

# **Northfield Village Police Department Annual Report**



*A Look Back at 2012*

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# Mission Statement

The mission of every member of the Northfield Village Police Department is to uncompromisingly provide a superior level of quality service and to remain resolute in our desire to reliably and diligently strive to seek and find, in an unyielding, dedicated, and committed approach, the ways and means to dynamically promote, preserve, and enhance the safety, security, and overall quality of life within our community.

Chief of Police

*Mark C. Wentz*

Mayor ★ Safety Director

Jesse J. Nehez

Law Director ★ Prosecutor

Bradric Bryan

Clerk of Court

Lisa Thellmann

2012 Fire & Safety Committee

Beatrice Greenlee, Chairperson ★ Linda Bowen ★ Karyn Selle



# Introduction



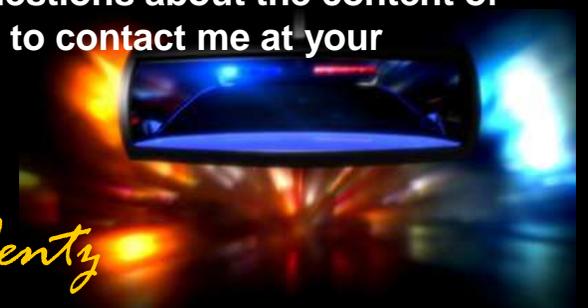
On behalf of the members of the Police Department, I present our 2012 Annual Report. This report provides highlights and summaries of the Police Department's activities during the past year. It also includes descriptions of the Department's major programs, initiatives and accomplishments.

The accomplishments realized by the department during 2012 were the result of an effective team effort put forth by a great group of committed law enforcement officers and support staff. I remain confident in the ability of this law enforcement agency to meet its mandate of safeguarding the community by way of delivery of a comprehensive array of law enforcement services and programs administered by a diligent, well-trained, and selfless work force.

Should you have any questions about the content of this report, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

*Chief Mark C. Wentz*



# Police Personnel



Over the past decade, the Northfield Village Police Department has successfully sustained a strong nucleus of full-time officers, intertwined with reliable and energetic part-time officers. We have experience within the ranks and youth waiting in the wings.

In 2012, we lost the services of three part-time officers, two of whom relinquished their part-time commissions with Northfield due to conflicts with their full-time jobs with other departments, while the third accepted a full-time position with the Lorain County Sheriff's Office. Fortunately, we were able to fill those openings with three new part-time officers, then added a fourth to further complement the roster.

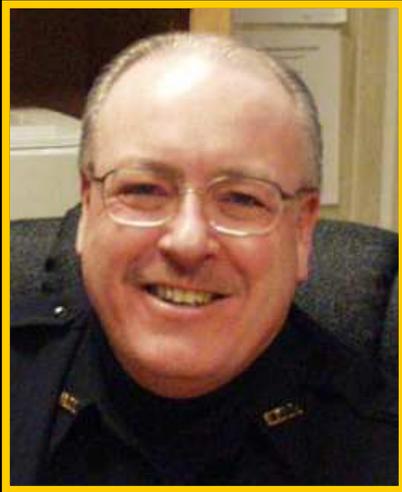
On January 1, 2012, two of our part-time officers, Matthew Grams and Warren Olesinski, were promoted to full-time status. Both had shown a strong work ethic and reliability during their tenure as part-time officers and were deserving of the promotions.

Presently, the Police Department is comprised of the Chief of Police, one lieutenant, two sergeants, five full-time patrol officers, one full-time detective, seven part-time officers, and a civilian police secretary.

# Police Personnel Deployment

ASSIGNMENT	COORDINATOR	ASSIGNMENT	COORDINATOR
Block Watch	Officer Fred Jones	Fatal Accident Team	Officer Brian Zajac
Booking Photo File	Officer Brian Zambach	Field Training	Sgt. John Zoligus
Breath Instrument	Officer Matthew Grams	Firearms / Range	Lt. Jamie Mackie
Case Management	Supervisors	Fugitive Task Force	Det. Carlile   Officer Zajac
Communication Equipment	Sgt. John Zoligus	Juvenile Diversion	Sgt. John Zoligus
Community Events	Chief Wentz   Lt. Mackie	Logistics & Supplies	Officer Brian Zajac
Computers (In-House)	Mr. Jay Mutter	Metro SWAT Team	Chief Wentz   Lt. Mackie
Computers (MDTs)	Sgt. John Zoligus	Public Speakers Bureau	Chief Mark Wentz
Crash Statistician	Lt. Jamie Mackie	Records Requests / Police Files	Lisa Thellmann
Crisis Intervention Team	Lt. Jamie Mackie	Safety Town	Officer Brian Zajac
Dispatch Liaison	Sgt. John Zoligus	Seat Belt "Buckle Up" Campaign	Sgt. John Zoligus
Departmental Training	Chief Wentz   Lt. Mackie	Side Job Coordinator	Officer Matthew Grams
Detective Bureau	Lt. Jamie Mackie	Tactical Training	Sgt. A. Urbanowicz
Evidence Room	Det. Edward Carlile	Traffic Enforcement Unit	Sgt. John Zoligus
Exposure Control	Sgt. A. Urbanowicz	Vehicle Maintenance	Sgt. John Zoligus

# Executive Officers



2001  
Chief of Police  
**Mark C. Wentz**



Chief Wentz began his career as a part-time officer with North Randall in 1979. He was elevated to full-time in 1980 and served the next 21 years as a patrol officer, uniformed detective, accident investigator, detective, and sergeant with that agency. He was appointed Northfield's Chief of Police in 2001.



1994  
Lieutenant  
**Jamie F. Mackie**



Lt. Mackie has risen through the ranks. Before his promotion to lieutenant in 2010, he served as an auxiliary (1994), part-time officer (1995), full-time patrol officer (1997), detective (2001), sergeant (2004), and executive sergeant (2008). He served in the United States Marine Corps.



1995  
Sergeant  
**Anthony Urbanowicz**



Sgt. Urbanowicz joined the Northfield Village Police in 1995. He was elevated to full-time in 1997 and promoted to sergeant in 1998. He is the department's Tactical Training Officer and Night Shift Supervisor. He served in the United States Marine Corps.



1993  
Sergeant  
**John Zolcus**



Sgt. Zolcus joined the Police Department in 1993 as a part-time officer. He was elevated to full-time in 1997 and promoted to sergeant in 2004. His duties include Fleet Officer, Field Training Supervisor, and Juvenile Diversion Coordinator.

# Patrol & Investigative Division

## Full-time Officers



1997  
Patrol Officer  
**Brian Zambach**

★  
\*CIT



2005  
Detective  
**Edward Carlile**

★  
*Detective Bureau  
Hostage Negotiator  
Fugitive Task Force*  
\*CIT



2005  
Patrol Officer  
**Brian Zajac**

★  
*Juvenile Officer  
Crash Investigator  
Fugitive Task Force  
Block Watch*  
\*FTO  
\*CIT



2008  
Patrol Officer  
**Frederick Jones**

★  
*Arson Investigator  
Tactical Officer  
Certified \*EMT  
Block Watch Cmdr.*  
\*FTO  
\*CIT



2009  
Patrol Officer  
**Matthew Grams**

★  
*Range Instructor  
Block Watch*  
\*CIT



2010  
Patrol Officer  
**Warren Olesinski**

★  
*Metro SWAT  
Block Watch*  
\*FTO  
\*CIT

\*EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

\*FTO – Field Training Officer

\*CIT – Crisis Intervention Team



# Patrol Division

## Part-time Officers



2002  
Patrol Officer  
**James Catania**



1999 – 2008, 2011  
Patrol Officer  
**Joe McFeely**



2011  
Patrol Officer  
**Craig Wilson**  
*U.S. Marine Corps*



2012  
Patrol Officer  
**Corey Zidlicky**



2012  
Patrol Officer  
**Derek Heatwall**



2012  
Patrol Officer  
**Rita Raimer**



2012  
Patrol Officer  
**Micheal Bonfield**



# Detective Bureau

## Crime Scene Investigative Unit



**Lt. Jamie Mackie**



*Det. Bureau Supervisor  
\*CIT*



**Det. Edward Carlile**



*Detective  
Evidence Officer  
Hostage Negotiator  
Fugitive Task Force  
\*CIT*



**Ptl. Fred Jones**



*Arson Investigator  
\*CIT*

The Detective Bureau is charged with the responsibility of managing the more serious cases, the evidence room, and assists the members of the Patrol Division with their cases by conducting interviews and following up additional leads, to name but a few of the many everyday tasks.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of a bureau supervisor, one full-time detective and an arson



*\*CIT – Crisis Intervention Team*

# Juvenile Division

## Juvenile Diversion Program



**Sgt. John Zolgus**



*Juvenile Division Supervisor  
Diversion Coordinator*



**Brian Zajac**



*Juvenile Officer  
Diversion Officer  
\*CIT*

The Juvenile Division investigates and records the activities of juveniles within the Village. It is also responsible for the development and implementation of the Juvenile Diversion Program, an alternative to Juvenile Court for juveniles who commit a minor offense for the first time. In this capacity juvenile offenders are dealt with on an unofficial basis through a hearing, during which time a contract, aimed at eradicating the delinquent or unruly behavior, is established with the cooperation of the juvenile's parents and/or legal guardian. Additionally, diversion-eligible juvenile offenders are introduced to available options, which can be utilized to achieve greater levels of success in changing negative behavior, including community service and counseling.



*\*CIT – Crisis Intervention Team*

# Promotions, Hires & Departures



**PTL. MATTHEW GRAMS**  
Promoted to Full-time  
January 1, 2012



**PTL. WARREN OLESINSKI**  
Promoted to Full-time  
January 1, 2012



**PTL. CRAIG WILSON**  
Hired Part-time  
December 14, 2011



**PTL. COREY ZIDLICKY**  
Hired Part-time  
February 8, 2012



**PTL. RITA RAIMER**  
Hired Part-time  
May 9, 2012



**PTL. DEREK HEATWALL**  
Hired Part-time  
September 26, 2012



**PTL. MICHEAL BONFIELD**  
Hired Part-time on  
October 24, 2012

## DEPARTURES:

Ptl. Marc Smith (Garfield Hts. PD), Ptl. Michael Walker (Hudson PD),  
and Ptl. Eric Gregus (Lorain County Sheriff's Office)



# Specialized Unit | Metro SWAT



The Northfield Village Police Department joined the Metro SWAT Team at the end of 2012. Twenty area departments in Summit and Portage Counties make up the unit. Metro SWAT also maintains mutual aid agreements with five other area SWAT teams in case there is a prolonged or highly involved operation where relief or operational assistance is needed.

The organization maintains three specialized vehicles and three for general transportation, a command post and a negotiator vehicle. Since inception, Metro SWAT has been activated over 280 times to assist participating agencies in their time of need. Metro SWAT not only trains and performs high risk operations such as warrant services, barricaded subjects and hostage rescue, but is also capable of performing area searches for lost people or evidence, disaster security, crowd control and riot Response. Members are trained in a variety of firearms and several less lethal devices.

There are specialized units within the organization: negotiators, precision rifle, explosive entry and medical.

# Specialized Unit | NOVFTF

## Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force – Akron Division



The Northfield Village Police Department is one of twenty-four area law enforcement agencies who make up the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force – Akron Division. We have two active members on the unit.

A collaborative, district-wide law enforcement effort spearheaded by the U.S. Marshals Service, the unit is dedicated to the pursuit, apprehension, and successful prosecution of violent adult fugitives across the Northern District of Ohio with outstanding state and federal felony warrants.

This task force was formed in direct support of Project Safe Neighborhoods to join the "nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools necessary to be successful." The continuous effectiveness of the unit is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive.

# Police Budgetary Matters

Over the past several years, we have made a concerted effort to streamline the budgetary process into a workable and manageable, yet comprehensive work product.

In 2012, the Police Department's did not exceed its budgetary allocation for an eleventh consecutive year. At year's end, we spent \$1,001,394.26 of the \$1,040,759.00 appropriated, leaving an **unexpended balance of \$39,364.74**, which was rolled back into the General Fund.



Category	Appropriated	Spent	Unexpended
Salaries & Wages	623,359.00	634,017.88	3,341.12
Personnel Benefits	179,952.48	159,198.37	20,754.11
Travel & Training	7,000.00	249.75	6,750.25
Uniforms & Clothing	13,839.56	13,956.67	- 117.11
Contractual Services	103,057.40	103,263.26	- 205.86
Supplies & Materials	50,200.00	41,357.77	8,842.23
Capital Outlay	49,350.56	49,350.46	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,040,759.00</b>	<b>\$1,001,394.26</b>	<b>\$39,364.74</b>

# Police Grants & Awards

In 2012, the Police Department applied for an assortment of grants and awards. With the exception of not earning a sufficient number of points to secure the \$125,000.00 U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Grant, we were successful in all of our other applications and acquired grant money and equipment totaling **\$18,737.62**.

Some of the items awarded, such as the new MPH Industries BEE III radar system and the Dell Latitude E6400 XFR laptop computer and M110 Multi-Media projector and software, were the result of the department's sustained involvement in the **Click It or Ticket** campaign, **Juvenile Diversion**, and the **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention** program.



*Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio presents Sgt. John Zoligus with a check for \$2,500.00 as part of the \$5,000.00 awarded to the Police Department for their Juvenile Diversion Program. The \$5,000.00 covers the second half of 2012 and first half of 2013.*

# Police Grants & Awards

In 2012, the Police Department was awarded the following grants and equipment.



Grant / Agency	Item / Purpose	Request
Summit County Juvenile Court	Juvenile Diversion July 2012 – June 2013	\$5,000.00
Justice Department Bulletproof Vest Grant	Police Body Armor	50% of \$1,475.00
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	Dell Latitude E6400 XFR Laptop Computer	\$4,500.00
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	Dell M110 Multi-Media Projector	\$450.00
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	Microsoft Office 2010 Professional & Other Software	\$400.00
Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee	(2) Breaching Tool Kits for Hostage & Barricaded Incidents	\$550.12 (275.06 Each)
“Click It or Ticket” Ohio Dept. Public Safety	MHP Industries BEE III Radar System	\$2,000.00
Ohio Department of Youth Services	Interview/Holding Room Video Recording System, HP All-In-One Computer & Printer	\$3,500.00
Department of Justice Overage Grant	(3) HP All-In-One TouchSmart Computers	\$1,600.00

# Police Cruiser Fleet

Our fleet is currently comprised of four marked patrol cruisers: Cars 830, 832, 834, and 836; one unmarked detective bureau car; an unmarked Lieutenant's vehicle (828), and 2008 Chevrolet Impala assigned to the Chief of Police.

Cruiser No.	Cruiser Year, Make & Model	Start Mileage	Ending Mileage	Miles Driven	Repair Costs
830	2011 Ford Crown Vic	14,892	37,683	22,791	\$1,207.62
832	2011 Ford Crown Vic	44,742	63,546	18,804	\$1,752.42
834 – NEW	2013 Ford Interceptor	241	8,748	8,507	\$58.78
836	2008 Ford Crown Vic	77,014	92,672	15,658	\$1,594.94
838 – REPL.	2006 Ford Crown Vic	103,283	106,766	3,483	\$313.29
DB – NEW	2013 Ford Explorer	8	755	747	\$280.00
801 – REPL.	2000 GMC Yukon	169,700	172,342	2,642	\$348.80
801 – NEW	2008 Chevy Impala	74,910	89,379	14,469	\$444.51
834/828 – Lt.	2008 Ford Crown Vic	112,264	121,106	16,254	\$1,513.56
<b>2012 TOTAL MILES DRIVEN &amp; REPAIR COSTS ▶</b>				<b>103,355</b>	<b>\$7,513.92</b>

Old 834 (Now 828 above) was taken out of active patrol on 07/09/2012 and transferred to the Lieutenant as an unmarked. Old 838 (2006 Crown Vic) was taken out of service on 11/02/12 and replaced with the new 2013 Ford Interceptor for the Detective Bureau. 801 (2000 GMC Yukon) was taken out of service on 03/06/12 and replaced with a used 2008 Chevrolet Impala for the Chief of Police.

We spent a total of \$22,182.60 on the fleet in 2012 - \$7,513.92 on repairs, \$11,753.61 for cruiser supplies and materials, and \$2,915.07 for additional supplies and services not covered by the quarterly purchase orders.

## 2012 FUEL BREAKDOWN

**Fuel Costs:** \$36,574.25

**Gallons:** 13,388.11

**Average Price:** \$2.692

**Total Miles:** 103,355

**Transactions:** 1,167



# Introducing the New Ford Police Interceptor



# Award Winner | BEST FORD INTERCEPTOR

2012 International Police Vehicle Design Contest



## Judges' Comments

The color scheme is bold and the red *POLICE* lettering really stands out. This is one sharp-looking Interceptor!

Cruiser graphics by Classic Designs, Oakwood, OH

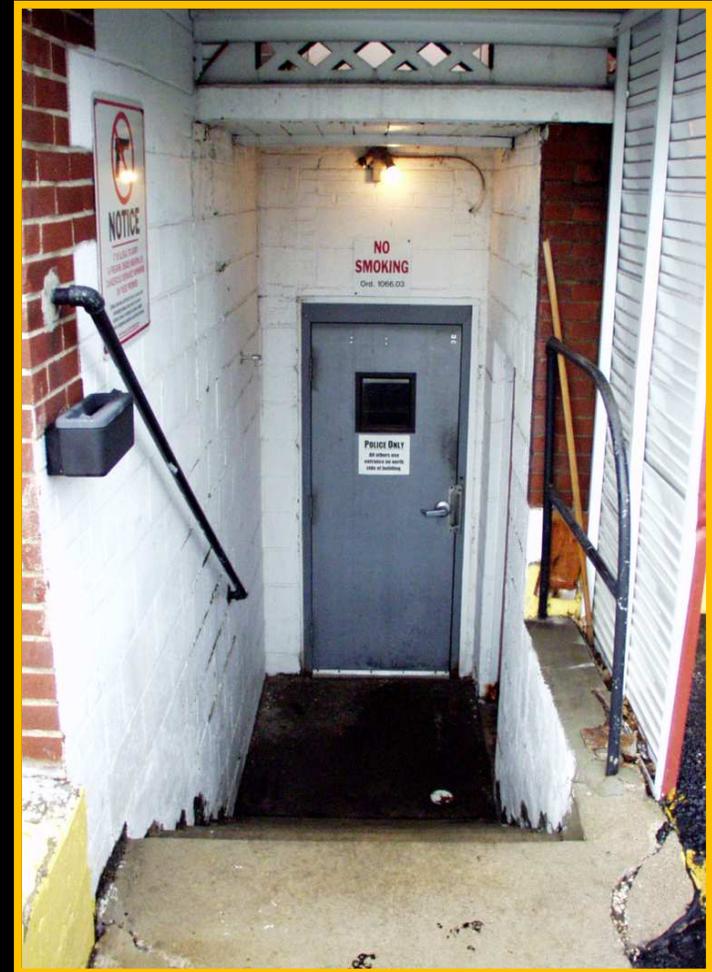
# Police Department Remodeling

## Long Overdue...

The Police Department has called the basement of the Village Hall “home” since 1935. Like everything else, it grew old and did not age gracefully. Despite several facelifts over the years, it was never able to recapture its youth, until 2012.

The remodeling of the police station came as a result of Chief Wentz approaching area businesses for donations to assist in, what started out to be, another simple facelift. However, when the Lowe’s manager, Al Rito, stopped by to personally see our dilemma, he stepped up and spearheaded a project that eventually drew in other home improvement companies and area contractors. Collectively, these businesses donated in excess of \$50,000.00 in materials and labor. And, no one did more than The Farrow Group. John Kuznik and his staff literally took the station down to its bare walls and floors, then brought in their own contractors and did a makeover that would have made Bob Villa proud. CT Electric rewired the entire police station and installed all new lighting and camera systems; Taylor Construction put up new drywall, drop ceilings, and cabinets; the painters did what painters do best, and Walton Hills Collision painted and clear-coated all of the doors. Finally, EverStone Floors came in and laid down a new epoxy stone floor. The results were incredible.

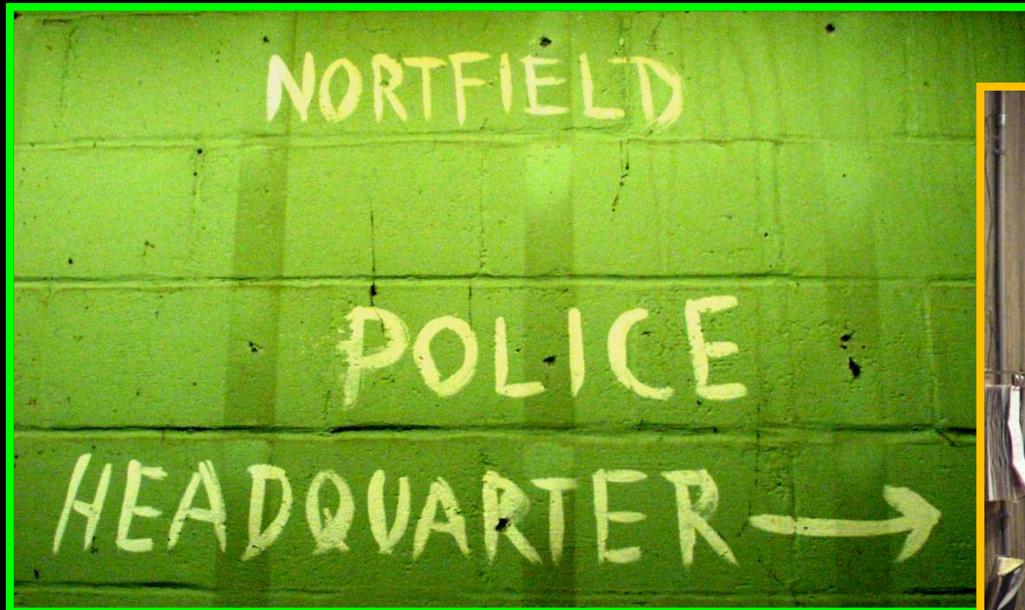
There is not enough time or space to thank everyone involved, but we are eternally grateful for the contributions made to this project. We are forever in your debt. Thank you.



# Police Department Remodeling

## Home Sweet Home Since 1935

During the demolition of the Police Department we uncovered an interesting hand-painted sign under three layers of old wood paneling. Can you find the two mistakes?.



# Police Department Remodeling

“Out With the Old” ...



# Police Department Remodeling

## And "In With the New" ...



# Police Department Remodeling

Working Around the Work...



# Police Department Remodeling

Things Are Looking Up...



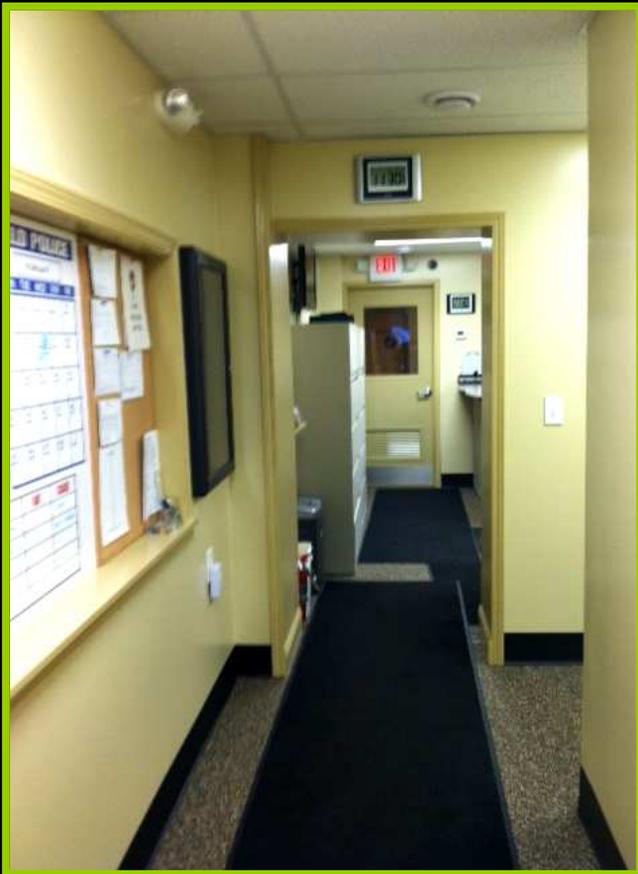
# Police Department Remodeling

Paving the Way...



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A Fresh Start...



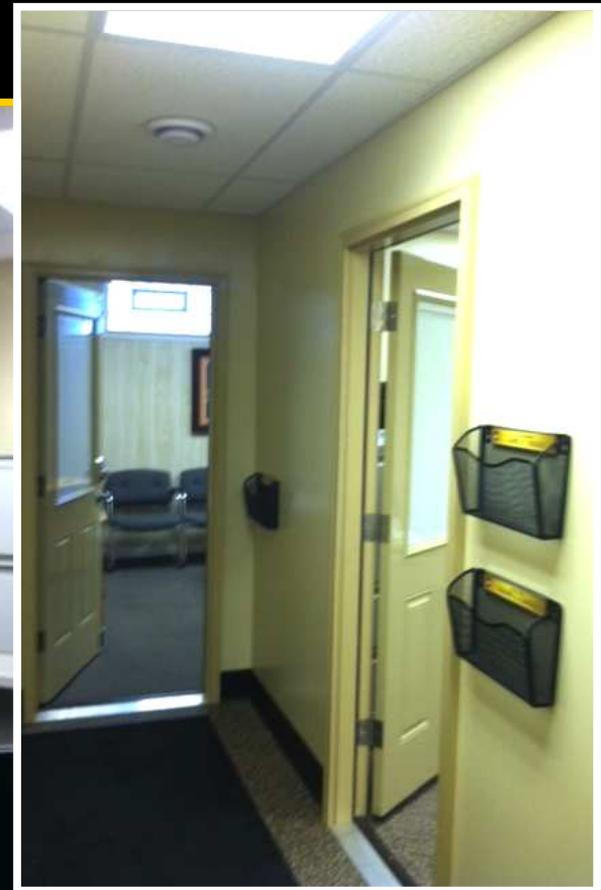
# Police Department Remodeling

A New Look...



# Police Department Remodeling

A New Home...



# Police Department Remodeling

## Our Thanks To...



- The Farrow Group
- CT Electric
- Lowe's
- Home Depot
- Taylor Construction
- Walton Hills Collision
- EverStone Floors, Inc.
- Best Buys
- WalMart
- Sears Hardware
- Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Ohio Furniture
- Summit County Administration
- Foremost Safety Solutions
- Classic Designs
- Mike Rizzo
- John Kuznik
- George Daher
- Mayor Jesse J. Nehez
- Northfield Village Council Members
- Northfield Village Service Department
- Northfield Village Police Officers

# Community Programs

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Take Me Home

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse  
Resistance Education  
*Summit County Sheriff*

Juvenile Diversion

Safety Town

Vacation | House Watch

Block Watch

Halloween Fright Night

Shop With A Cop

In our quest to promote a community-oriented policing environment, the Northfield Village Police Department has enhanced our visibility through a variety of community-based programs. Community-oriented policing is an ongoing, committed effort to establish, develop, maintain, and enhance an atmosphere of two-way communication between a community and its police department, whereby a collaborative partnership is created.

The Northfield Village Police Department currently offers a variety of programs for the purpose of promoting a positive relationship between the police department and the community, a vital component to the welfare, safety, and security of our community and its residents.

In addition to our structured programs, our officers are available to community organizations and the entire Nordonia Hills School District as volunteers, for speaking engagements, and presentations that continue to be both instrumental and invaluable for our positive interaction with the community.

The programs to the left are those we have either initiated through our own efforts and continue to maintain, or those developed elsewhere in which we actively participate. A brief summary of each program is highlighted in the slides that follow.



# “Take Me Home”



The Take Me Home program is sponsored by Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh and the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Established in 2007, the program consists of a database of individuals who may have trouble communicating their name and where they live – such as individuals with autism, non-verbal individuals with cognitive disabilities, or senior citizens with dementia or Alzheimer's. The Take Me Home database contains a photo, identifying characteristics, and contact information. It is a valuable tool for law enforcement agencies as well as families and caregivers.

In the event a person is lost or separated from their loved ones, a search of the database, based on the individual's characteristics, will allow law enforcement personnel to match their Take Me Home record to their contact information. *Only law enforcement personnel can access the Take Me Home database.*

Registration is free, and simple. For registration information, go to:



[www.co.summit.oh.us/Prosecutor](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/Prosecutor)  
[www.co.summit.oh.us/Sheriff](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/Sheriff)

*Look for the “Take Me Home” logo.*

You may also call the Northfield Village Police Department, who can help with registration.



# *D.A.R.E. / DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION*



The Northfield Village Police Department is a strong advocate of the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. It was originally designed through a cooperative partnership between educators and the law enforcement community in Los Angeles, California in 1983. Soon afterwards, its value was recognized by others and extended itself across the United States. It is now a staple of the educational process in this country. This year, across the country, more than 25 million children will benefit from the program. Many more millions will benefit from G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training). In Summit County, officers from the Summit County Sheriff's Office have taught the D.A.R.E program since 1991. This program is offered to over 7000 children in five school districts and many parochial schools each year.

Currently, the Summit County Sheriff's Office provides five different instructional programs from Pre-Kindergarten through Seventh Grade. Veteran deputies are assigned to teach the programs. These officers bring their experience and commitment into the classroom, instructing children in ways to resist peer pressure and to live productive drug and violence-free lives. The officers are proud to present these high quality educational programs to the children of Summit County, including Lee Eaton Elementary School in Northfield Village.

# *Juvenile Diversion*

*J.U.R.Y. | Juvenile Uplifted to Responsible Youths*

In place since 2003, the Diversion Program has shown to be a successful alternative to Juvenile Court for youths from our community who commit a minor offense for the first time.

In the program, juvenile offenders are dealt with on an “unofficial” basis through a hearing with the police department’s Juvenile Officer. During this hearing, a contract is established with the cooperation of the juvenile’s parents that is aimed at eradicating the delinquent or unruly behavior. Available options, which can be utilized to achieve great levels of success in changing negative behavior, can include community service work and counseling. In 2012, six Village juveniles were recommended for inclusion in the program. Collectively, the six participants completed 96 hours of community service hours as one part of their diversion requirements.

The Juvenile Diversion Program is under the direction of Sgt. John Zoligus. He is assisted by Juvenile Officer Brian Zajac.



# Safety Town



A joint venture between the Macedonia YMCA, the Rotary Club, and local law enforcement agencies, the Safety Town Program is an annual summer event in which a police officer pays a visit to our youngsters who are being taught basic street safety skills in a fun-filled atmosphere. The officer participates with Safety Town instructors at their request.

Besides teaching basic traffic safety, the officer's involvement generally includes a hands-on, up-close and personal look at the police cruiser and at the officer's personal belt gear. The youngster's curiosity and fascination are satisfied and they are provided with a positive sense of the police service. Friendships developed at this young age with an officer can be long lasting, if not lifelong.



# *Vacation / House Watch*



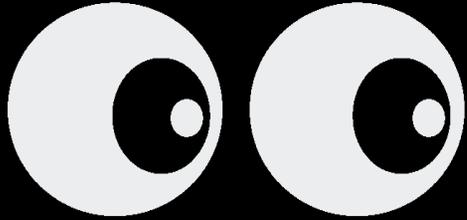
The Vacation/House Watch Program continues to be utilized by many residents of the Village. Residents can come to the police department or visit the Village website and complete a House Watch form to specify when they will be away from home – the police department does the rest. While the resident is away, additional police surveillance is then provided night and day, including foot patrols at the property.

The program is designed to accommodate short-term vacationers (30 days or less) versus those departing the area for secondary residences elsewhere, but will be extended for those anticipating absences of longer than 30 days. Our suggestion to them, however, is to coordinate security checks with neighbors, family members, or a private security service.

In either case, we encourage our residents to complete a Vacation/House Watch form to guarantee the police department has emergency information ready at hand. In 2012, we assisted 21 village residents with house watches and logged 358 house checks with no reported incidents.

# *Block Watch*

**NEIGHBORHOOD**



**BLOCK  
WATCH**

**330-467-7112**

The Neighborhood Block Watch is citizens and police working in partnership to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. It is a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community and neighbors getting to know each other, taking the time to care about each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.

Whether you live in a high crime area or not, a comprehensive Block Watch Program holds many rewards for your family and neighborhood. Watch programs instill a greater sense of security and reduce the fear of crime in your community.

The residents that live in an area know the needs of the area better than anyone. By communicating with each other and working together as a team, your community can make a difference.

Officer Fred Jones is the Block Watch Commander. He is assisted by officers Brian Zajac, Matthew Grams, and Warren Olesinski.

# Halloween Fright Night



The Police Department hosted their first Halloween “Fright Night” in October 2001. Little did we know that night that the police garage would become home to life-size monsters and some bone-chilling props for years to come.

Police officers and community leaders greet-and-meet our young and old residents and everyone in between. Everyone is treated to an assortment of hot and cold drinks, hot dogs, pizza, Chick-fil-A, a large array of cookies, donuts, cupcakes, area store coupons, bags of candy, and other devilish delights donated by local businesses and caring residents.

Sponsored by the Village, local businesses, and hosted by the Police Department, this annual community event is the talk of the town. That first year we played host to about fifty children and their parents. In succeeding years, the numbers of ghosts and goblin increased steadily, culminating in 2012 with nearly 700 children and adults stopping in over the three hours we were open to the public. The 2012 edition featured the Hauntfields & McGhouls, the Dusk ‘til Dawn Werewolves Den, and a bigger-than-life chained monster screaming to be released from his bonds.

It’s great fun for the whole family and a chance to rub elbows with your neighbors, safety forces, and community leaders.

# *Halloween Fright Night*

## *Business Sponsors and Friends*

### **BUSINESS SPONSORS**

Northfield Park  
Spennato's Restaurant  
Wendy's Restaurant  
Foremost Solutions  
Moose Lodge 2156  
Circle K  
Pepper's Market  
Fun'n'Stuff  
Sunoco  
Target  
Sam's Club

Dusk 'til Dawn  
Lowe's  
Chick-fil-A Restaurant  
Petitti's Garden Center  
Kim's Kitchen  
Sweetheart USA  
Charter One Bank  
Spirit Halloween  
b.a. Sweetie Candy Company  
Levin Furniture  
Northfield Police Association

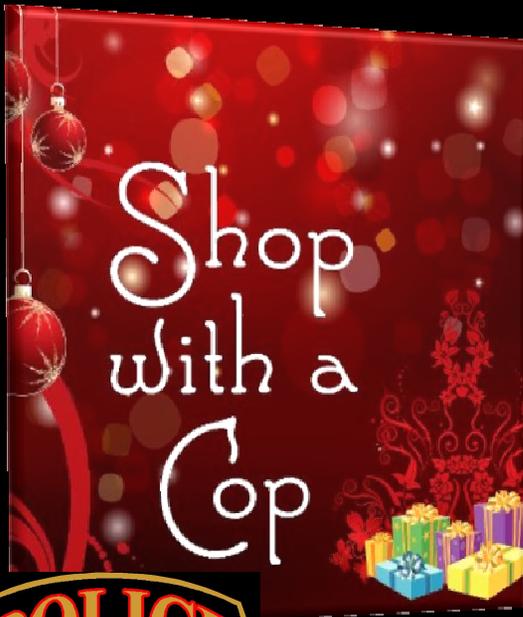
### **VOLUNTEERS & RESIDENT DONATIONS**

Anita Swensen  
Geri Wentz  
Linda Downey  
Crystal Barber  
Sam Harbie  
Jean Robinson  
Suzy Klush  
Jim Otto  
Lorenzo Lewis  
Julianne Carsons  
Steven Wentz  
Evan Wentz

Mayor Jesse J. Nehez  
Councilman John Schlueter  
Councilman John Bolek  
Councilwoman Mary Volny  
Councilwoman Karyn Selle  
Richard & Doris Wolfe  
Finance Director Monica James  
Service Director Jason Walters  
Asst. Service Dir. Chris While  
Northfield Village Service Dept.  
Police Chief Mark Wentz  
Lt. Jamie Mackie  
Sgt. Anthony Urbanowicz



# Shop With A Cop



Shop With A Cop joins underprivileged children with local police officers, providing the children with \$100.00 gift cards to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves.

The Richfield Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 66 is the proud sponsor of the annual **Shop With a Cop** event in our area. In 2012, twenty-seven police agencies in Summit County, including the Northfield Village Police Department, provided deserving, area children and their families a Merry Christmas!

On December 15, 2012, Lt. Jamie Mackie and Officer Craig Wilson joined area police officers and volunteers and hundreds of children for a morning snack, then escorted them in marked police cruisers, complete with lights and sirens, to a fun-filled morning of shopping for Christmas presents at Wal-Mart. Afterwards, they shared a breakfast buffet and assisted children in wrapping their presents before the officers transported them back to their homes.

Right click over the below link and click *Open Hyperlink* to view the 2012 Shop With A Cop video.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=jNP U6HOe8Vo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=jNP U6HOe8Vo)

# Police Department Activity Summary

Month	Calls for Service	Traffic Stops	Citations Issued	Misdemeanor Arrests	Felony Arrests	Total Criminal Arrests
January	532	91	47	12	4	16
February	562	121	44	6	5	11
March	593	133	68	12	1	13
April	538	129	56	7	0	7
May	687	112	53	2	0	2
June	757	103	54	10	0	10
July	955	154	86	19	6	25
August	876	122	79	9	1	10
September	735	140	69	10	9	19
October	843	167	72	8	0	8
November	781	163	91	13	1	14
December	805	148	79	16	0	16
<b>2011 TOTAL</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>151</b>

# Officer Activity Summary

Full-time Officer	Traffic	Criminal	Part-time Officer	Traffic	Criminal
801 Chief Mark Wentz	1	1	807 Officer Micheal Bonfield*	6	0
802 Lt. Jamie Mackie	3	3	809 Officer Joe McFeely	21	3
803 Sgt. Anthony Urbanowicz	34 – 1 OVI	20	810 Officer Craig Wilson	132 – 7 OVI	28
805 Sgt. John Zolgus	12	7	812 Officer James Catania	99	3
804 Officer Brian Zambach	77 – 2 OVI	13	813 Officer Rita Raimer*	10	0
811 Officer Matthew Grams	100	9	815 Officer Derek Heatwall*	19 – 1 OVI	7
814 Detective Edward Carlile*	1	18	817 Officer Corey Zidlicky*	69 – 1 OVI	3
816 Officer Brian Zajac	67	13	Other Departing Officers	13	2
818 Officer Fred Jones	59	9	<b>TOTAL ►</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>151</b>
820 Officer Warren Olesinski	75	6			

\* Det. Carlile worked four uniformed patrol shifts in 2012.  
 OVI – Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

\* Officer Zidlicky joined the Department in January 2012.  
 \* Officer Raimer joined the Department in May 2012.  
 \* Officer Heatwall retired in September 2012.  
 \* Officer Bonfield joined the Department in November 2012.

# Detective Bureau Activity Summary

While the Detective Bureau has been responsible for a large number of cases throughout 2012, there have been several noteworthy investigations that deserve mention. However, to preserve the integrity of active cases, please note that the following report is not intended to be an all-inclusive report, but merely a summary of some of the activities of the Detective Bureau during the year. Additionally, the Detective Bureau assisted other agencies on numerous occasions, leading to the arrests of multiple subjects wanted for major felonies. In 2012, the Detective Bureau investigated the following crimes:

Case Type / Crime	Cases Investigated	Cases Solved	Final Dispositions
Breaking & Entering	1	1	Convicted / 2 years community control
Counterfeiting	1	1	Suspects Identified / Case turned over to Secret Service
Criminal Simulation	1	Pending	Open
Drug Trafficking	1	1	Convicted / 3 years in prison
Found Bodies	2	2	Natural Causes
Passing Bad Checks	1	1	Suspects Identified / Case turned over to Secret Service
Protection Order Violation	1	Pending	Open
Rape	3	2	1 Open Case / 2 Unfounded Complaints
Theft	33	18	12 Open Cases / 3 Arrest warrants issued on others

# Juvenile Crimes & Complaints

In 2012 the Northfield Village Police Department made 28 juvenile arrests and wrote 12 juvenile traffic offenses. This reflects an increase in criminal offenses, but a notable decrease in traffic violations over the previous year. Six cases were directed to our **Juvenile Diversion Program**, where the juveniles performed 96 hours of community service within the Village. Eight cases were sent direct to Juvenile Court, while another three were transferred to other agencies.



## CRIMINAL OFFENSES

- Assault – 2
- Burglary – 1
- Carrying Concealed Weapons – 2
- Complicity to Burglary – 2
- Curfew Violation – 6
- Disorderly Conduct – 2
- Obstructing Official Business – 4
- Open Container – 1
- Possession of Drugs – 3
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2
- Prohibitions – 1
- Receiving Stolen Property - 1
- Underage Possession of Cigarettes - 1

## TRAFFIC OFFENSES

- Assured Clear Distance (ACDC) – 2
- Display of License Plate – 1
- Driving Without Headlights – 1
- Reasonable Control – 1
- Speeding – 5
- Taillight Illumination – 1
- Weaving / Wheelies – 1

# OVI | Driving Under the Influence Arrests

In 2012 the Northfield Village Police Department arrested 12 persons for Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence (OVI) of Alcohol and/or Drugs. Of those 12, two refused to be tested.

The Northfield Village Police Department employs the INTOXILYZER 5000 instrument for breath testing.

## ■ HIGHEST BAC CHEMICAL TESTS

DATE OF TEST	ARRESTING OFFICER	BAC TEST RESULT
03/02/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.143
04/28/2012	Officer Corey Zidlicky	0.150
06/04/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.204
07/15/2012	Officer Brian Zambach	0.138
07/29/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.145
08/31/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.232
10/24/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.285
11/09/2012	Sgt. Tony Urbanowicz	REFUSAL
11/17/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.168
12/07/2012	Officer Brian Zambach	REFUSAL
12/09/2012	Officer Derek Heatwall	0.183
12/31/2012	Officer Craig Wilson	0.169



October 24

**BAC – 0.285%**

**Arrest by Officer Craig Wilson**

August 31

**BAC – 0.232%**

**Arrest by Officer Craig Wilson**

June 4, 2012

**BAC – 0.204%**

**Arrest by Officer Craig Wilson**

December 9, 2012

**BAC – 0.183%**

**Arrest by Officer Derek Heatwall**

December 31, 2012

**BAC – 0.169%**

**Arrest by Officer Craig Wilson**

November 17, 2012

**BAC – 0.168%**

**Arrest by Officer Craig Wilson**

# Domestic Violence & Disputes

In 2012 the Police Department responded to 7 Domestic Violence calls and 20 Domestic Disputes. This reflects significant decrease in Domestic Violence calls from 2011, but a notable increase in Disputes – 20 vs. 9 .



Month	Domestic Violence	Domestic Disputes
January	2	6
February	0	2
March	0	1
April	0	1
May	1	3
June	0	2
July	0	3
August	2	0
September	0	0
October	0	1
November	1	1
December	2	0
<b>2012 TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>



# 2012 Notable Arrests



**JOSHUA C. GERYCZ, 21**

Possession of Drug  
Instruments

Possession of Drug  
Paraphernalia

Tampering with Evidence



**JAMES M. McTIGHE, 44**

Domestic Violence

Obstruction of Official  
Business

Resisting Arrest



**CHRISTOPHER RICO, 25**

Identity Theft

Scheme to Defraud

*See Case Profile  
for details.*



**JORDAN A. GAZDAGH, 19**

**JARED J. MOVENS, 19**

Thefts from Vehicles

Misuse of Credit Cards

*See Case Profile  
for details.*

# 2012 Notable Arrests



**KEVIN G. SPEEGLE, 43**

Felony Theft



**ELVIS D. FREELAND, 22**

Trafficking in Drugs  
Possession of Drugs

*See Case Profile  
for details.*



**IAN D. FILLINGER, 27**

Assault  
Disorderly Conduct



**CHRISTIAN W. STEINER, 20**

Theft (7 Counts)  
Obstructing Official  
Business

*See Case Profile  
for details.*

# 2012 Notable Arrests



**CHARLES LYNN, JR., 19**

Possession of Drugs  
Obstructing Official Business  
Violation of Protection Order  
Domestic Violence  
*See Case Profile  
for details.*



**RALPHEL A. PENN, 25**

Aggravated Robbery  
*See Case Profile  
for details.*



**MICHAEL A. ENCZUR, 38**

Safecracking  
Breaking & Entering  
Felony Theft  
*See Case Profile  
for details.*



**MARK A. WORRELL, 52**

OVI  
Super BAC  
*See Case Profile  
for details.*

# Christopher S. Rico

## Identity Theft, Scheme to Defraud



In May 2012, a report was filed with the police department involving Identity Theft. The suspect was using fake identification to withdraw large amounts of money from legitimate business bank accounts being replenished through fraudulent deposits. An investigation was conducted by the detective bureau. Christopher Rico became a suspect in our case.

During the course of the follow-up investigation and interviews, it became apparent that the suspect was involved in a much larger criminal enterprise and the case was turned over to the United States Secret Service for further investigation. Rico was arrested in a neighboring community without incident.

The case was presented to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, by the U.S. Secret Service. Rico, along with eleven other defendants, was indicted on multiple counts of executing a scheme and artifice to defraud PNC Bank, Key Bank, First Merit Bank, Charter One Bank, Fifth Third Bank and Dollar Bank to obtain money, funds, credits and other property owned by and under the custody and control of these financial institutions, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

**Financial institutions losses exceeded \$250,000.00.**

# Jordan A. Gazdagh | Jared J. Movens

## Thefts from Vehicles, Misuse of Credit Cards



In the early morning hours of July 3, 2012 numerous vehicles were broken into at 81 and 83 Ledge Road and items stolen from them, including a car stereo, a wallet, credit cards, and money.

A credit history was run on one of the credit cards and it was discovered that fraudulent purchases were made at several local businesses, including Circle K and McDonald's Restaurant. Two attempts were also made at Sunoco, but the card was declined.

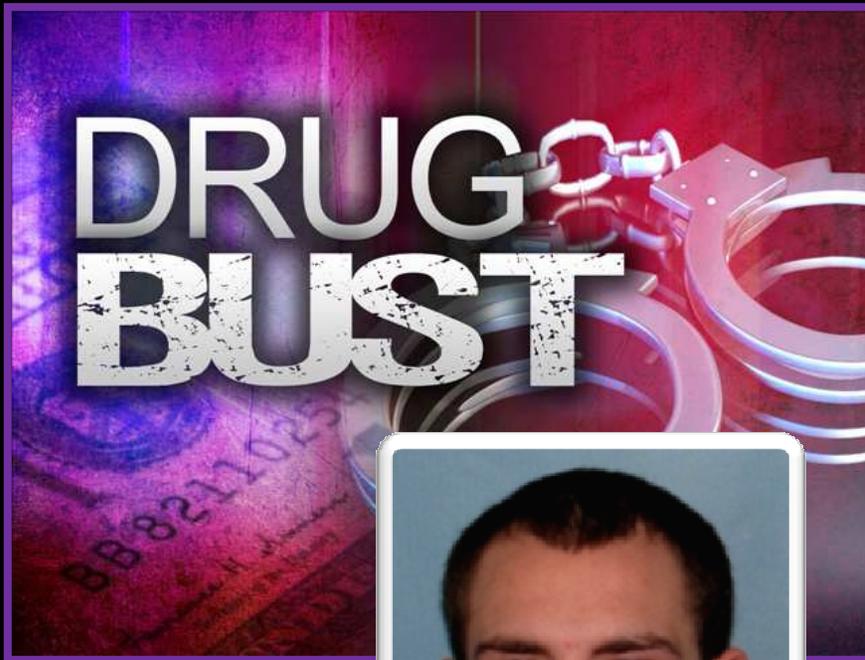
Investigating officers were able to retrieve in-store surveillance video footage of the suspects. Store personnel at one of the businesses was able to put a first name to one of the subjects and his possible place of employment, while outside video captured the suspects' cars outside Circle K and Sunoco.



The detective handling the case successfully tracked one of the subjects to his new place of employment, only to discover that both subjects seen in videos worked there. Jordan Gazdagh and Jared Movens were picked up for questioning and both subjects confessed to their individual roles with the thefts. Some of the stolen property was located in the field behind the Sunset Motel and returned to the victims.

On Tuesday July 24, 2012 both defendants appeared before the Mayor's Court magistrate. Jared J. Movens pleaded guilty to two counts of Theft and was fined \$1,000.00 plus court costs and ordered to make restitution of \$466.00. Gazdagh was convicted of Misuse of Credit Cards and assessed fines and costs totaling \$1,055.00. He, too, was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$466.00.

# Elvis D. Freeland | Trafficking in Drugs



On February 29, 2012 our detective who works with the United States Marshals Northern Ohio Fugitive Task Force received information that a Village resident, Elvis Freeland, was trafficking in narcotics. At the time he also had outstanding warrants for his arrest on charges of Trafficking in Drugs, Menacing by Stalking, and Failure to Appear on an OVI case with Maple Heights, Twinsburg, and Streetsboro.

Utilizing available members of the Task Force, a surveillance was setup on Freeland's last known address in the Village. Once it was confirmed that Freeland was present, entry was made without force and Freeland was arrested hiding inside.

During his arrest, Freeland was found to be in possession of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and Percocet pills. Besides the drugs, he also had \$235.00 cash on his person at the time of his arrest. The drugs and money were seized.

The case was sent to the Summit County Grand Jury for indictment. On November 13, 2012, Freeland entered a guilty plea to Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs and Trafficking Heroin. He was sentenced to three years in prison by Judge Lynne Callahan on December 28, 2012.

# Christian W. Steiner

## Thefts from Motor Vehicles

In the first few months of 2012, Northfield had a rash of car break-ins in the early morning hours on the streets behind the plaza. Officers, particularly those on night shift, were placed on high alert and increased their patrol on the back streets.

On May 19, 2012, the night shift officers were dispatched to a theft-in-progress on Coventry Drive. While no apprehension was made that night, the officers did recover some stolen items and clothing discarded by the suspect while being chased from one of the yards by the homeowner.

Through evidence analysis and interviews, the detective working the case developed a suspect, Charles W. Steiner, a 20-year old Cranbrook resident.

A consent search of the suspect's bedroom resulted in the recovery of stolen items from other car break-ins. Steiner was contacted and turned himself in. He admitted to the thefts after first denying his involvement.

Steiner was charged with multiple counts of theft and obstructing official business. The defendant appeared before the Magistrate on June 26, 2012. He pleaded guilty to the theft offenses and was fined \$1,000.00 and court costs.





# Ralphel A. Penn | Bank Robbery

On August 6, 2012, Ralphel Antonio Penn robbed Charter One Bank, threatening a “mass shooting” if the teller did not “clear the drawer.” Penn fled on foot with almost \$2,000.00. Within moments after he exited the bank, however, the red dye pack, which was concealed in the money, detonated, thereby destroying or permanently staining the stolen money. Despite the use of K-9 Units and officers on foot, the suspect eluded capture, leading investigators to believe he had a vehicle parked nearby. Remnants of the dye pack and some of the tainted money were later recovered along the roadside on Rt. 8, near Valley View Road.

Officers worked tirelessly over the next few weeks to solve the first bank robbery in the Village’s history. Evidence was gathered from the scene was forwarded to the Richfield BCI&I Office for fingerprint comparison and touch DNA analysis. However, before the lab results were back, a suspect was developed by the comparing the demand notes and bank surveillance videos from three bank robberies in Northfield, Akron and Solon.

On August 20, 2012 an arrest warrant was issued for Ralphel Penn for Aggravated Robbery. With assistance from the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, the suspect was tracked to Georgia and then back to Ohio. He was arrested hiding inside a Cleveland apartment on September 6, 2012

Penn pleaded guilty to the Northfield Village and Akron bank robberies. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison. He is awaiting trial for bank robberies in Solon and North Royalton.



# Michael A. Enczur

## Breaking & Entering, Safecracking, Theft

On September 21, 2012, Northfield Village Police units were dispatched to Wing Warehouse for a report of a breaking and entering. The on-scene manager reported that someone had broken into the office and stolen an undetermined amount of money. An investigation was opened into the matter.

Within hours of the break-in, the detective working the case developed a suspect from an in-house surveillance camera system, physical and forensic evidence gathered at the scene, and interviews with the restaurant staff and patrons.

With assistance from Sagamore Hills police officers, the detective went to the suspect's residence in that city and arrested Michael Enczur. After Mirandizing the suspect, the detective successfully elicited a full confession from Enczur and recovered more than half of the \$2,000.00 stolen. Enczur had hidden the money inside an oxygen machine he kept in the basement.

Enczur was charged with Breaking & Entering, Safecracking, and Felony Theft. The case was sent to the Summit County Grand Jury for indictment. Enczur was convicted on January 18, 2013 and is awaiting sentencing at the time of this report.



# Mark A. Worrell | Super OVI-BAC

While clearing from a suspicious person call on December 24, 2012 at 1:30 in the afternoon, a Northfield officer was informed by a passing motorist of a highly intoxicated male getting into the driver's side of a parked car at the McDonald's Restaurant lot.

As the officer approached the plaza, he observed the vehicle turning right onto Northfield Road and proceeding north. He turned and after following the vehicle a short distance, initiated the traffic stop. Upon first contact, the officer noted the strong odor of alcohol emanating from inside the vehicle. The driver seemed confused, appeared disheveled, had food in his beard, and bloodshot eyes. An empty bottle of vodka was on the front passenger seat. The driver was unable to find his driver's license and had trouble recalling his SSN. The officer asked the driver to exit the car and submit to field sobriety tests.

The driver, identified as Mark Worrell, was unable to complete any of the sobriety tests. He was taken into custody and his vehicle impounded.

The subject was transported to the Macedonia Police Department, where a breath test was administered. Mr. Worrell's **blood alcohol tested 0.285%** -- more than three times over the legal limit of 0.08%.

Mr. Worrell appeared before the Northfield Village Mayor's Court on January 8, 2013. He pleaded guilty to OVI and was assessed fines and court costs totaling \$739.00. He was also found guilty of Open Container and paid another \$239.00 in fines and costs.



# Traffic Accidents Summary

## PUBLIC PROPERTY & STREETS

WITH INJURY	WITHOUT INJURY	TOTAL
12	29	41
HIT-SKIPS SOLVED	HIT-SKIPS UNSOLVED	TOTAL
1	0	1

## PRIVATE PROPERTY

WITH INJURY	WITHOUT INJURY	TOTAL
0	31	31
HIT-SKIPS SOLVED	HIT-SKIPS UNSOLVED	TOTAL
No Private Property Hit-Skips Reported in 2012		0



# Prisoner Housing & Medical Care

## MACEDONIA CITY JAIL

Housing Period	Prisoners	Total Days	Video Arraigns.	Costs
12/16/11 – 06/28/12	10	32	0	\$2,820.00
06/29/12 – 12/17/12	9	24	3	\$2,130.00
<b>2012 TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>



## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Facility	Prisoners Treated	Costs
Oriana House	0 Prisoners	\$0.00
Sagamore Medical Center	0 Prisoners	\$0.00
Akron Hospital / Lab	0 Prisoners	\$0.00
<b>2012 TOTAL</b>	<b>0 Prisoners</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# Mayor's Court Activity Report

Month	Traffic/OVI	Criminal	Convicted	Dismissed at CC	Dismissed	Transfer to Other Court	Warrants Posted
January	42	9	30	1	12	1	20
February	46	5	26	3	8	0	7
March	76	10	18	5	7	3	7
April	54	4	17	0	12	0	5
May	43	4	16	2	13	1	12
June	47	10	21	2	6	4	9
July	95	20	24	0	4	1	4
August	75	10	32	1	12	2	16
September	54	16	18	0	7	2	7
October	70	9	20	1	3	1	12
November	93	12	24	0	19	2	10
December	45	10	21	3	17	4	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>115</b>

# Mayor's Court Financial Report

Month	Northfield with Misc.	State of Ohio	Capital Recovery, Restitution & Others	External Agencies	2012 Total Monthly Revenue
January	10,347.56	2,070.00	0.00	0.00	12,417.56
February	14,608.97	2,730.00	377.83	0.00	17,716.80
March	8,685.84	1,537.00	387.00	0.00	10,610.74
April	9,083.59	2,364.00	40.00	0.00	11,487.59
May	10,377.49	1,881.00	30.00	0.00	12,288.49
June	11,482.35	2,234.00	76.70	0.00	13,793.05
July	11,056.07	2,192.00	713.70	0.00	13,961.77
August	13,483.18	2,985.00	565.50	25.00	17,058.68
September	8,607.63	1,912.00	40.00	0.00	10,559.63
October	11,901.23	2,434.00	118.20	0.00	14,453.43
November	9,342.90	2,332.00	30.00	0.00	11,704.90
December	9,412.69	1,703.00	0.00	0.00	11,115.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,389.50</b>	<b>\$26,374.00</b>	<b>\$2,379.83</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$157,168.33</b>



**In memory of those officers who lost their lives during the performance of their duty and in honor of their families who have endured this great loss.**

**†**

**May they never be forgotten and may this list never grow longer.**

# *Lest they be forgotten...*



*Twinsburg Officer*  
**JOSHUA MIKTARIAN**



*Shot and killed in  
the line-of-duty  
July 13, 2008*



**He was 33 years old.**



*Boston Heights Officer*  
**JAROD MICHAEL DEAN**



*Struck and killed in  
the line-of-duty  
January 19, 2009*



**He was 24 years old.**



*Stow Officer*  
**JONATHAN BASTOCK**



*Complications from  
an on duty injury  
February 5, 2011*



**He was 47 years old.**



*Uniontown Captain*  
**DANIEL P. STILES**



*Struck and killed  
In the line of duty  
February 15, 2011*



**He was 46 years old.**

*The wicked flee when no man pursueth,  
but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

Proverbs 28:1



*Cleveland Heights Officer*  
**THOMAS PATTON II**



*Suffered fatal heart attack  
chasing a suspect  
March 13, 2011*



*He was 30 years old.*



*Elyria Officer*  
**JAMES KERSTETTER**



*Shot and killed in  
the line-of-duty  
March 15, 2011*



*He was 43 years old.*



*Willoughby Officer*  
**JASON E. GRESKO**



*Vehicle collision while  
responding to an  
emergency call  
September 24, 2012*



*He was 32 years old.*



*Cleveland Officer*  
**MARCIA FIGUEROA**



*Duty related illness  
November 4, 2012*



*She was 54 years old.*