

**Columbus
Police
Department
2008
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 2008 to the City Administration and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. The report includes information concerning the department's organizational structure and statistical information concerning the department's accomplishments during the year.

The year 2008 marked the beginning of a new era for Law Enforcement in Columbus. Approval was received through Council to proceed with the departmental multi-year plan beginning with the hiring of one hundred new Officers. This number of officers will increase our sworn strength from 388 to 488 officers. While this new number is still below the national average for a city the size of Columbus, it puts us in the position of being able to improve our performance and serve the community in a timelier manner. We will be able to increase the number of beats from twenty-six to thirty-six. This should allow the officers to spend more time in their assigned area.

We began the year with thirteen of the authorized 388 sworn officer positions vacant. With the addition of the hundred new positions in July, we began to accelerate the recruiting and hiring process. By the end of the year, a total of seventy new officers had been hired. Thirty-three retired or left the Department and that left us with a total of seventy-nine vacancies at year's end.

In preparation for the increased manpower and the changing format of enforcement ability, infrastructure and equipment needs have received high priority in the Police Department. Funding has been sought from assorted grants and budgets to allow for the increased numbers of vehicles, tasers, computers, and assorted personal equipment needed for the future.

One major completed project in 2008 was the full implementation of the new Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS). This has allowed the 911 Center to become more efficient in dispatching the closest available officers to areas in need of high priority responses. The Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) part of this system allows dispatchers to view the location of Patrol Cars that should increase officer safety and provide quicker citizen response once all the patrol cars are equipped. The new CADS system also sets in place the ability to add other systems such as record management and call tracking.

In closing, 2008 has been a productive year in that the finalization of some projects and plans has allowed us to move to the next step. The next step appears to be the completion of our staffing and training goals that should be accomplished in 2009. The impact of increased manpower should be felt during the next few years. Full implementation of the multi-year plan should allow us increased presence in the neighborhoods and will allow the Police Department to continue efforts to establish partnerships with the community to help promote safety and prevent crime. With a combined and unified approach, the community and Police Department can make an impact on the quality of life in Columbus.



**Assistant Chief
Charles V. Rowe**

**Office of the
Chief of Police**

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

Personnel Summary

Chief	1	Assistant Chief	1
Major	1	Captain	1
Lieutenants	2	Sergeants	4
Detectives	2	Technician	1
Police Officers	0	Civilians	7

Office of Professional Standards



Major Lem Miller

The Office of Professional Standards is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high standards and integrity of the Department. This function is frequently called "Internal Affairs" in other departments. This unit conducts internal investigations, performs staff inspections, maintains the Department's accreditation standards and conducts research to achieve these goals. A major, a lieutenant, two sergeants and an administrative secretary staff the Office of Professional Standards. The officers have more than one hundred years of police service between them.

The unit conducts special studies and/or investigations that frequently involve situations or are of a nature that require particular prudence or discretion, as directed by the Chief of Police. 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.

During 2008, the Office of Professional Standards conducted 11 administrative investigations involving a total of 13 employees of the Columbus Police Department. The investigations resulted in 21 charges sustained and 5 charges exonerated. In two cases the employees resigned under investigation, two employees were terminated, and one employee resigned in lieu of termination.

The Department investigated 71 Personnel Complaint Memorandums involving 72 sworn personnel and 56 civilians; of which, 37 personnel complaints were sustained. There were 80 Use of Force Reports filed involving 103 sworn personnel; of which 95 were found to be justified in their actions. There were also 18 Vehicle Pursuit Reports filed that involved 27 sworn personnel; of which nine sworn personnel violated policy.

The Office of Professional Standards also conducted a total of 79 research projects, responded to 321 open records requests, and monitored 16 lawsuits.

Budget

The Budget Office is responsible for the planning, preparation and administration of the Department's annual budget. They oversaw expenditures of nearly \$26 million in FY 2008. 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. During 2008 the Unit conducted 179 polygraph tests.

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

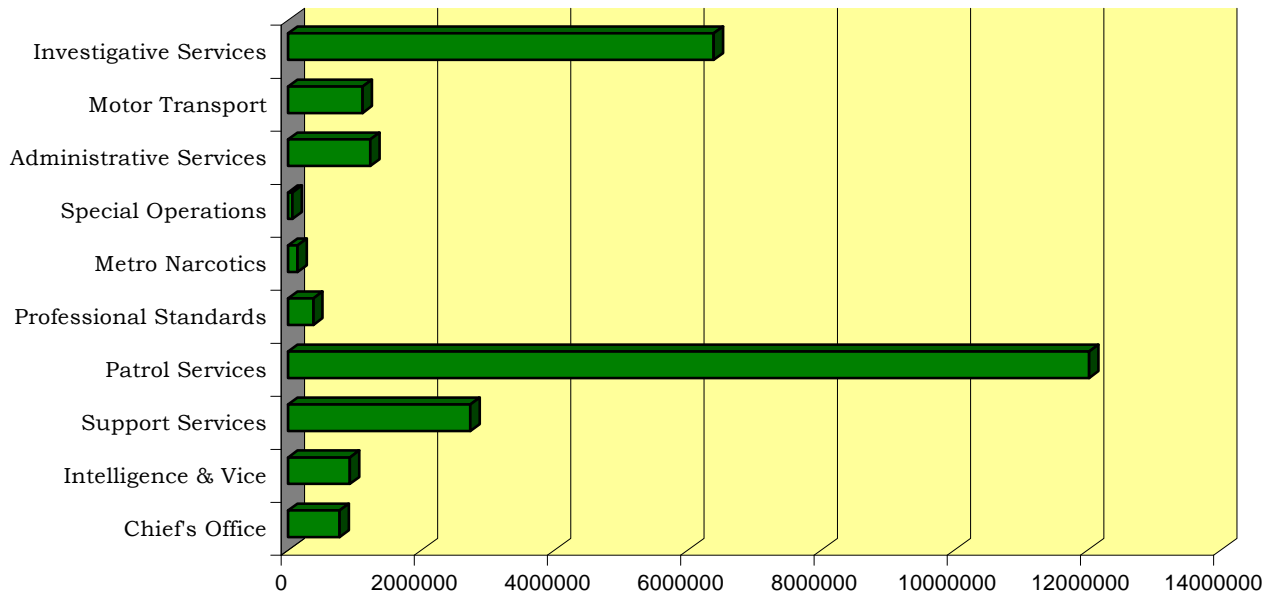
The Chief's Office also administrates the activities of other specialized units that are staffed on an as-needed basis (officers who have other primary assignments within the Department). These include the SWAT Team, Columbus Metro Narcotics Unit, Honor Guard, Police Chaplain and the Columbus-Metro Emergency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

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Budget

	Actual	Actual	Adopted
	<i>FY 06</i>	<i>FY 07</i>	<i>FY 08</i>
Chief's Office	511280	574790	772989
Intelligence/Vice	754913	759847	928260
Metro Narcotics Unit	137674	141995	139373
Support Services	2304812	2609716	2734577
Field Operations	10182965	11474200	12024730
Office of Professional Standards	340964	359220	379003
Special Operations	0	42659	67760
Administrative Services	1089930	1198234	1231104
Conditional Discharge	185582	25027	0
Motor Transport	1160818	1928098	1118040
Investigative Services	5846058	6150248	6390936
Total	22514996	25264034	25786772

FY2008 Budget



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

Major	1
Captains	3
Lieutenants	7
Sergeants	27
Corporals	27
Police Officers	138
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 by 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 to cover 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>2008 Selected Activity Analysis</i>	
Calls for Service	308,459
Reports	84,777
Arrests	14,562
Tickets	44,035

BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATIVE
SERVICES



Major Russell V. Traino

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

Major	1
Captain	2
Lieutenants	8
Sergeants	23
Corporals	63
Police Officers	10
Civilians	5

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:

Homicide 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 pursues unsolved cases from previous years.

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 the sexual offender and assisting the victims in these types of incidents. 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

This division specializes in other Part 1 Crimes including commercial and personal robberies as well as personal assault crimes.

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 that type of 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” type 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. This 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 intelligence to other intelligence units as well as other law enforcement agencies.

***2008 Cases Investigated
in Selected Offense Categories:***

	<i>Cases Assigned</i>	<i>Cases Cleared</i>	<i>*Clearance Rate</i>
<i>Robbery/Assault</i>	1433	871	60.78%
<i>Homicide</i>	30	26	86.67%
<i>Burglary/Theft</i>	2977	946	31.78%
<i>Fraud</i>	1926	870	45.17%
<i>Youth Services</i>	1071	1032	96.36%
<i>Predator Apprehension</i>	354	322	90.96%

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

SUPPORT SERVICES



Major Stan Swiney

The Major Components of the Bureau of Support Services are:

911 Center

Property and Evidence

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

Record Room

Desk Services

Photo / Print I.D. Section

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Major	1
Captain	1
Lieutenant	1
Command Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporals	3
Police Officers	5
Police Records Manager	1
911 Dispatchers	51
Civilians	21
Police Cadets	1

The Bureau of Support Services, as the name implies, provides services that support the primary roles of the 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	2007	2008
POLICE	153,432	169,406
FIRE	19,617	18,410
EMS	22,768	24,177
TOTAL	196,817	211,993

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 and 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.

Photo / Print I.D. Services

The City of Columbus requires that certain occupations be regulated via an annual permit process. Many people also require fingerprinting services for various reasons and this unit handles those services as well. The Photo / Print I.D. Unit maintains an in-house photo identification card system. It operates within and is a part of the Desk Services Unit.

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 Lawmen Together (S.A.L.T.)
- The Explorers Program
- Handicap Parking Enforcement
- Senior Volunteers Program
- Neighborhood Watch Program

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Major	1	Sergeants	4
Captain	1	Police Officers	3
Lieutenant	1	Civilians	6
Corporals	3	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, and 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 and 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 to each 5th grade class in the elementary schools in Columbus. 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. Over the years we have played an active role and participated in their major activities sharing time and talent in a mutually beneficial interaction enjoyed by all.

Crime Stoppers/Gun Stoppers

This program provides people with 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 Lawmen 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 kids 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	2007	2008
Murder/Manslaughter	24	30
Rape	56	70
Robbery	626	589
Aggravated Assault	678	538
Burglary	2634	3270
Larceny	9357	9642
Motor Vehicle Theft	1791	1612
Number of Recovered Stolen Vehicles	765	816
Number of Persons Arrested		
Males	6930	8210
Females	2444	3041
TOTAL	9374	11251
Family Violence		
Incidents of Reported Family Violence	1774	2097
Traffic Citations & Accidents		
Traffic Accidents (Public Streets)	8481	7497
Traffic Accidents (Private Property)	3837	3702
Traffic Accidents TOTAL	12318	11199
Hit & Run Accidents	2355	2487
Injuries	2936	2550
Fatalities	17	18
Traffic Citations	21552	23085
Warnings	7841	7597
Vehicular Homicide	3	6
DUI Arrests	691	796
Traffic Accident Citations	4260	4223

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Juvenile Offenses	2007	2008
Number of Offenses Committed	4320	4257
Number of Juvenile Offenders	2935	2900
Males	1900	1879
Females	1035	1021
Number of Repeat Offenders	1692	1749
Number of Juveniles Placed in Detention Home	247	237
Line of Duty Injuries to Police Officers		
Officer Assaulted by Suspect	4	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12	19
Pursuing Fleeing Suspects	37	34
Exposed to Contagious Disease or Harmful Substance	15	3
Other Non-categorized Injuries	27	44
TOTAL	95	104

Personnel Activity

Sworn Officers	2007	2008
Number of Officers Employed	66	70
Number of Officers Resigned	39	27
Number of Officers Retired	11	3
Number of Officers Terminated	3	3
Non-Sworn Civilians *	2007	2008
Number of Civilians Employed	17	22
Number of Civilians Resigned	14	17
Number of Civilians Retired	1	1
Number of Civilians Terminated	2	1
*Includes 911 Center		
Absence From Duty (Days Lost) *	2007	2008
Illness (Sick & Family Medical Leave)	3761	3408
Hazardous Duty Leave	40	5
Suspension w/o Pay	104	179
Military Leave	1060	898
Absent w/o Pay	209	56
Other Non-categorized	260	226
Total	5434	4772
* Totals are rounded to nearest whole day		

2008
Officers and Employees of the Month

Officers

<i>January</i>	<i>Corporal Debra Bailey</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Officer Kim McClain</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Sergeant Harvey Hatcher</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Sergeant Tony Litle</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Corporal Darryl Middlebrooks</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Corporal Craig Haggas</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Officer Murray Gunderson</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Officer Casey Conrad</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Sergeant Debra Bohannon</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Officer Brandon Cason</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Corporal Mark Richards</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Officer Shatoya Wright</i>

Employees

<i>January</i>	<i>Sharmane Williford</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Debra Bray</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Cathy Swiney</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Lucinda Hill</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Deana Speer</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Teresa Jones</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Theresia Culberson</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Traci Newton</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Christina Baum</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Martha McGowan</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Annette Belk</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Tolua Puailoa</i>

Officer of the Year



Sergeant Harvey Hatcher

Sergeant Hatcher has been assigned to the Bureau of Investigative Services since 1991 and has always provided superior service to the Department and the City of Columbus. He has especially excelled during the last year in solving and clearing violent armed robberies involving serious shootings and assaults. In March of 2008, he was credited with the clearance of a high profile homicide involving the death of an Auburn University student in Alabama. While investigating an armed robbery in Columbus in which a female victim was robbed as the suspect held a gun to her three-year-old child's head, Sergeant Hatcher personally developed information that led to the identification of a suspect who was arrested in Phenix City. Sergeant Hatcher's investigative skills came into play when he linked this subject to the Auburn murder and also cleared multiple robberies and assaults in Alabama and Georgia. He was recognized by the Department as Officer of the Month for March 2008 for his performance in that incident. In December of 2007, Sergeant Hatcher was almost run over by an armed robber in a car as he attempted to stop the suspect on foot in Lake Bottom Park. Sergeant Hatcher was forced to fire his weapon in his own defense and wounded the suspect as he was leaving the area. The suspect was later arrested as he sought medical treatment and Sergeant Hatcher was credited with stopping a robbery and assault rampage that had plagued Columbus for approximately a month. Sergeant Hatcher's day-to-day performance is outstanding and his investigative skills are exceptional. He was employed by the Department on July 15, 1985.

IN MEMORIAM
Line of Duty Deaths

Matt Murphy December 26, 1874
Richard M. Adams, William Jackson &
Charlie Roberts October 14, 1896
N. G. Osborn..... January 31, 1901
William S. Elliot..... March 27, 1901
Marion MarchantApril 17, 1911
Nelson B. GibsonSeptember 12, 1915
Charles B. Harvey &
J. W. StokesMay 20, 1920
William G. Pate February 5, 1921
Ernest S. Evans..... October 25, 1935
Harry C. Gibson..... April 6, 1943
Sumpter Burns November 6, 1946
Jack C. Boone February 15, 1973
Robert G. Vining..... April 21, 1976
Billy R. Watson..... December 28, 1976
James N. Bowers..... April 4, 1979
Thomas M. “Spanky” Bowen March 11, 1984
Clois W. “Sonny” Lamb..... December 12, 1989
Shirley D. Winston December 31, 1990
Sife Perdue January 5, 1994
Charles E. Osborne, Jr. August 8, 1994
Ronnie M. Bowers. October 10, 2002