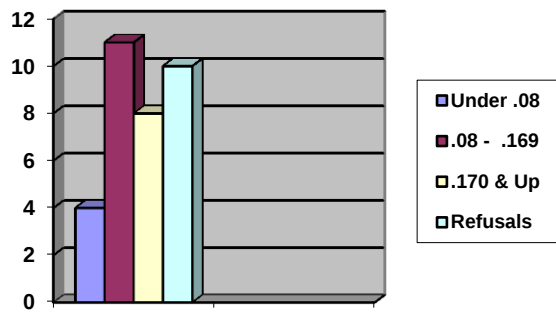
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The following is a breakdown by the test results:

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Under .08          | 4    |
| .08 To .169        | 11   |
| .170 and up        | 8    |
| Refusals           | 10   |
| Highest test given | .347 |

The following is a breakdown by the shifts:

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Day shift       | 1  |
| Afternoon shift | 9  |
| Midnight shift  | 23 |
| Totals          | 33 |



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The B.A.C. Datamaster and the Intoxilyzer 8000 was also used by several Police agencies in Summit County for proficiency testing of officers. Statistics nationwide reveal that drunk drivers cause a fatal accident once every fifteen minutes. The numbers listed in this report do not tell how many lives may have been saved by removing 33 DUI suspects from the roads. Fortunately we will never know because they were taken off our roads before a fatality occurred

# Firearms/Range

The Richfield Police department completed our annual qualifications as required by the state of Ohio. Officers were certified with their Duty issued Glock pistol, Benelli shotguns and several officers chose to participate in a voluntary qualification with our Carbine style AR platform rifles. Several officers also qualified with back up and off duty guns to ensure their safety at work and while off duty in our community.

Several new employees were run through an intensive combat pistol training course. This ensures they have the same training level as most current employees.

Our Rifle program was updated with the addition of light bearing mounts added so the rifles would be more effective in all conditions. These were created by officer Gaydosh and Chief Morgan. Also we had an upgrade in our magazines and sighting systems. These upgrades assure that if the AR rifles had to be deployed for an active shooter scenario, they would function properly and be very versatile and effective.

Cruiser mounts were adjusted and upgraded for the new cruisers ensuring proper fit.

The Department started plans and shopping for prices for the upgrading of our current Duty Glock pistols which are 12 years old. The plans were positive and carried over until 2013. The department will be purchasing new Quality M&P pistols in 2013.

The state of Ohio has changed its qualification courses, mandatory in 2013. The department has been transitioning to this new course through our on-going combat pistol training. All officers will qualify with their new M&P pistols and new state courses in 2013.

Our current pistol range was closed for a short time. The range was cleared of lead and cleaned. The backstop was welded and repaired by officer Gaydosh as needed. The range was put back together and reopened.

The current staff under the direction of Sergeant Fyffe encompasses Officers Gaydosh, Padula and Dressler.

# Vehicle Fleet



The Richfield Police Department proudly unveiled a new design for the Richfield Police Cruisers. The Police cruisers are Black with White Letters with numbers on sides, roof, and front fenders, new American Flag design, and a reflective strip on the back. The lettering and designed are exclusive to the Richfield Police Department, and implemented with ideas from

Chief Morgan and Graphic Accents, a Summit County Company. These new cars are the latest from Ford, with the latest technology, and designed exclusively for police work. These new cruisers are also four wheel drive, to adapt better to the weather conditions in northeast Ohio.

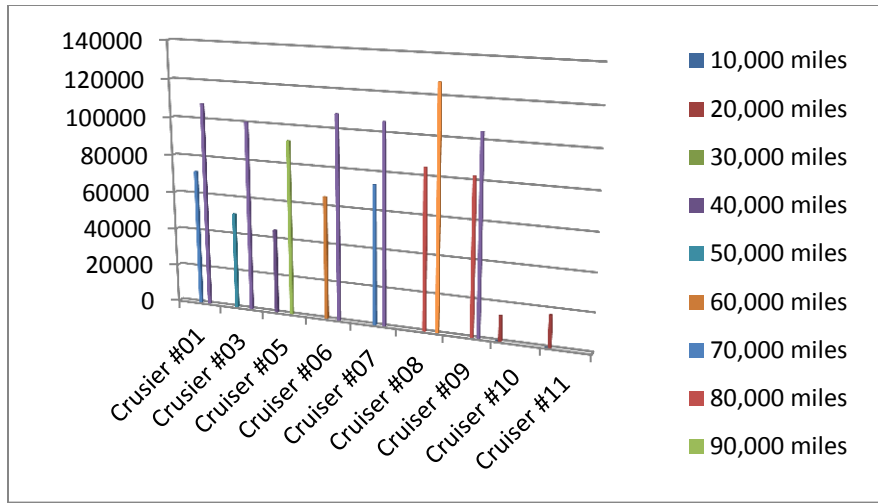
The Richfield Motor pool will be adding three new Ford interceptors and retiring our older cruisers. The Motor pool of vehicles presently consists of 15 vehicles. The Motor pool consists of 11 marked Road Patrol Units which consists 1 Ford Expedition, 6 Ford Crown Victorias, and 2 Ford Police Interceptors. Rounding out the fleet is a Chevrolet Astro Van for Community Policing and a 1934 Ford Coupe Show Vehicle, associated with the DARE program.



Within the Road Patrol there are nine equipped police cruisers. These cruisers are equipped with, communication equipment, emergency lighting, crash equipment, weapon retention equipment, Mobile Data Terminals, and Mobile Video Cameras.



- Cruiser #01 2009 Ford Expedition:
- Cruiser #03 2010 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #05 2010 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #06 2010 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #07 2009 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #08 2009 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #09 2009 Ford Crown Victoria:
- Cruiser #10 2013 Ford Police Interceptor
- Cruiser #11 2013 Ford Police Interceptor



### Legend

- First Column is beginning mileage, Second Column is Actual Mileage
- Cruiser #10 and #11 went into service August 20 2012

In addition to the Richfield Police Motor pool are two vehicles assigned to the Detective Bureau, one vehicle assigned to Chief of Police, and one vehicle assigned to Animal Warden. These vehicles are not marked, but they are equipped with police radios, and weapon retention equipment. These vehicles carry all necessary equipment for detectives' assist them at crime scenes, and to transport all evidence back to police department. The vehicle assigned to Animal Warden is used and equipped to aid her in her duties and is marked similar to our Road Patrol.

- 2004 Ford Explorer: 110472 miles
- 2008 Ford Ranger: 30821 miles
- 2007 Ford Explorer: 77487 miles
- 2003 Ford Explorer:

The entire fleet is on a weekly maintenance program set up through our department with Sgt. Fister and Ptl. Petrovich, and the Village's mechanics Chuck Soulek and Ken Horn. This is an effort to maintain efficient service at a minimal cost and to make every effort to provide a safe and properly working vehicle for a Richfield Police officer.

# Community Service

In 2012, the Richfield Police Department put a great deal of effort into providing community service to the citizens. Patrolman Michael Simmons is the Community Policing Officer and is in charge of Community Services.

The Richfield Police Department belongs to a “Financial Assistance Program” for the residents, which is run through the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army designates money to a panel of residents representing different zones of Summit County to help each municipality. Richfield is located in zone five along with Bath, Boston Township, Boston Heights and Peninsula. I have been the president of zone 5’s panel for the twelve year. Money is allotted to the panel to help with utility bills, rent, food, clothing, car repair and other such items for those in need. The fund can also be used to assist stranded motorists by supplying bus tickets, hotel stays, and fuel and vehicle repairs. With tough times in the economy there has been more and more need for these services.

Richfield Police also helps Summit/Medina Rape Crisis Center and their efforts to help them serve people. The Richfield Police help with their charity event “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes”. This event takes place in Akron and asks men of all ages to wear women’s high heel shoes and walk one mile. Each participant raises money to help the Center. Over the years I have walked in the event and raised money. It was hard finding a size 15 women’s high hill shoes but thanks to Payless Shoe store for your help. The Richfield Police also donated money to purchase shirts for the event which was a success.

In 2012 The Richfield Police along with Richfield Fire, Bath Police, Bath Fire, Ohio State Patrol, Metro Life Flight and Revere schools teamed up to educate the students about the effects of drinking and driving. The agencies coordinated a “mock” show what a crash looks like respond. We had several stud community leaders volunteer success. Mayor Bobbie volunteers. Mayor Beshara of the car that was struck in the look as if a car load of students been drinking ran a stop sign and struck another vehicle. The day started with the actors putting on makeup to look like wounded victims. As part of the event two crashed cars were placed in the parking lot of the school. The actors were inside the cars and placed in various positions in and around the vehicles. The scene started with the mother exiting the car to confront the driver of the car who struck her. The actors then started coming to the realization that there was serious injuries and two people have been killed. After a few minutes Police Officers from Richfield, Bath and OSP started arriving on scene followed shortly from Richfield Fire and Bath Fire. In the scenario the driver from the Prom car was run through a Field Sobriety test which he fails and was arrested and placed in a cruiser and driven away to the jail. While the driver was going through Field Sobriety testing both fire departments were busy using Jaws of Life to cut victims from the car. Metro Life Flight



was summoned to respond to transport one of the victims to the hospital. The two victims that were killed were then picked up by the coroner and driven away. After that the students went back in the school where a trial was conducted for the driver of the Prom car. Judge Donna Carr from Summit County Court held the trial. During the trial Judge Carr heard both sides of the case from the prosecutor and the defense attorney. Also the mother, Mayor Beshara, gave a victim statement to the court on how she lost a child all because he wanted to drink and drive. Judge Carr gave a very impactful speech about the event and talked the kids about the risk of drinking and driving.

Christmas is the time of year for family and giving to others. For some Christmas is time of need. A time where you can feel you are alone and the need for the warmth of a helpful hand. The Richfield Police has made every effort to help the residence in that time of need.

The first program is called the Giving Tree. A local company that calls Richfield home is O E Connection. How the giving tree works; I choose a couple of families that needs a little extra attention and have them write down what they would like for Christmas and give to me at the police station. I then turn the list over to O E Connection and they fill the list. After they get the list filled they bring the items to the Police Department where the families can pick up their gifts. I usually give a background on the families but keep names out as to not embarrass or put them in charity case position. One of the families chosen hit home as Police Officers. The one family lost their father who was a Summit County Deputy Sheriff. He died on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 from a heart attack he was only 39. He left behind four children and wife. O E Connections employees donated thousands of dollars of gift cards and presents to the family. I also received over a thousand dollars in cash donations from other officers to give to the family. We decided to do a special delivery to them. Richfield Police, Summit County SO, Stow Police and Cuyahoga Falls police along with Santa himself led a parade of cop cars with lights and sirens blaring to house to drop off the gifts. Giant Eagle and Alteri's pizza donated food for the event. Though nothing that we do can ever bring back our friend and coworker back we try to show that he will always be in our heart and we will never forget to watch over his family.

I also gather toys at Christmas and turn the training room at the station into a toy store. I get the toys from several businesses in town like Arslin Mittel Steel, Doug Out and Best Stop. I gather all the toys lay them out and allow those in need come take them for their families. I have received a lot of help from fellow Officers along with request of families they know. This year 8 families benefited from this program.

Another program that is run through the Richfield Police is called Shop With A Cop. This program has been run by Sgt Paul Fister and I for the past ten years. The Shop with a Cop program is designed for children to enjoy shopping with a police officer to buy holiday gifts. Officers sell raffle tickets to earn money to assist youngsters around the holiday season support the program. For every \$100 raised a child is selected from your area to attend this program. The children are chosen by contacting local schools or youth organizations. Also as officers we know who in the community may benefit.

A date is selected in December to commence "Shop with a Cop". The day begins with the child meeting at the police station. From there the children are driven by uniformed officers in patrol units to meet the rest of the shoppers. A parade procession is form at the meeting point and escort the children with emergency lights and sirens on to the Stow Wal-Mart.

The shopping spree, which takes place at Wal-Mart, entitles the youngsters to receive \$100 with a 10 percent discount on items purchased in the store. When the shopping spree is finished the officers return back to the meeting point where everyone will get to enjoy pizza and pop. Once everyone is fed each officer can escort each child home with the patrol unit.

This program has been a success and has gone past what I ever thought it would be. Over the years we have had numerous companies and private citizens give over whelming support. The program has had four other agencies branch off and start their own. It has spread to now 6 counties and over 65 police departments. In 2012 I was contacted by a police department in New Jersey and in Florida looking on how to establish their own Shop With A Cop program.

In 2012 Richfield Police helped 32 kids in town. Over 300 kids went shopping with our group and were escorted by over 100 police, fire and military vehicles. There was an additional 250 kids taken by the other agencies that broke off from us. There was over \$95,000 raised by everyone to help out this year.

A facebook page was also created to spread the word of this program. You can visit the page and view our promo video. Go to facebook.com search Richfield Shop With A Cop.

A program that we continued in 2012 was the D.U.M.P. (Dispose of Unused Medications Properly) program. Lt Davis acquired a grant to purchase a DUMP box for use here in Richfield. This program is also a joint adventure with several Summit County agencies. The box is located in front of the police station and has the appearance on a gray mail box. It allows residence to drive up and put unwanted or out dated medication in there for destruction. One problem we kept hearing was how to safely dispose of these items. When loved ones would pass on or people had unused drugs the concern was to do with them. With Richfield having a lot of residence using wells for drinking supply they did not want to flush them to keep them out of the water table and did not want to throw them out so others do not get or contaminate the ground. Other concerns with the medication is the rise of prescription drug abuse among teen agers. It is reported that 28% of high school students has abused prescription drugs. With trends on the rise of teenagers having "Skittles" and "Pharming" parties where teens would bring prescription medications they take from home to these parties. They place all these pills in a bowl and dare each other to pick and take one. They have even made gift bags with a mixture of the pills and will give them away as gifts when people leave. There has been several reported deaths and several over dose incidents occurring around the country. The idea was to have a place for people to take the prescription medications to dispose of them the properly. Now they can simply drive up put them in the DUMP box and drive away. When the box is full the drugs are driven to Summit County Sheriff's Office. When the Sheriff's Office has collected over 1000 lbs of these drugs they are taken to a blast furnace with special filters so that they can be destroyed.

Every Officer at the Richfield Police Department does his or her share of Community Service. Even stopping and talking to kids on the street, waving at people as they drive by or talking to people while having a cup coffee at a local business. Every member of our department does his or her own thing. Richfield Police give support to many local organizations. Several group and individual tours of our station, talks, donations and time have been given. I hope to expand on these things and to start new programs that will benefit Richfield.