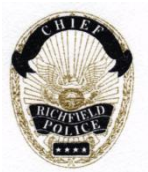


Richfield Police Department

2013 Annual Report





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Honorable Bobbie Beshara
Mayor, Village of Richfield
RE: Annual Report, 2013

Mayor Beshara,

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual report on behalf of the Richfield Police Department.

The following year was one that afforded several opportunities to combine services and collaborate on several important projects.

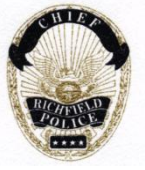
The Richfield Police Department, Bath Police Department, and the Revere Local School district formulated and instituted a School Resource Officer Program throughout the school district. As you know, our most precious commodity is our children. Providing a safe learning environment remains a top priority of all involved organizations. The partnership provides an opportunity for continuous law enforcement involvement at the schools without financially burdening any single entity.

The Richfield Communications Center has handled dispatch responsibilities for the Valley Fire District for many, many years. In mid 2013 a contract was finalized in which Valley Fire assumed fire and EMS service to the Village of Boston Heights. Consequently, a new contract was finalized with Valley Fire as additional as the dispatch area increased. Negotiations with the Village of Boston Heights also culminated in a contract to provide dispatch services to the Boston Heights Police Department. Those services began on January 1, 2014.

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.

Respectfully Submitted

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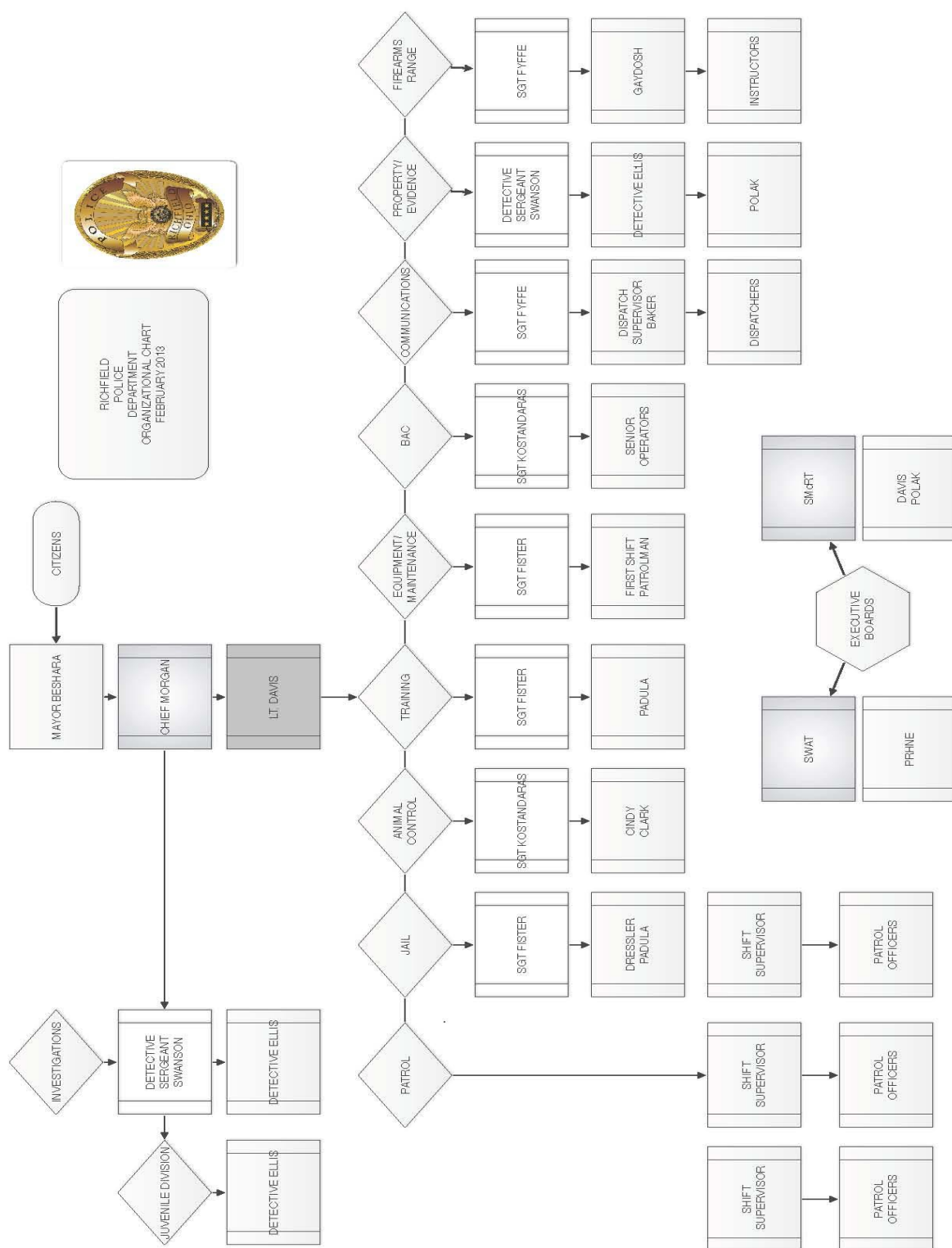
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Department training addressed specialized training subjects, as well as state mandated re-qualifications during the 2013 calendar.

However, our training also transitioned to address safety issues that have become of major concern to the American public.

Officers previously trained as A.L.i.C.E. instructors were called upon on several occasions in 2013 by schools, religious institutions and local businesses to impart their knowledge to safeguard students, staff, parishioners and employees against violent intruders.

In the aftermath of the tragedies of Sandy Hook Elementary, the Oak Creek Sikh Temple, the Atlanta World Changers Church and the Aurora Century Theater, our community partners sought our assistance to prepare for, prevent and minimize any such incident prior to it occurring. It is our goal to continue to instruct and give back to the community in the coming year.

Command staff members of the police and fire departments, as well as members of the administration partnered with Bath Township and the Revere Local Schools during two days in August to attend FEMA-sponsored joint training addressing school based critical incidents.



Two additional officers graduated the weeklong Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT). The training has already been employed in our dealings with emotionally challenged and troubled individuals

Officers also attended the two-day FBI sponsored Active Shooter Executive Law Enforcement Conference to share best practices and develop strategies for investigating and disrupting active shooter events prior to their occurrence.

Police department supervisors attended Management of Multi-Fatality Crime Scenes at the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy to gain insight and prepare for the unthinkable should it occur.



Officers participated in both firearms and driving training offered via the Ohio Peace Officer's Mobile Academy, wherein simulators were brought to regional sites to make training more accessible. Other training received through the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy consisted of:



- 01- Firearms Instructor Re-Qualification
- 02- Internet Investigations I
- 03- Conducting Background Investigations
- 04- Investigation & Prosecution of Online Child Exploitation Cases
- 05- Law Enforcement Electronic Communication Investigations
- 06- Evidence Room Management
- 07- Autism & Other Special Needs Victims
- 08- Auto Theft Investigations

In cooperation with MADD and the National Highway Traffic Safety Institute, officers attended course work in Managing High Visibility Impaired Driver Campaigns, as well as A.R.I.D.E. (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement). ARIDE is an enhancement of the basic standardized field sobriety tests that teach officers to look for indicators of impairment from the abuse of prescription and illicit drugs when drivers exhibit behaviors indicative of being under the influence, but there is no presence of alcoholic beverages. Officers receiving this training have already produced results in the arrests of impaired motorists under the influence of drugs and not alcoholic beverages.



Officers received Criminal Patrol/Drug Interdiction training, Advanced Contraband Concealment Techniques and Roadside Interview Techniques for Patrol Officers through H.I.T.S., an advanced training system focused on deceptive statement recognition, drug interdiction, and illegal alien and drug smuggling- all activities that can occur on the roadways that pass through our jurisdiction.

Our partnerships and ongoing work with the Department of Homeland Security, Ohio Homeland Security Region 5 (through the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program and the Region 5 Advisory Board) and Summit County Emergency Management Agency resulted in an officer from our agency being selected to attend the National Homeland Security Conference; held in Los Angeles California.

The training was of the highest caliber with some of the top instructors in their respective disciplines, both nationally and internationally. Individual workshops and break-out sessions encompassed all facets of security and emergency planning. The topics covered included intelligence, counter-terrorism, hazard mitigation, and event pre-planning and community recovery; providing effective tips and methods that can be employed at the local community level.



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 2013 the detective bureau investigated 152 cases. Among the investigations were 43-thefts/fraud/forgeries involving over \$500,000.00 in cash and property, 7-Burglaries, 6-Assualts/Domestics, 6-phone harassment/menacing, 2-Prostitution / Human Trafficking, 1-Sexual Assault, 2- Child Abuse/Neglect, 2-Suspicious Deaths and 2-Police Impersonators.

3-search warrants were executed, 19 Felony arrest warrants and 21 Misdemeanor arrest warrants were obtained. All suspects were taken into custody.



To the left is a partial latex glove print processed at a burglary scene. Although this individual wore gloves, a suspect was arrested in connection with the burglary. We are also currently working with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office and numerous agencies to charge (4) suspects under the organized crime statutes with this burglary and over 10 others.

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.

The detective bureau also conducts background investigations for police department applicants and other Richfield employees. 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.

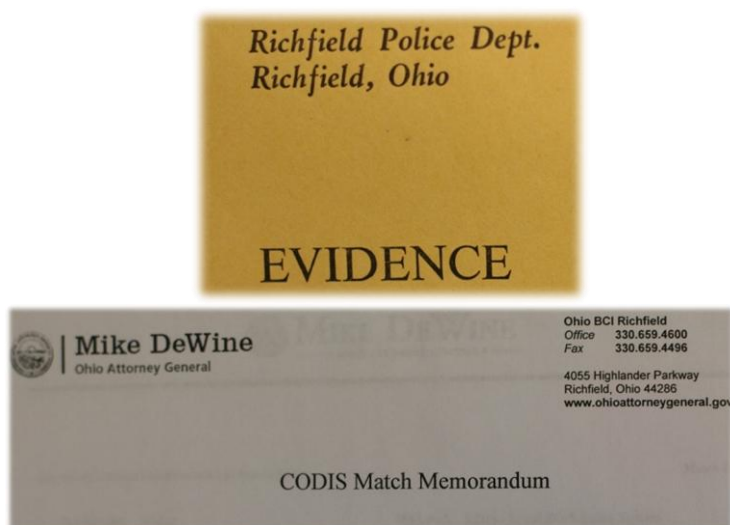


Above is evidence seized in search warrants served at (2) Richfield drug houses. (6) suspects were arrested and charged with drug trafficking, drug paraphernalia and drug possession. Over 5.5 lbs of marijuana, \$6,000.00 in cash, numerous weapons and other narcotics were seized.

In 2014 the detective bureau is requesting a laser printer for our exclusive use. We print a multitude of sensitive documents, photographs and criminal complaints throughout the year. Having use of a printer exclusive to the detective bureau would allow for a much simpler process, and assist in protecting sensitive case documents.

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.



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 2013 the property room took in 478 pieces of property and evidence. Also in 2013 a court order was prepared and 229 pieces of property were destroyed or converted to department use.

In 2014 we will be updating department personnel with training on the proper handling and submission of evidence.

Communication Center

Tim Baker oversees the daily operations of the dispatch center. There are currently seven full time dispatchers and four part time dispatchers. In 2013 the dispatch center processed 16,934 calls for service which is an increase from the 14,410 in 2012. The dispatch center serves Richfield Village, Richfield Twp., Peninsula and Valley Fire District. Starting October 1, 2013 Valley Fire District increased their response area by covering the Village of Boston Heights fire and ems. With this takeover, it will increase dispatches calls to approximately 100-150 more a year.

The Village of Richfield has been approached by the Village of Boston Hts. to discuss dispatching possibilities for their Police Department in 2014.

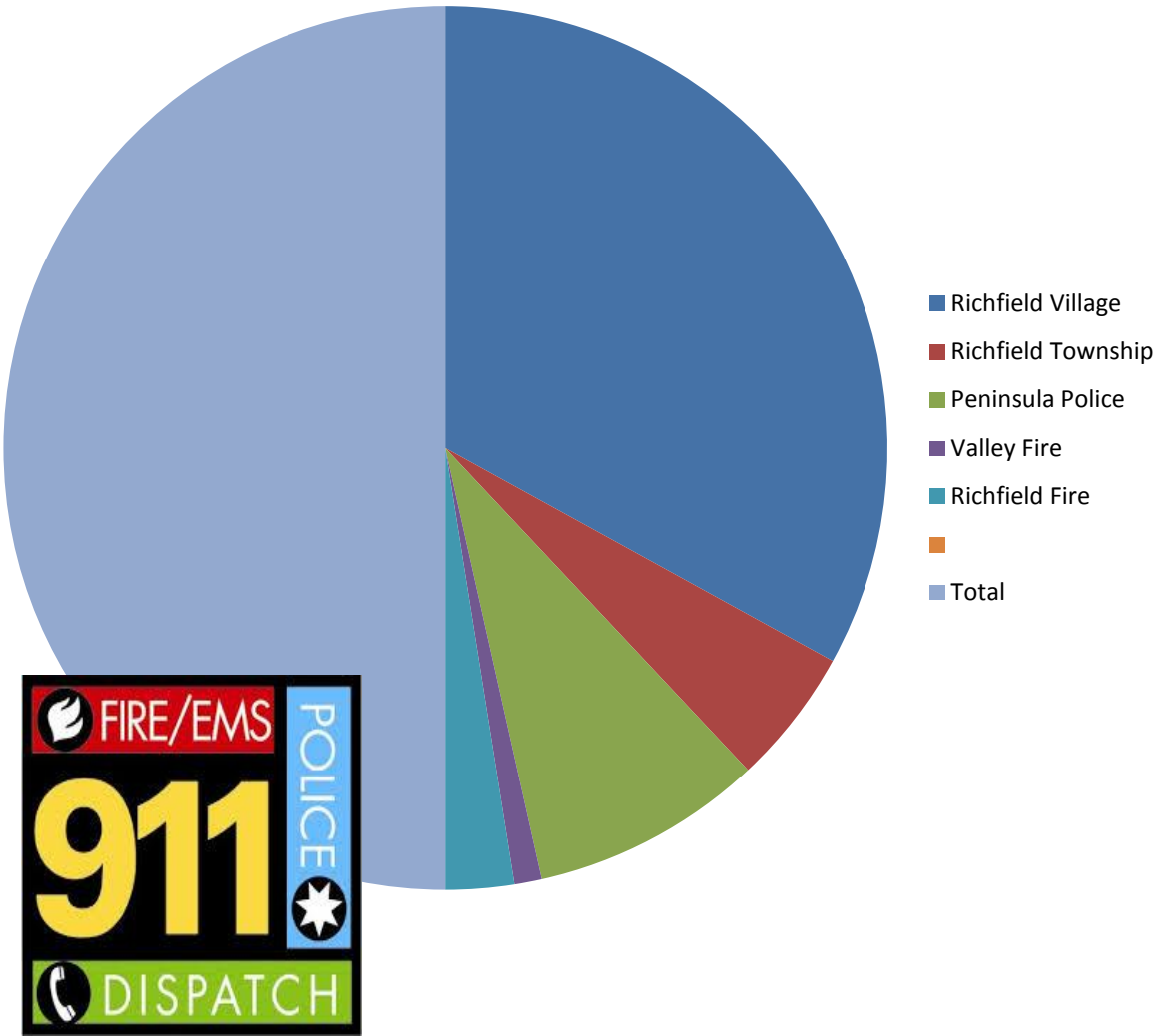
In 2013 we hired 3 additional part time dispatchers to help complement the current staff. Part time dispatchers only work 29.5 hours a week and they generally are a second person on a shift, which is our goal to keep two on around the clock. Also, in 2013, Dispatcher Jackie Ingersoll retired with 31 years of service to the Richfield Police Department. Jackie also works for Medina Police Department in their records department and has recently been promoted. Jackie will be missed.

Below is a breakdown of calls for service by community:

Richfield Village	11,189
Richfield Township	1,553
Peninsula	2,924
Valley Fire	344
Richfield Fire	924



Percentage of Calls



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		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Richfield Arrests:	23	11	12
Peninsula Police:	6	4	2
OSP:	9	6	3
National Parks	3	3	0

Totals	41	24	17
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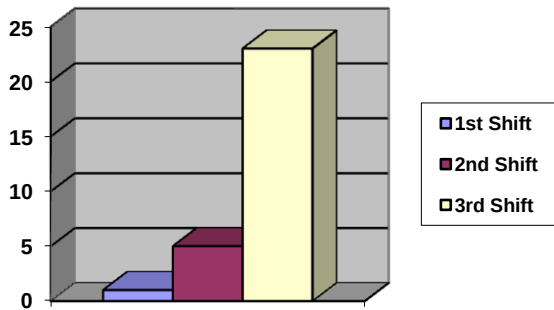
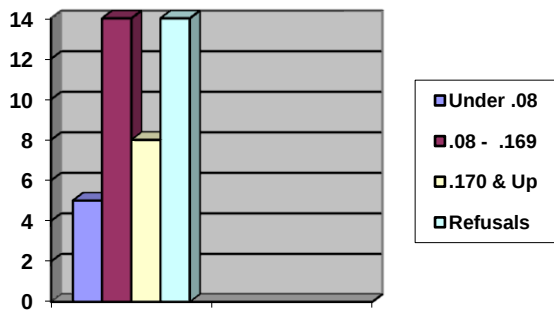
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Refusals	14
Highest test result	.302

The following is a breakdown by the shifts:

Day shift	1
Afternoon shift	5
Midnight shift	35
Totals	41



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Metro SWAT

Police Officers from Summit and Portage Counties make up the Critical Response Team known as Metro Swat. Richfield is an active member of the regional unit. The team was formed in 1990 so the member communities could combine their resources to deal with unusual situations that would exceed the capabilities of individual departments. The Richfield Police Department contributes two members to the team. Officer Rudy Phrne serves as a tactical officer and Officer John Petrovich serves as a technical support officer to the team. Richfield Fire Department also contributes Paramedic Mike Lester to the team as a Swat Medic.



The team is activated when a crisis situation develops. The team is trained to cope with problems that a regular Police unit is neither equipped nor trained to handle. These situations include active shooters, snipers, barricaded suspects, hostage incidents, violent felons and high risk warrants. The team is also activated in search and rescue missions, crowd control and other circumstances that would require a department needing additional manpower. The member departments include: Aurora, Boston Twp, Copley, Fairlawn, New Franklin, Hudson, Kent, Kent State University, Macedonia, Monroe Falls, Peninsula, Ravenna, Richfield, Silver Lake, Springfield Twp, Stow, Streetsboro and Twinsburg.



Team members train a minimum of once a month in addition to attending tactical seminars and schools. There are currently 49 members that make up the Metro Swat Team. The team's trainers will be holding an active shooter training for the Richfield Police Dept Officers at Charles Schwab in early 2014. This training will prepare our Officers in the event of an active shooter at one of our many office or corporate buildings here in town.

Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT)



The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT) is Summit County's first multi-jurisdictional crash response team. Investigators are assembled from 15 police agencies throughout Summit County and include officers from Bath, Boston Heights, Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Peninsula, Richfield, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge and Twinsburg. SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineer's Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner and our municipal and county prosecutor's offices.

The Unit is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. One or more members of each team are Level III Crash Reconstructionists or Level II Technical Crash Investigators who have training in Vehicle Dynamics, Crush Deformation, Low Speed Impact, Commercial Vehicles, Motorcycles, Occupant Kinematics, Lamp and Tire Analysis, Evidence Collection and Court Room Testimony. Other team members are Basic Crash Investigators who assist the Reconstructionists in data collection and evidence preservation.

The Unit is investigative only and does not initiate any enforcement action. Investigators support and advise the requesting agency as to the causes and factors involved in the crash and can provide an agency with a professional and scientific analysis and reconstruction of a serious crash. Participation in the Unit serves to multiply our resources in a crash emergency, both in terms of manpower as well as equipment which is shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation.

Officer Polak is an active team member on the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. Officer Polak attended a two week Level I crash investigation course in April of 2013. Officer Polak is on call every other two weeks for SMcRT and assists in gathering evidence and collecting data. Officer Polak also assisted Officer Molody of Stow Police Department in gathering evidence for a fatal crash that occurred on State Route 303 in Richfield and also responded to a SMcRT callout for an investigation of a one-car fatal crash that occurred in Cuyahoga Falls in September of 2013.



Richfield Jail Annual Report 2013

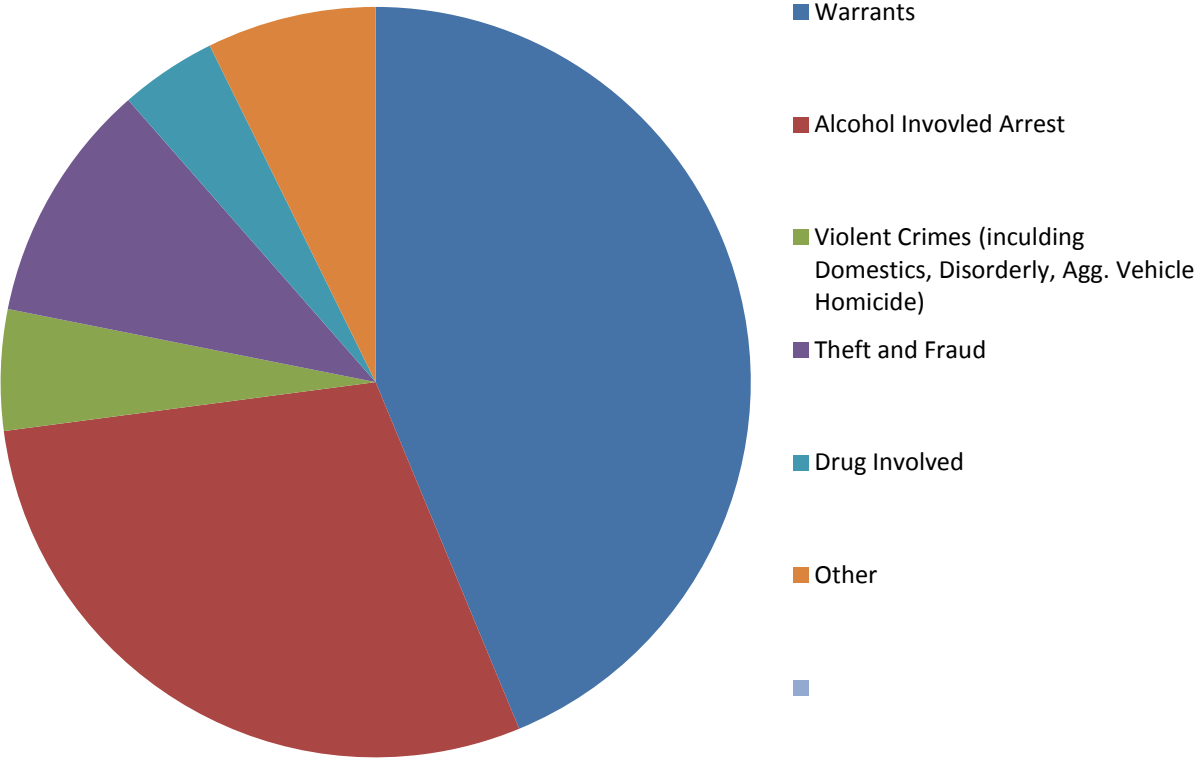
The Richfield jail is located within the police department; the facility consists of five jail cells: holding cell, detox cell and three twelve day cells. These cells can be used to detain adults for a maximum of 288 hours. The jail is available to detain individuals at anytime our department warrants it, once the jail is occupied with a detainee it is to be staffed by patrol officers.

Richfield Jail Staff shall consist of following officers; Sergeant Paul Fister, Officer Tony Padula, and Officer 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. In 2013 the Richfield Jail has partnered with University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, as our Medical Control under the direction of Dr. Anthony Daher. Dr. Daher conducted a jail in-service training for our department which included Health Screening, and Suicide Prevention. Also Ahuja Medical Center is providing meals for inmates under the direction of Don Baldwin, General Manager of Nutritional Services

In 2013 The Richfield Jail had a total of 96 prisoners, the offenses ranged from: Driving under Suspensions, OVI's, Richfield Warrants, other Departmental Warrants, and Assault on a peace Officer, Felony Warrants. Felony Warrants are processed through our jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail.

The Richfield Jail Staff members follow and maintain the standards set forth by the state of Ohio. The Richfield Jail has 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.

2013 Richfield Jail Activity



Summit County OVI Task Force



The Summit County OVI Task Force completed another successful grant year in 2013.

In order to reach a larger segment of the population with the message that impaired driving impacts everyone and the tragedies of impaired driving are avoidable; the task force changed its operational format.

During 2013 the task force began conducting checkpoints in a mobile format, holding as many as four checkpoints in multiple locations on the same night. The format change included increased arrests, but more importantly heightened the awareness level of motorists to report impaired drivers and make informed decisions concerning their own drinking and driving.

The task force joined with Safe Communities and Summa Health to begin the 2013 grant year and several area news outlets were also present at that first checkpoint to help distribute the message that the communities of Summit County are serious about reducing the number of injuries and deaths that results from impaired driving.



The Summit County OVI Task Force also partnered with the Ohio Governor's Highway Safety Office and the Summit County Sheriff's Office to offer Standardized Field Sobriety Test training and A.R.I.D.E. training free of charge to member agencies, and several of our officers benefited by receiving this advanced training.

The Summit County OVI Task Force is working in conjunction with the University of Akron Civil Engineering Division (William H. Schneider IV PhD/Assistant Professor) in developing OVI corridor enforcement based upon the submission of

OVI related crash data. The end product will provide the task force with the ability to use directed enforcement activities based upon statistics of streets used, days, times, dates and hours when impaired drivers are most likely to be on the roads.

The task force is readily aware that we cannot arrest our way out of the problem of impaired drivers. It is only through raising public awareness, increasing the perception of the increased possibility of arrest, and educating motorists that these tragedies can be avoided by wise decision-making will the problem be impacted most effectively.

The Summit County OVI Task Force saw the loss of a key member in December of 2013. Dennis Barnett was a nineteen year veteran of the Summit County Sheriff's Office, a member of their crash reconstruction team and one of the original members of the OVI Task Force. Dennis worked tirelessly at every task force event and was passionate about impaired driver enforcement, having observed the aftermath of so impaired driver traffic crashes firsthand on the crash team- Deputy Dennis Barnett was 41 years old.



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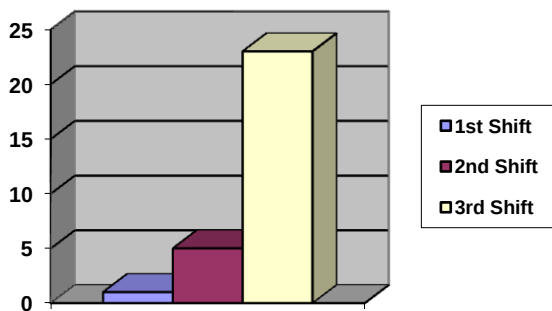
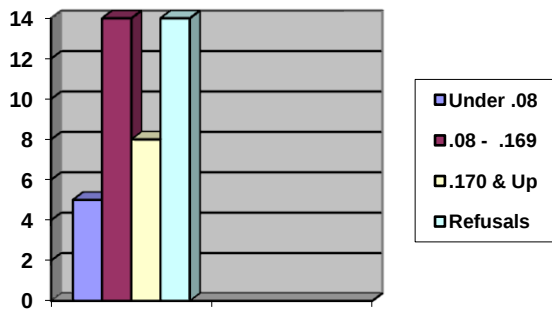
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Firearms/Range

The Richfield range and firearms program consists of four firearms instructors (Lt. Davis, Ptl. Gaydosh, Ptl. Dressler, and Ptl. Padula). The firearms program is overseen by Sgt. Fyffe with Ptl. Gaydosh being the lead instructor.

In 2013 the Richfield Police Department changed handguns from the Glock pistol to the Smith & Wesson M&P pistol. The Glock pistols were over 12 years old and began to fail



to fire during pistol qualifications. The old Glock pistols were traded in on the new Smith & Wesson pistols which were put into service in July of 2013. Sgt. Fyffe and Ptl. Gaydosh also attended Smith & Wesson armorers school to and are now certified to perform maintenance on the new pistols.

According to the range instructors the officer's skills improved greatly with the new Smith & Wesson pistols. Most officers had to purchase a new holster for the new pistols which was done with their uniform allowance, the average cost of a new holster is (\$100-\$125) depending on what style holster was purchased.

Officers must qualify at least one time a year with their pistol, rifle, shotgun and secondary backup weapon. The Richfield Police Department used approximately 6,500 pistol rounds, 4,500 rifle rounds and 200 shotguns rounds during qualifications and practice throughout the year. The pistol qualifications are



currently being performed at the Richfield pistol range. The rifle and shotgun qualifications are done at the Ashland Gun Club. The Ashland Gun Club is used for the rifle and shotgun since our range is not capable of handling rifle or shotguns rounds.

The range was cleaned and some needed maintenance was performed. The lead that was removed from the range was recycled locally and the money was placed into the general fund. Three new steel targets were also purchased to further train officers while at the range.

The patrol cars are all equipped with a patrol rifle and shotgun giving the officers the ability to respond to any type of call. Officers are trained in active shooter response and most have been through SWAT training. Officers are prepared to respond to any type of call including school/business active shootings

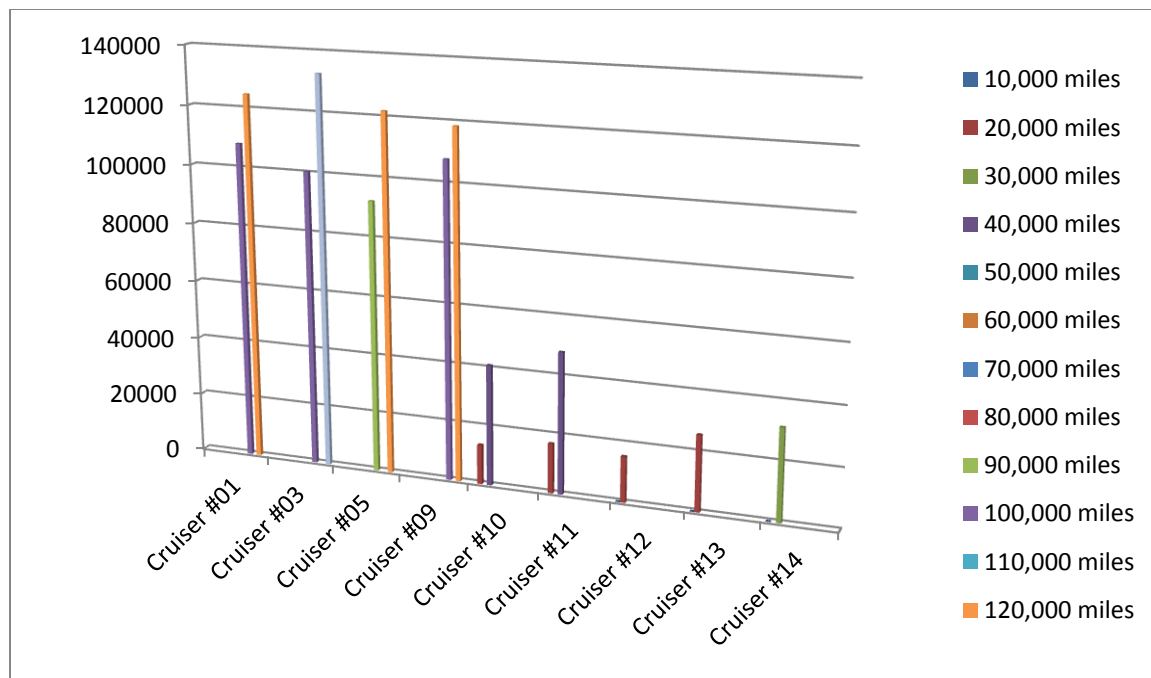
Vehicle Fleet

The Richfield Police Cruisers are easily identified and recognized as protectors of peace. They are Black with White Letters and Numbers on sides, roof, and front fenders, 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 Motorpool will be adding three new Ford interceptors and retiring the older Crown Victoria cruisers. The Motorpool of vehicles presently consists of 15 vehicles. The Motorpool consists of 11 marked Road Patrol Units which consists 1 Ford Expedition, 3 Ford Crown Victorias, and 5 Ford Police Interceptors. Rounding out the fleet is a Chevrolet Astro Van for Community Policing.

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 #09 2009 Ford Crown Victoria:
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Legend

- First Column is the year beginning mileage, Second Column is current Mileage
- Cruiser #03, #05, and #09 are due to be replaced by Cruiser #15, #16, and #17

In addition to the Richfield Police Motorpool 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

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

According to Wikipedia: Community Service is defined as - *a donated service or activity that is performed by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public or its institutions.* To others it is more than a few words on a web page. For Officer Michael Simmons it is his job and a passion. For 11 years Officer Simmons has served as Richfield's Community Service Officer along with DARE and Safety Town Director. Officer Simmons is proud of his achievements but is looking forward to upcoming challenges.

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. Officer Michael Simmons of the Richfield Police Department is the president of zone 5's panel. 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, fuel and vehicle repairs.



The Battered Women's shelter continues to use the Richfield Police Department as a designated collection point. Richfield Police Officers also help with fund raising for the shelter including the "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes" event. The event is held in Akron and is gaining more and more popularity. Men wear high heeled shoes and walk one mile to show their stance against rape, Domestic Violence and Sexualized Violence. Richfield Police continues to collect cell phones and other items to be distributed to those in need.



Two members of the Richfield Police Department are members of the Summit County **C**hild **A**bduction **R**esponse Team or **CART**. Lt Joe Davis and Sgt Nick Kostandaras are members of this association to ensure the safety of our children.



In the wake of school shootings like Columbine, Virginia Tech and Sandy Hook, the Richfield Police has educated employees and members of the community on how to react in the event of a violent intruder. The Richfield Police utilizes the ALiCE program.

ALiCE is a program that is used to enhance, not replace, current crisis practices. It is a proactive approach to a crisis. **ALiCE** is an acronym for :



A - Alert
L - Lockdown
I - Inform
C - Counter
E - Evacuate

In addition to lock down, ALICE training adds options emergency situations. ALICE encourages the use of real-time information with the intercom or other

communications used to provide teachers and students with information throughout the

The goal of this training is to begin your mental preparation of recognizing, assessing, and responding to immediate threats. In 2013 The Richfield Police trained the Teachers and the support staff at Revere Local Schools. In addition, several preschools, day cares and private businesses attended the training as well.

The Richfield Police along with Summit County Sherriff's Office teamed up to educate Revere High School Seniors about the effects of Drinking and Driving. . Officer Simmons related a personal account of how a drunk driver effected his life and used the "Drunk Goggles" to demonstrate how one's motor skills are affected when they have been drinking Following the assembly, students are provided an opportunity to drive the Simulated Impaired Driving Experience, or SIDNE, it is a battery-powered vehicle that simulates the effects of distraction and impairment from alcohol and other drugs on a motorist's driving skills. While the students are waiting to drive SIDNE officers provide advise and experiences to assist them with make better decisions about drinking and driving.



The Shop with a Cop program is another program headed by the Richfield Police. The program was designed for disadvantaged children 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 our area to attend this program. Children are selected through recommendations from local schools or youth organizations.

In 2013 Over 450 children took part in this program. This the 11th year that Officer Michael Simmons has led the program and it has grown from 10 area police departments and one shopping location to over 50 departments and six different shopping locations. As of 2013 Officer Simmons has decided to step down and turn over the program to the Fairlawn Police Department. Officer Simmons will still hold a vital position to help ensure the program continues to grow.

The Giving Tree is program operated by the Richfield Police. The Giving Tree program connects families in need with local businesses. Several companies in Richfield have participated with this program for the past eight years. In 2013, The Giving Tree was able to help five local families. Several companies including Arslin Mittel Steel, OE Connections, Pilot Travel Center, and the Doug Out provided funds and gifts.



MedMinder is a program that the Richfield Police introduced to the community. MedMinder provides services that simplify medication management and improve medication adherence. MedMinder's pill dispenser resembles a basic seven-day pillbox. Designed with ease of use in mind, it's simple and friendly interface has no digital readouts or

buttons. The medication dispenser contains 28 compartments for a week's supply of medication and can accommodate dozens of different types of pills. Medminder is programmed online. Once programmed, the machine users are prompted to take or refill their medications through a series of customizable visual and auditory alerts. If the user doesn't respond to these reminders they will receive a phone call. If there is no response the family or caregiver are notified by phone, email or text message ensuring that everyone stays informed. MedMinder also has a secure version so that users cannot take their medication until scheduled times. MedMinder works with pharmacies like CVS and Wal Greens so users can take the empty box to the pharmacy and they will refill and program any new medications a doctor had prescribed.



Officer Michael Simmons teaches the DARE Program in the Revere system. The Richfield

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School Police teamed up with the Bath Police Department to educate students about the effects of drugs and alcohol. DARE strives to make a positive difference in the lives of children. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students decision-making skills to help them lead safe and responsible lives. .

In 2013, Officer Simmons taught a new DARE Curriculum called “Keeping It Real”. The program was changed to include modern issues such as stress and social media. t.

Richfield Police DARE understands that being a role model is important and DARE provides the perfect opportunity. This year Officer Simmons implemented a “guest dancer” program. At the beginning of every class Officer Simmon would teach a new dance move. To introduce the students to other members of the police and fire departments, members of both Richfield and Bath Police and Fire led the dance of the day. The students loved meeting the police officers and fireman. The highlight of the dances was the Harlem Shake, led by Richfield Mayor Bobbie Beshara and Bath police Chief Michael McNeely. The video was posted on YouTube and has had over 1500 views.



The Core Elementary DARE program was taught to 221 5th graders at Bath Elementary School. The classes began in March and culminating in May with a well attended graduation ceremony.

In 2014 DARE would like to expand on the program to provide additional parent education and increase officer participation. Richfield DARE is planning on expanding activity on an existing Face book page and is planning to create a Twitter account.

Richfield Safety Town 2013

The 36th Annual Richfield Safety Town Program was held at Hillcrest Elementary School. This year fifty pre-kindergarten children were assisted by forty volunteers. Some volunteers have been with the program for a number of years, some of which include; Mackenzie Bowen (6 years), Cassie Gallagher (5 years), Jenny Glowe (7 years), LeAnn Greer (7 years), Trevor Lanford (7 years) and Annie Taylor (5 years).



Officer Michael Simmons completed his second year as the Richfield Safety Town Officer while Carla Piskac, the Safety Town Craft Teacher completed her 25th year, and Rachel Hanzal, the Safety Town Coordinator completed her 16th year.

Richfield Safety Town includes instruction by guest instructors, including: Cindy Clark and Gretchen Gilbert with Animal Safety, Scott Dressler with Self-Defense Instruction and Lydia Wochna with the Bath/Copley-Fairlawn/Richfield Fire Departments. Michael Simmons taught “Police Officers are your Friends,” “Good Touch/Bad Touch” and Gun Safety, while Rachel Hanzal taught Bike/Traffic Safety, Stranger Identification, 911 Instruction and Helmet Safety.

This year for the first time Sgt Paul Fister, Officer Scott Dressler and Officer Simmons taught an elementary version of ALiCE to the children.

Some external organizations included the American Red Cross, Dr. Lehyk Orthodontics, the Revere Local School District, the Akron Pilot Club and Akron Children’s Hospital. The Revere Local School District provided us with our space for our program at Hillcrest Elementary School, but also a bus and bus driver to introduce students to Bus Safety and Behavior. The American Red Cross introduced students to the importance of always swimming with a buddy in their

Water Safety class and how to wash your hands properly with their Scrubby Bear program.

Dr. Lisa Lehky, an orthodontist and partner in Najem/Lehky Orthodontics came and shared importance dental advice with our young students.

Mary Mondozi from the Akron Children's Burn Safety Unit came out to do a short presentation about why students should not play with all the different things that could potentially burn them.

A pizza party was held for the volunteers the last day to thank them for their service. A graduation ceremony was held for parents and students Monday, July 1st, 2013, in the Richfield Council Chambers where many important community members came to speak, children sang the songs they learned and they received their diplomas.

Richfield Police would also like to thank the following sponsors:

