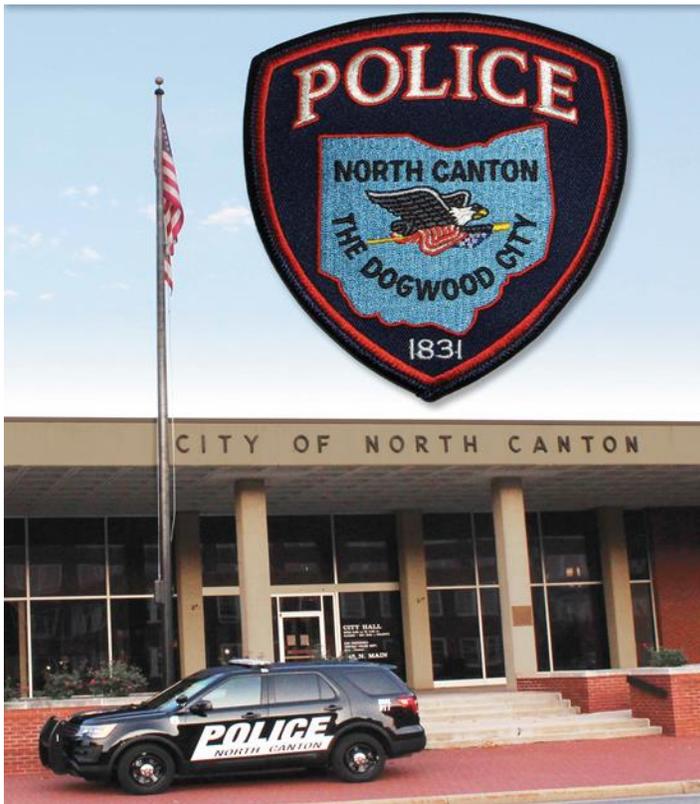


2016

# North Canton Police Annual Report



Chief Stephan B. Wilder

12/31/2016



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**ON THE COVER**  
City Hall 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

## *Message From the CHIEF OF POLICE*

Welcome to the North Canton Police Department 2016 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 five 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.

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’s 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 topic. The “President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing” and the Ohio Attorney General’s “Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training” report can be

blueprints for what policing needs for improving relationships and accountability with one's community.

Our police officers completed all of the 2016 required Continuing Professional Training on time. As our law enforcement agency moves forward into 2017, our officers will be required to complete 20 hours of Continuing Professional Training dealing with topics of; Trauma Informed Policing, Practical Application of Force, Officer & Community Wellness, Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy, Legal Updates, and General Law Enforcement topics of a law enforcement agency's choice. Also, we will complete the accreditation process for the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Standards.

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.

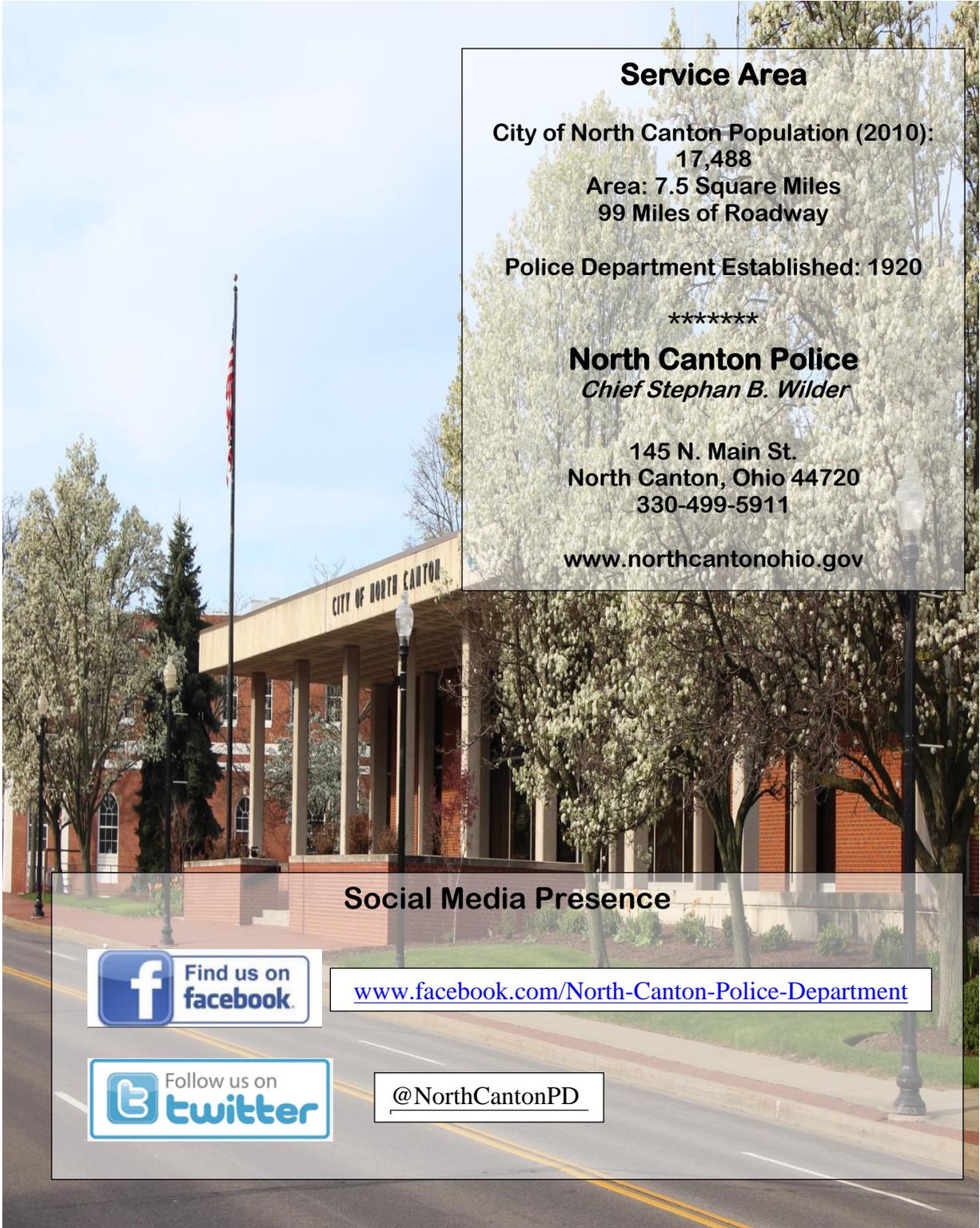
In closing, this will be my last "Message from the Chief". Over the last three decades, I have experienced a career of fulfillment in support of our mission to protect and serve the public with fairness, impartiality, and respect in accordance with the law, with the goal of making the City of North Canton a safe and desirable place to live, work, and visit. On Friday, March 3, 2017 I will have retired from the City of North Canton. Thank you to all the residents, citizens and visitors of North Canton, OH for all you do in support of the North Canton Police Department and for the betterment of our community.

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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**North Canton Police**  
*Chief Stephan B. Wilder*

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### **Social Media Presence**

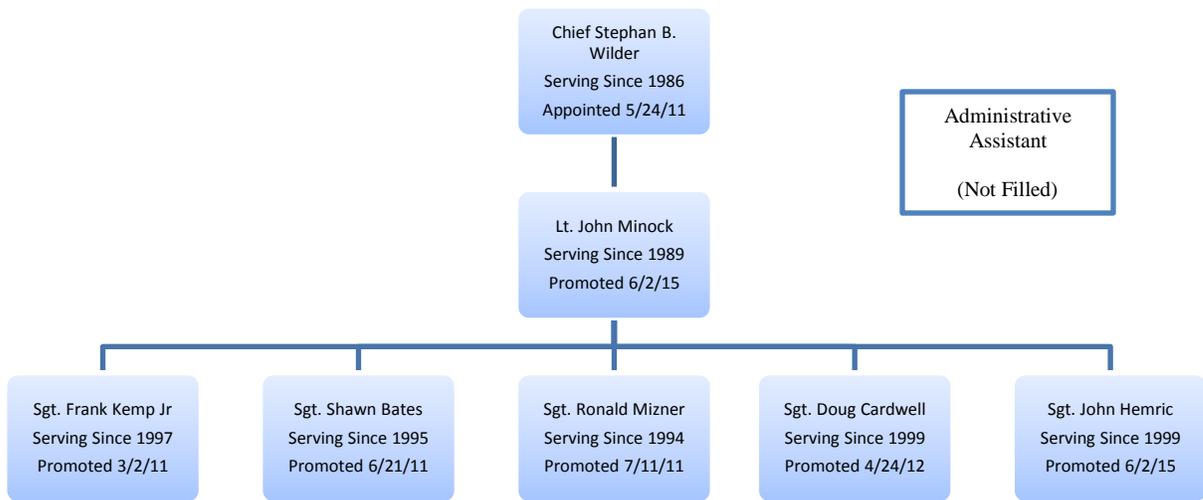


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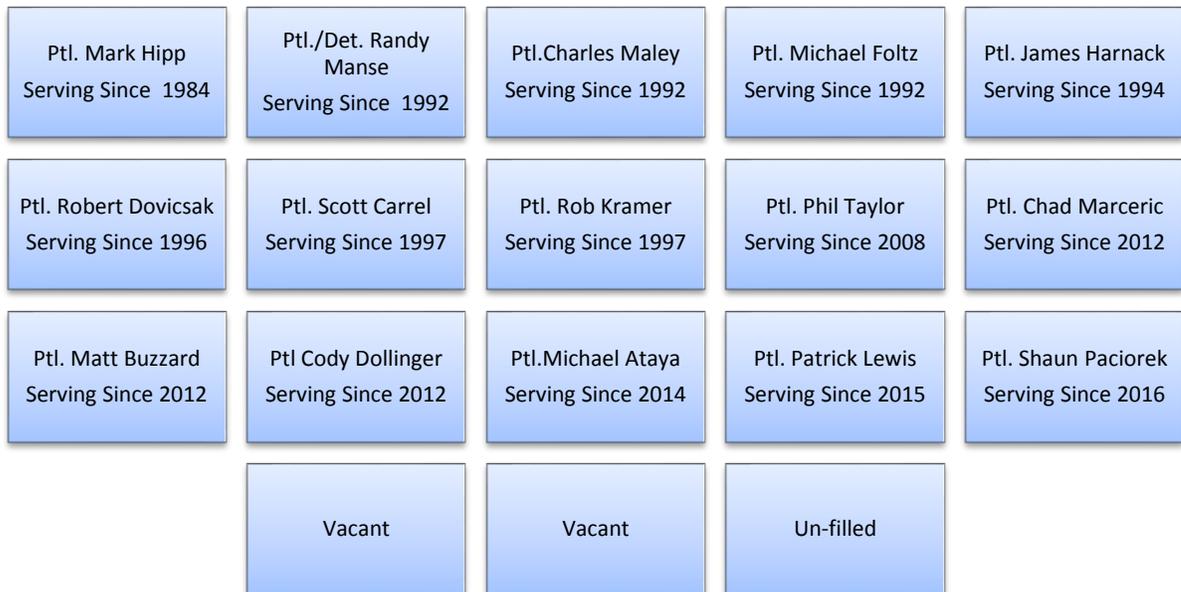


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## *Department Personnel / Rank Structure*



### Officers



### Part-Time Officers



***Department Personnel / Rank Structure (continued)***

**Communications / Records**



**Part-Time Dispatchers**



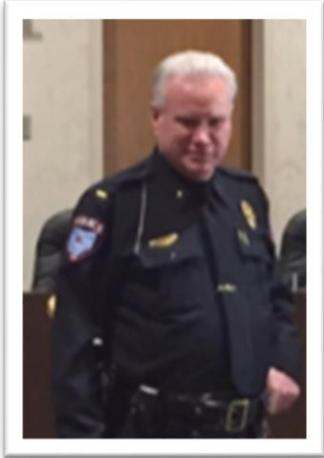
In the hierarchy of the department structure the Lead Dispatcher reports to the Lieutenant who oversees Operations.

**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 2016.

Regional Co-op Swat Team	2
Crisis Negotiators	2
School Resource Officers	2
Certified Crime Prevention Specialists	3
Field Training Officers	5
Firearms Instructors	5
Stark County OVI Task Force	5
Public Information Officers	2
Stark Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau Member	1
U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force Member	1
Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Member	1
Internet Technology	2

## *Personnel Changes*



### **RETIREMENTS**

Lt. Stanley Strausser  
Admin Assistant Mary Lou Miller



### **NEW HIRES**

Teresa Dameworth as PT-Dispatcher  
Megan Scheffer as PT-Dispatcher  
Gary Dodge as PT-Patrolman  
Zachary Forwalder as PT-Patrolman

### **PROMOTIONS**

PT-Disp. Megan Scheffer to Full-Time

### **MOVING ON**

Patrolman Justin Brumbaugh  
Patrolman Matt Rahde  
Dispatcher Michelle Carley  
PT-Dispatcher Susan Czekansky

*Awards and Recognition*

Stark County Safe Communities Coalition

**2016 Traffic Officer of the Year**

**Ptl. Michael Ataya**



## *COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS*

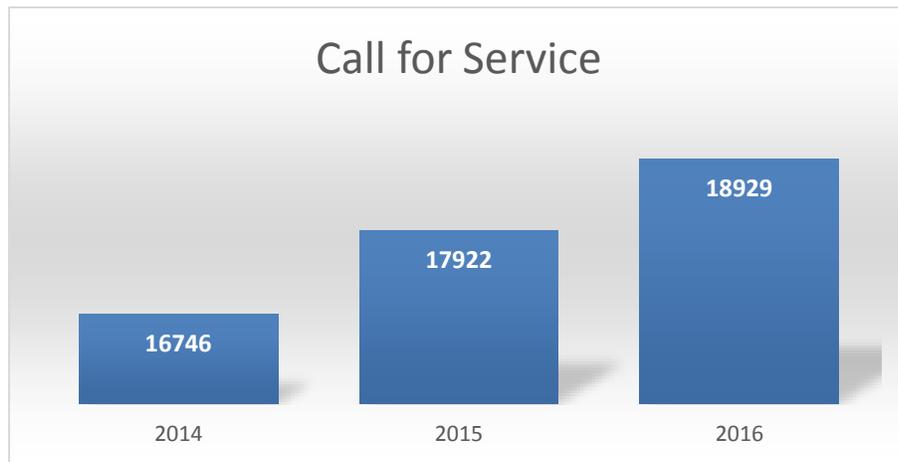
Housed within City Hall the Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center. The Center dispatches emergency and non-emergency calls for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments. In addition the Center maintains interaction with the Street, Sewer, Water and Engineering Departments as well as the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

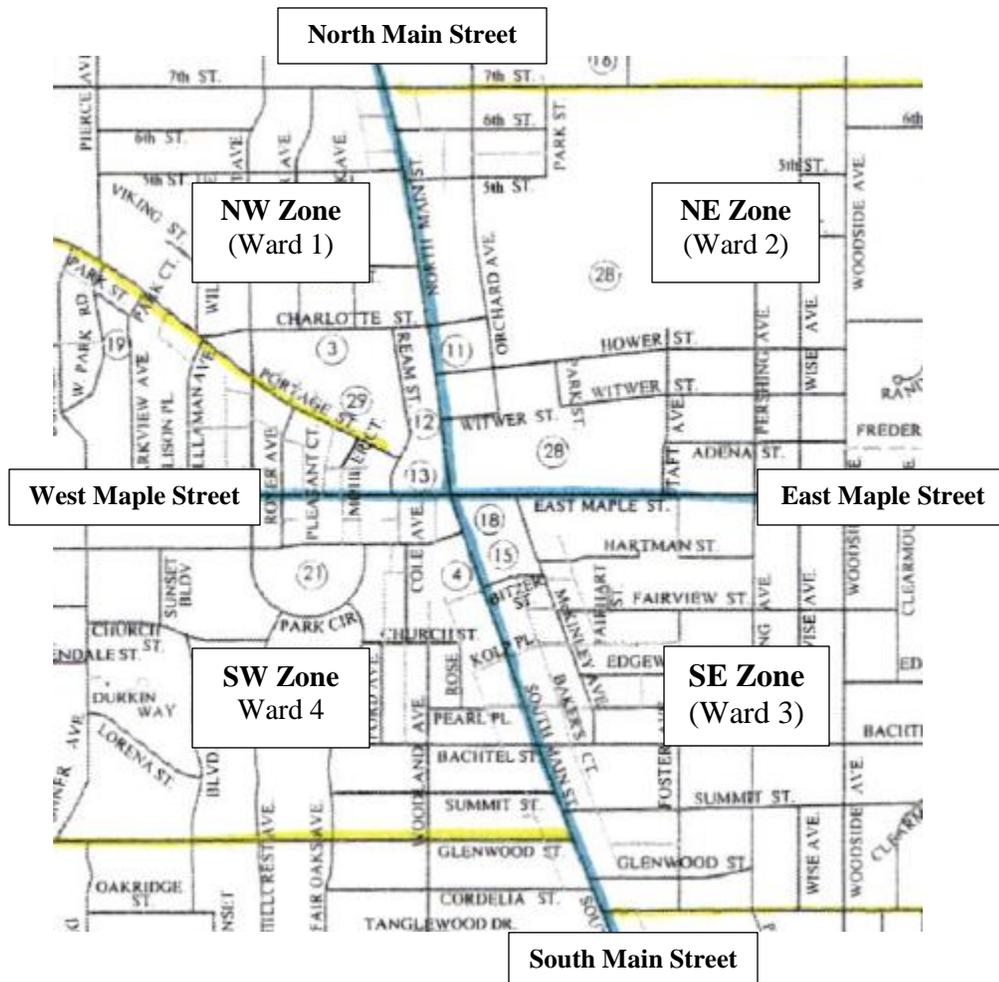


A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster/Intoxilyzer 8000 machine, and other activities that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many activities and ensures 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.



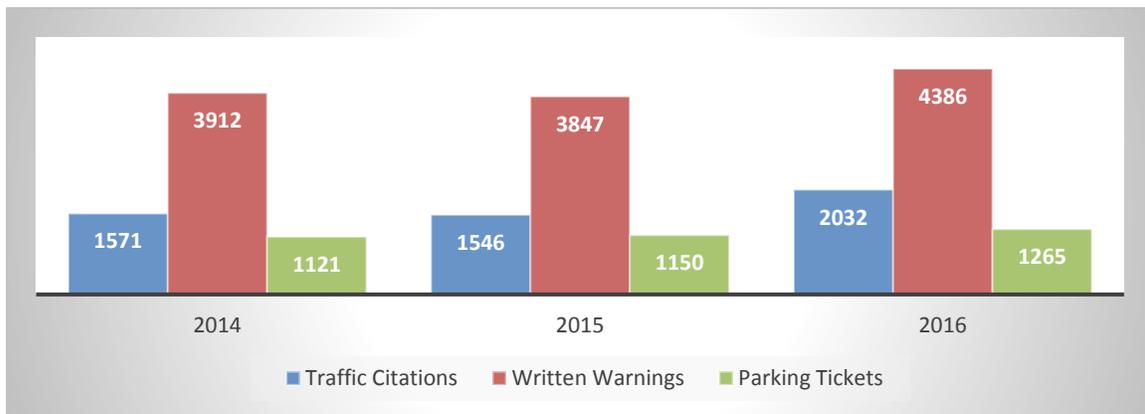
Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired



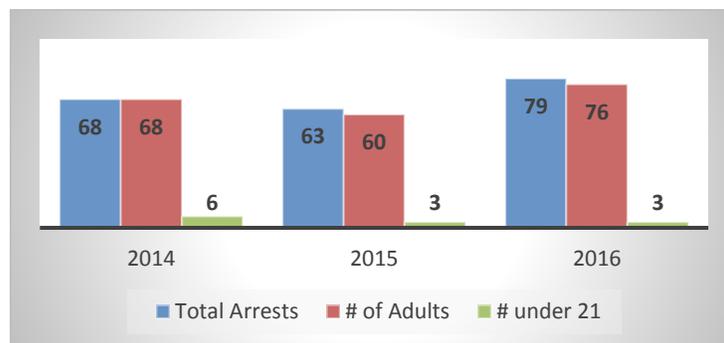
license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

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.

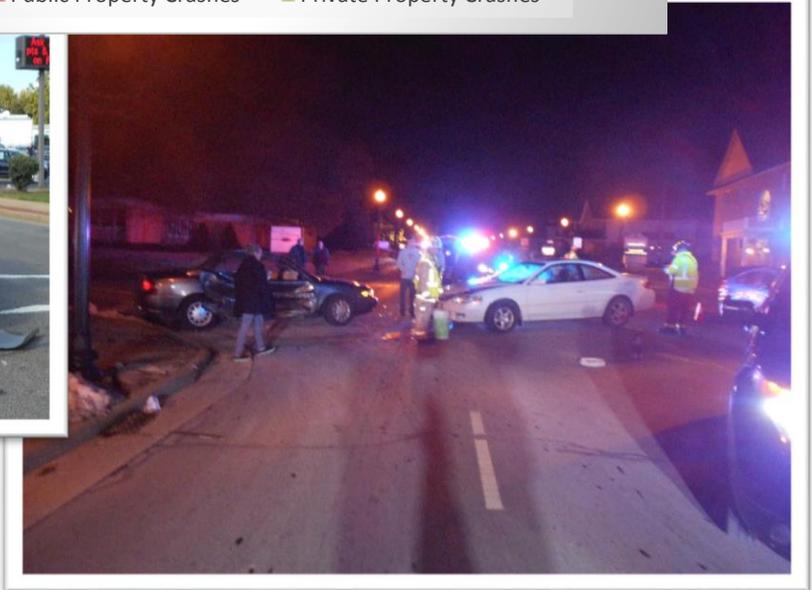
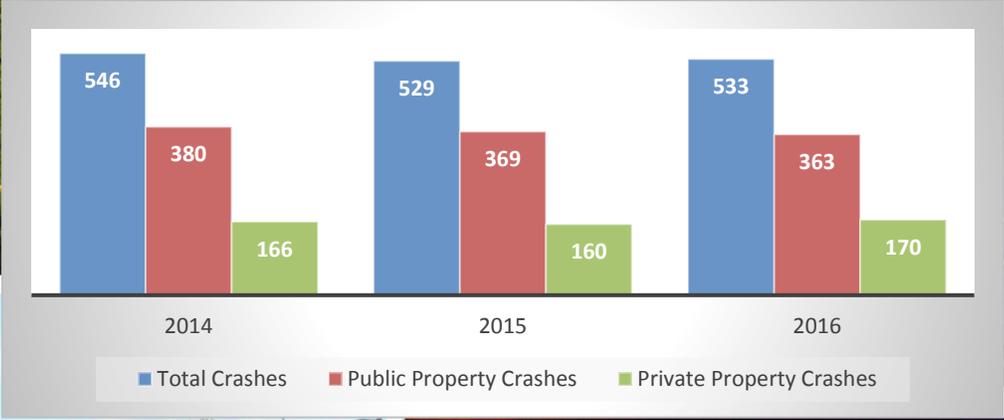
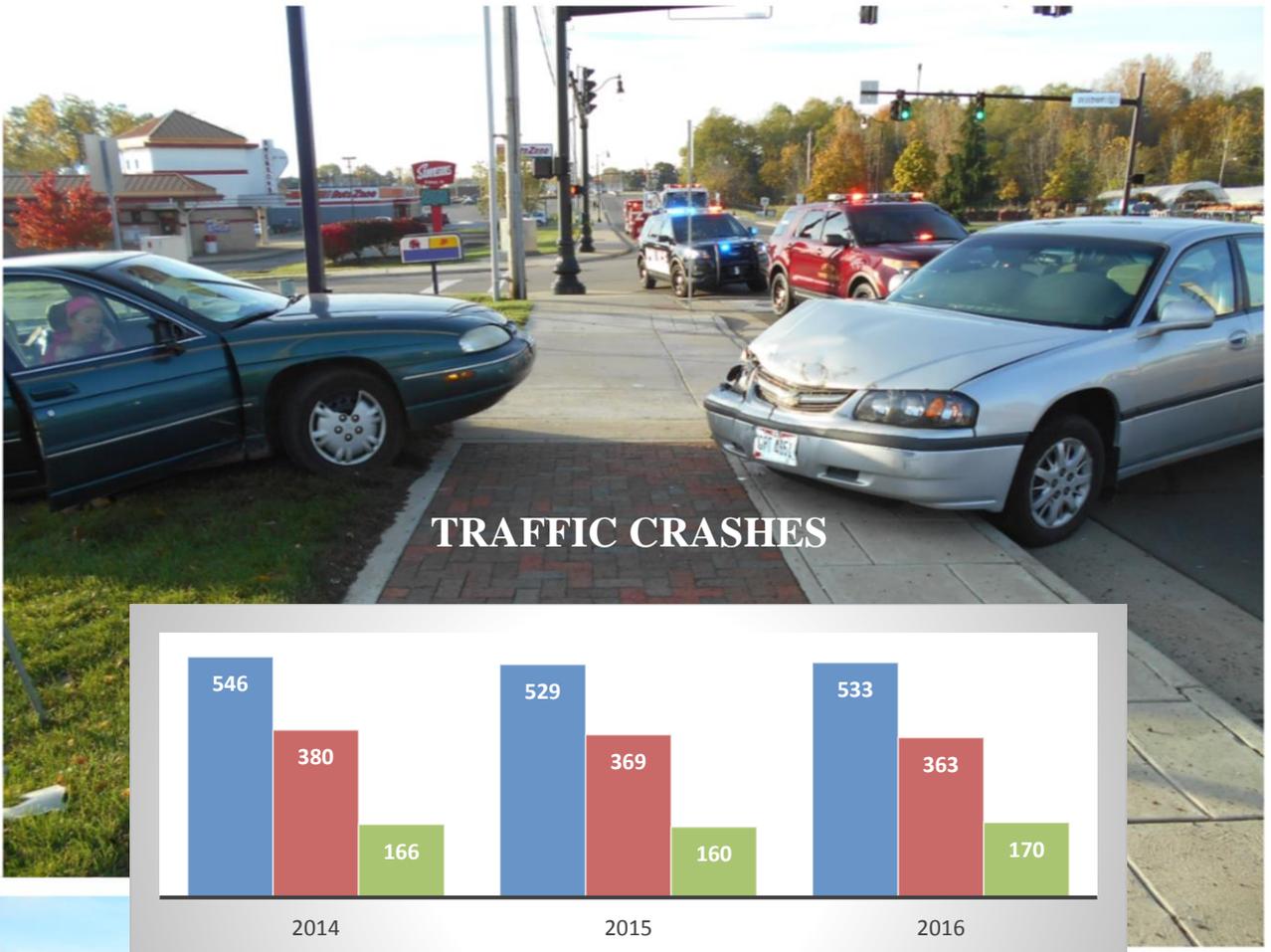
### TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS



### O.V.I. ARRESTS



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



## ***OVI TASK FORCE***

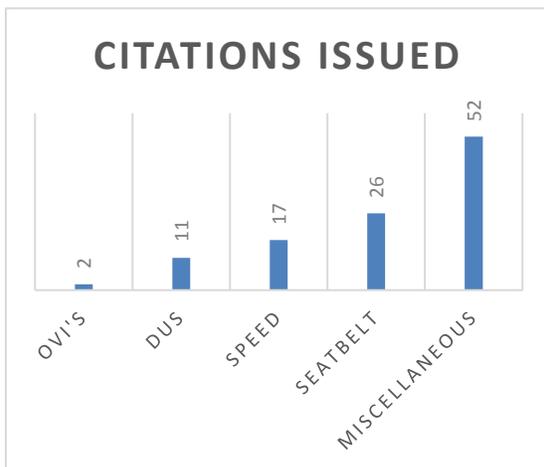
<b>OVI Arrests:</b>
16
<b>Seatbelt Violations:</b>
11
<b>Speed Violations:</b>
18
<b>Other Violations:</b>
24
<b>Driving Under Suspension:</b>
11
<b>Drug Arrests:</b>
6
<b>Other Misdemeanor Arrests:</b>
4
<b>Written Warnings:</b>
345
<b>Traffic Stops:</b>
396

The North Canton Police Department continued its participation in the Stark County OVI Task Force in 2016. For 2016 the calendar year of operation ran from January thru September. 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. Nineteen Stark county law enforcement agencies were members of the Stark County Task Force. The Stark County Sheriff’s Office took over as the administrator of the Task Force for 2016. 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.

Sergeant John R. Hemric was assigned as the North Canton OVI Task Force 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, seatbelt enforcement patrols, and motorcycle enforcement patrols. With assistance from the Stark County Sheriff’s Office and members from other OVI Task Force agencies, the North Canton Police Department conducted two OVI Checkpoints in 2016. The department also participated in two national campaigns: “Click it or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”.

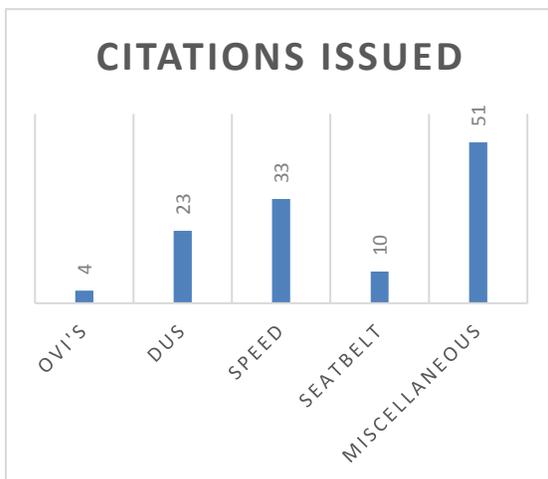
## SATURATION/CORRIDOR PATROLS

The North Canton officers working the Task Force conducted a total of 201 hours of enforcement in patrolling the roadways for impaired drivers. All members of the OVI Task Force were sworn in as Special Deputies with the Stark County Sheriff’s Office, which gave them arrest powers anywhere in Stark County while working Task Force hours.



### STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2016 "CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN

1. 2 OVI'S
2. 26 Seatbelt Violations
3. 17 Speed Violations
4. 52 Miscellaneous Violations
5. 11 DUS Violations
6. 164 Written Warnings
7. 249 Traffic Stops



### STATISTICAL DATA FROM THE 2016 "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER"

1. 4 OVI'S
2. 10 Seatbelt Violations
3. 33 Speed Violations
4. 51 Miscellaneous Violations
5. 23 DUS Violations
6. 199 Written Warnings
7. 287 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.

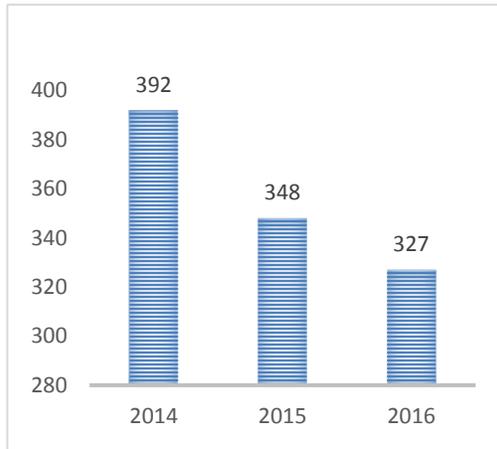
The City also utilizes two Stealth Stats, which are small radar units contained in pole-mountable cases. These units allow the Department to record the speed and number of vehicles using the targeted area. The data received from the stealth stats is generally more reliable, since drivers are usually 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.

### **SUNDAY JUNE 28 THROUGH FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**

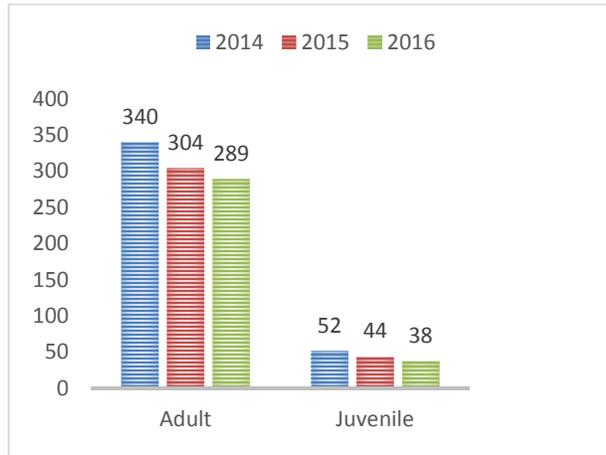
**TOTAL VEHICLES = 4169**  
**AVERAGE SPEED = 16.37 MPH**  
**MAXIMUM SPEED = 62 MPH (THURSDAY JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT APPROX. 1500 HOURS)**  
**TEN MILE PACE = 11 to 20 MPH (THE MAJORITY OF VEHICLES FELL INTO THIS SPEED ZONE)**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE SPEED = 16 MPH (MEANS 50 PERCENT OF THE VEHICLES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

***CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARRESTS***

**Total Criminal Arrests**



**Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests**



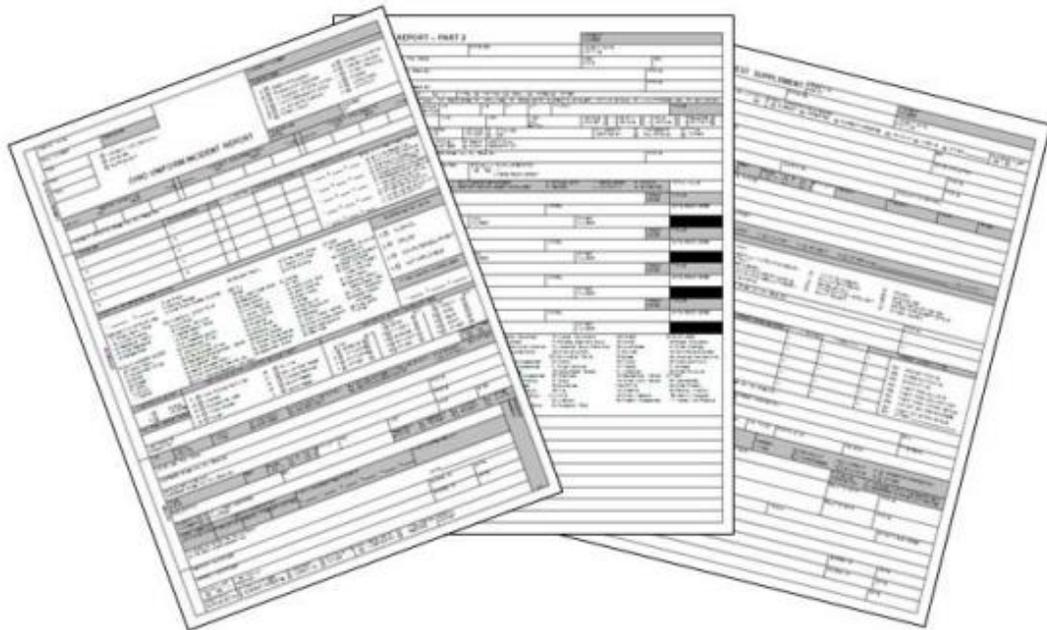
In 2016, the Police Department filed criminal charges against a total of 327 individuals: 289 adults and 38 juveniles. Criminal charges are classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony. Misdemeanors are considered less serious than felonies. While the North Canton Mayor’s Court may hear some misdemeanor 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

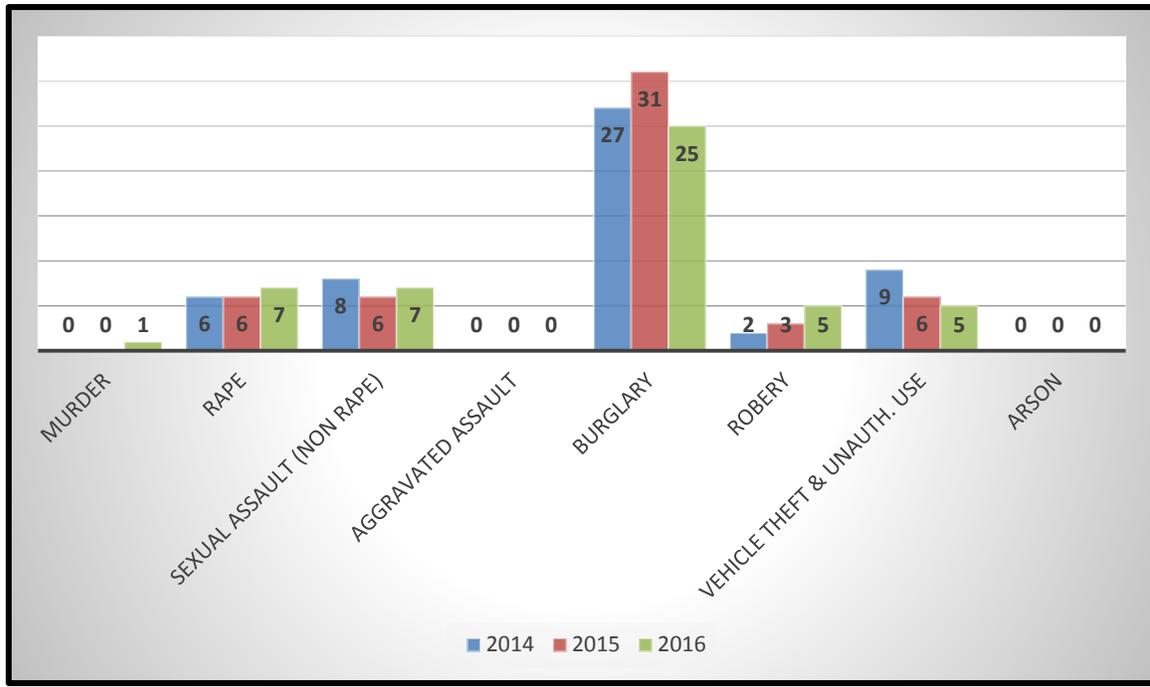
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officers will make an on-scene arrest of the perpetrator(s). Further follow-up investigation might also be conducted by the patrol officers, or the case might be referred to the Detective Bureau, another outside law enforcement agency, or non-law enforcement agency, or in some cases a combination of two or more agencies.

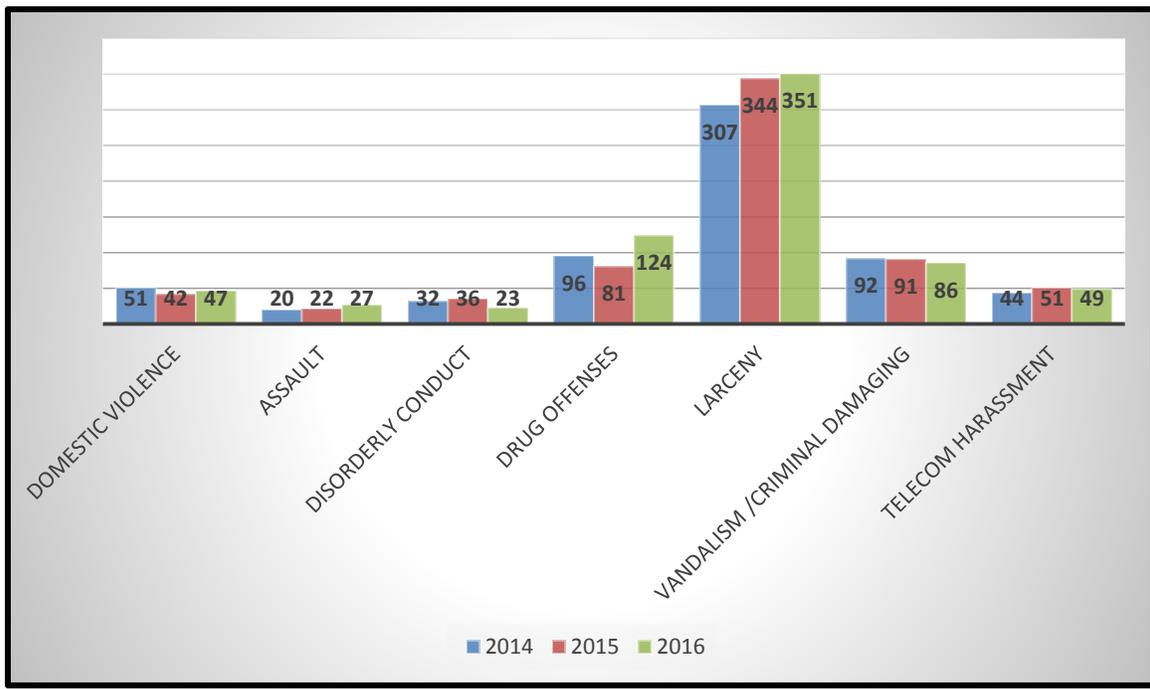
When charges are filed against a juvenile or adult, the offender can either be summoned to court or incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or Juvenile Attention Center, this depends on the type and seriousness of the offense.



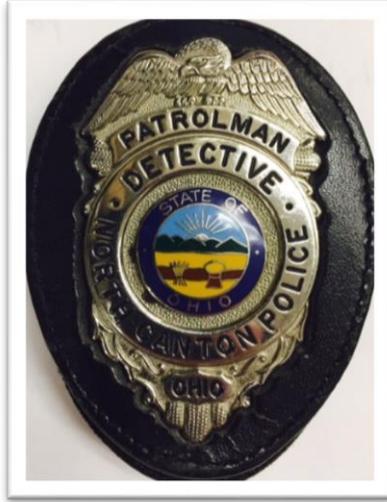
## CITY OF NORTH CANTON MAJOR CRIMES



## PREVALENT CRIMES



## ***DETECTIVE BUREAU***



In 2016 the Detective Bureau consisted of one full-time officer. 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.

During 2016 the Detective Bureau became involved in approximately 132 investigations, 121 that were criminal cases. The Detective Bureau had an overall clearance rate of 62.81 %.

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:

- “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.

### DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

Year	Total Investigations	Total Criminal Cases	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Overall Clearance Rate %
2014	152	139	106	75	62.59
2015	169	158	75	57	58.86
2016	132	121	64	47	62.81

### **Detective Bureau Notable Cases 2016**

- Theft of check from Dehoff Realty – Identified suspect who cashed them thru out Stark County – Felony charges
- Identified two individuals from Cleveland area cashing fraudulent checks at PNC Bank – Felony charges on both individuals
- Theft of jewelry from elderly resident valued at \$75,000. Recovered the jewelry – Two Felony charges on the suspect
- Aggravated Robbery with a deadly weapon – suspect was identified and charged with F1 Felony

## *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.

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 2015 - 2016 (\$10,918.30).

## *Special Response Team*



In 2016 it was decided to "stand-down" the North Canton Police Department's Special Response Team. This was based on staffing changes through promotions and retirements, the experience level of the remaining available patrolmen and the low call-out volume of team itself. In conjunction with this decision, two officers who were members of NCPD-SRT volunteered for assignment with the Canton Police Department's Regional SWAT Team. This team is made up of officers from multiple agencies within Stark County and is available to any participating jurisdiction when the need arises. The Regional SWAT Team provides the City of North Canton with a resource of such size, training level and experience that NCPD could not have provided on its own. Both officers currently assigned to the Regional SWAT Team also serve as instructors within the North Canton Police Department and can be counted on to share any applicable tactics and techniques they may learn with the rest of the department.

In addition to the Regional SWAT Team, the North Canton Police Department also continues to maintain an officer assigned to the Stark County Sheriff's Office Metro Narcotics Unit and to the US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force.

## *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.

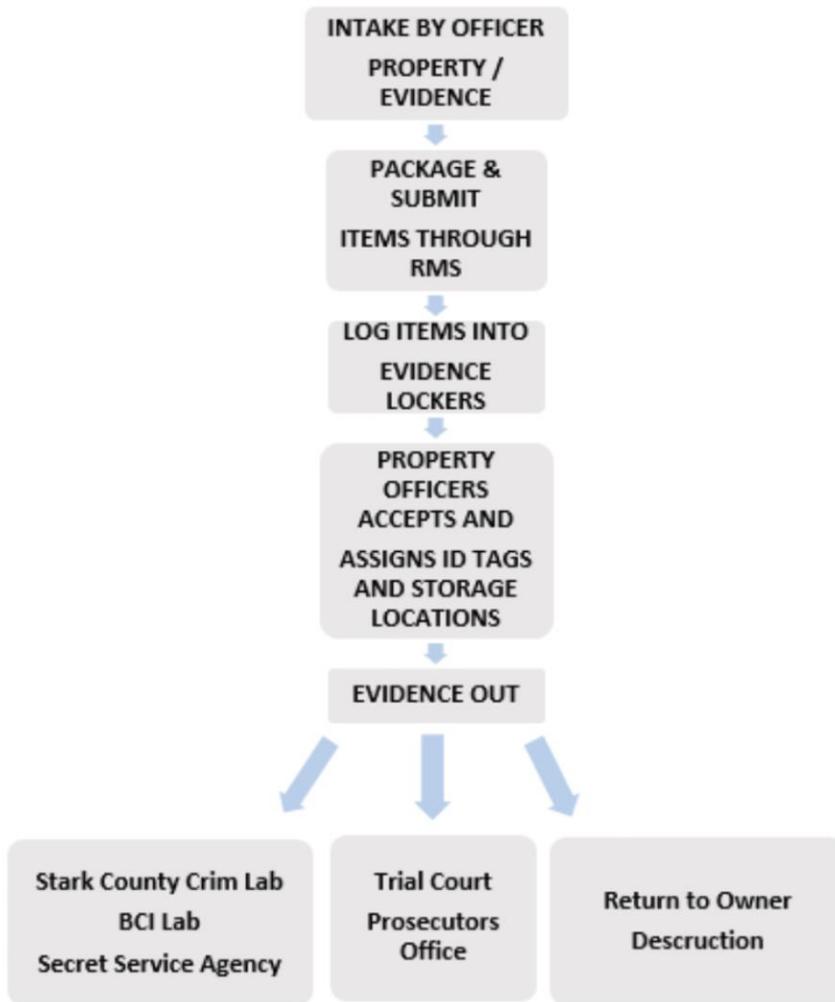


The property room took in a total of **612** pieces of property for 2016. There was a total of 467 items disposed of by court order # **2016MI00401**. These items were taken to the Republic Steel Melt Shop and destroyed. Per the court order, there was a total of **\$1,653.21** turned over to the city from the property room to be deposited into the general fund account. On December 20, 2016, the property room donated 17 used

bicycles to the Stark County Salvation Army for their Christmas Shop giveaway. The bikes were recovered throughout the city in 2016 and were never claimed. The Police Department has worked with the Salvation Army the last few years in the donation of bicycles to help bring a brighter Christmas to children in need.



## **PROPERTY FLOW CHART**



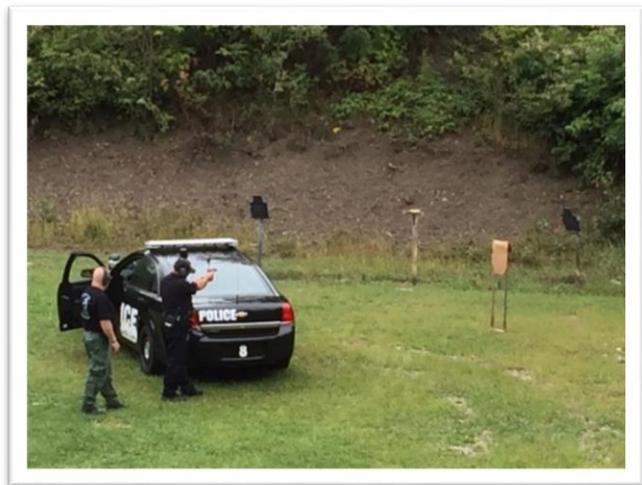
## *Training Bureau*

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 included, but were not limited to; field training topics, firearms, less lethal systems, OVI detection and testing, radar & laser speed measuring, and LEADS.



The State of Ohio continued a mandatory “Continuing Professional Training” requirement for all sworn part-time and full-time officers. Again in 2016 the department met these increasing requirements to stay in full compliance with this mandate.

Beyond the states requirements the department sends officers and dispatchers to outside training resources. 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. In 2015 the department began setting a portion of the training budget aside in an effort to ensure that the department’s dispatchers also receive continued training. In 2016 dispatchers were scheduled for multiple training classes and seminars with the continued goal of each full-time dispatcher being scheduled for at least one.



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Some of the Courses Attended in 2016			
Blue Courage Executive Overview	Intoxilizer 8000 Certification	Communications Training Officer	SFST Refresher
Crisis Intervention Team Training	Disp. Role in Mass Casualty Incidents	Death Notification	MADD Ohio Leadership Conf.
2016 CPT Training	SOAR State-Wide Meeting	ABC's of Call Taking	Documenting Crash Scenes
Chief's In-Service/ Annual Conference	Juvenile Officers Conference	ARIDE	Ohio Crime Prevention Conf.
Active Shooter for Dispatchers	Clandestine Labs Training	Piston/Shotgun/Rifle Instructor	Mental Health First Aid
Financial Exploitation of the Elderly	SRO/DARE Conference	Revolver Instructor	Stark County Prosecutors LE Seminar
Stark County SRO/Dare	Stalking: Tracking the Creeper	Stark County DV Seminar	Public Safety Communicator 1
Search and Rescue Initial Actions	Street Gangs	BMV Investigations	Cyber Security
Federal and Ohio Death Benefits	Testifying in Court	Pursuit Supervisor	Critical Incident Stress Management

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In 2016 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.

<b>REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Total number of incidents resulting in a Reaction to Resistance Report	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>
Number of those incidents which resulted in an arrest	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>
Number of those incidents which resulted in claimed or observed injury	2 Officer 4 Subjects	1 Officers 1 Subjects	1 Officer 4 Suspects
Number of officers who generated at least one report	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
The levels of force used by officers in 2016 include: Empty hand control, Taser displayed, Taser used and Firearm displayed			

The Training Bureau also reviews all reported pursuits to insure compliance with the Department’s policies and procedures.

<b>VEHICLE PURSUITS</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Total number of Incidents resulting in a <i>Vehicle Pursuit</i> report	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Total number of officers that generated at least one report	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Number of these incidents that resulted in the vehicle being stopped	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Number of pursuits that were called off by officer or supervisor	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Number of incidents that resulted in an eventual arrest/charge of suspect	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
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 1 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. /  
Fairoaks 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 2016. 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.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Annual North Canton City / Chamber of Commerce Christmas Sing
- Project Elf Non-profit for disadvantaged children
- American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces POW /MIA Remembrance Service
- 10<sup>th</sup>. Annual Bubby Walk / National Downs Syndrome Society
- St. Paul’s Holy Cross Academy “Connect w/your Community” program
- St. Paul’s Catholic Church-Youth Ministry Life Teen & Edge Paint War
- Zion United Church of Christ Olde Fashion Fall Festival
- North Canton Fall Festival at Grace United Methodist Church
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Annual NAMI, Moving Forward from Mental Health Walk
- Patriots Project Military Recognition & Ball Event
- 20<sup>th</sup>. Annual Main Street Festival
- NCYMCA Downtown Dog Walk
- Doggone North Canton Walk by Pawsitive Ohio / Adoption & Wellness Fair
- NCYMCA National Senior Health & Fitness Day
- NCYMCA 6<sup>th</sup>. Annual Sprint Triathlon
- NCYMCA Youth Triathlon
- North Canton Community Christian Church Independence Day Community Concert
- North Canton Jaycees Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration
- NCYMCA 39<sup>th</sup>. Annual 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- 5<sup>th</sup>. 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

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- North Canton Jaycees Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- North Canton Jaycees Annual Safety Town & Fourth of July Fireworks
- 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 w/Massillon PD. / Jackson Twp. PD.
- Junior Achievement (JA) North Canton Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Readiness Day
- Junior Achievement (JA) North Canton Middle School, “What is Citizenship?”
- Chaperoned for the Annual North Canton Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, DC.
- North Canton Middle School Career Shadow Day
- Greentown Elementary School Junior Achievement “Work Readiness” program
- Greentown Elementary Students – First and Second Place winners in the “Click It or Ticket Banner” Contest sponsored by Stark County Safe Communities
- Families Against The Heroin Epidemic in Stark (F.A.T.H.E.R.S.) Motorcycle Poker Run
- Crime Prevention Week, Canton Exchange Club, Stark County Prosecutors Office
- 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
- 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
- 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)
- National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Foundation Program, The Law & You” Guidelines for interacting with law enforcement”
- Stark County Job and Family Services, Presentation Hazards of Distracted Driving

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- The 9<sup>th</sup>. Annual NEWS-TALK 1480 WHBC/MIX 94.1 / Aultcare WISH-A-THON TO BENEFIT WISHES CAN HAPPEN
- North Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Showcase at MAPS Museum
- Louisville Annual Constitution Day Parade w/Louisville Police Department
- 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: Chief Wilder recipient of the Community Justice Award for Victim Justice.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) Death Notification Training.
- (M.A.D.D) Leadership Training
- National Safe Driving Campaigns for “Click or Ticket” & “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”
- North Canton Chamber of Commerce “Alive After Five” events
- Stark MHRA Services Strategic Business Planning program & events
- Stark County Prosecutor’s Office 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- North Canton City Schools, Chamber of Commerce, City of North Canton Veterans Day event
- Stark County EMA callout for the Trail Derailment in Brewster, OH.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention “Out of the Darkness Walk” Faith Family Church, Jackson Twp.
- “Keep Seniors Driving Safely” Program w/Stark County Safe Communities
- “720” Pop-up Market
- Stark County Safety Council “Marijuana Likely Projection for Legalization in Ohio” Summit.
- (SNAP) Spay and Neuter Assistance Program event
- Coleman Professional Health Services events
- Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America “Good Scout Luncheon” and “Annual Sportsman Classic”
- Kinder Care Personal Safety Presentation
- Faith United Methodist Church “Camp Read A-Lot Program”
- Pro Football Hall of Fame 2016 Security details w/Stark County Sheriff’s Office & Canton Police Department
- North Canton Hoover Sideliners Program support
- Stark County Safe Communities “Impact Teen Drivers” safety program
- North Canton City Schools Board of Education SWOT Analysis strategic planning event
- North Canton City Schools Education Endowment Recognition Program
- Canton Baptist Temple 9-11 First Responders Appreciation Day

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- Village Baptist Temple of North Canton, North Canton Police Department Appreciation Day
- Todd Weaver 9-11 Memorial Service, Community Christian Church
- “A21 Walk for Freedom” Human Trafficking Awareness, Faith Family Church, Jackson Township
- 70<sup>th</sup> Annual North Canton Jaycees Foundation Banquet
- “Better Together” Domestic Violence Project event in cooperation with Ohio Attorney General’s Office
- North Canton Community Cleanup Day
- Children’s Network – Juvenile Human Trafficking Task Force Retreat
- 2016 Law Day & Week with the Stark County Bar Association
- Safe Kids Day at Northwest High School w/Canal Fulton Police Department
- Malone University, “The Emotional & Spiritual Impact of Disaster Workshop”
- Financial Exploitation of the Elderly Workshop w/Stark County Sheriff’s Office
- Stark County Recorder’s Office / Ohio Veteran ID promotion program
- “Operation School Bus Safety” program w/Ohio State Highway Patrol
- North Canton Public Library “How-to-Festival”
- Stark County Prosecutors Office Annual Domestic Violence Training.

**BLOCK PARTIES: 6**

**PARADE & ASSEMBLAGE PERMITS ISSUED: 26**

## Prescription Drug Drop Off at NCPD

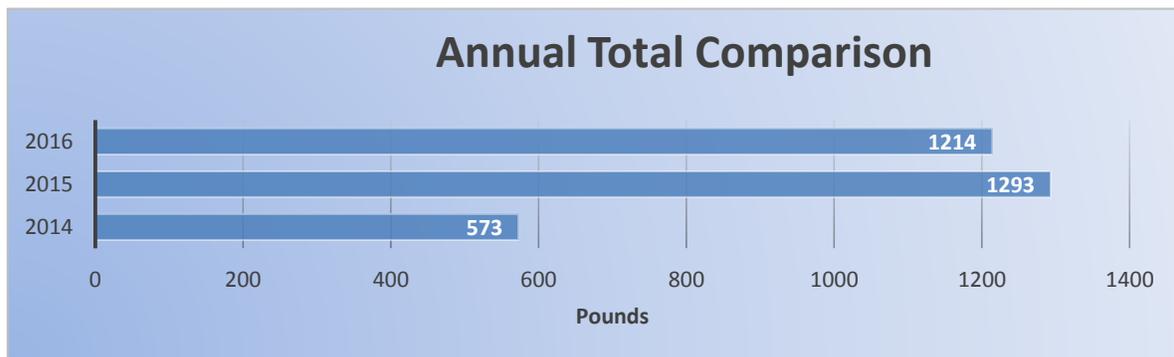


The North Canton Police Department was one of the first of fifteen law enforcement agencies in Stark County, OH, to permanently erect a prescription drug drop off receptacle. This was done on May 1, 2013. The receptacle was installed to support the initiatives of the Mental Health and Recovery Services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

In 2016 the police department collected 1,214 pounds of prescription drugs. Also during this year we participated in the Stark County Drug Take Back Day, which was conducted on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

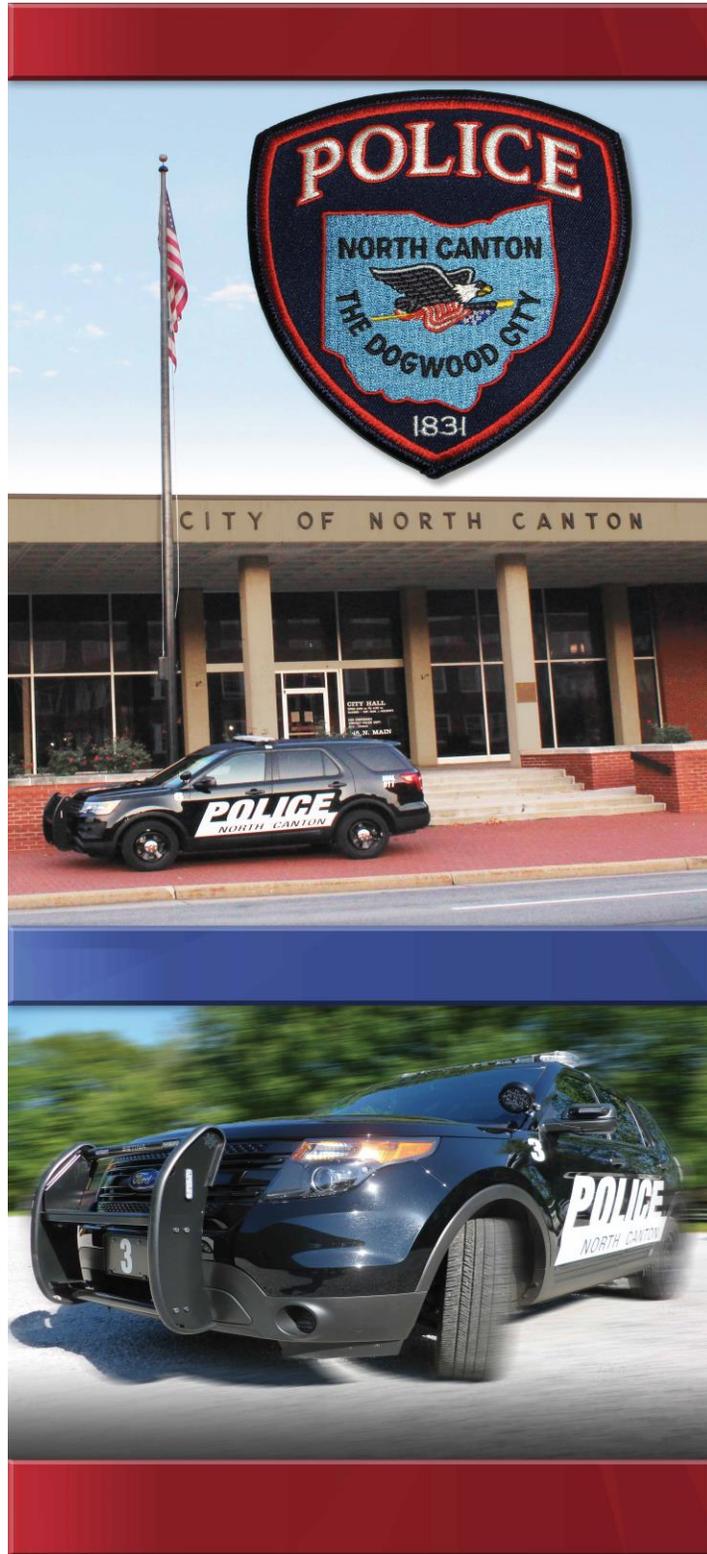
The Dispatch Center utilizes a Motorola MCC5500 radio console and, as an emergency backup, a Motorola EX600XLS radio. The radio repeater located in the city ensures reliable communications with all police and fire units. However, should something occur to the repeater, it is an instant switch to bypass 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.

Over the past few years the department has been progressively adding MARCS capable radios to its inventory. These newer radios will allow North Canton Police the ability to communicate and monitor the radio activities of the adjacent jurisdictions. In 2016 we purchased 11 portable radios to be programmed and assigned to officers.

### 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 2016 the Police Department purchased 2 New Marked Ford Police SUVs to replace older cruisers as part of our normal rotation of the fleet.



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