

# NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2013 Annual Report

**“Dedicated to Service and Protection”**

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**ON THE COVER – North Canton Police Department Dispatch Center**

**Left to Right: Dispatcher Zachary D. Jencks, Lead Dispatcher Anita A. Cardwell, Dispatcher Cathy M. Newport, Dispatcher Randy M. Freas, Dispatcher Nancy E. Theil, Dispatcher Michelle L. Carley, and Dispatcher Lynn A. Wiseman.**

**Not Pictured: Dispatcher Patrick R. Lewis, Dispatcher Brittany R. Musisca, Dispatcher Stacy L. Petree, and Dispatcher Holli S. Webb.**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

Welcome to the North Canton Police Department 2013 Annual Report. This report includes information and statistics about the activities of the North Canton Police Department, our community and the services it provides. The information and crime statistics in this report are presented in separate charts or categories.

The North Canton Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency providing 24-hour service to anyone who lives, works, or visits the City of North Canton. The safety and security of everyone in our community is paramount for our police department. We serve a population of approximately 17,500 residents within a total area of 7.5 square miles (US Census 2010). The Department is staffed by a highly-trained police force that numbers twenty-three full-time and three part-time sworn officers. Our professionally staffed communications/dispatch/emergency center also operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. We work closely with our city service departments and also with federal, state, county, and neighboring law enforcement agencies.



While the North Canton Police Department takes extraordinary steps to help create a culture built around safety, caring, and cooperation, we cannot lose sight of the simple fact that no community is immune or completely safe from those individuals committing crimes in our city. We encourage you to use the information in this report to promote your own awareness and to continue to make the North Canton Community a place where education, business, arts, technology and research flourish in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

*Stephan B Wilder*

Stephan B. Wilder, Chief of Police



## MISSION STATEMENT

**THE NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE PUBLIC WITH FAIRNESS, IMPARTIALITY AND RESPECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON A SAFE AND DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK, AND VISIT.**

## PERSONNEL

During the 2013 – 2014 year the Police Department continued transitions in its personnel or staffing employment. Those transitions include the following:

- Patrolman R. Scott Coleman successfully retired effective May 31, 2013 after serving twenty-eight years in providing reliable and professional service to the community and the North Canton Police Department.
- Patrolman Shawn M. McGuyrt (Special/Part-time) resigned in good standing on December 12, 2013 to pursue a career change. He provided reliable and professional service to the community and the Police Department for six years.
- Patrolman Jason M. Babal was appointed to his present rank on August 20, 2013. Patrolman Babal had been employed with the Stark County Sheriff's Office for eight years before joining the North Canton Police Department.
- Patrolman Stephen R. Altieri (Special/Part-time) was appointed to his present rank on September 10, 2013. Patrolman Altieri joined our Department after serving twenty-five years with the Stark County Sheriff's Office.
- Dispatcher Patrick R. Lewis (Dispatcher C/Part-time) was appointed to his position on April 15, 2013. He is a United States Marine serving in an infantry unit and is completing his service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

## PATROL OPERATIONS/SUPPORT SERVICES

- The Dispatch/911 Communication Center operates 24 hours dispatching City police, fire, and emergency services. The communications center has seven full-time dispatchers with one serving as Lead Dispatcher. Three part-time dispatchers supplement this service making a total of 10 employees serving in the communications center.
- The police department organization is staffed as follows:

Chief of Police	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeants	5
Patrolmen	19 (16 full-time and 3 part-time)
Administrative Assistant	1

- **Special Assignments include:**
  - Special Response Team (SRT) – 8 officers**
  - Crisis Negotiators – 3 officers**
  - Bike Patrol – 3 officers**
  - Detective Bureau – 2 officers**
  - School Resource Officers (SRO's) – 3 officers**
  - Crime Prevention Education – 3 certified officers and entire department**
  - Field Training Officers (FTO's) – 5 officers and 4 dispatchers**
  - Property Officers – 3 officers**
  - Training Officers – 2 officers**
  - Internet Technology (IT) – 3 employees (1 sergeant and 2 dispatchers)**
  - Stark County OVI Task Force – 9 officers (1 sergeant and 8 patrolmen)**
  - Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) – 1 officer (detective)**
  - Stark County Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau – 1 officer**
  - Public Information – 2 officers**
  
- **2013 Grant Assistance**
  - \$9,909.48 Ohio Drug Prevention and Education Grant for school-year 2013-2014**
  - \$7,670.40 Ohio Department of Public Safety/Ohio Criminal Justice Services for in-car cameras**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Police Department participated in many community events in 2013. In many cases the Police Department provided traffic and/or security for these events. In other cases the Department exchanged information with various groups regarding safety and crime prevention. Regardless of our specific role with these events, our participation shows our commitment to the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe, and desirable place to live, learn, work, and visit.

### **BLOCK PARTIES**

- 07/17/13 Edgewood Street S. E.
- 08/08/13 Fenchurch Circle N. E.
- 08/17/13 Cordelia Street S. W.
- 09/06/13 West Maple Street
- 09/08/13 Knoll Street S. E.
- 09/14/13 6<sup>th</sup> Street N. E.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS (PARADE AND ASSEMBLAGE PERMITS)**

- 04/27/13 National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS Walk
- 04/28/13 Faith United Methodist Church “Resurrection Run/Walk”
- 04/28/13 “Viking Victory Run”
- 05/27/13 North Canton Lions Club Memorial Day Parade
- 06/01/13 “Girls on the Run 5k”
- 06/14/13, 07/12/13, 08/09/13 North Canton Library Fun Nights
- 07/03/13 Community Christian Church Independence Day Concert

- **07/04/13 North Canton YMCA 2 and 5 mile runs**
- **07/04/13 North Canton Jaycee Parade and Fireworks display**
- **07/20/13 North Canton YMCA Kids Triathlon**
- **07/21/13 North Canton YMCA Sprint Triathlon**
- **08/16-18/13 North Canton Chamber of Commerce Main Street Festival**
- **09/08/13 Community Christian Church outdoor picnic**
- **09/13/13 North Canton Library “First Date”**
- **09/28/13 Zion United Church of Christ Fall Festival**
- **10/20/13 “Miles for Mandy” 5k run**
- **12/08/13 North Canton Annual Christmas Tree lighting and sing**

## **OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk 2013**
- **Jayans Army Memorial 5K Run/Walk**
- **Community of North Canton Fall Festival**
- **Wards 2 and 3 Safety Information and Crime Prevention Program**
- **Wards 1 and 4 Safety Information and Crime Prevention Program**
- **Junior Achievement Community in a Day at Clearmount School**
- **Northwood Elementary School Salute to Veterans Day**
- **Syringomyelia Foundation Unite at Walk Night**
- **North Canton Jaycee Fair**
- **American Cancer Society Walk**
- **North Canton Library “Give Back” Community Day**
- **Stark County Prosecutor’s Office Victim Rights Coalition Recognition Program**
- **North Canton S. T. E. M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Alliance After-School Program**

- **National Drug Take Back**
  - **Two Nation Drug Take Back Days (with police officers as attendants)**
  - **On May 1, 2013 the North Canton Police Department joined nine other Stark County law enforcement agencies in cooperation with the Mental Health and Recovery Services of Stark County and the Stark County Anti-Drug Coalition as one of the sites of the permanent drug drop-off points set in Stark County.**

**Residents can rid themselves of unwanted and unused drugs safely and conveniently anytime. The Stark County Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau is responsible for picking up the contents on a regular basis. The collected contents from the drop boxes are weighed and burned at Republic Steel in Massillon, Ohio.**

**From May 1, 2013 to January 2, 2014 the city's collection box accounted for 499.5 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs in the form of pills, liquids, and creams. This program allows these unused and unwanted drugs to be destroyed safely and in an eco-friendly manner.**

- **Stark County Sheriff's Office NE District BSSA (Buckeye State Sheriff's Association) Program**
- **North Canton Chamber of Commerce 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Showcase**
- **Walsh University "Issues in School Counseling" Class Presentation**
- **Louisville Police Department assist with Annual Constitution Day Parade**
- **North Canton Fire Department Fire Prevention Week**
- **MAPS (Military Aviation Preservation Society) Business Showcase**
- **William H. Hoover Lodge # 770 F & AM (Free and Accepted Masons) Salute to First Responders**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Stuff Our Kinder Care Bus" with school supplies at KinderCare Inc.**
- **Stark County Sheriff's Office "Heroes Golf Outing"**
- **North Canton YMCA Healthy Kids Day**
- **North Canton Jaycees and Stark County Board of DD Invitational Track Meet**
- **Northwood School PTO Carnival**
- **Orchard Hill School PTO Carnival**
- **Five OVI checkpoints**

- **A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape) Safety Training at Little Flower Catholic Church, North Canton City Schools, St. Paul's Academy, and two sessions at Walsh University**
- **Numerous youth group tours for Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts**
- **Three traffic safety campaigns – “Click it or ticket,” and two “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”**

## **EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER**

**Housed within City Hall the Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center. The Center dispatches emergency and non-emergency calls for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments. In addition the Center maintains interaction with the Street, Sewer, Water and Engineering Departments as well as the Walsh University Police Department.**

**The Emergency Dispatch Center employs six full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers, and is supervised by a full-time Lead Dispatcher. The dispatchers are a vital and yet the least visible link between the community and each of the emergency services. They handle thousands of calls each year that include telephone calls, radio calls, alarm calls, TDD/TTY for the hearing impaired calls, 911 calls, and after-hour city service calls. They activate the tornado sirens, unlock the Knox Box keys, and they handle walk-in citizen contacts. Calls range from the mundane such as lost dogs, parking complaints, and “what time does the parade or fireworks start” to serious life and death situations such as accidents with injury, structure fires, and “I don't feel like living anymore.” It's the dispatcher's responsibility to quickly assess the calls and decide what the proper response will be. This can range from simply answering a question, dispatching Police/Fire/EMS to a major incident, or keeping a suicidal caller on the line while simultaneously dispatching help.**

**The Center handles incoming 911 calls through the Sentinel E911 Patriot system provided by the Stark County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). There are two answering points that work in conjunction with mapping software to assist in determining the proper jurisdictional response to emergencies.**

**Dispatchers serve multi-functions that enable the Department to keep administrative and clerical staff at a minimum. As part of the dispatchers' multi-tasking responsibilities they are responsible for record storage, record keeping, and record release functions. The dispatchers are responsible for the largest portion of data entry for the department. The center handles all Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) entries for our department and also for the Walsh University Police Department, which is located within the city's jurisdiction. LEADS and NCIC computers serve as an electronic communication network to retrieve driver's license information including images, criminal history checks, warrant notifications, parole status alerts to missing person, notifications about dangerous persons and incidents, and many other types of law enforcement data. Early in 2012 the department added Authority RedHawk Software to the Center and in the patrol cars. The new software allows them to communicate over a secure server along with accessing and sharing much of the same information previously only available on station.**

**The Center utilizes a Motorola MCC5500 radio console and, as an emergency backup, a Motorola EX600XLS radio. The radio repeater located in the city ensures reliable communications with all police and fire units. However, should something occur to the repeater, it is an instant switch to bypass the repeater and use a "talk around" channel to keep communication lines open. The vehicles are still equipped with Motorola radios of sufficient wattage to operate safely in the city even without the repeater.**



## CALLS FOR SERVICES

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
NUMBER	29459	29225	28107	28172	*26503	*18049

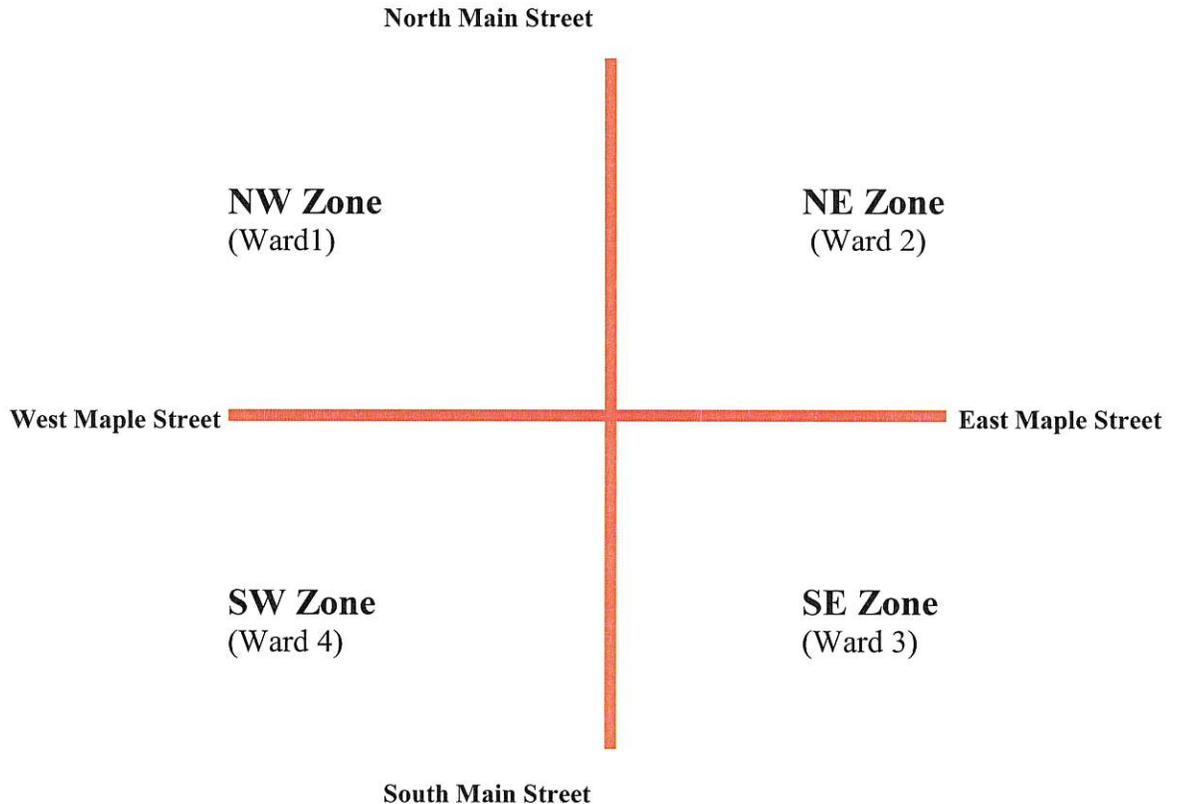
\*Effective 09/18/12 the Department went to a new computer software program where certain routine details were no longer carried on a "Call For Service." These details, such as car washes, breaks, lunches, and other administrative duties are now documented as "Busy" status. This new record-keeping system means that the number of "Calls For Service" will be less, but the new numbers are more accurate in depicting actual police calls for service.

A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster/Intoxilyzer 8000 machine, and other activities that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many activities and insures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Services requiring additional follow-up are monitored by supervisors to insure that all calls are handled properly. The above chart shows the number of Calls For Services handled over the past six years.

# UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division comprises the largest and most visible segment of the department. The Division consists of five sergeants, fourteen full-time patrol officers, and three part-time patrol officers. The Patrol Division is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Most of the patrol officers are assigned to the day shift, afternoon shift, or the midnight shift. One patrol officer is assigned to the swing shift to fill in as needed. There is a sergeant assigned to supervise each shift. The shift-sergeants report to another sergeant who holds the position of Patrol Supervisor. The Patrol Supervisor reports directly to the Chief of Police.

## POLICE ZONES



For patrol purposes the city is divided up into four quadrants or zones. These zones match the street name direction designators to keep things simple. Depending on the shift and manpower there can be one patrol car assigned to each zone. At the minimum there will be a patrol car assigned to patrol both northern zones and one assigned to patrol both southern zones. In addition to the zone cars, there may be a floating car, which will randomly patrol all four zones. Additional cars can be assigned to special patrol duties such as traffic enforcement, neighborhoods, accidents, etc.

The patrol officers are the first responders to a wide range of different calls ranging from domestic disputes, robberies, assaults, suspicious persons, noise complaints, and alarms. The patrol officers are the backbone of the police department and are directly responsible for our reputation of delivering great service. Most of the Patrol Division officers also have other duties or responsibilities in addition to their patrol duties.

Traffic issues and enforcement are a major responsibility of the Patrol Division, and probably account for most of the patrol officer's time. These duties include parking and traffic enforcement, and crash investigation.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

A citation can be issued for a violation of the traffic section of the City Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code. Mayor's court can only hear violations of City Ordinances. The Canton Municipal Court can hear violations of both City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Family Court handles all juvenile traffic violations.

Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

Parking tickets are issued for various violations of the Parking Ordinance. These include, but are not limited to, handicapped parking, fire lane, overtime, and no parking zone violations.

### TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS

YEAR	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PARKING TICKETS
2008	1418	2177	943
2009	1495	2448	851
2010	1175	1983	671
2011	1139	1891	1386
2012	1805	3706	1537
2013	1901	3998	1345

### TRAFFIC CRASHES

YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CRASHES	PUBLIC PROPERTY CRASHES	PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASHES
2008	525	402	123
2009	513	363	150
2010	516	372	144
2011	527	400	125
2012	528	387	141
2013	429	316	113

### D. U. I. ARRESTS

YEAR	TOTAL ARRESTS	# OF ADULTS	# OF JUVENILES
2008	83	83	0
2009	67	67	0
2010	56	56	0
2011	39	39	0
*2012	56	56	0
*2013	65	60	**5

\*Includes O.V.I. Task Force arrests.

\*\*Under age of 21

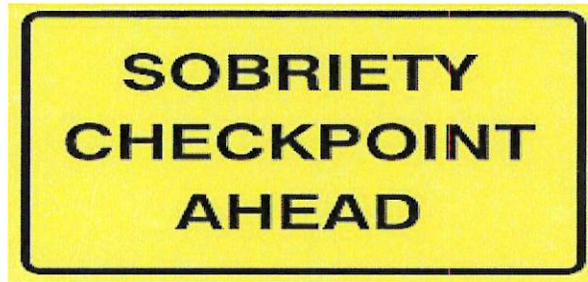
## O.V.I. TASK FORCE



The North Canton Police Department continued its participation in the Stark County OVI Task Force in 2013. The Task Force is funded by a state grant with the goal of reducing OVI related traffic crashes and incidents of operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI). Sixteen Stark county law enforcement agencies are members of the Stark County Task Force. Additional entities include: Stark County Safe Communities, Stark County Health Department, MADD, Stark County Family, Canton Municipal Court, Stark County Common Pleas Court, prosecutors' offices, media outlets, and schools throughout the county.

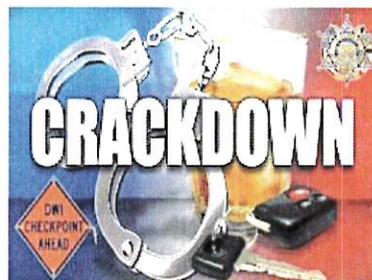
Sergeant Cardwell worked as the North Canton OVI Commander along with nine other North Canton officers who participated as members of the Stark County OVI Task Force. The Task Force objectives were to educate the public in safe driving and to deter drivers from driving impaired from alcohol and/or drugs. The Task Force also targeted seatbelt violations and cell phone infractions while driving. The Task Force worked in achieving these goals in a combination of enforcement actions. They conducted OVI Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, Corridor Patrols, and seatbelt enforcement. They also participated in three national campaigns: "Click It or Ticket," "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," and "Holiday Boozer's Beware".





## CHECKPOINTS

The North Canton Police Department conducted five total checkpoints within the city limits in 2013. There were a total of 4,260 vehicles checked during these checkpoints. There was one felony OVI arrest which was the arrestee's seventh time arrested for OVI. Ninety-three vehicles were diverted for additional evaluation. There were multiple driving under suspension violations and seatbelt violations. There were a total of 77 hours worked by the North Canton officers during the five checkpoints. The checkpoints staffed officers from the North Canton Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's office, Jackson Township Police Department, and the Ohio State Patrol. The North Canton Street Department assisted in transporting the Stark County OVI trailer with all of its equipment to the checkpoints. They were responsible for setting the safety zones and signage up for the checkpoints and were also responsible for tearing down and loading the equipment back into the trailer for transport.



## SATURATION/CORRIDOR PATROLS

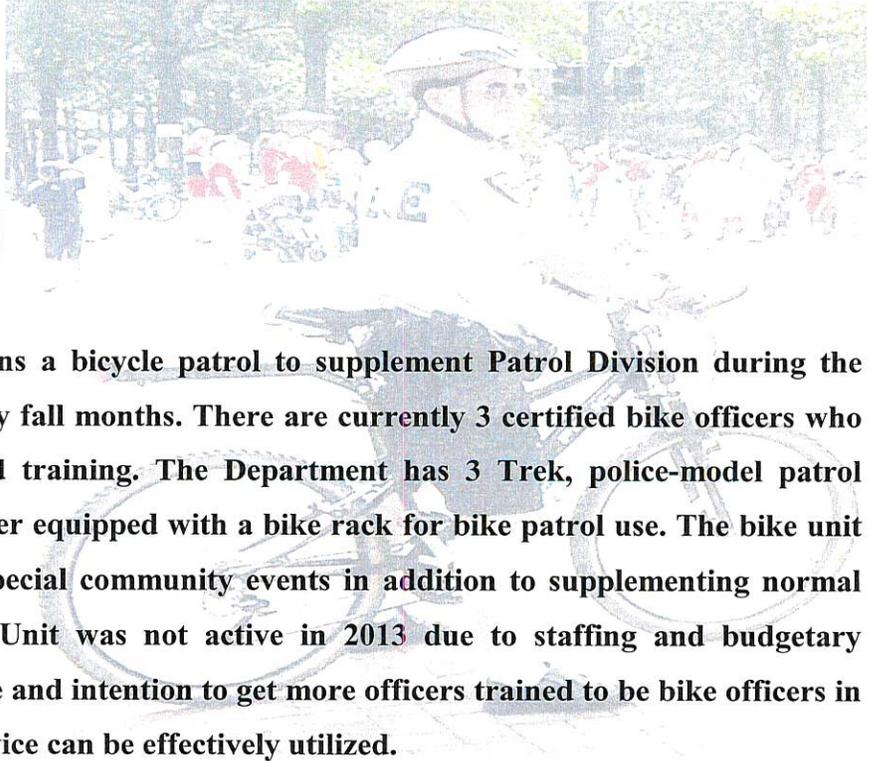
The North Canton officers working the Task Force conducted a total of 216 hours of enforcement in patrolling within the city limits of North Canton for impaired drivers. There were 140 hours worked as Corridor patrol and 76 hours worked in the capacity of Saturation patrol. Corridor patrol consists of traffic enforcement on the main corridor that runs through the city (Main St.). Saturation patrol consists of traffic enforcement anywhere within the City limits. The following is a list of the statistics compiled during the 2013 Saturation and Corridor Patrols:

OVI Arrest 21 and Over.....	16
OVI Arrest Under 21.....	4
Adult Seatbelt Citations.....	37
Child Seatbelt Citations.....	1
Speed Violations.....	20
Other Violations.....	35
DUS (Driving Under Suspension).....	6
Warrant Arrests.....	7
Felony Arrests.....	2
Drug Arrests.....	10
Other Misdemeanor Arrest.....	13
Written Warnings.....	385
Traffic Stops.....	425



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## **BIKE PATROL**



The Department maintains a bicycle patrol to supplement Patrol Division during the spring, summer, and early fall months. There are currently 3 certified bike officers who have attended specialized training. The Department has 3 Trek, police-model patrol bikes and a marked cruiser equipped with a bike rack for bike patrol use. The bike unit is typically utilized for special community events in addition to supplementing normal patrol operations. The Unit was not active in 2013 due to staffing and budgetary constraints. It is our hope and intention to get more officers trained to be bike officers in the future so that this service can be effectively utilized.

# *SPEED MONITORING AWARENESS*

## *RADAR TRAILER*

### *(S. M. A. R. T.)*

The Department continues the use of a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. During the spring, summer, and fall months of 2013 the trailer was placed on various streets around the City on a daily basis. The "Speed Trailer" is used to make motorists aware of their speed, and it is utilized to focus on problem areas.

The City also utilizes two Stealthstats, which are small radar units contained in pole-mountable cases. These units allow the Department to record the speed and number of vehicles using the targeted area. The Stealthstats readings are generally more reliable than the SMART trailer, since drivers are not usually aware the units are present. The information compiled aids the Department in focusing on enforcement in problem areas. The units are also utilized to conduct traffic counts, which assist in making necessary changes to existing traffic controls. They are helpful in substantiating complaints in trouble spots and determining if a complaint is unfounded. The Stealthstats are also useful in areas that are not safe to place the speed trailer. Stealthstat or unmanned free-flow traffic surveys were conducted at the following six locations in 2013:

- 100-400 block of Fairview Street S. E.
- 1300 block of East Maple Street
- 100 block of Walsh Ave. S. E.
- 100-200 block of Ream Ave. N. W.
- 1100-1200 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street N. E.
- 600 block of McKinley Ave. S. E

Residents may request to have the speed trailer or a Stealthstat in their neighborhood by calling the North Canton Police Department.

## **CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS**

In 2013, the Police Department filed criminal charges against a total of 552 individuals: 469 adults and 83 juveniles. Criminal charges are classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony. Misdemeanors are considered less serious than felonies. While the North Canton Mayor's Court may hear some misdemeanor cases against adults, the Canton Municipal Court hears most of these cases. Penalties range from a fine up to \$1,000.00 and/or incarceration in the County Jail for up to 6 months. Felony charges against adults are heard by the Stark County Common Pleas Court, and penalties generally range from a fine up to \$15,000.00 and/or a maximum of life in prison at a State Correctional Institute. Aggravated Murder convictions are also felonies and carry a maximum fine of \$25,000.00 and/or a possible death sentence. All traffic and criminal charges against juveniles are heard by the Stark County Family Court, unless that Family Court Judge refers the case to the Adult Court.

The patrol officers (reporting officers) file most criminal charges. The patrol officers are generally dispatched to reported crimes, and conduct the initial inquiry into those incidents. The officers start by conducting preliminary investigations and complete the initial reports. Other actions by the reporting officers might include but are not limited to: scene preservation, conducting interviews, and preserving and collecting evidence. Many times the reporting officers will make an on-scene arrest of the perpetrator(s). Further follow-up investigation might also be conducted by the patrol officers, or the case might be referred to the Detective Bureau, another outside law enforcement agency, or non-law enforcement agency, or in some cases a combination of two or more agencies.

When charges are filed against a juvenile or adult, the offender can either be summoned to court or incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or Juvenile Attention Center, this depends on the type and seriousness of the offense.

## MAJOR CRIMES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

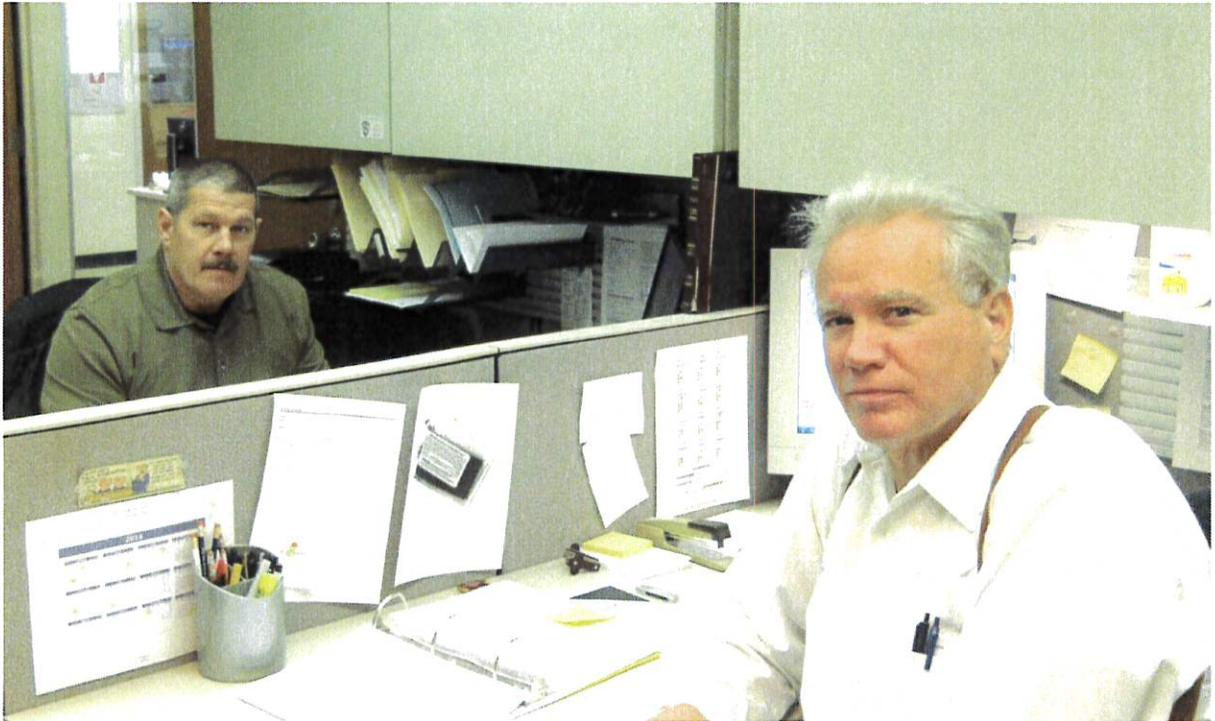
Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
2008	1	1	6	0	60	201	11	1
2009	0	4	5	0	49	311	3	2
2010	0	4	2	0	49	311	3	3
2011	0	5	5	0	41	333	5	1
2012	0	5	7	0	47	335	7	1
2013	0	5	8	0	73 <i>62</i>	436	0	0

## TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS

YEAR	TOTAL # ARRESTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
2008	393	306	87
2009	504	357	147
2010	399	312	87
2011	417	353	64
2012	404	343	61
2013	552	469	83

## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

The Detective Bureau consists of two full-time officers, one lieutenant and one patrolman. It has been a common practice to assign other officers to the Detective Bureau on a part-time basis to assist with specific cases or heavy workloads.



The following are some of the duties the Detective Bureau performs on a regular basis:

- **Criminal Investigations.**
- **Non-Criminal Investigations (e.g. missing persons).**
- **Background Investigations (for applicants).**
- **Transport evidence to and from the crime laboratories.**
- **Transport evidence, paperwork, and reports to the prosecutor's offices, courts, and other criminal justice agencies.**
- **Crime Prevention (including "Crime Watch" through the Stark County Prosecutor's Office.)**
- **Monthly Stark County Criminal Intelligence meetings.**

- **Monthly FISO (Financial Institution Security Organization) meetings.**
- **Monthly Belden Village Retail Security meetings.**

**With criminal investigations, all incident reports are forwarded to the Detective Bureau. The detectives review the reports for any solvability factors, and those cases that the Detective Bureau investigates ultimately get classified as one of the following:**

- **“Active Open” – a case actively being investigated by the Detective Bureau.**
- **“Inactive Open” – a case that has not been cleared, but is not actively being investigated usually because of the lack of evidence.**
- **“Unfounded” – a case that has been proven to be false.**
- **“Cleared” – a case that has been closed for some reason. There are various reasons that cases are classified as “Cleared:”**
  - **A suspect has been charged, indicted, or an arrest warrant has been issued.**
  - **The victim requests no further action or refuses to cooperate.**
  - **The case is solved, but no criminal charges are filed.**
  - **The case is solved, and the victim is referred to the prosecutor for further action.**
  - **The case is referred to another agency for follow-up.**

**During the year the Detective Bureau became involved in approximately 159 investigations, 142 that were criminal cases. It should be noted that these numbers are slightly higher than last year; in 2012 we conducted 131 investigations, 118 that were criminal cases. The detectives had an overall clearance rate of 52.11 % in 2013, and 52.54 % in 2012..**

**The Detective Bureau handled several notable cases in 2013. We completed an arson investigation from McKinley Avenue where a total of over \$300,000 in damage was done to three different homes. The suspect was convicted and sentenced to prison (Case # 12-00705). We worked with other detectives throughout Stark County on numerous thefts from vehicles. This included at least 10 vehicle break-ins within our city. The joint investigation led to the arrest and conviction of two suspects. We assisted our Patrol**

Division in investigating an armed robbery that occurred at the Spee-D-Foods at 953 S. Main Street. The Patrol Division arrested one of the two suspects near the scene shortly after the robbery occurred. The Detective Bureau investigated further, and subsequently identified and arrested the second suspect (Case # 13-017053). The Detective Bureau conducted 8 background checks on Police Department applicants in 2013. We did not conduct any Internal Affairs investigations during the year.

### **DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATION STATISTICS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Investigations</b>	<b>Total Criminal Cases</b>	<b>Total Criminal Charges Filed</b>	<b>Individuals Criminally Charged</b>	<b>Overall Clearance Rate %</b>
2006	166	147	48	39	48.03
2007	127	104	51	40	50.47
2008	128	111	73	45	45.05
2009	123	107	63	54	48.60
2010	117	102	17	15	38.24
2011	135	110	70	48	62.73
2012	131	118	61	43	52.54
2013	159	142	73	61	52.11



## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) was accepted into the school district in 2001. Detective/Patrolman Randy Manse and, at the time, Lieutenant Steve Wilder, were the first police officers trained and certified to implement this program. Detective Manse is still one of our School Resource Officers. He conducts his normal duties in the Detective Bureau as well as criminal investigations for the School District. He also oversees safety drills for the school system. Patrolman James Harnack is assigned as a full-time SRO. He handles most of the daily school related incidents and works closely with School Administrators to resolve problems through conflict resolution and intervention. Patrolman Matthew Rahde is also trained and certified in the role of School Resource Officer. Patrolman Rahde works the afternoon shift. He splits his time patrolling the city, handling calls, and resolving many school related issues that arise.

The North Canton City School System and the North Canton Police Department were able to collaborate and obtain a grant for the 2013 – 2014 school year for \$9,909.48 to help offset the salaries of the School Resource Officers.

Since the beginning, a plan was established to use and make the School Resource Officer program available in several different levels within the school district. The officer is involved in a variety of functions:

- As a visible, active law enforcement figure on school grounds dealing with related issues.

- **As a classroom resource for instruction in the following areas: law related education, violence diffusion, safety programs, alcohol and drug prevention, date rape, juvenile law, social media issues (such as harassment and sexting), domestic violence, child abuse, gang activity and alternatives, and crime prevention.**
- **Gather information regarding potential problems such as criminal activity, gang activity, student unrest, and identify particular individuals who may be a disruptive influence to the school and/or students.**
- **Take appropriate steps that are consistent with a law enforcement officer's duty when a crime occurs.**
- **Refer students and their families to the appropriate agencies for assistance when a need is determined.**
- **Refrain from acting as a school disciplinarian.**
- **Attend meetings of parent groups and faculty-wide in-service sessions.**

**All three SROs became certified A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape) instructors in 2012. In the spring of 2013 the North Canton City School District started the implementation of the A.L.I.C.E. program with the training of all the faculty and staff. In the fall of 2013 students from grades 6-12 went through the training. Training in grades K – 5 will be completed in spring of 2014. The program was developed to give teachers and students options when confronted with an active shooter situation. These options are replacing the post-Columbine standard lockdown procedures.**

**The police department is confident that the inclusion of a more active school resource officer program will continue to provide positive education for our youth, which is critical in drug and alcohol prevention, increasing safety and reducing violence. The school and classroom are still the safest places to be.**



## *SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM*

The North Canton Police Department maintains a Special Response Team. This team is tasked with handling unique incidents that require a police response such as barricaded subjects and high-risk search/arrest warrants.

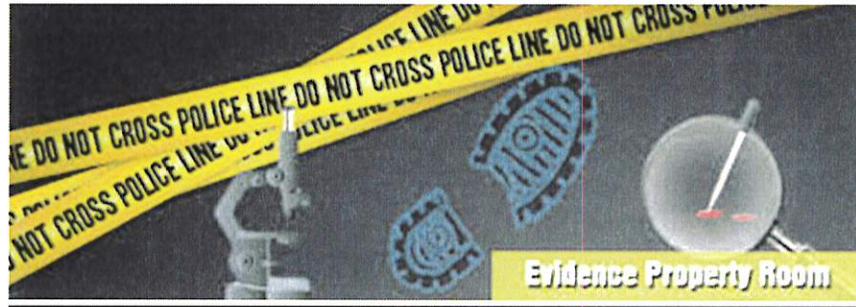
By the end of 2013 the team consisted of 3 sergeants and 5 full-time patrolmen serving in an operational capacity. There are also 2 full-time patrolmen assigned as negotiators and 2 full-time NCFD medics that serve the team in a support capacity. One officer left the team in 2013 due to his retirement. All members are activated for callouts in addition to their regularly assigned duties. The team maintains a regular training schedule that focuses on the specialized equipment and tactics they may need to employ. Individual team members are also scheduled for additional training away from NCPD based on their specialties such as breaching, negotiations, and precision rifle. The team members also assist with the training of other officers on the department. They can be counted on to take the tactical lead on patrol calls they respond to as part of their normal shifts.

In 2013 the team was not activated for any callouts.

### **S. R. T. ACTIVATIONS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CALLOUTS</b>
2009	3
2010	0
2011	2
2012	4
2013	0

## *PROPERTY ROOM*



Our Property/Evidence room is managed by three officers, one sergeant who supervises the unit, and two patrolmen. All three officers received special training pertaining to property inventory management. In addition to being the evidence custodians of the Department, all three officers also perform their normal duties in the Patrol Division. Any evidence or property taken into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items range from criminal evidence such as drugs, firearms, or DNA evidence. Recovered Property is also items handled by the property room. These items usually are lost or found and are turned into the police department. They can consist of bicycles, wallets, cell phones or miscellaneous other items. Evidence is examined by two separate crime labs. The Stark County Crime lab handles all drugs, alcohol, and OVI test samples (blood or urine). The Bureau of Criminal Investigations in Richfield, Ohio examines all other evidence such as DNA, fingerprints, and weapons. During 2013 the Property Officers processed over 520 items. Property is taken in and released on a continuous basis. Items no longer needed for court are returned to the owners. Many items are ordered to be destroyed through dispositions issued by the courts. Such items as drugs, guns or other pertinent evidence that are not returnable must be destroyed. The destruction is court ordered and usually is handled by melting the items in a blast furnace, known as a "Burn" at one of the local steel mills. Useable items for which no owner can be found may be sold at the annual city auction.



## *DEPARTMENT TRAINING*

The North Canton Police Department has several certified instructors who conduct various training classes for the department throughout the year. The topics covered by these instructors include, but were not limited to; firearms, less lethal systems, subject control, OVI detection and testing, radar & laser speed measuring, and LEADS. In 2013 the Department continued to use the State of Ohio's "eOPOTA" (electronic Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy) online training as a resource for various topics. Additionally, the department sent various officers to training classes and seminars outside the department. This training maybe chosen as a "core" topic that all officers receive during their careers or it may be based on an officer's current specialty assignment.

In September 2013 department-wide training was conducted in Active Shooter Response. This training was hosted by the North Canton Police Department and utilized instructors from the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Special Response Team. Officers from Louisville, Jackson Township, Perry Township and the Stark County Sheriff's office also participated in this training.

In 2013 an effort to insure that the department's dispatchers receive outside training was continued. This included having a specific portion of the training budget set aside for their use.

In 2013 the Training Bureau continued to be responsible for reviewing all Reaction to Resistance reports filed by the department's officers each year. The Bureau consists of three of our officers who are OPOTA certified "Use of Force" instructors. An officer is

required by department policy to file a report any time a weapon is displayed/used, or physical force is used to gain compliance or overcome resistance from a subject. This review is done to make sure policy and procedures are being followed and to insure any issues or patterns that may arise are addressed.

<b>REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Total number of incidents which required a Reaction to Resistance Report	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>
Number of those incidents which resulted in an arrest	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
Number of those incidents which resulted in claimed or observed injury	1 Officer 6 Subjects	1 Officer 2 Subjects	2 Officers 4 Subjects
Number of officers who generated at least one report	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
The levels of force used by officers in 2013 include: empty hand control (12), display of firearm (9), and display of chemical repellant (1).			

On May 14, 2013 an order was issued directing that the Reaction to Resistance report was expanded to include Vehicle Pursuits. These reports are also reviewed by the Training Bureau to insure compliance with the department's policies and procedures.

<b>VEHICLE PURSUITS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Total number of Incidents resulting in a <i>Vehicle Pursuit</i> report	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>2</b>
Total number of officers that generated at least one report	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>3</b>
Number of these incidents that resulted in the vehicle being stopped	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of pursuits that were called off by officer or supervisor	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>2</b>
Number of incidents that resulted in an eventual arrest of suspect	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>2</b>
Number of incidents that resulted in a crash	<b>*n/a</b>	<b>*n/a</b>	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles

\*Report was not required – no data

## **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

**The Police Department hires, trains, and helps pay for adults to be school crossing guards during the school year. The North Canton City School District reimburses the city for half of the expense of funding the crossing guards. The crossing guards are responsible for the stellar safety record that we have in getting our children to and from school safely. Twice a day and in all kinds of weather these crossing guards perform their duties at eight selected sites in the city. We have crossing guards stationed at Clearmount Avenue S. E. and East Maple Street, Main and Maple Streets, West Maple Street and Hillcrest Avenue, North Main Street and Charlotte Street, Schneider Street and Clearmount Avenue S. E., 200 block of South Main Street, South Main Street and Bachtel Street, and at Glenwood Street S. W. and Fair Oaks Avenue S. W.**

*The information used in the preparation of this report was obtained from the records of the North Canton Police Department.*