

2015

North Canton Police Annual Report



To Protect and To Serve

Chief Stephan B. Wilder

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ON THE COVER

Snapshot of the City’s Communications Center located within the Police Department and a 2014 Patrol Vehicle.



Vision

To effectively respond to the adaptive challenges created by a growing community that continues to maintain a low crime rate and high quality of life. Deliver policing that responds to the needs of the community and engages them to share in the responsibility of keeping North Canton a great community. The

North Canton Police Department is a professional organization continually seeking opportunities to serve our community through crime prevention involving education followed by implementation, perfecting the efficiency of our police department operations and providing excellent customer service.

Mission Statement

The North Canton Police Department is committed *“to protect and serve the public with fairness, impartiality, and respect in accordance with the law, with the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe and desirable place to live, work and visit.”*

Fundamental Values

Integrity – Community Trust – Communications – Employee Trust – Problem Solving & Leadership

From the CHIEF OF POLICE

Welcome to the North Canton Police Department 2015 Annual Report. This report includes information and statistics about the activities of the North Canton Police Department, our community and the services it provides. The information and crime statistics in this report are presented in separate charts or categories.



The safety and security of every member of our North Canton community are paramount for our police department. The Department is staffed by a highly-trained police force that numbers twenty three full-time and four part-time sworn officers leading our safety efforts. Our communications / dispatch / emergency center is professionally-staffed, supplementing our safety efforts twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We work closely with our city service departments and also with federal, state, county, and neighboring law enforcement agencies.

In light of recent events, the “Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing” examined a number of high-profile issues concerning strengthening public trust and fostering relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect. The 21st Century police force will require new skills and approaches to strengthen public trust and strategies for effective crime prevention and reduction. In April 2015, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office released the “Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training” report related to law enforcement training throughout the State of Ohio. As a result, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission announced that eleven hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) will be required in 2016 for all law enforcement officers. Critical subject matters will include: Community Police Relations – Procedural Justice, Implicit Bias and Blue Courage; Crisis-De-Escalation with Emphasis on Mental Illness; Constitutional Use of Force; Human Trafficking; Ethics in Policing and other

general law enforcement topics. The “President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing” and the Ohio Attorney General’s “Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training” reports can be blueprints for what policing needs to improve relationships and accountability within its community.

“The accountability of individual police officers is a fundamental issue for police executives. This is fitting: police officers are the public official’s society has authorized, even obliged, to use force. Ensuring that police officers use that warrant equitably, legally, and economically on behalf of citizens is at the core of police administration. The enduring concern of police executives to ensure accountability in American policing is a reflection of their professional commitment.” *Police Accountability and Community Policing* - By George L. Kelling, Robert Wasserman, and Hubert Williams, *Perspectives in Policing*, US Department of Justice, November 1988.

On behalf of the North Canton Police Department, it is our goal and mission to make every possible effort to be vigilant and innovative when it pertains to ethical behavior. While the North Canton Police Department takes extraordinary steps to help create a culture built around safety, caring, and cooperation, we cannot lose sight of the simple fact that no community is immune or completely safe from those individuals committing crimes in our city. We encourage you to use the information contained within this report to promote your own awareness and to continue to make the North Canton community a place where education, business, arts, recreation, technology, and research flourish in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

Stephan B Wilder

Stephan B. Wilder, Chief of Police

General Information

Service Area

City of North Canton Population (2010):
17,488

Area: 7.5 Square Miles
99 Miles of Roadway

Police Department Established: 1920

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Social Media Presence

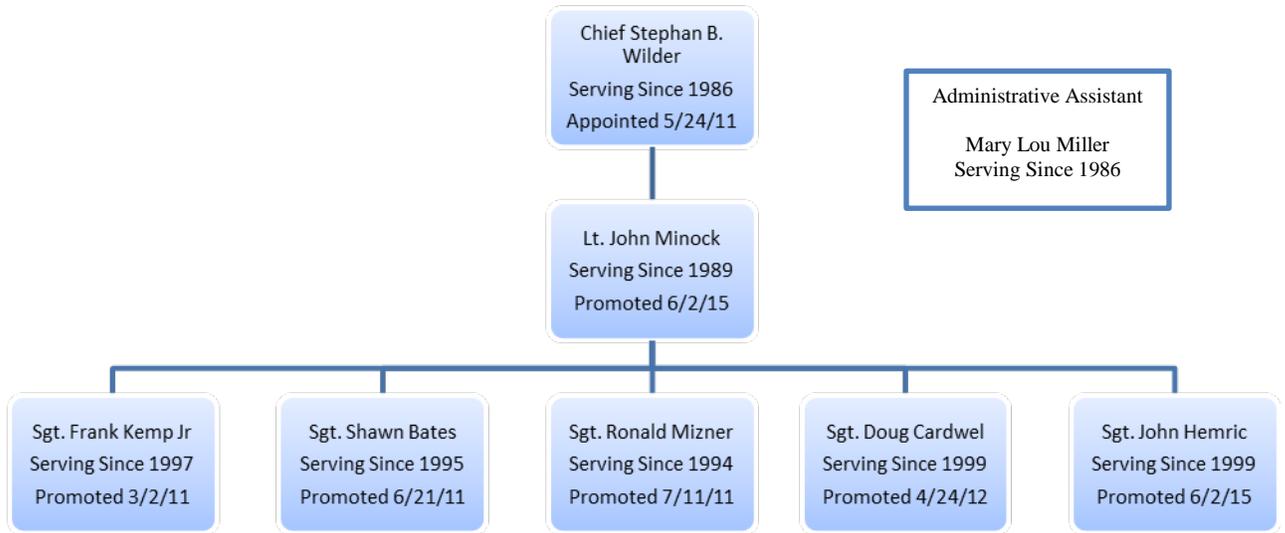


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Department Personnel / Rank Structure



Officers



Part-Time Officers



Department Personnel / Rank Structure (continued)

Communications / Records



Part-Time Dispatchers



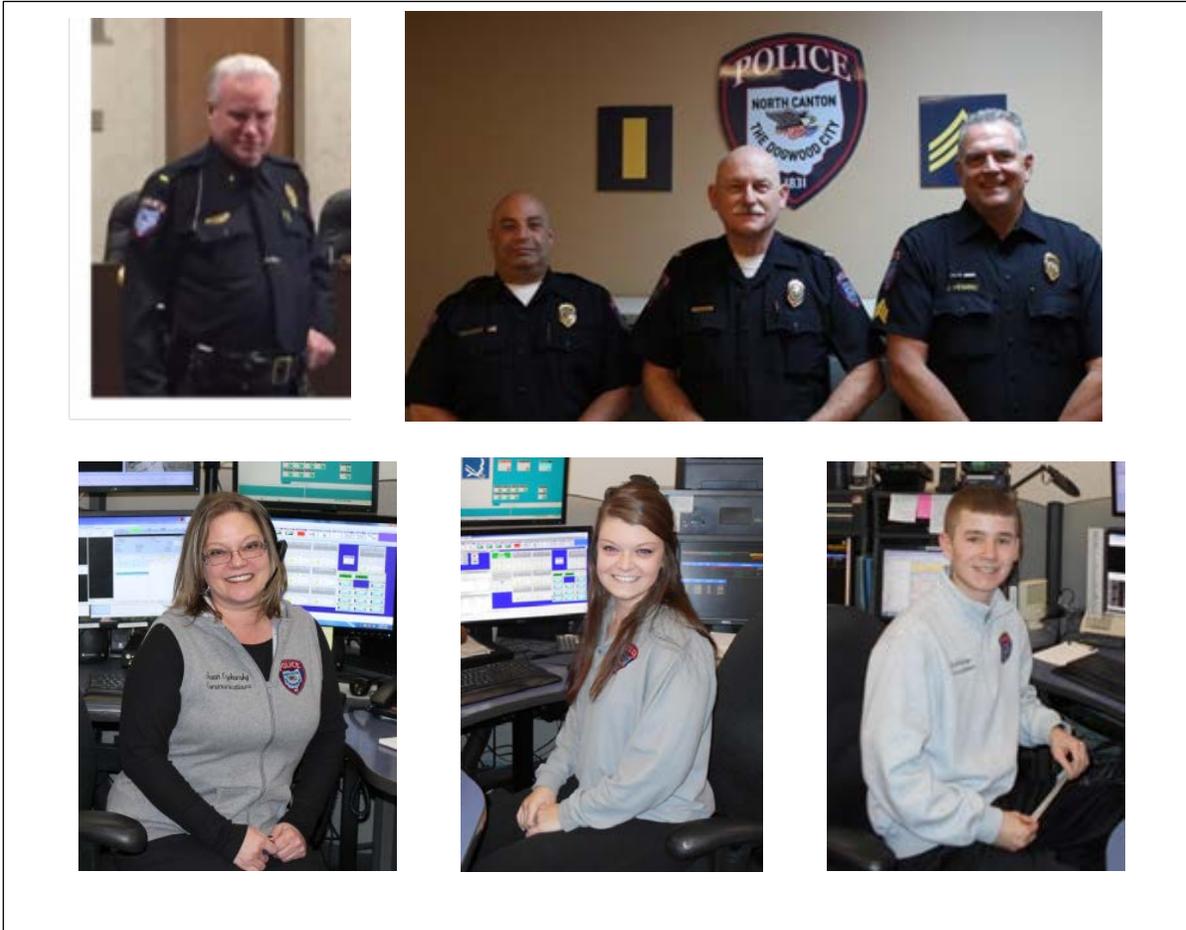
In the hierarchy of the department structure the Lead Dispatcher reports to the Lieutenant who oversees Operations.

Department Operations / Special Assignments

In addition to Patrol Duties many of our officers are assigned secondary special assignments to support our overall mission. Below listed in no specific order are some of the assignments and the allocation of officers/supervisors for 2015.

Special Response Team 8	Crisis Negotiators 3	School Resource Officers 3
Certified Crime Prevention Education Officers 3	Field Training Officers 5	Firearms Instructors 3
Stark County OVI Task Force 9	Public Information Officers 2	Stark County Metropolitan Narcotic Bureau 1
U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force 1	Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Member 1	Internet Techonology 2

Personnel Changes



NEW HIRES

Susan Czekansky as PT-Dispatcher
Erin Cornell as PT-Dispatcher
Zachary Kemp as PT- Dispatcher

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. John Minock to Lieutenant
Ptl. John Hemric to Sergeant
PT-Dispatcher Erin Cornell to Full-Time

RETIREMENTS

Lt. Stanley Strausser

MOVING ON

PT-Dispatcher Brittany Musisca
Dispatcher Zachary Jenks

Awards and Recognition

By the Stark County Safe Communities and Ohio Traffic Safety Office for enhanced efforts and contributions to traffic law enforcement.

Award of Excellence

Ptl. Michael Ataya

Ptl. Matthew Buzzard

Ptl. Cody Dollinger

Ptl. Chad Marceric

Sgt. Doug Cardwell



2015 Traffic Officer of the Year

Ptl. Justin Brumbaugh

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

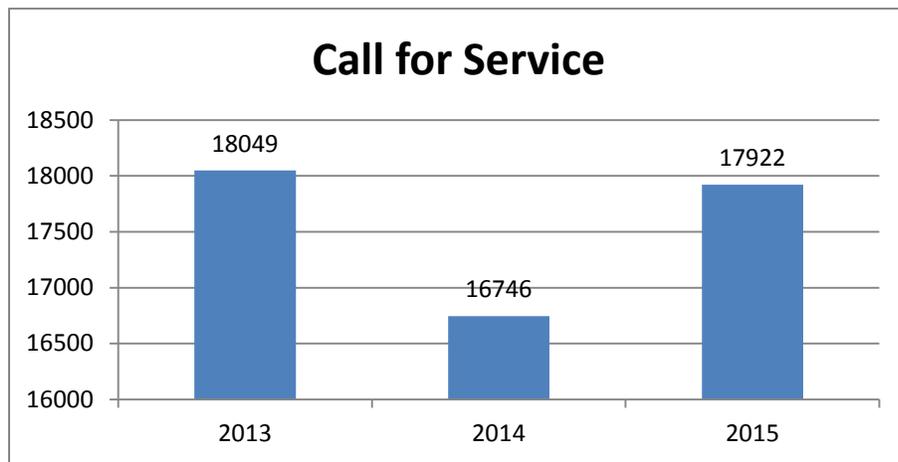
Housed within City Hall the Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center. The Center dispatches emergency and non-emergency calls for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments. In addition the Center maintains interaction with the Street, Sewer, Water and Engineering Departments as well as the Walsh University Police Department. The Center has seven full-time dispatchers with one serving as the Lead Dispatcher. It also currently has three part-time dispatchers to supplement the 24 hour scheduling.

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

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

Dispatchers serve multi-functions that enable the Department to keep administrative and clerical staff at a minimum. As part of the dispatchers’ multi-tasking responsibilities they are

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

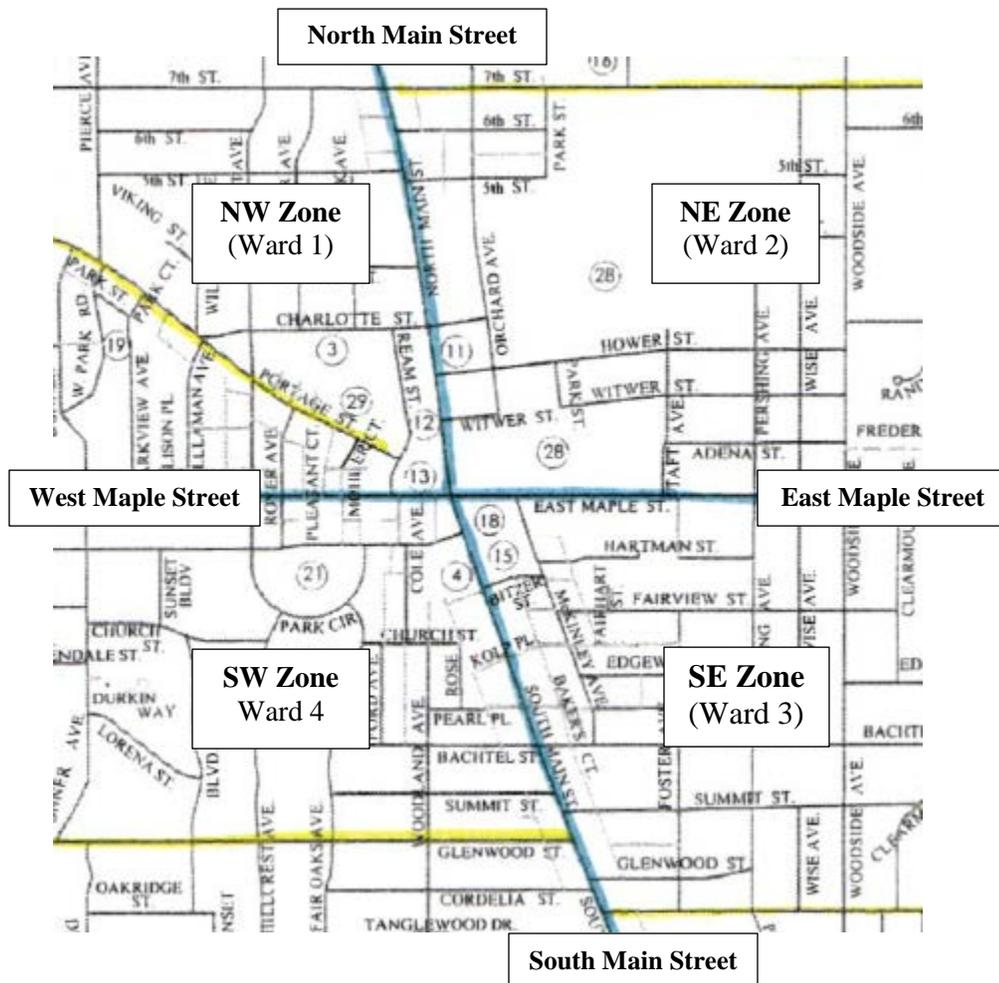


A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster/Intoxilyzer 8000 machine, and other activities that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many activities and insures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Service requiring additional follow-up are monitored by supervisors to insure that all calls are handled properly. The above chart shows the number of Calls For Service handled over the past 3 years.

UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

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

POLICE ZONES



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

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

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

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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

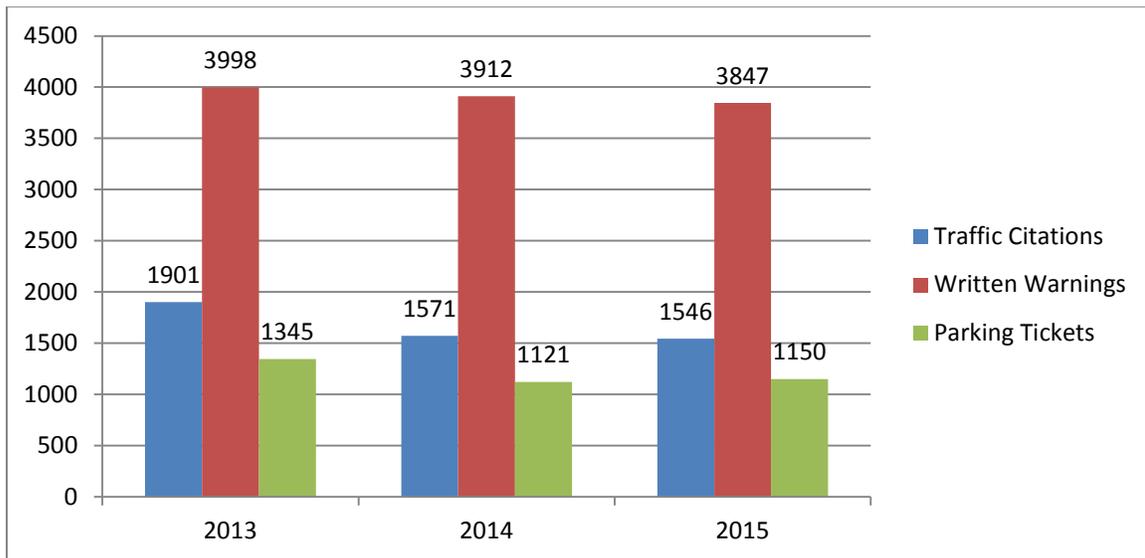


Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is

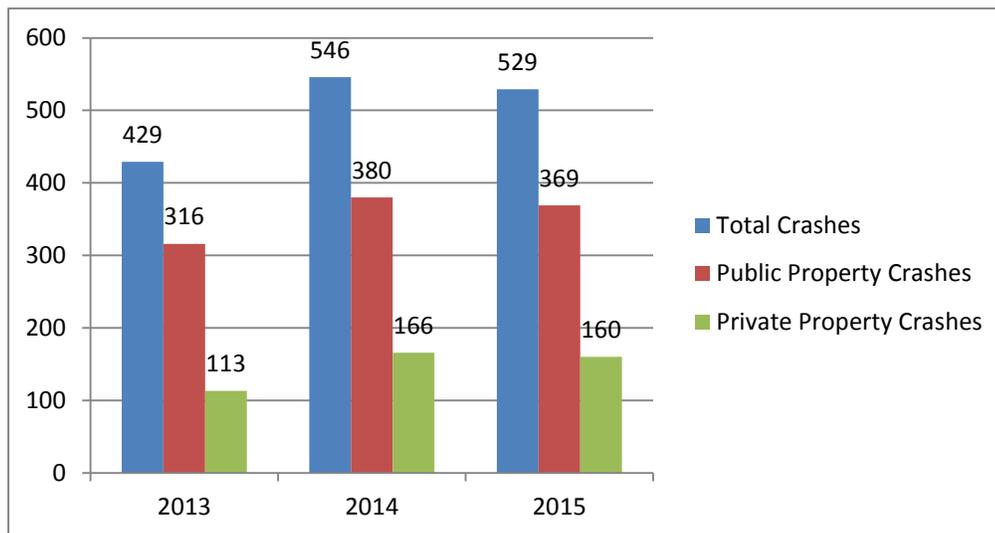
stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

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

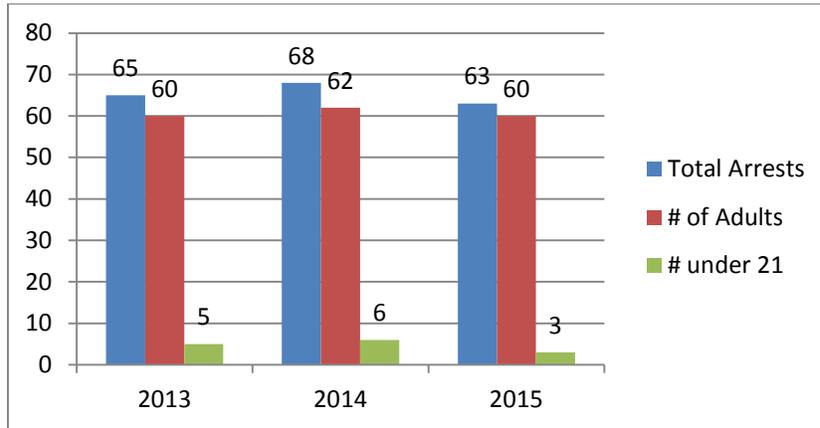
TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS



TRAFFIC CRASHES



O.V.I. ARRESTS



The total number also includes O.V.I Task Force Arrests

OVI TASK FORCE

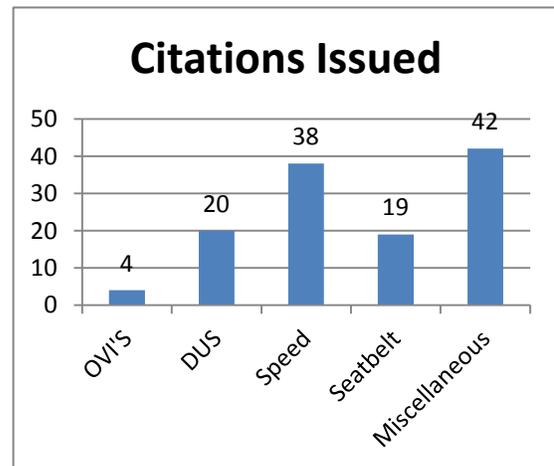
<p>OVI Arrests: 14</p> <p>Seatbelt Violations: 10</p> <p>Speed Violations: 19</p> <p>Other Violations: 28</p> <p>Driving Under Suspension: 6</p> <p>Drug Arrests: 5</p> <p>Other Misdemeanor Arrests: 5</p> <p>Written Warnings: 257</p> <p>Traffic Stops: 301</p>	<p>The North Canton Police Department continued its participation in the Stark County OVI Task Force in 2015. The Task Force was funded by a state grant with the goal of reducing OVI related traffic crashes and incidents of operating a vehicle while impaired or distracted drivers. Sixteen Stark county law enforcement agencies were members of the Stark County Task Force. The University of Akron was the administrator of the Task Force. Additional entities included: Stark County Safe Communities, Stark County Health Department, MADD, Stark County Family Court, Canton Municipal Court, Stark County Common Pleas Court, Prosecutor’s office, media outlets, and schools throughout Stark County.</p> <p>Sergeant Doug Cardwell was assigned as the North Canton OVI Commander along with four other North Canton officers who participated as members of the Stark County OVI Task Force. The Task Force objectives were to educate the public in safe driving and to deter drivers from driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. The Task Force worked to achieve these goals by a combination of enforcement actions. They participated in saturation patrols, corridor patrols, seatbelt enforcement patrols, and motorcycle enforcement patrols. The department also participated in two national campaigns: “Click it or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”.</p> <p><u>SATURATION/CORRIDOR PATROLS</u></p> <p>The North Canton officers working the Task Force conducted a total of 138 hours of enforcement in patrolling roadways within the</p>
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city limits of North Canton for impaired drivers. There were 86 hours of corridor patrol and 52 hours of saturation patrol worked. Corridor patrol consists of traffic enforcement on the main corridor that runs through the city limits (Main St.). Saturation patrol consists of traffic enforcement anywhere within the city limits.



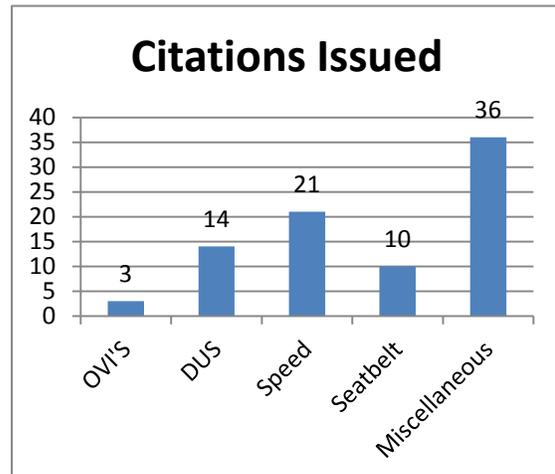
**STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2015
“CLICK IT OR TICKET” CAMPAIGN**

1. 4 OVI'S
2. 19 Seatbelt Violations
3. 38 Speed Violations
4. 42 Miscellaneous Violations
5. 20 DUS Violations
6. **205 Written Warnings**
7. **287 Traffic Stops**



**STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2015
“DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER”**

1. 3 OVI'S
2. 10 Seatbelt Violations
3. 21 Speed Violations
4. 36 Miscellaneous Violations
5. 14 DUS Violations
6. **221 Written Warnings**
7. **269 Traffic Stops**



Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (S.M.A.R.T)



The North Canton Police Department continues the use of a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. During the spring, summer, and fall months of 2015 the trailer was placed on various streets throughout the City on a daily basis. The "Speed Trailer" is used to make motorists aware of their speed. The Department utilizes it to focus on problem areas. Any resident wishing to have the speed trailer placed in their neighborhood may call and make a request.

SUNDAY JUNE 28 THROUGH FRIDAY JULY 3RD SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC

TOTAL VEHICLES = 4169
AVERAGE SPEED = 16.37 MPH
MAXIMUM SPEED = 62 MPH (THURSDAY JULY 2ND AT APPROX. 1500 HOURS)
TEN MILE PACE = 11 to 20 MPH (THE MAJORITY OF VEHICLES FELL INTO THIS SPEED ZONE)
50TH PERCENTILE SPEED = 16 MPH (MEANS 50 PERCENT OF THE VEHICLES WERE TRAVELING THIS SPEED OR SLOWER)
85TH PERCENTILE SPEED = 21 MPH (MEANS 85 PERCENT OF THE VEHICLES WERE TRAVELING AT THIS SPEED OR SLOWER)

The City also utilizes two Stealth Stats, which are small radar units contained in pole-mountable cases. These units allow the Department to record the speed and number of vehicles using the targeted area. The data received from the stealth stats is generally more reliable, since drivers are usually unaware that the stealth stat is there. The information compiled aids the Department in focusing on problem areas. The units are also utilized to conduct traffic counts, which assist in identifying needed changes to existing traffic controls. They are helpful in substantiating complaints in trouble spots and determining if a complaint is valid or unfounded. The stealth stats are also useful in areas that are not safe to place the speed trailer. Any resident wishing to have a stealth stat placed in their neighborhood may call and make a request.

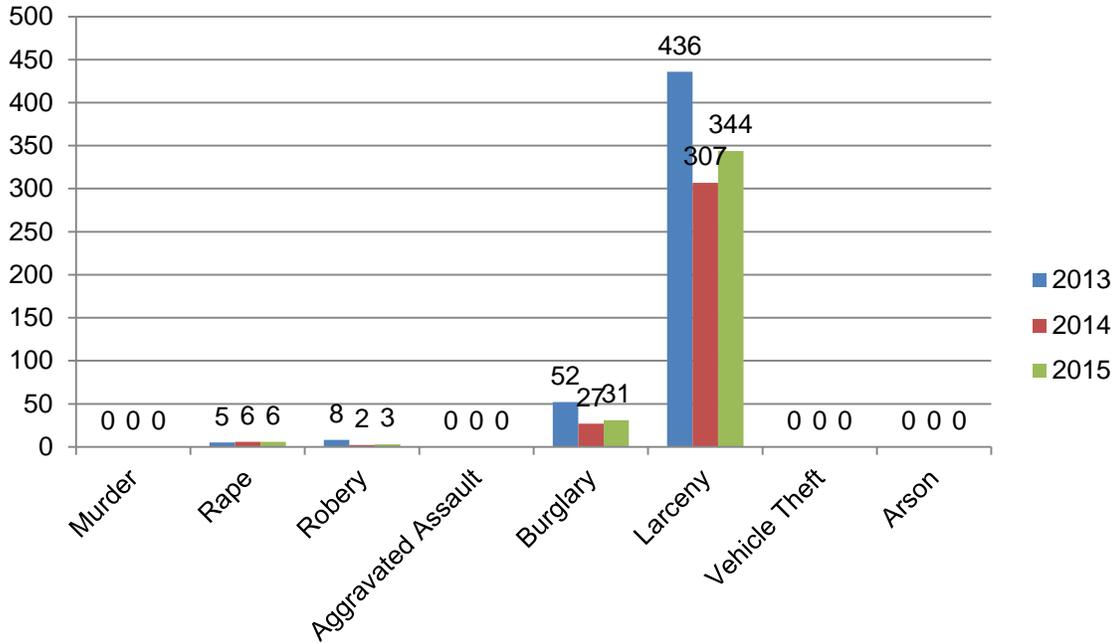
CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS

In 2015, the Police Department filed criminal charges against a total of 348 individuals: 304 adults and 44 juveniles. Criminal charges are classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony. Misdemeanors are considered less serious than felonies. While the North Canton Mayor's Court may hear some misdemeanor cases against adults, the Canton Municipal Court hears most of these cases. Penalties range from a fine up to \$1,000.00 and/or incarceration in the County Jail for up to 6 months. Felony charges against adults are heard by the Stark County Common Pleas Court, and penalties generally range from a fine up to \$15,000.00 and/or a maximum of life in prison at a State Correctional Institute. Aggravated Murder convictions are also felonies and carry a maximum fine of \$25,000.00 and/or a possible death sentence. All traffic and criminal charges against juveniles are heard by the Stark County Family Court, unless that Family Court Judge refers the case to the Adult Court.

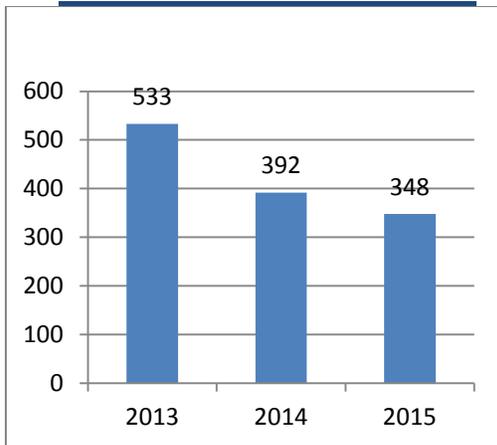
The patrol officers (reporting officers) file most criminal charges. The patrol officers are generally dispatched to reported crimes, and conduct the initial inquiry into those incidents. The officers start by conducting preliminary investigations and complete the initial reports. Other actions by the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

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

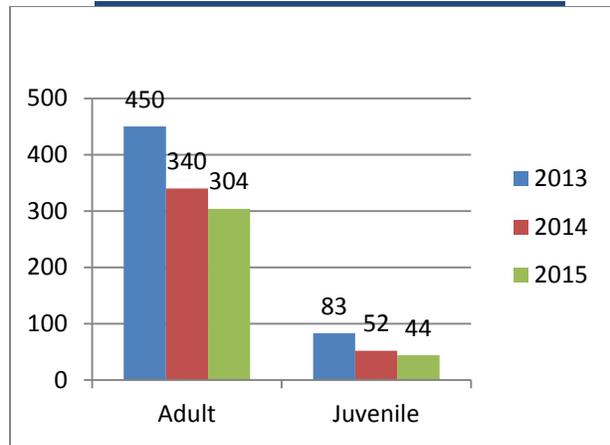
MAJOR CRIMES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON



Total Criminal Arrests



Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests



DETECTIVE BUREAU

At the beginning of 2015 the Detective Bureau consisted of two full-time officers. In June the bureau transitioned to only one full-time officer due to the promotion of the other. Continuing past practice, other officers have been assigned to the Detective Bureau on a part-time basis to assist with specific cases or heavy workloads.



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

- Criminal Investigations.
- Non-Criminal Investigations (e.g. missing persons).
- Background Investigations (for applicants).
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- Transport evidence to and from the crime laboratories.
- Transport evidence, paperwork, and reports to the prosecutor's offices, courts, and other criminal justice agencies.
- Monthly Stark County Criminal Intelligence meetings.
- Monthly Belden Village Retail Security meetings.

All incident reports are forwarded to the Detective Bureau where they are reviewed and criminal cases are checked for any solvability factors. The cases that the Detective Bureau investigates ultimately get classified as one of the following:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| “Active Open” | Case is actively being investigated by the Detective Bureau. |
| “Inactive Open” | Case that has not been cleared, but is not actively being investigated usually because of the lack of evidence. |

- “Unfounded” Case that has been proven to be false.
- “Cleared” Case that has been closed for some reason. There are various reasons that cases are classified as “Cleared:”
- A suspect has been charged, indicted, or an arrest warrant has been issued.
 - The victim requests no further action or refuses to cooperate.
 - The case is solved, but no criminal charges are filed.
 - The case is solved, and the victim is referred to the prosecutor for further action.
 - The case is referred to another agency for follow-up.

In 2015 the Detective Bureau became involved in approximately 169 investigations, 158 that were criminal cases. The Detective Bureau had an overall clearance rate of 58.86 % in 2015.

DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

Year	Total Investigations	Total Criminal Cases	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Overall Clearance Rate %
2013	159	142	73	61	52.11
2014	152	139	106	75	62.59
2015	169	158	75	57	58.86

Detective Bureau Notable Cases 2015

- Fraud case, which had occurred over the past 10 years. The individual claimed he had cancer and would collect money through Fundraisers and on-line at “GoFundMe.com”. He was ultimately charged with 2 counts of Theft by Deception, one Felony 4 and one Felony 5.
- Road Rage incident which resulted in a Felonious Assault charge against one of the individuals involved in the incident.
- Theft of \$ 4900 from Premier Bank. Identified the suspect out of the Cleveland area which resulted in a Felony charge.
- Theft of \$ 9473 from Citizens Bank. Identified the suspect out of the Cleveland area which resulted in a Felony charge.
- Child Enticement case involving an 11 year old child. The suspect was identified and charges with a Misdemeanor.
- Conducted a Controlled Delivery of bulk Marijuana from California with the assistance of the Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit. This resulted in an arrest and subsequent charge of Possession of Drugs Felony 3 on one individual.

School Resource Officer

Patrolman James Harnack is assigned as a full-time SRO. He handles most of the daily school related incidents and works closely with School Administrators, students and families to resolve problems through conflict resolution and intervention.



Patrolman Matthew Rahde is also trained and certified as an SRO. He works the afternoon shift, splitting his time between patrolling the city, handling calls, conducting safety drills and resolving many school related issues that arise.

Detective Randy Manse conducts his normal duties in the Detective Bureau as well as criminal investigations for the School District. He also oversees safety drills for the school system.

Background:

The School Resource Officer (SRO) was accepted into the school district in 2001. Detective/Patrolman Randy Manse and, at the time, Lieutenant Steve Wilder, were the first police officers trained and certified to implement this program.

In 2012 the three SROs became certified A.L.I.C.E. Instructors. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape. The program was developed to give teachers and students options when confronted with an active shooter or crisis situation. These options are replacing the post-Columbine standard lockdown procedures.

In the spring of 2013 the North Canton City School District started the implementation of the A.L.I.C.E. program with the training of all the faculty and staff. Then in the fall of 2013 students from grades 6-12 went through the training. Finally in 2014 grades K – 5 completed the training. Following the completion of training for all grade levels the department has transitioned into a program of annual sustainment training conducted throughout the school year.

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

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

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

Grant Assistance

- Ohio Drug Prevention and Education Grant awarded for School Year 2014 - 2015 (\$10,876.00).

Special Response Team

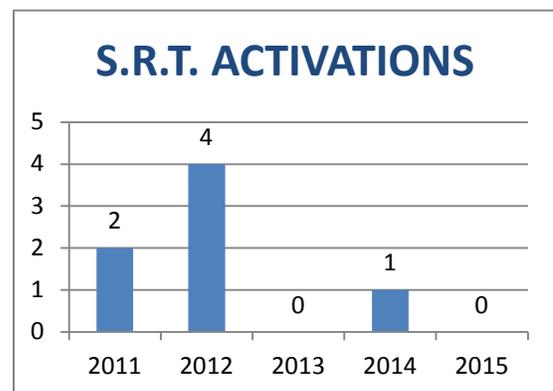
The North Canton Police Department maintains a Special Response Team. This team is tasked with handling unique incidents that require a police response such as barricaded subjects and high-risk search/arrest warrants.

2015 began with 4 Sergeants and 4 Full Time Patrolmen serving in an operational capacity and 2 Full Time Patrolmen assigned to the team as negotiators. There were also 3 NCFD Medics assigned to the team. These medics serve the team in a direct support capacity. All members are activated for callouts in addition to their regularly assigned duties and shifts. During the year an additional 2 Full Time Patrolmen were assigned to the team after completing basic SWAT/SRT training. An additional NCFD Medic was also added.

As staffing and scheduling allow, the team attempts to maintain a regular training schedule that focuses on the specialized equipment and tactics they may need to employ. Individual team members are also scheduled for additional training away from NCPD based on their specialties such as operational planning, breaching, negotiations and precision rifle.

In 2015 one member of the team was assigned to the Stark County Sherriff’s Metro Narcotic Unit and another to the US Marshal’s Fugitive Task Force where their specialized skills are also put to use. Due to their advanced training, all team members can be counted on to take the tactical lead on patrol calls they respond to as part of their normal shifts.

In 2015 the team was not called-out for any incidents, however multiple situations were resolved through a combination of shift patrol officers, team members and negotiators during the course of their regularly assigned duties.



Property Room

The property room is managed by Sgt. Douglas Cardwell. Sgt. John Hemric and Ptl. Phil Taylor are also property room officers that assist in the property room. All three officers have been certified in property inventory management. In addition to being the evidence custodians of the department, they also maintain their duties in patrol and supervision. Any evidence or property taken



into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items range from criminal evidence such as drugs, firearms, or DNA evidence. Recovered property is also items handled by the property room. These items can consist of bicycles, wallets, cell phones or miscellaneous other items. Evidence is examined by two separate crimes labs, **Stark County Crime Lab and BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigations)** in Richfield, OH. We are also assisted by the **US Secret Service** with all counterfeit money confiscated.

The property room took in a total of **462** pieces of property for 2015. There was a total of **512** items disposed of by court order # **2015MI00536**. These items were taken to the Republic Steel Melt Shop and destroyed. On September 10, 2015, the city had an auction selling miscellaneous property from the court order along with other city property from other departments throughout the city. Per the court order, there was a total of **\$360.85** turned over to the city from the property room to be deposited into the general fund account. The court order also ordered the sale of a confiscated ski boat and trailer the department had seized as evidence from a criminal investigation. The N. Canton Police Department was assisted by a number of other outside agencies investigating this case. The boat was auctioned and sold for **\$7,400.00** which **70%** of the profit was awarded to the North Canton Police Department Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Training Bureau

The North Canton Police Department has several certified instructors who conduct various training classes for the department throughout the year. The topics covered by these instructors include, but were not limited to; field training topics, firearms, less lethal systems, OVI detection and testing, radar & laser speed measuring, and LEADS. In 2015 the department added two TASER instructors to this cadre and conducted training for all officers to carry and use this less lethal system. The department also added two of its own instructors to the State of Ohio’s “Below 100” officer safety program and all officers attended the training.

In 2015 the State of Ohio continued a mandatory “Continuing Professional Training” requirement for all sworn part-time and full-time officers. By the end of October the Department completed this requirement and was recognized as being in full compliance with this mandate. Additionally, the department sent the Chief, supervisors and patrol officers to over 40 training classes and seminars offered outside the Department. This training was selected for the officer as either a “core” training topic that all officers receive during their careers or it may have been based on an officer’s current specialty assignment.

The effort to ensure that the Department’s dispatchers receive training was also continued. This included having a specific portion of the training budget set aside for their use. In 2015 dispatchers were scheduled for multiple training classes and seminars with the goal of each full-time dispatcher being scheduled for at least one.

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In 2015 the Training Bureau continued to be responsible for reviewing all Reaction to Resistance reports filed by the Department’s officers. An officer is required by department policy to file a report any time a weapon is displayed/used or physical force is used to gain compliance or overcome resistance from a subject. This review is done to make ensure that policies and procedures are being followed and that any issues or patterns that may arise are addressed.

REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS	2013	2014	2015
Total number of incidents resulting in a Reaction to Resistance Report	22	13	16
Number of those incidents which resulted in an arrest	17	10	12
Number of those incidents which resulted in claimed or observed injury	2 Officer 4 Subjects	1 Officers 1 Subjects	0 Officer 3 Suspect
Number of officers who generated at least one report	18	13	14
The levels of force used by officers in 2015 include: Empty hand control, TASER displayed and firearm displayed			

In 2013 the Reaction to Resistance report had been expanded to include Vehicle Pursuits. In 2015 the Training Bureau continued to review these reports to insure compliance with the Department’s policies and procedures.

VEHICLE PURSUITS	2013	2014	2015
Total number of Incidents resulting in a <i>Vehicle Pursuit</i> report	2	4	2
Total number of officers that generated at least one report	3	3	2
Number of these incidents that resulted in the vehicle being stopped	0	2	2
Number of pursuits that were called off by officer or supervisor	2	2	0
Number of incidents that resulted in an eventual arrest of suspect	2	3	2
Number of incidents that resulted in a crash	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles

School Crossing Guards



The Police Department hires, trains, and helps pay for adults to be school crossing guards during the school year. The North Canton City School District reimburses the city for half of the expense of funding the crossing guards. The crossing guards are responsible for the stellar safety record that we have in getting our children to and from school safely. Twice a day and in all kinds of weather these crossing guards perform their duties at eight selected sites in the city.



We have crossing guards stationed at the following locations:

- Clearmount Ave. S.E. / East Maple St.
- Main / Maple Streets
- West Maple St. / Hillcrest Ave.
- North Main St. / Charlotte St.
- Schneider St. / Clearmount Ave. S. E.
- 200 block of South Main Street
- South Main St. / Bachtel St.
- Glenwood St. S.W. / Fair Oaks Ave. S.W.



Crime Prevention

The Police Department is a member of the **Ohio Crime Prevention Association** and has 3 certified Crime Prevention Specialists; Detective Randy Manse, Ptl. Phil Taylor and Sgt. Frank Kemp Jr.



Those members of the department have attended the basic Introduction to Crime Prevention – 3 Day Course and have passed the Certification Exam required to attain the titles of Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS). These officers also attend yearly Continuing Education Training to maintain their credentials.

Citizens of North Canton can request assistance from the department to conduct training related to a variety of crime prevention topics which could include:

- Personal Safety and Awareness
- Identity Theft
- House of Worship Safety
- Safe Work Environments to include A.L.I.C.E
- Crisis Response
- Residential Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Child ID
- Cyber Safety

Community Events

The Police Department participated in many community events in 2014. In many cases the Police Department provided traffic control and/or security for these events. In other cases the Department exchanged information with various groups regarding safety and crime prevention. Regardless of our specific role with these events, our participation shows our commitment to the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe, and desirable place to live, learn, work, and visit.

BLOCK PARTIES

The department processed requests for 6 block parties this past year

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Annual N.C. Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Sing
- Project Elf Non-profit for disadvantaged children
- American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces POW /MIA Remembrance Service
- 9th. Annual Bubby Walk / National Downs Syndrome Society
- Akron Children’s Hospital Burn Center Fundraising Walk
- St. Paul’s Catholic Church-Youth Ministry Life Teen & Edge Paint War
- Zion United Church of Christ Old Fashioned Fall Festival
- North Canton Fall Festival at Grace United Methodist Church
- 5th. Annual NAMI, Moving Forward from Mental Health Walk
- Patriots Project Military Recognition Event
- 19th Annual Main Street Festival
- NCYMCA Downtown Dog Walk
- Doggone North Canton Walk by Pawsitive Ohio
- 6th. Annual Miles for Mandy 5K Run / Walk
- NCYMCA 5th Annual Sprint Triathlon
- NCYMCA Youth Triathlon
- North Canton Community Christian Church Independence Day Community Concert

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- North Canton Jaycees Annual 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration
- NCYMCA 38th Annual 4th of July 5 Mile & 2 Mile Run/Walk
- NCYMCA Annual Healthy Kids Day
- North Canton Lions Club Annual Memorial Day Parade
- Stark County Hunger Walk
- 4th. Annual Viking Victory 5K Run/Walk & Kids 1 Mile Fun Run
- Girls on the Run 5K Run/Walk
- Annual Faith United Methodist Church Run to Resurrection 3 Mile Run/Walk
- American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces Special Day of Remembrance for POW / MIA Military Community Outreach Event
- North Canton Jaycees Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- North Canton Jaycees Annual Safety Town
- North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Senior Showcase
- North Canton Public Library Family Film Friday Nights
- North Canton Fire Prevention Week Northwood Elementary School PTO Carnival
- Northwood Elementary School “Salute to Veterans”
- Orchard Hill Intermediate School PTO Carnival
- Guest Readers for Annual “Right to Read Week” NC City Schools
- Guest Reader, Weaver School
- Numerous Youth group tours
- A.L.I.C.E. Training in North Canton City Schools and Saint Paul’s Academy.
- North Canton Chamber, Community in the Park
- National Night Out, Police Community Partnerships
- Junior Achievement (JA) North Canton Middle School, 8th Grade Career Readiness Day
- Junior Achievement (JA) North Canton Middle School, “What is Citizenship?”
- Chaperoned for the Annual North Canton Middle School 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC.
- North Canton Middle School Career Shadow Day
- Supported the 2015 USA Women’s National Softball Team Visit & Exhibition Games / Events
- 2015 Velosano Annual Cycling Event to Support Cancer research at Cleveland Clinic
- Families Against The Heroin Epidemic in Stark (F.A.T.H.E.R.S.) Motorcycle Poker Run

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- Blue and Gold Cub Scout Pack 930 Guest Safety Presentation
- Crime Prevention Week, Canton Exchange Club, Stark County Prosecutors Office
- Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at Akron Children’s Hospital’s annual Turner Syndrome Conference, Guest Safety Presentation
- Stark County Safe Communities Events, (e.g. Seat Belt Safety Check at NC Hoover HS, START SMART programs)
- Mission View Church Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Cornerstone Baptist Church, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Walsh University Guest Presentation for Government & Foreign Affairs Department
- Stark County Firefighters Association EMS Recognition Event
- Saint Paul Home & School Association Guest Safety Presentation
- Super Hero Fun Walk / Run, Stark County Hunger Task Force & YMCA Annual Campaign
- Stark County Peace Officer Memorial Day/Week Services
- Build For America’s Bravest Event (For Catastrophically Injured US Service Members)
- The Children’s Network of Stark County, Domestic Violence Project, Mental Health and Recovery Board of Stark County, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), (Combating Human Trafficking in Stark and Carroll Counties)
- Building Bridges: Community Police Relationships, National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Stark County Job and Family Services, Presentation Hazards of Distracted Driving
- The 8th Annual NEWS-TALK 1480 WHBC/MIX 94.1 / Aultcare WISH-A-THON TO BENEFIT WISHES CAN HAPPEN
- Small Business Showcase at MAPS Museum
- Louisville Annual Constitution Day Parade w/Louisville Police Department
- 5th Annual Justice For All: Protecting the Elderly and Disabled Seminar w/Judge Dixie Parks
- American Breast Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event
- 2015 North Canton Heritage Walk, North Canton Heritage Society
- “Operation School Bus” - Stark County Bus Ride For Safety
- Stark County Annual Domestic Violence Training Seminar
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.), “Honoring our Heroes” Event for Law Enforcement

Prescription Drug Drop Off at NCPD

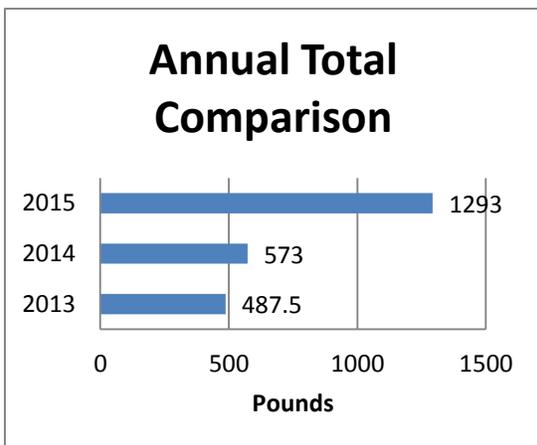


The North Canton Police Department was one of the first of fifteen law enforcement agencies in Stark County, OH, to permanently erect a prescription drug drop off receptacle. This was done on May 1, 2013. The receptacle was installed to support the initiatives of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, OH.

In 2015 the police department collected 1,293 pounds of prescription drugs. Also during this year we participated in the Stark County Drug Take Back Day, which was conducted on Saturday September 26th.

The Drug Drop Box Program and the Take-Back Day provide a safe way to dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications.

We are grateful that residents and visitors to our community come to our location to dispose of their prescription medications.



Equipment

COMMUNICATIONS

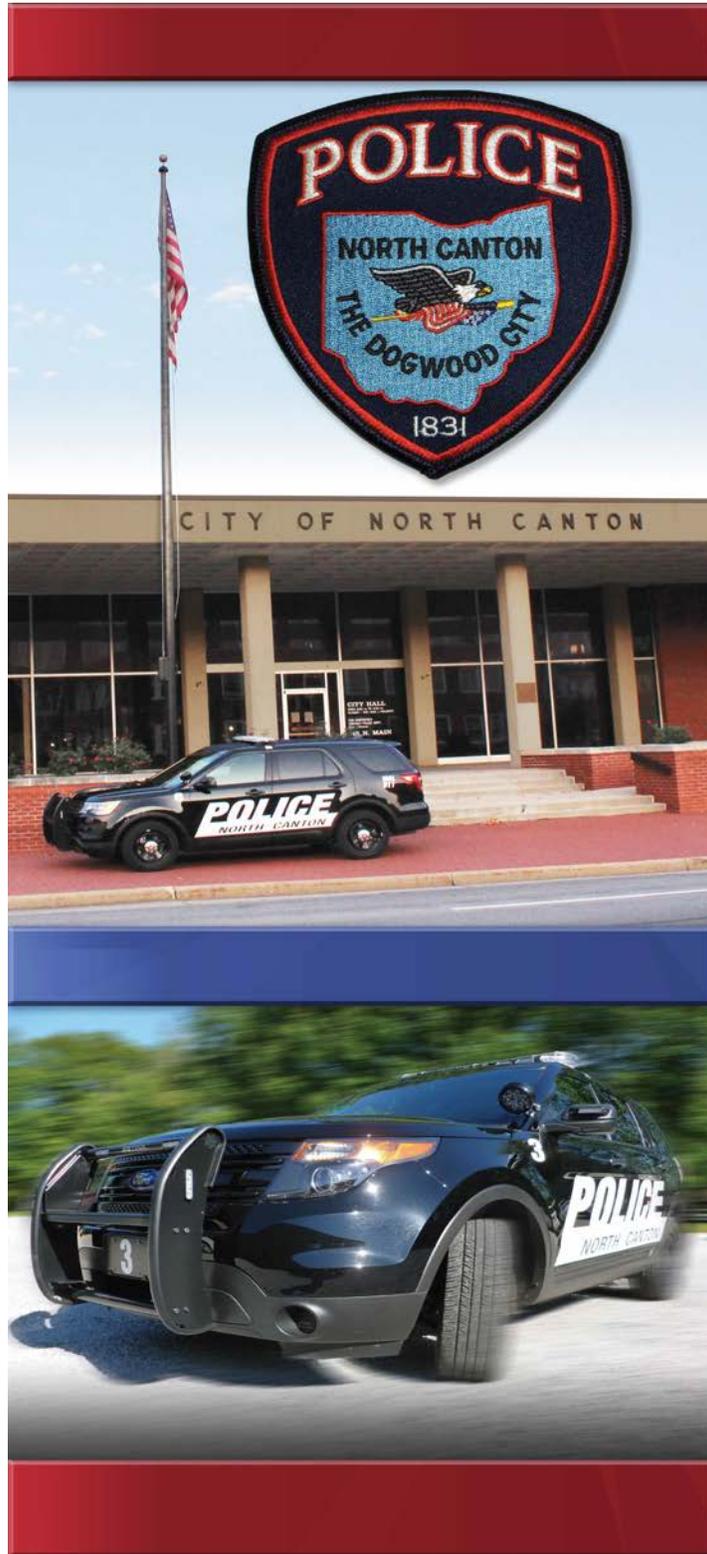
The Dispatch Center utilizes a Motorola MCC5500 radio console and, as an emergency backup, a Motorola EX600XLS radio. The radio repeater located in the city ensures reliable communications with all police and fire units. However, should something occur to the repeater, it is an instant switch to bypass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

In 2015 the Police Department added an additional MARCS capable radio to our Dispatch Center. This new radio gives the center the ability to now monitor and communicate on two different MARCS channels during normal daily operations. In addition we ordered 10 MARCs capable Mobile Radios to be installed in our Police Vehicles. This is part of our continuing process to migrate to the MARCS system to increase our interoperability with other local agencies. These radios will also once again provide us with the ability to scan radio traffic from other local emergency agencies adjacent to our community.

POLICE FLEET

The Police Department maintains a fleet of 13 vehicles used for operations. We have 7 marked cruisers which are used daily and 2 older marked cruisers that are used as court cars and for special details. We have 3 unmarked police vehicles which are used by the Chief, Lieutenant and Detective Bureau. In addition we maintain 1 vehicle for special use which was forfeited to the department through a criminal case.

In 2015 the Police Department purchased 2 New Marked Ford Police SUVs to replace older cruisers as part of our normal rotation of the fleet. In addition we were able to purchase a Ford Explorer to replace the Chief’s car which was over 10 years old.



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