



# THE RECAP - N.C.P.D.

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## Numerous Personnel Changes Again In 1997

The Field Training Program was in full use during the year. Ptl. James Wigginton, Ptl. Scott Carrel, Ptl. Robert Kramer, and Ptl. Frank Kemp were added to the Department in 1997. Ptl. Kramer resigned from dispatching and became an officer in 1997.

These officers along with Ptl. Robert Dovicsak qualified for solo patrol. All officers worked very hard at learning the job. All will be a great asset to the organization.

Speaking of Ptl. Dovicsak, in October Bob successfully completed his one year of probation. Bob then threw a celebration party for all employees at the Greentown Park Pavilion. Nobody can remember an officer throwing such a gala affair for passing probation.

Lynn Wallace became a full time dispatcher this last year. Lynn has moved effortlessly from part time to the full time position.

Shawn McGuyrt was hired as a full time dispatcher. Anita Malachowski became a part time dispatcher with us.

Long time dispatcher Shirley Kegel finally hung up the mike in June when she retired after many fine years of service with the department. Veterans will especially miss her voice and her great witticisms and sayings. Everyone wishes Shirley the best in her retirement - she deserves it.

## Calls For Service

0630 - 1430 = 12542  
1431 - 2230 = 12757  
2231 - 0629 = 10002  
**TOTAL = 35301**

## COMPARE

### TOTAL ARREST CHARGES

1997 - 1706  
1996 - 1774  
1995 - 2143  
1994 - 2412  
1993 - 1571  
1992 - 1324

### TOP TRAFFIC CITATIONS

364 = Speed  
150 = Obey Stop Sign  
140 = Assured Clear Distance  
133 = Obey Traffic Signal  
93 = License Plates Expired

### TOP TRAFFIC WARNINGS

475 = Speed  
394 = Defective Lights  
327 = Obey Stop Sign  
188 = Obey Traffic Signal  
144 = License Plates Expired

## P.D. Responded To 1019 Alarms At 354 Different Sites

Alarm Drop Calls totaled 1019 with most being accidental or set off by mistake. This was a slight decrease from 1996.

The top commercial sites that officers responded to were #1 First Merit Citizens Bank 101 N. Main (33) #2 Arrowhead Country Club 1500 Rogwin Cir (26) #3Tie North Canton Medical Foundation 6046 Whipple & Camelot Music 8000 Freedom (23) and #5 was National City Bank 1690 N. Main (21).

The Department appreciates businesses taking the expense of alarming their buildings. However, the top commercial sites will once again be contacted and asked to review their alarm systems and procedures to help keep the number of false alarms down.

The top three residential sites were: #1 Again was 1674 Meadowlane SE (11), #2 was 724 Wendy Cir NE (9), and 24 Auburn Av SE & 289 Tangle-

**Camelot Music & The Ohio Army National Guard are not in the jurisdiction of the City however N.C.P.D. dispatchers still must take the calls and route the alarms to the proper agency.**

wood Dr SW were tied for third (7).

Since 1674 Meadowlane SE again was the number one residential site for alarms, a letter will be sent requesting them to reduce their number of false alarms.

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## BUSY OFFICERS



Top busiest officers handling the paper work in 1997 are listed below.

### Accident Reports Handled

1. Ptl. Charles Maley
2. Ptl. Joseph Nist
3. Ptl. Scott Dennis

### Offense Reports Taken

1. Ptl. April Meadows
2. Ptl. Charles Maley
3. Ptl. James Harnack

### Written Warnings Issued

1. Ptl. Shawn Bates
2. Ptl. Ronald Mizner Jr
3. Ptl. Scott Carrel

### Parking Tickets Issued

1. Ptl. Shawn Bates
2. Ptl. Robert Dovicsak Jr
3. Ptl. Ronald Mizner Jr

### Traffic Citations Issued

1. Ptl. Scott Carrel
2. Ptl. Joseph Nist
3. Ptl. John Minock

### Adult Criminal Arrests

1. Ptl. James Harnack
2. Ptl. Ronald Mizner Jr
- 3T. Lt. Steve Wilder
- 3T. Ptl. Charles Maley
- 3T. Ptl. Robert Dovicsak Jr

### Juvenile Criminal Arrests

- 1T. Ptl. Charles Betz
- 1T. Ptl. Charles Maley
- 2T. Lt. Dennis Myers
- 2T. Ptl. April Meadows

### Criminal Arrests Overall

1. Ptl. James Harnack
2. Ptl. Charles Maley
- 3T. Ronald Mizner Jr
- 3T. Ptl. Charles Betz

### Total Arrests & Citations

1. Ptl. Scott Carrel
2. Ptl. Joseph Nist
3. Ptl. James Harnack

## Field Training Units

The field training officers (FTO) got a real work out this year. New hires for the first time were required to go through a regimented departmental training program. This was designed to teach the new officer the basic procedures needed to handle the patrol job by themselves. This program also will weed out officers who cannot handle basic police work.

The program operates in the following manner. The probationary officer (PO) is given a week to process in, read the policy & rules, qualify with a firearm, tested on vehicle operation, and taught procedures on person searched subject to arrest. The PO is then assigned a field training officer for each of 3 Training Steps lasting approximately 20 working days each. All training comes from a training book that is issued to the PO. This book contains all the tasks he is expected to learn broken down into detailed learning steps. The FTO explains the task, demonstrates how to properly do the task, and allows the PO to practice the task. Once the PO believes he knows the task, he and the FTO both sign off on the task. From this point on the PO is graded by the FTO everytime he handles that task.

The PO and FTO meet with the patrol commander every five working days to review their progress.

Step #4 is a ten day check out ride. The PO is assigned to two FTO's to grade his handling of patrol duties. The FTO's are in plain clothes and answer no questions or give advice.

Once the PO passes this step, he is allowed solo patrol, carry an off-duty weapon, allowed to work extra jobs, and completes the remainder of his probationary time. The Chief of Police then makes a decision on the officer as to the PO's continued employment.

This year we also sent two dispatchers who were trained as FTO's for the radio room training.

## Burglaries Were Down

There were 50 reported burglaries in 1997, 64 in 1996, and 54 in 1995. The N.W. part of the city was hit 13 times, the N.E. area had 7, the S.E. side had 8, while the S.W. section was hit hardest with 22.

Breaking and Enterings were at the number 28 for the City. There were 9 in the N.W. section, 9 in the N.E. section, 6 in the S.E. part, and 4 in the S.W. This compares with 38 reported in 1996.

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## BOYAJIAN RETIRES

Mr. John Boyajian retired as City Administrator at the end of 1997

Mr. A. Michael Sumser is returning as the new City Administrator.

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

WARD 1 : Douglas V. Foltz

WARD 2 : Timothy Morrow

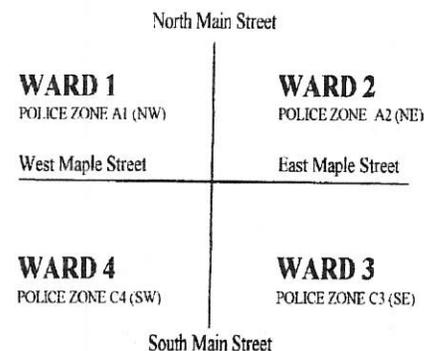
WARD 3 : Rick McLaughlin

WARD 4 : Daryl L. Revoldt

AT LARGE : Gregory Wernet

AT LARGE : Carl Brand

AT LARGE : Christopher Thomas





# 613 ACCIDENTS WITH 201 PERSONS CLAIMING INJURY

**A**ccidents in the City totaled 613 reported in 1997. This is an increase of 58 accidents from 1996. 133 of these had at least one injured person involved. There were 2 pedestrians claiming injury.

Main Street continues to be the source of most accidents. North Main from about Woodrow on up to Orion is a major problem.

Another problem area is the 600 - 800 block of Everhard Rd SW.

The police department handled 161 private property accident reports in 1997.

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## N.C.P.D. STAFF 1998 ASSIGNMENTS

- Chief David E. Lindower
- Lt. Dennis Myers - Detective
- Lt. Michael Grimes -Patrol Cmdr
- Lt. Michael Wurgler- Day Shift
- Lt. Ronald Steadman - Swing Shift
- Lt. Stanley Strausser-Aftern Shift
- Lt. Stephan Wilder - Night Shift
- Chief Dispatcher Pat Yagielski

## SOME JUVENILE ARREST TYPES

Below are some of the types of arrest charges filed against juveniles. The weapons charges include three juveniles arrested with knives in school & one for dangerous ordinance in school. Most of the drug charges involved marijuana or paraphernalia to use marijuana. One case of a trace of cocaine and one case of Ritalin were charged. There were two disorderly by intoxications, one liquor charge for walking while intoxicated, one for whiskey in a motor vehicle, and one for beer in a motor vehicle.

- 25 - Types Of Theft
- 23 - Vandalism/ Crim Damaging/Mischief
- 20 - Unruly
- 17 - Drug
- 8 - Weapons
- 6 - Disorderly By Fighting
- 5 - Liquor or Intoxication Violations

## PARKING TICKETS = 1086

- 678 - Overtime Night Parking
- 126 - Prohibited Zones
- 120 - Fire Lanes
- 82 - Facing Wrong Way

# 13 Stolen Vehicles

**V**ehicles stolen in 1997 amounted to thirteen. There were three other unsuccessful attempts. There appeared to be no favorite vehicle for the thieves. Most were stolen in the north section of the City.

There were twelve stolen in 1996 with three unsuccessful attempts.

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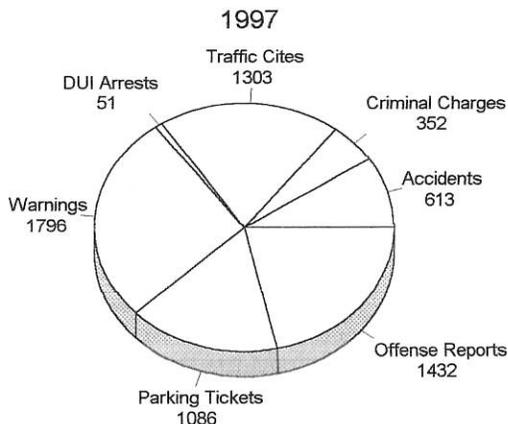
## \*P.D. Employee Complaints\*

There were 20 P.D. employee complaints received in 1997. Most complaints from the public were regarding the manner in which an officer or dispatcher talked to the citizen. Perhaps some of these could have been avoided by taking a little more time to explain our actions. We make thousands of successful contacts a year, let us all work to do an even better job in 1998. Remember - "A person needs respect usually when they least deserve it".

## ADULT CHARGES = 303

- 97 = Warrants
- 51 = DUI
- 30 = Domestic Violence
- 26 = Tax Violations
- 25 = Drug
- 24 = Theft
- 21 = Liquor
- 12 = Resisting/Obstructing/Fail Comply

## N.C.P.D. ACTIVITY



In July, Lt. Strausser began a program where traffic complaints were followed up in a more aggressive manner by afternoon shift. Sixteen areas that complaints had been received in were assigned to patrol officers. An officer was assigned an area that had received citizen complaints. He reported on the time spent there, if the problem was valid, and to correct the problem by enforcement if warranted. A report was completed by Strausser to show the amount of directed patrol that was given to each area.



**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
1998 Assignments**

Ptl. April Meadows - Days  
Ptl. Mark Hipp - Days  
Ptl. Scott Coleman - Days  
Ptl. Joseph Nist - Days

Ptl. Charles Maley - Afternoons  
Ptl. Jim Wigginton - Afternoons  
Ptl. Scott Carrel - Afternoons  
Ptl. Rob Kramer - Afternoons  
Ptl. Frank Kemp - Afternoons

Ptl. John Minock - Nights  
Ptl. Scott Denniss - Nights  
Ptl. James Harnack - Nights  
Ptl. Ronald Mizner - Nights  
Ptl. Shawn Bates - Nights

Ptl. Robert Dovicsak - Swing Shift

Ptl. Mike Foltz - D.A.R.E.  
Ptl. Charles Betz - Detective Bureau  
1 assigned METRO Unit

Spl. Ptl. Ken Vanke  
Aux. Doug Cardwell  
Aux. John Hemric

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**DEPARTMENT DISPATCHERS**

Disp. Nancy Theil  
Disp. Tim Degraff  
Disp. Dennis Lindower  
Disp. Lynn Wallace  
Disp. Shawn McGuyrt  
**PART TIME DISPATCHERS**  
Disp. Bonnie Fontes  
Disp. Anita Malachowski

**DOMESTICS 1997**

**Non Violence Reports = 63**  
**Violence Reports = 50**  
**Arrested: 30 Adults**  
**3 Juveniles**  
**TOTAL ARRESTS = 33**

**Things Not Done !**

The North Canton Safety Explorer unit was not held in 1997.  
The North Canton Bike Rodeo was not put on by the members this last year.  
No ideas were submitted to the North Canton Benevolent Organization.

**MAJOR CRIMES**

City North Canton

YEAR	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGR ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY	VEH THEFT	ARSON
1993	0	3	11	2	80	241	15	0
1994	0	4	5	8	77	216	17	0
1995	0	8	7	3	54	219	12	2
1996	0	5	6	5	64	254	12	2
1997	0	7	8	5	50	288	13	3

Mary Lou Miller, Chief's Secretary, types all the cases into the computer. She also takes care of the NIBRS reporting system. This is in addition to her other duties that include inventory accounting, payroll, purchase orders, letters, and a myriad of other jobs not the least is keeping the Lieutenants organized.

**SAY WHAT ?**

- 1). Work has begun on updating the rules , policy, & procedure books.
- 2). New drivers license laws for juveniles take effect in 98.
- 3). Have you run a BAC test lately ? If not - ask your supervisor to let you run one for practice.
- 4). When was the last time you inspected your duty gear & the non-lethal weapons you carry ?
- 5). When was the last time you read through the City Ord book ?
- 6). Are you still approaching vehicles in the proper manner or have you gotten too relaxed ?
- 7). Do you think about keeping your gun side away from persons you interview ?
- 8). Do you hold onto your handcuffed prisoners ?

**\*\*\* PUBLICATION PURPOSE \*\*\***

The purpose of this publication is to provide members of the Department with facts & statistics in a manner easier to read than just a sheet of numbers. The numbers used are to the best of this writer's belief accurate. Because of the large amount of data there is always the possibility of a wrong or transposed number. Any member finding any inaccurate data should bring this to the attention of the writer for correction. Any member wishing extra data may contact this writer.