

STREETSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2010 Annual Report

A summary of agency activity for calendar
year 2010

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Webster's New World Dictionary defines "challenging" as: *testing one's ability or endurance*. The Streetsboro Police Department clearly had a "challenging" year in 2010. The police department experienced significant staffing issues which, in turn, had a considerable impact on overtime, follow-up investigation capability, and our participation with outside organizations.

Two patrol officers were out for the entire calendar year due to duty related injury leave. A third patrol officer was out for approximately five (5) months, and a fourth patrol officer was out for approximately four (4) months. A fifth patrol officer was off for approximately ten (10) months due to military leave obligations. A Sergeant was also out for the entire calendar year due to continued injury related issues. In light of this, the hiring of two (2) Patrol Officers in the early months of 2010 was more critical to our staffing than we could have anticipated.

Additionally, as a result of the losses to Patrol staffing, difficult operational decisions needed to be made in order to maintain an adequate Patrol presence. First, we transferred one of the two officers assigned to the Detective Bureau and re-assigned that officer to Patrol, leaving only one officer assigned to the Detective Bureau for the second half of the year. Secondly, due to our own internal Patrol staffing issues, we suspended the assignment of a Streetsboro officer to the Portage County Drug Task Force for the latter half of 2010. Both decisions impacted our investigative function, but were necessary in light of the needs of the backbone of the police department – Patrol.

Bright spots of 2010 for the Streetsboro Police Department from an operational perspective were the hiring two (2) Patrol Officers in February and one (1) Dispatcher/Communications member in July. Two Sergeant promotionals took place during 2010 as well, with Andrew Suvada and Patricia Wain promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant.

In July 2010, the department obtained a new software based recording system to replace an outdated system that allows us to take advantage of software based technology in recording & archiving telephone, 911, and radio data. The Communications area was enhanced with additional flat screen computer monitors to allow for better visuals for our Dispatchers running our computer aided dispatch systems. In August 2010, with the assistance of a cash donation from the Streetsboro Senior Center and funds from the Streetsboro Fire Department, the police department obtained four (4) life-saving LifePak AED's for use by our patrol officers in the field.

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December of 2010 saw the retirement of long time police department member Richard Taiclet, who had also served as Chief of Police from 2004-2010. Chief Taiclet served our police department and our community since 1974, and our entire staff wishes him and his family well as he turns the page on a new chapter after retirement.

2010 saw an increase in our overall calls for service. Additionally, from a traffic activity perspective, traffic citations were up when compared to 2009, and officer initiated traffic contacts were up significantly. Traffic accidents were up also, by a total of 27. The geographic layout of our community with the presence of three (3) different state routes, coupled with I-480 and the Ohio Turnpike mandate that traffic related activity must continue to be an area of police attention and resources.

From a crime perspective, total Part I serious crimes were down in 2010 when compared with 2009, which is attributed primarily to the decrease in Theft offenses. From a crimes of violence perspective, the data indicates Streetsboro does not experience significant numbers of offenses. Property crimes continue to be prominent in our crime reporting.

Entering 2011, the Streetsboro Police Department will experience significant changes this year, with the promotion of a new police chief coupled with other internal promotions. Those will create patrol officer vacancies. In addition, the department is filling existing patrol officer vacancies as this report is being prepared. All of these factors mean that the police department will see multiple new patrol officers in 2011. "*Change*" will indeed be the headline for the police department throughout 2011.

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SPD CORE VALUES & MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION

It shall be the mission of the Streetsboro Police Department to enhance the quality of life in our community by cooperatively working with those people to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

We will strive to ensure peace and security by providing a professional police service to all. We are committed to providing a service which safeguards our community through the relentless prosecution of criminals.

We will take pride in ourselves, our profession and our community. We will strive to be exemplary by demonstrating the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

OUR VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY: We are responsible and dependable people who are accountable for everything we do, to each other as well as to the citizens of Streetsboro.

CITIZENSHIP: We pledge ourselves to preserving the public trust, obeying the law, and enforcing the law while respecting and protecting the rights of all citizens.

COMMUNICATION: We are committed to open and honest communication among ourselves and with the community. We respect and speak positively of our fellow employees.

COOPERATION: We recognize the importance of cooperation and teamwork within our department as well as with other departments and our community; cooperation will enable us to achieve common goals.

COURTESY: We are courteous and respectful in official dealings with the public, fellow employees, superiors and subordinates.

INTEGRITY: Our success depends on the trust and confidence of the citizens that we serve; we are honest and exhibit behavior that is beyond reproach and reflects the integrity of police professionals.

PROFESSIONALISM: We recognize that our community is entitled to professional, effective and efficient law enforcement services; we strive for excellence in our agency to make it more effective and responsive to the needs of the community.

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ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

Retirements

Dispatcher Elizabeth "June" Johnson	August 1, 2010
Sgt. John Bodnar	December 31, 2010
Chief Richard Taiclet	December 31, 2010

Promotions

Sgt. Andrew Suvada	March 18, 2010
Sgt. Patricia Wain	September 29, 2010

Current Department Employees

The list below reflects department personnel as of January 1, 2011

Police Chief

Vacant

Admin. Assistant

Darla Beck

Lieutenant

Roy Mosley III

Detectives

Brian Shaffer
Richard Polivka
Gerald Hargett

Patrol Sergeants

Troy Beaver
Darin Powers
Andrew Suvada
Patricia Wain

Communications

Linda Leanza
Kathy Smith
Sharon Gumm
Linda Garner
Josee Acklin
Alexsander Melomed
Kathleen Ptak

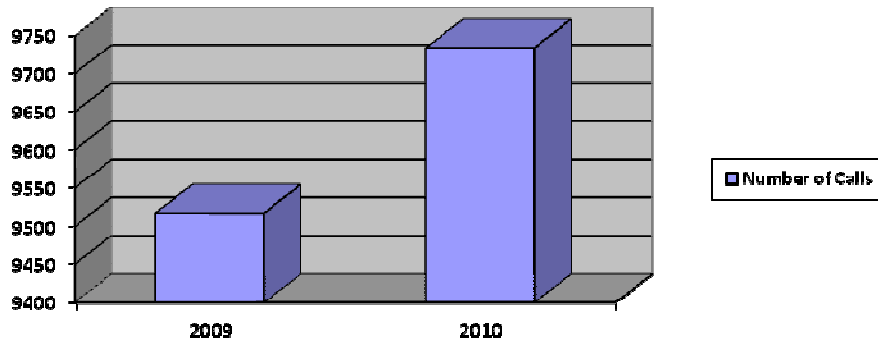
Patrol Officers

Teena McKamey
James Wagner
Joseph Smolic
Christopher Petro
Charles Greene
Jason Fogleman
Aaron Coates
Jason Sackett
Justin Leidel
James Mills
James Curby
Scott Hermon
Mike Cipriano
Jason Hall
Ryan Wolf
Stanley Siedlecki
Joshua Bartholomew

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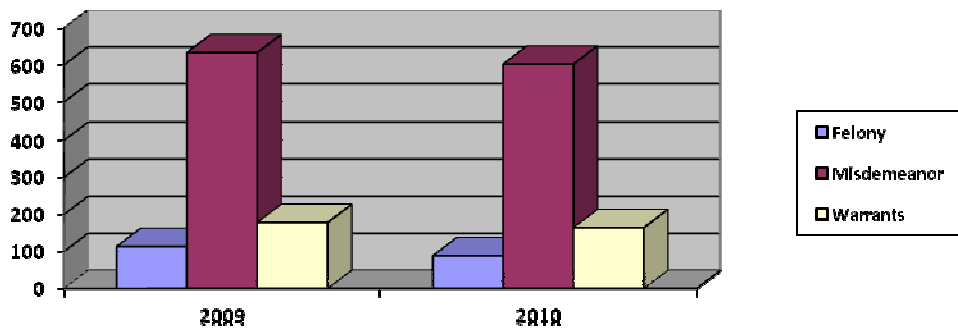
CALLS FOR SERVICE & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Calls for service:	9517	9734	+217



Note: *Calls for service do not include officer initiated calls such as traffic stops*

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Arrests:	924	854	-70



Note: *Arrests include not only physical arrests, but also criminal complaints filed and warrant arrests*

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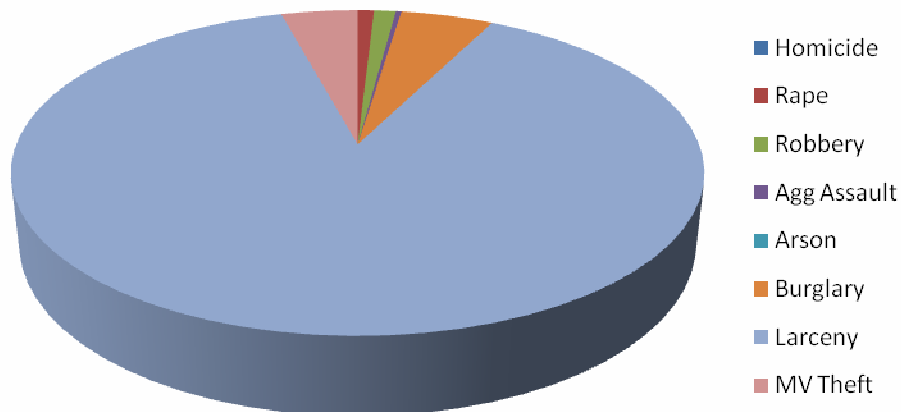
PART I CRIME - Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

The Uniform Crime Reporting is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. It was established in 1930 to gauge the state of crime in the nation. There are main offense classifications known as Part I Crimes, used as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Below is a list highlighting the Part I crime classifications and the respective number of offenses for the City of Streetsboro for the past two 2 years.

<u>Offense 2009</u>		<u>Offense 2010</u>		<u>Change</u>
Homicide	0	Homicide	0	---
Rape	1	Rape	3	+2
Robbery	6	Robbery	4	-2
Agg. Assault	0	Agg. Assault	1	+1
Burglary	7	Burglary	17	+10
Arson	0	Arson	0	---
Larceny	428	Larceny	293	-135
MV Theft	21	MV Theft	14	-7
TOTAL UCR 463		TOTAL UCR 332		-131

UCR 2010



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PART II CRIME

The following list shows the classification of the other type of calls for service that are criminal in nature handled by the members of the Streetsboro Police Department in 2010.

2009	#	2010	#	Change
Sexual Assault	0	Sexual Assault	0	---
Other Assaults	26	Other Assaults	24	-2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	8	Forgery/Counterfeiting	3	-5
Fraud	44	Fraud	28	-16
Embezzlement	0	Embezzlement	0	---
Vandalism	13	Vandalism	10	-3
Drug Abuse	25	Drug Abuse	26	+1
Sex Offenses	0	Sex Offenses	2	+2
Gambling	0	Gambling	0	---
Prostitution/Vice	0	Prostitution/Vice	0	---
Liquor Laws	0	Liquor Laws	9	+9
Runaways	2	Runaways	1	-1
Curfew/Loitering	2	Curfew/Loitering	1	-1
Weapon (carry)	0	Weapon (carry)	0	---
Driving Under Influence	194	Driving Under Influence	158	-36
Disorderly Conduct	1	Disorderly Conduct	8	+7
Domestic Assaults	53	Domestic Assaults	64	+11
All other offenses	539	All other offenses	853	+314
TOTAL	907	TOTAL	1187	+280

Domestic Violence:

Domestic Violence is a serious crime against society and both law enforcement and the courts must aggressively address it. Ohio has strong laws and protective measures for victims of Domestic Violence. Streetsboro is not immune from the problems and concerns of Domestic Violence.

During the year of 2009, Streetsboro Police responded to **180** domestic related calls for service. In 2010 Streetsboro Police responded to **196** domestic related calls for service.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Domestic Violence:	53	64	+16

Note: Domestic related calls for service includes calls for service that may not involve "violence," and include such things as family disputes, verbal confrontations, etc...

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PART III – CALLS FOR SERVICE

The table is a further break-down of the “Calls for Service” bar graph on page -6-.

2009	#	2010	#	Change
Recovered Vehicles	3	Recovered Vehicles	3	---
Verbal Domestic	127	Verbal Domestic	132	+5
Animal Related	167	Animal Related	140	-27
Vehicle Lock-Outs	534	Vehicle Lock-Outs	484	-50
Mental/Psychiatric	15	Mental/Psychiatric	14	-1
Prowler	1	Prowler	0	-1
Suicide Deaths	2	Suicide Deaths	1	-1
Suicide Attempts	14	Suicide Attempts	7	-7
Recovered Property	1	Recovered Property	0	-1
Juvenile Complaints	282	Juvenile Complaints	283	+1
Alarm Drops	864	Alarm Drops	809	-55
General Disturbance	594	General Disturbance	426	-168
Suspicious Person/Veh	769	Suspicious Person/Veh	906	+137
Extra Patrol/Security Check	145	Extra Patrol/Security Check	925	+780
Mutual Aid Police	237	Mutual Aid Police	183	-54
Public Assist	124	Public Assist	120	-4
Fire/Ambulance	1995	Fire Ambulance	2032	+37
Misc. Unclassified	2908	Misc. Unclassified	2483	-425
Traffic Related	735	Traffic Related	786	+51
TOTAL	9517	TOTAL	9734	+217

Note:

Above Calls for service do not include officer initiated calls such as traffic stops. The large increase in “Extra Patrol/Security Checks” is attributed to a change in how those actions were reported in our CAD system in 2010 vs. 2009.

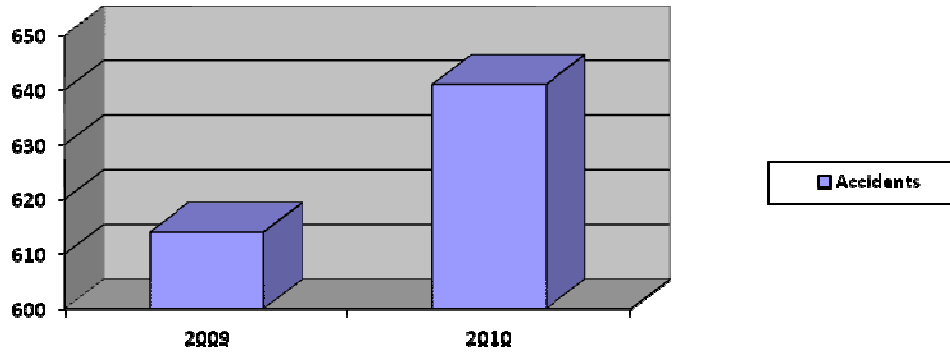
Busiest **Day** of the Week for total Calls for Service: *Saturday*

Busiest **Hour** of the Day for total Calls for Service: *4pm-5pm*

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TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	614	641	+27

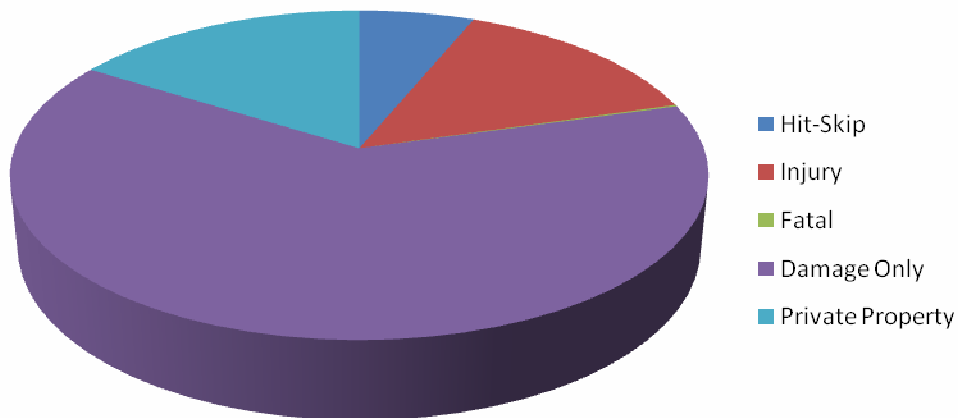


Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Hit-Skip:	27	40	+13
Injury:	70	91	+21
Fatal:	1	1	---
Damage Only:	408	406	-2
Private Property:	108	103	-5

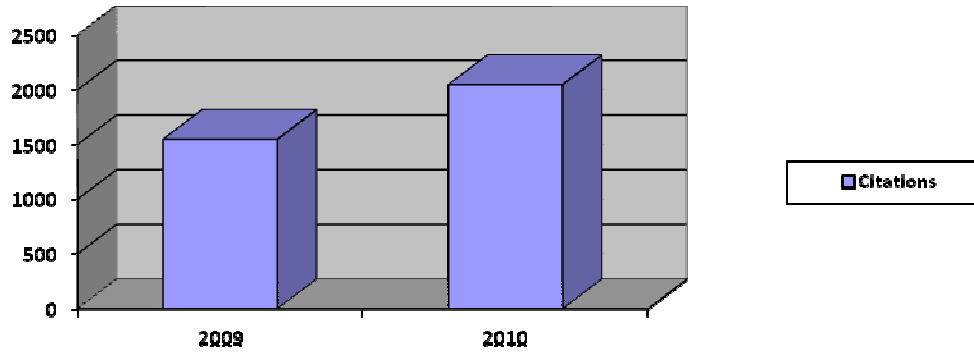
Busiest **Day** for Accidents: Monday
 Busiest **Hour** for Accidents: 4pm-5pm

2010 Accidents Classification



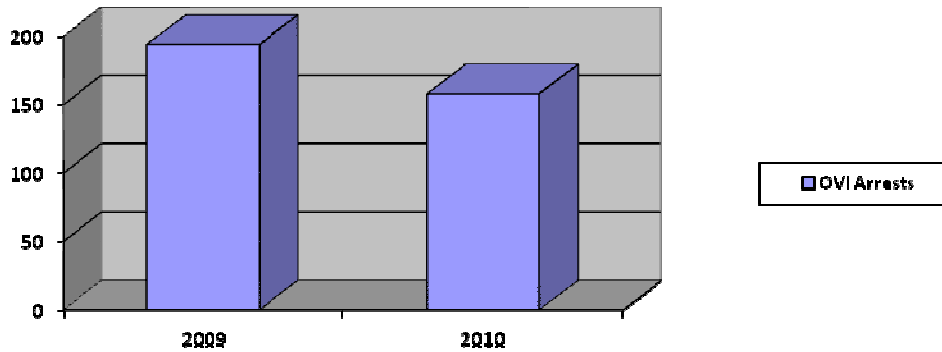
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	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Motor Vehicle Citations:	1741	2205	+464



Note:
Above statistics do not include parking citations issued.

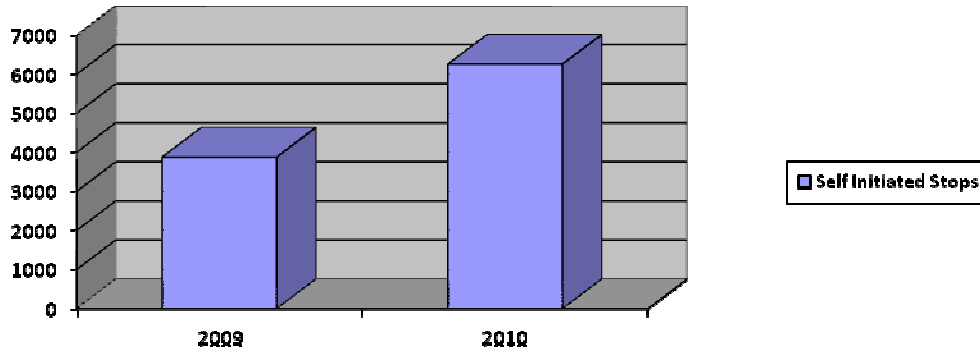
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
OVI:	194	158	-36



Note:
In September 2010 the Streetsboro Police Department participated in an OVI Checkpoint in conjunction with the Aurora Police Department, the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the Portage County Prosecutors Office, and the Ohio State Patrol. The checkpoint was conducted on SR#43 at the northern limits between the cities of Streetsboro and Aurora. The checkpoint resulted in three (3) OVI arrests in addition to other charges including Prohibitions and warrant arrests.

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	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Officer Initiated Stops:	3876	6256	+2380

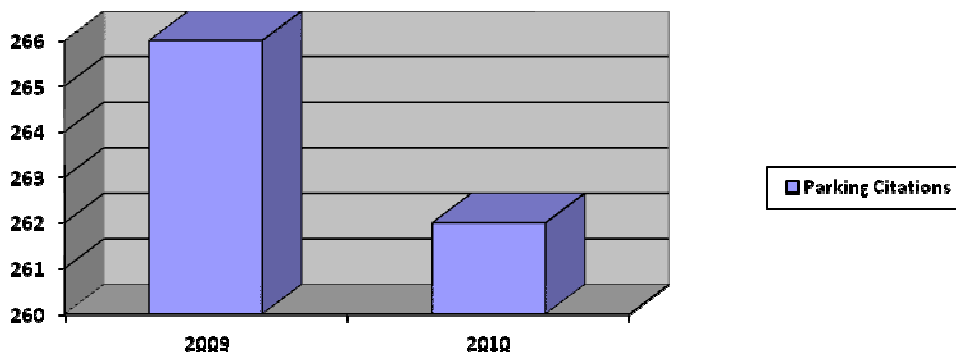


Note:

The Streetsboro Police Department emphasized a “visible” presence in 2010. An active traffic presence aids in modifying driver behavior, increased visibility, and discovery of other criminal activity (possession of drugs, subjects with active arrest warrants, etc...). Traffic activity goes beyond citation numbers exclusively.

Frost Road and Cecil Drive were two (2) particular areas of increased police presence in 2010. Extra patrol was provided as available, based upon call for service demands on shifts.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Parking Citations:	266	262	-4



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PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest Division of the Streetsboro Police Department and is the “backbone” of the agency. Its primary responsibility is responding to calls for service from the community. These can range from neighborhood disputes, domestic violence incidents and traffic accidents, to burglaries in progress and other investigations.

As the first responder to criminal complaints, patrol officers are responsible for seeing to the medical needs of anyone involved, interviewing witnesses, recognizing and preserving evidence, determining whether, in fact, a crime has been committed, and identifying and ultimately arresting those responsible.

Officers of the Patrol Division are also expected to provide proactive services such as traffic enforcement, crime detection and suppression, conducting business and property checks, and initiating contacts with our community members to further and enhance the department’s interaction and partnership with the community.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are divided into three shifts. Three patrol squads working 8-hour shifts are responsible for 24-hour street coverage, seven days a week. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant and has 5-6 Patrol Officers assigned.

Field Training Officers: (FTO’s)

All police officers hired by the Streetsboro Police Department must have attended and successfully completed a state of Ohio certified police training academy. Officers hired by our department must have a current peace officer certificate in hand at the time of hire in order to be eligible for employment.

The FTO program is an additional eight (8) weeks of intensive training and evaluation where the probationary officer is paired up with an experienced officer. The FTO officer has been carefully selected and trained/certified as a Field Training Officer (FTO) through certification training provided by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The goal of the FTO program to prepare and develop probationary officers to act efficiently, effectively and safely in a solo patrol capacity.

The following SPD Officers are designated and certified as FTO:

Sgt. Troy Beaver
Sgt. Patricia Wain
Sgt. Andrew Suvada
Ptl. Joseph Smolic
Ptl. Teena McKamey

Ptl. James Mills
Ptl. Jason Sackett
Ptl. Michael Cipriano
Ptl. Jon Hurley
Ptl. Richard Polivka

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SPECIAL UNITS/ASSIGNMENTS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)



The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a collaborative effort with the Streetsboro School District. Presently one (1) officer is assigned as a School Resource Officer. Ptl. James Wagner is primarily assigned to Streetsboro High School, but may assist as needed at Streetsboro Middle School periodically. Operationally, as SRO, Ptl. Wagner reports to the day shift Patrol Sergeant.

The School Resource Officer Program has two main components. The first is designed to enhance the relationship between the school district, its students, teachers/administrators and the police department. The daily communication between police and school officials prevents many problems and mitigates existing problems for both the school and the police. The second component is to provide training and instruction in the school as needed, and informal counseling to students, staff and parents.

School security/action plans have been completed for the schools in Streetsboro, and the SRO has participated in that process in conjunction with the Streetsboro school staff/administration. All plans are required to be reviewed annually.

In 2010, the School Resource Officer conducted the following:

Streetsboro High School:

Investigations: 64

Supplement Investigations: 25

Arrests/Complaints: 10

Referrals to other agencies: 10

Note:

The SRO is re-assigned to *Patrol* functions during the summer months.

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DARE PROGRAM

The Streetsboro Police Department has conducted the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Program in the Streetsboro Schools since 1992. Ptl. James Wagner is the DARE Officer, and has served in this capacity since 2001. This a “*hybrid*” role for Ptl. Wagner, as he also serves as our School Resource Officer (SRO) when not involved in DARE instruction/activities.

To date over 2,700 Streetsboro students have gone through the DARE Program, which is presently taught to 5th grade students at Defer Elementary School.

This program is 14 weeks long and a trained officer visits assigned classes each week and teaches a prescribed course curriculum regarding drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.

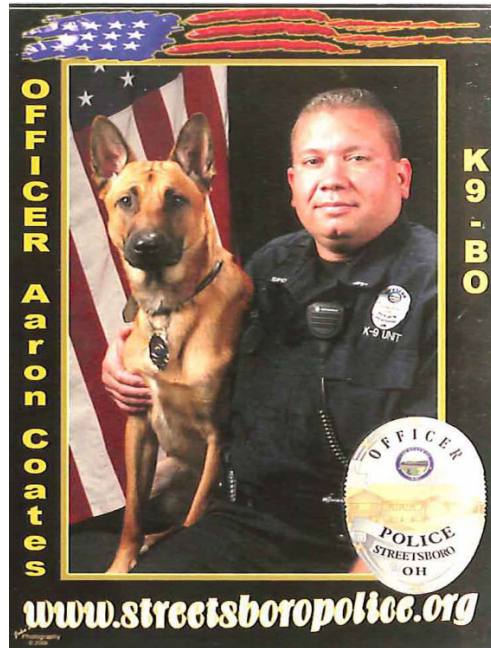
In 2010 approximately **151** students were taught through the DARE Program.



D.A.R.E.

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K-9 UNIT



Ptl. Aaron Coates is presently the K-9 Handler for the Streetsboro Police Department. Officer Coates was selected for this assignment in 2009 and works with his partner “Bo,” a Belgian Malinois. As part of the assignment as a K-9 Handler, weekly training is required to keep both the officer and the animal proficient in several areas.

Ptl. Coates trains with a cooperative regional training group consisting of several area police agencies known as B.A.R.K (Buckeye Area Regional K-9).

Some B.A.R.K & other activities our K-9 Team participated in during 2010:

- Assisted with school search in Olmsted Township at Olmsted Falls High School.
- Worked with OSP interdiction team and the county drug task force on traffic enforcement for narcotics searches and seizures.
- *Breast Cancer Awareness Event* – B.A.R.K was invited to participate in Lafayette Twp Ohio.
- K-9 Demonstration for Petco Incorporated at the Mayfield Pet Smart.
- At *Cancer Relay for Life* event held at Ravenna High School with K-9’s from Portage County law enforcement agencies.
- School search Lordstown High School. Conducted with ODNR, Newton Falls PD, and Lordstown PD.
- Demo for Crestwood Elementary School drug resistance class with Brimfield PD and the Portage County Sheriff’s Department K-9 units.

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- K-9 Team participates in *K-9 Team Demo Competition* in Parma, Ohio. Sponsored by OLEKA – Ohio Law Enforcement K-9 Association.
- Crestwood High School – school sweep.
- *What’s Holding You Back* Kick-Off Rally – Aurora Premium Outlets with all Portage County law enforcement agencies.
- Southeast High School – school sweep.
- Participated in *Kids Carnival* at the Brunswick Hills Police Department with other members of B.A.R.K.
- Rocky River B.A.R.K Demo for the *River Days Festival*.
- Beach City B.A.R.K Demo for their festival in the park.
- B.A.R.K Demo at *Lodi Ohio Corn Festival* with Lodi PD.
- B.A.R.K Demo Middleburgh Heights at PETCO store.
- *National Night Out* at Streetsboro Target - K-9 Demonstration.
- Olmsted Falls with B.A.R.K and Olmsted Falls PD at *city festival*.
- Demo with county police K-9s at *Portage County Fair*. Garrettsville PD, Kent PD, SPD, Brimfield PD, PCSO and Drug Task Force.
- B.A.R.K Demo at Cuyahoga County Metro parks. At Ledge Lake Park for their “*Dog Days of Summer*” event.
- School search at Cuyahoga Heights High School. With Valleyview PD, Rocky River PD, and Cuyahoga Heights PD.

K-9 Activity Summary for 2010:

Category	Number
Bite Apprehensions	0
Off Duty Mutual Aid Call Outs – Outside Agencies	7
Off Duty Call Outs – For SPD	6
On Duty – K-9 Assists	90
Charges Filed – Result of K-9 Use	52
K-9 Community Relations Events	28
K-9 Team Training Hours	357

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Streetsboro Police Department Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by full time Communications Operators. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective police services to the community and their dedication and importance should not be overlooked. Often times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and the police officer responding to an emergency. Examples of the types of training our Communications members receive includes: Emergency Medical Dispatch, Advanced Law Enforcement Dispatch, Advanced Fire Service Dispatch, Domestic Violence Dispatch, Suicide Prevention, and Active Shooter Response for Dispatch.

Some of the examples of work performed include:

- Receive and respond to telephone requests for emergency services
- In response to medical emergencies, provide First Aid or CPR instructions to stabilize the medical condition of persons until the arrival of medical assistance.
- Relay all vital information to responding police officers & fire personnel
- Utilize radio, telephone, or other electronic equipment to dispatch specific law enforcement, fire department or medical units to the scene of an emergency.
- Refer non-emergency situations to the appropriate public or private agencies
- Make data entries into the police department's computer systems as well as various systems databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the state of Ohio LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System).

The Streetsboro Police Department employs seven (7) full time Communication Operators: 2 assigned to Day shift, 2 assigned to Afternoon shift, 1 assigned to Midnight shift, and 2 assigned as "swing" that generally work a combination of afternoon shifts and/or midnight shifts, and may be used to fill for vacation or extended illness leaves.

Streetsboro Police Department Communications Operators handled the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Calls for Service:	13,657	17,629	+3972
911 Calls Received	2,367	2,342	-25

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

For 2010, the following SPD personnel received awards or recognition for outstanding services provided to our community.

Community Recognition

K-9 Officer Coates and Bo, and Sgt. Andrew Suvada were recognized by Streetsboro Cub Scouts at their *Blue & Gold Banquet* held in Ravenna, Ohio to recognize *Hometown Heroes*.

Letter of Commendation

Issued February 2, 2010 to Dispatcher Linda Leanza. Dispatcher Leanza assisted the victim of a sexual assault at the police department. Dispatcher Leanza gained a rapport with the victim and rode on the rescue squad to St. Thomas Hospital with her, helping to further the criminal investigation.

Letter of Commendation

Issued February 8, 2010 to Officer James Mills. Officer Mills assisted in pulling an intoxicated subject from a vehicle on fire on Merlyn Lane. Subject was subsequently arrested for OVI and Driving under OVI Suspension.

Community Recognition

The American Red Cross *Real Heroes Awards Banquet* was held March 27, 2010 at at NEOUCOM. Sgt. Darin Powers and Sgt. Patricia Wain were recognized for their actions in rescuing a woman from the water behind Twin Lakes Tavern.

Community Recognition

On April 26, 2010 Officer Aaron Coates, Dispatcher June Johnson, and Chief Richard Taiclet were recognized by the *Knights of Columbus* for outstanding service to the community. Chief Taiclet nominated Officer Coates and Dispatcher Johnson for the recognition.

Community Recognition

On April 29, 2010 the *Portage Council for the Prevention of Violence* hosted a luncheon on April 29, 2010 at the Maplewood Career Center. The Council is a collaborative group of people from various organizations in the community that promotes awareness and education throughout the county about violence prevention. Sgt. Andrew Suvada was nominated in the law enforcement category, and his wife Carrie was nominated in the education category.

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Life Saving Award

On May 24, 2010 Officer Aaron Coates was presented with the department's *Life Saving Award* at a city council meeting for his actions in assisting a man with a life threatening neck wound.

Letter of Commendation

On June 4, 2010 Dispatcher Sharon Gumm received a Letter of Commendation for her actions handling a 911 call on April 19, 2010 from 9604 Elliman Road. Dispatcher Gumm's calm demeanor and CPR instructions by phone aided the situation until EMS personnel could arrive on scene.

Letter of Commendation

On June 30, 2010 Dispatcher Alex Melomed received a Letter of Commendation for his actions when he was called to scene of 2 car head on crash in the 8700 block of Seasons Road. One driver was Russian who spoke little to no English. Dispatcher Melomed came out to scene from Dispatch to provide translation, calming the subject and aiding the accident investigation.

Honorable Discharge

On July 25, 2010 Dispatcher Elizabeth Johnson was issued this award upon her retirement from SPD service.

Letter of Commendation

On August 23, 2010 Officer Aaron Coates received a Letter of Commendation for his actions in gaining rapport and talking a man armed with a knife out of a locked room, bringing the situation to a successful resolution.

Letters of Commendation

Letters of Commendation were issued to Sgt. Suvada, Ptl. Richard Polivka, Ptl. Jason Hall, and Dispatcher Acklin for the shift's actions at a structure fire at Portage Point Apartments on December 16, 2010.

Honorable Discharge

Chief Richard Taiclet received this award following 36 ½ years of service, with the last 6 ½ years as Chief of Police.

Community Recognition

December 2010 – Ptl. Polivka performed CPR on an un-responsive male subject, and was recognized by the *American Red Cross* for his actions.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Streetsboro Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to high standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. Officer adherence to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the objective of this agency. The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing transparent formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. The confidence engenders community support for the police department and improves the relationship between police and the citizens they serve by facilitating cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals.

The Internal Affairs Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

Citizen Complaints:

In 2010, the department received **one (1)** citizen complaint.

On July 13, 2010 a subject filed a citizen complaint regarding being inappropriately car stopped by a Streetsboro police officer in the early morning hours of July 11, 2010. The officer stated he observed the subject commit a traffic violation at SR# 14/43, the subject claimed he was not at that location. No cite was issued out of the stop. The matter was assigned for investigation and reviewed by the police chief.

Complaint Finding: SUSTAINED. The officer, who was within his first year, was assigned remedial training/counseling regarding traffic stops.

Use of Force:

SPD Policy 1.3.1 mandates that all use of force incidents involving Streetsboro police officers are reported and are subject to administrative review to determine compliance with department policy & procedure and the law.

In 2010, the department had **two (2)** Use of Force incidents:

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On April 11, 2010 an officer responded to The Arena for a report of a large disturbance and reported fighting taking place in the parking lot of Streetsboro Plaza. Upon arrival, the officer did encounter a large unruly crowd in the lot and several subjects engaged in fighting. The officer yelled for the fight to break up and deployed multiple bursts of OC Spray into the crowd near him attempting to break it up. The incident was assigned for review by the police chief.

Finding: Within Policy

On September 22, 2010 an officer was arranging for the towing of a vehicle in the area of Aurora-Hudson Road following a traffic crash that was a hazard and needed immediate removal. The driver indicated she did not want her car towed by the tow provider who was on scene and attempted to get back into her vehicle as the tow provider was preparing to impound it. The officer grabbed her arm to prevent her from re-entering the vehicle and gave her verbal commands at the same time. She ignored commands and attempted to kick and punch the officer, and bit him on the arm. She was taken down to the ground and successfully handcuffed. The incident was assigned for review by the police chief.

Finding: Within Policy

Police Pursuit:

SPD Policy 41.2.2 mandates that all incidents of police pursuit involving Streetsboro police officers are reported and are subject to administrative review to determine compliance with department policy & procedure and the law.

In 2010, the department had **two (2)** pursuit incidents:

On April 23, 2010 at 2:24AM Kent PD notified SPD of a pursuit coming north into our city on SR#43. SPD officers set up near the S-curves area on SR#43. The vehicle passed one officer at 89mph, and a second SPD officer set up further up the road was able to deploy stop sticks that successfully disabled the fleeing vehicle. Kent PD was able to take the intoxicated suspect into custody. The incident was assigned for review by the police chief.

Finding: Within Policy

On September 14, 2010 at 12:47AM subjects with stolen merchandise fled Wal-Mart after disabling an alarm system. The vehicle was located and pursued west into Hudson, and subsequently re-located and pursued east on SR# 14 outside our city when it was later terminated by the pursuing officer. (The suspect's vehicle broke down shortly thereafter and he was successfully taken into custody by PCSO). The incident was assigned for review by the police chief.

Finding: Within Policy

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TRAINING & EDUCATION

One of the most important responsibilities of a law enforcement agency is the training and education of all its personnel. The Police Department has in place a training policy that addresses the organization and administration of the training process, including new member training, in service training, and specialized training. The Lieutenant oversees training management for the department.

The men and women of the Streetsboro Police Department attended a wide variety of training throughout 2010 including, but not limited to:

- Emergency Response & Pursuit Driving
- Traffic Crash Investigation
- Field Training Officer (FTO)
- Active Shooting Response
- Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Prosecutors Office Legal Update
- Advanced Fire Service Dispatch
- Fraud Against Seniors
- Firearms Instructor
- NIMS
- Public Records Legal Updates
- Pursuit Supervision
- Senate Bill 77 Legal Update
- Commercial MV Investigation
- BAC DataMaster and Intoxilyzer 8000 Training
- Performance Evaluation
- FMLA

SPD hosted the following training classes in 2010:

- Powerphone Protecting Law Enforcement Responders
- Powerphone Suicide Intervention
- Powerphone Advanced Law Enforcement Dispatch
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Educators
- Intoxilyzer 8000 certification

In addition to their normal work duties, a number of Streetsboro Police Officers have attained the position of being an Instructor in a specific field or multiple fields.

Sgt. Troy Beaver

Ptl. Charles Greene

Ptl. James Mills

Ptl. Jason Sackett

Sgt. Darin Powers

Ptl. Michael Cipriano

Ptl. Scott Hermon

Ptl. Chris Petro

Sgt. Andrew Suvada

Ptl. Justin Leidel

Ptl. Jason Fogleman

Ptl. Jon Hurley

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Streetsboro Police Department recognizes that engagement, communication, and partnership with our community is critical to the law enforcement mission.

Following is a summary of the community relations/outreach events members of the Streetsboro Police Department participated in during 2010:

February 2, 2010

Ptl. James Wagner and a TownHall II representative spoke to students at Streetsboro High School.

March 8, 2010

Det. Richard Polivka was invited to speak to media students at Streetsboro High School concerning internet safety.

March 23, 2010

Streetsboro Cub Scout Pack was given a tour of the police department facilities on afternoon shift.

May 22, 2010

SPD participated in the *What's Holding You Back* Kick Off for seat belt safety at Aurora Farms with the Portage County Traffic Safety Team. Our K-9 team was also present.

April 19, 2010

Pinwheels for Prevention at town center SR# 14/SR# 43 with Streetsboro High School members. 1,310 pinwheels were placed to represent the number of child abuse cases in Portage County in 2009.

May 20-23, 2010

SPD Officers were present throughout the Streetsboro *National Rib Festival* at Market Square Plaza.

May 24, 2010

A tour of the police department facilities was provided to a Streetsboro Cub Scout Pack.

June 5, 2010

Ptl. James Wagner was at the *Kraft Health Fair* fingerprinting children and also participated in a Children's Fair at Aurora High School.

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June 7-11, 2010

Ptl. Fogleman assisted with the *Safety Land Program* held at city hall for 75 kindergarten age children with the Parks and Recreation Department.

July 29 – August 1, 2010

Streetsboro PD DARE display at *Streetsboro Family Days Festival*.

August 3, 2010

National Night Out at Streetsboro Target.

August 22, 2010

Streetsboro PD DARE booth at the *Portage County Fair*.

October 3, 2010

Ptl. James Wagner fingerprinted kids and showed off the DARE vehicle at a Pancake Breakfast held at the Streetsboro Fire Department.

October 28, 2010

Officers present for the *Trunk or Treat* event held by Streetsboro Parks and Recreation at Wal-Mart.

December 4, 2010

Fill A Cruiser at Streetsboro Giant Eagle for Christmas season food donations.

December 11, 2010

Shop With A Cop event.



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