

NORTH COLLEGE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

2013 YEAR END REPORT



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the center of it all



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MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF GARY FOUST

As Chief of Police, I am excited to introduce a brief overview of the North College Hill Police Department's Strategic Planning in 2014 which is the foundation of any organization. In July of this year, the police department will receive its' first tax receipts from the passage of the approved Police Levy. It is important for the police department to be good stewards of these funds and communicate how the funds are being utilized. The taxpayers of this community have voted their trust and confidence in the police department so that we can focus on the issues that are critical to fighting crime, keeping our community safe, and improving quality of life issues. These are the issues we will be focusing on in 2014:



Police Chief Gary R. Foust

Customer Service

Provide police services consistent with the vision and values of our community, organization and serve as ambassadors of the City of North College Hill with an increased presence. Place an emphasis on service delivery to our customers through the establishment of measurable, targeted, and specific performance objectives for the agency.

Objective 1 – Hire additional officers to meet the growing demand of calls for service, reducing response time, and provide more visibility for crime deterrence.

Objective 2 – Create and designate a neighborhood forum for each quadrant and assign a community officer to each quadrant to address the concerns of that area and receive information from law enforcement about activities occurring in that quadrant. This will establish a collaborative partnership to reduce crime and improve customer service, and continue to nourish established Block Watch programs.

Objective 3 – Continue to foster an environment in our organization that recognizes each member's contribution in achieving that mission.

Objective 4 – Continue to utilizing the social media plan of communicating with the community such as Facebook, Twitter, daily blotter distribution, and web page presence.

Objective 5 – Merge the Code Enforcement function under the span and control of the police department. Many issues that affect the quality of life are bridged between the

police department and code enforcement. This will allow a continuity of communication and coordination and be an important asset to the customer service community oriented policing function. The City will hire an additional person to work with the Code Enforcement Officer who has been saddled with many administrative duties thus permitting the function of the position from becoming proactive.

Crime

Objective 1 – Conduct weekly reviews using the Department’s CrimeStat process to identify emerging patterns and trends.

Objective 2 – Designate an Investigative Supervisor to add an additional person in investigations, to monitor case screening and follow up, identifying patterns and trends and conduct and enhance better follow up with victims of crime as to the status of their case. Enhance better communication from investigations to patrol officers with the analytical data.

Objective 3 – Expand and take a proactive approach in reducing juvenile-gang activities, removing illegal guns from the community by zero tolerance enforcement, intelligence, and legislation.

Objective 4 – Having the advantage of additional resources design specific strategies in hot spot areas where crime patterns are occurring and evident.

Fiscal Responsibility

Objective 1 – Continuously conducts workload assessments and personnel deployment strategies to ensure cost-effectiveness.

Objective 2 – Continually seek alternative funding sources such as grants and collaborative sharing.

Training

Objective 1 – Enhance attractiveness of promotional opportunities through leadership development

Objective 2 – Increasing and enhancing internal and external training opportunities for all officers based on agency needs in areas of specialization.

Objective 3 – Continue in doing progress reports each quarter to identify the employees strengths and weakness and their contribution towards the organizational goals.

Traffic

Objective 1 – Participate in department wide traffic enforcement efforts to promote overall traffic safety and crime reduction

Objective 2 – Participate in statewide enforcement efforts such as the OVI Task Force, “Click it or Ticket” initiatives, etc.

Objective 3 – Continue to be responsive to community needs in residential areas through saturation patrol, radar, speed trailer, signage, and traffic engineering

The police department is committed to professional standards, community policing, and innovative solutions. These objectives will serve as a guide to provide the activities and direction of the agency for 2014. These objectives are dynamic but yet need to be flexible and updated to reflect the changes, opportunities and challenges that our agency and community face moving forward in 2014.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Foust". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Chief" is written above "Foust". The signature is centered on the page.

MANPOWER CLOCK 2013

In 2013, North College Hill Police Officers...

- Had 14,647 reported incidents / calls for service. This was an increase of 22.25% or an additional 2,665 calls for service.
- Issued 1,534 traffic citations. This was a decrease of 15.20% or a reduction of 275 less citations issued.
- Were engaged in a service activity or call every 35 minutes which is three minutes more frequently than last year.
- Handled approximately 1,952 calls for service per on duty officer in 2013. This is an increase of 300 additional calls or 18.21% more calls per officer.



Did You Know

The national average of police to residents is 2.3 officers per thousand residents? The ratio in NCH is only one officer for every 1000 residents.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey

On Average...

- Monday was the busiest day of the week in 2013. In 2012, Friday was the busiest day of the week.

- **10:00 – 11:00 AM** was the busiest hour of the day for 2013. In 2012 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM was the busiest hour of the day.

Police Response Time to calls were...

- Within six minutes 90.7% of the time (0.5% better than 2012) and within 4 minutes 83.2% of the time (2.1% better than 2012).

Did You Know

In a survey of seven large metropolitan comparable sized cities nationwide, the average response time to a HIGH priority call was 11 minutes and 11 seconds? And according to the FBI, some citizens had to wait longer than one (1) full day before a police officer could respond to their call for service for a reported crime of violence?

*Source: American Police Beat Magazine 2013 & American Thinker
11/09/2013*



Police Assisting EMS & FIRE...



In 2013, NCH Police responded with NCH EMS to **765 medical runs** (which is two medical runs every day) and responded with the fire department **133 times** (which is once every 2.7 days). This means that the police department responded with the fire department to a fire or medical run on average once every **10 hours** in 2013.

Did You Know

A gallon of water weighs 8.33 pounds and a standard fire truck pumper carries at least 500 gallons of water (4,165 pounds)?

CRIME CLOCK 2013

In 2013, North College Hill Police Officers responded to a...

Numbers in parenthesis indicate totals for 2012



Sexual Assault every 28 (36) days

Physical Assault every 3 (3) days

Burglary every 46 (40) hours

Robbery every 7 (11) days

Vehicle Theft every 5 (9) days

Trouble Run every 19 (29) hours

Weapon related call every 9 (8) days

Psychiatric Emergency call every 5 (5) days

Disorderly person or Disorderly crowd call every 45 (33) hours

Juvenile related complaint every 25 (25) hours

Suspicious circumstance call every 14 (15) hours

Theft complaint every 19 (20) hours

Domestic Disturbance call every 30 (19) hours

Fight in progress every 3 (new category) days



**In 2013, the North College Hill Police
Department arrested someone on
average every 9 (7) hours.**

TRAFFIC CLOCK 2013

Numbers in parenthesis indicate totals for 2012

In 2013, North College Hill Police Officers...

Investigated a parking complaint every **34 (32) hours**

Issued a parking citation every **56 (50) hours**

Issued a warning citation every **25 (19) hours**

Issued a moving violation every **10 (4.8) hours**

Responded to a vehicle crash every **20 (20) hours**

Helped a motorist gain entry into their locked vehicle every **(19) 38 hours**



In 2013, the North College Hill Police Department handled a traffic related matter on average every 4 (4) hours.



Did you know that according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, 2013 was the first time Ohio has had fewer than 1,000 traffic deaths since record-keeping began in 1936?



FALSE ALARM CLOCK 2013

North College Hill Police Officers received 362 false alarm calls in 2013. This was a 2.6% decrease from 2012



On average, every 24 hours and 11 minutes, police were dispatched to a reported false alarm in 2013. These false alarms cost the NCH taxpayers \$6,624.60 in dispatch fees.

138 of these alarms were to businesses and 224 of them were to residences.

The most occurring same business had 28 alarms and the most occurring same residence had 5 alarms in 2013.

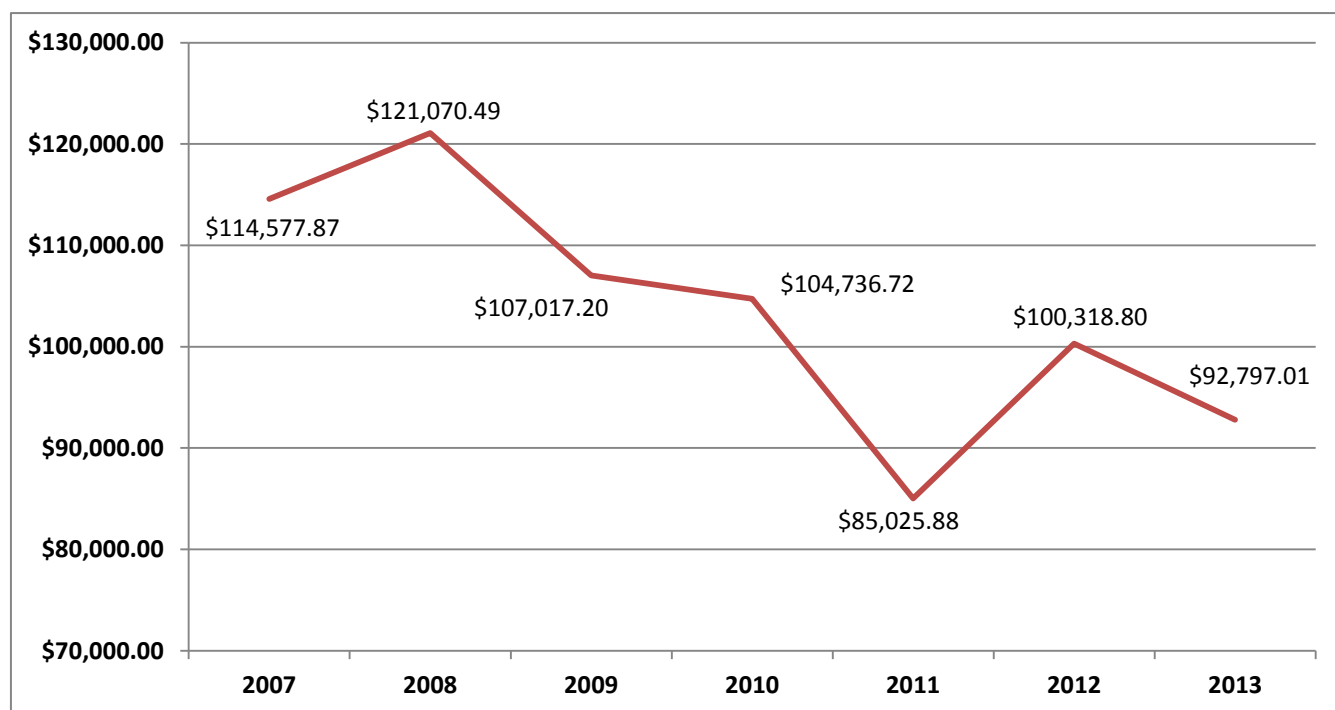


YEARLY OVERTIME 2013

The use of overtime in the North College Hill Police Department is used for very few incidents. The majority of overtime is used for:

- **Shift coverage** – Officers working patrol to respond to calls for service.
- **Court** – Officers attending court during their off duty time.
- **Late duty** – Officers having to stay past the end of their shifts to complete paperwork or process arrests that occurred late in their shifts or because they were too busy due to activity level to complete paperwork earlier.
- **Critical Incidents** – Officers being called in due to critical or emergency situations.
- **Specialized Service** – Police employees being called in due to their specialized knowledge being needed in specific situations (such as accident investigators or crime scene processors).

SEVEN YEAR COMPARISON OF OVERTIME



From 2007 through 2010, the police chief was Paul Toth who had 14 full time officers and used an average of \$111,850.57 per year.

From 2011 through 2013, the police chief was Gary Foust who had only 12 full time officers and used an average of \$92,734.68. This is a reduction in spending by 17.09% with a 15% reduction in staffing.

OFFICER TRAINING

The below chart represents the total amount of training obtained amongst all 25 sworn officers (full time, part-time and auxiliary officers).

TYPE OF TRAINING	# OF OFFICERS PARTICIPATING	TRAINING HOURS	STATE REQUIRED HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	
				IN-HOUSE	OUTSIDE
Firearms – Handgun	25	8	2	200	0
Firearms – Long Gun	25	8	2	200	0
Background Interviews	2	8	N/A	0	16
Social Media Investigation	1	24	N/A	0	24
Social Media Investigation	24	5	N/A	120	0
A.L.I.C.E. Instructor Training	2	24	N/A	0	48
A.L.I.C.E. Training	24	3	N/A	72	0
IPMBA Bike Training	2	24	N/A	0	48
Pamet Software RMS	25	16	N/A	400	0
NRA Range Safety Officer	2	8	N/A	0	16
NRA Basic Instructor Training	1	16	N/A	0	16
Taser Recertification	24	8	N/A	192	0
Driver Training / CEVO	24	8	N/A	192	0
Rifle Armorer School	1	24	N/A	0	24
Police Radar Operator	1	24	N/A	0	24
D.A.R.T. Drug Investigations	1	136	N/A	136	0
		TOTALS →		1512	216

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS = 25

AVERAGE HOURS OF TRAINING PER OFFICER = 69.12

TOTAL TRAINING BUDGET FOR DEPARTMENT = \$3,000.00

AVERAGE \$ AMOUNT SPENT ON EACH OFFICER = \$120.00

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE 2013

In 2013, officers were involved in 8 incidents requiring a use of force report as mandated by North College Hill Police Department Policies and Procedures. This is a 50% decrease from 2012.

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS	INCIDENTS
Threatening Officer	8
Striking Officer	5
Not Responding to Commands	8
Other Aggressive Actions	8
Attempting To disarm officer	3

TYPE OF INCIDENT	INCIDENTS
Disorderly Subject(s)	1
Fight in Progress	1
Domestic Violence	1
Shots Fired	1
Theft in Progress	1
Person with a gun	1
Suspicious person	1
Influenced by alcohol / drugs	1
TOTALS =	8

OFFICER RESPONSE ACTIONS	INCIDENTS
Officer Presence	8
Verbal Commands	8
Assistance from Other Officers	8
Balance Displacement	2
Display Taser	3
Deploy Taser – Drive Stun	2
Deploy Taser - Darts	1
Pressure Point Control	1
Swarm Technique	1
Joint Manipulation	2
Pepperball Deployment	1
Chemical Agent Deployment	1



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO: 14,647

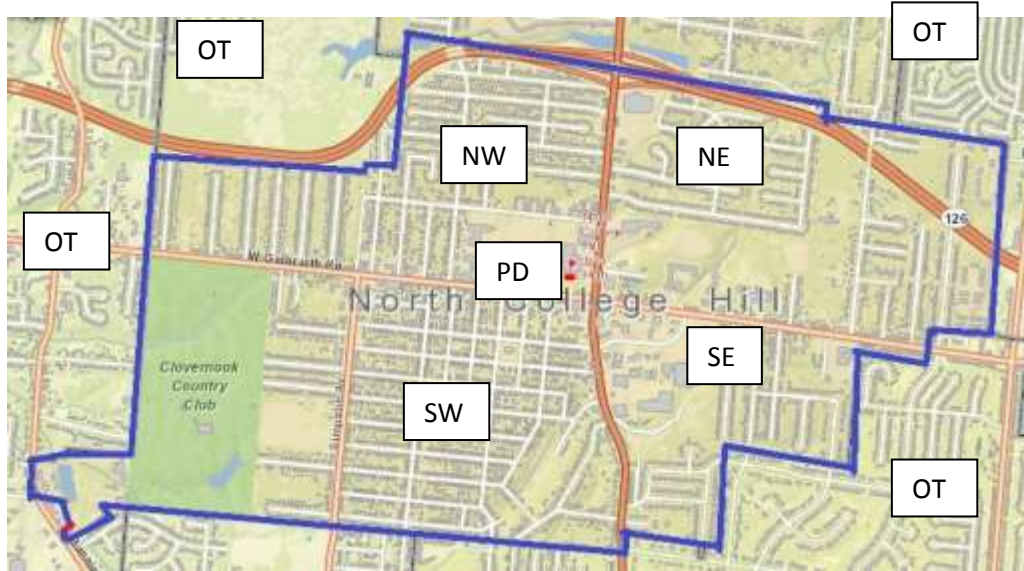
TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING USE OF FORCE: 8

PERCENTAGE OF CALLS REQUIRING USE OF FORCE: 0.05%

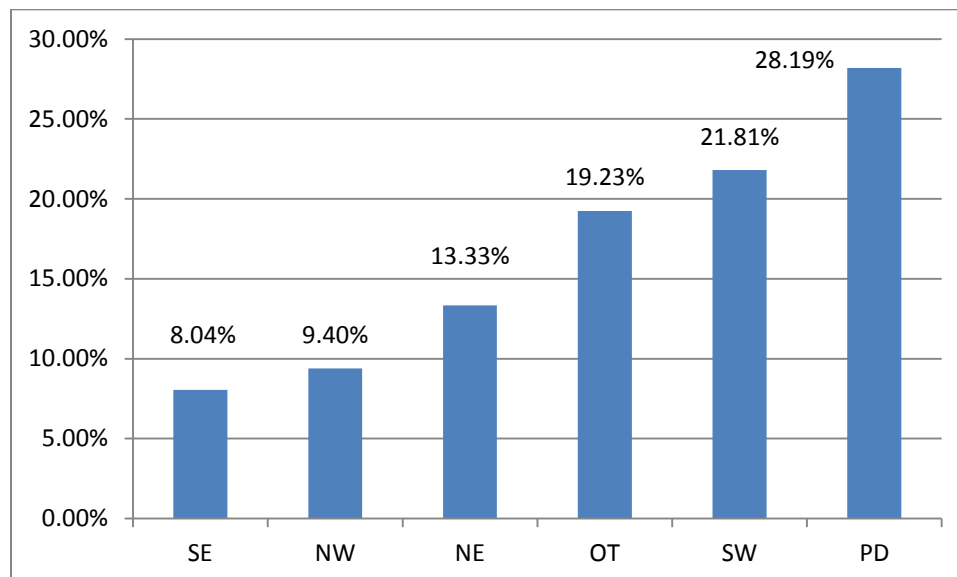
OFFICERS USE FORCE ON AVERAGE EVERY: 46 DAYS

ON AVERAGE, EVERY 1,830 CALLS, AN OFFICER HAS TO USE FORCE

ACTIVITY BY QUADRANT IN 2013



The North College Hill Police Department divides the city into four (4) quadrants for reporting purposes. The center of the quadrants is Hamilton and West Galbraith. The quadrants are defined as: Northeast (NE), Northwest (NW), Southeast (SE), and Southwest (SW). There are also two additional reporting areas used when reports are filed at the police department (PD – This is done in order to avoid over reporting for the Northwest quadrant) or outside of NCH (OT – Such as when officers respond out of territory to assist other agencies).

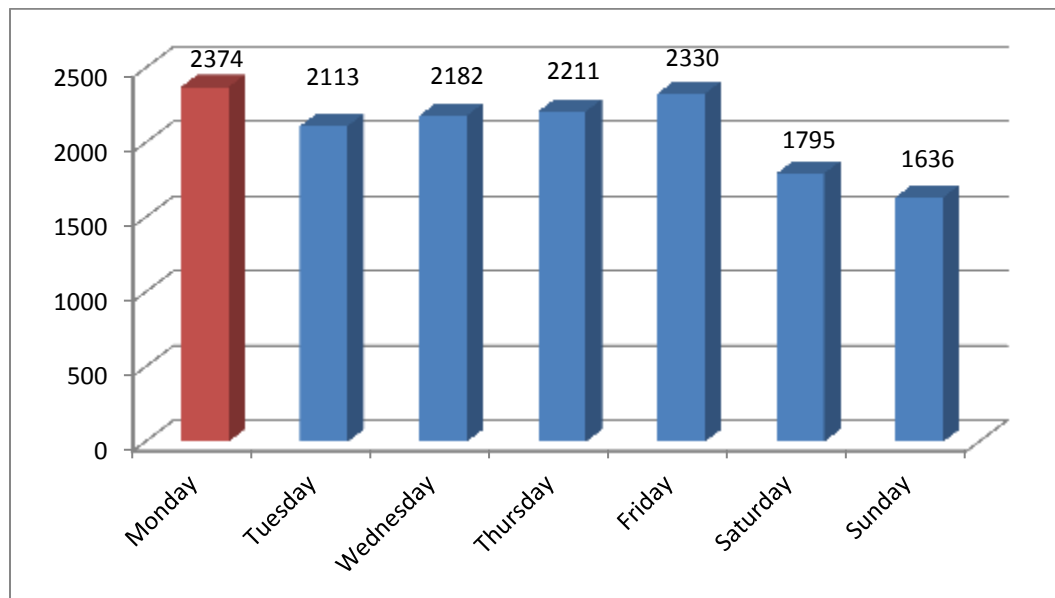


The above bar chart represents all calls for service (14,647) received by the police department in 2013.

2013 ACTIVITY BY DAY AND HOUR

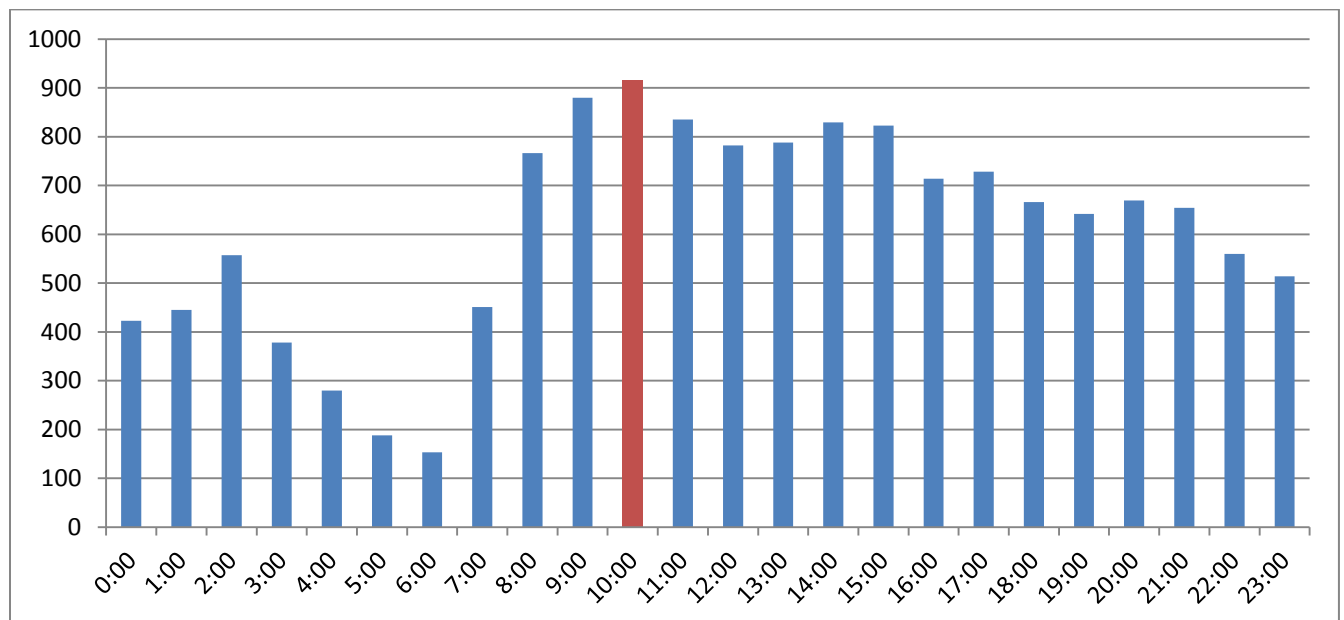
The busiest day of the week (with respect to volume of calls for service) was Mondays.

CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



The busiest time of day (with respect to volume of calls for service) was between 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

CALLS BY HOUR



MAJOR INCIDENTS IN 2013

A SAMPLING OF MAJOR INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN NCH DURING 2013



May 14th, 2013 A report of a strange odor turned into a house fire at 1911 Dallas Avenue. Firefighters discovered the body of 19 year old Alexander Miller on the second floor. A firefighter was also injured during the fire.

July 12th, 2013 Pat Mahaney, who on August was brutally assaulted while walking home store by six African-American juveniles, died University of Cincinnati Medical Center of causes. His death reignited the already tense which presiding Judge Tracie Hunter some of the attackers to a combination of community service and to read a book and report on it.



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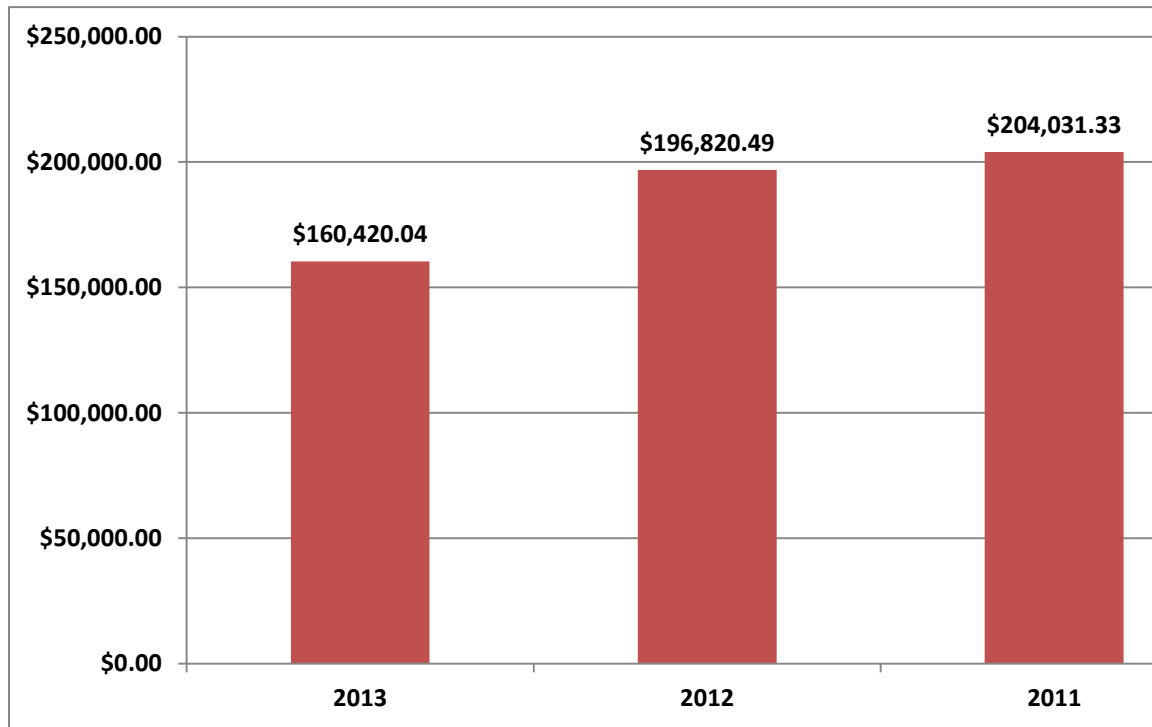


November 29th, 2013 During a working structure fire on the third floor of 1568 West Galbraith Road, (a multi-unit apartment building), 50 year old Tony Davis succumbed to smoke inhalation and was found deceased in one of the upper apartments. All other occupants were safely evacuated and the building sustained heavy damage.

North College Hill officers in conjunction with DART (The Drug Abuse Taskforce in Hamilton County) performed three separate drug raids in 2013. The addresses were 2001 Sundale Avenue, 1483 Foxwood Drive, and 7115 Salmar Drive. Taken in these raids were quantities of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, prescription drugs, multiple firearms, and approximately \$25,000.00 in U.S. currency. This is in addition to the usual street level drugs North College Hill officers interdict on a daily basis.



MAYOR'S COURT 2013



\$25,457.00 of this year's receipts were submitted to the State of Ohio. The remaining \$134,963.04 was transferred into the City's General Fund. The receipts of the North College Hill Mayor's Court for 2013 were \$36,400.45 (18.5%) less than those received in 2012 and \$43,611.29 (21.3%) less than received in 2011.

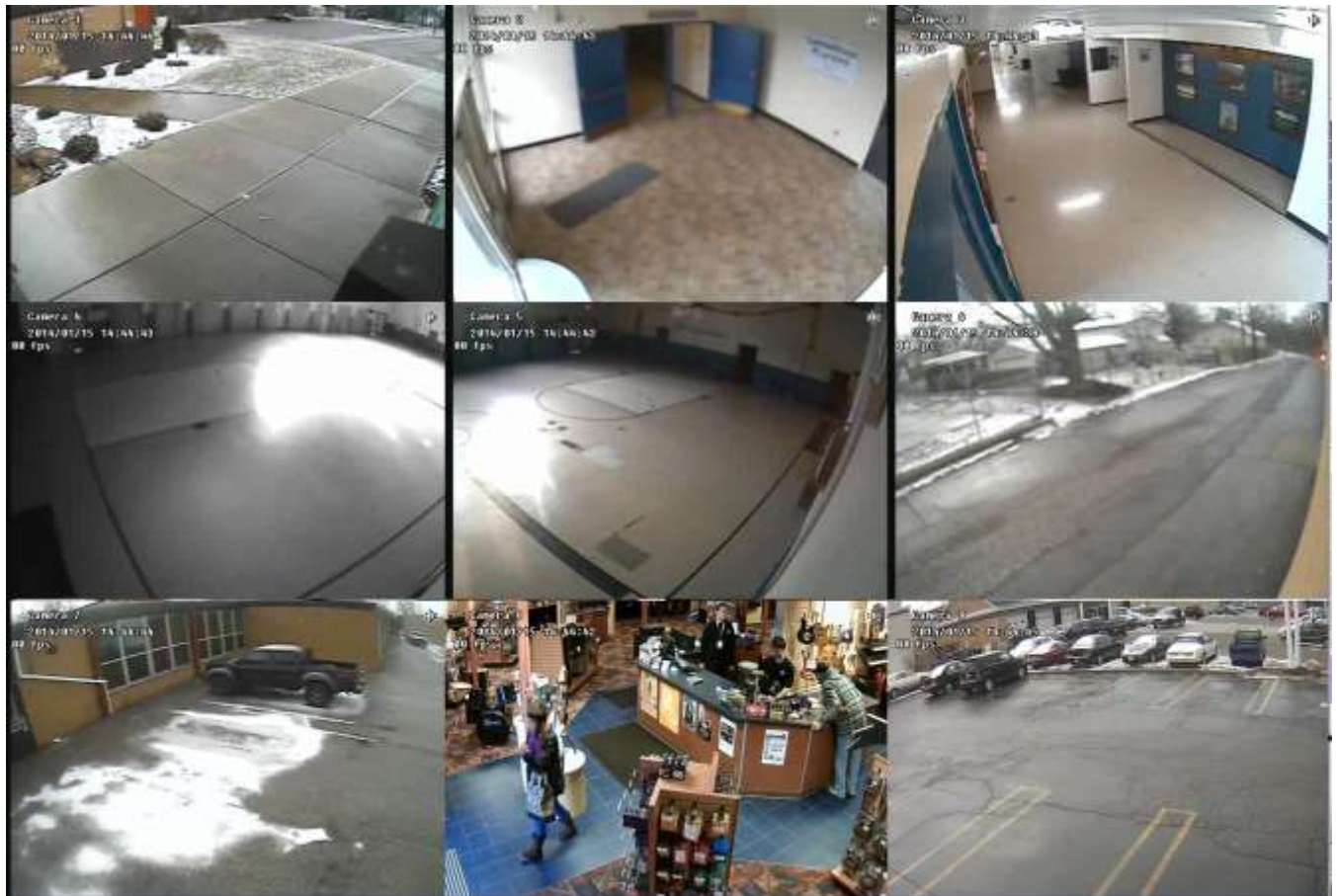


Did you know...

- **In 2012, there were 318 mayor's courts that registered and reported activity to the Supreme Court?**
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- **In 2012, there were a total of 312,264 cases handled by Mayor's Courts throughout Ohio?**
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- **In 2012, the North College Hill Mayor's Court handled 2,589 cases which accounts for less than one (1%) percent of all case in the state?**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Ring of Steel – This security and safety initiative was finally completed. After months of delays, we finally overcame the utility issues, technical problems, business internet access concerns, and several other complications to go online 24/7/365!



Screen capture image of some of the cameras in the Ring of Steel Network that are displayed 24/7 at the police department.

COMMUNICATIONS 2013

The North College Hill Police Department (NCHPD) contracts with the Hamilton County Communication's Center (HCCC) to handle the City's 9-1-1 calls, non-emergency calls, dispatch and radio services, and other incidental functions to assist the police department in providing the citizens top quality law enforcement services.



The HCCC's Public Safety Communications Division is a consolidated 9-1-1 center that serves the emergency communications needs of over 105 police, fire and EMS agencies in 42 political jurisdictions (including the City of North College Hill) serving over 500,000 Hamilton County residents.

While the majority of calls are dispatched from the HCCC, there are still over 5000 calls a year either officer initiated (the officer comes across a situation needing attention), telephoned or personally reported to police through the police clerks. During those times when a police clerk is not on duty, officers carry cellular telephones to forward station calls to them in their cruisers.

In 2013, out of the 39 police agencies dispatched by the HCCC, the NCHPD ranked 12th in sheer volume of calls for service, placing our department in the top 30% of the busiest agencies. It is important to note that these are only the calls that

are dispatched by the communications center. Most of the calls are received and dispatched by our police clerks that are on duty Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm and

Interesting Facts

Out of the 39 police agencies dispatched by the Hamilton County Communications Center, 27 of them are less busy than NCH.

The cost for the Hamilton County Communications Center to dispatch a run to NCH police costs \$18.30.

The total dispatch cost to the police department for 2013 was \$106,011.90.

account for over 61% of the total calls for service each year?

COMPARISON OF DISPATCHED CALLS

AGENCY NAME	FULL TIME OFFICERS	CALLS DISPATCHED	Calls Per FT Officer
1. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	150	33,884	225
2. Colerain Township Police Department	35	23,685	676
3. Springfield Township Police Department	47	15,521	330
4. Green Township Police Department	42	14,030	334
5. Sycamore Township – HCSO	N/A	12,738	N/A
6. Forest Park Police Department	36	10,162	282
7. Sharonville Police Department	37	9,499	256
8. Delhi Township Police Department	28	7,890	281
9. Springdale Police Department	40	7,234	180
10. Anderson Township – HCSO	N/A	7,092	N/A
11. Blue Ash Police Department	35	5,898	168
12. North College Hill Police Department	12	5,793	482

In 2013, the North College Hill Police Department created an evening police clerk position as a cost savings measure. This was a part time position that was job shared between two part time employees. Between the day and evening police clerks, they receive approximately 61% of all the calls for service NCH police units respond to.

If all of these calls were received and handled through the Hamilton County Communication's Center and billed to the police department, our total communications dispatch cost would be \$268,040.10! An increase of 152.8% or an extra \$162,028.10 per year!

As this program has been so successful in providing increased customer service and as a cost savings measure, the police department is looking at expanding the clerks to weekends and later evening weekday hours later this year.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF 2014

While the North College Hill Police Department won't begin receiving the benefits of the police levy until July or August of 2014, we have already started preparing for the receipt of those funds so we can begin implementing our actions plans as soon as possible.



A hiring eligibility list is currently in the process of being established so new officers can be brought on to the department as soon as funding sources are received.

Innovate solutions to current crime trends in the city are being examined as are the use of in technology strategies to combat juvenile crime and quality of life issues.



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The North College Hill Police Department is preparing to implement as many of the programs and strategies in 2014 as the levy funding will allow. We know that through our officers' dedication and pledge to continue to uphold the laws and our values through common purpose with passion, the men and women of the

North College Hill Police Department will continue to provide the best police service and protection in Hamilton County and succeed in achieving a common vision of making our city a model that others will look to as an example of excellence.