



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

A Letter from the Acting Chief

Working as a team made 2009 a great year at the Sandusky Police Department and in the City of Sandusky. Bike week was once again a huge success for the community and the department. Officers worked together with our community to provide security for an ever-growing event, which went off without any significant incidents.

The Sandusky Police Department conducted its second annual Youth Academy. These young men and women spent three weeks during the summer learning about the police department. The students received instruction on physical fitness, citizenship, and saw first-hand what it is like to be a cop. The department's goal is to mentor these youth and encourage them to explore a career in law enforcement. Hopefully we will even recruit a couple future Sandusky Police Officers.

Bicycle Patrol was back on the streets of Sandusky in 2009. Officers and supervisors, including myself patrolled the neighborhoods and downtown. Patrolling on bikes gave us an opportunity to stop and introduce ourselves to many of the citizens. We enjoyed talking with our citizens and listening to their concerns and ideas. The bicycle patrol was a great achievement and will be continued in 2010.

Community Orientated Policing also returned with a COP station opening at 2012 Fox Run Trail Apartment #10. Two officers partnered in that area with the property owners and the neighbors to build a safe neighborhood and resolve issues as they come up.

We implemented gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) in the Sandusky school in 2009. Two of our officers received training on this very important topic and educated our children in the elementary schools.

2009 brought significant changes to dispatching in Sandusky and Erie County. While several departments are working with us towards a regional dispatching center, the Sandusky Police Department moved to co-locate with the Erie County Sheriff's Department at the County facility. Erie County and Sandusky applied for and received a joint federal grant for \$130,000 to accomplish this venture and enable us to modernize our equipment, streamline our operation and improve our efficiency. The next step in this process is to merge all local police departments to the same records management system. This goal should be accomplished sometime in 2010. Regionalization of these types of services will be a great benefit to all the taxpayers.

Department restructuring took place early in 2009. Officers and supervisors that were once assigned to second floor administrative duties were reassigned to patrol duties. Those supervisors are continuing to complete those administrative assignments along with their patrol duties.

2009 was a year full of great achievements. As we look forward to 2010, we are aware of the significant challenges ahead with a struggling economy. The Sandusky Police Department will continue to move forward, working in partnership with our community to build a safe and strong Sandusky.

Charles W. Sams
Acting Chief of Police

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AVERAGE DAY AT THE SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citations
11.833

Parking Tickets
2.929

Written Warnings
21.085

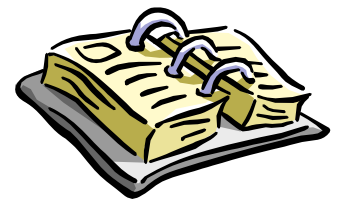
Accidents
1.729

Adult Arrests
17.874

Juvenile Arrests
3.416

Service of Warrants
7.463

Incident Narratives
98.266



WARRANTS

Total Warrants
Processed
2,724

General Information

Department Information

Full Time Officers	52
Part Time/Reserve Officers	10
Full Time Support Staff	10
TOTAL	73
Officers For Every 1000 Citizens	1.9

Budget Information

Patrol Division.....	\$4,194,652.80
Support Division	\$842,216.59
Reserves Division	\$74,179.80
Detective Bureau	\$716,517.91
Dive Team.....	\$1,000
27th Pay period.....	\$162,212.85
Total	\$5,990,779.95

Money Received

Sound Ordinance Fees	\$200.00
Golf Cart Fees	\$150.00
Impound Fees	\$11,835.00
False Alarm Fees	\$2,900.00
Witness Fees	\$535.60
Off Duty Reimbursement (Local)	\$48,057.58
School Resource Officer (Local).....	\$32,313.88
Northern Border Initiative (Federal)	\$27,979.11
Marine Patrol NBI (Federal)	\$3,487.51
Bullet Proof Vest Grant (Federal)	\$11,696.96
Bureau of Justice Assistance (Federal) ----	\$140,530.00
Bureau of Justice Assistance (Federal)	\$34,155.00
TOTAL	\$313,840.64

Donations From Public

General Donations to Police Department ----	\$3,740.00
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After 26.2 miles Sandusky Police Officers John Orzech and Charlie Sams finish the Boston Marathon.



Lt. Max Jarrett and Ofc. John Huffman conduct a gun safety class with the Youth Academy students.



Ofc. Dana Newell conducts a tour of the police department with the youth academy students.

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Citations and Arrests

	2007	2008	2009
Failure to Stop ACD	178	104	123
Child Safety Seat	22	37	18
Failure to Control	114	129	118
DUI	235	209	241
DUS	669	744	745
Expired Plates	195	238	215
Fictitious Plates	18	18	19
Handicap Parking Violation	9	8	8
Leaving The Scene	56	57	50
No or Expired Drivers License	108	128	147
Other	783	835	795
Reckless Operation	49	20	34
Red Light Violation	229	294	235
Failure to Yield ROW	137	177	126
Seat Belt Violations	301	583	618
Speed	495	1034	671
Stop Sign Violation	209	277	156
TOTAL	3,807	4,892	4,319



Sgt. Richard Braun is the officer in charge of animal control for the Sandusky Police Department.



Ofc. Robert Gardin is an Animal Control Officer for the Sandusky Police Department.



Ofc. Jim Ommert is a Sandusky Police Department Community Police Officer.

	2007	2008	2009
Written Warning Issued	3,025	4,964	7,696
Parking Tickets Issued	1,815	1,819	1,069

Accident Severity Breakdown

	2007	2008	2009
Fatalities	0	2	0
Injury	132	123	120
Property Damage	651	575	511
TOTAL	783	700	631

Dollar value of Property damage in traffic accidents for the year 2009 is estimated at \$ **7,497,400.00**.

NOTE: It is not possible to make calculations of exact costs, they can be approximated. Calculated costs includes wages lost, medical expenses, and overhead costs of insurance and property damage. Pain, suffering, lost time and inconvenience are not included.

Meet The 2009 Sandusky Police Department Chaplains



Pastor Joel Capizzi



Pastor Clyde Mayberry



Pastor Darrell Gant



Pastor Richard Mick



Reverend Ernest Matijasic



Pastor Mick and Capizzi spend a moment with Lt. Hofacker.

Community Events

The Sandusky Police Community Police Station Grand Opening held on May 21 through May 23, 2009.



Community Police Officer Jim Ommert shares a laugh with several area youth at the COP station grand opening.

Some of the many events that officers of the Sandusky Police Department attended during 2009 were:

KIDS FISHING DERBY May 2, 2009,

NAACP ANNUAL EXPO May 9, 2009

SAFETY FAIR AND KID'S FUN FESTIVAL May 16, 2009

SAFETY STARS AND PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR June 5, 2009

THE "JUNTEENTH" CELEBRATION June 20, 2009

THE COMMUNITY FORUM June 30, 2009

4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION July 4, 2009

CHARITY FAIR AT THE FAIR August 14, 2009

KIDS FAIR August 22, 2009

SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT



Sgt. Tracey Susana and Ofc. Dana Newell recruit at a university job fair.



Lt. Chris Hofacker talks with local children during the Good Neighbors Festival.



Lt. Chris Hofacker fills balloons during a local event.



Local children celebrate the community police station grand opening.

Sandusky Police Youth Academy

In 2009 the Sandusky Police Department conducted its second annual Youth Police Academy. The academy ran three weeks with the students meeting every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from June 16th thru July 2nd 2009.

The goal of the Sandusky Police Youth Academy is to recruit local young men and women for possible future law enforcement careers with the Sandusky Police Department. After completing the classes, the participants are given the opportunity to continue their relationship with the department by getting involved in an officer/youth mentorship program.



Sgt. John Orzech gives two youth academy students instruction on fingerprinting.

Class Topics

Physical Agility	Firearms Safety	Special Response Team
Self Defense	Use of Force	G.R.E.A.T. Program
C.V.S.A.	Tour of Erie County Jail	Traffic Stop Procedures
Radar	Criminal Investigations	Processing Crime Scenes
Drugs and Alcohol	Mentorship Program	Scenarios
Completing Job Applications and Mock Job Interviews		



Criminal Arrest Breakdown

	2007			2008			2009		
	Adult	Juv	Total	Adult	Juv	Total	Adult	Juv	Total
Arson	6	1	7	0	4	4	7	1	8
Assault - Felony	100	31	131	116	28	144	80	20	100
Assault - Misdemeanor	294	57	351	301	40	341	271	45	316
Destruction of Property	123	28	151	120	53	173	124	72	196
Disorderly Conduct	431	133	564	419	115	534	383	95	478
Domestic - Felony	109	2	111	75	3	78	65	5	70
Domestic - Misdemeanor	291	5	296	294	44	338	267	41	308
Domestic - TPO / CPO / SPO	113	0	113	101	0	101	77	0	77
Drugs - Cocaine	291	4	295	151	1	152	184	1	185
Drugs - Heroin	13	0	13	5	0	5	4	0	4
Drugs - Marijuana	336	31	367	286	24	310	301	29	330
Drugs - Other	194	9	203	184	12	196	231	9	240
DUI	218	3	221	203	1	204	243	4	247
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	7	1	8	2	1	3	2	0	2
Intoxication	662	8	670	663	3	666	616	2	618
Juvenile - Child Endangering	71	0	71	84	2	86	94	0	94
Juvenile - Contributing	5	0	5	10	0	10	21	0	21
Juvenile - Curfew	1	53	54	2	163	165	1	126	127
Juvenile - Custody	5	0	5	6	0	6	1	0	1
Juvenile - Unruly Child	1	282	283	0	203	203	0	239	239
Kidnapping	12	2	14	15	0	15	17	2	19
Liquor	107	2	109	65	1	66	139	1	140
Liquor - Under Age	222	72	294	236	65	301	227	66	293
Menacing - Felony	3	1	4	8	2	10	4	0	4
Menacing - Misdemeanor	127	21	148	137	16	153	124	24	148
Offense Against Justice	589	138	727	525	121	646	462	111	573
Other	325	46	371	316	37	353	374	65	439
Sex Offense - Felony	23	3	26	37	1	38	16	5	21
Sex Offense - Misdemeanor	17	2	19	22	0	22	16	0	16
Theft- Burglary	108	22	130	103	23	126	73	23	96
Theft - Forgery	43	0	43	71	2	73	54	2	56
Theft - Other	268	51	319	296	56	352	269	48	317
Theft - Receiving	29	8	37	39	9	48	45	4	49
Theft - Robbery	28	3	31	20	3	23	11	11	22
Theft - Unauthorized Use	17	1	18	23	3	26	11	3	14
Warrant Service	1,591	198	1,789	1,734	165	1,899	1,632	185	1,817
Watercraft	19	2	21	10	3	13	0	0	0
Weapons	69	6	75	62	8	70	78	8	86
TOTALS	6,868	1,226	8,094	6,741	1,212	7,953	6,524	1,247	7,771

Sandusky Police Roster

Effective December 31, 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Charles W Sams	Assistant Chief	Acting Chief	02/27/1984
Max M Jarrett	Lieutenant	Patrol Commander	03/03/1986
Phillip J Frost	Lieutenant	Patrol Shift Supervisor	06/12/1988
Michael H Campbell	Lieutenant	Patrol Shift Supervisor	11/03/1991
Christopher L Hofacker	Lieutenant	Patrol Shift Supervisor	03/20/1988
Robert E Vanscoy Jr	Lieutenant	Patrol Shift Supervisor	12/10/1989
William S McPeck	Lieutenant	Patrol Shift Supervisor	02/04/1990
Ronald E Snyder	Sergeant	Patrol	07/30/1989
John T Orzech	Sergeant	Detective Bureau Commander	09/07/1997
Richard K Braun	Sergeant	Patrol	07/02/1989
Richard Cottrill	Sergeant	Patrol	08/14/1992
Jack C Austin	Sergeant	Patrol	06/24/1996
Danny J Lewis	Sergeant	Patrol	07/12/1998
Tracey E Susana	Sergeant	Patrol	10/15/1995
James C Ommert	Officer	Patrol	02/26/1984
Helen A Prosowski	Officer	Detective Bureau	06/02/1985
Matthew S Dunn	Officer	Patrol	06/21/1987
Lonnie R Newell	Officer	Patrol	08/30/1987
Melvin D Burns Jr	Officer	Patrol	08/14/1988
Kenneth M Piotrowski	Officer	Patrol	01/18/1989
Mark W Gillam	Officer	Patrol	10/01/1989
Major Ruffin III	Officer	Patrol	11/12/1989
Gary L Wichman	Officer	Detective Bureau	08/27/1990
David E West	Officer	Detective Bureau	04/12/1992
Christopher Rankins	Officer	Patrol	10/03/1993
Jonathon J Huffman	Officer	Patrol	09/17/1994
Kenneth G Nixon	Officer	Detective Bureau	05/31/1995
Dana E Newell	Officer	School Resource Officer	08/13/1995
Kevin B Youskievicz	Officer	Patrol	06/11/1996
Michael E Shock	Officer	Patrol	10/20/1996
Eric G Graybill	Officer	Narcotics Bureau	05/03/1998
Robert D Bess	Officer	Patrol	07/19/1998
Robert Gardin	Officer	Animal Control	09/06/1998
James D Desalle	Officer	Patrol	09/20/1998
John W Powell	Officer	Patrol	09/21/1998
Kenneth Gautschi Jr	Officer	Patrol	01/03/1999

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Erik W Mohr	Officer	Patrol	05/21/2000
Todd W Smith	Officer	Patrol	05/24/2001
Kristofer Parsons	Officer	Patrol	05/23/2002
Dawn A Allen	Officer	Patrol	08/01/2002
Lester Peters	Officer	Narcotics Bureau	07/17/2006
Eric S Costante	Officer	Narcotics Bureau	03/08/2007
Scott T Dahlgren	Officer	Patrol	05/31/2007
Stephen P Ritterbach	Officer	K9 Officer	08/02/2007
Jody L Showalter	Officer	Patrol	08/09/2007
Bradley Wilson	Officer	Patrol	03/20/2008
Bradley Pfanner	Officer	Patrol	05/15/2008
Andrew Dunn	Officer	Patrol	05/16/2008
Christopher Denny	Officer	Patrol	07/03/2008
Justice	K9	Patrol	07/11/2008
Brian Kingsborough	Officer	Patrol	07/14/2008
Adam West	Officer	Patrol	07/31/2008
David Youngless	Officer	Patrol	10/01/2008
C Robert Hemmer		Reserve Officer	09/27/1973
Patrick M Johnson		Reserve Officer	02/13/1994
Tony Aaron		Reserve Officer	05/12/1996
Roy Prewitt		Reserve Officer	06/08/1998
Mark H Dahlmann		Reserve Officer	01/16/2003
Sylvan Wahl		Evidence Officer	05/26/1996
Shawn Patton		IT Tech	06/25/2007
Timothy A Meade		Dispatch	08/24/1986
Joseph T Price		Dispatch	10/28/1989
Amy S Theriault		Dispatch	11/02/1997
Felicia L Jones		Dispatch	07/25/1999
Angela Barnett		Dispatch	09/23/2004
Nakia M Stookey		Dispatch	08/09/2007
MaryAnn Kuligowski		Secretary	06/15/2006
Wendy S Chamberlain		Records	07/31/1994