

NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Annual Report



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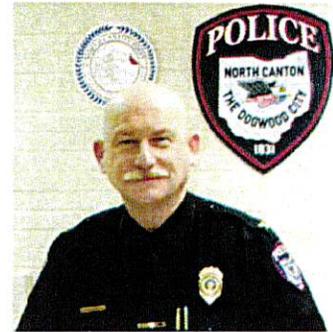
Chief Stephan Wilder with Ptl. Phil Taylor who was recognized for his past contributions as Community Officer of the Year.

Lt. Stan Strausser who retired in January 2015 pictured with Chief Stephan Wilder

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to the North Canton Police Department 2014 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 three 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.



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, technology and research flourish in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

Stephan B Wilder

Stephan B. Wilder, Chief of Police



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, LEARN, WORK, AND VISIT.

PERSONNEL

The North Canton Police Department is a professional law enforcement organization providing 24-hour service to anyone who lives, works, or visits the city of North Canton, Ohio. The department provides safety and security services to a population of approximately 17,500 residents within a total area of 7.5 square miles. (US Census 2010)

During the 2014 year the police department continued transitions in its personnel or staffing employment. Those transitions include the following:

- Ms. Brittany Musisca joined the North Canton Police Department on January 12, 2014 and is serving in the Communications Center as a Dispatcher (Part-time).
- Patrolman Dru Rhodes (Special / Part-time) was appointed to his position on March 25, 2014.
- Special Patrolman Michael Ataya was appointed to the rank of Police Patrolman (Full-time) on March 27, 2014.
- Patrolman Jason M. Babal was discharged from the police department on August 6, 2014.
- Dispatcher Lynn Wiseman (Part-time) resigned on December 31, 2014 after serving the city for three plus years.

PATROL OPERATIONS/SUPPORT SERVICES

- Dispatch / 911 Communication Center operates 24 – hours dispatching city police, fire and emergency services. The communications center has seven fulltime dispatchers with one serving as Lead Dispatcher. Three part-time dispatchers supplement this service making a total of 10 employees serving in the communications center.

- **The police department organization is staffed as follows:**

Police Officers

Chief of Police – 1

Lieutenant – 1

Sergeants – 5

Patrolmen – 16

Patrolmen / Part-time – 3

Administrative Assistant – 1

Total – 27

Special Assignments include:

- **Special Response Team (SRT) – 8 officers**
- **Crisis Negotiators – 3 officers**
- **Bike Patrol – 3 officers (Inactive)**
- **Detective Bureau – 2**
- **School Resource Officers (SRO's) – 3**
- **Crime Prevention Education Officers – 3 certified / entire department**
- **Field Training Officers (FTO's) – 5**
- **Property Officers – 3**
- **Training Officers – 3**
- **Internet Technology (IT) – 3 (1 Sergeant & 2 Dispatchers)**
- **Stark County OVI Task Force membership – 8 officers & 1 Sergeant**
- **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force membership – 1 detective**
- **Stark County Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau – 1 officer**
- **Public Information Officers – 2**
- **U.S. Marshalls Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force - 1**
- **School Crossing Guards - 8**

Grant Assistance

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Police Department participated in many community events in 2014. In many cases the Police Department provided traffic 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

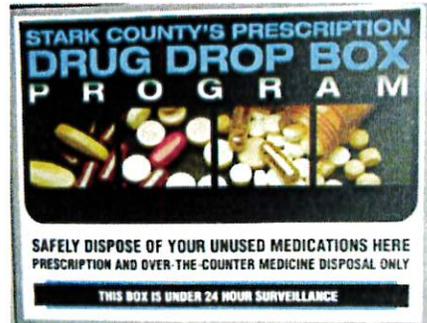
The department processed requests for 7 block parties this past year

SPECIAL EVENTS (PARADE AND ASSEMBLAGE PERMITS)

- Annual N.C. Area of Commerce Christmas Sing, 12/7/14
- Project Elf Non-profit for disadvantaged children, 12/6/14
- American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces POW /MIA Remembrance Ser., 9/19/14
- 8th Annual Bubby Walk / National Downs Syndrome Society, 9/13/14
- Akron Children's Hospital Burn Center Fundraising Walk, 9-6-14
- St. Paul's Catholic Church-Youth Ministry Life Teen & Edge Paint War, 9-7-14

- **Zion United Church of Christ Olde Fashion Fall Festival, 9/27/14**
- **North Canton Fall Festival at Grace United Methodist Church, 10/24/14**
- **4th Annual NAMI, Moving Forward from Mental Health Walk, 10/11/14**
- **Patriots Project Military Recognition Event, 8/6/14**
- **18th Annual Main Street Festival, 8/15-17/14**
- **NCYMCA Downtown Dog walk, 8/3/14**
- **Doggone North Canton Walk by Pawsitive Ohio, 8/9/14**
- **5th Annual Miles for Mandy 5K Run / Walk, 10/5/14**
- **NCYMCA 4th Annual Sprint Triathlon, 7/20/14**
- **NCYMCA Youth Triathlon, 7/19/14**
- **North Canton Community Christian Church Independence Day Community Concert, 7/2/14**
- **Blue Star Mothers of the Stars and Stripes & North Canton Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Marked Dedication, 7/11/14**
- **North Canton Jaycees 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration, 7/4/14**
- **NCYMCA 37th. Annual 4th of July 5 Mile & 2 Mile Run/Walk, 7/4/14**
- **North Canton Lions Club Annual Memorial Day Parade, 5/26/14**
- **Stark County Hunger Walk, 5/4/14**
- **3rd. Annual Viking Victory 5K Run/Walk & Kids 1 Mile Fun Run, 5/18/14**
- **Girls on the Run 5K Run/Walk, 5/3/14**
- **Annual Faith United Methodist Church Run to Resurrection 3 Mile Run/Walk, 4/19/14**
- **American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces Special Day of Remembrance for POW / MIA Military Community Outreach Event, 4/9/14**
- **North Canton Jaycees Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 4/19/14**
- **North Canton Public Library Family Film Friday Nights, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8/14**
- **North Canton Fire Prevention Week, 10/2014**
- **Northwood Elementary School PTO Carnival, 04/2014**

- Orchard Hill Intermediate School PTO Carnival, 05/2014
- Numerous Youth group tours
- A.L.I.C.E. Training in North Canton City Schools and Saint Paul's Academy.



Prescription Drug Drop Off at NCPD

The North Canton Police Department was one of the first, 12 in all, law enforcement agencies in Stark County, OH, to permanently erect a prescription drug drop off receptacle, (May 1, 2013.) This was done in support of the initiatives of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, OH.

The last updated collection, dated December 4, 2014, the police department has collected 1,519 pounds of prescription drugs. Once again the North Canton Police Department supported and participated in the five previous Federal Drug Enforcement Agency National Drug Take Back Initiatives.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications. We are grateful that residents and visitors to our community come to our location to dispose of their prescription medications.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

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 Emergency Dispatch Center employs six full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers, and is supervised by a full-time Lead Dispatcher. 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 for the hearing impaired calls, 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’s 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 though 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 and also 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.

The 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.



CALLS FOR SERVICES

YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
NUMBER	29225	28107	28172	*26503	*18049	*16746

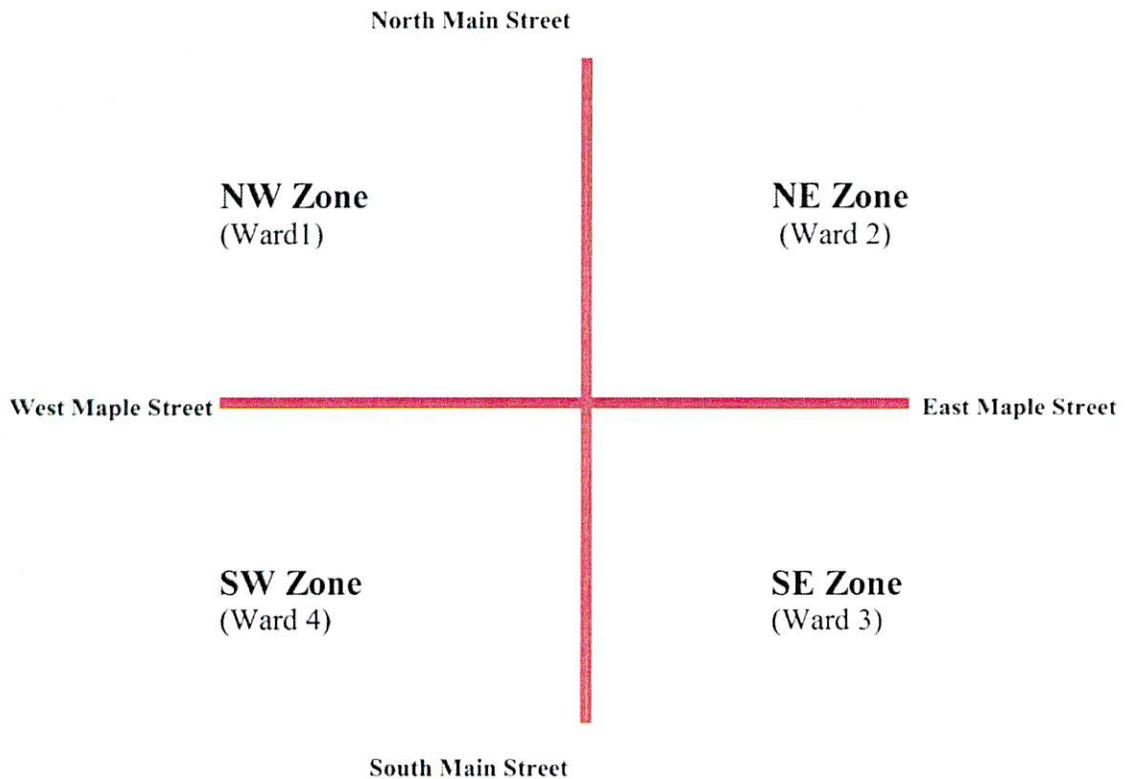
*Effective 09/18/12 the Department went to a new computer software program where certain routine details were no longer carried on a "Call For Service." These details, such as car washes, breaks, lunches, and other administrative duties are now documented as "Busy" status. This new record-keeping system means that the number of "Calls For Service" will be less, but the new numbers are more accurate in depicting actual police calls for service.

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 Services 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 Services handled over the past six years.

UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division comprises the largest and most visible segment of the department. The Division consists of five sergeants, fourteen full-time patrol officers, and three 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 another sergeant who holds the position of Patrol Supervisor. The Patrol Supervisor reports directly to the Chief of Police.

POLICE ZONES



For patrol purposes the city is divided up into four quadrants or zones. These zones match the street name direction designators to keep things simple. 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 duties or responsibilities in addition to their patrol duties.

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

YEAR	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PARKING TICKETS
2009	1495	2448	851
2010	1175	1983	671
2011	1139	1891	1386
2012	1805	3706	1537
2013	1901	3998	1345
2014	1571	3912	1121

TRAFFIC CRASHES

YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CRASHES	PUBLIC PROPERTY CRASHES	PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASHES
2009	513	363	150
2010	516	372	144
2011	527	400	125
2012	528	387	141
2013	429	316	113
2014	546	380	166

D. U. I. ARRESTS

YEAR	TOTAL ARRESTS	# OF ADULTS	# OF JUVENILES
2009	67	67	0
2010	56	56	0
2011	39	39	0
*2012	56	56	0
*2013	65	60	**5
*2014	71	71	0

*Includes O.V.I. Task Force arrests.

**Under age of 21

OVI TASK FORCE

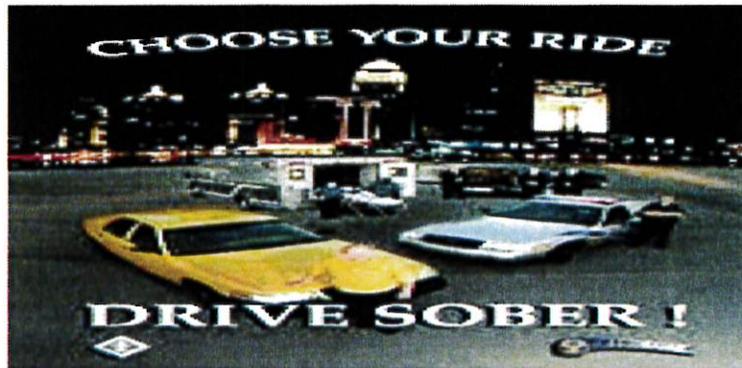


The North Canton Police Department continued its participation in the Stark County OVI Task Force in 2014. The Task Force is funded by a state grant with the goal of reducing OVI related traffic crashes and incidents of operating a vehicle while impaired. Sixteen Stark county law enforcement agencies are members of the Stark County Task Force. University of Akron is the administrator of the Task Force. Additional entities include: 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 school throughout the county.

Sergeant Doug Cardwell worked as the North Canton OVI Commander along with seven 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 impaired from alcohol and/or drugs. The Task Force worked in achieving these goals in a combination of enforcement actions. They conducted OVI Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, Corridor Patrols, and seatbelt enforcement. They also participated in three national campaigns: "Click It or Ticket," "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over", and "Holiday Boozer's Beware".



SATURATION/CORRIDOR PATROLS



The North Canton officers working the Task Force conducted a total of 206 hours of enforcement in patrolling within the city limits of North Canton for impaired drivers. There were 119 hours of corridor patrol and 87 saturation patrol hours worked. Corridor patrol consists of traffic enforcement on the main corridor that runs through the city (Main St.). Saturation patrol consists of traffic enforcement anywhere with the city limits. The following is a list of the statistics compiled during the 2014 Saturation and Corridor Patrols:

OVI Arrest 21 and Over	20
OVI Arrest Under 21	0
Seatbelt Violations	22
Speed Violations	11
Other Violations	53
Driving Under Suspension	18
Warrant Arrests	2
Felony Arrests	2
Drug Arrests	13
Other Misdemeanor Arrests	6
Written Warnings	350
Traffic Stops	420

CHECKPOINTS



On May 24, 2014, the North Canton Police Department conducted two checkpoints within the city limits while partnering with the Stark County OVI Task Force. The first checkpoint was in the 1500 block of Portage St NW, and the second was in the 1500 block of E. Maple St. There were seven officers from N. Canton police department who worked the two checkpoints and one civilian observer who worked as the counter. There was one Ohio State Patrol Trooper who worked as saturation patrol within the surrounding area of the checkpoints.

The N. Canton Street Department was utilized for physical set-up and tear down of the checkpoints. Stark County OVI Task Force trailer supplied all of the necessary safety equipment, cones and signs.

The first checkpoint began with a briefing at 1930 hours followed by the actual start of the checkpoint at 2000 hours. The first checkpoint ran from 2000 hours to 2200 hours. The second checkpoint ran from 2300 hours to 0100 hours. The entire checkpoint was completely torn down and the roadway cleared by 0130 hours. .

Six hundred and seven vehicles crossed through the two checkpoints and all were stopped. Thirty-two vehicles were diverted for various violations. Those drivers were checked for status and warrants. All drivers were issued verbal warnings for their minor violations and were released. There was one driver stopped and arrested for OVI. He tested at .157 BAC and was summons to Canton Municipal court. This was the drivers second OVI in the last twelve months.

The State Highway Patrol Trooper who worked the area as saturation patrol made several stops. He was called away from the area prior to the completion of the checkpoint to respond to a two person motorcycle fatality in the Plain Twp area. The driver of the motorcycle was believed to be OVI. The stats for the State Trooper were un-available for his saturation patrol hours.

No traffic crashes, personal injuries or damage to equipment were reported.

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 2014 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 are 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 making necessary changes to existing traffic controls. They are helpful in substantiating complaints in trouble spots and determining if a complaint is 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 2013, the Police Department filed criminal charges against a total of 552 individuals: 469 adults and 83 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

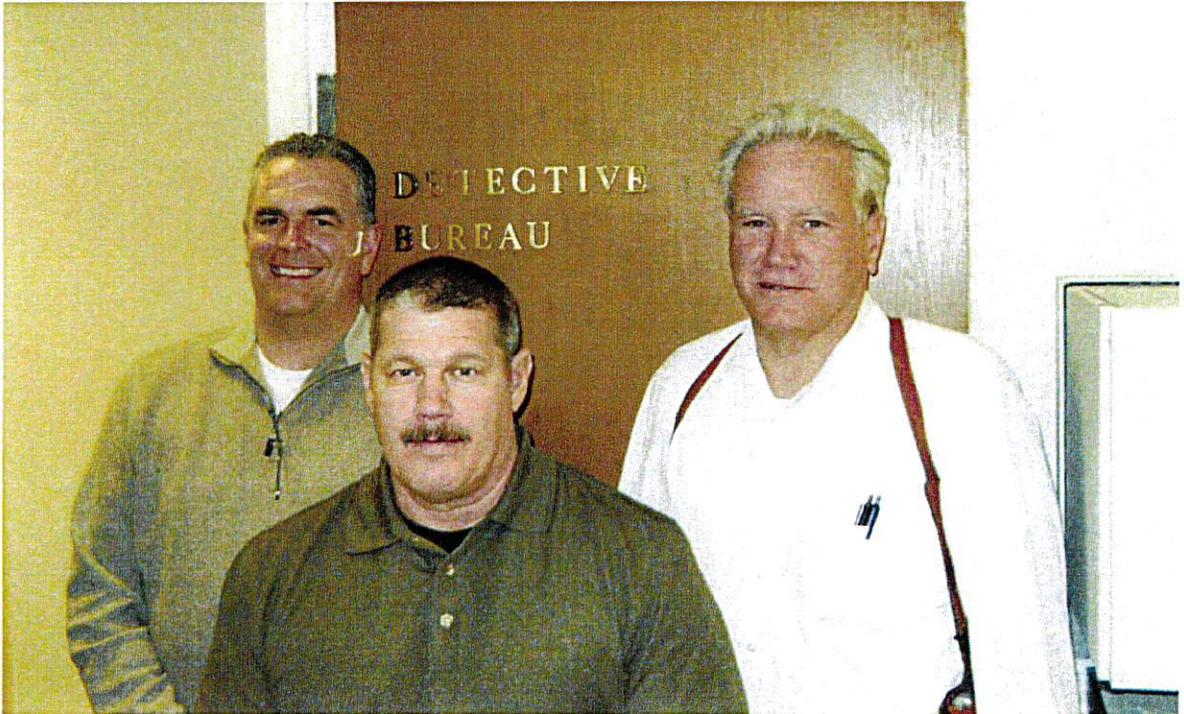
Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
2009	0	4	5	0	49	311	3	2
2010	0	4	2	0	49	311	3	3
2011	0	5	5	0	41	333	5	1
2012	0	5	7	0	47	335	7	1
2013	0	5	8	0	52	436	0	0
2014	0	6	2	0	27	307	0	0

TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS

YEAR	TOTAL # ARRESTED	ADULTS ARRESTED	JUVENILES ARRESTED
2009	504	357	147
2010	399	312	87
2011	417	353	64
2012	404	343	61
2013	552	469	83
2014	397	344	53

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau consists of three full-time officers, one lieutenant and two patrolmen. It has also been a common practice to assign other officers to the Detective Bureau on a part-time basis to assist with specific cases or heavy workloads.



(Detective Hemric, Detective Manse & Lt. Strausser)

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.
- Crime Prevention (including "Crime Watch" through the Stark County Prosecutor's Office.)

- Monthly Stark County Criminal Intelligence meetings.
- Monthly Belden Village Retail Security meetings.

All incident reports are forwarded to the Detective Bureau. The detectives review the reports, and check the criminal cases for any solvability factors. Those cases that the Detective Bureau investigates ultimately get classified as one of the following:

- “Active Open” – a case actively being investigated by the Detective Bureau.
- “Inactive Open” – a case that has not been cleared, but is not actively being investigated usually because of the lack of evidence.
- “Unfounded” – a case that has been proven to be false.
- “Cleared” – a 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 2014 the Detective Bureau became involved in approximately 152 investigations, 139 that were criminal cases. It should be noted that these numbers are slightly lower than the previous year; in 2013 we conducted 159 investigations, 142 that were criminal cases. The detectives had an overall clearance rate of 62.59 % in 2014 compared to 52.11 % in 2013.

The Detective Bureau handled several notable cases in 2014. Among these cases was a prostitution investigation at The Massage Center located on West Maple Street. We shut down the establishment and charged the proprietor with Procuring (M-1) and Promoting Prostitution (F-4) (Inc. # 14-002535). We also worked a telecommunications harassment case where the suspect was calling and threatening female real-estate agents throughout Stark County. We were able to identify the suspect, and the case was referred to mental

health professionals (Inc. # 14-005593). We also investigated a theft ring at the YMCA where we charged three juveniles for stealing cellular phones (Inc. #s 14-005552, 14-005608, and 14-006482). We also investigated four theft cases where two suspects passed counterfeit fifty-dollar bills at various local businesses. We filed criminal charges against the suspects in three of these cases, and helped the U. S. Secret Service locate the printer used to produce the bills (Inc. #s 14-008930, 14-008998, 14-009077, and 14-009158). A final notable case was an “Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity” investigation. The known suspect was believed to be involved in inappropriate sexual activity with minors for over twenty years. We were able to link our most recent case (Inc. # 14-008995) with past reported incidents and prepare a prosecutable case. The suspect subsequently pleaded guilty to three felonies and two misdemeanors; he was sentenced to five years in prison and will have to register as a sex offender upon his release.

DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATION STATISTICS

Year	Total Investigations	Total Criminal Cases	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Overall Clearance Rate %
2006	166	147	48	39	48.03
2007	127	104	51	40	50.47
2008	128	111	73	45	45.05
2009	123	107	63	54	48.60
2010	117	102	17	15	38.24
2011	135	110	70	48	62.73
2012	131	118	61	43	52.54
2013	159	142	73	61	52.11
2014	152	139	106	75	62.59



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

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. Detective Manse is still one of our School Resource Officers. He 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. 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 to resolve problems through conflict resolution and intervention. Patrolman Matthew Rahde is also trained and certified in the role of School Resource Officer. Patrolman Rahde works the afternoon shift. He splits his time patrolling the city, handling calls, and resolving many school related issues that arise.

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 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.

The North Canton Police Department sought out and obtained a grant for the 2014 – 2015 school year for \$10,876 to help offset the salaries of the School Resource Officers.

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 figure 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.



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.

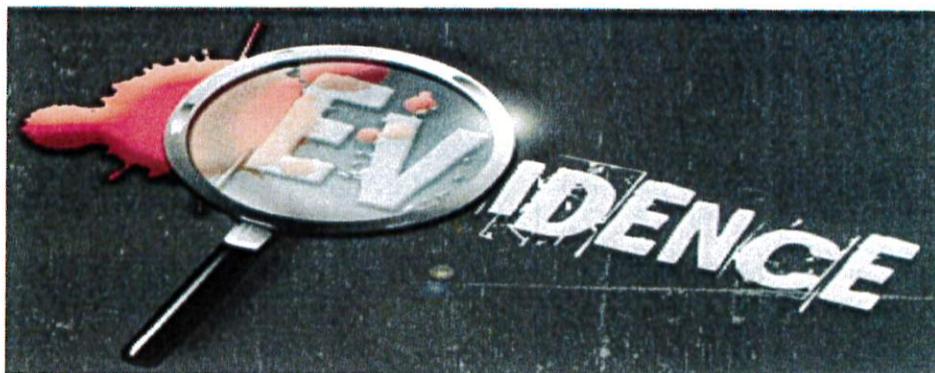
In 2014 the team consisted of 3 sergeants and 5 full-time patrolmen serving in an operational capacity. There are also 2 full-time patrolmen assigned as negotiators. In 2014 a third full-time NCFD medic joined the team. These medics serve the team in a direct support capacity. All members are activated for callouts in addition to their regularly assigned duties and shifts. As staffing allows, 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. Two members of the Team are currently assigned to the Stark County Sheriff's Metro Narcotic Unit and to the United States 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 2014 the Team was activated for one callout in December. This was for a resident that had contacted the crisis center claiming to be armed with a firearm and threatening suicide. The resident was eventually convinced to exit his home unarmed so that he could receive medical evaluation and psychological treatment. A loaded firearm was recovered from the scene.

S. R. T. ACTIVATIONS

YEAR	CALLOUTS
2009	3
2010	0
2011	2
2012	4
2013	0
2014	1

PROPERTY ROOM



The property room is managed by Sgt. Douglas Cardwell. Detective John Hemric and Ptl. Phil Taylor are also property room officers that assist in processing evidence and property. 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.

This past year, the Property Room went through a complete reorganization and added a new Bar Code Scanning system. This allows every piece of property or evidence to receive their own identification code that can be easily scanned to locate each piece of property quickly. Every officer was trained with new procedures on how to submit evidence through our RMS CAD system. The property room also converted to a more organized structure of inventory by converting all evidence into specific size envelopes and uniformed sized boxes instead of the old brown bag storage system.

The Property Room also joined partnership with the Canton Crime Lab as they implemented a new online crime lab submission called "Evidence Tracker". All officers received specialized training in the new online submission process and are currently submitting all evidence online now. This system allows officers to forward all information to the lab such as evidence, victims, suspects, and requested tests prior to the evidence arriving. Once the evidence arrives, the lab has easy access to retrieve all information needed for the case and this also has helped with the chain of custody. All Stark County agencies are part of this network along with the Prosecutor's office and Coroner's office.

Another vital part of the reorganization that helped clean much of the old evidence and property out of the property room was completing an entire inventory of the property room. The property room took in a total of 558 pieces of property for 2014. There was a total of 1255 items disposed of by court order # 2014 MI 00302 signed by Judge Kristen Farmer. On October 27, 2014, the property room completed a destruction burn of the evidence and property at Republic Steel. The items consisted of guns, drugs, and miscellaneous property. Per the court order, there was a total of \$422.34 turned over to the city from the property room to be deposited into the general fund account. Numerous useable items in the order were held until the City has their next scheduled auction where they will be sold and the proceeds will be deposited into the general fund. The court order also granted a few items for department use (Pistol, Flashlights, Two way Radios, and Tools).

The Property Room had an abundance of miscellaneous bicycles recovered and never claimed by the owners. The Police Department joined forces with the Salvation Army and donated twenty of those bicycles on November 18, 2014. The Salvation Army has a non-profit specialized program where they will take the bicycles and refurbish them and donate them to children at Christmas time whose families are at need. The Department received a tax credit for their donation.



DEPARTMENT TRAINING

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, active shooter response, firearms, less lethal systems, OVI detection and testing, radar & laser speed measuring, and LEADS. In 2014 the State of Ohio resumed a mandatory “Continuing Professional Training” requirement for all sworn part-time and full-time officers. In October the Department was recognized as being in full compliance with this mandate. Additionally, the Department sent various officers, including 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 insure 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 2014 dispatchers were scheduled for nine different training classes and seminars with all full-time dispatchers being scheduled for at least one.

In 2014 the Training Bureau continued to be responsible for reviewing all Reaction to Resistance reports filed by the Department’s officers; the Bureau consists of three officers who are OPOTA certified “Use of Force” instructors. All officers are 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

ensure policy and procedures are being followed and to insure any issues or patterns that may arise are addressed.

REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS	2012	2013	2014
Total number of incidents resulting in a Reaction to Resistance Report	18	22	13
Number of those incidents which resulted in an arrest	14	17	10
Number of those incidents which resulted in claimed or observed injury	1 Officer 2 Subjects	2 Officers 4 Subjects	1 Officer 1 Suspect
Number of officers who generated at least one report	15	18	13
The levels of force used by officers in 2014 include: Empty hand control and firearms display			

In 2013 the Reaction to Resistance report had been expanded to include Vehicle Pursuits. In 2014 the Training Bureau continued to review these reports to insure compliance with the Department's policies and procedures.

VEHICLE PURSUITS	2012	2013	2014
Total number of Incidents resulting in a <i>Vehicle Pursuit</i> report	*n/a	2	4
Total number of officers that generated at least one report	*n/a	3	3
Number of these incidents that resulted in the vehicle being stopped	*n/a	0	2
Number of pursuits that were called off by officer or supervisor	*n/a	2	2
Number of incidents that resulted in an eventual arrest of suspect	*n/a	2	3
Number of incidents that resulted in a crash	*n/a	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles	0 Officers 0 Suspects 0 Other Vehicles

*Report was not required – no data

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 Clearmount Avenue S. E. and East Maple Street, Main and Maple Streets, West Maple Street and Hillcrest Avenue, North Main Street and Charlotte Street, Schneider Street and Clearmount Avenue S. E., 200 block of South Main Street, South Main Street and Bachtel Street, and at Glenwood Street S. W. and Fair Oaks Avenue S. W.

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