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Neil R. Ferdelman,
Chief of Police

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Officer Britt stops an unsafe vehicle on High Street.



Detective Paul Davis and Traffic Officer Tim Less photograph an accident at South 11th and Hanover Streets. The driver of the car fled the scene on foot, but he was arrested a short time later.



Officer Tim Less wraps up an investigation on Bypass 4.



Dispatcher Angie Mondello sends officers to an alarm call.

ON THE COVER

Unit 448 became the first Sport Utility Vehicle to be assigned to the Patrol Division.



Officer Brian Ungerbuehler runs on the treadmill while Detective John Fischer finishes a workout on the elliptical machine.



2010 Annual Report

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Hamilton Police Department

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Neil R. Ferdelman

Chief of Police



A message from the Chief of Police:

Mr. Joshua A. Smith
City Manager
City of Hamilton, Ohio

Sir:

The 2010 Annual Report of the Hamilton Police Department is submitted to you, to members of Council, and to our community. Since we closed the book on 2010, the department has continued to reduce our personnel levels due to the faltering economy. We have joined public safety agencies and other government organizations across the nation and globe in paring our services while reconfiguring our structure to maintain good customer service.

During the year, we did conduct an entry-level exam for police officer on April 13 in anticipation of filling vacancies, however as the year continued and the economy worsened, those plans were scuttled.

Using regional grant money, we implemented License Plate Reader (LPR) technology during the year. This new innovation was installed and officers were trained in its usage. The system has access to a regional data base of warrants, stolen vehicles, and other alerts. The next phase will include the introduction of local data into the system. It is a textbook example of how we must use technology in these tough economic times to work smarter. Our two new LPR devices enjoyed some successes. We had arrests for outstanding warrants and a number of stolen vehicle recoveries. Five vehicles were towed, resulting in \$1,250 in fines paid for unpaid parking tickets plus, our administrative fees for tow-in processing. Detectives now have access to the technology to search the database for information to apprehend wanted criminals.

Detective Paul Davis invested over two years of investigative effort into the criminal activities of twin pediatricians Mark and Scott Blankenburg. These former physicians were labeled as sex offenders, and sentenced to years of incarceration for their many criminal acts. This would not have occurred without Paul's skillful investigation and tireless efforts, initiated in 2007.

HPD continued to apply for and received over a quarter of a million dollars in varied grants, as listed below:

- State Anti-Gang grant - \$17,690.85 (anti-gang enforcement);
- Community Development Block Grant - \$25,000 (East Avenue and Rossville walking beats);
- Third Grade Safety Belt Grant - \$3,184;
- North End Weed and Seed (NEWS) for the Community (2009 State-level Justice Assistance Grant) - \$122,665.02 (awarded in 2009, however, we could not start using the money until June 1, 2010).
- Drug Use Prevention grant - \$27,463.80.
- Federal Justice Assistance Grant - \$50,431.50 (2 cruisers).
- Bullet Proof Vest Grant - \$7,795.00 (ballistic vests).

The Countywide Public Safety Radio System was fully operational for the first time in June, with all public safety departments in Butler County now using the system. No “busy” signals have occurred even with full usage.

We began using three of four new Segways on September 21st. The Segways were purchased exclusively through the use of grant funds, and with generous donations from Butler County Prosecutor Robin Piper, Fraternal Order of Police Associates – Hamilton Lodge 19, the Hamilton Police Athletic League, Businessmen Phil Morrival II and Phil Morrival III, Community Development Professionals, the First Financial Bank of Hamilton, and the US Bank in Hamilton. Segways were used downtown and throughout Hamilton neighborhoods instead of foot patrols to cover more ground and move faster.

We journeyed into the world of social media with an HPD Facebook page. It remains popular and can be visited at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hamilton-Police-Department/154267737946423>

This report provides an overview of our activities throughout the year, including details of some of the serious crimes (pages 12-13), and an outline of complex drug and gang investigations (pages 13-17).

As a result of the cuts made to the department, the production of these reports has been delayed due to the reduction of personnel handling a myriad of other duties. After 36 years as a member of this department and over 13 years as its chief, this will be the final report I will be distributing. There most certainly are challenges ahead, and no one yet knows the depth and length of our economic woes. However, the department will be making a smooth transition to its new leadership, and bright and capable officers will guide its destiny. I am grateful for the time I have had here, and deeply value the friendships, the talent, and dedication to our profession demonstrated by the members of this department. I sincerely wish you and all of them the very best in the times yet to come.

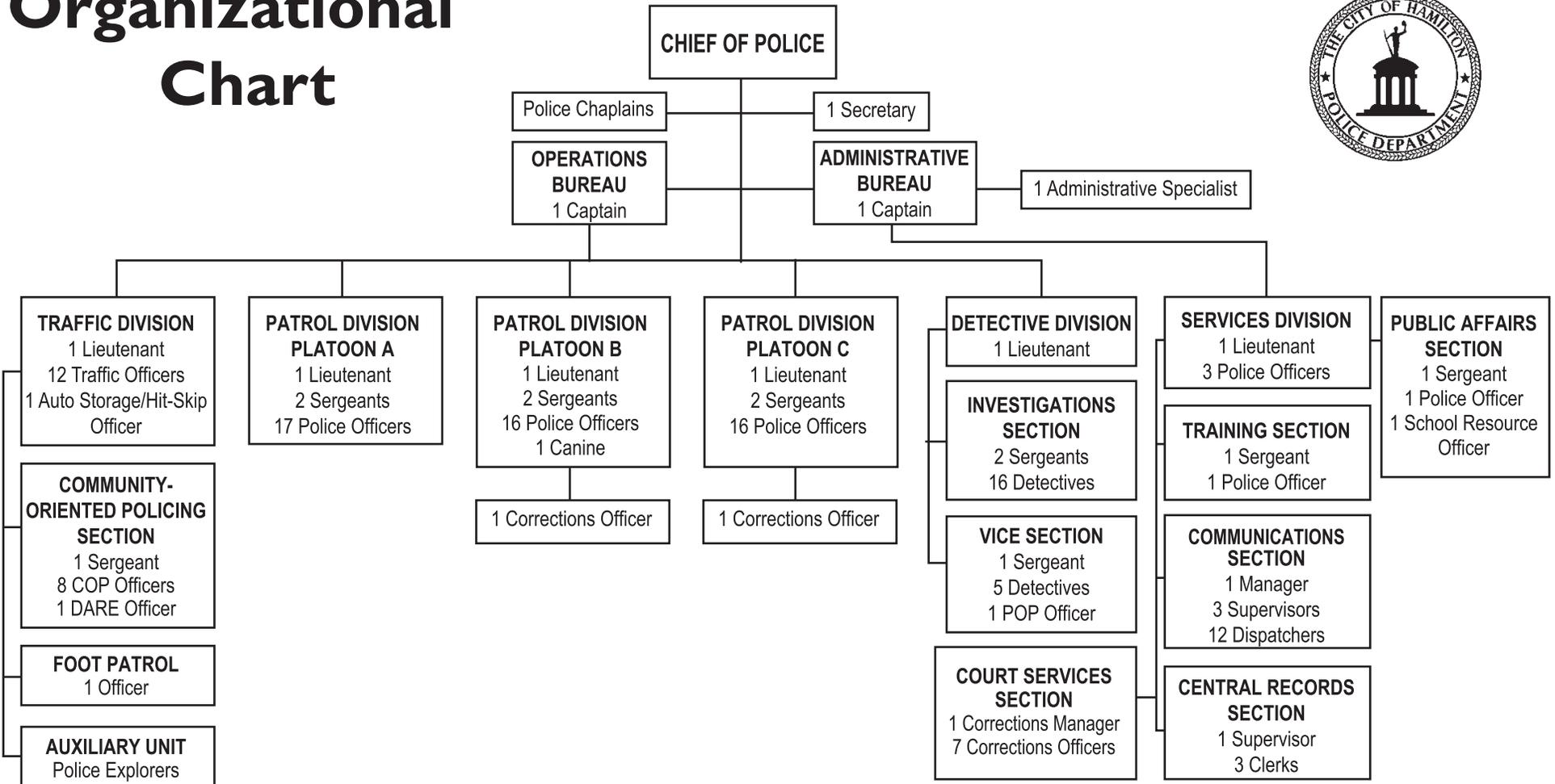


Neil R. Ferdelman
Chief of Police

Very Respectfully,

Neil R. Ferdelman
Chief of Police

Organizational Chart



RECAPITULATION

FULL-TIME SWORN (120)

Chief of Police 1
 Captains 2
 Lieutenants 6
 Sergeants 12
 Detectives 21
 Police Officers 78

FULL-TIME NON-SWORN (22)

Communications Manager 1
 Records Supervisor 1
 Communications Supervisors 3
 Administrative Specialist 1
 Secretary to the Chief 1
 Communications Operators 12
 Records Clerks 3

CORRECTIONS OFFICERS (10)

Full-Time Corrections Manager 1
 Full-Time Corrections Officers 5
 Part-Time Corrections Officers 4
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (1)
 Part-Time SPO 1

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL 148
TOTAL PERSONNEL 153

EFFECTIVE: 04/15/10

ISSUED BY:

Neil R. Seidman
 Chief of Police

HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2010 Personnel in Transition

Promotions, Resignations, and Retirements

PROMOTIONS

- Sergeant Gerald F. Butler January 30, 2010
- Detective Gary J. Crouch January 30, 2010

RESIGNATIONS

- Police Officer Nathan Zettler October 21, 2010
- Police Officer Jeremy Roberts October 29, 2010
- Police Officer Mark Kibby November 5, 2010

RETIREMENTS

- Sergeant Thomas E. Kilgour January 29, 2010
- Police K-9 Regret March 18, 2010

OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is functionally divided into the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, and the Detective Division. These divisions rely heavily on one another to eradicate the criminal element. In simplistic terms, the Patrol Division is the first responder to an emergency or reported crime while the Detective Division provides the necessary follow up services to bring a crime to a successful conclusion. The Traffic Division responds to and investigates all types of traffic complaints, traffic enforcement, and traffic crash investigations.



*Captain Joseph A. Murray
Operations Bureau Commander*

THE PATROL DIVISION:



*Lt. Gerald M. Martin
Patrol Shift
Commander*

PATROL DIVISION "A" SHIFT Supervisors

Lieutenant Gerald M. Martin
Sergeant David Alatorre
Sergeant Mark Thomas

Police Officers

Jason Holmes, Matt Mulcahey,
Mark Christian, Jason Chin, Steve McFall,
Jon Richardson, Tom Hurst, Justin Lunsford,
Anthony Kiep, Jon Habig, Randy Payne,
Scott Arbino, Phillip Root and Kevin Ruhl

Corrections Officer

James Carpenter



*Lt. John Nethers
Patrol Shift
Commander*

PATROL DIVISION "B" SHIFT Supervisors

Lieutenant John Nethers
Sergeant Sherry Richardson
Sergeant Joe Gabbard

Police Officers

Terry Kiefer, Scott Laney, Ernie Huff,
Dave Anglin, Ross Sherman, Carla Browning,
Pete Gibbons, Rick Cardwell, Lanny Ash,
Rich Heidorn, Todd Hurst, Brian Wynn,
Jon Pieron, Kevin Flannery, James Colwell
and Terry Kiep

Corrections Officer

Goldie Robinson



*Lt. Marc McManus
Patrol Shift
Commander*

PATROL DIVISION "C" SHIFT Supervisors

Lieutenant Marc McManus
Sgt. Ed Buns
Sgt. Gerry Butler

Police Officers

Adrian Jackson, Jim Gross, Steve Hamilton,
Matt Fishwick, Shawn Fryman, Melva Baker,
Chris Browning, Chris Gibson, Aaron Lafflin,
Brian Gleason, Chris Fackey, Chris Robinson,
Mike Thacker, Wayne Wells, Aaron Hucke
and Casey Johnson.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division remains the largest component of the Hamilton Police Department and is truly the backbone of the organization. The patrol officers are the ones who have daily interaction with the members of the community. These citizens constitute our customer base. The Patrol Division provides the basic tenets of police service; preserving the peace and protecting the lives and properties of others. It is our mission that these services shall be professionally provided to our customers in a courteous, empathetic manner. The other sections within the Hamilton Police Department consist of varying degrees of specialization that were created to support the efforts of the Patrol Division in providing quality police services to our customers.

In 2010, the staffing level of the Patrol Division is fifty five-officers. Overall, the Hamilton Police Department is down ten sworn positions. We are in a hiring freeze that was implemented by the city due to an economic downturn. Fluctuations in the number of sworn officers occur primarily through retirements. At this time, and into the foreseeable future, there are no plans to hire additional officers. If the hiring freeze continues through 2012, our staffing level will mirror that of the 1970's.

The Patrol Division is divided into three rotating shifts supervised by one lieutenant and two sergeants. Each shift, when fully staffed, is comprised of fifteen patrol officers and three designated traffic officers. Normally, one officer on each shift is trained as a canine officer. However, the year 2010 marked the passing of our last canine from the force. We do not anticipate a replacement in the near future. It had been past practice to have one patrol canine on each shift but that is no longer feasible. The organization must adapt to its dwindling numbers and strive to provide the same quality service that our citizenry has grown accustomed to and so richly deserves.

During the year 2010, 65,823 calls for police service were

received and dispatched to officers working within the Patrol Division. This was a decrease of 461 calls for police service from the total number of calls dispatched in 2009. The calls are prioritized to provide immediate assistance to those citizens who need instantaneous service. Call prioritization enables the Hamilton Police Department to work efficiently as well as effectively.

It is the policy of the Hamilton Police Department to investigate all complaints against the organization or any of its members. The investigatory process protects the integrity of the agency or the employee, and fosters public confidence in the department. The internal affairs function of the Hamilton Police Department is a comprehensive tool that can be utilized to attain this objective. The process maintains an intensive, objective, and impartial investigation and review system devised to ensure the integrity of the department. The majority of complaints received are not assigned to internal affairs. The criteria for determining whether it is an internal affairs investigation are allegations such as: corruption, brutality, excessive use of force, breach of civil rights, criminal misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct as determined by the Chief of Police. Those complaints that do not fall into the internal affairs category are handled by appropriate supervision.

In 2010, there were 11 documented complaints against officers or the department in general. Of these documented incidents five were deemed unfounded, three were not sustained, three were exonerated, and one dual complaint was sustained on the grounds of rudeness. In the one sustained instance, the officer received documented counseling. One complaint dealt with bias based profiling. It was alleged that officers stopped the man because of past dealings with his brother. In 2010, we received three less documented complaints. In 2007, we revamped the complaint process, which gave broader leeway to first-line supervision in handling the problem. This change enhanced communication between complainants and members of our department.

*This report submitted by:
Captain Joseph A. Murray
Operations Bureau Commander*



Officer Shawn Fryman assesses damage at a wreck on East Avenue.



Chief Neil Ferdelman administers the oath of office to Detective Gary Crouch.



Officers Chris Browning and Chris Gibson at the scene of a train derailment.

TRAFFIC DIVISION



*Lt. Michael L. Lease
Traffic Division
Commander*

The Traffic Division:

Lieutenant Mike Lease,
Traffic Commander,
Sergeant Steve Henderson,
Traffic Officers Darrel Prewitt,
Dave Patterson, Brett Britt,
Robert Snyder, Mike Coleman,
Jim Beeler, Jo Hornschemeier,
Carole Walters, Tim Less,
Cliff Heidorn, Chad Stafford,
John Ebbing, and Rodney Wilson.



*Detective Crouch, Sergeant Kilgour, Chief Ferdelman and
Sergeant Gerry Butler pictured on Sergeant Kilgour's last
day as a sergeant and Butler's first.*

On February 17, officers stopped a car driven by Christopher Reece at Main and "B" Streets. Officers found that Reece had a warrant issued by the Hamilton Municipal Court. The passenger, Thomas Uhl, was arrested when officers discovered crack cocaine in the passenger seat. At Hamilton Police Headquarters, a search revealed that Uhl was hiding seven grams of heroin in his buttocks.

The primary mission of the Traffic Division is the enforcement of traffic laws in order to reduce traffic collisions, their resulting injuries, and to facilitate the safe and expedient flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. These efforts result in safer roadways and streets, fewer fatalities, injuries, and reduce property damage. The unit concentrates its enforcement efforts in the areas with the highest collision rates within the City of Hamilton. These efforts have proven to be effective in reducing the numbers of collisions in the city. Our traffic officers are trained in all facets of traffic investigation and enforcement.

The Traffic Division is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant, and thirteen traffic officers. Three traffic officers are assigned to work the 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. shift and nine are assigned to the rotating patrol shifts. One traffic officer is assigned as the auto-storage/hit-skip officer.

The Traffic Division maintains and deploys specialized equipment to help facilitate the accomplishment of our mission. Two examples are a speed trailer and stealth stat unit. These units are placed in areas of speed complaints. The trailer will display and record the vehicle's speed while the stealth stat unit will record traffic data. The data collected from these units allows the traffic lieutenant to determine if there is a speeding or traffic flow issue, and if so, the times for needed enforcement action.

The Traffic Division is responsible for the photo speed enforcement program. This program consists of a vehicle that uses radar and high resolution cameras to assist with speed enforcement. After the radar identifies a speeding car, a series of cameras takes photos of the rear of the car and its license plate. That information is used to issue a citation to the car's registered owner. The vehicle is deployed in school zones and streets surrounding city parks within the city of Hamilton.

The Hamilton Police Department participates in the Butler County O.V.I. (Operating a Vehicle while Impaired) Task Force. The task force is composed of various law enforcement agencies in Butler County. The task force utilizes O.V.I. arrest and crash-related data collected by each agency to determine the times and locations of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols. In 2010, the Hamilton Police Department had 30 separate days that we participated in O.V.I. task force operations. During these operations there were 34 O.V.I. arrests and 93 traffic citations issued by officers.

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) was very successful in 2010. Officers are assigned to work

in areas of the highest traffic complaints received by the Traffic Division. Officers working the program issued 2,588 citations and arrested 29 persons for O.V.I.

In 2010, there was one fatal crash within the City of Hamilton. This crash was not alcohol but prescription drug related. This is an 80% decrease from the five fatalities that occurred in 2009. There were 1,905 total crashes in 2010. This is an increase of 3 more than 2009. There were 808 injury crashes in 2010. This is a 9% decrease from the 890 injury accidents from 2009. Total citations issued for 2010 was 6,208, compared to 6,273 citations issued in 2009. This is a decrease of 1%.

Through dedication, training and enforcement, the Traffic Division will continue to work on making the city of Hamilton a safer place to work and live.

*This report submitted by:
Lieutenant John Nethers
Traffic Commander*

COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SECTION

Over the last 25 years the concept of community policing has quietly revolutionized law enforcement in America. According to the latest estimates, community policing is widespread, with approximately 80 percent of larger municipal and county police departments employing an average of twenty or more community policing officers. The Hamilton Police Department is no exception, however due to the recent economic downturn, our community-policing efforts have been reduced. At one time we employed nine community-policing officers working in five communities. We now employ three officers assigned to three communities. These officers continue to work with community residents and business owners who are encouraged to voice their concerns to the police, and it is the responsibility of the Community-Oriented Policing Section to thoughtfully address these concerns. Under community policing, our officers initiate frequent personal contacts with community members in their beats, interacting in an attentive, friendly, and compassionate manner. Enforcing the law and fighting crime remain important elements of policing, but community policing recognizes that, in reality, most police work is oriented toward non-enforcement tasks such as maintaining order and providing social services. Consequently, reducing community disorder, helping to mitigate residents' fears about crime, solving problems, and caring for individual victims, are all regarded as equally important to making arrests and solving crimes.

The Community-Oriented Policing Section:

Sergeant Steve Henderson;
COPS Officers Jeff Eck, Mel Gray, Paul Webb, Eric Taylor,
Frank Botts, Matt Blauvelt, Kevin Holstein, Mark Kibby, and
Ryan Beckelhymer.



Officer Tony Kiep issues a citation. Meanwhile, Officer Dave Patterson calls for a wrecker.



Sgt Buns talks to a reporter after a train derailment on Chestnut Street.



The 2010 Tahoe displayed the department's new cruiser graphics.



*Lt. J. Scott Scrimizzi
Detective Division
Commander*

The Detective Division:

Lt. J. Scott Scrimizzi, Detective Division Commander; Sgt. Carl Sigmon and Sgt. Michael Waldeck, Investigations Section Supervisors; Detectives Steven Rogers, David Collins, James Smith, Pat Erb, John Fischer, Greg Baker, James Cifuentes, Mark Henson, Paul Davis, Mark Hayes, Don Taylor, Brian Robinson, James Calhoun, David Weissinger, Mark Poppe, and Mark Nichols.



Officer Rick Miller discusses the Mobile Speed Van at the press conference that launched its use.



Chief Neil Ferdelman with Officer Bob at the Butler County Fair.

The Hamilton Police C.O.P. Section works very hard to build ties within our communities. The C.O.P. officers spend a great deal of their time within their communities so that they can become a familiar site to its residents. We will patrol on foot, bicycle or horseback to help eliminate the barrier the police cruiser places between ourselves and the residents. All C.O.P. officers have cell phones and their numbers are given to the residents, business owners, and school personnel so they can be easily contacted to discuss community issues or problems. We will attend any neighborhood meetings or gatherings, talking and interacting with residents. We teach D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. within our schools, which allow the students, teachers, and parents to become more familiar with our officers on a personal level. We attend after school programs where officers participate in activities and assist students in homework. We do all this to build a long-term relationship between us and the community. We feel that this can only be created if we are responsive to community needs and accountable to the community for any actions taken.

Along with relationship building, the C.O.P. Section remains committed to combating neighborhood problems and crime in their assigned communities. The notion that the police and the public should collaborate in solving neighborhood problems helps move community policing past the criticism that it is just an exercise in improving community relations. Rather than reacting to specific incidents and resorting primarily to law enforcement as a means of controlling crime, we encourage the community to help identify local problems and we work together to find the most effective solution. The responsibility is on police officers to discover and carefully analyze the underlying cause(s) of concern. It is then their responsibility to focus all their efforts on a solution specifically tailored toward solving the problem at hand. Law enforcement is still recognized as one of the means available, but effective problem-solving demands that police officers should search for alternative methods of social control, and be guided by community preferences. This might require that our officers draw upon resources beyond the confines of the police department, such as coordinating between citizens and other local government and community organizations. Problem solving does not only rely upon greater familiarity between the police and the community, but on the ability of the C.O.P. officer to recognize patterns or relationships between incidents, and to choose long-term and highly selective solutions over short-term and universal responses.

*This report submitted by:
Sgt. Steve Henderson
COPS Supervisor*

DETECTIVE DIVISION

INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Detective Division is comprised of two sections, the Investigations Section and the Vice Section. There are a total of 27 officers assigned to the division, which is commanded by a lieutenant. The lieutenant is in charge of both the Investigations Section as well as the Vice Section. The Investigations Section has two sergeants and 16 detectives. Within the section, the detectives are divided into four groups of four detectives. The four squads of detectives rotate shifts to provide coverage during normal business hours and evening hours. The Vice Section is supervised by a sergeant, and staffed with five detectives and one Problem-Oriented Policing Officer. Each section of the Detective Division has different and specific primary duties and responsibilities.

The Detective Division supervisors are also responsible for all internal affairs investigations within the police department. The goal of the internal affairs function is to insure that the



Officer Beckelhymer congratulates a DARE graduate.



A driver wrecked his car at South Second and Walnut Streets. He tried to leave the scene on foot, but was arrested a short time later.

On February 17, Hamilton Police Officers conducted a traffic stop at Greenwood Avenue near Heaton Street. Officers questioned the occupants and found that the passenger, Gary W. Hubbard, had outstanding warrants. After arresting Mr. Hubbard, officers found a bottle containing 30 unit doses of rock heroin in his clothing. Officers then searched the vehicle and found a spoon, a hypodermic syringe, \$336 dollars, a \$100 dollar money order, a combination safe, and six other pills.

Gary W. Hubbard, 36, of Hamilton was charged with Drug Abuse Heroin (Felony 5), Drug Abuse (Misdemeanor 3), Trafficking in Drugs (Felony 4) and Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments (Misdemeanor 2).



The department participated in Prescription Drop Off Day. The event was held on September 18th.



Officer Bob conducts pedestrian safety at St. Peter's Elementary School.

integrity of the police department is maintained through an internal system where objectivity, fairness, and justice are assured by intensive, impartial investigation and review.

The primary function of the Investigations Section is to provide follow-up investigation on criminal complaints involving homicide, robbery, rape, burglary, thefts, fraud, kidnapping, and abduction. Additionally, the Investigations Section handles all juvenile complaints. Investigations Section detectives investigate all crimes except for vice and narcotics-related crimes. The objective of the investigator is the conviction of the perpetrator. In order to achieve this objective, the investigator must prove in court that a crime was actually committed and that the person charged with the offense did, in fact, commit the crime. All members of the section are trained in the techniques of criminal investigation, and an effort is made to constantly stay abreast of the latest innovations in this area.

In 2010, the Detective Division received 4,450 Part I crime reports and 4,306 Part II crime reports. The Investigations Section assigned 5,156 of these reports to detectives for follow up action. On average, each detective was assigned nearly 322 reports for the year. We investigated two homicides, 71 rapes, 182 robberies, 92 felonious assaults, 785 burglaries, 1,259 thefts, 38 arsons, 67 identity thefts and 218 auto thefts resulting in 835 arrests. Investigators followed up 643 reports of domestic violence and 108 violations of protection orders resulting in 505 arrests.

To aid the investigators following up on all of the above listed crimes are two small rooms on the lower level of the building which house the Hamilton Police Department's Crime Lab. The lab contains several high tech pieces of equipment, which help detective's process evidence to lead to the identification of criminal suspects. The Crime Lab combined with AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) continues to be a huge asset to the department. The AFIS system enables detectives to submit a fingerprint collected from a crime scene into a nationwide database. Within minutes, a list of possible suspects is provided to detectives. An "in house" fingerprint expert can then compare the crime scene print with possible matches from the database. The Investigations Section currently staffs four fingerprint experts. This system has greatly reduced the amount of man-hours needed to solve crimes. Arrests are now being made in hours rather than months. In the past we had to submit this information to B.C.I & I. (Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation).

Another technology system was added in 2010 with the signing of Senate Bill 77. Due to language within the bill, we were required to purchase a system that enables us to surreptitiously record both audio and video statements in

four of our interview rooms. This is a new way of doing business for us, but it seems to be working out fine.

The Investigations Section works closely with other outside support agencies to include: The Butler County Prosecutor's Office, Butler County Juvenile Court and Probation Department, Ohio and Butler County Adult Parole and Probation Departments, Butler County Children Services Board, Butler County Child Assault Task Force, Hamilton City Schools, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret Service, and the United States Marshall's Service. Our Vice Section has a special agent from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) assigned to their office. Two of our Vice detectives are sworn Federal Agents. This enables them to present both State and Federal charges.

The following three incidents are examples of cases we handled last year. Two of the incidents involved robbery suspects who were responsible for numerous aggravated robberies.

On March 30, 2010, detectives arrested Bryan Trauthwein in the 100 block of South F Street and charged him with five counts of Aggravated Robbery. Trauthwein was responsible for robbing Richards Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Conder Insurance, and Hamilton Smoke & Beverage. The incidents took place over a three-day period beginning on a March 28 with the robbery of Richard's Pizza, and culminated with the shooting of Rajendrakuma Shah, a store clerk, during the robbery of Hamilton Smoke & Beverage shortly after 10 o'clock on March 30th.

Trauthwein was charged with a fifth count of Aggravated Robbery when he struggled with the arresting officer and attempted to take the officer's gun. Trauthwein was subdued and taken into custody without injury.

Detective Division Commander Lieutenant Scott Scrimizzi praised the work of detectives saying, "I am extremely proud of our detectives and the effort they put forth in investigating this robbery spree. Everyone in the office contributed in one form or another. Their dedication prevented anymore needless injuries." The handgun matching the description of the one used in the robberies was recovered during the investigation.

The listed incident was the second in two weeks where officers succeeded in arresting an armed robber within hours of the crime. Chief of Police Neil Ferdelman noted, "I think these successes demonstrate the exceptional caliber of the men and women of the Hamilton Police Department who work hard everyday to help keep our city safe."



Lieutenant Scrimizzi directs officers via radio. On March 30, the Hamilton Smoke and Beverage was robbed and the clerk was shot by Brian Trauthwein. Trauthwein was arrested later that day and charged with several burglaries.



Officer Ryan Beckelhymer encourages the troops as they make their way up Route 4. Left to right are Officer Terry Kiep, Mike Thacker, Detective Jim Cifuentes, and Officer Rob Payne.



Officer Bob Snyder at the scene of an accident due to high water.

Over the past several months, the Hamilton Police Department's Vice Section has worked cooperatively with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to combat weapon and drug offenses in the City. This joint effort successfully removed illegal firearms and drugs off the streets and resulted in Federal charges against the following:

BENJAMIN DEON MCCULLOUGH, 33, was indicted 3/3/10 for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is being held without bail pending trial.

MARLON ANTONIO REED, 32, was charged 3/4/10 with being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is being held without bail pending trial.

JEFFREY DEION FREEMAN, 35, was indicted 3/3/10 for drug trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is being held without bail pending trial.

Vice Section Supervisor Sergeant Wade McQueen, stated, *"We plan to continue working closely with the ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office to prosecute repeat offenders who carry guns or sell drugs."*

The VICE/POP Section:

Sergeant Wade McQueen and
Detectives Greg Baker, Dan Stevenson,
Robert Horton, Gary Crouch, Joey Thompson
and Officer Brian Ungerbuehler.
ATF Agent Mike Downs

On March 18, just before 4:00 PM, officers responded to two different reported robberies. The first robbery occurred at Discount Tobacco, 1018 Main St, at 3:42 PM. The suspect entered the store, claimed to have a gun, and demanded money. The store clerk, who was armed with a handgun, fired one shot that narrowly missed the suspect. The suspect fled the scene with no money.

The second robbery was reported at Dabblet's Market, 410 N. 3rd Street, at 3:54 PM. The suspect entered the store, displayed a knife, and demanded all the money. The clerk gave the suspect an undetermined amount of money, and the suspect fled.

Officers and detectives flooded the area and were able to determine that the suspect was "holed up" in a house in the 300 block on N. 6th Street. The house was quickly surrounded, and the Hamilton-Fairfield SWAT Team was activated. The SWAT Team responded and attempted to talk the suspect out of the house. After repeated attempts to negotiate with the suspect failed, tear gas was used to force the suspect out. The suspect, who had been hiding in the attic, eventually gave up and was taken into custody. Dennis Cain was found guilty of both Aggravated Robberies.

Every year, it seems like we have one case that even veteran police officers find unusual.

On Friday, November 26, Hamilton police were called to the 900 block of Campbell Avenue on the report of a rape. Upon arrival, officers located a female who was still bound at the wrists and ankles. The female reported that the suspect bound her hands, feet, and mouth, and held her in a closet for ten days. The female confided that she was raped 18 times over the ten day period. The victim stated that she freed herself by jumping out of the home's second story window. Patrol officers located the suspect still inside the location where the crime had taken place. That same evening, detectives arrested William Hobert Manis. Manis was charged with 18 counts of Rape and one count of Kidnapping. Manis later plead as charged and is currently awaiting his sentence.

*This report submitted by:
Lt. J. Scott Scrimizzi
Detective Division Commander*

VICE/POPS SECTION



The Vice/POPS Section is comprised of a sergeant, five detectives and one “POP” (Problem Oriented Policing) officer. The section investigates complaints involving drugs, pharmaceuticals, prostitution, pornography, illegal gambling, liquor permit premise inspections and complaints, and organized crime. The section gathers information on criminal activity, and discreetly secures and analyzes highly sensitive intelligence information. This information is passed on to other elements of the police department or maintained within the Vice Section.

In 2010, the Vice/POP Section received a total of 671 complaints, compared to 1096 received in 2009. We responded by making a total of 602 arrests, executing 80 search warrants, and conducting five prostitution stings. The following list of contraband was seized during these actions: over 1 kilo of cocaine, more than ½ a kilo of crack-cocaine, three ounces of heroin, over 40 pounds of marijuana and 19 plants, more than 2,500 assorted types of prescription drugs, 31 guns, and over \$50,000 in cash and property. The total street value of the seized drugs amounted to more than \$208,000.

Prostitution enforcement remained as one of the top priorities for the section. The detectives and officers in the Vice section spend numerous hours each week responding to complaints and conducting self initiated activity in regards to prostitution. The office conducted five prostitution stings throughout the year. Over the course of the year, a total of 53 prostitution-related arrests were made, which is down from 84 in 2009. We will continue with aggressive enforcement action.

During the year, detectives devoted a substantial portion of their investigative time toward drug complaints received in various neighborhoods and following up on information

A trio of local men are the subject of a 27-count indictment by the Butler County Grand Jury in connection with a series of robberies during March and April of 2010. Two men are behind bars while a third is being sought by law enforcement.

Bruce Anthony Rogers, 37, is being sought for his role in those robberies and is under indictment for two counts each of Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, Having Weapons Under Disability, and a single count of Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity. Meanwhile, David Donley and Michael King have been arrested and charged for their part in seven robberies that occurred in Hamilton and Middletown. The series of robberies began on March 20th and ended on April 20th, with the robbery of a Marathon station in Hamilton.

Rogers has connections throughout Butler County and may be in the Hamilton, Middletown, Monroe, or New Miami areas. He has a history of weapon offenses and should be considered armed and dangerous.



Officer Brian Buchanan directs the Mad Anthony Writers Guild in a tour of Butler Tech.

On Thursday, February 4, at 2:43 p.m., Hamilton police officers responded to a disturbance call at 914 Dayton Street. Upon arrival, officers encountered Jay "Byrd" Begley. Mr. Begley was destroying his residence and would not come out of his home. Also, officers discovered that Mr. Begley had an outstanding Robbery warrant. The subject threatened violence and would not surrender to officers.

The Hamilton SWAT team was activated and arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. Again, Mr. Begley refused to cooperate with authorities. The SWAT Team then deployed chemical gas into the residence, after which, Mr. Begley exited his home and was taken into custody.

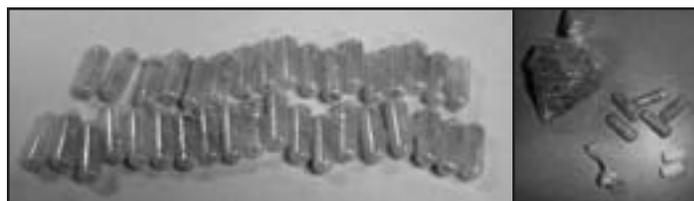


Detective Joey Thompson going through the obstacle course at the 2010 SWAT competition.



provided by Patrol. These investigations led to the execution of numerous search warrants by the Vice/POP Section.

The Vice/POP Section has seen an increase in meth labs and meth production in the City of Hamilton and the surrounding areas in 2010. The Vice section did three search warrants in 2010 where active meth labs were located. Once the labs are found we must contact DEA for the cleanup, if they are not notified immediately we would then have to pay for the cleanup. That could be upwards of \$10,000. We are also seeing an increase during car stops with people having assorted meth production precursors; these are the products that are necessary to produce meth. We had several cases in which one of the detectives would portray being a meth cook and would negotiate a price with the target to combine the chemicals and produce the meth for them.



The year started out with heroin being the main illicit drug the Vice unit was seeing. We conducted several search warrants and took off a few of the main suppliers in a short period of time. We then started seeing a decline in the larger amounts of heroin being brought into the city. We then started our efforts on the lower level user/dealer who was making one to two trips a day to Dayton to pick up small amounts of heroin, usually less than two grams, bringing it back and using the majority of the drug and selling enough to be able to go back to Dayton the following day. These are some of the most difficult people for us to get because the amounts are so small and they are sold out so quickly.



The Vice/POP Section conducted numerous search warrants of marijuana and marijuana grows. We confiscated over 40 pounds of marijuana in 2010 and seized countless numbers of plants. One of the biggest plants recovered was over seven foot tall and was in the backyard of a house on Miami St. in the northend. We found everything from the sophisticated hydroponic grows to marijuana being grown on the side of house and everything in between.

We have seen a dramatic increase in the trafficking of pharmaceutical drugs in the past year. This is evident by the more than 400 reports we received in regards to Theft of Medication. We are constantly receiving information that people are now traveling to Florida and other states in order to get prescription drugs. They leave our area and stop numerous times on their way to Florida and see different doctors and get prescriptions from each of them. They then get the prescriptions filled and bring them back to Hamilton and sell all of the prescription pills to someone who then resells them.

We completed four Alcohol Compliance Check operations; we sent a person under 21 years of age into 44 places and cited 21 of those establishments for selling to an underage person. We will continue to aggressively enforce these laws in order to make an impact on underage drinking.

Detectives and officers responded to Columbus numerous times throughout the year to testify in liquor hearings. We opposed several renewal requests from liquor establishments. We also spent numerous hours conducting surveillance of several bars.



Officer Mel Gray, along with other Hamilton Police officers, participating in the Officer Rescue Event at the SWAT competition.





Public Affairs Officer Richie Burkhardt doing an interview with the news media.

We successfully closed down Bob's (Lindenwald Tavern) after receiving constant complaints from the community, patrol officers and supervisors in reference to fight calls, DUI's, and drug dealing. We contacted Liquor Control and had them respond with us in regards to information that the owner transported and sold illegal alcohol in the establishment. We seized 58 bottles of hard liquor and destroyed 30 more bottles of opened liquor.

We have continued reaching out and working with other federal, state, and local enforcement agencies as well as other narcotics units in the area. We have conducted joint cases with Middletown, Fairfield, West Chester, Liquor, Foodstamps, USDA, and the Secret Service that have resulted in the arrest and conviction of drug traffickers that were living in or selling drugs to residents of Hamilton. Our relationship with both Middletown and Fairfield Police Departments continues to grow, and the trading of officers back and forth and sharing information continues to result in arrests in all three communities.

Since bringing an ATF agent into our office in 2008 the ability to go after the larger drug traffickers has increased





dramatically. They are no longer able to just run outside the edge of the city limits or even to other counties or states. We also have access to larger amounts of money to spend on certain federally sanctioned cases. We are able to go after these people no matter where they choose to live or operate. We have also indicted numerous Patrol and Vice cases, involving convicted felons in possession of firearms, federally with gun violations. For these reasons we now have two officers, Sgt. Wade McQueen and Det. Joey Thompson who are Federal Task Force officers with the ATF.

We continue to benefit from the uniformed officer that is assigned to the unit. We are able to act and react much more quickly and efficiently. The uniformed officer provides us the ability to conduct surveillance from a distance but still be able to stop people for simple traffic violations unrelated to the surveillance. This allows us to identify the people coming and going as well as the ability to arrest them for drugs without having to show ourselves. The uniformed aspect is one of the most vital additions to the office.

This report submitted by:
Sgt. Wade McQueen
Vice/POP Section Supervisor



ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

Hamilton Police detectives made two arrests in the July 14th murder of Samuel Baez-Rosa.

Leeanna Rayas, F/W 30, was charged with one count each of Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Robbery, and Complicity.

Phillip Smith Jr., M/W 31, was charged with one count each of Aggravated Murder and Aggravated Robbery.

The arrests were the culmination of a nearly two-week investigation into the baseball bat beating death of Samuel Baez-Rosa. Detective Division Commander Lieutenant Scott Scrimizzi praised the investigators for their dogged determination and hard earned success by stating, "I am proud of the work they do every day, but building a murder case like this from what little they had to work with is simply exceptional. These arrests are a testament to the commitment of all Hamilton officers that this type of violence will not be tolerated, and those who perpetrate such acts will be brought to justice."



Officers Fishwick, Gleason and Todd Hurst stop a vehicle at Central and Washington.

The Administrative Bureau is headed by Captain Steve A. Poulemanos and is functionally divided into the Services Division, Central Records Section, Training Section, Communications Section, Public Affairs Section, and Court Services Section. The Administrative Bureau serves to support the functions of the Operations Bureau. Sheila Pennington is responsible for the personnel function, along with her duties as secretary to the Chief of Police. Administrative Specialist Michael Collopy is responsible for writing grants, policies, procedures, and for departmental budgeting. He is also the Accreditation Manager.

Due to severe budget reductions in the City of Hamilton, the Administrative Bureau was devastated in 2009 and continued to operate severely short-handed in 2010. In 2009, we were unable to fill four vacant positions; one Central Records Clerk position, one Public Safety Communications Operator position in the 911 Communications Center, and two Corrections Officer positions in Court Services. Additionally, we were forced to lay-off thirteen people; three Central Records Clerks, three 911 Public Safety Communications Operators, and seven Corrections Officers. We transferred one School Resource Officer and one DARE Officer back to the Patrol Division. We were able to bring back two corrections officers from lay-offs. Then, we also did not fill a Public Affairs Officer position after a retirement. This is a total of eighteen less positions or a 35% reduction in the Administrative Bureau staff.

We continue to do more work with less people and are supplemented more by patrol officers, reducing the number of officers available to patrol the streets, their primary function. For example, police officers worked in the Communications Center as 911 dispatchers for 276 eight-hour shifts, and worked inside the police department as desk officers an additional 260 eight-hour shifts. In 2010, officers supplemented approximately 165 eight-hour shifts for the one laid-off and two retained Desk/Correction Officers' pass-days, vacation days, and holidays. This is a total of 701 eight-hour shifts of police officers not patrolling the streets.

Due to the continued fiscal crisis in the City of Hamilton, the Services Division was very limited on the amount of funds available for any major technology purchases or projects, although we did accomplish several goals, which included:

- The Training Section continued making upgrades to the Frank "Pop" Mayer Police Firing Range;

- The Training Section hosted numerous training classes for both our employees, other police agencies and the public;
- The Communication Center's customer service was improved by reducing sustained complaints by 60%;
- The Services Division upgraded the UPS devices to the servers and the network switches residing at police headquarters.
- The Services Division also worked in conjunction with the Detective Division to implement iRecord for the interview rooms located throughout police headquarters.
- The Public Affairs Section teamed with **TvHamilton** to bring back their most popular production, Hamilton Cops.

In 2010, there were 15 complaints brought to the attention of the Administrative Bureau. Ten complaints were on the 911 Communication Center, four on Court Services and one was on patrol. Of those, six (40%) were unfounded, six (40%) were sustained, two were exonerated, and one not sustained. The six complaints that were sustained resulted in seven different employees receiving disciplinary action. The Administrative Bureau had a **38% decrease in complaints in 2010**, compared to 2009. The **six sustained complaints represented a 60% reduction** from the 15 sustained complaints in 2009.

In 2010, we made a concerted effort to train the basics and improve customer service. This analysis shows that we improved dramatically, and our intention is to continually improve in the future.

SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division encompasses several units of the Hamilton Police Department. These include Central Records Section, Training Section, Communications Center, Property and Evidence, Court Services Section, and Technical Support. These various functions are supervised by a Training Sergeant, Corrections Manager, Communications Manager, Central Records Supervisor, and are overseen by the Services Commander. The Services Commander also acts as the department's comptroller for purchasing and maintaining daily expenditures. The Services Division provides administrative, technical, and training support to all members of the Hamilton Police Department.

Two police officers are assigned to the property room and fingerprint duties. Another officer is assigned as a technology officer and provides technological support to all Hamilton Police employees. All of our police cruisers are



*Captain Steve A. Poulemanos
Administrative Bureau Commander*



*Lieutenant Daniel R. Pratt
Services Bureau Commander*

The Services Division:

Lt. Daniel R. Pratt; Sergeant Trent Chenoweth
Police Officers: Training Officer Brian Buchanan, Identification Officer Dominic Spinelli, Technology Officer Richard Miller, and Property Officer Robert Payne.



School Resource Officer Bob Gentry prepares for an interview on TV Hamilton.



Traffic Officer Rodney Wilson calls for a wrecker after a motorist lost control on Eaton Avenue.



Officer Bob Gentry with his horse, Sydney at Safety Town.



Sgt. Craig Bucheit speaks to Robert Gentry about confiscated weapons. The Public Affairs Section displayed the board at the Butler County Fair.

equipped with Mobile Computer Terminals (MCT), which must be kept up and running. The police department uses more computers overall than any other city department, and they are in use around the clock. The Technology Officer is responsible for keeping these systems current and operational.

The Training Section consists of a Training Sergeant and one Training Officer. These two officers are responsible for providing all of the training within the Hamilton Police department. Also, these officers are responsible for documenting and maintaining the department's training records. These officers also provide training to officers from other agencies either by hosting schools at Hamilton Police Headquarters or teaching at other locations.

Security within the Hamilton Municipal Court, as well as the municipal building is the responsibility of the Court Services Section. Corrections Officers run the court security checkpoint, transport prisoners, provide building security, and respond to trouble calls within the municipal building. A Corrections Manager supervises these officers.

During 2010, the Services Division upgraded the UPS devices to the servers and the network switches residing at police headquarters. The Services Division also worked in conjunction with the Detective Division to implement iRecord for the interview rooms located throughout police headquarters. Finally, the Services Division worked with the Vice Section to upgrade their cellular phones enabling them to have GPS tracking. Due to the continued fiscal crisis for the City of Hamilton, the Services Division has been limited on the amount of funds available for any major technology purchases.

The goal of the Services Division has been to provide support to both the Operations and Administrative Bureaus of the Hamilton Police Department. This promotes efficiency in both bureaus and increases the level of service to our citizens.

*This report submitted by:
Lieutenant Daniel R. Pratt
Services Commander*

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION

The Public Affairs Section is staffed by one sergeant, a public affairs officer, and a part-time school resource officer.

In 2010, the Public Affairs Section continued many of their successful programs and even added more events to their itinerary.

Last year, our section continued to provide tours of police headquarters. Usually, we have several requests, and 2010 was no different. We provided tours to the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Brownies, Junior Achievement members and home school students. We even had a chance to show our hospitality to an adult group named Heart Easy. The two most memorable groups were the Hamilton Civics Day students and the Mad Anthony Writer's Guild. They say that timing is everything, and it was for the Civics Day students. The youths had the unique opportunity to take a spin on our new Segways as well as check out the arsenal in our SWAT Heavy Rescue Truck. The Mad Anthony Writer's Guild was offered a unique interactive experience. They toured our SWAT truck and then went to Butler Tech for some intense police training. This included participation in state of the art simulated driving and shooting exercises.

The Public Affairs Section was forced to curtail many of its recruiting functions, but that did not stop the section from finding innovative ways to promote the department to up and coming officers. We participated in career days at Sinclair Community College and Badin High School, all at no cost to the department. When a police exam was announced, we reformulated our recruitment flier and delivered it to all of the area universities and technical schools.

The section always tries to accommodate groups when they request a speaker. Last year, we spoke to groups such as retired public employees, homemakers, children's service providers and middle school students. With the help of our property officers, we were able to donate bikes after speaking to middle school students about bicycle safety.

We participated in two new civic events. In September, we were the drop-off point for the first ever Hamilton Prescription Drop-Off Day. This event took a lot of planning and dedication. It was a success and we anticipate being a host in the future. The Hamilton Altrusa Club extended an invitation to be part of their first ever Altrusa Club Spelling Bee. We accepted the challenge and learned a few new words in the process.

We continued to be active and support tradition community endeavors such as the Torch Run, Crime Stoppers Quarterly Meeting, Crime Stoppers Telethon, Document Shredding Day, Hamilton Safety Council Board of Directors and Transportation Council meeting and Mock Crashes.

The Public Affairs Section:

Sergeant Thomas Kilgour, Public Affairs Supervisor;
Public Affairs Officer Rich Burkhardt;
DARE Officer Kristy Collins; and
School Resource Officer Robert Gentry.



Detective Pat Erb demonstrates the process of lifting fingerprints to a group of students that toured headquarters.



Officer Mel Gray was master chef during the employee cookout.



Officers Christian, Beckelhymer, Collins and Taylor took the Future Role Models of GREAT to Harbin Park for 18 holes of Frisbee golf.

Officers will be patrolling around the city on four new Segways beginning in 2010 after the new crime fighting tools were officially unveiled. The Segways were purchased exclusively through the use of grant funds, and the generous donations of the following benefactors:

- Butler County Prosecutor Robin Piper
- Fraternal Order of Police Associates – Hamilton Lodge 19
- Hamilton Police Athletic League
- Businessmen Phil Morrical Jr. & Phil Morrical III
- Community Development Professionals
- First Financial Bank – Hamilton
- U.S. Bank – Hamilton

HPD officers participated in the implementation of the new Segways and demonstrated their capabilities as well. Hamilton Police Chief Neil Ferdelman said, *“These innovative tools have been acquired through the generosity of community leaders, businesses, and groups at absolutely no cost to our taxpayers.”* Sergeant Steve Henderson, Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS) supervisor, added, *“The Segways will allow us to be faster and cover more ground than traditional community foot patrols and better serve our citizens.”*

Our employee cookouts continue to be a success. We try to incorporate them so each shift has a chance to enjoy the fellowship of each other. We had three cookouts, and Mother Nature made sure that no one froze to death.

Sometimes we are asked to complete tasks that are enjoyable and would make anyone envious. This year we teamed with TV Hamilton to bring back their most popular production, Hamilton Cops. We worked with the production crew and we were able to give the public a snippet of our department. Viewers got a glimpse of our officers on car stops, vice operations and disturbance calls.

Other duties include telephone and mail-out citizen surveys. This year we attempted to make more personal contacts with our customers. We did this by making more personal calls and mailing out fewer letters. Also, our officers track alarm calls and make telephone reports.

The longest tenured officer in Hamilton Police Department history is Officer Bob Gentry. Officer Bob has gained acclaim for his popular programs. In 2010, Officer Bob and his horse Sydney made several appearances in Hamilton. Officer Gentry completed another year at Safety Town. His instruction to area you included several trips to our new schools. The Third Grade Seat Belt Program, Pedestrian Training and Stranger Danger were the popular programs. Also, Officer Gentry is a mainstay at the Butler County Fair.

*This report submitted by:
Sergeant Craig Bucheit
Public Affairs Supervisor*



Sgt. Bucheit rolls out the new segways.

CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION

One Records Supervisor and three Records Clerks staffed the Central Records Section in 2010. This unit reports directly to the Services Commander.

The section is responsible for maintaining all criminal and traffic records for the police department. All accidents, crime reports, arrest reports and released vehicle impoundment reports are entered into the departmental computer system and the accidents are scanned to the department's website. All citations, field interview cards and new gun sales received are entered into the departmental computer system. Additionally, all fingerprint cards are processed in this office and matched with fingerprint classifications received from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, scanned and entered into the computer system.

The section is also responsible for ensuring the mug shots on the digital imaging system, the digital camera in the booking room and the digital camera in Court Services are connected to the correct jacket for each person. All warrants and summons from Hamilton Municipal Court are processed in this office. The warrant information is also entered into the computer system. Copies of all reports are made and distributed by this office to other sections of the department and departments in other buildings.

The Central Records Section provides statistical data to BCI & I and the FBI on a monthly basis. We also provide statistical data to other sections of the department, other agencies and individuals as requested. The section is responsible for Cash Voucher Reports to maintain records of funds collected for the sale of copies of reports, discs and mug shots. The section is also responsible for Cash Voucher Reports to maintain records of funds collected for administrative and storage fees involved with processing vehicles impounded by the department.

The Central Records Supervisor is the computer systems administrator and as such, must keep all computer tables updated and assists in changes when new versions are installed. The Supervisor takes care of the payroll for the Chief's Secretary in her absence. The Supervisor is responsible for maintaining the billing for the salvaged vehicles processed by the tow companies working with the department. The Central Records Supervisor is also responsible for maintaining the Records Retention Schedule for the department.

*This report submitted by:
Allison Baker
Central Records Supervisor*

The Central Records Section:

Allison Baker, Central Records Section Supervisor;
Karen Snyder, Maureen Kollstedt, and Amy Beasley.



Officer Terry Kiefer listens intently at a bicycle safety class held at police headquarters.



Civics Day came to the Hamilton Police Department on October 12th. Officer Paul Webb let a student take a spin on the Segways.

TRAINING SECTION

The Training Section:

Sgt. Trent Chenoweth; Police Officer Lee Brian Buchanan.

Fitness Specialist

Police Officer Brian Wynn
Police Officer Greg Baker
Police Officer Robert Snyder

Unarmed Self Defense

Police Officer Brian Buchanan
Police Officer Ryan Beckelhymer
Police Officer Robert Snyder

Firearms Instructors

Lieutenant Marc McManus (sniper rifle)
Lieutenant Scott Scrimizzi
Sergeant Ed Buns
Sergeant Trent Chenoweth
Detective Paul Davis
Detective Dan Stevenson
Police Officer Brian Buchanan
Police Officer Michael Coleman
Police Officer Melvin Gray
Police Officer Chad Stafford
Police Officer Paul Webb

Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission

Certified Instructors

Sergeant Ed Buns
Sergeant Trent Chenoweth
Detective Dan Stevenson
Police Officer Brian Buchanan
Police Officer Anthony Kiep
Police Officer Richard Miller



Officer Dave Anglin works out in HPD's fitness room.

The Training Section is responsible for providing training to all sworn and civilian members of the department and the Communications Center. This begins at the initial date of hire and runs throughout their career. It is our goal to provide the best training available. Training for agency personnel is offered internally via in-service training sessions and externally through outside training agencies. Many training courses are also hosted by the department. In doing so, personnel are afforded the opportunity to learn from expert instructors and make contact with other law enforcement personnel from outside agencies. The goal of the Training Section is to provide our employees the best training available, regardless of location. Training needs for employees are identified by several means: request by the officer or employee to attend job specific training, need for training as identified by supervisors to prepare the officer or employee to better perform their duties, employees annual evaluation, Defensive Action reports or other documents to identify additional training that would benefit the employee.

The Training Section is a component of the Services Division and is under the direction of a sergeant who evaluates the needs for training and coordinates travel as needed. The Training Supervisor coordinates with local academies, plans and implements in-house training programs, and is the departmental liaison with governmental and private training companies to bring training to the Hamilton Police Training Center. Officer Lee Brian Buchanan is assigned full-time to assist in the functions of the section. He is the primary hands-on instructor and operates directly out of the firing range. The Training Officer's duties include: serving as an in-house instructor on a variety of training topics as well as overseeing the day-to-day operations of the police range. Due to his extensive training and personal commitment to the agency, his efforts are vital to the success of the agency. The Training Section is supported by personnel who are assigned to various shifts and sections. They teach specific subject areas, such as firearms, traffic investigation, drug recognition and diversion, gang-related activities, and other necessary subjects.

The Training Section must ensure that new officers receive training that is in compliance with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) basic training curriculum. Three years ago, the Ohio Legislature, under the direction of the Peace Officers Training Commission, enacted Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirements for all peace officers commissioned in the state.

The Training Section is responsible for ensuring that all sworn officers of the department receive the mandated training to maintain their peace officer status. In addition to providing OPOTC basic training for new officers and ensuring that all officers receive the CPT, the Training Section also oversees

the post academy field training program. The Field Training Program is a 13-week practical application pupil/coach program. Semi-annual in-service training of Hamilton police personnel deals with Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) mandated topics as well as current issue topics. For non-sworn personnel, such as records clerks and communications officers, the Training Section will provide training on job appropriate topics such as: general orders, sexual harassment policy, departmental computer usage, e-mail, and the city telephone system.

As part of the training function, the Training Supervisor arranges for travel to and from training, financial reimbursement for training-related issues, payment of bills for training, registrations, and maintenance of the training records of all department employees.

The Training Section is responsible for the upkeep and care of the firearms training facility, the training center in the police department building, and the armory.

During 2010, the Training Section focused on the following:

- Training requirements of the Continuing Professional Training, as mandated of OPOTC, which will result in the reimbursement to the department of approximately \$2,620.00 for completing training.
- Conducted an annual review of the training needs of the department to identify new trends in training that would benefit our officers;
- Hosted a Property and Evidence course in April that was administered by the International Association of Property and Evidence;
- Converting to the new OPOTA firearms qualification course;
- Continued the Carrying Concealed Weapon training, Women's Self Defense training, Advanced Carrying Concealed Weapon training, Carrying Concealed Weapon Refresher course and implemented an HPD Shooting Academy;
- Worked closely with local agencies to provide training to multiple agencies through combined resources;
- Hosted the annual S.W.A.T. competition;
- Improved the range by acquiring new steel shooting targets;
- Hosted ICS 300 and 400 training in April and May;
- Hosted Power Point for Public Safety in May that was administered by Thomas Manson;
- Hosted Dispatcher In-Service training in May through the North Coast Polytechnic Institute;
- Conducted update training for all desk officers;



Officer Chris Gibson performs a resistance exercise.

Eight officers completed the "Intoxilizer 8000" certification class.

Four officers completed the OSHP "Electronic Speed Measuring Devices" class

Sixteen officers and supervisors attended an "Ethics in Policing" class.

Relief desk officers attended a "Dealing with the Suicidal" class and a Desk Officer Refresher Course.

One Traffic Officer completed the OSHP "Crash Reconstruction Course."

Two officers completed an "Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Expansion & Trends" course.

Three officers were trained on the use of the new LPR vehicle.

Six officers completed riot control training conducted by the Center for Domestic Preparedness.



Detective Greg Baker prepares to climb the ropes at the annual Southwestern Ohio SWAT Challenge.



*Communications Manager
Daniel Philpot*

The Communications Section:

Communications Manager: Daniel Philpot;
Communications Supervisors: Gary Gabbard, Timothy Rankin, and Nancy Smith; Dispatchers: Jennifer Ferneding, Lucy Harbrecht, Amy Isaacs, Linda Lairson, Ralph Magill, Michelle McGlosson, Angie Mondello, Kim Owens, Michele Philpot, Jill Powell, Holly Robertson, and Karen Wells.



Communication Center Supervisor Gary Gabbard sets the schedule for the upcoming month.



Officers working a Drivers License Checkpoint.

- Hosted the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI) conference at the range in July;
- Hosted Mountain Bike training in August that was administered by Kevin Manz;
- Hosted sensitivity training in September through the DOJ;
- Hosted a Communications FTO school in October through North Coast Polytechnic Institute;

*This report submitted by:
Sergeant Trent Chenoweth
Training Supervisor*

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

In carrying out our mission, we recognize that service is our one and only product. Our responsibility is to insure the safety of the public, police, fire, and EMS personnel by making diligence, speed, accuracy, and professionalism a priority when gathering information and dispatching calls. We will be life long learners by accepting our responsibilities, challenges, and necessary changes. We recognize our strength is tied directly to the individual and the contribution of each of us working in the spirit of cooperation and teamwork.

The Communications Section, operating out of the Police and Fire 911 Communications Center, serves the citizens of Hamilton on a 24-hour basis. The Communications Center dispatched a total 65,823 calls for police service and 11,385 calls for fire and paramedic service in 2010.

The Communications Center handled approximately 217,086 telephone calls during 2010. This total includes calls handled that were either duplicate reporting, informational, transfers to other sections, or referrals to other agencies. The Communications Center answered 75,696 911 calls in 2010. The City of Hamilton 911 Center remains one of the busiest Public Safety Answering Points in the Tri-State.

The control of the center is under the auspices of the police department due to the requirements set forth by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). NCIC is located in Washington, D.C. and is operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is a computerized information center that services all criminal justice agencies. LEADS is located in Columbus, Ohio, and is operated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The LEADS mainframe is

directly linked to the to the NCIC mainframe. All Ohio criminal justice agencies have the ability to add data to NCIC files, as well as make inquires. The LEADS system is directly linked to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) in Phoenix, Arizona. Out-of-state inquires concerning persons, vehicles, property, licenses, and administrative messages are processed by LEADS through NLETS and NCIC. This network also allows communications with Canada and the International Criminal Police Agency (Interpol).

The Communications Section is responsible for disseminating information received from NCIC and LEADS to the appropriate offices. The information varies in content from information on stolen property and wanted persons, to information related to officer safety and homeland security.

*This report submitted by:
Daniel Philpot
Communications Manager*



Officer Tom Hurst directs the Explorers before they complete car stop scenarios.



Communication Center Supervisor Daniel Philpot explains the functions of the 911 Center to a tour group.

POLYGRAPH



Lt. Gerald M. Martin



Sgt. Mark Thomas

The Polygraph Unit:

Lieutenant Gerald M. Martin
Sergeant Mark Thomas



Mayor Moeller (left) and FOPA President Timothy Spoonster (right) present a proclamation to Sgt. Gerry Butler on his promotion date.



Officer Bob Gentry teaching Pedestrian Training.

The Hamilton Police Department has two qualified polygraph examiners. These examiners are graduates of nationally accredited polygraph schools. Additionally, these examiners have attended numerous training seminars conducted by the American Polygraph Association, and the American Association of Police Polygraphists. Both organizations are recognized worldwide as providing some of the best training in polygraphy available, and their membership is international. In 2010, our examiners attended the American Association of Police Polygraphists training seminar in St. Louis, Missouri. They received advanced training in chart interpretation, question formulation, interview and interrogation techniques, countermeasures, United States Supreme Court rulings, background investigations, and recent polygraph research. Instructors for these courses are the cream of the crop from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Defense, United States military, state and local police departments, and various accredited polygraph schools. Additionally, both examiners attended training sponsored by the Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners in Columbus, Ohio. They received training in Interview Techniques, and Use of Interpreters during polygraph examinations.

Polygraph examinations are used to resolve cases that cannot be solved through ordinary investigative methods. Typical types of examinations include criminal suspects, witnesses, victims, pre-employment, civil court proceedings, and internal affairs investigations. The goal is always to determine the “truth” of the matter under investigation. Numerous innocent persons have been freed from further suspicion by use of the polygraph. In other cases the guilty party, or parties have been uncovered and the case solved.

Our examiners hold memberships in several professional organizations dedicated to the administration of qualified, ethical polygraph examinations. These organizations include the American Polygraph Association, the American Association of Police Polygraphists, and the Ohio Association of Polygraph Examiners.

*This report submitted by:
Lieutenant Gerald M. Martin
Senior Polygraph Examiner*

COURT SERVICES SECTION

The Hamilton Police Department is responsible for security at the Hamilton Municipal Court and at City Hall. This task was accomplished by the formation of a court security unit in March 2001. The Court Services Section is composed of seven correction officers who are appointed under the Hamilton City Charter. This unit is under direction and responsibility of the Corrections Manager, who reports to the Services Division Lieutenant.

The Court Services Section is responsible for operating the checkpoint security station located on the second floor entrance of the Hamilton Municipal Court. The checkpoint is equipped with a magnetometer used to detect concealed metal items. The security checkpoint processes an average of 6,984 visitors to the Hamilton Municipal Court per month. A state-of-the-art x-ray scanner processes almost 8,000 packages per month. The x-ray scanner allows officers to see inside sealed containers, brief cases and other packages that may harbor a firearm or other dangerous devices.

The checkpoint efficiency is maintained by routine security checks conducted by officers, or others, as directed by the Corrections Manager. Corrections officers also perform duties in the courtroom and other prisoner holding areas.

Other duties include prisoner transportation to jail facilities throughout southwestern Ohio including Butler, Warren, Montgomery, Hamilton, and Preble Counties. Each month, correction officers transport an average of 426 prisoners housed in the Butler County Jail and 125 city prisoners from the Hamilton Police Department's holding cells. Corrections officers process an average of 469 warrants per month. All prisoners booked at the Hamilton Municipal Court are photographed and, if required, fingerprinted.

The responsibilities at City Hall include maintaining security for city offices, responding to all alarms, and daily foot patrol of the premises.

Corrections officers assist city directors with security issues when they arise. Officers maintain a working relationship with the Butler County deputies, who maintain security at the adjacent Government Services Center.



*Corrections Manager
Daniel Schultz*

The Court Services Section consists of:

Corrections Manager Daniel J. Schultz, Corrections Officers Patrick Erb Sr., Patrick Fackey Sr., Dwain Flick, Joel Mast, Dave Mick, and Chris Waldeck.



Corrections Officer Goldie Robinson and Officers Terry Kiep and Dave Anglin book a prisoner.



Corrections Officer Joel Mast working the security checkpoint at Hamilton Municipal Court.

*This report submitted by:
Corrections Manager Daniel J. Schultz*

TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Tactical Response Team:

Lieutenant John Nethers, Commander
Lieutenant Daniel Pratt, Executive Officer
Det. Daniel Stevenson, Squad Leader/Less Lethal Team Leader
Det. Mark Nichols, Squad Leader
Det. Mark Poppe

Officers: David Anglin, Scott Arbino, Lanny Ash, Andrew Beckelhymer, Jason Chin, Michael Coleman, Gary Crouch, Chris Fackey, Peter Gibbons, Chris Gibson, Jon Habig, Stephan Hamilton, Aaron Hucke, Thomas Hurst, Todd Hurst, Casey Johnson, Anthony Kiep, Terrence Kiep, Scott Laney, Matthew Mulcahey, Dave Patterson, Randall Payne, Jon Pieron, Jon Richardson, Kevin Ruhl, Robert Snyder, Chad Stafford, Eric Taylor, William Thacker, and Brian Ungerbuehler.

The Hamilton Police Department's Tactical Response team (TRT) is a specialized unit that consists of 38 team members. Of these, there are two lieutenants, three detectives, and 33 officers. Our TRT responds to situations involving civil disorder, crowd control and other occurrences requiring special tactics, equipment, and training that are not normally available in routine patrol operations.

Our TRT trains on a semiannual basis in the spring and fall. This training consists of line formations and team movements that are employed to move large crowds. Additionally, our TRT prepares for security measures at demonstrations, protests, and rallies of a controversial nature, as well as perimeter security for dignitaries visiting our city.

*This report submitted by:
Lieutenant John Nethers
TRT Commander*



Officer Jon Richardson works his way through the obstacle course.



Officers Shawn Fryman, Matt Fishwick, Aaron Baker and Jon Richardson work as a team.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

The Hamilton/Fairfield Special Weapons and Tactics team provides a ready response to situations that are beyond the capabilities of normally equipped and trained department personnel. The cities of Hamilton, Fairfield, and Miami University recognize that the presence of a highly trained and skilled SWAT unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects; and recognizes that a well managed team response to critical incidents usually results in the successful resolution of those critical incidents.

SWAT team members have dual assignments within their respective departments, serving as patrol officers, investigators, and field supervisors. The team complement was increased in 2006 when the cities of Hamilton and Fairfield signed a new agreement in which Hamilton SWAT would handle all critical incidents in both cities. In 2008, Miami University signed a similar memorandum of understanding with HPD SWAT regarding any critical incident on Miami's campus. In accordance with these ordinances, additional positions from Fairfield P.D. and Miami University were added to the team for a total complement of 35 officers. This includes the SWAT Commander, team leaders, operators, sniper observers, crisis negotiators, intelligence officers, and three Hamilton Fire Department paramedics.

The unit is activated for a variety of situations to include: barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, high-risk warrants, armed suicidal subjects, officer and citizen rescues, and dignitary protection details. The unit is on-call, and ready to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

SWAT Team Activated

On March 18th, officers responded to two different reported robberies. The first robbery occurred at Discount Tobacco, 1018 Main St, at 3:42 PM. The suspect entered the store, claimed to have a gun, and demanded money. The store clerk, who was armed with a handgun, fired one shot that narrowly missed the suspect. The suspect fled the scene with no money.

The second robbery was reported at Dabblet's Market, 410 N. 3rd Street, at 3:54 PM. The suspect entered the store, displayed a knife, and demanded all the money. The clerk gave the suspect an undetermined amount of money, and the suspect fled.

2010 SWAT Members

Commander:

Lt. Scott Scrimizzi

Team Leaders:

Lt. Marc McManus, Sgt. Wade McQueen, and Sgt. Craig Bucheit

Operators:

Hamilton Officers:

Detectives Dave Weissinger, Paul Davis, Joey Thompson, Greg Baker; Police Officers Jeff Eck, Mel Gray, Brian Buchanan, Paul Webb, Frank Botts, Matt Blauvelt, Matt Fishwick, Brian Wynn, Shawn Fryman, Casey Johnson, and Jon Richardson.

Fairfield Officers:

Sergeant Steve Maynard, Detectives Doug Day and Mike Woodall, Police Officer Rob Corner.

Miami University Officer:

Officer Aaron Baker

Sniper Commander:

Lt. Marc McManus

Snipers:

Detectives Dave Weissinger and Brian Robinson, Police Officers Mel Gray, Matt Blauvelt, Shawn Fryman, Aaron Baker, and Sergeant Steve Maynard.

Negotiators:

Lt. John Nethers, Sergeant Steve Henderson, Detectives Steve Rogers and Jim Calhoun, and Police Officer Eric Taylor.

Intelligence Officers:

Sergeants Carl Sigmon and Michael Waldeck.

Paramedics:

Jennifer Mason, Joseph Gregory, and Nate Robinson.





At approximately 4pm on Wednesday, March 17th, the Discount Tobacco Store on Main St. was robbed by a lone armed white male suspect. The clerk fired a shot from a handgun that missed the suspect. A short time later Dabblet's on N. 3rd St. was robbed by a white male suspect of a similar description. All (A Shift) officers and working detectives converged on the area. They were able to determine that the suspect had run inside of a residence in the 300 blk. of N. 6th St. Officers surrounded the house, and blocked off traffic on 6th St. at Buckeye and Heaton. Lt. Scrimizzi activated SWAT. Traffic Officer B. Britt, and Officer M. Thacker were held over to help handle calls. The suspect was eventually apprehended after SWAT deployed tear gas into the residence. The suspect, Dennis Ray Cain, was subsequently charged with the armed robberies of Tom's Cigar Store on Main St., Discount Tobacco on Main St., and Dabblet's Store on N. 3rd St. Officers assisting on the call were Lt. Gerald Martin, Sgt. Mark Thomas, and Police Officers Chad Stafford, Rodney Wilson, Nathan Zettler, Jason Chin, Scott Arbino, Jeremy Root, Kevin Ruhl, Jason Holmes, Mark Christian, and Jon Habig.



Officers and detectives flooded the area and were able to determine that the suspect was holed up in a house in the 300 block on N. 6th Street. The house was quickly surrounded and the Hamilton-Fairfield SWAT Team was activated. The SWAT Team responded and attempted to talk the suspect out of the house. After repeated attempts to negotiate with the suspect failed, tear gas was used to force the suspect out. The tear gas worked at dislodging the suspect, but he still was not ready to give up. The suspect, who was later identified as **Dennis Ray Cain**, 39, was subdued only after being struck with a beanbag round fired from a shotgun. This was the second time Cain was shot at during the day. Luckily for him, the earlier shot, fired from a .380 caliber handgun by the clerk at Discount Tobacco, missed.

Cain was charged with two counts of Aggravated Robbery for holding up Discount Tobacco, and Dabblet's Market that day in addition to one count of robbery for the hold up of Tom's Cigar Store, 135 Main Street, a day earlier.

Chief Ferdelman stated, *"I am proud of the work by all the officers involved. This was an excellent collaborative effort between the Police Department's Patrol Division, Investigation Section, and SWAT Team, and I want to extend our thanks to all the citizens whose tips help lead to these arrests."*

The team relies heavily upon each other, and must not only trust the impending actions of their teammates, but also confidently anticipate them. This, coupled with the intensity of the situations that the SWAT team encounters, makes it imperative that each member is a good fit physically, psychologically, and cohesively. Therefore, the team screens applicants based on physical fitness testing, firearms qualification, and an oral interview. Applicants must also have a minimum of three years on the force before applying. After being accepted to the team, they remain on probation and are evaluated after six months and one year.

Equipment

Officers assigned to the unit are issued specialized equipment such as: ballistic helmets, level three load bearing tactical vests, tactical headsets, Glock model 35 pistols with tactical lights, Benelli Super 90 12-gauge shotguns, H&K MP-5 submachine guns and .223 assault rifles. The team is also equipped with several tools to administer less lethal force, and an assortment of tools used for breaching. Given the broad spectrum of tools that each SWAT team member must have at the ready at all times, it has proven effective to assign several of the team members take home vehicles. The remainder of our equipment is transported in our new International 4300 truck. We also have an armored "Heavy Rescue" truck and a Suburban fitted with skids that allows

us to off load a number of officers quickly on warrant services.

Training

The SWAT unit trains a minimum of one day per month. Incorporated into the monthly training, SWAT officers utilize simunitions weapons systems for “force on force” training. This environment gives the SWAT members conditions as close to real-life as possible. Industry-wide, this is the most realistic training method available.

In addition to our monthly training, members attend 80 hours of specialized training each year which is instructed by leading experts in the tactical community. There is a special bond between HPD SWAT and the Los Angeles P.D. SWAT team, as we have brought them to Hamilton for advanced training the past 15 years.

SWAT Competition

The SWAT Team was named Top National Team at the 2010 International SWAT Round-Up competition held in Orlando, Florida. The event was held in November and featured over 50 teams from across the country and around the world. The competition features both team and individual events that test the tactical skill, judgment, and fitness level of participants. This was the fifth year the team competed at the SWAT Round-Up and the second time since 2008 that they won the Top National Team title and trophy. The Ohio Tactical Officers Association paid the competition fee for the HPD team as the top prize for winning the Southwest Ohio SWAT Challenge earlier this year and no General Fund money was expended for this training competition.

In addition to the tremendous team effort, several individual officers distinguished themselves with top ten finishes in individual events out of the roughly 500 or so competitors including:

- Matt Fishwick Tactical Rifle Event 3rd place
- Casey Johnson Tactical Rifle Event 4th place
- Matt Fishwick Super SWAT Cop 7th place
- Greg Baker Individual Fitness Challenge 8th place

According to SWAT Team Commander Lieutenant Scott Scrimizzi, “*These results simply validate what we have known all along, that our team is among the best of the best, and the communities we serve should take great pride and comfort in knowing a team of this caliber stands ready to protect them.*”



HONOR GUARD UNIT

The Honor Guard Unit Consists of:

Sergeant Edward W. Buns, Honor Guard Coordinator;
Honor Guard Officers: Lanny Ash, David Anglin,
Richard Burkhardt, Chris Fackey, Shawn Fryman,
Todd Hurst, Tom Hurst, Mark Kibby, Anthony Kiep,
Terry Kiep, Richard Miller, Randall H. Payne,
Robert C. Payne, Jon Richardson, Robert Snyder,
Chad Stafford and Mike Thacker.



The Honor Guard teamed with the fire department to present colors at the Reds game on July 31st.



Officer Beckelhimer, Officer Taylor, and Chief Ferdelman attending the DARE graduation at Fairwood Elementary.

Robert Sawyer said, "Honor does not have to be defended." Members of the Hamilton Police Honor Guard do not serve to defend the honor of the Hamilton Police Department, nor do they serve to defend the honor of our city, state or nation. These groups do not need our unit to defend their honor, their history guarantees them honor. The members of the Hamilton Police Honor Guard serve to honor the members of our department, our city, county and country by standing as proud guardians of that which we hold dear, the dignity and honor of our profession. Members of the honor guard honor public servants who have given their lives in service to others, as well as representing the department at events such as parades, public ceremonies and funerals.

Those serving as members of the Hamilton Police Honor Guard are volunteers who participate in activities out of personal dedication and respect for the ideals of public service and honor to our community and citizens. To be a member of the Honor Guard, a police officer must be of high character, and willing to give of their time and energy freely. Members are trained both internally and externally to ensure that they are prepared to provide for honor guard functions, such as; parades, funerals and events that honor citizens or significant milestones. Through the dedication of our members, the Honor Guard maintains high standards and an outstanding ceremonial professionalism.

During 2010, the Hamilton Police Honor Guard;

- Assisted the Ross Township Police Department to honor Chief Carl Worley, who died in the line of duty while pursuing a burglary suspect. Members of the Honor Guard were the primary Honor Guard responsible for all facets of the funeral. Letters of appreciation were received from the Ross Township Trustees and other groups and individuals from the township for the professionalism and respect displayed during the funeral.
- Attended the Ohio Police Memorial Service at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy in London, Ohio memorializing Ohio Peace Officers killed in the line of duty in 2009.
- Attended the National Police Week activities in Washington, DC. Police Week is a four day event held in our nation's capital honoring those law enforcement officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives in defense of our brother or sister officers, citizens or their communities. In 2009 over 160 law officers were killed in the line of duty. During the Police Week

ceremonies, Honor Guard members participated in details at the Candlelight Vigil held on the grounds of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, attended parades, honor guard competitions and demonstrations such as the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, and attended the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service held on the west lawn of the United States Capitol. During the service those in attendance were addressed by the President of the United States. While attending Police Week members participated in seventeen details honoring our fallen officers.

- In the evening of May 13th after participating in the Candlelight Vigil details members met with Ohio Senatorial Candidate, now Ohio Senator Rob Portman and his staff. Senate Candidate Portman requested an informal meeting with department members to talk about issues relating to law enforcement and also issues being important to the City of Hamilton and public safety in the city.
- On May 14th, members were received by Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives John A. Boehner. Officers met for almost an hour with Leader Boehner in his leadership office in the capitol, and had the opportunity to discuss law enforcement and district related issues one-on-one with Leader Boehner.
- During the year members represented the department and the city by serving as a color guard unit, marching in the 4th of July and the Christmas Parades, as well as presenting the flag for Hamilton Day at Great American Ball Park. Members of the police department unit were joined by members of the fire department honor guard to participate in on-field pre-game activities.
- In December, Wreathes Across America, a program of the American Legion Auxiliary held a memorial service in Hamilton for recent and past service members killed in military action. Members of the Honor Guard served as the color guard for the service that was held at Greenwood Cemetery.
- Sadly for a second time in the year, the Ross Township Police Department suffered a loss own. Retired Chief John Dozier died and was accorded full police honors. The HPD Honor Guard was again asked to serve as the primary unit for the services and did so with distinction.
- Ranger Peter Caprisi, a twenty-three year old Butler Park District Ranger died as a result of a long battle with Crohn's Disease. The Butler County Park District



This is Chief Neil Ferdelman with Mayor Pat Moeller and SRO Bob Gentry at the 3rd grade Seatbelt Safety Graduation at Veteran's Park.



Officer Casey Johnson receives the Preservation of Life Award from Chief Ferdelman for saving a woman's life on April 25, 2010.



This is our crime scene investigation unit.

The life of a police canine can be very exciting, and for the past six years, the Hamilton Police Department's canine named Regret has assisted officers in many different ways. In 2010, Regret officially ended his tour of duty.

Regret and his handler, Canine Officer Terry Kiefer, have partnered in detecting narcotics during numerous search warrants and car stops. Besides his more business-like duties, Regret has been a favorite attraction at police tours and public demonstrations.



Officer Terry Kiefer and his dog Regret.

requested that our unit provide the primary honor guard services for the funeral of Ranger Caprisi.

- In September, the United States Air Force Honor Guard from Wright Patterson Air Force Base conducted training for members of the HPD Honor Guard, and Honor Guards of the following departments; Middletown PD, Hamilton Fire, Monroe PD, Fairfield PD, West Chester PD and the Butler County Sheriff's Office. There was no charge for this training, and an added benefit was allowing members of other honor guards to get to know other units in the county.

It is clear from the requests from Ross Township and the Butler County Park District that the Hamilton Police Honor Guard has the respect of other agencies in Butler County. Our Honor Guard unit is proud to be able to assist other agencies that do not have honor guard unit of their own. Law enforcement is a professional fraternity, and being able to help our adjoining agencies is an honor bestowed upon us.

Due to the foresight of the Hamilton City Council in 2004, funding for the honor guard is provided by the departments teaching of the concealed carry training course as approved by the Ohio Legislature. By the departments teaching of the CCW training course, all costs of equipping and providing honor guard services have been paid for by funds raised and at no cost to the General Fund, this included all expenses for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Services.

The members of the Hamilton Police Honor Guard are: Sgt. Ed Buns, HG Supervisor, Police Officers: David Anglin, Lanny Ash, Richard Burkhardt, Jason Chin, Christopher Fackey, Shawn Fryman, Todd Hurst, Tom Hurst, Terry Kiep, Tony Kiep, Richard Miller, Robert Payne, Randall Payne, Jon Richardson, Robert Snyder, Chad Stafford, and Michael Thacker. Also during 2010 an opening on the unit came about due to the resignation of Police Officer Mark Kibby from the Hamilton Police Department, to fill that opening the members are proud to welcome Police Officer Matthew Mulcahey to the Honor Guard.

Submitted by:
Sgt Ed Buns
HPD Honor Guard Supervisor

CHAPLAINS

Chaplains see the best of times and the worst of times. They offer aid, comfort, and support in life's most tragic circumstances. Many times, they are the key to the survival of those involved in tragedy. Hamilton Police Department Chaplains counsel on a non-denominational and non-judgmental basis to anyone needing assistance. Often, chaplains are just good listeners, as well as a much-needed shoulder to cry on.

The Hamilton Police Department is served by three volunteer chaplains, each with many years of ministerial and law enforcement experience. We offer services to our citizens and members of the department on a round-the-clock basis.

Chaplains serve in the following ways:

- Assist officers at scenes of traumatic incidents;
- Provide counseling to crime victims and their families;
- Provide confidential counseling to department members when requested;
- Make death notifications;
- Perform services such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals for members and their families;
- Participate in new employee orientation, as well as promotion and retirement ceremonies;
- Teach classes at various in-service training sessions;
- Serve as a liaison with area clergy and civic organizations.

We encourage members of the department and citizens to take advantage of our experience and expertise.

Submitted by:
Senior Chaplain Gary Gabbard



Police Officer Jo Hornschemeier transporting a prisoner back to the Butler County Jail.



Senior Chaplain Gary Gabbard



Chaplain James Kowalski



Chaplain Don Reed

The Hamilton Police Department Chaplains are:

Reverend Gary Gabbard
Reverend Don Reed
Reverend Jim Kowalski

A Police Officer's Prayer

Lord I ask for courage

Courage to face and conquer my own fears...
Courage to take me where others will not go...

I ask for strength

Strength of body to protect others
And strength of spirit to lead others...

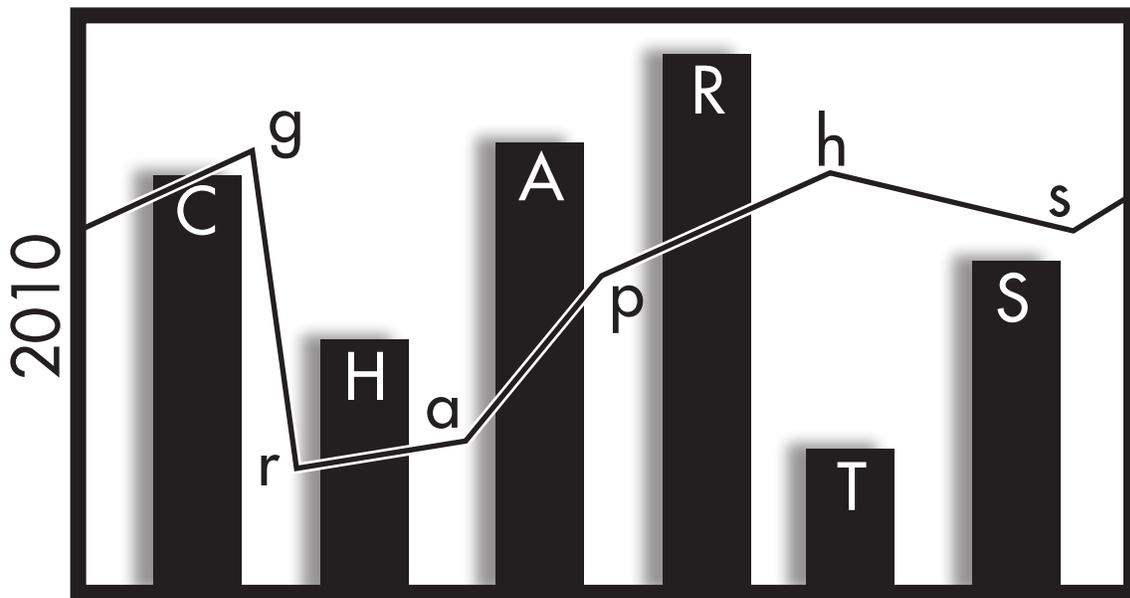
I ask for dedication

Dedication to my job, to do it well
Dedication to my community
To keep it safe...
Give me Lord, concern for others who trust me
And compassion for those who need me...

And Please Lord

Through it all, be at my side.

Hamilton Police Chaplains distribute these cards to all Hamilton police officers.



Tables



Statistical Profile

Consolidated Report - 2009 & 2010

CRIMINAL ANALYSIS	OFFENSES KNOWN		ARREST CHARGES		TRAFFIC ANALYSIS	CITATIONS ISSUED	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
PART I OFFENSES					ILLEGAL SPEED	2,233	2,189
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE: MURDER & NONNEG. MANSL.	2	2	1	2	FAIL TO YIELD	157	167
NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	STOP SIGN	275	270
FORCIBLE RAPE	61	72	8	7	DISREGARDED SIGNAL	223	335
ROBBERY	188	208	27	30	FOLLOWED TOO CLOSE	367	359
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	167	149	38	40	DUI (OVIs)	322	375
BURGLARY/B&E	1,045	1,017	44	35	OTHER HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1,103	1,375
LARCENY/THEFT	2,852	2,731	429	377	TOTAL HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	4,680	5,070
AUTO THEFT	274	218	8	5	SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS	456	366
ARSON	33	53	3	5	OTHER NON-HAZARDOUS	4,397	3,667
TOTAL PART I CLASSES	4,622	4,450	558	501	TOTAL OF ALL VIOLATIONS	9,533	9,103
PART II OFFENSES					TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	1,902	1,905
OTHER ASSAULTS			602	586	INJURY ACCIDENTS	536	808
FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT.			31	28	DEATHS / FATALITIES	5	1
EMBEZZLEMENT AND FRAUD			63	49			
STOLEN PROPERTY, BUYING RECEIVING, POSSESSING			80	67	REPORTS PROCESSED CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2009	2010
WEAPONS, CARRYING, POSS.			69	64	REPORTS	9,333	8,756
PROSTITUTION/COMM.VICE			56	36	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	1,902	1,905
SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT RAPE & OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY)			17	24	ARREST RECORDS	7,831	7,271
OFFENSES AGAINST THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN			49	44	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	6,273	6,208
NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS			1,174	996	F. I. CARDS	345	683
LIQUOR LAWS			179	156	IMPOUNDMENTS	1,860	1,671
DRUNKENNESS			130	92	TOTAL REPORTS PROCESSED	27,541	26,492
DISORDERLY CONDUCT			164	152			
ALL OTHER OFFENSES			4,659	4,476	MINOR MISDEMEANORS	395	285
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES			2,614	2,294			
GRAND TOTAL			7,831	7,271			

Some statistical data has been modified by arrests, clearances, and other updates since the original submission to the FBI.

Return of Offenses - 2010

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	OFFENSES REPORTED	UNFOUNDED	ACTUAL OFFENSES	CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTION	CLEARED PERSONS UNDER 18
1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	2	0	2	2	0
A. MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2	0	2	2	0
B. MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	0	0	0	0	0
C. NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0
2. FORCIBLE RAPE (TOTAL)	72	8	64	7	1
A. RAPE BY FORCE	72	8	64	7	1
B. ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	0	0	0
3. ROBBERY (TOTAL)	208	3	205	30	3
A. FIREARM	112	2	110	14	2
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRUMENT	15	0	15	0	0
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	14	0	14	4	0
D. STRONG ARM	67	1	66	12	1
4. ASSAULT (TOTAL)	1,593	28	1,565	626	95
A. FIREARM	13	0	13	1	0
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRUMENT	47	1	46	8	0
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	53	4	49	7	1
D. HANDS, FISTS, FEET, ETC. - AGGRAVATED INJURY	36	1	35	24	0
E. OTHER ASSAULTS (SIMPLE)	1,444	22	1,422	586	94
5. BURGLARY (TOTAL)	1,017	17	1,000	35	2
A. FORCIBLE ENTRY	622	7	615	27	2
B. UNLAWFUL ENTRY - NO FORCE	356	9	347	7	0
C. ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE ENTRY	39	1	38	1	0
6. LARCENY-THEFT (EXC. MOTOR VEH. THEFT)	2,731	70	2,661	377	40
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (TOTAL)	218	13	205	5	2
A. AUTOS	136	6	130	5	2
B. TRUCKS AND BUSES	55	7	48	0	0
C. OTHER VEHICLES	27	0	27	0	0
GRAND TOTAL *	5,841	139	5,702	1,082	143

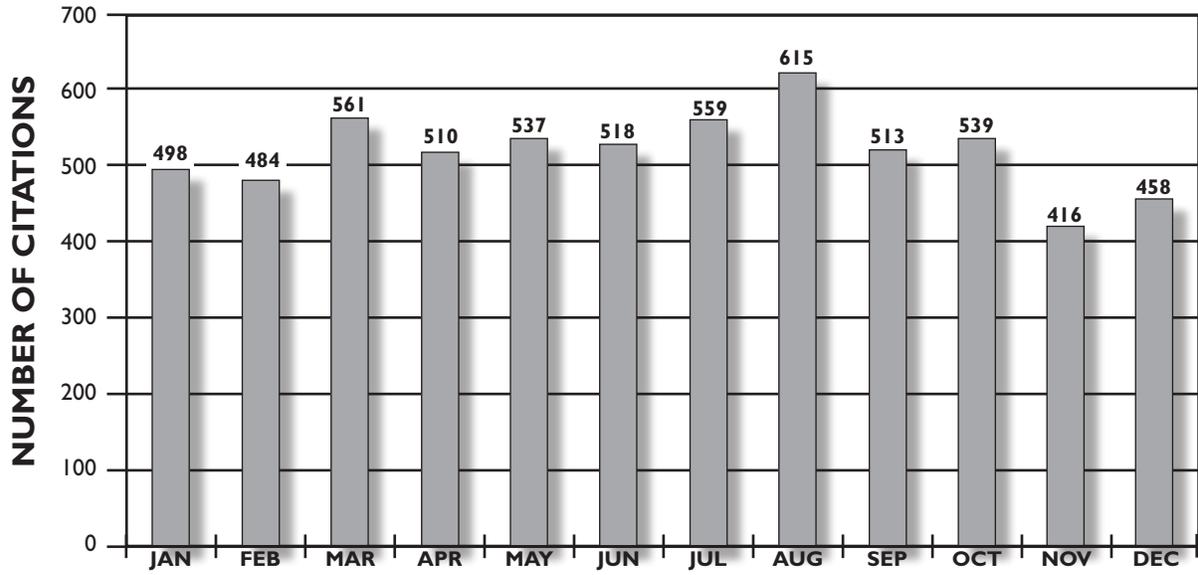
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Police Officers Assaulted

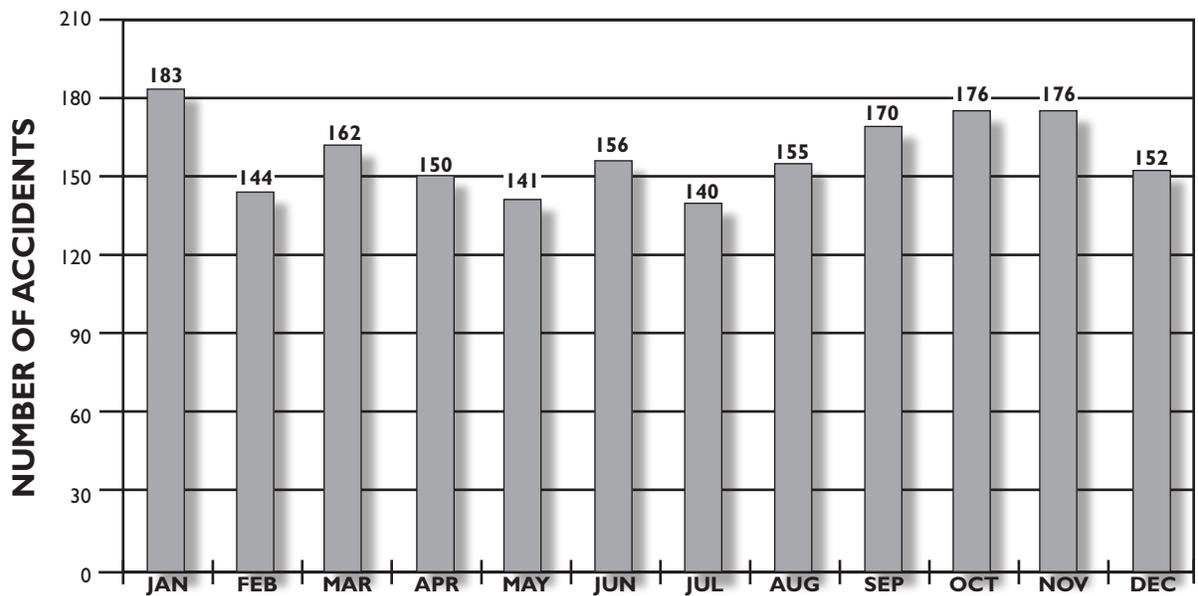
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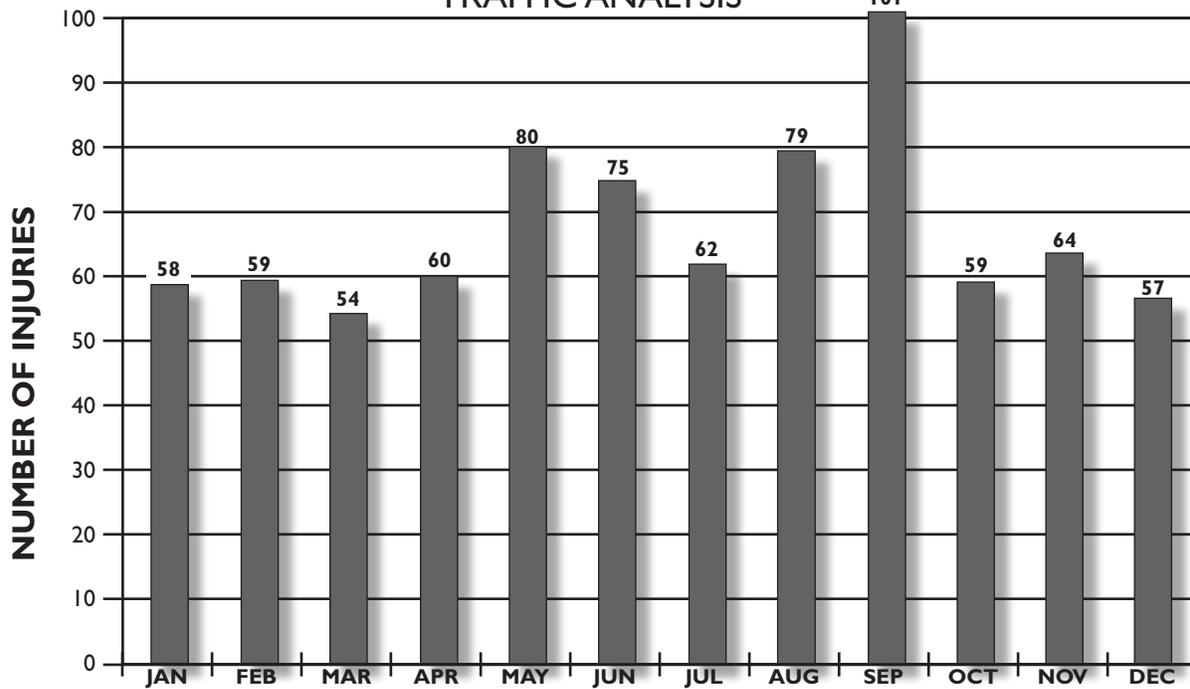
MOVING VIOLATION CITATIONS ISSUED TRAFFIC ANALYSIS



ACCIDENTS TRAFFIC ANALYSIS



INJURIES IN ACCIDENTS TRAFFIC ANALYSIS



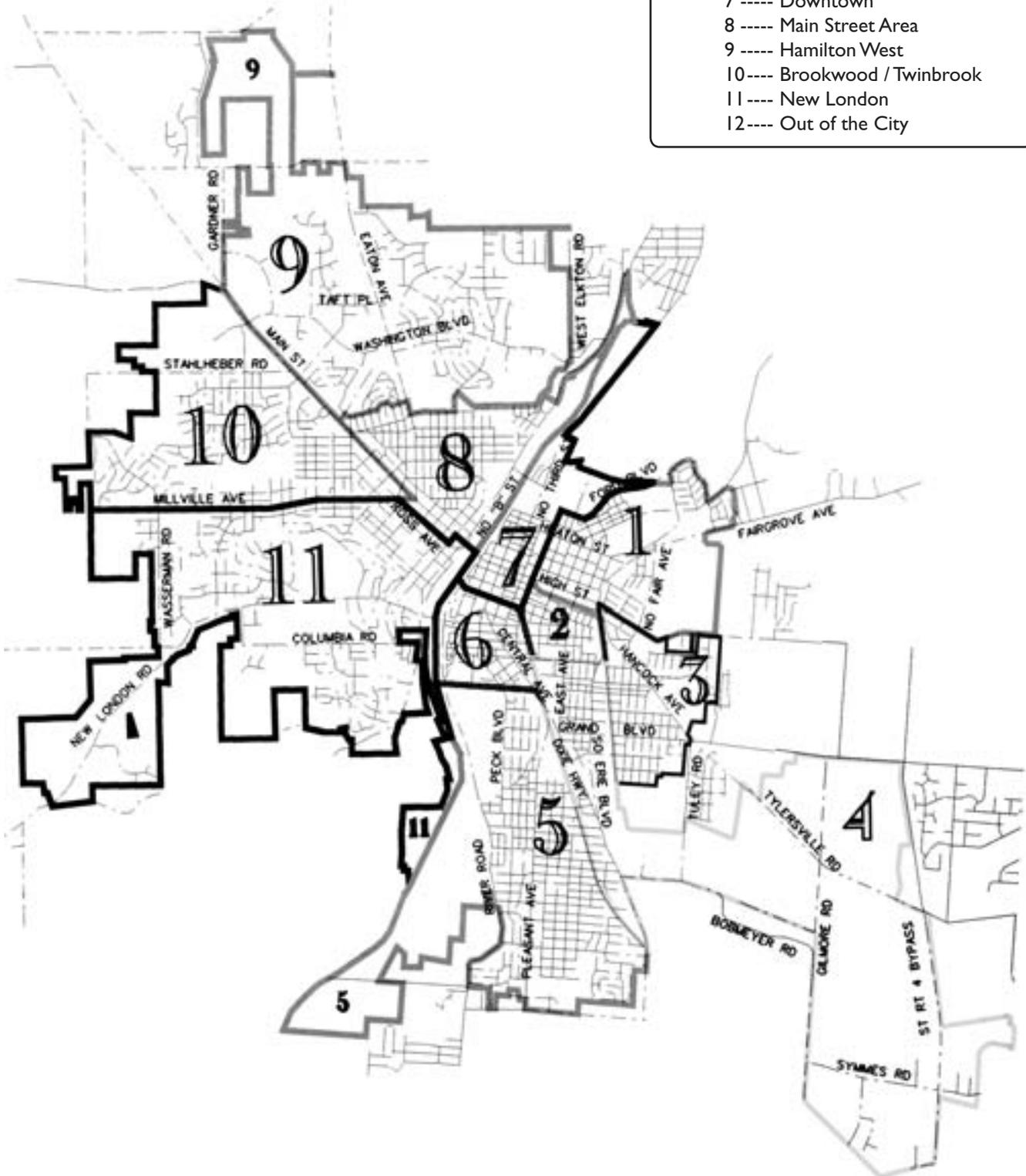
ACCIDENT TALLY BY HOUR/DAY OF WEEK

TIME	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	TOTAL
0000	5	1	7	1	4	6	8	32
0100	6	3	1	6	5	5	7	33
0200	9	6	0	4	4	3	15	41
0300	5	0	1	0	3	7	6	22
0400	3	1	0	5	1	2	3	15
0500	1	0	2	3	2	2	2	12
0600	5	8	10	12	6	6	3	50
0700	5	8	14	13	7	10	8	65
0800	4	13	10	11	7	6	6	57
0900	4	15	11	13	11	8	9	71
1000	6	17	12	11	9	13	10	78
1100	11	8	16	10	10	13	20	88
1200	11	24	21	16	19	19	25	135
1300	14	21	13	10	15	15	16	104
1400	26	29	17	24	36	23	11	166
1500	14	18	29	26	24	35	21	167
1600	13	20	27	24	28	23	13	148
1700	11	21	25	21	21	23	13	135
1800	17	17	24	11	28	26	12	135
1900	18	10	12	13	17	19	12	101
2000	9	5	12	18	11	6	15	76
2100	11	7	10	11	10	14	7	70
2200	12	5	9	4	12	15	9	66
2300	2	4	7	4	4	7	10	38
TOTAL	222	261	290	271	294	306	261	1,905

Hamilton Police Department Districts

BEAT CONFIGURATION

- 0 ---- Police Headquarters
- 1 ---- North End
- 2 ---- Fourth Ward
- 3 ---- East Hamilton
- 4 ---- RT4 Area / SOID
- 5 ---- Lindenwald
- 6 ---- Second Ward
- 7 ---- Downtown
- 8 ---- Main Street Area
- 9 ---- Hamilton West
- 10 ---- Brookwood / Twinbrook
- 11 ---- New London
- 12 ---- Out of the City

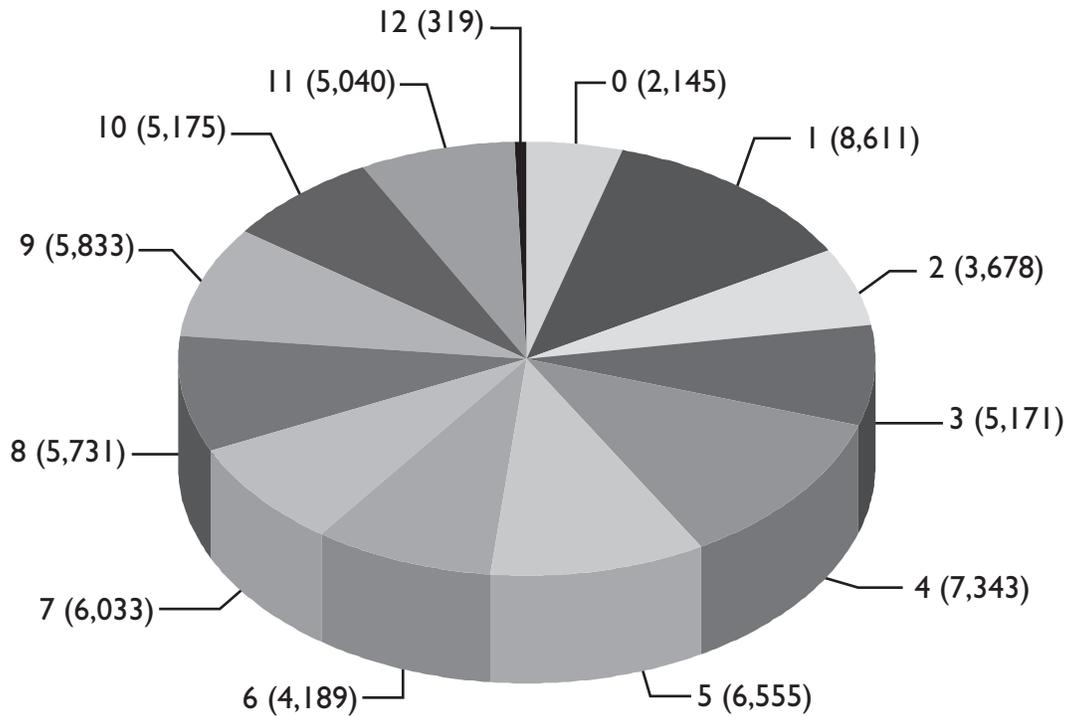


**GEOGRAPHICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL
DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE
CALLS BY DISTRICT**

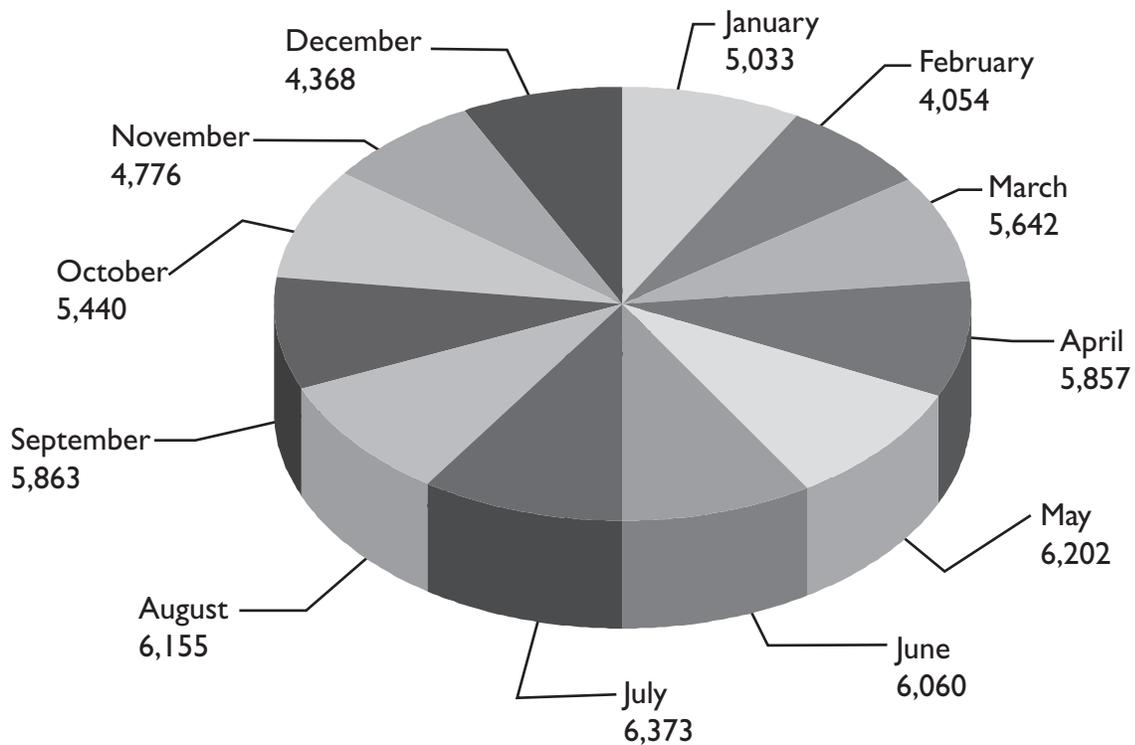
Dist #	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Jan.	203	640	305	406	552	464	413	499	354	407	391	378	27	5,033
Feb.	146	462	170	331	492	398	317	419	310	385	314	290	20	4,054
Mar.	167	811	274	435	567	511	406	552	480	535	427	449	28	5,642
Apr.	183	784	307	510	650	589	351	516	521	519	497	401	29	5,857
May	177	820	34	527	635	647	387	517	568	585	547	428	30	6,202
June	206	853	320	441	664	605	401	596	561	501	463	424	25	6,060
July	247	870	377	512	765	593	392	523	632	526	431	488	17	6,373
Aug.	169	825	364	513	676	653	351	552	524	524	465	507	32	6,155
Sep.	193	759	312	427	580	675	337	565	514	511	467	482	41	5,863
Oct.	164	697	310	395	661	567	289	521	448	474	404	484	29	5,440
Nov.	161	592	311	398	568	450	307	400	430	404	413	320	22	4,776
Dec.	129	498	294	276	533	403	238	373	389	468	356	389	22	4,368
TOTAL	2,145	8,611	3,678	5,171	7,343	6,555	4,189	6,033	5,731	5,833	5,175	5,040	319	65,823

**GEOGRAPHICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL
DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE**

2010 CALLS BY DISTRICT



2010 CALLS BY MONTH



FIVE YEAR ANALYSIS

CRIMINAL TRAFFIC AND WORKLOAD ANALYSIS	TOTAL YEAR 2006	TOTAL YEAR 2007	TOTAL YEAR 2008	TOTAL YEAR 2009	TOTAL YEAR 2010	FIVE YEAR AVERAGE	VARIANCE OVER/ UNDER AVERAGE*
CRIMINAL ANALYSIS							
1. (A) MURDER	1	2	4	2	2	2.2	0.2
(B) MANSL.	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	-0.2
2. FORCIBLE RAPE	82	111	73	61	72	79.8	-7.8
3. ROBBERY	180	249	159	188	208	196.8	11.2
4. AGG. ASSAULT	239	201	178	167	149	186.8	-37.8
5. BURGLARY/B & E	1,076	1,095	1,007	1,045	1,017	1,048.0	31.0
6. LARCENY	2,945	2,797	2,832	2,852	2,731	2,831.4	-100.4
7. AUTO THEFT	483	352	266	274	218	318.6	-100.6
8. ARSON	37	26	38	33	53	37.4	15.6
TOTALS	5,044	4,833	4,557	4,622	4,450	4,701.2	-251.2
TRAFFIC ANALYSIS							
1. CITATIONS	14,335	10,057	7,094	6,273	6,208**	8,793.4	-2,585.4
2. ACCIDENTS	2,304	2,034	1,962	1,902	1,905	2,021.4	-116.4
3. INJURIES	597	703	461	890	808	691.8	116.0
4. DEATHS	4	1	4	5	1	3	2
CALLS FOR SERVICE							
I. NUMBER OF CALLS	72,044	68,776	70,383	66,277	65,823	68,660.6	-2,837.6

* THE "VARIANCE OVER/UNDER AVERAGE" COLUMN DENOTES THE AMOUNT THAT THE CURRENT YEAR IS OVER OR UNDER THE FIVE YEAR AVERAGE.

** THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CITATIONS COVERS CITATIONS ISSUED, NOT ALL VIOLATIONS.

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Hamilton Police Department

Mission and Values

OUR MISSION

The members of the Hamilton Police Department, in partnership with the community to which we are sworn to protect, preserve, and defend, shall professionally provide our customers with courteous, empathetic service.

OUR VALUES

- Empathy** We will treat all persons with compassion and understanding, always demonstrating our strong belief that one should always treat others as they would like to be treated. A significant part of our business involves customer service. All personnel who come into contact with citizens shall treat ordinary citizens with extraordinary respect. Each citizen-police encounter should foster a feeling of goodwill that extends throughout the community. We will treat all persons with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, creed, sex, or social position.
- Integrity** We will do the right thing even when no one is watching. Our word is our bond. We will be honest in all of our dealings, with justice as our objective. Our decisions will be based on common sense guided by integrity.
- Excellence** By reaffirming our goal of overall excellence, we set the standard for pride in ourselves and in our department, always being mindful that members of the Hamilton Police Department, in both their professional and personal lives, are held to a higher standard than those we serve.
- Justice** We are sworn to protect and preserve all human life. We will scrupulously observe the rights of all suspects, but will not coddle criminals. We will give recidivists the scrutiny they deserve. We will skillfully enforce the law fairly and impartially. Our decisions will be based on common sense with integrity.
- Cooperation** We welcome neighborhood involvement and encourage our officers to be role models within the community. We will strive to cooperate with the community and among ourselves. Differences in opinions are not only inevitable, but are also healthy. Conflict in appropriate settings encourages creativity that leads to equitable problem-solving and trust-building. We will be innovative, open-minded, and imaginative when solving problems. How we settle our differences sets the tone for our future working relationships. Whenever possible, we will strive for a “win-win” resolution.

Command Staff:


Neil R. Ferdelman
Chief of Police


Scott Scrimmigg





Dan Pratt




Sgt. Bucheit puts up the newest street banners. They were produced by The Signery.



A SWAT raid on N. 6th Street.



Walking Beat Officer Jeff Eck shows WXIX Reporter Tiffany Teasley the proper way to operate a segway.