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*THE NORTH CANTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT*

2006 Annual Report

“Dedicated to Service and Protection”



INTRODUCTION

The North Canton Police Department is a full-time professional law enforcement organization providing 24-hour service to the citizens of North Canton. Chief of Police Michael J. Grimes commands the Department. His Administrative Assistant and six Lieutenants assist him. Five Lieutenants are assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division and one to the Detective Bureau. The Uniformed Patrol Division is comprised of sixteen full-time Patrol Officers and one part-time Officer. The Department has lost two full-time uniformed officers and two part-time Officers due to retirement or other career opportunities. The current full-time roster of 23 is the lowest level of staffing since 1995. At the same time the City has grown, the population increased and our duties expanded. There is currently one full-time Officer assigned to the DARE program and one assigned to the Detective Bureau. Additional Patrol Officers are assigned to the Detective bureau temporarily as needed. In addition to their normal patrol duties several officers are assigned to special units within the Department. These include the School Resource Officer, the Special Response Team members, Bike Patrol Officers, Department Training Officers and Field Training Officers.

The Department operates a 24-hour Dispatch Center. It is comprised of a Chief Dispatcher, six full-time Dispatchers, and one part-time Dispatcher. In addition to the Police Department the Center also handles dispatch responsibilities for the North Canton Fire Department including the Emergency Medical Service.

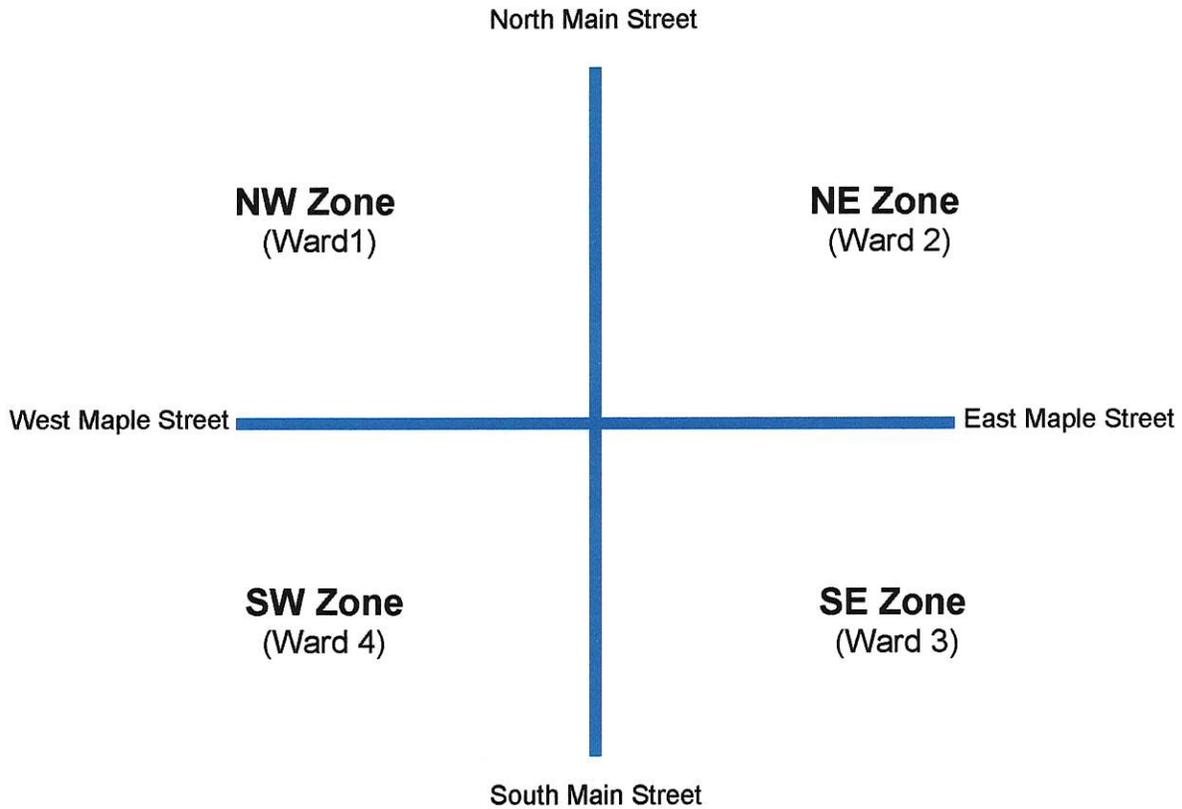
The Department is responsible for providing Crossing Guards at various intersections around the City. There are currently seven regular and six substitute crossing guards who handle this important task.

The contents of this report represent only a small fraction of the work done by the members of the Department, on a daily basis. We strive to give the best possible service to the community. Working together with the other City Departments and with the support of the City Government and Administration, the citizens of North Canton are in very good hands.



“ Continuing to make North Canton a safe and desirable place to live, learn, work and visit ”

POLICE ZONES FOR DATA REFERENCE



For patrol and statistical 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 will 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 Department also employs a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser based patrol.

MAJOR CRIMES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
1996	0	5	6	46	64	254	12	2
1997	0	7	8	31	50	288	13	3
1998	0	6	2	47	68	276	10	2
1999	0	5	4	47	67	293	8	1
2000	0	7	7	37	54	346	5	3
2001	0	3	8	32	38	367	3	8
2002	0	6	10	37	46	373	15	5
2003	2	7	9	46	50	389	6	0
2004	0	4	5	37	45	386	14	3
2005	0	4	7	34	40	332	7	0
2006	0	2	8	35	26	352	13	2

The incidence of major crimes committed in the City in 2006 remained consistent with previous years. The exceptions being burglaries, which were down, and an increase in auto thefts.

Criminal Charges and Individual Arrests

*Criminal charges are the actual filing of one or more criminal complaints with the court against a person usually in conjunction with the physical arrest of that person. Traffic citations are generally not considered arrest charges. The only exception is an arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (OVI), which is filed on a traffic citation. In 2006 there were **660** total criminal charges filed by the Police Department. Of those **450** were filed against adults and **210** filed against juveniles. There were **482** individuals arrested in 2006. Including a total of **347** adult arrests and **135** juvenile arrests. Some of these people were charged with multiple offenses.*

CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED

Year	Total Charges	Adult Charges	Juvenile Charges
2001	696	525	171
2002	565	444	121
2003	607	453	154
2004	703	542	161
2005	692	554	138
2006	660	450	210

INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS

Year	Total Individual Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
2001	544	406	138
2002	433	337	96
2003	434	313	121
2004	468	362	106
2005	483	383	100
2006	482	347	135

Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of alcohol/drugs

Year	Total OVI Arrests	Adult	Juvenile
2001	83	81	2
2002	67	66	1
2003	50	50	0
2004	83	80	3
2005	81	81	0
2006	52	49	3

TOP FIVE ARREST CHARGES - ADULT

2001	Warrants 133	Theft 89	D.U.I. 81	Drug Violations 36	Domestic Violence 25 Liquor Violations 25
2002	Warrants 123	D.U.I. 66	Theft 61	Drug Violations 37	Domestic Violence 23
2003	Warrants 84	Theft 51	D.U.I. 50	Liquor Violations 31	Drug Violations 29
2004	O.V.I. 83	Warrants 78	Theft 38	Domestic Violence 22	Liquor Violations 20
2005	Warrants 103	O.V.I. 81	Theft 53	Drug Violations 50	Liquor Violations 41
2006	Warrants 74	Theft 53	O.V.I. 49	Domestic Violence 29	Drug Offenses 28

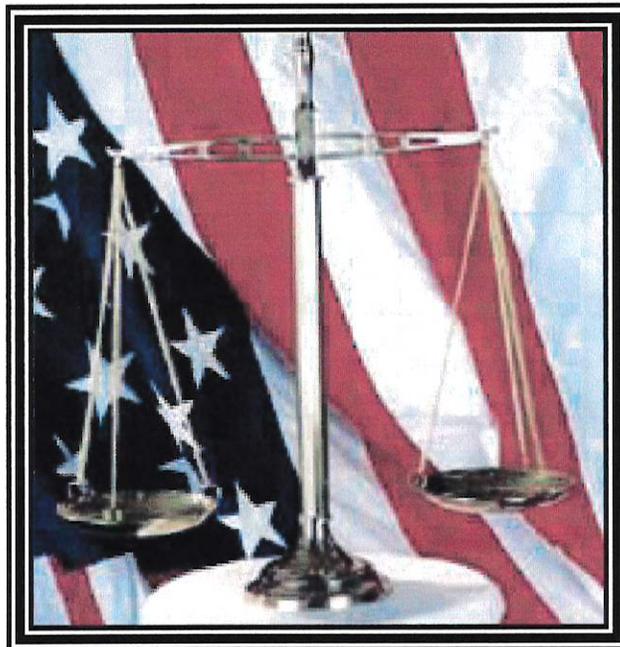
TOP FIVE ARREST CHARGES - JUVENILE

2001	Theft 51	Unruly 19	Criminal Damaging 18	Drug Offenses 15	Liquor Offenses 15
2002	Theft 23	Miscellaneous Offenses 21	Unruly 16	Drug Offenses 15	Criminal Damaging 11
2003	Theft 40	Unruly 19	Drug Offenses 15	Vandalism 12	Liquor Violations 10
2004	Liquor Offenses 25	Drug Offenses 19	Unruly 17	Theft 14	Criminal Damaging 9
2005	Drug Offenses 22	Unruly 17	Liquor Offenses 15	Receiving Stolen Property 11	Theft 10
2006	Theft 44	Drug Offenses 39	Liquor Offenses 21	Unruly 19	Criminal Damaging 12

Criminal Charges and Prosecution

When charges are filed against an adult that person can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or issued a summons and released. This depends on the type and seriousness of the offense. The Police Department utilizes the North Canton Mayor's Court, the Canton Municipal Court, and the Stark County Common Pleas Court to prosecute criminal offenses. Mayor's Court can only try cases that involve violations of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton. The Canton Municipal Court can try cases involving violations of both North Canton City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Common Pleas Court handles felony violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

When charges are filed against a juvenile they can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center or sign a Promise to Appear form and be released to a parent /guardian. The Stark County Family Court – Juvenile Division has exclusive jurisdiction to try all juvenile cases.



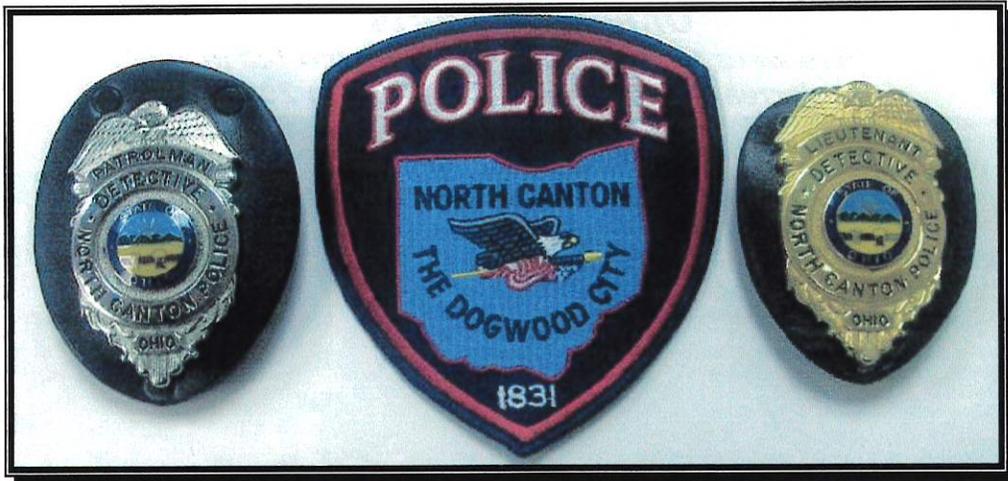
Offense Reports

There were 1561 criminal offenses reported in 2006.

A decrease over the 1686 reported in 2005.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
<i>Stolen Autos</i>	15	6	14	7	13
<i>Domestic Disturbance Calls</i>	127	90	119	133	123
<i>Domestic Violence (DV)</i>	36	38	36	38	46
<i>Domestic Dispute (DD)</i>	91	52	83	95	77
<i>Domestic Violence - Arrests</i>	25	26	22	26	34
<i>Burglaries- Total</i>	46	50	45	40	26
<i>NW Zone</i>	9	17	20	13	11
<i>NE Zone</i>	17	8	9	8	7
<i>SW Zone</i>	10	12	6	12	2
<i>SE Zone</i>	10	13	10	7	6
<i>Breaking & Entering- Total</i>	27	36	28	24	32
<i>NW Zone</i>	9	12	5	6	6
<i>NE Zone</i>	3	6	14	8	9
<i>SW Zone</i>	8	9	3	4	2
<i>SE Zone</i>	7	9	6	6	15
<i>Sex Offenses- Total</i>	15	14	14	15	13
<i>Rape</i>	6	7	4	4	2
<i>Public Indecency</i>	3	0	6	5	4
<i>Weapons Offenses</i>	2	2	11	8	12
<i>Assaults</i>	37	46	36	34	35
<i>Thefts From Vehicles</i>	62	71	83	93	32
<i>Drug Offenses</i>	51	62	81	83	94

When any offense is reported a Patrol Officer is dispatched and conducts the initial inquiry into the incident. Based on that, further action is taken which can include documentation on a Call For Service, beginning a preliminary criminal report-investigation, interviews, evidence collection / preservation, taking witness statements, on-scene arrests, scene preservation for additional investigators and other options. Follow-up investigation can be done by the initial officer, the Detective Bureau; other outside law enforcement agencies, non-law enforcement agencies, or in many cases a combination of two or more.



Detective Bureau

There are currently two Officers assigned to the Detective Bureau on a full-time basis, one Lieutenant and one Patrolman. Additional Patrolmen are temporarily assigned on an as-needed basis. During 2006 three different full-time patrol officers worked in the detective bureau on temporary assignment.

In addition to investigating criminal offenses they collect crime scene evidence, transport evidence to the crime lab, handle the Crime Watch program, conduct neighborhood surveys following criminal activity, and maintain a liaison with other Departments/Agencies and businesses. They conduct background investigations on candidates for hire and conduct internal investigations, at the direction of the Chief. One of the detectives is also a Property Officer in addition to his regular duties. The detectives do a myriad of tasks that go unnoticed until they aren't done. Listing all of their responsibilities here would be impossible.

*The detectives review every criminal report that is taken by the Police Department. Each case is investigated as far as practical. Because of this the detectives have a very high clearance rate. Cases are considered cleared when the offender has been identified and arrested or identified and for some reason the offender cannot be prosecuted such as the death of the offender. Cases can also be cleared if the case can't be prosecuted due to the victim's refusal to cooperate, the prosecutors office declines to go forward, and other circumstances beyond the control of law enforcement. The FBI tracks clearance rates nationally in two categories. **Violent Crimes**, which consists of Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault and **Property Crimes**,*

which is everything else. The detectives have an overall clearance rate of 47%. The majority of those cases crimes would fall into the Property Crime category. The national, average clearance rate for property crimes is 16.3%. The national, average clearance rate for violent crimes is 45.5%*, ours is 69%. This is due in part to a good initial investigation by the responding officer, followed up with thorough and diligent examination by the highly skilled investigators in the Detective Bureau.*

During 2006 the detective bureau investigated several notable cases. Two different fraud cases involved the same suspect who was part of a Canadian lottery scam. The perpetrator in both cases was eventually charged and convicted of felony theft. He is currently serving a two-year sentence and faces possible deportation upon release. Another notable case involved a report from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, of which we are a member. The investigation from that initial report resulted in the arrest of a local adult who attempted to set up a meeting with an out of town juvenile for sexual purposes.

*Based on the most current available data, 2005 FBI Uniform Crime Report

Detective Bureau Statistics

Year	Total Investigations	Criminal Investigations	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Overall Clearance Rate %
1999	236	187	57	49	50.80
2000	234	204	50	40	39.21
2001	225	204	91	77	45.60
2002	255	225	66	50	41.78
2003	276	253	108	72	43.87
2004	212	184	86	49	39.13
2005	163	132	48	39	37.12
2006	166	147	47	38	47.62

Traffic Citations – Written Warnings – Parking Tickets

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 try violations of City Ordinances. The Canton Municipal Court can try violations of both City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Family Court handles all juvenile traffic violations.

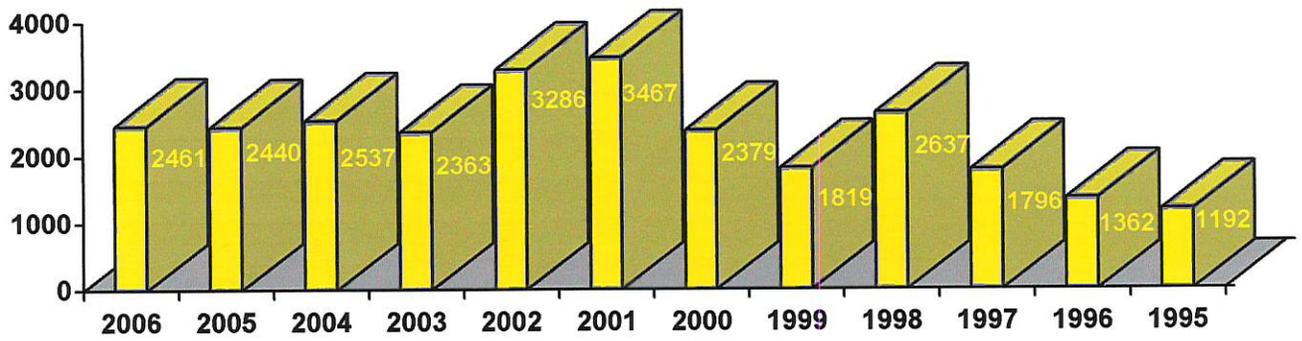
Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings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

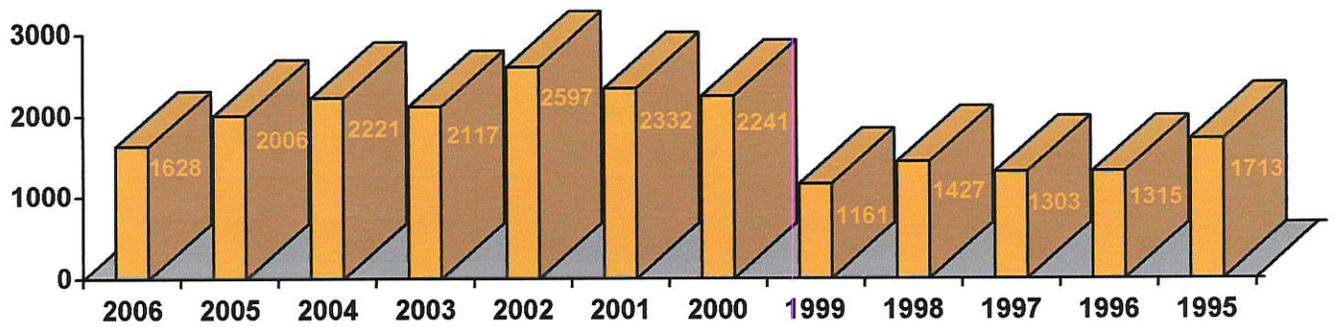
Yearly Issuance Comparison - Totals

Year	Traffic Citations	Written Warnings	Parking Tickets
2000	2241	2379	1271
2001	2332	3467	1237
2002	2597	3286	1164
2003	2117	2363	1388
2004	2221	2537	855
2005	2006	2440	1214
2006	1628	2461	1015

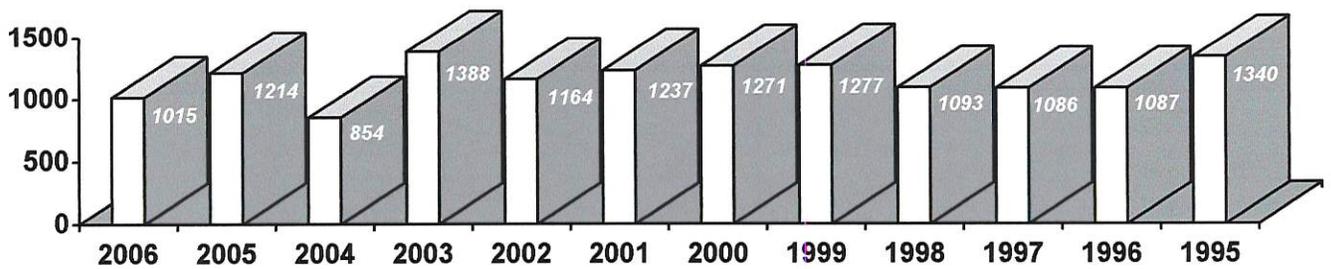
WRITTEN WARNING TOTALS BY YEAR



TRAFFIC CITATION TOTALS BY YEAR



PARKING TICKET TOTALS BY YEAR



TOP FIVE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

2000	Speed 978	Traffic Signals 231	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 174	License Plate Violations 149	Stop Signs 123
2001	Speed 1340	License Plate Violations 187	Traffic Signals 184	Drivers License Violations 153	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 148
2002	Speed 1397	Traffic Signals 250	License Plate Violations 161	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 157	Driving Under Suspension 122
2003	Speed 904	Traffic Signals 231	License Plate Violations 207	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 183	Driving Under Suspension 106
2004	Speed 905	Traffic Signals 250	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 195	License Plate Violations 187	Driving Under Suspension 160
2005	Speed 835	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 180	Traffic Signals 161	Driving Under Suspension 158	License Plate Violations 130
2006	Speed 531	License Plate Violations 183	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 174	Driving Under Suspension 150	Traffic Signals 97

Traffic Crash Investigation

The Police Department investigated a total of 561 traffic crashes in 2006. This is a decrease in the number investigated the previous year. The Police Department investigates almost all of the reported crashes that occur within the City. Occasionally a Stark County Sheriff's Deputy or Ohio State Patrol Trooper will happen upon a crash in the City and handle it.

The Department investigates crashes that occur on public (roadway) and private property.

When the investigation indicates that a violation occurred on roadway accidents a citation is normally issued. Citations are not normally issued for private property crashes.

Crashes with a reported injury were up slightly for 2006. Fortunately there were no fatal crashes during the year.

The majority of the crashes occurred between the hours of 6:30 AM and 10:30 PM.

The most heavily traveled streets in the City also recorded the highest number of crashes for 2006:

- **North Main Street, 106, a large portion of which occurred in the 1000 to 1600 blocks.**
- **South Main Street, 84, the majority occurring in the 1200 to 1500 blocks.**
- **East and West Maple Streets, 57, a large portion in the 2000 block of East Maple.**
- **Applegrove Streets NE and NW, 46, the majority in the 100 blocks.**
- **Everhard Road SW, 29, with over half occurring in the 100 and 700 blocks.**

These numbers include the 83 intersection accidents, which were evenly spread out amongst 48 different intersecting streets in the City.

The reduction of traffic crashes continues to be a priority for the Department. Targeting high incidence areas for enforcement of the traffic laws is one of the ways we attempt to do this.

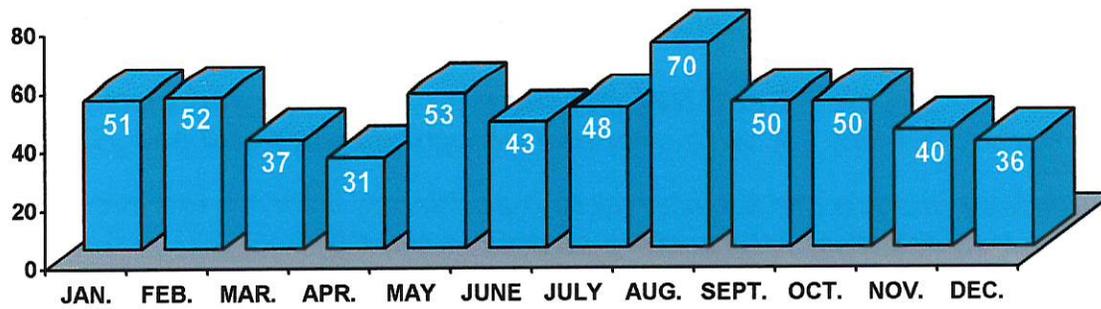
There were 131 reported crashes on private property during 2006. Of these, 8 resulted in an injury of some type. The major cause for the private property crashes was improper backing. Many of the crashes occurred at our larger retail establishments such as:

- **The Acme lot at 1474 N. Main St.**
- **The Marc's Plaza at 1664 N. Main St.**
- **The Giant Eagle Plaza at 1955 East Maple St.**
- **The Discount Drug Mart Plaza at 1695 N. Main St.**
- **North Canton Hoover High School at 525 7th St. NE**

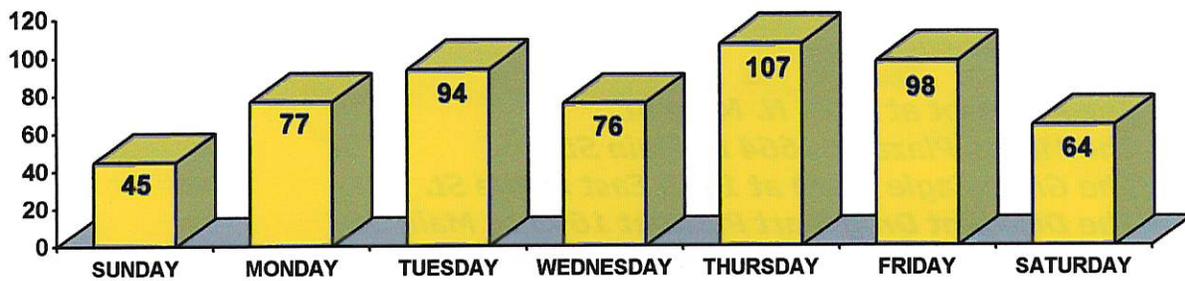
TRAFFIC CRASHES BY YEAR

Year	Total Number of Crashes	Public Property Crashes	Private Property Crashes	Crashes with Injury / Fatality
2000	652	517	135	127 / 0
2001	592	452	140	103 / 1
2002	623	465	158	124 / 0
2003	653	490	163	108 / 2
2004	677	512	165	90 / 0
2005	614	442	172	82 / 0
2006	561	430	131	97 / 0

Crashes By Month - 2006



Crashes By Day - 2006



TOP FIVE TRAFFIC CRASH CAUSES

Year					
2001	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 146	<i>Failure to Yield the Right of Way</i> 118	<i>Improper Lane Change</i> 39	<i>Failure to Control</i> 36	<i>Improper Backing</i> 28
2002	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 165	<i>Failure to Yield the Right of Way</i> 95	<i>Improper Backing</i> 38	<i>Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation</i> 36	<i>Improper Lane Change</i> 31
2003	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 185	<i>Failure to Yield the Right of Way</i> 91	<i>Failure to Control</i> 39	<i>Improper Lane Change</i> 38	<i>Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation</i> 36
2004	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 153	<i>Failure to Control</i> 35	<i>Improper Starting or Backing</i> 34	<i>Failure to Yield From Private Property</i> 33	<i>Failure to Yield While Turning Left</i> 32
2005	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 191	<i>Improper Starting or Backing</i> 117	<i>Failure to Yield the Right of Way</i> 84	<i>Failure to Control</i> 54	<i>Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation</i> 20
2006	<i>Assured Clear Distance Ahead</i> 179	<i>Failure to Yield the Right of Way</i> 84	<i>Improper Starting or Backing</i> 77	<i>Failure to Control</i> 47	<i>Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation</i> 26



S.M.A.R.T. Trailer

The Department utilizes a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer to conduct traffic surveys, monitor speeds, and remind motorists of their speed. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. During 2005 the trailer was placed at various streets around the City on a daily basis during the spring and summer months. Information compiled regarding traffic speeds, volume, times of use, etc. aids the Department in focusing on problem areas. It is also used to do traffic counts which aid in making changes to existing traffic controls, adding or deleting them, and substantiating complaints in trouble spots.



Emergency Dispatch Center

The Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center. The dispatchers handle thousands of calls each year. In addition to the Police Department the Center also handles dispatch responsibilities for the North Canton Fire Department, and North Canton Emergency Medical Service. It is comprised of a Chief Dispatcher, six full-time Dispatchers, and one part-time Dispatcher. The dispatchers are a vital link between the community and each of the Emergency Services. They handle calls that range from the mundane such as lost dogs, parking complaints and "what time does the parade start" to serious life and death situations such as auto accidents with injury, a structure fire with flames showing and " I don't feel like living anymore". It's the dispatcher's responsibility to quickly assess the calls and decide what the proper Emergency Services 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 to them. Their role is the least visible but one of the most vital.



Calls For Service

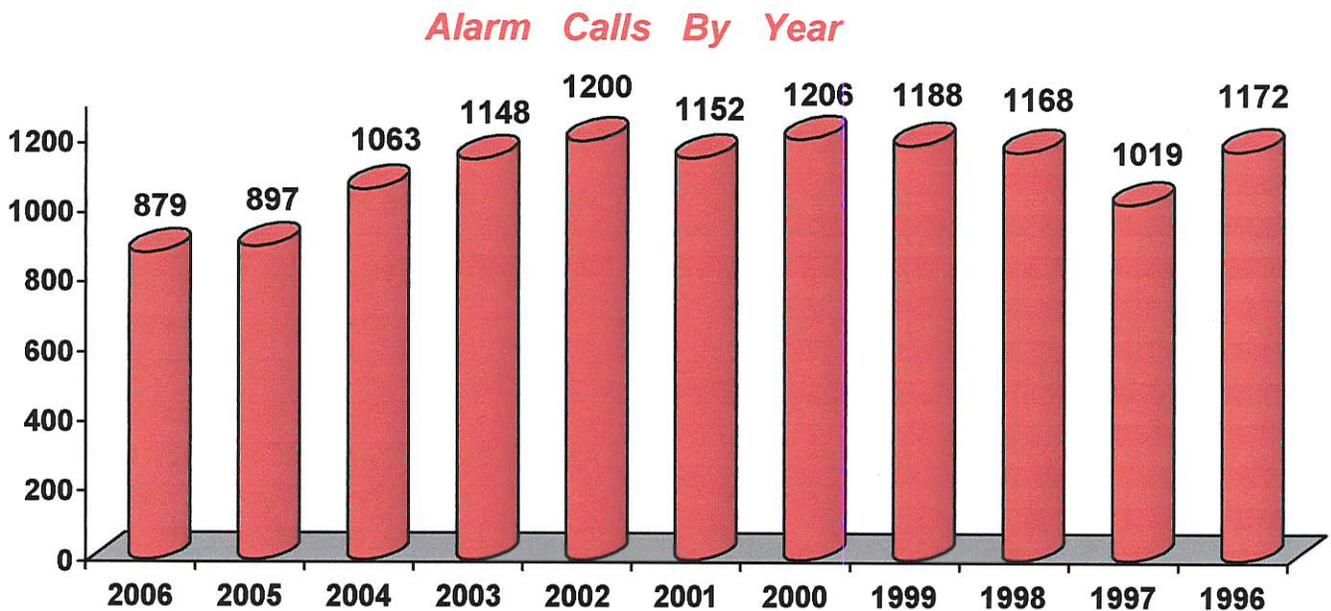
A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster machine, and other things that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many items and insures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Service requiring additional follow-up are monitored by the Patrol Commander to insure that all calls are properly answered. The following chart shows the breakdown for the time of day when calls are received.

Calls For Service by Time of Day

<i>Calls For Service</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>
<i>6:30 AM – 2:29 PM Day Shift</i>	<i>14,869</i>	<i>14,790</i>	<i>14,078</i>	<i>13720</i>	<i>13994</i>	<i>13180</i>
<i>2:30 PM – 10:29 PM Afternoon Shift</i>	<i>16,269</i>	<i>16,044</i>	<i>14101</i>	<i>13475</i>	<i>12727</i>	<i>12348</i>
<i>10:30 PM – 6:29 AM Night Shift</i>	<i>9,419</i>	<i>8,315</i>	<i>7026</i>	<i>6668</i>	<i>5574</i>	<i>5748</i>
<i>Yearly Total</i>	<i>40,557</i>	<i>39,149</i>	<i>35,205</i>	<i>33863</i>	<i>32295</i>	<i>31276</i>

Alarms

The Police Department received 879 alarm calls from 363 sites during 2006. This is a decrease from the 897 alarm calls from 388 sites in 2005. These sites range from private residences to retail and commercial establishments. These alarms can be anything from a basic burglar alarm to a hold-up / panic alarm. The vast majority of these alarms were false or accidental. However each must be handled as a real alarm for the protection of the officer as well as the public. This is a very time consuming process for the Department and utilizes a large amount of resources. Steps are taken by the Department to reduce the number of false alarms by working with those locations that have a high number.



Top Five Business Alarms

2001	Marc's Discount Store 30	Camelot Music* 26	Subway & Mercy Medical Statcare 22	Citizen's Savings Bank, Arrowhead Country Club & Clark Gas Station 20	Charter One Bank 19
2002	Camelot Music* 47	Mercy Medical Statcare 31	Charter One Bank 28	Clark Gas Station & Arrowhead Country Club 18	North Canton Medical Foundation & Biris Jewelers 17
2003	Subway 31	Mercy Medical Statcare 30	Arrowhead Country Club/ N. Canton Medical Foundation/ Spee-D Foods 19	North Canton Collision 18	Camelot Music 16
2004	National City Bank 36	Mercy Medical Statcare 29	Bank One, Subway, Arrowhead CC, N. C. Med. Foundation, & Aultman Foundation 15	Sky Bank 13	Marc's & Hoover High School 10
2005	Marc's Discount Store 25	Kmart 23	Charter One Bank 18	Tractor Supply Co. 17	Mercy Medical Statcare 15
2006	Marc's Discount Store 22	Subway 18	K-mart 12	Mercy Medical Statcare 11	Fieldcrest 10



Drug Abuse Resistance Education

The Police Department currently has Patrolman Michael Foltz assigned full-time to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program within the school system. In 2006 he instructed 409 5th grade students in the DARE program. He also taught a 1st grade citizenship program, 2nd grade personal safety program, 3rd grade safety belt program and three 4th grade programs on friendship, avoiding bullying and internet safety. There was also a three-week Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) summer camp held during the summer school break.

The 05-06 school year saw 409, 5th graders complete the DARE program and 417 3rd graders complete the safety belt program. There were 95 students who attended the G.R.E.A.T. summer camp. The G.R.E.A.T. summer camp was started in 1999 and has had 946 participants since then. There have been 5987 graduates from the DARE program since it's inception in 1992.

The Department received a grant from the State of Ohio this past year for the DARE program in the amount of \$16049.00. This money was applied toward wages for the DARE Officer.

The 3rd grade safety belt program is run through the Ohio Department of Highway Safety and generated \$834.00.



School Resource Officer

The Department has Patrolman Randy Manse assigned part-time as a School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) He works within the schools on a daily basis as a liaison between the Department and the School System. He handles most school related incidents, lock down drills and works closely with the school administration to resolve problems through planning.



Special Response Team

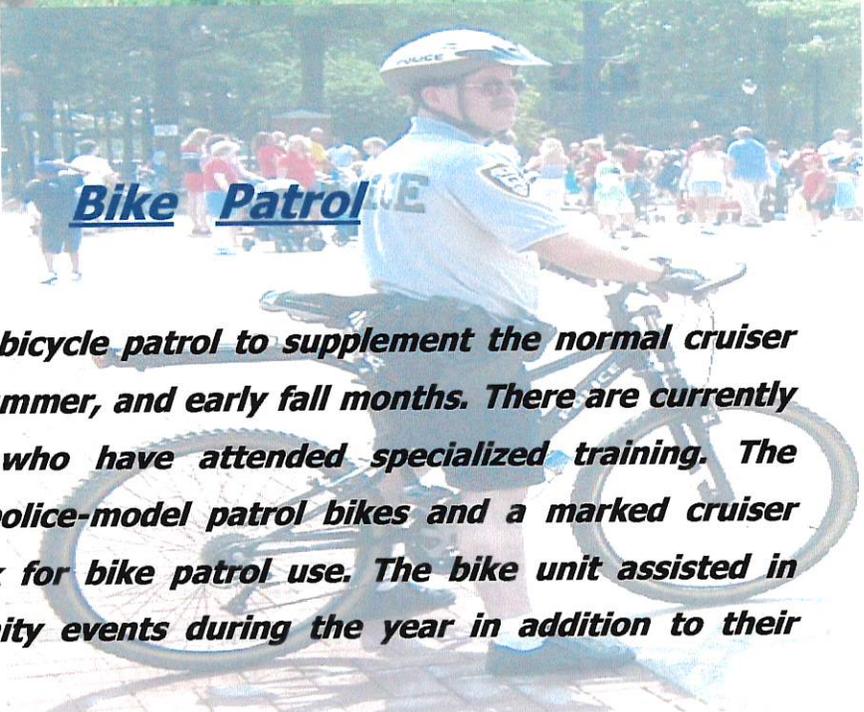
The Department has a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), which is staffed by a Lieutenant, nine Patrolmen, three tactical medics from the Fire Department and a negotiator, on a part time basis. They train monthly with specialized equipment in various tactics to handle situations that are beyond the normal police call. They are tasked with a wide variety of assignments ranging from serving high-risk search and arrest warrants to barricaded gunmen calls.

One of their more interesting callouts for 2006 involved an emotionally disturbed person who had armed and barricaded himself in his home after assaulting a patrol officer. After all attempts at negotiation failed, the team forced entry to the home and successfully arrested the occupant without any injuries.



Bike Patrol

The Department utilizes a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser patrol during the spring, summer, and early fall months. There are currently 6 certified bike officers who have attended specialized training. The Department has 5 Trek, police-model patrol bikes and a marked cruiser equipped with a bike rack for bike patrol use. The bike unit assisted in numerous special community events during the year in addition to their normal patrol duties.



Property Room

The property room is staffed by two Patrolmen and a Lieutenant on a part-time basis. They are the evidence custodians of the Department. Any evidence or property taken into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items taken in range from criminal evidence, like drugs or firearms to recovered property such as a lost bicycle. At any given time there are over 1200 items being held by the Department. During 2006 over 600 items were processed by the evidence officers. Items no longer needed for Court are returned to the owners. Items are released on a continuous basis, over 200 in 2006. Many items are contraband and are destroyed. Useable items for which no owner can be found are sold at the annual City auction.

Department Training

The Department has several certified instructors who conducted various training classes during the year. These included but were not limited to firearms, less than lethal weapons, subject control, legal update, radar, laser, video, and L.E.A.D.S.

Additionally all Officers attended training outside the Department. This training covered a wide variety of topics including B.A.C., Drug I.D., CPR, O.V.I. detection, Traffic Crash Investigation, SWAT, Public Records, Internal Investigations, Interviewing, Background Investigation, Management, Legal Updates, Officer Survival and continuing Chief's Training.

The Department also has a Field Training Unit that is responsible for the training of all new Officers. It is staffed on a part-time basis by a Lieutenant and eight Patrolmen / Field Training Officers.

2006 Events

January

- ***A local resident is scammed out of \$39,000 on a Canadian Lottery ploy.***

February

- ***The Canadian Lottery ploy claims a second victim for \$1000 and possibly an additional \$45,000.***

March

- ***Our local Elks Lodge #2029 is presented with a plaque of appreciation for their continued support of the D.A.R.E. program. In addition to their monetary and manpower support they also donate a watch to every D.A.R.E. graduate. Over 6000 watches have been given out since D.A.R.E. began.***

April

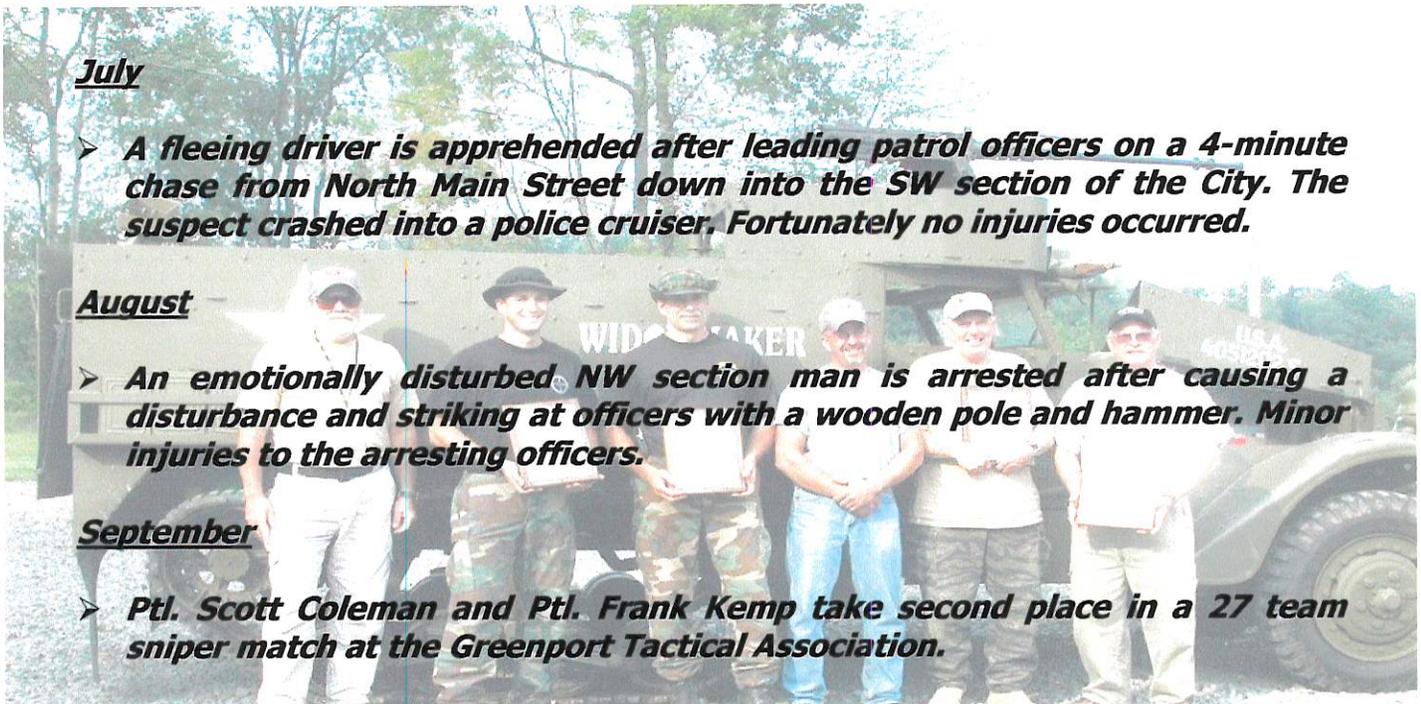
- ***Traffic regulated as work begins on Everhard & South Main. Nearby neighborhoods are given increased patrol and signage.***
- ***Lt. Steadman is involved in a pursuit that he terminated due to the reckless actions of the violator. The violator's identity is later proven and he is arrested and prosecuted.***
- ***The Police Department readies traffic citations for the upcoming township name change to Hoover Township.***
- ***Traffic preemption devices are added to some intersections.***

May

- ***The detective Bureau apprehends the Canadian Lottery scam perpetrator after staking out a postal box.***
- ***The Police and Fire Departments promote the use of Knox Boxes to local citizens for use in medical emergencies.***

June

- ***The Special Response Team storms a house in the NW section of the City and arrests the male occupant who was posing a danger to himself and the public. He had just assaulted a patrol officer prior to barricading himself in the house. No serious injuries occurred.***



July

- ***A fleeing driver is apprehended after leading patrol officers on a 4-minute chase from North Main Street down into the SW section of the City. The suspect crashed into a police cruiser. Fortunately no injuries occurred.***

August

- ***An emotionally disturbed NW section man is arrested after causing a disturbance and striking at officers with a wooden pole and hammer. Minor injuries to the arresting officers.***

September

- ***Ptl. Scott Coleman and Ptl. Frank Kemp take second place in a 27 team sniper match at the Greenport Tactical Association.***
- ***Long time School Crossing Guard Mary Gill retires after 35 years of service. A plaque of appreciation is presented to her.***
- ***A state Law Enforcement Automated Data System inspection was conducted and the department passed with flying colors. No problems were found and TAC Yagielski and ATAC Theil were commended for their efforts.***

October

- ***Two students are arrested for inducing panic after circulating plans to start a fire and cause general mayhem at the High School. The plan was not carried out as the PD was called and immediate action was taken.***
- ***A serious three-vehicle crash on Applegrove NE resulted in one person being life-flighted from the scene for immediate medical attention.***

November

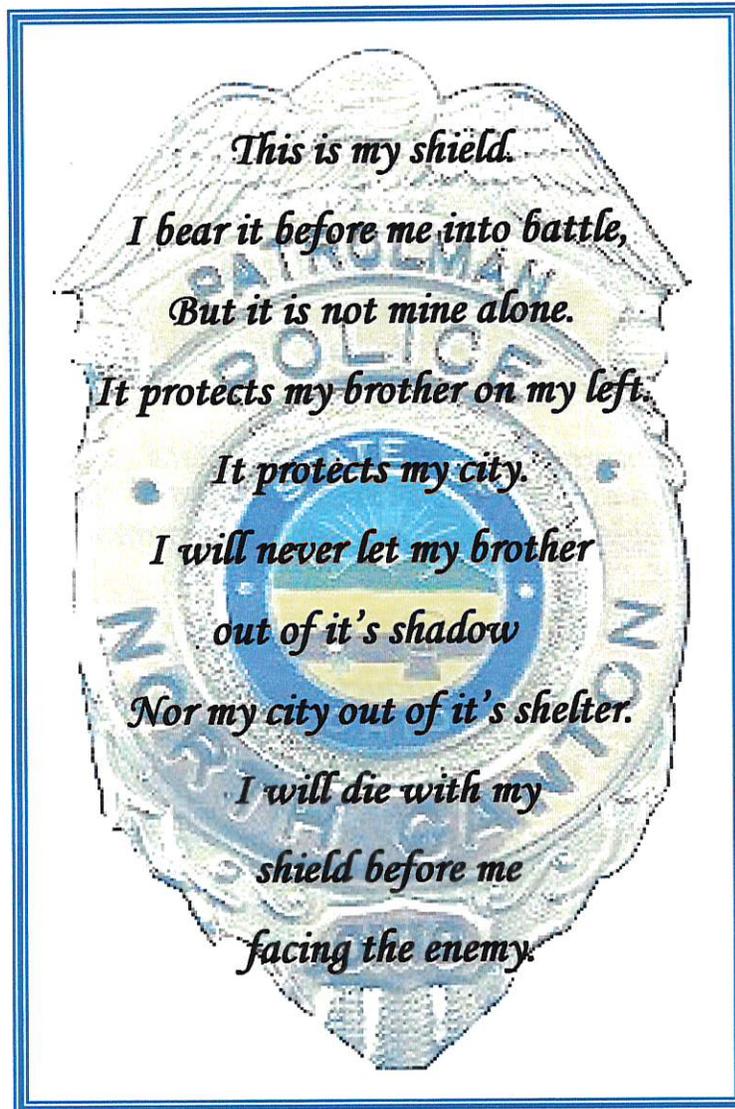
- ***A bogus e-mail is circulated causing alarm about possible gang activity in the city at a local restaurant. A thorough debunking returns calm to the city.***

December

- ***Racial slurs are painted on the garage door of a black resident. After a brief investigation a local adult and juvenile are arrested for the crime.***

"A Policeman's Shield"

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