



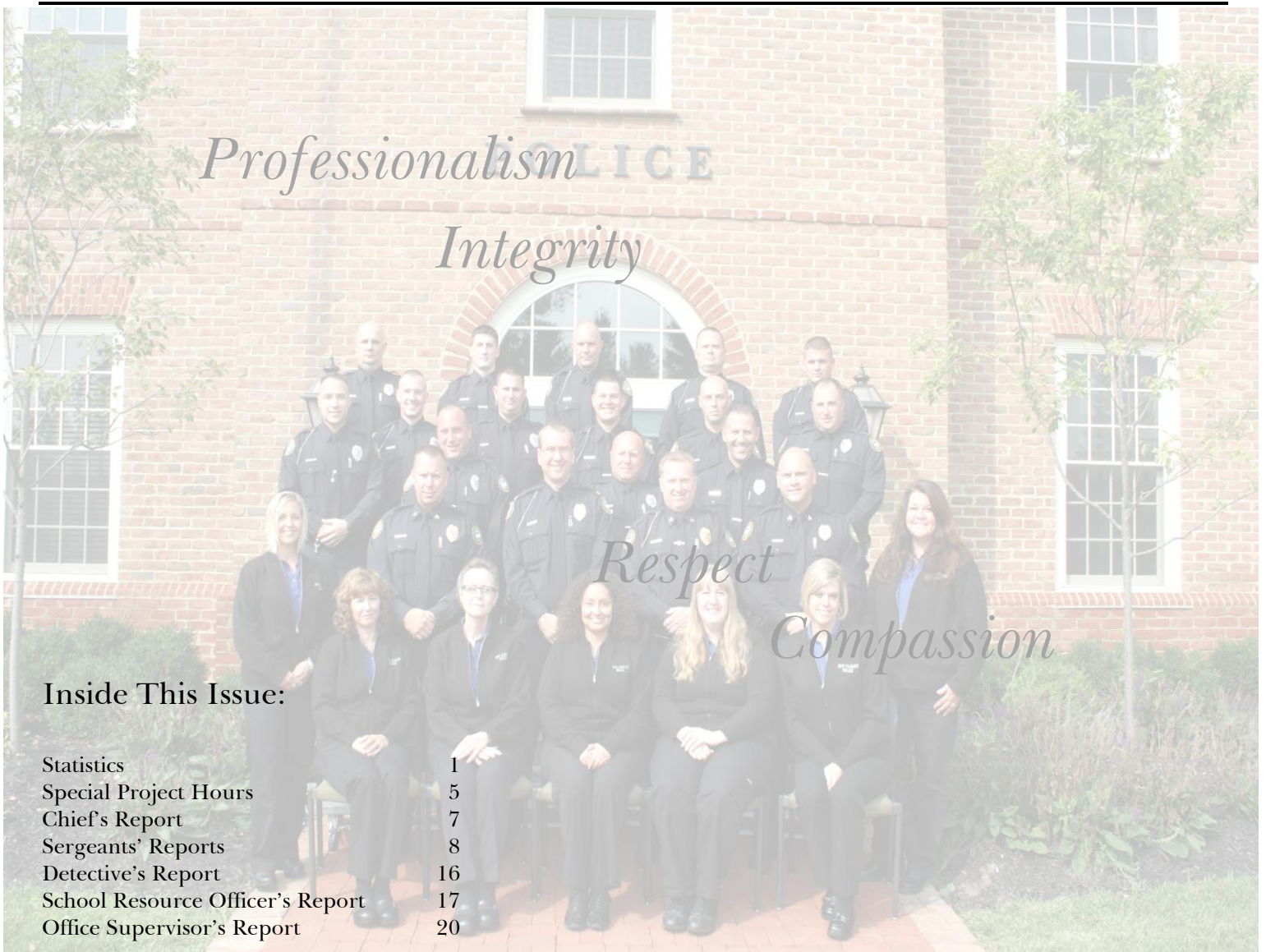
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# Police Department

## MONTHLY REPORT

### April 2010

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**OFFENSE & INCIDENT REPORTS**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Apr 2010</i>	<i>Apr 2009</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2010</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>Percent Change 2010- 2009</i>
<i>Property Accidents</i>	8	11	12	43	44	54	-2%
<i>Injury Accidents</i>	2	0	4	8	8	11	0%
<i>Assault</i>	0	1	0	1	2	1	-50%
<i>Breaking &amp; Entering</i>	0	0	1	2	2	5	0%
<i>Attempted Burglary</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
<i>Burglary</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	100%
<i>Criminal Damaging Criminal Trespassing/ Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism</i>	1 3	2 0	0 0	5 10	6 0	4 3	-17% 1000%
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	0	0	1	1	0	1	100%
<i>Domestic Violence/Dispute</i>	2	2	3	8	4	11	100%
<i>Drug Offense</i>	1	0	0	3	0	0	300%
<i>Theft</i>	5	4	12	21	23	33	-9%
<i>Menacing/ Tele Harassment</i>	0	0	1	8	2	1	300%
<i>Lockout</i>	8	13	17	56	49	81	14%
<i>Missing Person</i>	1	1	0	2	2	0	0%
<i>Humane Destruction of Animals</i>	1	1	0	5	7	14	-29%
<i>D.O.A</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	0%
<i>Miscellaneous/ Other Offenses</i>	5	3	5	21	26	22	-19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>11%</b>

**KEY STATISTICS**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Apr 2010</i>	<i>Apr 2009</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2010</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>Percent Change 2010- 2009</i>
<i>Calls For Service</i>	334	290	352	1219	1134	1586	7%
<i>Accident Citations</i>	10	5	12	38	30	34	27%
<i>Non-Accident Citations</i>	140	143	168	454	492	614	-8%
<i>Criminal Citations*</i>	4	22	1	25	42	*unavail.	-40%
<i>Traffic Warnings</i>	217	199	204	767	754	710	2%
<i>Adult Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	18	30	27	62	102	101	-39%
<i>Adult Felony Arrests</i>	2	1	0	2	5	3	-60%
<i>Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	0	1	0	1	2	2	-50%
<i>Juvenile Felony Arrests</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0%
<i>False Alarm Reports</i>	51	23	85	173	113	136	53%
<i>House Checks</i>	34	67	28	240	452	258	-47%
<i>Domestic Violence/Dispute Runs</i>	2	2	3	9	5	8	80%
<i>Assist Other Agency</i>	20	19	14	64	54	31	19%
<i>Motorist Assists</i>	12	10	15	56	37	53	51%
<i>Vehicle Impounds</i>	13	14	19	45	70	82	-36%
<i>Property Impounds</i>	7	10	13	36	44	55	-18%

*\*New to report as of April 2008*

**ARRESTS**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Apr 2010</i>	<i>Apr 2009</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2010</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>Percent Change 2010-2009</i>
<b>Total Number of Arrests*</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>*unavail.</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>** Charges Filed</b>							
<i>Assault</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>B&amp;E/Attempted B&amp;E</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>Burglary</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>Criminal Damaging</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
<i>Criminal Trespassing</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	0	0	0	1	2	0	-50%
<i>Domestic Violence/Dispute</i>	0	1	0	1	1	1	0%
<i>Drug Offense</i>	1	6	8	4	9	5	-56%
<i>DUS/No Ops</i>	8	24	13	22	56	43	-61%
<i>Fictitious/ Illegal Tags</i>	0	0	0	1	2	1	-50%
<i>Forgery/Theft</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	100%
<i>Menacing</i>	0	0	0	1	1	1	0%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>Obstruct Official Business</i>	0	1	0	1	0	1	100%
<i>OVI</i>	11	7	7	10	40	28	-75%
<i>Reckless Operation</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<i>Warrants</i>	8	2	11	34	34	23	0%
<i>Miscellaneous/ Other</i>	12	30	18	17	53	3	-68%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>-53%</b>

*\*New to reporting as of April 2008*

*\*\*prior reporting included only  
most serious charge filed.*

**OFFICER STATISTICS**

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Patrol Shifts Worked</i>	<i>Citations</i>	<i>Warnings</i>	<i>Arrests</i>	<i>Offense/ Incident Reports</i>	<i>Dispatch Runs</i>	<i>Average Runs per Day</i>	<i>Special Project Hours</i>
<b>First Shift</b>								
Sgt. Jones	15	5	7	1	1	15	1.00	0
Off. Hamilton	15	2	7	1	3	47	3.13	0
Off. Deckop	18	7	8	1	3	38	2.11	50
Off. Hall	18	28	25	4	1	35	1.94	0
<b>Second Shift</b>								
Sgt. Anderson	16.5	10	3	1	1	24	1.45	0
Off. Southers	19	22	34	2	4	59	3.11	12
Off. Rehnert	14	33	38	2	4	55	3.93	0
Off. Catanese	17	4	8	0	7	72	4.24	0
<b>Third Shift</b>								
Sgt. Burton	17	10	38	0	0	38	2.24	3.75
Off. Daniels	18	7	23	1	1	23	1.28	0
Off. Fernander	22	26	39	7	1	39	1.77	10
Off. Kelly	15	0	23	0	2	23	1.53	0
Off. Duff	13.5	0	2	0	0	2	0.15	147
Det. Wall	21	0	2	0	0	2	0.10	0
SRO Strahler	22	0	11	0	1	11	0.50	0
Off. Workman	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0

## Special Project Hours

**Sergeant Burton:** Property Room Related: 2 hrs; Citizen Police Academy: 1.75 hrs

**Officer Duff:** Investigation Related: 87 hrs; Training Related: 49 hrs; Court Related: 6.5 hrs, Community Policing Related: 4.5 hrs

**Officer Deckop:** Computer Related: 24 hrs; Property Room: 13 hrs; Bike Patrol: 7 hrs; Facility Related: 4 hrs; Training: 2 hrs;

**Officer Southers:** Bike Patrol: 7 hrs; Court Related: 5 hrs

**Officer Rehnert:** Training: 64 hrs; Community Events Related: 3 hrs

**Officer Fernander:** Property Room: 8 hrs; Intoxilyzer: 2 hrs

# **CHIEF'S REPORT**

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# **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1<sup>st</sup> SHIFT

2<sup>nd</sup> SHIFT

3<sup>rd</sup> SHIFT

**COMMUNICATIONS/RECORDS**

# Chief's Report

## Chief Mark A. Chaney

### I. **Projects/Programs**

**MARCS** – During the month of April, the MARCS project made significant progress. Funds from the Federal EMA Homeland Security grant were used to purchase equipment (Motorola walkies) that was received in early April. A total of 15 portable radios (i.e. – walkies) and related equipment (lapel microphones, holders, etc.) were received and inventoried by Officer Hamilton and Office Supervisor Nguyen. The Police Department is awaiting the arrival of the final pieces of radio equipment (car radios and associated equipment) purchased with UASI grant funds. It is hoped that the final pieces of equipment will arrive in early May so that we can begin programming it for the upcoming conversion to MARCS.

### II. **Anticipated Problems or Developments**

Nothing to report.

### III. **Items of Special Interest**

**Code Red Training** – On Tuesday, April 27, 2010, the Police Department hosted a Code Red update training class in the conference room. Each Village Department was represented. Chief Chaney, Sergeant Jones, Officer Deckop, Office Supervisor Nguyen, and Police Clerk Mercer represented the Police Department at this training. The purpose of the training was to review the Code Red emergency notification system, including the new software and its features (mapping, text messages, email, etc.). With the development of written emergency “scripts” over the past few months, New Albany is ready to use the Code Red system in the event of any type of developing emergency situation.

**Defensive Tactics Training** – During the month of April, Officer Joe Duff and Officer Leland Kelly led New Albany Police officers in defensive tactics classes. The classes were held in the Police Department’s training area and were a good refresher on ground fighting and defensive tactics.

### IV. **Employee Concerns**

Nothing to report.

### V. **Community Policing/Community Relations**

**Peace Week** – The annual Peace Week activities were held at New Albany High School during the third week of April (April 19-23, 2010). Officer Joel Strahler, the School Resource Officer, assisted the High School with the various events that lasted throughout the week. On Friday, April 23, 2010, Chief Chaney, Officer Strahler, Officer Hamilton, Officer Catanese, and Office Supervisor Nguyen participated in the “Lunch on the Lawn” that culminated the week’s activities. The weather cooperated and hundreds of students, faculty, and parents were in attendance.

# First Shift

## Sergeant Greg Jones

### I. Projects/Programs

**Contact Surveys** – The Department received two Contact Surveys this past month. The first indicated they were reporting a crime but did not speak with a dispatcher. They indicated the officer was very courteous, respectful and professional. The response time was good and the officer was knowledgeable.

The respondent indicated they were somewhat satisfied with the quality of service provided. The respondent wrote, “Sgt. Jones did all that he could. I am disappointed in the contacted prosecutor and his decision.”

The second respondent stated they asked for assistance or information. They spoke with a dispatcher and an officer and both were very courteous, respectful and professional. The response time was good and the dispatcher and officer were knowledgeable. They were very satisfied and wrote “Thanks!” in the comment section.

### II. Anticipated Problems or Developments

Nothing at this time.

### III. Items of Special Interest

**Compliment** – On April 19<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from Ms. Cindy Price. Ms. Price wanted to express her gratitude for the service she received from our Department the previous week. She complimented Officer Southers and Dispatcher LaPerna for their compassion and professionalism in responding to her injured dog.

On Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1136 hrs, Dispatcher LaPerna received a call of an injured dog in the area of Thompson Road and US 62. The caller was very upset and had difficulty communicating her exact location. Dispatcher LaPerna dispatched Officer Southers who discovered the dog had died after being hit by a car. Officers Southers remained at the scene with the caller and the owner of the dog who arrived on the scene after the dog had died.

Ms. Price stated that Dispatcher LaPerna and Officer Southers were great. She stated Dispatcher LaPerna kept her on the phone until she arrived on the scene safely. Officer Southers helped her load the dog into her vehicle. They also contacted a coworker of hers for assistance in getting her home. Both were professional, compassionate and very comforting. Both gentlemen did an excellent job. It is good to hear that our dispatchers and officers are living up to the Department’s Core Values.

**Intern** – OSU Student Robert Harder has begun a second internship with the Police Department. He began working with 1<sup>st</sup> shift officers on April 12<sup>th</sup> and moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Schools** – Officer Hamilton attended a class hosted by the Columbus Police Department on April 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. The class was entitled “Understanding the Threat to America.” Officer Hall attended a course at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy on April 8<sup>th</sup> entitled “Understanding and Working with Difficult People.”

**In Service Training** – All officers attended a defensive tactics in service training which was held at the police department. The training was a good refresher and included some new tactics.

**Code Red Training** – Officer Deckop and Sergeant Jones attended a Code Red training session along with other Village and Department personnel. Code Red added some new features that could be beneficial to the Village in the future.

**IV. Employee Concerns**

Nothing at this time.

**V. Community Policing/Community Relations**

Nothing at this time.

## Traffic Issues

**Traffic Calming** – Sergeant Jones watched a webinar class on traffic calming. The instructor was Reid Ewing who is a Professor of City and Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah. The class was good and Sergeant Jones was surprised to hear that some measures that were previously thought to be effective in calming traffic may not be. When asked about Optical Speed Bars the professor stated “some studies have shown them to be effective while others have shown them to be ineffective.” When asked why he did not believe the use of striping to narrow the lane width was effective in slowing traffic the professor stated that “Lane narrowing does not impact vehicle speeds, it is the drivers’ perception/reaction to lane width that may or may not affect how they operate their vehicles.”

**Speed Trailer** – After retrieving the Speed Trailer from Ogden Woods Boulevard near Keswick for recharging, the trailer was deployed to SR 605 at SR 161 on April 14th. Contractors are working at SR 605 and Walton Parkway to erect stop lights at the intersection. The trailer was deployed south of the intersection to help slow traffic as it approaches the construction area. SR 605 curves south of the intersection which reduces the line of sight from the intersection for anyone at the intersection and as one approaches the intersection.

**Stealth Stat/Lambton Park** – On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we completed a stealth traffic survey in response to a complaint of speeding on Lambton Park east of US 62. In a 24 hour period 1871 vehicles passed through the portion of Lambton Park being studied. The average speed was 27 mph in 25 mph zone. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 32 mph hour. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is a number used by traffic engineers and others to help determine a safe speed for a road. The ten mile per hour range that contains the greatest number of vehicles was 23 mph to 32 mph. The traffic study reveals there is no significant speeding problem on the portion of Lambton Park near US 62. One reason the complainant may believe there is one is because the road in that area is a series of curves. A car traveling through a curve appears to be traveling at a greater speed than its actual speed.

In evaluating the speeding complaint it was discovered that there are no speed limit signs on Lambton Park. Sergeant Jones believes that the residential prima facie 25mph is sufficient for most residential areas. However, Lambton Park is a very long road with many feeder roads leading into it. Sergeant Jones contacted the New Albany Service Department and asked they install 25mph speed limit signs on Lambton Park, similar to the ones posted on Fenway Road.

As mentioned above, a stealth traffic study revealed not significant speeding problem. That certainly does not mean there is no speeding on Lambton Park as proven in a crash on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Witnesses stated a young man in a car was traveling down Lambton Park at a high rate of speed. He traveled through a curve left of center as he passed a parked car. An oncoming vehicle had to veer off the road to avoid a head on collision. It struck the curb before leaving the road completely.

## Top Eight

The following is April 2010's Top Eight list.

1. Ogden Woods Blvd between Keswick and Alpath (Speed)
2. Lambton Park near Waterston (Speed)
3. Market Street (Speed)
4. Fenway (Speed & Stop Signs)
5. Harlem North of Morse Road (Speed)
6. School Zone – Fodor Rd.
7. School Zone – Dublin Granville
8. School Zone – SR 605

Officers dedicated 44 hours in the Top Eight areas during the month of April. They issued 26 citations and 43 warnings.

### Top Eight Activity by Officer

	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Citations</u>	<u>Warnings</u>
Sgt. Jones	390	4	3
Sgt. Burton	225	3	5
Sgt. Anderson	307	3	5
Off. Hamilton	170	1	1
Off. Deckop	75	1	0
Off. Hall	385	2	6
Off. Southers	755	7	17
Off. Rehnert	117	3	5
Off. Catanese	225	2	1

## Second Shift

### Sergeant Mark Anderson

#### I. Projects/Programs

**Compensatory Time Study** – The graph below represents the overtime hours earned by New Albany police officers for the first six pay periods of 2009 and 2010. The graph includes a year to date (YTD) total which compares the total overtime hours earned for the first six pay periods of 2009 to the first six pay periods of 2010. As the YTD total shows, police officers have claimed 213.5 fewer overtime hours in 2010 than they did for the same time period in 2009. The April 12<sup>th</sup> report submitted to the Chief of Police indicated (on page 2) that the vast majority of overtime hours earned by officers in 2010 in pay periods 5 and 6 were due to “Training” (75.25 hours) and “Other” (57.5). The “Other” category included overtime hours for attending mandatory meetings, late arrests, reports, etc, while “Training” refers to all in-service.

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	YTD
<b>2010</b>	13.25	26.5	22.25	43.25	61.25	90.5	257
<b>2009</b>	57.25	45.75	58.5	158.25	93	57.75	470.5
<b>Difference</b>	-44	-19.25	-36.25	-115	-31.75	32.75	-213.5

**New Albany Symphony 4 Mile Race** – The 2010 New Albany Symphony 4 mile race went off significantly smoother than last year’s inaugural race. The organizers did a good job positioning the volunteers at key locations. However, some of the volunteers instructed the runners to proceed in the south bound lane of Yantis as opposed to the agreed upon northbound lane. This caused some problems at first, especially at the intersection of Yantis and Greensward Roads. There were no reported complaints by local residents. Credit should be given to Officer Southers, Officer Rehnert, and Officer Fernander who worked the special duty detail and made it a priority to move motorist through the closure as quickly as possible. Event Coordinator, Noelle Snyder, said she was pleased with the job the officers did and asked that the same officers work the event next year, if they were available.

**Spring Egg Hunt** –The Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2010 went according to plan. Officer Ken Hamilton and Sergeant Mark Anderson were at the event in marked cruisers greeting people as they entered and walked through the event area. The attendance appeared larger this year compared to any recent Spring Egg Hunt event. Parking was not a serious problem and most everyone obeyed the “do not park” signs posted along Swickard Woods Boulevard.

#### II. Anticipated Problems or Developments

Nothing to report this month.

### **III. Items of Special Interest**

#### **Training:**

- Officers received their three hours of Defensive Tactics training during the month of April.
- Officer Joe Rehnert attended a five day Traffic Crash Investigation training course at the State Highway Patrol Academy on April 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer Joe Rehnert and Officer Joe Catanese attended a three day Commercial Vehicles training course at OPOTA on April 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer Ryan Southers attended a one day Legal Update training course at OPOTA on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **IV. Employee Concerns**

Nothing to report this month.

### **V. Community Policing/Community Relations**

**State Farm Child Safety Day** – On Saturday, April 24, 2010, Officer Ryan Southers attended a community event sponsored by State Farm Insurance and hosted by Capital City Church on Henderson Road. Officer Southers, along with several other certified and trained public safety personnel, installed several child safety seats for vehicle owners with small children.

# **Third Shift**

## **Sergeant Ed Burton**

### **I. Projects/Programs**

**Citizen Police Academy** – On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the New Albany Police Department graduated its very first Citizen Police Academy Class. During April, Sergeant Burton began reviewing the students' evaluations from the CPA program. The student evaluations were very positive with all of the students stating they enjoyed the overall program. There were also several suggestions in reference to expanding and/or eliminating several of the course topics. Sergeant Burton has begun preparing these changes to the schedule and curriculum for the next academy class.

The academy students were given the opportunity to become active Citizen Police Academy Alumni. Sergeant Burton has been working with Officer Kevin Deckop to organize an alumni e-mail networking system. Alumni members would receive updates and group information, thereby, allowing members to support the future needs of the Police Department. We hope to have full participation from all alumni members.

### **II. Anticipated Problems or Developments**

**Shift Schedule Changes** – During the month of April, one of our swing shift officers has been involved with working on several important criminal investigations causing the department to be short a patrol officer. As a result, many officers have to switch their schedules around to cover shifts. Sergeant Burton anticipates this being a continuing issue as we go into the month of May as officers will be attending training classes and vacations.

### **III. Items of Special Interest**

#### **Training:**

- On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Ed Burton attended a course held at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio entitled "Performance Leadership."
- On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Ed Burton attended a course held at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio entitled "Empowerment and Productivity."
- Throughout the month of April, all officers received in-house training involving "Defensive Tactics." This training was instructed by Officer Joe Duff and Officer Leland Kelly and was held here at the Police Department's fitness training facility. All officers observed demonstrations of making punches effective as well as specific ground fighting techniques. After learning and practicing these techniques, every officer was given an opportunity to participate in a scenario in which these techniques would be utilized. These techniques could save the officer's life if involved in a real ground fighting situations.

**ThinkFirst Presentation-** On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Ed Burton represented the Police Department at the ThinkFirst Presentation hosted by Probation Officer Amy Boyd at Village Hall. This presentation is designed for juveniles who have been charged with underage drinking or possession of drugs and their parents. A health care provider discussed the dangers or effects caused by these types of behaviors. After the presentation the juveniles talked in a small group of their peers while their parents are taken to a different room where they are able to ask questions concerning their child. Parents' questions may be directed to the presenting health care provider or to the law enforcement officer if they have any legal related questions.

**Internship** – Robert Harder, a student at The Ohio State University, extended his hours of internship with our department this month. Robert has expanded his role as an intern by not just riding along with the officer but assisting them with paperwork. Robert assisted our property room officers this month by enter computer data information necessary for the disposition of property.

**Compliment** – Officer Garrett Fernander, Officer Kris Daniels, Sergeant Mark Anderson, and Dispatcher Mary Ham received a letter of compliment on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for their assistance with a lost and confused elderly female. While on a traffic stop with an elderly female, officers realized that she was lost and confused. Dispatcher Ham was able to locate and notify her daughter of her mother's condition. All police personnel received a letter from the daughter thanking them for their care and sensitivity in this situation.

#### **IV. Employee Concerns**

No employee concerns at this time.

#### **V. Community Policing**

No community policing/community relations to report at this time.

# Detective Investigations/Activities

## Detective Jeff Wall

### I. Projects/Programs

Nothing to report.

### II. Investigations

- Detective Wall concluded (closed) the Telecommunications Harassment investigation (#10-281). Subpoenaed telephone records show that the harassing calls originated from a gas station's pay phone in Newark. Surveillance video from the gas station was analyzed but was unable to provide identifying information on the caller. Records also show that numerous calls were made on the same night from this phone to other residents in central Ohio. These "victims" advised that the calls to them were also harassing in nature but appear to be randomly made.
- Officer Kelly and Detective Wall concluded a narcotics investigation concerning a New Albany resident suspected of selling heroin from a residence. The suspect voluntarily admitted herself into drug rehab and upon the completion of this rehab, she will serve jail time for several probation violations.
- Officer Fernander and Detective Wall continued with a Burglary investigation (#09-1907) in which various firearms were taken from a residence. The victim could not provide the serial numbers so the A.T.F. and Vance's have been asked to review their records and provide these numbers for the investigation.
- Sergeant Jones and Detective Wall assisted Officer Daniels with an "Improperly Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle" criminal charge that had been filed. The suspect's firearm that Officer Daniels impounded was test fired at the range for the Grand Jury prosecutor. A report was filed describing the results of the test fire.
- Detective Wall continued the investigation of a Grand Theft report (#09-1626). The suspect's defense attorney is assisting in attempts to have the suspect provide restitution to the victim to avoid a jail sentence.

### III. Items of Special Interest

**Training** – Detective Wall attended the DT training provided by Officer Duff.

### IV. Community Policing/Community Relations

Nothing to report.

# School Resource Officer

## Officer Joel Strahler

### I. Projects/Programs

**Prom Promise Assembly:** Traditionally, the SRO organizes the Prom Promise assembly held the Wednesday before the Junior/Senior prom. This year was no exception. Officer Strahler invited a guest speaker from the national Youth to Youth program to be the keynote speaker at the assembly. Mr. Javier Sanchez addressed the high school student body about making good choices as teenagers/young adults and respecting themselves, their dates and other's property. Also in conjunction with prom promise, a vehicle was on display that was crashed during an alcohol related incident. Overall, the prom assembly and the prom both were very successful and safe this year.

**Peace Week Festivities:** A new event was added to Peace Week at the high school this year which introduced a walk/run event. Students and staff participated in this event that started off campus, continued through the country club community and ended in the high school stadium. Officer Strahler, with assistance from Mr. Fisher and numerous staff volunteers, was able to assist athletes participating at cross walks and road crossings. Other festivities included an ice cream social, a basketball tournament, an art show, a leadership assembly, live bands and lunch on the lawn which had over twenty food vendors. All said, it was a successful event with only a few minor issues.

### II. Anticipated Problems or Developments

None to report at this time.

### III. Items of Special Interest

**Training:** Officer Strahler participated in an in house defensive tactics training refresher course.

**Prom:** Prom was held April 16<sup>th</sup> without incident.

### IV. Enforcement/Calls for Service

**School Zone Lights:** It appeared that the school zone lights had not properly adjusted to day light savings time. The New Albany Service Department was notified and the issue was corrected.

**Damage to a school Camera:** Mr. Fisher reported that a camera was damaged. Upon reviewing footage of the incident, Officer Strahler and Mr. Fisher were able to locate the person responsible.

**Cross Walk:** A bus driver reported to Officer Strahler that students after school are not using the crosswalk properly. Officer Strahler was present at the crosswalk after receiving this complaint on several days and witnessed no issues.

**Custody Issue:** A school administrator asked Officer Strahler for input regarding a custody issue over a student. Officer Strahler advised to refer the issue to the district's legal department due to it being a civil matter and not a criminal matter.

**Solicitation:** A younger student while on the bus was asking inappropriate questions and for sexual favors from students of the opposite sex. The bus driver reported this behavior and the student was addressed by administration and Officer Strahler.

**FCSO Car 21:** Officer Strahler responded to assist Deputy Lampton on a traffic stop when individuals Deputy Lampton stopped began acting as if they weren't going to comply with the request of the Deputy. The scene was handled without incident.

**BONA:** This is a group of students that refer to themselves as "Bitches of New Albany." This group gained notoriety this month over social networking pages and by being blamed for some incidents in and around the community. Several discussions have been held with parents, victims, and staff members about this group, the meaning behind the name and what can be done to curve this type of behavior. In short, Officer Strahler believes that parents need to become more proactive in monitoring their children's behaviors.

**I.C.E.:** Officer Strahler contacted a Hispanic male while following up on an unrelated item near Notting Hill Dr. Upon contacting the local immigration service, they were unable to send a representative out to address the issue of illegal immigration.

**Crash:** Officer Strahler assisted Officer Deckop with a non-injury crash at the intersection of US 62 and SR 605.

**Student Fornication:** Officer Strahler received information regarding middle school students "hiding" out in the high school having sexual relations on the elevators and in stairwells not accessible to students. After reviewing cameras and monitoring the areas in question no such behavior was witnessed.

**Suspicious Person(s):** Officer Strahler responded to or encountered numerous people on campus this month that had no official business reason to be on district grounds. In all cases, the person(s) were asked to leave and complied with the request.

**Computer Upgrade:** The computer provided by the school located in police dispatch which monitors the school cameras, is being upgraded. This upgrade is in line with the district wide improvements to cameras. Jon Stonebraker and Warren Butler are working on this upgrade.

**Locker Room Thefts:** Numerous locker room thefts have taken place this month. The hot item taken seems to be I-Pods. Students are encouraged to follow school policy and not bring these electronic devises to school. However, Officer Strahler has been able to recover a few of these items and allow the school disciplinary procedures to take place.

**Theft on Bus:** A student was able to obtain property belonging to a bus driver during the route to or from school. The school bus driver reported that she was missing money, keys and a driver's license. Most of the property was recovered except for the money. The district handled school discipline.

**Theft from a classroom:** A staff member reported that personal belongings were taken from a closet located in the classroom. After an investigation, Officer Strahler was able to locate and identify a possible suspect. All items were returned and restitution will be required through the Diversion program.

**Theft from Vendors:** During lunch on the lawn for the Peace Week celebration, three students were identified for stealing drinks from food vendors. The Dean of Students, upon contacting the individuals, reported this to Officer Strahler. School discipline followed after the individuals' cooperation with the investigation.

**Medical Emergency:** Officer Strahler responded to a staff member who had fallen after tripping over a backpack in the classroom. The staff member broke their ankle and had to be transported to a local emergency room.

**Social Networking Sites:** Facebook and FormSpring continue to be issues that bleed over into the school environment when comments are made that lean toward being threatening. Officer Strahler continues to investigate these issues and addresses the situations proactively.

**Domestic Dispute:** A parent of a student contacted Officer Strahler who stated the student is being threatening toward other family members in the household. The advice that Officer Strahler suggested was to contact the Police Department during the time of the incident(s).

## V. **Community Policing**

**Safety Town:** Columbus Parent Magazine contacted Officer Strahler to ascertain if it would be possible to display Safety Town at the Columbus Zoo in recognition of promoting safety awareness through the program. The Police Department and Safety Town decided to commit to the invitation and traveled to the zoo for a two-day event on May 1 and 2, 2010. Plain Township Fire Department also participated in the event.

Officer Strahler would like to personally thank Dennis Muncey and all of his assigned crew from the Service Department for assisting in transportation of buildings during this event.

Other news in Safety Town, work is being done to the permanent site in preparation for the 2010 campaign. Registration has begun for the 2010 campaign and to date over 250 participants have registered.

# Communications/Records

## Office Supervisor Yvette Nguyen

### I. Projects/Programs

**MARCS Radio Grant** – Some of the MARCS equipment (Franklin County EMA IECGP grant) was received on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting to receive the additional equipment from the UASI grant.

### II. Anticipated Problems or Developments

Nothing to report at this time.

### III. Items of Special Interest

**Public Safety Answering Point Manger's Meeting** – Office Supervisor Nguyen attended this meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Next Generation 911 project was discussed. In spite of the Franklin County 911 Governing Board passing a budget of \$4.2 million for 911 upgrades in December 2009, the NG911 project is awaiting approval by the E911 Planning Committee. The Chairman indicated that this would likely be a phased approach depending on the costs involved with implementing the five wireless PSAPs first. There is also the need to communicate with State of Ohio Senators and Representatives about the need to upgrade the current wireless PSAP funding law to remove a sunset clause, the limit of five PSAPs, and to make the use of funds to include all aspects of the E911 systems. The Chairman presented the vendor Intrado's proposal as acceptable (over AT&T's). Intrado was voted as the select vendor for the NG911 process. The project is likely to move forward in the near future, but how soon it will impact the Village is unknown at this time. Office Supervisor Nguyen will keep the Village informed as more information is presented at future PSAP Manager Meetings.

**JAG Grant Audit** – Mr. Shaun Campbell with the Office of Criminal Justice Services performed an on-site visit for an audit of the JAG Tactical Equipment grant on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Campbell met with Office Supervisor Nguyen and Fiscal Manager Vicki McKinney to review particular items as requested. Mr. Campbell sent a letter indicating that the Police and Finance Departments grant binders and financial documentation was well organized and accurate.

**Code Red Training** – The Office Supervisor and Police Clerk Mercer attended Code Red training on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This was good refresher training. The Office Supervisor placed an updated binder in the Communications Center and will be reviewing Code Red procedures with all Dispatchers.

**Compliment** – On April 20<sup>th</sup>, officers initiated a traffic stop involving an elderly woman who was lost and confused. Dispatcher Ham was able to locate and notify the woman's daughter of the situation. The daughter sent an email complimenting Dispatcher Ham and the officers involved for how they handled the situation.

**Dispatch Center Statistics:**

<u>April</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2010/2009</u>
911 Calls	105	86	381	366	4%
Warrants Entered	0	6	20	26	-2%
Entered Reports	172	137	600	561	7%

**IV. Employee Concerns**

Nothing to report at this time.

**V. Community Policing/Community Relations**

Nothing to report at this time.