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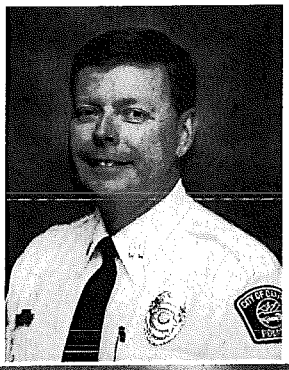
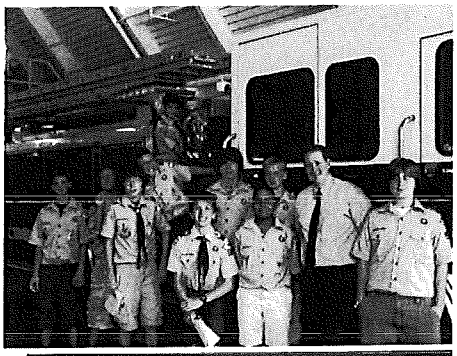
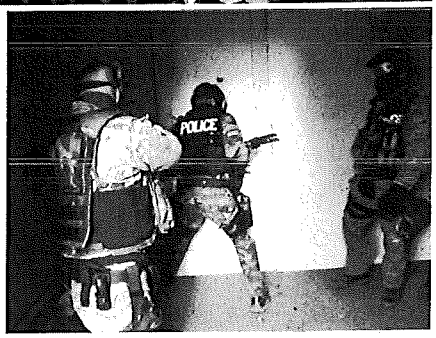
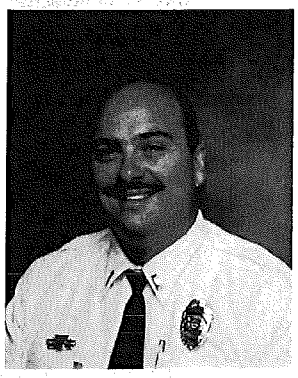
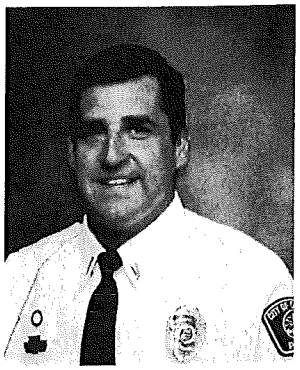
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY











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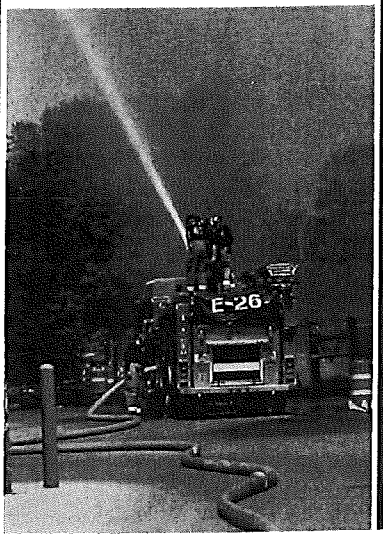
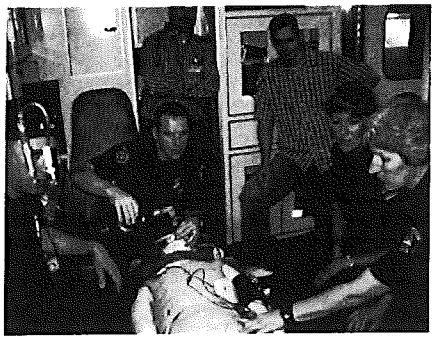




Thanks

The following are a sampling of thank you notes received from citizens who wished to express their sincere appreciation to our Public Safety Department members for their prompt care, compassion and professionalism. The Oakwood Public Safety Department has established a reputation for going above and beyond to provide a special level of care to those we serve and who require our services. Additional notes can be found on the inside of the back cover.

The following letter was sent to Chief Bebris and Lt. Jeff Yount by a Dayton resident who was involved in an automobile accident in our city:

Gentlemen:

On Thursday, January 3, 2008, we were involved in an automobile accident on Far Hills Avenue. We immediately called 911 and within minutes your officers appeared on the scene.

This is to let you know how much we appreciated the promptness, courtesy and concern (beyond the call of duty) exhibited by your Officers Gressel and Brian Pond.

We would like to commend these gentlemen for making an unfortunate situation the best it could be.

Thank you

The following letter about Mike Jones was received by Chief Bebris:

Dear Sir,

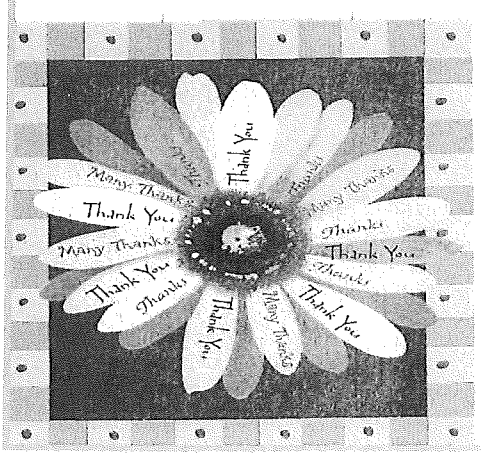
This is just a short note to thank the Oakwood Police, especially the young detective in the Lost & Found Department.

Back in the middle of December, 2006, I went shopping at the G.F.S. Store on Wilmington Avenue. When I went to pay for my purchases, I had no money. I had credit cards, but no cash.

To shorten this note . . . "today that young officer returned my small purse containing $45 and some postage stamps, but no identification. When he told me all the steps he took to track me down, I was amazed and so thankful for his great detective work."

"Please thank him for me. It's still a mystery to me as to what happened, but thanks to his work, I have my money and purse back."

Nice Work . . . The following thank you note was received from a 12-year-old Oakwood youth who had his bike forcibly taken from him by two juveniles. Both juveniles (13 and 15 years of age) were located by officers, arrested and referred to Montgomery County Juvenile Court. Even though it might be "just a bike" to us, to this young man, it means a lot more.



To: The nice police officers that helped me

Dear Officer Jones and Officer Konicki,

I really appreciate you finding my bike and those two kids. I got a new bike a few days ago and once we get the red one fixed, I'll take it to my grama's house to ride when I'm over there.

Also, just to be safe, I lock up my new bike in our garage and wrote a description of it including the serial # in case it gets stolen. Thank you so much.

Sam

The following article appeared in a recent edition of the Oakwood Register and is reprinted with their approval as well as Mr. Cikraji's:

A Heartfelt Thank You

Often it is easy to accept city services that are exemplary without comment. However, regarding an episode August 12, 2007 I would like to give public recognition. On that day while at home in Oakwood I suffered a major heart attack. Both emergency medical and police personnel arrived at home within minutes. Their professional response was tremendous. The emergency medical technicians administered basic treatment while the police assisted my family.

The diagnostic equipment used by the medical personnel was exceptional. I was wheeled into the emergency room and the EMT in my presence identified the exact part of my heart experiencing the arrest to the attending physician. The cardiologist was reviewing the printout within three minutes of my entering the ER.

I believe in large part the timely identification and treatment of my condition by the EMT's from Oakwood significantly contributed to my survival and to the degree of recovery I have made to date.

Although I am reluctant to use the term "fortunate" regarding what transpired on Aug. 12, I certainly was fortunate to have such talented and technologically equipped Oakwood personnel attending both my family and me.

I absolutely shudder when I realize that the next day I was to be I Mexico! This is a heartfelt (more ways than one) thank you to the Oakwood Safety Department.

Bob Cikraji

OAKWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

The Public Safety Department of the City of Oakwood is the second oldest consolidated department in the United States. Combining the police and fire emergency response functions into one department in 1927, Oakwood remains unique in that there exists only 32 consolidated public safety departments in the country. Approximately ten years later, ambulance services were added which have expanded today to include state of the art advanced life support. All patrol officers are state certified in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical techniques. This mixture minimizes city expenditures and maximizes response to a variety of citizen requests for help.

Officers also specialize. Selected personnel are classified as paramedics, evidence technicians, fire inspectors or crime prevention advisors. However, the underlying strength of the department remains premised upon the philosophy that Oakwood Public Safety service mandates cross-training in the basics of all three disciplines.

The consolidation concept has been successful for the Oakwood community, providing our citizens with one of the most secure cities in Ohio and an extremely quick and knowledgeable response to any emergency.

Consistent with our unique organization is the spirit with which we deliver our services. From the first day of employment, we know it is our responsibility to protect the community with vigor and, at the same time, serve it with empathy, courtesy and fairness.

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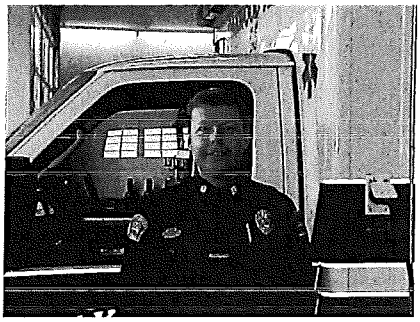
2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Personnel

Randy Baldridge Promoted to Operations Captain

Randy Baldridge was promoted to Operations Captain on March 13th. Randy began his career at the Huber Heights Police Department and quickly achieved the position of line supervisor. After coming to Oakwood, Randy again rapidly rose to a management rank. Randy also served for many years with the Kettering Fire Department during his time off. He is currently working with the Washington Township Fire Department. With his recent promotion to Operations Captain, he is number three in the department.



Captain Randy Baldridge

Randy brings a wealth of experience and talent to the new position. He has proven time and again he has a positive vision for the future of the Oakwood Public Safety Department and is a valuable asset to the department.

New Public Safety Officers Hired

Alan Hill, Bruce Upchurch and Tiffany Conley were hired as Public Safety Officers in 2007.

Alan Hill comes to Oakwood from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He has 10 years of law enforcement experience. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is a certified instructor in many law enforcement areas.

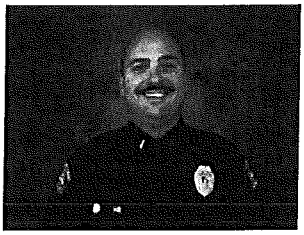
Bruce Upchurch was with the Greene County Sheriff's Office where he served as a Sergeant. Bruce has 16 years of law enforcement experience. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Tiffany Conley was formerly employed with the Dayton Police Department. She comes to Oakwood with nine years of law enforcement experience and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

PSO Alan Hill, PSO Tiffany Conley, Chief Bebris and PSO Bruce Upchurch

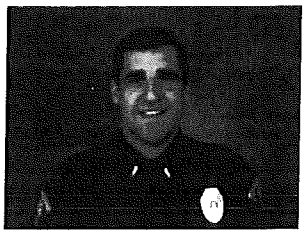
Jeff Yount and Mike Jones Promoted to Lieutenant

Jeff Yount and Mike Jones were promoted to the position of Lieutenant.



Lieutenant Jeff Yount

Jeff most recently served as a Public Safety Officer and was previously in the Detective Section. Jeff has been with Oakwood for 18 years.



Lieutenant Mike Jones

Mike was hired as a Public Safety Officer. He then became a Detective. Mike has eight years of experience with the Safety Department.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Personnel/Departmental

Alan Hill Named Detective

Alan Hill was selected as the department's new detective. A panel selection process was established to pick the new detective. The panel consisted of an officer, lieutenant, captain and Dave Williams, the Director of the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit.

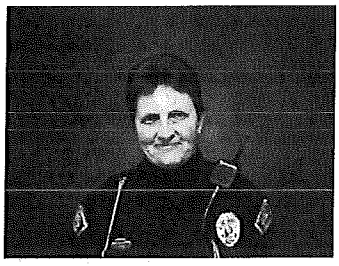
Detective Alan Hill

During the process, the candidates participated in an oral interview and written exercise. The panel made a recommendation to Chief Bebris, who appointed Officer Hill to the position of detective.

Alan has considerable law enforcement and investigative experience, having served as a police instructor, detective, internal affairs investigator and narcotics enforcement officer while working as a deputy with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Gail Schmidt Named D.A.R.E. Officer

Officer Gail Schmidt was named our new Youth Services Officer. Gail brings experience and enthusiasm to the position.



Officer Gail Schmidt

She has attended Operation Street Smart for Drug Awareness and has attended OPOTA and obtained her D.A.R.E. instructor certification. Gail also serves our community as the School Resource and D.A.R.E. Officer.

We are privileged to have Gail represent our department as a role model for the youth of our community.

New Oakwood Patch

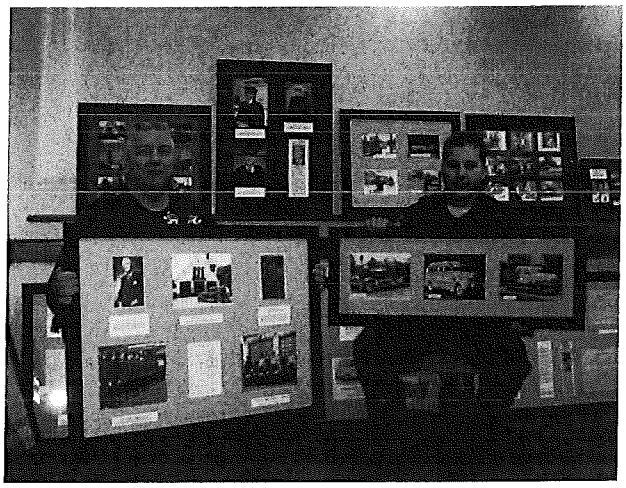
Because Oakwood is a unique department providing police, fire and emergency medical services, it was decided to have one patch which addresses consolidation of public safety services.

Officer Fred Wilson sought out a vendor and submitted his ideas and designs for the patch. The new patch replaced the old separate police and fire patches which had been used for years.

Historical Photos

Tom Adams and Rob Wilson went through hundreds of old photos and put together a chronological history of each decade since the department was formed in the 1920's. Chief Bebris wanted the department to have a visual history displayed on the hallway walls for future officers, citizens and visitors to be able to learn about the department's history.

Tom did an excellent job of matting and framing all of the photographs and documents. The project will be a source of pride and conversation for many years to come.



Officers Tom Adams and Rob Wilson

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Departmental

New Cruisers

The department took delivery of two new 2007 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles. The cruisers were used to replace Cars 40 and 80. A new feature with the cruisers is a built-in trunk organizer.

Entry Shield

The department purchased a tactical ballistic entry shield for use by our officers in the field. The shield can be used in initial response to active shooter incidents for officer protection, rescue of injured victims from a hostile environment, searching buildings and numerous other tactical and patrol uses.

Officers demonstrate use of the entry shield

In-House Fire Hats

Officer Rob Wilson worked on a project to get a standardized baseball-style cap for Public Safety Officers to use when performing fire and EMS duties. The hat offers protection from the sun and the elements. Each hat has the officer's name embroidered on the back.

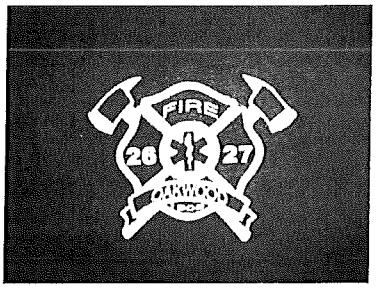
Fire Helmets

The department recently completed a three-year long project to replace all of our fire helmets. Officer Greg Ortel did the research on this project along with Officer Tom Adams and Captain Baldridge. Many of our helmets were at least 10 years old and no longer met current NFPA recommended safety guidelines. Each helmet is also equipped with NFPA compliant ESS goggles for eye protection.

Officer Greg Ortel, Captain Randy Baldridge and Lieutenant Keith Benson display new fire helmets

New Fire Logo

The Safety Department now has a new logo for in-house fire shirts. The logo identifies our personnel and incorporates our countywide assigned apparatus numbers of 26 and 27 into the design. Captain Baldridge designed the logo for the department. In-house short and long sleeve t-shirts, along with sweatshirts with the new fire logo were provided to all Public Safety Officers.



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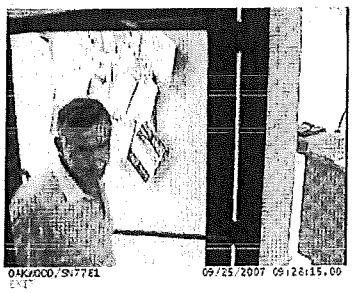
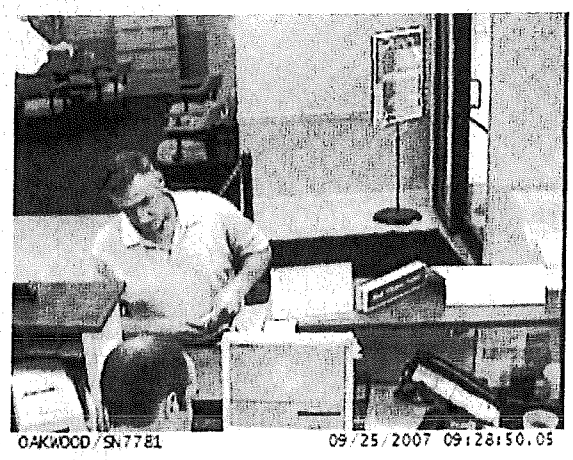
Investigations

- A robbery of one of our banks was solved within four hours when investigators obtained a video of the robber and had it placed on the local news stations.

  A tip came in shortly after the newscast with information about the identity and possible location of the suspect. Investigators located the suspect's car at a local motel, arrested the perpetrator, recovered the money (and drugs he had bought with the stolen money) and obtained a confession.





- A bomb threat was called in to the Oakwood High School requiring the evacuation of the building. No device was found.

  Det. Mike Jones traced the caller using court orders and eventually obtained a confession from the suspect who had made the call in order to distract a police officer who had stopped him for the traffic offense.

  The subject made the call while the officer was back in his cruiser checking the status of the suspect who remained alone in his car.

  The caller was driving while suspended and hoped the officer would be pulled away from the traffic stop to respond to the bomb threat.

- A female jogger was being followed by a male subject in a car. This occurred on several occasions as she ran her route through Oakwood and frightened the runner.

  The subject matched the description of a suspect in similar complaints in other jurisdictions. Det. Clingan developed a suspect and questioned him. He denied involvement.

  When the jogger reported that she was followed again, Det. Clingan showed the complainant a photo spread of the suspect and she was able to identify the person.

  A warrant was obtained and the suspect arrested for stalking. The judge required him to stay three miles away from the runner.

- Juveniles had bikes stolen from them while out riding. The suspects threatened the juveniles and rode off on their bikes.

  A few days later suspects stole another bike from a garage. A citizen reported the suspicious subjects and they were subsequently interviewed by Det. Jones who recognized them as matching the description of the bike robbery suspects. They admitted to the crime and were charged with robbery.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Investigations

- Det. Clingan spent many man hours following up on thefts from cars and tracing property sold to pawn shops.

  One such case proved fruitful when he interviewed a subject who pawned property stolen from a resident's vehicle. The subject admitted to pawning the property for a friend. The "friend" turned out to be a well known thief who was a suspect in many of the Oakwood thefts from cars.

  Det. Clingan was able to charge the suspect who pawned the property with "Receiving Stolen Property" and he received 8 months in jail.

- An Oakwood resident inadvertently surprised a thief breaking into their car one morning. The suspect threatened the resident with a knife and fled the area.

  Days later, Officer Evans arrested a subject on an unrelated incident. Det. Clingan thought the arrested person matched the description of the suspect with the knife. Det. Clingan developed a photo spread and the victim identified the suspect. The perpetrator's picture was published in a local paper.

  An Oakwood resident recognized him as the person he had wrestled with during another attempted theft over a year ago. The subject was also charged with that crime and received a 2 year sentence in prison.

- Det. Mike Jones performed the evidence (CSI) processing on a stolen Corvette that had been abandoned in Oakwood, stripped of its wheels.

  Det. Jones recovered prints from the wheel wells that were traced using AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) to a known thief. The car thief was charged because of the excellent evidence work.

- During the summer, Officer Glen Evans and Officer Terry Hall, made separate arrests over two months, during the early morning hours, of suspects that had been breaking into cars. Their arrests resulted in the clearing of over 80 car break-ins and the recovery of some of the stolen property.

  Officer Evans approached his suspect who was walking in the street after a citizen reported suspicious subjects at 4 a.m. Officer Hall stopped his suspect for riding a bike at night without a light. Great work by our officers working the midnight shift.

- Det. Greg May investigated a burglary that occurred while the residents were on vacation. Thousands of dollars of electronic equipment was stolen.

  Through interviews with neighbors and acquaintances, Det. May was able to develop suspects who eventually admitted their involvement. Most of the stolen property was recovered and returned to the owner.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Overview

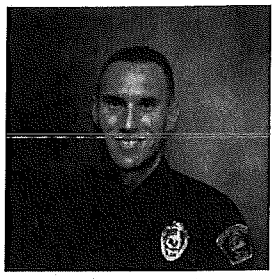
2007 was a year of transition in the department. Several promotions took place during the year. Training was handled by operations until a new training officer was designated and a new detective appointed to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mike Jones. Lieutenant Jones assumed the role of Training Lieutenant on a full-time basis in the fall once Officer Alan Hill was selected to fill Mike's position as departmental detective and a smooth transition could be made. Despite the changes and new assignments, the Safety Department recorded 6,542 hours of training in 2007. This surpassed the 5,614.5 hours for 2006. Part of the increase in 2007 was attributed to the extensive academy training for a number of our new Public Safety Officers.

Our training programs cover three disciplines: police, fire and emergency medical services. This includes public safety communications. Training and maintaining proficiency for our personnel remains a full-time task. The department recognizes this fact and has a lieutenant assigned full-time to manage and coordinate the department's training needs. Due to some internal realignment of operations and administrations responsibilities, the Training Lieutenant reports directly to the Operations Captain.

Not only do department personnel perform three separate services, many are also assigned specialized training and perform special assignments for the department. In order to maintain these special assignments and skills, officers attend additional training over and above that of other officers.

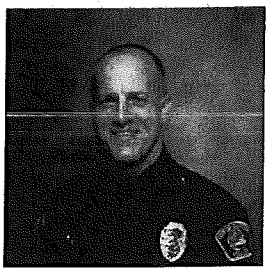
Federal, state, local and departmental mandates are continuously increasing and placing more emphasis on training each year. 2007 was a unique year for training with a number of new officers joining the ranks and bringing the department up to its authorized staffing. Officer Jack Harrison completed the police academy and his Field Training Officer (FTO) Program in May and was assigned to Crew 2. Joining Jack were Officers Alan Hill, Bruce Upchurch, and Tiffany Conley. All three attended the Ohio Fire Academy and were certified as career Level II Firefighters. Bruce and Tiffany were certified as emergency medical technicians (EMT's) at the academy. Officer Alan Hill attended Sinclair College, where he obtained his EMT certification.

Alan, Bruce and Tiffany all received excellent evaluations on their academic and practical skills from the academy staff. Chief Bebris, Captain Baldridge and Lieutenant Jones each attended and participated in one of the recruit's live burn sessions at the academy.



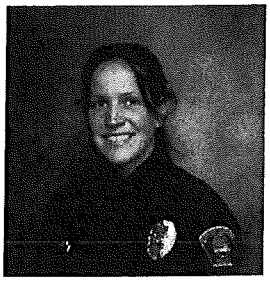
PSO Alan Hill

Alan, Bruce and Tiffany also completed their Field Training Officer Programs in November.



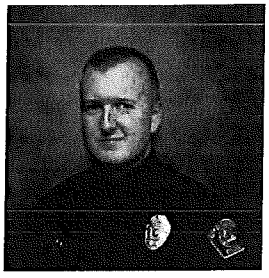
PSO Bruce Upchurch

Bruce is currently assigned to Crew 3, Tiffany is assigned to Crew 2 and Alan is assigned to the Detective Section. Each of the four new officers was a lateral entry candidate and brought with them a wealth of knowledge and experience.



PSO Tiffany Conley

Jack Harrison is a lateral entry from the Kettering Fire Department; he is a State of Ohio Certified Fire Instructor and a certified Scott Air Pack Technician. Officer Alan Hill is a lateral entry from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Alan brings a significant background of instructional skills to the department. Alan has special weapons and tactics training (SWAT), firearms, narcotics enforcement and criminal and internal affairs investigative skills.



PSO Jack Harrison

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Training—Overview

Alan was selected from a panel of internal and external evaluators to take over the department's full-time detective position that came open after Detective Mike Jones was promoted to lieutenant. Officer Bruce Upchurch is a lateral entry from the Greene County Sheriff's Office; Bruce was a road sergeant and K-9 handler with Greene County. Bruce brings a wealth of police experience to the department. Officer Tiffany Conley is a lateral entry from the Dayton Police Department. Tiffany worked in the 5th District which is one of Dayton's busiest with a significant amount of violent crime and drug related activity. Tiffany brings a wealth of police street experience to our department.

Our greatest asset as a department continues to be our excellent personnel and a commitment to training for veteran and new officers. We continue to hire well-trained, seasoned and experienced lateral entry candidates and retain our existing well-trained, well-rounded public safety force. This allows us to internally utilize the new experienced officers and our existing experienced officers to improve the training, knowledge and skill levels for all department members.

Our Field Training Officer Program that was revised by Lieutenant Keith Benson is 2006 was used extensively for training each new recruit in 2007. The program has been extended to allow new recruits more initial training time. The FTO Program is designed to give new recruits a solid foundation in the cross training they need for public safety duties. Lieutenants Keith Benson and Mike Jones oversee the FTO Program. Officers Tom Adams, Glen Evans and Greg May serve as our primary Field Training Officers. We utilize a number of other experienced officers to supplement the FTO experience and give new recruits various degrees of insight, training, mentoring and guidance during their FTO Program.

Nickie Myers is our full-time departmental secretary; in this role she provides secretarial support to the Chief, two captains and the training lieutenant. Nickie receives secretarial support from Pat Knight when she is not covering the dispatch center. Nickie is very busy in her secretarial role and is also trained as the departmental records custodian. This position requires Nickie to continuously attend workshops on the ever changing Ohio Records Laws. Recent legislation in Ohio made numerous changes in how public records must be maintained and disseminated. Nickie must stay up on all of these changes and release and protect our records consistent with the law.

Nickie is also trained and maintains all of our medical records pertaining to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Our department works with Med 3000 to bill insurance companies for medical services we provide. It is an industry standard with few exceptions that departments must bill for services to be able to provide the advanced levels of EMS care and training that are expected today. Nickie is trained to maintain our confidential medical records and safeguard this documentation and information consistent with Federal HIPAA Laws.

Our dispatchers receive ongoing training on the Ohio LEADS System. Classes are available for dispatchers for various topics pertaining to communications. Dispatchers Rochelle Rich and Cherie Muceus are trained as our department's Terminal Agency Coordinators (TAC's). They receive training and maintain our LEADS data. They are responsible for making sure all personnel read and initial LEADS Newsletters with updated information on the LEADS System. The dispatch supervisor makes training classes available for dispatchers to enhance their skills.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Police

With the promotion of Officer Keith Benson to lieutenant, our D.A.R.E. Program needed a new instructor. Officer Gail Schmidt stepped forward and took the D.A.R.E. assignment. Gail passed her D.A.R.E. candidate interviews and was sent for two weeks of intensive training at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. Gail graduated in April and began working as the department's D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer. Gail has been a natural in her new assignment. Students, teachers, school administrators and parents have all spoken very highly about the great job Gail is doing with the D.A.R.E. Program and our youth. Gail recently completed her first two elementary D.A.R.E. graduations.

Officer Gail Schmidt

We continued to improve our range and force options programs in 2007. This will carry over into 2008 with more changes and improvements on the horizon. Due to some unforeseen events, we delayed the rifle conversion program scheduled for 2007 until 2008.

Lieutenant Chuck Balaj heads up our firearms and force options programs. Assisting Chuck are Detective Alan Hill and Officers Glen Evans and Fred Wilson as firearms instructors. Officer Greg May is our TASER Instructor. Officers Glen Evans, Tim Harrison and Bruce Upchurch will handle defensive tactics. 2007 was spent getting personnel certified and programs in place. Our goal is an annual comprehensive force options training and certification program that covers all levels of force options as well as handcuffing, ASP and officer safety training. More training will be occurring in 2008 including use of the new and improved Firearms Training Systems (FATS). We have also developed a tracking and qualification program for officers who wish to carry off-duty weapons. The department now supports off-duty carry for those officers who register their weapons with the department and carry consistent with our off-duty carry guidelines and requirements.

Range officers attended outside trainings to obtain instructors' certifications in order to teach various weapons training to our personnel. All of our range personnel now have extensive backgrounds in various weapons systems and training techniques. All range personnel are active or former members of Special Weapons and Tactics Teams. This experience and exposure adds another dimension to our firearms and tactics training that we did not have in the past.

Our firearms program utilized the Montgomery County Range's live fire shoot house for the first time in 2007. Officer Glen Evans instructed our crews. The shoot house is constructed of ballistic walls and both paper and 3 dimensional targets can be used for realistic simulation. Officers got to experience making building and room entries and engaging both hostile and non-hostile targets in close quarters situations.

During outdoor range, Detective Alan Hill and Officer Fred Wilson conducted qualifications and basic fundamental shooting skills reviews on our departmental issued handguns and shotguns. The police rifles will become the new department approved long gun in 2008 and the shotguns will be phased out. The rifle is tactically superior and a safer option in today's crowded urban environment. The rifle is superior for accuracy at longer distances and will significantly enhance our officers' safety.

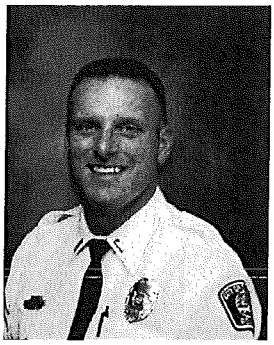
Detective Alan Hill instructs officers on pistol tactics

Chief Bebris completed many months of training to obtain his Ohio Peace Officers Training Certification. Even though the Chief was a certified and experienced law enforcement officer in Wisconsin, Ohio mandated numerous additional hours of training and testing to be certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council as a Peace Officer in Ohio.

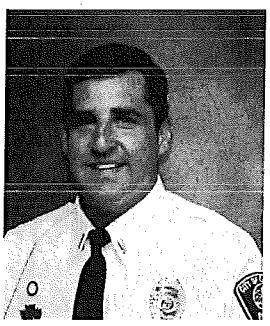
2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Police

2007 saw two more lieutenants' graduate from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). This intensive program takes three months to complete. Work starts before the students step into the classroom. The class consists of 105 classroom hours over three weeks covering 20 topics impacting law enforcement, leadership and ethics. Lieutenants have 24 reading assignments, 6 research papers, 5 community interviews, 3 team projects and 3 speeches. Over 1400 law enforcement supervisory personnel regionally have attended PELC since the program began in 1988.



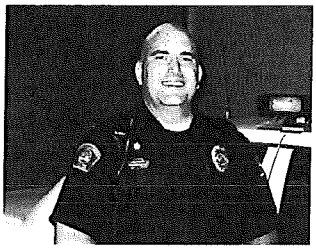
Lt. Keith Benson



Lt. Mike Jones

Congratulations to the 2007 PELC graduates Lieutenant Keith Benson, Class 49 and Lieutenant Mike Jones, Class 50.

Congratulations to Officer Greg Ortel who completed his evidence technicians training at the Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory in June. Greg joins a number of specially trained officers on the department called E-Techs or evidence technicians. E-Techs are trained to process crime scenes and collect forensic evidence. This intensive three week class covers evidence photography, latent fingerprint processing, evaluation and collection of physical and trace evidence as well as crime scene documentation.



Officer Greg Ortel

The Ohio Peace Officers Training Council mandated all officers to have additional training in 2007. The goal of the training was to provide officers with more information on handling and dealing with victims of crimes. The training was provided through our Tactical Crime Suppression Unit Training Committee. Training occurred in the fall and was presented by the Montgomery County Victims Witness Division. Cities were reimbursed for a portion of the overtime cost incurred by the State of Ohio.

A number of officers attended a variety of outside trainings in 2007. Officers attended drug interdiction and detection classes, OVI (Operating a Motor Vehicle Impaired) / Apprehension, Detection and Prosecution ADAP Class, legal updates, Street Survival, Interview and Interrogations, TASER Instructor, SWAT Training and a number of internal trainings covering various topics on use of force, handcuffing techniques, report writing and case law.

We had several officers with limited police experience participate in a voluntary ride along program with the Dayton Police Department. Captain Lantz coordinated this valuable training. The training gives our officers experience they can utilize on patrol in Oakwood to detect suspicious activity, narcotics and various techniques from seasoned officers who patrol in the more active areas of our region.

Nickie Myers set up our CodeRed Training for the department and provided department members with training on how this system works. The CodeRed System allows our department to designate selected areas of the City to be called with a recorded phone message for emergency or important public service information that needs to be conveyed to citizens. This could include a water boil advisory, a missing endangered adult or child or advisory information about serious criminal activity. We used the system and were successful with locating a walk away from our assisted living facility. The patient had dementia and wandered off. An alert resident saw the individual several miles away in Kettering. Fortunately, we were able to locate the man and return him thanks to the citizen and the CodeRed notification. In another case, we used the system to notify citizens about a series of nighttime home invasions and provide safety tips to prevent other residents from becoming victims.

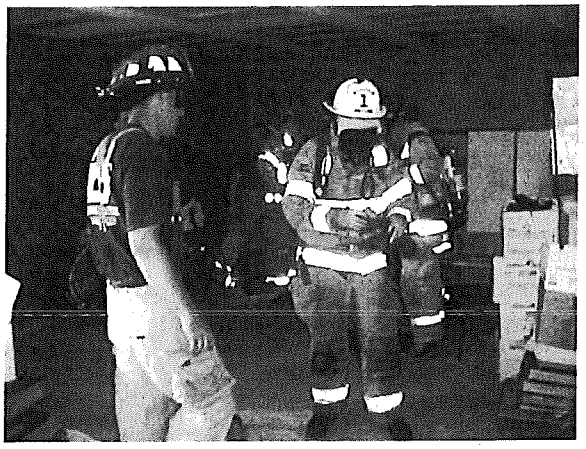
Our dispatchers will also begin using the CodeRed system to conduct emergency recalls of departmental personnel for fires and other emergencies where off-duty personnel are needed to supplement on duty crews.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Fire

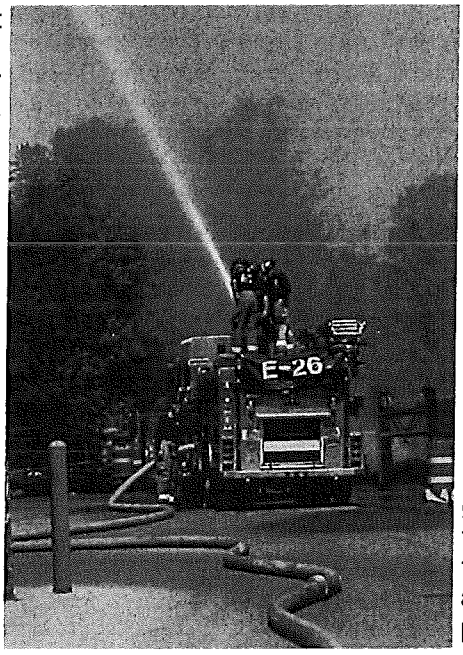
The department came closer in 2007 to completing a long term goal of developing a manual of Standardized Instruction Guidelines or SIG's for our fire and emergency operations. Considerable work went into this project. Officer Tom Adams, our department's primary fire instructor, did a significant amount of the research and development with this project along with members of staff and other PSO's. Our intended goal was to have a straight forward, safe, simplistic operational guideline for our fire and emergency operations.

All of staff attended one session covering key material from the manual and tabletop exercises intended to develop size up skills, tactics, safety and resource deployment skills. Our departmental-wide fire trainings and future on crew fire trainings will be based on the instructional guidelines from the manual. The topics cover a wide variety of fire tactics, emergency operations, hazardous materials, safety, communications, equipment and health related topics. The manual is a work in progress and will continue to grow and be modified over time. A fire tactics manual and more standardized fire training were issues Chief Bebris faced when he took over the department. The Chief has been a strong supporter of the manual, and our efforts to improve fire training and safety within the department.



Chief Bebris prepares to participate in the maze

Crews also received training on reading smoke. The goal of this training is to teach responders and incident commanders to understand smoke conditions as a predictor of fire behavior and hazardous conditions. The classes also stressed the importance of safe practices and common sense on the fireground to prevent injuries or deaths.



The State of Ohio and our Risk Management Group are mandating annual fire training requirements that our department will need to meet. Every department member will need to update their certification status with the state online in 2008. Instructions on this process will be announced in the first quarter of 2008. There is still discussion on how training will be tracked, implemented and presented currently ongoing at the state level. We our awaiting final word from the state regarding how this will impact our future fire training programs, departmental training and budgetary needs.

We currently provide two annual mandatory fire training sessions in the spring and fall, supplemented by crew and structured classroom training. We send officers and staff to outside fire training sessions and will probably be doing more of this in the future to meet training mandates. A number of personnel attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis in 2007. Each year we try to get more people exposed to this excellent training opportunity. In 2007, we made plans to begin a process of having a number of personnel certified as Incident Safety Officers. This training is specialized and allows personnel to function in this important command staff role in the Incident Command System.

Safety officers are appointed by the Incident Commander at larger incidents and serve as the eyes and ears of command to assure personnel working on the fireground are adhering to safe practices. This training is directly intended to improve our operations and the health and safety of our personnel.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Fire

We began a mentoring program for our lieutenants in 2007. The program had our lieutenant's ride with District Chiefs from the Dayton Fire Department. The purpose was to give our shift commanders exposure to experienced Chiefs from a larger department who respond to more working fires and emergency incidents. Chief Bebris and Captain Baldridge helped coordinate this program and participated in it. The interaction and experience was positive for all who participated. We will be continuing this program in the future, possibly expanding it to include ride-time with the City of Columbus and Cincinnati Fire Departments. We have also made a commitment for new officers with little or no fire training beyond the fire academy to voluntarily ride some shifts with Dayton Fire crews in order to obtain some insight and observational experience. The feedback from this program has been positive as well.

Our fire training and tactics paid off at every fire that occurred in 2007. Our training has focused on scene size up, obtaining sufficient resources, risk analysis, and when practical a quick interior fire attack that gets water on to the seat of the fire within 5 minutes. This works well for our department given our excellent response times and limited initial responding resources. We continue to utilize mutual aid and train our personnel to call for assistance quickly so that we have sufficient resources to sustain a safe and successful structural fire attack. Future training will include working with departments that we utilize for mutual aid responses. Tom Adams and Jack Harrison currently serve as our fire instructors and Brian Pond and Rob Wilson currently serve as assistants.

Tom Adams reviews rapid intervention tools and tactics with officers

All new personnel received extrication training during their FTO Program. We will be conducting Train the Trainer training for several fire instructors in extrication techniques and having a departmental extrication training session in 2008.

Captain Baldridge demonstrates a crush down technique to force open a crash damaged car door

The department completed annually required hazardous materials training which was provided by Denny Bristow, the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Team Coordinator. Lieutenant Mike Jones and PSO Jack Harrison took over for Captain Baldridge and are now assigned to the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Team. In this capacity, both serve on the regional team representing Oakwood as liaisons and provide our department with contacts and guidance with mitigation of incidents involving hazardous materials. Mike and Jack are assigned to attend monthly training with the team on a wide variety of hazardous materials related topics.

Greg May removes window glass to prepare for roof removal

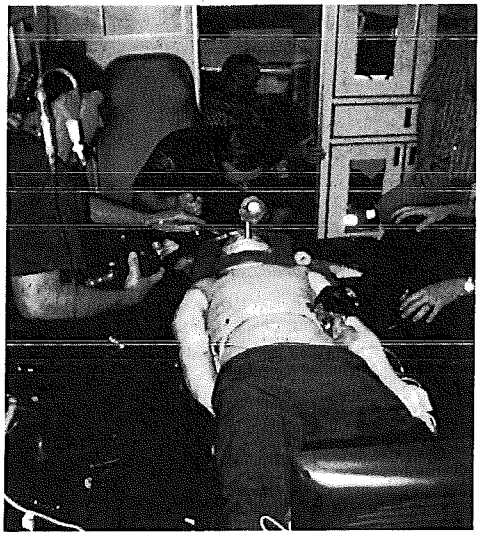
The department continues to work to meet the federal requirements for compliance with the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) required training. All personnel are currently in compliance. Senior Staff and key City Officials will complete NIMS 400 in 2008. The NIMS requirements will continue to grow and expand yearly. Our department met all required NIMS benchmarks for 2007.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Emergency Medical Services

Like all of our other services, training requirements for emergency medical services continue to grow. Our certified paramedics which make up half of the department now need a minimum of 92 hours of specified continuing education every three years for re-certification. Training is broken down by the state to include a specified number of hours for local trauma protocols and trauma training, geriatrics, pediatrics, and general topics. Hours for each category are specified by the state. Several members of the department are also Nationally Registered Paramedics which requires more specific re-certification requirements.

Every department member must demonstrate annual proficiency on specific procedural skills and successfully pass the Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council written exam for their level of certification.



Lt. Benson places an intubation tube as Officer Brian Pond prepares for confirmation of proper tube placement

Our medical advisors, Dr. Richard Garrison and Dr. Jim Huizenga, along with our departmental skills evaluators, review, train and test members on the practical skills including handling cardiac emergencies. All members of the department were re-certified in the new standards for CPR in 2007. All paramedics completed their Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) re-certification training and testing.

We continue to use the EMS Educational Partnership (EEP) for our in-house continuing education training. Paramedics need to obtain additional hours to meet their continuing education requirements. The department posts numerous educational opportunities for members to take advantage of in order to meet their requirements. The state of Ohio places the responsibility for obtaining hours and maintaining certifications on the individual card holder. The department makes every effort to assist members in obtaining training by paying for outside seminars and educational programs. The training officer posts EMS training opportunities throughout the year and personnel are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these classes to broaden their knowledge and skills and meet their re-certification requirements.

Internally, we remain a certified training site and hopefully will be in a position to provide continuing education training by using our in-house special topic instructors. Fortunately, we have many training resources in our region we can utilize.

We sent members to 12-lead classes at the Dayton Heart Hospital. Dave Evans, EMS Coordinator for Miami Valley Hospital and Dan Nolan, MVH Bio-Sciences, along with Dr. Huizenga, provided training for our paramedics using the Sim-Man medical simulator. A number of scenarios were provided with crews working in the confined space in our medic for realism they would face in an actual incident. Dr. Huizenga and Dave Evans provided online medical control to further simulate an actual critical situation. This is by far the best practical training we can provide our advanced care providers. Dr. Huizenga also provided a lecture on cardiac issues, treatments and 12-lead EKG interpretations as part of this training.

Officer Brian Pond began a customer service and satisfaction program with our departmental secretary Nickie Myers. Brian reviews all of our EMS runs and sends out a customer service survey to patients we provide care to. Many patients return the surveys and our emergency medical service receives excellent comments. This reflects on the skills and professionalism of our Public Safety Officers and the job they do providing care for the sick and injured citizens in the community. We also use the surveys as a means to identify areas we can improve our services.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Emergency Medical Services

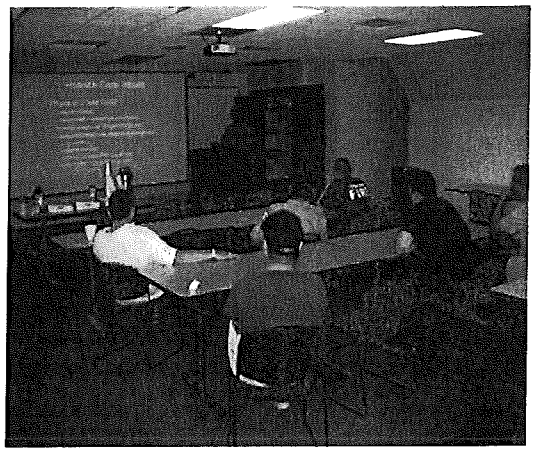
Our department maintains a Quality Assurance / Insurance QA/QI Program that closely monitors our emergency medical services for quality and compliance with protocols and standards of care for emergency medicine. A number of officers, staff and our medical advisors serve on this committee. The committee meets approximately every other month to review departmental EMS run reports for documentation and quality of care performed, based on established Greater Miami Valley Emergency Services Council written standards for care. The committee also reviews new equipment and procedures, addresses training issues and looks for ways to maintain and improve the quality and skills of our EMS system and providers.

Brian Pond provided mandatory infection control training to all department members. Our crews and crew trainers organized and conducted crew trainings and review on EMS related topics such as responding to a cardiac arrest situation. All department members received training on HIPAA requirements and a program was implemented to obtain signatures on EMS run reports and to provide patients with their rights under the HIPAA Law.

Because of the nature of our system, Oakwood residents benefit from one of the quickest response times for medical assistance in the state if not the nation. Trained EMT's and paramedic responders who are on police patrol 24/7, arrive quickly, equipped with basic first-aid supplies and automatic external defibrillators (AED's). These crews are quickly supplemented by the stand-by medic crew and advanced life support ALS equipment. Because of our geographic location, we are within minutes of three hospitals with cardiac cauterization labs and a level one trauma center.

Our department participates in the Cardiac Alert, Stroke Alert and Trauma Alert Programs. Our region was the second in the nation to adopt the pre-hospital Cardiac Alert Program. Our paramedics, equipped with 12-lead cardiac monitors, are trained to recognize and begin to diagnose and treat a sudden MI or STEMI which is also known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction. This is based on interpretation of the 12-lead EKG findings and patient presentation. When the paramedic recognizes a patient is having a STEMI, he or she can begin treatment protocols specific to the type and location of the STEMI. The paramedic then contacts the emergency room medical control physician at a hospital with a cardiac cath lab. The paramedic advises the ER physician of their findings and requests a Cardiac Alert. The ER physician, after discussing the paramedic's findings through verbal consultation on the EKG interpretation and patient history, notifies the cardiologist and cath lab team.

The goal of this program is to save heart muscle, cardiac function and to prevent sudden cardiac death. By having this advanced notification we reduce the door to balloon time in the cath lab. In some cases, EMS crews are routed directly to the cath lab and by-pass the ER.



Dr. Huizenga lectures to paramedics on cardiology medications and 12–lead EKG interpretations. Jim has been a willing and active EMS advisor for the department. Jim will be wrapping up his military service with the United States Air Force soon and will continue working as a civilian ER physician in a number of local hospitals, as well as serving as our department's Assistant Medical Advisor.

From the time a patient calls 911 with a possible heart attack, our goal is rapid response, interpretation, stabilization and field intervention with advanced cardiac life support medications which may include oxygen, baby aspirins, and in some cases nitroglycerin, morphine, IV fluids and possibly dopamine.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Training—Emergency Medical Services

Our training for field level care is aimed at maintaining cardiac function, improving oxygenation and inhibiting the blockage or clotting process that is responsible for the STEMI. Our training is based around "time is muscle". Once interventions are started, the patient needs to rapidly get into the cardiac cauterization lab where the cardiologist will insert a balloon into the patient's arteries and locate the blockages. In many cases, the cardiologist can place a medicated mesh stent to open the blocked artery and restore blood flow to the heart muscle. When this occurs quickly, heart damage is minimized or may not occur at all.

Strokes are now referred to as "brain attacks". Our personnel are trained to recognize a stroke. If we can establish a time of onset within the first three hours of symptoms, which can include slurred speech, facial droop and arm drift, we can call for a Stroke Alert. Rapid transport of a stroke patient to a stroke center with supportive care is then initiated. Patients are rapidly given a CAT scan to determine the location and type of stroke. In many cases drugs can be administered to clear a clot, and restore normal mental status and neurological functioning.

Our department is looking to be proactive with our EMS services through education. We offer CPR and AED programs to citizens and businesses in the community. Officer Rob Wilson is the contact and coordinator for this program. We encourage citizens to take CPR classes and make every effort to educate citizens to take chest pain, discomfort or related symptoms seriously and not to hesitate to call 911. The level of care we can provide a citizen today is remarkable compared to that available just a few short years ago.

Our emergency medical providers also receive specialized training for handling trauma emergencies. Trauma patients are special because of the number of potentially life threatening traumatic injuries that can occur. We train our personnel to recognize trauma and to identify segments of our population who may be more prone to trauma such as elderly patients who may be on blood thinners or other medications that put them at greater risk from falls or accidents. Additionally, many people of all ages today have pre-existing conditions that make them subject to more serious problems if they are involved in a traumatic injury. Because Oakwood is within minutes of a level one trauma adult and pediatric center and a level two specialty children's trauma center, our citizens and medical providers are very fortunate. Our trauma training emphasis is on early recognition related to mechanism of injuries, assessment with stabilization of potentially rapidly life threatening injuries, rapid notification and Trauma Alerts to the trauma center physician with rapid removal for intervention and definitive care which often requires surgical intervention by a trauma surgeon.

It is very evident that our personnel must constantly train to stay current with all of the changes and advances occurring in emergency medical care. We are committed as a department to providing the best response and care possible for our citizens. Our QA/QI committee and staff monitor advances in care and continuously look for cost effective ways to provide and improve our level of training and care.

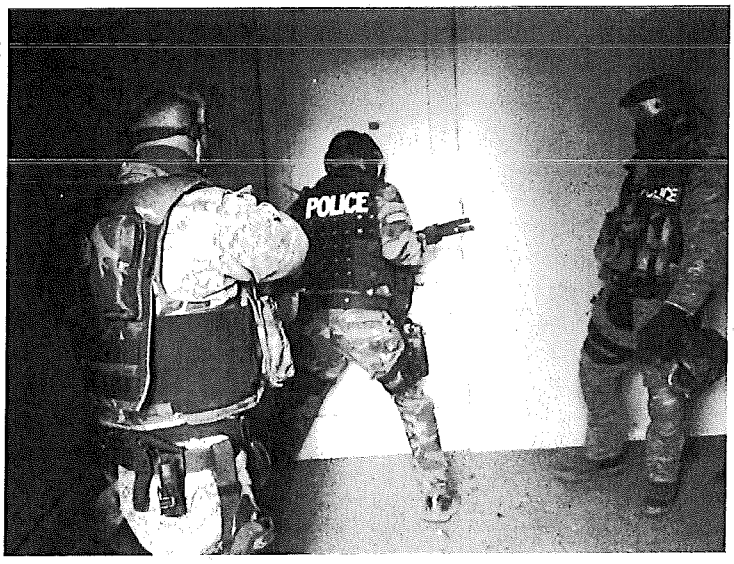
In summary, 2007 was a very good year despite some staffing shortages on crews and at the staff level. Everyone worked hard and made it a good year. Our FTO's, crew trainers, special topic instructors, range and defensive tactics personnel all contributed a lot to make our unique department and operations work well. Captain Baldridge worked closely with Lt. Jones during his transition to Training Lieutenant. As Training Lieutenant, he will assume the difficult task of keeping our department current with all of the mandates and requirements necessary to keep our personnel certified and competent to provide our community with the best public safety services possible.

Thanks to everyone for your commitment and personal dedication.

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

Kettering Regional SWAT

The Kettering Regional SWAT Team is comprised of Officers from Kettering PD, Oakwood PSD, Centerville PD, Miamisburg PD, and Moraine PD. The team covers those cities, as well as the other cities that contribute to the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU). The SWAT team responds to incidents that exceed the capability of the local police department. Types of incidents that the team responds to include high risk warrant services, barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, dignitary protection details, civil unrest/riots, or any incident where additional manpower is essential.



The Oakwood Safety Department has three officers that are members of the team, Lt. Chuck Balaj, Ofc. Fred Wilson and Ofc. Glen Evans. All have several years of tactical experience. Having these officers on the team allows for specialized training and equipment to be brought back to the Oakwood Safety Department. Officers that apply for the team must complete an application package, and complete a physical fitness test. Candidates passing the test are then given a firearms test, and interviewed by a panel of officers from the team. Finally, candidates must undergo a background check and a psychological test to ensure that they are prepared to participate in the high risk activities of a SWAT team. All team members must undergo a physical fitness test twice per year and are required to pass at the 90th percentile or greater.

Team members must qualify with their assigned weapons at a standard that exceeds that for Patrol Officers. Weapon systems that Tactical Officers employ include their standard issue sidearm with a weapon mounted light, a Heckler and Koch MP-5 submachine gun, an M-16 automatic rifle, 12 gauge less-lethal shotgun, Benelli 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun, TASER, distraction devices, and pepperball gun.

The Team responded to a variety of incidents in 2007, including two of the highest profile incidents in the history of the team. The first involved the service of a Federal Search Warrant at a dog-fighting operation that had expanded to include other criminal activity. The SWAT team was part of a 4-state, multiple warrant operation. The team executed the warrant and was able to take 23 persons into custody with no injuries to anyone involved. All 23 were charged with felonies.

The team was then tasked to serve simultaneous search warrants during the night time at two houses being used by an out-of-the-country drug cartel. In addition to a substantial quantity of drugs obtained at one of the houses, the team recovered $945,000 in cash and several vehicles at the other house. The Team took into custody one of the subjects in the house armed with a Mac-10 automatic machine pistol.

These incidents continue to demonstrate the SWAT team's ability to bring highly volatile situations to a successful conclusion without injury to the officers, bystanders, or the suspects.

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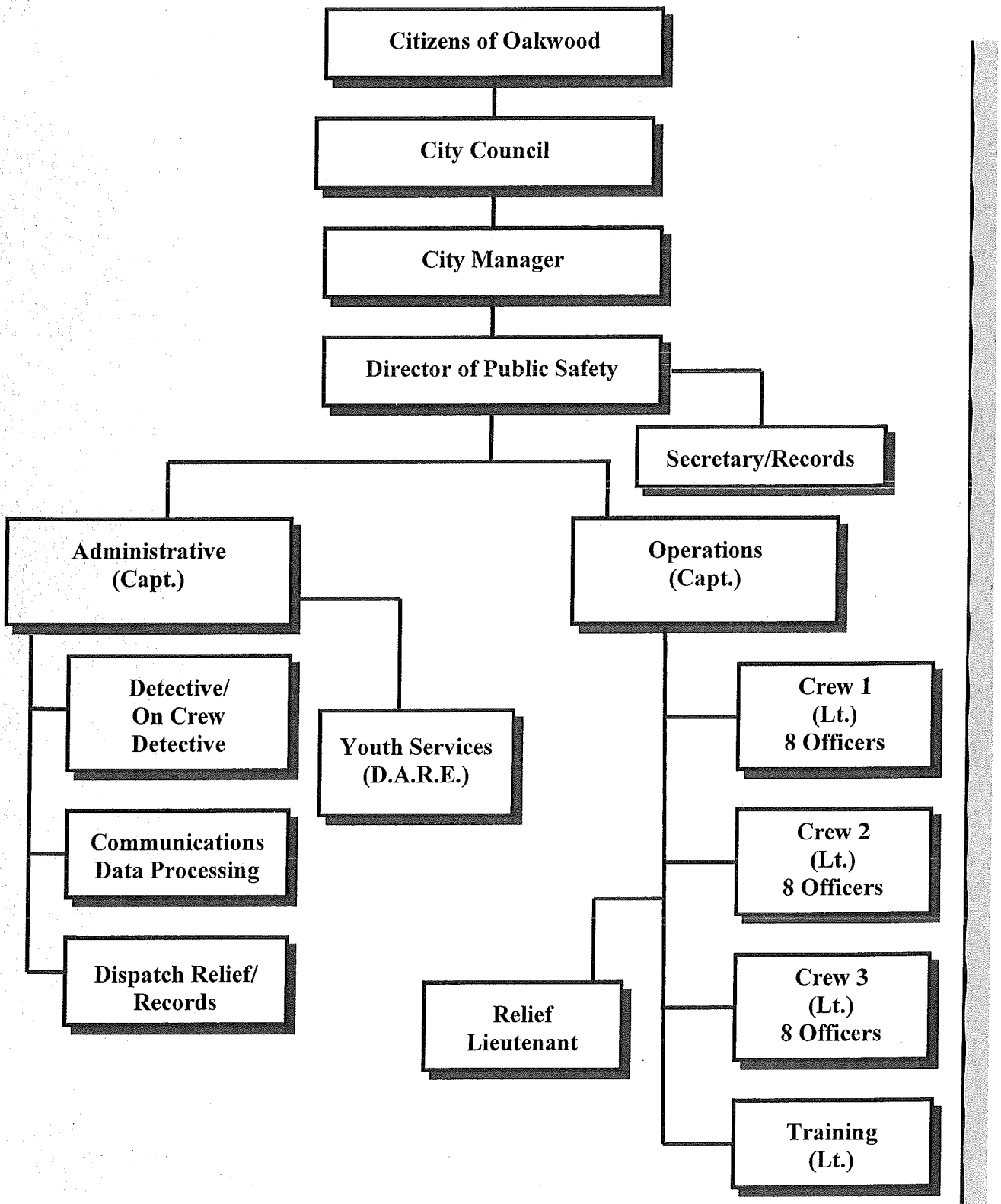
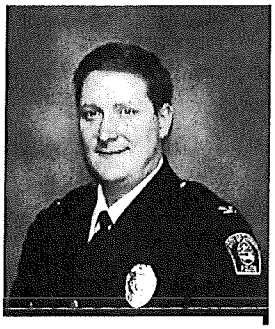


COMMAND STAFF

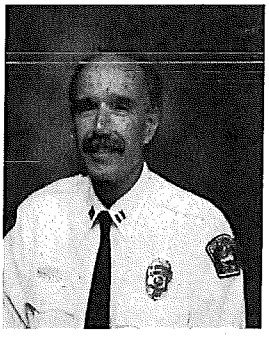
Public Safety Director



Chief Alexander Bebris

The Department's Executive Officer is the Director of Public Safety who is responsible for providing overall supervision of the department, establishing departmental priorities and planning, budgeting, scheduling personnel and other resources. He works directly for City Manager Norbert Klopsch and in accordance with general policy established by City Council and the City Manager.

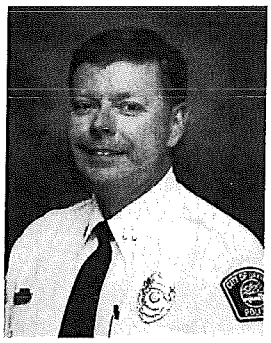
Administrative Captain



Capt. Dave Lantz

Captain Dave Lantz was named Administrative Captain in November of 2004. He had previously served as Operations Captain. He is responsible for the direct supervision of the Investigative Services and Communications Center. He also ensures the department remains in compliance with financial guidelines and current budget practices and handles building maintenance.

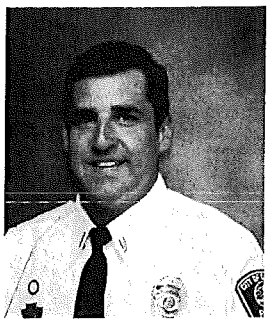
Operations Captain



Capt. Randy Baldridge

Captain Randy Baldridge became Operations Captain in 2007. He was previously Acting Operations Captain and Training Lieutenant prior to his promotion. As Operations Captain, he is responsible for the Training Lieutenant, making budget recommendations, formulating tactical responses to service needs and monitoring performance of Safety Department personnel. The three Crew Lieutenants whose crews constitute the bulk of the department's routine services and emergency response capability, report to him. He is also responsible for equipment maintenance.

Training Lieutenant

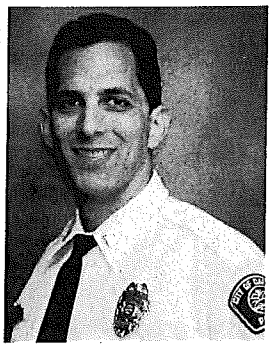


Lt. Mike Jones

Lieutenant Mike Jones was named to the position of Training Lieutenant in 2007. Lt. Jones previously served in the Detective Section.

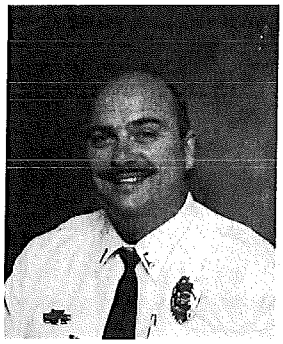
As Training Lieutenant, he is responsible for coordination of training requirements necessary to comply with both federal and state mandates and continued departmental training needs.

Crew Command Officers

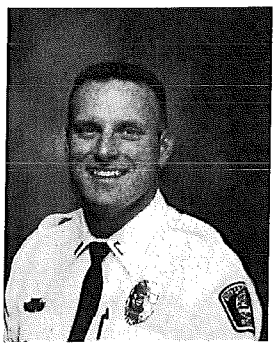


Lt. Chuck Balaj

Lieutenants Keith Benson, Chuck Balaj and Jeff Yount are assigned as Crew Commanders for Crews 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Crew supervisors are responsible for crew scheduling, managing the response to both routine and emergency calls and seeking adherence to established departmental procedures.



Lt. Jeff Yount



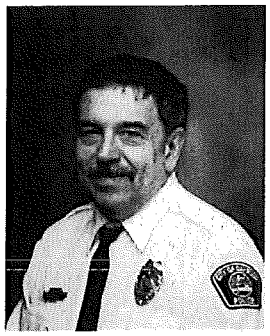
Lt. Keith Benson

The Crew Commander decides which complaints need further investigation and when mutual aid or other assistance is needed to properly respond to any call.

COMMAND STAFF/PERSONNEL

Relief Lieutenant

Jim Tovinitti is the Relief Lieutenant for the department. He fills in for Crew Lieutenants who are on vacation and he is also responsible for special projects assigned by the Chief or Captains.



Lt. Jim Tovinitti

Investigative Services

Detective Alan Hill is responsible for the investigation and follow-up of all Part 1 and other serious crimes and conducts special investigations as assigned by the Public Safety Director.

Youth Officer

Officer Gail Schmidt serves as D.A.R.E. Officer. Gail teaches D.A.R.E. classes at Harman and Smith Elementary Schools and Oakwood Junior High School. Additionally, she works with community groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, PTO and other similar organizations assisting with building tours and specialized presentations.

Officer Schmidt with recent D.A.R.E. Graduates

Public Safety Officers

Prior to completion of their probation, all sworn Public Safety Officers are certified as law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. They are trained to quickly respond to routine and emergency police, fire and rescue calls.

Public Safety Officers are assigned to one of three crews on a 24-hour on, 48-hour off duty schedule. Crew members are supervised by a lieutenant. Oakwood's Public Safety Officers also receive additional training and are assigned additional responsibilities to supplement their comprehensive public safety duties.

Dispatchers

Dispatchers Laurie Heisey, Cheryl Muceus, Rochelle Rich and Jim Waitzman promptly and courteously answer all incoming police and fire calls, routing inquiries to the proper offices and dispatching safety department personnel to requests for service.

Records

Nickie Myers is responsible for all departmental records and is Secretary to the Director of Public Safety. She provides clerical support to other departmental staff as well. Nickie continues as the city's Records Commission Secretary responsible for the orderly disposal of city records. In her capacity as Records Secretary, she interacts with citizens and members of the media who request information that is available within departmental guidelines.

Dispatcher/Records

Pat Knight serves as primary dispatcher relief, assists with records, and is responsible for clerical support for operational and administrative projects.

2007 PERSONNEL ROSTER

Chief	Bebris, Alexander	07/14/06
Captain	Lantz, David	09/21/90
Captain	Baldridge, Randy	01/04/89
Lieutenant	Tovinitti, James	02/09/87
Lieutenant	Yount, Jeffrey	10/23/89
Lieutenant	Balaj, Charles	09/03/96
Lieutenant	Jones, Michael	12/14/98
Lieutenant	Benson, Keith	06/01/99
Safety Officer	Schramm, John	11/17/80
Safety Officer	Harrison, Timothy	11/16/81
Safety Officer	Konicki, Michael	01/17/83
Safety Officer	Zengel, Leslie	11/07/83
Safety Officer	Gressel, Anthony	01/09/85
Safety Officer	Clingan, Thomas	10/23/89
Safety Officer	Cavin, Scott	02/26/90
Safety Officer	Schmidt, Gail	04/16/90
Safety Officer	Adams, Thomas	12/07/92
Safety Officer	McCalister, John	07/10/95
Safety Officer	Russell, Michael	04/15/99
Safety Officer	Hall, Terry	10/01/99
Safety Officer	Wilson, Fredrick	03/27/00
Safety Officer	Pond, Brian	05/08/00
Safety Officer	Green, Susan	07/31/00
Safety Officer	Catalano, Steven	09/11/00
Safety Officer	Liston, Brad	09/10/01
Safety Officer	Wilson, Rob	04/15/02
Safety Officer	Ortel, Gregory	12/30/02
Safety Officer	Evans, Glen	08/28/06
Safety Officer	May, Gregory	08/28/06
Safety Officer	Harrison, Matthew	07/15/07
Safety Officer	Hill, Alan	07/09/07
Safety Officer	Upchurch, Bruce	07/09/07
Safety Officer	Conley, Tiffany	07/09/07
Dispatcher	Heisey, Laurie	03/03/80
Dispatcher	Muceus, Cheryl	10/14/98
Dispatcher	Rich, Rochelle	11/10/02
Dispatcher	Waitzman, James	03/01/05
Secretary/Records	Myers, Nickie	09/01/94
Dispatcher/Records	Knight, Patricia	04/15/99

PERSONNEL/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

The departmental personnel is made up of a cross section of skilled men and women. All sworn patrol officers received their law enforcement, firefighting, and EMT certification by attending state approved police and fire academies.

Experience with additional training provides an opportunity to make special assignments within the department. Below is an indication of the depth of individual talents reflected in various special assignments.

Public Information Officer

Baldridge

Detective

Hill

On-Crew Detectives

Clingan
May

Paramedics

Balaj
Baldridge
Benson
Clingan
Catalano
Green
J. Harrison
T. Harrison
Lantz
Liston
Pond
Tovinitti
R. Wilson
Zengel

Certified Instructors

Adams
Balaj
Baldridge
J. Harrison
T. Harrison
Hill
Lantz
Tovinitti
F. Wilson
Yount

FTO's

Adams
Benson
Evans
Jones
May

Regional SWAT

Balaj
Evans
F. Wilson

Capias Officers

Clingan
Ortel

Evidence Technicians

Baldridge
Benson
Cavin
Clingan
Gressel
Jones
Lantz
McCalister
Ortel
Russell
Schramm
Tovinitti
Yount
Zengel

Auto Extrication

Baldridge
J. Harrison
Russell

OVI/Intoxilyzer

Balaj
Benson
Green
Jones
May
Ortel
Pond

Fire Inspectors

Russell
Tovinitti
R. Wilson
Zengel

TCSU Supervisor

Lantz

TCSU Training Committee

Jones

Youth/D.A.R.E./ School Resource Officer

Schmidt

Traffic Crash Investigators

Konicki
Ortel

EMS Trainers

Baldridge
Lantz
Pond
Zengel

CPR Instructors

Baldridge
Green
T. Harrison
Jones
Ortel
Pond
R. Wilson
Zengel

Crime Prevention

Hall
Konicki
Schramm

Hazmat

J. Harrison
Jones

Fire Training

Tom Adams
J. Harrison
Pond

Bike Patrol Officers

Balaj
Cavin
Catalano
Evans
J. Harrison
Schmidt
Schramm
R. Wilson
Zengel

Defensive Tactics

Balaj
Evans
T. Harrison
Upchurch

LEADS Terminal Agency Coordinators

Muceus
Rich

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Part 1 Crimes

Part 1 Crimes	Offenses 2006	Clearances 2006	Offenses 2007	Clearances 2007
Criminal Homicide				
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape				
Rape by Force	2	2	0	0
Assault to Rape or Attempts	0	0	0	0
Robbery				
Armed-Any Weapon	1	1	1	1
Strong Arm—No Weapon	0	0	2	1
Assault				
Gun	0	0	0	0
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	0	1	1
Other Dangerous Weapon	1	1	1	1
Hands, Fists, etc.	6	5	8	6
Other Non-Aggravated	4	3	7	4
Burglary				
Forcible Entry	17	2	16	1
Unlawful Entry, No Force	9	3	4	1
Attempted Forcible Entry	5	3	2	0
Larceny				
$50 and Over in Value	96	23	111	37
Under $50 in Value	39	11	62	25
Attempts	7	1	3	1
Auto Thefts	15*	15	5**	5
Part 1 Totals	202	70	223	84
Other Major Crimes				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery, Fraud, Counterfeiting	21	4	18	2
Morals	2	0	3	2
Destruction	51	6	34	6
Narcotics	13	12	11	10
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0	0	1	1
Other Major Crimes Totals	87	22	67	21
All Major Crime Totals	289	92	290	105

* Eleven vehicles were stolen from Oakwood and recovered elsewhere. Three vehicles were stolen elsewhere and recovered in Oakwood. One was an attempt auto theft.

* * Two vehicles were stolen from Oakwood and recovered elsewhere. Two vehicles were stolen elsewhere and recovered in Oakwood. One vehicle was stolen from Oakwood and recovered in Oakwood.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Part 1 Crimes

Death Investigations/Suicides

In 2007, officers responded to seven death investigations. All deaths were from natural causes. In addition, officers responded to nine attempted suicides.

Rapes

There were no reported rapes in 2007.

Robberies

There were three reported robberies in 2007 with two clearances, both by arrest.

Assaults

There were 17 reported assaults in 2007. Of these, 12 were cleared by arrest. Eight assaults were committed using hands or fists (two were for resisting arrest), two were with other dangerous weapons and seven were for stalking or threats.

Burglaries

In 2007, 22 burglaries were reported. Of these, two were exceptionally cleared.

Year	Offenses	Clearances	Percent Cleared	Initial Loss
2003	62	9	14.5%	$ 74,520
2004	35	15	42.9%	$ 23,811
2005	28	7	25.0%	$ 11,780
2006	31	8	25.8%	$ 27,236
2007	22	2	9.1%	$ 25,279

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Part 1/Other Crimes

Larcenies

There were 176 thefts reported in 2007 with 63 clearances. The type of crimes included thefts from vehicles (119), thefts from buildings (19), bicycle thefts (21), yards (9) shoplifting (3), and other (5). The chart below summarizes reported larcenies for the past five years.

Year	Type	Offenses	Clearances	Percent Cleared	Initial Loss	Recovered
2003	Grand	125	13	10.4%	$55,239	$ 12,227
	Petit	34	7	20.6%	1,431	
2004	Grand	80	9	11.3%	$92,794	$ 2,980
	Petit	46	10	21.7%	1,917	
2005	Grand	70	18	25.7%	$53,184	$ 15,391
	Petit	53	24	45.3%	670	
2006	Grand	96	23	24.0%	$42,302	$ 7,590
	Petit	46	12	26.1%	258	
2007	Grand	111	37	33.3%	$54,780	$ 6,081
	Petit	65	26	40.0%	5,421	

Auto Thefts

Five auto thefts were reported during 2007. Two vehicles were stolen from Oakwood and recovered elsewhere. Two vehicles were stolen elsewhere and recovered in Oakwood. One vehicle was stolen from Oakwood and recovered in Oakwood.

Domestic Violence

There were 16 cases of domestic violence in 2007. Of those complaints, nine resulted in arrests. Below is a breakdown of the types and severity of the domestic violence calls.

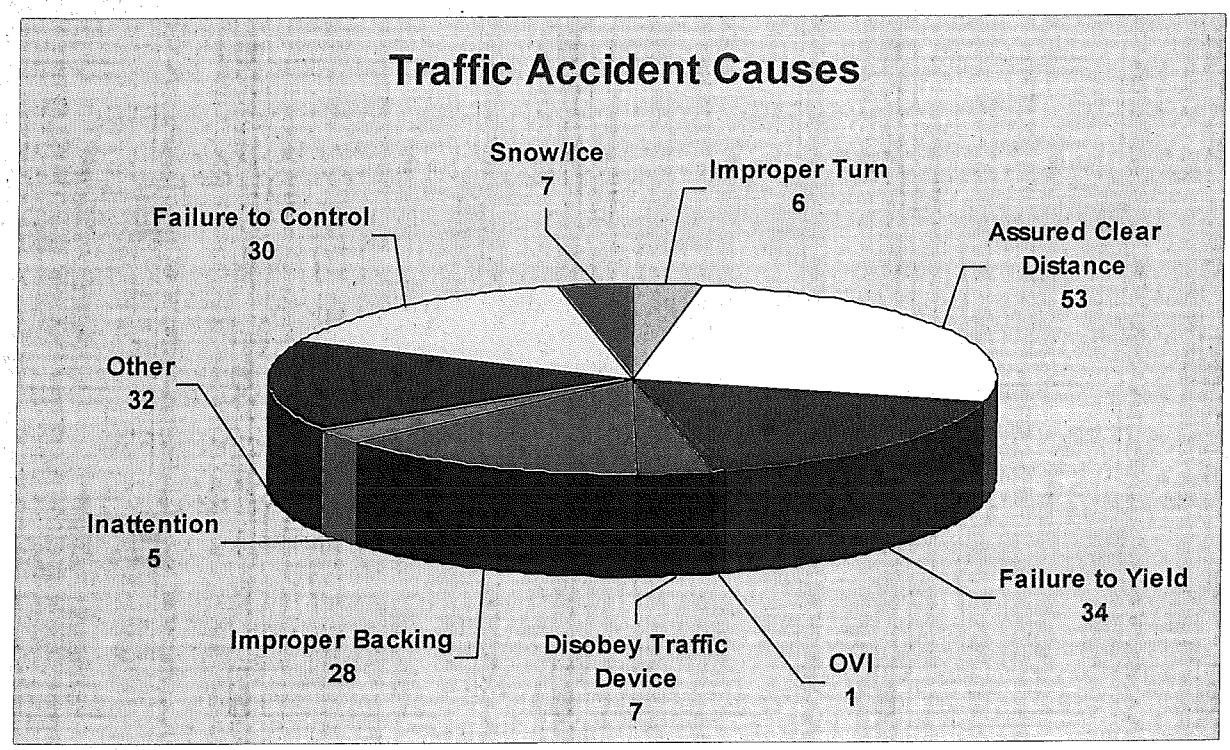
Relationship of Persons Involved	Victims Injured	Victims Not Injured	Offenders
Wife	1	4	2
Husband	1	1	5
Parent	1	1	5
Child	1	4	2
Live-in Partner	0	2	2
Other	0	0	0
Totals	4	12	16

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Oakwood demands a stringent traffic enforcement program. We are a walking community positioned between two work centers requiring significant commuting over surface residential streets. We must see that our sidewalks, streets, right-of-ways and the adults and children who use them are kept safe.

A total of 203 auto accidents occurred in 2007 with 179 requiring state reports. There was a slight decrease in the number of accidents from last year's total. The number of injuries from accidents increased slightly from last year.

Year	OVI	Accidents	Injuries	Deaths	Citations	State Reports Required
2003	16	192	22	0	3425	171
2004	24	207	28	0	2515	178
2005	15	216	24	0	2334	178
2006	10	221	28	0	2035	182
2007	19	203	34	0	2198	179



Accident Locations		Road Conditions		Light Conditions	
Far Hills Avenue	86	Dry	142	Daylight	142
Other Major Streets	39	Wet	28	Dawn or Dusk	11
Local Streets	78	Snowy or Icy	17	Darkness	29

FIRE SERVICES

The strength of our fire attack capabilities rest with immediate, knowledgeable response by street crews who quickly form a fire company with the arrival of the first apparatus. This response is representative of the benefits a consolidated department offers and generally allows us to knock down and extinguish most fires in their early stages. Fires beyond control upon initial arrival, or that subsequently grow in intensity, may mandate recall of extra personnel and the request of mutual aid from neighboring communities.

Oakwood continues to maintain a 4th class rating representing as favorable a position as is presently practicable for our community. However, we continue to explore possible improvements in our water supply system and fire operations that might one day lead to an even higher rating. The grading schedule remains useful in measuring our ability to provide the best in cost-effective fire protection services to the community.

Fire Inspection Program

The fire inspection program has proven to be successful with 31 new fire inspections and 15 fire reinspections. The program is under the supervision of Lieutenant Tovinitti who receives general guidance and support from Captain Dave Lantz.

Fire Drills

The Safety Department conducts fire drills at all Oakwood Schools with continued cooperation of school officials. School fire exit drills are also monitored at the discretion of individual school building principals.

Year	Calls Received	Proven False	No Damage	Damage Involved	Total Fire Loss
2003	116	32	108	8	$150,000
2004	141	30	116	25	$910,000
2005	125	24	118	7	$118,475
2006	148	39	126	22	$ 97,250
2007	125	33	112	13	$100,308

FIRE SERVICES

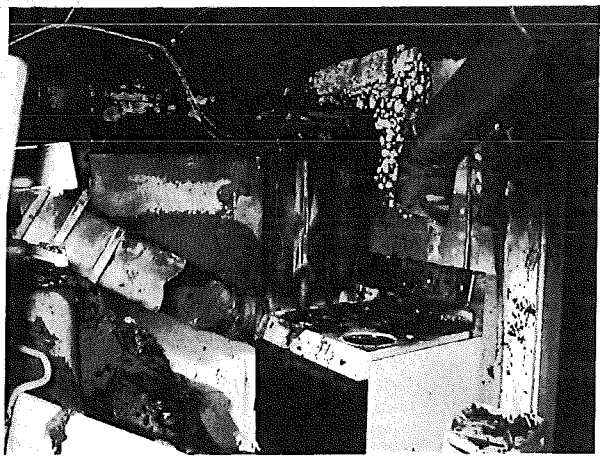
Response Data	2005	2006	2007
Average engine response time to scene	3.92 minutes	4.22 minutes	4.28 minutes
Average cruiser response time to scene	1.84 minutes	1.84 minutes	2.14 minutes

Hadley Avenue Fire

On January 21st, officers responded to 237 Hadley Avenue on the report of a basement fire. Upon arrival, the first officer found heavy smoke coming from a basement window on the southeast side of the residence. A full mutual aid response was requested from the Kettering Fire Department. The fire was located on a stove in the basement. Engine 26 crews advanced hose line to the residence and entered through a door on the east side of the residence.

Upon entry, the crew encountered heavy smoke at the door, but was able to locate the fire. Successful extinguishment and quick knock down of the fire was made. The origin of the fire was contained to the southeast corner of the basement. The fire had spread across the basement ceiling to the west. The interior fire attack crews were able to contain the fire to the basement.

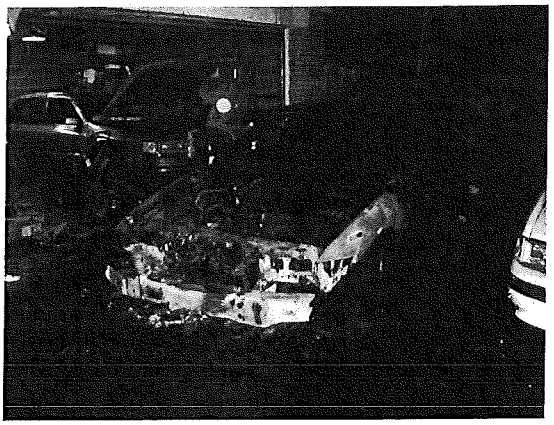
Estimated damage to the structure was $30,000. Estimated damage to the contents was $15,000.



Vehicle Fire

On November 15th, Crew 2 responded to Patterson Road on the report of a car fire. Officers found a fully engulfed vehicle at the rear of a residence. The fire was quickly brought under control and extinguished.

Due to the quick response time of officers, heat and smoke damage to the resident's garage and house were minimal.



MEDICAL SERVICES

Of all the functions performed by the Public Safety Department, the treatment and stabilization of sick or injured people is perhaps the most visible. This activity requires a high degree of training and scheduling so we are continually prepared to deal with the variety of emergency assistance calls received. The department is committed to providing state-of-the-art EMS services which are rendered by highly skilled and caring professionals.

Medic Run Stats (minutes)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
First unit on scene	1.95	2.08	1.81	2.08	2.17
Medic response time	2.99	3.18	3.35	3.50	3.44
Average on-scene time (medic)	16.09	15.30	15.46	16.81	16.79
Average run time	66.85	57.83	54.06	54.79	58.09

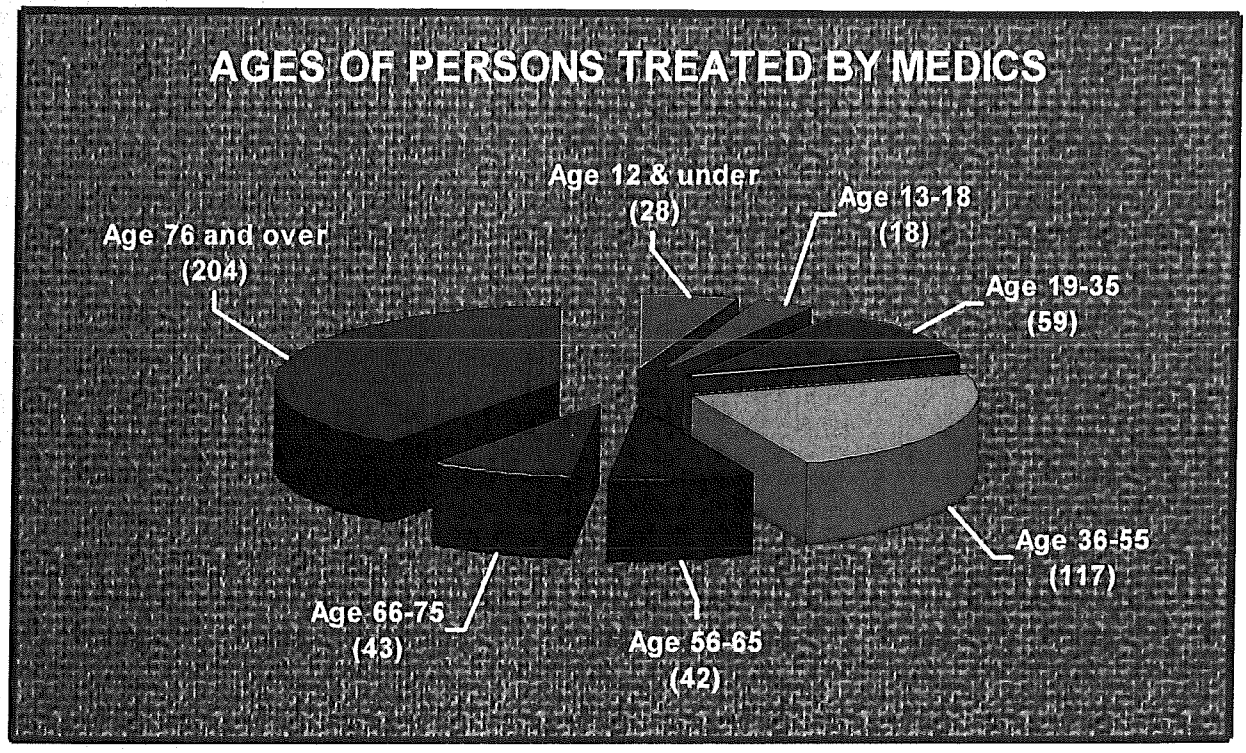
Removals	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Removed by medic	411	394	417	442	441
Removed by cruiser	6	5	1	3	3
Removed by mutual aid	26	21	23	20	21
No removals	76	68	65	72	43
Persons DOA	1	6	4	6	3
TOTALS	**520**	**494**	**510**	**543**	**511**

MEDICAL SERVICES

Summary of Removals

Reasons for Removals	
Illness	252
Injury	193
Heart	42
CVA	19
DOA	3
Mental	2
TOTAL	**511**

Hospitals	
Miami Valley	224
Kettering	192
Children's	23
Grandview	8
Dayton Heart	16
Good Samaritan	2
Southview	1
Coroner	3
No Removal	42
TOTAL	**511**



OTHER CALLS AND OFFENSES

The bulk of our services do not involve major criminal investigations, fire runs or rescue calls. Nevertheless, they represent the heart of Oakwood's Public Safety Program.

The quick availability of officers to answer general community needs is intended to build citizen confidence in our service delivery program. That confidence turns to support and pays dividends when we need assistance during emergency ventures and in our efforts to encourage community-wide crime prevention programs.

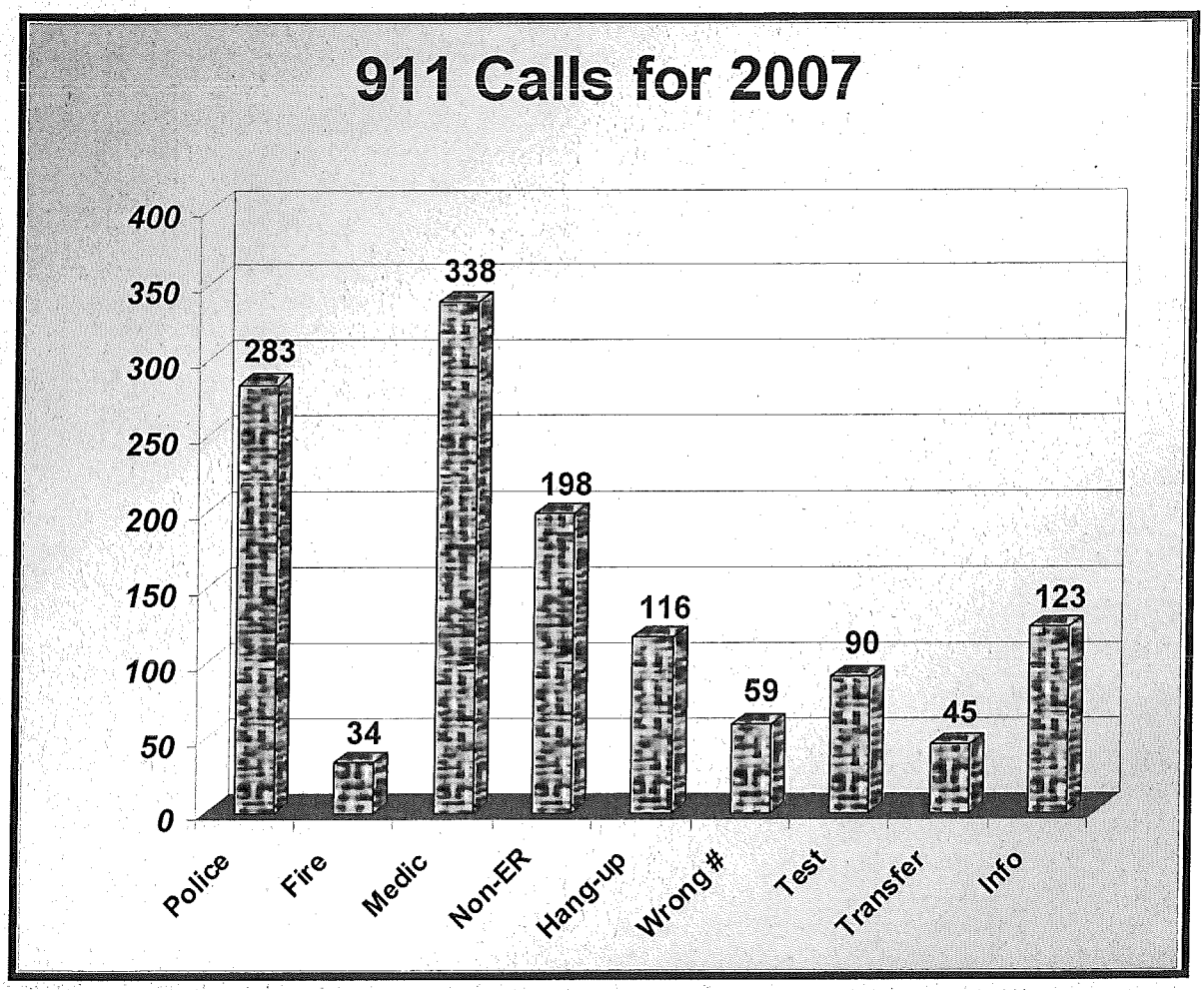
General Offenses Complaints/Services	2006 Incidents	2007 Incidents
Animal Complaints	321	327
Disturbances		
Disorderly Conduct/Disturbances	98	115
Public Intoxication/Liquor Violations	20	29
Family/Neighbor Problems	57	45
Annoying Phone Calls	22	24
Juvenile		
Offenses/Complaints	113	109
Referred to Juvenile Court (non-traffic)	17	30
Referred to Teen Court (non-traffic)	0	2
Crime Prevention		
Building Out of Order	75	101
Alarm Other Than Fire	352	334
Suspicious Person	326	433
Solicitor	37	37
Prowler	0	0
Lost Property	8	17
Found Property	91	88
Vacant House Checks	1471	2568
Traffic Requiring Investigation		
Complaint (no citation)	425	401
Accident, No State Report	39	24
Accident, State Report	182	179
Driving While Intoxicated	10	19
Assistance		
Persons Assisted	681	788
Missing Persons	10	4
Assist Other Agencies	100	81
Bailiff Services	46	21
Investigations		
Suicides	0	0
Attempted Suicides	3	9
Death	6	7
Miscellaneous Calls		
Trash, trees & wires down, illegal signs, junk vehicles	73	121
Water leak/sewer problems	11	21
Fire Drills	22	23
E-911 Hang-up Calls	142	116
Total Other Calls and Offenses	**4758**	**6073**

911 CALLS

In 2007, the total number of 911 calls received was 1286. Of these calls, 283 were police related, 34 were fire related, and 338 were medic-related in an ER or non-ER manner with 198 calls considered non-emergency.

We received a total of 116 hang-up calls. Of the hang-up calls, five were considered valid emergencies with two being domestic situations, one was for a welfare check, one was for a medical emergency and one was for a subject who needed to be trespassed from a property. Other reasons for hang-up calls included children playing with the phone, cordless phones and phone line problems, and residents dialing the wrong number.

Below is a breakdown of the 911 calls received for 2007.



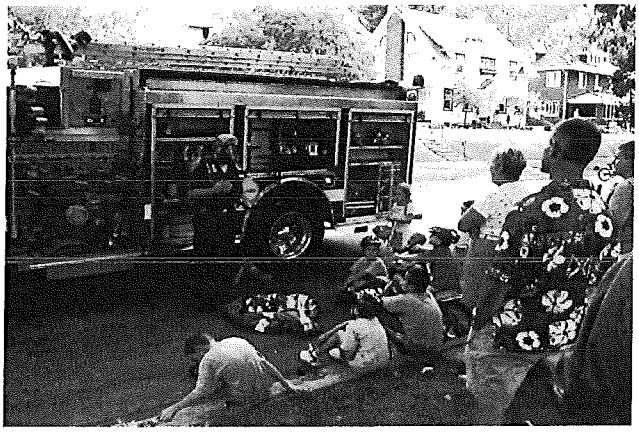
SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO OAKWOOD CITIZENS

The following is a list of services the Safety Department offers to Oakwood citizens:

Special Needs Assessment—The Safety Department recognizes the need to offer assistance to those in the community who may have a condition, handicap, special circumstance or other area of concern. Rather than design a program prior to knowing the needs of the community, we polled the citizens and asked them to identify themselves and their needs. From the information gathered, a Special Needs Assessment Program was specifically developed that has catered to those identified needs. If you have a problem, condition, or circumstance that you think we need to be aware of, contact us and we will do a needs assessment in order to provide assistance addressing the identified need.

Vacation House Checks—Can be performed on homes while the occupants are away. In 2007, there were 2,568 vacation house checks performed.

Block Parties—May be requested by obtaining a block party petition from the Safety Department. If requested, our fire engine or medic may visit the party.



Officer Tom Adams talks about fire safety with Volusia Avenue residents

Bicycle License—Oakwood residents may obtain a bicycle license at the Safety Department. In the event of a stolen, missing or found bike, this assists officers in finding the bicycle's owner.

Site Enforcements—Posts may be set up to address specific traffic problems or neighborhood concerns.

Home Inspections—Can be arranged for families who are considering adoption.

Fingerprinting—Is offered for Oakwood businesses and citizens. In 2007, approximately 34 people took advantage of this service.

Chief Bebris spoke with Boy Scout Troop 101 about safety and conducted a tour of the Safety Department

Safety Department Tours—Parents can request a tour of the Safety Department facilities for groups of children such as Scout Troops, kindergarten classes, etc.

CodeRED—The CodeRED system is now being utilized for Oakwood citizens. This system enables the Safety Department to call citizens in a timely manner with safety and crime prevention information. The system was used two times in 2007; once to ask citizens to help locate an elderly gentleman who walked away from an assisted care facility. A citizen who received the call located the gentleman and he was returned safe. The second call was to notify citizens about several residential burglaries that were occurring in the evening while the residents were sleeping. Numerous tips were received from citizens and crews have been investigating.

For additional information on any of the listed services, call the Oakwood Public Safety Department at 298-2122.

Thanks

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Good Afternoon,

Darrell and I want to thank Crew 1 last night for their help and assistance with giving Darrell a helping hand after he fell. The response from everyone was phenomenal from the time I called dispatch to the arrival of the Public Safety Officers and then the Medic. The care they gave Darrell was so professional and kind that I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please share our thanks and appreciation to Crew 1 for their compassionate, attentive effort and concern they shared. That is why we live in this wonderful community where we receive such outstanding services which distinguish Oakwood from other surrounding communities.

After spending four hours in the ER and getting the health insurance straightened out (as they had him as Darrell Collins and could not find Dr. Darrell Apt in the computer or the hospital) we arrived home safely with a few cuts and bruises and no brain bleeds. Hurray!

Again, thank you for your diligent efforts and help. You are all truly great and very much appreciated by the Collins/Apt family.

Fondly,

Carol and Darrell

Below is a thank you note received by Captan Lantz:

Dear Captain Lantz,

I was involved in an automobile accident on Sunday, February 11. The responding officers were Catalano, Adams and Zengel.

Although I was at fault, I was treated with dignity, respect and compassion. My injuries were not life-threatening but I was given aid in a very professional and caring manner.

I am very grateful for the quick response of these officers. It's people like these that make Oakwood such a fine place to live.

The following note was received from Mrs. Greer's class after Keith Benson conducted a building tour:

We wanted to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to give us a tour. We learned a lot about safety, hard work, heroism and how to have lots of courage.

Fondly,

Mrs. Greer, Ally, Emma, Maggie, Sydney, Ellie, Megan and Katie

The following letter was in response to a recent medic run:

Thank you for your quick response to our home on December 27th. Your quick response and medical attention and professionalism resulted in my husband getting the medical attention he needed as he was rushed into emergency brain surgery. Most importantly, thank you for your kindness and comforting words.

Nice work Crew 2.

The following note was sent to the department by an Oakwood resident who was very pleased with our medic response for her father. Nice work Officers Pond, Gressel, May, Russell, Hill and Dispatcher Muceus.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, at approximately 6:30 A.M., my dad had a life-threatening fall in our kitchen. I called 9-1-1. Within literally one minute, the Oakwood Rescue Team arrived and began the process to control dad's massive chin bleeding and take him to the hospital. They were all such competent, caring and efficient professionals. I told them that only in Oakwood would dad get such outstanding, truly magnificent care. Thanks to Oakwood's superior medical/police and fire crew, my dad is alive today, truly thanks to all of your care.