

Columbus Police Department 2010 Annual Report



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COLUMBUS
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



**Chief of Police
Richard T. Boren**

Promotion History

Police Officer	December 13, 1971
Detective	October 5, 1974
Sergeant	August 5, 1985
Lieutenant	April 5, 1991
Captain	March 23, 1996
Major	November 11, 1998
Assistant Chief	November 6, 2002
Chief of Police	November 1, 2004

To the Mayor, Columbus Council Members, City Manager, and Citizens of Columbus, Georgia:

I am pleased to submit the Columbus Police Department's Annual Report for 2010 to the City Administration and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. The report includes information on the department's organizational structure and statistical information concerning the department's accomplishments during the year.

The year 2010 was filled with accomplishments in the area of personnel development for the Columbus Police Department. Implementation of the 100-Officer increase has progressed to where most of the newly hired police officers are fully trained and are functioning as officers on their own. The Police Department is still hiring officers and our recruiting officers are actively pursuing applicants.

With the additional officers on the street, the Police Department has been able to dedicate some of our officers to building up specialty units such as assigning Investigators to the Bureau of Investigations and increasing our Motorcycle Traffic Officers. Additional officers have been assigned to the Bike Patrol to help cover the new "Rails to Trails" park, the Riverwalk and the numerous other city parks in Columbus. These units had been understaffed for several years.

The Columbus Police Department is nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and certified through the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification program. In 2010, the department went through recertification assessments by CALEA and the State of Georgia with favorable results. Due to the assessment of our compliance in meeting the high standards required of law enforcement agencies over the last three years, our department will be recognized as a Flagship Agency at the national CALEA conference in Bethesda, Maryland on March 26, 2011 when we receive our next three-year re-accreditation.

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The Uniform Crime Report of Part 1 Crimes for 2010 indicates a reduction of crime for the Columbus area in all categories with the only exception being an increase of two homicides over the number reported for 2009. The Police Department began a new initiative described as “Intelligence Led Policing” which has started helping in the compilation of information useful in the tracking and projecting of criminal activity and trends. This information is being supplied to our officers so that special attention can be paid to specific targeted areas. The use of this new tool will assist us in continuing to reduce crime in Columbus.



Partial credit for the reduction of crime has to be paid to the citizens of Columbus. A renewal of community interest in programs such as Neighborhood Watch and Columbus Against Drugs has developed in various neighborhoods. These programs have been energized by the public’s resolve to prevent crime in their neighborhoods and our partnerships with these established groups have been strengthened.



Being proactive remains the key to successful law enforcement in our community. With the support of the citizens of Columbus, the Columbus Police Department will continue to be proactive in the fight against crime and the development of programs that will help make the city a safe and desirable place to live and work.



*Office of the
Chief of Police*



**Assistant Chief
Charles V. Rowe**

Office of Professional Standards



Major Lem Miller

**Office of Professional Standards
Budget
Polygraph
Crime Analysis**

Personnel Summary

Chiefs	1	Assistant Chiefs	1
Majors	1	Captains	0
Lieutenants	3	Cmd Sergeants	0
Sergeants	3	Corporals	3
Police officers	0	Civilians	7

The Office of Professional Standards is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high standards and integrity of the Columbus Police Department. This unit performs the functions and duties of internal investigations, planning and research, staff inspections, open records, accreditation, and state certification. The Office of Professional Standards is staffed with a major, a lieutenant, two sergeants and an administrative secretary.

All complaints of service or misconduct are maintained and tracked within the Office of Professional Standards. The unit also monitors all Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuit Reports.

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During 2010, the Office of Professional Standards conducted 14 administrative investigations involving a total of 23 employees of the Columbus Police Department. The investigations resulted in findings of 18 charges sustained, 3 charges not sustained, 9 charges exonerated and 0 charges were unfounded. The investigations also resulted in 3 employees resigning from the department, with 2 resignations occurring while the cases were still under investigation. Three employees were terminated as a result of the internal investigations.

The department investigated 76 personnel complaints involving 105 sworn personnel and 8 civilians; of which, 23 personnel complaints were sustained. There were 48 Use of Force Reports filed involving 62 sworn personnel; of which 57 were found to be justified in their actions. There were also 28 Vehicle Pursuit Reports filed that involved 51 sworn personnel; of which 16 sworn personnel were found to not be in compliance.

The Office of Professional Standards also conducted a total of 60 research projects, responded to 404 open records requests, and monitored 8 lawsuits.

Budget

The Budget Office is responsible for the planning, preparation and administration of the department's annual budget. They oversaw expenditures of over \$27 million in FY 2010. Their other responsibilities include federal grant management, invoice administration, reimbursement claims, procurement of office supplies and conducting internal audits.

Polygraph

The Polygraph Unit conducts polygraph tests for the department as well as other federal, state and local agencies upon request. Departmental tests usually relate to criminal or administrative issues ("specific issue" investigations) and pre-employment background processing. polygraph tests.

During 2010, the Polygraph Unit conducted 98 polygraph tests. Of those, 88 were police applicants and 10 were for criminal investigations.

Crime Analysis

The Crime Analysis Unit collects and analyzes crime data to detect trends and areas of concern that may need to be targeted by patrol officers or investigators. Administrators also use the information as a management tool to assist them in manpower allocation. This unit also monitors the latest Appeals Courts' decisions in important criminal cases to insure that our personnel have the latest information on current legal doctrine.

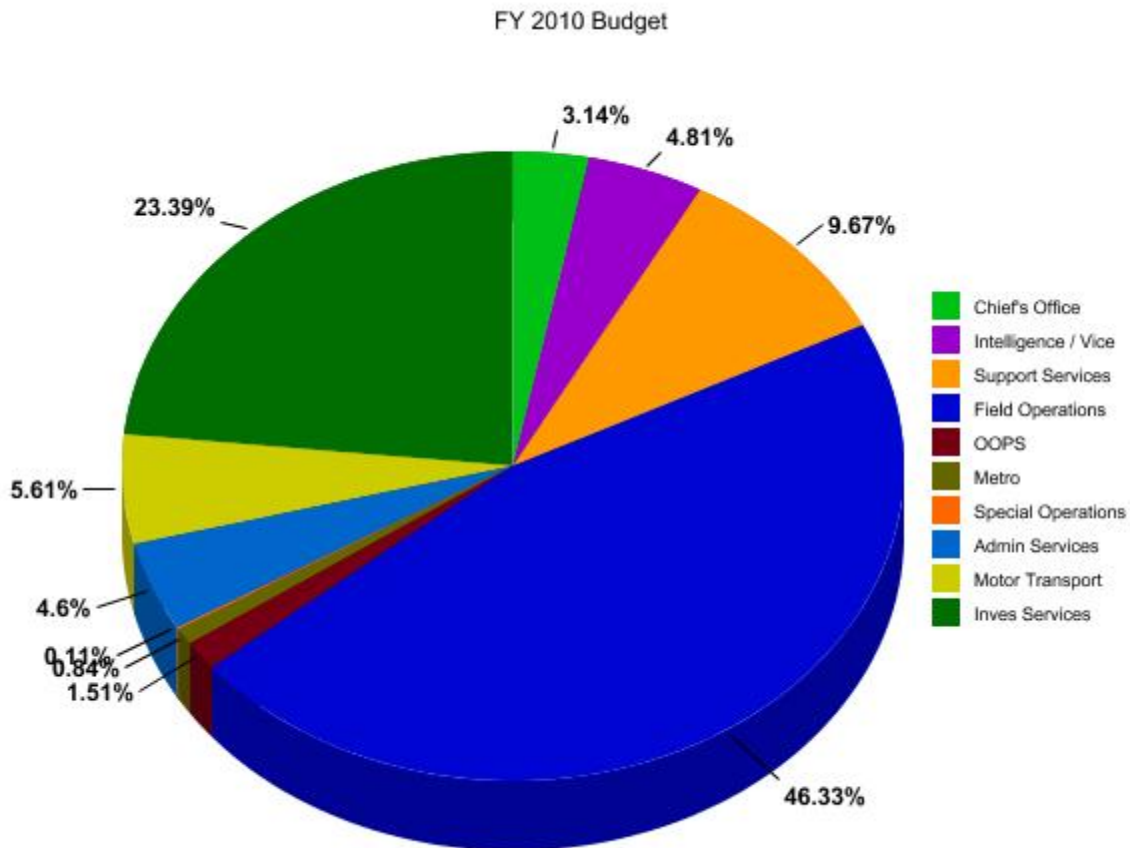
Other Specialized Units

The Chief's Office also administrates the activities of other specialized units that are staffed on an as-needed basis (officers who have other primary assignments within the department). These include the SWAT Team, Columbus Metro Narcotics Unit, Honor Guard, Police Chaplain and the Columbus-Metro Emergency Response Team (CMERT) which is a part of the Columbus Department of Homeland Security.

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Budget

	Actual	Actual	Adopted
	<i>FY 09</i>	<i>FY 10</i>	<i>FY 11</i>
Chief's Office	781,227	860,446	866,854
Intelligence/Vice	1,301,808	1,315,706	1,372,463
Support Services	2,749,152	2,644,949	2,760,399
Field Operations	12,680,081	12,667,142	13,224,538
Office of Professional Standards	402,629	412,017	413,876
Metro Drug Task Force	239,005	228,811	230,968
Special Operations	60,991	30,058	33,500
Administrative Services	1,270,677	1,258,090	1,386,727
Motor Transport	2,319,123	1,534,155	1,348,963
Investigative Services	6,542,939	6,398,609	6,632,965
Total	28,347,632	27,349,983	28,271,253



BUREAU OF
PATROL
SERVICES



Major Julius Graham

The Major Components of the Bureau of Patrol Services are:

Uniform Patrol

- Day Watch
- Evening Watch
- Morning Watch

Tactical Operations

- Motor Squad
- Hit and Run Investigations
- School Crossing Guard
- Bicycle Squad
- Riverwalk Patrol

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Majors	1
Captains	3
Lieutenants	7
Command Sergeants	2
Sergeants	35
Corporals	34
Police Officers	233
Civilians	2

The Bureau of Patrol Services provides the most direct and immediate response to requests for police services for the City of Columbus. Over the years the bureau has expanded into several specialized units that provide fast and effective response to the needs of the community.

Uniform Patrol

This division comprises the bulk of the man-power assigned to the bureau and provides uniform patrol services to the city 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is comprised of three shifts, each commanded by a captain, that provide a full range of emergency and non-emergency services to the entire city.

Tactical Operations

Tactical Operations is a collection of specialized units that provide varying services. It is commanded by a lieutenant and consists of the following units:

Motor Squad

This division consists of highly trained motorcycle officers who provide traffic enforcement and motor vehicle crash investigation services.

Hit and Run Investigations

This unit is responsible for follow-up investigation of hit-and-run motor vehicle crashes.

School Crossing Guard Unit:

This is a group of specially trained civilians that provide safe pedestrian access to school properties for our children. A police corporal manages them in a cooperative administrative arrangement between the City of Columbus and the Muscogee County School District.

Riverwalk Patrol:

There is one officer assigned to patrol the Riverwalk and immediate surrounding area. His duties include walking and motorized patrol covering the many miles of walking trails developed along the Chattahoochee River. This area is patrolled primarily on the day and evening shifts.

Bicycle Patrol:

These officers are specially trained to provide a quick and quiet response to requests for police services. Three officers are assigned to this unit. They are primarily assigned to patrol the Riverwalk and City Parks but may also be used tactically in residential and business areas as needed. They are particularly useful where normal motor vehicles are either unusable or ineffective. The officers assigned to this unit also conduct many Bicycle Rodeos and other related safety campaigns in Columbus and surrounding areas.

In Summary...

Uniform Patrol is often referred to as the “backbone of the department”. The professionalism and high standards of conduct displayed by our officers during their tours of duty proudly reflect the importance of this principle.

<i>2010 Selected Activity Analysis</i>	
Calls for Service	407,597
Reports	106,125
Arrests	21,040
Tickets	53,524

BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATIVE
SERVICES



Major Gene Hillhouse

The Major Components of the Bureau of Investigative Services Are:

- Homicide**
- Predator Apprehension Unit**
- Robbery-Assault**
- Burglary-Theft**
- Fraud**
- Juvenile Services**
- Identification**
- Special Operations**
- Intelligence Unit**

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Majors	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	7
Sergeants	27
Command Sergeants	0
Corporals	71
Police Officers	13
Civilians	6

The Bureau of Investigative Services provides follow-up and specialized investigative services, particularly of Part 1 Crimes as recognized by the FBI. Organizational structure and divisional responsibility is defined primarily by the type of criminal activity investigated:

Predator Apprehension Unit

Sex Crimes Unit:

This unit specializes in rape and other sexually related criminal activities. The investigators are highly trained in dealing with sexual offenders and assisting the victims of these crimes. The Sex Crimes Unit also investigates computer crimes involving on-line child predators and has the ability to search computer hard drives for evidence of crimes perpetrated by using computers.

Gang Task Force / GREAT Program:

The Gang Task Force investigates gang-related crimes and monitors gang activities. The GREAT Program is a specialized course of instruction discouraging gang involvement among our local students.

Fugitive Unit:

The Fugitive Unit tracks down persons who have outstanding arrest warrants that originate from our department. This unit also handles inter- and intrastate prisoner extraditions.

Robbery - Assault- Homicide

This unit specializes in Part 1 Crimes dealing with commercial and personal robberies as well as personal assaults, suspicious deaths and homicides.

Cold Case Unit:

This unit deals primarily with criminal or suspicious deaths that involve long-term and / or high-profile investigations. This unit handles both recent cases and also pursues unsolved cases from previous years.

Burglary - Theft

This division deals with property-related criminal investigations, including burglary and various thefts.

Pawn Shop Detail:

This unit oversees pawnshop businesses. Its activities include checking pawn shop articles as possibly stolen items, entering and maintaining a computerized database of all pawned articles and the investigation of persons involved with stolen pawned items.

Juvenile Services

This unit investigates activities involving juveniles (persons less than 17 years of age). Juvenile Services also investigates missing persons reports for both juveniles and adults.

Family Violence Unit:

This unit investigates cases of violence within the family in an attempt to reduce domestic violence, as well as assisting victims in obtaining counseling or other type support that they may need. Investigators in this unit are highly trained regarding the dynamics of domestic abuse and its prevention.

Fraud

Financial / White Collar Crimes:

This unit investigates activities involving improper use of documents of legal tender and other criminal activities commonly referred to as “white collar” crimes.

Motor Vehicle Theft:

This unit specializes in the investigation and recovery of stolen vehicles and provides administrative oversight of impounded and unclaimed vehicles.

Identification

This is a highly specialized unit of trained and certified technicians who provide photo and evidence processing services in a supporting role at crime scenes and in follow-up investigation activities. The Identification Unit, for regulatory and other non-criminal public assistance purposes, also provides fingerprinting and photography services.

Special Operations Unit

This unit investigates all complaints concerning narcotics, trafficking, prostitution, gambling and ABC violations. In addition, this unit consists of a Tactical Unit which can be deployed to handle any situations which require an immediate law enforcement response, such as a crime suppression detail for burglaries and robberies. The Tactical Unit also assists in the suppression of narcotic crimes.

Intelligence Unit

This unit is responsible for maintaining a liaison with all local, state and federal homeland security agencies. The unit also disseminates information to other intelligence units as well as other law enforcement agencies.

***2010 Cases Investigated
By Selected Division:***

	<i>Cases Assigned</i>	<i>Cases Cleared</i>	<i>*Clearance Rate</i>
<i>Robbery/Assault/Homicide</i>	<i>1007</i>	<i>671</i>	<i>66.63%</i>
<i>Homicide**</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>86.67%</i>
<i>Burglary/Theft</i>	<i>3364</i>	<i>704</i>	<i>20.93%</i>
<i>Fraud</i>	<i>2054</i>	<i>1214</i>	<i>59.10%</i>
<i>Youth Services</i>	<i>2339</i>	<i>2307</i>	<i>98.63%</i>
<i>Predator Apprehension</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>83.73%</i>

***Clearance rates cited above are based upon cases assigned**

****Homicides are also included in the Robbery/Assault/Homicide stats**

SUPPORT SERVICES



Major Stan Swiney

911 Center

Property and Evidence

Quartermaster Unit / Motor Transport Unit /
Evidence Section / Custodian Services

Record Room

Desk Services

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Majors	1
Captains	1
Lieutenants	1
Command Sergeants	1
Sergeants	1
Corporals	4
Police Officers	11
911 Dispatchers	60
Civilians	25
Police Cadets	1

The Bureau of Support Services, as the name implies, provides services that support the primary roles of Patrol and Investigative Services

911 Center

The 911 Center provides Public Safety communications and dispatching services for the city Police, Fire and E.M.S. Departments as well as other public safety agencies in the area. A highly trained and capable civilian staff of call takers and dispatchers provide efficient services using state-of-the-art communications hardware.

911 DISPATCHES	2009	2010	Change
POLICE	167,283	167,629	+.01%
FIRE	18,306	18,509	+.01%
EMS	25,488	25,845	+.02%
TOTAL	211,077	211,983	+.01%

Property and Evidence

Known in-house as “P&E”, this unit’s primary function is to receive, inventory and process all evidence and found property. All property is ultimately disposed of according to law and/or departmental policy. Disposal may be made by the destruction of the item, by forwarding it to other agencies as appropriate, by returning the item to its rightful owner or by public auction.

Quartermaster Unit

The Quartermaster Unit maintains a complete inventory of all building properties, furniture and other capital equipment excluding automobiles. The Quartermaster Unit maintains a complete stock of uniforms, equipment and supplies for issuing to the officers and other employees. It is also responsible for receiving, logging and disbursing all deliverable materials except non-parcel mail.

Motor Transport

The Motor Transport Unit maintains an inventory of motor vehicles used by the department, including the individually assigned vehicles. Careful record keeping is maintained, especially in the tracking of operational, maintenance and repair costs. Analysis of the financial impact of the Individually Assigned Vehicle Program reveals, as was promised when the program was approved and implemented more than ten years ago, tremendous cost savings despite an increase in the number of vehicles maintained. This savings is a direct result of individual accountability for each vehicle, and a strict and rigorous inspection procedure. The Motor Transport Unit also installs and maintains the computer, video and radar equipment in each of the patrol “supercars.”

Under the old fleet system, where police units operated around the clock, the cars rarely lasted more than a year or two and experienced very high operational costs as well as very poor appearance after only a few months on the streets. Under the Individually Assigned Vehicle Program, police units routinely last five years or more and maintain a like new appearance and performance during their entire lifetime at a fraction of comparable operational and maintenance costs.

Record Room

The Record Room maintains and processes all major report forms used by the department such as Incident, Accident, Supplement, Warrants and others. Processing involves initial logging, copying, distribution and the data entry and indexing of certain information. The Record Room provides a check-in counter for the officers and employees as well as other functions.

The Record Room also maintains comprehensive criminal history information in an interactive cooperative relationship with other local, state and federal agencies. This includes the dynamic exchange of information and data services via the GCIC (state) and NCIC (federal) networks.

Desk Services

This unit provides the initial point of contact for persons visiting our department and provides counter services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The public can obtain police reports, criminal histories, several types of permits and any other information that is legally distributable.

Desk Services also provides incident reporting services, including supplement reports and follow-up contacts. This unit also coordinates in-house mailing services and communications.

The unit sergeant is also responsible for maintaining the department photo identification card system. All employees and authorized users of the building are issued a photo identification card which allows them access to the building based on their need and approved access.

BUREAU OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES



Major Wanna Barker-Wright

The Major Components of the Bureau of Administrative Services Are:

Training

Personnel

Crime Prevention

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
- Partners in Education
- Crime Stoppers-Gun Stoppers
- Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)
- The Explorers Program
- Handicap Parking Enforcement
- Senior Volunteers Program
- Neighborhood Watch Program

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Majors	1
Captains	1
Lieutenants	1
Command Sergeants	0
Sergeants	4
Corporals	6
Police Officers	7
Civilians	6
Volunteers	9

The Bureau of Administrative Services manages several major administrative organizational functions and specialized programs that include the following units:

Training

The Training Division provides a variety of training, testing, and certification services for department members. Most of this training is provided in-house, including in-service, recruit, FTO training, firearms training, and much more. Outside training and certification services are also coordinated through this unit.

Personnel

Due to the large number of employees and special employment eligibility requirements, we maintain an in-house Personnel Unit that is responsible for several essential functions, including payroll management, police recruitment and pre-employment processing and record management requirements that go well beyond that of non-sworn city employees.

Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for educational, informational, and various community service programs as well as presentations for the pro-active purpose of preventing and reducing opportunities for criminal behavior.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The D.A.R.E. program is a primary prevention program directed at children who have yet to have their first alcohol or drug experience. The uniformed officers assigned to this unit are certified as D.A.R.E. instructors. These officers coordinate with a representative from the Muscogee County School District and participate in a (10) week curriculum in every Columbus 5th grade classroom. D.A.R.E. lessons focus on four major areas:

1. Provide accurate information about gateway skills.
2. Teach students decision-making skills.
3. Show students how to resist peer pressure.
4. Give students ideas for alternatives to drug use.

Partners in Education

In 1991, the Columbus Police Department adopted Forrest Road Elementary School and became they partner in education. Over the years we have played an active role by participating in major activities and sharing time and talents in mutually beneficial interactions enjoyed by all.

Crime Stoppers/Gun Stoppers

This program provides citizens an anonymous and reward earning opportunity to provide police with tips and information via telephone (706-653-3188) about suspects involved in criminal activities, or weapons being brought on school grounds.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)

The S.A.L.T. Program is a coalition of resources and commitments between law enforcement and senior citizens. The mutually beneficial results of this cooperative effort include the Senior Volunteer program, Senior Awareness classes, the Task Force for Senior Problems, and other projects.

The Explorers Program

The Boy Scouts of America's Explorers Program allows youth from the ages of 13-18 to learn about particular career fields. On every Monday of each month, our Explorers Post meets to present various aspects of the Law Enforcement field to these young people.

Handicap Parking Enforcement

Under this program, volunteers are trained and authorized to enforce the handicapped parking ordinance in Muscogee County. This program has proved effective in citing those who abuse handicap parking privileges.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Columbus Police Department has over 150 Neighborhood Watch Programs. This program is one important way citizens can work together to prevent crimes in their neighborhoods. The citizens that live in the neighborhood along with the Police Department organize the program. The Crime Prevention Unit instructs the citizens on what to do if they see a suspicious person or activity in the neighborhood. It also deals with what action they can take to deter certain crimes. The Neighborhood Watch Program in the community enhances the effectiveness of the Police Department.

Senior Volunteer Program

The Senior Volunteer Program was implemented within the department in 1992. This program is designed to take advantage of the talents of many senior citizens within the community who have retired from other careers. These citizens have been willing and are able to assist the Columbus Police Department by performing many needed tasks and functions. They perform countless hours of labor that would normally have to be performed by salaried workers.

*Selected Statistical Information as
Reported by the Columbus Police Department*

FBI Uniform Crime Report Part One Crimes	2009	2010	Change
Murder/Manslaughter	13	15	+13%
Rape	44	37	-16%
Robbery	575	477	-17%
Aggravated Assault	511	476	-7%
Burglary	3536	3452	-2%
Larceny	9351	8959	-4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1782	1007	-43%
Number of Recovered Stolen Vehicles	595	475	-20%
Number of Persons Arrested			
Males	9677	9675	>1%
Females	3636	3590	-1%
TOTAL	13313	13265	>1%
Family Violence			
Incidents of Reported Family Violence	2704	2815	+4%
Traffic Citations & Accidents			
Traffic Accidents (Public Streets)	8235	7890	-5%
Traffic Accidents (Private Property)	3676	3821	+4%
Traffic Accidents TOTAL	11911	11711	-2%
Hit & Run Accidents	2433	2399	-1%
Injuries	2365	2584	+8%
Fatalities	11	12	+8%
Traffic Citations	29805	32902	+9%
Warnings	10253	13263	+23%
Vehicular Homicide	1	0	-100%
DUI Arrests	1002	968	-3%
Traffic Accident Arrests	4715	4217	-11%

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Juvenile Offenses	2009	2010	Change
Number of Offenses Committed	3875	3442	-11%
Number of Juvenile Offenders	2733	2271	-17%
Males	1740	1401	-19%
Females	993	870	-12%
Number of Repeat Offenders	1664	1356	-19%
Number of Juveniles Placed in Detention Home	214	171	-20%
Line of Duty Injuries to Police Officers			
Officer Assaulted by Suspect	4	18	+78%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	18	+28%
Pursuing Fleeing Suspects	42	31	-26%
Exposed to Contagious Disease or Harmful Substance	21	5	-76%
Training Exercise	16	16	0
Other Non-categorized Injuries	41	32	-22%
TOTAL	137	120	-12%

Personnel Activity

Sworn Officers	2009	2010	Change
Number of Officers Employed	105	44	-58%
Number of Officers Resigned	34	18	-47%
Number of Officers Retired	7	14	+50%
Number of Officers Terminated	6	7	+14%
Non-Sworn Civilians *			
Number of Civilians Employed	11	18	+39%
Number of Civilians Resigned	11	14	+21%
Number of Civilians Retired	1	0	-100%
Number of Civilians Terminated	1	2	+50%
*Includes 911 Center			
Absence From Duty (Days Lost) *			
Illness (Sick & Family Medical Leave)	3510	4125	+15%
Hazardous Duty Leave	77	277	+72%
Suspension w/o Pay	115	146	+21%
Military Leave	993	612	-38%
Absent w/o Pay	36	100	+64%
Other Non-categorized	240	177	-26%
Total	4971	5437	+9%
* Totals are rounded to nearest whole day			

2010
Officers and Employees of the Month

Officers

<i>January</i>	Officer Alan Malone
<i>February</i>	Corporal Gerald Williams
<i>March</i>	Corporal Cathy Bush
<i>April</i>	Officer Jonathon Goodrich
<i>May</i>	Officer Heath Dawson
<i>June</i>	Corporal Thomas Shelton
<i>July</i>	Officer Andrew Fahrenbruch
<i>August</i>	Corporal Eddie Jones
<i>September</i>	Officer Ryan Corkron
<i>October</i>	Corporal Lance Deaton
<i>November</i>	Corporal Katina Williams
<i>December</i>	Officer Vincent Covas

Employees

<i>January</i>	Daniel Puckett
<i>February</i>	Lori McNeil
<i>March</i>	Theresia Culberson
<i>April</i>	Pamela Smith
<i>May</i>	Whitney Wald
<i>June</i>	Chandra Crawford
<i>July</i>	Rick Lively
<i>August</i>	Andrea Meyers
<i>September</i>	Stacey Hodges
<i>October</i>	Cathy Kee
<i>November</i>	Marguerite Hodge
<i>December</i>	Annalisa Boutin

Officer of the Year



Officer Michael Ledford

The Command Staff of the Columbus Police Department selected Officer Michael Ledford as the Officer of the Year for 2010. This selection was based on the numerous accolades that Officer Ledford brings to this department and himself. Commendations are frequently received from his supervisors and his co-workers as he goes quietly about the business of being a superior police officer.

Officer Ledford has been assigned to the Bureau of Patrol Services since 2006 and has always provided superior service to the department and the City of Columbus. He especially excelled during 2009 when he was twice nominated and selected as Officer of the Month for outstanding performance. In June of 2009, he was selected as Officer of the Month for his response to a burglary call where, upon arrival, he immediately became involved in a foot chase with the suspect. Officer Ledford chased the suspect down and was able to capture him without the assistance of back-up officers. This arrest resulted the clearance of a number of unrelated burglaries that were performed by this same suspect. He was again recognized by the Police Department as Officer of the Month for November 2009, for his performance in an incident that was to later result in Officer Ledford receiving the Medal of Valor for placing his life in jeopardy while saving the life of a citizen who was trapped in a burning vehicle. These are just a couple of examples that add up to an exemplary year of clearances and credits that clearly qualify Officer Ledford to be the Columbus Police Department's *2010 Officer of the Year*.

IN MEMORIAM
Line of Duty Deaths

Matt MurphyDecember 26, 1874
Richard M. Adams, William Jackson &
Charlie Roberts..... October 14, 1896
N. G. OsbornJanuary 31, 1901
William S. Elliot March 27, 1901
Marion Marchant..... April 17, 1911
Nelson B. Gibson..... September 12, 1915
Charles B. Harvey &
J. W. Stokes May 20, 1920
William G. PateFebruary 5, 1921
Ernest S. Evans October 25, 1935
Harry C. GibsonApril 6, 1943
Sumpter Burns.....November 6, 1946
Jack C. Boone.....February 15, 1973
Robert G. ViningApril 21, 1976
Billy R. WatsonDecember 28, 1976
James N. BowersApril 4, 1979
Thomas M. “Spanky” BowenMarch 11, 1984
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