

**SYLVANIA POLICE DIVISION**

**2010**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Mayor Craig A. Stough  
City of Sylvania

Dear Mayor Stough:

I am pleased to present to you the 2010 Annual Report for the Sylvania Police Division. This report reflects the hard work, outstanding accomplishments and professional services provided by the men and women of this agency. The Sylvania Police Division is a progressive department that will always strive to maintain excellence and professionalism in its service to the citizens and businesses of Sylvania.

Calls for police service increased with 12,283 in 2010 and 10,662 in 2009. Crime reports increased +1% in 2010 and major crimes decreased -8%. The major crime categories, as identified by the FBI Uniform Crime Report Part 1 Crimes, are murder, rape, robbery, burglary, theft, auto theft, and arson. In 2010 we had 348 major crimes reported compared to 381 in 2009. Of these 348 major crimes, we cleared 329 of them by arrest or the perpetrator was identified but not arrested. Not arresting the perpetrator could mean that a warrant was issued but not yet served, the victim doesn't want to proceed with prosecution, the perpetrator was charged with other crimes, or the perpetrator is in jail somewhere and not available to us yet for prosecution, or the case was unfounded. The crime statistics and additional narrative can be found in Section IX of this annual report.

Traffic crashes were also down with a decrease of -1%. Injury crashes decreased -12% and we had three traffic fatalities, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle while crossing Erie St. to get onto a school bus. A motorcyclist while traveling on Monroe St. at Silica Dr. crashed into the curb to avoid striking another vehicle that pulled out in front of the motorcyclist. And another motorist crossed the center line while traveling on Erie St. and crashed head-on into another vehicle. We have had only 5 fatal traffic crashes in the past ten years.

Traffic citations for the year increased +23% with 1855 citations issued in 2010 compared to 1505 in 2009. Some of this increase can be attributed to the re-assignment of personnel and assignment of new officers in staffing levels to the uniform patrol section.

During 2010 the men and women of the police department, including our Police Explorers and Volunteers, were involved in many programs and projects throughout the community. The Volunteers put in 3650 volunteer hours and since the inception of the Volunteer program in 2004 they have logged a total of 19,718 hours. The Citizen Volunteer Program has become one of the highlights of the department and I must say that I never thought this program would be as strong as it is as quickly as it has. The Police Explorers continue to be a vital part of the department and the community. Their involvement in community projects and assistance around the department keeps their interest high and their service valuable. The Child Safety Seat program continues to be a strong and very important safety program in the city. In 2010 we inspected and installed 124 child seats in vehicles of Sylvania residents. This is a decrease from 152 in 2009.

Sylvania is an exceptional city and I believe that the efforts of our police officers, dispatchers,

explorers, and volunteers during this past year have made a positive impact on the quality of life in this community. We will continue to meet the needs of our citizens and do it with a very professional and dedicated staff.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Rhodus  
Chief of Police

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The mission of the Sylvania Police Division is to serve the citizens of Sylvania in a professional and efficient manner by providing comprehensive law enforcement services to the community so that each citizen may be safe and secure to enjoy their pursuit and enjoyment of all lawful activities.**

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**SYLVANIA POLICE DIVISION  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART  
On December 31, 2009**

Mayor of Sylvania  
Craig Stough

Safety Director  
William Sanford

Chief of Police  
William Rhodus

Internal Affairs  
Assigned by the Chief

Administrative Secretary  
Catherine Falardeau

Staff Operations  
Captain Frederick Schnoor

Telecommunications  
Chief Tel. Steven Lafferty  
Tel. Gary Siegel  
Tel. Danielle Hayward  
Tel. Heather Kelso  
Tel. Amanda Hubaker  
Tel. Brian Sobb

Prop/Evidence/Court  
Ptlm. David Arvay

Community Affairs  
Sgt. Justin Music  
Ptlm. Scott Hendricks

Detective Bureau  
Det. Michael Yunker  
Det. Laura Bliss  
Det. Steven Papenfuss

School Resource Officer  
Ptlm. Philip Gallup  
Ptlm. Robert Roe

Administrative Sergeant  
Sgt. Ervin Bratt

Line Operations - Uniform Patrol Section

7-3 Shift  
Sgt Danilynn Miller  
Ptlm. Frank Glinka  
Ptlm. Raymond Smith  
Ptlm. Kevin Pooley  
Ptlm. Scott Gibbs  
Ptlm. Alan Beadle  
Ptlm. Zach Andrzejewski  
Ptlm. Ryan Stager  
Ptlm. Justin Bell  
Ptlm. Jacob Hammer

3-11 Shift  
Sgt. Joshua Seney  
Ptlm. Amy Martin  
Ptlm. William Haase  
Ptlm. Eric Christen  
Ptlm. John Pinkstaff  
Ptlm. Gerald Barnswell  
Ptlm. Andrew Thompson

11-7 Shift  
Sgt Scott Reed  
Ptlm. Scott Kuebler  
Ptlm. Michael Shaw  
Ptlm. Russell Hoff  
Ptlm. Chad Amstutz  
Ptlm. Matthew Shearn  
Ptlm. David Vargo  
Ptlm. Matthew Collins

Swing Shift  
Sgt. Stacey Pack

## I. PERSONNEL

- Appointments: Patrolman Gerald Barnswell, 1-11-2010  
Patrolman Matthew Shearn, 2-22-2010  
Patrolman David Vargo, 4-26-2010  
Patrolman Justin Bell, 4-27-2010  
Patrolman Andrew Thompson, 10-18-2010  
Patrolman Matthew Collins, 10-19-2010  
Patrolman Jacob Hammer 11-15-2010  
Telecommunicator Amanda Hubaker, 7-26-2010  
Telecommunicator Brian Sobb, 7-27-2010
- Retirements: Chief Gerald Sobb, 2-21-1972 to 4-26-2010  
Patrolman Kevin Crowell, 10-14-79 to 4-3-2010  
Patrolman Gregg Birr, 12-8-1074 to 5-30-2010  
Patrolman William Dryer, 7-29-1974 to 8-8-2010  
Telecommunicator Joseph McGreevy, 8-13-1984 to 4-30-2010  
Telecommunicator James Randall, 7-20-1981 to 8-13-2010
- Promotions: Captain William Rhodus to Chief of Police, 4- 26-2010  
Sergeant Frederick Schnoor to Captain, 5-3-2010  
Patrolman Stacey Pack to Sergeant, 7-26-2010
- Transfers: Sergeant Ervin Bratt from Swing Shift Sergeant to Administrative Sergeant  
Patrolman Kevin Pooley from Community Affairs to Road Patrol
- Resignations: Patrolman Daniel Hannnigan, 1-15-2010  
Patrolman Steve Jarrett, 9-26-2010

At the close of 2010 the police division authorized strength was 44 personnel: Chief of Police, Captain, 6-Sergeants, 29-Patrolmen, 1-Chief Telecommunicator, 5-Telecommunicators, and 1-Administrative Secretary. The year ended with all positions filled.

There were several changes in supervisory position assignments during 2010 as listed above. Periodically, this is healthy for the department for supervisors to change assignments as it brings new ideas to units within the department and it broadens the knowledge of supervisory personnel regarding overall management of the agency.

Officer Gerald Barnswell was hired to replace the retirement of Chief Gerald Sobb, and Officer

Matthew Shearn was hired to replace the retirement of Officer Gregg Birr. Officer David Vargo was hired to replace the retirement of Officer William Dryer and Officer Justin Bell, Officer Andrew Thompson, Officer Matthew Collins were hired to replace officers that are retiring in January 2011. Officer Jacob Hammer was hired to replace Officer Steve Jarrett who resigned from the police division.

Dispatcher Joseph McGreevy retired in May after 25 years serving the citizens of Sylvania. Dispatcher McGreevy's replacement, Amanda Hubaker, was hired in July 2010. There was another retirement of Dispatcher James Randall who retired in August after serving the citizens of Sylvania for 29 years and Brian Sobb, was hired in July 2010 as Dispatcher's Randall's replacement.

There were no other additions or changes in personnel or assignments during 2010. The police division ended 2010 at full authorized strength with no vacancies.

## **II. DIVISION AWARDS**

The Police Division Awards Program was established in 1986 to formally recognize police division employees, businesses and citizens for exceptional job performance, community leadership and assistance in our law enforcement efforts. Each year recommendations for awards are received and reviewed by the Division Awards Committee. Each formal award has standards that must be met for approval of an award to be issued.

In 2009 the Division Awards Committee decided to change the frequency of the Division Awards Program to every two years with the awards program being presented on the even numbered years. The following awards were approved and presented at the Sylvania Police Awards Program on December 14, 2010

#### LIFE SAVING

Officer Philip Gallup  
Officer Michael Shaw  
Officer Alan Beadle

#### MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Chief Gerald Sobb – Ret.

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Chief Telecommunicator Steve Lafferty – 2<sup>nd</sup> award

#### MERIT COMMENDATION

Officer Zachary Andrzejewski  
Chief Prosecutor Robert Pyzik  
Officer David Arvay  
Detective Michael Yunker  
Sgt. Ervin Bratt  
Captain Fredrick Schnoor (2)  
Officer Michael Shaw  
Officer Francis Glinka  
Officer Chad Amstutz  
Officer Ryan Stager  
Officer William Haase  
Officer Scott Gibbs  
Detective Laura Bliss  
Detective Steve Papenfuss  
Telecommunicator Heather Kelso

#### POLICE EXPLORER OF THE YEAR

Moriah Gromer – 2009

CITIZEN COMMENDATION

Ed Donnelly

Lynn Gray

Nicholas Karpinski

Colleen Donovan

Megan Donovan

Ross Jordan

**III. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

*"The mission of the Office of Community Affairs is to support the Sylvania Police Division in its efforts to maintain an atmosphere of safety and security for members of the community. To be effective in assisting in this mission, the Office of Community Affairs shall provide education in the areas of substance abuse, and positive decision making in all Sylvania Schools. The Office of Community Affairs shall also provide crime prevention programs and services to educate our citizens and businesses."*

## **I. Introduction**

PtIm. Scott Hendricks continues to be the primary D.A.R.E. officer and teaches the D.A.R.E. Core curriculum at most schools in the City. PtIm. Hendricks is also the Explorer Post advisor for the Police Division. PtIm. Hendricks attended the Ohio Law Enforcement Explorer Advisor Association (OLEEAA) conference this year and received advisor specific training for the Explorer program.

PtIm. Robert Roe continues to teach the D.A.R.E. core curriculum at Maplewood elementary and the middle school curriculum at McCord Jr. High. PtIm. Roe is now the full time School Resource Officer at Sylvania Southview High School.

We have had several staff changes in Community Affairs this year. PtIm. Kevin Crowell retired from the police division and PtIm. Phil Gallup became the SRO at Sylvania Northview High School. With current restructuring, the Community Affairs division lost one position to send an officer back to road patrol. PtIm. Kevin Pooley requested to leave his assignment as the SRO at Southview High School. PtIm. Pooley was transferred out of the Community Affairs division and returned to road patrol. PtIm. Roe who served as the part time SRO at McCord Jr. High and a part time DARE officer was assigned to the full time SRO position at Southview High School.

The Community Affairs Office and the Police Division are active in the following organizations and events:

*National Association of School Resource Officers  
Ohio Association of School Resource Officers  
Lucas County Community Prevention Partnership  
National D.A.R.E. Officers Association  
D.A.R.E. Officers Association of Ohio  
National Crime Prevention Association  
Ohio Crime Prevention Association  
Sylvania Community Action Team  
Greater Toledo Safe Kids Coalition  
Sylvania Volunteers  
Sylvania Area Family Services  
Sylvania Fall Festival  
Sylvania Chamber of Commerce*

As of December 31, 2010, there were two (2) grants still active that fund activities within the Community Affairs office. These funds were used to finance activities involving D.A.R.E. and the Third Grade Safety Seatbelt program. Funding continues to be sought to supplement our programs.

The Community Affairs staff coordinated the tenth annual Citizens Academy in the spring of 2010. Fifteen members of our community attended the ten-week program. Running from March through May, the students were exposed to law enforcement issues ranging from services provided by the Sylvania Police Division to daily operations. Courses included: Division Orientation, DUI Enforcement, Firearms, Self Defense, Crime Scene Investigation, Drug Enforcement, High Stress Decision Making/Force on Force training, and the Special Response Team.

## **II. D.A.R.E.**

D.A.R.E. continues to be a major program for the office. Officer Hendricks was the primary D.A.R.E. officer for the 2009-2010 school year. Officer Hendricks continues to be the primary D.A.R.E. officer for the D.A.R.E. program for 2010-2011. Officer Hendricks and Officer Roe were responsible for presenting the program to the four public, and three private elementary schools in the city. Officer Pooley assisted by teaching part-time. Approximately 430 fifth grade students and 250 seventh grade students graduated from the program in 2010.

## **III. Safety City**

Community Affairs officers graduated over 170 students from Sylvania Safety City this year. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the program. Our education coordinator this year was Sharon Gray. Sharon is a teacher at Maplewood Elementary School.

## **IV. School Resource Officer**

Officer Crowell was in his third school-year at Northview High School when he retired. Ptlm. Gallup began working at Northview High School in January of 2010. He not only took police reports and did investigations on school property; he also attended numerous school functions and talked to classes about legal issues, bringing in guest speakers. Officer Gallup assisted school administrators with safety and security issues and attended school staff meetings as an advisor. Officer Gallup continues to work diligently to keep the lines of communication open with other area School Resource Officers and attended the National School Resource Officer conference in Louisville, KY.

Officer Kevin Pooley finished his fifth year at Southview High School. Officer Pooley and Officer Roe have worked closely with the staff and have made numerous presentations in classrooms. We have worked closely with the staff at both Northview and Southview to make our program both consistent and efficient.

Officer Roe served as a part-time School Resource Officer for McCord Jr. High. He was available to consult with students, parents, and faculty. In addition, Officer Hendricks and Officer Roe participated in school activities such as school dances and provided prevention presentations for students as needed. Officer Roe taught the Jr. High D.A.R.E. program at McCord in late January.

Northview High School Officer Gallup

Presentations	19
Meetings / Events	59
General Offense Reports	36
Accident Reports	1
Citations / Warnings	0
Parking Lot Assists	18
School related complaints	67
School Related Court Appearances	4

Southview High School Officer Pooley

Presentations	24
Meetings / Events	59
General Offense Reports	37
Accident Reports	1
Citations / Warnings	0
School related complaints	74
Parking lot assists	10
School Related Court Appearances	6

McCord Jr. High School Officer Roe

Presentations	40
Meetings / Events	11
General Offense Reports	2
Accident Reports	0
Citations / Warnings	0
Parking Lot Assists	0
School related complaints	11

## **V. Sylvania Police Volunteers**

Volunteer Report – Completed by Dave McCanna, Patrol Division

### **A. Summary**

**Total Patrol Volunteer hours for January 2010 – December 2010 – 3523.75 Hrs.**

**Total Event Volunteer hours for January 2010 – December 2010 – 126.5 Hrs.**

**Total – 3650.25 Hours**

**Total Hours from 2004 to 2010 - 19,718.25 Hours**

### **B. Volunteer Patrol Log**

Traffic Control Details – 80

Lockouts - 70

House Checks – 177

Speed Trailer Details – 53

Motorist Assists – 40

Road Patrol Assists – 175

Citizens Assists – 53

Selective Enforcement Assignments – 1000

Business Checks & Survey's – 2939

Training Hours – 294.5

### **C. Special Assignments:**

A. Detective Bureau assignments- 15

B. Juvenile Court Trips – 61

C. SRT assists / training – 15

D. Parades/Events – Volunteers assisted with many events throughout the year.

## **VI. ARE YOU OK? Program**

We completed the year 2010 with 23 subscribers to the R.U.O.K. system. We encountered 57 alerts in 2010, 54 were non-emergency in nature.

## **VII. Explorer Program**

The Explorer program continues to focus on excellent training opportunities for the Explorers to learn about Law Enforcement, as well as the opportunity for the Explorers to serve the community while gaining leadership skills and self confidence. Our Explorers attended meetings on numerous police topics including CPR certification, defensive tactics introduction, traffic stops, investigations, firearms safety, and impaired driving awareness. The Explorers also assisted with community events such as the 24 hour challenge, the Fall Festival, Festirama, and the Jamie Farr Event.

The Explorer Honor Guard continues to positively represent the Police Division in the community. The Honor Guard marched in the Memorial Day Parade and the Fall Festival this year. The Explorer Honor Guard also presented the colors for a formal recognition ceremony at Camp Miakonda Boy Scout Reservation. They also presented the colors at the SCAT walk of light, which was held at Northview High School. The Honor Guard members traveled to Woodstock, Canada to march in the Santa Clause Parade. They represented the Police Division extremely well, and took great pride in this event.

## **VIII. Conclusion**

The Office of Community Affairs continues to support the mission of the Sylvania Police Division by presenting quality programs and services to our community.

Community Affairs Officers continue to be creative in seeking opportunities to present an image of cooperation, professionalism, and quality service to our community. We look forward to 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Justin Music #851  
Community Affairs Supervisor

## **Child Safety Seats**

In May of 2001, the Sylvania Police Division sent two Officers to a Child Passenger Safety Technician Class sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In this class the officers learned about the many different forms of Child Passenger Restraint Systems available and the proper use of each. Upon returning to the Department, officers joined with the Toledo Hospital Safe Kids Coalition and established the Sylvania Police Division as a Safety Seat Checkpoint.

Since 2001, the Sylvania Police Division's Child Passenger Safety Technicians have completed many talks to community groups and sponsored several large checkpoints for Sylvania families to come and have their children and their seats checked for proper use. Several of these Checkpoints have been held in conjunction with our Safety City Program. Officers will also schedule individual appointments for our area residents to come to the Police Department for a check. Officers also participated at Safe Kids sponsored checkpoints throughout Lucas County and in our City at Dave White Chevrolet.

In 2010, the Sylvania Police Division has seen a reduction in the program with the retirement of Officer William Dryer who was one of the original officers involved in the program. The VOP, Rick Melchert, that was also involved in the program resigned from the Sylvania Police VOP program. We now have 2 officers certified as Child Safety Seat Technicians. In 2010 these Technicians attended updated training Toledo Hospital and training online. In order for officers to maintain their Certifications, they must maintain a level of CEU's in the field of Child Passenger Safety and complete an install of every type of Child Passenger Seat under the guidance of an Instructor once every two years.

## **CHILD SEAT CHECKS**

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
124	152	102	152	199

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Danilynn M. Miller #842  
Child Passenger Safety Technician and Supervisor

## IV. TRAINING

**“...getting ready is the secret of success” – Henry Ford**

Proper training prepares individuals to act decisively and correctly in the broad spectrum of situations and provides for greater productivity, effectiveness, and the unity of purpose.

The City of Sylvania Police Division employees are well prepared to provide exceptional police service to the community.

During 2010, police officers and telecommunicators received formal training from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy – (OPOTA), Ohio Associations of Chiefs of Police – (OACP), International Association Chiefs of Police – (IACP), Drug Enforcement Administration – (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations – (FBI), Lucas County Emergency Management, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Department of Health, L-1 Identity Solutions, Toledo Police Department, Ohio D.A.R.E. Officers Association, National D.A.R.E. Officers Association, Emergitech, National Association School Resource Officers – (NASRO), Public Safety Training Council. Other providers include the International Police Mountain Bike Association – (IPMBA), Ohio Association of School Resource Officers, Calibre Press, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers – (MADD), The Toledo Hospital, National School Safety and Security Services – (NSSASS), Stewards of Children, Team Ohio, OH CAIR, Safe Kids Greater Toledo, Defense Technology, Security Solutions International – (SSI). Police Technical LLC, Ohio Department of Public Safety, David Vine Associates, Public Agency Training Council and TASER International.

The following is a representation of training received during the course of the year by the Sylvania police officers and telecommunicators at seminars, workshops, conferences, and classes throughout the state of Ohio and the United States.

Ohio & National D.A.R.E Conferences, CAIR Training, NASRO Annual Conference, Ohio D.A.R.E. Conference, Basic Fingerprint Classification, National Tactical Officers Association – (NTOA) Conference, Electronic Speed Measuring Device Training, Alcohol Detection and Prosecution - (ADAP), Computer Crime First Responder, SRT Breaching Course, SRO Supervisor Training, Crime Scene Management/Evidence ID Training, Evidence Technician Training, Emergitech Users Conference, LEADS/NORIS Annual TAC Training, Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Armorer Course, Supervision in a Nutshell Training, Terrorism Liaison Officer – (TLO) Program, Tactical Interoperable Communications Training, Update on OVI Issues, Rapid Response to Active Shooter Incidents, National Webcheck, Internet for Investigators and Advanced Internet Search for Investigators, Criminal Patrol and Interdiction, Internet Investigations I, Identity Theft Investigations, Death Investigations, Basic Photography, Street Survival Seminar, Detecting Deceptions in Written Statements: Linguistic Statement

Analysis, Intoxilyzer 5000 Training, Auto Theft Training, SIMS Scenario Instructor Re-Certification, Commander’s Role – Barricade/Hostage Training, NTOA – Advanced Tactical Carbine Training, Glock Armorer Course, APCO In-Service Course.

In addition to the listed seminars, workshops, conferences, classroom training, we also provided in-service training to all members of the police division throughout the year using our own instructors and videotape training as well as on-line training. We have certified instructors in Firearms, Simunitions, Defensive Tactics, TDI - Law Enforcement Knife Training, Active Shooter Training, OC Chemical Repellent, Monadnock Expandable Baton, EVO-Emergency Vehicle Operation, TASERS, Bike Patrol, Electronic Measuring Device – Radar, AED/CPR, and Special Response Team related Tactics and Equipment.

Members of the Sylvania Metro Special Response Team continue to train and update their skills by attending training at various training locations, and by training with other local Special Response Teams. Also members of the Special Response Team attended training this year at the National Tactical Officer’s Association Conference obtaining training in many specialized courses designed for Special Response Teams in Pittsburgh, PA.

Due to recent activities both here in the United States as well as around the globe, it has become necessary to equip our officers with more effective equipment to counter any similar incidents. Therefore, this past year we are continuing to train our officers with the Patrol Rifle as well as another version of a tactical shotgun. Both of these weapons are now carried by officers in their patrol vehicles. Also in April 2010, our officers were trained on and now carry TASERS – Electronic Control Devices (ECD).

The monthly video series entitled “In The Line of Duty”, which shows actual videotaped incidents from police departments across the nation, continues to be used a training tool. These videos allow us to learn from the experiences of others and remind us that officer safety must be everything we do. We know that “In an Instant” that our lives as well as others can change so we are continuously preparing to accomplish our mission, “To Protect and Serve”.

<b><u>Training Hours:</u></b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	<b>2410</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>4,324</b>	<b>3,383</b>	<b>2,604</b>
* <b>RTO</b>	<b>(2710)</b>				
** <b>TT</b>	<b>(472)</b>				

\* Training hours completed by new officers during Recruit Training Officer Program.

\*\* Training hours completed by new telecommunicators during Telecommunicator Training Program.

## V. POLICE FLEET

### Fleet Maintenance Year End Summary

In 2010 the police fleet traveled 307,785 miles providing police services to the community. This mileage constituted a three percent (3%) increase over 2009 mileage (299,163 miles). Police fleets are maintained for 24/7 service to the community. To ensure maintenance of the fleet, the police division coordinates all service through the city's Vehicle Maintenance Department. This coordination has yielded a forty two percent (42%) decrease in vehicle downtime compared to 2009 (2,676 hrs. vs. 1,882 hrs) and a four percent (4%) decrease in maintenance cost (\$27,299.24 vs. \$26,346.58).

Along with close coordination with the Vehicle Maintenance Department, the police division is taking advantage of data collected through the new Fuel Master monitoring system, and more extensive use of the Fleet Management software program. These systems have been valuable in identifying cost savings and anticipating maintenance issues. To assist in extending the service life of the fleet, a rigorous maintenance program has been instituted. As of the end of 2010, all fleet units are in service.

There are a total of thirty two (32) units assigned to the police division fleet. The following is a breakdown of the vehicles and their assignments;

- 12 Sedans
- 8 marked patrol units, 4 unmarked/D.B. units
- Four Wheel Drive S.U.V.
- 1 marked patrol unit, 3 marked COMAF units, 3 unmarked/D.B. units,
- 1 Volunteer unit
- 2 Vans
- 1 marked patrol unit, 1 Volunteer unit
- 2 Pickups
- 1 marked COMAF unit, 1 unmarked/DB unit
- 1 Special Service Unit, marked unit assigned to the Special Response Unit
- 5 Trailers 2 Radar, 1 Firearms, 1 Safety City, 1 flatbed for COMAF golf carts
- 2 Golf Carts assigned to COMAF and the Volunteer unit.

## **Fingerprint Systems**

The police division maintains two separate systems. Live Scan is used to electronically copy fingerprints of suspects for law enforcement use. The Web Check system is used to electronically submit the fingerprints of citizens for the purposes of background checks.

Both systems suffered from major malfunctions during the year that required technical expertise to repair. As of the end of 2010, all issues have been resolved and the systems are functioning.

## **Division Equipment**

### **Radios**

The police division maintains forty eight (48) portable radios, and twenty one (21) mobile radio units. Serviced through a contract with Bender Communications, these radios are part of the countywide radio system. Each officer is supplied with an individual portable radio with unique electronic signature. As of the end of 2010, all radios are operational.

### **Digital Cameras**

During the year, all cameras in the police fleet have been updated to digital media. This permits immediate viewing of images on-scene, better image quality, and easier media storage. Eleven (11) digital cameras are assigned to the patrol division and all are functioning.

### **First Aid Supplies**

In cooperation with Lucas County E.M.S., the police division is equipped with four (4) Physiocontrol Automated External Defibrillators for patrol units. At the end of this year, the units underwent cleaning and service checks by the county personnel. The division has additional AED units in City Council Chambers, and Telecommunications. Both of these additional units have been checked for functionality. Along with the availability of AED units, all officers have received updated Heartsaver/AED certification through the American Heart Association, and have received personal CPR face masks.

All police vehicles have been equipped with first aid kits. These kits are currently being updated.

### **Miscellaneous**

Police division flashlights have been updated. Twenty one (21) 5.1.1. Tactical flashlights have been purchased and installed in the police fleet. The UltraStinger flashlights have been placed in reserve. All SX20 flashlights were transferred to the city's Street and Water Divisions.

Sgt. Ervin L. Bratt #803  
Administrative Sergeant

## VI. ALARM ADMINISTRATION

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Residential False Alarms	135	120	88	92	72	73
Commercial False Alarms	<u>164</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>164</u>
Total	299	314	297	296	295	237

There was an overall 5% decrease in false alarms in the city in 2010 compared to 2009. There was a 15% decrease in commercial false alarms in 2010, but an increase of 12% in residential false alarms. It is very difficult to say what may be responsible for this increase. It could be there were a large number of alarm systems installed in homes during the year or just a poor year for residents and businesses accidentally setting off their home or business alarms. With the program we have in the city to address false alarms I would say that if either of these reasons were the major cause, then we should see that the numbers for 2011 should be significantly lower.

The city has ordinances, Chapter 755 of the SMC that provides for "false alarm fines" to be issued to alarm owners having more than two false alarms in a calendar year. The first false alarm will establish the business or residence as an account in our false alarm file. The second false alarm will result in a "false alarm notice" to be sent to the alarm owner asking the owner to have the alarm serviced and/or make sure the family members or employees know how to properly work the alarm system. The false alarm warning letter also gives the alarm owner notice that additional false alarms will subject the alarm owner to false alarm fines. Beginning with the third false alarm in a calendar year there is a \$25.00 false alarm fee issued with the fee increasing by \$25.00 for each additional false alarm.

Alarm technology continues to improve and that is a factor in having fewer false alarms caused by equipment malfunctions. Education is the best solution to reducing false alarms. The false alarm warning letter brings this matter to the attention of the alarm owner and in most cases this is all that is necessary to fix the problem. Human error and equipment in need of maintenance is responsible for over 80% of the false alarms received.

## VII. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Communication Section of the Police Division is staffed by the police dispatchers and is responsible for the records bureau, computer systems, data entry, the call taking and dispatching of all police calls for service in the city. The Communications Section is staffed by a Chief Telecommunicator and five Telecommunicators. All calls for police service are recorded on the computer CAD system (computer aided dispatch).

There was a +15% increase in total calls for police service in 2010 with a -8% decrease in emergency priority-1 calls.

Response times for our officers to all calls for services remained very good during 2010:

Priority-1:	383 calls	2 mins. 36 secs.
Priority-2:	9496 calls	2 mins. 30 secs.
Priority-3:	<u>1805 calls</u>	4 mins. 31 secs.
Total Calls for Police Service:	12,283	

### Calls For Police Service

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Emergency (priority 1)	383	417	353	349	319	283
Non-Emergency (priority 2, 3)	<u>11,900</u>	<u>10,245</u>	<u>10,303</u>	<u>9863</u>	<u>9711</u>	<u>9766</u>
Total Calls for Service	12,283	10,662	10,656	10,212	10,030	10,049

*[Appendix A, B, C, D]*

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Lafferty #831  
Chief Telecommunicator

## VIII. DETECTIVE BUREAU

### OVERVIEW

The Detective Bureau is staffed by two detectives and is overseen by the Operations Captain. The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) detective position was re-assigned to the road patrol in the third quarter of 2010. In October Officer Steven Papenfuss was assigned to replace Detective Mike Yunker who retired on January 8, 2011.

Two evidence technicians from the road patrol section assist with crime scene processing and analysis of evidence in our forensic lab. All bureau personnel have been trained in a variety of technical areas including crime scene processing and trace evidence analysis, interview and interrogation, and surveillance.

### CASE STATISTICS FOR 2010 (Not Including Drug Offenses)

Number of 2010 cases assigned for investigation	<b>116</b>
Number of 2010 cases under investigation as of 12/31/2010	<b>17</b>
Number of 2010 cases cleared within the year 2010	<b>99</b>
Percentage of 2010 cases cleared.	<b>85.3%</b>

### MAJOR CASE REVIEW

#### **January**

- All detectives worked together to solve a string of burglaries at 5806 Glasgow. Several firearms have been recovered.

#### **March**

- A new Live Scan fingerprint system was implemented for use by the detective bureau and road patrol.

#### **April**

- Det. Papenfuss served a search warrant resulting in the seizure of marijuana, one firearm, and over \$1200.00 in cash.

#### **May**

- Det. Yunker filed charges against two suspects involved in a burglary on Brintwood. Both suspects have been arrested, one has plead guilty.
- Det. Papenfuss conducted a "Buy/Bust" which resulted in the seizure of controlled substances and over \$1,000.00 in cash.

## **July**

- Captain Schnoor handled the investigation of an assault which occurred at the Wingate Hotel on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The suspect, an Ohio State Trooper pleads to assault charges.
- Det. Bliss solved a theft involving over \$16,000.00 in jewelry, most of which was recovered.

## **August**

- Det. Bliss investigated a sexual assault case which occurred in the Lourdes Commons complex involving two students.

## **November**

- Det. Papenfuss and Det. Bliss investigated a suicide which occurred at 5333 S. Main St. Det. Papenfuss was assisted by Det. Bliss and Det. Yunker on a drug offense related search warrant at 4994 S. Main St. This search warrant resulted in the arrest of one suspect, the seizure of \$182.00, confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

## **December**

- Det. Bliss assisted the FBI with the recovery of two missing juveniles from Rhode Island.

## **Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.)**

Along with Sylvania area cases, the S.I.U. detective has been very active working with the O.C.D.E.T.F. Through the S.I.U. detective's involvement in these cases, \$52,000 was awarded to the City of Sylvania for the year 2010.

The bureau continues to respond to the high incidence of drug related crimes in the area. The S.I.U. detective keeps an open line of communication with the Uniform Division and the School Resource Officers. During the year 2010 the S.I.U. detective cleared thirty three (33) Sylvania cases by arrest resulting in forty nine (49) felony and thirty one (31) misdemeanor arrests. From the cases cleared over seven (7) pounds of marijuana, one half (½) ounce of cocaine, one hundred eighty one (181) oxycontin pills, and five (5) handguns were seized.

The S.I.U. detective finished 2010 with twenty four (24) open Sylvania cases.

Respectfully submitted,



Captain Frederick L. Schnoor, Jr.  
Detective Bureau Supervisor

## IX. CRIME REPORTS

Crime Reports increased +1% in 2010 making it the first year out of the last four years that crime reports have increased. Major Crimes, as defined by the FBI Uniform Crime Report as Part I Crimes, decreased -8%. Certainly, any crime is not a good thing but using just percentages to identify the crime occurrences in our community does not show a full accurate picture. We have a very low crime rate in Sylvania and just a few crimes can have a dramatic impact on crime percentages.

The clearance rate in 2010 for major crimes was 94% (crimes cleared by prosecution declined, victim refuses to cooperate or does not want the case to go forward, juvenile diversion, arrest of adult, arrest of juvenile, warrant issued, case closed – no further leads at this time, or unfounded)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total Crime Reports	1526	1518	1643	1777	1907
Crime Reports +/- %	+1%	-8%	-8%	-7%	+18%

### Major Crimes - Reported / Cleared

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Homicide	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
Rape	3 / 2	4 / 1	6 / 5	1 / 1	7 / 6
Robbery	3 / 3	4 / 1	1 / 1	3 / 3	10 / 5
Assault	37 / 36	24 / 24	26 / 24	24 / 23	29 / 26
Burglary	34 / 32	49 / 41	47 / 43	40 / 28	45 / 38
Theft	266 / 251	284 / 243	307 / 286	292 / 275	356 / 332
Auto Theft	5 / 5	15 / 12	10 / 10	15 / 13	18 / 17
Arson	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	2 / 2	2 / 2
<b>Total Reported</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>+ / - %</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>+29%</b>
<b>Total Cleared</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>Clearance %</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>91%</b>

*[Appendix E, F]*

**Stolen and Recovered Property Value**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Stolen:	\$304,125.00	\$481,326.52	\$405,879.90	\$359,392.26	\$448,406.17
Recovered:	\$22,363.81	\$66,586.90	\$101,469.75	\$102,873.00	\$97,497.19

## X. TRAFFIC BUREAU

Traffic crashes decreased -1% in 2010. Of the 438 traffic crashes in 2010, 79 of them were injury crashes, and there were three fatalities in 2010. There have been only five traffic crashes resulting in a fatality in the city since 1999 when we had three fatalities. One fatality in 2010 was the result of a pedestrian that was struck by a motorist crossing the street to get onto a school bus. The second fatality was the result of a motorcyclist attempting to avoid striking a vehicle that pulled out in front causing the motorcyclist to crash into a curb. The third fatality in 2010 was a result of a motorist crossing over the center line and striking another vehicle head-on.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Traffic Crashes	438	442	453	449	499	405	425
Injury Crashes	79	90	95	86	104	128	114
Fatal Crashes	3	1	0	1	0	0	0

[ Appendix G]

Traffic citations increased +23% in 2010. Verbal and written warnings given to motorist instead of issuing a citation increased +62%. These increases can be attributed to re-assignment of personnel and new officers assigned to the patrol division. The basic policies of traffic enforcement throughout the city are largely dictated by citizen requests for selective enforcement and information developed through traffic crash reports identifying problem areas. We place emphasis on residential area enforcement that may result in a decrease in the number of citations issued due to a lower volume of traffic than on the main streets. Our presence in a residential area will increase compliance to traffic laws however, we do know that when we move our efforts to other areas the violation pattern soon returns and we will have to rotate back to the same areas again. Combining traffic citations with warnings and other enforcement practices results in an affective traffic enforcement program in Sylvania.

Some of our traffic enforcement is dictated by state and federal grants we receive for specific enforcement programs. During 2010 we participated in regional programs centered on OVI enforcement and our patrol officers worked 167.5 hours of overtime on impaired driving (OVI) and other traffic enforcement grants.

Enforcement does not only mean the issuing of a traffic ticket. Warning a driver when the infraction is minor in nature is also a positive enforcement effort. We purchased two radar trailers in 2007, replacing the first radar trailer purchased in 1998. This equipment helps slow down motorists and is very popular with the residents who call to have the radar units placed in their neighborhood. We also stress an increased presence of officers running radar in neighborhoods and school zones to reinforce safe driving within our community. All these factors are part of our enforcement efforts and collectively we hope they will keep our main streets and neighborhoods as safe as possible.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Citations Issued	1855	1505	1569	1742	1764	2018	2478
Verbal/Written Warnings	3079	1895	1665	1730	1982	1990	2355

[Appendix H]

## XI. UNIFORM PATROL

The Uniform Patrol Section comprises 75% of the police division manpower. These officers and supervisors provide the majority of police services to the community. The role of a police officer in our society is much diversified and we are called upon to serve our citizens in many different ways. Included in the chart below are “calls for service” that identifies all activity for the entire police department. Although some of the calls for police service would be for members of the department other than the uniform patrol officers, such as detectives or community affairs officers, the vast majority of the calls for service, about 90+%, are answered or initiated by the uniform patrol officers.

There was a +34% increase in work activity for the uniform patrol officers in 2010 and a +15% increase in total calls for police service. This increase can be attributed to re-assignment of personnel and new officers assigned to the patrol division. Response time to emergency priority-1 calls remained the same in 2010 at 2.3 minutes.

### Uniform Patrol Work Activity

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Crime Reports Taken	1,526	1364	1386	1449	1377	1284
Traffic Crashes Investigated	438	442	445	446	499	405
Traffic Citations Issued	1855	1505	1542	1721	1728	2006
Criminal Arrests: adult & juvenile	828	510	576	513	534	556
Parking Tickets	176	178	241	188	122	262
Warnings - written/verbal	3079	1895	1665	1730	1982	1990
Vacation House Checks	2785	1825	1979	2935	2636	2687
Motorist Assist - breakdown	291	290	274	294	266	300
Motorist Assist - lockout	417	441	491	449	479	464
<b>Total Work Activity</b>	<b>11,395</b>	<b>8450</b>	<b>8599</b>	<b>9725</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>9,954</b>
Activity +/- %	+34%	-2%	-11%	+1%	-3%	-1%
<b>Total of All Calls for Police Service</b>	<b>12,283</b>	<b>10,662</b>	<b>10,656</b>	<b>10,212</b>	<b>10,030</b>	<b>10,049</b>
Calls For Service + / - %	+15%	+1%	+4%	+2%	-1%	-6%
Average emergency response time in minutes for Priority-1 calls.	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.2

[Appendix A, B, C, D]

## **XII. GRANTS and REVENUE**

### **A. GRANTS**

We received three (3) grants for Community Affairs in 2010. We received \$2,554.98 from SCAT for Compliance Checks and Party Patrols conducted in 2010. We received \$1,264.00 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for presenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seatbelt Safety Program in the city schools. We were awarded \$27,400.00 from the Ohio Attorney Generals office for DARE.

In addition to the above grants received by our office of Community Affairs, we also participated in the Lucas County OVI Task Force that concentrates on enforcement of laws pertaining to drinking and driving. During 2010 we received \$7,286.43 for our participation that went toward the payment for the officers to work at the OVI checkpoints and OVI traffic enforcement. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year we participate in this enforcement program.

Total grant funds received in 2010 = **\$38,505.41**.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Danilynn M. Miller #842  
Sgt. Justin Music #851  
Department Grant Managers

**B. REVENUE RECEIVED**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Copies of Reports	\$33.00	\$57.28	\$33.85	\$38.93
Paid Parking Tickets	\$2,243.00	\$2,436.00	\$3,195.00	\$3,205.00
Fingerprinting	\$5,560.00	\$260.00	\$705.00	\$1,005.00
Forfeiture Proceeds) (225, 229)	\$47,757.25	\$102,876.44	\$34,779.97	\$9,698.00
Mandatory Drug Fines (226	\$8,315.65	\$4,695.00	\$5,006.10	\$4,567.50
Federal & HIDTA	\$14,436.01	\$17,194.16	\$12,617.52	\$59,504.45
Grants	\$38,505.41	\$47,636.52	\$115,213.03	\$44,440.92
Safety City Fees	\$3,875.00	\$4,725.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,350.00
Program Donations	\$25.00	\$746.97	\$210.00	\$1,297.64
Auction - GovDeals	\$365.00	\$12,007.13	\$no auction	\$no auction
Vehicle Immobilization	\$105.00	\$345.00	\$735.00	\$140.00
Fees for Training	\$1,063.88	\$1,366.00	\$6,763.50	\$432.00
Solicitor License	\$805.00	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$300.00
Event Permit Fee	\$12,495.50	\$9,888.00	\$22,802.47	\$21,430.95
False Alarm Fee	\$275.00	\$425.00	\$125.00	\$500.00
Sylvania School SRO	\$37,254.10	\$34,910.88	\$35,000.00	not reported
Miscellaneous	\$2,409.93	\$60,863.55	\$22,970.65	\$2,132.77
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$171,704.75</b>	<b>\$300,852.93</b>	<b>\$264,477.09</b>	<b>\$152,073.16</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Falardeau  
Administrative Secretary

### **XIII. APPENDIX**

- A. Calls For Police Service by Year
- B. Calls For Police Service by Month
- C. Calls For Police Service by Day of the Week
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- E. UCR Part 1 Offenses, Crimes Against Persons
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