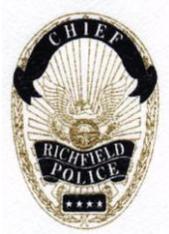


# **Richfield Police Department**



## **2011 Annual Report**



## *RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT*

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M. D. CANTER  
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March 6, 2012

Honorable Roberta Beshara  
Mayor, Village of Richfield  
Re: Annual Report 2011

Dear Mayor,

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Richfield Police Department for the year of 2011. It is difficult to project a full years worth of activity into a few pages of a report. This annual report was painted with a very broad brush and is not intended to be all inclusive. The basic function and significant highlights of the Richfield Police Department for 2011 have been included. We should never lose sight of the fact that the Police Department serves the citizens of our community and every call for service effects our citizens in some way. Every call is handled with a degree of individual attention that is lost in the graphs and hard statistics reflected in this report. The Richfield Police Department is involved in a great many community activities that are not reflected in statistics, but are none the less extremely important in our relationship and commitment to the community.

I think it would be safe to say that, at the very least, it has been an unusual year in many respects. Personnel changes took place, economics played a role in the manner that we trained and provided services. Overall the Police Department rose to the challenges and performed well by providing quality service.

I have decided to retire in early 2012 after serving 44 years in the Law Enforcement profession. The time seems to have passed all too quickly and time has dictated that I move on. My tenure as Police Chief for the Village of Richfield has been a rewarding experience. I shall take with me only fondest of memories of Richfield and will cherish the many friendships I have made along the way. I wish Mayor Beshara the very best in her new role leading the Village forward and I feel confident that Chief Morgan will have a productive and successful career in his leadership role as Chief of Police for the Village of Richfield.

I would like to thank all employees of the Police Department for their hard work and dedication, the Village Directors and Village employees who were always more than willing to support me at every opportunity.

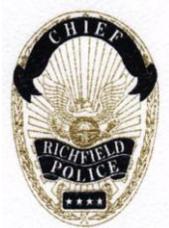
Respectfully Submitted

M.D. Canter  
Chief of Police

# *In Memoriam*



*Sergeant Lou Testa  
February 17, 2010*



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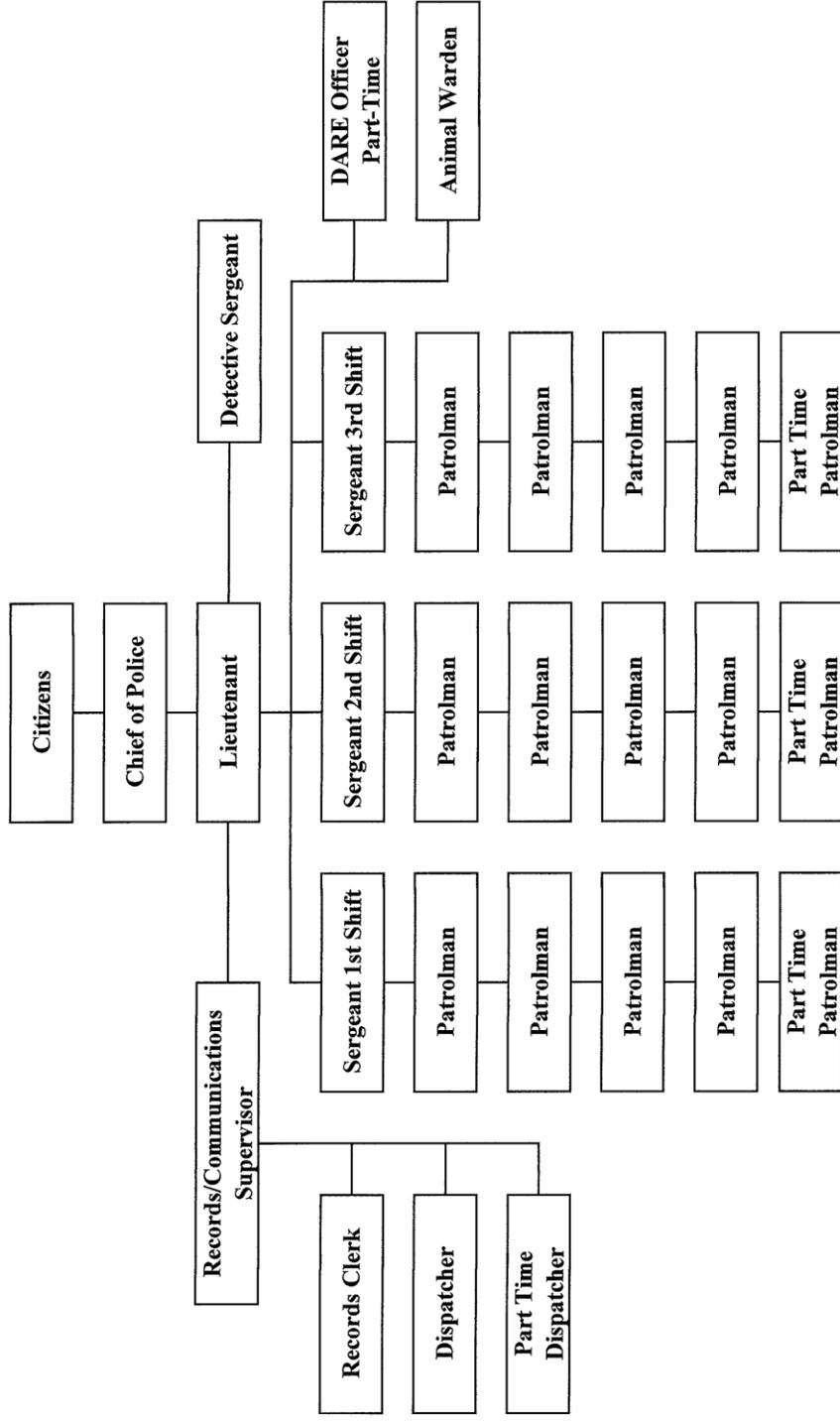
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### **Mission Statement**

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.

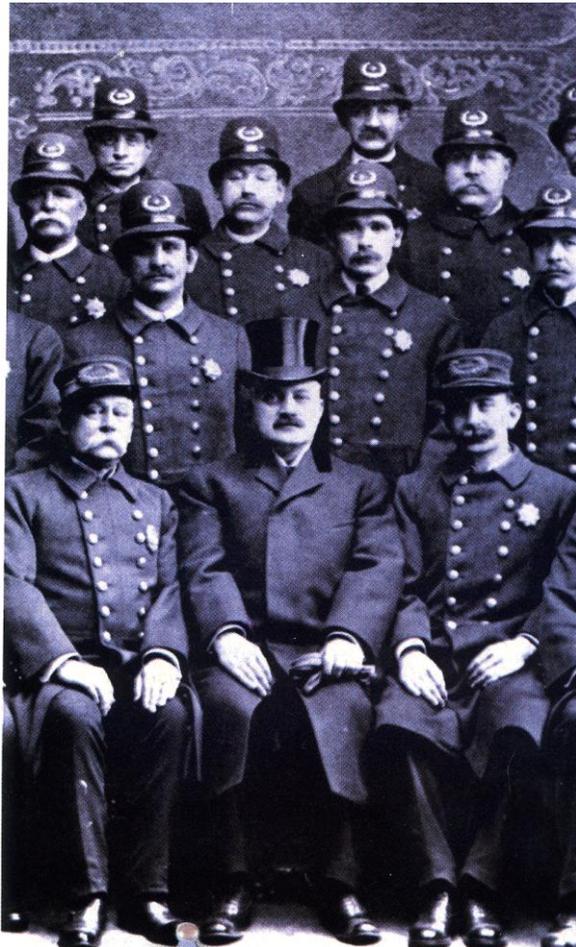
We believe in the dignity of all citizens and desire to protect individual rights. We aspire to contribute to the quality of life in the community of Richfield by providing efficient Law Enforcement services. We take pride in our professional performance and image.

# Richfield Police Department





# *Department History*

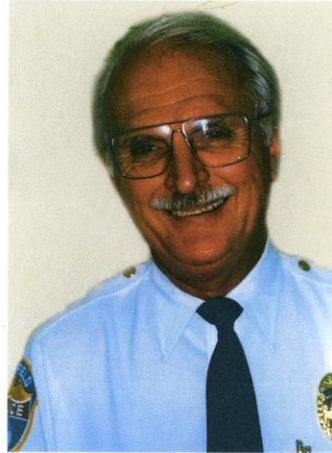


## ***Richfield's Law Enforcement History***

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 in Richfield History was Arthur Scobie who served from 1920 to 1935. Constable Scobie actually rode a horse, wore boots and a western hat to perform his duties. Webb Orcutt and Joseph Smith were also Constables in the 1920's. Preston Fauble was the first motorcycle officer. In the early 1930's Orcutt, Smith and Fauble were each elected to the office of Justice of the Peace which was later in their careers. William Guthrie was the last constable of Richfield and the first to have a car with a two way radio system. An Auxiliary Captain and Virgil Newton along with Charlie Palmer served as deputies. The Constable System came to an end in 1962 when the Summit County Sherriff took over the Law Enforcement duties. The Sheriff's swore in three local men as deputies, Tom Fisher, Ed Peffer and Lee Weber. The Summit County Sherriff's department continued to serve Richfield until 1970 which was shortly after the Village was formed, this separation essentially created two Richfield, the Village and the Township. In 1970 the first Village Police Department was formed with Tom Fisher being appointed as Chief, a position he held until 1988. The Sherriff's Department covered the Township until 1984 when the Township appointed its own Police Chief naming David Arbogast as Chief who worked in conjunction with the Sherriff's Office. The Township Police Department eventually grew in size to seven officers. John Walsh followed Chief Fisher in office and served from 1988 until 2001 when Dale Canter was appointed as the third Police Chief of the Village of Richfield Police Department. The Township Police Department was absolved in 2001 and the Village Police Department was contracted by the Township to supply law enforcement services to both entities. A new Police facility was completed in 2002. In 2009 the Richfield Police Department consists of 17 full time officers, 5 part time officers, 7 full time dispatch personnel along with 4 part time dispatchers, one animal warden and a K-9 unit. A great many changes have taken place since John Bigelow and Isaac Hopkins first took their oaths of office back in the early 1800's. The Law Enforcement mission, however, has remained the same, to protect and serve the citizens of Richfield.



*Thomas Fisher*  
*1-1-1962 to 1-15-1988*



*John Walsh*  
*6-13-1988 to 7-1-2001*



*Arthur Scobie-Constable*  
*1920 to 1935*



*Preston Fauble-Constable*  
*1934*



*David Arbogast*



*Dale Canter*  
*10-15-2001 to present*

## Personnel

The Richfield Police department consists of seventeen full time police officers and five part time officers. Civilian employees are made up of six full time dispatchers, three part time dispatchers, a communications supervisor and one animal warden. During the course of 2011 the department experienced the demotion of a supervisor and the promotion of a patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant. An officer was seriously injured in a traffic crash while conducting an investigation of an accident on the interstate. Unfortunately, he was unable to return to duty as a result of his injuries. Two officers were placed on administrative leave in connection with a pending legal case. Our DARE Officer was unable to complete the DARE class due to health issues. Another Officer was selected to receive DARE training, completing that training in August and the program will continue in 2012. One full time officer was sworn in to fill a slot which was created by the death of Sergeant Lou Testa who passed away in 2010 after a long illness. All things considered, 2011 was an unusual and hectic year. As a testimony to the personnel, the police department did function admirably throughout the changes and internal situation.

Chief Canter has decided to retire in early 2012. His departure and loss of Officer Jeffrey Revlock due to injuries will leave two vacancies in the full time ranks which must be filled as soon as possible in 2012. It is also recommended that two additional part time officers be hired as well as one part time dispatcher.

The year of 2011 vividly displayed the unpredictable of dramatic changes that can occur as well as the need to be able to adapt to those changes to meet the demands of providing quality Law Enforcement services to the community.



*Officer Jeffrey Revlock*

## Training

Officers of the Richfield Police Department attended a total of 900 hours of training over the course of the 2011 calendar year in 26 specialized disciplines.

The relationship developed through our officers' attendance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy program continues to afford benefits to our agency with training opportunities, both for academy graduates and non-graduates alike.

Many programs attended this year were federally funded, allowing officers to attend courses that would have otherwise been cost prohibitive.

Some training highlights for 2011 include:

The Police Executive Leadership College (PELC)- Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

First Line Supervision- Ohio Police Officers Training Academy

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)- Ohio Attorney General's Office

Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security- University of Connecticut (U-Conn)

Violent Crimes Behavioral Analysis- Federal Bureau of Investigation

Law Enforcement Officers Killed/Assaulted (LEOKA)- Federal Bureau of Investigation

Death Notification Seminar- MADD

Terrorism Liaison Officer- Ohio Department of Homeland Security

First Responder Training- U.S. Department of Homeland Security



A complete alphabetical list of classes attended is listed below:

Arson Investigations Electrical Safety  
Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference  
Basic Photography  
Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security  
Detecting Deception in Written Statements & Linguistics Analysis  
Digital Photography for Fire Investigators  
Drug Abuse Resistance Education training  
Explosive Device Response Operations  
FBI Law Enforcement Officer Killed & Assaulted  
FBI National Academy Leadership Re-trainer  
FBI Violent Crimes Behavior Analysis  
First Line supervision  
First Responder to Sexual Assaults  
Homeland Security First Responders  
Intelligence Led Policing  
Investigations of Public Safety Vehicle Collisions  
Intoxilyzer 8000  
Juvenile Oaths & Administration Safety  
MADD Death Notifications  
Ohio Public Records Laws Update  
Ohio Department of Homeland Security Terrorism Liaison Officer Training  
Pipeline Emergency Response & Damage Prevention  
Police Executive Leadership College  
Self First Aid/Buddy First Aid for Police Officers  
Supervision in a Nutshell  
Violent Crimes Behavior Analysis

Some department personnel received training in a new alcohol breath analysis machine. The Intoxilyzer 8000 was introduced by the State of Ohio early in 2011 as the new state required standard for breath analysis as it pertains to drivers arrested for OVI.

Eight officers of the police department received training in 2011, as scheduling availability limited attendance. The balance of personnel should receive training in 2012.

## Detective Bureau

The detective bureau is staffed by Detective Sergeant Mike Swanson and Detective Amy Ellis. In 2011 the detective bureau investigated over 110 incidents involving hundreds of hours of investigation, which includes, but is not limited to, crime scene processing, victim, witness and suspect interviews, surveillance, report writing, warrant preparation, internal and pre employment background investigations. Also, many hours are spent coordinating efforts with The Summit County Common Pleas Court, The Akron Municipal Court, their prosecutor's offices, as well as other state and federal agencies.

In 2011 a Cleveland man was charged, convicted and sentenced to prison for multiple charges of Rape of minor and Child Pornography based on the quick action of Detective Ellis.



The bureau concluded a two year, 34 million dollar fraud investigation which involved serving 7 search warrants and recovering 29 stolen vehicles. 9 suspects are being charged at the state and federal levels.



The bureau assisted the fire department with determining the cause of a fire involving nearly a million dollars in losses.



The bureau investigated a Richfield resident who was supplying illegal prescription drugs to young adults in the area. The suspect had supplied a Bath Twp. resident with drugs on the evening prior to a drug overdose, that resulted in his death. The suspect was charged with multiple counts of trafficking in the drugs that caused the death. Bath Police are also pursuing criminal charges based on our investigation.



A large quantity of powder cocaine and two loaded handguns were recovered from a suspect staying in a local motel. The suspect was charged and convicted on multiple felony charges

Among some of the other crimes investigated in 2011 were 28 thefts, 9 burglaries, 9 menacing/harassment complaints, 4 sexual assaults, 3 drug trafficking, 3 deaths and 1 vehicular homicide resulting in 52 felony indictments.

In 2012 the detective bureau would like to see the audio and video recording system in the bureau be upgraded from VHS recording to digital. 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. We will be able to retrofit the existing system. An estimate for the upgrade has been obtained in the amount of \$1,807.00.

# Property Room

Sergeant Keith Morgan and Officer Paul Fister oversee the operation of the Property Room. The Richfield Police Department collected 249 items and placed them into the property room in 2011. Items are collected at crime scenes and are processed by the detective bureau or forwarded to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification.

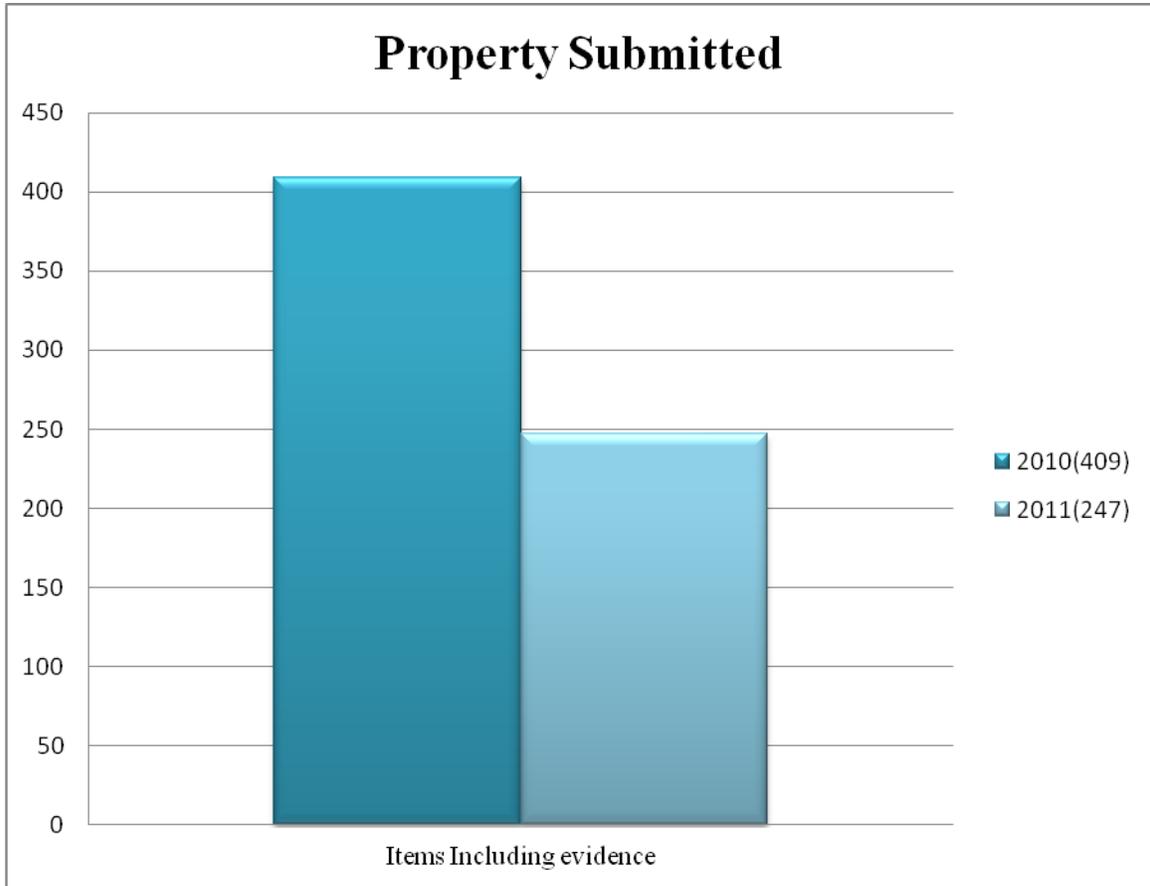
In 2011 many items were tested for latent fingerprints, blood analysis, and DNA profiling.

Property is often recovered and kept for safekeeping. Every effort is made to return the property to the rightful owner. In the event an owner cannot be located it is kept in the property room. Unclaimed property is disposed of after the issuance of a court order. Property is either destroyed, auctioned, or converted to departmental use. Unclaimed funds and auction proceeds are deposited in the Richfield Village General Fund.



Proper collection, custody and disposition of property that comes into the possession of the Police Department is essential for court presentation and accountable.

# Property Room Submissions



## Communication Center

Tim Baker oversees the operations of the dispatch center. There are currently seven full time and three part time dispatchers. In 2011, the dispatch center processed 13,102 calls for service, this is down from the 15,572 in 2010. These totals are for both Richfield and Peninsula Police Departments. Also in 2011 there were 1,291 fire and EMS calls for Richfield Fire and Valley Fire. Emergency Dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week 365 days a year. It is one of the most difficult and thankless jobs in Law Enforcement.

In 2011 we replaced important equipment that was reaching the levels of break down. We replaced the radio/telephone logger system, this system gives us the capability to record radio traffic from all departments, and it also allows us to record incoming and outgoing phone calls that can later be used for investigative purposes that can be used in court by officers. Also replaced in 2011 was the radio equipment at the tower site, this was a mandated change over done nationwide. The cost of this change is paid for by Sprint/Nextel, there are no changes in the system from old to new.

We continue to embrace new technology as it surfaces to better serve the public which is our only purpose for being. In 2011, with the help of the Fire Department a grant was submitted for 1 million dollars to upgrade our current radio system to the newest Motorola technology to better enhance our communications ability within our community as well as interoperability with area agencies around us that we work closely with. We are also looking at upgrading our current phone system with a much more enhanced system utilizing a VOIP (Voice over Ip) system. We hope to have this project completed in 2012.

We continue to train dispatchers in different aspects of the job when such training is available to us. Our dispatch center not only serves the Richfield Safety Forces, but also handles dispatch duties for Peninsula and interacts with many other agencies surrounding Richfield. Due to budgetary constraints, training was very limited in 2011, however the required trainings were completed. LEADS TAC in-service trainings

1. New LEADS Asst. TAC Officer Training
2. In-service training on Ohio Public Records Law
3. Meth Lab Training in dispatching
4. Metro Swat Communications Officer Negotiators Course

In 2011 Jennifer Dietrich was appointed to the position of Assistant TAC Officer for the LEADS system.

In 2011, a long time employee and familiar voice of 32 years retired. Carol Palmer started working at Richfield Police Department as a dispatcher in 1979. Dispatcher Palmer did not want to become a dispatcher, but back in the day Fire Chief Russ English really convinced her to accept the position. Fortunately for the community, she did. A nice gathering of Village personnel and surrounding communities was held at the police station in her honor and to wish her well. As a result of her retirement, Amy

Anter was moved from part time status to full time to fill her position. In 2012, I would recommend that we bring two more part timers on staff. It is important as our workload continues to increase, that we have two dispatchers on at all times, a situation not currently in place.

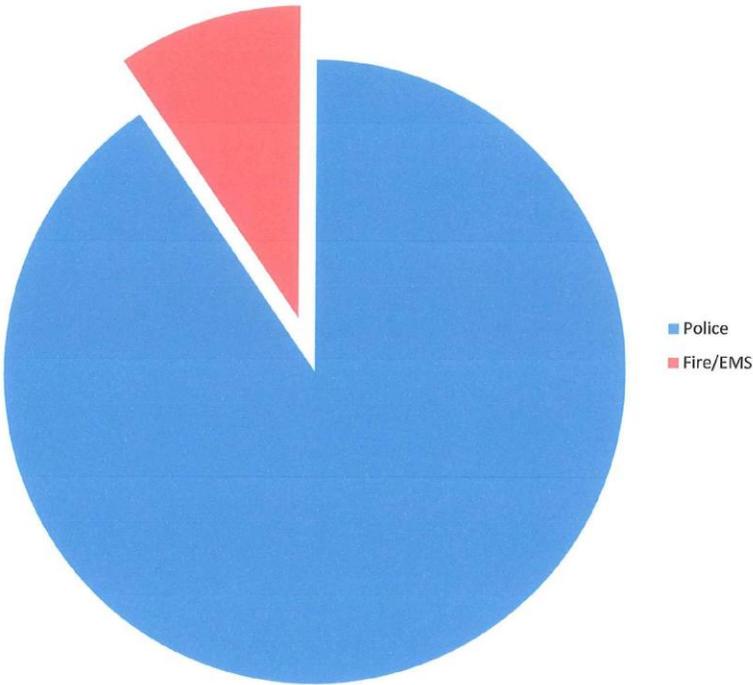
Considering the dispatch center handled over 13,102 calls for service in 2011, our complaints have been remarkably few in number. Since the Dispatcher is generally the first contact a citizen has when calling for the emergency services, the impression the public has of the community is often formed by the professionalism of a department's dispatcher.



*Dispatcher Carol Palmer at her retirement party with family and friends after 32 years on the job.*

# Dispatched Calls For Service

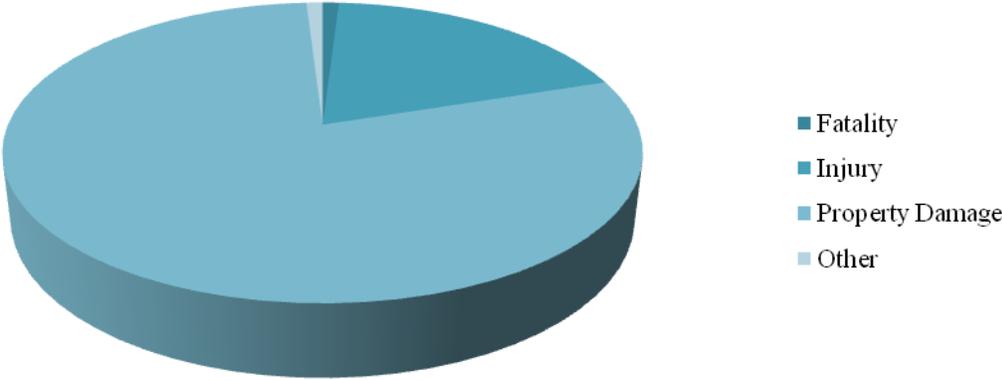
Dispatch answered 14,483 calls



# Motor Vehicle Crashes

<b>Total Crashes:</b>	<b>228</b>
Fatalities	2
Injuries	39
Property Damage	185
Unknown	2

## Motor Vehicle Crashes Investigated



## 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 anytime 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, maintained by Officer Fister. Also in the jail a list, is posted in the control room to headline which officer is responsible for the jail that week to inform patrol on who to contact that given week.



A working Richfield Jail Release policy has been effect since October 2011. The policy states any inmates 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 well within the parameters of its intention.

On December 13, 2011 The Ohio Department of Youth Services, which is responsible for maintaining compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act scheduled a visit to our jail. There are many requirements associated with the JJDP Act, but specifically, there are three requirements that involve adult jails and lockups. DYS is required to ensure that:

- Status offenders and non-offenders are not held securely in adult jails and lockups.
- No juvenile has contact with adult offenders. This includes both sight and sound separation.
- Delinquent offenders are not held securely for more than six hours, and only while being processed or awaiting transport to a juvenile facility or home

Wendi Faulkner, Compliance Monitor met with Det. Ellis and Ptl. Fister briefly toured our facility and our procedures in dealing with delinquent juveniles and determined the Richfield Jail was compliant with the above Act. The Richfield Jail Staff was also found to be 100% compliant with our fingerprint submissions using the ID500 10-print Live Scan Fingerprint system. All detainees of the Richfield Jail are fingerprinted using this system and prints are then forwarded electronically to Ohio Bureau of Identification and Investigation.

In 2011 The Richfield Jail had a total of 89 prisoners, the offense ranged from: Driving under Suspensions, OVI's, Richfield Warrants, other Department Warrants, to Felony Warrants. Felony Warrants are processed through our jail and then transferred to Summit County Jail.

The Richfield Jail Staff are expected to follow and maintain the standards set forth by the state of Ohio. The Staff carries out their duties in a manner that will preserve the high standards of professionalism expected by the community of Richfield.



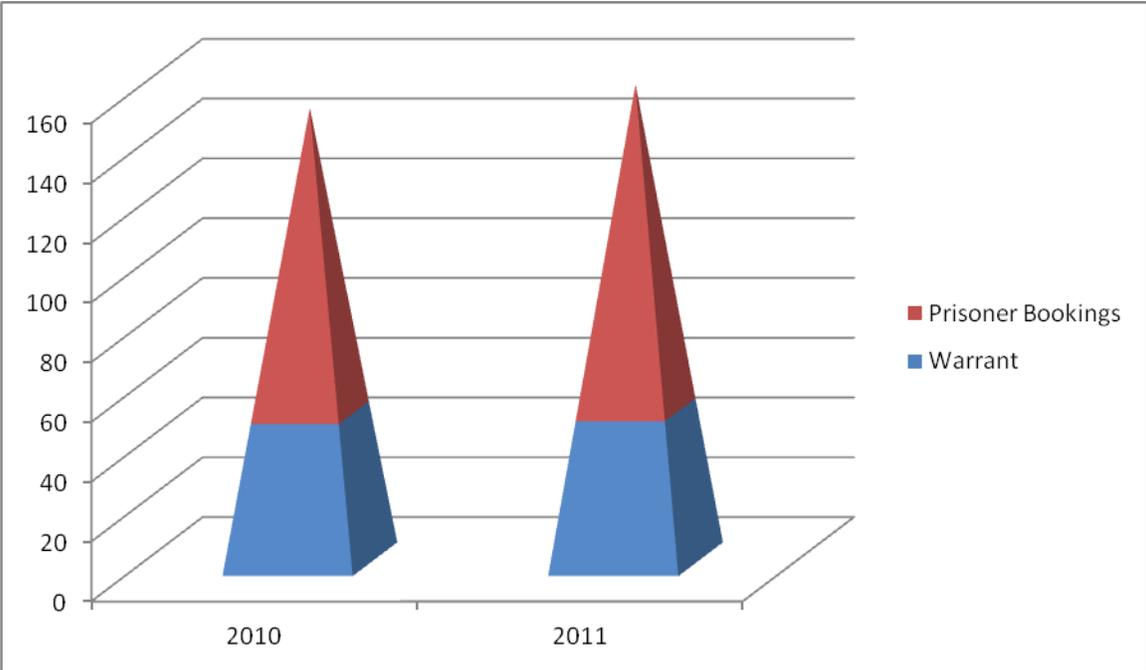
# Richfield Jail Information

## Warrant Arrest

2010 49  
2011 50

## Prisoner Bookings

2010 102  
2011 109



## Canine Unit

The Richfield Canine Unit consists of Sgt. Chris Fyffe and his Canine Partner Vuki. Vuki is an eleven-year-old German Shepherd Dog, which was trained by TWR Canine Training. The original training consisted of approx. (200 Hours) of hands on training in the area of Narcotics, Tracking, and Article Searches. The two were certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission, and the Ohio Attorney General as a Special Purpose Canine Team. The Canine Team is re-certified every two years and had re-certified in April of 2010 with a 100% in all areas of certification. The Canine Team is certified to locate Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamines, Heroin, and all of their derivatives. The Canine Unit also can search for missing persons and or fleeing suspects by tracking their human scent. The Canine Unit will also search for articles left behind by *missing persons or suspects such as clothing, weapons, or anything that has been recently* handled by a person. The Canine Unit trains bi-weekly to ensure that it stays proficient in the areas of tracking, article search, and narcotics.

The purpose of the Canine Unit is to assist the members of the Police Department to better enforce the laws of the community and the State of Ohio. The Canine Unit is not only a psychological deterrent to the lawbreaker but at the same time a vital tool for the Police Department. The Canine Unit presence on a scene either as a backup unit or primary unit may deter or even prevent a violent confrontation with a lawbreaker. The Canine Units main function is to combat the ever-growing use of illegal drugs within our community and the surrounding communities. The Canine Unit is used in several ways to combat this problem. The Canine Unit is used to search vehicles, schools, hotel rooms, and several other areas for the odor of illegal drugs or contraband. The Canines' sense of smell is hundreds of times stronger than a humans'. This enables a properly trained Canine Team to locate hidden or otherwise non-visible illegal drugs virtually anywhere. The Canine Unit responds to traffic stops to assist with locating the presence of illegal drugs in vehicles. The Canine Unit may sniff any vehicle on any traffic stop for the odor of illegal drugs. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the sniff of the air around a vehicle is not a search. The air around a vehicle is free and therefore is not a Fourth Amendment violation. The vehicle may then be hand searched after a properly trained Canine Unit has "Alerted" to the air around the vehicle. This rule also applies to vehicle parked in public areas.

The Richfield Canine Unit periodically conducts sniffs on packages at Fed Ex Home Delivery in Richfield. In the past years, several packages had been checked by the Canine Unit which led to the seizure of large amounts of illegal drugs. The Canine Unit was also responsible for several illegal drug arrests stemming from traffic stops on the streets of Richfield.

The Canine Unit not only finds illegal drugs but also helps locating missing persons and fleeing suspects. The Canine Unit was used several times to assist in locating Fleeing suspects in Richfield. The Richfield Canine Unit also was called on several times to assist with locating several missing adults and children over the past eight years. These are just a few of the incidents that have occurred in Richfield and surrounding communities. The Richfield Police Department has just received \$7,200.00

form a money seizure that the Canine Unit assisted on in September of 2009. The Richfield Canine Unit was requested by (HIDTA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Cleveland Office to assist on a traffic stop. The traffic stop was on I 480 in Cleveland, the Richfield Canine Unit did an exterior sniff of the vehicle and did get a positive alert. The vehicle was searched and a small amount of marijuana was located in the vehicle along with \$120,930.00 in cash. The Richfield Police Department was given a share of the seized money for the use of the Canine Unit.

The Canine Unit has been retired as of February , 2012 this decision was made due to Vuki turning eleven years old in May and the Canine patrol car being taken out of service for mechanical reasons. The Canine Unit has been a great asset to the community by participating in several different community functions such as Community Days, Safety Town and several school visits. The Canine Unit is a vital tool for the Police Department and consideration should be given to reinstating the program in the future.



## Summit County DUI Task Force

The Summit County DUI Task Force is a county-wide task force with representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout Summit County. The task force is funded by the State of Ohio. The Richfield Police Department joined the task force in October of 2004 with Ptl. Chris Fyffe being the liaison for Richfield. The purpose of the DUI Task Force is to educate the public on the hazards of driving while impaired by alcohol and or drugs of abuse. The second reason is to arrest the impaired drivers who are traveling on the streets.

There are two ways that Summit County DUI Task Force reaches these goals. The first way is by conducting roving saturation patrols. Saturation patrols are simply extra patrol cars on the roadways looking for drivers that may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs of abuse. The saturation patrols cars do not take radio calls since their sole purpose is to locate and arrest impaired drivers. One of our nation's most preventable crimes is drunk driving, offenders can drive anywhere from 200 to 2,000 times before being arrested for drunk driving, according to MADD. Approximately 1.4 million people are arrested each year for driving under the influence. The second way the DUI Task Force reaches its goal is by conducting Sobriety Check Points. The checkpoints are an effective tool in preventing impaired driving. Law enforcement conducts several checkpoints throughout Summit County. The check point locations are picked based on alcohol related crashes and arrests. The checkpoint is a systematic process which stops every vehicle or every third vehicle to determine whether the driver is under the influence. The checkpoint allows law enforcement to quickly determine which vehicles need to be detained for further investigation. The checkpoints along with the saturation patrols are highly publicized and sends a strong message to the public that impaired drivers will be detected and arrested.

The Summit County DUI Taskforce conducted several check points throughout the year. The check points were conducted in several different citations throughout the county resulting in several arrests for DUI. The Richfield Canine Unit also was requested to be at the check points to assist with locating narcotics in vehicles. The Canine Unit did locate illegal narcotics in several vehicles at the various check points resulting in drug arrests.



## **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.

The B.A.C. Datamaster was used 29 times from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 for DUI's and alcohol related calls for service.

The following is a breakdown of the use of the B.A.C. Datamaster for 2011:

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
<b>Richfield Arrests:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Peninsula Police:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>OSP:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>National Parks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Bath Police</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>

The following is a breakdown by months:

<b>January</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>

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**The following is a breakdown by the test results:**

<b>Under .08</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>.08 To .169</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>.170 and up</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Refusals</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Highest test given</b>	<b>.254</b>

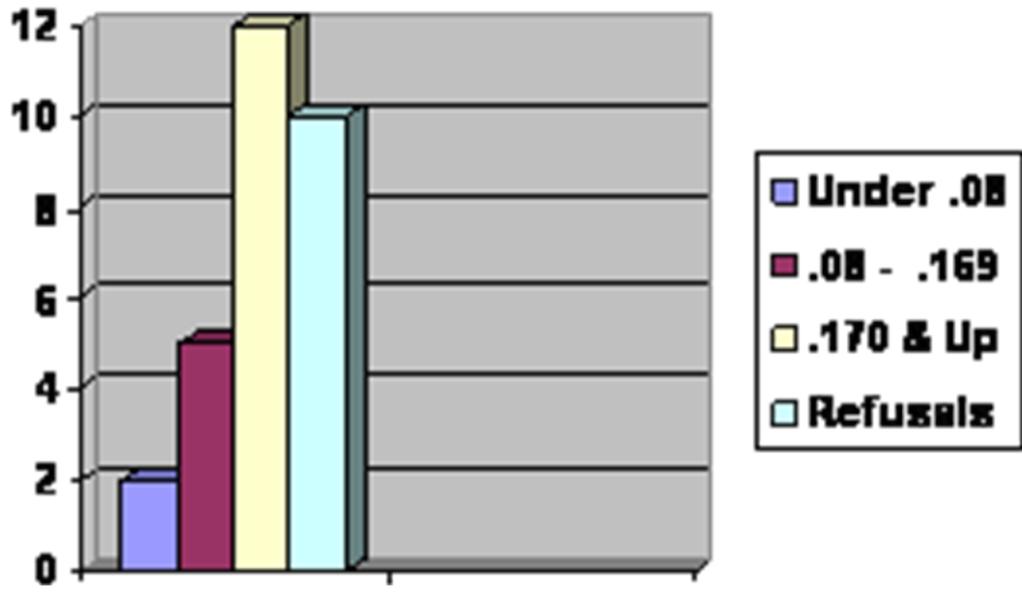
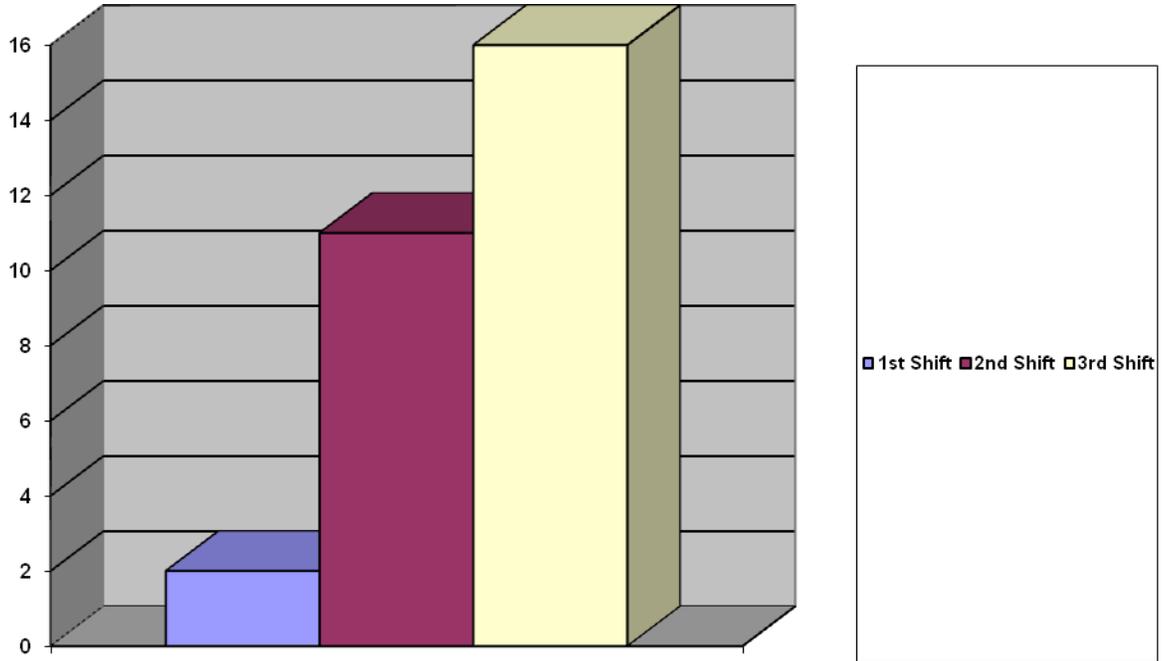
**The following is a breakdown by the shifts:**

<b>Day shift</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Afternoon shift</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Midnight shift</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>

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The B.A.C. Datamaster 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 29 DUI suspects from the roads. Fortunately we will never know because they were taken off our roads before a fatality occurred.

In November 2011 a new machine, Intoxilyzer 8000 was introduced and presented to our department by the State of Ohio. 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



## Range

Officer Robert Gaydosh oversees the department range program.

All officers were able to qualify with their duty issued Glocks as mandated by the State of Ohio. Some officers qualified with additional off duty and back up weapons which is encouraged by the Department.

The carbine rifle program was on a voluntary basis this year. Although we had some very inclement weather days when we trained, all officers that chose to participate completed the state course. Additionally those officers completed scenario and transitional firearms training.

The Sniper program was not continued this year due to budget cuts. One rifle was maintained and operated by officer Gaydosh.

The departmental issued Glocks were all inspected and tested by officer Gaydosh. The weapons were cleaned and test fired before being reissued. The inspection process shows the wear a duty weapon sustains. The department needs to consider replacing or upgrading the current issued weapon in the near future.

Ammunition was logged and replaced as needed. The department carries a minimal surplus of ammunition that needs to be upgraded to insure proper training in the future. Approximately 4400 rifle rounds were fire, 1400 pistol rounds and 12,000 miscellaneous rounds were used for practice. All issued and fired training rounds are documented and logged.

Recommendations for the range program:

- Developing Village property for an outdoor rifle range
- Lead clean up behind backstop
- Increase practice schedule to four times per year mandatory. OPOTA only mandates one qualification per year.
- Range officer should be entrusted to set schedules for range practice well in advance.
- Set time frame to replace side arms and magazines suggested time frame for side arms-every 6 years, suggested time frame for magazine-every 3 years.

Range staff: Officers Gaydosh, Padula and Dressler. Lt. Davis assisted where needed.

## Vehicles

Officer Paul Fister oversees the coordination of the Department vehicles maintenance program. The Richfield Police Department Fleet of vehicles consists of 17 vehicles. Ten marked Road Patrol Units which consists 1 Ford Expedition, 1 Dodge Magnum (Former K-9 Car since Retired) 8 Ford Crown Victorias. The Detective Bureau has two vehicles assigned; a Black Ford Explorer, and a grey Ford Ranger. The administrative position of the police department has two vehicles assigned; a Grey Ford Explorer, and a Black Crown Victoria. A marked unit is also assigned to the Animal Warden which is a Ford Explorer, also within the police department 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 ten equipped police cruisers. These cruisers are uniformly marked with police decals on sides and roofs, communication equipment, emergency lighting, crash equipment and weapon retention equipment.

- Cruiser #01 2009 Ford Expedition: with 71656 miles on it and driven 36621 miles with the 2011 year. The vehicle is operated by Sgt. Kostandaras, Sgt. Morgan, and Sgt. Fyffe.
- Cruiser #02 (K-9 Car, Since Retired) 2007 Dodge Magnum: with 111565 miles currently on it, and driven 21,812 miles within 2011 year. The vehicle was operated by Sgt. Fyffe.
- Cruiser #03 2010 Ford Crown Victoria: with 51759 miles on it and driven 18,044 miles within the 2011 year. The vehicle is operated by Ptl. Dressler, Ptl. Lorek, and Ptl. Gilbert.
- Cruiser #05 2010 Ford Crown Victoria: with 45110 miles on it and driven 25,825 miles within the 2011 year. The vehicle is operated by Ptl. Fister and Ptl. Prhne.
- Cruiser #06 2010 Ford Crown Victoria: with 65195 miles on it and driven 40,218 miles within the 2011 year. The vehicle is operated by Ptl. Simmons and Ptl. Padula
- Cruiser #07 2009 Ford Crown Victoria: with 74091 miles on it and driven 29,969 miles with the 2011 year. The vehicle is operated by Ptl. Michel.
- Cruiser #08 2009 Ford Crown Victoria: with 85102 miles on it and driven 15476 miles within the 2011 year. This vehicle is operated by part time patrol officers.
- Cruiser #09 2009 Ford Crown Victoria: with 82610 miles on it and driven 15476 miles within the 2011 year. This vehicle is operated by Ptl. Gaydosh.

Within the Detective Bureau there are two vehicles, 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.

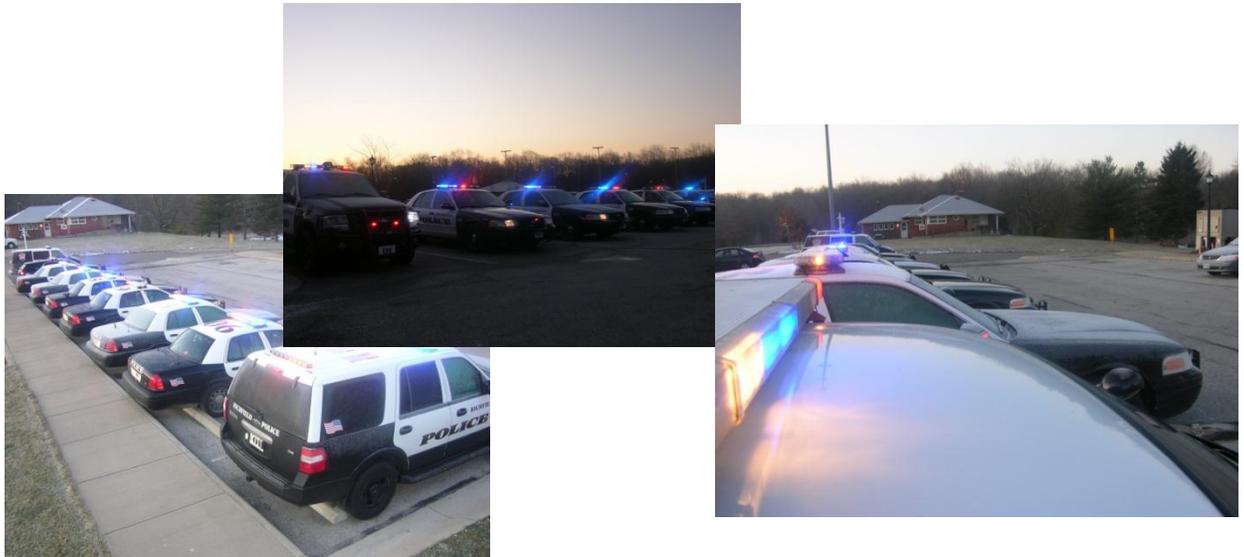
- 2004 Ford Explorer: with 100611 miles on it and operated by Det. Swanson.
- 2008 Ford Ranger: with 10396 miles on it and operated by Det. Ellis

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- 2007 Ford Explorer: Operated by Chief Canter
- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria: Operated by Lt. Davis. This vehicle also is equipped for transport of prisoners, and equipment to assist Detectives.

In addition to the Richfield fleet of police cars are the Animal Warden's vehicle which is a 2003 Ford Explorer with 129,700 miles on it and operated by Warden Clark. This vehicle is used and equipped to aid her in her duties as animal warden. A Chevrolet Astro van and 1934 Ford coupe round out the fleet and are used only sparingly for parades and police events.

The entire fleet is on a weekly maintenance program set up through our department and the Village's mechanics. 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. In the year of 2012, our department will be purchasing two new 2013 Ford All- Wheel Police interceptors. These vehicles will be a new model design, designed by Ford to aid a police officer's duty and safety; we are excited to add them to our fleet.



## **Animal Control**

Cindy Clark is the Animal Control Officer for the Village of Richfield and the Village is fortunate to have such a dedicated person serving in that role. She does an outstanding job handling a multitude of tasks.

In 2011 the daily duties included:

- Patrolling the Village streets and neighborhoods for stray animals.
- Answering all phone calls and returning calls from messages left overnight from residents. These could be complaints, questions about animal related issues or requests for animal pick up of either wild or domestic animals.
- Kennel duties which include the care of feeding of any animals that were impounded. Cleaning and disinfecting of the kennel runs and cages, washing feed bowls and buckets, laundering blankets rugs and towels, walking all dogs that were impounded unless under quarantine.

Duties performed on an as needed basis include:

- Impounding stray dogs and cats
- Setting live traps for nuisance wild animals and checking set traps for captured animals and removing those animals and euthanizing them as required by state law.
- Responding to complaints by residents of barking dogs, dogs running at large, animal abuse or neglect or animals hit by cars and killed or injured.
- Responding to dog or cat bites and impounding the animal for the 10 day quarantine if the owner chooses not to quarantine at home.
- Taking dogs or cats to the veterinarian for well checks if they were put up for adoption.
- Advertising animals that were put up for adoption and showing the animals to potential adopters or releasing them into the care of breed rescues or foster care.
- Releasing impounded animals to their owners with either a fine or warning.
- Purchasing food and cleaning supplies for the kennel.
- Cleaning the office and supply cabinets and removing trash to the dumpster.
- Washing and cleaning the animal control vehicle and refueling.

In 2011 Animal Control again participated in Safety Town with a program demonstrating safety around dogs.

Also in 2011 Animal Control put on a program for a local Brownie Troop.

Mutual aid was provided when asked for by neighboring police departments in capturing animals or providing housing for captured animals after their facilities were closed for the weekend or evening.

Raptor Rescue was called for captured hawks and owls that were injured or ill.

2011 saw a significant increase in the number of calls relating to coyotes. The coyote population is growing each year and their numbers are increasing in every area of the Village. This is becoming a potentially serious issue and guidelines for dealing with this need to be discussed and put into place for the future safety of the residents and their animals.

## Community Service

In 2011, 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.

The Richfield Police Department continued this year as a designated collection point for The Battered Women's Shelter. Originally problems with donating to the shelter stemmed from the fact that residents were not sure where they could donate or what items qualified for donation. A list was compiled and distributed throughout town and donations started coming in immediately. When donations reach a full carload they are taken to the shelter by police officers. We received numerous items from the members of our community including, food, clothing, toys, TVs and other electronics, furniture, kitchenware, personnel hygiene products, bedding and cash. Loss of storage areas and funding has limited the amount the shelter can take but they have partnered up with Salvation Army to provide a high standard of service. I am extremely happy to see these organizations work together for the same goal.

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 Simmons has 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, 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 helped 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 various officers from Richfield have walked in the event and raised money. The Richfield Police also donated money to purchase shirts for the event which was a success.

Last year The Richfield Police teamed up with Summit County Sheriff's Office and Revere School District to educate High School Seniors about the effects of drinking and driving. Every Senior had an opportunity to drive a special vehicle named SIDNE. SIDNE® is an educational tool designed to give participants insight into the realities of impaired driving. SIDNE®, which stands for Simulated Impaired Driving Experience®, is a small vehicle that is driven by the participant like a normal car, but the safety and impairment controls are administered by an infrared transmitter from an instructor outside of the vehicle. Participants maneuver through an obstacle course in both normal and impaired modes, and discuss the feeling of impaired driving after the experience. The next day the Seniors came to an assembly where they heard State President of MADD, Randy Young discuss the tragedy of his daughter's battle with drugs and alcohol

addiction. Mr. Young told how he felt when his daughter died in a car accident while she had been drinking. Officer Simmons also spoke to the crowd and how he was a drunken driving victim. He explained that even though he was not involved in a car accident the loss of a family members who have has changed his life. As hard as it is to discuss the events he hopes that it will help other families not have to go through similar pain. Along with that program several demonstrations involving a special set of goggle called "fatal vision". This is a pair of goggles that impairs the ability for the person wearing them to balance and use fine motor skills. They work by reflecting the image they see causing the eyes to have an unsteady view. The effects are not harmful and only last while wearing the goggles. It shows the kids how it feels to be impaired due to alcohol or drugs. While the kids wear them we ask them to do small task like throw or catch a ball or pick up coins or other small objects on the ground. The kids were also put through a field sobriety test which they failed. Though they laughed during the test, they did get serious when the demonstration was over realizing the impact that a DUI accident can create.

Christmas is the time for giving to others. For some though, Christmas is time of need. The Richfield Police has made every effort to help the residence in that time of need.

The Richfield Police Department was involved in several Christmas community programs. The first program is called the Giving Tree. A local company that calls Richfield home is O E Connection. The other group is a group of residents on Regency Woods Drive. A couple of families in need of a little extra attention are identified. The list is given to O E Connection and Regency Woods residents 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. Officer Simmons 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 selected requested a lap top computer so that her kids could use it for reports and internet for research for school. With the school putting more and more information online she said it became a problem for her kids. O E Connections not only gave her one computer but gave her two computers, one for each child. We were able to help four families in 2011 through this program. Families found it difficult to believe that total strangers were willing to help.

Toys are also gathered at Christmas and we turn the training room at the station into a toy store. Toys come from several businesses in town like Pilot Travel Center, Arslin Mittel Steel, Doug Out and Best Stop. The toys are laid out for those in need who came to the station and took toys for their families. This year 14 families benefited from this program.

Another program offered by the Richfield Police is called Shop With A Cop. This program has been run by Ptl Paul Fister and Officer Simmons for the past nine 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. Officers also submit names.

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 formed 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 escorts each child home with the patrol unit.

This program has been a success and has gone beyond our expectations. Over the years we have had numerous companies and private citizens give their support. The program has had two other agencies branch off and start their own program. It has spread to 6 counties and over 60 police departments. In 2011 we were contacted by a police department in New Jersey and in Florida looking on how to establish their own Shop With A Cop program.

In 2011 Richfield Police helped 28 kids in town. Over 300 kids went shopping with our group and were escorted by over 120 police, fire and military vehicles. There were an additional 200 kids taken by the other agencies. There was over \$90,000 raised by everyone to help out this year. Special thanks to service department employees, firefighters, dispatchers and members of the administration staff who also help with the kids shopping spree.

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 started in 2011 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 of a gray mail box. It allows residents to drive up and put unwanted or unused or out dated medication in the box for destruction. When family members would pass on or people had unused drugs the concern was what to do with the unused medication. The idea was to have a place for people to take the prescription medications to dispose of them 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. Richfield collects about 20 pounds of medication per month by use of the DUMP box. The program prevents these drugs from infiltrating into our waterways.

The Richfield Police and Fire Departments also sponsor annual dinners for the Senior Citizens. They fund the dinners and also serve at these events.

Community Service can be something as simple as 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.

Richfield Police give support to many local organizations. Several group and individual tours of our station, talks, donations and time have been given. The department is constantly evaluating our programs to add new aspects of community service or improving those that are already established.

## **Safety Town**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Richfield Safety Town Program was held at Hillcrest Elementary School, 3080 Revere Road, Richfield. The first session was held the week of June 13-17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12Noon and the second session was held the week of July 5-8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:30pm. Our enrollment included 55 pre-Kindergarten students and 43 volunteers, which make up youth in the community starting at the sixth grade level all the way through college students. Some volunteers have been with the program for a number of years, some of which include; Jenny Glowe (5 years), LeAnn Greer (5 years), Katrina Hanzal (8 years), Sam Kibler (5 years) and Trevor Lanford (5 years).

The Richfield Safety Town Program 2011 consisted of a police officer, Mr. Robert Wendland, an elementary school teacher, Miss Rachel Hanzal and an educational aide, Mrs. Carla Piskac. Officer Robert Wendland completed his last year as the Richfield Safety Town Officer, which came to a total of 5 years with the program. Carla Piskac, the Safety Town Craft Teacher completed her 23<sup>rd</sup> year with the program, while Rachel Hanzal, the Safety Town Coordinator completed her 14<sup>th</sup> year working with the program.

Richfield Safety Town is made up of many types of safety, which were all touched upon by the staff and many outside volunteer organizations. Some of these organizations included the American Red Cross, Dr. Lehky 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. She explained how to take care of your baby teeth and the new adult teeth you get when you loose your baby teeth. She also provided our students with some information and toothbrushes to take home. Kathy Cern from Akron Children's Hospital came and ran our Fire Dept. Day, which she does a fine job at since she use to work for our department. Students got to tour the Fire and Police Departments, go through the Smoke House, learn how to Stop, Drop and Roll, spray water from the fire truck and learn about all the important gear a firefighter wears and that is also in an ambulance. Kathy also had a nice review presentation for our students that helps them go through all the information they have been exposed to throughout the week. It involved eggs and is very entertaining, but informative at the same time. 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. Our Animal Warden, Cindy Clark came out with her dog

Blackie and taught children how to react if they ever got attacked by a dog or if they wanted to pet a dog they had never met before. Officer Scott Dressler came out to Hillcrest to introduce students to self-defense, where he actually lets kids kick him in order to help get the point across. Carla Piskac, our craft teacher reviews all topics covered with different projects and BINGO. Students make a traffic light, a police officer mask, a 911/address/phone number mobile, a school bus, and a safety detective badge. Officer Bob Wendland taught the importance of a good touch and bad touch, where many parents stay to listen to. He also taught gun safety with the help of the state provided Eddie Eagle materials. Some additional lessons that include 911 Instruction, Bike Safety, Traffic Safety, Helmet Safety, Stranger Identification, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Safety Town Songs were taught by Rachel Hanzal. She used many different storybooks, pictures, gestures and movements to teach the children all of these things.

Throughout this entire program, almost each and every student had their own volunteer who was able to help instill and constantly review all of this information with them throughout the week, especially their address and phone number. By the end of the program nearly all students and volunteers had created a bonding friendship/mentorship. A pizza party was held for the volunteers the last day of the second session to thank them for their service. A graduation ceremony was held for parents and students the Monday following each session in the Richfield Council Chambers where many important community members came to speak, children sang the songs they learned and they received their diplomas.

The 2012 Richfield Safety Town Program has been set for the week of June 18-22, where there will be two sessions, one in the morning from 9:00-12:00Noon and one in the afternoon from 1:00pm-4:00pm. The program will be held at Hillcrest Elementary for the third consecutive year, which is something very much appreciated by the parents since their children will be attending this school in the fall.



*Officer Robert Wendland  
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