



Canal Fulton Police Department



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The Honorable Richard Harbaugh, Mayor
City of Canal Fulton, Ohio

As the Interim Chief of Police, I am delighted to present you with the 2011 Annual Report for the Canal Fulton Police Department.

This past year was an exceptional year for the department by nearly every measure. Facing fiscal cautions and staffing shortages, left us re-examining how we conduct day to day business and deploying our workforce. Canal Fulton was not isolated from a surging heroin epidemic in Stark County communities, affecting our overall crime rates. It is with my deep admiration of our men and woman of this department who were able to tackle the influx of criminal activity with unprecedented high solvability rates.

Our objective for 2012 is to continue policing smarter by maximizing community involvement and partnerships with the common goal of reducing and preventing crime. I am confident that the abilities, dedication, and enthusiasm of our existing staff will guide us successfully through any challenges ahead. Some notable calls/ arrests for 2011 are listed below.

January

A male subject was arrested when he purposely crashed his vehicle into another vehicle then assaulted the two occupants inside. He was also charged with possession of drugs and OVI.

A woman was arrested when CFPD officers discovered her inside her home facilitating the smoking of marihuana to five juveniles.

A year long investigation into narcotic sales was completed with warrants issued to several individuals. The investigation centered on the possession and sale of heroin which quickly expanded to sales of several prescription medications, ecstasy, and illegal firearm transactions. Approximately 30 illegal transactions of drugs and firearms were recorded during the investigation.

April

Two high speed pursuits took place in the city limits this month. One was quickly ended when the driver crashed his vehicle and ended up submerged in the Ohio Erie Canal. The second also ended abruptly when he collided with another vehicle traveling 50 mph ABOVE the posted speed limit. It took the vehicle 300 feet to come to rest after the impact. Alcohol consumption played a factor in both cases.

June

A bag boy for a local grocery store was observed by CFPD officers selling drugs in the parking lot during his lunch break. He was charged with trafficking in drugs as well as several felony possessions of drug charges.

An Army recruiter was arrested when he showed up to a 15 year old female's apartment with the purpose of soliciting sex with one of his potential recruits. CFPD officers were able to intercept the communications and posed as the 15 year old girl via text and emails, diverting the sexual assault.

A string of day time home burglaries were plaguing the Canal Fulton community. Firearms were taken during some of the burglaries which escalated the seriousness of the offenses. The suspect was eventually caught and confessed to his crimes.

July

A male subject was arrested for threatening to kill his neighbors while he was on his front porch chambering a Mossberg Model 88 sawed off shotgun.

A wanted Fugitive from Georgia was found aimlessly wondering the streets of Canal Fulton highly intoxicated. There was no indication how he arrived in Canal Fulton or to where he was going. He was extradited back to the state of Georgia.

A vehicle accident report was taken during the Canal Days Parade. The vehicle landed inside the Goodwill Thrift store. No injuries were reported.

August

50 criminal complaints were field against 4 individuals for a series of Burglaries and B&E's on the NW side of Canal Fulton.

A man was arrested when he broke into a home and exposed himself to the occupants of the residence. He was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Aggravated Menacing, and Public Indecency.

September

A male subject was arrested on numerous charges committing several crimes in the Canal Fulton community. His charges were two counts of Burglary (F-2), Theft (F-5), Felony Theft of Drugs, Complicity to Burglary, Complicity to Theft, and several Misdemeanor Theft offenses.

A man recently jailed for stealing \$10,000 from the Washington High School Softball Booster Club was investigated and arrested for Burglary and Theft of an elderly person, a Felony of the 4th degree offense.

A traffic stop led to the arrest of two subjects. The arrest eventually led to the identification of a meth lab out of a residence in the 800 block of S. Canal. Numerous

drug paraphernalia items were removed from the home as well as several furniture items that were believed to be stolen out of a Burglary in Akron, OH.

As always, the men and women of the Canal Fulton Police Department appreciate your continued support and cooperation as we strive to make our community a safer place.

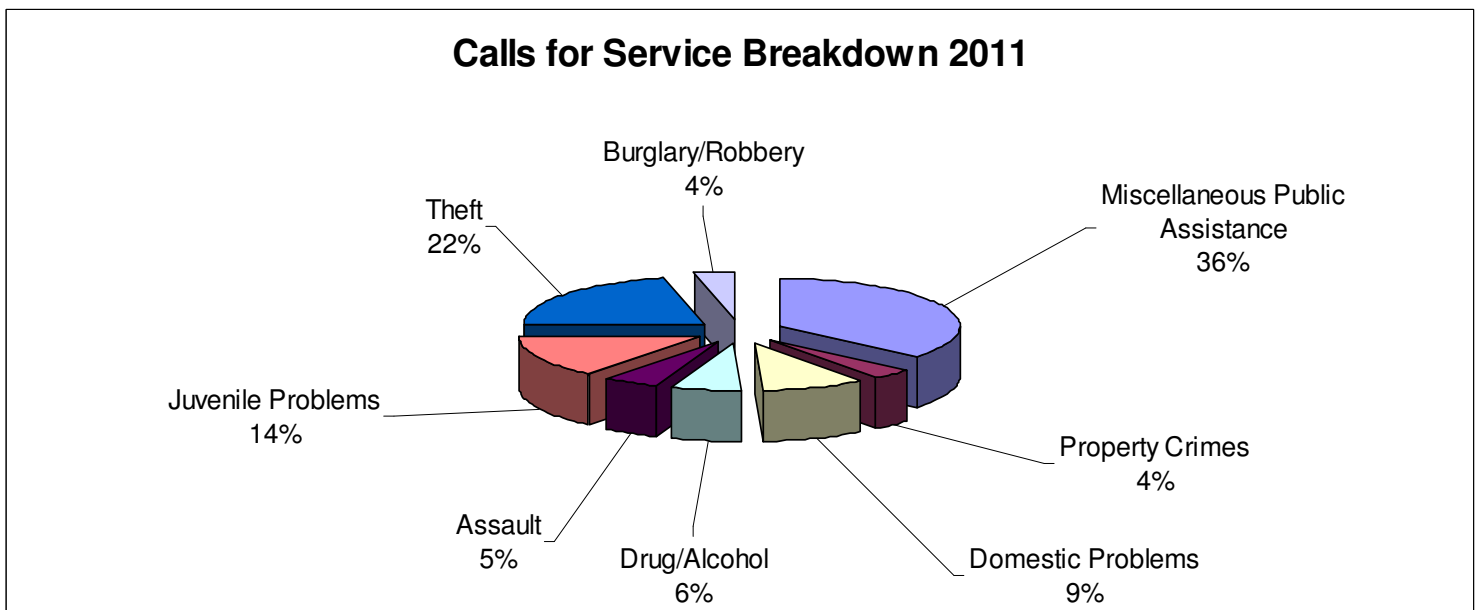
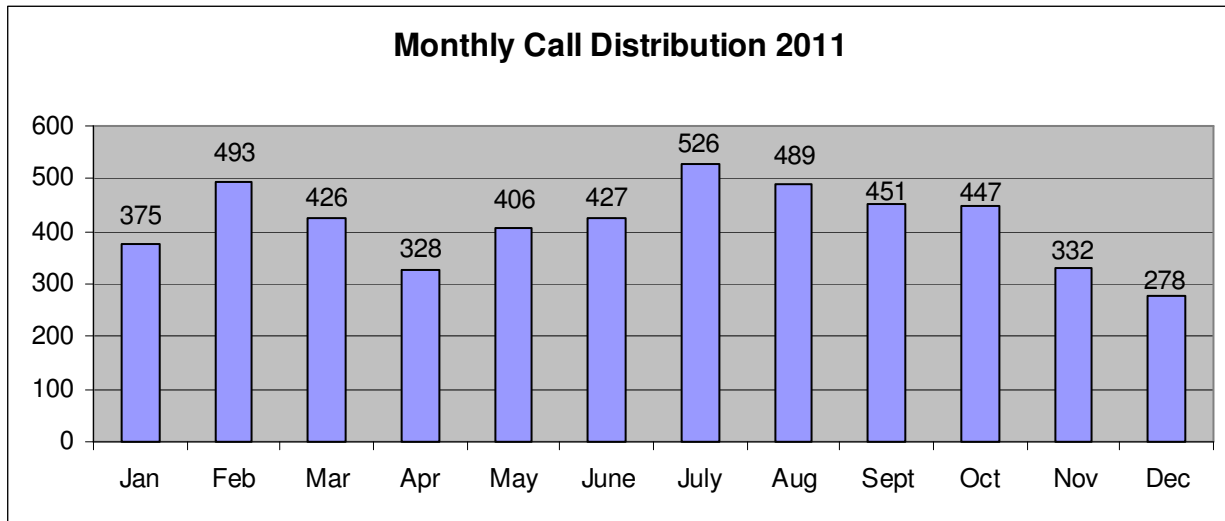
Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas S. Swartz
Interim Chief of Police

CANAL FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

To enhance the quality of life in our community by working with the public to enforce laws, preserve the peace, reduce fear and provide a safe and secure environment for all citizens to enjoy.

YEAR	# OF CALLS
2011	4,978
2010	4,597
2009	4,059
2008	4,347
2007	3,461



Miscellaneous Public Assistance Calls above include, but are not limited to the following types: General public assistance, alarm calls, suspicious activities, welfare checks, ambulance/fire assists, 911 calls. The above break down does not include citations, written warnings and/or verbal warnings that are not alcohol related.

STATISTICS FOR 2011

Patrol Division Statistics

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Traffic Citations	344	373	403	689	422
Written Warnings	126	109	182	144	179
Verbal Warnings	599	646	652	688	421
Parking Citations	48	74	111	158	36
Traffic Crashes	114	122	125	132	115
Minor Misdemeanor Citations	47	42	61	67	57
OVI Arrests	43	33	34	62	60
Arrests	215	269	319	294	283

Traffic Citations By Classification

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Failure to Stop at Red Light/Stop Sign	22	22	32	34	27
Speed/Assured Clear Distance	109	113	136	122	61
Failure to Control	14	17	8	17	13
Driver's License Violations	44	39	57	60	38
Registration/License Plate Violations	15	21	26	23	16
No Seat Belt	35	60	48	49	31

Calls for Service

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Misc. Public Assistance	206	166	219	199	187
Alarm Drops	228	195	167	167	215
Theft	124	129	192	177	173
911 Hang ups	47	48	77	62	89
Fire/EMS Assists	152	151	89	88	78
Juvenile Complaints	87	104	136	146	109
Suspicious Vehicles	98	122	106	110	59
Domestic Situations	52	50	52	31	63
Suspicious Persons	70	60	63	72	38
Property Crimes (includes: vandalism, damaging, etc.)	23	36	39	62	45
Found Property	38	43	50	50	53
Criminal Mischief	25	20	38	43	32
Welfare Checks	50	37	52	39	34
Drug Offenses	37	31	46	54	30
Assault	28	13	18	12	20
Breaking & Entering	13	4	10	13	9
Burglary	20	7	14	16	23
Soliciting Complaints	9	11	6	5	2
Disorderly Conduct	10	4	9	15	13
Sex Offenses	2	7	1	5	2
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	3	6	3	3	4
Rape	0	0	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	2	2	2
Murder	0	1	0	0	0
Total Calls for Service	4,978	4,597	4,059	4,347	3,461

(This "Total Calls for Service" figure includes all above listed calls plus miscellaneous calls not categorized above)

ASSISTS TO OTHER AGENCIES

AGENCY:	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Lawrence Township Police Department	198	169	198	222	160
Canal Fulton Fire Department / EMS	157	151	89	88	78
Other Law Enforcement Agencies	33	27	23	29	26

CFPD FLEET STATUS

Vehicle	Make/Model	Year	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage
			2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
#1	Ford Explorer	2008	52,289	33,953	15,044	34	
#2	Ford Crown Victoria	2004	83,755	74,735	66,258	59,935	49,362
#3	Chevrolet Impala	2007	65,303	45,361	26,970	11,541	1,241
#4	Ford Explorer	2006	70,100	55,216	40,249	24,422	12,264
#5	Chevrolet Impala	2005	72,323	64,830	55,742	46,676	29,425
#6	Ford Explorer	2010	11,926	waiting installation			
#7	Ford Crown Victoria	2002	Out of service	98,630	91,326	80,688	71,793
#8	Ford Crown Victoria	2009	10,674	4,074			
NA	Ford Crown Victoria	2002	Out of service	waiting auction	117,424	113,743	97,209



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AWARD
Traffic Officer of the Year 2011
12/30/11

Stark County Safe Communities accepted nominations from Stark County Agencies for "Traffic Officer of the Year". Ptl. Robert Buhecker was our nomination for the award and was selected by the Coalition to receive the award. He is slated to receive the award at a benefit dinner in late February. Below is his nomination letter:

Robert Buhecker is an excellent nomination for Traffic Officer of the Year from our agency. Ptl. Buhecker is married with a recent addition to his family (baby boy). He holds a full time position as the Assistant Director with the RED Center (Regional Emergency Dispatch Center) which is an invaluable relationship for our department. He attends Stark State College where he currently holds a 3.94 GPA. He occasionally teaches at the college as well. If he has any off time, Ptl. Buhecker attends the Stark Public Special Olympics where his wife coaches track, basketball, and softball. Not only is Ptl. Buhecker committed to his family, jobs, and studies, he also is committed to his personal health. Ptl. Buhecker stands 120 pounds lighter today then he did just two years ago. The reason for his commitment to his health when asked Mr. Buhecker responded, "I want to see my boy grow up."

Ptl. Buhecker commits 32 hours a week working mostly midnight shift with the Canal Fulton Police Department. Getting paid nearly half of what a full time officer makes Ptl. Buhecker accounts for 31% of all the traffic citations issued by our agency. He also leads the department with 123 verbal warnings.

Ptl. Buhecker has been keeping busy during his shift with (16) sixteen OVI arrests and (2) two physical control arrest. One arrest, Ptl. Buhecker was nearly sideswiped at an intersection while responding to a call for assistance. During the arrest Ptl. Buhecker recovered a loaded 9 mm handgun from the highly intoxicated offender.

One evening, Ptl. Buhecker was given a BOLO for a stolen vehicle. No more than 3 minutes later, Ptl. Buhecker located the suspect and effected an arrest recovering the vehicle undamaged.

Another evening Ptl. Buhecker stumbled onto an intoxicated man walking down the street. He was astute enough to realize the subject had property on him belonging to a local bar and arrested him for a theft offense. While investigating this theft offense, he drove back to the establishment and arrested two more subjects for physical control of their motor vehicles while in the parking lot. Ptl. Buhecker could have easily ignored his surroundings but he was able to arrest the two drivers before they were ever placed on the roadway into a position to hurt or kill you or me.

It seems that Ptl. Buhecker approaches every traffic stop with the mind set of looking beyond the stop. This attitude has led to six traffic stops ending in multiple drug arrests. Three of those six stops being felonies with an additional firearm being recovered and removed off the streets.

Ptl. Buhecker volunteered many hours in 2011 working overtime with the Stark County OVI Task force by working local saturations as well as numerous check points.

As a supervisor, it is great knowing that while I am at home there is a dedicated employee taking care of business on the streets of Canal Fulton. It is Ptl. Buhecker's everyday commitment to his duties that I believe we have experienced zero alcohol related fatal crashes within our boundaries. While on duty he is a presence in the community, fulfilling not only as a well oiled machine removing OVI offenders from the roadway, but also serving as a deterrent for anyone who traverses through town. The perception in the community is that if Ptl. Buhecker is working, the likelihood of being caught for an OVI offense is HIGH. The number of lives saved or saving individuals from injury can never be captured on paper for it is his perception in the community that keeps people from drinking and driving in the first place.

With these attributes and qualities, it is my great pleasure to nominate not only a terrific police officer for the Traffic Officer Of The Year Award, but also a dedicated father, a wonderful friend to the Stark Special Olympics, an education professional, and a quality leader within the RED Center organization.

Respectfully,

Douglas Swartz
Interim Chief of Police

CANAL FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
2011 Training / Conferences / Seminars

Officer	Event	Location	Date
Interim Chief Douglas Swartz	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Jan.
	Biological Evidence Collection and Retention	Online Training	7/31/11
	RX Abuse in Ohio - The Scope of the Problem	Richfield, OH	8/1/11
	Tactical Patrol Workshop	Livonia, MI	8/16-8/17
	Grant Writing 101	Columbus, OH	11/11/11
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	5/5/11
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
Charles B. Kassinger	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	1/31/11
	BAC Recertification	Lawrence Twp.	4/28/11
	Active Shooter Training	Richfield, OH	9/7-9/8
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
Edward P. Harbaugh	Active Shooter Training	Richfield, OH	9/7-9/8
	Ice-Water Rescue	Canal Fulton, OH	1/10/11
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
	CPR Recertification	Lawrence Twp.	May
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	May
	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Jan.
Steve A. Ruthrauff	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Jan.
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	5/5/11
John M. Barabasch	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Jan.
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	5/5/11
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
Melissa A. Kosco	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	June
	SRO/DARE Combined Re-Trainer	Cambridge, OH	6/26-6/30
	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Aug.
	Creating Safe Learning Environments in OH Schools	Mt. Sterling, OH	11/13-15

TRAINING CONTINUED			
Dennis J. Muntean	Semi Auto Pistol Instructor	Richfield, OH	10/2-10/7
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	5/5/11
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Jan.
Daniel S. Tickerhoof	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	1/31/11
	Active Shooter Training	Richfield, OH	9/7-9/8
	Domestic Violence Training	Massillon, OH	9/22-9/23
	Taser Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	10/1/11
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	10/18/11
	Fraudulent Identification	Columbus, OH	11/8/11
Robert M. Buhecker	Breathalyzer Training	Jackson Twp., OH	Feb.
	BAC Recertification	Canal Fulton, OH	May
	Taser Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	Sept.
	Stark State File System Analysis	North Canton, OH	Jan-May
	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	1/31/11
	Cyberlaw	North Canton, OH	Jan-May
	Intoxilyzer 8000	Perry Twp., OH	Dec.
Nessa M. Collins	Firearms Re-Qualification	Canal Fulton, OH	1/31/11
Elaine J. Weitzel	CPR Re-Certification	Lawrence Twp.	May

